



# Physical Therapist Assistants in 2 California Counties

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## What is Lightcast Data?

Lightcast data is a hybrid dataset derived from official government sources such as the US Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Leveraging the unique strengths of each source, our data modeling team creates an authoritative dataset that captures more than 99% of all workers in the United States. This core offering is then enriched with data from online social profiles, resumé, and job postings to give you a complete view of the workforce.

Lightcast data is frequently cited in major publications such as *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*.



## Report Parameters

### 1 Occupation

31-2021 Physical Therapist Assistants

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### 2 Counties

6079 San Luis Obispo County, CA

6083 Santa Barbara County, CA

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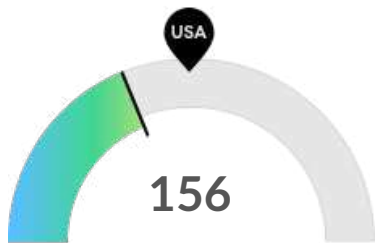
### Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen occupation and geographical areas.

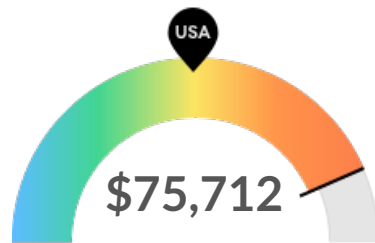
## Executive Summary

### Light Job Posting Demand Over a Thin Supply of Regional Jobs



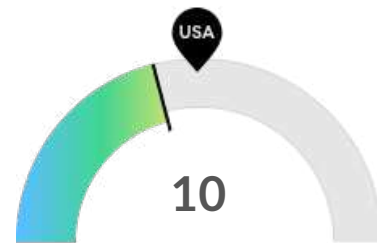
**Jobs (2023)**

Your area is not a hotspot for this kind of job. The national average for an area this size is 229\* employees, while there are 156 here.



**Compensation**

Earnings are high in your area. The national median salary for Physical Therapist Assistants is \$61,224, compared to \$75,712 here.



**Job Posting Demand**

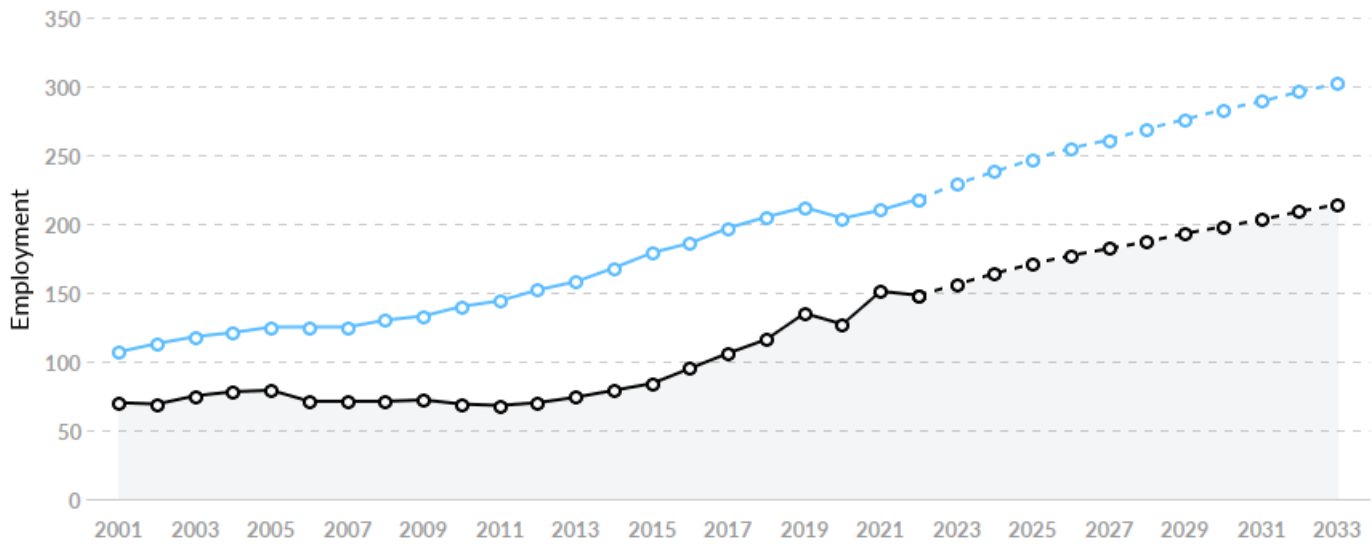
Job posting activity is low in your area. The national average for an area this size is 12\* job postings/mo, while there are 10 here.

