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November 2013 Employment Report

Anchorage

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4.7%

November Unemployment
Rate for Anchorage

MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT

The unemployment rate for Anchorage in November was **4.7 percent**, and is unchanged from October. This is well below the national rate of 7 percent and the statewide rate of 6.5 percent. Eight of the past nine months have had a rate less than five percent; it is expected that 2013 annual rate will be less than five as well. As always, it should be noted that these are preliminary survey figures for November and will be revised next month. Additionally, AEDC expects to see further revisions in early 2014 upon more detailed analysis.

YEAR-TO-DATE UNEMPLOYMENT

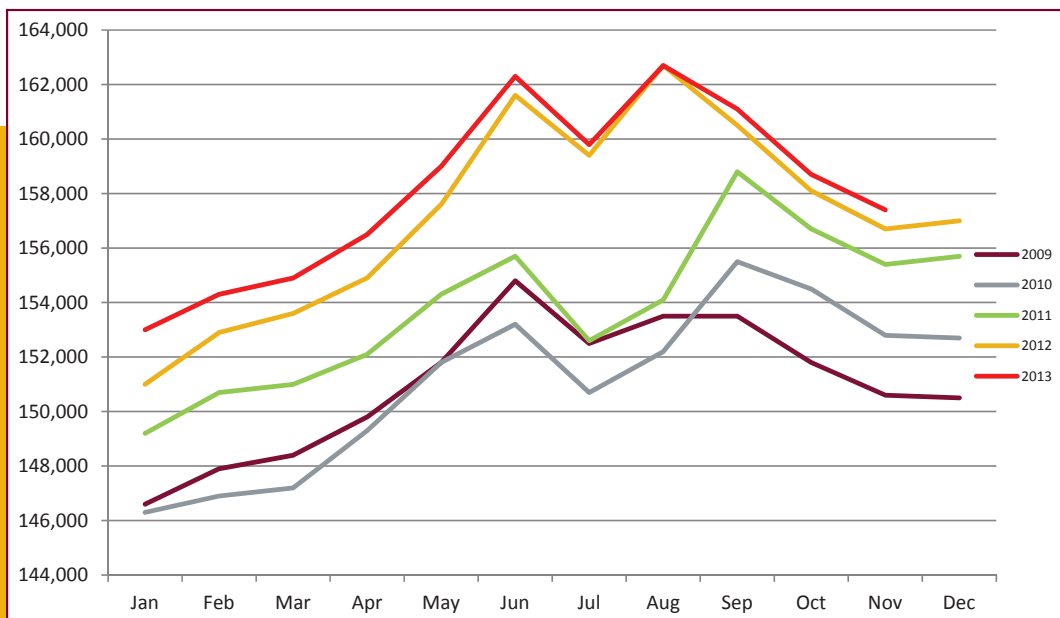
The average year-to-date (YTD) **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Anchorage was 4.9 percent** at the end of November, which is 0.7 percent lower than the 2012 YTD average. An increase of 395 in the employment total and a decrease of 661 in the Anchorage labor force during the YTD period has resulted in a reduction of 1,080 people in the reported unemployment total. The **total number of unemployed people in Anchorage is estimated at 7,404** (those actively looking for jobs), 260 less than November 2012. In the Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs, the monthly unemployment rate has decreased 14 and 13 percent, respectively, from 2012 YTD (see the charts at the end of this report for more details).

It is important to note that these unemployment numbers represent the labor force residing in Anchorage, and do not include jobs in Anchorage held by residents from outside the municipality. The industry employment estimates referenced in the remainder of this report are representative of all jobs in the Municipality of Anchorage, regardless of the job holder's place of residency.

ANCHORAGE INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES

As for Anchorage industry employment estimates, the YTD average is continuing to show improvement over 2012 with a **total net increase of 973 jobs so far**. The private sector (total jobs minus government jobs) has grown by 1,418 jobs during this time, equaling a growth rate of 1.2 percent. **Government employment has declined by 836 jobs so far**, with losses split between federal and local governments.

Industries showing the largest YTD growth rates are mainly in the Goods Producing category, which includes oil and gas; manufacturing and construction. Of Service Providing industries, Educational and Health Services is leading the way with a 2.7 percent YTD growth rate. Seven of the 10 major sector's November 2013 averages are above the YTD monthly average, indicating that the job gains are likely to remain in the near term.



ANCHORAGE EMPLOYMENT
Municipality of Anchorage
2009-Present

MONTHLY REVISIONS

Each month, the Alaska Department of Labor's Research and Analysis Division revises the previous month employment numbers based on the availability of newer or late arriving data. The following tables show the changes in Anchorage's and Alaska's August job totals by industry.

Most adjustments are relatively minor, however, some changes do occur which are significant. Changes such as these are normally the result of rounding errors, job classification modifications, sample size or modeling issues, or errors within the industry.

OCTOBER 2013 REVISIONS, ANCHORAGE

Industry	Preliminary Total	Revised Total	Net Change
Oil & Gas	3,600	3,700	+100
Construction	9,300	9,200	-100
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	32,900	32,800	-100
Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	11,100	11,000	-100
Financial Activities	7,800	7,700	-100
Professional & Business Services	20,800	20,700	-100
Health Care	18,400	18,300	-100
Leisure & Hospitality	16,700	16,900	+200
Food Service & Drinking Places	11,200	11,300	+100
Government	29,900	30,000	+100
Federal Government	8,400	8,500	+100

OCTOBER 2013 REVISIONS, ALASKA

Industry	Preliminary Total	Revised Total	Net Change
Total Nonfarm	329,300	327,400	-1,900
Goods Producing	45,500	45,400	-100
Services Producing	283,800	282,000	-1,800
Mining	17,800	17,900	+100
Construction	19,500	19,300	-200
Manufacturing	7,500	7,600	+100
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	63,500	62,300	-200
Retail Trade	35,900	35,800	-100
General Merchandise Stores	10,000	9,700	-300
Transportation, Warehouse, Utilities	21,900	20,800	-1,100
Educational & Health Services	47,400	47,200	-200
Health Care	33,800	33,700	-100
Leisure & Hospitality	30,000	29,600	-400
Accommodation	6,700	6,600	-100
Food Service & Drinking Places	19,400	19,200	-200
Federal Government	14,100	14,500	+400
Local Government	43,300	42,900	-400
Local Education	24,000	23,700	-300

