

Labor Market Analysis for Program Recommendation:  
 0948.00/Automotive Technology  
 (Automotive Technology – Electrical Systems Specialist)  
 Orange County Center of Excellence, February 2024



## Summary

Program LMI Endorsement	Endorsed: All LMI Criteria Met <input type="checkbox"/>	Endorsed: Some LMI Criteria Met <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not LMI Endorsed <input type="checkbox"/>
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### Program LMI Endorsement Criteria

	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Supply Gap:	<i>Comments:</i> There is projected to be <b>2,250 annual job openings</b> throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties for these automotive technology occupations, which is <b>more than the 1,666 awards conferred by educational institutions.</b>	
Living Wage: (Entry-Level, 25 <sup>th</sup> )	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Comments:</i> <b>The majority (99%) of annual job openings</b> for these automotive technology occupations <b>have entry-level hourly wages below the OC living wage of \$20.63.</b>	
Education:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Comments:</i> The majority (99%) of annual job openings in the Los Angeles and Orange counties for these automotive technology occupations typically require a postsecondary nondegree award. Additionally, <b>between 36% and 48% of workers in the field have completed some college or an associate degree as their highest level of education.</b>	

### Emerging Occupation(s)

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments:</i> N/A	

The Orange County Center of Excellence for Labor Market Research (OC COE) prepared this report to determine whether there is a supply gap in the Los Angeles/Orange County regional labor market related to the following three middle-skill automotive technology occupations:

- Electrical and Electronics Installers and Repairers, Transportation Equipment (49-2093)
- Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles (49-2096)
- Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (49-3023)

Middle-skill occupations typically require a community college education while above middle-skill occupations typically require at least a bachelor’s degree.

Based on the available data there appears to be a supply gap for these automotive technology occupations. Although the typical education requirements for these occupations align with a community college education, the majority of annual job openings have entry-level wages below the living wage. **Therefore, due to some of the regional labor market criteria being met, the COE endorses this proposed program.**

Exhibit 1 lists the occupational demand, supply, typical entry-level education, and educational attainment for the three automotive technology occupations included in this report.

## Exhibit 1: Labor Market Endorsement Summary

Occupation (SOC)	Demand (Annual Openings)	Supply (CC and Non-CC)	Entry-Level Hourly Earnings (25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile)	Typical Entry-Level Education	Community College Educational Attainment
Electrical and Electronics Installers and Repairers, Transportation Equipment (49-2093)	LA: 15				
	OC: 5	<i>Accounted for Below</i>	OC: \$22.30	Postsecondary nondegree award	48%
	TTL: 20				
Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles (49-2096)	LA: 15				
	OC: 6	<i>Accounted for Below</i>	OC: \$15.79	High school diploma or equivalent	48%
	TTL: 21				
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (49-3023)	LA: 1,615	LA: 1,205			
	OC: 594	OC: 461	OC: \$17.50	Postsecondary nondegree award	36%
	TTL: 2,209	TTL: 1,666			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Demand:

- The number of jobs related to these automotive technology occupations are projected to increase 3% through 2027. There is projected to be 2,250 annual job openings.
- Hourly entry-level wages for these automotive technology occupations range from \$15.79 to \$22.30 in Orange County; 99% of annual openings have entry-level wages below the living wage of \$20.63.
- There were 7,270 online job postings for these automotive technology occupations over the past 12 months. The highest number of postings were for automotive technicians, automotive mechanics, automotive service advisors, lube technicians, mechanics, and service technicians.
- The typical entry-level education for these automotive technology occupations ranges from a high school diploma or equivalent to a postsecondary nondegree award.
- Between 36% and 48% of workers in these occupations have completed some college or an associate degree as their highest level of educational attainment.

### Supply:

- There was an average of 1,138 awards conferred by 20 community colleges in Los Angeles and Orange Counties from 2019 to 2022.
- Non-community college institutions conferred an average of 528 awards from 2019 to 2021.
- Orange County community college students that exited automotive technology programs in the 2020-2021 academic year had a median annual wage of \$34,514 after exiting the program and 31% attained the living wage.
- Throughout Orange County, 62% of automotive technology students that exited their program in 2019-2020 reported that they are working in a job closely related to their field of study.

## Demand

### Occupational Projections:

Exhibit 2 shows the annual percent change in jobs for all three of the automotive technology occupations researched in this report from 2017 through 2027. Employment in these automotive technology occupations declined 5% from 2019 to 2020 in Orange County, which is lower than the 7% decline across all occupations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Employment in these occupations is projected to grow at a similar rate when compared to all occupations through 2027.

