

Surgical Technologists (29-2055)

Occupation description: Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	202	250	23.8	7	10	22
United States	107,700	120,300	11.7	3,700	5,100	10,060

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	24.09	16.07	19.11	23.22	28.52	34.33
Alaska	32.53	25.41	28.46	32.88	36.73	39.48
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	33.50	26.20	29.54	33.53	37.06	40.76
Fairbanks North Star Borough	30.25	20.85	25.97	30.89	36.04	38.97
Balance of State	31.61	25.90	28.08	31.51	35.84	38.37

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
252	72	28.6	28.9	18.7

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	34
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	16
UI claimants previously working in occupation	13

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	44
Number of job position postings	15
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.9

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

Education: Postsecondary non-degree award

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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