

Optometrists (29-1041)

Occupation description: Diagnose, manage, and treat conditions and diseases of the human eye and visual system. Examine eyes and visual system, diagnose problems or impairments, prescribe corrective lenses, and provide treatment. May prescribe therapeutic drugs to treat specific eye conditions. Ophthalmologists are included in Physicians and Surgeons, All Other (29-1069).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	59	73	23.7	1	1	3
United States	40,200	47,400	17.9	700	600	2,020

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	59.12	28.46	42.20	55.41	68.65	93.32
Alaska	69.01	42.03	47.73	58.11	75.36	*

* 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
72	17	23.6	31.0	22.4

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	3
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	3
UI claimants previously working in occupation	1

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	5
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.0

Alaska Licensing Information

Optometrist – [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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