

Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders (51-9012)

Occupation description: Set up, operate, or tend continuous flow or vat-type equipment; filter presses; shaker screens; centrifuges; condenser tubes; precipitating, fermenting, or evaporating tanks; scrubbing towers; or batch stills. These machines extract, sort, or separate liquids, gases, or solids from other materials to recover a refined product. Includes dairy processing equipment operators. Excludes Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders (51-9011).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	55	67	21.8	2	5	8
United States	47,200	47,300	0.1	1,300	3,700	5,010

Job outlook

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

2018 Wages

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	21.22	12.54	15.42	19.62	25.86	32.51
Alaska	18.39	12.45	15.51	17.27	19.00	26.90
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	17.18	13.55	15.60	16.97	18.32	19.24
Balance of State	18.04	11.76	15.84	17.54	19.44	24.22

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
67	17	25.4	23.1	15.4

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	13
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	10
UI claimants previously working in occupation	6

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	16
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	4.0

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

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Work experience: None

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

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