

## Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts, and Blasters (47-5031)

**Occupation description:** Place and detonate explosives to demolish structures or to loosen, remove, or displace earth, rock, or other materials. May perform specialized handling, storage, and accounting procedures. Includes seismograph shooters. Excludes Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas (47-5021) who may also work with explosives.

### Employment and Job Openings

|               | Employment    |                 |                | Average annual openings |                      |       |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|
|               | 2016 estimate | 2026 projection | Percent change | Labor force exits       | Occupation transfers | Total |
| Alaska        | 48            | 51              | 6.3            | 2                       | 4                    | 6     |
| United States | 6,300         | 6,800           | 7.1            | 300                     | 500                  | 850   |

#### Job outlook

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

### Wages ?

Wage data is not available.

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2016 Worker Characteristics

| Total workers | Nonresident workers | Percent nonresident | Percent age 45 plus | Percent age 50 plus |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 56            | 22                  | 39.3                | 45.9                | 32.4                |

#### 2016 Potential Supply

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|---|----|
| Qualified but working in another occupation   | 14 |
| Currently employed in a lower paid occupation | 4  |
| UI claimants previously working in occupation | 4  |

#### 2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

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| Number of registrants                         | 75  |
| Number of job position postings               | 0   |
| Ratio of registrants to job position postings | 0.0 |

### Alaska Licensing Information

Explosives Handler – [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:** Less than 5 years

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

**Training Resources**

| <b>ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)</b> |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Confined Space Entry             | Degree |
| Excavations                      |        |

| <b>Alaska Petroleum Academy (Kenai)</b> |        |
|---|--------|
| Confined Space Entry (8 Hours)          | Degree |
| Confined Space Rescue (16 Hours)        |        |

| <b>Alaska Teamster-Employer Service Training Trust (Anchorage)</b> |        |
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| Mining Safety and Health Administration                            | Degree |

| <b>Alaska West Training Center (Fairbanks)</b>             |        |
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| Permit Required Confined Space Entry - S01                 | Degree |
| Permit Required Confined Space Entry and Fire Watch - S01a |        |
| Permit Required Confined Space Rescue - S02                |        |

| <b>AVTEC (Seward)</b>       |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Confined Space Entry/Rescue | Degree |

| <b>Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)</b> |        |
|---|--------|
| Confined Space Entry (OSHA and NSTC Offered)                      | Degree |
| Confined Space Rescue (OSHA)                                      |        |

| <b>Center for Employment Education (Anchorage)</b> |        |
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| Mining Safety and Health                           | Degree |

| <b>Delta Mine Training Center (Delta Junction)</b> |        |
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| Health, Safety, and Environmental Training         | Degree |

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| Underground Mine Training   |             |
| <b>Degree</b>   |             |
| <b>Environmental Management Inc (Anchorage)</b>                               |             |
| Confined Space Procedures   | Certificate |
| <b>Degree</b>   |             |
| <b>LTR Training Systems, Inc. (Anchorage)</b>                                 |             |
| Bear Awareness & Handgun Defense  |             |
| Confined Space Entry  |             |
| Confined Space Rescue   |             |
| <b>Degree</b>   |             |
| <b>Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)</b>                                  |             |
| Confined Space Entry/011  |             |
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| <b>Degree</b>   |             |
| <b>Satori Group Inc (Anchorage)</b>   |             |
| Confined Space Entry  | Certificate |
| <b>Degree</b>   |             |
| <b>University of Alaska, Mining and Petroleum Training Service (Soldotna)</b> |             |
| Confined Space Entry  |             |
| Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Surface New Miner               |             |
| Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Surface Refresher               |             |
| Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Underground New Miner           |             |
| Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Underground Refresher           |             |