

In November it was estimated that there were 23,694 individuals statewide that were unemployed. This means that only 40% of those Alaskans considered unemployed are currently eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. Those ineligible may have exhausted their benefits, may be new entrants to the labor force, or may have a work history in jobs not covered by unemployment insurance.

The percent of unemployed individuals eligible for unemployment insurance benefits during November is about the same as that reported in statistics collected during July of this year, Alaska's traditional seasonal high employment month. The total

number of claimants with Alaska addresses has declined by more than seven percent due to exhaustion of benefits, out-migration and long term employment declines. The total number of claimants, both in state and out-of-state, has increased during the same time period.

Unemployment insurance claimants are widely distributed throughout the state. Table 1 shows the residence of claimants by region and community based upon their home address zip code. Anchorage, not surprisingly, has the largest number of unemployment insurance claimants.

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Table 1 (continued)
Total Unemployment Insurance Claimants for Week Ending November 21, 1987
By Region and City

Southeast Region (continued)		Southwest Region (continued)	
ake	15	Manokotak	3
Ketchikan	217	Mekoryuk	4
Klawock	30	Mountain Village	6
Meyers Chuck	1	Naknek	10
Outer Ketchikan	8	Napakiak	1
Pelican	6	Nightmute	1
Petersburg	102	Nondalton	5
Sitka	162	Pedro Bay	1
Skagway	33	Pilot Station	1
Tenakee Springs	1	Platinum	1
Thorne Bay	4	Port Alsworth	1
Wrangell	57	Port Heiden	1
Yakutat	18	Quinhagak	6
		Red Devil	1
		Russian Mission	3
		Saint Marys	7
		Sand Point	4
		Scammon Bay	3
		Sleetmute	1
		South Naknek	1
		St. George/St. Paul	9
		Togiak	2
		Tuntutuliak	1
		Unalaska	1
Southwest Region			
Akiachak	1		
Akiak	3		
Alakanuk	1		
Aleknagik	2		
Aniak	5		
Bethel	39		
Chefornak	2		
Chevak	7		
Clarks Point	1		
Cold Bay	1		
Dillingham	23		
Dutch Harbor	1		
Eek	1		
Ekwok	3		
Emmonak	7		
False Pass	1		
Goodnews Bay	3		
Hooper Bay	7		
Iliamna	2		
Kasigluk	4		
King Cove	2		
King Salmon	4		
Kipnuk	16		
Kotlik	3		
Kwethluk	4		
Kwiggingok	5		
Lower Kalskag	2		

Table 2
Total Unemployment Insurance Claimants for Week Ending November 21, 1987
By Region and Two Digit DOT Occupational Category

Occupation	Region						Total
	Anch.-MatSu Count	Gulf Coast Count	Interior Count	Northern Count	Southeast Count	Southwest Count	
Construction Occs NEC*	684	272	399	66	159	63	1,643
Recordkeeping	357	82	124	10	69	10	652
Food Service	252	121	138	10	112	14	647
Typing	248	45	75	15	72	14	469
Excavate/Paving	213	80	96	9	18	2	418
Food Processing	47	174	12	1	123	20	377
Managers NEC*	227	55	63	4	22	5	376
Materials Handling	146	36	71	4	78	3	338
Mechanics	158	54	63	9	30	6	320
Truck Drivers	145	32	101	5	25	2	310
Administrative Spec.	148	25	72	2	36	6	289
Electrical	150	17	63	2	24	1	257
Information Distribution	128	24	30	2	25	0	209
Misc. Sales	89	14	41	3	44	3	194
Transport. Occs. NEC*	93	25	43	3	22	7	193
Architecture	117	14	41	1	19	0	192
Sales-Commodities NEC*	107	24	21	0	7	1	160
Misc. Professional	68	21	26	2	34	6	157
Painting/Plastering	91	15	38	0	5	1	150
Building Service	70	24	27	4	18	3	146
Welders	52	41	29	3	13	0	138
Education	43	25	35	10	15	9	137
Metal Fab. NEC*	92	13	18	0	6	0	129
Lodging	48	20	31	1	26	2	128
Protective Service	42	12	20	9	15	11	109
Misc. Personal Svc.	42	10	18	2	28	5	105
Structural Work NEC*	32	12	23	4	15	9	95
Misc. Clerical	52	13	17	1	7	2	92
Stock Clerks	47	8	18	1	6	5	85
Mineral Extraction	32	22	7	2	12	0	75
Life Sciences	20	9	20	0	24	2	75
Fishery	11	14	1	1	35	6	68
Forestry	13	6	15	0	28	0	62
Sales-Services	40	7	9	0	5	0	61
Medicine/Health	33	8	14	1	4	1	61
Plant Farming	46	1	3	0	4	0	54
Utility Distribution	10	4	15	4	8	2	43
Mathematics/Science	21	3	7	0	4	0	35
Art	22	2	6	0	3	0	33
Apparel	9	4	5	1	3	1	23
Entertainment/Rec.	13	2	4	1	3	0	23
Graphic Arts	15	2	5	0	1	0	23
Domestic Service	10	3	5	1	4	0	23
Law	17	3	0	0	1	0	21
Printing	15	1	0	0	1	0	17

