



Court Reporting (TOP 0514.30)

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Labor Market Research**

Program Recommendation

This report was compiled by the South Central Coast¹ Center of Excellence to provide regional labor market data for the program recommendation – Court Reporting. This report can help determine whether there is demand in the local labor market that is not being met by the supply from programs of study that align with the following occupation:

- Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners (SOC 27-3092)

Key Findings

- In 2023, there were 180 jobs for Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners in the South Central Coast Region.
- The number of new jobs is expected to decrease by 3% through 2028.
- However, projections show approximately 19 annual openings in the region. There were 0 awards conferred in relevant programs, indicating an undersupply.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a postsecondary nondegree award is typically required for Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners.

¹ The South Central Coast Region consists of San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, Ventura County, and the following cities from North Los Angeles County: Canyon Country, Castaic, Lake Hughes, Lancaster, Littlerock, Llano, Newhall, Palmdale, Pearblossom, Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, and Valencia.

Occupation Codes and Descriptions

There is one occupation in the standard occupational classification (SOC) system that was identified for this analysis. The occupation title and description, as well as reported job titles, are included in Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 1 – Occupation, Description, and Sample Job Titles

SOC Code	Title	Description	Sample of Reported Job Titles
27-3092	Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners	Use verbatim methods and equipment to capture, store, retrieve, and transcribe pretrial and trial proceedings or other information. Includes stenocaptioners who operate computerized stenographic captioning equipment to provide captions of live or prerecorded broadcasts for hearing-impaired viewers.	Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR), Court Monitor, Court Recording Monitor, Court Reporter, Court Stenographer, Deposition Reporter, Digital Court Reporter, Official Court Reporter, Realtime Court Reporter, Stenographer

Source: O*NET Online

Current and Future Employment

In the South Central Coast region, the number of jobs for Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners is expected to decrease by 6% through 2028. Approximately 19 annual openings are expected through 2028.

Exhibit 2 – Five-Year Projections for Court Reporters in the South Central Coast Region

SOC	Occupation	2023 Jobs	2028 Jobs	2023-2028 Change	2023-2028 % Change	Annual Openings
27-3092	Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners	180	174	(6)	(3%)	19
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Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Earnings

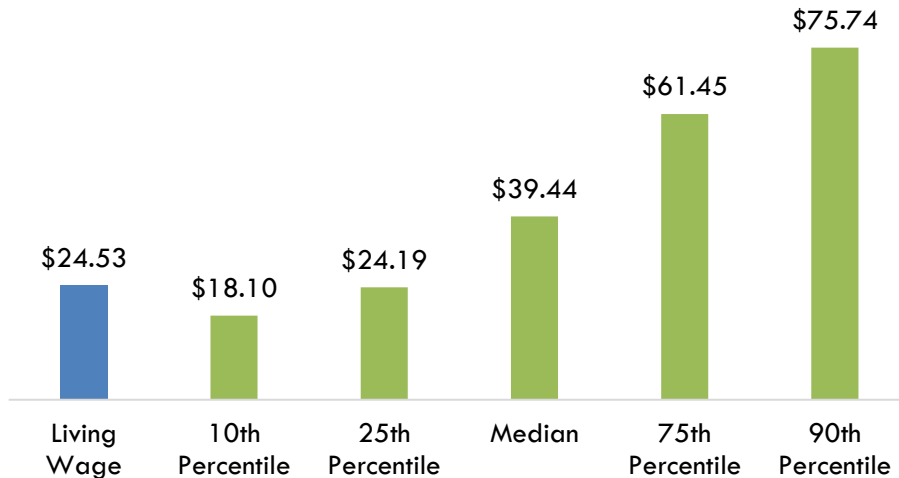
Exhibit 3 contains hourly wages for the occupation of interest. Entry-level hourly earnings are represented by the 25th percentile of wages, median hourly earnings are represented by the 50th percentile of wages, and experienced hourly earnings are represented by the 75th percentile of wages, demonstrating various levels of employment.

