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Unemployment rate remains at 6.5 percent in November

Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in November, unchanged from October. The comparable national rate was 7.0 percent, down from 7.3 percent.

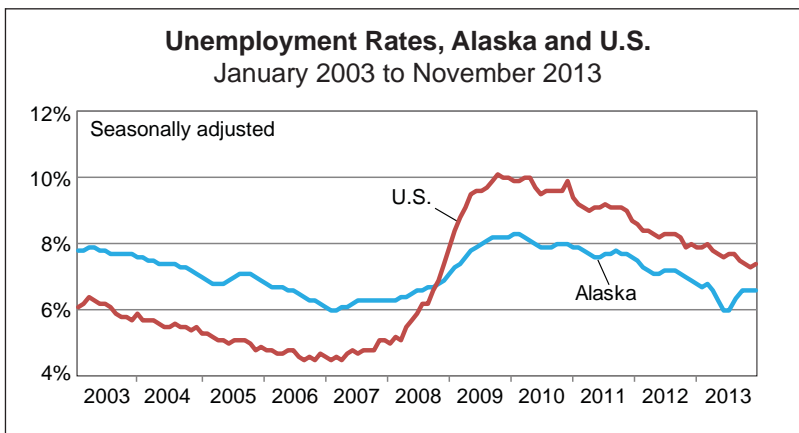
Alaska's adjusted rate has been holding steady at 6.5 percent since August.

Alaska's not-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.3 percent in November, up three-tenths of a percentage point from October's rate. Last year, November's unadjusted rate was 6.5 percent.

Unadjusted rates increased in 26 of 29 boroughs and census areas in November. The largest monthly increases were in the Denali Borough and Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, where rates grew by 7.5 and 7.4 percentage points respectively. The highest rate was in the highly seasonal Skagway Municipality, where 20.8 percent of the civilian labor force was unemployed.

The City and Borough of Juneau had the lowest unemployment rate in November at 4.5 percent, followed by the Municipality of Anchorage and the North Slope Borough, both at 4.7.

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Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
	11/13	10/13	11/12
Alaska	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%
U.S.	7.0%	7.3%	7.8%

Sources for graph and table: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

For detailed employment estimates, see <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/ces/>. The estimates are preliminary and subject to potentially large revisions.

Labor Force by Borough and Census Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

	Civilian Labor Force			Unemployed					
	11/13 ^P	10/13	11/12	Number			Rate		
				11/13 ^P	10/13	11/12	11/13 ^P	10/13	11/12
Alaska Statewide	363,999	362,982	363,017	23,025	21,829	23,467	6.3	6.0	6.5
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	203,189	199,876	203,004	10,482	10,053	10,832	5.2	5.0	5.3
Anchorage, Municipality of	159,002	156,622	158,841	7,404	7,293	7,664	4.7	4.7	4.8
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	44,187	43,254	44,163	3,078	2,760	3,168	7.0	6.4	7.2
Gulf Coast Region	38,261	38,476	37,767	2,940	2,708	3,054	7.7	7.0	8.1
Kenai Peninsula Borough	26,998	26,949	26,349	2,052	1,919	2,101	7.6	7.1	8.0
Kodiak Island Borough	6,655	6,735	6,778	406	321	474	6.1	4.8	7.0
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	4,608	4,792	4,640	482	468	479	10.5	9.8	10.3
Interior Region	54,124	54,865	54,163	3,500	3,243	3,595	6.5	5.9	6.6
Denali Borough	735	1,304	783	130	133	151	17.7	10.2	19.3
Fairbanks North Star Borough	46,706	46,826	46,817	2,511	2,350	2,643	5.4	5.0	5.6
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	3,369	3,408	3,451	366	339	375	10.9	9.9	10.9
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	3,314	3,327	3,112	493	421	426	14.9	12.7	13.7
Northern Region	13,401	13,454	12,903	1,200	1,164	1,110	9.0	8.7	8.6
Nome Census Area	4,476	4,544	4,249	452	438	437	10.1	9.6	10.3
North Slope Borough	5,693	5,613	5,628	270	265	274	4.7	4.7	4.9
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,232	3,297	3,026	478	461	399	14.8	14.0	13.2
Southeast Region	37,667	38,227	37,907	2,526	2,278	2,530	6.7	6.0	6.7
Haines Borough	1,090	1,148	1,147	113	91	107	10.4	7.9	9.3
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	866	982	841	172	123	156	19.9	12.5	18.5
Juneau, City and Borough of	17,930	17,917	18,056	814	774	844	4.5	4.3	4.7
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	7,714	7,915	7,635	486	458	504	6.3	5.8	6.6
Petersburg Census Area	1,580	1,611	1,627	163	140	176	10.3	8.7	10.8
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	2,313	2,356	2,344	296	263	279	12.8	11.2	11.9
Sitka, City and Borough of	4,337	4,326	4,424	233	214	236	5.4	4.9	5.3
Skagway, Municipality of	553	642	553	115	101	122	20.8	15.7	22.1
Wrangell, City and Borough of	1,021	1,045	1,019	105	95	82	10.3	9.1	8.0
Yakutat, City and Borough of	263	285	261	29	19	24	11.0	6.7	9.2
Southwest Region	17,353	18,085	17,274	2,374	2,383	2,344	13.7	13.2	13.6
Aleutians East Borough	938	1,089	967	141	130	180	15.0	11.9	18.6
Aleutians West Census Area	2,786	3,058	2,712	307	347	372	11.0	11.3	13.7
Bethel Census Area	7,377	7,569	7,340	1,039	1,055	975	14.1	13.9	13.3
Bristol Bay Borough	552	558	563	41	37	36	7.4	6.6	6.4
Dillingham Census Area	1,820	1,854	1,840	196	184	183	10.8	9.9	9.9
Lake and Peninsula Borough	966	1,110	1,067	77	75	70	8.0	6.8	6.6
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,914	2,847	2,785	573	555	528	19.7	19.5	19.0

P = Preliminary. As more information becomes available, data are revised every month for the previous month and again at the end of every calendar year.

Note: The official definition of unemployment excludes anyone who has not made an active attempt to find work in the four-week period up to and including the week that includes the 12th of the reference month. Many in rural Alaska do not meet the definition because they have not conducted an active job search due to the scarcity of employment opportunities.

¹Unemployment rates that are not seasonally adjusted should not be compared with those that are.

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