Alaska's largest private employers in 2002

or the second year in a row, Providence Health System Alaska topped the list of Alaska's 100 largest private employers. Its workforce numbered 3,417 in 2002. The Medical Center in Anchorage has the lion's share of Providence's employment, but the company has also grown by acquiring and partnering with other health care facilities in Anchorage and elsewhere in the state.

Providence is likely to remain on top of this list for years to come, since the only other employer in the 3,000 league was Safeway Stores/Carrs with 3,028 employees (see Exhibit 1), a number that declined by more than 250 from year-ago levels.

One establishment on the 2002 list, Kmart, is no longer operating in the state, having closed its doors in early 2003. Another, Wards Cove Packing Company, closed its seafood processing operation, the major part of its business. Overall the Top 100 list remained relatively stable.

The 1000+ club

In 2002 twelve of Alaska's private businesses employed more than 1,000 workers—two more than in 2001 and twice as many as when this list was first compiled in 1985. One of the newcomers is Alyeska Pipeline Service Company where employment increased by 15 in 2002, pushing it just seven over the 1,000 mark. More impressive was Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation's jump from fourteenth spot in 2001 with a workforce of 940, to tenth in 2002 with 1,110 employees.

Eight new arrivals in 2002*

Eight companies, representing an eclectic group of industries, joined the list for the first time in 2002. (See Exhibit 3.) Petro Star is an oil refiner, fuel distributor, and retailer. Job Ready and Frontier Community Services are health services and social assistance providers. CIRI Alaska Tourism owns hotel properties, tour boat operations, and other visitor related businesses. Sky Chefs is an airline caterer. Alaska Sales and Services is a car dealership. Gottschalks is primarily an apparel merchandiser.

Most of these companies have been in Alaska for years and their growth put them in the Top 100. First Student, on the other hand, joined the list after it won a sizeable contract with the Anchorage and Mat-Su School Districts to bus children. Sky Chefs returned to the list after climbing on in 2000 and falling off in 2001.

Seven companies leap frog 10 or more rankings

Every year there is a dynamic group of employers that leap frog at least 10 places in the rankings, no easy feat. (See Exhibit 4.) Some of these companies grew aggressively while others merged with or bought out existing companies. For example, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium was not even on the Top 100 in 2000, but every year since then it has climbed at least 10 places in the

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^{*} Corrected Aug. 7, 2003 to include Job Ready.