\*National average values are derived by taking the national value for Physical Therapist Assistants and scaling it down to account for the difference in overall workforce size between the nation and your area. In other words, the values represent the national average adjusted for region size.

# Jobs

## Regional Employment Is Lower Than the National Average

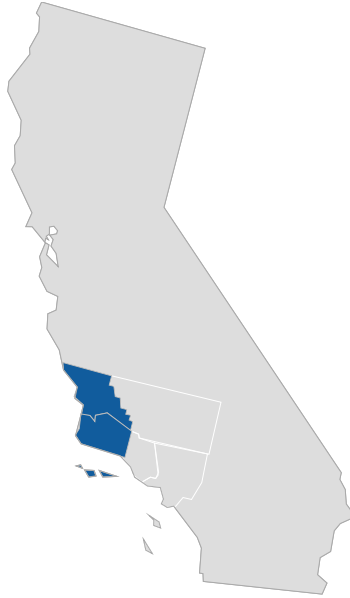
An average area of this size typically has 229\* jobs, while there are 156 here. This lower than average supply of jobs may make it more difficult for workers in this field to find employment in your area.



Region	2023 Jobs	2033 Jobs	Change	% Change
● 2 California Counties	156	214	59	37.8%
● National Average	229	302	73	32.1%

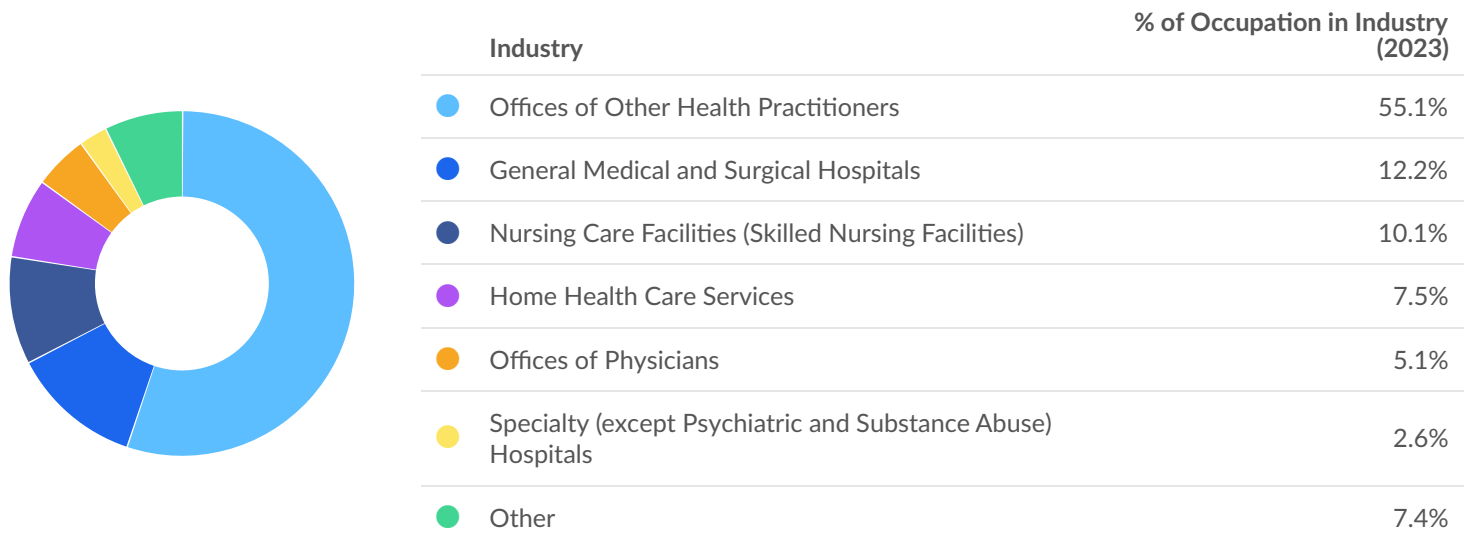
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## Regional Breakdown



