

Respiratory Therapists (29-1126)

Occupation description: Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	154	186	20.8	4	4	11
United States	130,200	160,600	23.4	3,400	3,300	9,750

Job outlook

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

2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	30.05	21.03	24.73	28.98	34.98	40.15
Alaska	36.83	27.66	31.89	36.50	41.77	47.42
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	36.52	27.49	31.68	36.13	40.96	47.14
Balance of State	40.14	31.26	35.19	40.91	46.03	49.10

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
183	42	23.0	61.7	51.0

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	17
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	10
UI claimants previously working in occupation	6

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	19
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	4.8

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

Education: Associate's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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