Alaska's 100 Largest Private Employers

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Rank Firm Name Employment		/ment	Business Activity	Work Site	Web Site Address	
1	Providence Health System Alaska	3,417	Hospital/Medical Center	Anchorage*	providence.org/alaska	
2	Safeway Stores/Carrs	3,028	Grocery	Anchorage*	safeway.com	
3	Wal-Mart/Sam's Club	2,345	Grocery/General Merchandise	Anchorage*	walmartstores.com	
4	Fred Meyer	2,251	Grocery/General Merchandise	Anchorage*	fredmeyerstores.com	
5	Alaska Airlines	1,882	Air Carrier	Anchorage*	jobs.alaskaair.com	
6	BP Exploration	1,549	Oil & Gas Production	Anchorage*	bpamocojobs.com	
7	Alaska Petroleum Contractors	1,210	Oil Field Services	Anchorage*	arc.com	
8	Banner Health System	1,210	Hospital/Medical Center	Fairbanks*	bannerhealth.com	
9	Federal Express	1,120	Airfreight/Courier Service	Anchorage*	fedex.com/us/careers	
10	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	1,120	Health Care	Bethel*	ykhc.org	
11	VECO Operations	1,098	Oil Field Services	Anchorage*	veco.com	
12	Alyeska Pipeline Service Company	1,098	Pipeline Transportation	Fairbanks*	alyeska-pipe.com	
13	Alaska Communications Systems (ACS)	997	Communications	Anchorage*	acsalaska.com	
		946	Oil & Gas Production	•		
14 15	ConocoPhillips NANA Marriott, Joint Venture	939		Anchorage*	phillips66.com	
15	•		Catering/Hotels	Anchorage*	nana.com	
16	Alaska Regional Hospital	898	Hospital/Medical Center	Anchorage*	alaskaregional.com	
17	Kmart	892	General Merchandise	Anchorage*	kmart.com/corp	
18	Southcentral Foundation	886	Social Services/Health Care	Anchorage*	ak-scf.org	
19	GCI Communications	872	Communications	Anchorage*	gci.com	
20	Alaska USA Federal Credit Union	767	Credit Union	Anchorage*	alaskausa.com	
21	First National Bank of Alaska	753	Banking	Anchorage*	fnbalaska.com	
22	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	752	Hospital/Medical Center	Anchorage*	anthc.org	
23	Spenard Builders Supply	742	Building Products	Anchorage*	sbsalaska.com	
24	Alaska Commercial Company	684	Grocery/General Merchandise	Anchorage*	alaskacommercial.com	
25	UniSea	676	Seafood Processing	Dutch Harbor	unisea.com	
26	Wells Fargo	675	Banking	Anchorage*	wellsfargo.com	
27	Peak Oilfield Service Company	671	Oilfield Services	Anchorage*	ciri.com/jobs/jobs.htm	
28	Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corp	669	Health Care	Juneau*	searhc.org	
29	Tanana Chiefs Conference	669	Social Services/Health Care	Fairbanks*	tananachiefs.com	
30	Doyon/Universal Ogden, Joint Venture	667	Catering/Security	Anchorage*	doyon.com	
31	Costco	655	Grocery/General Merchandise	Anchorage*	costco.com	
32	ERA Aviation	651	Air Carrier	Anchorage*	era-aviation.com	
33	Icicle Seafoods	616	Seafood Processing	Petersburg*	icicleseafoods.com	
34	Nabors Alaska Drilling Company	558	Oilfield Services	Anchorage*	nabors.com	
35	The Alaska Club	546	Health Club	Anchorage*	thealaskaclub.com	
36	McDonalds Restaurants of Alaska	544	Eating Establishment	Anchorage*	mcdonalds.com/careers	
37	Anchorage Daily News	541	Newspaper	Anchorage*	adn.com	
38	Hope Community Services	537	Social Services	Anchorage*	hopealaska.org	
39	Maniilaq Association	520	Social Services/Health Care	Kotzebue*	manillaq.org	
40	Sears Roebuck	520	General Merchandise	Anchorage*	sears.com	
41	North Pacific Processors	519	Seafood Processing	Kodiak*	ppsf.com	
42	Home Depot	512	Building Products	Anchorage*	homedepot.com	
43	Williams Express	510	Retail/Gas Stations	Anchorage*	williams.com	
44	Valley Hospital	500	Hospital/Medical Center	Palmer*	valley-hosp.com	
45	Alyeska Resort	496	Hotel/Resort	Girdwood	alyeskaresort.com	
46	Westward Seafood	496	Seafood Processing	Unalaska*	westwardseafoods.com	
47	Peter Pan Seafoods	488	Seafood Processing	King Cove*	ppsf.com	
48	Northwest Airlines	479	Air Carrier	Anchorage*	nwa.com/corpinfo	
49	Pizza Hut	473	Eating Establishment	Anchorage*	pizzahut.com	
50	Ocean Beauty Seafoods	449	Seafood Processing	Kodiak*	oceanbeauty.com	