GOODS PRODUCING JOBS

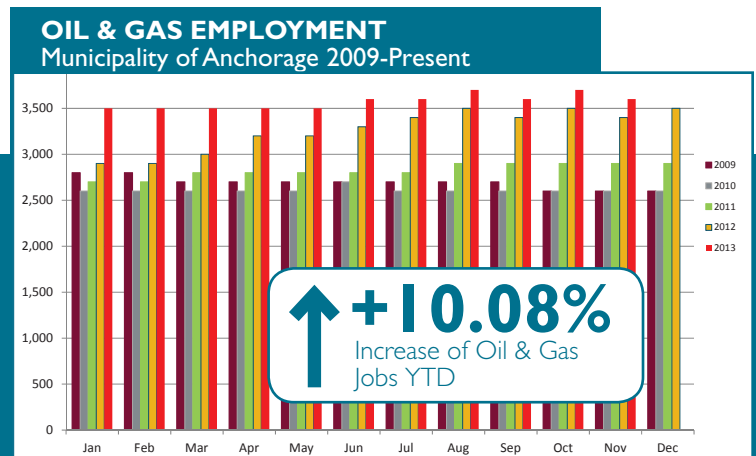
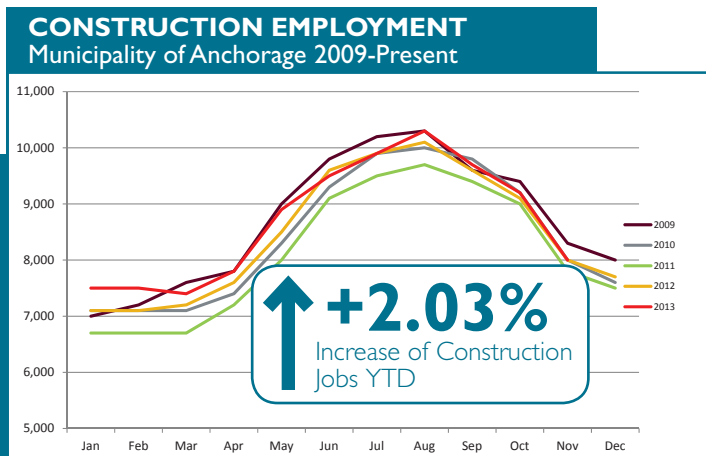
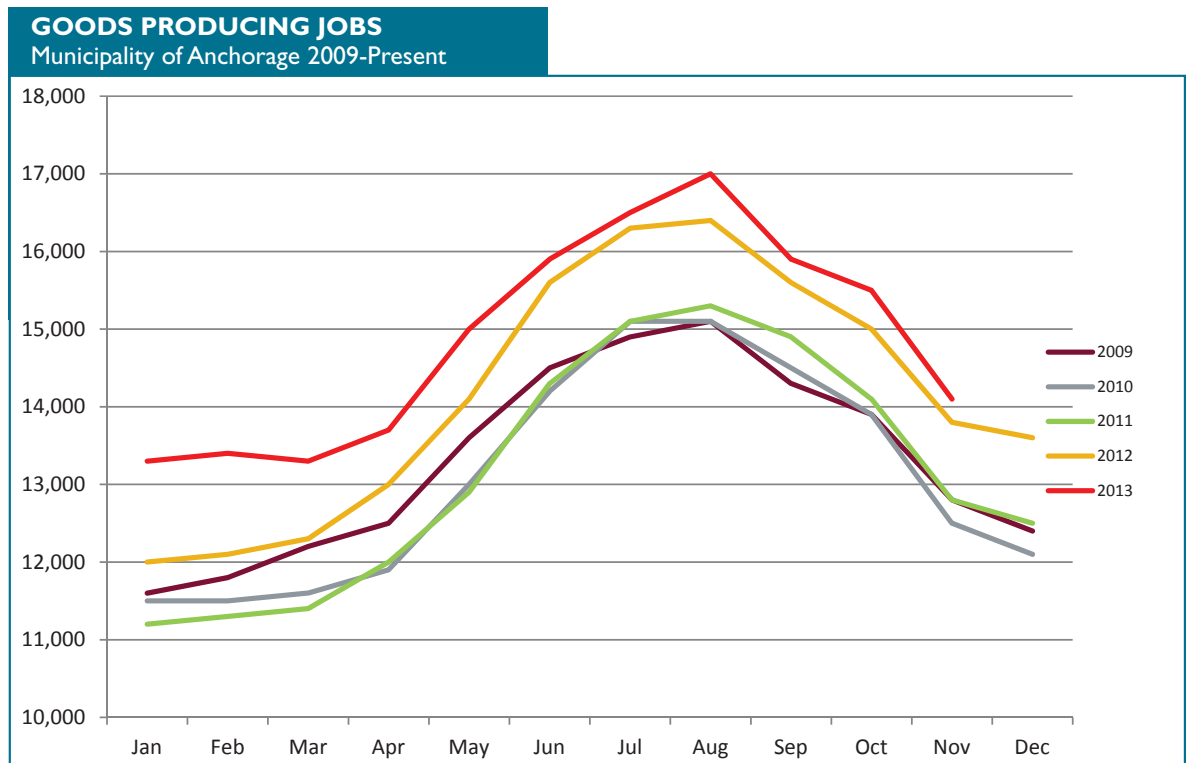
CONSTRUCTION WORK, MINING, OIL & GAS PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURING

Goods producing jobs (those jobs that are specifically tied to production, not those which support the production or maintenance of the production jobs) are maintaining the growth seen all year, **averaging 673 more jobs in 2013 YTD over the same period in 2012.**

The **oil & gas sector is still leading the way with 327 more jobs than last year** at this point; a **growth rate of more than 10 percent.** Reports of major spending increases by ConocoPhillips in 2014, Shell's continuing efforts to restart its OCS development program and a strong start to the North Slope winter exploration season are all positive indicators and may indicate that these employment gains will continue.

