

Facts & Figures



Unemployment Insurance Program January-December 2021

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Total Alaskan seasonally adjusted labor force was 354,655.
- Total number of people receiving an Unemployment Insurance (UI) payment for at least one week was 49,208.
- Average weekly amount paid out to claimants was \$201.
- Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 6.4 percent — lowest in November-December at 5.5 percent and highest in January at 7.1 percent.
- The UI program collected \$1,656,335 in overpaid benefits from fraudulent claims, \$821,319 in penalties from fraud and \$4,848,755 in other overpaid benefits.
- Total benefit dollars paid for this period was \$429,426,520.
- Largest daily UI payout was \$12,213,497, paid on Feb. 16, 2021.

- 98 percent of clients used automated systems to file their weekly claims.
- Claim centers responded to 270,736 phone calls from claimants.

TAX

- 20,158 employers were registered in Alaska.
- 73 percent of registered employers had fewer than 10 employees.
- More than 78,062 Contribution Reports were processed.
- More than 1,422,638 quarterly wage records were added to the wage file.
- \$139,972,310 was deposited in the UI Trust Fund Account.
- \$19,048,830 was collected and deposited into the accounts of the State Training and Employment Program Account and the Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program.
- More than \$2,200,000 was refunded to Alaska employers who overpaid their taxes.



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