

Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)

Occupation description: Counsel and advise individuals with alcohol, tobacco, drug, or other problems, such as gambling and eating disorders. May counsel individuals, families, or groups or engage in prevention programs. Excludes Social Workers (21-1021 through 21-1029), Psychologists (19-3031 through 19-3039), and Mental Health Counselors (21-1014) providing these services.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	250	281	12.4	10	17	30
United States	102,400	126,200	23.2	4,200	7,500	14,080

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is moderate with moderate 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
334	34	10.2	48.5	39.1

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	153
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	39
UI claimants previously working in occupation	44

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	290
Number of job position postings	158
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	1.8

Alaska Licensing Information

Behavioral Analyst – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)
 Professional Counselor – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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
Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Training (Anchorage)	
Correspondence Courses	
Onsite Training	
Substance Abuse Training Academy	Certificate
St. Hermans Theological Seminary (Kodiak)	
Substance Abuse Treatment Training	
TSS - The Safety Specialists (Ketchikan)	
Impact of Legal Marijuana in Communities	
Impact of Legal Marijuana in the Workplace	
University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)	
Clinical Social Work Practice	GCRT

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