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

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51	Cominco Alaska	444	Mining	Red Dog Mine*	cominco.com
52	Alaska Hotel Properties (Princess Hotels)	437	Hotel	Denali Park*	princessalaskalodges.com
53	Aramark Leisure Services	424	Catering/Concessionaire	Denali Park*	aramark.com
54	Norton Sound Health Corporation	420	Health Care	Nome*	nshcorp.org
55	Schlumberger Technologies	419	Oil Field Services	Anchorage*	
56	Job Ready	415	Social Services	Anchorage	
57	Houston/NANA Joint Venture	412	Oilfield Services	Anchorage*	nana.com
58	First Student	405	School/Charter Bus Company	Anchorage*	firstgroup.com
59	Westmark Hotels	395	Hotel	Anchorage*	coolworks.com/westmarkhotels
60	Denali Foods (Taco Bell)	392	Eating Establishment	Anchorage*	tacobell.com
61	Salvation Army-Alaska	392	Social Services	Anchorage*	salvationarmy.org
62	United Parcel Service (UPS)	388	Airfreight/Courier Service	Anchorage*	ups.com
63	Laidlaw Transit	387	School/Charter Bus Company	Anchorage*	laidlawtransitservices.com
64	PenAir	387	Air Carrier	Anchorage*	penair.com
65	Assets	385	Social Services	Anchorage	assetsinc.org
66	Tesoro Northstore Company	382	Retail/Gas Stations	Anchorage*	tesoropetroleum.com
67	Burger King	381	Eating Establishment	Anchorage*	burgerking.com
68	Fairbanks Gold Mining Company	376	Mining	Fairbanks	kinross.com
69	Chugach Electric Association	368	Utility Company	Anchorage*	chugachelectric.com
70	Carlile Enterprises	363	Trucking/Warehousing	Anchorage*	carlilekw.com
71	Union Oil of California (Unocal)	357	Oil Production	Anchorage*	unocal.com
72	Royal Highway Tours	353	Tour Buses	Anchorage*	coolworks.com/princess_tours
73	Halliburton Energy Services	352	Oil Field Services	Anchorage*	halliburton.com
74	Norquest Seafoods	351	Seafood Processing	Ketchikan*	norquestseafood.com
75	Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	351	Health Care	Dillingham*	bbna.com/jobs/bbahcjobs/aboutbbahc.htm
76	Rural Alaska Community Action Prog.	349	Social Services	Anchorage*	ruralcap.com
77	Hotel Captain Cook	345	Hotel	Anchorage	captaincook.com
78	Swissport	338	Airport Services	Anchorage	swissport.com/noflash.shtml
79	Udelhoven Oilfield Services	330	Oil Field Services	Anchorage*	udelhoven.com
80	JC Penney Company	328	Apparel	Anchorage*	jcpenneyinc.com
81	Hilton Anchorage	319	Hotel	Anchorage	hilton.com
82	Wards Cove Packing Company	311	Seafood Processing	Naknek*	wardscove.com
83	Petro Star	308	Refineries/retail gasoline	Fairbanks*	asrcenergy.com/
84	ARC of Anchorage	307	Social Services	Anchorage	arc-anchorage.org
85	Ketchikan General Hospital	307	Hospital/Medical Center	Ketchikan	peacehealth.org
86	Assoc. of Village Council Presidents	306	Social Services	Bethel*	avcp.org
87	Gottschalks	304	Apparel	Anchorage*	gottschalks.com
88	Horizon Lines (formerly CSX Lines)	302	Shipping and Warehouse	Anchorage*	horizon-lines.com
89	Agrium U.S.	297	Chemicals/Fertilizer	Nikiski	agrium.com
90	Frontier Community Services	293	Social Services	Soldotna	
91	Matanuska Telephone Association	293	Telephone Communications	Palmer*	mta-telco.com/jobs.htm
92	AT&T/Alascom Inc	290	Communications	Anchorage*	att.com/hr/employment
93	Anchorage Cold Storage	289	Wholesale/Grocery	Anchorage*	odomcorp.com
94	CIRI Alaska Tourism	288	Tourism	Anchorage*	ciritourism.com/8.cfm
95	Facility Management of Alaska	285	Public facility management	Anchorage*	sullivanarena.com
96	Nordstrom	284	Department Store	Anchorage	nordstrom.com
97	Fairbanks Native Association	271	Social Services	Fairbanks	fairbanksnative.org
98	Blockbuster Video	270	Entertainment Services	Anchorage*	blockbuster.com
99	Sky Chefs	270	Catering	Anchorage*	lsg-skychefs.com
100		269	Car Dealership	Anchorage*	alaskasalesandservice.com/
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Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development,Research and Analysis Section

^{*} Have work locations in multiple communities.

