



## Unemployment Insurance Program January-December 2017

### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Total Alaskan seasonally adjusted labor force was 364,493.
- Total number of people receiving an Unemployment Insurance (UI) payment for at least one week was 38,086.
- Average weekly amount paid out to claimants was \$265.
- Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 6.9 percent — lowest in February and March at 6.4 percent and highest in December at 7.3 percent.
- The UI program collected \$2,330,352 in overpaid benefits from fraudulent claims, \$1,095,348 in penalties for fraud and \$1,791,190 in other overpaid benefits.
- Total benefit dollars paid for this period was \$118,532,707.
- Largest daily UI payout was \$2,135,177, paid on Jan. 17, 2017.
- 98 percent of clients used automated systems to file their biweekly claims.

- Claim centers responded to 150,163 phone calls from claimants.

## TAX

- 18,529 employers were registered in Alaska.
- 69 percent of registered employers had fewer than 10 employees.
- More than 72,167 Contribution Reports were processed.
- \$126,524,000 was deposited in the UI Tax Trust Account.
- \$10,465,511 was collected and deposited into the accounts of the State Training and Employment Program and Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program.
- More than 1,167,205 quarterly wage records were added to the wage file.
- More than \$2,560,096 was refunded to Alaska employers who overpaid their taxes.



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