

Northwest Arctic 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	2,828	2,925	2,882	2,752	2,709								
Employment	2,447	2,525	2,534	2,351	2,279								
Unemployment	381	400	348	401	430								
Unemployment Rate	13.5%	13.7%	12.1%	14.6%	15.9%								

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,796	2,849	2,827	2,849	2,865	2,931	2,989	2,893	2,896	3,102	3,147	3,058	2,934
Employment	2,439	2,439	2,440	2,440	2,452	2,435	2,528	2,495	2,502	2,712	2,715	2,673	2,523
Unemployment	357	410	387	409	413	496	461	398	394	390	432	385	411
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	14.4%	13.7%	14.4%	14.4%	16.9%	15.4%	13.8%	13.6%	12.6%	13.7%	12.6%	14.0%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,868	2,870	2,858	2,878	2,879	2,846	2,962	2,919	2,903	3,016	3,031	2,963	2,916
Employment	2,443	2,428	2,445	2,465	2,460	2,369	2,524	2,534	2,544	2,676	2,678	2,652	2,518
Unemployment	425	442	413	413	419	477	438	385	359	340	353	311	398
Unemployment Rate	14.8%	15.4%	14.5%	14.4%	14.6%	16.8%	14.8%	13.2%	12.4%	11.3%	11.6%	10.5%	13.6%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,901	2,941	2,900	2,928	2,897	3,028	2,963	2,944	2,952	3,017	2,974	2,970	2,951
Employment	2,418	2,427	2,412	2,419	2,382	2,475	2,456	2,466	2,523	2,596	2,556	2,587	2,476
Unemployment	483	514	488	509	515	553	507	478	429	421	418	383	475
Unemployment Rate	16.6%	17.5%	16.8%	17.4%	17.8%	18.3%	17.1%	16.2%	14.5%	14.0%	14.1%	12.9%	16.1%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,951	2,896	2,920	2,938	2,984	3,056	2,970	2,969	2,875	2,966	2,950	3,042	2,960
Employment	2,484	2,407	2,436	2,442	2,475	2,527	2,494	2,515	2,458	2,504	2,515	2,584	2,487
Unemployment	467	489	484	496	509	529	476	454	417	462	435	458	473
Unemployment Rate	15.8%	16.9%	16.6%	16.9%	17.1%	17.3%	16.0%	15.3%	14.5%	15.6%	14.7%	15.1%	16.0%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,881	2,900	2,896	2,798	2,894	3,025	3,020	2,970	2,836	2,886	2,893	2,921	2,910
Employment	2,416	2,387	2,395	2,312	2,397	2,517	2,521	2,541	2,403	2,476	2,473	2,495	2,444
Unemployment	465	513	501	486	497	508	499	429	433	410	420	426	466
Unemployment Rate	16.1%	17.7%	17.3%	17.4%	17.2%	16.8%	16.5%	14.4%	15.3%	14.2%	14.5%	14.6%	16.0%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,011	2,982	2,964	2,999	3,023	3,095	3,118	3,017	2,957	2,991	2,965	2,954	3,006
Employment	2,429	2,376	2,384	2,440	2,482	2,536	2,595	2,566	2,487	2,559	2,543	2,536	2,494
Unemployment	582	606	580	559	541	559	523	451	470	432	422	418	512
Unemployment Rate	19.3%	20.3%	19.6%	18.6%	17.9%	18.1%	16.8%	14.9%	15.9%	14.4%	14.2%	14.2%	17.0%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,940	2,971	2,987	2,951	3,029	3,214	3,176	3,083	3,120	3,187	3,101	3,053	3,068
Employment	2,448	2,428	2,477	2,469	2,536	2,687	2,702	2,625	2,602	2,684	2,579	2,529	2,564
Unemployment	492	543	510	482	493	527	474	458	518	503	522	524	504
Unemployment Rate	16.7%	18.3%	17.1%	16.3%	16.3%	16.4%	14.9%	14.9%	16.6%	15.8%	16.8%	17.2%	16.4%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,022	3,032	2,996	2,976	3,020	3,134	3,127	3,057	3,024	3,031	2,969	2,980	3,031
