

Bethel Census Area 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	6,866	6,832	6,863	6,695	6,633								
Employment	5,990	5,973	6,071	5,854	5,704								
Unemployment	876	859	792	841	929								
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	12.6%	11.5%	12.6%	14.0%								

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,055	7,070	6,922	6,870	6,836	7,468	6,832	6,899	6,856	7,155	7,179	7,158	7,025
Employment	6,154	6,088	5,999	5,938	5,944	6,429	5,885	5,953	5,972	6,338	6,368	6,368	6,120
Unemployment	901	982	923	932	892	1,039	947	946	884	817	811	790	905
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	13.9%	13.3%	13.6%	13.0%	13.9%	13.9%	13.7%	12.9%	11.4%	11.3%	11.0%	12.9%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,261	7,178	7,093	6,951	7,019	7,550	7,213	7,102	6,979	6,889	7,030	7,067	7,111
Employment	6,301	6,207	6,168	6,072	6,105	6,497	6,238	6,166	6,145	6,109	6,217	6,280	6,209
Unemployment	960	971	925	879	914	1,053	975	936	834	780	813	787	902
Unemployment Rate	13.2%	13.5%	13.0%	12.6%	13.0%	13.9%	13.5%	13.2%	12.0%	11.3%	11.6%	11.1%	12.7%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,183	7,313	7,365	7,220	7,184	7,720	7,335	7,231	7,191	7,310	7,419	7,442	7,326
Employment	6,172	6,291	6,366	6,243	6,156	6,570	6,288	6,214	6,291	6,447	6,532	6,542	6,343
Unemployment	1,011	1,022	999	977	1,028	1,150	1,047	1,017	900	863	887	900	983
Unemployment Rate	14.1%	14.0%	13.6%	13.5%	14.3%	14.9%	14.3%	14.1%	12.5%	11.8%	12.0%	12.1%	13.4%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,088	6,957	7,116	7,204	7,081	7,480	7,321	7,238	7,297	7,327	7,345	7,393	7,237
Employment	6,033	5,872	6,029	6,138	5,990	6,297	6,268	6,221	6,366	6,369	6,419	6,484	6,207
Unemployment	1,055	1,085	1,087	1,066	1,091	1,183	1,053	1,017	931	958	926	909	1,030
Unemployment Rate	14.9%	15.6%	15.3%	14.8%	15.4%	15.8%	14.4%	14.1%	12.8%	13.1%	12.6%	12.3%	14.2%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,304	7,453	7,370	7,366	7,365	7,724	7,671	7,204	7,095	7,309	7,354	7,137	7,363
Employment	6,192	6,286	6,239	6,275	6,246	6,599	6,572	6,198	6,093	6,352	6,423	6,172	6,304
Unemployment	1,112	1,167	1,131	1,091	1,119	1,125	1,099	1,006	1,002	957	931	965	1,059
Unemployment Rate	15.2%	15.7%	15.3%	14.8%	15.2%	14.6%	14.3%	14.0%	14.1%	13.1%	12.7%	13.5%	14.4%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,183	7,231	7,322	7,197	7,202	7,625	7,396	7,302	7,469	7,296	7,305	7,131	7,305
Employment	5,918	5,922	6,041	5,973	6,007	6,361	6,199	6,201	6,295	6,245	6,295	6,113	6,131
Unemployment	1,265	1,309	1,281	1,224	1,195	1,264	1,197	1,101	1,174	1,051	1,010	1,018	1,174
Unemployment Rate	17.6%	18.1%	17.5%	17.0%	16.6%	16.6%	16.2%	15.1%	15.7%	14.4%	13.8%	14.3%	16.1%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,280	7,297	7,361	7,211	7,274	7,644	7,628	7,388	7,363	7,733	7,505	7,401	7,424
Employment	6,093	6,029	6,130	6,000	6,042	6,336	6,446	6,265	6,151	6,584	6,369	6,241	6,224
Unemployment	1,187	1,268	1,231	1,211	1,232	1,308	1,182	1,123	1,212	1,149	1,136	1,160	1,200
