

## Ophthalmic Medical Technicians (29-2057)

**Occupation description:** Assist ophthalmologists by performing ophthalmic clinical functions. May administer eye exams, administer eye medications, and instruct the patient in care and use of corrective lenses.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	69	85	23.2	3	3	8
United States	44,500	53,200	19.5	1,600	2,200	4,670

#### 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	18.64	12.01	14.39	17.76	22.27	27.10
Alaska	22.62	16.62	18.50	21.62	24.79	30.98
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	23.27	17.07	19.49	22.34	25.93	32.21

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
97	13	13.4	16.3	11.6

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	19
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	8
UI claimants previously working in occupation	8

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	22
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	5.5

### 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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