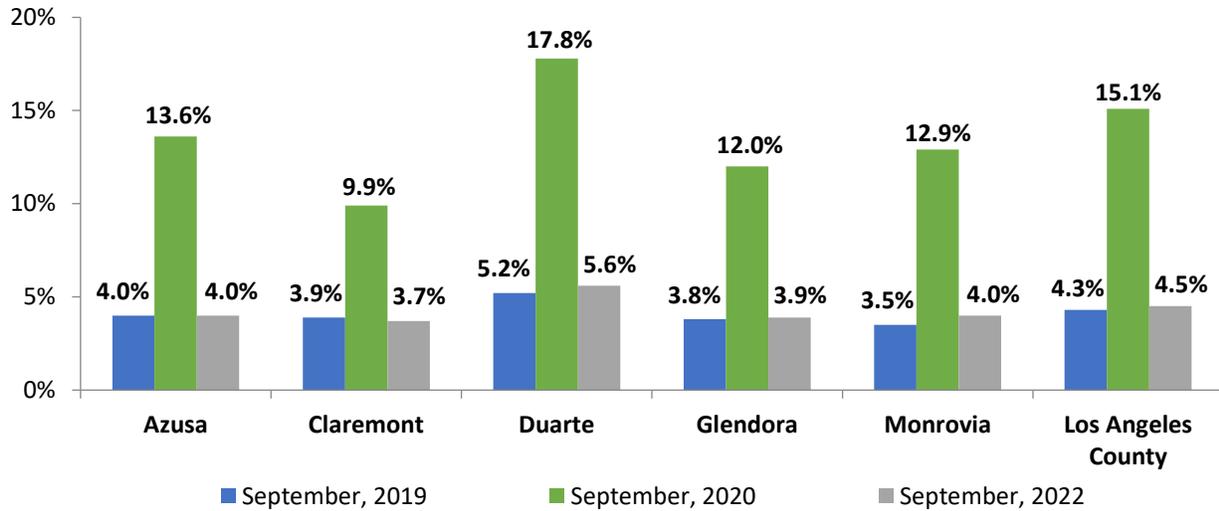


### Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate in the college’s service area surged in 2020 during the pandemic (Figure 1.8), but has returned to the pre-pandemic level. The unemployment rates in all primary cities in September 2022 are comparable to the those back in September 2019.

The source of all data in this section is California Employment Development Department.

Figure 1.9 Unemployment Rate in the College’s Service Area and Los Angeles County, 2019, 2020, 2022.



Personal Care Aides and Physician Assistants. See Table 1.1 on page 2.

## Occupation Outlook

Many Citrus College students joined the workforce in Los Angeles County and the broader Southern California region. The following three tables show the top 10 occupations with the most openings and the top 10 occupations with the highest growth rates in Los Angeles County, Orange County, and the Inland Empire metropolitan areas. The occupations projected to have the most job openings are primarily in leisure and hospitality, transportation and warehousing as well as healthcare. Many of the fastest growing and highest-paying jobs such as physician assistants and software developers require a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Table 1.1 Occupations with the Most Job Openings and Fastest Growing Occupations, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metropolitan Division, 2018-2028

<b>Occupations with the Most Job Openings</b>	<b>Entry Level Education</b>	<b>Total Job Openings</b>	<b>Median Annual Wage<sup>1</sup></b>
Personal Care Aides	7	442,830	n/a
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	8	221,570	n/a
Cashiers	8	212,980	\$29,362
Retail Salespersons	8	166,200	\$31,221
Waiters and Waitresses	8	163,210	\$29,097
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	8	160,770	\$30,988
Office Clerks, General	7	117,760	\$37,093
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	7	96,260	n/a
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8	91,460	\$32,336
Cooks, Restaurant	8	87,570	\$30,997
<b>Fastest Growing Occupations</b>	<b>Entry Level Education</b>	<b>Percent Growth</b>	<b>Median Annual Wage</b>
Personal Care Aides	7	46.3%	n/a
Statisticians	2	37.4%	\$96,582
Physician Assistants	2	33.5%	\$127,433
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4	32.5%	\$67,912
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	1	32.1%	n/a
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	1	31.8%	\$89,653
Nurse Practitioners	2	31.6%	\$135,098
Speech-Language Pathologists	2	29.8%	\$91,862
Athletic Trainers	3	29.6%	\$57,807
Actuaries	3	28.6%	\$115,236

