

Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers (31-9096)

Occupation description: Feed, water, and examine pets and other nonfarm animals for signs of illness, disease, or injury in laboratories and animal hospitals and clinics. Clean and disinfect cages and work areas, and sterilize laboratory and surgical equipment. May provide routine post-operative care, administer medication orally or topically, or prepare samples for laboratory examination under the supervision of veterinary or laboratory animal technologists or technicians, veterinarians, or scientists. Excludes Nonfarm Animal Caretakers (39-2021).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	243	288	18.5	15	25	45
United States	83,800	100,000	19.4	5,300	8,600	15,530

Job outlook

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

2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	13.79	9.59	11.09	13.24	15.73	18.70
Alaska	15.47	11.96	13.38	15.39	17.60	19.15
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	15.49	12.17	13.41	15.36	17.57	19.21
Balance of State	15.72	12.20	13.56	15.46	17.86	20.10

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
324	59	18.2	15.2	11.2

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	95
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	7
UI claimants previously working in occupation	7

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	185
Number of job position postings	5
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	37.0

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

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Short-term on-the-job training

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