



Unemployment Insurance Program Facts and Figures

January 2008 to December 2008

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Total Alaskan labor force is 358,692
- Total number of people receiving a UI payment for at least one week is 45,343
- Total benefit dollars paid for this period is \$120,171,686
- Largest daily UI payout was \$3,325,000
- Average weekly amount paid out to claimants is \$202
- Average duration of UI for a claimant is 14.5 weeks
- Collected \$1,705,560 in overpaid benefits from fraudulent claims · \$965,491 in penalties for fraud · \$1,392,552 in other overpaid benefits
- Statewide unemployment rate averaged 6.9%
Lowest in Aug. at 5.9% · Highest in both Feb. and Dec. at 7.7%
- 79% of the clients use the automated telephone claims filing system
- Claim centers responded to 223,875 phone calls from claimants

TAX

- 17,879 employers are registered in Alaska
- 70% of registered employers have fewer than 10 employees
- Over 72,973 Contribution Reports were processed
- \$148,389,943 was deposited in the UI Tax Trust Account
- \$14,344,776 was collected and deposited into the accounts of the State Training and Employment Program and the Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program
- Over 1,482,369 quarterly wage records were added to the wage file
- Over \$1,828,765 was refunded to Alaskan employers who overpaid their taxes



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