



Alaska's Top Jobs

PROJECTED, 2014 TO 2024

		Employment			Openings 2014-2024			Wage quartile ¹	
		2014	2024	Percent change	New	Repla- cement	Total openings		
		Doctoral or Professional Degree							
Internship or residency	Physical Therapists	446	515	15.5%	69	129	198	\$\$\$\$	
	Family and General Practitioners	372	430	15.6%	58	108	166	\$\$\$\$	
		Master's Degree							
		Physician Assistants	423	491	16.1%	68	103	171	\$\$\$\$
		Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	491	515	4.9%	24	146	170	\$\$\$\$
		Bachelor's Degree							
Internship or residency	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	2,474	2,600	5.1%	126	561	687	\$\$\$	
	Secondary School Teachers, Exc Spec and Career/Technical	1,978	2,076	5.0%	98	481	579	\$\$\$\$	
Long-term OJT*	Middle School Teachers, Exc Spec and Career/Technical Education	690	724	4.9%	34	156	190	\$\$\$\$	
	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	604	613	1.5%	9	167	176	\$\$\$	
Moderate-term on-the-job training*	Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	1,717	1,914	11.5%	197	442	639	\$\$\$\$	
	Construction Managers	1,216	1,223	0.6%	7	171	178	\$\$\$\$	
	Registered Nurses	5,358	5,903	10.2%	545	1,328	1,873	\$\$\$\$	
	General and Operations Managers	4,397	4,676	6.3%	279	1,148	1,427	\$\$\$\$	
	Accountants and Auditors	1,728	1,814	5.0%	86	473	559	\$\$\$\$	
	Chief Executives	1,478	1,592	7.7%	114	261	375	\$\$\$\$	
	Medical and Health Services Managers	883	996	12.8%	113	237	350	\$\$\$\$	
	Civil Engineers	1,063	1,088	2.4%	25	318	343	\$\$\$\$	
	Financial Managers	1,124	1,184	5.3%	60	273	333	\$\$\$\$	
	Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	1,022	1,056	3.3%	34	278	312	\$\$\$	
	Administrative Services Managers	1,159	1,232	6.3%	73	224	297	\$\$\$\$	
	Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	672	680	1.2%	8	208	216	\$\$\$\$	
	Sales Managers	693	731	5.5%	38	168	206	\$\$\$\$	
	Human Resources Specialists	627	651	3.8%	24	156	180	\$\$\$	
	Human Resources Managers	439	472	7.5%	33	133	166	\$\$\$\$	
Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	550	529	-3.8%	0	166	166	\$\$\$\$		
		Associate Degree or Postsecondary Nondegree Award or Some College, No Degree							
Long-term OJT	Firefighters	1,422	1,487	4.6%	65	422	487	\$\$\$	
	Air Traffic Controllers	480	512	6.7%	32	153	185	\$\$\$\$	
	Geological and Petroleum Technicians	529	499	-5.7%	0	190	190	\$\$\$\$	
	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	1,204	1,333	10.7%	129	302	431	\$\$\$	
	Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels	614	658	7.2%	44	247	291	\$\$\$	
	Dental Hygienists	607	738	21.6%	131	110	241	\$\$\$\$	
	Computer User Support Specialists	999	1,053	5.4%	54	132	186	\$\$\$	
	Civil Engineering Technicians	643	646	0.5%	3	158	161	\$\$\$	
	Massage Therapists	449	533	18.7%	84	36	120	\$\$\$\$	
		High School Diploma or Equivalent							
Apprenticeship	Carpenters	2,616	2,750	5.1%	134	308	442	\$\$\$	
	Electricians	2,139	2,161	1.0%	22	328	350	\$\$\$\$	
Long-term on-the-job training	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,509	1,521	0.8%	12	200	212	\$\$\$	
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	1,049	1,063	1.3%	14	250	264	\$\$\$	
	Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	659	682	3.5%	23	170	193	\$\$\$	
	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	795	824	3.6%	29	139	168	\$\$\$	
	Power Plant Operators	463	471	1.7%	8	160	168	\$\$\$	
Moderate-term on-the-job training	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	3,489	3,390	-2.8%	0	573	573	\$\$\$	
	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,369	1,402	2.4%	33	457	490	\$\$\$	
	Correctional Officers and Jailers	1,331	1,294	-2.8%	0	361	361	\$\$\$	
	Sales Reps, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Exc Tech/Sci Products	984	1,024	4.1%	40	207	247	\$\$\$	
	Commercial Pilots	610	673	10.3%	63	156	219	\$\$\$	
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	725	709	-2.2%	0	206	206	\$\$\$	
	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	457	525	14.9%	68	123	191	\$\$\$\$	
	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	3,226	3,383	4.9%	157	348	505	\$\$\$	
	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	1,854	1,954	5.4%	100	288	388	\$\$\$	
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	686	726	5.8%	40	141	181	\$\$\$\$		
		No Formal Educational Credential							
Mod-term OJT	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	1,349	1,267	-6.1%	0	447	447	\$\$\$	

Note: To rank as a "top job," the occupation must: 1) rank in the top two wage quartiles; AND 2) have projected growth of at least 75 jobs and greater percent-age growth than all occupations combined OR be one of the 50 occupations with the most projected openings (of those in the top two quartiles).

*Moderate-term training is one to 12 months, and long-term training is more than 12 months.

¹\$\$\$ = \$57,410 - \$78,450 annually (\$27.60 - \$37.72 hourly), \$\$\$\$ = More than \$78,450 annually (\$37.72 hourly). Based on 2015 Occupational Employment Statistics wage estimates for Alaska.

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