

Commercial Divers (49-9092)

Occupation description: Work below surface of water, using scuba gear to inspect, repair, remove, or install equipment and structures. May use a variety of power and hand tools, such as drills, sledgehammers, torches, and welding equipment. May conduct tests or experiments, rig explosives, or photograph structures or marine life. Excludes Fishers and Related Fishing Workers (45-3011), Athletes and Sports Competitors (27-2021), and Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers (33-3051).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	32	35	9.4	1	2	3
United States	4,100	4,500	10.8	200	200	440

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	28.59	14.81	18.19	23.63	32.00	52.01
Alaska	41.64	19.87	26.58	37.73	57.90	63.74
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	40.00	18.88	24.86	35.33	50.43	73.41
Balance of State	42.65	20.78	27.13	52.19	58.65	62.53

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
54	23	42.6	37.8	24.3

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	14
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	11
UI claimants previously working in occupation	13

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	181
Number of job position postings	18
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	10.1

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Postsecondary non-degree award

Work experience: None

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

Training Resources

	Degree
Piledrivers, Bridge, Dock Builders & Divers Local 2520 (Anchorage)	
Piledrivers & Diver Apprenticeship	

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