

Anchorage/Mat-Su MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2019

Note: A change in the way labor force statistics are calculated for sub-state areas makes data prior to 2010 not comparable with later data.

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	197,686	196,007	196,463	195,664	196,680	197,963	197,397						
Employment	185,166	183,324	183,999	184,688	185,638	186,715	187,238						
Unemployment	12,520	12,683	12,464	10,976	11,042	11,248	10,159						
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.5%	6.3%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	5.1%						

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	201,198	199,665	199,336	198,772	200,108	200,753	199,947	196,460	197,327	199,196	201,422	201,055	199,603
Employment	187,862	185,947	186,151	186,290	188,091	188,330	188,599	185,862	186,304	188,090	190,043	189,822	187,616
Unemployment	13,336	13,718	13,185	12,482	12,017	12,423	11,348	10,598	11,023	11,106	11,379	11,233	11,987
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.9%	6.6%	6.3%	6.0%	6.2%	5.7%	5.4%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	6.0%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	203,756	202,290	201,530	201,048	202,449	203,576	202,901	199,076	199,657	201,571	203,706	203,016	202,048
Employment	189,877	188,016	187,521	187,820	189,523	190,126	190,579	187,410	187,500	189,453	191,159	190,501	189,124
Unemployment	13,879	14,274	14,009	13,228	12,926	13,450	12,322	11,666	12,157	12,118	12,547	12,515	12,924
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.1%	7.0%	6.6%	6.4%	6.6%	6.1%	5.9%	6.1%	6.0%	6.2%	6.2%	6.4%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	203,768	202,897	202,478	201,877	202,869	203,660	203,253	199,938	200,672	202,354	205,343	205,312	202,868
Employment	190,875	189,461	189,401	189,402	190,547	190,696	191,320	188,639	188,812	190,365	192,680	192,543	190,395
Unemployment	12,893	13,436	13,077	12,475	12,322	12,964	11,933	11,299	11,860	11,989	12,663	12,769	12,473
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.6%	6.5%	6.2%	6.1%	6.4%	5.9%	5.7%	5.9%	5.9%	6.2%	6.2%	6.1%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	203,273	202,575	202,579	201,561	203,311	203,871	203,065	199,687	200,824	203,616	205,840	205,875	203,007
Employment	191,050	190,032	190,202	189,980	192,062	191,986	192,404	189,675	190,285	192,751	194,087	194,084	191,550
Unemployment	12,223	12,543	12,377	11,581	11,249	11,885	10,661	10,012	10,539	10,865	11,753	11,791	11,457
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.2%	6.1%	5.7%	5.5%	5.8%	5.3%	5.0%	5.2%	5.3%	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	203,178	202,613	202,543	201,418	203,133	204,131	202,791	200,259	200,913	203,647	205,489	205,430	202,962
Employment	190,364	189,240	189,497	189,110	191,212	191,557	191,294	189,495	190,053	193,046	194,182	194,377	191,119