Employment	2,525	2,519	2,463	2,470	2,520	2,617	2,659	2,610	2,569	2,606	2,547	2,541	2,554
Unemployment	497	513	533	506	500	517	468	447	455	425	422	439	477
Unemployment Rate	16.4%	16.9%	17.8%	17.0%	16.6%	16.5%	15.0%	14.6%	15.0%	14.0%	14.2%	14.7%	15.7%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,968	2,947	2,979	3,025	2,993	3,081	3,130	2,982	2,961	2,966	2,884	2,920	2,987
Employment	2,513	2,454	2,493	2,550	2,542	2,585	2,670	2,541	2,504	2,518	2,442	2,473	2,524
Unemployment	455	493	486	475	451	496	460	441	457	448	442	447	463
Unemployment Rate	15.3%	16.7%	16.3%	15.7%	15.1%	16.1%	14.7%	14.8%	15.4%	15.1%	15.3%	15.3%	15.5%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,887	2,927	2,938	2,927	2,937	2,970	3,015	2,981	2,889	3,020	3,026	2,972	2,957
Employment	2,511	2,497	2,511	2,514	2,514	2,528	2,622	2,603	2,512	2,649	2,659	2,605	2,560
Unemployment	376	430	427	413	423	442	393	378	377	371	367	367	397
Unemployment Rate	13.0%	14.7%	14.5%	14.1%	14.4%	14.9%	13.0%	12.7%	13.0%	12.3%	12.1%	12.3%	13.4%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,953	2,943	2,920	2,912	2,884	3,042	3,056	3,003	2,870	3,084	3,101	3,084	2,988
Employment	2,626	2,587	2,559	2,542	2,502	2,631	2,682	2,659	2,528	2,756	2,762	2,751	2,632
Unemployment	327	356	361	370	382	411	374	344	342	328	339	333	356
Unemployment Rate	11.1%	12.1%	12.4%	12.7%	13.2%	13.5%	12.2%	11.5%	11.9%	10.6%	10.9%	10.8%	11.9%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,037	3,044	3,025	2,904	2,872	2,992	3,012	3,041	2,897	3,036	2,971	2,943	2,982
Employment	2,692	2,657	2,627	2,522	2,494	2,612	2,659	2,723	2,577	2,728	2,684	2,663	2,637
Unemployment	345	387	398	382	378	380	353	318	320	308	287	280	345
Unemployment Rate	11.4%	12.7%	13.2%	13.2%	13.2%	12.7%	11.7%	10.5%	11.0%	10.1%	9.7%	9.5%	11.6%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,952	2,920	2,891	2,912	2,878	2,983	3,012	3,015	2,973	3,065	3,054	2,967	2,968
Employment	2,617	2,582	2,566	2,586	2,516	2,629	2,675	2,718	2,678	2,755	2,760	2,673	2,646
Unemployment	335	338	325	326	362	354	337	297	295	310	294	294	322
Unemployment Rate	11.3%	11.6%	11.2%	11.2%	12.6%	11.9%	11.2%	9.9%	9.9%	10.1%	9.6%	9.9%	10.8%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,924	2,932	2,932	2,904	2,929	2,986	3,080	3,058	2,962	2,934	2,937	2,979	2,963
Employment	2,590	2,580	2,589	2,564	2,575	2,602	2,726	2,737	2,633	2,620	2,622	2,682	2,627
Unemployment	334	352	343	340	354	384	354	321	329	314	315	297	336
Unemployment Rate	11.4%	12.0%	11.7%	11.7%	12.1%	12.9%	11.5%	10.5%	11.1%	10.7%	10.7%	10.0%	11.3%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,056	3,017	3,002	3,038	3,028	3,124	3,164	3,094	3,049	3,091	3,057	3,022	3,062
Employment	2,705	2,656	2,635	2,678	2,647	2,696	2,795	2,746	2,676	2,724	2,725	2,696	2,698
Unemployment	351	361	367	360	381	428	369	348	373	367	332	326	364
