

Physical Therapist Assistants (31-2021)

Occupation description: Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist. Generally requires formal training.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	84	104	23.8	4	7	13
United States	88,300	115,800	31.0	4,500	7,500	14,740

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	28.14	16.08	22.93	28.26	33.60	38.87
Alaska	30.50	18.33	24.57	31.36	37.32	40.90
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	30.80	18.49	24.36	31.99	37.75	41.16

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
99	20	20.2	37.0	19.8

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	14
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	5
UI claimants previously working in occupation	4

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	31
Number of job position postings	10
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	3.1

Alaska Licensing Information

Physical Therapy Assistant – [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
University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)	
Physical Therapist Assistant	AAS
	Degree
Vocational Training and Resource Center (Juneau)	
Physical Therapy Aide	

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