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# La Mesa employment center

Tier 2 employment centers in the San Diego region<sup>1</sup>:

An analysis of where people live and work

## Highlight 1

Characteristics of this employment center

24,964	13th	4.20	5,944	4.6%
employees	largest employment center of the 79	square miles	employees per square mile	of employees in this employment center also live in this employment center

Sources: SANDAG Employment Estimates, 2016; LEHD LODES OD, 7.3, 2015

### Highlight 2

#### Industries in this employment center and the region overall

	La Mesa employment center		Region	
	Number of jobs	Percentage/ rank	Number of jobs	Percentage/ rank
Health care and social assistance	8,621	35% (1)	199,700	13% (1)
Retail trade	4,092	16% (2)	156,612	10% (2)
Professional, scientific, technical	1,106	4% (7)	148,766	10% (3)
Food services	2,096	8% (4)	131,594	9% (4)
Manufacturing	138	1% (16)	109,234	7% (5)
Administrative, support, waste services	1,332	5% (5)	91,519	6% (6)
Construction	2,174	9% (3)	83,498	5% (7)
Local government education	937	4% (8)	80,300	5% (8)
Other services	1,259	5% (6)	69,124	5% (9)
Finance and insurance	827	3% (10)	47,848	3% (10)
Wholesale trade	117	1% (17)	46,625	3% (11)
Arts, entertainment, recreation	208	1% (13)	45,639	3% (12)
Real estate, rental, leasing	916	4% (9)	38,582	3% (13)
Local government	312	1% (11)	37,429	2% (14)
Transportation and warehousing	89	<1% (18)	36,183	2% (15)
Accommodation	186	1% (14)	33,094	2% (16)
Educational services	271	1% (12)	32,892	2% (17)
State government education	0	0% (22)	31,600	2% (18)
Information	71	<1% (19)	26,262	2% (19)
Department of Defense	0	0% (23)	22,500	1% (20)
Management of companies/enterprises	25	<1% (20)	21,500	1% (21)
Federal government	20	<1% (21)	11,454	1% (22)
Farm	0	0% (24)	9,000	1% (23)
Utilities	167	1% (15)	7,208	<1% (24)
State government	0	0% (25)	7,037	<1% (25)
Mining and logging	0	0% (26)	300	<1% (26)
Total	24,964		1,525,500	

Source: SANDAG Employment Estimates, 2016

This data summary was prepared by SANDAG and is part of an evolving analysis of where people live and work in the San Diego region. Tier 2 employment centers are those between 20,000 and 40,000 employees. For data notes, sources, and qualifications, please visit: sandag.org\employmentcenters. Suggested reference: SANDAG (2019, May). *Tier 2 employment centers in the San Diego region: La Mesa employment center.* San Diego, CA: Author.

## Highlight 3 Other statistics about the education level and income of employees in this employment center

21% have Bachelor's degree or higher (24% region) **\$46,649** mean employee salary (\$55,801 region) these jobs represent

of the region's jobs

these incomes represent **1.2%** 

of regional labor income

SOURCES: SANDAG Employment Estimates, 2016; LEHD LODES OD, 7.3, 2015

#### Highlight 4

What mode of transportation these employment center employees use to get to work during peak period?



Source: SANDAG Activity Based Model, 2016

#### Highlight 5

#### How far employees drive on average to get to this employment center during peak period and how long it takes them on average, by transportation mode

	La Mesa employment center		Region	
	Mean number of miles	Mean length of time (Minutes)	Mean number of miles	Mean length of time (Minutes)
Vehicles	10.0	19.8	12.0	25.1
Transit	8.8	53.9	10.7	62.8
Bike	4.7	23.5	4.3	21.6
Walk	1.5	29.7	1.2	23.2

Note: Peak period includes 6:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:59 p.m. Source: SANDAG Activity Based Model, 2016

