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March 2023 MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR MARKET SNAPSHOT

February 2023 data

SALINAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) (Monterey County)

The unemployment rate in the Monterey County was 9.5 percent (21,000 unemployed) in February 2023, up from a revised 8.9 percent in January 2023, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period

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Annual Labor force increased by (6.6%) 13,800 to a total of 221,600 from February 2022.

Civilian Employment in the Salinas MSA, added 12,800 jobs (6.8%) for a total of 200,600 employed.

- **Accommodations and Food Services led the way with a total of 1,800 jobs added over last year. This growth included 1,100 jobs in Food Services and Drinking Places and 700 in Accommodations.**
- **Health Care and Social Assistance added 800 jobs.**
- **Manufacturing added 500 jobs.**
- **Local and State Government gained 1,100 jobs.**

MONTEREY COUNTY: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22
Labor Force	209,000	195,400	201,200	**200,300**
Employment	192,500	173,800	186,400	**186,500**
Unemployment	16,400	21,600	14,800	**13,900**
Unemployment Rate	**7.9%**	**11.1%**	**7.3%**	**6.9%**

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Time flies, and it is already 2023, so let's pause for a moment and look at some of the changes in Monterey County's labor market that happened in 2022. The Employment Development Department now has labor force and industry employment data for all the months in 2022, so the opportunity for a year-in-review is perfect.

Looking at 2022 monthly labor force estimates, employment (county residents working) was higher than in 2021 in eleven out of the twelve months. Total labor force was higher than in 2021 for six out of the twelve months. Lower labor force numbers were observed in the second part of 2022,starting in July. When looking at the December 2022 year-over data, the labor force declined by900 or 0.4 percent. Employment increased by 100 or 0.1 percent over the same period.

Unemployment levels and unemployment rates were lower in all twelve months for the same period. December 2022 year-over data showed unemployment declined by 900 or 6.1 percent. While the unemployment rate declined from 7.3 to 6.9 percent over the same period. All in all, when it comes to labor force dynamics, 2022 was a mostly a positive year for Monterey County.

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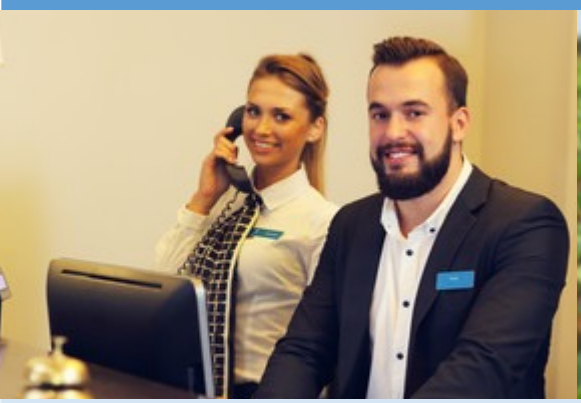

Industry employment (jobs located within the county) grew over 2022. Again, when looking at the December 2022 year-over data, total all- industries jobs increased by 700 or 0.4 percent. Out of the twelve major industry sectors, seven grew, three remained the same, and two contracted. The greatest growth was observed in leisure and hospitality, as well as in educational and health services sectors. The former added 2,300 jobs (10.6 percent), while the latter added 900 jobs (4.3 percent). Seventy-four percent of the job gains in leisure and hospitality were due to growth in accommodation and food services. Mining and logging; financial activities; and information sectors remained unchanged. The two major industries that declined were total farm, and professional and business services. The former declined by 2,200 or 5.8 percent, while the latter declined by 1,400 or 9.3 percent.

2022 was a mostly positive year for Monterey County. Unemployment levels and rates were lower in all twelve months of the year compared to 2021. Employment was higher in eleven of those twelve months. However, labor force was lower in the second half of 2022, starting in July. Total all industries employment grew, but the growth was not significant. It was fueled by expansion in seven out of the twelve major industry sectors. However, it was significantly offset by declines in professional and business services, as well as in agriculture. The overall labor force statistics and total all industry employment show a positive direction for Monterey County's labor market in general.