**Exhibit 2: Annual Percent Change in Jobs for Automotive Technology Occupations, 2017-2027**

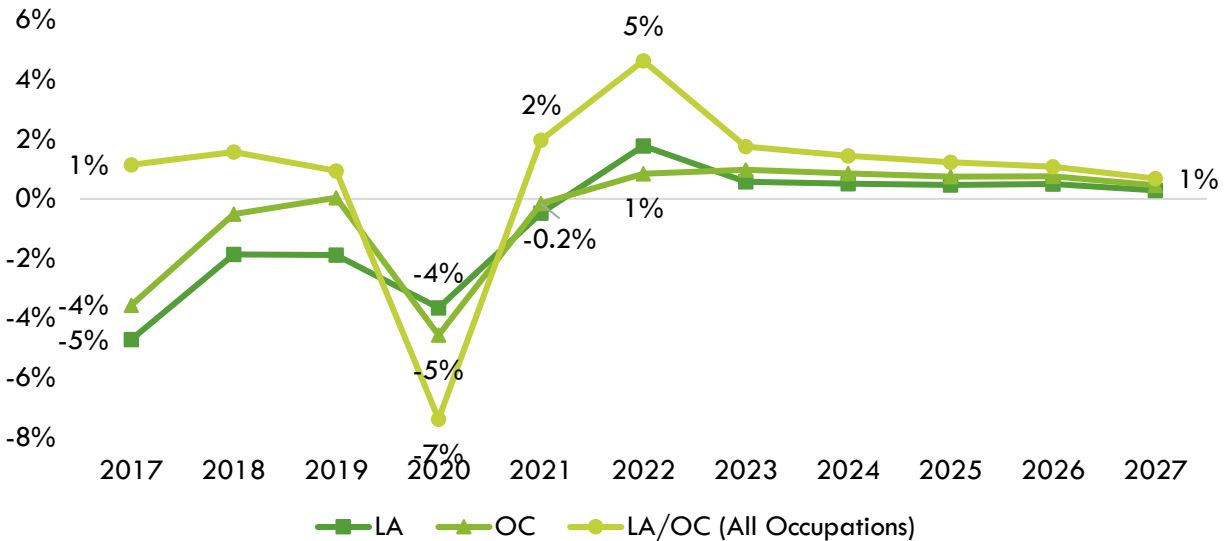


Exhibit 3 shows the five-year occupational demand projections for these automotive technology occupations. In Los Angeles/Orange County, the number of jobs related to these occupations is projected to increase by 3% through 2027. There is projected to be 2,250 jobs available annually.

**Exhibit 3: Occupational Demand in Los Angeles and Orange Counties<sup>1</sup>**

Geography	2022 Jobs	2027 Jobs	2022-2027 Change	2022-2027 % Change	Annual Openings
Los Angeles	17,915	18,338	423	2%	1,645
Orange	6,355	6,599	244	4%	605
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,270</b>	<b>24,937</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2,250</b>

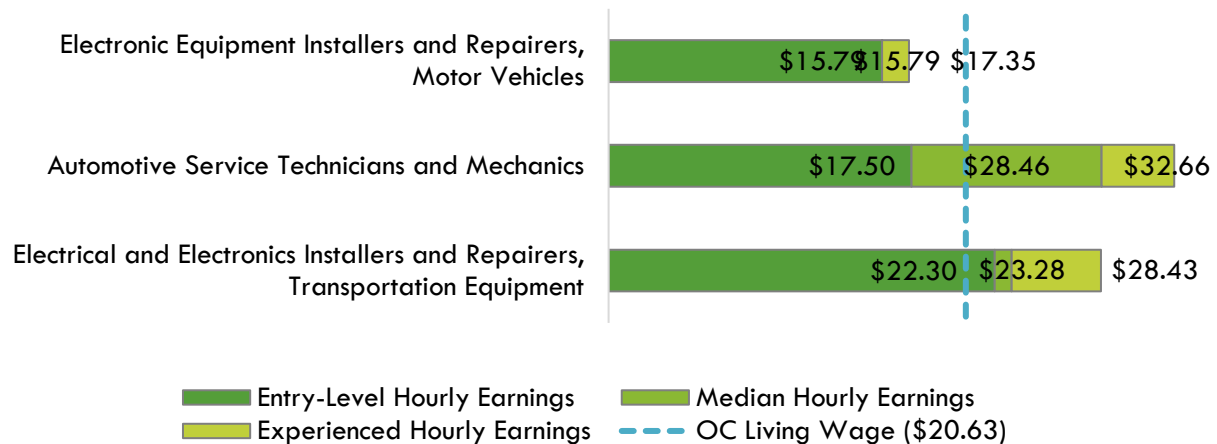
### Wages:

The labor market endorsement in this report considers the entry-level hourly wages for these automotive technology occupations in Orange County as they relate to the county's living wage. Los Angeles County wages are included below in order to provide a complete analysis of the LA/OC region.

<sup>1</sup> Five-year change represents new job additions to the workforce. Annual openings include new jobs and replacement jobs that result from retirements and separations.

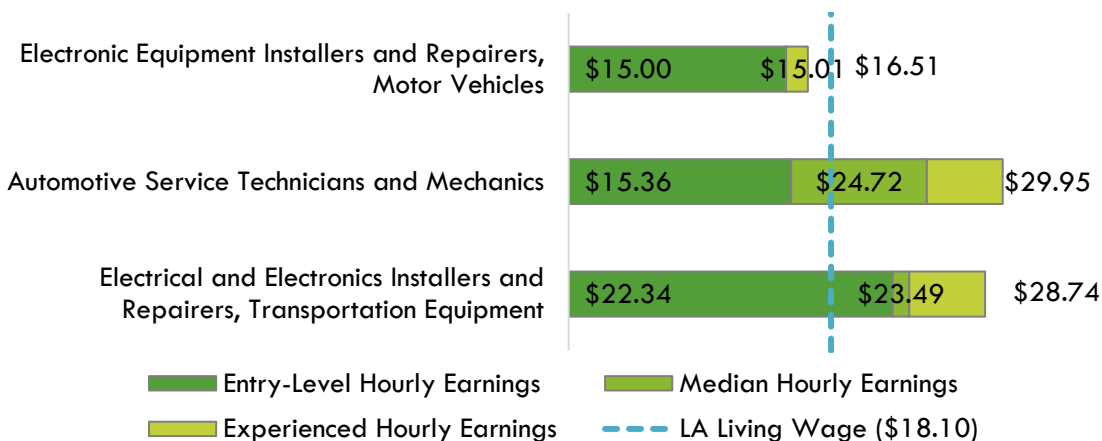
The majority (99%) of annual openings for these automotive technology occupations have entry-level wages below the living wage for one adult (\$20.63 in Orange County). Typical entry-level hourly wages for these automotive technology occupations range from \$15.79 to \$22.30. Orange County's average wage (\$26.85) is slightly above the average statewide wage of \$26.57 for these occupations. Exhibit 4 shows the wage range for each of these occupations in Orange County and how they compare to the regional living wage, sorted from lowest to highest entry-level wage.