The **construction industry has also done well this year.** November's estimate of 8,000 jobs is on par with the month's levels from the past three years and has been following historic trends all year. One local construction trade organization has reported unusually high interest in apprenticeship placement from local contractors, a good sign for the industry. Municipal

building permit valuations remain very high, up more than 40 percent YTD from last year, and a number of building remodeling and new construction projects occurring in the city may be indicating that the annual winter decline of construction jobs may be less severe than recent years.

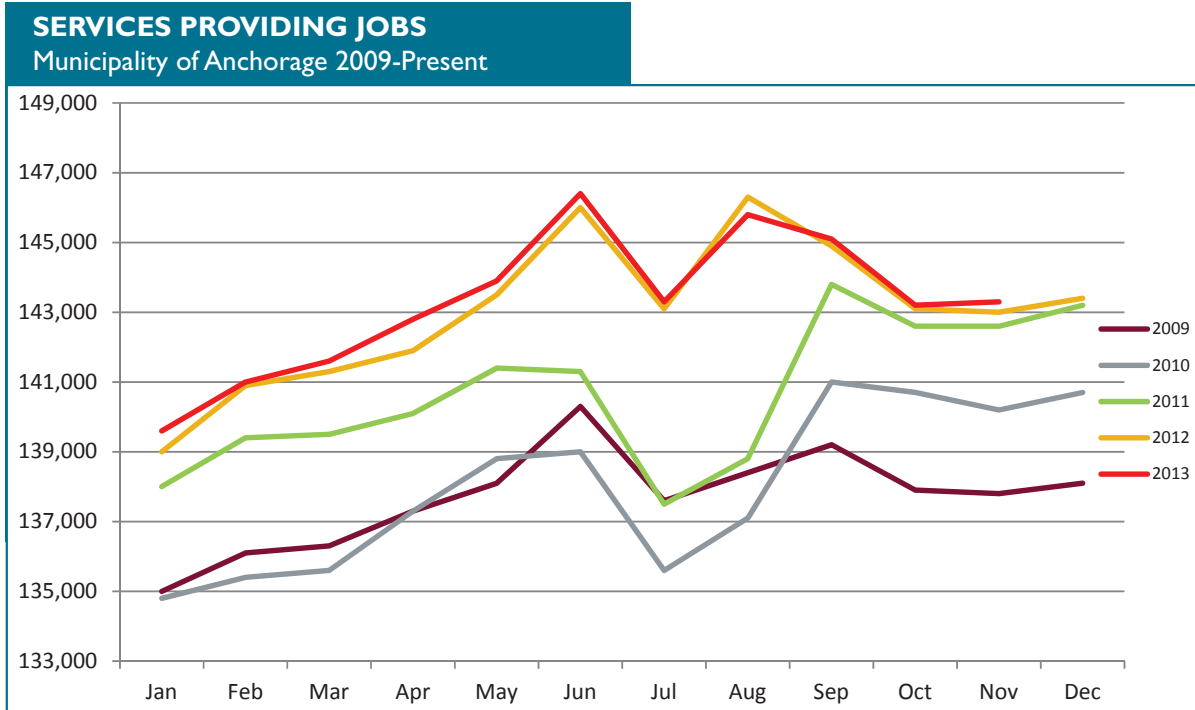


SERVICES PROVIDING JOBS

ENGINEERING, RETAIL, TOURISM, HEALTH CARE, ETC.

Services providing jobs in Anchorage totaled **143,300** for November. Overall, the YTD average is up 273 jobs from 2012 YTD.

The educational and health services sector's growth rate is 2.7 percent so far this year, making it the highest growth sector in the service industry. **Jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector are growing at more than twice the rate of the overall totals at 1.61 percent.** Both accommodation and food service sectors have seen growth which suggests that the tourism industry had a good 2013 season. Federal and local government sectors are both averaging less than this point last year (-445 and -427), but the state government jobs average is up 36 jobs YTD from 2012.



SERVICES PROVIDING JOBS

Increase of Services Providing Jobs YTD
273

139,600
Services Providing Jobs in Anchorage for November 2013 (total)

NOV. 12 vs. NOV. 13
YEAR TO DATE

Educational & Health Services

+660

Professional & Business Services

+470

Information

-120

Leisure & Hospitality

+270

Retail

flat

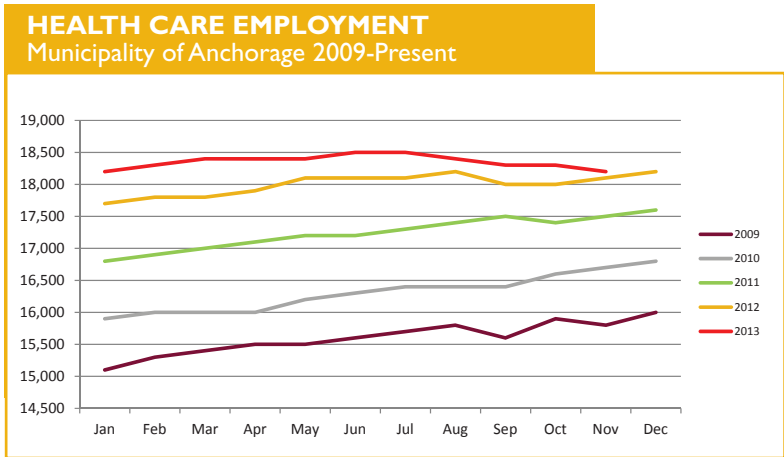
Government

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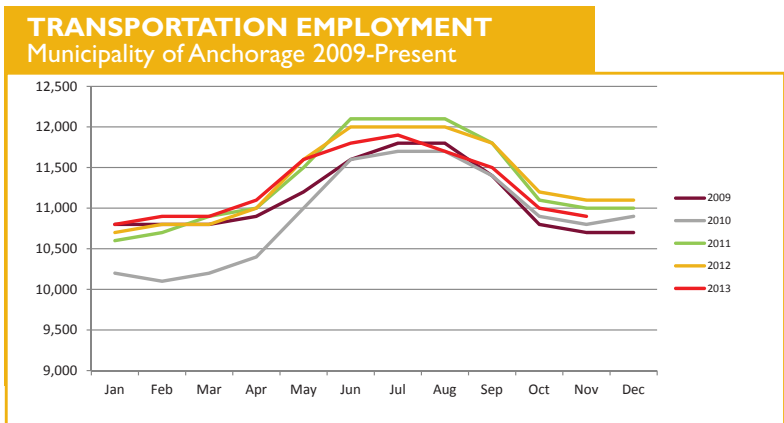
HEALTH CARE EMPLOYMENT

