

Sewing Machine Operators (51-6031)

Occupation description: Operate or tend sewing machines to join, reinforce, decorate, or perform related sewing operations in the manufacture of garment or nongarment products.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	54	55	1.9	3	3	6
United States	153,900	128,200	-16.7	8,000	6,800	12,230

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	13.46	9.39	11.09	12.70	15.26	18.51
Alaska	16.44	9.89	9.90	14.71	22.33	24.86

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
54	8	14.8	48.0	44.0

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	21
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	1
UI claimants previously working in occupation	8

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	60
Number of job position postings	8
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	7.5

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

Education: No formal educational credential

Work experience: None

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

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