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Unemployment rate at 6.2 percent in March

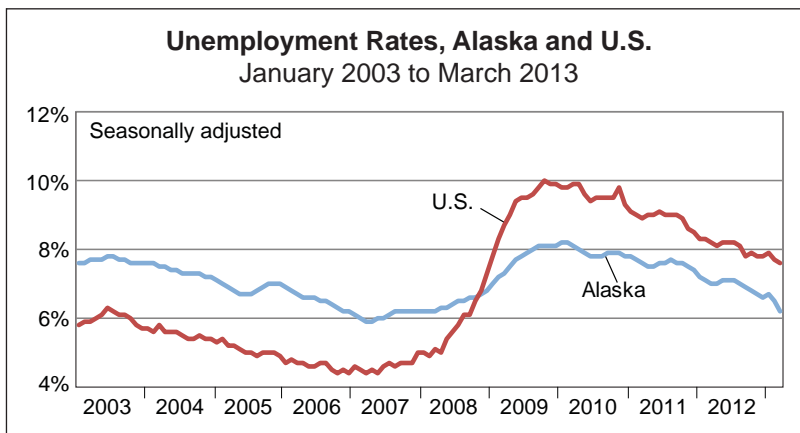
Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in March, down three-tenths of a percentage point from February. The comparable U.S. rate for March was 7.6 percent.

Since peaking at 8.2 percent in early 2010, Alaska's rate has been on a generally downward trend over the last three years.

Alaska's not seasonally adjusted rate was 6.6 percent in March, down from 7.1 percent in February. In a typical year, the state's unadjusted rate will continue to fall until reaching its annual low point in July or August when jobs are most plentiful.

Unadjusted rates fell in all Alaska areas. The highest was 22.5 percent in the Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, and the lowest was 4.6 percent in the Kodiak Island and North Slope boroughs.

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Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
	3/13	2/13	3/12
Alaska	6.2%	6.5%	7.0%
U.S.	7.6%	7.7%	8.2%

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					
	3/13 ^P	2/13	3/12	Number			Rate		
				3/13 ^P	2/13	3/12	3/13 ^P	2/13	3/12
Alaska Statewide	360,419	362,187	363,557	23,916	25,577	28,497	6.6	7.1	7.8
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	199,219	200,930	201,334	11,068	11,634	13,494	5.6	5.8	6.7
Municipality of Anchorage	155,678	156,926	157,003	7,664	8,012	9,234	4.9	5.1	5.9
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	43,541	44,004	44,330	3,404	3,622	4,259	7.8	8.2	9.6
Gulf Coast Region	38,490	38,263	38,200	3,021	3,245	3,595	7.8	8.5	9.4
Kenai Peninsula Borough	26,717	26,491	26,593	2,216	2,368	2,666	8.3	8.9	10.0
Kodiak Island Borough	6,993	7,205	6,889	325	361	406	4.6	5.0	5.9
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	4,780	4,567	4,718	480	516	523	10.0	11.3	11.1
Interior Region	53,197	53,405	53,777	3,666	3,986	4,481	6.9	7.5	8.3
Denali Borough	764	748	789	156	170	178	20.4	22.7	22.6
Fairbanks North Star Borough	45,977	46,173	46,445	2,660	2,895	3,344	5.8	6.3	7.2
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	3,322	3,368	3,338	385	414	423	11.6	12.3	12.7
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	3,134	3,116	3,205	465	507	536	14.8	16.3	16.7
Northern Region	13,192	13,183	12,929	1,180	1,261	1,339	8.9	9.6	10.4
Nome Census Area	4,374	4,319	4,269	466	500	506	10.7	11.6	11.9
North Slope Borough	5,729	5,689	5,589	265	271	313	4.6	4.8	5.6
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,089	3,175	3,071	449	490	520	14.5	15.4	16.9
Southeast Region	37,360	37,365	37,971	2,642	2,959	3,141	7.1	7.9	8.3
Haines Borough	1,130	1,098	1,143	114	129	133	10.1	11.7	11.6
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	822	820	850	185	208	209	22.5	25.4	24.6
Juneau, City and Borough of	18,103	18,297	18,286	845	916	985	4.7	5.0	5.4
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	7,305	7,398	7,414	543	592	632	7.4	8.0	8.5
Petersburg Census Area	1,534	1,526	1,551	184	206	192	12.0	13.5	12.4
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	2,221	2,251	2,370	300	372	436	13.5	16.5	18.4
Sitka, City and Borough of	4,530	4,267	4,586	242	276	279	5.3	6.5	6.1
Skagway, Municipality of	501	503	526	99	117	122	19.8	23.3	23.2
Wrangell, City and Borough of	973	964	999	101	111	121	10.4	11.5	12.1
Yakutat, City and Borough of	241	241	246	29	32	32	12.0	13.3	13.0
Southwest Region	18,964	19,038	19,347	2,340	2,491	2,446	12.3	13.1	12.6
Aleutians East Borough	1,316	1,310	1,343	110	118	114	8.4	9.0	8.5
Aleutians West Census Area	4,279	4,344	4,353	206	228	210	4.8	5.2	4.8
Bethel Census Area	7,046	7,068	7,170	1,084	1,147	1,121	15.4	16.2	15.6
Bristol Bay Borough	455	447	474	40	40	52	8.8	8.9	11.0
Dillingham Census Area	2,171	2,153	2,227	201	217	217	9.3	10.1	9.7
Lake and Peninsula Borough	949	923	982	92	98	108	9.7	10.6	11.0
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,748	2,793	2,798	607	643	624	22.1	23.0	22.3

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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