Unemployment	12,814	13,373	13,046	12,308	11,921	12,574	11,497	10,764	10,860	10,601	11,307	11,053	11,843
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.6%	6.4%	6.1%	5.9%	6.2%	5.7%	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%	5.5%	5.4%	5.8%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	203,018	201,850	201,117	200,728	202,243	203,330	202,079	199,702	200,145	202,730	205,400	205,577	202,327
Employment	189,839	188,647	188,299	188,475	190,310	190,868	190,733	189,159	189,360	191,584	193,695	194,101	190,423
Unemployment	13,179	13,203	12,818	12,253	11,933	12,462	11,346	10,543	10,785	11,146	11,705	11,476	11,904
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.5%	6.4%	6.1%	5.9%	6.1%	5.6%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.7%	5.6%	5.9%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	202,726	201,701	201,354	200,294	201,658	202,717	202,069	199,942	199,788	203,165	204,827	205,404	202,137
Employment	188,920	187,691	187,729	187,499	189,257	189,830	190,310	189,112	188,907	192,249	193,274	193,600	189,865
Unemployment	13,806	14,010	13,625	12,795	12,401	12,887	11,759	10,830	10,881	10,916	11,553	11,804	12,272
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	6.4%	6.1%	6.4%	5.8%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.6%	5.7%	6.1%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	202,590	201,070	200,565	200,333	201,473	203,514	202,396	200,113	200,542	203,840	205,493	206,573	202,376
Employment	187,436	185,734	185,741	186,470	188,156	189,527	189,743	188,045	188,388	191,546	192,766	193,638	188,933
Unemployment	15,154	15,336	14,824	13,863	13,317	13,987	12,653	12,068	12,154	12,294	12,727	12,935	13,443
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.6%	7.4%	6.9%	6.6%	6.9%	6.3%	6.0%	6.1%	6.0%	6.2%	6.3%	6.6%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	199,850	198,683	198,369	197,760	199,145	201,045	201,402	198,552	198,517	201,850	203,262	204,416	200,238
Employment	184,331	182,543	182,323	182,777	184,716	186,251	187,944	185,690	185,315	188,519	189,349	190,539	185,858
Unemployment	15,519	16,140	16,046	14,983	14,429	14,794	13,458	12,862	13,202	13,331	13,913	13,877	14,380
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	8.1%	8.1%	7.6%	7.2%	7.4%	6.7%	6.5%	6.7%	6.6%	6.8%	6.8%	7.2%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	197,027	196,520	196,614	195,595	196,060	195,929	193,692	192,059	194,129	198,479	199,916	199,857	196,323
Employment	183,533	182,382	182,388	181,862	182,302	181,301	180,239	179,156	180,662	184,638	185,745	186,028	182,520
Unemployment	13,494	14,138	14,226	13,733	13,758	14,628	13,453	12,903	13,467	13,841	14,171	13,829	13,803
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.2%	7.2%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	7.0%	7.1%	6.9%	7.0%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	193,578	193,272	192,907	193,096	192,387	193,416	191,621	189,666	191,598	196,415	197,544	198,207	193,643
Employment	181,724	180,922	180,732	181,523	181,051	181,523	180,792	179,324	180,955	185,520	185,881	186,534	182,207
Unemployment	11,854	12,350	12,175	11,573	11,336	11,893	10,829	10,342	10,643	10,895	11,663	11,673	11,436
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.4%	6.3%	6.0%	5.9%	6.1%	5.7%	5.5%	5.6%	5.5%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	191,264	190,723	190,334	189,477	189,435	191,583	190,538	187,291	187,707	192,368	194,193	195,297	190,851
