

Skills that Work

WHAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON SHOULD KNOW IN ALASKA

9.2% OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS ARE CURRENTLY
UNEMPLOYED IN THE U.S.¹



WHO IS UNEMPLOYED IN ALASKA?

22.3% OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE²

7.3% OF 25-34 YEAR-OLDS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE²

63% OF JOBS IN ALASKA WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN 2018³

• TOP MAJORS IN ALASKA THAT HAVE THE BEST EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS⁴ •

- » Education
- » Engineering
- » Biology & Life Sciences
- » Humanities



• TOP GROWTH JOBS REQUIRING TRAINING OR EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL⁵ •

Top occupations	Projected # of annual job openings from 2008-2018	Median yearly wage in Alaska ⁶
1. Registered nurses	250	\$77,800
2. General and operations managers	110	\$74,200
3. Postsecondary teachers	110	not available
4. Secondary school teachers	70	\$66,000
5. Accountants and auditors	60	\$61,600
6. Automotive service technicians and mechanics	60	\$54,000
7. Chief executives	50	\$136,800
8. Administrative services managers	50	\$69,500
9. Airline pilots, copilots, and flight engineers	50	\$89,200
10. Aircraft mechanics and service technicians	40	\$59,400

Want to find out more about top majors and the job market in your state? Then check out these resources at:
www.CampaignForYoungAmerica.org/Toolkit



¹ Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2011.

² American Community Survey, 2010.

³ Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 2011.

⁴ These are majors within four-year degree programs. The unemployment rate data came from American Community Survey, 2010. Degree categories came from Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 2011. Please note that some majors have a limited number of observations.

⁵ Growth occupation data came from CareerOneStop, www.careerinfonet.org.

⁶ The median wages do not reflect a starting salary and can vary widely by age and experience.