

Air Traffic Controllers (53-2021)

Occupation description: Control air traffic on and within vicinity of airport and movement of air traffic between altitude sectors and control centers according to established procedures and policies. Authorize, regulate, and control commercial airline flights according to government or company regulations to expedite and ensure flight safety.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	456	456	0.0	15	27	42
United States	24,900	25,800	3.5	800	1,500	2,390

Job outlook

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

2019 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	57.76	32.85	41.24	59.13	72.76	84.77
Alaska	53.71	35.53	43.38	51.72	64.92	74.05
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area	60.22	41.97	50.58	62.88	68.43	79.45

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
37	15	40.5	43.5	30.4

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	12
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	7
UI claimants previously working in occupation	2

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	91
Number of job position postings	11
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	8.3

Alaska Licensing Information

Aircraft Dispatcher – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

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

Education: Associate's degree

Work experience: None

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

Training Resources

	Degree
Alaska Career College (Anchorage)	
Aircraft Dispatching	Certificate
	Degree
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (JBER)	
Aviation Security	BS
	Degree
Thomas Edison State University (Eielson AFB)	
Applied Science and Technology in Air Traffic Control	BS
	Degree
University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)	
Air Traffic Control	AAS