

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2020

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.

2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	46,577	46,350	46,363	45,906	45,046	47,200	46,373	44,110	45,008				
Employment	43,126	43,247	43,181	38,770	39,191	41,015	40,900	41,134	41,956				
Unemployment	3,451	3,103	3,182	7,136	5,855	6,185	5,473	2,976	3,052				
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	6.7%	6.9%	15.5%	13.0%	13.1%	11.8%	6.7%	6.8%				

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	47,470	47,201	47,202	46,945	47,059	47,338	46,840	45,944	46,102	46,364	47,112	47,235	46,901
Employment	43,798	43,473	43,537	43,613	43,893	43,822	43,727	43,196	43,269	43,508	44,023	44,078	43,661
Unemployment	3,672	3,728	3,665	3,332	3,166	3,516	3,113	2,748	2,833	2,856	3,089	3,157	3,240
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.9%	7.8%	7.1%	6.7%	7.4%	6.6%	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%	6.6%	6.7%	6.9%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	48,669	48,301	48,154	47,812	48,002	47,888	47,433	46,568	46,826	47,353	47,869	47,862	47,728
Employment	44,448	43,988	43,999	44,019	44,414	44,257	44,150	43,584	43,809	44,317	44,626	44,594	44,184
Unemployment	4,221	4,313	4,155	3,793	3,588	3,631	3,283	2,984	3,017	3,036	3,243	3,268	3,544
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.9%	8.6%	7.9%	7.5%	7.6%	6.9%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.8%	6.8%	7.4%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	48,969	48,651	48,389	48,023	48,207	48,492	48,181	47,157	47,226	47,650	48,260	48,300	48,126
Employment	44,422	44,026	43,858	43,914	44,323	44,460	44,516	43,746	43,761	44,148	44,507	44,405	44,174
Unemployment	4,547	4,625	4,531	4,109	3,884	4,032	3,665	3,411	3,465	3,502	3,753	3,895	3,952
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.5%	9.4%	8.6%	8.1%	8.3%	7.6%	7.2%	7.3%	7.3%	7.8%	8.1%	8.2%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	47,813	47,646	47,494	47,178	47,301	47,553	47,347	46,488	46,533	47,043	47,807	48,005	47,351
Employment	43,571	43,258	43,205	43,192	43,521	43,578	43,712	43,084	43,069	43,435	43,903	43,931	43,455
Unemployment	4,242	4,388	4,289	3,986	3,780	3,975	3,635	3,404	3,464	3,608	3,904	4,074	3,896
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	9.2%	9.0%	8.4%	8.0%	8.4%	7.7%	7.3%	7.4%	7.7%	8.2%	8.5%	8.2%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	46,503	46,336	46,324	45,886	46,263	46,379	46,099	45,215	45,424	46,123	46,728	46,913	46,183
Employment	42,569	42,296	42,320	42,276	42,796	42,786	42,863	42,238	42,333	42,868	43,116	43,143	42,634
Unemployment	3,934	4,040	4,004	3,610	3,467	3,593	3,236	2,977	3,091	3,255	3,612	3,770	3,549
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.7%	8.6%	7.9%	7.5%	7.7%	7.0%	6.6%	6.8%	7.1%	7.7%	8.0%	7.7%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	45,292	45,083	45,033	44,605	44,856	45,121	44,795	44,056	44,212	44,882	45,311	45,397	44,887
Employment	41,188	40,863	40,881	40,780	41,280	41,396	41,334	40,924	41,047	41,707	41,911	41,929	41,270
Unemployment	4,104	4,220	4,152	3,825	3,576	3,725	3,461	3,132	3,165	3,175	3,400	3,468	3,617
Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.4%	9.2%	8.6%	8.0%	8.3%	7.7%	7.1%	7.2%	7.1%	7.5%	7.6%	8.1%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	44,448	44,108	43,881	43,579	43,823	44,052	43,704	43,098	43,287	43,879	44,562	44,677	43,925
Employment	40,212	39,868	39,744	39,768	40,212	40,344	40,343	40,023	40,045	40,507	40,942	41,030	40,253
