



Alaska's Top Jobs

PROJECTED, 2014 TO 2024

		Employment			Openings 2014-2024			Wage quartile ¹	
		2014	2024	Percent change	New	Replacem-ent	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 percentage 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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