

## Respiratory Therapists (29-1126)

**Occupation description:** Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	154	186	20.8	4	4	11
United States	130,200	160,600	23.4	3,400	3,300	9,750

#### Job outlook

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

### 2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	30.75	21.56	25.39	29.48	35.65	41.82
Alaska	33.41	23.57	27.02	32.84	40.02	46.50
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	32.24	22.18	26.13	31.23	38.02	45.66

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
183	42	23.0	61.7	51.0

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	17
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	10
UI claimants previously working in occupation	6

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	19
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	4.8

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

**Education:** Associate's degree

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** None

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