

# Skills that Work

WHAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON SHOULD KNOW IN CALIFORNIA

**9.2%** OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED IN THE U.S.<sup>1</sup>



**61%** OF JOBS IN CALIFORNIA WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN 2018<sup>3</sup>

## WHO IS UNEMPLOYED IN CALIFORNIA?

**15.1%** OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE<sup>2</sup>

**11%** OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS WITH AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE<sup>2</sup>

**7.9%** OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE<sup>2</sup>

## • TOP MAJORS IN CALIFORNIA THAT HAVE THE BEST EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS<sup>4</sup> •

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| » <b>Health</b><br>3.6% unemployment rate                              | » <b>Business</b><br>5.6% unemployment rate                                | » <b>Law &amp; Public Policy</b><br>6.7% unemployment rate      |
| » <b>Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources</b><br>4.9% unemployment rate | » <b>Industrial Arts &amp; Consumer Services</b><br>5.8% unemployment rate | » <b>Psychology &amp; Social Work</b><br>6.7% unemployment rate |
| » <b>Physical Sciences</b><br>5.5% unemployment rate                   | » <b>Education</b><br>6.2% unemployment rate                               |   |

## • TOP GROWTH JOBS REQUIRING TRAINING OR EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL<sup>5</sup> •

Top occupations	Projected # of annual job openings from 2008-2018	Median yearly wage in California <sup>6</sup>
1. Registered nurses	10,210	\$85,300
2. Elementary school teachers	8,080	\$62,300
3. General and operations managers	7,270	\$109,600
4. Postsecondary teachers	5,740	not available
5. Secondary school teachers	5,290	\$63,900
6. Accountants and auditors	5,070	\$67,900
7. Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	3,340	\$50,200
8. Computer software engineers (applications)	3,200	\$100,800
9. Management analysts	3,190	\$82,600
10. Computer software engineers (systems software)	2,510	\$108,300

Want to find out more about top majors and the job market in your state? Then check out these resources at:

[www.CampaignForYoungAmerica.org/Toolkit](http://www.CampaignForYoungAmerica.org/Toolkit)



<sup>1</sup> Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> American Community Survey, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 2011.

<sup>4</sup> These are majors within four-year degree programs. The unemployment rate data came from American Community Survey, 2010. Degree categories came from Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 2011.

<sup>5</sup> Growth occupation data came from CareerOneStop, [www.careerinfonet.org](http://www.careerinfonet.org).

<sup>6</sup> The median wages do not reflect a starting salary and can vary widely by age and experience.