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What is Lightcast Data?

Lightcast data is a hybrid dataset derived from official government sources such as the US Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Leveraging the unique strengths of each source, our data modeling team creates an authoritative dataset that captures more than 99% of all workers in the United States. This core offering is then enriched with data from online social profiles, resumés, and job postings to give you a complete view of the workforce.

Lightcast data is frequently cited in major publications such as *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*.



Forbes

Harvard Business Review The New York Times

WSJ





Report Parameters

3 Occupations

27-1024	Graphic Designers	15-1255	Web and Digital Interface Designers
43-9031	Desktop Publishers		

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41740 San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA

Class of Worker

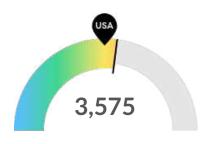
QCEW Employees

The information in this report pertains to the chosen occupations and geographical area.



Executive Summary

Aggressive Job Posting Demand Over a Deep Supply of Regional Jobs



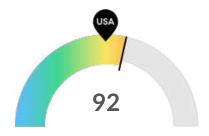
Jobs (2023)

San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA is a hotspot for this kind of job. The national average for an area this size is 3,187* employees, while there are 3,575 here.



Compensation

Earnings are high in San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA. The national median salary for your occupations is \$66,991, compared to \$76,683 here.



Job Posting Demand

Job posting activity is high in San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA. The national average for an area this size is 76* job postings/mo, while there are 92 here.

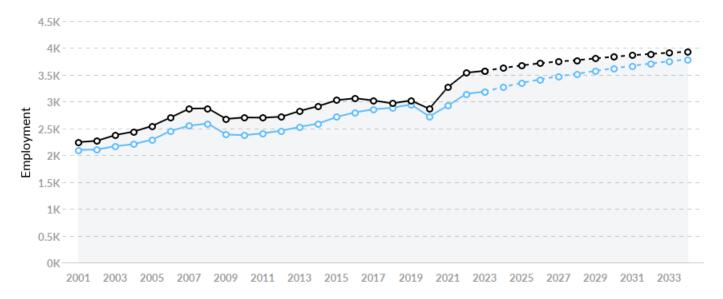
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Jobs

Regional Employment Is Higher Than the National Average

An average area of this size typically has 3,187* jobs, while there are 3,575 here. This higher than average supply of jobs may make it easier for workers in this field to find employment in your area.



Region	2023 Jobs	2024 Jobs	Change	% Change
San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA	3,575	3,629	55	1.5%
National Average	3,187	3,274	87	2.7%

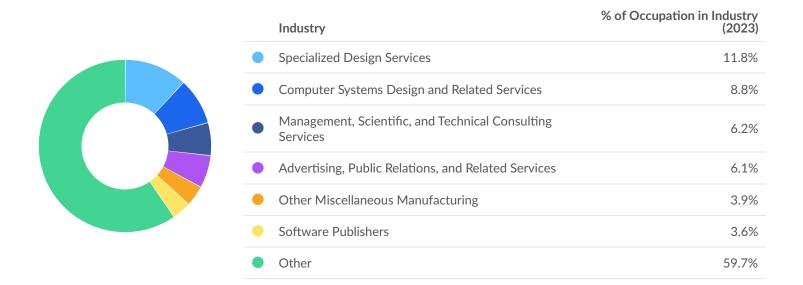
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Regional Breakdown



County	2023 Jobs
San Diego County, CA	3,575

Most Jobs are Found in the Specialized Design Services Industry Sector

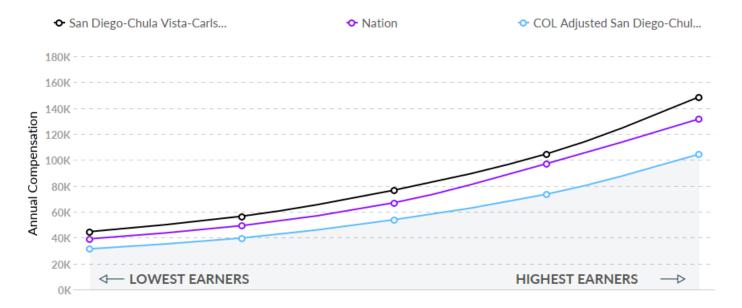




Compensation

Regional Compensation Is 14% Higher Than National Compensation

For your occupations, the 2023 median wage in San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA is \$76,683, while the national median wage is \$66,991.





