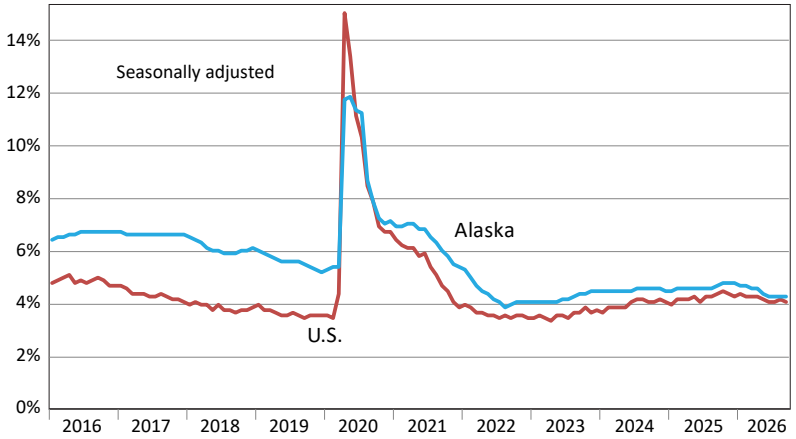
Unemployment Rates, Alaska and U.S.

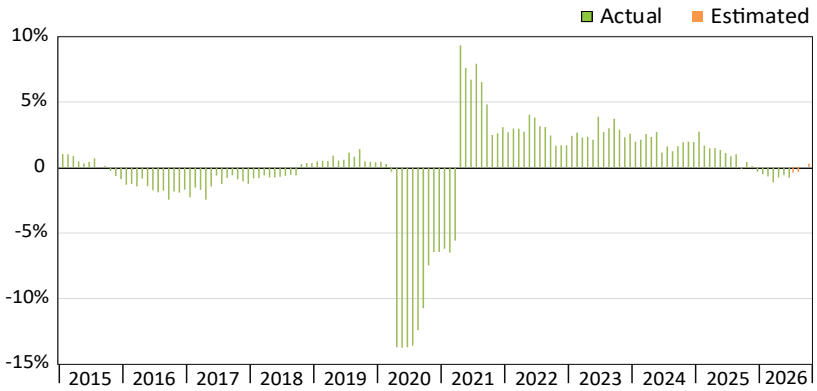
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Wage and Salary Employment

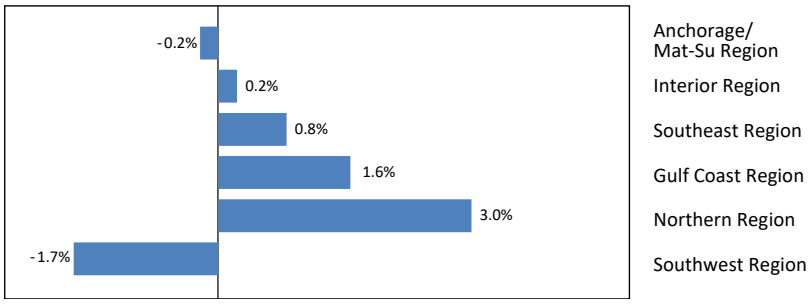
Percent change from same month the previous year



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

Regional Employment Change

October 2026 compared to October 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[1]

	Rate		
	10/26[P]	9/26	10/25
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	**3.3**	**3.6**	-
Anchorage, Municipality	3.1	3.4	-
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	3.7	4.0	-
Gulf Coast Region	**4.2**	**3.9**	-
Kenai Peninsula Borough	4.2	4.1	-
Kodiak Island Borough	3.0	3.0	-
Chugach Census Area	5.3	3.7	-
Copper River Census Area	6.4	6.7	-
Interior Region	**3.7**	**3.8**	-
Denali Borough	7.8	2.1	-
Fairbanks North Star Borough	3.3	3.5	-
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	5.2	5.3	-
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	8.8	8.6	-
Northern Region	**5.5**	**6.0**	-
Nome Census Area	7.0	7.6	-
North Slope Borough	3.0	3.4	-
Northwest Arctic Borough	8.6	9.0	-
Southeast Region	**3.4**	**3.3**	-
Haines Borough	6.0	4.8	-
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	5.9	4.1	-
Juneau, City and Borough	2.7	2.9	-
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	3.3	2.9	-
Petersburg Borough	2.8	3.1	-
Prince of Wales-Hyder CA	6.8	7.1	-
Sitka, City and Borough	2.6	2.7	-
Skagway, Municipality	6.3	2.6	-
Wrangell, City and Borough	4.2	4.1	-
Yakutat, City and Borough	4.0	3.4	-
Southwest Region	**7.7**	**7.7**	-
Aleutians East Borough	2.6	2.5	-
Aleutians West Census Area	2.6	2.3	-
Bethel Census Area	9.4	10.2	-
Bristol Bay Borough	6.1	4.2	-
Dillingham Census Area	7.0	7.0	-
Kusilvak Census Area	15.4	15.6	-
Lake and Peninsula Borough	6.1	6.4	-

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.

Notes: Due to the federal government shutdown in 2025, no data were produced for last October.
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.

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

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

Employment By Industry, October 2026

	Average Monthly Employment			Compared to Oct 25	
	Oct 2026*	Sep 2026*	Oct 2025	Change	Percent
Total Nonfarm Employment	**333,700**	**346,700**	**332,900**	**800**	**0.2%**
Total Private	**254,700**	**268,600**	**253,500**	**1,200**	**0.5%**
Mining and Logging	13,900	14,000	13,200	700	5.3%
Oil and Gas	9,400	9,400	8,800	600	6.8%
Construction	19,600	20,500	19,600	0	0%
Manufacturing	11,100	13,100	11,100	0	0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	66,900	70,700	66,800	100	0.1%
Wholesale	6,400	6,500	6,400	0	0%
Retail	34,600	35,200	34,700	-100	-0.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	25,900	29,000	25,700	200	0.8%
Information	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0%
Financial Activities	10,700	10,700	10,800	-100	-0.9%
Professional and Business Services	28,200	28,900	28,400	-200	-0.7%
Education and Health	54,600	54,200	54,300	300	0.6%
Health Care	43,400	43,200	43,000	400	0.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,600	40,300	33,400	200	0.6%
Other Services	11,900	12,000	11,700	200	1.7%
Total Government	**79,000**	**78,100**	**79,400**	**-400**	**-0.5%**
Federal[1]	13,300	13,900	13,800	-500	-3.6%
State[2]	24,200	23,900	24,100	100	0.4%
Local[3]	41,500	40,300	41,500	0	0%

*Estimate
[1]Excludes uniformed military
[2]Includes the University of Alaska
[3]Includes public schools and tribal government

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