

Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic (51-4031)

Occupation description: Set up, operate, or tend machines to saw, cut, shear, slit, punch, crimp, notch, bend, or straighten metal or plastic material.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	32	33	3.1	1	2	3
United States	192,700	175,900	-8.7	6,700	13,900	18,920

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	17.94	11.98	13.96	17.12	21.23	25.73

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
36	9	25.0	14.3	10.7

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	31
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	19
UI claimants previously working in occupation	5

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	39
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	9.8

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)

Sheet Metal Worker Apprenticeship

Degree

Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)

Energy Isolation (NSTC and OSHA Offered)

Degree

Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #23 (Anchorage)

Sheet Metal Worker Apprenticeship

Certificate

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