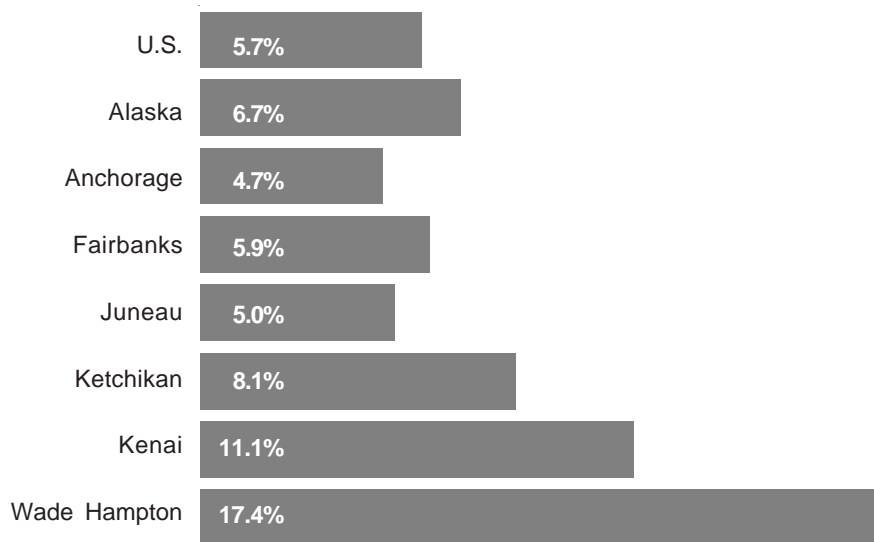


Unemployment Rises in November

November Unemployment for Selected Areas



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
CA indicates census area; other areas are boroughs. All rates not seasonally adjusted

(Detailed table on reverse)

Alaska Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

	preliminary		revised		Changes from	
	11/02	10/02	11/01	10/02	11/01	
Total Nonagricultural Employment	287,400	295,900	282,400	-8,500	5,000	
Mining	9,700	9,900	10,200	-200	-500	
Construction	14,700	17,300	13,900	-2,600	800	
Manufacturing	9,300	12,400	9,000	-3,100	300	
Transportation, Commun. & Utilities	26,400	27,500	26,900	-1,100	-500	
Trade	58,500	58,600	58,300	-100	200	
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	12,700	12,900	12,700	-200	0	
Services & Misc.	73,600	75,200	71,000	-1,600	2,600	
Government	82,500	82,100	80,400	400	2,100	

Government includes employees of public schools, the University of Alaska, and certain federally-recognized tribal entities.
Benchmark date: March 2001

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

November 2002:	Alaska 6.8%	U.S. 6.0%
October 2002:	Alaska 6.8%	U.S. 5.7%
November 2001:	Alaska 6.1%	U.S. 5.6%

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Alaska's unemployment rate rose to 6.7 percent in November, up four-tenths of a percentage point from October's rate of 6.3 percent. The increase is expected at this time of year as the state's employment numbers continue their normal seasonal decline. In a typical year employment levels fall every month from their seasonal peak in July or August until they reach their trough and begin to climb again in February or March.

November's unemployment rate is eight-tenths of a percentage point higher than November 2001's rate of 5.9 percent. The comparable national rate rose four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.7 percent, and remains slightly higher than the year-ago level. Dan Robinson, a labor economist with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, reported the numbers.

Unemployment rates in Alaska's six economic regions generally followed the statewide trend, the exception being the sparsely populated Northern Region where the rate fell seven-tenths of a percentage point to 11.9 percent. Except for Southeast, all of the state's regions recorded unemployment rates that are at least slightly higher than last November.

Anchorage's unemployment rate was essentially unchanged over the month, rising a statistically insignificant one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.7 percent. Fairbanks' rate jumped from 5.3 to 5.9 percent and Juneau's rate changed very little, falling one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.0 percent. Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau all have unemployment rates that are slightly higher than a year ago.

Preliminary wage and salary employment estimates for November show a decline of approximately 8,500 jobs over the month. Most of the losses are in the construction and manufacturing sectors of the economy and are due to seasonal trends. The state has added 5,000 jobs to its economy in the last year, a 1.8 percent increase.

