

## Personal Care Aides (39-9021)

**Occupation description:** Assist the elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities at the person's home or in a care facility. Duties performed at a place of residence may include keeping house (making beds, doing laundry, washing dishes) and preparing meals. May provide assistance at non-residential care facilities. May advise families, the elderly, convalescents, and persons with disabilities regarding such things as nutrition, cleanliness, and household activities.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	5,387	6,512	20.9	475	358	946
United States	2,016,100	2,793,800	38.6	191,900	144,600	414,260

#### Job outlook

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

### 2017 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	11.59	8.73	9.98	11.11	12.43	14.78
Alaska	15.34	10.87	12.95	15.64	17.81	19.22
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	15.23	10.69	12.87	15.57	17.71	19.03
Fairbanks North Star Borough	15.61	12.47	13.75	15.72	17.80	19.04
Southeast Region	14.15	10.50	11.40	13.78	17.03	18.69
Balance of State	16.54	11.81	13.56	16.64	18.99	22.00

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
5,957	527	8.8	43.6	33.9

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	2,985
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	0
UI claimants previously working in occupation	682

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	3,170
Number of job position postings	846

Ratio of registrants to job position postings

3.7

## Alaska Licensing Information

Personal Care Attendant – [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**

[Personal Care Assistant](#)

Certificate

**Degree**

[Alaska Technical Center \(Kotzebue\)](#)

[Personal Care Attendant](#)

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