

Pharmacy Technicians (29-2052)

Occupation description: Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	497	535	7.6	17	23	44
United States	402,500	450,100	11.8	13,800	18,900	37,460

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	16.95	11.60	13.45	16.32	19.44	23.62
Alaska	21.29	15.91	17.86	21.00	24.21	28.02
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	21.03	15.81	17.59	20.63	24.21	27.90
Fairbanks North Star Borough	21.03	16.48	19.21	21.25	23.41	25.02
Balance of State	22.17	15.86	17.88	21.50	25.90	29.56

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
578	39	6.7	25.2	17.6

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	180
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	88
UI claimants previously working in occupation	38

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	361
Number of job position postings	82
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	4.4

Alaska Licensing Information

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

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

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

	Degree
University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)	
Pharmacy Technology	CT1
Pharmacy Technology	OEC

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