

## Dental Assistants (31-9091)

**Occupation description:** Assist dentist, set up equipment, prepare patient for treatment, and keep records.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	1,157	1,435	24.0	66	74	168
<b>United States</b>	332,000	396,600	19.5	18,600	20,900	45,960

#### Job outlook

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

### 2019 Wages

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
<b>United States</b>	19.79	13.45	16.08	19.27	23.34	27.37
<b>Alaska</b>	23.73	16.01	18.79	22.65	28.36	32.48
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Area</b>	22.14	14.99	18.13	21.98	26.29	30.61
<b>Fairbanks North Star Borough</b>	24.18	16.51	18.20	21.86	26.81	29.85
<b>Balance of State</b>	25.68	17.19	19.33	24.96	30.97	36.40

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
1,308	140	10.7	21.9	15.0

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	278
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	76
UI claimants previously working in occupation	90

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	537
Number of job position postings	107
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	5.0

## 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

	<b>Degree</b>
Health Science	
<b>ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens	
<b>Assist to Succeed Anchorage (Anchorage)</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Dental Assisting	certificate
<b>Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens	
<b>Iisagvik College (Barrow)</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Dental Assistant Trainee	Endorsement
Dental Health Aide	Certificate
Dental Health Therapy	AAS
<b>Multimed (Anchorage)</b>	<b>Degree</b>
American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) Blood Borne Pathogens	
<b>Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens / 045	
<b>TSS - The Safety Specialists (Ketchikan)</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Bloodborne Pathogens	
<b>University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)</b>	<b>Degree</b>

Dental Assisting	AAS
Dental Assisting	CER
Dental Assisting	CT1
Dental Assisting	CT2

<b>Degree</b>
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**University of Alaska Fairbanks, CTC (Fairbanks)**

Dental Assistant	AAS
Dental Assistant	CT2

<b>Degree</b>
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**Vocational Training and Resource Center (Juneau)**

Dental Assistant	
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