Unemployment	4,236	4,240	4,137	3,811	3,611	3,708	3,361	3,075	3,242	3,372	3,620	3,647	3,672
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	9.6%	9.4%	8.7%	8.2%	8.4%	7.7%	7.1%	7.5%	7.7%	8.1%	8.2%	8.4%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	44,195	43,899	43,787	43,329	43,552	43,839	43,600	43,072	43,121	43,823	44,342	44,525	43,757
Employment	39,820	39,444	39,452	39,366	39,814	39,940	40,071	39,837	39,810	40,495	40,751	40,814	39,968
Unemployment	4,375	4,455	4,335	3,963	3,738	3,899	3,529	3,235	3,311	3,328	3,591	3,711	3,789
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	10.1%	9.9%	9.1%	8.6%	8.9%	8.1%	7.5%	7.7%	7.6%	8.1%	8.3%	8.7%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	43,742	43,375	43,239	42,930	43,074	43,476	43,191	42,651	42,713	43,566	44,077	44,389	43,368
Employment	39,111	38,662	38,705	38,801	39,235	39,483	39,579	39,241	39,272	39,995	40,229	40,370	39,390
Unemployment	4,631	4,713	4,534	4,129	3,839	3,993	3,612	3,410	3,441	3,571	3,848	4,019	3,978
Unemployment Rate	10.6%	10.9%	10.5%	9.6%	8.9%	9.2%	8.4%	8.0%	8.1%	8.2%	8.7%	9.1%	9.2%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	42,621	42,331	42,273	41,902	41,986	42,379	42,379	41,651	41,576	42,427	42,915	43,335	42,314
Employment	38,092	37,640	37,610	37,676	38,095	38,385	38,786	38,260	38,135	38,855	39,014	39,282	38,319
Unemployment	4,529	4,691	4,663	4,226	3,891	3,994	3,593	3,391	3,441	3,572	3,901	4,053	3,995
Unemployment Rate	10.6%	11.1%	11.0%	10.1%	9.3%	9.4%	8.5%	8.1%	8.3%	8.4%	9.1%	9.4%	9.4%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	42,929	42,860	42,876	42,412	42,302	42,297	41,755	41,317	41,680	42,754	43,286	43,411	42,490
Employment	38,929	38,685	38,686	38,574	38,668	38,455	38,230	38,000	38,320	39,164	39,399	39,459	38,714
Unemployment	4,000	4,175	4,190	3,838	3,634	3,842	3,525	3,317	3,360	3,590	3,887	3,952	3,776
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.7%	9.8%	9.0%	8.6%	9.1%	8.4%	8.0%	8.1%	8.4%	9.0%	9.1%	8.9%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	41,701	41,790	41,705	41,491	41,100	41,359	40,934	40,411	40,814	41,973	42,430	42,673	41,532
Employment	38,270	38,101	38,061	38,228	38,129	38,228	38,074	37,765	38,108	39,071	39,145	39,283	38,372
Unemployment	3,431	3,689	3,644	3,263	2,971	3,131	2,860	2,646	2,706	2,902	3,285	3,390	3,160
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.8%	8.7%	7.9%	7.2%	7.6%	7.0%	6.5%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%	7.9%	7.6%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	40,200	40,113	40,108	39,650	39,469	39,862	39,618	38,749	38,773	39,846	40,384	40,828	39,800
Employment	36,822	36,668	36,641	36,634	36,689	37,006	37,012	36,445	36,434	37,400	37,641	37,820	36,934
Unemployment	3,378	3,445	3,467	3,016	2,780	2,856	2,606	2,304	2,339	2,446	2,743	3,008	2,866
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	8.6%	8.6%	7.6%	7.0%	7.2%	6.6%	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%	6.8%	7.4%	7.2%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	39,368	39,292	39,356	38,891	38,852	39,043	38,693	38,114	38,272	39,123	39,567	39,932	39,042
Employment	35,772	35,640	35,761	35,826	36,079	36,336	36,029	35,675	35,890	36,648	36,780	36,983	36,118
Unemployment	3,596	3,652	3,595	3,065	2,773	2,707	2,664	2,439	2,382	2,475	2,787	2,949	2,924
Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.3%	9.1%	7.9%	7.1%	6.9%	6.9%	6.4%	6.2%	6.3%	7.0%	7.4%	7.5%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,958	36,873	36,700	36,457	36,298	36,413	36,237	35,754	36,205	37,017	37,740	38,082	36,728
