

# Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators (43-5053)

**Occupation description:** Prepare incoming and outgoing mail for distribution. Examine, sort, and route mail. Load, operate, and occasionally adjust and repair mail processing, sorting, and canceling machinery. Keep records of shipments, pouches, and sacks; and other duties related to mail handling within the postal service. Excludes Postal Service Clerks (43-5051) and Postal Service Mail Carriers (43-5052).

## Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>United States</b>	106,700	89,100	-16.5	4,200	2,800	5,250

### Job outlook

**Alaska:** The job outlook for Alaska is not available.

## 2018 Wages

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
<b>United States</b>	24.64	16.94	18.36	28.26	28.89	28.90
<b>Alaska</b>	23.34	17.19	17.20	22.42	28.89	28.90
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Area</b>	23.04	17.19	17.20	21.95	28.89	28.90
<b>Balance of State</b>	24.27	17.20	19.65	28.20	28.90	28.90

## Labor Force Indicators

### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

<b>Number of registrants</b>	186
<b>Number of job position postings</b>	0
<b>Ratio of registrants to job position postings</b>	0.0

## 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