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Project Organization & Fact Gathering

- o Align goals and expectations for the project with key stakeholders
- o Review documentation and determine key data sources

• Market & Demographic Analysis

- o Identify current and future demographic and market demand shifts in SMC's region
- o Highlight skills and job demands and gaps within SMC's service area

Task 2

Task

Academic Portfolio Analysis

- o Assess SMC's instructional portfolio's alignment with future employer and market needs
- Recommend adjustments to the future program of instruction to best align to market needs and SMC's mission

Task 3

Enrollment Forecasting

o Develop dynamic enrollment model to forecast the next 5-10 years of enrollments at SMC

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• Final Reports & Presentations

Synthesize findings into a presentation with themes, data, takeaways and recommendations



Project Goals are Broad and Strategic

Though the following slides speak specifically to academic programs and the projected regional job market, it is important to remember that this is just a single piece that informs subsequent tasks and the larger education strategic plan.

PROJECT GOALS



Understand the current and future market and demographic trends that will impact future SMC enrollment and program demand.



Analyze SMC's instructional programs and pathways to best align them with future market needs



Create a long-range Educational Plan for the District through the year 2032/33 and identify the key planning elements and parameters for longterm development.



Enrollment Context

Online Enrollments Projected to Continue Increasing

The recent Changing Landscape of Online Education (CHLOE) Report highlights the current state of online learning and offers insights into future trends compiled from surveying Chief Online Officers at higher education institutions.

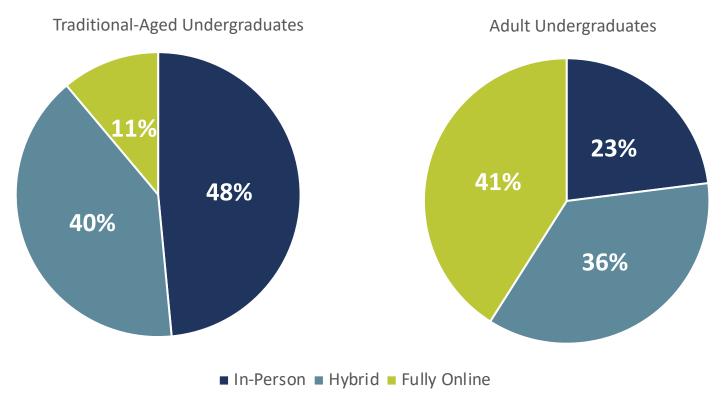
Notable Findings, CHLOE Report 8



Adult Learners Prefer Fully Online Learning

Recent trends indicate fully online program enrollment is growing among both traditional aged and adult undergraduates (51% and 36% respectively). Although both age groups have demonstrated growth, adult learners are projected to have a stronger preference for online.

2025 Projected Enrollment by Modality



It is important for SMC to note these nuances in preferences as its demographics are projected to shift toward adult learners.

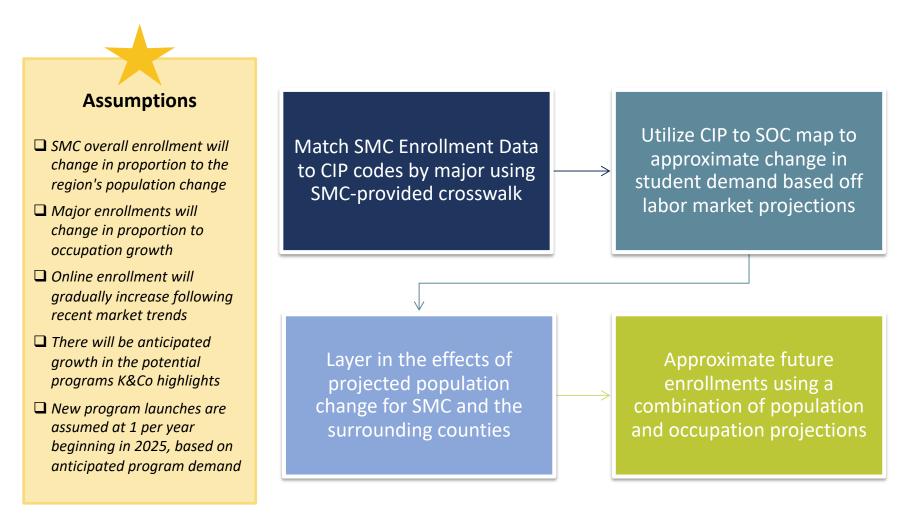
Source: CHLOE 8: Student Demand Moves Higher Ed Toward a Multi-Modal Future





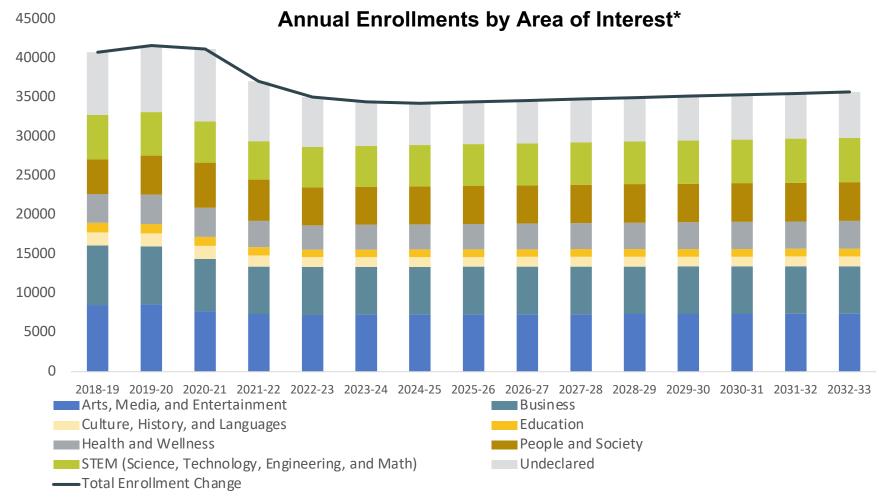
Enrollment Forecasting Methodology

Kennedy and Company employed Bureau of Labor Statistics metrics, population projections, and Santa Monica College internal data to project SMC's future enrollments.



SMC Enrollments Steadily Increase over the Next Decade

SMC's enrollments for students are only projected to moderately increase as the overall population of Santa Monica's service area may experience a decrease in population.



^{*}Annual Enrollments by declared majors, excludes unreported students

Largest Enrollments Remain in Same Programs

Nine of the ten predicted future largest programs are currently Santa Monica's largest programs. Although accounting remains in the largest programs, it is projected to decrease in size. Cosmetology is the only new program projected to break into the top 10 by 2033.

Program	SMC Enrollment Growth (F'16-S'23)	Regional Market Size	Regional Market Growth	Current Total Regional Jobs	Projected Job Growth	SMC Enrollment (2022-23)	Projected Enrollment (2032-33)				
Top 10 Largest											
Computer Science	•	•	•	•	•	2,133	2,380				
Registered Nursing	•	•	•	•	•	1,948	2,299				
Business Administration	•	•	•	•	•	1,743	1,790				
General Science	•	•	•	•		1,148	1,223				
Art	•	•	•	<u>•</u>		1,122	1,161				
Accounting	•	•	•	•	0	1,067	999				
Early Childhood Education	•	•	•	•	•	896	910				
Film Production	•	•	•	•	•	880	887				
Psychology	•	•	•	•	•	826	877				
Cosmetology	•	•	•	•	•	775	833				
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percentile/median

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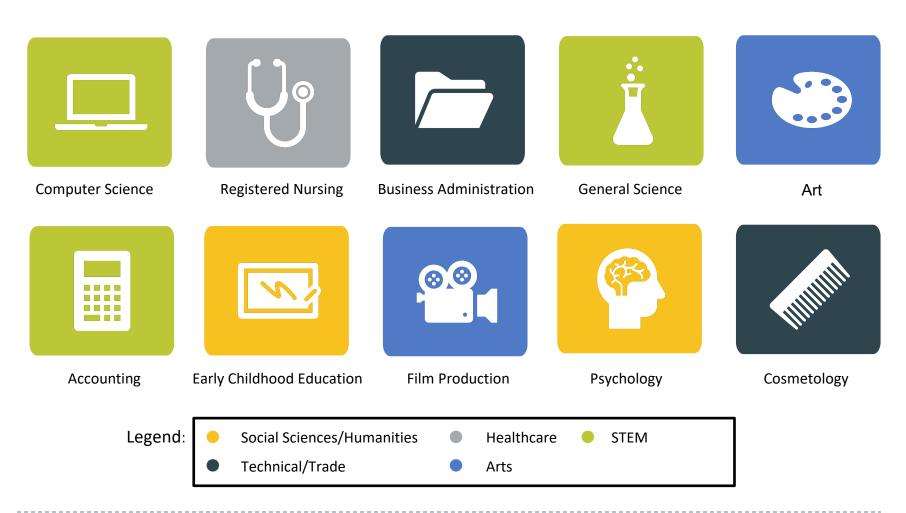
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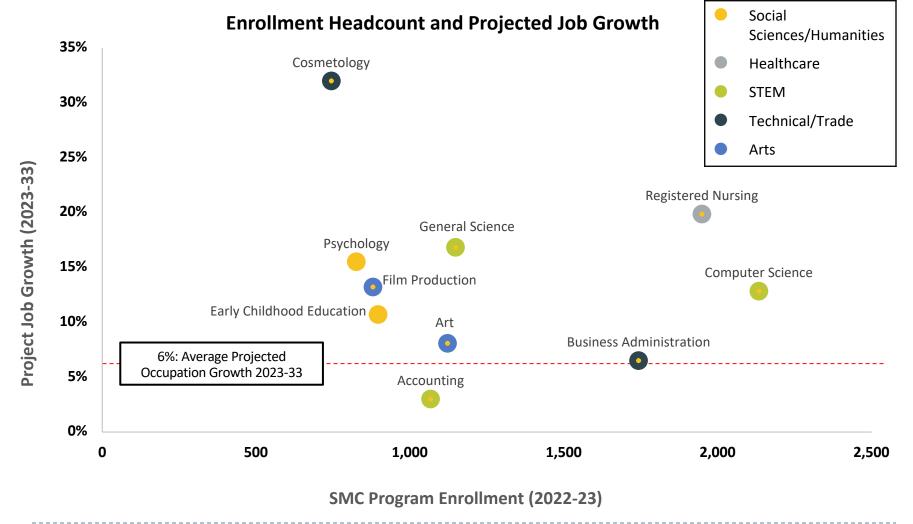
Major Programs Stretch Across Disciplines

STEM programs have the most programs represented in the largest programs. Although it is the only healthcare program in the largest ten, Registered Nursing is expected to increase substantially by over 300 students.



High Projected Job Growth in Popular Programs

SMC's largest programs are consistently above the average projected job growth. Computer science has the largest headcount as of 2022-2023 and is predicted to also be the largest program in 2033.



Demand Potential

Potential Programs To Attract New Students

Kennedy and Company identified ten potential programs for SMC to consider launching. These programs are in areas that are in high demand and can expect to attract students to SMC.

Program	Regional Market Size	Regional Market Growth	Current Total Regional Jobs	Projected Job Growth	Overall Ranking	Potential Program Launch
Public Health	•	•	•	•	•	2025
Social Work	•	•	•	•	•	2026
Systems Science and Theory	0	•	•	•	•	2027
Biomedical Sciences	0	•	•	•	•	2028
Econometrics and Quantitative Economics	•	•	•	•	•	2029
Family and Consumer Sciences	•	\circ	•	•	•	2030
E-Commerce/ Electronic Commerce	0	•	•	•	•	2031
Information Resources Management	0	•	•	•	•	2032
Aerospace Engineering	•	0	•	•	•	2033
Biomathematics/Bioinformatics/Computational Bio	0	•	•	•	•	2034

Regional Market Size:

= Small existing market

= Large existing market

Current Total Regional Jobs:

= Low regional employment = High regional employment

Regional Market Growth:

= Negative or zero growth

= High growth

Projected Job Growth:

○ = Negative or zero projected job growth ● = High and continued projected job growth



Additional Future Considerations

Programs Must be Easier to Find for Gen Z Learners

Gen Z's behaviors surrounding digital searches, decision-making, and consumption of information, goods, and services differ from previous generations, so ensuring clarity and ease of access is key for colleges and universities looking to attract learners.

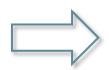
Gen Z Characteristics

How to Address Learner Needs



Convenience Shoppers¹

Prefer easy access to goods and services over brand loyalty or deals





Make all programs searchable by keyword and relevant skills so students can see all related majors and disciplines without additional search effort.



"Confused by Over-Choice"1

Will limit searches to filters available in e-commerce platform





Offer outcomes-based search functionalities or thematic groupings on the website to prevent "decision paralysis" and disengagement.



Digital "Snackers"2

Average attention span of 8 seconds, down from 12 seconds in 2000, wants information to grab their attention





Gamify area of study options with quizzes, short blurbs about outcomes, and sample class schedules to continuously capture prospective students' attention.

Streamlining program names and connections to skills, as well as ensuring students can filter for those skills and keywords, will help keep relevant SMC programs visible and viable for Gen Z learners.

[&]quot;Consumer Decision-making Style of Gen Z: A Generational Cohort Analysis," Global Business Review, 2019, 2 - Engaging Generation Z, 2017

Data Limitations Impact Strategic Planning Ability

Current-state data collection and management at SMC can be better supported to help the institution understand realities, determine needs, and make data-informed strategic decisions.

Data

- Inconsistent data pre-2018
- Program name/curriculum changes create historical enrollment mismatch
- Use of TOP codes instead of CIP codes hinders ability to understand larger market research trends
- Data (major, program, department, discipline) overlaps with itself without strong crosswalk

Impact

- Limits ability to get more granular with existing data, particularly with non-credit programs
- Creates high-level storytelling challenges
- Lack of clear data makes strategic planning decisions murkier
- Sharing data without strong crosswalk can lead to misunderstanding

Needs

- Support stronger data sharing between areas with limited current-state communication
- Determine and collect needto-know data for future decision making/strategic plan creation
- Create culture of data collection/management/ analysis centered around institutional needs rather than simply what needs to be reported to the state

Creating a strong network of data specialists in multiple units will ensure clearer communication, more robust data, and the ability to identify areas for improvement and react quickly to continue providing best-in-class programs and student services.



Data Imperative for Program and Resource Planning

Strong SMC data will help inform future enrollment forecasts and give greater insight into how the institution will need to plan to effectively support future learners in new and existing academic programs.



Robust data collection and analysis will help ensure the institution is looking holistically at student needs as it creates strategic growth plans that will sustain the institution in the next decade and beyond.

KEY INTERVIEW THEMES

Interview List

During discovery interviews, Kennedy & Company connected with over 50 stakeholders from across SMC to understand their goals for the EMP process, current strengths of the college and opportunities for future growth.

SMC President

Senior Leadership
Team

Admissions & Records

Faculty Senate Leadership

Equity, Pathways & Inclusion

Distance Education & Online Learning

Student Affairs & Support

Non-credit Programs

Facilities Planning,
Construction &
Management

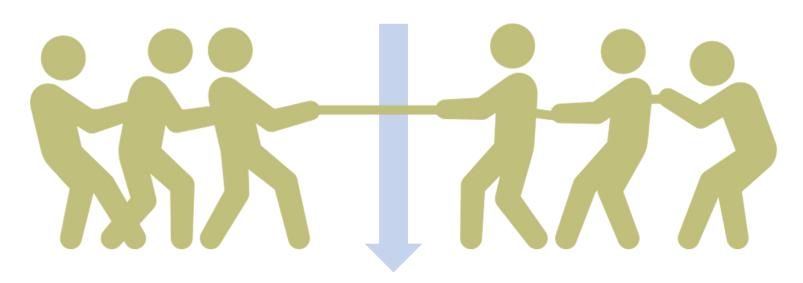
Workforce & Economic Development



Preserving Core Strength & Preparing for the Future

Throughout the course of K&Co's interviews, it became clear that at the heart of Santa Monica College's EMP will need to be a path forward to alleviate the tension the College is feeling between its historical strength in transfer and increasing market demand for career education.

How can the college maintain a destination for those seeking transfer opportunities while also advancing a career education function that can respond to regional needs?



How can SMC's brand and infrastructure evolve to support "Transfer +"?

FIVE KEY THEMES EMERGED IN INTERVIEWS

During Kennedy & Company's initial interviews a series of themes came to the fore. SMC has been a historical leader in transfer education, but as it prepares for the future, it will need to invest in supporting its career education programs and hybrid and online course modalities.



Strength in transfer rates to the UC system and other 4-year institutions has been a longstanding key differentiator for SMC that has driven its brand identity and resource investment. This focus may need to be expanded as the demographic cliff approaches



Career Education has been an area of innovation for SMC, but has not historically received the centralized marketing and branding support needed to reach its full potential



SMC has built an infrastructure to support comprehensive wrap-around services for students, but needs continued support to handle increasing volume and further develop culturally supportive resources to support an increasingly diverse student body



The College has explored online and hybrid education, but needs additional structure and support to remain innovative and ensure a standard quality of experience for students



A successful EMP will need to create connections between the various master plans and vision documents currently in development at SMC



Transfer Education is Core to the SMC Brand Identity



It was emphasized that SMC's strength in transfer rates is core to its identity and a key reason that students travel from outside the district, and often the state, to attend SMC. However, many worry that the outsized focus on the transfer brand may be a blind spot for the college.



"SMC has been leading in the number of UC transfers for 32 years. This is why students drive past a hundred colleges to get here. They come for the reputation."

AREAS OF CONCERN



- Other colleges are finding ways to brand as #1
- Some prospective students think they "don't have the grades" to get into SMC
- Concern that there may be a them v. us between GE and CE



"We have a motto here,
'Everyone does transfer.' You
should be able to get transfer
support from any counselor
here. That's what we strive for."



"Most community colleges may have 50 colleges that show up to a fair. We have 250 colleges pack in the quad. They come from everywhere because the students are that good."



CE Has Historical Innovation, Needs More Support



SMC's career education programming has been responsive to market need and in recent years has made relationships with industry to develop new programs. However, as students become increasingly focused on career connections, CE will need differentiated support from SMC.

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS



Silo Reduction

Need for increased collaboration between general education and career education as students and parents becomes increasingly career focused



Marketing

Program-specific
marketing support will
be necessary to reach
students looking for
specific career-focused
programs and skills



Outcomes Feedback

Develop robust,
technology-supported
feedback loops from
students and
employers to
understand ROI,
outcomes, and skills
needs

For CE to be responsive to changing market needs and emerging careers, CE must continue to be developed as a nimble function that can pivot quickly and is designed to be accessible to a diverse coalition of learners.