#### Highlight 6

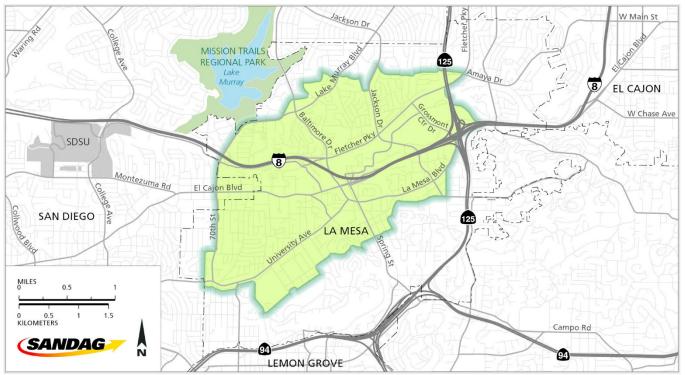
## What jurisdictions these employment center employees travel from

Jurisdiction	Number of workers in the employment center	Percent
San Diego	7,046	39%
Unincorporated	3,804	21%
La Mesa	1,724	10%
Chula Vista	1,581	9%
El Cajon	1,405	8%
Santee	804	4%
Lemon Grove	397	2%
National City	380	2%
Escondido	162	1%
Poway	150	1%
Oceanside	138	1%
Carlsbad	125	1%
Imperial Beach	119	1%
San Marcos	86	1%
Vista	82	1%
Coronado	72	<1%
Encinitas	59	<1%
Solana Beach	20	<1%
Del Mar	5	<1%
Total	18,159	

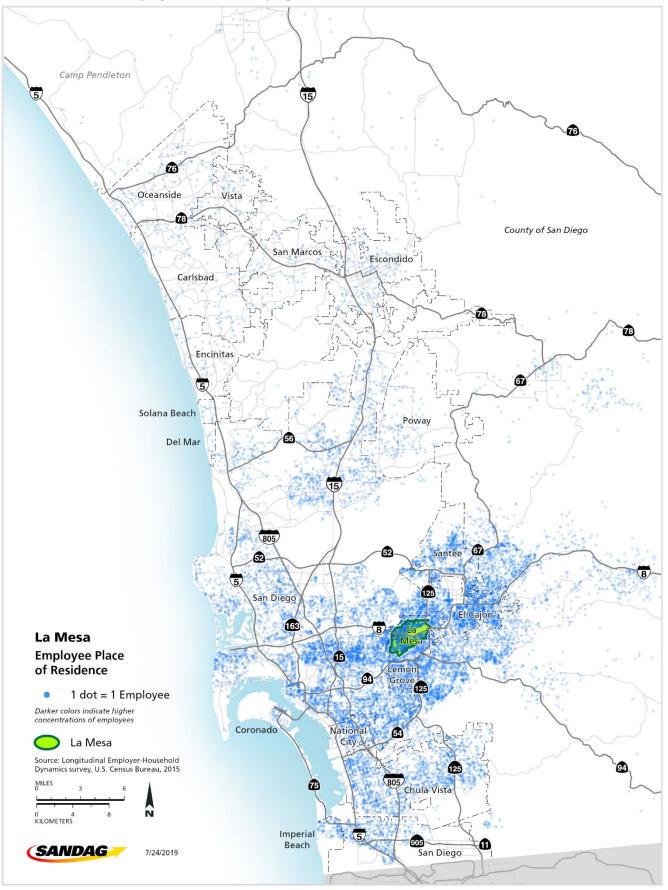
Note: The total number of employees shown here is lower than presented elsewhere because employees who travel from outside the region or have an unknown origin location are excluded and only primary jobs are included.

Source: SANDAG Employment Estimates, 2016; LEHD LODES OD, 7.3, 2015

## Map 1 La Mesa employment center



Map 2 Where do La Mesa employment center employees live?



## Map 3 How far employees in the La Mesa employment center have to travel

