

**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development**  
**Research and Analysis Section ~ Unemployment Insurance Research**

**Alaska Unemployment Insurance Tax System**

**Total and Taxable Wages in SFY 2017  
and UI Tax Base Calculation for CY 2018**

| Year - Qtr   | (1)<br>Total Wages<br>Paid By<br>Contributing<br>Employers | (2)<br>Taxable<br>Wages | (3)<br>Total Wages<br>Paid By<br>Covered<br>Employers | (4)<br>Average<br>Monthly<br>Covered<br>Employment |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|---|--|
| 2016 - 3     | \$3,416,825,711  | \$1,885,916,848         | \$4,342,562,684                                       | 324,837  |
| 2016 - 4     | \$2,931,509,125  | \$1,044,590,220         | \$3,960,593,942                                       | 300,100  |
| 2017 - 1     | \$2,967,425,938  | \$2,679,419,840         | \$3,928,531,416                                       | 295,146  |
| 2017 - 2     | \$2,943,334,983  | \$2,169,297,094         | \$4,000,760,126                                       | 313,227  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>12,259,095,757</b>                                      | <b>7,779,224,002</b>    | <b>16,232,448,168</b>                                 | <b>308,327</b>                                     |

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|-----|--|---|-----------------|
| (a) | Average Annual Wage = (3)/(4)                    | = | \$52,646.86     |
| (b) | 75% of Average Annual Wage = (a) X .75           | = | \$39,485.15     |
| (c) | Taxable Wage Base = (b) rounded to nearest \$100 | = | <b>\$39,500</b> |
| (d) | Ratio of Taxable To Total Wages = (2)/(1)        | = | 0.63456752      |
| (e) | Average Weekly Wage = (a) / 52                   | = | \$1,012.44      |

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Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) report to the U.S. Department of Labor

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