Unemployment Rate	16.3%	17.4%	16.7%	16.8%	16.9%	17.1%	15.5%	15.2%	16.5%	14.9%	15.1%	15.7%	16.2%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,256	7,244	7,213	7,040	7,101	7,222	7,093	7,119	7,174	7,590	7,248	7,228	7,211
Employment	6,095	6,060	6,064	5,934	6,004	6,036	6,014	6,061	6,082	6,509	6,219	6,159	6,103
Unemployment	1,161	1,184	1,149	1,106	1,097	1,186	1,079	1,058	1,092	1,081	1,029	1,069	1,108
Unemployment Rate	16.0%	16.3%	15.9%	15.7%	15.4%	16.4%	15.2%	14.9%	15.2%	14.2%	14.2%	14.8%	15.4%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,221	7,387	7,259	7,142	7,056	7,303	7,169	6,968	7,275	7,302	7,271	7,294	7,221
Employment	6,061	6,185	6,125	6,043	5,956	6,134	6,118	5,961	6,225	6,299	6,288	6,249	6,137
Unemployment	1,160	1,202	1,134	1,099	1,100	1,169	1,051	1,007	1,050	1,003	983	1,045	1,084
Unemployment Rate	16.1%	16.3%	15.6%	15.4%	15.6%	16.0%	14.7%	14.5%	14.4%	13.7%	13.5%	14.3%	15.0%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,926	7,035	6,970	6,938	7,016	7,262	7,189	7,262	7,452	7,352	7,250	7,270	7,161
Employment	5,905	5,936	5,874	5,847	5,928	6,092	6,129	6,261	6,450	6,397	6,274	6,269	6,114
Unemployment	1,021	1,099	1,096	1,091	1,088	1,170	1,060	1,001	1,002	955	976	1,001	1,047
Unemployment Rate	14.7%	15.6%	15.7%	15.7%	15.5%	16.1%	14.7%	13.8%	13.4%	13.0%	13.5%	13.8%	14.6%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,005	6,973	6,918	6,920	7,002	6,999	7,158	6,812	6,952	7,263	7,133	7,232	7,031
Employment	6,012	5,944	5,912	5,853	5,943	5,906	6,155	5,833	5,996	6,372	6,216	6,324	6,039
Unemployment	993	1,029	1,006	1,067	1,059	1,093	1,003	979	956	891	917	908	992
Unemployment Rate	14.2%	14.8%	14.5%	15.4%	15.1%	15.6%	14.0%	14.4%	13.8%	12.3%	12.9%	12.6%	14.1%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,065	7,005	7,057	6,886	6,904	7,058	6,816	6,528	6,963	7,034	6,979	6,920	6,935
Employment	6,074	5,969	6,033	5,866	5,909	5,994	5,831	5,575	6,069	6,167	6,126	6,045	5,972
Unemployment	991	1,036	1,024	1,020	995	1,064	985	953	894	867	853	875	963
Unemployment Rate	14.0%	14.8%	14.5%	14.8%	14.4%	15.1%	14.5%	14.6%	12.8%	12.3%	12.2%	12.6%	13.9%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,942	6,937	6,931	6,879	6,904	6,943	6,770	6,652	6,998	7,145	7,124	7,187	6,951
Employment	6,053	6,025	6,041	6,005	5,984	5,956	5,852	5,807	6,156	6,290	6,264	6,308	6,062
Unemployment	889	912	890	874	920	987	918	845	842	855	860	879	889
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	13.1%	12.8%	12.7%	13.3%	14.2%	13.6%	12.7%	12.0%	12.0%	12.1%	12.2%	12.8%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,126	7,063	7,041	6,996	6,966	7,305	6,882	6,557	6,895	7,016	6,968	6,938	6,980
Employment	6,117	6,068	6,070	5,999	5,969	6,255	5,959	5,726	6,082	6,173	6,143	6,119	6,057
Unemployment	1,009	995	971	997	997	1,050	923	831	813	843	825	819	923
Unemployment Rate	14.2%	14.1%	13.8%	14.3%	14.3%	14.4%	13.4%	12.7%	11.8%	12.0%	11.8%	11.8%	13.2%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,244	7,097	7,084	7,090	6,934	7,198	6,918	6,671	7,171	7,241	7,289	7,132	7,089
Employment	6,309	6,165	6,184	6,187	5,983	6,183	6,028	5,846	6,296	6,344	6,411	6,250	6,182
Unemployment	935	932	900	903	951	1,015	890	825	875	897	878	882	907
