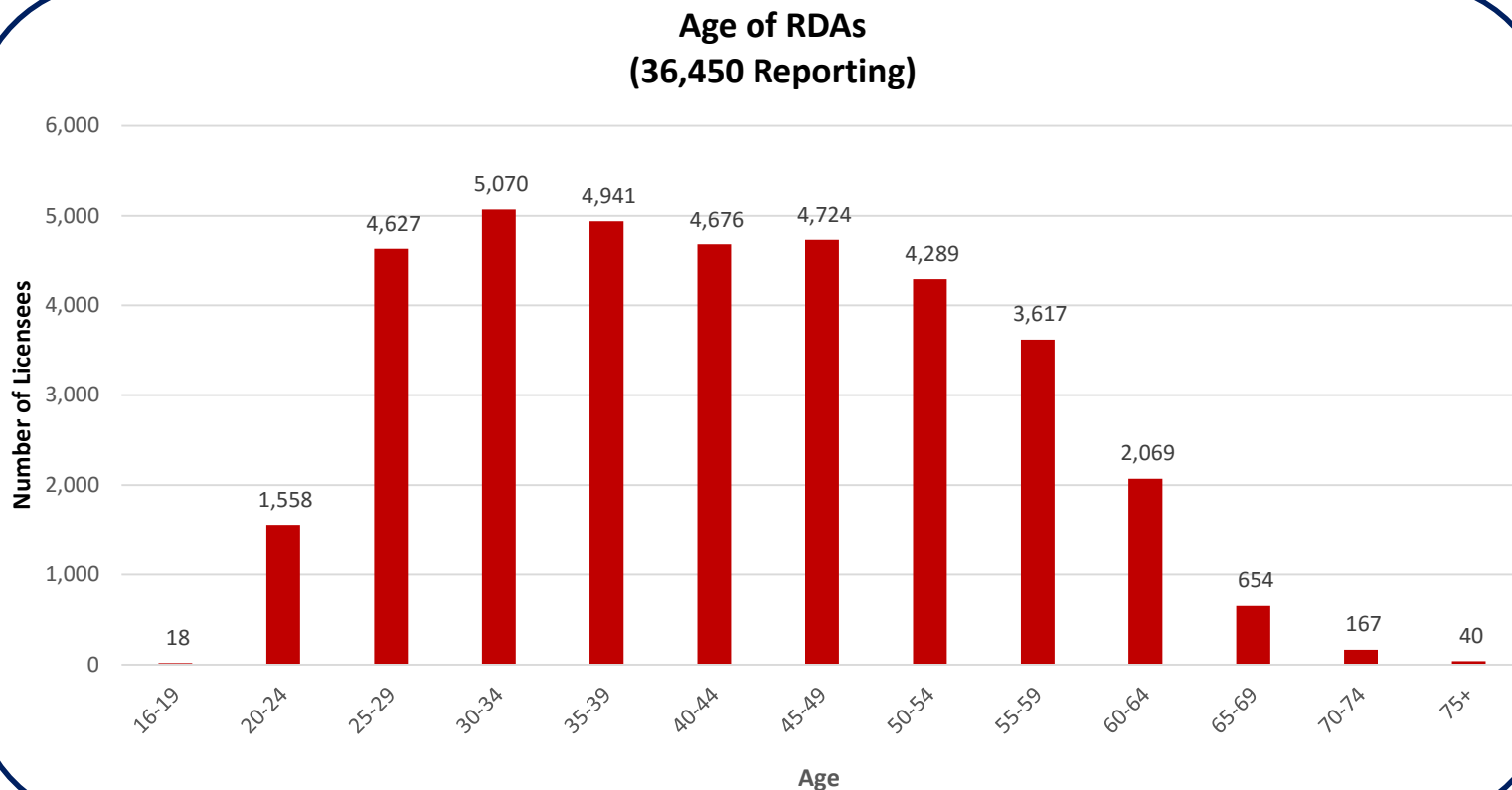




REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

As of August 2017, the Dental Board of California reported 36,450 Registered Dental Assistants (RDA). The average age of RDAs was 42 years old.

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California Counties with the Most RDAs

Counties	# of RDAs	Total Population
Los Angeles	5,626	10,241,278
San Diego	3,097	3,316,192
Riverside	2,268	3,194,024
Orange	2,234	2,384,783
Sacramento	2,023	1,514,770
Total	15,248	20,651,047

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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 devices. 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

Over Period of 2014-2024		
Jobs from Growth	Jobs Due to Net Replacements	Total Annual Job Openings
760	1,210	1,970
Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation		

2017 Annual Wages of RDAs in California

Low (25 th percentile)	Median (50 th percentile)	High (75 th percentile)
\$30,640	\$38,231	\$48,749
Source: EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2016 Wages do not reflect self-employment.		

Estimated Employment and Projected Growth of RDAs in California

Employment				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				

Sources: Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division, September 2017. For the purposes of this Fact Sheet, currently licensed RDAs are defined as 'renewed and current'.