


# Facts & Figures



## Unemployment Insurance Program July 2017-June 2018

### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Total Alaskan seasonally adjusted labor force was 362,555.
- Total number of people receiving an Unemployment Insurance (UI) payment for at least one week was 34,117.
- Average weekly amount paid out to claimants was \$249.
- Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 7.2 percent — lowest in June 2018 at 7.1 percent and highest in January-April at 7.3 percent.
- The UI program collected \$1,879,253 in overpaid benefits from fraudulent claims, \$1,784,169 in penalties for fraud and \$1,177,771 in other overpaid benefits.
- Total benefit dollars paid for this period was \$110,627,408.
- Largest daily UI payout was \$2,209,753, paid on Jan. 2, 2018.
- 98 percent of clients used automated systems to file their biweekly claims.

- Claim centers responded to 142,792 phone calls from claimants.

## TAX

- 18,623 employers were registered in Alaska.
- 69 percent of registered employers had fewer than 10 employees.
- More than 72,063 Contribution Reports were processed.
- More than 1,497,447 quarterly wage records were added to the wage file.
- \$121,869,407 was deposited in the UI Tax Trust Account.
- \$20,715,316 was collected and deposited into the accounts of the State Training and Employment Program and Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program.
- More than \$1,853,932 was refunded to Alaska employers who overpaid their taxes.



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