Employment in **the health care industry is still going strong, with 373 more jobs over 2012 YTD.** The 2.07 percent YTD job growth in the local health care sector is below the 2012 end of year rate, but is still one of the fastest growing service producing industries. However, while the monthly averages have held between 18,200 and 18,500 throughout the year, a slow decline has been occurring since August. This type of lengthy decline has not been seen in recent years, and it remains to be seen if it will continue. We are still confident that this sector will meet AEDC's January projection of 400 additional health care jobs by the end of the year.



TRANSPORTATION

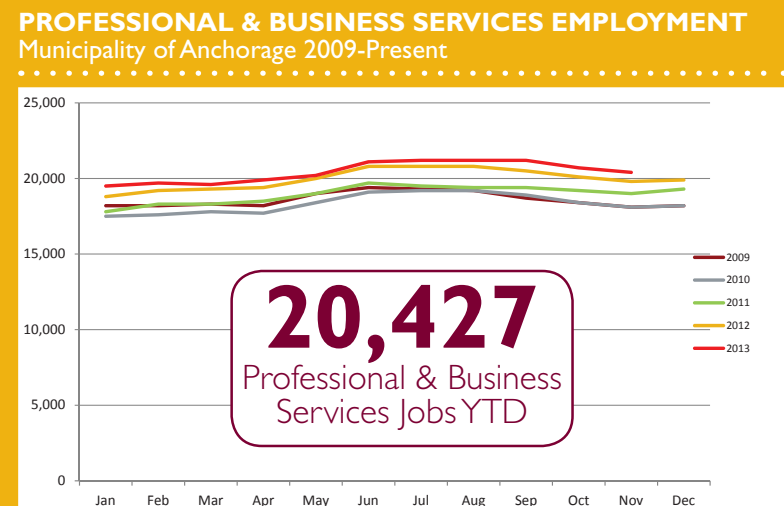
November's estimate of 10,900 jobs is slightly below 2012 by 200, and the YTD average is slightly down by 82 jobs. Despite decreasing amounts of cargo transiting through the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, the Air Transportation segment of the industry has added 18 jobs YTD. Unfortunately, this sector is unlikely to reach AEDC's January estimate of an additional 100 jobs by the end of the year.



PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES

ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, LEGAL SERVICES, ACCOUNTING, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, WASTE MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The YTD average continues to improve and is up 473 jobs from 2012. The rate of increase is one of the largest of all service providing industries at 2.37 percent. Job growth within this industry is often tied to growth in other industries such as oil and gas; construction and transportation. As these goods producing industries continue to grow, more positions in professional and business services are expected.