Job Posting Activity



1,664 Unique Job Postings

The number of unique postings for this job from Jan 2023 to Jun 2024.



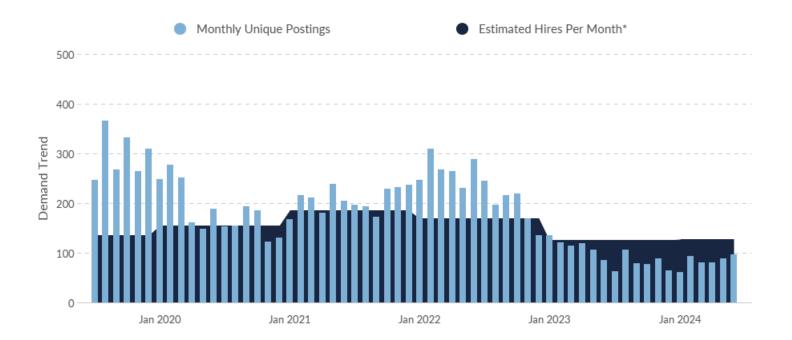
692 Employers Competing

All employers in the region who posted for this job from Jan 2023 to Jun 2024.



28 Day Median Duration

Posting duration is the same as what's typical in the region.



Occupation	Avg Monthly Postings (Jan 2023 - Jun 2024)	Avg Monthly Hires (Jan 2023 - Jun 2024)
Web and Digital Interface Designers	54	46
Graphic Designers	39	78
Desktop Publishers	0	2

^{*}A hire is reported by the Quarterly Workforce Indicators when an individual's Social Security Number appears on a company's payroll and was not there the quarter before. Lightcast hires are calculated using a combination of Lightcast jobs data, information on separation rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and industry-based hires data from the Census Bureau.



Top Companies	Unique Postings	Top Job Titles	Unique Postings
ServiceNow	58	Graphic Designers	261
General Atomics	50	UI/UX Designers	55
Apple	48	UX Designers	42
Kforce	28	UX Researchers	40
Element Ai	25	Production Artists	39
Amazon	16	Platform Software Engineers	28
Merit America	16	Web Designers	26
Qualcomm	13	Visual Designers	22
Dexcom	12	Design Consultants	20
Intuit	12	UI Developers	20

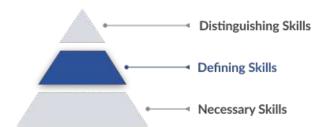
Top Distinguishing Skills by Demand

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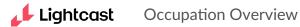


Top Defining Skills by Demand

An occupation's Defining Skills represent the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of the job. An employee needs these skills to qualify for and perform successfully in this occupation.

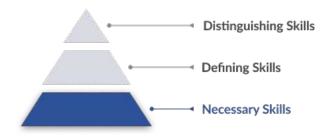


Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting	Projected Growth	Growth Relative to Market
User Experience (UX)	8	482	+20.9%	Rapidly Growing
Graphic Design	8	457	+17.1%	Growing
Adobe Illustrator	8	438	+11.5%	Growing
Adobe Photoshop	•	438	+9.6%	Growing
Marketing	8	374	+23.0%	Rapidly Growing
User Interface (UI)	8	314	+13.8%	Growing
User Experience (UX) Design	8	293	+15.2%	Growing
Adobe Creative Suite	8	288	+11.9%	Growing
Adobe InDesign	8	282	+9.0%	Growing
Figma (Design Software)	•	230	+15.4%	Growing



Top Necessary Skills by Demand

An occupation's Necessary Skills are the specialized skills required for that job and relevant across other similar jobs. An employee needs these skills as building blocks to perform the more complex Defining Skills.

