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## **As Unemployment Hits Record Lows, EDD Continues Helping Job Seekers Connect with California's Hottest Jobs**

*Online web portal highlights top in-demand jobs in 15 regions of the state*

**NOTE:** Broadcast-quality soundbites and B-roll [available for media use](#)

**SACRAMENTO** – If you're ready to take the next step to an excellent career, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) and its network of regional partners are ready to help you reach your goals. In recognition of Labor Day, EDD is showcasing the many programs and services that help support stronger jobs and stronger communities by connecting workers and employers.

"California is adding nearly 62,000 new jobs per month—marking tremendous opportunities for workers to boost their careers," said EDD Director Nancy Farias. "California's workforce development system continues to help strengthen the economy by supporting workers and employers."

To provide job seekers with an organized suite of helpful information and tools, EDD posted a [2022 Labor Day feature page](#) showcasing the top five in-demand middle-skill\* occupations in each of the state's 15 economic regions, as well as infographics and videos that illustrate those occupations. The page contains information and tools to help job seekers find which industries are hiring, where those industries are concentrated, and what kinds of training may be required.

The feature page also provides helpful links to resources for job seekers and employers, as well as a number of video and written success stories illustrating how EDD helps connect them with the help of California's workforce development system.



*Pictured (L to R): Hilario Colon and EDD employee Alan McKean.*

One of those stories focuses on Marine Corps veteran Hilario Colon, who was facing near-homelessness while battling debilitating health and life problems. Colon found ongoing support through the California's workforce development system, and got assistance in securing a safe home, and developing his resume and professional skills, leading to him eventually landing a job as a courtroom interpreter.

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The EDD is also releasing its annual [California Jobs Market Briefing](#), which highlights labor market trends and identifies the industries driving the state’s ongoing labor force recovery. California has continued unprecedented job growth since its recession labor force low in April 2020—having recovered approximately 2.7 million jobs and dropping the unemployment rate to a historic low of 3.9 percent in July 2022. California has recovered nearly 98 percent of the pandemic-induced job losses, and the economy contains over 17.6 million jobs.

**Other updates to EDD’s Labor Day feature page include:**

- **The 2022 California Jobs Market Briefing**, which details current labor market conditions and job projections in the state.
- **Top 5 in-demand entry-level, middle-skill\*, and high-skill occupations** for each of these 15 regions of the state:

Bay-Peninsula	Capital	East Bay
Inland Empire	Los Angeles Basin	Middle Sierra
North Bay	North Central Coast	North Coast
North State	Orange	San Joaquin Valley
South Central Coast	Southern Border	Ventura

\*Occupations that require either some college, postsecondary non-degree award, associate’s degree, or on-the-job training.

- **Video and text-based success stories** that illustrate how EDD and its workforce development partners have connected qualified job seekers with employers looking to hire.
- **America’s Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup> Locations** where job seekers and business owners can access the local no-fee employment services and training resources of the state’s workforce development system.
- **Media Video Package** with broadcast-quality videos on how job seekers have successfully connected to employers by using the assistance of local workforce development services in the San Luis Obispo, Riverside, and Santa Cruz County.
- **Labor Day News release with link to Video B-Roll and Soundbites for Media Use** including a selection of short video and audio clips from success stories. Contact the EDD Media Services Office for broadcast quality video at [MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov](mailto:MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov)

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