

## Pharmacists (29-1051)

**Occupation description:** Dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use. May advise physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosage, interactions, and side effects of medications.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	343	382	11.4	8	7	19
<b>United States</b>	312,500	329,900	5.6	7,400	6,200	15,340

#### Job outlook

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

### 2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
<b>United States</b>	59.45	42.21	53.53	60.64	70.13	77.53
<b>Alaska</b>	67.25	51.77	62.16	69.55	76.34	81.13
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Area</b>	67.04	54.46	63.92	70.14	76.34	80.46
<b>Fairbanks North Star Borough</b>	56.91	26.39	50.90	63.87	72.60	77.66
<b>Balance of State</b>	75.79	54.98	63.37	71.19	78.97	*

\* indicates the estimate is not available, or the hourly wage is greater than \$100, or the annual wage is greater than \$208,000.

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
371	73	19.7	39.4	29.7

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	72
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	57
UI claimants previously working in occupation	2

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	23
Number of job position postings	9

**Alaska Licensing Information**

Pharmacist – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)  
Pharmacy Intern – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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

**Education:** Doctoral or professional degree

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** None

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