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## Massage Therapists (SOC Code : 31-9011) in California

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Employers are usually looking for candidates with Post secondary vocational training .

### Occupational Wages

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Area	Year	Period	Hourly Mean	Hourly by Percentile		
				25th	Median	75th
California	2016	1st Qtr	\$21.24	\$12.53	\$19.09	\$27.32

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### Occupational Projections of Employment (also called "Outlook" or "Demand")

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Area	Estimated Year-Projected Year	Employment		Employment Change		Annual Avg Openings
		Estimated	Projected	Number	Percent	
California	2014 - 2024	26,600	33,000	6,400	24.1	840

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### Industries Employing This Occupation (click on Industry Title to View Employers List)

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Industry Title	Number of Employers in State of California	Percent of Total Employment for Occupation in State of California
<a href="#">Personal Care Services</a>	49,013	31.0%
<a href="#">Accommodation</a>	11,128	9.4%
<a href="#">Offices of Other Health Practitioners</a>	51,541	7.7%

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Confer with clients about their medical histories and problems with stress or pain to determine how massage will be most helpful.

Maintain treatment records.

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### More Skills for Massage Therapists

Top Abilities (Attributes of the person that influence performance in this job.)

**Oral Comprehension** - The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.

### More Abilities for Massage Therapists

Top Work Values (Aspects of this job that create satisfaction.)

**Relationships** - Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

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### More Work Values for Massage Therapists

Top Interests (The types of activities someone in this job would like.)

**Social** - Social occupations frequently involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. These occupations often involve helping or providing service to others.

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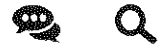
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## Massage Therapists (SOC Code : 31-9011) in Orange County

Massage customers for hygienic or remedial purposes.

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Orange County is part of the Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine MD, which includes Orange and Anaheim-Santa Ana-Ir counties.

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				25th	Median	75th
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine MD	2016	1st Qtr	\$21.42	\$13.45	\$19.25	\$28.96

Data for Orange County are not available. Data for Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine MD has been substituted.

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Area	Estimated Year-Projected Year	Employment		Employment Change		Annual Avg Openings
		Estimated	Projected	Number	Percent	
Orange County	2012 - 2022	1,260	1,580	320	25.4	45

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Industry Title	Number of Employers in Orange County	Percent of Total Employment for Occupation in State of California
<a href="#">Personal Care Services</a>	4,661	31.0%
<a href="#">Accommodation</a>	747	9.4%
<a href="#">Offices of Other Health Practitioners</a>	5,080	7.7%

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San Diego County is the same as San Diego-Carlsbad MSA.

**Occupational Wages**

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				25th	Median	75th
San Diego-Carlsbad MSA	2016	1st Qtr	\$19.34	\$9.63	\$18.07	\$26.01

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		Estimated	Projected	Number	Percent	
San Diego County	2012 - 2022	1,770	2,100	330	18.6	51

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Industry Title	Number of Employers in San Diego County	Percent of Total Employment for Occupation in State of California
<a href="#">Personal Care Services</a>	4,282	31.0%
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2016 Wages**

<b>Geography</b>	<b>Median Hourly</b>	<b>Median Annually</b>
California	\$19.09	\$39,698
\$18		
\$19		
\$22		
\$37,505		
\$40,045		
\$44,868		
Butte County	\$13.71	\$28,502
East Bay Area	\$30.77	\$63,999
Fresno County	\$15.46	\$32,163
Inland Empire Area	\$17.42	\$36,231
Kern County	\$16.36	\$34,018
Los Angeles County	\$19.97	\$41,524
Monterey County	\$21.24	\$44,185
Mother Lode Region	\$17.71	\$36,853
Napa County	\$21.36	\$44,430
North Coast Region	\$25.81	\$53,679
Northern Mountains Region	\$38.20	\$79,448
Sacramento Metro Area	\$17.24	\$35,864
San Benito and Santa Clara Counties	\$25.73	\$53,526
San Diego County	\$18.07	\$37,598
San Francisco Bay Area	\$12.22	\$25,412
San Joaquin County	\$14.24	\$29,613
San Luis Obispo County	\$36.28	\$75,481
Santa Cruz County	\$32.10	\$66,783
Shasta County	\$27.78	\$57,768
Solano County	\$18.48	\$38,444
Sonoma County	\$27.18	\$56,534
Sutter and Yuba Counties	\$21.09	\$43,859
Tulare County	\$13.37	\$27,798
Ventura County	\$16.97	\$35,303

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