

Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)

Occupation description: Counsel and advise individuals with alcohol, tobacco, drug, or other problems, such as gambling and eating disorders. May counsel individuals, families, or groups or engage in prevention programs. Excludes Social Workers (21-1021 through 21-1029), Psychologists (19-3031 through 19-3039), and Mental Health Counselors (21-1014) providing these services.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2014 estimate	2024 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	370	430	16.2	6	8	14
United States	94,900	116,200	22.3	2,120	1,990	4,110

Job outlook

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

2016 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	21.23	12.60	15.61	19.75	25.33	31.29
Alaska	26.10	19.77	21.77	25.19	29.62	35.38
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	24.51	19.74	21.38	24.09	27.55	29.91
Southeast Region	28.69	20.30	22.92	29.32	34.73	37.66
Balance of State	25.77	19.00	21.57	25.59	29.69	33.85

Labor Force Indicators

2015 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
342	44	12.9	50.0	41.2

2015 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	139
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	45
UI claimants previously working in occupation	35

2015 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	260
Number of job position postings	177
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	1.5

Alaska Licensing Information

Behavioral Analyst – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)
Professional Counselor – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

Training Resources

	Degree
Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Training (Anchorage)	
Correspondence Courses	
Onsite Training	
Substance Abuse Training Academy	Certificate
St. Hermans Theological Seminary (Kodiak)	
Substance Abuse Treatment Training	

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