

## Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners (47-4071)

**Occupation description:** Clean and repair septic tanks, sewer lines, or drains. May patch walls and partitions of tank, replace damaged drain tile, or repair breaks in underground piping.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	91	96	5.5	5	7	13
<b>United States</b>	28,500	33,400	17.2	1,500	2,300	4,290

#### 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
<b>United States</b>	19.97	12.45	15.10	18.74	24.06	29.48
<b>Alaska</b>	24.22	12.89	19.59	26.65	29.44	31.10
<b>Fairbanks North Star Borough</b>	23.82	12.75	19.12	26.44	29.13	30.74

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
114	16	14.0	27.4	16.0

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	30
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	13
UI claimants previously working in occupation	21

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	65
Number of job position postings	3
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	21.7

## Alaska Licensing Information

Septic System Installer – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)  
 Septic System Pumper – [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

<b>ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
<a href="#">Pipefitter Apprenticeship</a>		
<b>Alaska Technical Center (Kotzebue)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
<a href="#">Basic Plumbing</a>		
<a href="#">Construction Trades</a>		
<a href="#">Construction Trades/Plumbing Systems/Electrical Systems</a>		
<a href="#">Electrical Systems/Heating Systems/Plumbing Systems</a>		
<a href="#">NCCER Core Curriculum</a>		
<b>AVTEC (Seward)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
<a href="#">Plumbing and Heating</a>		Certificate
<b>Environmental Management Inc (Anchorage)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
<a href="#">Trenching, Excavating &amp; Shoring</a>		Certificate
<b>Fairbanks Area Plumber and Pipefitters (Fairbanks)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
<a href="#">Plumbing and Pipefitting Apprenticeship</a>		
<b>Iisagvik College (Barrow)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
<a href="#">Plumbing I</a>		Endorsement
		<b>Degree</b>

**Plumbers & Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (Anchorage)**

Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship	
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**Degree**

**Satori Group Inc (Anchorage)**

Trenching and Excavation Competent Person Training	Certificate
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**Degree**

**Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (Igiugig)**

Carpentry & Plumbing	Certificate
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**Degree**

**Wisdom & Associates, Inc. (Kenai)**

2009 Uniform Plumbing Code	
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2009 Uniform Plumbing Code, Alternative Pipe Sizing Methods	
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2009 Uniform Plumbing Code, Water Heaters	
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2012 Uniform Plumbing Code	
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