

Bethel Census Area Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2021

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.

2021

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,090	7,182	7,216										
Employment	7,287	6,317	6,339										
Unemployment	803	865	877										
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	12.0%	12.2%										

2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,346	7,286	7,368	6,782	6,776	7,121	6,956	6,389	6,638	6,773	6,984	7,133	6,963
Employment	6,596	6,493	6,499	5,964	5,826	6,051	5,924	5,762	5,960	6,137	6,296	6,383	6,158
Unemployment	750	793	869	818	950	1,070	1,032	627	678	636	688	750	805
Unemployment Rate	10.2%	10.9%	11.8%	12.1%	14.0%	15.0%	14.8%	9.8%	10.2%	9.4%	9.9%	10.5%	11.6%

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,168	7,156	7,019	6,874	6,885	7,649	7,056	7,030	6,920	7,080	7,192	7,142	7,098
Employment	6,270	6,255	6,158	6,062	6,082	6,709	6,186	6,168	6,163	6,390	6,490	6,463	6,283
Unemployment	898	901	861	812	803	940	870	862	757	690	702	679	815
Unemployment Rate	12.5%	12.6%	12.3%	11.8%	11.7%	12.3%	12.3%	12.3%	10.9%	9.7%	9.8%	9.5%	11.5%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,281	7,230	7,130	6,969	7,028	7,575	7,224	7,105	6,999	6,956	7,083	7,151	7,144
Employment	6,373	6,315	6,275	6,158	6,215	6,577	6,326	6,225	6,249	6,234	6,336	6,380	6,305
Unemployment	908	915	855	811	813	998	898	880	750	722	747	771	839
Unemployment Rate	12.5%	12.7%	12.0%	11.6%	11.6%	13.2%	12.4%	12.4%	10.7%	10.4%	10.5%	10.8%	11.7%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,197	7,358	7,380	7,237	7,161	7,706	7,328	7,242	7,203	7,313	7,444	7,460	7,336
Employment	6,224	6,385	6,450	6,330	6,206	6,622	6,324	6,247	6,355	6,517	6,607	6,596	6,405
Unemployment	973	973	930	907	955	1,084	1,004	995	848	796	837	864	931
Unemployment Rate	13.5%	13.2%	12.6%	12.5%	13.3%	14.1%	13.7%	13.7%	11.8%	10.9%	11.2%	11.6%	12.7%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,037	6,930	7,110	7,200	7,029	7,450	7,284	7,219	7,327	7,316	7,331	7,394	7,219
Employment	6,050	5,905	6,067	6,172	6,010	6,310	6,258	6,227	6,398	6,386	6,452	6,521	6,230
Unemployment	987	1,025	1,043	1,028	1,019	1,140	1,026	992	929	930	879	873	989
Unemployment Rate	14.0%	14.8%	14.7%	14.3%	14.5%	15.3%	14.1%	13.7%	12.7%	12.7%	12.0%	11.8%	13.7%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,292	7,403	7,340	7,329	7,368	7,669	7,607	7,152	7,030	7,262	7,322	7,125	7,325
Employment	6,214	6,286	6,262	6,286	6,268	6,566	6,541	6,190	6,083	6,335	6,427	6,185	6,304
Unemployment	1,078	1,117	1,078	1,043	1,100	1,103	1,066	962	947	927	895	940	1,021
Unemployment Rate	14.8%	15.1%	14.7%	14.2%	14.9%	14.4%	14.0%	13.5%	13.5%	12.8%	12.2%	13.2%	13.9%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,143	7,203	7,340	7,107	7,184	7,578	7,368	7,264	7,437	7,267	7,278	7,074	7,270
Employment	5,903	5,909	6,059	5,960	6,022	6,344	6,167	6,142	6,291	6,252	6,294	6,098	6,120
Unemployment	1,240	1,294	1,281	1,147	1,162	1,234	1,201	1,122	1,146	1,015	984	976	1,150
Unemployment Rate	17.4%	18.0%	17.5%	16.1%	16.2%	16.3%	16.3%	15.4%	15.4%	14.0%	13.5%	13.8%	15.8%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,290	7,286	7,305	7,154	7,251	7,632	7,575	7,336	7,339	7,700	7,464	7,346	7,390
