

Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners (47-4071)

Occupation description: Clean and repair septic tanks, sewer lines, or drains. May patch walls and partitions of tank, replace damaged drain tile, or repair breaks in underground piping.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	91	96	5.5	5	7	13
United States	28,500	33,400	17.2	1,500	2,300	4,290

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	20.56	12.77	15.54	19.17	24.56	30.11

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
114	16	14.0	27.4	16.0

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	30
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	13
UI claimants previously working in occupation	21

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	65
Number of job position postings	3
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	21.7

Alaska Licensing Information

Septic System Installer – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)
 Septic System Pumper – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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)	
Pipefitter Apprenticeship	
	Degree
Alaska Technical Center (Kotzebue)	
Construction Trades	
Construction Trades/Plumbing Systems/Electrical Systems	
NCCER Core Curriculum	
	Degree
AVTEC (Seward)	
Plumbing and Heating	Certificate
	Degree
Environmental Management Inc (Anchorage)	
Trenching, Excavating & Shoring	Certificate
	Degree
Fairbanks Area Plumber and Pipefitters (Fairbanks)	
Plumbing and Pipefitting Apprenticeship	
	Degree
Iisagvik College (Barrow)	
Plumbing I	Endorsement
	Degree
Plumbers & Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (Anchorage)	
Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprenticeship	
	Degree
Satori Group Inc (Anchorage)	
Trenching and Excavation Competent Person Training	Certificate
	Degree

Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (Igiugig)

Carpentry & Plumbing	Certificate
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Wisdom & Associates, Inc. (Kenai)

2009 Uniform Plumbing Code	
2009 Uniform Plumbing Code, Alternative Pipe Sizing Methods	
2009 Uniform Plumbing Code, Water Heaters	
2012 Uniform Plumbing Code	
2012 Uniform Plumbing Code, Water Heaters	

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