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Alaska's job count grows 1.6 percent in 2012

Alaska's job count grew by 1.6 percent in 2012, or 5,275 jobs, which was nearly identical to the previous year's gains. Most of the growth was in the private sector, with an increase of 5,349 jobs. State and local government added 572 jobs, and the federal government lost 647.

Wages paid in 2012 were up \$677 million from the previous year, or 4.2 percent, for a total of \$16.7 billion.

Most private industries added jobs over the year. Construction ended a six-year streak of job losses and added 600. Total construction wages also grew,

by 7 percent or \$77 million.

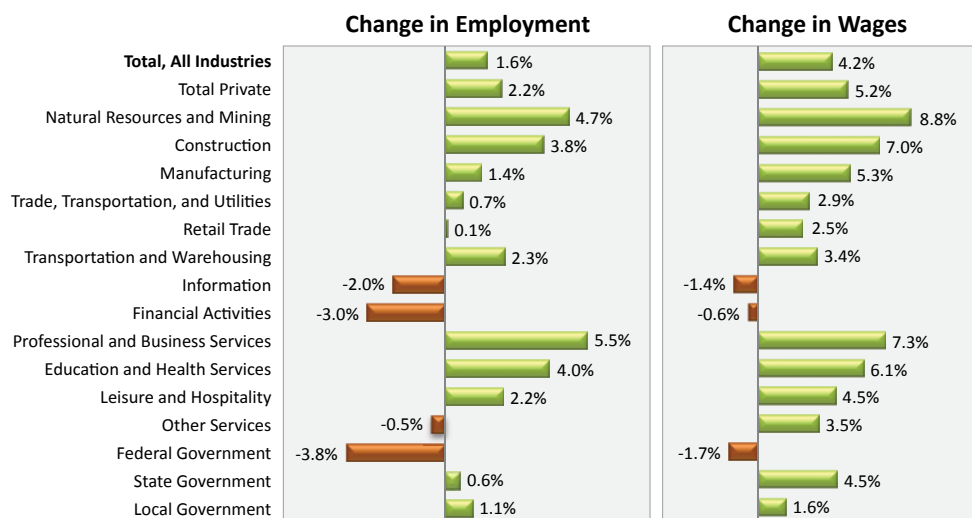
Other industries with high employment and wage growth included professional and business services, health care and mining.

The industries that lost jobs in 2012 were financial, information and other services, partially due to the reclassification of some firms to other industries.

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Changes in Alaska Employment and Wages 2011 to 2012



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Alaska Employment and Wages by Industry

2011 and 2012

Industry	Average Annual Employment		Employment Change, 2011 to 2012		Annual Total Wages Paid		Change in Wages, 2011 to 2012	
	2011	2012	By Number	By Percent	2011	2012	By Amount	By Percent
Total, All Industries	328,677	333,952	5,275	1.6%	\$16,053.4 mil	\$16,730.1 mil	\$676.7 mil	4.2%
Total Private Sector	246,253	251,602	5,349	2.2%	\$11,802.9 mil	\$12,412.5 mil	\$609.7 mil	5.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	16,959	17,764	805	4.7%	\$1,914.6 mil	\$2,082.5 mil	\$167.8 mil	8.8%
Construction	15,797	16,397	600	3.8%	\$1,107.6 mil	\$1,184.6 mil	\$77.1 mil	7.0%
Manufacturing	13,684	13,876	192	1.4%	\$527.1 mil	\$554.8 mil	\$27.7 mil	5.3%
Seafood products	10,130	10,198	68	0.7%	\$349.5 mil	\$364.4 mil	\$14.9 mil	4.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	63,412	63,842	430	0.7%	\$2,647.6 mil	\$2,724.1 mil	\$76.5 mil	2.9%
Retail Trade	35,726	35,764	38	0.1%	\$1,024.0 mil	\$1,050.0 mil	\$26.0 mil	2.5%
Transportation and Warehousing	19,264	19,707	443	2.3%	\$1,135.0 mil	\$1,173.5 mil	\$38.5 mil	3.4%
Information	6,317	6,191	-126	-2.0%	\$369.5 mil	\$364.4 mil	-\$5.1 mil	-1.4%
Financial Activities	14,688	14,249	-439	-3.0%	\$766.8 mil	\$762.5 mil	-\$4.3 mil	-0.6%
Professional and Business Services	27,140	28,624	1,484	5.5%	\$1,544.1 mil	\$1,656.8 mil	\$112.7 mil	7.3%
Education and Health Services	43,576	45,314	1,738	4.0%	\$1,899.9 mil	\$2,014.9 mil	\$115.1 mil	6.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	32,532	33,261	729	2.2%	\$660.8 mil	\$690.2 mil	\$29.4 mil	4.5%
Other Services	12,148	12,085	-63	-0.5%	\$364.9 mil	\$377.6 mil	\$12.7 mil	3.5%
Federal Government	17,037	16,390	-647	-3.8%	\$1,223.0 mil	\$1,202.6 mil	-\$20.4 mil	-1.7%
State Government	25,961	26,114	153	0.6%	\$1,329.3 mil	\$1,389.6 mil	\$60.3 mil	4.5%
Local Government	39,427	39,846	419	1.1%	\$1,698.3 mil	\$1,725.5 mil	\$27.2 mil	1.6%

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