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Unemployment rate at 6.1 percent in June

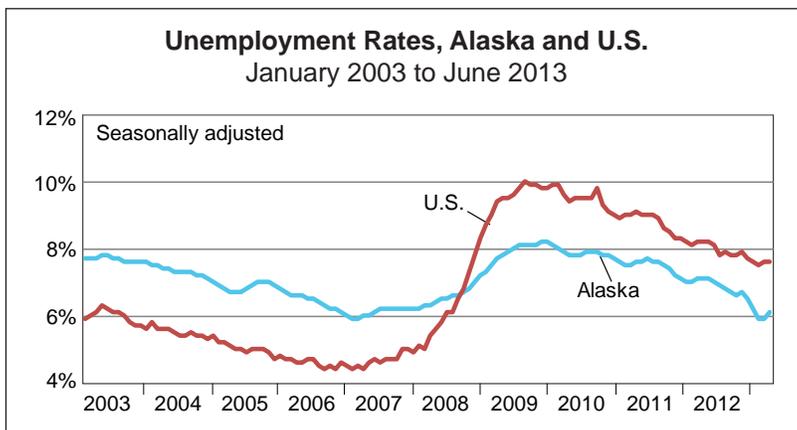
Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in June, up two-tenths of a percentage point from May. The comparable national rate was 7.6 percent, unchanged from the previous month.

Despite a small increase, June's rate is still near pre-recession lows. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined six-tenths of a percentage point over the first six months of 2013.

The not-seasonally adjusted rate increased to 6.6 percent in June from May's revised 5.9 percent. A June increase in the not-seasonally adjusted rate is normal as students enter the workforce and seasonal school employees look for summer work. The unadjusted rate was down seven-tenths of a percentage point from June of last year.

Rates increased over the month in 20 of 29 boroughs and census areas. The nine areas that bucked the statewide trend are characterized by highly seasonal economies that depend on fishing or tourism. The areas with the lowest rates in June were Bristol Bay Borough and the Municipality of Skagway, tied at 1.8 percent. Wade Hampton Census Area's 25.4 percent unemployment rate was the state's highest.

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	6/13	5/13	6/12
Alaska	6.1%	5.9%	7.1%
U.S.	7.6%	7.6%	8.2%

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 Adjusted¹

	Civilian Labor Force			Unemployed					
	6/13 ^P	5/13	6/12	Number			Rate		
				6/13 ^P	5/13	6/12	6/13 ^P	5/13	6/12
Alaska Statewide	371,953	363,918	373,809	24,572	21,543	27,415	6.6	5.9	7.3
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	199,990	197,623	200,641	11,535	10,003	13,170	5.8	5.1	6.6
Anchorage, Municipality of	156,651	154,851	156,982	8,398	7,255	9,503	5.4	4.7	6.1
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	43,339	42,772	43,659	3,137	2,748	3,667	7.2	6.4	8.4
Gulf Coast Region	42,184	39,970	42,926	2,891	2,559	3,313	6.9	6.4	7.7
Kenai Peninsula Borough	29,077	27,912	29,650	2,056	1,840	2,388	7.1	6.6	8.1
Kodiak Island Borough	7,067	6,764	7,168	420	314	488	5.9	4.6	6.8
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	6,040	5,294	6,108	415	405	437	6.9	7.7	7.2
Interior Region	55,609	55,429	55,728	3,705	3,262	4,095	6.7	5.9	7.3
Denali Borough	2,322	1,649	2,371	100	99	112	4.3	6.0	4.7
Fairbanks North Star Borough	46,676	46,964	46,660	2,751	2,401	3,102	5.9	5.1	6.6
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	3,353	3,475	3,391	376	326	392	11.2	9.4	11.6
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	3,258	3,341	3,306	478	436	489	14.7	13.0	14.8
Northern Region	12,677	12,762	12,579	1,331	1,132	1,419	10.5	8.9	11.3
Nome Census Area	4,119	4,199	4,078	528	461	551	12.8	11.0	13.5
North Slope Borough	5,368	5,494	5,323	308	252	340	5.7	4.6	6.4
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,190	3,069	3,178	495	419	528	15.5	13.7	16.6
Southeast Region	41,696	40,593	42,440	2,425	2,103	2,754	5.8	5.2	6.5
Haines Borough	1,415	1,328	1,417	99	82	97	7.0	6.2	6.8
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	1,588	1,375	1,615	168	154	179	10.6	11.2	11.1
Juneau, City and Borough of	18,710	18,765	19,000	852	716	955	4.6	3.8	5.0
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	8,829	8,323	8,997	492	434	571	5.6	5.2	6.3
Petersburg Census Area	1,676	1,639	1,757	116	118	179	6.9	7.2	10.2
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	2,553	2,450	2,603	332	285	357	13.0	11.6	13.7
Sitka, City and Borough of	4,620	4,581	4,712	243	207	284	5.3	4.5	6.0
Skagway, Municipality of	911	790	929	16	21	24	1.8	2.7	2.6
Wrangell, City and Borough of	1,090	1,047	1,099	82	64	80	7.5	6.1	7.3
Yakutat, City and Borough of	304	295	311	25	22	28	8.2	7.5	9.0
Southwest Region	19,798	17,542	19,490	2,685	2,486	2,660	13.6	14.2	13.6
Aleutians East Borough	1,078	881	1,069	139	162	145	12.9	18.4	13.6
Aleutians West Census Area	3,069	2,584	2,977	297	372	250	9.7	14.4	8.4
Bethel Census Area	7,141	6,906	7,009	1,228	1,050	1,209	17.2	15.2	17.2
Bristol Bay Borough	1,934	1,052	1,919	35	34	44	1.8	3.2	2.3
Dillingham Census Area	2,499	2,177	2,475	219	189	223	8.8	8.7	9.0
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,370	1,240	1,361	79	82	91	5.8	6.6	6.7
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,707	2,702	2,680	688	597	698	25.4	22.1	26.0

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.

¹Unemployment rates that are not seasonally adjusted should not be compared with those that are.

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