Wraparound Services Are Robust but Strained



SMC has cultivated a robust suite of wraparound services designed to meet students where they are. As the college continues to welcome an increasingly diverse student body, it will need focus on building belonging across all student groups and removing barriers to access key resources.

Recognizing New Student Needs

As SMC continues to welcome a group of learners who are working adults and connecting with the college in virtual and hybrid structures, it will need to ensure that it has the resources, schedules, and access points most needed by these learners

More Communication for Special Programs

SMC has several special programs with embedded resources that support a variety of underrepresented student populations, but students often don't know they are eligible for these programs

Uneven Feelings of Belonging

SMC has placed an increasing focus on supporting its diverse student population, as highlighted by the opening of the Student Equity Center. However, belonging among certain populations, such as Black students, still lags behind SMC goals

Long Wait Times

The college has a robust counseling staff, but they are often still stretched thin. Students frequently wait, both virtually and inperson, for 4 hours or more for counseling appointments during peak seasons

While SMC must consider how to continue to give students the flexibility to access student services remotely, an increasing return to campus culture will require that the College create more spaces for students to gather, study, and build community.

Opportunity for Continued Growth in Distance Modalities



Since the pandemic, SMC has been giving increased attention the development of its distance and hybrid capabilities. However, there is a need for clarity from the college on a path forward in order for appropriate investment to be made in the continued growth of online modalities.

Distance Modalities Offer Growth Opportunities

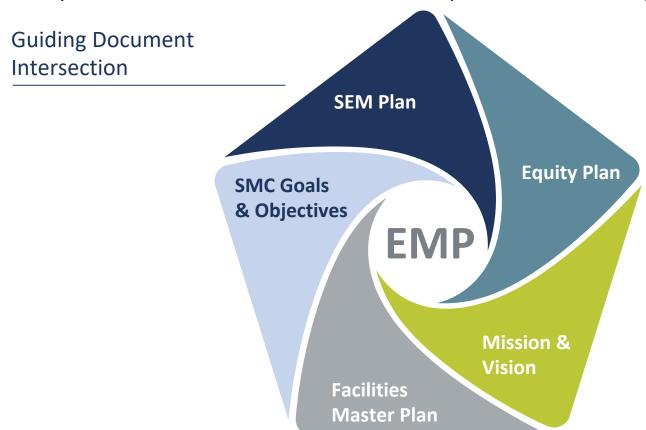
- SMC's high-flex hybrid pilot has given the college the ability to test out new hybrid learning approaches, but there isn't consensus on a future approach
- There are various professional development opportunities for faculty to get training for online modalities, but training is not required
- Uneven utilization of online tools, such as the LMS, by faculty lead to high variation in the quality of the student experience in distance courses
- The addition of an in-house instructional designer to the SMC staff will allow for increased resource development for online and hybrid course modalities
- Continue growth in this space will require sustained technology investment



NEED CLEAR CONNECTION ACROSS KEY GUIDING DOCUMENTS



Previous planning efforts have fallen short in creating connections across key institutional guiding documents. For the future Strategic Plan for Education to be impactful for SMC, it will need to clearly connect and intersect with other core SMC plans that are currently in development.



Ultimately, SMC must ensure that the services and programs it prioritizes for development and investment must be directed and driven by student demand and be supported by the spaces to accommodate those services and programs.



Survey Analysis

Executive Summary

- Questions included the effectiveness of hybrid/distance learning structures, strengths and areas of opportunity in existing facilities and services, support for various student populations, additional opportunities for program growth, and Strategic Plan for Education success measures
- The survey was deployed on December 13, 2023, and closed on April 28, 2024
- 109 respondents completed some or all survey questions
- * 85 respondents identified their main role as Faculty (78.0%), 10 as Administrator/Manager (9.2%), and 14 as Support Staff (12.8%)
- Roughly one-third of respondents (32.1%) indicated that they would be willing to talk further about their responses
- Both hybrid/distance learning structures and student supports were rated as somewhat effective
- Many programs recommended for growth are already offered at SMC or in Community Education, which suggests potential needs/offerings mismatch
- Recommended success measures extend beyond student outcomes and are heavily reliant on data collection and analysis over the next five years

Most Hybrid/Distance Structures Somewhat Effective

When asked to rate the effectiveness of seven hybrid/distance education structures at SMC, mean responses for each item fell in the "Somewhat Effective" to "Very Effective" range.

Online Online Online Learning Hyflex **Scheduling** Help Desk/IT **Asynchronous Synchronous Tutoring** Management Classrooms **Flexibility** Support Offerings System Offerings Support Mean: 3.35 Mean: 3.62 Mean: 4.01 Mean: 3.53 Mean: 3.74 Mean: 3.81 Mean: 4.21 Somewhat Somewhat Verv Neutral 3 Ineffective Ineffective **Effective** Effective

Selected Comments:

"Hybrid asynchronous with on ground labs in the sciences allows our working students to go to school...with quality lecture recordings, this is the best long term option, if we stop offering, they will go elsewhere."

"Our local IT HD needs a bit of help in educating the staff on knowledge base items that might not be directly under the purview and know where/what department to handoff to for seamless support."

"The schedule is almost entirely dictated by faculty preferences instead of students' preferences. While adding courses to enrollment demand is nice, it is only a band-aid for the ongoing problem of non-student-centered scheduling."

Strengthening hybrid classrooms and scheduling flexibility can greatly improve students' experience and help build SMC's distance learning brand that will support and attract nontraditional learners over the next 5-10 years.



Special Programs, Cost, and Transfer are Seen as Strengths

Respondents rated on a sliding scale from -5 to +5 whether 16 areas were strengths or areas for opportunity. Nearly all were just above 0, indicating that responses were mixed but more positive than negative in most areas.

Opportunities (< 1.00)

- Course Scheduling: -0.91
- Non-Academic Facilities: -0.03
- Academic Facilities: 0.32
- Student Connection to Community/Affinity Groups: 0.50
- Transportation: 0.69
- Internship/Career Services: 0.83
- Connecting Academics to Real-World Skills: 0.86



Neutral (1.00-2.00)

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: 1.08
- · Area of Study Options: 1.14
- Student Instructional Support: 1.18
- Environmental/Climate Literacy: 1.26
- Academic Counseling: 1.47
- Faculty: 1.92



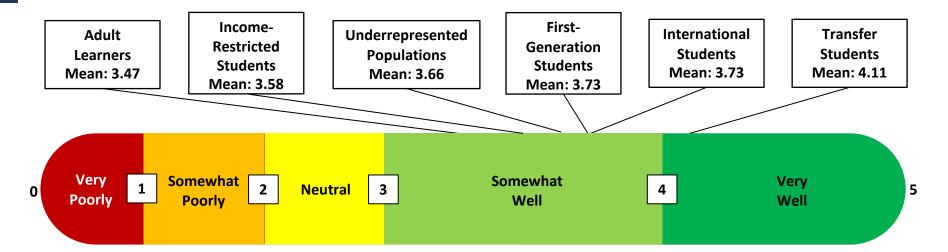
- Transfer Counseling: 2.15
- · Special Programs: 2.67
- Cost of Attendance: 2.72

Though several areas are relatively strong, most areas surveyed illustrate opportunity for growth that can be systematized and prioritized in the Strategic Plan for Education.



STUDENT POPULATIONS SUPPORTED SOMEWHAT WELL

When asked how well or poorly facilities and infrastructures at SMC supported specific student populations, mean responses for each item fell in the "Somewhat Well" to "Very Well" range.



Selected Comments:

"More support and consideration for parenting students is very much needed."

"There is no dormitory nor housing system that I'm aware of. Something that both low income students and the precious foreign students would benefit from."

"Many income-restricted students report difficulty obtaining the textbooks/required materials for their classes, especially when they are also having difficulty with financial aid. Additionally, many of these students take public transportation for an hour or more each way to attend SMC, which can seriously impact their time management and ability to study."

This data suggest that, while SMC is supporting larger, more established populations that align with the institution's brand, there is an opportunity to better support students from historically at-risk backgrounds.



Mix of Programs and Credentials Can Attract Students

Respondents indicated that adding programs and credentials in multiple fields, as well as creating paired bachelor's degree programs for existing associate's programs create opportunities to attract and serve students.



Healthcare

- Health Sciences
- Dental Hygiene
- Environmental Medical Business



STEM

- Cloud Computing
- Vet Tech
- A.S. in Mathematics
- Climate Change/ Sustainability
- Create BS for Recycling & Resource Management



Career/Vocational

- Automotive
- Construction
- Culinary Arts
- GED/HS Completion courses
- Yoga Instruction Certificate
- Film/TV Production Certificates (Applied)



Liberal Arts/Arts

- Game Design
- **IxD**/Entertainment Certificates
- Ethnic Studies
- B.A. in Film
- Fashion Design and Merchandising

Many programs suggested already exist at SMC (bolded) or fall under the purview of Community Education (italicized). Reconsidering SMC's portfolio may help ensure programs and credentials offered are student- and market-responsive.



Success Measures for Strategic Education Plan

When asked how SMC will know if its new Strategic Plan for Education is successful in five years, respondents noted general metrics and the need to create one-year milestones to ensure the SPE is on track to meet its overall goals by year five.

- · Enrollment growth
- Increased grants/endowment
- Faculty/staff retention
- New programs developed in response to student and market demands
- Part-time/full-time faculty ratio (25:75)



Institutional

e faculty ratio (25:75)



Student

Increased completion rates

Increased certificate completion rates

Decreased drop-out/stop-out rates

Support for income-restricted students

- Closing racial equity gaps re: grades and completion
- Improved reputation (model of excellence and free thought)
- Enrollment that mirrors the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region



Cultural

- Transfer-level math and English completion/success rate
- Employment rates stronger movement from degree/certificate into the labor force
- Transfer rates/transfer success at new institution



Outcomes

Many of the metrics recommended require robust and intentional data collection and analysis across SMC to measure outcomes and determine trends.

Legacy Programs: Largest Enrollments

Data Methodology

Coupling Santa Monica College data with regional completion data and projected occupation and job growth, Kennedy and Company was able to highlight SMC programs with the greatest demand currently and in the future.

Raw Data

- Internal Data (Source: Santa Monica College)
- Regional Completion Data (Source: National Center for Education Statistics)
- Projected Occupation and Job Growth (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Analysis

- Identify legacy SMC programs with the greatest demand using headcount and enrollment percent change
- Use projected growth metrics to approximate future program demand

Result

- Largest SMC programs
- Fastest and slowest growing programs



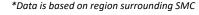
Metric Definitions

SMC Enrollment: Unduplicated headcount per major 2022-23 Regional Market Size: Associate's Degree completions in 2022

Current Total Regional Jobs: 2023 count of jobs

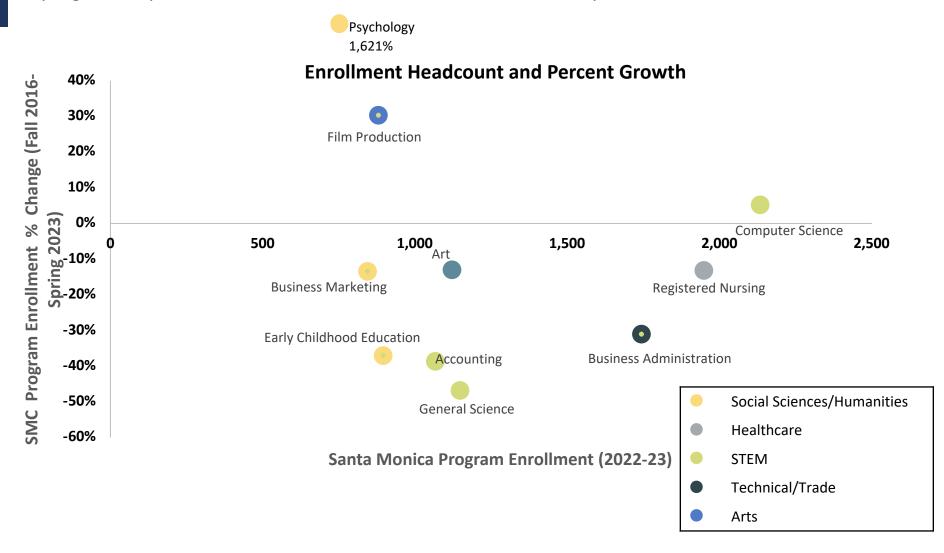
SMC Enrollment Growth: Percent change unduplicated headcount 2016-17 to 2022-23

Regional Market Growth: Associate's Degree completion percent change from 2017-22 Projected Job Growth: Percent change for job growth projections from 2023-33



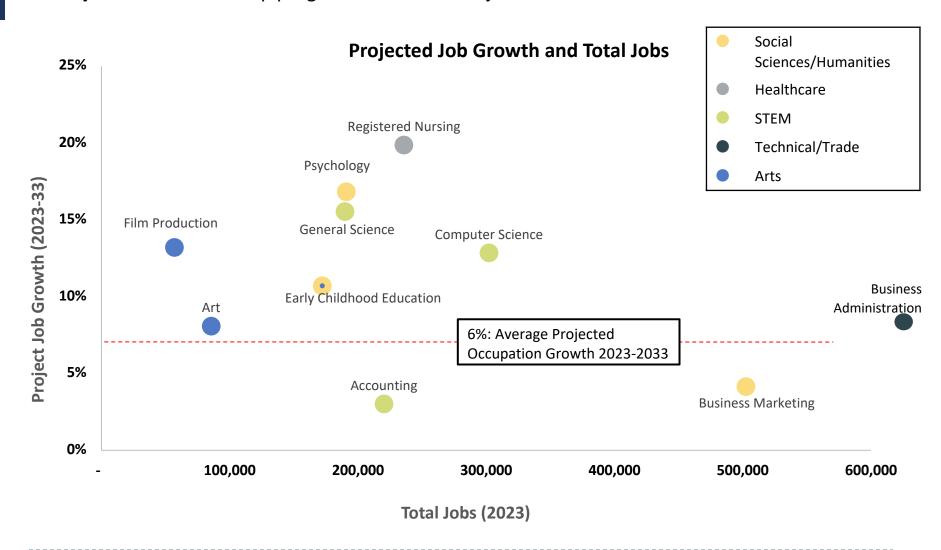
Growing Degree Market for Selected Programs

Regardless of enrollment size, most programs show little growth. Seven out of ten of the largest programs experienced a decline in headcount over the last five years.



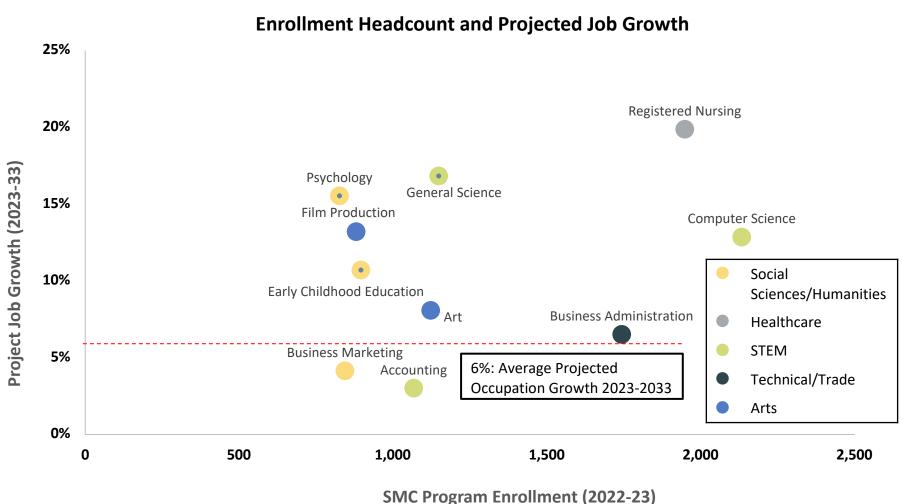
Sizeable Job Market in the SMC Region

Business administration boasts a substantial job market at over 1 million total jobs. The average total jobs across SMC's top programs is about 281K jobs.



Occupation Growth High for SMC's Strong Programs

SMC's largest programs are consistently above the average projected job growth. Computer science has the largest headcount as of 2022-2023.



Growing Programs Vary in Key Metrics

K&Co has identified relative areas of strength and weakness for programs across SMC's portfolio. Many of these large enrollment programs align also have current strong job totals and are projected to have continued job growth into the next decade.

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Art	1,122	•	•	•	•	•					
Accounting	1,067	•			•						
Early Childhood Education	896	•		•	•						
Film Production	880	•	•	•	•						
Business Marketing	844	•	•	•	•	0					
Psychology	826	•	•	•	•	•					

Key

= less than 25th percentile

=25th to 50th percentile

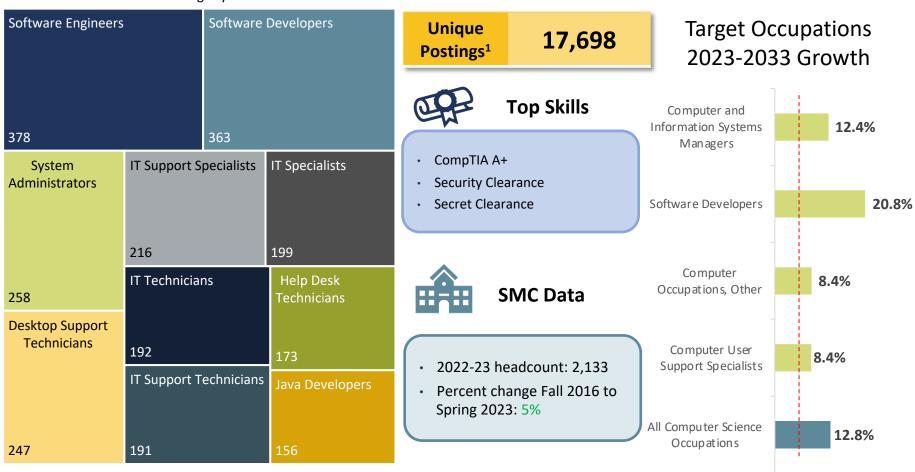
= 50th percentile/median

= 50th to 75th percentile

= greater than 75th percentile

Computer science programs lead to various careers in the tech industry that have particularly sought after skills.

