

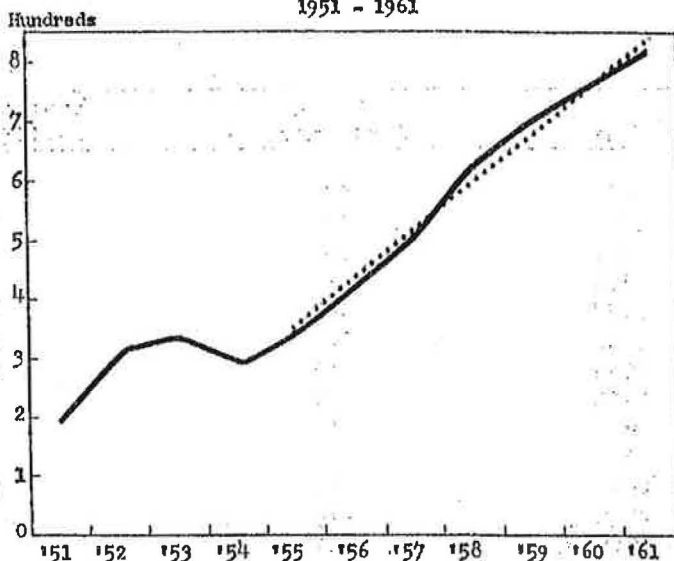
and finance-insurance-real estate. Since May 1961 logging-lumber-pulp was the only industry with an increase in both hours and earnings. All others had lower year-to-year average weekly earnings although the average hourly earnings in mining, construction and trade were a little above last May.

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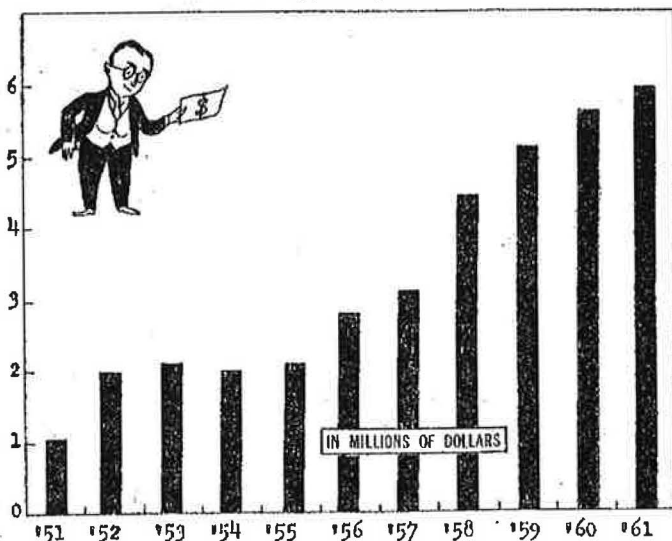
Automotive Industry

Employment: In the twelve-month period ending December 1961, average monthly insured employment in the automotive industry was 831 jobs. This is a new peak for the industry which has shown rapid growth in recent years and has increased consistently from year to year since 1946 with the exception of 1954. Since the post-Korean War low in 1954, average monthly employment has gone up nearly three times. The additional number of Alaskan cars and other vehicles plus the impact of growing tourist traffic has been responsible for the high rate of increase. A small but rapidly growing segment of the industry is the marine and aircraft sales and supplies. A straight line fitted to post-Korean War historical data, 1955-1961, describes an average yearly increase of 84 employees in Alaska's automotive industry.

AVERAGE STATE INSURED EMPLOYMENT IN ALASKA'S AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY 1951 - 1961



YEARLY PAYROLL FOR STATE INSURED EMPLOYMENT IN ALASKA'S AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY 1951 - 1961



Payrolls: Payrolls of establishments in the automotive industry totaled \$5.9 million in 1961, which is a new high for the industry. Yearly payrolls have followed the trend of employment advances, but at a more rapid rate. Although there has been an increase in total payrolls each year since 1954, average monthly wages have fluctuated from year to year. Generally these movements reflect the effect of wage differentials among various parts of the industry. A decline in monthly wages has coincided with increases in the number of workers employed in oil and gas stations relative to the number in car and truck dealer establishments. In 1961 wage rates in the industry averaged \$594. This is lower than in either 1959, the peak, year or 1960.

AVERAGE INSURED EMPLOYMENT, YEARLY PAYROLL, AND
 AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME IN ALASKA'S AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY
 1946 - 1961

Year	Average Employment	Yearly Payroll (Millions of \$)	Average Monthly Wage (\$)
1961	831	5.9	594
1960	770	5.6	607
1959	702	5.2	615
1958	638	4.4	578
1957	493	3.2	543
1956	424	2.8	546
1955	348	2.2	522
1954	297	1.9	533
1953	347	2.2	537
1952	314	2.0	526
1951	197	1.1	469
1950	139	.8	453
1949	54	.2	367
1948	30	.1	399
1947	18	.0	258
1946	6	.0	292