

## Veterinary Technologists and Technicians (29-2056)

**Occupation description:** Perform medical tests in a laboratory environment for use in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases in animals. Prepare vaccines and serums for prevention of diseases. Prepare tissue samples, take blood samples, and execute laboratory tests, such as urinalysis and blood counts. Clean and sterilize instruments and materials and maintain equipment and machines. May assist a veterinarian during surgery.

### Employment and Job Openings

|               | Employment    |                 |                | Average annual openings |                      |        |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|
|               | 2016 estimate | 2026 projection | Percent change | Labor force exits       | Occupation transfers | Total  |
| Alaska        | 171           | 206             | 20.5           | 6                       | 8                    | 18     |
| United States | 102,000       | 122,400         | 20.0           | 3,600                   | 5,000                | 10,640 |

#### 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         | 17.63     | 11.79              | 13.98 | 16.98  | 20.45 | 24.63 |
| Alaska                | 18.85     | 13.19              | 14.94 | 18.26  | 22.38 | 25.74 |
| Anchorage/Mat-Su Area | 19.39     | 13.68              | 15.85 | 18.86  | 22.81 | 26.63 |
| Balance of State      | 16.58     | 12.63              | 13.47 | 14.86  | 18.50 | 23.08 |

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

| Total workers | Nonresident workers | Percent nonresident | Percent age 45 plus | Percent age 50 plus |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 192           | 27                  | 14.1                | 18.7                | 14.6                |

#### 2016 Potential Supply

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Qualified but working in another occupation   | 50 |
| Currently employed in a lower paid occupation | 21 |
| UI claimants previously working in occupation | 9  |

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Number of registrants                         | 72   |
| Number of job position postings               | 7    |
| Ratio of registrants to job position postings | 10.3 |

## Alaska Licensing Information

Veterinary Technician – [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

|   | Degree |
|---|--------|
| <b>University of Alaska Anchorage, Mat-Su (Palmer)</b>  |        |
| <a href="#">Veterinary Assisting</a>                    | OEC    |
|   |        |
|   | Degree |
| <b>Vocational Training and Resource Center (Juneau)</b> |        |
| <a href="#">Veterinary Assistant</a>                    |        |

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