

## Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation (37-3012)

**Occupation description:** Mix or apply pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or insecticides through sprays, dusts, vapors, soil incorporation, or chemical application on trees, shrubs, lawns, or botanical crops. Usually requires specific training and State or Federal certification. Excludes Commercial Pilots (53-2012) who dust or spray crops from aircraft.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	28	29	3.6	1	2	3
United States	38,000	41,000	7.8	1,800	2,800	4,900

#### Job outlook

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

### 2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	18.37	11.49	13.82	16.98	20.49	27.10

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
39	7	17.9	23.5	17.6

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	12
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	4
UI claimants previously working in occupation	6

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	12
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.0

### Alaska Licensing Information

Commercial Pesticide Applicator – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)  
Pesticide Applicator – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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

**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** Moderate-term on-the-job training

## Training Resources

**Degree**

**Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)**

Respiratory Protection

**Degree**

**Satori Group Inc (Anchorage)**

Hazard Communication

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