

Ophthalmic Medical Technicians (29-2057)

Occupation description: Assist ophthalmologists by performing ophthalmic clinical functions. May administer eye exams, administer eye medications, and instruct the patient in care and use of corrective lenses.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2014 estimate	2024 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	57	67	17.5	1	1	2
United States	37,000	46,100	24.7	910	370	1,280

Job outlook

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

2016 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	17.81	11.93	14.02	17.08	20.87	24.68
Alaska	19.59	14.71	16.21	18.26	22.38	27.89
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	20.88	15.23	16.76	19.44	23.81	30.24
Fairbanks North Star Borough	17.49	12.07	15.63	17.26	18.89	23.22

Labor Force Indicators

2015 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
77	7	9.1	22.9	10.0

2015 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	15
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	4
UI claimants previously working in occupation	2

2015 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	20
Number of job position postings	9
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.2

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

Education: Postsecondary non-degree award

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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