

## 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		
	2012 estimate	2022 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	23	30	30.4	1	0	1
United States	29,600	38,400	29.8	880	290	1,170

#### Job outlook

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

### 2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	17.44	n/a	11.60	16.80	24.23
Alaska	21.00	22.50	24.00	18.62	21.33	31.53
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	20.43	22.50	24.57	18.57	21.37	31.43

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
59	13	22.0	16.3	10.2

#### 2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	9
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	4
UI claimants previously working in occupation	3

#### 2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	18
Number of job position postings	7
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.6

### 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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