

Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators (53-7032)

Occupation description: Operate or tend machinery equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets, to excavate and load loose materials. Excludes Dredge Operators (53-7031).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	236	247	4.7	9	17	27
United States	50,600	54,700	8.1	1,900	3,800	6,110

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
266	50	18.8	48.7	38.3

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	62
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	15
UI claimants previously working in occupation	101

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	527
Number of job position postings	11
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	47.9

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: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

Degree

ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)

Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors

Excavations

Degree

Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust (Palmer)

Heavy Equipment Operator

Degree

Alaska Teamster-Employer Service Training Trust (Anchorage)

Mining Safety and Health Administration

Degree

American Health and Safety, LLC (Fairbanks)

Automotive Lift Training

Degree

Center for Employment Education (Anchorage)

Mining Safety and Health

Degree

Delta Mine Training Center (Delta Junction)

Health, Safety, and Environmental Training

Surface Mine Training

Underground Mine Training

Degree

Iisagvik College (Barrow)

CDL/Heavy Truck Operations

Endorsement

Heavy Equipment Operations

Endorsement

Degree

Northern Industrial Training (Palmer)

Construction Equipment Training 240 Hours HE204

CDL

Elite Combo/COMBO507

Cer/CDL

Degree

Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc (Delta Junction)

Heavy Equipment Operator and Mechanic	
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Degree

Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (Igiugig)

Heavy Equipment Operator Training	Certificate
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Degree

University of Alaska, Mining and Petroleum Training Service (Soldotna)

DEC Certified Septic Installer Initial and Refresher	
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Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Surface New Miner	
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Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Surface Refresher	
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Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Underground New Miner	
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Mine Safety and Health Administration Part 48 Underground Refresher	
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