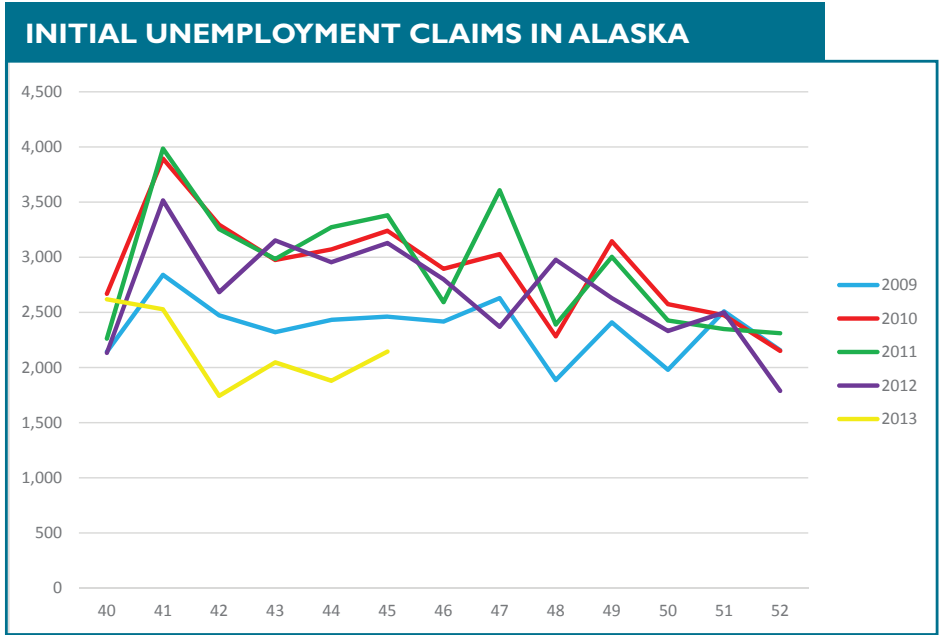


↑ Increase of Professional & Business Services Jobs
473
YTD

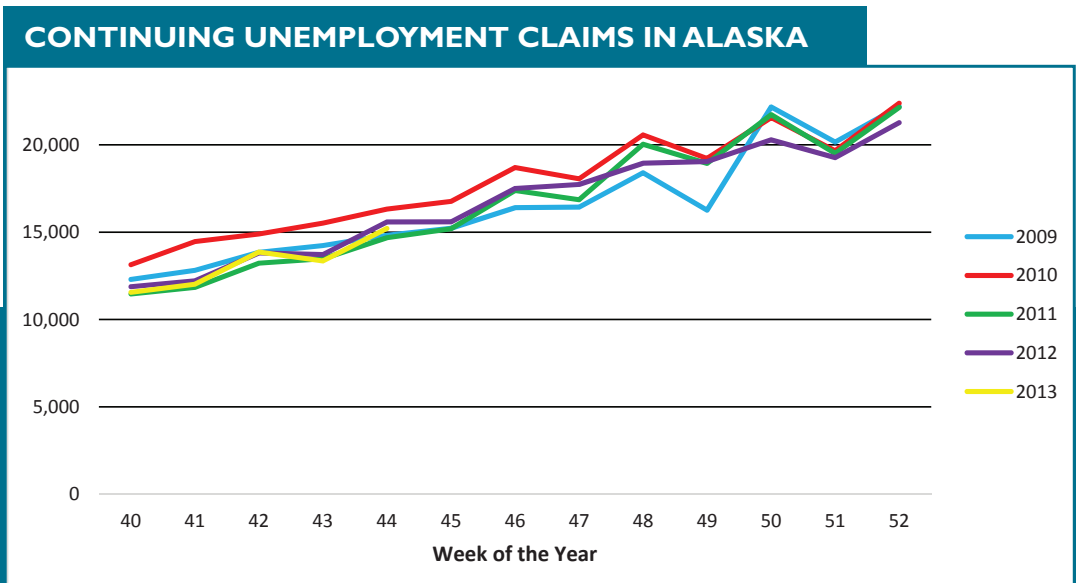
↑ **2.37%**
Increase of Professional & Business Services Jobs
YTD

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

Initial unemployment claim applications can be interpreted as a proxy for layoffs. They tend to fall as job growth accelerates. The totals for November were well below November 2012's and are expected to stay near the 2,000 mark for the duration of 2013.



Continuing claims figures helps to show how well unemployed workers are re-entering the workforce. This total does not include workers receiving extended benefits from the federal government. November's levels have maintained a similar trend to 2011 and 2012 and are likely to follow historic fluctuations through the end of the year.



All data referenced in this employment report is from the State of Alaska, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development website: www.laborstats.alaska.gov and from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov.

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UNEMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS (YTD, 2013)

Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai Peninsula Borough

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	13 YTD Avg	12 YTD Avg	13 vs 12
Municipality of Anchorage	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	preliminary				
Labor Force	157,275	156,926	155,566	155,408	154,851	156,405	155,259	153,231	154,611	156,622	159,002		155,923	156,584	(661)
Employment	148,567	148,914	147,987	147,673	147,596	148,134	147,659	145,989	147,734	149,329	151,598		148,289	147,894	395
Unemployment	8,708	8,012	7,579	7,467	7,255	8,271	7,600	7,242	6,877	7,293	7,404		7,610	8,690	(1,080)
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.1%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	5.3%	4.9%	4.7%	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%		4.9%	5.5%	-0.7%
Mat-Su Borough															
Labor Force	44,213	44,004	43,489	43,078	42,772	43,262	42,887	42,127	42,582	43,254	44,187		43,260	43,658	(398)
Employment	40,288	40,382	40,130	40,045	40,024	40,170	40,041	39,588	40,061	40,494	41,109		40,212	40,105	107
Unemployment	3,925	3,622	3,359	3,033	2,748	3,092	2,846	2,539	2,521	2,760	3,078		3,048	3,553	(505)
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	8.2%	7.7%	7.0%	6.4%	7.1%	6.6%	6.0%	5.9%	6.4%	7.0%		7.0%	8.1%	-1.1%
Kenai Peninsula Borough															
Labor Force	26,413	26,491	26,735	26,919	27,912	29,309	29,729	29,072	27,561	26,949	26,998		27,644	27,768	(124)
Employment	23,879	24,123	24,546	24,928	26,072	27,284	27,911	27,322	25,808	25,030	24,946		25,623	25,430	192
Unemployment	2,534	2,368	2,189	1,991	1,840	2,025	1,818	1,750	1,753	1,919	2,052		2,022	2,338	(316)
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	8.9%	8.2%	7.4%	6.6%	6.9%	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	7.1%	7.6%		7.3%	8.4%	-1.1%
Southcentral Region															
Labor Force	227,901	227,421	225,790	225,405	225,535	228,976	227,875	224,430	224,754	226,825	230,187		226,827	228,010	(1,183)
Employment	212,734	213,419	212,663	212,646	213,692	215,588	215,611	212,899	213,603	214,853	217,653		214,124	213,429	695
Unemployment	15,167	14,002	13,127	12,491	11,843	13,388	12,264	11,531	11,151	11,972	12,534		12,679	14,581	(1,902)
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.2%	5.8%	5.5%	5.3%	5.8%	5.4%	5.1%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%		5.6%	6.4%	-0.8%
State of Alaska															
Labor Force	361,085	362,187	360,100	359,422	363,918	371,481	373,528	369,119	366,054	362,982	363,999		364,898	366,950	(2,052)
Employment	333,414	336,610	336,463	336,984	342,375	347,274	351,573	348,433	345,942	341,153	340,974		341,927	341,125	802
Unemployment	27,671	25,577	23,637	22,438	21,543	24,207	21,955	20,686	20,112	21,829	23,025		22,971	25,825	(2,854)
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.1%	6.6%	6.2%	5.9%	6.5%	5.9%	5.6%	5.5%	6.0%	6.3%		6.3%	7.0%	-0.7%

***Note:** These numbers reflect employment, unemployment, etc. for only those people that are residence of the specified City/Region, thus are not inclusive of people who commute to another city for their jobs. (Ex: Someone lives in Wasilla but works in Anchorage. They would be counted in the Mat-Su Borough's labor force and employment numbers, not the Municipality of Anchorage numbers)

