



31-9093 - Medical Equipment Preparers, Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA

Prepare, sterilize, install, or clean laboratory or healthcare equipment. May perform routine laboratory tasks and operate or inspect equipment.

Sample of reported job titles: Central Processing Technician (CPT), Central Service Technician (CST), **Central Sterile Supply Technician (CSS Technician)**, Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST), Instrument Technician, Sterile Preparation Technician, **Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (SPD Technician)**, **Sterile Processing Technician**, **Sterile Technician**, **Sterilization Technician**

Jobs (2015): 723

Change percent 5-year (2014 to 2019): +10.7% (change: 76 jobs)

+9.0% California

+8.6% Los Angeles County

+9.0% Orange County

+9.9% San Diego County

Change percent 10-year (2014-2024): +18.2% (change: 129 jobs)

+15.5% California

+15.6% Los Angeles County

+15.4% Orange County

+16.5% San Diego County

Wages:

\$15.04 per hour, entry level (25th percentile)

\$20.07 per hour, median (50th percentile)

\$25.25 per hour, experienced (75th percentile)



Education and on-the-job training:

The typical entry level education for Medical Equipment Preparers is a high school diploma or equivalent (38%). More than 28% had some college and about 10% held an associate's degree. They often receive needed job-specific knowledge and skills through moderate-term on-the-job training. Some employers also require a working knowledge of medical terminology and surgical instruments, as well as various sterilization processes and familiarity with other medical equipment.

Top Industries:

- General medical and surgical hospitals (NAICS: 622110) (56%)
- Hospitals (local government) (NAICS: 903622) (11%)
- Offices of physicians (except mental health specialists) (NAICS: 621111) (7%)
- Offices of dentists (NAICS: 621210) (5%)
- Kidney dialysis centers (NAICS: 621492) (3%)

Analysis:

Medical equipment preparers (SOC: 31-9093) are responsible for sterilizing, stocking, and preparing various medical tools, supplies, and equipment in health care facilities, such as hospitals, dental offices, and outpatient care centers. In 2015, Riverside and San Bernardino County combined had 723 medical equipment preparers jobs. By 2019, the number of medical equipment preparers is projected to grow to 785 jobs and by 2024 this occupation will rise to 838 jobs. The median hourly wage of \$20.07 per hour exceeds the living wage requirement of \$11.59 (1 adult) for this region.

Sources: EMSI, CA LMI, O*Net, MIT living wage calculator