### Exhibit 4: Wages by Occupation in Orange County



The majority (99%) of annual openings for these automotive technology occupations have entry-level wages below the living wage for one adult (\$18.10 in Los Angeles County). Typical entry-level hourly wages for these automotive technology occupations range from \$15.00 to \$22.34. Los Angeles County's average wage (\$24.42) is below the average statewide wage of \$26.57 for these occupations. Exhibit 5 shows the wage range for each of these occupations in Los Angeles County and how they compare to the regional living wage, sorted from lowest to highest entry-level wage.

### Exhibit 5: Wages by Occupation in Los Angeles County



## Job Postings:

**Important Online Job Postings Data Note:** Online job postings data is sourced from Lightcast, a labor market analytics firm that scrapes, collects, and organizes data from online job boards such as LinkedIn, Indeed, Glassdoor, Monster, GovernmentJobs.com, and thousands more. Lightcast uses natural language processing (NLP) to determine the related company, industry, occupation, and other information for each job posting.

However, NLP has limitations that include understanding contextual words of phrases; determining differences in words that can be used as nouns, verbs, and/or adjectives; and misspellings or grammatical errors.<sup>2</sup> For these reasons, job postings could be assigned to the wrong employer, industry, or occupation within Lightcast's database.

Additionally, there are several limitations when analyzing job postings. A single job posting may not represent a single job opening, as employers may be creating a pool of candidates for future openings or hiring for multiple positions with a single posting. Additionally, not all jobs are posted online, and jobs may be filled through other methods such as internal promotion, word-of-mouth advertising, physical job boards, or a variety of other channels.

There were 7,270 online job postings related to these automotive technology occupations listed in the past 12 months. Nearly all postings were for *automotive service technicians and mechanics*. Exhibit 6 shows the number of job postings by occupation.

**Exhibit 6: Number of Job Postings by Occupation (n=7,270)**

Occupation	Job Postings	Percentage of Job Postings
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	7,231	99.46%
Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles	35	0.48%
Electrical and Electronics Installers and Repairers, Transportation Equipment	4	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,270</b>	<b>100%</b>

The top employers for these automotive technology occupations in the region, by number of job postings, are shown in Exhibit 7.

**Exhibit 7: Top Employers by Number of Job Postings (n=7,270)**

Employer	Job Postings	Percentage of Job Postings
Mv Transportation	336	5%
Pep Boys	230	3%
AutoNation	186	3%
Valvoline	157	2%
American Tire Depot	110	2%
Chevrolet	90	1%
Honda	89	1%
Goodyear	81	1%
Toyota Motors	80	1%
Monro Auto Service and Tire Centers	79	1%
Tesla	78	1%
CarMax	73	1%
Jiffy Lube	65	1%

<sup>2</sup> K. R. Chowdhary, *Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence* (Basingstoke: Springer Nature, 2020), <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-81-322-3972-7>.

Employer	Job Postings	Percentage of Job Postings
Tire Pros	63	1%
Tuttle-Click Automotive Group	60	1%

The top specialized, soft, and computer skills listed by those most frequently mentioned in job postings (denoted in parentheses) are shown for these automotive technology occupations in Exhibit 8.

### Exhibit 8: Top Skills by Number of Job Postings (n=7,270)

Top Specialized Skills	Top Soft Skills	Top Computer Skills
Automotive Services (1,586)	Customer Service (2,065)	Microsoft Excel (177)
Brakes (1,196)	Communication (2,049)	Microsoft Office (172)
Suspension (Vehicle) (1,062)	Good Driving Record (1,191)	Microsoft Outlook (100)
Mechanics (904)	Management (1095)	Microsoft PowerPoint (69)
HVAC (775)	Sales (930)	Microsoft Word (60)
Changing Oil (702)	Lifting Ability (861)	Inventory Control Systems (40)
Preventive Maintenance (585)	Detail Oriented (843)	MVS (OS) (36)
Vehicle Maintenance (483)	Problem Solving (782)	Disassembler (35)
Transmission (472)	Troubleshooting (765)	SAP Applications (28)
Tire Repairs (462)	Operations (637)	Autodesk Revit (25)

