

Environmental Scientists and Geoscientists

Region	Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Online Job Ads ¹	Population ²	Unempl Rate ³	Cost of Living Index ⁴	Median House Value ⁵	Mean Commute Time (min) ⁵	FIPS
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA MSA	4,441	\$100,500	0.97	157	12,872,322	4.2%	110+	\$640,179	31	3108
San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley, CA MSA	2,664	\$117,200	1.49	101	4,579,599	3.1%	110+	\$898,319	34	4186
Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA MSA	2,044	\$108,000	2.65	126	2,416,702	3.8%	110+	\$416,217	28	4090
San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA MSA	1,730	\$101,600	1.55	64	3,276,208	3.3%	110+	\$595,600	26	4174
Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ MSA	1,293	\$83,700	0.79	69	5,015,678	2.9%	100-105	\$270,670	27	3806
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA MSA	908	\$120,500	1.11	20	1,938,524	3.0%	110+	\$1,046,540	29	4194
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA MSA	895	\$97,200	0.73	37	4,667,558	4.1%	110+	\$359,550	33	4014
Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV MSA	664	\$87,000	0.86	21	2,322,985	5.5%	100-105	\$285,100	25	2982
Bakersfield, CA MSA	341	\$110,900	1.37	14	916,108	8.3%	105-110	\$226,600	24	1254
Fresno, CA MSA	267	\$94,300	0.89	25	1,015,190	7.4%	110+	\$271,000	23	2342
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA MSA	264	\$116,900	1.07	12	832,605	3.6%	110+	\$609,200	27	3710
Reno, NV MSA	211	\$82,600	1.15	19	500,915	4.0%	105-110	\$359,050	22	3990
Santa Maria-Santa Barbara, CA MSA	160	\$99,700	1.00	16	443,837	3.7%	110+	\$610,300	21	4220
Stockton, CA MSA	155	\$97,400	0.76	7	793,229	5.8%	110+	\$367,900	35	4470
Salinas, CA MSA	132	\$102,100	0.92	6	432,858	7.3%	110+	\$559,400	24	4150
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA MSA	125	\$98,900	0.80	8	482,650	3.2%	110+	\$640,000	26	4222

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San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA MSA	123	\$98,100	1.37	11	282,013	3.0%	110+	\$605,200	22	4202
Vallejo, CA MSA	117	\$90,000	1.13	4	448,747	4.2%	110+	\$437,900	33	4670
Carson City, NV MSA	99	\$78,200	4.49	13	58,130	4.6%	100-105	\$299,900	20	1618
El Centro, CA MSA	72	\$104,400	1.50	0	178,713	14.1%	105-110	\$206,700	22	2094
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA MSA	71	\$97,300	0.91	4	264,370	6.0%	110+	\$787,000	28	4210
Redding, CA MSA	68	\$97,200	1.34	8	180,930	5.0%	95-100	\$261,000	21	3982
Modesto, CA MSA	64	\$88,900	0.44	2	551,275	6.2%	110+	\$314,100	31	3370
Yuma, AZ MSA	62	\$82,900	1.17	1	207,842	9.2%	95-100	\$139,200	21	4974
Visalia, CA MSA	59	\$88,300	0.47	5	477,544	9.7%	105-110	\$223,600	22	4730
Hanford-Corcoran, CA MSA	54	\$102,300	1.52	0	152,981	8.3%	105-110	\$227,400	23	2526
Chico, CA MSA	50	\$94,800	0.86	3	207,303	4.9%	110+	\$304,700	21	1702
Prescott Valley-Prescott, AZ MSA	43	\$76,300	0.78	4	246,191	3.2%	110+	\$273,300	23	3915
Yuba City, CA MSA	42	\$97,800	1.06	3	182,813	7.4%	110+	\$291,256	29	4970
Madera, CA MSA	42	\$96,400	1.05	0	160,256	7.4%	110+	\$268,500	28	3146
Medford, OR MSA	41	\$88,600	0.62	0	221,644	3.4%	110+	\$294,500	19	3278
Napa, CA MSA	41	\$98,800	0.72	1	134,300	3.2%	110+	\$666,900	25	3490
Merced, CA MSA	34	\$98,400	0.56	1	290,014	9.7%	110+	\$268,800	29	3290
Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ MSA	21	\$65,800	0.50	1	220,816	4.0%	110+	\$172,100	22	2942
Grants Pass, OR MSA	11	\$93,100	0.51	0	87,730	3.9%	110+	\$281,500	19	2442

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2022Q4 unless noted otherwise

1. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

2. Source: Census Population Estimate for 2020, annual growth rate since 2010

3. Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, data as of Apr 2023 and represent the average rate across all occupations

4. Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2022Q4, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

5. Source: American Community Survey 2016-2020. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.