Unemployment Rate	11.5%	12.0%	12.2%	11.8%	12.6%	13.7%	11.7%	11.2%	12.2%	11.9%	10.9%	10.8%	11.9%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,962	2,901	2,913	2,869	2,840	2,735	2,688	2,697	2,746	3,002	3,002	3,068	2,869
Employment	2,575	2,498	2,499	2,470	2,443	2,302	2,309	2,348	2,373	2,626	2,644	2,740	2,486
Unemployment	387	403	414	399	397	433	379	349	373	376	358	328	383
Unemployment Rate	13.1%	13.9%	14.2%	13.9%	14.0%	15.8%	14.1%	12.9%	13.6%	12.5%	11.9%	10.7%	13.3%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,936	2,901	2,954	2,972	3,012	2,970	3,062	3,003	2,945	3,026	2,962	3,005	2,979
Employment	2,562	2,502	2,552	2,548	2,578	2,528	2,623	2,612	2,560	2,663	2,616	2,660	2,584
Unemployment	374	399	402	424	434	442	439	391	385	363	346	345	395
Unemployment Rate	12.7%	13.8%	13.6%	14.3%	14.4%	14.9%	14.3%	13.0%	13.1%	12.0%	11.7%	11.5%	13.3%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,046	2,977	3,069	2,989	3,092	3,174	3,221	3,181	3,061	3,031	3,008	2,912	3,064
Employment	2,721	2,646	2,706	2,630	2,711	2,780	2,846	2,838	2,702	2,685	2,686	2,592	2,712
Unemployment	325	331	363	359	381	394	375	343	359	346	322	320	352
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	11.1%	11.8%	12.0%	12.3%	12.4%	11.6%	10.8%	11.7%	11.4%	10.7%	11.0%	11.5%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,939	2,976	2,998	2,983	3,061	3,030	2,924	3,111	3,143	3,162	3,069	2,908	3,025
Employment	2,623	2,644	2,685	2,668	2,723	2,680	2,617	2,830	2,869	2,900	2,791	2,639	2,722
Unemployment	316	332	313	315	338	350	307	281	274	262	278	269	303
Unemployment Rate	10.8%	11.2%	10.4%	10.6%	11.0%	11.6%	10.5%	9.0%	8.7%	8.3%	9.1%	9.3%	10.0%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,850	2,832	2,828	2,852	2,974	3,059	2,876	2,882	3,009	3,119	3,077	2,995	2,946
Employment	2,597	2,559	2,565	2,583	2,690	2,754	2,596	2,619	2,745	2,864	2,822	2,739	2,678
Unemployment	253	273	263	269	284	305	280	263	264	255	255	256	268
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	9.6%	9.3%	9.4%	9.5%	10.0%	9.7%	9.1%	8.8%	8.2%	8.3%	8.5%	9.1%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,156	2,189	2,166	2,120	2,062	2,026	2,026	1,946	1,977	1,973	1,986	2,023	2,055
Employment	1,885	1,898	1,901	1,846	1,749	1,692	1,704	1,662	1,685	1,719	1,719	1,776	1,770
Unemployment	271	291	265	274	313	334	322	284	292	254	267	247	285
Unemployment Rate	12.6%	13.3%	12.2%	12.9%	15.2%	16.5%	15.9%	14.6%	14.8%	12.9%	13.4%	12.2%	13.9%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,218	2,239	2,219	2,229	2,195	2,222	2,191	2,184	2,187	2,202	2,203	2,210	2,209
Employment	2,005	1,997	1,978	1,980	1,894	1,898	1,923	1,919	1,922	1,963	1,942	1,976	1,950
Unemployment	213	242	241	249	301	324	268	265	265	239	261	234	259
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	10.8%	10.9%	11.2%	13.7%	14.6%	12.2%	12.1%	12.1%	10.9%	11.8%	10.6%	11.7%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,191	2,226	2,218	2,130	2,174	2,215	2,245	2,171	2,187	2,168	2,090	2,147	2,180
Employment	1,869	1,841	1,844	1,805	1,803	1,816	1,862	1,850	1,874	1,915	1,880	1,962	1,860
