

Fairbanks MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2020

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2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	43,217	43,236	43,731	42,677	43,026	43,811	45,026	43,184	43,508				
Employment	40,674	41,081	41,555	37,874	38,611	39,226	41,007	41,025	41,284				
Unemployment	2,543	2,155	2,176	4,803	4,415	4,585	4,019	2,159	2,224				
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	5.0%	5.0%	11.3%	10.3%	10.5%	8.9%	5.0%	5.1%				

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	45,069	45,611	45,463	45,515	45,573	45,966	46,488	46,890	46,151	46,397	46,606	46,445	46,015
Employment	41,617	42,097	42,049	42,342	42,315	42,514	43,415	43,999	43,148	43,228	43,223	43,125	42,756
Unemployment	3,452	3,514	3,414	3,173	3,258	3,452	3,073	2,891	3,003	3,169	3,383	3,320	3,259
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.7%	7.5%	7.0%	7.1%	7.5%	6.6%	6.2%	6.5%	6.8%	7.3%	7.1%	7.1%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	44,754	45,044	45,387	45,725	47,182	46,151	46,845	46,666	45,755	46,090	46,267	46,051	45,993
Employment	41,804	42,015	42,493	42,996	44,436	43,188	44,178	44,197	43,264	43,370	43,378	43,060	43,198
Unemployment	2,950	3,029	2,894	2,729	2,746	2,963	2,667	2,469	2,491	2,720	2,889	2,991	2,795
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.7%	6.4%	6.0%	5.8%	6.4%	5.7%	5.3%	5.4%	5.9%	6.2%	6.5%	6.1%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	44,649	45,106	45,426	45,397	46,211	44,842	45,497	45,653	45,425	45,311	45,569	45,532	45,385
Employment	41,788	42,217	42,646	42,847	43,735	42,159	43,149	43,485	43,160	43,084	43,089	42,939	42,858
Unemployment	2,861	2,889	2,780	2,550	2,476	2,683	2,348	2,168	2,265	2,227	2,480	2,593	2,527
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.4%	6.1%	5.6%	5.4%	6.0%	5.2%	4.7%	5.0%	4.9%	5.4%	5.7%	5.6%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	44,079	44,505	44,832	44,969	46,234	44,798	45,592	45,851	44,899	45,354	45,794	45,620	45,211
Employment	41,039	41,452	41,897	42,274	43,673	42,200	43,229	43,620	42,660	43,081	43,337	43,140	42,634
Unemployment	3,040	3,053	2,935	2,695	2,561	2,598	2,363	2,231	2,239	2,273	2,457	2,480	2,577
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.9%	6.5%	6.0%	5.5%	5.8%	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.4%	5.4%	5.7%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	43,649	44,332	44,261	44,836	46,255	45,278	46,210	46,793	45,195	45,300	45,535	45,315	45,247
Employment	40,552	41,148	41,314	42,110	43,680	42,613	43,839	44,629	42,920	42,901	42,916	42,651	42,606
Unemployment	3,097	3,184	2,947	2,726	2,575	2,665	2,371	2,164	2,275	2,399	2,619	2,664	2,641
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.2%	6.7%	6.1%	5.6%	5.9%	5.1%	4.6%	5.0%	5.3%	5.8%	5.9%	5.8%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	42,458	42,657	42,989	43,355	44,741	43,815	44,922	45,402	44,466	44,186	44,781	44,839	44,051
Employment	39,047	39,200	39,740	40,387	41,917	40,802	42,369	43,043	42,042	41,725	42,094	42,105	41,206
Unemployment	3,411	3,457	3,249	2,968	2,824	3,013	2,553	2,359	2,424	2,461	2,687	2,734	2,845
