

Dietetic Services and Management

Inland Empire/Desert Region (Riverside and San Bernardino counties combined)

This workforce demand report uses state and federal job projection data developed before the economic impact of COVID-19. The COE is monitoring the situation and will provide more information as it becomes available. Please consult with local employers to understand their current employment needs.

Introduction

This report provides labor market occupational demand and wage research and postsecondary programs outcomes related to dietetic technology and dietetic services and management. The California Community College dietetic services and management (TOP 1306.20) program prepares students for employment through training in institutional food services and the management and supervision of such services, as dietary managers, dietary service supervisors, and similar positions. These programs include food services in schools, hospitals, nursing facilities, and other non-commercial settings (Taxonomy of Programs, 2012). Dietetic services and management programs prepare students for employment in one community college-level occupation and one bachelor's degree-level occupation. Occupational definitions, alternative job titles, education, work experience, and training requirements are provided below:

Dietitians and Nutritionists (29-1031) (Bachelor's Degree-level)

Plan and conduct food service or nutritional programs to assist in the promotion of health and control of disease. May supervise activities of a department providing quantity food services, counsel individuals, or conduct nutritional research.

Sample job titles: Clinical Dietician, Clinical Dietitian, Clinical Nutritionist, Dietitian, Nutritionist, Oncology Dietitian, Outpatient Dietitian, Registered Dietician, Registered Dietitian, Renal Dietitian

Entry-Level Educational Requirement: Bachelor's degree

Training Requirement: None

Work Experience: Internship/Residency

Incumbent workers with a Community College Award or Some Postsecondary Coursework: 10%

Dietetic Technicians (29-2051) (Community College-level)

Assist in the provision of food service and nutritional programs, under the supervision of a dietitian. May plan and produce meals based on established guidelines, teach principles of food and nutrition, or counsel individuals.

Sample job titles: Cook Chill Technician (CCT), Diet Assistant, Diet Clerk, Diet Tech (Diet Technician), Diet Tech (Dietetic Technician), Diet Technician Registered (DTR), Dietary Aide, Dietetic Assistant, Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR), Nutrition Technician

Entry-Level Educational Requirement: Associate degree

Training Requirement: None

Work Experience: None

Incumbent workers with a Community College Award or Some Postsecondary Coursework: 41%

Employment

In 2020, there were 1,367 total dietetic services and management jobs in the Inland Empire/Desert Region. Employment for dietetic technicians is projected to grow by 4%, adding 31 jobs annually over the next five years. The bachelor’s degree-level occupation is expected to have 88 annual job openings, growing by 10% through 2025. Exhibit 1 displays the job counts, five-year projected job growth, job openings, and the share of incumbent workers age 55 years and greater in the region. The bachelor’s degree-level occupation, dietitians and nutritionists, is displayed in blue, and the community college-level occupation, dietetic technicians, is displayed in green.

Exhibit 1: Five-year projections, 2020-2025

| Occupation | 2020 Jobs | 2025 Jobs | Change | % Change | 2020-25 Job Openings | Annual Job Openings | % of workers age 55+ |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Dietitians and Nutritionists | 986 | 1,084 | 98 | 10% | 441 | 88 | 24% |
| Dietetic Technicians | 381 | 396 | 14 | 4% | 154 | 31 | 17% |
| Total | 1,367 | 1,479 | 112 | 8% | 595 | 119 | 22% |

