

Railroad Brake, Signal, and Switch Operators (53-4021)

Occupation description: Operate railroad track switches. Couple or uncouple rolling stock to make up or break up trains. Signal engineers by hand or flagging. May inspect couplings, air hoses, journal boxes, and hand brakes.

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	30	28	-6.7	1	2	3
United States	19,300	19,000	-1.6	500	1,300	1,770

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
43	6	14.0	43.9	29.3

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	1
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	0
UI claimants previously working in occupation	18

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	47
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.0

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

University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)

Power Trains

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