Exhibit 3 – Earnings for Court Reporters in the South Central Coast Region

SOC	Occupation	Entry-Level Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings	Experienced Hourly Earnings
27-3092	Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners	\$24.19	\$39.44	\$61.45

Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Exhibit 3b – Earnings for Court Reporters in the South Central Coast Region



Source: Family Needs Calculator (Living wage is based on Single Adult households with no children); Lightcast™ Analyst

Employer Job Postings

In this research brief, real-time labor market information is used to provide a more nuanced view of the current job market, as it captures job advertisements for the occupation relevant to the field of study. Employer job postings are consulted to understand who is looking for professionals in a given field, and what they are looking for in potential candidates. To identify relevant job postings, the following occupation was used:

27-3092 Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners

Top Occupations

Over the past 12 months (October 2023 to September 2024), there have been 32 employer job postings for Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners.

Exhibit 4 – Job Postings by Occupation

SOC/ONET Code	Occupation	Job Postings, Last 12 months
27-3092	Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners	32
	Total	32

Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Top Titles

The top job titles for employers posting ads for Court Reporters are listed in Exhibit 5.

Exhibit 5 – Job Titles

Title	Job Postings, Last 12 months
Court Reporters	11
Official Court Reporters	8
Stenographers	7
Court Stenographers	6

Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Top Employers

Exhibit 6 lists the major employers hiring professionals in the field of interest. The top employers posting job ads were Superior Court California and State of California.

Exhibit 6 – Top Employers

Employer	Job Postings, Last 12 months
Superior Court California	8
State of California	7
Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara	4
Esquire Deposition Solutions	3

Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Skills

The tables in Exhibit 7 list employers' most commonly requested skills in job postings related to Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners. Court Reporting is the most sought-after specialized skill for employers. Transcribing was the most requested baseline skill. There is insufficient data for software and programming skills.

Exhibit 7 – Specialized Skills

Skills	Job Postings, Last 12 months
Court Reporting	15
Stenography	13
Shorthand	13
Punctuation and Capitalization	12
Vocabulary	7
Business English	6
Dictation	5
Proofreading	4
Legal Depositions	4
Legal Hearings	4

Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Exhibit 7b – Baseline Skills

Skills	Job Postings, Last 12 months
Transcribing	26
Grammar	16
Typing	8
Communication	7
English Language	7
Writing	7
Coordinating	4
Clerical Works	3
Editing	3
Time Management	3

Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Exhibit 7c – Software and Programming Skills

Skills	Job Postings, Last 12 months
Insufficient Data	-
Insufficient Data	-
Insufficient Data	-
Insufficient Data	-

Source: Lightcast™ Analyst

Education and Training

Exhibit 8 shows the typical entry-level education requirement for Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners along with the typical on-the-job training needed to attain competency in the occupation.

Exhibit 8 – Education and Training Requirements

SOC	Occupation	Typical entry-level education	Typical on-the-job training
27-3092	Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners	Postsecondary nondegree award	Short-term on-the-job training

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Projections (Educational Attainment)

Regional Completions and Openings

Between 2020 and 2023, there were 0 awards conferred in the South Central Coast region aligned with the programs that have historically trained for the occupation of interest.

Exhibit 9 – Three-Year Average of Awards Conferred in the Region

TOP/CIP Code	Program	3-Year Average (2020-2023)
0514.30	Court Reporting	-
22.0303	Court Reporting and Captioning/Court Reporter	-
	Total	0

Source: Datamart and IPEDS

Sources

O*Net Online, Lightcast™ Analyst, MIT Living Wage Calculator, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Education Attainment, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Management Information Systems (MIS) Data Mart, CTE LaunchBoard, Statewide CTE Outcomes Survey, Employment Development Department Unemployment Insurance Dataset

Notes

Data included in this analysis represent the labor market demand for relevant positions most closely related to Court Reporting. 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 and 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.