

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

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| 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

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| 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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