

Today's Jobs and Tomorrow's Opportunities in the Bakersfield Region

Even in this challenging economy, there are current top job openings available for those with training and skills. The following table lists occupations identified by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) as examples of today's top jobs in the Bakersfield region. These occupations were selected based on a combination of current job openings listed on EDD's CalJOBSSM system, future job openings, and good annual earnings. Top occupations are separated into three categories based on required training and education - some require only a short training period, while others require two to four years of college.

Top Jobs in the Bakersfield Region

Occupation	2008 2 nd Quarter CalJOBS SM Openings ¹	Projected 2004-2014 Job Openings ²	Median Annual Wage ³
<i>Opportunities requiring a bachelor's degree or higher</i>			
Engineering Managers	33	210	\$118,940
Accountants and Auditors	32	880	\$65,860
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	24	280	\$89,998
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	18	730	\$81,620
<i>Opportunities requiring two years of training or education</i>			
Registered Nurses	159	1,240	\$71,046
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	123	960	\$72,483
Fire Fighters	60	670	\$67,931
Licensed Vocational Nurses	41	200	\$47,804
<i>Opportunities requiring up to one year of training or work experience</i>			
Executive Secretaries	51	970	\$40,750
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	41	1,130	\$35,419
Customer Service Representatives	22	1,310	\$29,881
Sales Representatives, Wholesale/Mfg.	22	290	\$67,248

Source: Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division

¹ CalJOBSSM is California's Internet job listing system. The numbers reflect permanent job openings (31+ hours per week) for report period 4/1/08 – 6/30/08. These numbers reflect listings for both new jobs and typical turnover, when employees change employers but remain in the same occupation.

² Projections of employment are based on historical employment and economic indicators. These numbers reflect the sum of new jobs and replacements, when employees permanently leave their occupations or the labor force all together.

³ EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics; Wages reflect the Bakersfield Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); 2008. Median is the point at which half of the workers earn more and half earn less.

More high-growth and high-wage opportunities are coming up in the Bakersfield region. Some of these occupations require only a short training period, while others require two to four years of college. For more information about these occupations, such as job requirements, go to the EDD's Career Information section at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov.

ADDITIONAL HIGH DEMAND/HIGH WAGE OCCUPATIONS IN THE BAKERSFIELD REGION

	Median Annual Wage³
Requires a bachelor's degree or higher	
Cost Estimators	\$60,695
Farm, Ranch, and Other Agricultural Managers	\$48,018
Pharmacists	\$122,616
Sales Managers	\$63,782
Requires two years of training or education	
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$36,755
Dental Hygienists	\$92,087
Maintenance and Repair Workers	\$35,955
Petroleum Pump System Operators	\$62,096
Requires up to one year of training or work experience	
Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	\$32,565
Heavy Truck Drivers	\$38,764
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, and Weighers	\$40,731
Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	\$36,380

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Detailed information about occupations is found in EDD's most popular product, the newly-designed *California Occupational Guides* series, now with local labor market information. Each *Guide* has up-to-date information on employment outlook, wages, licensing requirements, and training programs and now appears with two report options: summary and detailed. Click here: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides to get started and explore some of the occupations listed in these tables.

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Toolbox for Job Seekers

Job Finding Tools	<p><i>California One-Stop Career Centers</i> provide free tools and resources for job seekers. Most centers offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career specialists to assist job seekers with assessments to identify and match their skills to occupations and make career decisions. • Free access to phones and the Internet. • A place where job seekers can browse occupations and explore careers, create and post their résumés, and use job search engines such as <i>CalJOBSSM</i> and <i>JobCentral</i> to find current job listings. • Career and résumé-writing workshops. • Community resources and referrals for training and other services. <p>To find the nearest <i>One-Stop Career Center</i>, go to www.edd.ca.gov.</p> <p><i>CalJOBSSM</i> is California's Internet job listing system that provides services to job seekers where they can search for jobs, post their résumés, and research prospective employers. Go to www.caljobs.ca.gov or access the <i>CalJOBSSM</i> Web site at your local <i>One-Stop Career Center</i>.</p> <p>Laid off construction, mortgage, and real estate workers can get additional help through a new Talent Transfer program. Ten million dollars has been committed to help train these workers for jobs in similar fields, and to hold customized job fairs to connect them with immediate job openings and training opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, laid off mortgage and real estate workers can learn what transferable skills they may have to meet the needs of in-demand occupations. To learn more about this labor market report on jobs with similar skills, as well as the Talent Transfer program, see the Jobs & Training section of the EDD Web site at www.edd.ca.gov under Opportunities for Housing Industry Workers.</p>
Career Exploration Tools	<p><i>California Occupational Guides</i>, in a new, interactive format, is California's long-recognized source for career information designed to assist individuals in making career decisions. Each <i>Guide</i> includes local and statewide information about training, current wages and job prospects, skills requirements, and day-to-day tasks. Go to www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides to get started.</p> <p>Also check out www.worksmart.ca.gov, a job-readiness program that can help job seekers build the applied skills employers say candidates need.</p> <p><i>California's Reality Check</i> provides calculators to determine real-life scenario costs of housing, transportation, and clothes for students and job seekers to determine their job world readiness. Go to www.californiarealitycheck.com.</p>
Training Tools	<p>Training opportunities are available through the <i>One-Stop Career Centers</i>. For information on what kind of training you'll need or where to get training, go to www.edd.ca.gov and click on Jobs and Training.</p> <p>Information on apprenticeship training programs is available on the Department of Industrial Relations Web site. Job seekers may access the database to search for apprenticeship programs by individual counties and occupations at www.dir.ca.gov.</p>