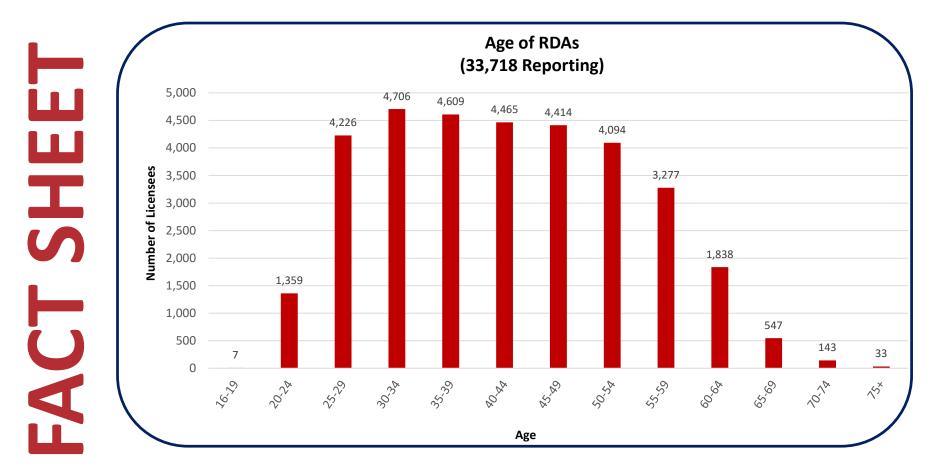


# **REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

As of July 2016, the Dental Board of California reported 33,718 Registered Dental Assistants (RDA). The average age of RDAs was 44 years old.



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Source: California Department of Consumer Affairs, Dental Board of California Public Master File, July 2016. For the purposes of this Fact Sheet, currently licensed RDAs are defined as 'renewed and current.'



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### California Counties with the Most RDAs

Counties	# of RDAs	Total Population
Los Angeles	5,350	10,241,335
San Diego	2,953	3,288,612
Orange	2,218	3,183,011
Riverside	2,131	2,347,828
Sacramento	1,930	1,495,297
Total	14,582	20,556,083

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Registered Dental Assistants (RDA) perform a variety of patient care, office, and laboratory duties. They work chairside as dentists examine and treat patients. RDAs hand instruments and materials to dentists and keep patients' mouths dry and clear by using suction or other devises. They also sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare trays of instruments for dental procedures, and instruct patients on postoperative and general oral health care. Some RDAs prepare materials for impressions and restorations, take dental x-rays, and process the film as directed by a dentist.

### Estimated Average Annual Job Openings for RDAs in California

#### 2016 Annual Wages of RDAs in California

Over Period of 2014-2024		Low (25 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	Median (50 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	High (75 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	
Jobs from	Jobs Due to Net	Total Annual Job	(25 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	(50° percentile)	(75° percentile)
Growth	Replacements	Openings	\$30,602	\$37,822	\$47,815
760	1,210	1,970	Source: EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2016		rvev. 2016
Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation		Wages do no reflect self-employment.			

### Estimated Employment and Projected Growth of RDAs in California

	Net replacements from 2014-2024						
Estimated 2014	Projected 2024	Growth (2014-2024)	Percent growth				
48,800	56,400	7,600	15.6%	12,100			
Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation							

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