Employment	33,591	33,484	33,507	33,652	33,686	33,791	33,763	33,416	33,821	34,581	34,813	35,027	33,928
Unemployment	3,367	3,389	3,193	2,805	2,612	2,622	2,474	2,338	2,384	2,436	2,927	3,055	2,800
Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.2%	8.7%	7.7%	7.2%	7.2%	6.8%	6.5%	6.6%	6.6%	7.8%	8.0%	7.6%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,845	34,744	34,568	34,118	33,868	34,275	33,878	33,535	33,777	34,712	35,450	35,800	34,464
Employment	31,248	31,097	31,146	31,107	31,223	31,443	31,365	31,190	31,426	32,241	32,634	32,875	31,583
Unemployment	3,597	3,647	3,422	3,011	2,645	2,832	2,513	2,345	2,351	2,471	2,816	2,925	2,881
Unemployment Rate	10.3%	10.5%	9.9%	8.8%	7.8%	8.3%	7.4%	7.0%	7.0%	7.1%	7.9%	8.2%	8.4%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	33,520	33,285	32,980	32,666	32,417	32,929	32,194	31,781	32,009	32,789	33,444	33,828	32,820
Employment	30,050	29,683	29,652	29,686	29,748	30,061	29,586	29,458	29,622	30,288	30,571	30,734	29,928
Unemployment	3,470	3,602	3,328	2,980	2,669	2,868	2,608	2,323	2,387	2,501	2,873	3,094	2,892
Unemployment Rate	10.4%	10.8%	10.1%	9.1%	8.2%	8.7%	8.1%	7.3%	7.5%	7.6%	8.6%	9.1%	8.8%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,463	31,304	31,220	30,956	30,866	31,665	30,912	30,600	30,764	31,525	32,150	32,341	31,314
Employment	28,695	28,418	28,390	28,276	28,427	29,077	28,536	28,394	28,515	29,108	29,392	29,435	28,722
Unemployment	2,768	2,886	2,830	2,680	2,439	2,588	2,376	2,206	2,249	2,417	2,758	2,906	2,592
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.2%	9.1%	8.7%	7.9%	8.2%	7.7%	7.2%	7.3%	7.7%	8.6%	9.0%	8.3%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	30,345	29,968	29,866	29,738	29,736	30,181	29,451	29,085	29,185	29,745	30,449	30,660	29,867
Employment	27,769	27,366	27,435	27,575	27,712	27,999	27,527	27,350	27,468	27,931	28,205	28,291	27,719
Unemployment	2,576	2,602	2,431	2,163	2,024	2,182	1,924	1,735	1,717	1,814	2,244	2,369	2,148
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.7%	8.1%	7.3%	6.8%	7.2%	6.5%	6.0%	5.9%	6.1%	7.4%	7.7%	7.2%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	29,395	29,092	29,084	28,943	28,793	28,894	28,535	28,076	28,077	28,766	29,262	29,561	28,873
Employment	26,929	26,578	26,665	26,660	26,739	26,793	26,637	26,343	26,354	26,890	27,105	27,324	26,751
Unemployment	2,466	2,514	2,419	2,283	2,054	2,101	1,898	1,733	1,723	1,876	2,157	2,237	2,122
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	8.6%	8.3%	7.9%	7.1%	7.3%	6.7%	6.2%	6.1%	6.5%	7.4%	7.6%	7.3%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	28,957	28,568	28,588	28,781	29,660	30,638	30,188	30,920	30,168	30,156	30,050	29,979	29,721
Employment	26,195	25,505	25,734	26,173	27,130	27,981	27,849	28,820	28,123	28,090	27,818	27,646	27,255
Unemployment	2,762	3,063	2,854	2,608	2,530	2,657	2,339	2,100	2,045	2,066	2,232	2,333	2,466
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	10.7%	10.0%	9.1%	8.5%	8.7%	7.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.9%	7.4%	7.8%	8.3%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	27,951	27,707	28,014	28,080	29,159	29,983	29,457	29,828	29,267	29,321	29,217	29,238	28,936
Employment	25,357	25,019	25,518	25,874	27,149	27,620	27,462	28,068	27,453	27,381	27,111	26,958	26,748
Unemployment	2,594	2,688	2,496	2,206	2,010	2,363	1,995	1,760	1,814	1,940	2,106	2,280	2,188
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.7%	8.9%	7.9%	6.9%	7.9%	6.8%	5.9%	6.2%	6.6%	7.2%	7.8%	7.6%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	27,539	27,156	27,321	27,404	28,331	28,656	28,958	28,995	28,320	28,657	28,526	28,210	28,173
