

## Food Preparation Workers (35-2021)

**Occupation description:** Perform a variety of food preparation duties other than cooking, such as preparing cold foods and shellfish, slicing meat, and brewing coffee or tea.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
<b>Alaska</b>	3,847	4,177	8.6	321	348	702
<b>United States</b>	871,100	939,700	7.9	72,400	78,500	157,760

#### Job outlook

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

### 2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
<b>United States</b>	12.41	8.76	10.00	11.92	14.26	17.07
<b>Alaska</b>	14.88	10.78	11.70	13.72	16.94	21.16
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Area</b>	14.11	10.73	11.45	12.94	15.58	19.47
<b>Fairbanks North Star Borough</b>	14.84	10.60	11.52	13.46	16.89	20.11
<b>Balance of State</b>	16.43	11.27	12.95	15.24	18.89	24.33

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
5,748	1,084	18.9	18.0	13.2

#### 2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	1,610
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	0
UI claimants previously working in occupation	391

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	2,650
Number of job position postings	445
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	6.0

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

**Education:** No formal educational credential

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** Short-term on-the-job training

## Training Resources

	<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>Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc (Delta Junction)</b>	
Certified Food Protection Manager Certification	
Cottage Foods	

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