Employment	6,061	6,030	6,104	5,976	6,029	6,303	6,389	6,209	6,134	6,530	6,341	6,206	6,193
Unemployment	1,229	1,256	1,201	1,178	1,222	1,329	1,186	1,127	1,205	1,170	1,123	1,140	1,197
Unemployment Rate	16.9%	17.2%	16.4%	16.5%	16.9%	17.4%	15.7%	15.4%	16.4%	15.2%	15.0%	15.5%	16.2%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,205	7,230	7,214	7,012	7,081	7,214	7,068	7,086	7,150	7,586	7,218	7,248	7,193
Employment	6,042	6,042	6,055	5,922	5,976	6,002	5,949	6,008	6,066	6,506	6,182	6,137	6,074
Unemployment	1,163	1,188	1,159	1,090	1,105	1,212	1,119	1,078	1,084	1,080	1,036	1,111	1,119
Unemployment Rate	16.1%	16.4%	16.1%	15.5%	15.6%	16.8%	15.8%	15.2%	15.2%	14.2%	14.4%	15.3%	15.6%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,203	7,373	7,257	7,106	7,053	7,270	7,116	6,943	7,288	7,300	7,285	7,295	7,208
Employment	6,016	6,163	6,105	6,003	5,934	6,081	6,041	5,916	6,200	6,276	6,283	6,228	6,104
Unemployment	1,187	1,210	1,152	1,103	1,119	1,189	1,075	1,027	1,088	1,024	1,002	1,067	1,104
Unemployment Rate	16.5%	16.4%	15.9%	15.5%	15.9%	16.4%	15.1%	14.8%	14.9%	14.0%	13.8%	14.6%	15.3%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,957	7,069	7,025	7,018	7,019	7,229	7,176	7,259	7,459	7,339	7,260	7,272	7,174
Employment	5,881	5,911	5,859	5,883	5,906	6,057	6,099	6,231	6,436	6,369	6,232	6,223	6,091
Unemployment	1,076	1,158	1,166	1,135	1,113	1,172	1,077	1,028	1,023	970	1,028	1,049	1,083
Unemployment Rate	15.5%	16.4%	16.6%	16.2%	15.9%	16.2%	15.0%	14.2%	13.7%	13.2%	14.2%	14.4%	15.1%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,002	6,993	6,937	6,943	7,021	7,017	7,147	6,828	6,969	7,259	7,139	7,213	7,039
Employment	5,987	5,934	5,887	5,861	5,929	5,888	6,119	5,833	5,984	6,334	6,201	6,270	6,019
Unemployment	1,015	1,059	1,050	1,082	1,092	1,129	1,028	995	985	925	938	943	1,020
Unemployment Rate	14.5%	15.1%	15.1%	15.6%	15.6%	16.1%	14.4%	14.6%	14.1%	12.7%	13.1%	13.1%	14.5%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,016	6,938	7,034	6,835	6,873	7,002	6,755	6,516	6,928	7,005	6,956	6,940	6,900
Employment	6,061	5,961	6,049	5,884	5,906	5,986	5,802	5,588	6,070	6,171	6,134	6,065	5,973
Unemployment	955	977	985	951	967	1,016	953	928	858	834	822	875	927
Unemployment Rate	13.6%	14.1%	14.0%	13.9%	14.1%	14.5%	14.1%	14.2%	12.4%	11.9%	11.8%	12.6%	13.4%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,958	6,914	6,938	6,863	6,856	6,897	6,751	6,596	7,001	7,110	7,128	7,206	6,935
Employment	6,067	6,012	6,067	5,986	5,957	5,933	5,843	5,769	6,165	6,291	6,282	6,316	6,057
Unemployment	891	902	871	877	899	964	908	827	836	819	846	890	878
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	13.0%	12.6%	12.8%	13.1%	14.0%	13.4%	12.5%	11.9%	11.5%	11.9%	12.4%	12.7%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,067	7,061	7,016	6,966	6,943	7,247	6,857	6,542	6,885	6,992	6,992	6,959	6,961
Employment	6,088	6,063	6,052	5,954	5,949	6,220	5,915	5,714	6,066	6,180	6,161	6,126	6,041
Unemployment	979	998	964	1,012	994	1,027	942	828	819	812	831	833	920
Unemployment Rate	13.9%	14.1%	13.7%	14.5%	14.3%	14.2%	13.7%	12.7%	11.9%	11.6%	11.9%	12.0%	13.2%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,215	7,109	7,085	7,100	6,909	7,182	6,877	6,632	7,199	7,247	7,311	7,140	7,084