Job Postings by Title¹

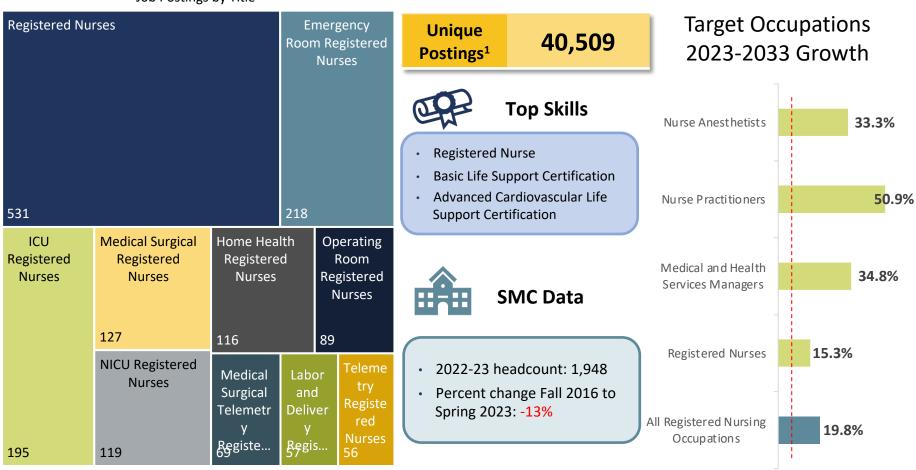


^{*}Occupations from BLS Employment Projects; pulled from Job Postings by Title – when too much overlap occurred, postings selected by corresponding SOC code with highest volume

REGISTERED NURSING

Registered nursing is one SMC's largest programs, but enrollment in the program remained steady over the past 6 years.

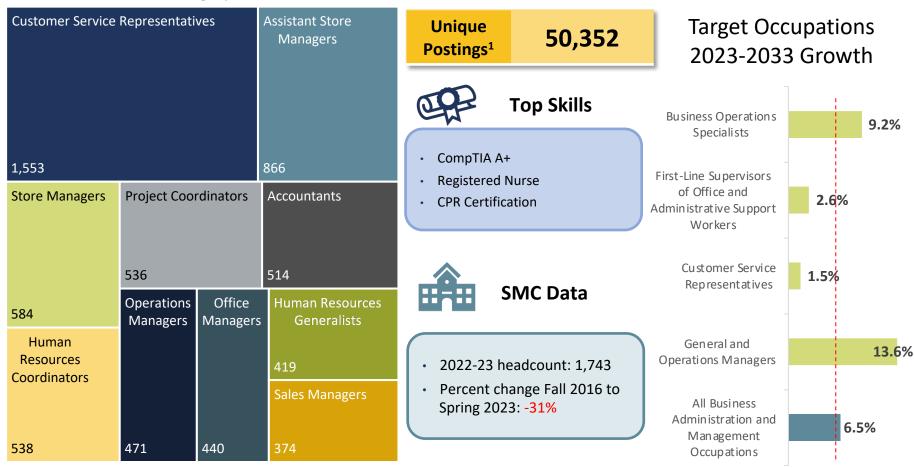
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Despite SMC's large enrollment in the business administration program and the sizeable job market, the program has experienced significant enrollment declines.

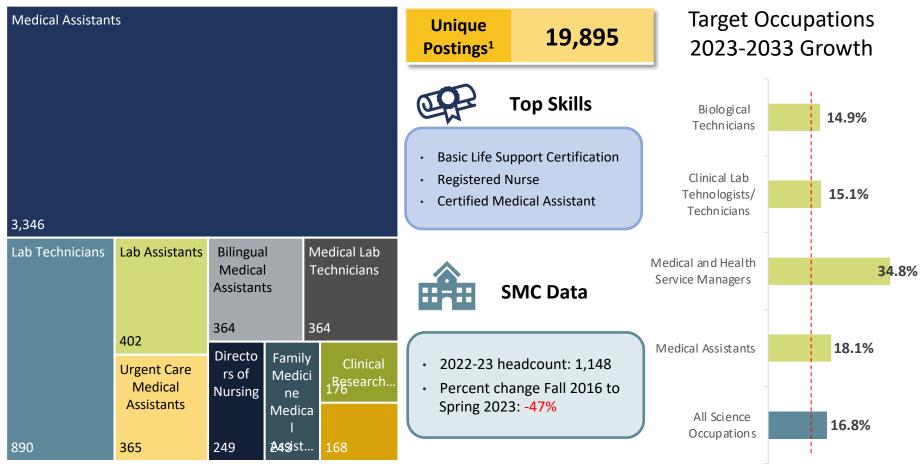
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A degree in general science can be used to obtain various roles in the medical industry, which are expected to experience more than double the growth of an average occupation.

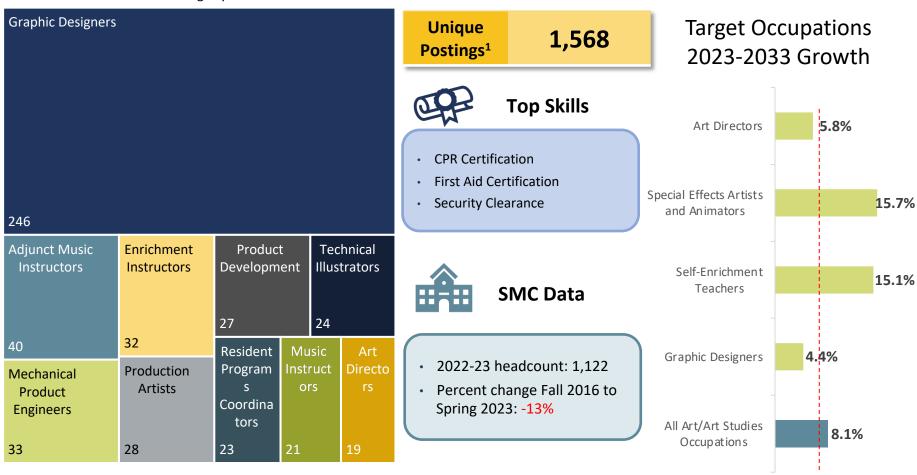
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An art degree can be applied across various industries from marketing to education. Some sample job postings include graphic designers and product development.

Job Postings by Title¹

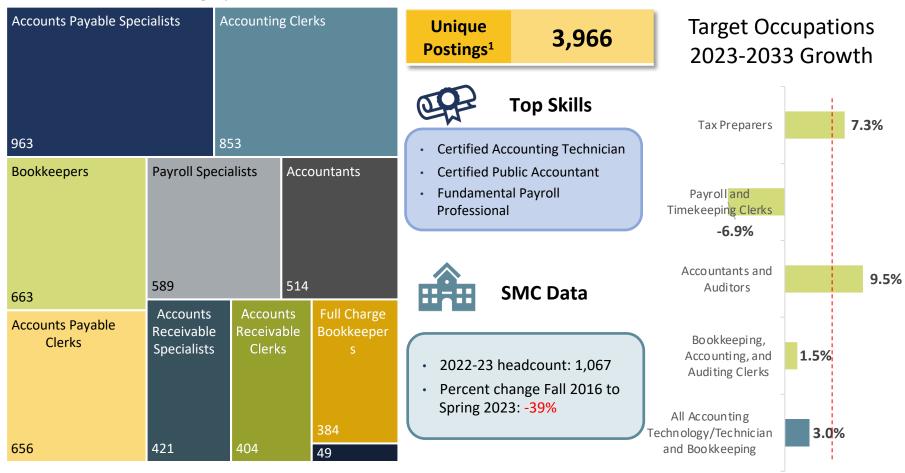


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The accounting program teaches a specialized set of skills that can be applied across finance and accounting. Although accounting is one of SMC's largest programs, it has low projected job growth.

Job Postings by Title¹

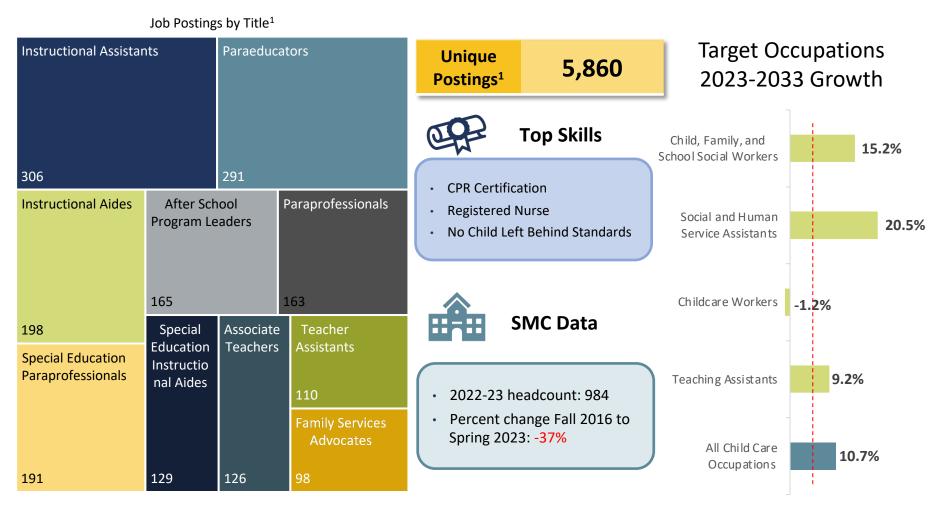


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Early Childhood Education



The early childhood education program has typically been one of SMC's largest programs. These careers are also expected to grow at above average rates.

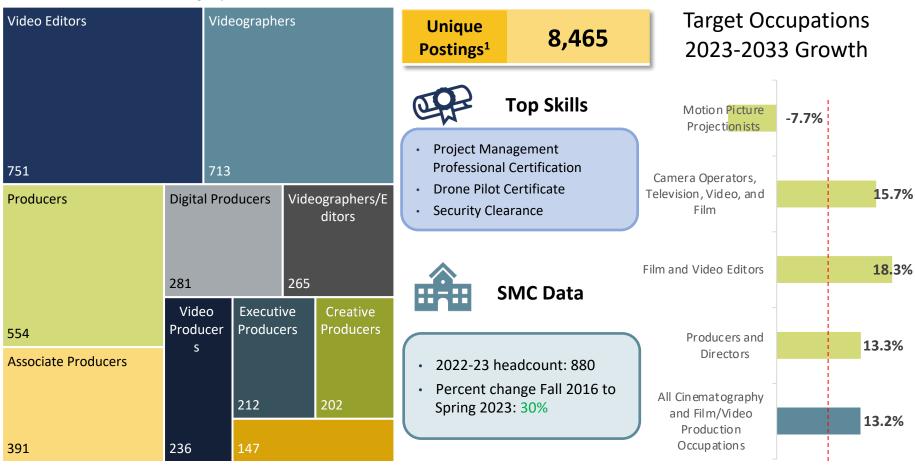


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Most film production occupations are projected to have twice the national job growth average. Film production careers seek unique qualifications such as a drone pilot certificate.

Job Postings by Title¹



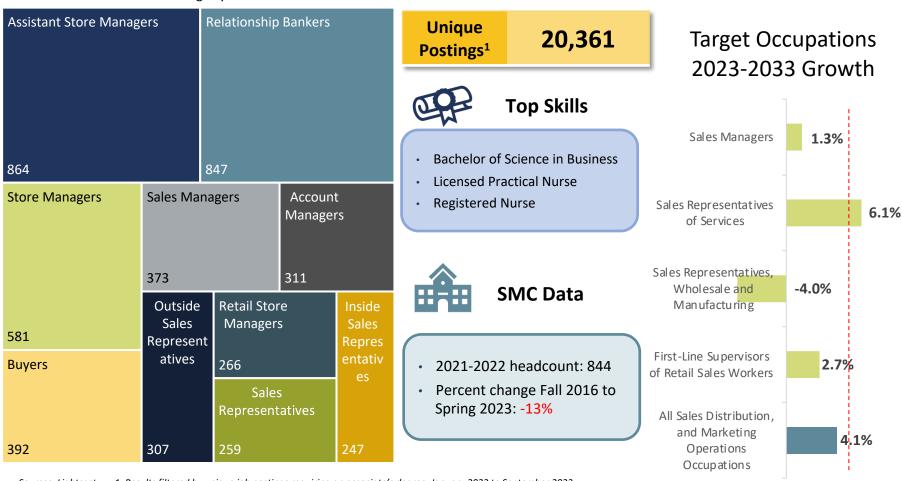
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Business Marketing

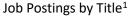
Although business marketing has high enrollment at SMC, the job market is projected to grow below average.

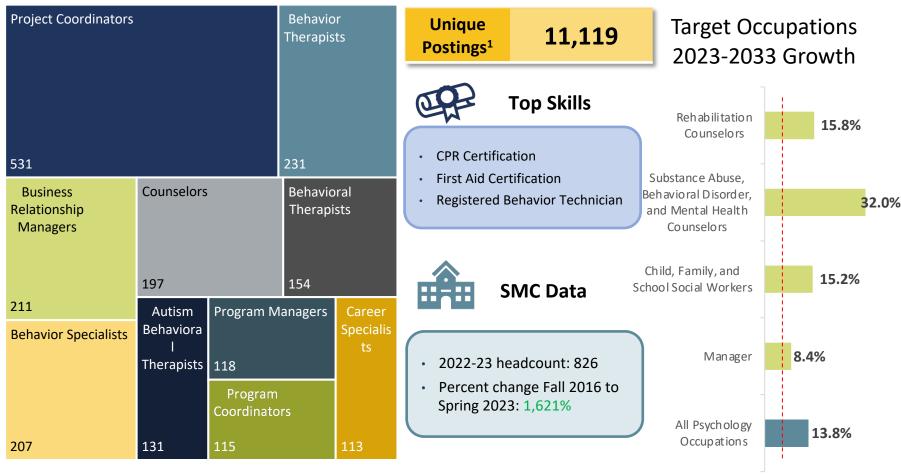
Job Postings by Title¹



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SMC's psychology program has experienced the school's highest enrollment growth. Psychology occupations also have a strong growth outlook making it a top-ranked program.





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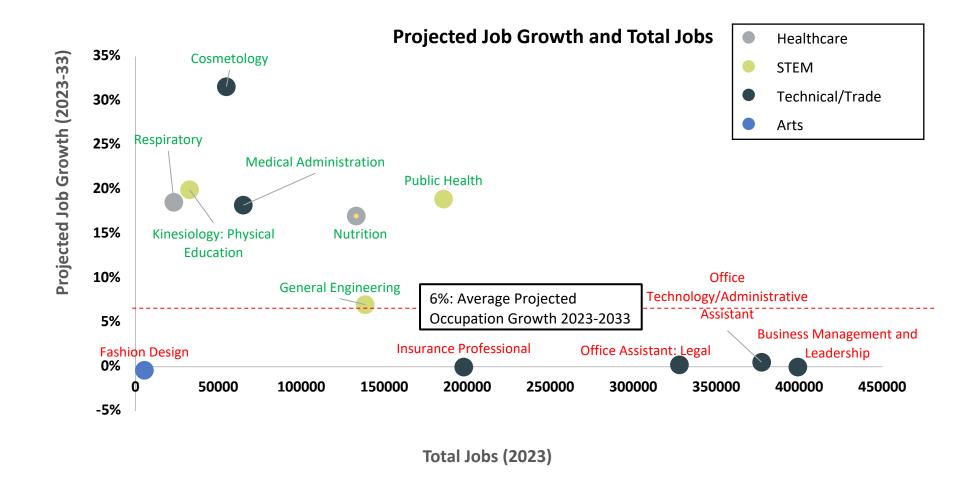
Selected Legacy Programs

Note: Programs highlighted in the following section are those outside of SMC's highest enrollment programs

HEALTHCARE AND STEM FIELDS GROWING RAPIDLY

Fastest and Slowest Growing

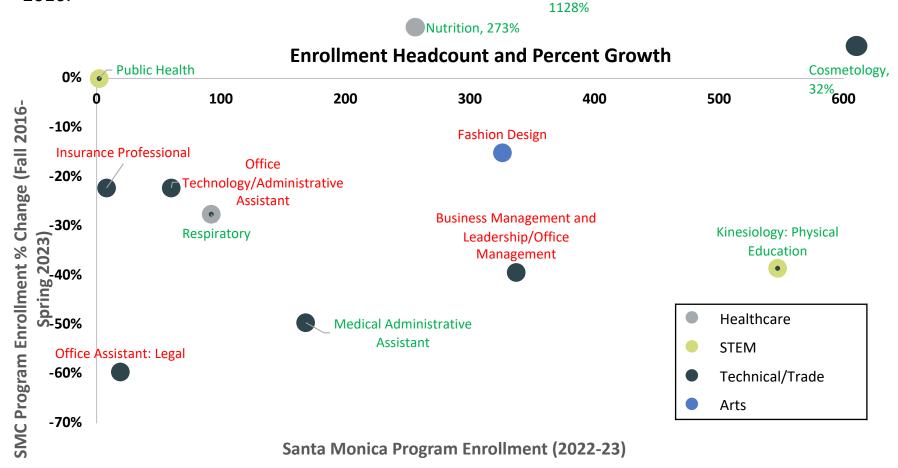
Office and administrative industries are especially vulnerable to shrinking demand in the future. Conversely, healthcare and STEM industries are expected to see considerable growth.



Engineering and Nutrition Exhibit High Demand

Fastest and Slowest Growing

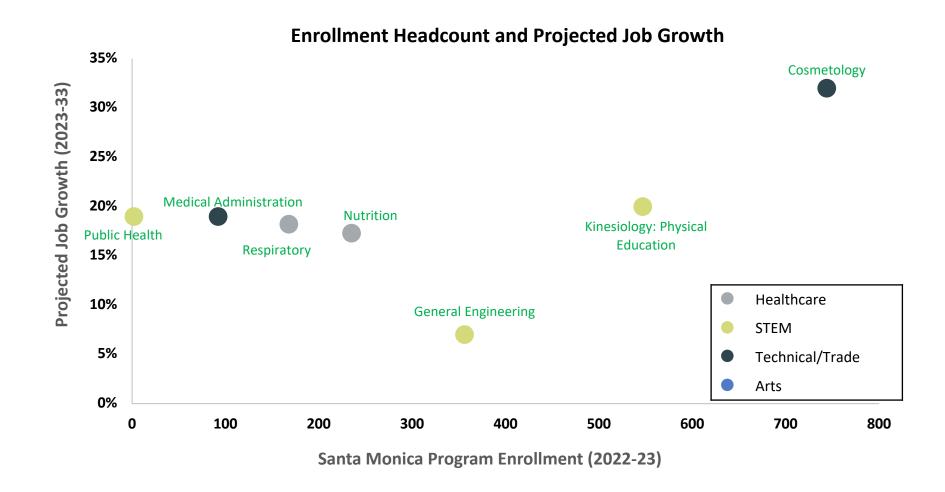
General Engineering, Nutrition, and Cosmetology have experienced considerable enrollment growth; however, many other career and technical majors have seen enrollment declines since General Engineering,



Health and Wellness Industries Expanding



Cosmetology has both the largest program enrollment and projected job growth. Programs involving the health and wellness industry round out the rest of the fastest growing.



Administrative Positions Face Declines



Generally administrative positions are expected to decline over the next decade as there is an increased usage of AI assistants, project management tools and calendar management technologies.



Predicted Fastest and Slowest Growing SMC Programs

K&Co has identified relative areas of strength and weakness for programs across SMC's portfolio; the table below highlights the fastest and slowest growing programs excluding the SMC programs with the largest enrollments listed in the slides above.

Program	SMC Enrollment (2022-23)	SMC Enrollment Growth	Regional Market Size	Regional Market Growth	Current Total Regional Jobs	Projected Job Growth
	ı	astest Growing	Programs			
Cosmetology	775					
Kinesiology: Physical Education	495	•	•	•	0	•
General Engineering	356	•	•	•	•	•
Nutrition	235	•	•	•	•	•
Medical Administration	168	0	•	\bigcirc	•	•
Respiratory	112	•	•	•	0	•
Public Health	23	•	•	•	•	•
	S	lowest Growing	Programs			
Business Management and Leadership/Office Management	337	•		\circ	•	\circ
Fashion Design	326	•	•	\bigcirc	0	
Office Technology/Administrative Assistant	60	0	•	\circ	•	0
Office Assistant: Legal	19		\circ			
Insurance Professional	7	•	0	0	•	

= less than 25th percentile

=25th to 50th percentile

= 50th percentile/median

= 50th to 75th percentile

= greater than 75th percentile

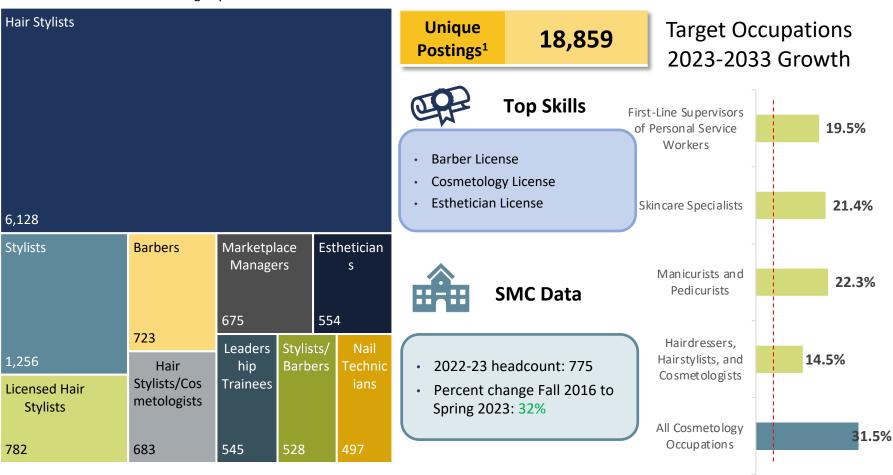
Legacy Programs: Fastest Growing

Cosmetology



Despite a relatively small current job market, cosmetology careers are expected to rise rapidly over the next 10 years.

Job Postings by Title¹



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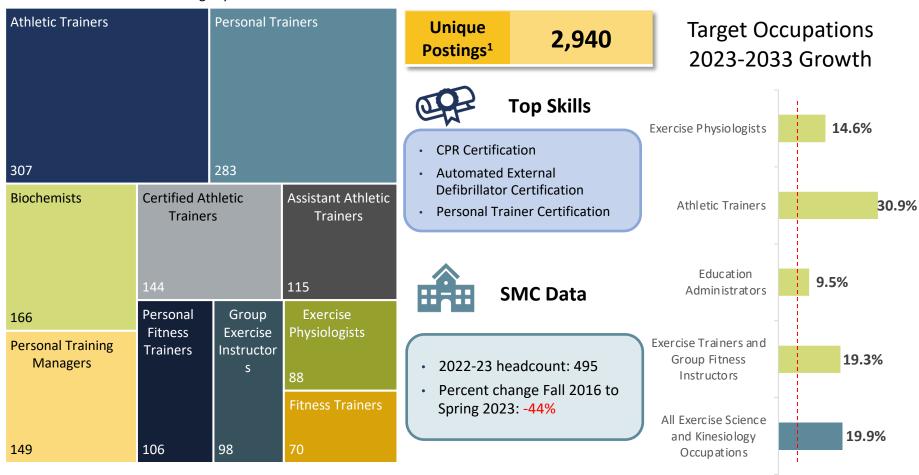


Kinesiology



Kinesiology has a moderate-sized enrollment and a growing job industry. Kinesiology occupations are expected to grow by roughly 21%.

Job Postings by Title¹



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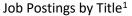
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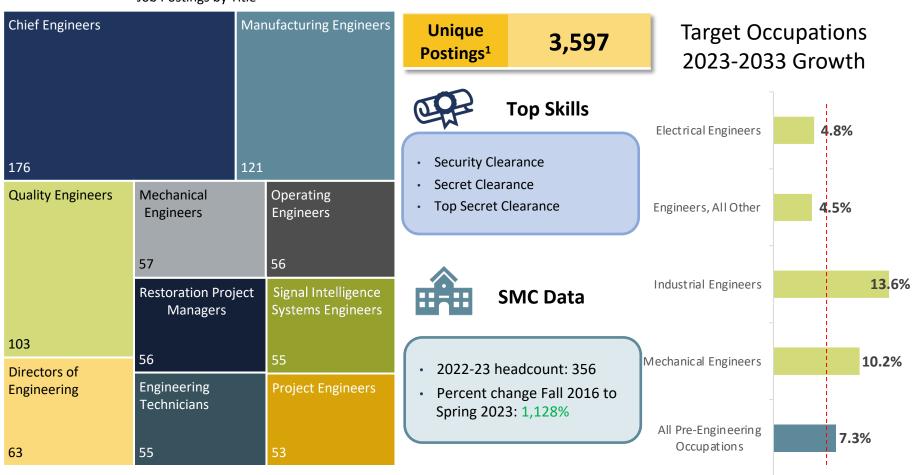


GENERAL ENGINEERING



The General Engineering Program at SMC has grown quickly over the last five years. The job outlook is slightly above the national average.

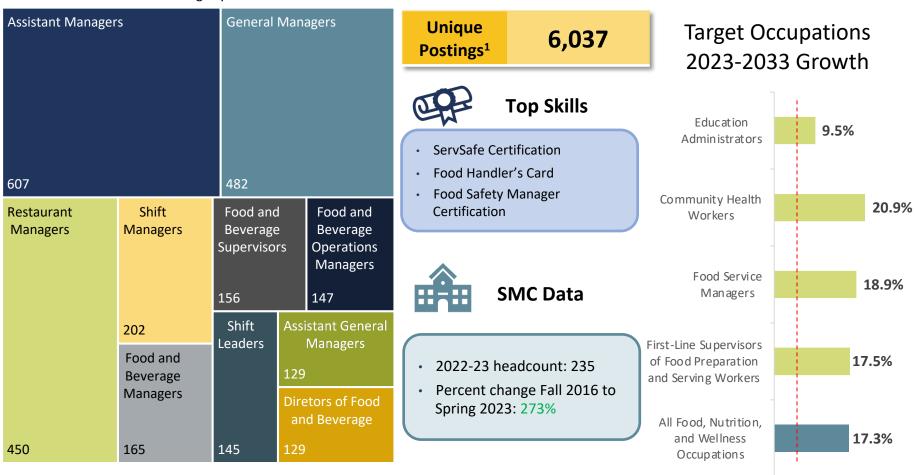




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SMC Nutrition program has increased substantially since 2016 and its project job growth indicates it will continue to grow.

Job Postings by Title¹



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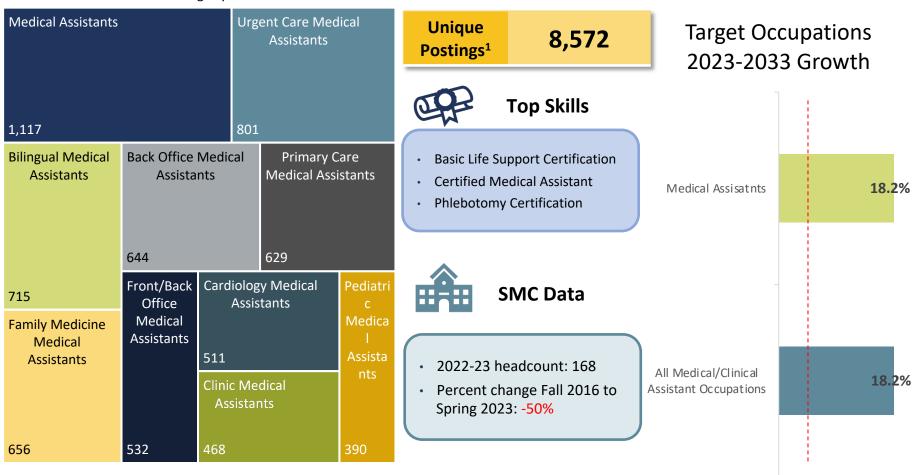


MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION



Despite medical administration's projected job growth, SMC enrollments have been on the decline for the past 5 years.

Job Postings by Title¹



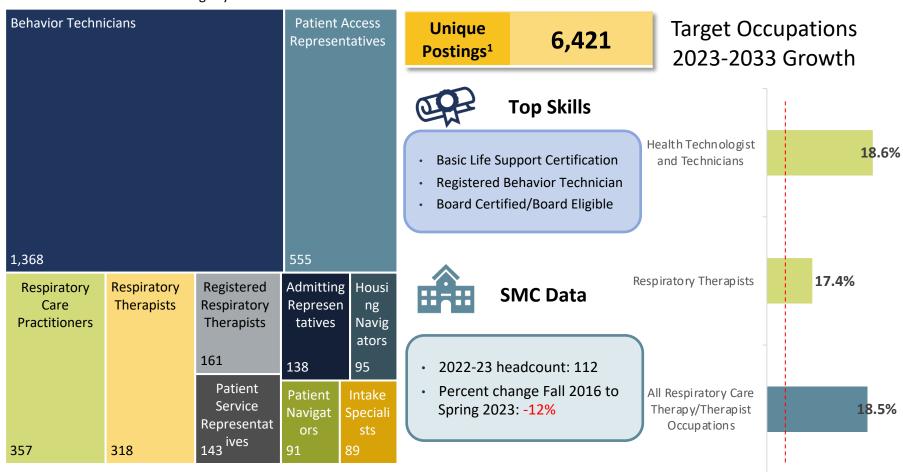
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RESPIRATORY



Much like other healthcare fields such as registered nursing, respiratory care occupations are experiencing 3x the average projected job growth.

Job Postings by Title¹



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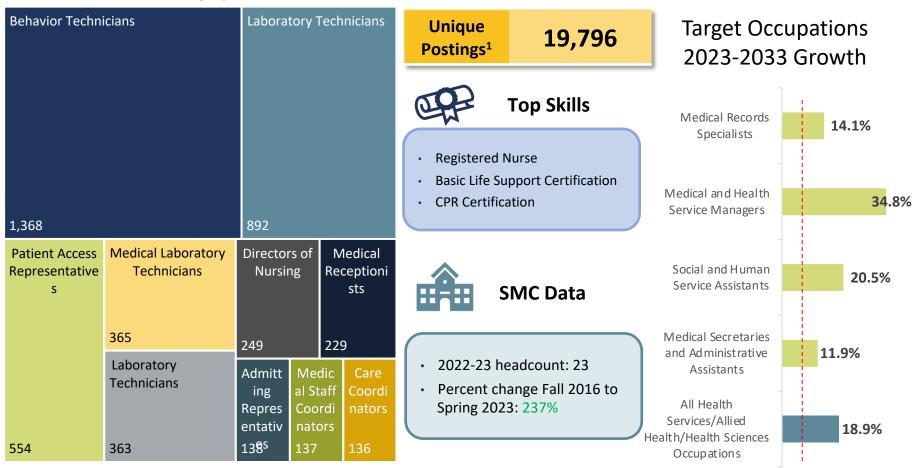


Public Health



A degree in public health is versatile across the medical and healthcare industry broadly. This program provides relevant qualifications to administrative and managerial positions.

Job Postings by Title¹



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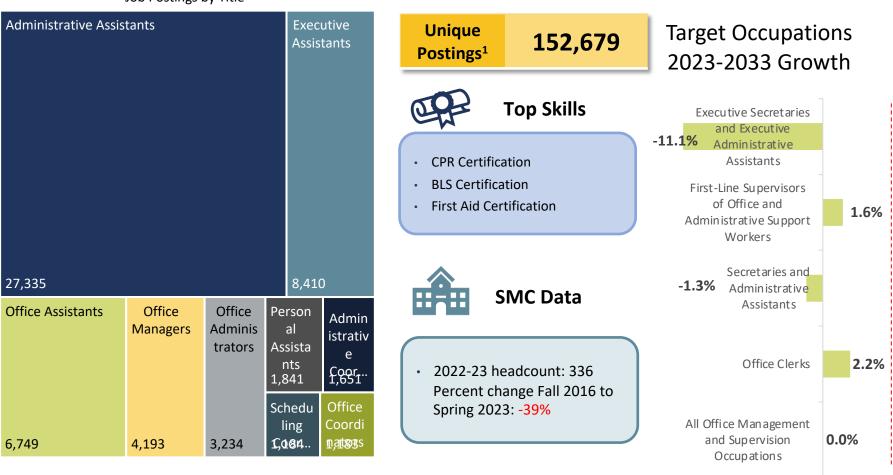
Legacy Programs: Slowest Growing

Business Management and Leadership/Office Management



Office management occupations are expected to decline due to increased use of technologies including AI and project management tools; however, the current job market is extensive.

Job Postings by Title¹



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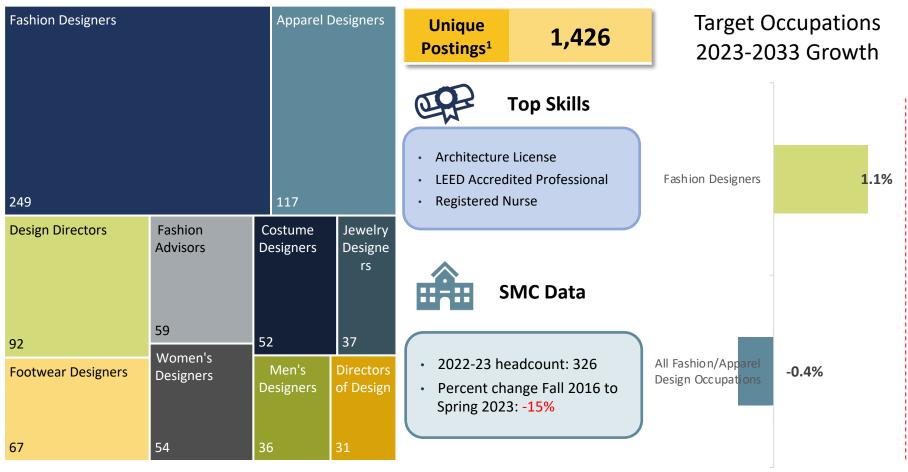
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Fashion Design



Fashion design has a relatively small job market, and the industry is not projected to undergo ample job growth.

Job Postings by Title¹



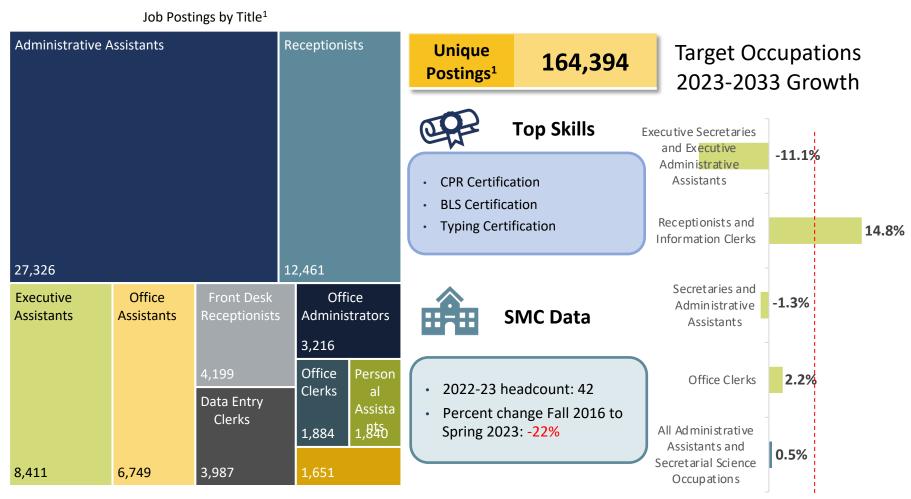
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Office Technology/Administrative Assistant



Overall administrative assistants and secretarial science occupations have low projected job growth, but some select occupation groups do exhibit positive growth.



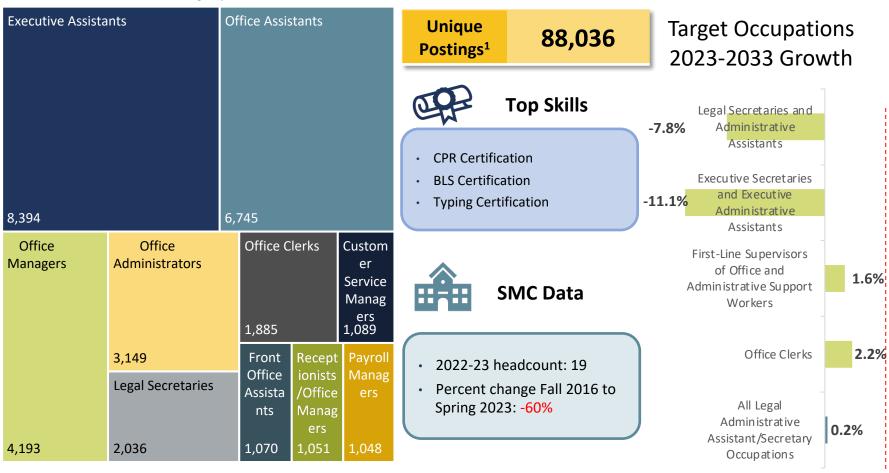
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Office Assistant: Legal



Due to technological advances, office assistant professions are expected to decline significantly over the next decade.

