

Foresters (19-1032)

Occupation description: Manage public and private forested lands for economic, recreational, and conservation purposes. May inventory the type, amount, and location of standing timber, appraise the timber's worth, negotiate the purchase, and draw up contracts for procurement. May determine how to conserve wildlife habitats, creek beds, water quality, and soil stability, and how best to comply with environmental regulations. May devise plans for planting and growing new trees, monitor trees for healthy growth, and determine optimal harvesting schedules.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	91	90	-1.1	2	6	8
United States	12,300	12,900	5.0	300	800	1,160

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	30.42	18.70	23.70	29.71	35.77	43.31
Alaska	35.53	26.69	29.73	34.94	41.36	46.13
Balance of State	35.12	27.89	30.59	35.09	39.19	42.46

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
50	2	4.0	67.3	57.1

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	3
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	2
UI claimants previously working in occupation	3

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	55
Number of job position postings	8
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	6.9

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

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

Training Resources

	Degree
Alaska Geographic (Anchorage)	
Alaska Geographic Field Courses	
	Degree
Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc (Delta Junction)	
Defensible Space & Forestry	
	Degree
University of Alaska Anchorage, Mat-Su (Palmer)	
Sustainable Energy	CT1
	Degree
University of Alaska Fairbanks (Fairbanks)	
Natural Resources & Sustainability	PhD
Natural Resources Management	BS
Natural Resources Management	MS
Natural Resources Management & Geography	MNR
	Degree
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Bristol Bay (Dillingham)	
Sustainable Energy	OEC
	Degree
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Kuskokwim (Bethel)	
Sustainable Energy	OEC
	Degree
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Rural College (Fairbanks)	
Sustainable Energy	OEC
	Degree
Vocational Training and Resource Center (Juneau)	
Wildlife/Forestry Conservation	

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