

More seafood industry information is now online

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Research and Analysis Web site provides a broad range of labor market data. We've recently expanded our seafood industry research, generating many new data sets covering Alaska's commercial fishing and seafood processing industries.

In our new seafood industry section, you'll find the following:

- Commercial fishing work force estimates by region, species and gear type
- Average age data for harvesting and processing workers
- Employment, wholesale value, wages and gross earnings analysis by residency
- Graphs comparing the seafood industry to the total private work force
- Occupational analysis of processing workers
- Informative maps and more

To access the data, go to Research and Analysis' Web site at almis.labor.state.ak.us. Click on "Industry Information" on the blue vertical bar on the left, and below that, click on

"Seafood Industry." Then select "Statewide" or a particular region for a list of the various data sets available.

(You can also get to Research and Analysis' Web site by going to the Department of Labor's Web site at labor.alaska.gov and clicking on "Researchers" on the gold ribbon across the top.)

In past *Trends* issues, we've released monthly employment estimates for fish harvesting. Those figures estimate the number of jobs available in commercial fishing on a month-to-month basis, but recent data assembled from landing tickets on our Web site estimate the number of yearly workers in a given region, fishery or gear-type. We've culled data from other sources as well.

Our new seafood page also features easy access to past seafood-related articles, as well as in-depth explanations of our methodologies.

Please check back often as we update current data sets and post new analysis. If you have questions regarding seafood industry data, please call Andy Wink at (907) 465-6032 or email him at Andrew_Wink@labor.state.ak.us.