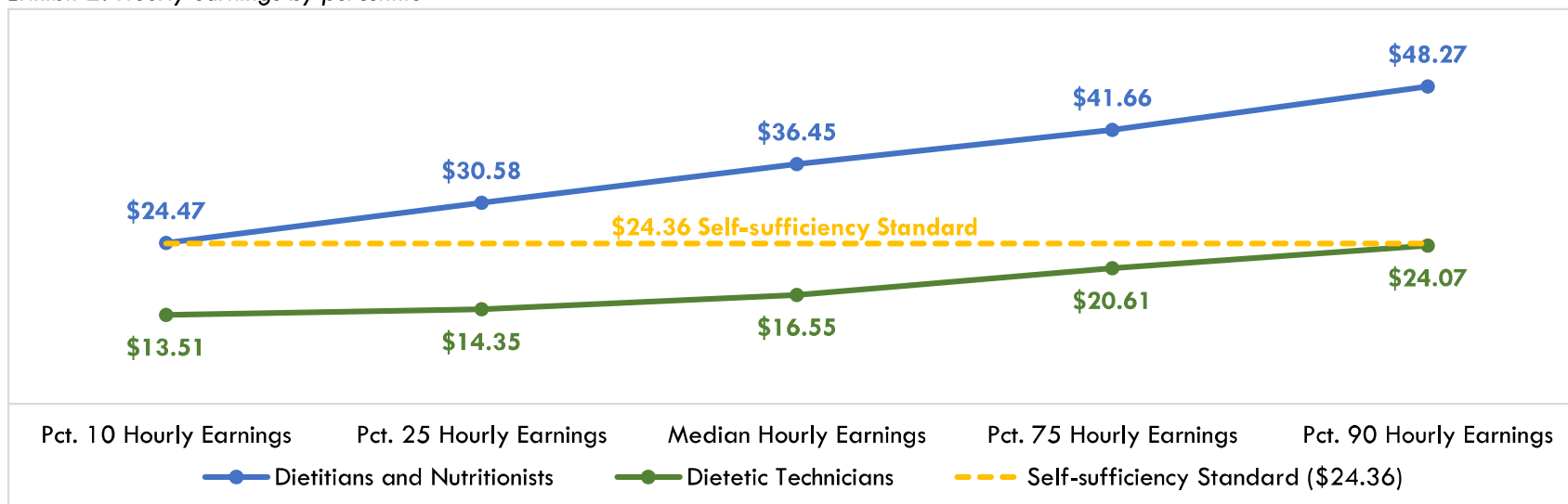
Source: Emsi 2022.1

Earnings

Community colleges should ensure their training programs lead to employment opportunities that provide self-sustainable income. The University of Washington estimates that a self-sufficient hourly rate for a single adult with one school-age child is \$24.36 per hour or \$51,452 annually in Riverside County; \$23.73 per hour or \$50,119 annually in San Bernardino County (Pearce, 2021). For this study, the higher hourly earnings requirement in Riverside County is adopted as the self-sufficiency standard for the two-county region.

Exhibit 2 displays the hourly earnings for the dietetic services and management occupational group in the Inland Empire/Desert Region. The bachelor’s degree-level occupation is displayed in blue, and the community college-level occupation is displayed in green. The 10th percentile hourly earnings for dietitians and nutritionists surpass the self-sufficiency standard, indicating that at least 90% of workers earn a self-sustainable wage. The hourly earnings for dietetic technicians do not surpass the self-sustainability rate, indicating that workers in this occupation may struggle to support themselves.

Exhibit 2: Hourly earnings by percentile



Source: Emsi 2022.1

Employer Online Job Advertisements

The sections below provide online job advertisement analytics data for the dietetic services and management occupational group over the last 12 months. Information for dietitians and nutritionists is displayed in the blue tables, and dietetic technician data is displayed in the green tables. Exhibits 3 and 4 display the employers posting the most job advertisements for the dietetic services and management occupational group. Showing employer names provides some insight into where students may find employment after completing a program.

Exhibit 3: Employers posting the most job advertisements for dietitians and nutritionists

| Employers | Unique Job Ads |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| DaVita | 29 |
| Vibra Healthcare | 21 |
| Optimal RDN Solutions | 15 |
| Watermark Retirement Communities | 14 |
| United Health Services | 12 |
| Sodexo | 11 |
| Universal Health Services | 11 |
| Kaiser Permanente | 10 |
| LifeCare | 10 |
| Compass Group | 10 |

Source: Emsi 2022.1

Exhibit 4: Employers posting the most job advertisements for dietetic technicians

| Employers | Unique Job Ads |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Palm Springs Unified School District | 17 |
| Hemet Unified School District | 12 |
| Loma Linda University | 9 |
| Chino Valley Unified School District | 9 |

| Employers | Unique Job Ads |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Perris Union High School District | 9 |
| Menifee Union School District | 6 |
| San Jacinto Unified School District | 5 |

Source: Emsi 2022.1

Exhibits 5 and 6 display the most common skills or qualifications found in employer job advertisements for the dietetic services and management occupational group. Qualifications refer to the certifications decided on by a third-party entity (school, government, industry, etc.) that acknowledges a body of skills and abilities. Skills are competencies at specific tasks or familiarity with specific subjects and tools acquired through education or experience.

Exhibit 5: The skills or qualifications most frequently included in employer job advertisements for dietitians and nutritionists

| Skill or Qualification | Job Ads | % of Total Ads |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Registered Dietitian (RD/RDN) | 285 | 44% |
| Food Services | 243 | 38% |
| Communications | 199 | 31% |
| Dietetics | 185 | 29% |
| Customer Service | 167 | 26% |
| Sanitation | 163 | 25% |
| Nutritional Assessment | 135 | 21% |
| Clinical Nutrition | 105 | 16% |

Source: Emsi 2022.1

Exhibit 6: The skills or qualifications most frequently included in employer job advertisements for dietetic technicians

| Skill or Qualification | Job Ads | % of Total Ads |
|------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Nutrition Services | 80 | 67% |

| Skill or Qualification | Job Ads | % of Total Ads |
|------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Food Preparation | 38 | 32% |
| Communications | 37 | 31% |
| Food Services | 37 | 31% |
| Basic Math | 34 | 29% |
| Food Handler's Card | 29 | 24% |
| Cooking | 27 | 23% |
| ServSafe Certificate | 24 | 20% |

Source: Emsi 2022.1

Community College Programs

Two regional community colleges currently offer dietetic services and management (TOP 1306.20) programs. Regional community college programs have issued three awards annually over the last three academic years, 2018-2021.

Exhibit 7: Average annual community college completions in dietetic services and management programs, 2018-21

| Colleges (Local Program Title) | Annual Average Awards (2018-21) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Chaffey (Dietetic Service Supervisor (DDS)/Certified Dietary Manager (CDM)) | 2 |
| San Bernardino (Dietetic Aide, Dietetic Service Supervisor) | 0* |
| Total | 3 |

Sources: MIS Data Mart, COCI

*San Bernardino Valley College issued one award in the 2018-19 academic year.

The California Community College dietetic technology (TOP 1306.60) program prepares students for employment as dietetic technicians through programs leading to national certification as a dietetic technician by the American Dietetic Association (Taxonomy of Programs, 2012). Regional community colleges do not currently offer dietetic technology (TOP 1306.60) programs.

This labor market brief provides an occupational and community college program overview and is not intended for regional program recommendation or submission to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

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