## Educational Attainment:

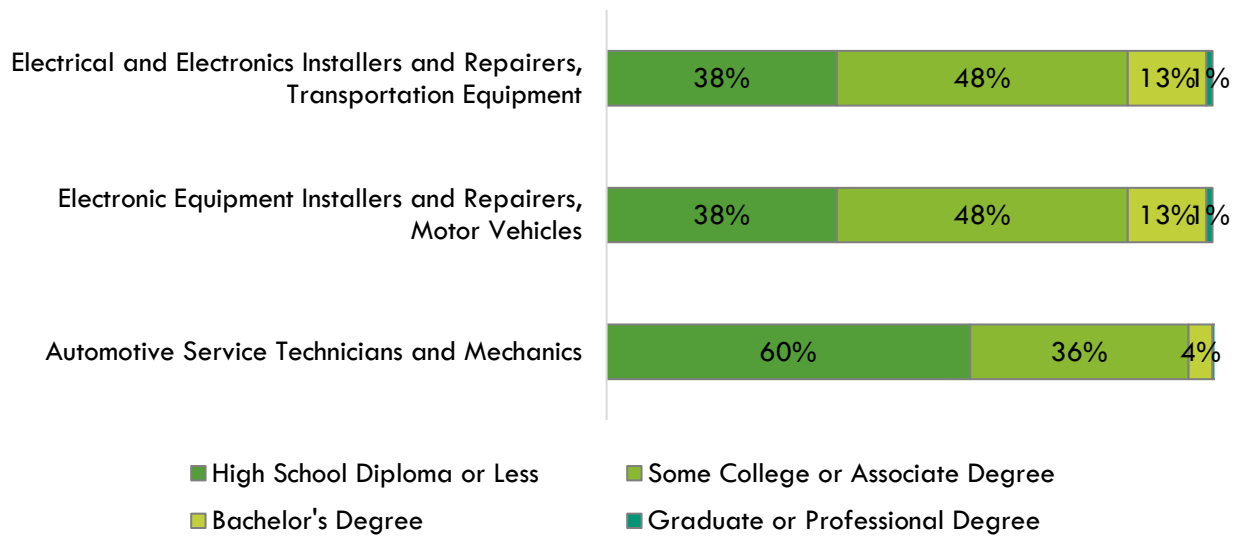
The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) lists the following typical entry-level education for these automotive technology occupations:

- High school diploma or equivalent: *electronic equipment installers and repairers, motor vehicles*
- Postsecondary nondegree award: *electrical and electronics installers and repairers, transportation equipment and automotive service technicians and mechanics*

The national-level educational attainment data indicates that between 36% and 48% of workers in these occupations have completed some college or an associate degree as their highest level of education. Exhibit 9 shows the educational attainment for each occupation, sorted by highest community college educational attainment to lowest.

Of the 51% of the cumulative job postings for these automotive technology occupations that listed a minimum education requirement in Los Angeles/Orange County, 89% (3,330) requested a high school diploma or an associate degree, 8% (300) requested a bachelor's degree, and 3% (107) requested a master's degree or higher.

**Exhibit 9: National-level Educational Attainment for Occupations**



# Educational Supply

## Community College Supply:

Exhibit 10 shows the annual and three-year average number of awards conferred by community colleges in the related TOP codes:

- Diesel Technology (0947.00)
- Automotive Technology (0948.00)
- Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology (0948.40)
- Manufacturing and Industrial Technology (0956.00)

The colleges with the most completions in the region are Cypress, LA Trade-Tech, and Rio Hondo. Over the past 12 months, there were four other related program recommendation requests from regional community colleges.

**Exhibit 10: Regional Community College Awards (Certificates and Degrees), 2019-2022**

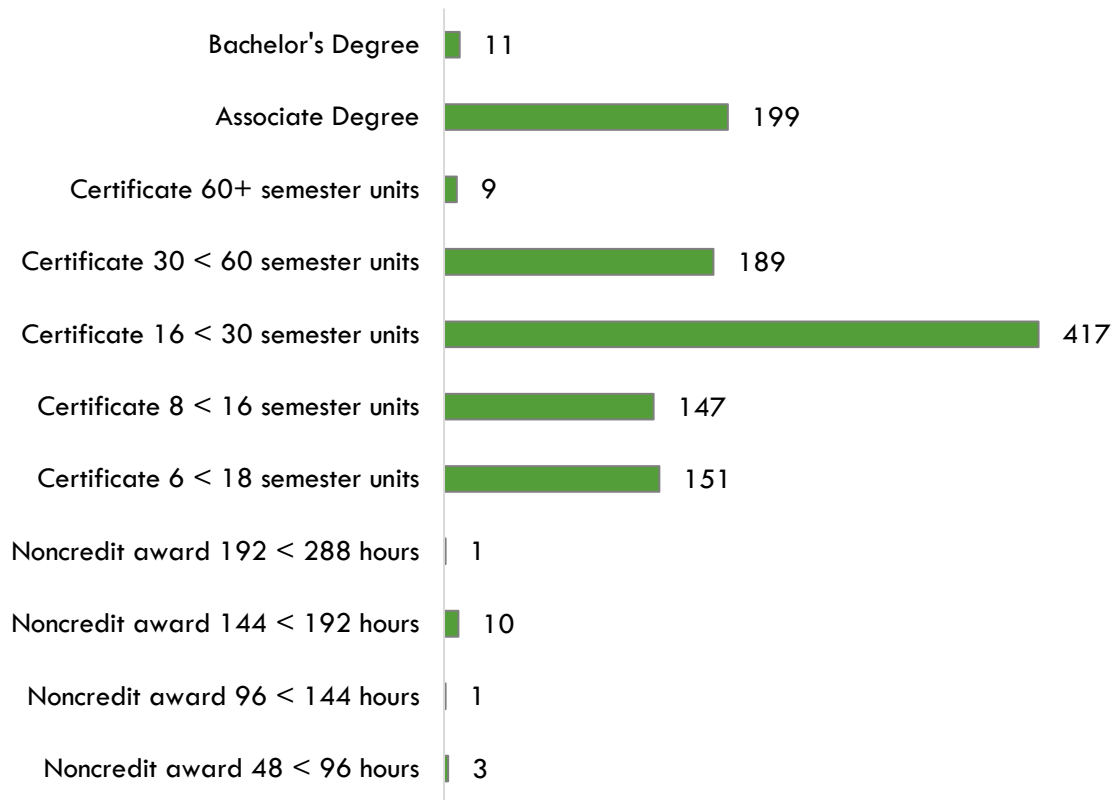
TOP Code	Program	College	2019-2020 Awards	2020-2021 Awards	2021-2022 Awards	3-Year Award Average
0947.00	Diesel Technology	Citrus	9	43	30	27
		LA Trade-Tech	31	20	41	31
		<b>LA Subtotal</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>58</b>
		Santa Ana	4	10	-	5
		<b>OC Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Supply Subtotal/Average</b>			<b>44</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>
0948.00	Automotive Technology	Cerritos	71	22	45	46
		Citrus	13	10	35	19
		Compton	1	1	24	9
		East LA	35	18	43	32
		El Camino	77	35	35	49
		LA Pierce	110	44	49	68
		LA Trade-Tech	67	81	108	85
		Long Beach	24	42	66	44
		Pasadena	125	36	166	109
		Rio Hondo	86	55	92	78
		<b>LA Subtotal</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>539</b>
		Cypress	262	140	219	207
		Fullerton	24	25	26	25
		Golden West	55	21	69	48
		Saddleback	26	15	26	22
Santa Ana	182	57	52	97		



