

Pharmacists (29-1051)

Occupation description: Dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use. May advise physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosage, interactions, and side effects of medications.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	343	382	11.4	8	7	19
United States	312,500	329,900	5.6	7,400	6,200	15,340

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	60.34	42.50	53.91	61.58	71.47	78.32
Alaska	68.56	51.69	64.02	70.68	77.78	88.24
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	69.37	58.46	65.85	71.78	78.26	88.25
Fairbanks North Star Borough	57.07	27.30	51.67	62.95	71.92	77.31
Balance of State	76.81	57.33	65.03	72.79	81.31	99.70

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
371	73	19.7	39.4	29.7

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	72
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	57
UI claimants previously working in occupation	2

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	23
Number of job position postings	9
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.6

Alaska Licensing Information

Pharmacist – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)
Pharmacy Intern – [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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