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	8.1%	7.6%	6.8%	6.3%	6.9%	5.7%	5.2%	5.5%	5.6%	6.0%	6.1%	6.5%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	41,180	41,727	41,816	42,088	43,625	42,517	43,355	42,749	42,750	42,871	43,350	43,161	42,599
Employment	37,831	38,236	38,477	38,911	40,695	39,381	40,563	40,190	40,150	40,200	40,424	40,181	39,603
Unemployment	3,349	3,491	3,339	3,177	2,930	3,136	2,792	2,559	2,600	2,671	2,926	2,980	2,996
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.4%	8.0%	7.5%	6.7%	7.4%	6.4%	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%	6.7%	6.9%	7.0%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	40,831	41,368	41,460	41,524	42,651	41,807	42,488	41,938	41,968	41,874	41,818	42,181	41,826
Employment	37,798	38,325	38,457	38,665	39,942	38,942	39,965	39,573	39,542	39,319	38,980	39,273	39,065
Unemployment	3,033	3,043	3,003	2,859	2,709	2,865	2,523	2,365	2,426	2,555	2,838	2,908	2,761
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	7.4%	7.2%	6.9%	6.4%	6.9%	5.9%	5.6%	5.8%	6.1%	6.8%	6.9%	6.6%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	40,375	40,601	40,562	40,692	41,825	41,650	42,911	41,915	41,547	41,567	41,757	41,675	41,423
Employment	37,506	37,702	37,729	38,077	39,288	39,043	40,645	39,834	39,404	39,350	39,232	39,109	38,910
Unemployment	2,869	2,899	2,833	2,615	2,537	2,607	2,266	2,081	2,143	2,217	2,525	2,566	2,513
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	6.4%	6.1%	6.3%	5.3%	5.0%	5.2%	5.3%	6.0%	6.2%	6.1%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	40,028	40,195	39,951	40,419	41,457	41,427	42,553	41,455	40,921	41,073	41,596	41,088	41,013
Employment	37,070	37,203	37,031	37,718	38,858	38,767	40,243	39,382	38,870	38,821	39,245	38,628	38,486
Unemployment	2,958	2,992	2,920	2,701	2,599	2,660	2,310	2,073	2,051	2,252	2,351	2,460	2,527
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	7.4%	7.3%	6.7%	6.3%	6.4%	5.4%	5.0%	5.0%	5.5%	5.7%	6.0%	6.2%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	42,473	42,302	42,285	43,191	45,040	45,810	45,196	44,091	43,790	42,915	42,813	42,781	43,557
Employment	39,220	38,910	39,211	40,444	42,358	43,050	42,892	41,991	41,736	40,649	40,396	40,229	40,924
Unemployment	3,253	3,392	3,074	2,747	2,682	2,760	2,304	2,100	2,054	2,266	2,417	2,552	2,633
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	8.0%	7.3%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	5.1%	4.8%	4.7%	5.3%	5.6%	6.0%	6.0%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	41,915	42,132	42,060	42,295	44,084	45,215	45,622	44,571	43,990	43,529	43,126	42,940	43,457
Employment	38,945	39,041	39,099	39,671	41,500	42,451	43,290	42,359	41,657	41,035	40,369	40,088	40,792
Unemployment	2,970	3,091	2,961	2,624	2,584	2,764	2,332	2,212	2,333	2,494	2,757	2,852	2,665
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.3%	7.0%	6.2%	5.9%	6.1%	5.1%	5.0%	5.3%	5.7%	6.4%	6.6%	6.1%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	41,768	41,896	41,951	42,502	43,751	45,186	45,007	44,349	44,044	44,147	43,451	42,968	43,418
Employment	38,178	38,130	38,368	39,068	40,698	42,063	42,386	41,956	41,645	41,639	40,804	40,404	40,445
Unemployment	3,590	3,766	3,583	3,434	3,053	3,123	2,621	2,393	2,399	2,508	2,647	2,564	2,973
