

Physician Assistants (29-1071)

Occupation description: Provide healthcare services typically performed by a physician, under the supervision of a physician. Conduct complete physicals, provide treatment, and counsel patients. May, in some cases, prescribe medication. Must graduate from an accredited educational program for physician assistants. Excludes Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (29-2041), Medical Assistants (31-9092), Registered Nurses (29-1141), Nurse Anesthetists (29-1151), Nurse Midwives (29-1161), and Nurse Practitioners (29-1171).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	419	511	22.0	8	16	33
United States	106,200	145,900	37.3	2,200	4,500	10,660

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	54.04	34.96	44.62	53.97	62.75	75.54
Alaska	61.79	42.47	52.81	61.77	73.45	81.60
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	61.01	44.64	52.74	60.18	71.49	80.47
Fairbanks North Star Borough	64.54	50.88	57.81	67.48	74.50	78.71
Balance of State	62.27	25.08	50.74	64.04	75.78	89.37

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
494	100	20.2	53.7	39.6

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	72
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	48
UI claimants previously working in occupation	10

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	35
Number of job position postings	46

Ratio of registrants to job position postings

0.8

Alaska Licensing Information

Physician Assistant - Certified – [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: None

Training Resources

	Degree
Multimed (Anchorage)	
American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) ACLS Program	
American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) PALS Program	
American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) PALS Program Refresher Course	

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