

# Facts & Figures



## Unemployment Insurance Program January-December 2015

### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Total Alaskan seasonally adjusted labor force was 364,768.
- Total number of people receiving an Unemployment Insurance (UI) payment for at least one week was 42,138.
- Average weekly amount paid out to claimants was \$249.
- Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 6.5 percent — lowest from January to February at 6.3 percent and highest in June at 6.8 percent.
- The UI program collected \$2,550,685 in overpaid benefits from fraudulent claims, \$848,689 in penalties for fraud and \$2,069,505 in other overpaid benefits.
- Total benefit dollars paid for this period was \$123,483,343.
- Largest daily UI payout was \$2,801,798, paid on Dec. 28, 2015.
- 98 percent of clients used automated systems to file their biweekly claims.

- Claim centers responded to 167,225 phone calls from claimants.

## TAX

- 18,565 employers were registered in Alaska.
- 69 percent of registered employers had fewer than 10 employees.
- More than 74,652 Contribution Reports were processed.
- \$166,638,990 was deposited in the UI Tax Trust Account.
- \$20,459,430 was collected and deposited into the accounts of the State Training and Employment Program and Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program.
- More than 1,553,595 quarterly wage records were added to the wage file.
- More than \$3,003,295 was refunded to Alaska employers who overpaid their taxes.



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