

Kodiak Island Borough

Group of islands among world's seafood capitals

The Kodiak Island Borough, which sits on the western edge of the Gulf of Alaska, comprises the larger Kodiak Island and a series of smaller, mostly uninhabited islands. Its location on the Gulf of Alaska plays a huge role in its seafood-oriented economy and makes it one of the world's fishing capitals.

Seafood jobs and earnings

Seafood-related employment, which includes harvesting and processing, made up about 36 percent of all jobs in the borough¹ in 2012 — more than any other industry.

Harvesters landed more than 300 million pounds of a variety of species last year, netting an estimated \$148 million. (See Exhibit 1.) The area is rich in a variety of species, including

¹This includes regular wage and salary employment plus estimated seafood harvesting jobs. Most seafood harvesters are considered self-employed and therefore are not included in standard wage and salary job counts.

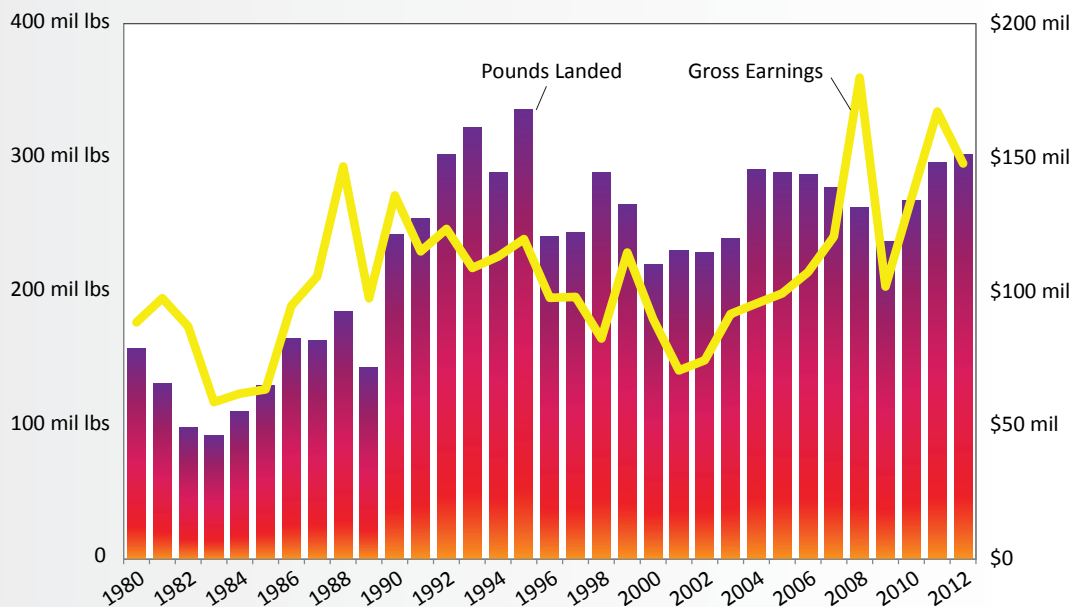
all five varieties of salmon, which return to the area to spawn each year. (See Exhibits 2 and 3.)

Other major employers

The area's next largest employer is the Coast Guard, with nearly 1,000 active duty personnel in 2013. Kodiak Station had an additional 130 support jobs for federal civilian employees. Adding families brings the total to approximately 1,500. Like the fishing industry, Coast Guard wages stimulate the Kodiak economy by bringing in outside money that supports jobs in a variety of other sectors.

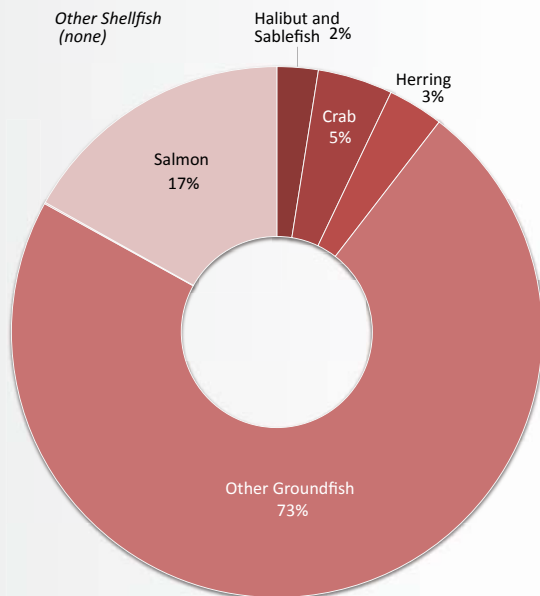
Support industries make up a large portion of the area's employment as well. (See Exhibit 4.) In 2012, 14 percent of jobs were in local government, including public schools, followed by health care at 9 percent and retail at 8 percent. It's common for small communities to have a large share of jobs in local government.