TOP Code	Program	College	2019-2020 Awards	2020-2021 Awards	2021-2022 Awards	3-Year Award Average
		<b>OC Subtotal</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Supply Subtotal/Average</b>			<b>1,158</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>938</b>
0948.40	Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology	LA Trade-Tech	4	3	6	4
		Long Beach	8	15	9	11
		Rio Hondo	53	30	44	42
		<b>LA Subtotal</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>
		Saddleback	2	2	6	3
		<b>OC Subtotal</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Supply Subtotal/Average</b>			<b>67</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>
0956.00	Manufacturing and Industrial Technology	Cerritos	-	1	1	1
		El Camino	-	-	4	1
		Glendale	2	-	1	1
		LA Trade-Tech	9	9	15	11
		LA Valley	9	7	-	5
		Mt San Antonio	14	4	13	10
		<b>LA Subtotal</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>
		Fullerton	38	20	18	25
		Irvine Valley	-	4	2	2
		Saddleback	7	4	8	6
		Santa Ana	3	2	4	3
		Santiago Canyon	10	12	7	10
		<b>OC Subtotal</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Supply Subtotal/Average</b>			<b>92</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Supply Total/Average</b>			<b>1,361</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,138</b>

Exhibit 11 shows the annual average community college awards by type from 2019-20 through 2021-22. The plurality of the awards is for certificates between 16 and less than 30 semester units (37%), associate degrees (17%), and certificates between 30 and less than 60 semester units (17%).

### Exhibit 11: Annual Average Community College Awards by Type, 2019-2022



## Community College Student Outcomes:

Exhibit 12 shows the Strong Workforce Program (SWP) metrics for automotive technology programs in North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD), the Orange County Region, and California. Of the 1,345 automotive technology students in Orange County, 44% (587) attended a NOCCCD college.

NOCCCD students who exited automotive technology programs in the 2020-21 academic year had slightly higher median annual earnings (\$35,300) compared to all automotive technology students in Orange County (\$34,514), but lower than students statewide (\$36,140). However, NOCCCD students had a 114% increase in median annual earnings, which is significantly higher than automotive technology students in Orange County (80%) and statewide (53%).

Notably, a slightly higher percentage of NOCCCD automotive technology students (66%) reported being employed in their field of study, compared to students throughout Orange County (62%) and California (63%).

### Exhibit 12: Automotive Technology (0948.00) Strong Workforce Program Metrics, 2020-21<sup>3</sup>

SWP Metric	NOCCCD	OC Region	California
SWP Students	587	1,345	12,679
SWP Students Who Earned 9 or More Career Education Units in the District in a Single Year	39%	35%	31%
SWP Students Who Completed a Noncredit CTE or Workforce Preparation Course	Insufficient Data	49%	78%
SWP Students Who Earned a Degree or Certificate or Attained Apprenticeship Journey Status	74	119	1,259
SWP Students Who Transferred to a Four-Year Postsecondary Institution (2019-20)	10	17	175
SWP Students with a Job Closely Related to Their Field of Study (2019-20)	66%	62%	63%
Median Annual Earnings for SWP Exiting Students	\$35,300 (\$16.97)	\$34,514 (\$16.59)	\$36,140 (\$17.38)
Median Change in Earnings for SWP Exiting Students	114%	80%	53%
SWP Exiting Students Who Attained the Living Wage	32%	31%	49%

<sup>3</sup> All SWP metrics are for 2020-21 unless otherwise noted.

## Non-Community College Supply:

For a comprehensive regional supply analysis, it is also important to consider the supply from other institutions in the region that provide training programs for these automotive technology occupations. Exhibit 13 shows the annual and two-year average number of awards conferred by these institutions in the related Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Codes:

- Automotive Engineering Technology/Technician (15.0803)
- Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician (47.0604)
- Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Technology/Technician (47.0612)

Due to different data collection periods, the most recent two-year period of available data is from 2019 to 2021. Between 2019 and 2021, non-community colleges in the region conferred an average of 528 awards annually in related training programs.

