

## Healthcare Social Workers (21-1022)

**Occupation description:** Provide individuals, families, and groups with the psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute, or terminal illnesses. Services include advising family care givers, providing patient education and counseling, and making referrals for other services. May also provide care and case management or interventions designed to promote health, prevent disease, and address barriers to access to healthcare.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	191	236	23.6	8	14	27
United States	176,500	212,000	20.1	7,000	12,300	22,840

#### Job outlook

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

### 2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	28.51	16.83	21.25	27.29	34.14	41.41
Alaska	31.26	20.24	24.25	32.67	36.99	41.10
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	32.43	21.01	27.75	33.75	37.38	41.40
Balance of State	28.15	19.40	21.78	27.37	34.51	38.24

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
251	21	8.4	45.7	35.0

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	80
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	34
UI claimants previously working in occupation	12

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	172
Number of job position postings	51
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	3.4

## Alaska Licensing Information

Social Worker – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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

**Education:** Master's degree

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** Internship/Residency

### Training Resources

Degree	
<b>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (JBER)</b>	
Human Factors	MS
Degree	
<b>Iisagvik College (Barrow)</b>	
Allied Health – Human Services Emphasis	AA
Degree	
<b>University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)</b>	
Clinical Social Work Practice	GCRT
Social Work	BSW
Social Work	MSW
Degree	
<b>University of Alaska Anchorage, Prince William Sound (Valdez)</b>	
Disability Services	AAS
Degree	
<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks (Fairbanks)</b>	
Social Work	BA
Degree	
<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks, Bristol Bay (Dillingham)</b>	
Social Work	BA
Degree	
<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks, Chukchi (Kotzebue)</b>	
Social Work	BA

<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks, Kuskokwim (Bethel)</b>	
Social Work	BA

<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks, Northwest (Nome)</b>	
Social Work	BA

<b>Wayland Baptist University (Anchorage)</b>	
Clinical Counseling (MA)	MA
Counseling (MA)	MA
School Counseling (MA)	MA

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