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES 2013

Municipality of Anchorage

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2013 YTD Avg.	2012 YTD Avg.	2013 vs 2012 YTD Change	% Change
	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	revised	preliminary					
Total Nonfarm	153,000	154,300	154,900	156,500	159,000	162,300	159,800	162,700	161,100	158,700	157,400		158,155	157,182	973	0.62%
Goods Producing	13,300	13,400	13,300	13,700	15,000	15,900	16,500	17,000	15,900	15,500	14,100		14,873	14,200	673	4.74%
Services Providing	139,600	141,000	141,600	142,800	143,900	146,400	143,300	145,800	145,100	143,200	143,300		143,273	143,000	273	0.19%
Mining and Logging ²	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800		3,745	3,409	336	9.87%
Oil & Gas	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,700	3,600	3,700	3,600		3,573	3,245	327	10.08%
Construction	7,500	7,500	7,400	7,800	8,900	9,500	9,900	10,300	9,700	9,200	8,000		8,700	8,527	173	2.03%
Manufacturing	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,800	2,800	2,500	2,400	2,300		2,418	2,255	164	7.26%
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	32,000	31,900	31,900	32,300	33,200	33,800	34,000	33,700	33,300	32,800	33,000		32,900	32,991	-91	-0.28%
Wholesale Trade	4,300	4,300	4,400	4,400	4,600	4,700	4,800	4,800	4,700	4,600	4,600		4,564	4,555	9	0.20%
Retail Trade	16,900	16,700	16,600	16,800	17,100	17,300	17,200	17,200	17,100	17,200	17,400		17,045	17,064	-18	-0.11%
Trans/Warehouse/Utilities	10,800	10,900	10,900	11,100	11,600	11,800	11,900	11,700	11,500	11,000	10,900		11,282	11,364	-82	-0.72%
Air Transportation	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,900	2,900		2,973	2,955	18	0.62%
Information	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800		3,791	3,909	-118	-3.02%
Financial Activities	7,900	8,000	8,000	8,100	8,200	8,500	8,600	8,200	7,900	7,700	7,800		8,082	8,182	-100	-1.22%
Professional & Business Svcs	19,500	19,700	19,600	19,900	20,200	21,100	21,200	21,200	21,200	20,700	20,400		20,427	19,955	473	2.37%
Educational & Health Services	24,900	25,100	25,300	25,500	25,600	25,500	25,300	25,200	25,200	25,200	25,200		25,273	24,609	664	2.70%
Health Care	18,200	18,300	18,400	18,400	18,400	18,500	18,500	18,400	18,300	18,300	18,200		18,355	17,982	373	2.07%
Leisure & Hospitality	16,100	16,400	16,800	16,900	17,400	18,000	18,100	18,100	17,500	16,900	16,900		17,191	16,918	273	1.61%
Accommodation	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,100	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,200	3,200		3,282	3,191	91	2.85%
Food Svcs & Drinking Places	10,800	11,000	11,200	11,500	11,800	12,200	12,000	12,000	11,600	11,300	11,200		11,509	11,373	136	1.20%
Other Services	5,600	5,600	5,700	5,600	5,700	5,800	6,000	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,100		5,855	5,791	64	1.10%
Government	29,800	30,600	30,500	30,800	29,900	30,000	26,300	29,500	30,100	30,000	30,100		29,782	30,618	-836	-2.73%
Federal Government	8,900	8,800	8,800	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,600	8,600	8,500	8,500		8,682	9,127	-445	-4.88%
State Government	10,200	11,000	11,000	11,100	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,500	11,100	11,000	11,000		10,736	10,700	36	0.34%
State Education	2,100	3,000	2,900	3,000	2,300	2,100	2,000	2,200	2,900	2,900	2,900		2,573	2,545	27	1.07%
Local Government	10,800	10,800	10,700	11,000	10,800	10,900	7,200	10,400	10,400	10,500	10,600		10,373	10,800	-427	-3.96%
Local Education	8,000	8,000	7,900	8,100	8,000	7,900	4,400	7,600	7,500	7,600	7,800		7,527	7,945	-418	-5.26%

- Nonfarm Wage & Salary excludes self-employed workers, fishers, domestics, and unpaid family workers.

- All totals are seasonally non-adjusted totals.

- Government includes employees of public school systems and the University of Alaska.

- Beginning January 2001, wage and salary employment estimates were published under a new classification system. The Standard Industrial Classification system (SIC) has been replaced by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Data prior to 2001 are comparable only at the Total Nonfarm and Government levels.

^{1/} As of January 2001, certain federally-recognized tribal entities were moved to Local Government, which created a series break for Total Government and Local Government. [Please see the April 2002 Alaska Economic Trends publication for a detailed explanation.](#)

^{2/} This category was called "Natural Resources and Mining" in previous years. The change is in name only; the industries it includes remain the same.

- Some totals may not equal components due to rounding.

- Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

* **Note:** The above numbers are representative of all people employed in the Municipality of Anchorage, this is inclusive of workers who claim residence outside of the Municipality of Anchorage.

(Ex: someone who lives in the Mat-Su, but works in Anchorage would be included in these number)

Quick Comparisons

13 vs 12 Nov	700	0.45%
13 vs 12 1st Qtr	1,567	1.03%
13 vs 12 2nd Qtr	1,233	0.79%
13 vs 12 3rd Qtr.	333	0.21%
13 vs 12 4th Qtr.	650	0.41%