**Exhibit 13: Regional Non-Community College Awards, 2019-2021**

CIP Code	Program	College	2019-2020 Awards	2020-2021 Awards	2-Year Award Average
15.0803	Automotive Engineering Technology/Technician	Art Center College of Design	38	47	43
		Hacienda La Puente Adult Education	25	31	28
<b>Supply Subtotal/Average</b>			<b>63</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>71</b>
47.0604	Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	Baldwin Park Adult & Community Education	10	3	7
		UEI College-Gardena	127	73	100
		United Education Institute-Garden Grove	-	7	4
		United Education Institute-West Covina	98	78	88
		Universal Technical Institute-Southern California	306	206	256
<b>Supply Subtotal/Average</b>			<b>541</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>454</b>
47.0612	Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Technology/Technician	California Career School	7	-	4
<b>Supply Subtotal/Average</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Supply Total/Average</b>			<b>611</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>528</b>

## Regional Demographics

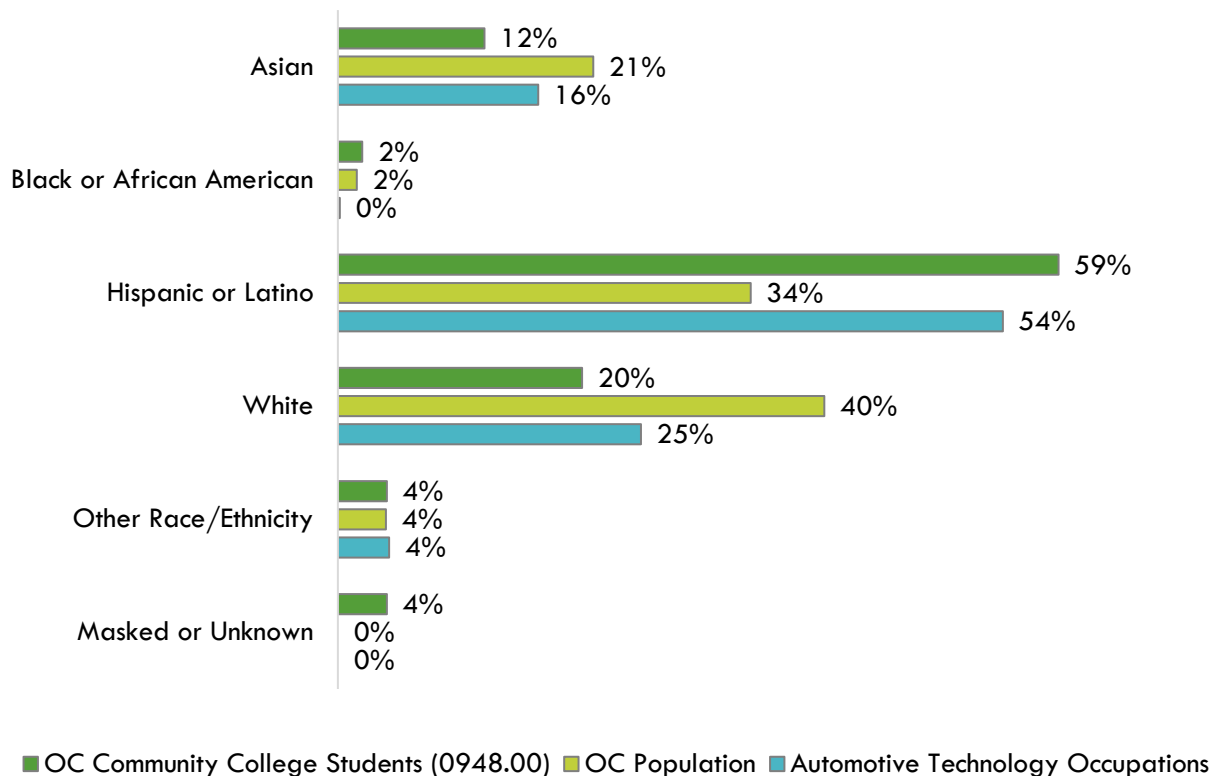
This section analyzes demographic data for Orange County community college students enrolled in automotive technology programs compared to the OC population, as well occupational data, for the purpose of identifying potential diversity and equity issues that can be addressed by community college programs.

### Ethnicity:

Exhibit 14 shows the ethnicity of Orange County community college students enrolled in automotive technology programs compared to the overall Orange County population, as well as the three automotive technology occupations included in this report. More than half (54%) of workers in these automotive technology occupations are Hispanic or Latino, which is considerably higher than the population (34%) but lower than the percentage of community college automotive technology students (59%). Notably, 25% of workers in these automotive technology occupations are white, which is higher than the percentage of community college automotive technology students (20%), but lower than the population (40%).

Examining disaggregated data for each occupation (not shown), Asian workers comprise the largest group of workers in two of the three automotive technology occupations, representing 51% of *electrical and electronics installers and repairers, transportation equipment*; and 51% of *electronic equipment installers and repairers, motor vehicles*. The remaining occupation – *automotive service technicians and mechanics* – is largely made up of Hispanic or Latino workers (55%).

