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# ANCHORAGE EMPLOYMENT REPORT

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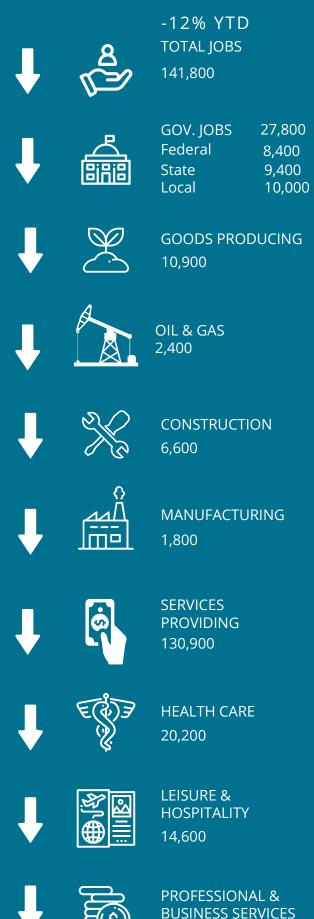
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## YEAR TO DATE: BY THE NUMBERS



17,000

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

The monthly summary, as well as industry gains and losses, are based on comparisons between the same month in 2019 and 2020. Monthon-month (e.g. July 2019 to August 2019) comparisons tend to show consistent seasonal trends, while comparing years show longer-term impacts of policy and macroeconomic change.

May 2020 experienced a drop of 18,300 jobs compared to May 2019. All sectors lost substantial numbers of jobs with Leisure & Hospitality being the sector with the highest job losses at 6,500. There were no other industry sectors that did not lose a significant number of jobs in May 2020. Unemployment is at 12.3% in May 2020, down slightly from 13.9% in April 2020. This month's data reflect the full impacts of COVID-19 related shutdown of the Anchorage economy.

#### MAY: ON THE UP

None

MAY: NO GAIN OR LOSS

None

MAY LOSSES: AT A GLANCE

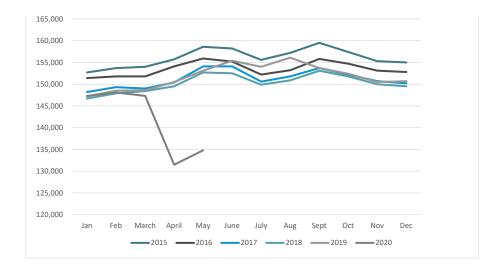
Leisure & Hospitality -6,500 Food Services and Drinking Places -3,500 Educational & Health Services -2,500 Health Care -1,800 Transportation/Warehouse/Utilities -1,600 Accommodation -1,500 Retail Trade -1,400 Professional & Business Services -1,300 Construction -1,100 Local Government -1,100 Financial Activities -400 Oil & Gas -400 Wholesale Trade -400 Information -300 Manufacturing -300 State Government -300 Federal Government -100

#### THE BOTTOM LINE

Anchorage's job market crashed as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Every industry sector took a significant hit with particularly large impacts to Accommodations, Eating & Drinking Establishments, Leisure & Hospitality, and Retail.

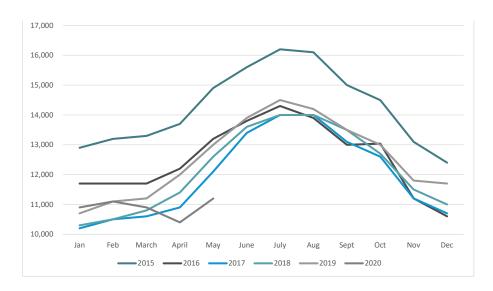
#### ANCHORAGE EMPLOYMENT

Total Anchorage employment was at 134,800 in May 2020, showing a decrease of about 18,300 jobs compared to May 2019.



#### GOODS PRODUCING JOBS

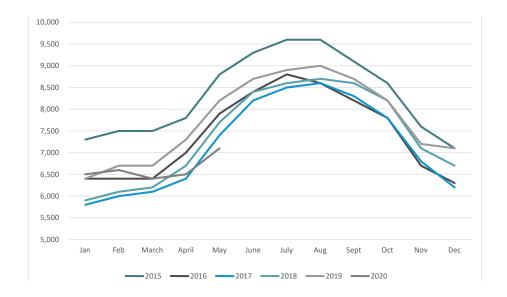
Anchorage's goods producing sector lost 1,800 jobs or 13.8% in May 2020 compared with May 2019.





