

Top In-Demand Middle-Skill Occupations in the COASTAL REGIONAL PLANNING UNIT

Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz Counties



1

REGISTERED NURSES

3,440 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS¹

\$101,728 MEDIAN
ANNUAL WAGE



2

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

1,832 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS¹

\$31,615 MEDIAN
ANNUAL WAGE



3

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

1,533 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS¹

\$34,886 MEDIAN
ANNUAL WAGE



4

HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS

1,469 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS¹

\$44,728 MEDIAN
ANNUAL WAGE



5

NURSING ASSISTANTS

1,232 TOTAL PROJECTED
JOB OPENINGS¹

\$30,033 MEDIAN
ANNUAL WAGE



What is a Middle-Skill Occupation?

A middle-skill occupation requires either some college, postsecondary non-degree award, associate's degree, or on-the-job training.

¹ Total projected job openings are the sum of new and replacement job openings. Source: California Employment Development Department, Projections of Employment 2012-2022.