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Labor Day 2016: Celebrating Success, Highlighting In-Demand Jobs

SACRAMENTO - This Labor Day 2016, California continues to lead the nation in job growth – gaining 374,600 jobs over the year and far outpacing all other states. To help Californians capitalize on the state’s impressive jobs expansion, the Employment Development Department (EDD) offers a list of top in-demand jobs in each region of the state, the educational requirements and average wages of those jobs, and a number of EDD online and in-person employment services.

Job-seekers - and those looking to advance their careers are encouraged to visit the EDD’s [Labor Day 2016 web page](#), complete with a Labor Day 2016 Briefing summarizing the status of the state’s job market, and a useful toolkit of resources to help connect Californians with employment opportunities.

Employers - are encouraged to learn more about the state’s leading jobs, and how to partner with the state and local entities in training talented job seekers to fill employment needs. The EDD’s special Labor Day web page features stories of government grants at work in local areas in partnership with local employers to develop the skilled labor force they require to be competitive in today’s global economy.

“Under Governor Brown’s leadership, California has experienced remarkable strength and consistency in job gains. At EDD, we’re committed to assisting workers and job seekers throughout the state get the help they need to succeed in the careers they want,” said EDD’s Director, Patrick W. Henning, Jr. “By working in innovative ways with employers, we create the win-win situation of connecting business with skilled workers while strengthening the state’s overall economy.”

The EDD’s annual [Labor Day Briefing](#) tells the story of labor market conditions in the state that are the strongest they’ve been in a decade. Nonfarm payroll jobs now total 16.5 million in California. And most recently in July, the state was home to one out of every nine of the nation’s jobs. The high wage, high tech professional and business services sector has led job growth in the state.

Looking forward, EDD projects 1.8 million job openings by the end of next year across a number of industries. To help California’s job seekers connect with these in-demand jobs, the Labor Day 2016 web page features infographics broken into 14 regions of the state, each showing the top five in-demand middle-skill occupations and median annual wages ([Top In-Demand Middle-Skill Occupations](#) by Region):

- Bay-Peninsula
- Capital
- Coastal
- East Bay
- Humboldt
- Inland Empire
- Los Angeles
- Middle Sierra
- North Bay
- North State
- Orange
- San Joaquin Valley
- Southern Border
- Ventura

Other helpful features found on the Labor Day 2016 web page include:

- [Success stories](#) from different regions of the state showing how grants from the EDD link people to training programs and ultimately to jobs;
- [A Toolbox for Job Seekers](#) with resources for career exploration, job seeking, and training, including [CalJOBS](#) – California’s online job matching system; and,
- Locations for local [America’s Job Centers of California \(AJCCs\)](#), where job seekers and business owners can access no-fee employment services and training resources.

For further information about EDD, visit the EDD website at www.edd.ca.gov.

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