

North Slope 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	3,592	3,723	3,724	3,242	2,970	3,092	2,976	2,860	2,815				
Employment	3,380	3,548	3,562	3,059	2,729	2,786	2,732	2,720	2,661				
Unemployment	212	175	162	183	241	306	244	140	154				
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	4.7%	4.4%	5.6%	8.1%	9.9%	8.2%	4.9%	5.5%				

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,559	3,659	3,673	3,579	3,394	3,422	3,350	3,356	3,382	3,435	3,475	3,538	3,485
Employment	3,350	3,440	3,449	3,364	3,171	3,184	3,115	3,135	3,137	3,196	3,253	3,338	3,261
Unemployment	209	219	224	215	223	238	235	221	245	239	222	200	224
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%	6.0%	6.6%	7.0%	7.0%	6.6%	7.2%	7.0%	6.4%	5.7%	6.4%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,491	3,542	3,531	3,355	3,286	3,283	3,305	3,295	3,269	3,371	3,409	3,505	3,387
Employment	3,255	3,295	3,299	3,121	3,052	3,028	3,067	3,069	3,031	3,153	3,203	3,305	3,157
Unemployment	236	247	232	234	234	255	238	226	238	218	206	200	230
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.0%	6.6%	7.0%	7.1%	7.8%	7.2%	6.9%	7.3%	6.5%	6.0%	5.7%	6.8%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,821	3,824	3,807	3,654	3,523	3,451	3,505	3,514	3,495	3,471	3,480	3,481	3,585
Employment	3,550	3,548	3,538	3,389	3,253	3,155	3,228	3,248	3,227	3,215	3,240	3,266	3,321
Unemployment	271	276	269	265	270	296	277	266	268	256	240	215	264
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.2%	7.1%	7.3%	7.7%	8.6%	7.9%	7.6%	7.7%	7.4%	6.9%	6.2%	7.4%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,367	4,333	4,321	4,053	3,940	3,787	3,724	3,692	3,700	3,759	3,835	3,867	3,948
Employment	4,128	4,074	4,067	3,798	3,661	3,487	3,442	3,419	3,425	3,491	3,560	3,618	3,681
Unemployment	239	259	254	255	279	300	282	273	275	268	275	249	267
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	6.0%	5.9%	6.3%	7.1%	7.9%	7.6%	7.4%	7.4%	7.1%	7.2%	6.4%	6.8%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,430	4,520	4,561	4,443	4,246	4,238	4,257	4,225	4,132	4,128	4,268	4,212	4,305
Employment	4,180	4,259	4,316	4,200	3,988	3,961	4,008	3,992	3,888	3,894	4,017	4,008	4,059
Unemployment	250	261	245	243	258	277	249	233	244	234	251	204	246
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.8%	5.4%	5.5%	6.1%	6.5%	5.8%	5.5%	5.9%	5.7%	5.9%	4.8%	5.7%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,212	4,364	4,433	4,415	4,274	4,273	4,366	4,347	4,242	4,330	4,462	4,478	4,350
Employment	3,956	4,090	4,171	4,159	3,981	3,975	4,099	4,094	4,002	4,096	4,209	4,258	4,091
Unemployment	256	274	262	256	293	298	267	253	240	234	253	220	259
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.3%	5.9%	5.8%	6.9%	7.0%	6.1%	5.8%	5.7%	5.4%	5.7%	4.9%	6.0%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,952	4,043	4,127	4,110	4,040	4,006	4,098	4,011	4,033	4,072	4,182	4,184	4,072
Employment	3,670	3,729	3,814	3,813	3,735	3,670	3,786	3,719	3,736	3,774	3,878	3,938	3,772
Unemployment	282	314	313	297	305	336	312	292	297	298	304	246	300
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.8%	7.6%	7.2%	7.5%	8.4%	7.6%	7.3%	7.4%	7.3%	7.3%	5.9%	7.4%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,024	4,098	4,104	4,038	4,004	3,997	4,084	4,027	3,934	3,955	4,031	4,020	4,027
Employment	3,714	3,767	3,773	3,738	3,694	3,649	3,764	3,727	3,621	3,656	3,731	3,740	3,715
Unemployment	310	331	331	300	310	348	320	300	313	299	300	280	312
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	8.1%	8.1%	7.4%	7.7%	8.7%	7.8%	7.4%	8.0%	7.6%	7.4%	7.0%	7.7%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,942	4,028	4,024	3,997	3,926	3,981	4,030	3,955	3,940	3,984	4,018	4,092	3,993
Employment	3,661	3,721	3,726	3,715	3,639	3,655	3,711	3,660	3,629	3,664	3,699	3,796	3,690
Unemployment	281	307	298	282	287	326	319	295	311	320	319	296	303
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.6%	7.4%	7.1%	7.3%	8.2%	7.9%	7.5%	7.9%	8.0%	7.9%	7.2%	7.6%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,846	3,894	3,898	3,917	3,926	3,979	4,017	4,029	4,007	4,024	4,025	4,046	3,968
Employment	3,530	3,565	3,569	3,606	3,599	3,629	3,691	3,722	3,695	3,716	3,711	3,753	3,649