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	9.0%	8.5%	8.1%	7.0%	6.9%	5.8%	5.4%	5.4%	5.7%	6.1%	6.0%	6.8%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	40,663	40,682	41,001	41,595	43,329	44,745	45,000	44,030	43,529	43,456	43,165	42,258	42,788
Employment	37,000	36,938	37,194	38,195	40,291	41,685	42,085	41,277	40,794	40,602	40,050	39,164	39,606
Unemployment	3,663	3,744	3,807	3,400	3,038	3,060	2,915	2,753	2,735	2,854	3,115	3,094	3,182
Unemployment Rate	9.0%	9.2%	9.3%	8.2%	7.0%	6.8%	6.5%	6.3%	6.3%	6.6%	7.2%	7.3%	7.4%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	39,899	39,846	39,727	40,195	41,803	43,491	43,130	42,618	42,288	41,344	41,400	40,759	41,375
Employment	36,399	36,200	36,125	36,896	38,819	40,278	40,269	39,993	39,695	38,552	38,317	37,618	38,263
Unemployment	3,500	3,646	3,602	3,299	2,984	3,213	2,861	2,625	2,593	2,792	3,083	3,141	3,112
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.2%	9.1%	8.2%	7.1%	7.4%	6.6%	6.2%	6.1%	6.8%	7.4%	7.7%	7.5%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	39,579	39,232	39,173	39,818	41,325	42,571	43,178	42,255	41,949	40,958	40,754	40,236	40,919
Employment	35,718	35,283	35,421	36,285	37,928	39,083	39,987	39,429	39,208	38,130	37,830	37,232	37,628
Unemployment	3,861	3,949	3,752	3,533	3,397	3,488	3,191	2,826	2,741	2,828	2,924	3,004	3,291
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	10.1%	9.6%	8.9%	8.2%	8.2%	7.4%	6.7%	6.5%	6.9%	7.2%	7.5%	8.0%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	38,042	37,735	38,022	38,305	40,450	41,306	40,969	41,184	40,841	40,155	40,166	39,584	39,730
Employment	34,470	34,030	34,344	34,978	37,287	37,840	37,921	38,281	37,916	36,879	36,850	36,156	36,413
Unemployment	3,572	3,705	3,678	3,327	3,163	3,466	3,048	2,903	2,925	3,276	3,316	3,428	3,317
Unemployment Rate	9.4%	9.8%	9.7%	8.7%	7.8%	8.4%	7.4%	7.0%	7.2%	8.2%	8.3%	8.7%	8.3%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	37,474	37,437	37,879	37,718	39,713	40,755	40,689	40,027	39,585	38,542	38,640	38,342	38,900
Employment	33,223	33,031	33,649	33,786	35,850	36,711	37,201	36,886	36,545	35,283	35,309	35,048	35,210
Unemployment	4,251	4,406	4,230	3,932	3,863	4,044	3,488	3,141	3,040	3,259	3,331	3,294	3,690
Unemployment Rate	11.3%	11.8%	11.2%	10.4%	9.7%	9.9%	8.6%	7.8%	7.7%	8.5%	8.6%	8.6%	9.5%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,197	35,414	35,525	35,503	36,669	37,701	37,771	37,404	37,507	37,631	37,651	37,266	36,770
Employment	31,625	31,519	31,641	31,833	33,045	33,810	34,224	34,105	34,228	34,316	33,979	33,525	33,154
Unemployment	3,572	3,895	3,884	3,670	3,624	3,891	3,547	3,299	3,279	3,315	3,672	3,741	3,616
Unemployment Rate	10.1%	11.0%	10.9%	10.3%	9.9%	10.3%	9.4%	8.8%	8.7%	8.8%	9.8%	10.0%	9.8%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,332	34,355	34,483	34,448	36,122	36,927	37,368	37,075	36,090	35,508	35,075	35,176	35,580
Employment	30,978	31,002	31,267	31,405	32,987	33,728	34,527	34,245	33,382	32,598	31,920	31,998	32,503
Unemployment	3,354	3,353	3,216	3,043	3,135	3,199	2,841	2,830	2,708	2,910	3,155	3,178	3,077
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	9.8%	9.3%	8.8%	8.7%	8.7%	7.6%	7.6%	7.5%	8.2%	9.0%	9.0%	8.6%

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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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