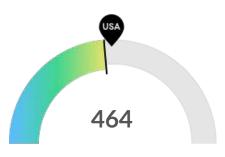


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HyperText Markup Language (HTML)	8	228	+11.4%	Growing
Computer Science	8	180	+26.8%	Rapidly Growing
Web Design	8	180	+8.5%	Growing
Branding	8	157	+10.0%	Growing



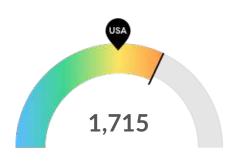
Demographics

Retirement Risk Is About Average, While Overall Diversity Is High



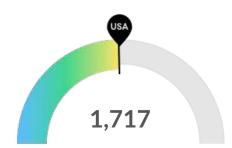
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is about average in San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA. The national average for an area this size is 502* employees 55 or older, while there are 464 here.



Racial Diversity

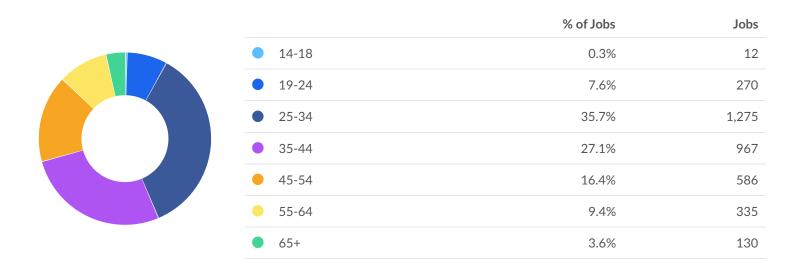
Racial diversity is high in San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA. The national average for an area this size is 1,160* racially diverse employees, while there are 1,715 here.



Gender Diversity

Gender diversity is about average in San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA. The national average for an area this size is 1,745* female employees, while there are 1,717 here.

Occupation Age Breakdown



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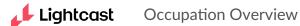


Occupation Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



Occupation Gender Breakdown





Occupational Programs



30 Programs

Of the programs that can train for this job, $30\ have\ produced\ completions\ in\ the\ last\ 5$ years.



3,867 Completions (2023)

The completions from all regional institutions for all degree types.



329 Openings (2023)

The average number of openings for an occupation in the region is 257.

CIP Code	Top Programs	Completions (2023)
11.0701	Computer Science	1,867
23.0101	English Language and Literature, General	602
50.0701	Art/Art Studies, General	446
50.0101	Visual and Performing Arts, General	168
11.0801	Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources D	162
11.0101	Computer and Information Sciences, General	144
50.0409	Graphic Design	94
11.0201	Computer Programming/Programmer, General	90
11.0803	Computer Graphics	50
50.0702	Fine/Studio Arts, General	43

Top Schools	Completions (2023)
University of California-San Diego	1,237
San Diego State University	642
California State University-San Marcos	328
Grossmont College	225
Palomar College	175
National University	170
MiraCosta College	167
Southwestern College	158
San Diego Mesa College	142
San Diego Miramar College	99



Appendix A - Data Sources and Calculations

Location Quotient

Location quotient (LQ) is a way of quantifying how concentrated a particular industry, cluster, occupation, or demographic group is in a region as compared to the nation. It can reveal what makes a particular region unique in comparison to the national average.

Occupation Data

Emsi occupation employment data are based on final Emsi industry data and final Emsi staffing patterns. Wage estimates are based on Occupational Employment Statistics (QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker) and the American Community Survey (Self-Employed and Extended Proprietors). Occupational wage estimates are also affected by county-level Emsi earnings by industry.

Staffing Patterns Data

The staffing pattern data in this report are compiled from several sources using a specialized process. For QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker, sources include Occupational Employment Statistics, the National Industry-Occupation Employment Matrix, and the American Community Survey. For the Self-Employed and Extended Proprietors classes of worker, the primary source is the American Community Survey, with a small amount of information from Occupational Employment Statistics.

Cost of Living Data

Lightcast's cost of living data is based on the Cost of Living Index published by the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER).

Lightcast Job Postings

Job postings are collected from various sources and processed/enriched to provide information such as standardized company name, occupation, skills, and geography.

Institution Data

The institution data in this report is taken directly from the national IPEDS database published by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.