Employment	6,295	6,167	6,185	6,186	5,964	6,182	5,995	5,826	6,299	6,345	6,385	6,236	6,172
Unemployment	920	942	900	914	945	1,000	882	806	900	902	926	904	912
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	13.3%	12.7%	12.9%	13.7%	13.9%	12.8%	12.2%	12.5%	12.4%	12.7%	12.7%	12.9%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,118	7,009	7,061	7,106	6,907	7,205	6,743	6,541	7,006	7,114	7,197	7,207	7,018
Employment	6,242	6,130	6,146	6,219	5,999	6,197	5,828	5,689	6,139	6,270	6,353	6,364	6,131
Unemployment	876	879	915	887	908	1,008	915	852	867	844	844	843	887
Unemployment Rate	12.3%	12.5%	13.0%	12.5%	13.1%	14.0%	13.6%	13.0%	12.4%	11.9%	11.7%	11.7%	12.6%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,032	7,054	7,015	7,001	6,950	7,284	6,893	6,756	7,148	7,199	7,239	7,285	7,072
Employment	6,261	6,197	6,157	6,120	6,037	6,312	6,020	5,923	6,333	6,380	6,394	6,479	6,218
Unemployment	771	857	858	881	913	972	873	833	815	819	845	806	854
Unemployment Rate	11.0%	12.1%	12.2%	12.6%	13.1%	13.3%	12.7%	12.3%	11.4%	11.4%	11.7%	11.1%	12.1%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,519	6,675	6,726	6,910	6,786	7,045	6,582	6,635	6,936	7,053	7,051	7,203	6,844
Employment	5,886	6,008	5,985	6,185	6,033	6,249	5,831	5,941	6,210	6,361	6,368	6,490	6,129
Unemployment	633	667	741	725	753	796	751	694	726	692	683	713	715
Unemployment Rate	9.7%	10.0%	11.0%	10.5%	11.1%	11.3%	11.4%	10.5%	10.5%	9.8%	9.7%	9.9%	10.4%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,450	6,427	6,477	6,287	6,373	6,370	5,898	5,909	6,146	6,474	6,526	6,492	6,319
Employment	5,866	5,841	5,860	5,641	5,708	5,633	5,258	5,287	5,536	5,898	5,950	5,939	5,701
Unemployment	584	586	617	646	665	737	640	622	610	576	576	553	618
Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.1%	9.5%	10.3%	10.4%	11.6%	10.9%	10.5%	9.9%	8.9%	8.8%	8.5%	9.8%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,391	6,364	6,569	6,245	6,393	6,857	6,016	6,033	6,311	6,650	6,442	6,605	6,406
Employment	5,872	5,816	5,993	5,668	5,733	6,159	5,400	5,438	5,740	6,143	5,942	6,096	5,833
Unemployment	519	548	576	577	660	698	616	595	571	507	500	509	573
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.6%	8.8%	9.2%	10.3%	10.2%	10.2%	9.9%	9.0%	7.6%	7.8%	7.7%	8.9%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,256	7,168	6,988	6,144	6,041	6,168	6,880	6,750	6,421	6,208	5,655	5,356	6,337
Employment	5,790	6,607	6,464	5,607	5,426	5,457	6,287	6,163	5,872	5,736	5,227	4,922	5,797
Unemployment	466	561	524	537	615	711	593	587	549	472	428	434	540
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	7.8%	7.5%	8.7%	10.2%	11.5%	8.6%	8.7%	8.6%	7.6%	7.6%	8.1%	8.5%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,070	6,941	6,848	6,259	6,045	6,275	6,725	6,028	6,075	5,912	5,557	5,261	6,167
Employment	5,651	6,490	6,353	5,801	5,531	5,614	6,148	5,538	5,514	5,413	5,071	4,804	5,661
Unemployment	419	451	495	458	514	661	577	490	561	499	486	457	506
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.5%	7.2%	7.3%	8.5%	10.5%	8.6%	8.1%	9.2%	8.4%	8.7%	8.7%	8.2%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,585	6,263	6,501	6,098	6,033	6,060	6,590	5,610	5,700	5,491	5,067	4,759	5,813
