

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Total Alaskan seasonally adjusted labor force was 348,379.
- Total number of people receiving an Unemployment Insurance (UI) payment for at least one week was 75,312 (which does not include Pandemic Unemployment Assistance).
- Average weekly amount paid out to claimants was \$233 (not including Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation/ enhanced dependent allowance).
- Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 7 percent lowest in October-December at 6.5 percent and highest in July at 11 percent.
- The UI program collected \$1,752,824 in overpaid benefits from fraudulent claims, \$680,954 in penalties from fraud and \$5,535,157 in other overpaid benefits.
- Total benefit dollars paid for this period was \$697,704,249.
- Largest daily UI payout was \$25,717,600, paid on Aug. 10, 2020.
- 99 percent of clients used automated systems to file their weekly claims.

• Claim centers responded to 399,538 phone calls from claimants.

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- 19,280 employers were registered in Alaska.
- 75 percent of registered employers had fewer than 10 employees.
- More than 74,172 Contribution Reports were processed.
- More than 1,339,440 quarterly wage records were added to the wage file.
- \$164,937,500 was deposited in the UI Tax Trust Account.
- \$19,464,048 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 \$2,085,000 was refunded to Alaska employers who overpaid their taxes.



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This card presents information about the Alaska Unemployment Insurance Program.

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