Exhibit 14: Program and County Demographics by Ethnicity

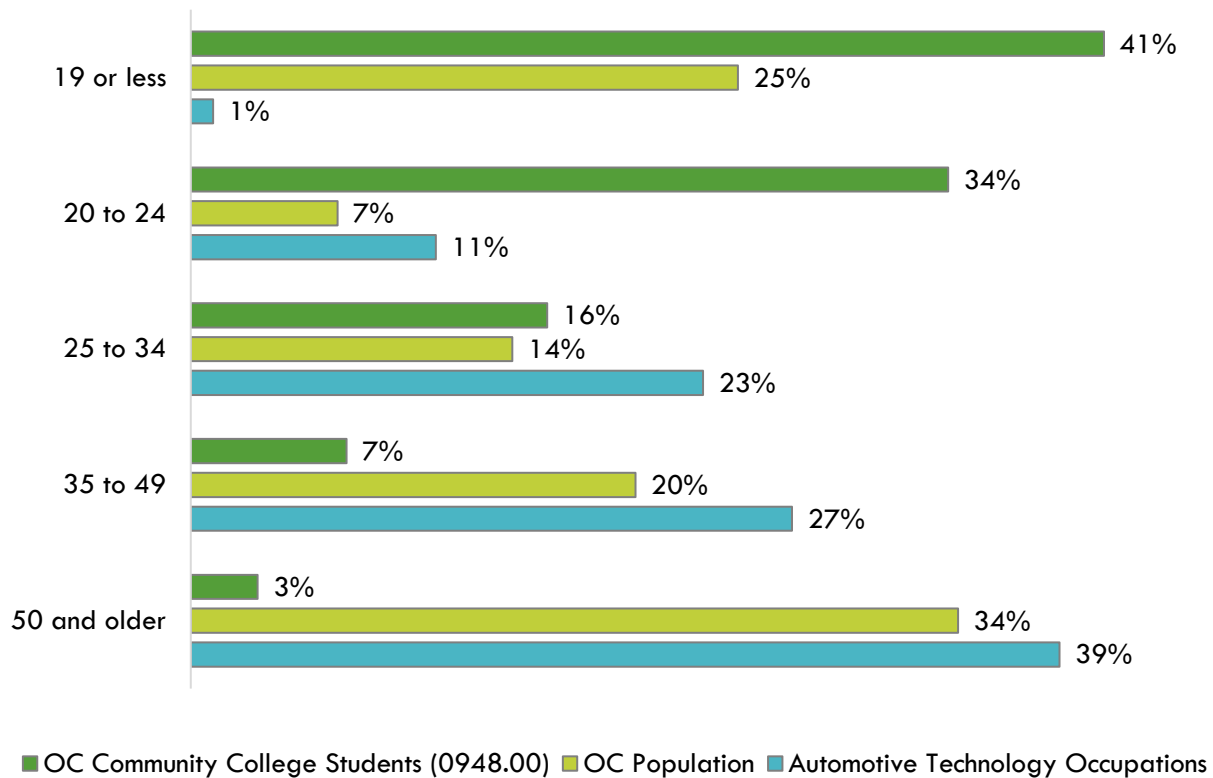


## Age:

Exhibit 15 shows the age of Orange County community college students enrolled in automotive technology programs compared to the overall Orange County population, as well as the three automotive technology occupations included in this report. The plurality (39%) of workers in these automotive technology occupations are age 50 and older, followed by 27% of workers age 35 to 49, and 23% of workers age 25 to 34. Community college automotive technology students are overwhelmingly younger, with 75% of students age 24 or younger.

Examining disaggregated data for each occupation (not shown), 35 to 49 is the largest age group for two of the three occupations: *electrical and electronics installers and repairers, transportation equipment* (47%) and *electronic equipment installers and repairers, motor vehicles* (47%). Conversely, 39% of *automotive service technicians and mechanics* are age 50 and older.

Exhibit 15: Program and County Demographics by Age



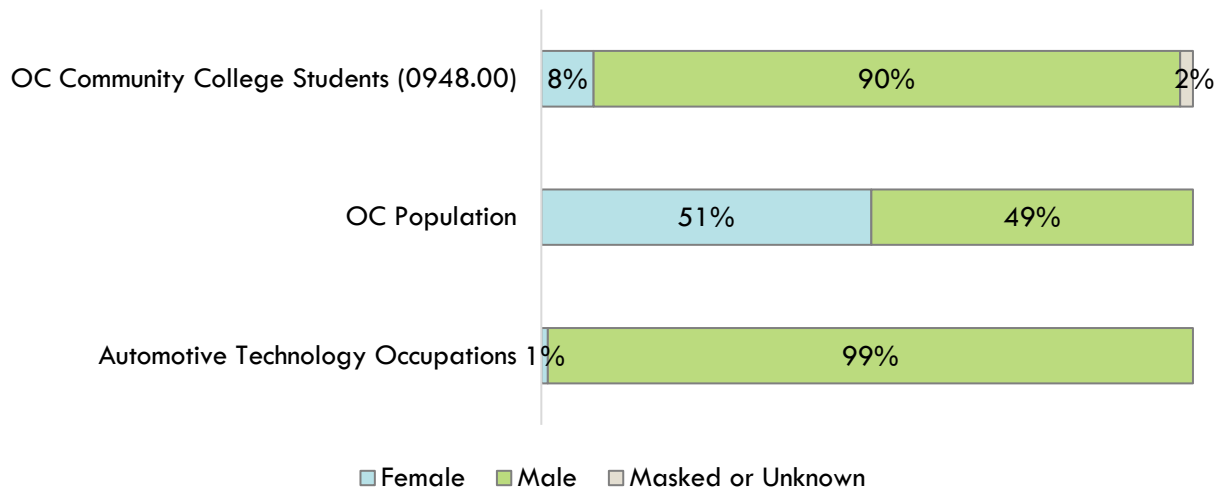
## Sex:

Exhibit 16 shows the sex of Orange County community college students enrolled in automotive technology programs compared to the overall Orange County population as well as the three automotive technology occupations included in this report.