Most of the over-the-year job growth has come from the construction, services, and government sectors of the economy. The services sector—which includes employment in hotels, health services, social services, and business services, among others—has added 2,600 jobs since November 2001. Services grew at a healthy rate of 3.7 percent over that period.

Labor Force by Region and Census Area

	Labor Force			Unemployment			Rate			Employment		
	11/02	10/02	11/01	11/02	10/02	11/01	11/02	10/02	11/01	11/02	10/02	11/01
Alaska Statewide	328,412	331,890	319,586	21,848	21,050	19,015	6.7	6.3	5.9	306,564	310,840	300,571
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	184,371	183,468	178,412	9,718	9,293	8,072	5.3	5.1	4.5	174,653	174,175	170,340
Municipality of Anchorage	150,643	149,947	146,692	7,020	6,829	5,839	4.7	4.6	4.0	143,623	143,118	140,853
Mat-Su Borough	33,728	33,521	31,720	2,698	2,464	2,233	8.0	7.4	7.0	31,030	31,057	29,487
Gulf Coast Region	32,786	33,591	31,851	3,453	3,268	3,307	10.5	9.7	10.4	29,333	30,323	28,544
Kenai Peninsula Borough	21,161	21,713	20,242	2,358	2,275	1,944	11.1	10.5	9.6	18,803	19,438	18,298
Kodiak Island Borough	6,600	6,686	6,848	513	394	925	7.8	5.9	13.5	6,087	6,292	5,923
Valdez-Cordova CA	5,024	5,192	4,761	581	599	438	11.6	11.5	9.2	4,443	4,593	4,323
Interior Region	50,797	51,376	49,475	3,470	3,187	3,027	6.8	6.2	6.1	47,327	48,189	46,448
Denali Borough	1,265	1,261	1,178	188	164	121	14.9	13.0	10.3	1,077	1,097	1,057
Fairbanks North Star Bor.	44,670	45,196	43,598	2,649	2,410	2,357	5.9	5.3	5.4	42,021	42,786	41,241
Southeast Fairbanks CA	2,674	2,728	2,604	302	312	276	11.3	11.4	10.6	2,372	2,416	2,328
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	2,188	2,193	2,095	331	302	273	15.1	13.8	13.0	1,857	1,891	1,822
Northern Region	8,980	9,118	8,935	1,071	1,153	807	11.9	12.6	9.0	7,909	7,965	8,128
Nome Census Area	3,320	3,331	3,353	355	345	305	10.7	10.4	9.1	2,965	2,986	3,048
North Slope Borough	3,420	3,486	3,371	365	409	231	10.7	11.7	6.9	3,055	3,077	3,140
Northwest Arctic Borough	2,239	2,301	2,212	351	399	271	15.7	17.3	12.3	1,888	1,902	1,941
Southeast Region	37,891	39,025	37,815	2,550	2,468	2,523	6.7	6.3	6.7	35,341	36,557	35,292
Haines Borough	1,218	1,263	1,204	151	159	138	12.4	12.6	11.5	1,067	1,104	1,066
Juneau Borough	16,480	17,075	16,410	818	874	769	5.0	5.1	4.7	15,662	16,201	15,641
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	7,378	7,584	7,357	596	568	584	8.1	7.5	7.9	6,782	7,016	6,773
Pr. of Wales-Outer Ketchikan	2,921	3,030	2,924	247	264	253	8.5	8.7	8.7	2,674	2,766	2,671
Sitka Borough	4,172	4,285	4,146	235	212	214	5.6	4.9	5.2	3,937	4,073	3,932
Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon CA	2,089	2,127	2,090	241	215	244	11.5	10.1	11.7	1,848	1,912	1,846
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Yakutat Borough	298	291	300	33	16	35	11.1	5.5	11.7	265	275	265
Southwest Region	13,587	15,311	13,097	1,586	1,680	1,278	11.7	11.0	9.8	12,001	13,631	11,819
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Bethel Census Area	5,677	6,459	5,482	629	725	510	11.1	11.2	9.3	5,048	5,734	4,972
Bristol Bay Borough	440	495	440	43	44	49	9.8	8.9	11.1	397	451	391
Dillingham Census Area	1,646	1,858	1,595	183	196	154	11.1	10.5	9.7	1,463	1,662	1,441
Lake & Peninsula Borough	549	626	534	57	67	49	10.4	10.7	9.2	492	559	485
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