

# Job Trend Data Tool – Sterile Processing Technician

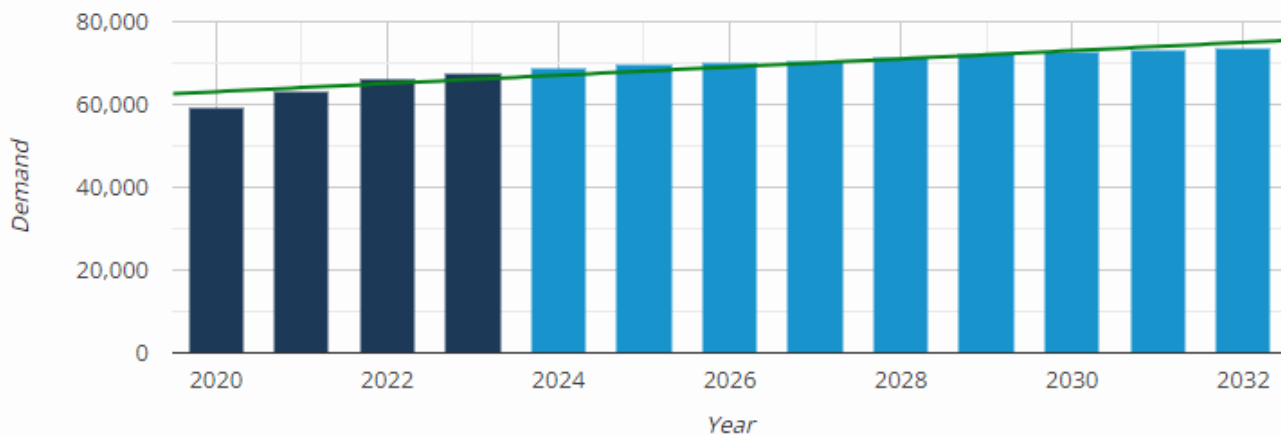
Prepare, sterilize, install, or clean laboratory or healthcare equipment. May perform routine laboratory tasks and operate or inspect equipment.

## Core tasks

- Operate and maintain steam autoclaves, keeping records of loads completed, items in loads, and maintenance procedures performed.
- Clean instruments to prepare them for sterilization.
- Organize and assemble routine or specialty surgical instrument trays or other sterilized supplies, filling special requests as needed.
- Record sterilizer test results.
- Examine equipment to detect leaks, worn or loose parts, or other indications of disrepair.
- Report defective equipment to appropriate supervisors or staff.
- Maintain records of inventory or equipment usage and order medical instruments or supplies when inventory is low.
- Stock crash carts or other medical supplies.
- Start equipment and observe gauges and equipment operation to detect malfunctions and to ensure equipment is operating to prescribed standards.
- Check sterile supplies to ensure that they are not outdated.
- Attend hospital in-service programs related to areas of work specialization.

The number of jobs in the career for the past two years, the current year, and projections for the next 10 years. Job counts include both employed and self-employed persons, and do not distinguish between full- and part-time jobs. Sources include Emsi industry data, staffing patterns, and OES data.

Over the next 10 years, employment demand is expected to change by **+9.08%** for Medical Equipment Preparers.



These companies are currently hiring for Medical Equipment Preparers.

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| 1. HCA Healthcare                               | 11. Trinity Health                          |
| 2. United States Department of Veterans Affairs | 12. Actalent                                |
| 3. Aya Healthcare                               | 13. AMN Healthcare                          |
| 4. Providence                                   | 14. AdventHealth                            |
| 5. Ascension                                    | 15. University of California                |
| 6. Lincare                                      | 16. Baylor Scott & White Health             |
| 7. Herc Rentals                                 | 17. Mercy Health                            |
| 8. United Surgical Partners International       | 18. Focus Staff                             |
| 9. Steris Corporation                           | 19. HealthTrust Workforce Solutions         |
| 10. Kaiser Permanente                           | 20. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center |

A list of hard skills associated with a given career ordered by the number of unique job postings which ask for those skills.

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| 1. Sterile Processing   | 11. Medical Terminology               |
| 2. Sterilization        | 12. Asepsis                           |
| 3. Surgical Instruments | 13. Sterile Techniques And Procedures |
| 4. Operating Room (OR)  | 14. Inventory Management              |
| 5. Decontamination      | 15. Endoscopy                         |
| 6. Disinfecting         | 16. Surgical Procedures               |
| 7. Surgery              | 17. Workflow Management               |
| 8. Infection Control    | 18. Surgical Services                 |
| 9. Biology              | 19. Perioperative Care                |
| 10. Nursing             | 20. Machinery                         |

A list of job titles for all unique postings in a given career, sorted by frequency.

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| 1. Sterile Processing Technicians         | 11. Sterile Processors                      |
| 2. Central Sterile Technicians            | 12. Central Supply Technicians              |
| 3. Travel Sterile Processing Technicians  | 13. Sterile Technicians                     |
| 4. Process Technicians                    | 14. Medical Equipment Sales Representatives |
| 5. Equipment Coordinators                 | 15. Surgical Sterile Processing Technicians |
| 6. Central Sterile Processing Technicians | 16. Lead Sterile Processing Technicians     |
| 7. Sterile Processing Supervisors         | 17. Instrument Technicians                  |
| 8. Sterilization Technicians              | 18. Sterile Supply Technicians              |
| 9. Sterile Processing Managers            | 19. Central Supply Coordinators             |
| 10. Central Sterile Supply Technicians    | 20. Laboratory Aides                        |

## More Information and Resources

- Job Search Tools
  - <https://careercenter.medcerts.com/resources/category/job-search-tools/>
- Sterile Processing Career Pathways
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