

## Dental Hygienists (29-2021)

**Occupation description:** Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop x rays, or apply fluoride or sealants.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	641	794	23.9	26	16	57
<b>United States</b>	207,900	248,900	19.7	8,300	5,100	17,490

#### Job outlook

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

### Wages ?

Wage data is not available.

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
530	50	9.4	43.0	30.7

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	70
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	55
UI claimants previously working in occupation	14

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	40
Number of job position postings	14
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.9

### Alaska Licensing Information

Dental Hygienist – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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

Education: Associate's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

**Training Resources**

<b>ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens		
<b>Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens		
<b>Multimed (Anchorage)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) Blood Borne Pathogens		
<b>Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens / 045		
<b>TSS - The Safety Specialists (Ketchikan)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens		
<b>University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
Dental Hygiene		AAS
Dental Hygiene		BS
<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks, CTC (Fairbanks)</b>		<b>Degree</b>
Dental Hygiene		AAS