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES 2013

State of Alaska

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Total Nonfarm	314,200	321,400	323,800	326,500	333,700	352,800	356,800	355,700	345,600	327,400	320,900		334,436	336,670	-2,234	-0.66%
Goods Producing	40,100	42,900	43,500	43,900	44,000	53,700	58,600	58,700	51,100	45,400	41,500		47,582	48,690	-1,108	-2.28%
Services Providing	274,100	278,500	280,300	282,600	289,700	299,100	296,500	297,000	294,500	282,000	279,400		286,700	287,980	-1,280	-0.44%
Mining and Logging ²	16,600	17,100	17,300	17,500	17,800	18,400	18,700	18,900	18,700	18,500	18,100		17,964	16,990	974	5.73%
Mining	16,400	16,800	16,900	17,000	17,300	17,800	18,000	18,200	18,100	17,900	17,500		17,445	16,680	765	4.59%
Oil & Gas	13,600	13,900	14,000	14,100	14,300	14,500	14,700	14,800	14,800	14,700	14,700		14,373	13,560	813	5.99%
Construction	14,300	14,900	15,100	15,700	17,100	19,900	20,700	21,600	20,100	19,300	16,700		17,764	16,780	984	5.86%
Manufacturing	9,200	10,900	11,100	10,700	9,100	15,400	20,900	18,200	12,300	7,600	6,700		12,009	14,920	-2,911	-19.51%
Seafood Processing	5,600	7,300	7,400	6,700	5,000	11,200	16,700	14,100	8,200	3,600	2,900		8,064	11,260	-3,196	-28.39%
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	61,000	60,400	61,000	62,400	66,100	68,700	69,500	69,200	66,600	62,300	61,500		64,427	64,070	357	0.56%
Wholesale Trade	5,900	5,800	5,900	5,900	5,900	6,100	6,300	6,200	6,000	5,700	5,600		5,936	6,230	-294	-4.71%
Retail Trade	34,800	34,100	34,400	35,200	36,900	38,100	38,200	37,900	36,800	35,800	35,700		36,173	35,820	353	0.98%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,100	6,100	6,000	6,000	6,100	6,200	6,400	6,400	6,300	6,300	6,100		6,182	6,240	-58	-0.93%
General Merchandise Stores	9,800	9,500	9,700	9,800	10,100	10,400	10,300	10,300	9,900	9,700	9,500		9,909	9,890	19	0.19%
Trans/Warehouse/Utilities	20,300	20,500	20,700	21,300	23,300	24,500	25,000	25,100	23,800	20,800	20,200		22,318	22,020	298	1.35%
Air Transportation	5,500	5,400	5,500	5,600	5,900	6,800	6,400	6,500	6,100	5,700	5,500		5,900	5,900	0	0.00%
Information	6,000	6,100	6,100	6,000	6,100	6,200	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,100		6,091	6,220	-129	-2.08%
Telecommunications	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,000	4,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,900	4,000		3,964	4,160	-196	-4.72%
Financial Activities	12,900	13,000	13,100	13,100	13,400	13,900	14,300	14,200	13,600	13,500	13,400		13,491	13,380	111	0.83%
Professional & Business Svcs	27,000	27,900	27,200	27,900	28,700	29,500	29,500	29,400	29,200	27,800	27,900		28,364	28,800	-436	-1.52%
Educational & Health Services	47,000	47,400	47,700	47,700	47,400	47,600	47,000	46,700	47,000	47,200	47,200		47,264	46,200	1,064	2.30%
Health Care	33,400	33,500	33,800	33,500	33,800	34,200	34,100	33,700	33,600	33,700	33,500		33,709	32,810	899	2.74%
Leisure & Hospitality	27,800	28,400	29,400	29,500	33,300	38,600	40,300	40,400	36,100	29,600	28,000		32,855	33,820	-965	-2.85%
Accommodation	6,500	6,500	6,600	6,700	7,700	10,600	11,300	11,600	9,500	6,600	5,700		8,118	8,390	-272	-3.24%
Food Svcs & Drinking Places	17,600	18,100	18,700	18,800	20,900	22,400	23,100	23,000	21,500	19,200	18,600		20,173	20,490	-317	-1.55%
Other Services	11,200	11,200	11,400	11,400	11,600	11,700	12,200	12,200	11,900	11,700	11,800		11,664	11,630	34	0.29%
Government	81,200	84,100	84,400	84,600	83,100	82,900	77,600	78,800	84,000	83,800	83,500		82,545	83,860	-1,315	-1.57%
Federal Government	14,800	14,700	14,900	14,900	15,200	15,600	15,400	15,200	15,100	14,500	14,100		14,945	16,450	-1,505	-9.15%
State Government	24,500	26,700	26,800	26,900	25,700	25,200	25,100	25,500	26,700	26,400	26,300		25,982	26,010	-28	-0.11%
State Education	6,600	8,800	8,700	8,700	7,500	6,400	6,000	6,700	8,400	8,600	8,700		7,736	7,620	116	1.53%
Local Government	41,900	42,700	42,700	42,800	42,000	42,100	37,100	38,100	42,200	42,900	43,100		41,600	41,400	200	0.48%
Local Education	23,600	24,300	24,100	24,100	23,400	22,300	17,500	18,700	23,000	23,700	24,200		22,627	23,110	-483	-2.09%
Tribal Government ¹	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,400	3,400	3,700	3,700	3,500	3,400	3,300	3,300		3,455	3,740	-285	-7.63%

- Nonfarm Wage & Salary excludes self-employed workers, fishers, domestics, and unpaid family workers.

- All totals are non-seasonally adjusted totals.

- Government includes employees of public school systems and the University of Alaska.

- Beginning January 2001, wage and salary employment estimates were published under a new classification system. The Standard Industrial Classification system (SIC) has been replaced by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Data prior to 2001 are comparable only at the Total Nonfarm and Government levels.

^{1/} As of January 2001, certain federally-recognized tribal entities were moved to Local Government, which created a series break for Total Government and Local Government. Please see the April 2002 Alaska Economic Trends publication for a detailed explanation.

^{2/} This category was called "Natural Resources and Mining" in previous years. The change is in name only; the industries it includes remain the same.

- Totals may not equal sub-sections due to rounding.

- Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Quick Comparisons

13 vs 12 Nov	-2,700	-0.83%
13 vs 12 1st Qtr	1,900	0.60%
13 vs 12 2nd Qtr	-1,400	-0.41%
13 vs 12 3rd Qtr	-1,967	-0.55%
13 vs 12 4th Qtr	-3,550	-1.08%

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Press Release

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Unemployment rate remains at 6.5 percent in November

Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in November, unchanged from October. The comparable national rate was 7.0 percent, down from 7.3 percent.