County	2023 Jobs
San Luis Obispo County, CA	81
Santa Barbara County, CA	75

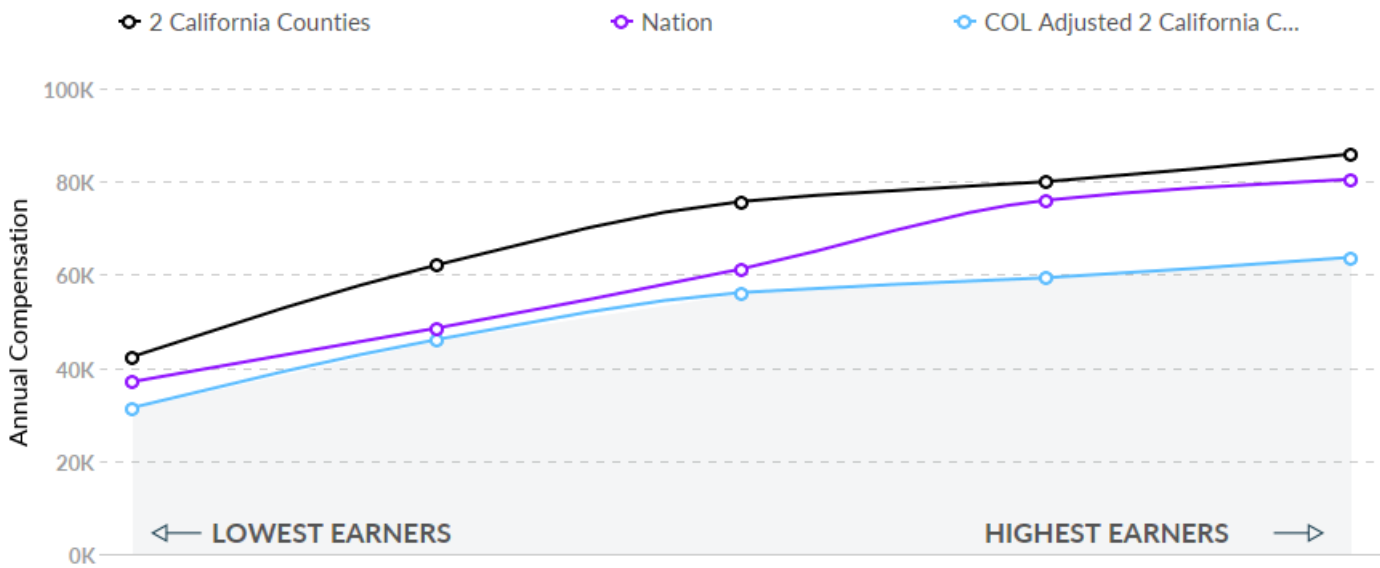
## Most Jobs are Found in the Offices of Other Health Practitioners Industry Sector



# Compensation

## Regional Compensation Is 24% Higher Than National Compensation

For Physical Therapist Assistants, the 2021 median wage in your area is \$75,712, while the national median wage is \$61,224.





# Job Posting Activity



**57 Unique Job Postings**

The number of unique postings for this job from Jan 2023 to Jun 2023.