Employment	24,373	23,900	24,001	24,475	25,633	25,768	26,348	26,712	26,066	26,503	26,206	25,938	25,494
Unemployment	3,166	3,256	3,320	2,929	2,698	2,888	2,610	2,283	2,254	2,154	2,320	2,272	2,679
Unemployment Rate	11.5%	12.0%	12.2%	10.7%	9.5%	10.1%	9.0%	7.9%	8.0%	7.5%	8.1%	8.1%	9.5%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	25,708	25,475	25,917	25,613	26,377	28,048	27,564	27,832	27,371	27,161	27,137	27,417	26,802
Employment	22,499	22,243	22,792	22,607	23,672	25,172	24,854	25,282	24,873	24,698	24,398	24,692	23,982
Unemployment	3,209	3,232	3,125	3,006	2,705	2,876	2,710	2,550	2,498	2,463	2,739	2,725	2,820
Unemployment Rate	12.5%	12.7%	12.1%	11.7%	10.3%	10.3%	9.8%	9.2%	9.1%	9.1%	10.1%	9.9%	10.5%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	25,001	24,770	24,900	24,938	25,612	26,292	25,668	26,032	25,625	25,957	25,983	25,890	25,555
Employment	22,107	21,765	21,970	22,359	23,215	23,600	23,221	23,757	23,386	23,627	23,330	23,187	22,960
Unemployment	2,894	3,005	2,930	2,579	2,397	2,692	2,447	2,275	2,239	2,330	2,653	2,703	2,595
Unemployment Rate	11.6%	12.1%	11.8%	10.3%	9.4%	10.2%	9.5%	8.7%	8.7%	9.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.2%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	24,011	24,106	24,596	24,747	25,350	25,414	24,444	25,031	25,040	25,430	25,580	25,725	24,956
Employment	21,201	21,169	21,793	22,018	22,747	22,552	22,011	22,688	22,770	23,068	23,115	23,188	22,360
Unemployment	2,810	2,937	2,803	2,729	2,603	2,862	2,433	2,343	2,270	2,362	2,465	2,537	2,596
Unemployment Rate	11.7%	12.2%	11.4%	11.0%	10.3%	11.3%	10.0%	9.4%	9.1%	9.3%	9.6%	9.9%	10.4%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	22,071	21,888	21,785	21,942	22,471	22,851	22,383	22,861	22,257	23,013	23,259	23,175	22,496
Employment	19,382	19,202	19,099	19,451	20,137	20,210	20,016	20,663	20,120	20,777	20,845	20,713	20,051
Unemployment	2,689	2,686	2,686	2,491	2,334	2,641	2,367	2,198	2,137	2,236	2,414	2,462	2,445
Unemployment Rate	12.2%	12.3%	12.3%	11.4%	10.4%	11.6%	10.6%	9.6%	9.6%	9.7%	10.4%	10.6%	10.9%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	21,151	20,892	21,031	20,978	21,241	21,899	20,976	21,226	21,208	20,815	21,132	20,993	21,128
Employment	18,084	17,738	17,858	18,027	18,477	18,872	18,298	18,713	18,747	18,346	18,663	18,562	18,365
Unemployment	3,067	3,154	3,173	2,951	2,764	3,027	2,678	2,513	2,461	2,469	2,469	2,431	2,763
Unemployment Rate	14.5%	15.1%	15.1%	14.1%	13.0%	13.8%	12.8%	11.8%	11.6%	11.9%	11.7%	11.6%	13.1%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	19,567	19,550	19,583	19,377	19,819	20,399	19,927	20,032	19,720	20,458	20,755	20,544	19,977
Employment	17,168	17,051	17,152	16,990	17,488	17,929	17,674	17,831	17,499	18,082	18,113	17,711	17,557
Unemployment	2,399	2,499	2,431	2,387	2,331	2,470	2,253	2,201	2,221	2,376	2,642	2,833	2,420
Unemployment Rate	12.3%	12.8%	12.4%	12.3%	11.8%	12.1%	11.3%	11.0%	11.3%	11.6%	12.7%	13.8%	12.1%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	17,345	17,508	17,478	17,392	17,599	18,348	17,258	17,353	17,889	18,488	18,882	18,786	17,861
Employment	14,858	15,039	15,146	15,165	15,456	16,022	15,237	15,322	16,003	16,488	16,825	16,731	15,691
Unemployment	2,487	2,469	2,332	2,227	2,143	2,326	2,021	2,031	1,886	2,000	2,057	2,055	2,170
Unemployment Rate	14.3%	14.1%	13.3%	12.8%	12.2%	12.7%	11.7%	11.7%	10.5%	10.8%	10.9%	10.9%	12.1%

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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