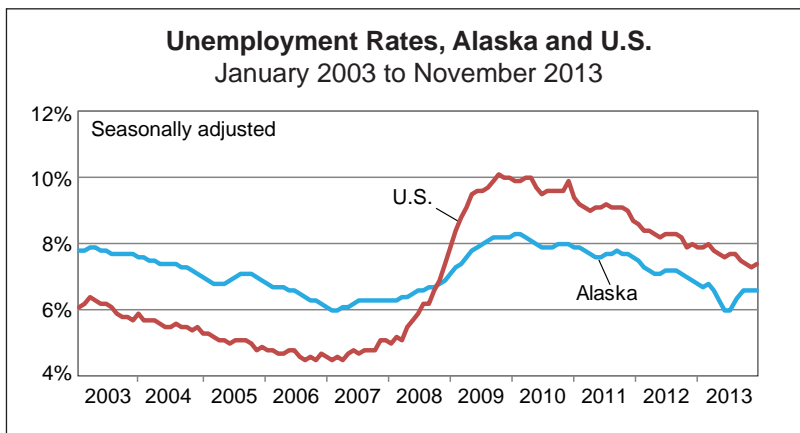
Alaska's adjusted rate has been holding steady at 6.5 percent since August.

Alaska's not-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.3 percent in November, up three-tenths of a percentage point from October's rate. Last year, November's unadjusted rate was 6.5 percent.

Unadjusted rates increased in 26 of 29 boroughs and census areas in November. The largest monthly increases were in the Denali Borough and Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, where rates grew by 7.5 and 7.4 percentage points respectively. The highest rate was in the highly seasonal Skagway Municipality, where 20.8 percent of the civilian labor force was unemployed.

The City and Borough of Juneau had the lowest unemployment rate in November at 4.5 percent, followed by the Municipality of Anchorage and the North Slope Borough, both at 4.7.

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Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
	11/13	10/13	11/12
Alaska	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%
U.S.	7.0%	7.3%	7.8%

Sources for graph and table: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

For detailed employment estimates, see <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/ces/>. The estimates are preliminary and subject to potentially large revisions.

Labor Force by Borough and Census Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

	Civilian Labor Force			Unemployed					
	11/13 ^P	10/13	11/12	Number			Rate		
				11/13 ^P	10/13	11/12	11/13 ^P	10/13	11/12
Alaska Statewide	363,999	362,982	363,017	23,025	21,829	23,467	6.3	6.0	6.5
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	203,189	199,876	203,004	10,482	10,053	10,832	5.2	5.0	5.3
Anchorage, Municipality of	159,002	156,622	158,841	7,404	7,293	7,664	4.7	4.7	4.8
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	44,187	43,254	44,163	3,078	2,760	3,168	7.0	6.4	7.2
Gulf Coast Region	38,261	38,476	37,767	2,940	2,708	3,054	7.7	7.0	8.1
Kenai Peninsula Borough	26,998	26,949	26,349	2,052	1,919	2,101	7.6	7.1	8.0
Kodiak Island Borough	6,655	6,735	6,778	406	321	474	6.1	4.8	7.0
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	4,608	4,792	4,640	482	468	479	10.5	9.8	10.3
Interior Region	54,124	54,865	54,163	3,500	3,243	3,595	6.5	5.9	6.6
Denali Borough	735	1,304	783	130	133	151	17.7	10.2	19.3
Fairbanks North Star Borough	46,706	46,826	46,817	2,511	2,350	2,643	5.4	5.0	5.6
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	3,369	3,408	3,451	366	339	375	10.9	9.9	10.9
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	3,314	3,327	3,112	493	421	426	14.9	12.7	13.7
Northern Region	13,401	13,454	12,903	1,200	1,164	1,110	9.0	8.7	8.6
Nome Census Area	4,476	4,544	4,249	452	438	437	10.1	9.6	10.3
North Slope Borough	5,693	5,613	5,628	270	265	274	4.7	4.7	4.9
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,232	3,297	3,026	478	461	399	14.8	14.0	13.2
Southeast Region	37,667	38,227	37,907	2,526	2,278	2,530	6.7	6.0	6.7
Haines Borough	1,090	1,148	1,147	113	91	107	10.4	7.9	9.3
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	866	982	841	172	123	156	19.9	12.5	18.5
Juneau, City and Borough of	17,930	17,917	18,056	814	774	844	4.5	4.3	4.7
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	7,714	7,915	7,635	486	458	504	6.3	5.8	6.6
Petersburg Census Area	1,580	1,611	1,627	163	140	176	10.3	8.7	10.8
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	2,313	2,356	2,344	296	263	279	12.8	11.2	11.9
Sitka, City and Borough of	4,337	4,326	4,424	233	214	236	5.4	4.9	5.3
Skagway, Municipality of	553	642	553	115	101	122	20.8	15.7	22.1
Wrangell, City and Borough of	1,021	1,045	1,019	105	95	82	10.3	9.1	8.0
Yakutat, City and Borough of	263	285	261	29	19	24	11.0	6.7	9.2
Southwest Region	17,353	18,085	17,274	2,374	2,383	2,344	13.7	13.2	13.6
Aleutians East Borough	938	1,089	967	141	130	180	15.0	11.9	18.6
Aleutians West Census Area	2,786	3,058	2,712	307	347	372	11.0	11.3	13.7
Bethel Census Area	7,377	7,569	7,340	1,039	1,055	975	14.1	13.9	13.3
Bristol Bay Borough	552	558	563	41	37	36	7.4	6.6	6.4
Dillingham Census Area	1,820	1,854	1,840	196	184	183	10.8	9.9	9.9
Lake and Peninsula Borough	966	1,110	1,067	77	75	70	8.0	6.8	6.6
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,914	2,847	2,785	573	555	528	19.7	19.5	19.0

P = Preliminary. As more information becomes available, data are revised every month for the previous month and again at the end of every calendar year.

Note: The official definition of unemployment excludes anyone who has not made an active attempt to find work in the four-week period up to and including the week that includes the 12th of the reference month. Many in rural Alaska do not meet the definition because they have not conducted an active job search due to the scarcity of employment opportunities.

¹Unemployment rates that are not seasonally adjusted should not be compared with those that are.

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