

## Chefs and Head Cooks (35-1011)

**Occupation description:** Direct and may participate in the preparation, seasoning, and cooking of salads, soups, fish, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foods. May plan and price menu items, order supplies, and keep records and accounts.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	450	485	7.8	15	43	62
<b>United States</b>	146,500	160,600	9.6	4,900	14,000	20,310

#### 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
<b>United States</b>	27.07	13.64	17.97	24.78	32.93	41.82
<b>Alaska</b>	25.40	16.81	19.74	24.71	29.54	32.96
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Area</b>	27.71	19.67	23.15	28.08	31.32	35.70
<b>Balance of State</b>	23.69	16.14	18.03	21.90	27.74	31.39

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
725	326	45.0	50.4	38.1

#### 2016 Potential Supply

<b>Qualified but working in another occupation</b>	174
<b>Currently employed in a lower paid occupation</b>	148
<b>UI claimants previously working in occupation</b>	130

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

<b>Number of registrants</b>	1,366
<b>Number of job position postings</b>	81
<b>Ratio of registrants to job position postings</b>	16.9

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

**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent

**Work experience:** More than 5 years    **On-the-job training:** None

## Training Resources

	<b>Degree</b>
Culinary Arts	
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>Alaska CHARR (Anchorage)</b>	
ServSafe	
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>Alaska Hospitality Retailers (Anchorage)</b>	
Certified Food Protection Manager	Certificate
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>Alaska Job Corps (Palmer)</b>	
Culinary Arts	
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>Alaska Technical Center (Kotzebue)</b>	
Culinary Arts	
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>AVTEC (Seward)</b>	
Basic Shipboard Culinary Training	
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>Calypso Farm &amp; Ecology Center (Ester)</b>	
Baking in a Wood-fired Oven	
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc (Delta Junction)</b>	
Certified Food Protection Manager Certification	
Cottage Foods	
	<b>Degree</b>
<b>University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)</b>	

Culinary Arts	AAS
---------------	-----

	<b>Degree</b>
--	---------------

**University of Alaska Fairbanks, CTC (Fairbanks)**

Baking and Pastry Arts	CT1
------------------------	-----

---

Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
P.O. Box 115501  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5501  
Phone: 907.465.4500, Fax: 907.523.9654  
September 29, 2020