1 Pounds Landed and Gross Earnings Kodiak Island Borough, 1980 to 2012



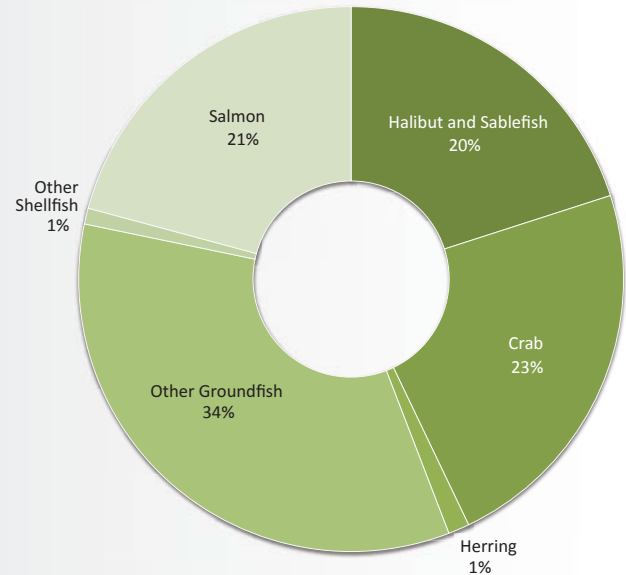
Source: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

2 Percent of Landings by Species Kodiak Island Borough, 2012



Source: Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

3 Percent of Earnings by Species Kodiak Island Borough, 2012



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Construction jobs pay the most

Average annual earnings per job varied dramatically in the borough, with construction workers earning the most. Construction represented about 200 jobs in 2012 with average earnings of just over \$63,000.

Natural resources — which includes some finfish harvesting, finfish farming, and logging — was the second-highest at just under \$63,000.

The leisure and hospitality industry — entertainment and lodging such as restaurants, bars, hotels, and movie theaters — paid the lowest on average at \$18,600 per year. Many of these jobs are part-time, which pulls down the average.

4 Seafood Provides Over a Third of All Jobs Kodiak Island Borough, jobs and earnings, 2012

Industry	Jobs	Avg annual earnings	Percent of all jobs	Total earnings
Total, All Industries	6,461	\$41,859	100.0%	\$270,443,005
Total, Private Industries	4,952	\$40,937	76.6%	\$202,727,360
Natural Resources and Mining	146	\$62,648	2.3%	\$9,125,779
Construction	219	\$63,010	3.4%	\$13,794,021
Manufacturing	1,828	\$42,185	28.3%	\$77,117,670
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	793	\$34,450	12.3%	\$27,307,334
Retail Trade	501	\$27,209	7.8%	\$13,631,858
Transportation and Warehousing	225	\$36,120	3.5%	\$8,136,065
Information	61	\$44,037	0.9%	\$2,678,926
Financial Activities	239	\$59,733	3.7%	\$14,246,213
Professional and Business Services	256	\$46,166	4.0%	\$11,818,616
Education and Health Services	689	\$46,718	10.7%	\$32,181,231
Health Care	586	\$50,290	9.1%	\$29,470,195
Leisure and Hospitality	459	\$18,592	7.1%	\$8,535,112
Other Services	261	\$22,238	4.0%	\$5,802,357
Federal Government (except military)	343	\$53,875	5.3%	\$18,497,161
State Government	281	\$56,079	4.3%	\$15,753,389
Local Government	884	\$37,839	13.7%	\$33,465,095
Local Government Education	446	\$43,544	6.9%	\$19,428,017
Total, All Industries plus 2011 Seafood Harvesting*	7,210	N/A	—	N/A
Estimated 2011 Seafood Harvesting*	749	N/A	10.4%	N/A
Est. Seafood Harvesting plus Manufacturing	2,577	N/A	35.7%	N/A

*Seafood harvesting numbers, which are not included in the department's standard employment data sets, are estimates the department creates based on data from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and National Marine Fisheries Service. These estimates are comparable to wage and salary employment data.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section