	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22
Total, All Industries	**182,700**	**166,800**	**177,700**	**178,400**
Total Farm	37,100	35,400	37,700	35,500
Mining and Logging	300	200	200	200
Construction	6,500	6,400	6,400	6,500
Manufacturing	5,000	4,700	5,300	5,400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	27,000	25,600	25,600	25,700
Information	1,000	700	900	900
Financial Activities	4,300	4,000	4,100	4,100
Professional & Business Services	14,800	15,100	15,100	13,700
Educational & Health Services	20,600	19,800	20,800	21,700
Leisure & Hospitality	25,600	17,600	21,800	24,100
Other Services	5,100	4,400	5,000	5,200
Government	35,400	32,900	34,800	35,400

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Top Job ADS by Occupations
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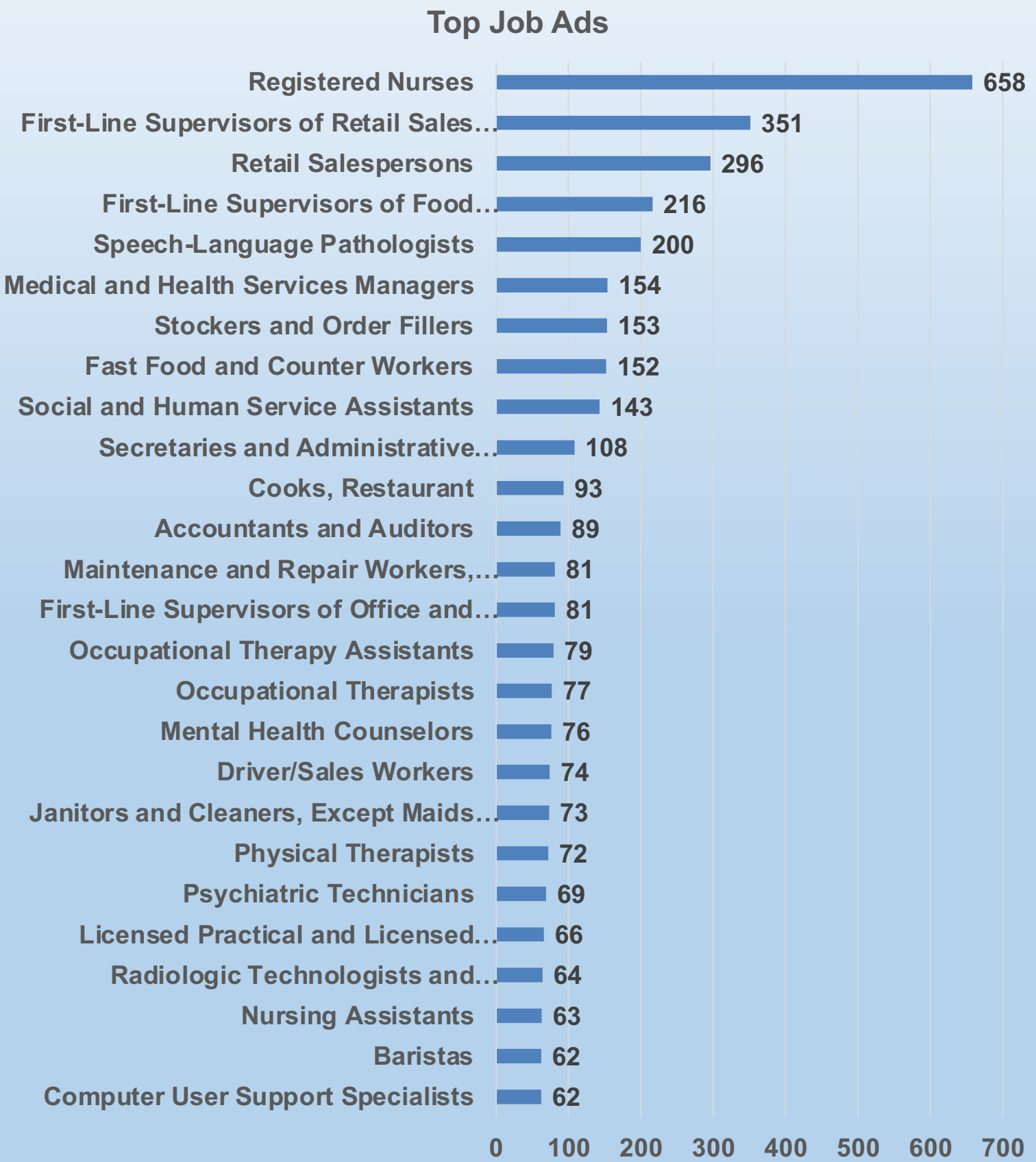
1/29/2022 to 2/27/2023



