

## Massage Therapists (31-9011)

**Occupation description:** Perform therapeutic massages of soft tissues and joints. May assist in the assessment of range of motion and muscle strength, or propose client therapy plans.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2018 estimate	2028 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	518	560	8.1	34	29	67
United States	159,800	195,200	0.0	11,100	9,600	24,200

#### Job outlook

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

### 2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	22.68	10.49	14.14	20.59	28.54	38.76
Alaska	37.06	10.26	12.15	40.31	53.48	60.83
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	36.98	10.26	11.84	39.60	53.15	60.67
Fairbanks North Star Borough	*	*	11.84	*	53.15	*
Balance of State	39.99	10.65	24.31	44.42	55.44	61.72

\* indicates the estimate is not available, or the hourly wage is greater than \$100, or the annual wage is greater than \$208,000.

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
594	78	13.1	27.6	20.0

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	124
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	78
UI claimants previously working in occupation	32

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	181
Number of job position postings	33
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	5.5

## Alaska Licensing Information

Massage Therapist – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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

**Education:** Postsecondary non-degree award

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** None

### Training Resources

	Degree
	Certificate
	Certificate
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Alaska Academy of Advanced Cosmetology (Juneau)	
	Degree
Alaska Career College (Anchorage)	
	Certificate
	Degree
Environmental Management Inc (Anchorage)	
	Certificate
	Degree
Kindred Spirits School of Massage (Fairbanks)	
	Degree
School of Integrating Shaitso Alaska (Fairbanks)	