

Nonfarm Animal Caretakers (39-2021)

Occupation description: Feed, water, groom, bathe, exercise, or otherwise care for pets and other nonfarm animals, such as dogs, cats, ornamental fish or birds, zoo animals, and mice. Work in settings such as kennels, animal shelters, zoos, circuses, and aquariums. May keep records of feedings, treatments, and animals received or discharged. May clean, disinfect, and repair cages, pens, or fish tanks. Excludes Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers (31-9096).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	392	455	16.1	29	34	69
United States	241,500	300,000	24.2	18,500	21,800	46,150

Job outlook

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

2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	12.45	8.73	9.81	11.42	13.84	17.91
Alaska	14.92	10.45	11.42	13.79	17.75	21.99
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	15.12	10.50	11.42	13.93	18.10	22.44
Fairbanks North Star Borough	14.87	10.45	11.09	12.64	19.12	23.09
Balance of State	14.37	10.45	11.74	13.79	16.63	19.40

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
465	118	25.4	10.1	7.4

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	154
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	5
UI claimants previously working in occupation	28

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	282
Number of job position postings	26
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	10.8

Alaska Licensing Information

Animal Facility License/Commercial or Multi-Animal – [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: Short-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

	Degree
Vocational Training and Resource Center (Juneau)	
Pet Grooming	

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