Job Postings by Title¹



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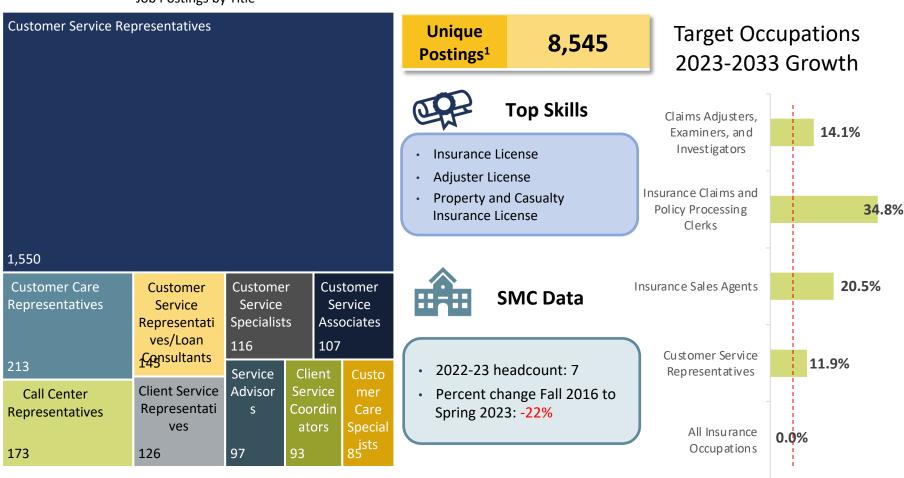
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Insurance Professional



Some insurance occupations show above average projected job growth, but the industry overall is expected to remain steady.

Job Postings by Title¹



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Potential New Program Positioning

Methodology and Definitions for Market Research

Methodology

Kennedy & Company identified the top 20 largest areas of employer demand for Bachelor's degrees (or higher) within the region of Southern California that are not offered currently by SMC.

Note: while many of the identified programs are similar, small differences in taxonomy or area(s) of focus can result in a negative impact on recruiting students to those fields.

Data Definitions

Job title: what is specifically written in a job posting

Occupation: the broader category a job title falls under

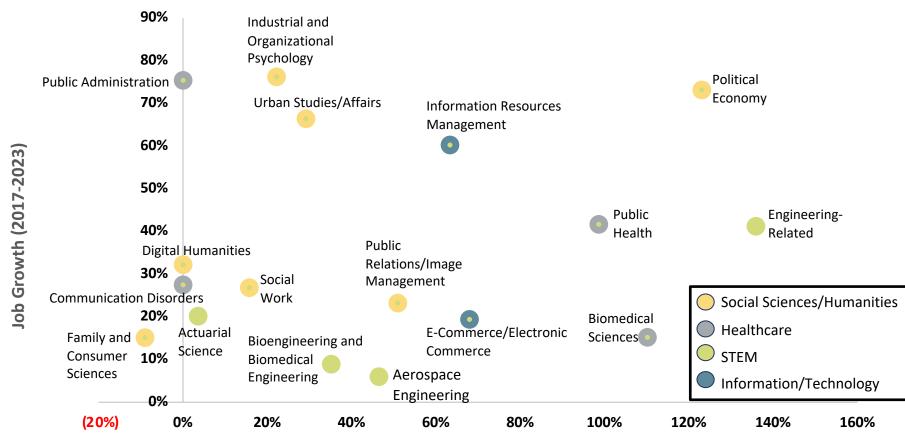
SOC: Standard Occupational
Classification System, used by the
BLS to categorize job titles into
occupation groups



Growing Degree Market for Selected Programs

Many of the prospective programs have strong degree growth from 2017-2023; econometrics and quantitative economics, biomathematics, and systems sciences have experienced off the chart growth at over 200%.

Bachelor's Degrees and Job Growth-Regional



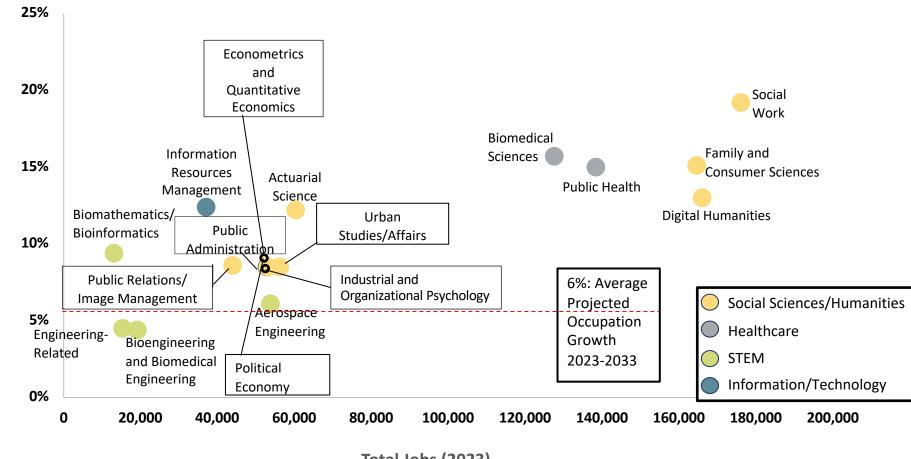
Regional Degrees Conferred Growth (2017-2022)



Occupation Growth Strong for Selected Programs

The majority of selected programs have projected job growth well over the national average of 6%. There is a wide range of current jobs in the region.

Regional Degree and Projected Occupation Growth



Total Jobs (2023)



Potential New Programs Vary on Key Metrics

All of the potential programs K&Co has identified have relative areas of strength and weakness; the table below summarizes how each program performs in selected metric categories.

Program	Regional Market Size	Regional Market Growth	Current Total Regional Jobs	Projected Job Growth	Overall Ranking
Public Health					
Social Work		•			
Systems Science and Theory				•	
Biomedical Sciences			•		
Econometrics and Quantitative Economics			•		
Family and Consumer Sciences					
E-Commerce/ Electronic Commerce					•
nformation Resources Management					
Aerospace Engineering			•		
Biomathematics/Bioinformatics/Computation al Bio	\circ	•		•	
Public Relations/ Image Management	•		•		
Actuarial Science	\circ	•	•		•
Political Economy	\bigcirc		•		
Jrban Studies/Affairs	\bigcirc	•	•		
Digital Humanities				•	
Engineering-Related Fields					•
Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering		•			
Communication Disorders Sciences					
Public Administration			•		\bigcirc
ndustrial and Organizational Psychology					

Regional Market Size:

= Small existing market

= Large existing market

Regional Market Growth:

O= Negative or zero growth

= High growth

Current Total Regional Jobs:

Projected Job Growth:

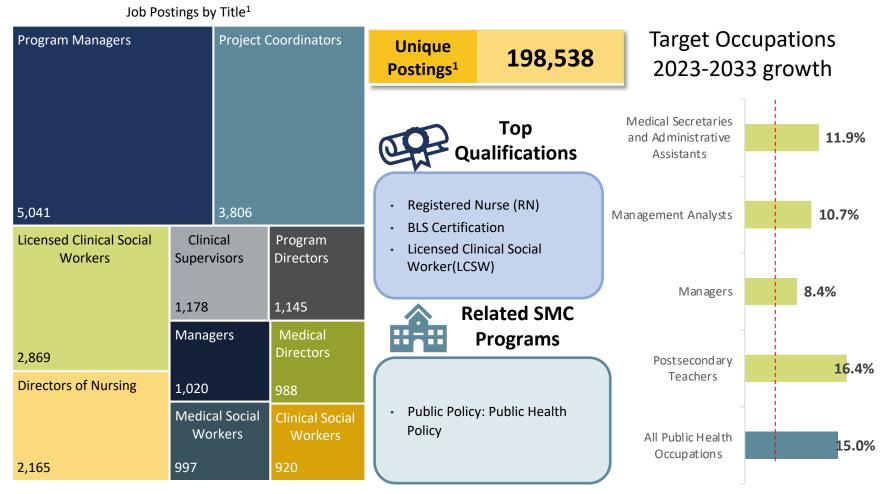
○= Negative or zero projected job growth ●= High and continued projected job growth



Public Health



Public health has a large existing market of Bachelor's degrees and has grown 99% since 2017.



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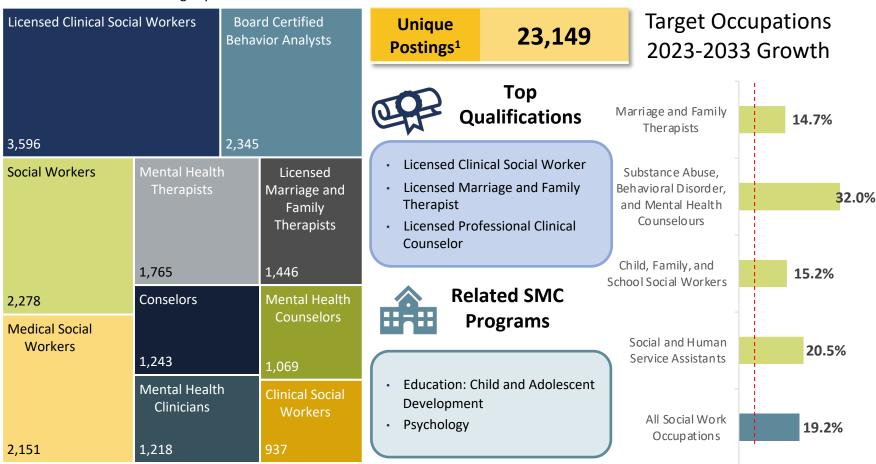


Social Work



Social work occupations are expected to grow three times as fast as the average occupation from 2023-2033.

Job Postings by Title¹

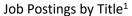


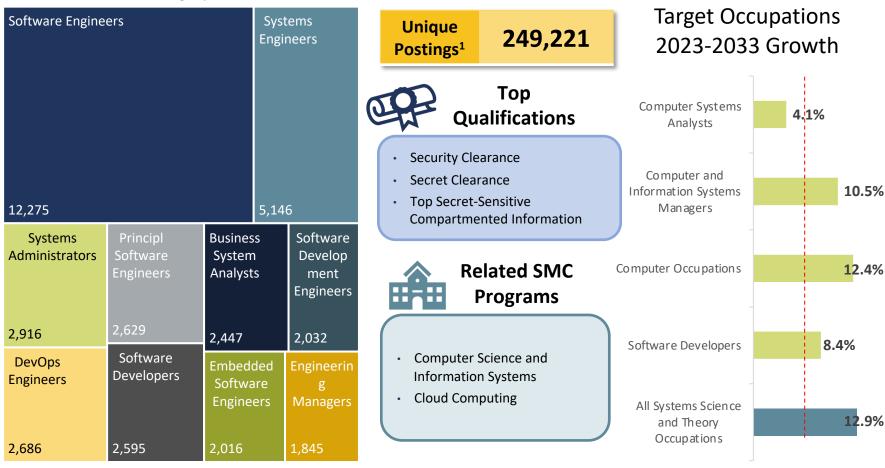
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Systems Science and Theory



Careers requiring computer and software engineering skills have a strong growth outlook through 2033.





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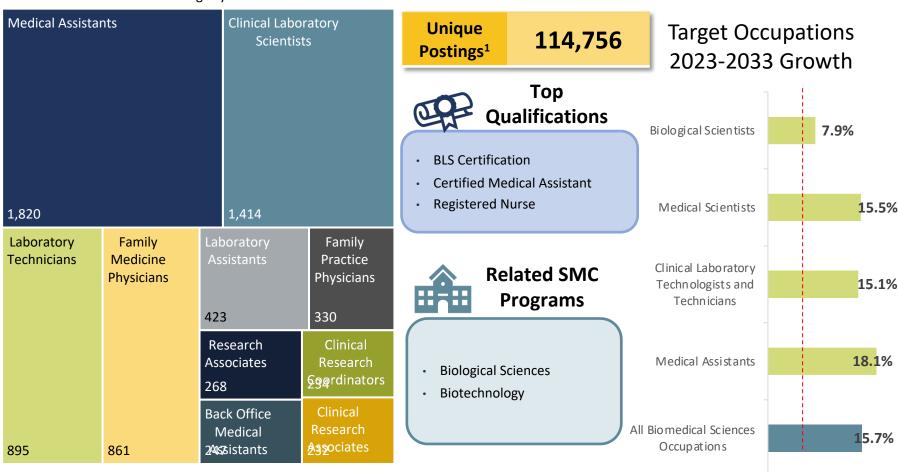


BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



Last year there were over 100,000 unique job postings for biomedical sciences occupations including several professions with high need such as nursing.

Job Postings by Title¹



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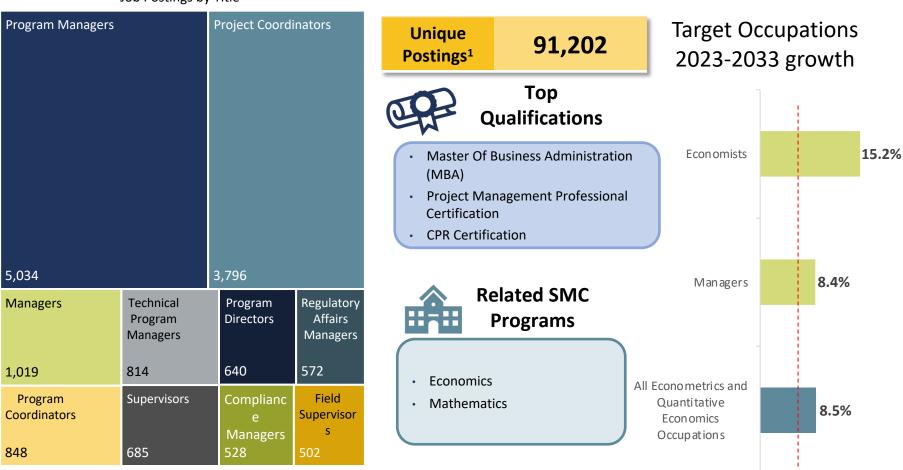


Econometrics and Quantitative Economics



Econometrics and quantitative economics programs lead to various careers in management which continues to have highly sought after skills.

Job Postings by Title¹

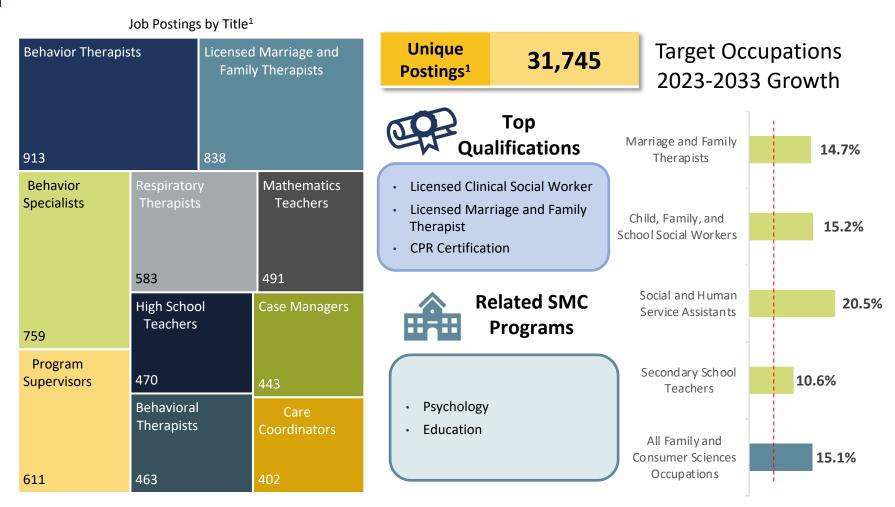


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Family and Consumer Sciences



Students with a degree in family and consumer sciences have a variety of strong career options in education and counseling.



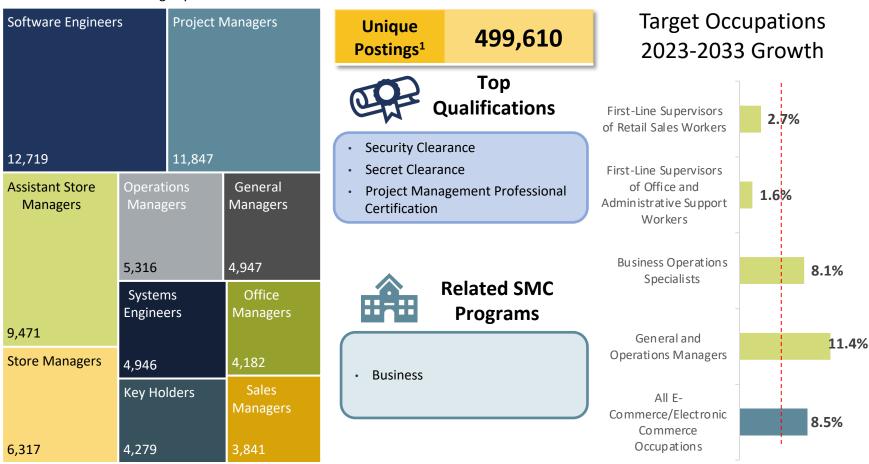
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E-Commerce



An E-Commerce degree can be leveraged across numerous industries for managerial positions; many of these jobs in SMC region require security clearances.