Employment	5,188	5,840	5,981	5,610	5,554	5,495	6,016	5,131	5,224	5,082	4,731	4,387	5,353
Unemployment	397	423	520	488	479	565	574	479	476	409	336	372	460
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	6.8%	8.0%	8.0%	7.9%	9.3%	8.7%	8.5%	8.4%	7.4%	6.6%	7.8%	7.9%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,581	6,571	6,527	6,285	6,315	6,168	6,607	5,856	5,637	5,493	5,059	4,899	5,916
Employment	4,939	5,942	5,837	5,595	5,663	5,556	6,038	5,420	5,193	5,085	4,733	4,504	5,375
Unemployment	642	629	690	690	652	612	569	436	444	408	326	395	541
Unemployment Rate	11.5%	9.6%	10.6%	11.0%	10.3%	9.9%	8.6%	7.4%	7.9%	7.4%	6.4%	8.1%	9.1%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,324	6,246	6,132	5,594	5,627	5,950	6,633	6,080	5,710	5,419	5,100	4,922	5,728
Employment	4,905	5,793	5,666	5,126	5,111	5,399	6,123	5,594	5,247	5,020	4,686	4,530	5,267
Unemployment	419	453	466	468	516	551	510	486	463	399	414	392	461
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.3%	7.6%	8.4%	9.2%	9.3%	7.7%	8.0%	8.1%	7.4%	8.1%	8.0%	8.0%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	5,174	6,047	5,877	5,180	5,169	5,423	6,115	5,713	5,501	5,163	4,800	4,595	5,396
Employment	4,875	5,683	5,458	4,787	4,702	4,974	5,692	5,261	5,086	4,726	4,448	4,300	4,999
Unemployment	299	364	419	393	467	449	423	452	415	437	352	295	397
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	6.0%	7.1%	7.6%	9.0%	8.3%	6.9%	7.9%	7.5%	8.5%	7.3%	6.4%	7.4%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,100	5,699	5,754	5,123	4,891	4,974	5,550	4,978	4,776	4,578	4,528	4,386	5,028
Employment	4,796	5,346	5,379	4,759	4,480	4,539	5,192	4,609	4,451	4,232	4,205	4,093	4,673
Unemployment	304	353	375	364	411	435	358	369	325	346	323	293	355
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.2%	6.5%	7.1%	8.4%	8.7%	6.5%	7.4%	6.8%	7.6%	7.1%	6.7%	7.1%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,919	5,595	5,688	5,615	5,357	5,451	5,685	5,139	4,840	4,458	4,480	4,447	5,140
Employment	4,521	5,150	5,205	5,124	4,865	4,875	5,194	4,719	4,412	4,062	4,101	4,099	4,694
Unemployment	398	445	483	491	492	576	491	420	428	396	379	348	446
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.0%	8.5%	8.7%	9.2%	10.6%	8.6%	8.2%	8.8%	8.9%	8.5%	7.8%	8.7%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,391	4,568	4,628	4,886	4,908	4,960	5,338	4,701	4,343	4,120	4,251	4,318	4,617
Employment	4,025	4,196	4,223	4,435	4,469	4,488	4,938	4,342	3,988	3,763	3,922	3,974	4,230
Unemployment	366	372	405	451	439	472	400	359	355	357	329	344	387
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.1%	8.8%	9.2%	8.9%	9.5%	7.5%	7.6%	8.2%	8.7%	7.7%	8.0%	8.4%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,776	3,973	4,061	4,105	4,282	4,299	4,673	4,155	3,855	3,840	3,879	3,966	4,072
Employment	3,525	3,763	3,797	3,778	3,931	3,953	4,367	3,847	3,565	3,530	3,597	3,643	3,775
Unemployment	251	210	264	327	351	346	306	308	290	310	282	323	297
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	5.3%	6.5%	8.0%	8.2%	8.0%	6.5%	7.4%	7.5%	8.1%	7.3%	8.1%	7.3%

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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)].

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