Trends 100 by Industry 2002 employment

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING Mining (except oil and gas)	
Cominco Alaska	444
Fairbanks Gold Mining Company (Ft. Knox)	376
Oil and Gas Extraction	370
BP Exploration	1,549
Alaska Petroleum Contractors	1,210
VECO Operations	1,098
ConocoPhillips	946
Peak Oilfield Service Company	671
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Nabors Alaska Drilling Company	419
Schlumberger Technologies Houston/NANA Joint Venture	419
Union Oil of California (Unocal)	357
Halliburton Energy Services	352
Udelhoven Oilfield Services	330
MANUFACTURING	
Seafood Processing	
UniSea	676
Icicle Seafoods	616
North Pacific Processors	519
Westward Seafood	496
Peter Pan Seafoods	488
Ocean Beauty Seafoods	449
Norquest Seafoods	351
Wards Cove Packing Company	311
Chemical Manufacturing	
Agrium U.S.	297
UTILITIES	
Chugach Electric Association	368
TRADE, TRANSPORATION, UTILITIES	
Wholesale Trade	
Anchorage Cold Storage	289
Retail Trade	
Safeway Stores/Carrs	3,028
Wal-Mart/Sam's Club	2,345
Fred Meyer	2,251
Kmart	892
Spenard Builders Supply	742
Alaska Commerical Company	684
Costco	655
Sears Roebuck	520
Home Depot	512
Williams Express	510
Tesoro Northstore Company	382
JC Penney	328
Petro Star	
Gottschalks	308 304
Nordstrom Alaska Sales and Services	284 269
Transportation	209
Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development,Research	and Analysis Section

rankings. The Health Consortium's dramatic growth has come from the privatization of the Alaska Native Hospital in Anchorage. As the Health Consortium gets bigger and the privatization process nears completion, such significant leaps become less likely in future years.

The Alaska Club is moving up the list quickly as it expands existing facilities and acquires others around the state. Home Depot opened a new store in Fairbanks in late 2001, and Ocean Beauty bought out Cook Inlet Seafoods. The Association of Village Council Presidents and Westward Seafood moved up the list by increasing the size of their workforces.

The biggest employers often pay well

Alaska's 100 largest companies in 2002 generated 63,124 jobs, nearly a third of all private sector wage and salary employment. Employment for these companies grew by 1.4 percent, which was almost identical to the overall growth for the state's private sector.

In 2002, payroll for these employers totaled \$2.8 billion or 37 percent of all private sector payroll. The average annual wage of the Trends 100 was \$44,080 compared to an average of \$35,914 for the overall private sector. The higher wages are largely explained by the strong presence of the high-wage oil industry. The average annual wage for the oil industry employers in the Top 100 was \$98,688.

Native organizations are well represented

The Top 100 includes 17 employers that are either Native Alaska nonprofit organizations or subsidiaries of one of Alaska's regional Native corporations. (See Exhibit 5.) Just five years ago there were only 12. The list keeps growing, illustrating the increasing influence of Native Alaska institutions on Alaska's economy. Because this list represents individual firms irrespective of ownership, the role of regional Native corporations in the state's labor market is often masked. If all subsidiary firms were shown under their parent

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Trends 100 by Industry 2002 employment—(continued)

company, most of the regional Native corporations would appear on the Trends 100 list.

The largest Native-owned subsidiary in 2002 was Alaska Petroleum Contractors, with 1,210 employees. It is the perennial number one Native-owned employer and this year's seventh largest private sector employer. Alaska Petroleum Contractors is an oil service company wholly owned by Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC). Four more companies with Native ties are also in the oil services industry: Peak Oilfield Service Company, partially owned by CIRI; Doyon/Universal Ogden JV; Houston/NANA JV; and Petro Star, also an ASRC company. Two of the Native companies, CIRI Alaska Tourism and NANA Marriott JV are heavily invested in the visitor industry. The remaining ten Native employers provide either health care or social services.