Unemployment	316	329	329	311	327	350	326	307	312	308	314	293	319
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.4%	8.4%	7.9%	8.3%	8.8%	8.1%	7.6%	7.8%	7.7%	7.8%	7.2%	8.0%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,535	5,575	5,548	5,416	5,273	5,342	5,305	5,195	5,062	5,108	5,144	5,145	5,304
Employment	5,343	5,342	5,310	5,183	5,026	5,077	5,051	4,940	4,790	4,818	4,866	4,893	5,053
Unemployment	192	233	238	233	247	265	254	255	272	290	278	252	251
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.7%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%	4.9%	4.7%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,987	5,039	5,060	4,998	4,920	5,004	5,086	5,169	5,097	5,381	5,452	5,543	5,145
Employment	4,774	4,804	4,834	4,791	4,692	4,754	4,860	4,958	4,873	5,171	5,245	5,362	4,927
Unemployment	213	235	226	207	228	250	226	211	224	210	207	181	218
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.7%	4.5%	4.1%	4.6%	5.0%	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%	3.9%	3.8%	3.3%	4.2%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,630	4,687	4,680	4,585	4,490	4,552	4,569	4,622	4,632	4,855	4,859	4,910	4,672
Employment	4,385	4,429	4,432	4,356	4,240	4,267	4,290	4,371	4,385	4,583	4,606	4,701	4,420
Unemployment	245	258	248	229	250	285	279	251	247	272	253	209	252
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.5%	5.3%	5.0%	5.6%	6.3%	6.1%	5.4%	5.3%	5.6%	5.2%	4.3%	5.4%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,960	3,963	3,982	4,043	4,074	4,037	4,069	4,164	4,170	4,374	4,415	4,477	4,144
Employment	3,650	3,648	3,696	3,775	3,786	3,727	3,792	3,901	3,891	4,074	4,137	4,241	3,860
Unemployment	310	315	286	268	288	310	277	263	279	300	278	236	284
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	7.9%	7.2%	6.6%	7.1%	7.7%	6.8%	6.3%	6.7%	6.9%	6.3%	5.3%	6.9%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,681	3,683	3,703	3,628	3,627	3,587	3,679	3,734	3,665	3,833	3,888	3,924	3,719
Employment	3,352	3,349	3,372	3,309	3,284	3,226	3,334	3,397	3,316	3,477	3,561	3,634	3,384
Unemployment	329	334	331	319	343	361	345	337	349	356	327	290	335
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	9.1%	8.9%	8.8%	9.5%	10.1%	9.4%	9.0%	9.5%	9.3%	8.4%	7.4%	9.0%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,724	3,704	3,692	3,673	3,640	3,699	3,636	3,709	3,581	3,610	3,644	3,686	3,666
Employment	3,323	3,302	3,304	3,311	3,267	3,289	3,241	3,341	3,219	3,232	3,296	3,368	3,291
Unemployment	401	402	388	362	373	410	395	368	362	378	348	318	375
Unemployment Rate	10.8%	10.9%	10.5%	9.9%	10.2%	11.1%	10.9%	9.9%	10.1%	10.5%	9.5%	8.6%	10.2%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,812	3,786	3,791	3,767	3,749	3,540	3,586	3,615	3,600	3,686	3,724	3,766	3,701
Employment	3,489	3,453	3,450	3,423	3,377	3,146	3,192	3,204	3,164	3,250	3,302	3,371	3,318
Unemployment	323	333	341	344	372	394	394	411	436	436	422	395	383
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.8%	9.0%	9.1%	9.9%	11.1%	11.0%	11.4%	12.1%	11.8%	11.3%	10.5%	10.3%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,863	3,954	4,017	3,886	3,690	3,581	3,717	3,711	3,580	3,763	3,707	3,717	3,765
Employment	3,574	3,645	3,690	3,577	3,367	3,229	3,378	3,363	3,228	3,408	3,374	3,425	3,438
Unemployment	289	309	327	309	323	352	339	348	352	355	333	292	327
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.8%	8.1%	8.0%	8.8%	9.8%	9.1%	9.4%	9.8%	9.4%	9.0%	7.9%	8.7%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,619	3,868	3,912	3,782	3,695	3,577	3,568	3,610	3,621	3,742	3,758	3,782	3,712
Employment	3,347	3,586	3,631	3,497	3,384	3,251	3,273	3,342	3,333	3,474	3,498	3,539	3,430
Unemployment	272	282	281	285	311	326	295	268	288	268	260	243	282
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.3%	7.2%	7.5%	8.4%	9.1%	8.3%	7.4%	8.0%	7.2%	6.9%	6.4%	7.6%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,288	3,423	3,422	3,434	3,391	3,239	3,368	3,471	3,465	3,393	3,402	3,546	3,404
Employment	3,040	3,153	3,159	3,175	3,105	2,906	3,058	3,148	3,124	3,099	3,126	3,298	3,116
Unemployment	248	270	263	259	286	333	310	323	341	294	276	248	288