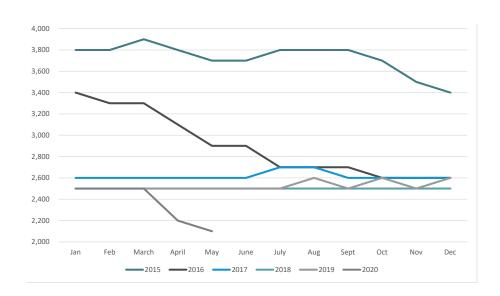






#### CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT

At 7,100 jobs, Anchorage construction employment shed 1,100 jobs between May 2019 and May 2020. This is down from modest increases in construction jobs in 2018 and 2019.



#### OIL & GAS EMPLOYMENT

Anchorage's oil and gas sector shed 400 jobs between May 2019 and May 2020.





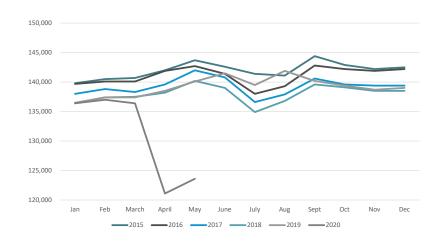


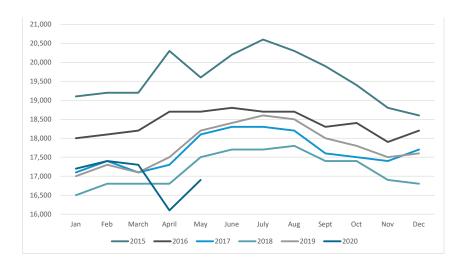
#### SERVICES PROVIDING JOBS

Services providing industries shed approximately 16,500 jobs between May 2019 and May 2020. We understand that these significant job losses are a result of complications and challenges due to COVID-19.



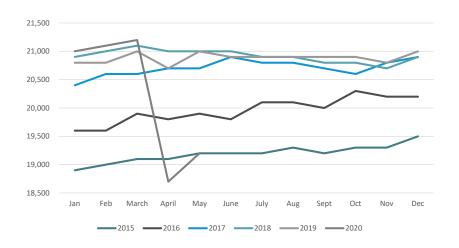
Anchorage's professional & business services sector saw a decrease of 1,300 jobs between May 2019 and May 2020.







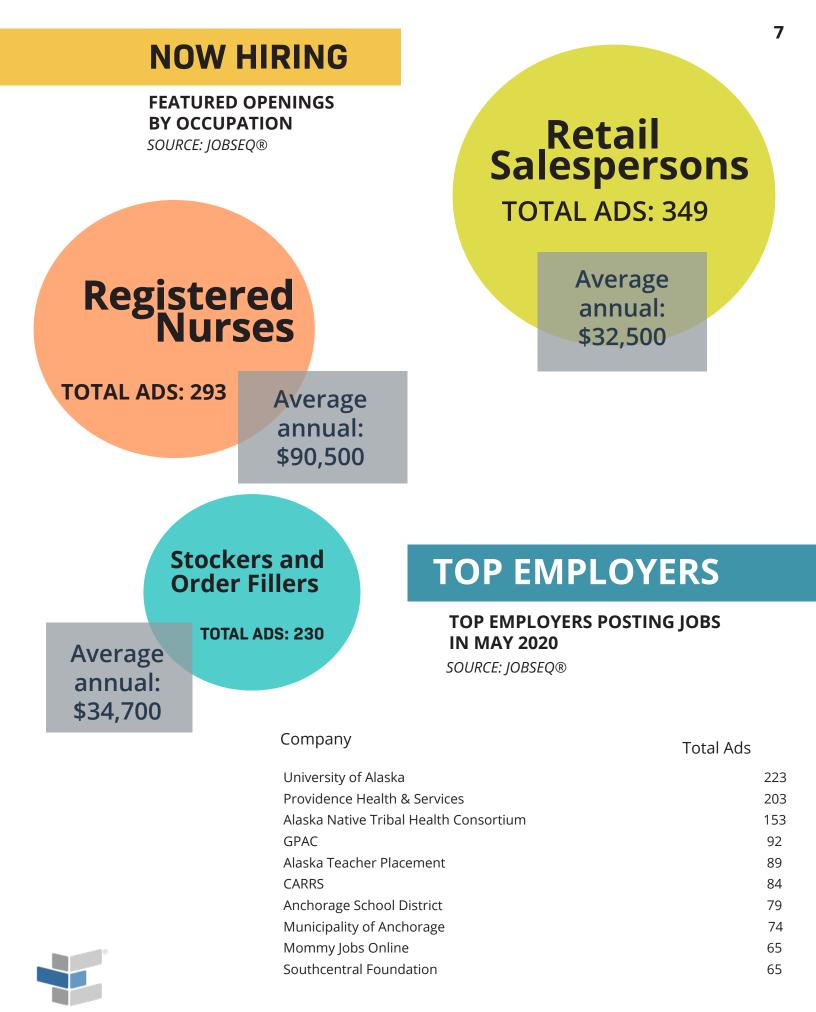
Health care employment is down for the first time in years with a loss of 1,800 jobs between May 2019 and 2020.