**Entry Level Education**

1- Doctoral or professional degree

2- Master's degree

3- Bachelor's degree

4- Associate degree

5- Postsecondary non-degree award

6- Some college, no degree

7- High school diploma or equivalent

8- No formal education credential

<sup>1</sup> Wages are from 2020 first quarter, excluding self-employed or unpaid family workers. An estimate could not be provided for wages listed as n/a. Source: California Employment Development Department

Table 1.2 Occupations with the Most Job Openings and Fastest Growing Occupations, Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine Metropolitan Division 2018-2028

Occupations with the Most Job Openings	Entry Level Education	Total Job Openings	Median Annual Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	8	88,470	n/a
Personal Care Aides	7	73,920	n/a
Retail Salespersons	8	70,260	\$29,517
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	8	63,150	\$30,892
Cashiers	8	62,640	\$28,730
Waiters and Waitresses	8	62,020	\$27,895
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8	42,360	\$30,760
Office Clerks, General	7	34,510	\$36,617
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	7	30,160	n/a
Customer Service Representatives	7	29,650	\$39,214
Fastest Growing Occupations	Entry Level Education	Percent Growth	Median Annual Wage
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4	52.0%	\$75,190
Speech-Language Pathologists	2	39.2%	\$92,774
Photographers	7	35.8%	\$50,288
Physical Therapist Assistants	4	32.8%	\$77,051
Information Security Analysts	3	31.2%	n/a
Physical Therapist Aides	7	30.4%	\$27,894
Operations Research Analysts	3	29.0%	\$90,645
Phlebotomists	5	28.8%	\$44,162
Software Developers, Applications	3	27.6%	n/a
Marriage and Family Therapists	2	27.5%	\$52,252

**Entry Level Education**

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Photographers is the third-highest fastest growing occupation in the Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine Metropolitan Division. See Table 1.2 above.

Table 1.3 Occupations with the Most Job Openings and Fastest Growing Occupations, Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metropolitan Division 2018-2028

Occupations with the Most Job Openings	Entry Level Education	Total Job Openings	Median Annual Wage
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	8	123,440	\$31,927
Personal Care Aides	7	108,450	n/a
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	8	98,600	n/a
Cashiers	8	86,080	\$26,585
Retail Salespersons	8	66,630	\$29,209
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	7	55,400	n/a
Waiters and Waitresses	8	49,970	\$26,122
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	5	40,870	\$49,482
Office Clerks, General	7	32,880	\$36,812
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8	26,920	\$32,262
Fastest Growing Occupations	Entry Level Education	Percent Growth	Median Annual Wage
Machine Feeders and Offbearers	8	46.0%	\$32,923
Physician Assistants	2	40.7%	\$132,533
Phlebotomists	5	35.3%	\$44,921
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	4	31.7%	\$87,794
Personal Care Aides	7	31.3%	n/a
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	8	31.1%	\$31,927
Software Developers, Applications	3	29.9%	n/a
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	8	29.5%	\$37,516
Nurse Practitioners	2	29.5%	\$133,565
Physical Therapist Assistants	4	28.3%	\$75,071

**Entry Level Education**

1- Doctoral or professional degree

2- Master's degree

3- Bachelor's degree

4- Associate degree

5- Postsecondary non-degree award

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7- High school diploma or equivalent

8- No formal education credential

Source: California Employment Development Department



Physician Assistant is the second-fastest growing occupation in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metropolitan Division. See Table 1.3 above.