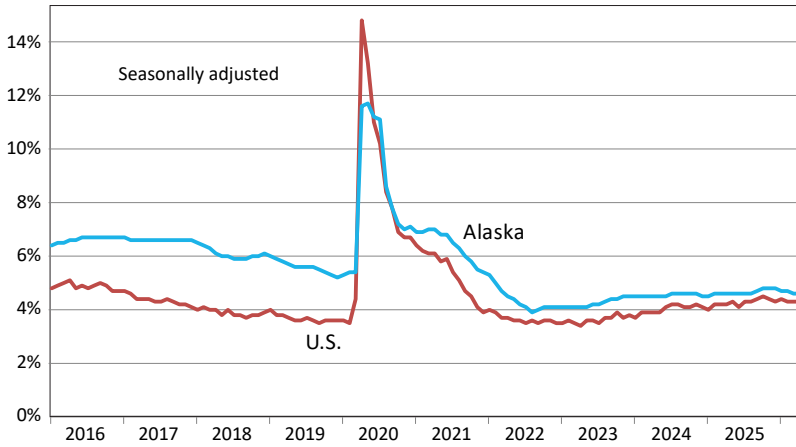


# Unemployment Rates, Alaska and U.S.

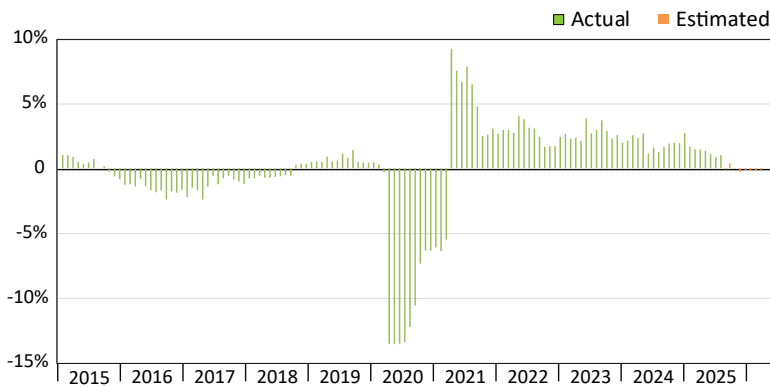
May 2016 to May 2026



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

# Wage and Salary Employment

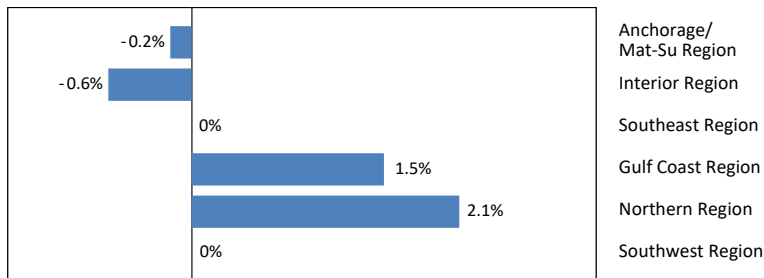
Percent change from same month the previous year



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

# Regional Employment Change

May 2026 compared to May 2025



Regional totals may not sum to statewide total due to rounding and independent estimation methods.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

# Area Unemployment Rates

Not seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>

	Rate		
	5/26 <sup>P</sup>	4/26	5/25
<b>Anchorage/Mat-Su Region</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Anchorage, Municipality	3.5	4.1	3.7
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	4.3	5.1	4.7
<b>Gulf Coast Region</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Kenai Peninsula Borough	4.3	5.4	4.8
Kodiak Island Borough	3.3	4.0	4.0
Chugach Census Area	4.9	6.7	5.7
Copper River Census Area	7.2	10.6	6.9
<b>Interior Region</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Denali Borough	2.5	9.5	2.8
Fairbanks North Star Borough	3.8	4.4	3.9
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	6.0	7.2	6.7
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	9.4	10.9	9.9
<b>Northern Region</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>
Nome Census Area	8.3	9.2	9.3
North Slope Borough	3.2	3.2	3.4
Northwest Arctic Borough	8.8	9.5	9.7
<b>Southeast Region</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Haines Borough	7.1	10.8	7.2
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	4.6	7.2	4.9
Juneau, City and Borough	2.9	3.4	3.0
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	3.1	4.1	3.5
Petersburg Borough	2.9	4.2	5.0
Prince of Wales-Hyder CA	7.5	8.9	7.4
Sitka, City and Borough	2.7	3.3	2.7
Skagway, Municipality	3.9	9.7	3.0
Wrangell, City and Borough	4.2	5.5	4.9
Yakutat, City and Borough	4.8	6.2	4.0
<b>Southwest Region</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Aleutians East Borough	5.0	3.1	5.0
Aleutians West Census Area	4.9	2.7	5.7
Bethel Census Area	10.1	10.9	12.0
Bristol Bay Borough	5.2	8.1	3.9
Dillingham Census Area	7.3	8.8	8.3
Kusilvak Census Area	16.1	17.2	17.0
Lake and Peninsula Borough	6.7	9.0	4.7

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 actively attempted to find work in the four-week period up to and including the week that includes the 12th of the reference month.

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

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# Employment By Industry, May 2026

	Average Monthly Employment			Compared to May 2025	
	May 2026*	Apr 2026*	May 2025	Change	Percent
<b>Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>343,600</b>	<b>331,800</b>	<b>343,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>264,600</b>	<b>252,900</b>	<b>262,200</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Mining and Logging	14,100	14,200	13,100	1,000	7.6%
Oil and Gas	9,600	9,900	8,600	1,000	11.6%
Construction	19,000	18,200	19,600	-600	-3.1%
Manufacturing	10,000	11,500	10,000	0	0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	70,700	65,900	69,300	1,400	2.0%
Wholesale	6,400	6,400	6,500	-100	-1.5%
Retail	35,400	34,200	35,500	-100	-0.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	28,900	25,300	27,300	1,600	5.9%
Information	4,200	4,100	4,300	-100	-2.3%
Financial Activities	11,000	10,900	10,800	200	1.9%
Professional and Business Services	29,300	28,200	29,600	-300	-1.0%
Education and Health	54,900	54,900	54,600	300	0.5%
Health Care	43,300	43,300	43,100	200	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	39,100	33,000	38,700	400	1.0%
Other Services	12,300	12,000	12,200	100	0.8%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>78,900</b>	<b>81,400</b>	<b>-2,400</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
Federal <sup>1</sup>	13,800	13,300	15,300	-1,500	-9.8%
State <sup>2</sup>	23,600	24,200	24,300	-700	-2.9%
Local <sup>3</sup>	41,600	41,400	41,800	-200	-0.5%

\*Estimate

<sup>1</sup>Excludes uniformed military

<sup>2</sup>Includes the University of Alaska

<sup>3</sup>Includes public schools and tribal government

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section