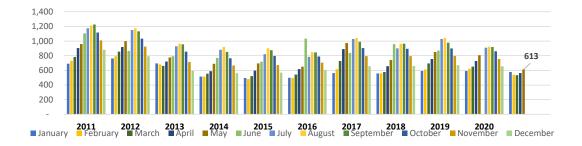








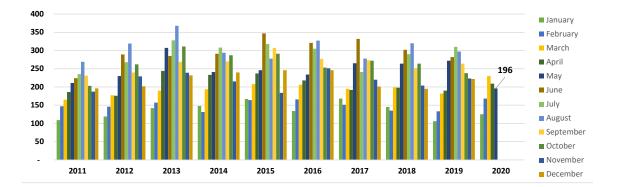




#### ANCHORAGE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME LISTINGS

#### **YTD 10-YEAR COMPARISON**

Anchorage's single-family home listings stood at 613 as of May 2020, a decrease of 195 from 808 listings in May 2019.



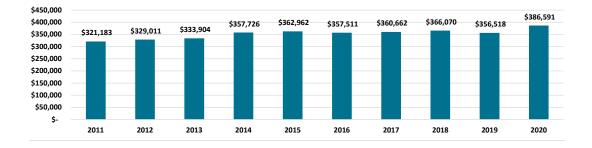
#### ANCHORAGE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME MONTHLY UNIT SALES YTD 10-YEAR COMPARISON

Anchorage's single-family home monthly unit sales stood at 196 in May 2020, which is down 76 from May 2019 at 272 sales.





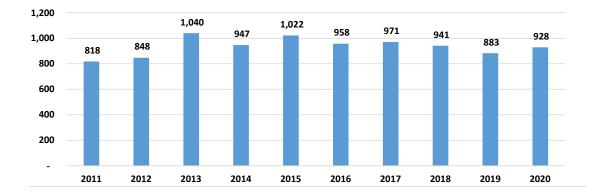




#### ANCHORAGE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME AVERAGE SALES PRICE

#### **YTD 10-YEAR COMPARISON**

The average price of a single-family home in Anchorage grew to \$392,525 in May 2020, up \$17,926 from \$374,599 in May 2019.



# ANCHORAGE SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES TOTAL UNIT SALES

#### YTD 10-YEAR COMPARISON

The number of single-family home unit sales year-to-date increased in May 2020 to 928, up 45 units sold compared to the period in 2019, showing a small increase in home sales.







# SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA UNEMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS (2020, YTD)

#### TAKEAWAY

Anchorage's unemployment rate in May was 12.3%, down 1.6% compared to April 2020, however that positive number is a result of the continuing 5-year trend of significant decline in labor force to the Anchorage area. To date there are 17,520 unemployed individuals compared to 7,808 in May of 2019. Anchorage's labor force stands at 142,804 (employment + unemployment = labor force). Statewide, the Alaska Department of Labor noted over 41,667 unemployed individuals for the month of May 2020 compared to 21,729 in May 2019. Anchorage continues to show the lowest unemployment numbers in the southcentral region with Kenai coming in at 14.2% unemployment, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough at 12.9% unemployment and the State of Alaska as a whole at 12.5% unemployment for the beginning of May 2020.

	MAR. REVISED	APR. REVISED	MAY PRELIMINARY	20 YTD AVERAGE	19 YTD AVERAGE	20 VS 19 YTD
MUNCIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE Labor force Employment Unemployment Employment Rate	144,897 138,052 6,845 4.7%	143,893 123,898 19,995 13.9%	142,804 125,284 17,520 12.3%	144,153 132,503 11,650 8.1%	147,208 139,463 7,522 5.6%	(3,055) (6,960) 3,420 2.5%
MAT-SU BOROUGH Labor force Employment Unemployment Employment Rate	46,363 43,181 3,182 6.9%	45,906 38,770 7,136 15.5%	45,020 39,204 5,816 12.9%	46,043 41,506 4,538 9.9%	47,065 43,356 3,709 7.9%	(1,022) (1,850) 828 2.0%
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH Labor force Employment Unemployment Employment Rate	24,947 23,154 1,793 7.2%	24,143 19,989 4,154 17.2%	24,905 21,367 3,538 14.2%	24,874 22,218 2,656 10.7%	25,506 24,049 2,058 8.1%	(633) (1,831) 598 2.6%
SOUTHCENTRAL REGION Labor force Employment Unemployment Employment Rate	216,207 204,387 11,820 5.5%	213,942 182,657 31,285 14.6%	212,729 185,855 26,874 12.6%	215,070 196,227 18,843 8.8%	219,780 205,783 13,997 6.4%	(4,710) (9,556) 4,846 2.4%
STATE OF ALASKA Labor force Employment Unemployment Employment Rate	340,653 320,700 19,953 5.9%	334,391 288,431 45,960 13.7%	333,842 292,175 41,667 12.5%	337,456 307,500 29,956 8.9%	349,200 324,960 21,728 6.9%	(11,743) (17,460) 5,717 1.9%

## Employment By Industry, May 2020

	Average	Monthly Emplo	Compared to May 2019		
	May 2020*	April 2020*	May 2019	Change	Percent
Total Nonfarm Employment	293,600	279,800	334,500	-40,900	-12.2%
Total Private	219,600	203,900	253,100	-33,500	-13.2%
Mining and Logging	12,400	12,300	13,300	-900	-6.8%
Oil and Gas	8,700	8,900	9,700	-1,000	-10.3%
Construction	14,700	13,500	17,100	-2,400	-14.0%
Manufacturing	9,500	10,800	10,200	-700	-6.9%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	61,000	55,300	66,600	-5,600	-8.4%
Wholesale	6,200	6,100	6,500	-300	-4.6%
Retail	33,400	30,400	36,000	-2,600	-7.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	21,400	18,800	24,100	-2,700	-11.2%
Information	4,900	4,900	5,400	-500	-9.3%
Financial Activities	11,100	10,900	11,700	-600	-5.1%
Professional and Business Services	26,600	24,700	28,100	-1,500	-5.3%
Education and Health	46,200	46,000	51,000	-4,800	-9.4%
Health Care	35,600	35,000	38,500	-2,900	-7.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	23,200	16,800	38,500	-15,300	-39.7%
Other Services	10,000	8,700	11,200	-1,200	-10.7%
Total Government	74,000	75,900	81,400	-7,400	-9.1%
Federal <sup>1</sup>	15,000	15,200	15,200	-200	-1.3%
State <sup>2</sup>	21,600	22,700	22,600	-1,000	-4.4%
Local <sup>3</sup>	37,400	38,000	43,600	-6,200	-14.2%

\*Estimate

<sup>1</sup>Excludes uniformed military <sup>2</sup>Includes the University of Alaska

<sup>3</sup>Includes public schools and tribal government

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

