

Biological Technicians (19-4021)

Occupation description: Assist biological and medical scientists in laboratories. Set up, operate, and maintain laboratory instruments and equipment, monitor experiments, make observations, and calculate and record results. May analyze organic substances, such as blood, food, and drugs.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	587	571	-2.7	15	39	52
United States	82,100	90,400	10.2	2,200	5,900	8,940

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	23.61	14.20	17.25	22.05	28.47	35.26
Alaska	22.24	16.64	18.69	21.69	25.44	28.95
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	19.75	15.92	17.82	19.63	21.86	24.21
Balance of State	23.25	17.74	19.31	22.65	26.40	30.15

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
651	107	16.4	28.5	23.4

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	155
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	61
UI claimants previously working in occupation	108

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	437
Number of job position postings	85
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	5.1

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

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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