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Job ADS By Skill Level Needed
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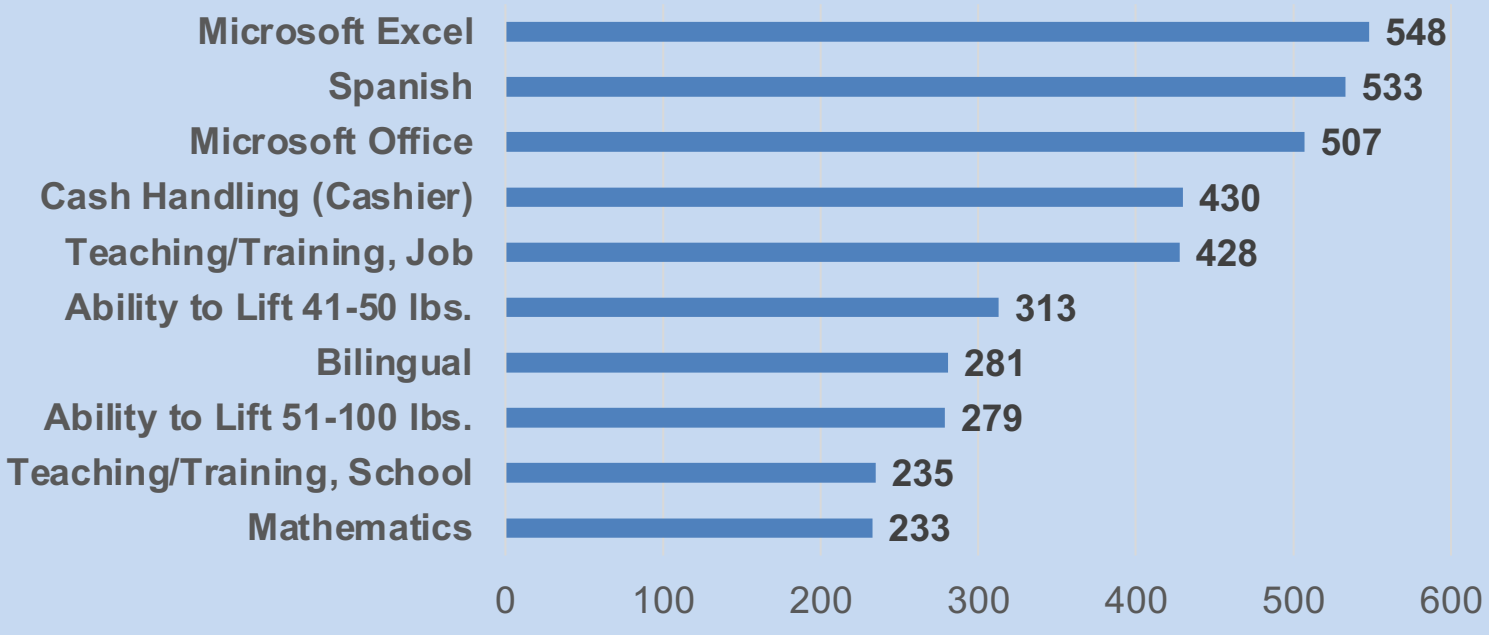
1/29/2022 to 02/27/2023

