

Dentists, General (29-1021)

Occupation description: Examine, diagnose, and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums. May treat diseases of nerve, pulp, and other dental tissues affecting oral hygiene and retention of teeth. May fit dental appliances or provide preventive care. Excludes Prosthodontists (29-1024), Orthodontists (29-1023), Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (29-1022) and Dentists, All Other Specialists (29-1029).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	216	268	24.1	4	2	11
United States	132,800	158,500	19.4	2,700	1,100	6,370

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	85.70	38.87	54.36	74.81	*	*
Alaska	115.35	59.08	87.44	*	*	*
Balance of State	121.83	80.09	93.05	*	*	*

* indicates the estimate is not available, or the hourly wage is greater than \$100, or the annual wage is greater than \$208,000.

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
253	80	31.6	39.8	34.0

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	20
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	13
UI claimants previously working in occupation	0

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	12
Number of job position postings	9
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	1.3

Alaska Licensing Information

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

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

Education: Doctoral or professional degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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