

Dental Assistants (31-9091)

Occupation description: Assist dentist, set up equipment, prepare patient for treatment, and keep records.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	1,157	1,435	24.0	66	74	168
United States	332,000	396,600	19.5	18,600	20,900	45,960

Job outlook

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

2017 Wages

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	18.60	12.58	14.98	18.09	22.11	25.54
Alaska	22.07	15.36	18.04	22.30	26.43	29.69
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	22.23	14.37	18.80	22.77	26.49	29.61
Fairbanks North Star Borough	21.57	16.57	18.84	21.46	24.24	28.12
Southeast Region	22.68	16.13	18.37	22.82	27.35	30.34
Balance of State	21.81	15.38	17.08	21.03	27.04	30.04

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
1,308	140	10.7	21.9	15.0

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	278
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	76
UI claimants previously working in occupation	90

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	537
Number of job position postings	107
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	5.0

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

Education: Postsecondary non-degree award

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

Training Resources

	Degree
ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)	
Bloodborne Pathogens	
	Degree
Assist to Succeed Anchorage (Anchorage)	
Dental Assisting	certificate
	Degree
Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)	
Bloodborne Pathogens	
	Degree
Galena Interior Learning Academy (Galena)	
Health Science	
	Degree
Iisagvik College (Barrow)	
Dental Assistant Trainee	Endorsement
Dental Health Aide	Certificate
Dental Health Therapy	AAS
	Degree
Multimed (Anchorage)	
American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) Blood Borne Pathogens	
	Degree
Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)	
Bloodborne Pathogens / 045	
	Degree
TSS - The Safety Specialists (Ketchikan)	
Bloodborne Pathogens	
	Degree

University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)

Dental Assisting	AAS
Dental Assisting	CER
Dental Assisting	CT1
Dental Assisting	CT2

Degree

University of Alaska Fairbanks, CTC (Fairbanks)

Dental Assistant	AAS
Dental Assistant	CT2

Degree

Vocational Training and Resource Center (Juneau)

Dental Assistant	
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