



Listed Occupations may require additional training, certification, and/or Apprenticeships and on-the-job training.
 Contact: info@vvc.edu for more information on additional agriculture opportunities and programs.

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 5-year Job Demand
 Increase in
MDCP Region

Average Hourly Wage

\$33.85
 MDCP Region

\$33.66
 SB County

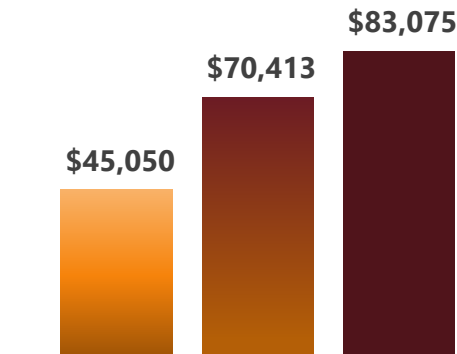
\$36.14
 California

MDCP Regional Labor Market Snapshot
JOBS in Agriculture and Animal Science Occupations



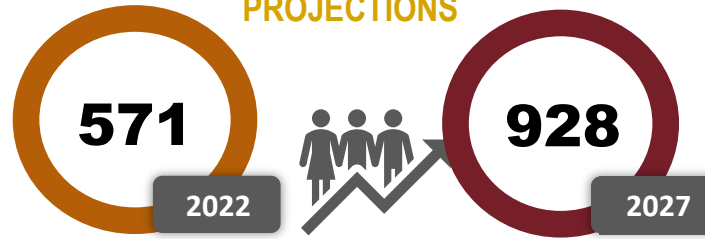
Salary Guide

AVERAGE BY EXPERIENCE



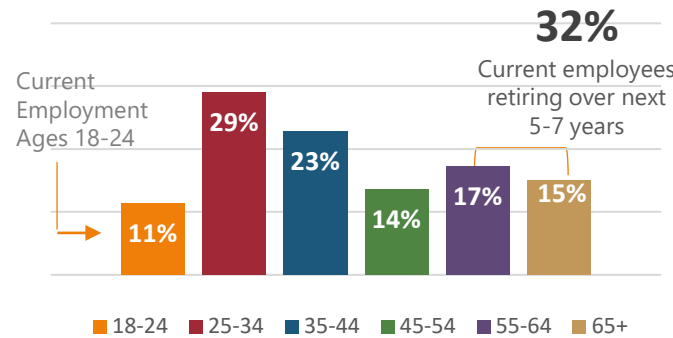
■ Starting ■ Average ■ Experienced

EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS



5-year demand includes new jobs, transfers, and retirements

Current Age Breakdown



AVERAGE WAGE INFORMATION PER JOBS IN REGION

Occupation	Average Hourly Wage			HD Average Salary
	HD	SBC	California	
Animal Breeder (HS)	\$28.83	\$28.37	\$28.84	\$60,000
[^] Animal Caretakers (HS)	\$16.16	\$15.99	\$17.05	\$33,600
Animal Trainers (HS)	\$17.40	\$16.85	\$20.14	\$36,200
Veterinary Assistants/Lab Technicians (HS)	\$16.37	\$16.33	\$17.48	\$34,100
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians (A)	\$19.64	\$19.54	\$21.70	\$40,900
Animal Scientists (B)	\$81.03	\$81.23	\$85.30	\$168,500
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists (B)	\$36.01	\$36.11	\$37.69	\$74,900
Veterinarians (PD)	\$55.33	\$54.89	\$60.91	\$115,100

Average hourly wage based on listed occupations
 (HS = High School Diploma; PSC= Postsecondary Certificate; A = Associates Degree;
 B = Bachelor's Degree; M = Master's Degree, D = Professional or Doctorate Degree)

HD Average wages based on listed occupations

[^]**High Demand Occupation**



CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Program	College
BS Animal Health Science	Cal Poly, Pomona
MS Animal Science	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
MS Animal Science & Management	UC Davis
BS Equine Science	Cal State, Fresno
BS Animal Science	Azusa Pacific
BS Animal Science	Cal State Chico

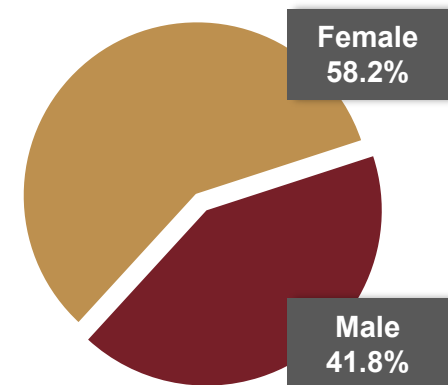
For information on VVC's Animal Science degree:
<https://catalog.vvc.edu/degrees-certificates/agriculture-natural-resources/agricultural-animal-sciences-ast/>

LOCAL EMPLOYERS



Employer	Website
Amber Waves Livestock Breeder	https://amberwaves.info/
Apple Valley Feed Bin	https://frommfamily.com/r/12588
Banfield Pet Hospital	https://www.banfield.com
Bear Valley Animal Hospital	http://www.bearvalleyanimalhospital.com/
Desert Care Animal Hospital	https://mypetlovesdcah.com/
Pet Smart	https://www.petsmart.com/

Current Gender Breakdown



Serving the High Desert Region