

Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products (13-1022)

Occupation description: Buy merchandise or commodities, other than farm products, for resale to consumers at the wholesale or retail level, including both durable and nondurable goods. Analyze past buying trends, sales records, price, and quality of merchandise to determine value and yield. Select, order, and authorize payment for merchandise according to contractual agreements. May conduct meetings with sales personnel and introduce new products. Includes assistant wholesale and retail buyers of nonfarm products.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2014 estimate	2024 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	84	90	7.1	1	3	3
United States	129,500	137,500	6.2	810	4,110	4,910

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2015 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	28.50	14.52	18.96	25.45	34.23	45.96
Alaska	25.93	14.38	16.82	22.98	32.50	42.28
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	29.38	14.81	18.66	27.41	36.61	46.00
Southeast Region	21.20	15.04	16.29	18.34	26.02	33.31
Balance of State	22.73	11.16	14.16	18.25	27.89	42.39

Labor Force Indicators

2014 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
115	8	7.0	47.7	36.4

2014 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	19
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	8
UI claimants previously working in occupation	3

2014 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	203
Number of job position postings	14
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	14.5

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Long-term on-the-job training

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