

Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts, and Blasters (47-5031)

Occupation description: Place and detonate explosives to demolish structures or to loosen, remove, or displace earth, rock, or other materials. May perform specialized handling, storage, and accounting procedures. Includes seismograph shooters. Excludes Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas (47-5021) who may also work with explosives.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	48	51	6.3	2	4	6
United States	6,300	6,800	7.1	300	500	850

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
United States	25.38	16.58	19.80	23.97	29.83	36.57
Alaska	30.59	22.80	26.54	30.45	35.45	38.01

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
56	22	39.3	45.9	32.4

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	14
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	4
UI claimants previously working in occupation	4

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	75
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.0

Alaska Licensing Information

Explosives Handler – [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: Less than 5 years

On-the-job training: Long-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

Degree

ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)

Confined Space Entry	
Excavations	

Degree

Alaska Petroleum Academy (Kenai)

Confined Space Entry (8 Hours)	
Confined Space Rescue (16 Hours)	

Degree

Alaska Teamster-Employer Service Training Trust (Anchorage)

Mining Safety and Health Administration	
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Degree

Alaska West Training Center (Fairbanks)

Permit Required Confined Space Entry - S01	
Permit Required Confined Space Entry and Fire Watch - S01a	
Permit Required Confined Space Rescue - S02	

Degree

Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)

Confined Space Entry (OSHA and NSTC Offered)	
Confined Space Rescue (OSHA)	

Degree

Center for Employment Education (Anchorage)

Mining Safety and Health	
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Degree

Delta Mine Training Center (Delta Junction)

Health, Safety, and Environmental Training	
Underground Mine Training	

Degree

Environmental Management Inc (Anchorage)

Confined Space Procedures	Certificate
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Degree

LTR Training Systems, Inc. (Anchorage)

Confined Space Entry	
Confined Space Rescue	
Defensive Handgun Training For Aggressive Wildlife	

Degree

Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)

Confined Space Entry/011	
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Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA) SURFACE Inexperienced Miner/054	

Degree

Satori Group Inc (Anchorage)

Confined Space Entry	Certificate
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Degree

University of Alaska, Mining and Petroleum Training Service (Soldotna)

Confined Space Entry	
Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Surface New Miner	
Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Surface Refresher	
Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Underground New Miner	
Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Underground Refresher	