Job Postings by Title¹



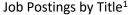
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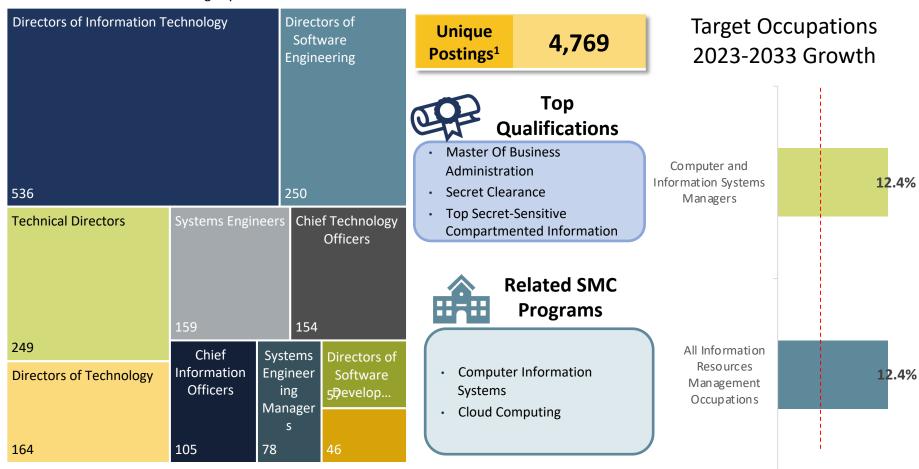


Information resources Management



While unique postings mapped to information resources management in the SMC region are small, the occupations are expected to grow by over 10%.





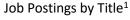
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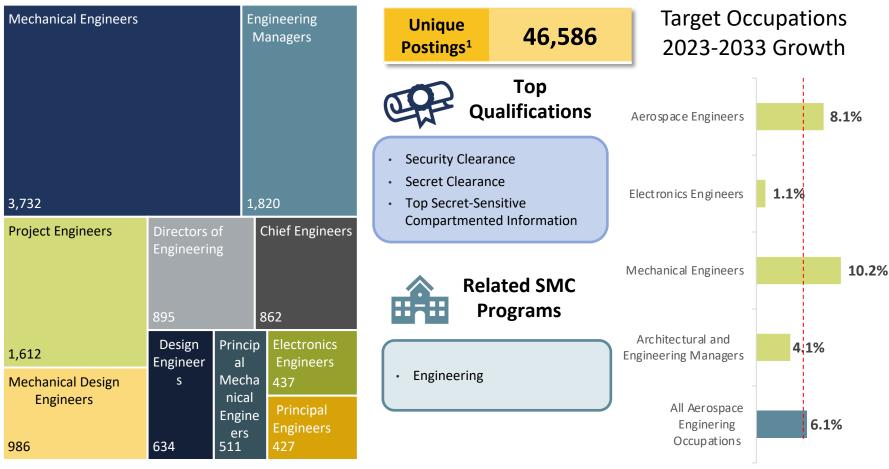


Aerospace Engineering



Aerospace engineering programs provide training for specialized skills in the region surrounding SMC with 50k job postings that map to the program.





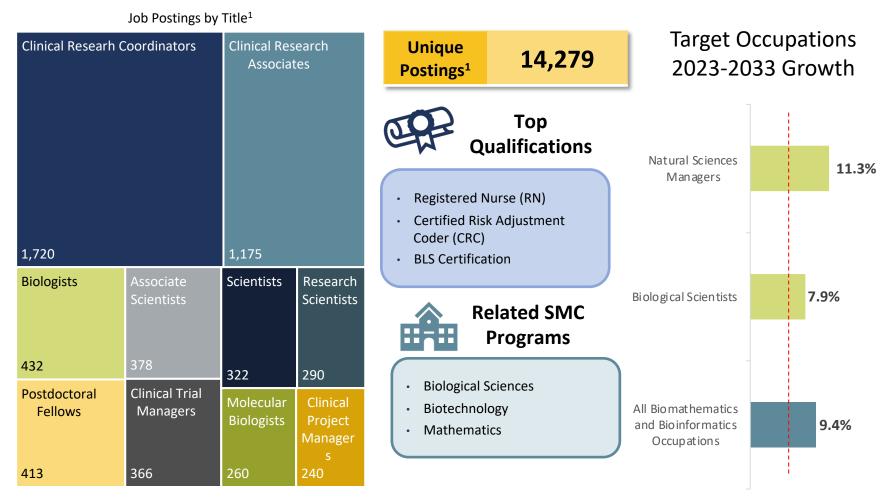
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BIOMATHEMATICS/BIOINFORMATICS



Biomathematics and bioinformatics provide a range of quantitative skills that can be applied across various careers.



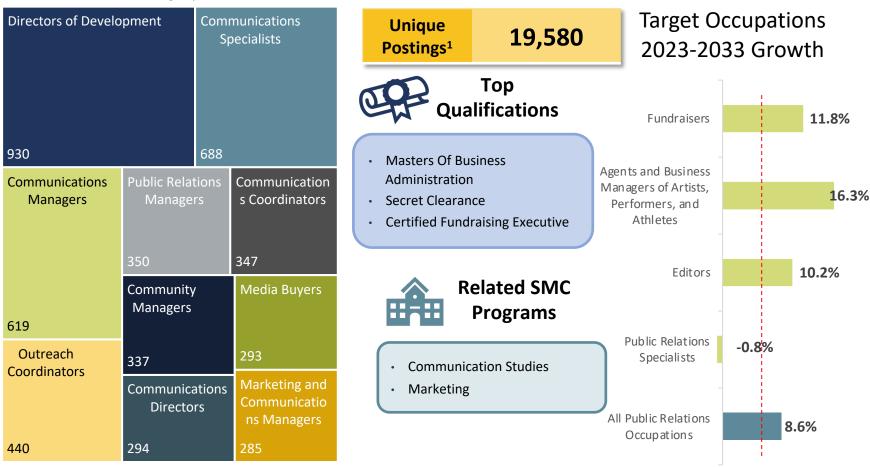
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Public Relations



Public relations degrees have grown by 51% regionally over the past six years and is projected to experience moderate job growth.

Job Postings by Title¹

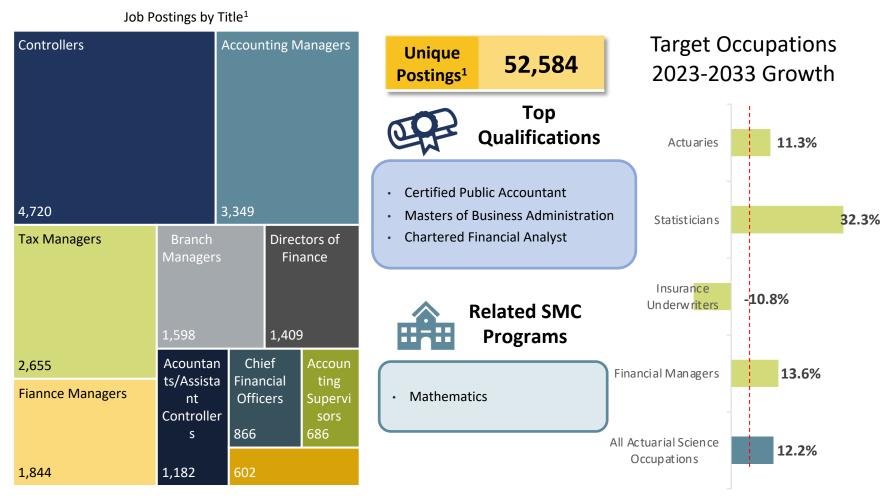


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ACTUARIAL SCIENCE



While some careers mapped to actuarial science are decreasing, the top two careers are growing at over 10% and require financial expertise.

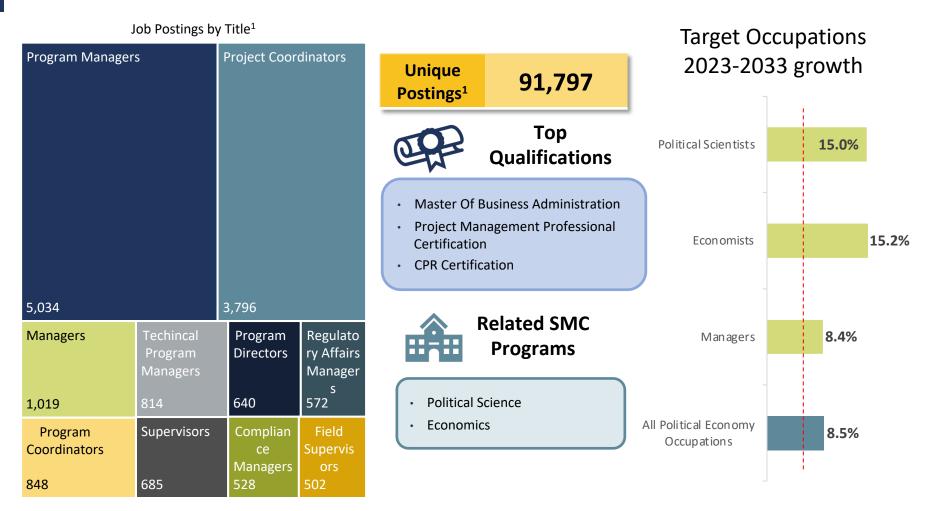


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POLITICAL ECONOMY



Despite a small regional market for bachelor's degrees in political economy, there has been substantial growth since 2017 with a 123% increase.



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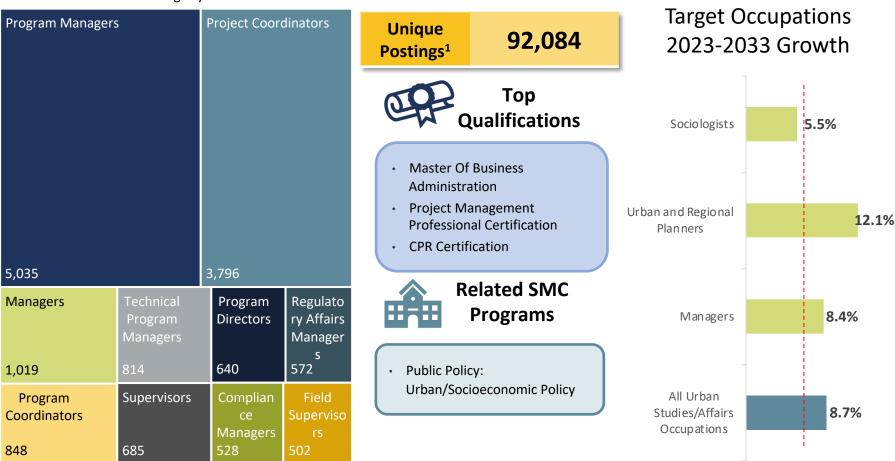


Urban Studies and Affairs



Urban Studies and Affairs provide training that translate to careers in management, which are in high demand regionally.

Job Postings by Title¹



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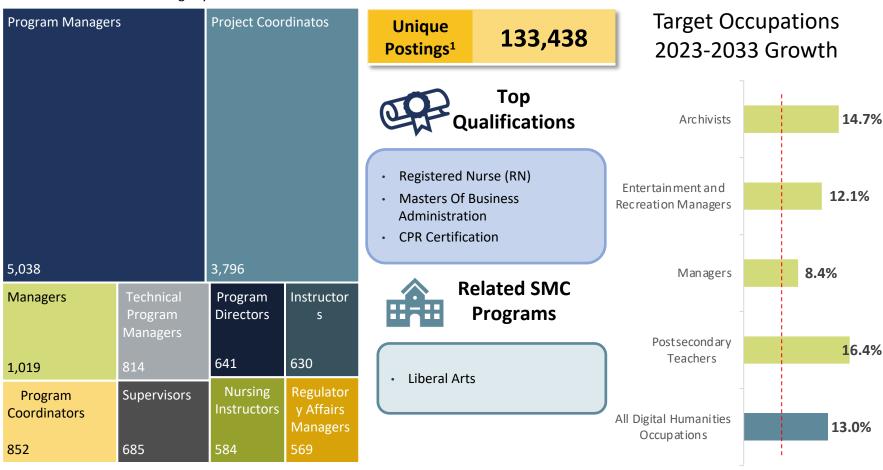


DIGITAL HUMANITIES



Occupations that map to digital humanities span a wide variety of industries and are expected grow twice as fast as the average occupation.

Job Postings by Title¹



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Engineering-Related



Compared to other programs, there is a small job market for engineering related fields. However, the market has grown over 100% since 2017.

Job Postings by Title¹ **Target Occupations Full Stack Engineers Princpal Engineers** Unique 11,323 Postings¹ 2023-2033 Growth Top Qualifications **Security Clearance** 441 343 4.5% Engineers, All Other Secret Clearance Flight Test **Engineers** Propulsion Top Secret-Sensitive **Engineers** Compartmented Information 166 167 **Related SMC Robotics** Field DevSecOps **Programs** Engineers Engineers Engineers 217 Optical All Engineering-Other **Engineers** 4.5% Engineering **Occupations** 138 130

Sources: Lightcast 1. Results filtered by unique job postings requiring an associate's degree, January 2022 to September 2023

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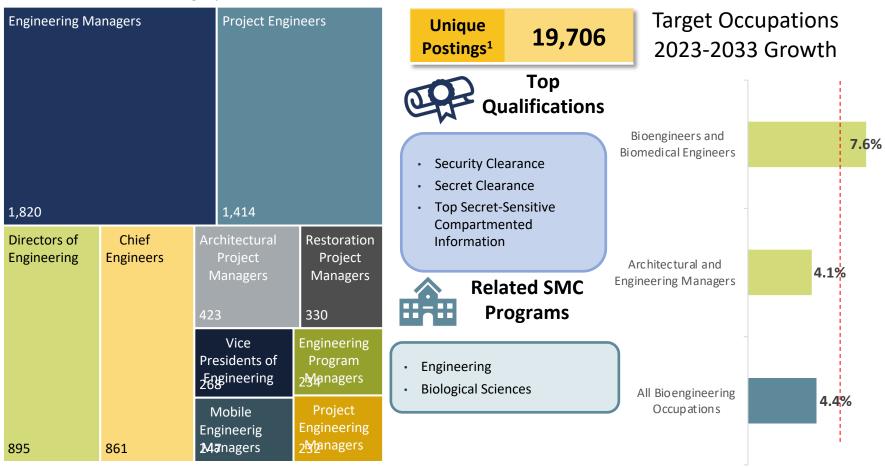
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Bioengineering



The occupations most directly related to bioengineering and biomedical engineering are projected grow less than the average occupation through 2033.

Job Postings by Title¹



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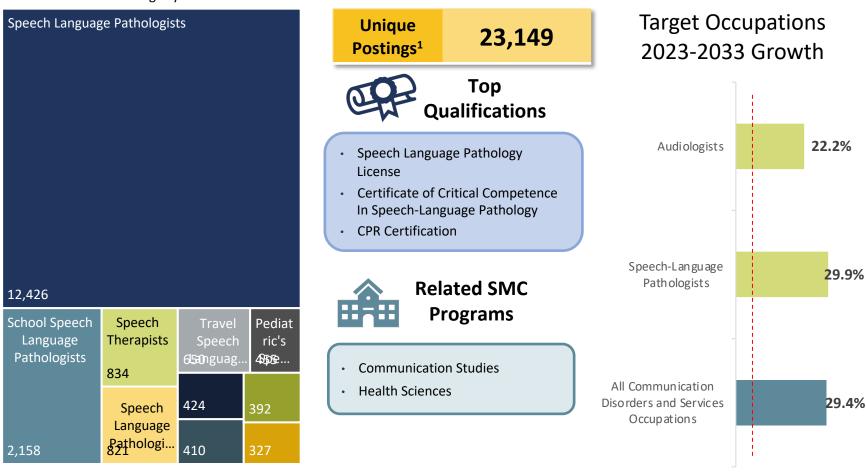


Communication Disorders Sciences and Services



The most common job titles mapped to communication disorders sciences and services are projected to grow over 20%.

Job Postings by Title1



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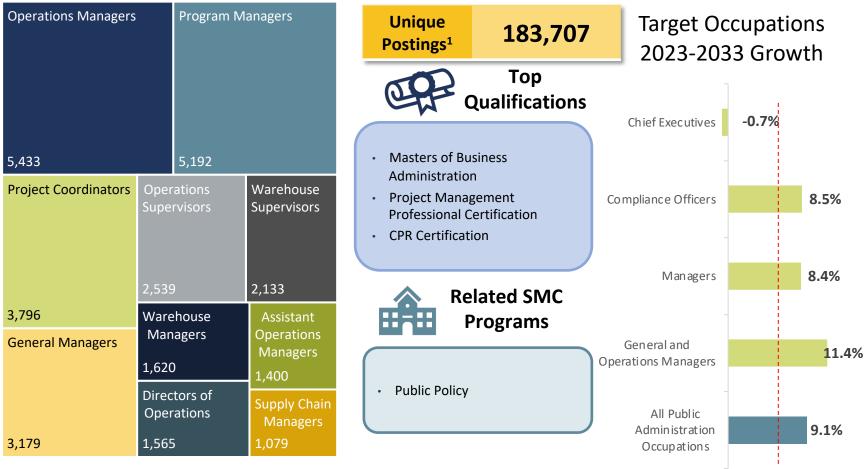


Public Administration



With over 180k unique job postings for a degree in public administration, many regional employers are seeking out skills provided by a public administration degree.

Job Postings by Title¹



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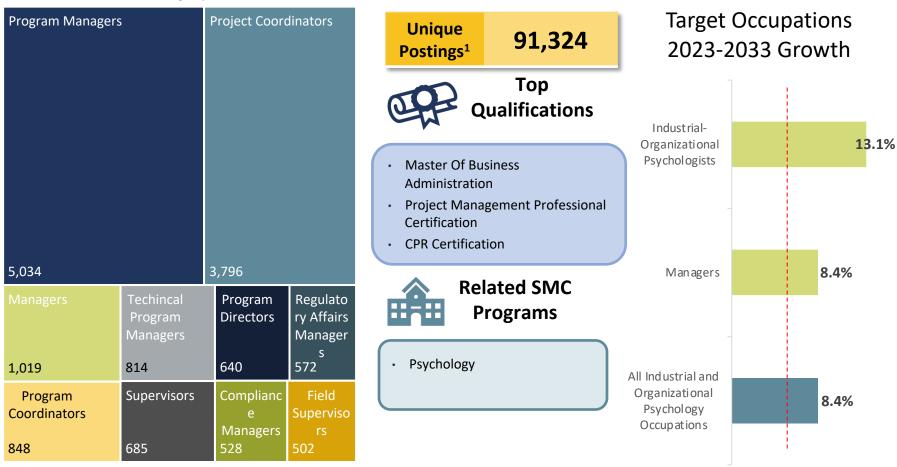


Industrial and Organizational Psychology



Despite a small regional degree market, there is a sizable job market that is projected to grow above average.

