

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

| | 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.](#)

2017 Wages ?

| | Mean Wage | Wage by Percentile | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| | Mean | 10th | 25th | Median | 75th | 90th |
| United States | 18.03 | 12.05 | 14.18 | 17.27 | 21.19 | 25.10 |
| Alaska | 20.21 | 15.30 | 16.79 | 19.09 | 22.83 | 27.90 |
| Anchorage/Mat-Su Area | 21.23 | 15.74 | 17.50 | 20.29 | 23.63 | 29.83 |

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

| Total workers | Nonresident workers | Percent nonresident | Percent age 45 plus | Percent age 50 plus |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 97 | 13 | 13.4 | 16.3 | 11.6 |

2016 Potential Supply

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| Qualified but working in another occupation | 19 |
| Currently employed in a lower paid occupation | 8 |
| UI claimants previously working in occupation | 8 |

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

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| Number of registrants | 22 |
| Number of job position postings | 4 |
| Ratio of registrants to job position postings | 5.5 |

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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