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### Unemployment rate at 6.0 percent in April

Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0 percent in April, down two-tenths of a percentage point from March. The comparable U.S. rate was 7.5 percent.

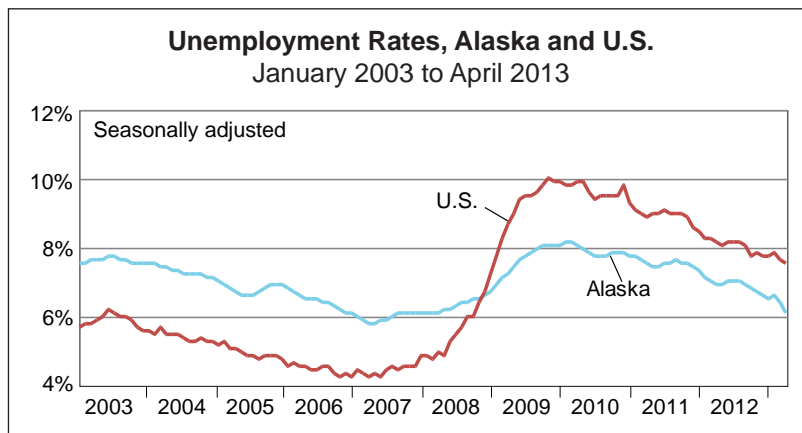
Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has been falling overall since 2010 and is approaching pre-recession lows. The last time Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was at 6.0 percent was in mid-2007.

The not-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April was 6.3 percent, down three-tenths of a percentage point from March's 6.6 percent. Rate declines of a larger magnitude are more common between March and April as summer seasonal employment starts to pick up, but the smaller decline this April was likely due to the larger-than-average decline from February to March of this year.

Not-seasonally adjusted rates fell in April in nearly all of Alaska's boroughs and census areas. The exceptions were Nome Census Area and the Municipality of Anchorage, where they were unchanged, and Kodiak Island Borough and the Aleutians West and Bethel census areas, where they rose. The rate increases in Kodiak Island Borough and Aleutians West Census Area were due to typical reductions in seasonal winter fisheries jobs.

Rates in the Municipality of Skagway, Denali Borough, and Hoonah-Angoon Census Area declined more than four percentage points from March, concurrent with the ramp-up for summer tourism.

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Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
	4/13	3/13	4/12
Alaska	6.0%	6.2%	7.0%
U.S.	7.5%	7.6%	8.1%

Sources for graph and table: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

For detailed employment estimates, see <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/ces/>. The estimates are preliminary and subject to potentially large revisions.

## Labor Force by Borough and Census Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup>

	Civilian Labor Force			Unemployed					
	4/13 <sup>P</sup>	3/13	4/12	Number			Rate		
				4/13 <sup>P</sup>	3/13	4/12	4/13 <sup>P</sup>	3/13	4/12
<b>Alaska Statewide</b>	<b>359,731</b>	<b>360,100</b>	<b>361,886</b>	<b>22,711</b>	<b>23,637</b>	<b>25,905</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Region</b>	<b>198,552</b>	<b>199,055</b>	<b>199,952</b>	<b>10,629</b>	<b>10,938</b>	<b>12,312</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Anchorage, Municipality of	155,392	155,566	156,295	7,558	7,579	8,683	4.9	4.9	5.6
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	43,160	43,489	43,657	3,071	3,359	3,629	7.1	7.7	8.3
<b>Gulf Coast Region</b>	<b>38,867</b>	<b>38,519</b>	<b>38,700</b>	<b>2,787</b>	<b>2,986</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Kenai Peninsula Borough	26,996	26,735	26,913	2,014	2,189	2,344	7.5	8.2	8.7
Kodiak Island Borough	6,960	7,002	6,925	332	322	398	4.8	4.6	5.7
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	4,911	4,782	4,862	441	475	462	9.0	9.9	9.5
<b>Interior Region</b>	<b>53,432</b>	<b>53,026</b>	<b>53,813</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Denali Borough	782	761	810	125	154	150	16.0	20.2	18.5
Fairbanks North Star Borough	46,158	45,816	46,424	2,544	2,629	2,998	5.5	5.7	6.5
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	3,304	3,318	3,327	353	380	384	10.7	11.5	11.5
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	3,188	3,131	3,252	445	460	498	14.0	14.7	15.3
<b>Northern Region</b>	<b>13,181</b>	<b>13,196</b>	<b>12,650</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Nome Census Area	4,341	4,375	4,149	456	460	473	10.5	10.5	11.4
North Slope Borough	5,736	5,733	5,476	253	262	275	4.4	4.6	5.0
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,104	3,088	3,025	426	444	482	13.7	14.4	15.9
<b>Southeast Region</b>	<b>38,087</b>	<b>37,362</b>	<b>38,922</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Haines Borough	1,187	1,130	1,213	97	113	116	8.2	10.0	9.6
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	877	821	907	160	183	179	18.2	22.3	19.7
Juneau, City and Borough of	18,066	18,102	18,406	791	835	886	4.4	4.6	4.8
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	7,621	7,302	7,773	501	537	550	6.6	7.4	7.1
Petersburg Census Area	1,586	1,537	1,612	141	182	149	8.9	11.8	9.2
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	2,344	2,224	2,438	286	296	355	12.2	13.3	14.6
Sitka, City and Borough of	4,598	4,531	4,703	209	240	248	4.5	5.3	5.3
Skagway, Municipality of	529	499	545	77	97	86	14.6	19.4	15.8
Wrangell, City and Borough of	1,007	975	1,043	73	100	98	7.2	10.3	9.4
Yakutat, City and Borough of	272	241	282	22	29	27	8.1	12.0	9.6
<b>Southwest Region</b>	<b>17,614</b>	<b>18,941</b>	<b>17,849</b>	<b>2,337</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>13.6</b>
Aleutians East Borough	1,476	1,315	1,511	109	109	130	7.4	8.3	8.6
Aleutians West Census Area	2,848	4,278	2,925	253	204	301	8.9	4.8	10.3
Bethel Census Area	6,859	7,035	6,880	1,072	1,071	1,053	15.6	15.2	15.3
Bristol Bay Borough	560	455	578	39	40	51	7.0	8.8	8.8
Dillingham Census Area	2,133	2,167	2,170	191	198	205	9.0	9.1	9.4
Lake and Peninsula Borough	988	949	1,013	84	91	98	8.5	9.6	9.7
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,750	2,742	2,772	589	600	595	21.4	21.9	21.5

P = Preliminary. As more information becomes available, data are revised every month for the previous month and again at the end of every calendar year.

Note: The official definition of unemployment excludes anyone who has not made an active attempt to find work in the four-week period up to and including the week that includes the 12th of the reference month. Many in rural Alaska do not meet the definition because they have not conducted an active job search due to the scarcity of employment opportunities.

<sup>1</sup>Unemployment rates that are not seasonally adjusted should not be compared with those that are.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics