

## 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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