

Biological Technicians (19-4021)

Occupation description: Assist biological and medical scientists in laboratories. Set up, operate, and maintain laboratory instruments and equipment, monitor experiments, make observations, and calculate and record results. May analyze organic substances, such as blood, food, and drugs.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2014 estimate	2024 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	538	537	-0.2	0	15	15
United States	79,300	83,500	5.2	410	2,210	2,630

Job outlook

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

2015 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	21.75	12.80	15.86	20.02	25.99	33.26
Alaska	20.13	15.00	16.78	18.70	22.48	26.47
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	19.05	14.99	15.12	17.49	20.78	25.52
Fairbanks North Star Borough	20.52	15.00	16.77	18.64	21.89	26.04
Southeast Region	20.84	16.35	16.78	19.89	23.92	27.56
Balance of State	20.31	16.00	16.78	19.42	22.33	27.13

Labor Force Indicators

2015 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
737	137	18.6	26.7	21.7

2015 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	123
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	49
UI claimants previously working in occupation	132

2015 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	412
Number of job position postings	105
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	3.9

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

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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