Nonprofits play a big role

Twenty-three of the Top 100 employers were nonprofit organizations and nearly one out of every four persons (24 percent) in the Top 100 workforce works for a nonprofit employer. (See Exhibit 6.) Just four years ago there were only 15 nonprofits on the Top 100 list, indicating their growing influence among Alaska's largest employers. A majority of these nonprofit employers are tied to health care or social services. One, Alaska USA Federal Credit Union, is in the financial arena, and a few others are member-owned utilities such as Chugach Electric Association.

The health care industry's large presence in the state helps explain the prevalence of nonprofits on the list. In fact, many of these health care nonprofits are either the largest or second largest employers in their communities. For example, Providence Health System Alaska is the largest private sector employer in Anchorage. The Bristol Bay Health Corporation and Yukon-Kuskokwim Heath Corporation are the largest employers in Dillingham and Bethel respectively. The laborintensive nature of the work and the round-the-clock nature of much of the services explain their large staffs.

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

Trends100 by Industry 2002 employment—(continued)

Rural Alaska Community Action Program Ketchikan General Hospital ARC of Anchorage Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) Frontier Community Services Fairbanks Native Association	349 307 307 306 293 271
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	
Accommodation	
Alyeska Resort	496
Alaska Hotel Properties (Princess Hotels)	437
Westmark Hotels	395
Hotel Captain Hotel	345
Hilton Hotel	319
Food Services and Drinking Places	
NANA Marriott, JV	939
Doyon/Universal Ogden, JV	667
McDonalds Restaurants of Alaska	544
Pizza Hut	473
Aramark Leisure Services	424
Denali Foods (Taco Bell)	392
Burger King	381

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

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546

New Arrivals to *Trends* 100 In 2002

Job Ready*

Sky Chefs

The Alaska Club

Recreation

First Student

Petro Star

Gottschalks

Frontier Community Services

CIRI Alaska Tourism

Sky Chefs

Alaska Sales and Service

* Corrected Aug. 7, 2003 to include Job Ready.

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



Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

The Alaska Club

Home Depot

Westward Seafood

Ocean Beauty Seafoods

Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)

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

Another reason for the health care industry's prevalence on the list is the privatization of formerly public services. Both the Southcentral Foundation and Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium are prime examples of this trend.

Oil and health care heavily represented

Almost ninety percent of all oil industry workers in Alaska were employed by one of the state's largest employers. (See Exhibit 2.) There is no other industry in the state where companies in the Top 100 employ the vast majority of all employment for the industry. The two other industries heavily represented by these employers are health care/social assistance and seafood processing. A little over half of all employment for both of these industries is represented by the Top 100 employers.

The largest employer in the health care/social assistance industry is Providence Health System Alaska. UniSea in Dutch Harbor is the largest for seafood processing. There are other industries such as retail trade and transportation that are strongly represented among Alaska's largest employers, but the share of these industries' total employers is considerably smaller because most employers in those industries tend to be smaller.

A decade ago the top ten were a bit different

Only four of 2002's top ten employers were on this short list a decade ago. (See Exhibit 7.) Nearly all of the current top ten were somewhere among the Top 100 in 1992, however, and have simply grown or added enough additional employment through merger or acquisition to move into the top ten. Wal-Mart is the only employer on the 2002 list that was not in the state at all a decade ago. The changes in the list are also somewhat indicative of how the Alaska economy has evolved over the past decade. More health care providers and retailers made the list in 2002, while fewer oil industry firms.

Alaska Native Corporations/Organizations | Fully or partly own and/or operate 17 of the *Trends* 100 firms



They are everywhere in the state

Although most of these Top 100 employers have their headquarters or largest work sites in Anchorage, fewer than 20 confine their activity exclusively to Anchorage. For example, First National Bank of Alaska's headquarters is in Anchorage but it has offices in 15 communities throughout the state. About a quarter of the Top 100 have no presence at all in the state's largest city.

Many are even Fortune 500 players

Nearly a third of these companies are also Fortune 500 employers. Names such as Wal-Mart, Hilton, Home Depot, and Costco are names most Alaskans, as well as most Americans, can identify. (See Exhibit 8.) A few are less well known by the public, such as Aramark Leisure Services, a company that provides catering and concessions in Denali National Park. None of Alaska's Top 100 companies moved onto the Fortune 500 list for the first time in 2002.

