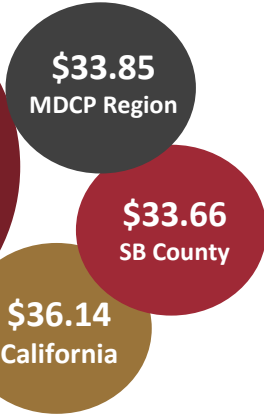




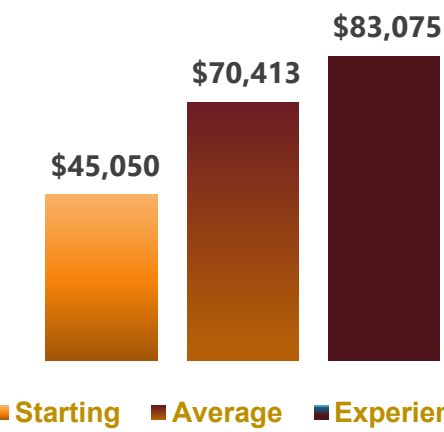
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 5-year Job Demand  
 Increase in  
**MDCP Region**

**Average Hourly Wage**

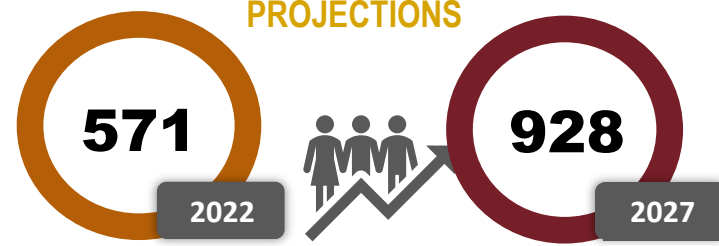


**MDCP Regional Labor Market Snapshot**  
**JOBS in Agriculture and Animal Science Occupations**

**Salary Guide**  
 AVERAGE BY EXPERIENCE

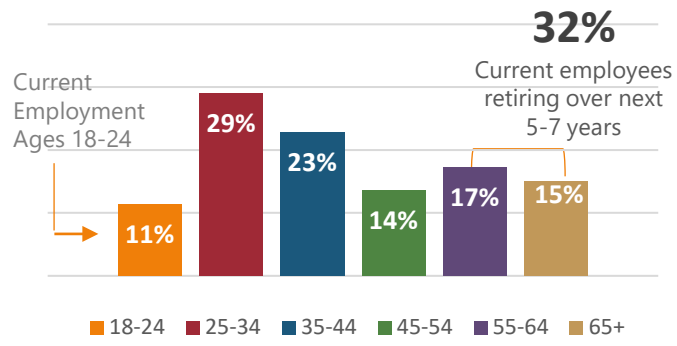


**EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS**



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          |
| <sup>^</sup> 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  
<sup>^</sup>**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 certificate visit:  
<https://catalog.vvc.edu/degrees-certificates/agriculture-natural-resources/equine-science-specialist-ca/>

**LOCAL EMPLOYERS**

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

**Current Gender Breakdown**

