

Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance Equipment Operators (47-4061)

Occupation description: Lay, repair, and maintain track for standard or narrow-gauge railroad equipment used in regular railroad service or in plant yards, quarries, sand and gravel pits, and mines. Includes ballast cleaning machine operators and railroad bed tamping machine operators.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	77	71	-7.8	2	5	6
United States	14,000	15,200	8.6	500	900	1,520

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	27.48	16.71	20.93	26.97	34.09	39.12

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
97	6	6.2	38.7	29.0

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	15
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	11
UI claimants previously working in occupation	7

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	55
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	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: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

	Degree
ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)	
Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors	
	Degree
Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust (Palmer)	
Heavy Equipment Operator	
	Degree
American Health and Safety, LLC (Fairbanks)	
Automotive Lift Training	
	Degree
Delta Mine Training Center (Delta Junction)	
Surface Mine Training	
	Degree
Iisagvik College (Barrow)	
CDL/Heavy Truck Operations	Endorsement
Heavy Equipment Operations	Endorsement
	Degree
Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)	
Construction Equipment Training 240 Hours HE204	CDL
Elite Combo/COMBO507	Cer/CDL
	Degree
Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc (Delta Junction)	
Heavy Equipment Operator and Mechanic	
	Degree
Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (Igiugig)	
Heavy Equipment Operator Training	Certificate