

# Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators (43-5053)

**Occupation description:** Prepare incoming and outgoing mail for distribution. Examine, sort, and route mail. Load, operate, and occasionally adjust and repair mail processing, sorting, and canceling machinery. Keep records of shipments, pouches, and sacks; and other duties related to mail handling within the postal service. Excludes Postal Service Clerks (43-5051) and Postal Service Mail Carriers (43-5052).

## Employment and Job Openings

|                      | Employment    |                 |                | Average annual openings |                      |       |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|
|                      | 2016 estimate | 2026 projection | Percent change | Labor force exits       | Occupation transfers | Total |
| <b>Alaska</b>        | n/a           | n/a             | n/a            | n/a                     | n/a                  | n/a   |
| <b>United States</b> | 106,700       | 89,100          | -16.5          | 4,200                   | 2,800                | 5,250 |

### Job outlook

**Alaska:** The job outlook for Alaska is not available.

## 2019 Wages

|                              | Mean Wage | Wage by Percentile |       |        |       |       |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
|                              | Mean      | 10th               | 25th  | Median | 75th  | 90th  |
| <b>United States</b>         | 24.61     | 17.19              | 18.77 | 28.91  | 29.21 | 29.46 |
| <b>Alaska</b>                | 23.32     | 17.19              | 17.20 | 21.81  | 29.20 | 29.21 |
| <b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Area</b> | 23.35     | 17.19              | 17.20 | 22.03  | 29.20 | 29.21 |
| <b>Balance of State</b>      | 24.05     | 17.20              | 19.96 | 22.95  | 29.21 | 29.21 |

## Labor Force Indicators

### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

|  |     |
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| <b>Number of registrants</b>                         | 186 |
| <b>Number of job position postings</b>               | 0   |
| <b>Ratio of registrants to job position postings</b> | 0.0 |

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

**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent

**Work experience:** None

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