Hard Skills



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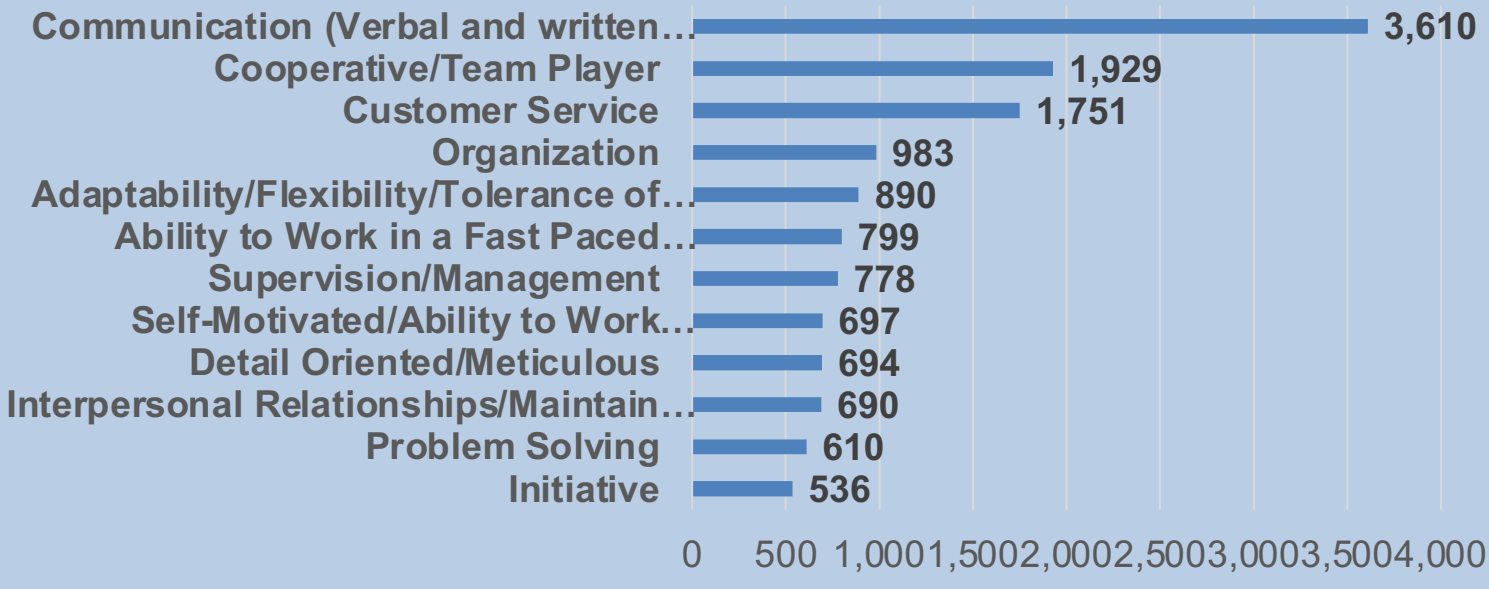

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You want to work in Healthcare?
You love a challenge?
There is a job for you!

What is a Medical Records Technician?

Medical records technicians might also be called coders, coding specialists or coding representatives. These professionals "abstract information from medical record documentation, assigning the appropriate diagnosis and procedure codes," says Lisa Manesis, coding quality coordinator at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. "These codes are then used for a number of different purposes including, among others, reimbursement, planning, research, and by public health officials to track and monitor disease patterns."

The aging population, who will require more and more medical services, is driving this demand for more health care professionals, including medical records technicians.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 6.6% employment growth for medical records technicians between 2021 and 2031. In that period, an estimated 12,300 jobs should open.

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$62,000
Monterey County Salary

1.5%
National Unemployment Rate in this Job

12,300
Number of Jobs Nationally

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