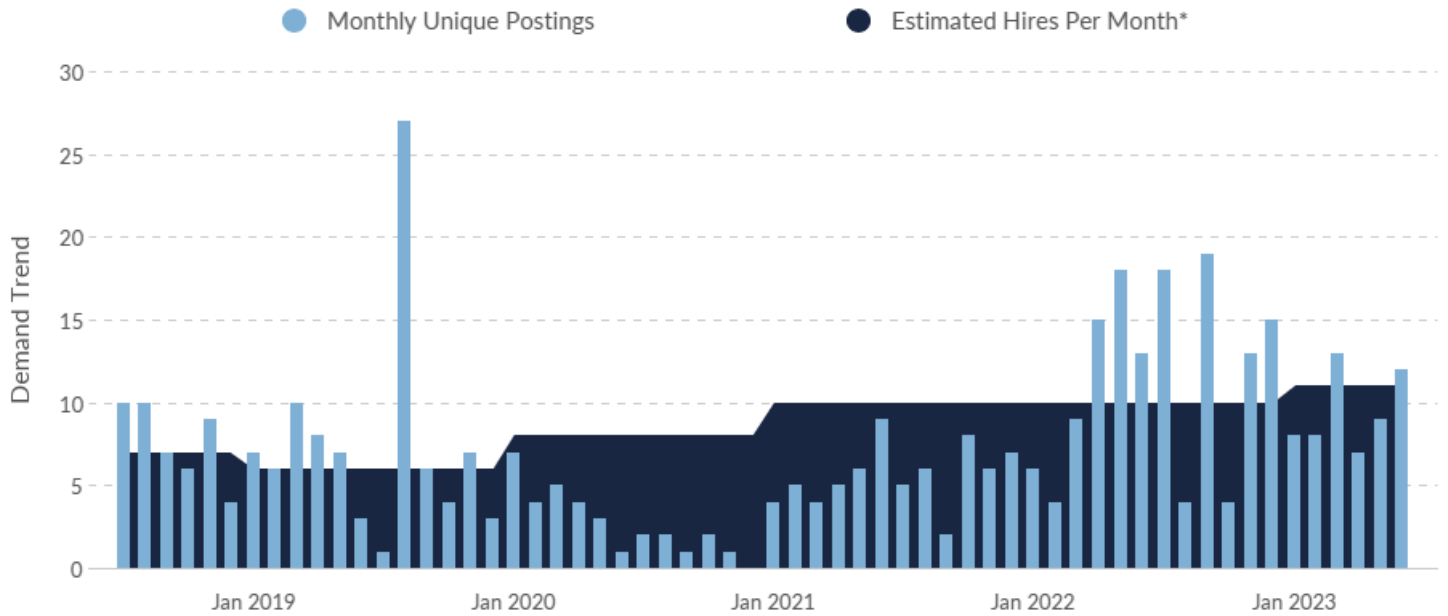
**32 Employers Competing**

All employers in the region who posted for this job from Jan 2023 to Jun 2023.



**42 Day Median Duration**

Posting duration is 9 days longer than what's typical in the region.



Occupation	Avg Monthly Postings (Jan 2023 - Jun 2023)	Avg Monthly Hires (Jan 2023 - Jun 2023)
Physical Therapist Assistants	10	11

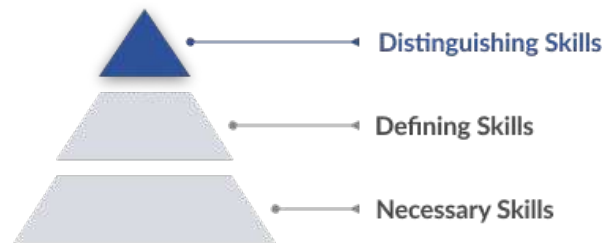
\*A hire is reported by the Quarterly Workforce Indicators when an individual's Social Security Number appears on a company's payroll and was not there the quarter before. Lightcast hires are calculated using a combination of Lightcast jobs data, information on separation rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and industry-based hires data from the Census Bureau.

Top Companies	Unique Postings
CommonSpirit Health	5
FeldCare Connects	4
Compass Health Network	3
Healthcare Employment Network	3
Consonus Healthcare Services	2
Empower.Me	2
GPAC	2
Jackson Therapy Partners	2
Marian Regional Medical Center	2
AMN Healthcare	1

Top Job Titles	Unique Postings
Physical Therapy Assistants	24
Physical Therapist Assistants	18
Home Health Physical Therapy A...	4
Travel Physical Therapists	2
Dog Trainers	1
Fuel Island Attendants	1
Library Assistants	1
Physical Therapists	1
Physical Therapy Technicians	1
Private Practice Therapists	1

## Top Distinguishing Skills by Demand

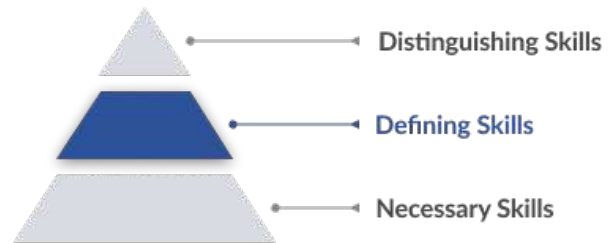
An occupation's Distinguishing Skills are the advanced skills that are called for occasionally. An employee with these skills is likely more specialized and able to differentiate themselves from others in the same role.



Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting
Functional Training		2
Manual Therapy		0

## Top Defining Skills by Demand

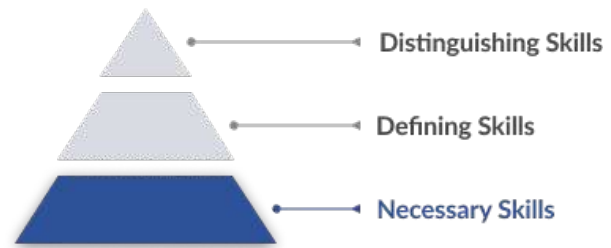
An occupation's Defining Skills represent the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of the job. An employee needs these skills to qualify for and perform successfully in this occupation.



Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting
Physical Therapy	✓	40
Physical Therapy Assistant License	✗	17
Treatment Planning	✗	5
Rehabilitation	✗	5
Exercise Therapy	✗	3

## Top Necessary Skills by Demand

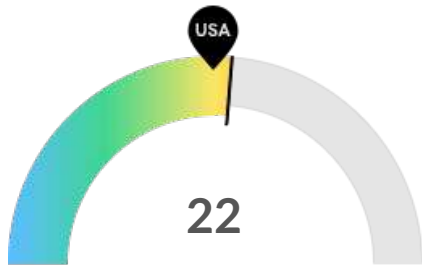
An occupation's Necessary Skills are the specialized skills required for that job and relevant across other similar jobs. An employee needs these skills as building blocks to perform the more complex Defining Skills.



Skill	Salary Boosting	Job Postings Requesting
Valid Driver's License	✗	10
Home Health Care	✗	7
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification	✗	6
Patient Treatment	✗	5
Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification	✗	5
Billing	✗	2
Orthopedics	✗	1
Infection Control	✗	0

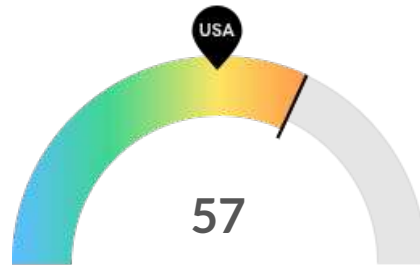
# Demographics

## Retirement Risk Is About Average, While Overall Diversity Is High



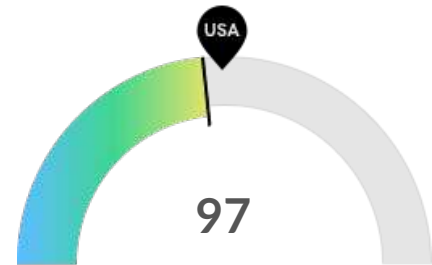
**Retiring Soon**

Retirement risk is about average in your area. The national average for an area this size is 20\* employees 55 or older, while there are 22 here.



**Racial Diversity**

Racial diversity is high in your area. The national average for an area this size is 39\* racially diverse employees, while there are 57 here.