Top ten ranking changes when public sector is included

When the public sector is included, the list of Alaska's 10 largest employers looks vastly different. (See Exhibit 9.) Public sector employers displace all but four from the private sector in this top 10. By nature, public sector organizations tend to be large. The Anchorage School District, for example, has more employees than any private organization in the state. Large public organizations also tend to be relatively stable, making it unlikely that this lineup will change significantly in the foreseeable future.

Alaska Petroleum Contractors	1,210
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	1,110
NANA Marriott, Joint Venture	939
Southcentral Foundation	886
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	752
Peak Oilfield Service Company	671
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARCH)	669
Tanana Chiefs Conference	669
Doyon/Universal Ogden, Joint Venture	667
Maniilaq Association	520
Norton Sound Health Corporation	420
Houston/NANA Joint Venture	412
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	351
Petro Star	311
Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)	306
CIRI Alaska Tourism	288
Fairbanks Native Association	271

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

Nonprofit Organizations Employ 24% of the *Trends* 100 workforce

Providence Health System Alaska	3,417
Banner Health System (mostly Fairbanks Mem. Hosp.)	1,204
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	1,110
Southcentral Foundation	886
Alaska USA Federal Credit Union	767
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	752
Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARCH)	669
Tanana Chiefs Conference	669
Hope Community Services	537
Maniilaq Association	520
Valley Hospital	500
Norton Sound Health Corporation	420
Salvation Army-Alaska	392
Assets	385
Chugach Electric Association	368
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	351
Rural Alaska Community Action Program	349
ARC of Anchorage	307
Ketchikan General Hospital	307
Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)	306
Frontier Community Services	293
Matanuska Telephone Association	293
Fairbanks Native Association	271

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

The Top 10 in 2002 And a decade ago

2002

Rank	Top 10 Employers	Employment	ATT/Alascom
			Anchorage Hilton Hotel
1	Providence Health System Alaska	3,417	Aramark Leisure Services
2	Safeway Stores/Carrs	3,028	Alaska Regional Health Corp.
3	Wal-Mart/Sam's Club	2,345	Blockbuster Video
4	Fred Meyer	2,251	Burger King
5	Alaska Airlines	1,882	ConocoPhillips
6	BP Exploration	1,549	Costco
7	Alaska Petroleum Contractors	1,210	Federal Express
8	Banner Health System	1,204	Fred Meyer
9	Federal Express	1,120	Halliburton Energy Services
10	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	1,110	Home Depot
			JC Penney
	1992		Kmart
			McDonalds
1	Carr Gottstein Foods	3,146	NANA/Marriott, Joint Venture
2	ARCO Alaska	2,691	Nordstrom
3	Providence Alaska	1,959	Northwest Airlines
4	Trident Seafoods	1,415	Pizza Hut
5	BP Exploration	1,388	Safeway Stores
6	Alyeska Pipeline Service Company	1,325	Sears Roebuck
7	National Bank of Alaska	1,153	Taco Bell
8	Fred Meyer	1,108	Tesoro Northstore Company
9	VECO Operations	1,038	United Airlines
10	Alaska Airlines	996	Union Oil of California (Unocal)
Source: Al	aska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Reso	United Parcel Service (UPS)	

With Public Sector Included

The top ten in 2002

	•		Headquarters or
Rank	Name of Organization	Employment	Largest Work Site
1	Uniformed Military	17,790	Anchorage
2	Federal Government	16,757	Anchorage
3	State of Alaska	16,593	Juneau
4	University of Alaska	6,822	Fairbanks
5	Anchorage School District	7,061	Anchorage
6	Providence Alaska Medical Cente	er 3,417	Anchorage
7	Safeway Stores/Carrs	3,028	Anchorage
8	Municipality of Anchorage	2,904	Anchorage
9	Wal-Mart/Sam's Club	2,345	Anchorage
10	Fred Meyer	2,251	Anchorage

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

The Fortune 500 Nearly a third of *Trends* 100 firms are on this list

Wal-Mart/Sam's Club

Wells Fargo

Williams Express

Source: Fortune Magazine