

## DETERMINING LIMITED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER ELIGIBILITY

When determining a Customer's eligibility for WIOA Dislocated Workers programs, it is often necessary to determine whether the Customer's previous occupation/industry is declining. This question should be answered as follows:

1. Find the Customer's previous occupational title in the below list. The titles are listed by SOC (Standard Occupational Classification) code, use a crosswalk such as the one in O\*NET (<http://online.onetcenter.org/crosswalk>) to "convert" from the DOT (Dictionary of Occupational Titles) code to the SOC code.
2. If the "Unlikely to Return" column of the table indicates "Y," then the Customer is unlikely to return to a previous occupation.
3. If the "Unlikely to Return" column of the table indicates "N," then the Customer may still be considered unlikely to return if there is another qualifying reason, such as an unsuccessful job search, insufficient education for re-entry into former occupation, a poor employment history, etc.

### Background

The following table was prepared by the SDWP Research Department using data from the California Employment Development Department EDD Labor Market Information Division (LMID) and Economic Modeling Specialists, Int'l (EMSI) for San Diego County. SDWP Research Department marked an occupation as "Yes" in the "Unlikely to Return" column if at least one of the following statements are true:

1. The occupation was in decline between 2011 and 2016; or
2. The occupation has been growing at a rate less than 10% between 2011-2016; or
3. The occupation has less than 291 annual openings available between 2011-2016.

[Click here for San Diego Workforce Partnership's Unlikely to Return Eligibility List](#)

### Data Notes

- Insufficient Data (Insf. Data) indicates that there are not enough positions to count
- 2016 is year with the most recent, accurate data available
- 10% is the average percent that all occupations grew in San Diego between 2011-2016. Anything less than 10% is less than average
- 291 is the average annual openings for occupations in San Diego.
- Data source: Economic Modeling Specialists, International (EMSI) Categories used: QCEW, Non-QCEW, Self-Employed)
- Data sorted by "N" first for ease of use. Occupations with an "N" are likely to return to employment