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### Unemployment rate at 6.5 percent in July

Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in July, up one-tenth of a percentage point from June. The national rate also increased by one-tenth of a percentage point, to 6.2 percent.

Alaska's adjusted rate has remained relatively level since late 2012.

July's not-seasonally adjusted rate was 6.1 percent, down from 6.7 percent in June. Summer economic activity is in full swing by July, reflected in low unemployment rates around most of the state. The lowest was in the Bristol Bay Borough, where a strong sockeye season pushed the rate down to 1.0 percent.

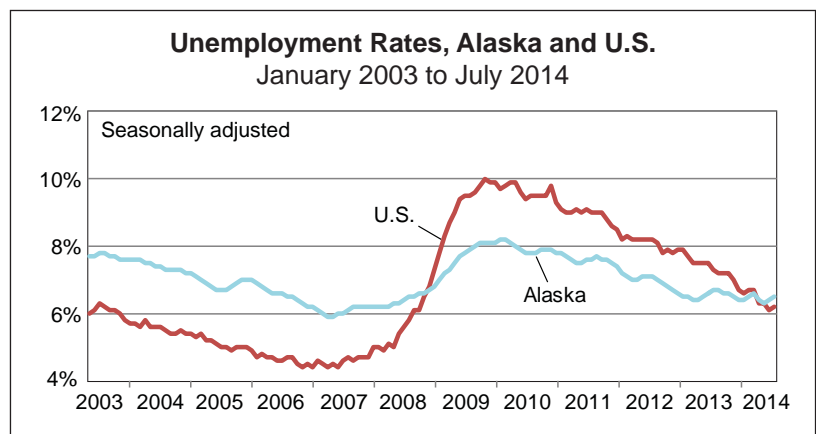
Although not among the areas with the lowest rates, the Aleutians East Borough and the Dillingham Census Area had the largest rate declines due to summer fishing, falling 3.8 and 2.3 percentage points respectively.

Areas dominated by tourism also had low rates, with the Skagway Municipality's rate the state's second-lowest at 2.4 percent. The third-lowest was in the Denali Borough at 2.9 percent.

Skagway and Denali don't necessarily have more visitors than other places in Alaska, but tourism is much more important relative to the size of their economies.

Summers are busy all over Alaska, but that isn't always reflected in rural areas' rates. Wade Hampton Census Area's rate was 26.2 percent, three-tenths of a percentage point higher than in June. The Bethel Census Area and the Northwest Arctic Borough had rates of 15.7 and 15.5 percent respectively, both down from the previous month.

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Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
	7/14	6/14	7/13
Alaska	6.5%	6.4%	6.7%
U.S.	6.2%	6.1%	7.3%

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 Adjusted<sup>1</sup>

	Civilian Labor Force			Unemployed					
	7/14 <sup>P</sup>	6/14	7/13	Number			Rate		
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<b>Alaska Statewide</b>	<b>377,056</b>	<b>373,799</b>	<b>374,302</b>	<b>23,163</b>	<b>25,126</b>	<b>22,603</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Region</b>	<b>199,489</b>	<b>201,259</b>	<b>197,638</b>	<b>11,034</b>	<b>11,961</b>	<b>10,761</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Anchorage, Municipality of	155,884	157,324	154,478	7,983	8,761	7,815	5.1	5.6	5.1
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	43,605	43,935	43,160	3,051	3,200	2,946	7.0	7.3	6.8
<b>Gulf Coast Region</b>	<b>44,276</b>	<b>43,474</b>	<b>43,641</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>2,913</b>	<b>2,627</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Kenai Peninsula Borough	30,694	30,256	30,279	1,932	2,099	1,871	6.3	6.9	6.2
Kodiak Island Borough	7,252	7,067	7,088	389	413	374	5.4	5.8	5.3
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	6,330	6,151	6,274	378	401	382	6.0	6.5	6.1
<b>Interior Region</b>	<b>54,788</b>	<b>54,973</b>	<b>54,557</b>	<b>3,395</b>	<b>3,720</b>	<b>3,379</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Denali Borough	2,559	2,450	2,612	75	82	90	2.9	3.3	3.4
Fairbanks North Star Borough	45,668	45,669	45,300	2,542	2,797	2,477	5.6	6.1	5.5
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	3,441	3,407	3,454	349	376	344	10.1	11.0	10.0
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	3,120	3,447	3,191	429	465	468	13.8	13.5	14.7
<b>Northern Region</b>	<b>12,752</b>	<b>12,881</b>	<b>12,467</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>
Nome Census Area	3,935	4,078	3,827	523	546	492	13.3	13.4	12.9
North Slope Borough	5,512	5,447	5,456	249	279	291	4.5	5.1	5.3
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,305	3,356	3,184	512	541	455	15.5	16.1	14.3
<b>Southeast Region</b>	<b>43,968</b>	<b>41,493</b>	<b>44,163</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>2,538</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Haines Borough	1,953	1,483	1,965	92	99	90	4.7	6.7	4.6
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	1,669	1,627	1,689	143	170	149	8.6	10.4	8.8
Juneau, City and Borough of	18,449	18,450	18,525	813	888	782	4.4	4.8	4.2
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	9,531	8,852	9,592	455	516	450	4.8	5.8	4.7
Petersburg Census Area	1,840	1,640	1,828	128	140	102	7.0	8.5	5.6
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	2,788	2,495	2,744	347	356	284	12.4	14.3	10.3
Sitka, City and Borough of	5,212	4,613	5,259	219	244	228	4.2	5.3	4.3
Skagway, Municipality of	1,002	946	1,009	24	13	22	2.4	1.4	2.2
Wrangell, City and Borough of	1,186	1,063	1,211	71	86	87	6.0	8.1	7.2
Yakutat, City and Borough of	338	324	341	22	26	22	6.5	8.0	6.5
<b>Southwest Region</b>	<b>21,783</b>	<b>19,720</b>	<b>21,837</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Aleutians East Borough	1,363	985	1,398	91	103	119	6.7	10.5	8.5
Aleutians West Census Area	3,099	2,915	3,141	186	234	227	6.0	8.0	7.2
Bethel Census Area	7,476	7,463	7,452	1,177	1,231	1,139	15.7	16.5	15.3
Bristol Bay Borough	2,943	1,930	2,968	30	35	30	1.0	1.8	1.0
Dillingham Census Area	2,781	2,403	2,798	205	232	197	7.4	9.7	7.0
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,629	1,351	1,617	97	102	71	6.0	7.5	4.4
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,492	2,673	2,463	653	692	599	26.2	25.9	24.3

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.

<sup>1</sup>Unemployment rates that are not seasonally adjusted should not be compared with those that are.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics