

Private Practice vs. Ventura County vs. LA County Earnings

There have been multiple requests to outline a comparative overview between private practice with agency/county compensation.

The following figures are based on public posted and shared information about county compensation. The numbers are estimates and will vary depending on clinician individual factors.

Informational Purposes:

A. Ventura County Behavioral Health Clinician IV

Based on 40 hours per week

APPROXIMATE SALARY (posted October 2023):

Behavioral Health Clinician I: \$27.16 - \$38.06 - hourly

Behavioral Health Clinician II: \$2,483.58 - \$3,481.36 - biweekly

Behavioral Health Clinician III: \$2,608.26 - \$3,653.51 - biweekly

Behavioral Health Clinician IV: \$2,737.52 - \$3,835.21 - biweekly

\$7670.42 per month (Based on highest salary range: Biweekly 3835.21)

+ 4% (307.00 per month) Expected salary in 2024.

+2.5% (191.76 per month) Associate degree

\$8169.18 per month for 40 hours per week = \$51.06 an hour (no bilingual incentive)

8169.18 x 2080 hours per year = Approximately 106, 204.80

Bilingual Therapist

Bilingual incentive includes an additional \$0.80 to \$1.20 per hour.

For 40 hours per week = \$51.86 to 52.26 an hour

\$8361.60 per month for 40 hours per week = \$52.26 an hour

\$8361.60 x 2080 hours per year = Approximately \$108, 700.80

B. Los Angeles Mental Health Clinician II

\$82,490.16 - \$105,295.68 Annually

C. Private Practice (PBH)

\$19,360.00 per month for 40 hours per week = \$121.00 an hour

\$121.00 x 2080 hours per year = \$251, 680.00 per year

This summary does not include other items such as Health insurance or 401K or being vested. This outline is not intended to be comprehensive but rather an estimate to guide your business decision-making.

D. Other values not included:

- Value of working fewer hours without sacrificing earnings.
- Value of time spent with friends and family working part-time.
- Value of choosing your work schedule.
- Value of selecting your clients.
- Value of deciding whether you work in-person or telehealth.
- Value of not being micromanaged.
- Value of selecting your health plan.
- Value of deciding when you take breaks.
- Value of not attending unwanted meetings.
- Value of adjusting your schedule to address personal matters.
- Value of taking tax business deductions for expenses.

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