

## Speech-Language Pathologists (29-1127)

**Occupation description:** Assess and treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. May select alternative communication systems and teach their use. May perform research related to speech and language problems.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	250	281	12.4	5	8	16
<b>United States</b>	145,100	171,000	17.8	2,900	4,900	10,390

#### 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
<b>United States</b>	39.43	23.96	29.78	38.04	47.78	58.30
<b>Alaska</b>	41.76	25.26	33.68	42.43	49.08	58.71
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Area</b>	42.18	24.56	36.65	43.37	49.14	57.91
<b>Balance of State</b>	40.44	25.52	28.30	35.33	49.16	62.77

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
332	78	23.5	42.5	31.6

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	33
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	17
UI claimants previously working in occupation	3

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	9
Number of job position postings	7
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	1.3

## Alaska Licensing Information

Speech-language Pathologist – [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:** Internship/Residency

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