

Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers (43-5031)

Occupation description: Operate radio, telephone, or computer equipment at emergency response centers. Receive reports from the public of crimes, disturbances, fires, and medical or police emergencies. Relay information to law enforcement and emergency response personnel. May maintain contact with caller until responders arrive.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	395	396	0.3	14	21	35
United States	98,600	106,700	8.3	3,600	5,500	9,920

Job outlook

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

2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	20.81	12.78	15.73	19.55	24.75	30.74
Alaska	28.67	18.36	22.53	27.46	34.13	43.20
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	35.81	22.99	28.46	37.58	43.96	47.54
Balance of State	24.68	16.37	20.68	24.38	29.13	32.60

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
437	30	6.9	31.0	20.1

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	81
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	32
UI claimants previously working in occupation	45

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	324
Number of job position postings	42
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	7.7

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

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