Employment	179,722	178,970	178,842	178,808	179,070	180,621	180,648	177,881	177,829	182,540	183,717	184,591	180,270
Unemployment	11,542	11,753	11,492	10,669	10,365	10,962	9,890	9,410	9,878	9,828	10,476	10,706	10,581
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.2%	6.0%	5.6%	5.5%	5.7%	5.2%	5.0%	5.3%	5.1%	5.4%	5.5%	5.5%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	190,420	189,958	190,019	189,555	190,389	191,738	189,383	187,081	188,462	192,155	193,251	194,452	190,572
Employment	177,880	177,223	177,821	178,146	179,404	180,687	179,159	177,397	178,463	182,234	182,884	183,901	179,600
Unemployment	12,540	12,735	12,198	11,409	10,985	11,051	10,224	9,684	9,999	9,921	10,367	10,551	10,972
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.7%	6.4%	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%	5.4%	5.2%	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%	5.4%	5.8%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	185,321	185,008	184,521	184,367	184,233	185,221	184,132	181,773	184,319	188,282	190,376	191,515	185,756
Employment	173,032	172,479	172,604	173,348	173,526	174,064	173,921	172,132	174,217	178,130	179,332	180,425	174,768
Unemployment	12,289	12,529	11,917	11,019	10,707	11,157	10,211	9,641	10,102	10,152	11,044	11,090	10,988
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.8%	6.5%	6.0%	5.8%	6.0%	5.5%	5.3%	5.5%	5.4%	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	180,465	179,902	179,705	178,577	178,634	180,494	178,688	177,220	178,814	183,248	185,970	187,186	180,742
Employment	167,383	166,572	166,833	166,624	167,244	168,423	168,006	167,072	168,334	172,706	174,801	176,093	169,174
Unemployment	13,082	13,330	12,872	11,953	11,390	12,071	10,682	10,148	10,480	10,542	11,169	11,093	11,568
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.4%	7.2%	6.7%	6.4%	6.7%	6.0%	5.7%	5.9%	5.8%	6.0%	5.9%	6.4%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	179,858	178,380	177,709	177,279	177,171	179,639	175,839	174,398	175,491	179,160	181,513	182,531	178,248
Employment	166,831	164,793	164,622	164,810	165,157	166,892	164,257	163,544	164,451	168,151	169,719	170,630	166,155
Unemployment	13,027	13,587	13,087	12,469	12,014	12,747	11,582	10,854	11,040	11,009	11,794	11,901	12,093
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.6%	7.4%	7.0%	6.8%	7.1%	6.6%	6.2%	6.3%	6.1%	6.5%	6.5%	6.8%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	175,134	174,092	173,998	172,899	173,264	177,710	173,661	172,360	173,358	176,822	179,248	179,857	175,201
Employment	164,075	162,486	162,329	161,677	162,537	166,256	163,164	162,352	163,046	166,435	168,056	168,308	164,227
Unemployment	11,059	11,606	11,669	11,222	10,727	11,454	10,497	10,008	10,312	10,387	11,192	11,549	10,974
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.7%	6.7%	6.5%	6.2%	6.4%	6.0%	5.8%	5.9%	5.9%	6.2%	6.4%	6.3%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	173,223	170,879	170,991	171,014	171,579	173,767	170,052	168,460	169,346	172,289	174,654	175,351	171,800
Employment	162,797	160,432	160,835	161,658	162,460	164,143	161,376	160,342	161,027	163,742	165,349	165,855	162,501
Unemployment	10,426	10,447	10,156	9,356	9,119	9,624	8,676	8,118	8,319	8,547	9,305	9,496	9,299

Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.1%	5.9%	5.5%	5.3%	5.5%	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%
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2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	171,519	169,760	169,980	169,305	169,442	170,164	168,044	165,794	165,995	169,467	171,411	172,817	169,475
Employment	161,269	159,167	159,687	159,658	160,129	160,453	159,518	157,759	157,826	161,031	162,320	163,631	160,204
Unemployment	10,250	10,593	10,293	9,647	9,313	9,711	8,526	8,035	8,169	8,436	9,091	9,186	9,271
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.2%	6.1%	5.7%	5.5%	5.7%	5.1%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	172,247	170,443	170,220	169,037	170,357	172,774	171,721	170,930	169,848	172,957	175,547	176,305	171,865
Employment	162,508	159,880	160,164	159,615	161,246	163,296	163,166	163,127	161,932	164,855	166,927	167,668	162,865
Unemployment	9,739	10,563	10,056	9,422	9,111	9,478	8,555	7,803	7,916	8,102	8,620	8,637	9,000
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	6.2%	5.9%	5.6%	5.3%	5.5%	5.0%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.9%	4.9%	5.2%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	169,229	167,785	168,338	167,818	169,389	171,121	169,691	168,173	167,870	170,725	172,665	173,782	169,715
Employment	159,569	158,027	158,866	159,082	161,097	161,970	161,744	160,867	160,170	162,953	164,505	165,589	161,203
Unemployment	9,660	9,758	9,472	8,736	8,292	9,151	7,947	7,306	7,700	7,772	8,160	8,193	8,512
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%	4.9%	5.3%	4.7%	4.3%	4.6%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	5.0%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	165,821	164,199	164,044	163,064	164,769	165,933	165,374	164,759	163,885	166,995	169,625	170,619	165,757
Employment	154,902	152,700	152,541	152,601	155,047	155,672	156,037	155,960	154,775	158,104	160,357	161,880	155,881
Unemployment	10,919	11,499	11,503	10,463	9,722	10,261	9,337	8,799	9,110	8,891	9,268	8,739	9,876
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	7.0%	7.0%	6.4%	5.9%	6.2%	5.6%	5.3%	5.6%	5.3%	5.5%	5.1%	6.0%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	162,932	160,269	160,551	159,442	159,863	162,550	161,464	160,623	160,787	163,886	166,082	167,229	162,140
Employment	151,694	149,134	149,549	148,899	150,099	152,356	151,938	151,759	151,475	154,712	156,176	157,659	152,121
Unemployment	11,238	11,135	11,002	10,543	9,764	10,194	9,526	8,864	9,312	9,174	9,906	9,570	10,019
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.6%	6.1%	6.3%	5.9%	5.5%	5.8%	5.6%	6.0%	5.7%	6.2%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	160,976	158,401	158,440	157,223	157,955	159,470	158,269	157,385	157,004	160,388	162,297	163,880	159,308
Employment	150,495	147,646	147,991	147,552	148,666	149,701	149,372	148,834	148,138	151,145	152,577	154,076	149,683
Unemployment	10,481	10,755	10,449	9,671	9,289	9,769	8,897	8,551	8,866	9,243	9,720	9,804	9,625
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.8%	6.6%	6.2%	5.9%	6.1%	5.6%	5.4%	5.6%	5.8%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	159,443	157,644	157,505	157,815	159,220	159,521	158,668	157,747	157,700	159,980	160,917	162,890	159,087
Employment	148,661	146,355	146,743	147,305	149,102	148,886	148,847	148,820	148,712	150,782	151,652	153,543	149,117
Unemployment	10,782	11,289	10,762	10,510	10,118	10,635	9,821	8,927	8,988	9,198	9,265	9,347	9,970
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.2%	6.8%	6.7%	6.4%	6.7%	6.2%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	6.3%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	153,214	151,853	151,561	151,399	154,319	156,365	155,671	154,504	154,101	157,083	159,248	159,912	154,936
Employment	141,919	140,341	140,204	140,784	144,072	145,230	145,613	145,189	144,890	147,644	149,524	150,388	144,650
Unemployment	11,295	11,512	11,357	10,615	10,247	11,135	10,058	9,315	9,211	9,439	9,724	9,524	10,286
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	7.6%	7.5%	7.0%	6.6%	7.1%	6.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	6.0%	6.6%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	146,944	146,410	146,184	145,387	147,363	150,000	150,982	149,924	149,015	150,476	151,480	152,428	148,883
Employment	134,393	133,406	133,139	133,011	135,354	137,266	139,308	139,045	137,745	139,448	140,596	141,865	137,048
Unemployment	12,551	13,004	13,045	12,376	12,009	12,734	11,674	10,879	11,270	11,028	10,884	10,563	11,835
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.9%	8.9%	8.5%	8.1%	8.5%	7.7%	7.3%	7.6%	7.3%	7.2%	6.9%	7.9%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	140,833	140,862	141,158	139,955	141,425	145,306	144,664	143,349	142,509	145,677	146,113	146,547	143,200
Employment	131,141	130,456	130,685	129,563	131,099	134,293	134,265	133,241	131,744	134,808	134,694	135,037	132,586
Unemployment	9,692	10,406	10,473	10,392	10,326	11,013	10,399	10,108	10,765	10,869	11,419	11,510	10,614
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.3%	7.6%	7.2%	7.1%	7.6%	7.5%	7.8%	7.9%	7.4%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	137,642	137,326	138,188	136,154	138,379	141,462	140,869	139,829	140,599	142,485	143,216	142,967	139,926
Employment	128,340	128,112	129,063	127,426	129,745	132,615	132,864	131,813	132,570	134,549	134,925	134,627	131,387
Unemployment	9,302	9,214	9,125	8,728	8,634	8,847	8,005	8,016	8,029	7,936	8,291	8,340	8,539
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.7%	6.6%	6.4%	6.2%	6.3%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.8%	5.8%	6.1%

A change in the way the labor force statistics are calculated for boroughs and census areas makes data prior to 2000 not comparable with data from 2000 forward.

Definitions:

- **Labor Force:** Includes all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population classified as either employed or unemployed. (See the definitions below).
- **Employment:** These are all persons who, during the reference week (the week including the 12th day of the month), (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.
- **Unemployment:** Includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment some time during the 4 week-period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.
- **Unemployment Rate:** The ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force expressed as a percent [i.e., 100 times (unemployed/labor force)].

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