Unemployment	322	385	374	325	371	399	383	321	313	253	210	185	320
Unemployment Rate	14.7%	17.3%	16.9%	15.3%	17.1%	18.0%	17.1%	14.8%	14.3%	11.7%	10.0%	8.6%	14.7%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,219	2,440	2,346	2,291	2,282	2,277	2,338	2,188	2,209	2,189	2,143	2,209	2,261
Employment	1,872	1,892	1,931	1,873	1,789	1,793	1,864	1,832	1,817	1,855	1,849	1,890	1,855
Unemployment	347	548	415	418	493	484	474	356	392	334	294	319	406
Unemployment Rate	15.6%	22.5%	17.7%	18.2%	21.6%	21.3%	20.3%	16.3%	17.7%	15.3%	13.7%	14.4%	18.0%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,218	2,241	2,227	2,141	2,181	2,330	2,253	2,166	2,182	2,200	2,224	2,227	2,216
Employment	1,868	1,865	1,865	1,803	1,784	1,838	1,833	1,831	1,851	1,900	1,905	1,930	1,856
Unemployment	350	376	362	338	397	492	420	335	331	300	319	297	360
Unemployment Rate	15.8%	16.8%	16.3%	15.8%	18.2%	21.1%	18.6%	15.5%	15.2%	13.6%	14.3%	13.3%	16.2%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,260	2,298	2,335	2,264	2,257	2,344	2,263	2,238	2,262	2,258	2,256	2,237	2,273
Employment	1,942	1,925	1,945	1,880	1,866	1,908	1,910	1,913	1,934	1,945	1,944	1,965	1,923
Unemployment	318	373	390	384	391	436	353	325	328	313	312	272	350
Unemployment Rate	14.1%	16.2%	16.7%	17.0%	17.3%	18.6%	15.6%	14.5%	14.5%	13.9%	13.8%	12.2%	15.4%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	2,109	2,213	2,231	2,169	2,162	2,308	2,186	2,183	2,138	2,185	2,156	2,157	2,183
Employment	1,780	1,842	1,854	1,803	1,769	1,832	1,801	1,789	1,762	1,836	1,852	1,856	1,815
Unemployment	329	371	377	366	393	476	385	394	376	349	304	301	368
Unemployment Rate	15.6%	16.8%	16.9%	16.9%	18.2%	20.6%	17.6%	18.0%	17.6%	16.0%	14.1%	14.0%	16.9%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,109	2,130	2,128	2,133	2,161	2,197	2,187	2,198	2,167	2,241	2,237	2,203	2,175
Employment	1,726	1,718	1,741	1,715	1,683	1,683	1,709	1,719	1,686	1,781	1,810	1,820	1,733
Unemployment	383	412	387	418	478	514	478	479	481	460	427	383	442
Unemployment Rate	18.2%	19.3%	18.2%	19.6%	22.1%	23.4%	21.9%	21.8%	22.2%	20.5%	19.1%	17.4%	20.3%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	2,048	2,141	2,164	2,187	2,237	2,270	2,208	2,170	2,203	2,181	2,139	2,130	2,174
Employment	1,826	1,847	1,862	1,864	1,867	1,859	1,800	1,811	1,800	1,807	1,792	1,783	1,827
Unemployment	222	294	302	323	370	411	408	359	403	374	347	347	347
Unemployment Rate	10.8%	13.7%	14.0%	14.8%	16.5%	18.1%	18.5%	16.5%	18.3%	17.1%	16.2%	16.3%	16.0%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	1,939	1,947	1,999	2,041	2,174	2,347	2,230	2,230	2,132	2,121	2,042	2,051	2,105
Employment	1,661	1,682	1,685	1,690	1,742	1,881	1,857	1,890	1,841	1,861	1,841	1,860	1,791
Unemployment	278	265	314	351	432	466	373	340	291	260	201	191	314
Unemployment Rate	14.3%	13.6%	15.7%	17.2%	19.9%	19.9%	16.7%	15.2%	13.6%	12.3%	9.8%	9.3%	14.9%

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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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