

## Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians (51-9083)

**Occupation description:** Cut, grind, and polish eyeglasses, contact lenses, or other precision optical elements. Assemble and mount lenses into frames or process other optical elements. Includes precision lens polishers or grinders, centerer-edgers, and lens mounters. Excludes Opticians, Dispensing (29-2081).

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
United States	29,100	32,500	11.8	1,300	2,000	3,640

#### Job outlook

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

### 2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	16.58	10.75	12.56	15.30	19.07	24.13

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
21	1	4.8	25.0	20.0

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	13
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	4
UI claimants previously working in occupation	4

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	10
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	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:** Moderate-term on-the-job training

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