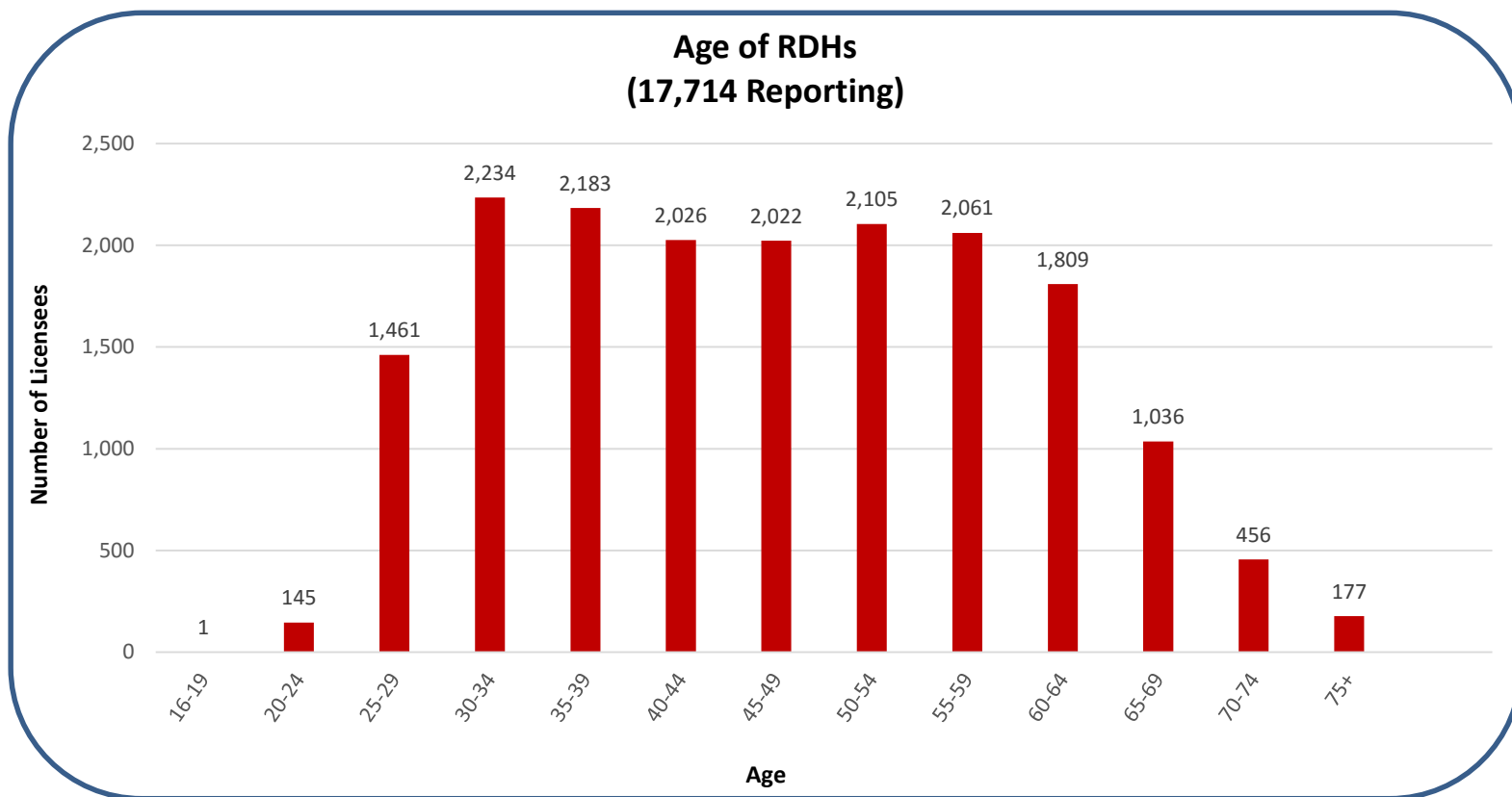




REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENISTS

As of July 2016, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California reported 17,714 Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH). The average age of RDHs was 53 years old.

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California Counties with the Most RDHs

Counties	# of RDAs	Total Population
Los Angeles	2,922	10,241,335
San Diego	1,702	3,288,612
Orange	1,684	3,183,011
Santa Clara	992	1,927,888
Riverside	839	2,347,828
Total	8,139	20,988,674



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Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH) remove plaque and clean and polish teeth using scaling instruments and a rotating polisher. They apply decay preventative agents such as fluorides and sealants, chart medical and dental histories, and take and develop dental x-ray films. They also screen patients, take a medical history, and add information to the patient’s chart.

Estimated Average Annual Job Openings RDHs in California

Over Period of 2014-2024		
Jobs From Growth	Jobs Due to Net Replacements	Total Annual Job Openings
310	340	650
Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation		

2016 Annual Wages of RDHs in California

Low (25 th percentile)	Median (50 th percentile)	High (75 th percentile)
\$84,974	\$98,010	\$112,649
Source: EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2016 Wages do not reflect self-employment.		

Estimated Employment and Projected Growth of RDHs in California

Employment				Net replacements from 2014-2024
Estimated 2014	Projected 2024	Growth (2014-2024)	Percent growth	
20,500	23,600	3,100	5.1%	3,400
Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation				

Source: Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division Public Master File, October 2016. For the purposes of this Fact Sheet, currently licensed RDHs are defined as ‘renewed and current.’