

Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products (13-1022)

Occupation description: Buy merchandise or commodities, other than farm products, for resale to consumers at the wholesale or retail level, including both durable and nondurable goods. Analyze past buying trends, sales records, price, and quality of merchandise to determine value and yield. Select, order, and authorize payment for merchandise according to contractual agreements. May conduct meetings with sales personnel and introduce new products. Includes assistant wholesale and retail buyers of nonfarm products.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	106	107	0.9	4	8	12
United States	123,300	120,300	-2.5	4,800	8,800	13,300

Job outlook

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

Wages ?

Wage data is not available.

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
116	9	7.8	55.9	42.3

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	27
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	12
UI claimants previously working in occupation	8

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	211
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	52.8

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

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

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

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