Unemployment Rate	12.9%	13.1%	12.7%	12.7%	13.7%	14.1%	12.9%	12.4%	12.2%	12.4%	12.0%	12.4%	12.8%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,092	6,997	7,013	7,078	6,894	7,202	6,748	6,561	7,005	7,103	7,163	7,192	7,004
Employment	6,207	6,100	6,119	6,198	5,988	6,196	5,823	5,692	6,126	6,245	6,334	6,366	6,116
Unemployment	885	897	894	880	906	1,006	925	869	879	858	829	826	888
Unemployment Rate	12.5%	12.8%	12.7%	12.4%	13.1%	14.0%	13.7%	13.2%	12.5%	12.1%	11.6%	11.5%	12.7%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,999	7,020	7,021	6,989	6,946	7,262	6,926	6,786	7,123	7,183	7,202	7,256	7,059
Employment	6,211	6,142	6,140	6,095	6,010	6,302	6,028	5,936	6,297	6,339	6,366	6,439	6,192
Unemployment	788	878	881	894	936	960	898	850	826	844	836	817	867
Unemployment Rate	11.3%	12.5%	12.5%	12.8%	13.5%	13.2%	13.0%	12.5%	11.6%	11.7%	11.6%	11.3%	12.3%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,521	6,641	6,686	6,890	6,784	7,035	6,611	6,645	6,906	7,045	7,047	7,207	6,835
Employment	5,893	5,958	5,955	6,174	6,001	6,225	5,828	5,936	6,156	6,319	6,363	6,504	6,109
Unemployment	628	683	731	716	783	810	783	709	750	726	684	703	726
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	10.3%	10.9%	10.4%	11.5%	11.5%	11.8%	10.7%	10.9%	10.3%	9.7%	9.8%	10.6%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,431	6,425	6,444	6,277	6,412	6,410	5,943	5,933	6,161	6,437	6,499	6,469	6,321
Employment	5,837	5,813	5,822	5,621	5,702	5,630	5,261	5,306	5,536	5,865	5,931	5,927	5,688
Unemployment	594	612	622	656	710	780	682	627	625	572	568	542	633
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.5%	9.7%	10.5%	11.1%	12.2%	11.5%	10.6%	10.1%	8.9%	8.7%	8.4%	10.0%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,393	6,334	6,519	6,234	6,381	6,850	6,055	6,041	6,318	6,648	6,447	6,596	6,401
Employment	5,855	5,769	5,947	5,653	5,730	6,148	5,424	5,458	5,752	6,129	5,947	6,075	5,824
Unemployment	538	565	572	581	651	702	631	583	566	519	500	521	577
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	8.9%	8.8%	9.3%	10.2%	10.2%	10.4%	9.7%	9.0%	7.8%	7.8%	7.9%	9.0%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,254	7,138	6,965	6,135	6,038	6,179	6,883	6,762	6,410	6,206	5,651	5,342	6,330
Employment	5,777	6,574	6,433	5,597	5,421	5,450	6,292	6,173	5,862	5,737	5,223	4,897	5,786
Unemployment	477	564	532	538	617	729	591	589	548	469	428	445	544
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.9%	7.6%	8.8%	10.2%	11.8%	8.6%	8.7%	8.5%	7.6%	7.6%	8.3%	8.6%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	6,075	6,977	6,837	6,287	6,056	6,279	6,770	6,048	6,069	5,896	5,549	5,275	6,177
Employment	5,642	6,513	6,355	5,811	5,535	5,619	6,196	5,557	5,526	5,412	5,068	4,812	5,671
Unemployment	433	464	482	476	521	660	574	491	543	484	481	463	506
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	6.7%	7.0%	7.6%	8.6%	10.5%	8.5%	8.1%	8.9%	8.2%	8.7%	8.8%	8.2%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,618	6,279	6,505	6,123	6,040	6,119	6,611	5,640	5,704	5,522	5,074	4,763	5,833
Employment	5,213	5,840	5,980	5,622	5,538	5,526	6,011	5,141	5,221	5,095	4,726	4,381	5,358
