

Field Enforcement Inspectors (CSHOs)
Division of Occupational Safety and Health – Cal/OSHA
January 1, 2026

[December 31, 2025, DOSH Org Chart, data released by DIR in March 2026]

Enforcement Region	Filled CSHO Positions	Vacant CSHO Positions	CSHOs certified as bilingual	Industrial Hygiene CSHOs
Region I SF Bay Area	16 CSHOs	16 positions	2 CSHOs	None
Region II Northern California and Central Valley	23 CSHOs	7 positions	1 CSHO	None
Region III San Diego, Santa Ana, Riverside, San Bernardino	26 CSHOs	19 positions	2 CSHOs	None
Region IV Los Angeles area	30 CSHOs	22 positions	5 CSHOs	None
Region V Mining & Tunneling	10 CSHOs	4 positions	None	None
Region VI High Hazard Unit LETU Unit	17 CSHOs 15 CSHOs	5 positions 1 position	2 CSHOs 3 CSHOs	1 CSHO
Region VII PSM units – Refinery: Non-refinery:	9 CSHOs 6 CSHOs	1 position 10 positions	None	None
Region VIII Central Valley and Central Coast	23 CSHOs	14 positions	1 CSHO	1 CSHO
Ag Enforcement & Outreach Unit	14 CSHOs	1 position	7 CSHOs	None
CSHO positions [289 total]	189 filled	100 vacant	23 bilingual	2 IHs

Minus 50% time of 6 Retired Annuitants working as CSHOs	- 3 FTEs			
Plus 50% time of 21 District SSEs	+ 10.5 FTEs			
Field-Available inspector FTEs	196.5 CSHOs			

Notes:

- Of the 189 filled CSHO positions, there are six “Retired Annuitant” (RA) rehired staff working as CSHOs in District Offices. RA positions are temporary, part-time positions and RAs are limited to 960 hours per fiscal year (half time). At the same time, there are 21 Senior Safety Engineer (SSE) positions in District Offices. These SSEs are to spend 50% of their time on District Office administrative matters and 50% of their time conducting compliance inspections. Therefore, the number of **CSHO FTEs available for field inspections on January 1, 2026, is 196.5 CSHOs.**
- On November 1st, there were **100 vacant CSHO positions.** DOSH had a **vacancy rate for CSHO positions of 35%** (100 vacancies in 289 positions). In addition, there were 5.5 inspector positions that were “unassigned” and also vacant, raising total vacancies to 105.5.
- **Nine enforcement District Offices have CSHO vacancy rates at or above 50%.** These offices are: Concord PSM/Non-Refinery (88%), Fremont (70%), Long Beach (70%), Santa Barbara (67%), San Bernardino (62%), Bakersfield (57%), San Francisco (50%), Riverside (50%), and Monrovia (50%).
- **Two Los Angeles area District Offices** – responsible for protecting workers involved in the clean-up and rebuilding after the January 2025 wild fires – have significant CSHO vacancies: Long Beach (70%) and Monrovia (50%).
- **The Agricultural Safety unit has 14 CSHOs** for the four slated enforcement offices in Bakersfield, El Centro, Lodi, and Salinas.
- There are **three District Offices without a District Manager** in Riverside, Santa Barbara, and the Santa Ana PSM Non-Refinery Unit. In these District Offices, a CSHO must serve as Acting District Manager, so those offices effectively have one additional CSHO vacancy as the ADMs do not conduct field inspections.
- **Four District Offices have zero clerical staff** –Fresno High Hazard Unit, Fresno

LETF, Santa Ana PSM Non-Refinery, and Santa Barbara – which means CSHOs must spend time doing administrative work.

- The DOSH Org Chart indicates that **23 field CSHOs are “bilingual.”** Seven of the 14 members of the Agriculture Safety enforcement unit are bilingual. Region II (Northern California and Central Valley) and Region VIII (Central Valley and Central Coast) are regions with numerous farmworkers, yet both Region II and Region VIII both have one bilingual inspectors each. It is estimated that at least 5 million of the state’s 19 million worker labor force speak languages other than English, with many monolingual in their native tongue.
- There are **only two industrial hygienists** among the 189 filled CSHO positions, which means that enforcement inspections involving “health” issues – such as heat, wildfire smoke, infectious diseases, airborne lead and silica exposures, noise, and ergonomics – are severely limited by lack of qualified personnel.
- The California Employment Development Department (EDD) reported the California civilian labor force in December 2025 as 19,935,200 workers. The 196.5 FTE CSHO positions represent an inspector to worker ratio of 1 inspector to 101,451 workers. **Cal/OSHA’s inspector to worker ratio of 1 inspector to 101,000 workers is much less health protective than Washington State’s ratio of 1 to 28,000, and Oregon’s ratio of 1 to 23,000.** [These non-California ratios were cited in the April 2025 “Death on the Job” report.]
- **In 1980, Federal OSHA had a ratio of 14.8 CSHOs per million workers. Forty-five years later, Cal/OSHA has a ratio of 9.85 CSHOs per million workers.**
- The 196.5 field-available CSHO positions also include six CSHOs who are classified as in training (SET, TAU, T&D, Junior SE) and who technically do not conduct independent inspections alone.

Sources: DIR List of Authorized DOSH Positions, December 31, 2025

EDD: <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov>

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