

## Railroad Conductors and Yardmasters (53-4031)

**Occupation description:** Coordinate activities of switch-engine crew within railroad yard, industrial plant, or similar location. Conductors coordinate activities of train crew on passenger or freight trains. Yardmasters review train schedules and switching orders and coordinate activities of workers engaged in railroad traffic operations, such as the makeup or breakup of trains and yard switching.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	35	33	-5.7	1	2	3
United States	41,800	41,000	-2.1	1,000	2,800	3,710

#### 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	31.77	21.49	25.72	30.26	37.81	45.83

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
44	6	13.6	44.7	23.7

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	1
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	1
UI claimants previously working in occupation	16

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	40
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

## Training Resources

Degree

University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)

Power Trains

OEC

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