Unemployment	405	439	525	501	502	593	600	499	483	427	348	382	475
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.0%	8.1%	8.2%	8.3%	9.7%	9.1%	8.8%	8.5%	7.7%	6.9%	8.0%	8.1%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,619	6,605	6,532	6,306	6,350	6,211	6,633	5,891	5,671	5,490	5,079	4,918	5,942
Employment	4,980	5,958	5,841	5,607	5,695	5,565	6,053	5,419	5,206	5,061	4,749	4,508	5,387
Unemployment	639	647	691	699	655	646	580	472	465	429	330	410	555
Unemployment Rate	11.4%	9.8%	10.6%	11.1%	10.3%	10.4%	8.7%	8.0%	8.2%	7.8%	6.5%	8.3%	9.3%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,338	6,320	6,171	5,578	5,648	6,012	6,666	6,099	5,729	5,433	5,104	4,954	5,754
Employment	4,914	5,846	5,696	5,125	5,140	5,457	6,167	5,610	5,276	5,032	4,690	4,554	5,292
Unemployment	424	474	475	453	508	555	499	489	453	401	414	400	462
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.5%	7.7%	8.1%	9.0%	9.2%	7.5%	8.0%	7.9%	7.4%	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	5,198	6,046	5,908	5,212	5,201	5,464	6,169	5,737	5,522	5,186	4,842	4,619	5,426
Employment	4,908	5,688	5,497	4,826	4,728	5,004	5,747	5,288	5,109	4,750	4,485	4,312	5,029
Unemployment	290	358	411	386	473	460	422	449	413	436	357	307	397
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.9%	7.0%	7.4%	9.1%	8.4%	6.8%	7.8%	7.5%	8.4%	7.4%	6.6%	7.3%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	5,135	5,732	5,746	5,178	4,912	4,984	5,574	5,008	4,802	4,597	4,522	4,423	5,051
Employment	4,830	5,382	5,371	4,813	4,510	4,555	5,217	4,640	4,477	4,262	4,202	4,126	4,699
Unemployment	305	350	375	365	402	429	357	368	325	335	320	297	352
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.1%	6.5%	7.0%	8.2%	8.6%	6.4%	7.3%	6.8%	7.3%	7.1%	6.7%	7.0%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,949	5,623	5,705	5,640	5,379	5,454	5,690	5,150	4,828	4,504	4,473	4,449	5,154
Employment	4,546	5,175	5,213	5,133	4,886	4,885	5,192	4,727	4,399	4,099	4,100	4,101	4,705
Unemployment	403	448	492	507	493	569	498	423	429	405	373	348	449
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.0%	8.6%	9.0%	9.2%	10.4%	8.8%	8.2%	8.9%	9.0%	8.3%	7.8%	8.7%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	4,402	4,569	4,620	4,847	4,910	4,985	5,337	4,691	4,340	4,135	4,269	4,319	4,619
Employment	4,035	4,207	4,226	4,392	4,479	4,505	4,925	4,313	3,971	3,763	3,928	3,964	4,226
Unemployment	367	362	394	455	431	480	412	378	369	372	341	355	393
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	7.9%	8.5%	9.4%	8.8%	9.6%	7.7%	8.1%	8.5%	9.0%	8.0%	8.2%	8.5%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	3,719	3,935	4,010	4,080	4,252	4,296	4,624	4,133	3,837	3,809	3,849	3,947	4,041
Employment	3,476	3,725	3,741	3,768	3,915	3,936	4,318	3,827	3,557	3,501	3,575	3,633	3,748
Unemployment	243	210	269	312	337	360	306	306	280	308	274	314	293
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	5.3%	6.7%	7.6%	7.9%	8.4%	6.6%	7.4%	7.3%	8.1%	7.1%	8.0%	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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