While men and women are almost evenly represented among the population, the majority (99%) of workers in these occupations and automotive technology students in Orange County (90%) are men.

Examining disaggregated data for each occupation (not shown), male workers are the majority in all three occupations: *electrical and electronics installers and repairers, transportation equipment* (100%), *electronic equipment installers and repairers, motor vehicles* (100%); and *automotive service technicians and mechanics* (99%).

Exhibit 16: Program and County Demographics by Sex



## Appendix A: Methodology

The OC COE prepared this report by analyzing data from occupations and education programs. Occupational data is derived from Lightcast, a labor market analytics firm that consolidates data from the California Employment Development Department (EDD), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and other government agencies. Program supply data is drawn from two systems: Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) and Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP).

Using a TOP-SOC crosswalk, the OC COE identified middle-skill jobs for which programs within these TOP codes train. Middle-skill jobs include:

- All occupations that require an educational requirement of some college, associate degree or apprenticeship;
- All occupations that require a bachelor's degree, but also have more than one-third of their existing labor force with an educational attainment of some college or associate degree; or
- All occupations that require a high school diploma or equivalent or no formal education, but also require short- to long-term on-the-job training where multiple community colleges have existing programs.

The OC COE determined labor market supply for an occupation or SOC code by analyzing the number of program completers or awards in a related TOP or CIP code. The COE developed a "supply table" with this information, which is the source of the program supply data for this report. TOP code data comes from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office MIS Data Mart ([datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)) and CIP code data comes from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System ([nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data)), also known as IPEDS. TOP is a system of numerical codes used at the state level to collect and report information on California community college programs and courses throughout the state that have similar outcomes. CIP codes are a taxonomy of academic disciplines at institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada. Institutions outside of the California Community College system do not use TOP codes in their reporting systems.

Data included in this analysis represent the labor market demand for relevant positions most closely related to the proposed program as expressed by the requesting college in consultation with the OC COE. Traditional labor market information was used to show current and projected employment based on data trends, as well as annual average awards granted by regional community colleges. Real-time labor market information captures job post advertisements for occupations relevant to the field of study which can signal demand and show what employers are looking for in potential employees, but is not a perfect measure of the quantity of open positions.

All representations have been produced from primary research and/or secondary review of publicly and/or privately available data and/or research reports. The most recent data available at the time of the analysis was examined; however, data sets are updated regularly and may not be consistent with previous reports. Efforts have been made to qualify and validate the accuracy of the data and findings; however, neither the Centers of Excellence for Labor Market Research (COE), COE host district, nor California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office are responsible for the applications or decisions made by individuals and/or organizations based on this study or its recommendations.



## Appendix B: Data Sources

Data Type	Source
Occupational Projections, Wages, and Job Postings	<p>Traditional labor market information data is sourced from Lightcast, a labor market analytics firm. Lightcast occupational employment data are based on final Lightcast industry data and final Lightcast staffing patterns. Wage estimates are based on Occupational Employment Statistics and the American Community Survey. For more information, see <a href="https://lightcast.io/">https://lightcast.io/</a></p>
Living Wage	<p>The living wage is derived from the Insight Center’s California Family Needs Calculator, which measures the income necessary for an individual of family to afford basic expenses. The data assesses the cost of housing, food, child care, health care, transportation, and taxes. For more information, see: <a href="https://insightccd.org/family-needs-calculator/">https://insightccd.org/family-needs-calculator/</a></p> <p>The living wage for one adult in Orange County is \$20.63 per hour (\$42,910.40 annually). This figure is used by the CCCCCO to calculate the percentage of students that attained the regional living wage.</p>
Typical Education and Training Requirements, and Educational Attainment	<p>The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) provides information about education and training requirements for hundreds of occupations. BLS uses a system to assign categories for entry-level education, work experience in a related occupation, and typical on-the-job training to each occupation for which BLS publishes projections data. For more information, see <a href="https://www.bls.gov/emp/documentation/education/tech.htm">https://www.bls.gov/emp/documentation/education/tech.htm</a></p>
Emerging Occupation Descriptions, Additional Education Requirements, and Employer Preferences	<p>The O*NET database includes information on skills, abilities, knowledges, work activities, and interests associated with occupations. For more information, see <a href="https://www.onetonline.org/help/online/">https://www.onetonline.org/help/online/</a></p>
Educational Supply	<p>The CCCCCO Data Mart provides information about students, courses, student services, outcomes and faculty and staff. For more information, see: <a href="https://datamart.cccco.edu">https://datamart.cccco.edu</a></p> <p>The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Integrated Postsecondary Integrated Data System (IPEDS) collects data on the number of postsecondary awards earned (completions). For more information, see <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/survey-components/7/completions">https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/survey-components/7/completions</a></p>
Student Metrics and Demographics	<p>LaunchBoard, a statewide data system supported by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and hosted by Cal-PASS Plus, provides data on progress, success, employment, and earnings outcomes for California community college students. For more information, see: <a href="https://www.calpassplus.org/LaunchBoard/Home.aspx">https://www.calpassplus.org/LaunchBoard/Home.aspx</a></p>

Data Type	Source
Population and Occupation Demographics	<p>The Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) is the premier source for detailed population and housing information. For more information, see: <a href="https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs">https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs</a></p> <p>Data is sourced from IPUMS USA, a database providing access to ACS and other Census Bureau data products. For more information, see: <a href="https://usa.ipums.org/usa/about.shtml">https://usa.ipums.org/usa/about.shtml</a></p>

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