All unemployment insurance claimants are identified with an occupational code indicating their last or primary occupation. Table 2 shows the number of claimants by 2 digit Dictionary of Occupational Title (DOT) occupational code sorted by the total number of claimants.

Construction related occupations and clerical and professional occupations are the primary sources of claimants for the month of November. When this November data is compared with data for July, claimants from construction occupation have increased in number in response to the

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By Region and Two Digit DOT Occupational Category

Occupation	Anch.-MatSu Count	Gulf Coast Count	Region Interior Count	Northern Count	Southeast Count	Southwest Count	Total
Writing	8	2	2	1	2	0	15
Sales-Commodities	13	0	1	0	1	0	15
Wood Machining	5	1	0	0	8	0	14
Equip./Instr. Repair	6	3	2	0	2	0	13
Machine Trades	4	0	7	0	1	0	12
Wood Repair	8	0	2	0	1	0	11
Barber, Cosmetology	6	3	2	0	0	0	11
Metal Machining	4	3	0	0	3	0	10
Animal Farming	9	1	0	0	0	0	10
Amusement Service	8	0	1	0	0	0	9
Social Sciences	4	2	2	0	1	0	9
Petroleum Process.	1	8	0	0	0	0	9
Elec. Equip. Repair	3	1	2	0	0	0	6
Textile Repair	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
Museum/Library	3	1	0	0	1	0	5
Misc. Repair	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Metalworking	1	3	1	0	0	0	5
Painting/Decorating	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Textiles	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Stone Process.	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Misc.	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Misc. Agriculture	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rubber/Plastic Repair	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Metal Fabrication	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Misc. Process.	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Metal Processing	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ore Refining	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Stone Cutting	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Paperworking	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bench Work	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	4,419	1,431	1,898	195	1,233	224	9,400

* Not elsewhere classified.

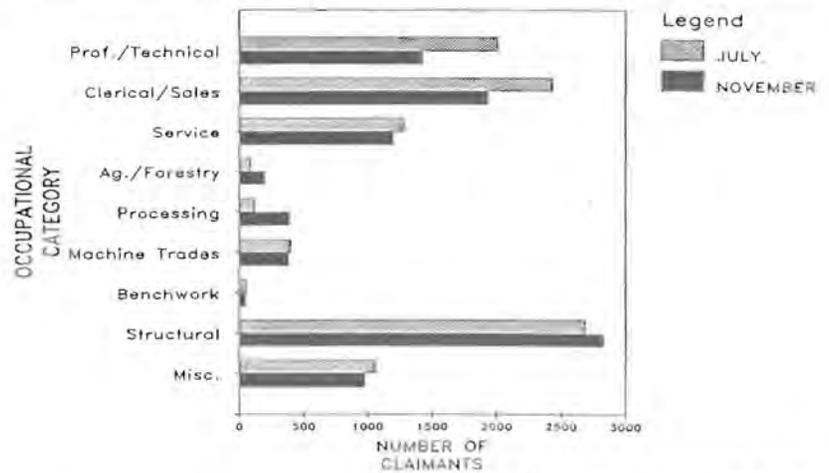
Source: Alaska Department of Labor, Research and Analysis, December 20, 1987.

seasonal downturn in construction activity while the professional and clerical occupations have declined dramatically. The decline in professional and clerical sectors is primarily due to a reduced number of educational claimants.

Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, and Mat-Su are the largest census areas in terms of unemployment insurance claimant activity. Table 3 shows the number of eligible claimants by census area and broad occupational category. Kenai was the fourth largest source of claims activity in July and has moved up to the third largest source of claims activity for November due to an increase in food processing and construction claimants. Figure 1 illustrates the difference in claims activity by major occupational category between July and November.

Figure 1

Total Unemployment Insurance Claimants
By Occupational Category
For Benefit Week Ending 7/25/87 and 11/21/87



Source: Alaska Department of Labor.

Table 3
Total Unemployment Insurance Claimants for Week Ending November 21, 1987
By Census Area and One Digit DOT Occupational Code

Occupations¹

Census Area	Prof., Technical	Clerical Sales	Service	Ag.,Fish Forestry	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench Work	Structural	Misc.	Total
Aleutian Islands	2	2	3	0	4	1	0	7	0	19
Anchorage	589	882	376	53	42	133	20	986	360	3,441
Bethel	13	16	16	3	13	3	0	32	5	101
Bristol Bay	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	4	3	15
Dillingham	7	7	7	1	3	0	0	16	3	44
Fairbanks	252	295	193	13	12	65	9	571	191	1,601
Haines	3	12	13	3	0	0	0	7	5	43
Juneau	87	85	64	8	6	15	2	105	22	394
Kenai	142	189	160	11	70	56	7	405	95	1,135
Ketchikan	23	60	40	10	3	4	0	35	47	222
Kodiak	11	14	12	5	74	5	0	26	8	155
Mat-Su	155	199	111	28	10	57	9	328	81	978
Nome	15	19	12	0	1	6	0	33	9	95
North Slope	2	2	4	0	0	1	0	16	2	27
Northwest Arctic	5	11	12	1	0	2	0	35	7	73
POW-Outer Ktkn	12	13	25	9	27	6	0	19	20	131
SE Fairbanks	14	22	21	5	0	2	0	36	20	120
Sitka	21	26	26	8	32	5	1	30	13	162
Skag.)Yak.)Angoon	14	22	20	8	8	4	0	17	14	107
Valdez-Cordova	19	14	25	6	38	2	0	19	18	141
Wade Hampton	7	9	4	2	1	2	0	17	3	45
Wrangell-Peters.	9	18	18	21	47	9	0	27	25	174
Yukon-Koyukuk	26	19	33	1	2	5	0	59	32	177
TOTAL	1,429	1,937	1,201	196	393	383	48	2,830	983	9,400

Source: Alaska Department of Labor, Research and Analysis, December 20, 1987.

¹ Note: The broad occupational categories identified in Table 3 encompass hundreds of individual occupations. The following information identifies the most frequent occupations included in each of the above categories:

Professional, Technical and Managerial occupations include: Teachers and school personnel, managers, administrative specialists (accounting, personnel, etc), Architects and Engineers.

Clerical and Sales occupations include: Typists and Secretaries, Bookkeepers and Clerks, Telephone Operators, Ticket Agents and Salespersons.

Service occupations include: Food service workers, Building service workers, and Protective service workers.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries occupations include: Loggers, Horticultural specialties, and Fish Harvesters.

Processing occupations include: Seafood processing workers and Wood processing workers.

Machine Trade occupations include: Mechanics, Printers and Wood Machining occupations (sawing, planing, etc.)

Benchwork occupations include: Technical instrument repairers, Electrical equipment repair, Furniture repair.

Structural occupations include: Carpenters, Plumbers, Roofers, Electricians, grading and paving occupations, Welders.

Miscellaneous occupations include: Packaging and materials handling occupations, Truck Drivers, Air and Water transport occupations, mineral extraction occupations (Drillers, crushing occupations, Blasters).

The Gulf Coast and Southeast regions have shown an actual increase in unemployment insurance claimants from July to November 1987. Claimant activity has likely been spurred by a seasonal decline in seafood processing, timber and construction activity.