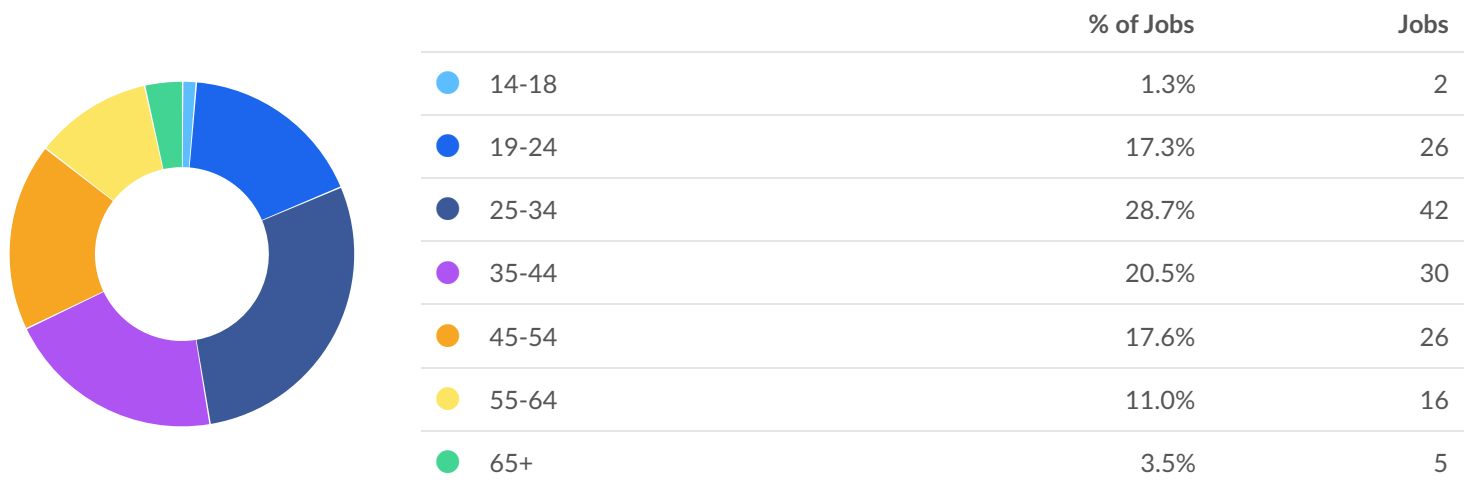


**Gender Diversity**

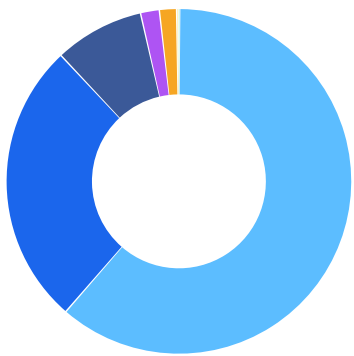
Gender diversity is about average in your area. The national average for an area this size is 107\* female employees, while there are 97 here.

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## Occupation Age Breakdown



### Occupation Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



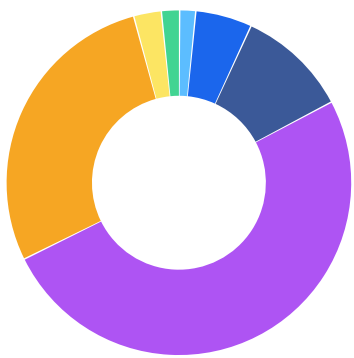
	% of Jobs	Jobs
White	61.3%	91
Hispanic or Latino	26.6%	39
Asian	8.4%	12
Two or More Races	1.8%	3
Black or African American	1.6%	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0

### Occupation Gender Breakdown



	% of Jobs	Jobs
Males	34.4%	51
Females	65.6%	97

## National Educational Attainment



	% of Jobs
<span style="color: #00AEEF;">●</span> Less than high school diploma	1.5%
<span style="color: #0070C0;">●</span> High school diploma or equivalent	5.3%
<span style="color: #1A3A5A;">●</span> Some college, no degree	10.4%
<span style="color: #800080;">●</span> Associate's degree	50.4%
<span style="color: #FFA500;">●</span> Bachelor's degree	28.1%
<span style="color: #FFD700;">●</span> Master's degree	2.6%
<span style="color: #008000;">●</span> Doctoral or professional degree	1.7%

## Occupational Programs



### 1 Program

Of the programs that can train for this job, 1 has produced completions in the last 5 years.



### 0 Completions (2021)

The completions from all regional institutions for all degree types.



### 23 Openings (2021)

The average number of openings for an occupation in the region is 74.

Not enough data to show the Top Programs section.

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## Appendix A

**Physical Therapist Assistants (SOC 31-2021):**

Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with state laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist.

Generally requires formal training.

**Sample of Reported Job Titles:**

Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA)

Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (LPTA)

Per Diem Physical Therapist Assistant (Per Diem PTA)

Outpatient Physical Therapist Assistant

Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant

Home Health Physical Therapist Assistant

Home Care Physical Therapy Assistant

Certified Physical Therapist Assistant (CPTA)

Rehabilitation Assistant (Rehab Assistant)

**Related O\*NET Occupation:**

Physical Therapist Assistants (31-2021.00)