Job Postings by Title¹



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APPENDIX

REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics Executive Summary



Overall Demographics

- LA County's population is 50% Hispanic/Latinx, 25% white
- Hispanic/Latinx population expected to grow in next 10 years, white population projected to decline
- Largest age group within LA County is between 25 and 39 years old
- Residents are leaving LA County at a greater rate than they are moving in



Educational

- More than 50% of LA County residents do not have a college degree
- Educational attainment in the region is lower amongst URM populations
- The majority of SMC's students are from outside of Santa Monica or Malibu
- CA High school graduates are expected to peak in 2024, then decline until at least 2036



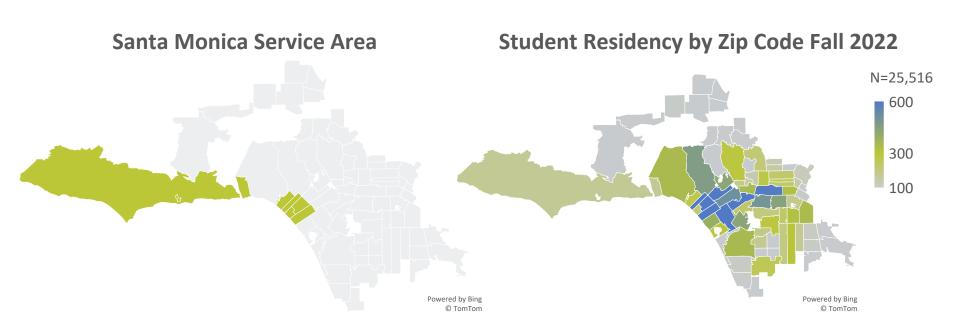
Economic

- LA County's economic landscape (cost of living, poverty, unemployment, SNAP rates) is worse than the national average, underscoring need for affordable education
- Black and Hispanic/Latinx populations have significantly lower household incomes than white or Asian households



Students Overwhelmingly Reside Outside Service Area

The vast majority of Santa Monica College's student come from outside its service area. The highest concentration of students (48%) are located in LA proper.

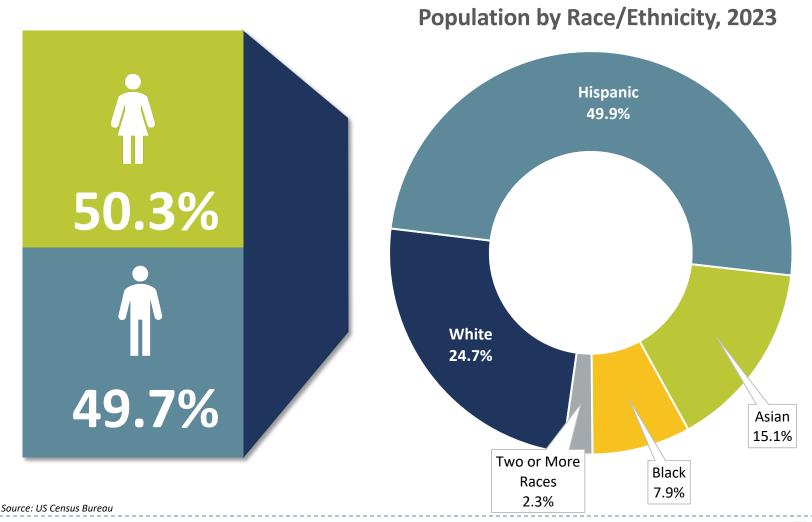


Since the student population is largely from outside SMC's service area, the college needs to be aware of shifting demographic trends in the broader LA area to better meet the needs of the prospective student population.

Source: SMC Internal Data

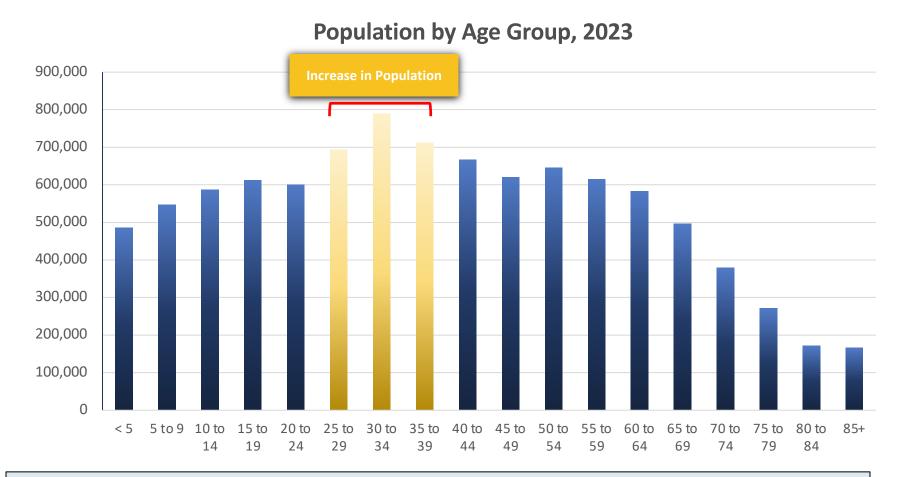
Local Population is Largely Hispanic

As of 2023, almost 50% of LA County identifies as Hispanic, consistent with previous years. A quarter of people identify as white—a 3% decrease since 2022.



Most Populous Ages Match for Prospective Students

Ages in LA County are evenly distributed and peak amongst the prospective student population, with ages of 25 – 39 making up 23% of the local population.



The most populous age groups are likely to include working adults looking for practical education identified as "Pragmatic Skillers." This group has already been highlighted by LA Region Community Colleges as an emerging market.

Source: US Census Bureau, LA Region CC Segmentation 2019



Demographic Cliff Signals Decrease in CA HS Graduates

Though the number of California high school graduates is still rising, their growth has declined significantly in the past three years and is anticipated to decline from the projected peak in 2024.

2009-2019

- High School graduates increased by 19% over 10 years
- The raw number of graduates increased from 408K in 2009 to 485K in 2019
- This increase represents an average year-over-year increase of 7.7K students

2020-2024

High School Graduate Shifts from 2009 to 2036 (projected)

2025-2036

- High school graduates are projected to increase by 5.2% over five years
- The peak is expected in 2024 with an estimated 507K high school graduates
- Though the raw number is still increasing, expected increase is only 6.6K graduates annually during this time

- 18.0% decline anticipated between 2025 and 2037
- Graduates are expected to decline by 74K in 11 years to 411K in 2036
- This decline represents a projected decrease of 7.4K students annually

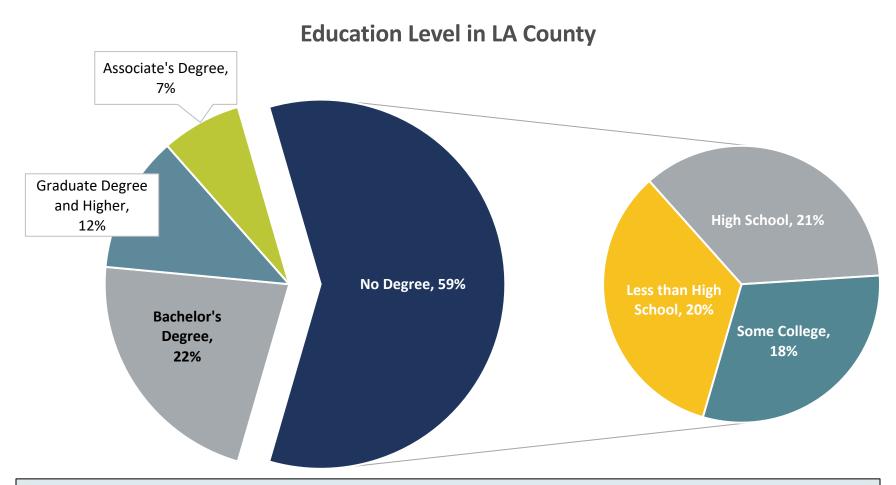
In order to meet the educational needs of their communities and beyond, higher education institutions must pivot to also serving adult learners instead of just focusing on traditionally aged college students.

Source: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, 2020



Majority of Local Population Does Not Hold A Degree

Only 41% of Los Angeles County's population has an Associate's Degree or higher, meaning much of the population has not earned a degree.

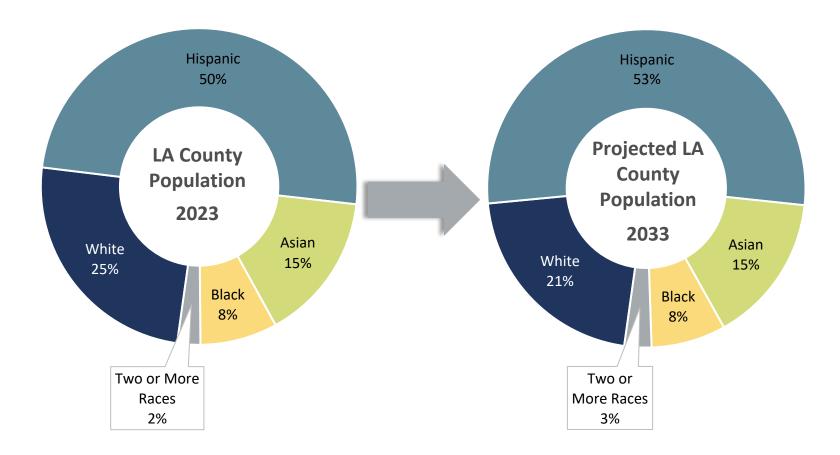


Of the 59% of the population without a degree, the population is evenly distributed across level of schooling. SMC should target each population with programs suited for them

Source: US Census Bureau

Diversity within Service Area Will Grow by 2033

Currently, Los Angeles County is a majority-minority region, with 75% of the population identifying as non-white. By 2033, the population is forecast to be even more diverse.



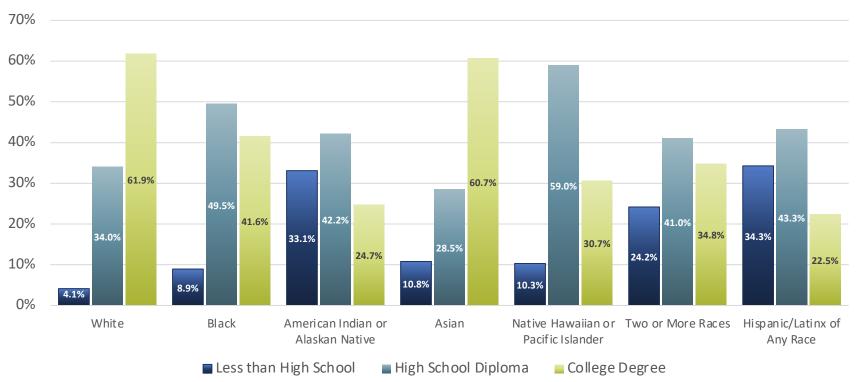
As LA County becomes more diverse with groups that have been historically underrepresented and have lower educational attainment, SMC should ensure it is meeting the specific needs that may have contributed to these inequities.

Source: US Census Bureau

Underrepresented Minorities More Likely to Enroll

As of 2023, 43% of Hispanic residents — LA's most populous group — had earned only a high school diploma. Other underrepresented minorities also had lower rates of earning a college degree.

Educational Attainment¹ by Race/Ethnicity, 2023



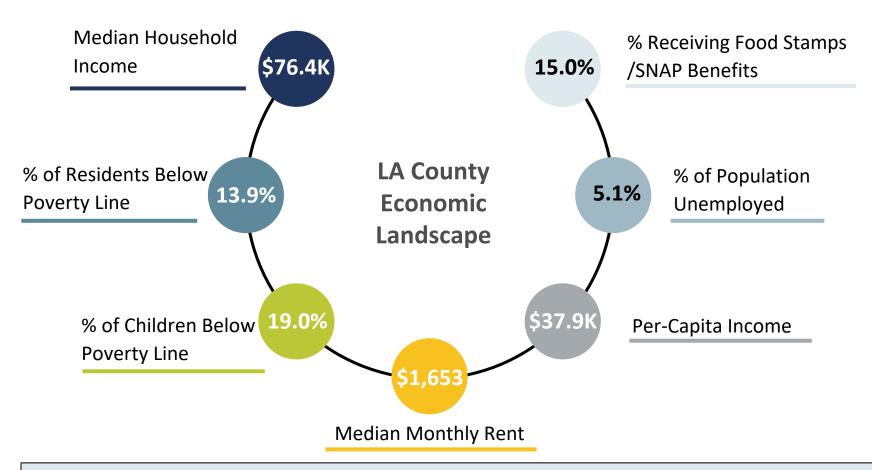
As a Hispanic Serving Institution, SMC has historically enrolled the populations of students that are most likely to be seeking higher education credentials.

Source, US Census Bureau 1 – College degree does not differentiate between 2- or 4-year degree.



Economic Indicators May Indicate Need For Accessible Tuition

California's Cost of Living Index is the fourth highest in the US, and LA County's population is above the national average in poverty (11.5%), unemployment (3.8%), and SNAP (12.5%) rates.

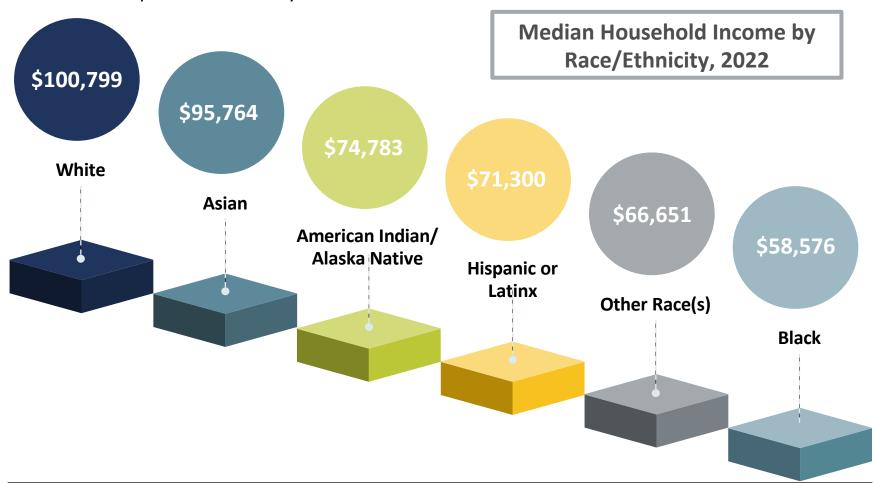


Given the economic challenges to LA County's population, higher education institutions must strive to prevent educational attainment from becoming cost-prohibitive.

Source: US Census Bureau, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

LA County Shows Wage Gaps Across Race/Ethnicity

Underrepresented minorities have a significantly lower median household income than their white counterparts in LA County.

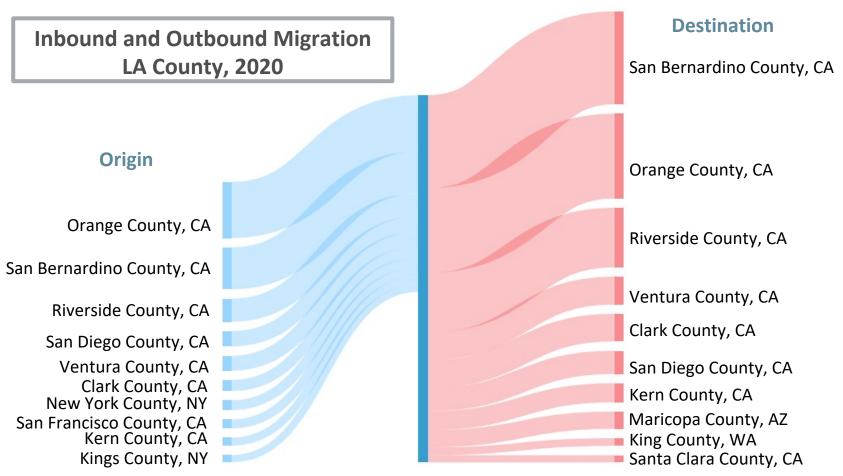


Hispanic/Latinx and Black populations in LA County have a lower college degree attainment rates than White or Asian populations and represent an opportunity for SMC to help level out income and educational attainment disparities.

Source: US Census Bureau 2022

Bulk of Domestic Migration Happens In-State

As of 2020, most people moving to LA County come from within the state of California, specifically neighboring Orange County. The outflows outweigh incoming migration.



Population outflows through 2020 reflect a risk that a greater share of prospective high school and adult learners will be leaving the region than entering, requiring greater adaptations for the academic portfolio to be matched to the needs of the local region.

Source: US Census Bureau



Job and Industry Data

Job and Industry Executive Summary

Healthcare, management, and office/sales positions make up the bulk of LA County's job postings

Regional healthcare and IT roles are growing in need at a higher rate than the national average

Nurses, specifically, are in greatest regional demand for associate's degree holders

LA County is a top hiring location for three of the ten fastest-growing positions in the country

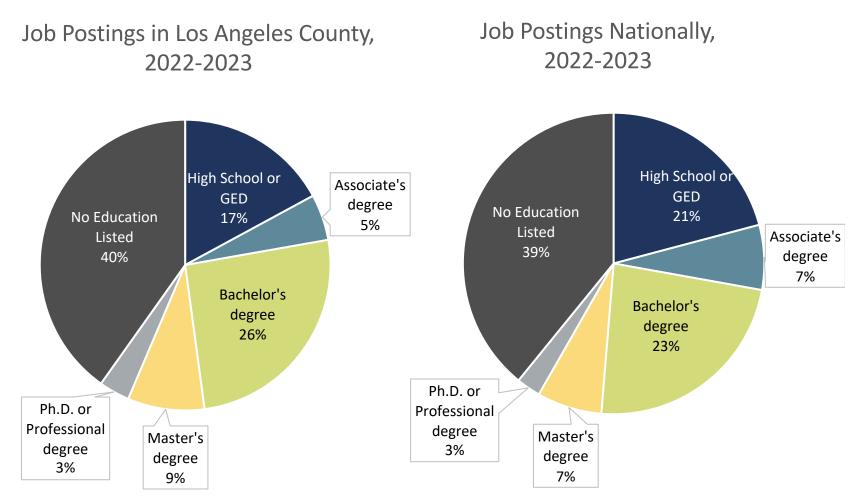
4x more regional job openings require a bachelor's degree than an associate's degree

Transferrable skills represent the greatest employer need noted in local job postings



Majority of Job Postings Missing Education Level

Most jobs posted in LA County do not list a specific education level. However, of those that do specify an education level, the majority require a bachelor's degree. Overall, desired education levels in local job postings align with national job postings.