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.9%	7.7%	7.5%	8.4%	10.3%	9.2%	9.3%	9.8%	8.7%	8.1%	7.0%	8.5%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,259	3,277	3,305	3,218	3,089	3,050	3,027	2,952	3,012	3,035	3,044	3,089	3,113
Employment	3,051	3,071	3,074	2,987	2,829	2,738	2,756	2,689	2,726	2,781	2,782	2,874	2,863
Unemployment	208	206	231	231	260	312	271	263	286	254	262	215	250
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.3%	7.0%	7.2%	8.4%	10.2%	9.0%	8.9%	9.5%	8.4%	8.6%	7.0%	8.0%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,341	3,356	3,323	3,305	3,193	3,218	3,272	3,251	3,297	3,334	3,285	3,338	3,293
Employment	3,192	3,179	3,148	3,152	3,014	3,020	3,061	3,056	3,059	3,123	3,089	3,145	3,103
Unemployment	149	177	175	153	179	198	211	195	238	211	196	193	190
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	5.3%	5.3%	4.6%	5.6%	6.2%	6.4%	6.0%	7.2%	6.3%	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,244	3,207	3,221	3,159	3,166	3,201	3,277	3,241	3,306	3,369	3,269	3,415	3,256
Employment	3,109	3,061	3,067	3,003	2,998	3,022	3,095	3,077	3,117	3,186	3,127	3,265	3,094
Unemployment	135	146	154	156	168	179	182	164	189	183	142	150	162
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%	5.3%	5.6%	5.6%	5.1%	5.7%	5.4%	4.3%	4.4%	5.0%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,250	3,287	3,367	3,277	3,176	3,197	3,270	3,170	3,172	3,236	3,220	3,298	3,243
Employment	3,119	3,152	3,218	3,121	2,981	2,988	3,105	3,053	3,028	3,091	3,081	3,148	3,090
Unemployment	131	135	149	156	195	209	165	117	144	145	139	150	153
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.1%	4.4%	4.8%	6.1%	6.5%	5.0%	3.7%	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,201	3,200	3,169	3,026	3,033	3,166	3,135	3,127	3,172	3,267	3,260	3,277	3,170
Employment	3,072	3,066	3,066	2,963	2,934	3,023	3,015	3,012	3,044	3,124	3,129	3,172	3,052
Unemployment	129	134	103	63	99	143	120	115	128	143	131	105	118
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.2%	3.3%	2.1%	3.3%	4.5%	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%	4.4%	4.0%	3.2%	3.7%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,218	3,193	3,234	3,112	3,098	3,195	3,195	3,189	3,239	3,237	3,212	3,238	3,197
Employment	3,106	3,078	3,108	3,007	2,983	3,051	3,056	3,059	3,091	3,110	3,107	3,141	3,075
Unemployment	112	115	126	105	115	144	139	130	148	127	105	97	122
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.6%	3.9%	3.4%	3.7%	4.5%	4.4%	4.1%	4.6%	3.9%	3.3%	3.0%	3.8%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	2,915	3,058	3,080	2,970	2,927	3,062	2,969	2,968	2,904	3,054	3,067	3,015	2,999
Employment	2,808	2,903	2,924	2,843	2,790	2,888	2,842	2,821	2,778	2,895	2,921	2,929	2,862
Unemployment	107	155	156	127	137	174	127	147	126	159	146	86	137
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	5.1%	5.1%	4.3%	4.7%	5.7%	4.3%	5.0%	4.3%	5.2%	4.8%	2.9%	4.6%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,848	2,826	2,834	2,820	2,781	2,806	2,822	2,820	2,787	2,920	2,960	2,982	2,850
Employment	2,718	2,707	2,743	2,702	2,652	2,650	2,692	2,708	2,655	2,807	2,850	2,868	2,729
Unemployment	130	119	91	118	129	156	130	112	132	113	110	114	121
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.2%	3.2%	4.2%	4.6%	5.6%	4.6%	4.0%	4.7%	3.9%	3.7%	3.8%	4.2%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,924	2,955	2,979	2,935	2,966	2,991	2,872	2,891	2,903	2,951	2,876	2,849	2,924
Employment	2,793	2,827	2,850	2,851	2,856	2,843	2,753	2,771	2,755	2,765	2,742	2,727	2,794
Unemployment	131	128	129	84	110	148	119	120	148	186	134	122	130
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%	4.3%	2.9%	3.7%	4.9%	4.1%	4.2%	5.1%	6.3%	4.7%	4.3%	4.4%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,639	2,633	2,632	2,638	2,740	2,955	2,905	2,924	2,847	2,898	2,860	2,892	2,797
Employment	2,500	2,531	2,534	2,545	2,623	2,830	2,795	2,845	2,770	2,801	2,771	2,801	2,696
Unemployment	139	102	98	93	117	125	110	79	77	97	89	91	101
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%	4.3%	4.2%	3.8%	2.7%	2.7%	3.3%	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%

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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)].

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