Source: LinkedIn, Zip Recruiter, Indeed

Healthcare Jobs Now Make Up 14 % of All Job Postings

Healthcare Practitioners & Technical occupations is the most prevalent occupational category in LA County job postings, followed closely by management occupations.

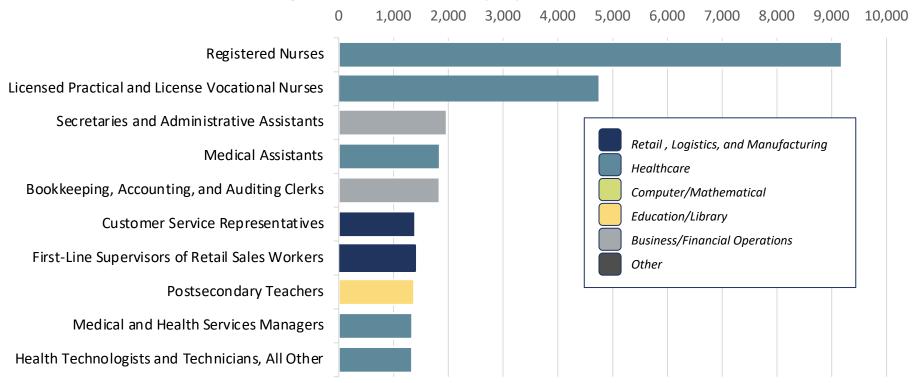
Job Postings by Occupational Category 2022-2023 179,383 Healthcare 159,529 **Practitioners** & Technical Management Occupations Occupations 122,431 116,971 Office & Sales & Admin Related 86,892 82,830 Support Occupations Occupations Computer & Business & 68,483 Math Food 52,408 Occupations Preparation 42,292 41,095 Transport-& Serving ation & Healthcare Architecture Related Material Support & Engineering Occupations Moving Occupations Occupations Occupations



Nearly 25% of Jobs Targeting Associate's Degrees are in Healthcare

Job postings seeking candidates with an associate's degree are relatively uncommon compared to other educational levels; only 75K were listed compared to 244K for high school diploma and 357K for a bachelor's degree.

Job Posting Volume LA County by SOC Code, 2022-2023*

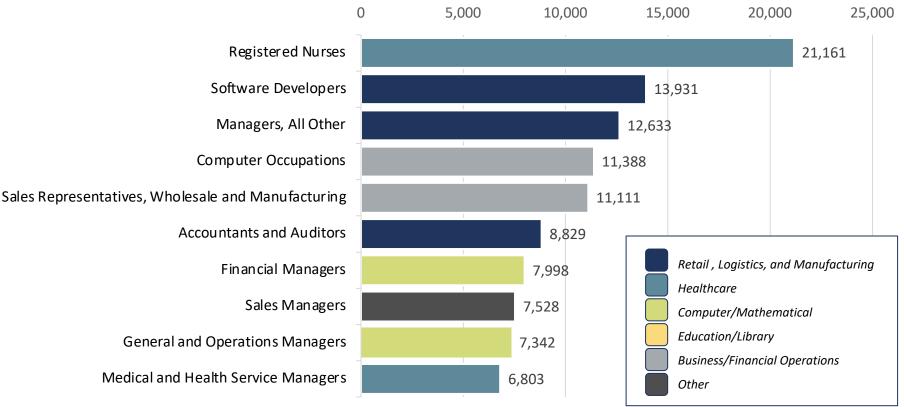


The increase in RN demand will require SMC to carefully consider investment in the faculty, recruiting, student services, and facilities needed to serve that population, either in person or online.

Majority of Jobs Targeting College Grads in Business & Finance

Jobs postings requiring a bachelor's degree are 4x higher than those advertising for an Associate's degrees. Top occupational categories vary across healthcare, IT, and finance.





Santa Monica College can market itself to those looking to reskill to move up in their careers and take advantage of the managerial positions being posted.

Source: LinkedIn, Zip Recruiter, Indeed, September 2022 to September 20223

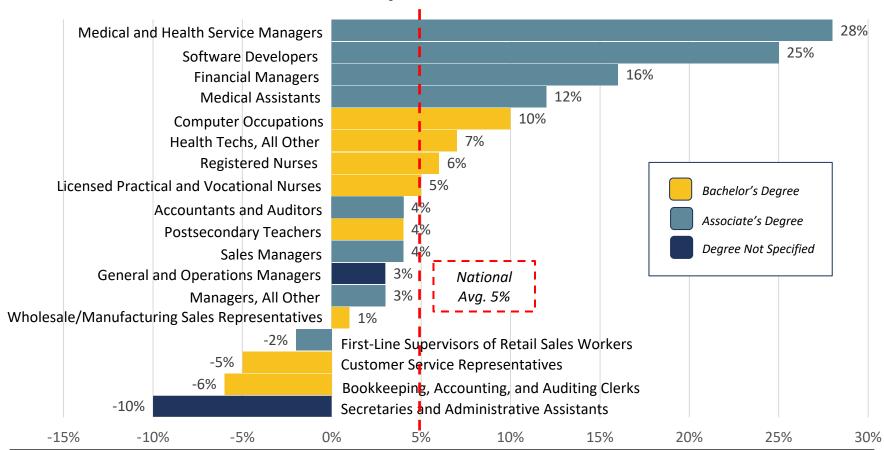
*Results filtered for occupations requiring a bachelor's degree



Some Regional Occupations Growing at 3-6x National Average

Healthcare and Information Technology jobs are growing by at least the national average (5%) over the next ten years, with some growing over double the average.

LA County Job Growth 2022-2032



Santa Monica College should consider expanding programs catered to healthcare and IT to keep pace with the job market.

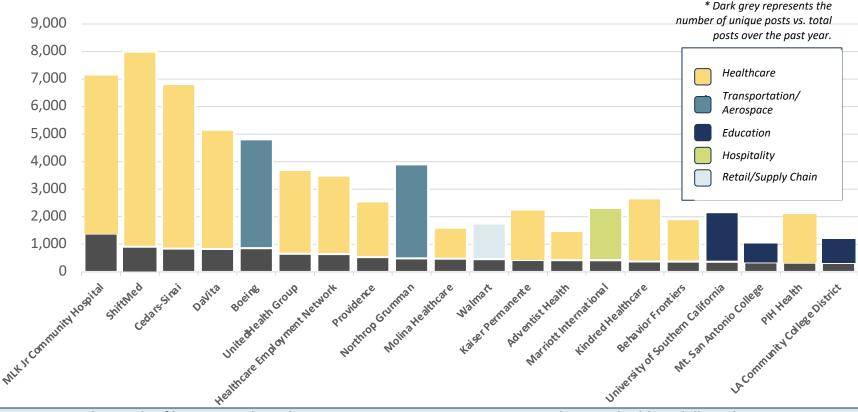
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Red line indicates average 10 year growth rate of 5%



Healthcare Jobs are Bulk of Local Postings for Associate's Degrees

The top 20 companies with the most prolific unique job postings in the past year represent just five industries, though healthcare dwarfs the other industries looking for employees with associate's degrees.

Employer Posting Volume for Associate's Degrees, 2022-2023



Meeting the needs of learners and employers in its service area requires an emphasis on building skills and competencies required to be successful in these five fields. Partnering with high-volume employers may help SMC understand how to develop a market-ready curriculum.

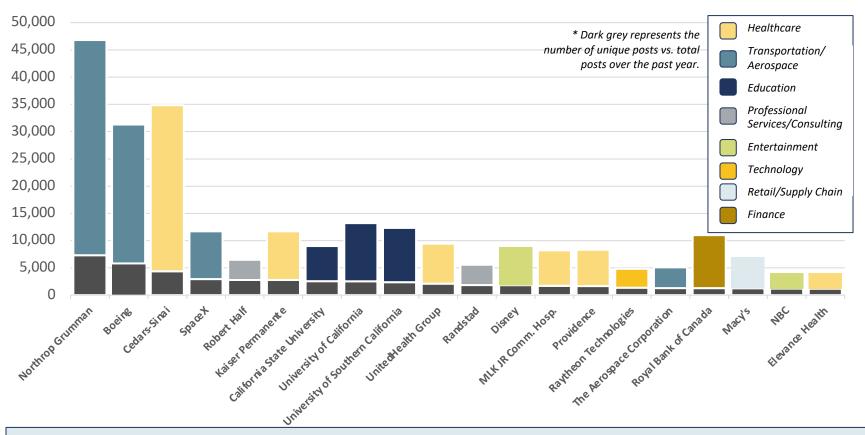
Source: LinkedIn, Zip Recruiter, Indeed, Job Posting Analytics October 2022 to September 2023



Aerospace and Healthcare Hiring Local 4-Year College Grads

The shift from associate's to bachelor's degree requirements shows a massive jump in jobs in the aerospace and transportation industry, though healthcare roles are still ample for college grads.

Employer Posting Volume for Bachelor's Degrees, 2022-2023



The large number of aerospace job openings may signal opportunities for SMC to build pathway programs for transfers, as they will likely be areas in which student demand will increase for those who plan to enter a field requiring a four-year degree.



2023 Jobs on the Rise: 3 of Top 10 Concentrated in LA

The top 10 jobs on the rise are in industries that often require reskilling such as DEI Data Analysis and CRM technology. While some of these roles are more senior level, they can offer insight of where there is market demand.

Rank	Position	Most Common Skills	Top Locations Hiring	
1	Head of Revenue Operations	Sales Operations, Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Data Analysis	San Francisco, New York City, Los Angeles	
2	Human Resources Analytics Manager	People Analytics, Data Visualization, R	New York City, San Francisco, DC-Baltimore	
3	Diversity & Inclusion Manager	Diversity Training, Diversity Program Development, Leadership Development	New York City, DC- Baltimore, Boston	
4	Truck Driver	Transportation, Forklift Operation, Logistics Management	Dallas, Houston, Chicago	
5	Employee Experience Manager	Employee Engagement, Onboarding, Employee Relations	New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles	
6	Sales Enablement Specialist	Salesforce.com, Sales Operations, Software as a Service (SaaS)	Seattle San Francisco, Boston	
7	Advanced Practice Provider	Electronic Medical Records (EMR), Basic Life Support (BLS), Healthcare Management	Atlanta, Houston, Dallas	
8	Growth Marketing Manager	Demand Generation, Digital Marketing, Google Analytics	New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles	
9	Data Governance Manager	Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC), Business Process Improvement	New York City, Chicago, Boston	
10	Grants Management Specialist	Grant Administration, Nonprofit Organizations, Public Policy	DC-Baltimore, Atlanta, Denver	





Health, Tech, and Management Roles Dominate Local Job Postings

There were over 400K unique job postings within the past year in LA County that require at least an associate's degree. The most frequent postings were for registered nursing, management, software development, and specialized sales positions.

Top Posted Occupations

Registered Nurse	Software Develo	Wholesale/Manufa cturing Sales Representatives			
	12,617				
	Computer Occupations, All Other	Accountants & Auditors 8,169 Postsecond ary Teachers		Financial Managers 7,689	
23,585	10,751				
Managers, All Other	Medical and Health Services Managers			General and Operations Managers	
12,785	8,995	7,624		7,442	

Unique Job Postings

406K

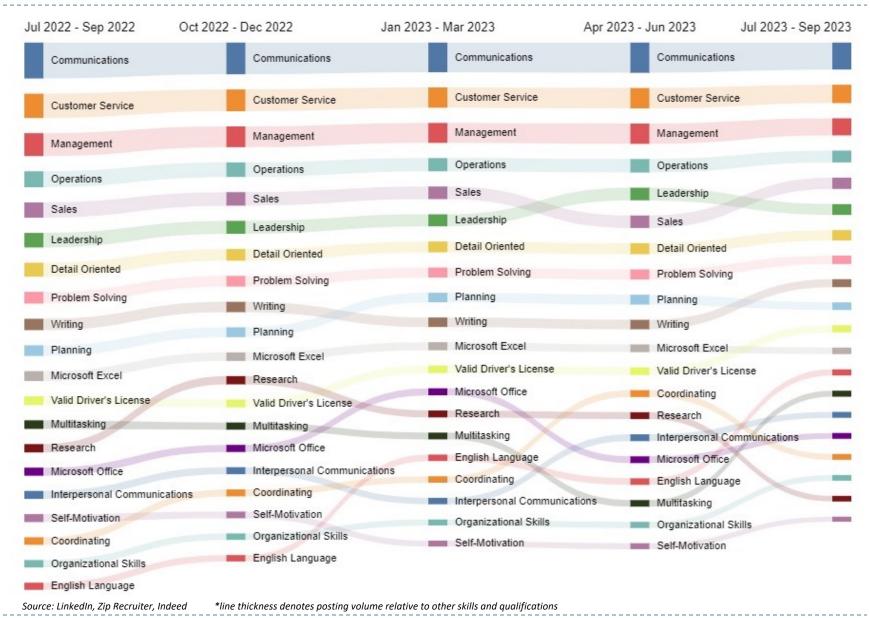


Top Specialized Skills

- Marketing
- Project Management
- Nursing
- Auditing
- Accounting
- Merchandising
- Finance
- Data Analysis
- Process Improvement
- Workflow Management

Sources: LinkedIn, Zip Recruiter, Indeed Oct. 2022 to Sept. 2023, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Skill Demand Over Time: Los Angeles County





Additional Data

SMC Selected Programs and CIP Codes (1 of 2)

	CIP Code	CIP Name
Computer Science	11.0701	Computer Science
Registered Nursing	51.3801	Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
Business Administration	52.0201	Business Administration and Management, General
General Science	30.0101	Biological and Physical Sciences
Art	50.0701	Art/Art Studies, General
Accounting	52.0302	Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping
Early Childhood Education	19.0709	Child Care Provider/Assistant
Film Production	50.0602	Cinematography and Film/Video Production
Business Marketing	52.1801	Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General
Psychology	42.0101	Psychology, General

SMC Selected Programs and CIP Codes Cont. (2 of 2)

	CIP Code	CIP Name
Cosmetology	12.0401	Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General
Kinesiology: Physical Education	31.0505	Exercise Science and Kinesiology
Public Health	51.0000	Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General
Respiratory	51.0908	Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist
Medical Administrative Assistant	51.0801	Medical/Clinical Assistant
Nutrition	19.0501	Foods, Nutrition, and Wellness Studies General
General Engineering	14.0102	Pre-Engineering
Fashion Design	50.0407	Fashion Apparel/Design
Business Management and Leadership	52.0204	Office Management and Supervision
Office Management	52.0204	Office Management and Supervision
Insurance Professional	52.1701	Insurance
Office Assistant: Legal	22.0301	Legal Administrative Assistant/Secretar
Office Technology	52.0401	Administrative Assistant and Secretaria Science, General
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SMC Programs with Largest Enrollment

	SMC Enrollment 2016-17 SMC Enrollment 2022-23 Headcount Change 2016-23		Percent Change 2016-23	
Computer Science	2,027	2,133	106	5%
Registered Nursing	2,243	1,948	-295	-13%
Business Administration	2,525	1,743	-782	-31%
General Science	2,158	1,148	-1,010	-47%
Art	1,290	1,122	-168	-13%
Accounting	1,739	1,067	-672	-39%
Early Childhood Education	1,422	896	-526	-37%
Film Production	675	880	205	30%
Business Marketing	975	844	-131	-13%
Psychology	48	826	778	1621%

Projected Program Growth

Program	Project Job Growth 2023-33
Cosmetology	31.58%
Kinesiology: Physical Education	19.96%
Public Health	18.92%
Respiratory	18.54%
Medical Administration	18.21%
Nutrition	17.34%
General Engineering	7.34%
Fashion Design	-0.42%
Business Management and Leadership/Office Management	-0.04%
Insurance Professional	-0.04%
Office Assistant: Legal	0.21%
Office Technology	0.51%

Projected job growth from 2023 to 2033 within the Santa Monica region was used as a proxy to show which programs will have an increase and decrease in demand.

Source: Santa Monica College Program-CIP Crosswalk , Bureau of Labor Statistics

Quartile Data for SMC Academic Portfolio

	SMC Percent Change	Regional Completions	Completions Growth	2023 Jobs	Projected Job Growth	
Min	-100%	0	-71%	0	0%	
Q1	-43%	51	-2%	56,864	7%	
Q2	-21%	255	31%	126,686	9%	
Q3	41%	821	70%	241,526	12%	
Max	18750%	24,950	4119%	1,462,403	44%	
Median	-21%	255	31%	126,686	9%	
Mean	426%	2,048	134%	249,599	10%	

Program Ranking Methodology

	Regional Market Size Quintile (Bachelor's Completio ns)	Regional Market Growth Quintile (Bachelor's Growth)	Jobs Quintile (2023 Jobs)	Projected Job Growth Quintile	Sum	Z-Score	Z-Score Conversion
Public Health	1	2	2	2	7	-1.5811	4
Social Work	1	4	1	1	7	-1.5811	4
Systems Science and Theory	4	1	1	2	8	-1.2649	4
Biomedical Sciences	3	2	2	1	8	-1.2649	4
Econometrics and Quantitative Economics	1	1	3	4	9	-0.9487	3
Family and Consumer Sciences	2	5	2	1	10	-0.6325	3
E-Commerce/ Electronic Commerce	4	2	1	4	11	-0.3162	3
Information Resources Management	3	3	4	2	12	0	2
Aerospace Engineering	1	3	3	5	12	0	2
Biomathematics/Bioinformatics/Computational Bio	3	1	5	3	12	0	2
Public Relations/ Image Management	2	3	4	3	12	0	2
Actuarial Science	4	4	2	3	13	0.31623	1
Political Economy	4	2	3	4	13	0.31623	1
Urban Studies/Affairs	2	4	3	4	13	0.31623	1
Digital Humanities	5	5	1	2	13	0.31623	
Engineering-Related Fields	3	1	5	5	14	0.63246	1
Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering	2	3	5	5	15	0.94868	1
Communication Disorders Sciences	5	5	5	1	16	1.26491	0
Public Administration	5	5	4	3	17	1.58114	0
Industrial and Organizational Psychology	5	4	4	5	18	1.89737	0

Each of the four metrics was split into quintiles with 1 being the highest and 5 being the lowest. The quintiles were summed across the 4 categories and a z-score was calculated using the sum. The z-score was converted to tiers with the following criteria: >-1= tier 4 >-1 X <0 = tier 3 0, tier 2 >0 X <1 =tier 1 >1 tier 0 With their 4 being the greatest potential and tier 0 being the least

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