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## JOB SERVICE ACTIVE APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

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Generally, Job Service applicants are non-union workers. Although some applicants are employed and wanting to change jobs, most are unemployed. The total number of Job Service applicants exceeds total unemployment. Because the applicant data is so broadly based its characteristics can be inferred to approximate those of the unemployed.

The total number of applicants statewide increased three percent over the number reported for the quarter ending March, 1979 (Alaska Economic Trends, May, 1979). This would be due to students and possibly school employees entering the labor market with not enough seasonal jobs to compensate for the influx. Compared to the previous quarter, all age groups 19 and under increased in proportion to the total. The age groups for those 20 years and older have dropped which would correspond with seasonal work for more experienced worker, e.g., construction, fishing and lumbering.

There is a higher percentage of male applicants in the smaller communities, especially where there are more outside jobs. Larger cities with employment primarily in trade, services and government tend to have a fairly even distribution of male and female applicants.

Active Applicant Characteristics, Table I

	Total	Percentage By Age Group*											
		15 & Under	16-17	18-19	20-21	22-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-54	55-64	Over 65
State	23,171	2	6	9	10	15	20	12	7	5	8	4	1
<u>Local Office Area</u>													
Juneau	1,466	4	9	11	10	15	18	11	6	4	6	3	1
Sitka	488	2	7	11	10	21	17	12	6	5	6	2	1
Ketchikan	1,056	4	5	9	10	15	21	11	7	6	7	4	2
Anchorage	9,543	2	6	9	11	16	20	12	7	5	8	4	-
Mat-Su	1,959	3	8	9	7	11	20	15	8	6	8	4	1
Glenallen	134	4	3	5	4	10	14	13	9	14	16	5	1
Bathel	1,310	0	-	10	12	14	16	9	8	7	14	8	1
Dillingham	155	1	3	12	10	13	14	6	11	7	17	5	1
Kenai	1,015	2	7	9	12	15	19	13	7	5	7	3	-
Kodiak	340	1	4	10	11	20	19	12	6	3	9	5	0
Seward	306	6	5	12	10	20	18	9	6	3	5	5	-
Fairbanks	5,068	1	7	8	10	16	21	13	7	6	7	4	1
Barrow	60	0	3	5	8	17	20	13	10	7	10	7	0
Nome	227	4	2	12	7	14	11	19	7	6	11	5	-
Kotzebue	44	0	2	7	14	25	18	7	2	5	11	7	2

\*May not add to 100% due to rounding

Source: Employment Service Active Records (ESARS), June 30, 1979

Active Applicant Characteristics, Table II

	Total	Percentage of Ethnic Group*						INA	Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged
		White	Black	Hispanic	American Indian Alaskan Native	Asian Pacific Islander			
State	23,171	72	5	2	16	2	2	23	
<u>Local Office Area</u>									
Juneau	1,466	63	1	1	22	10	2	37	
Sitka	488	68	-	1	29	1	-	21	
Ketchikan	1,056	71	1	2	19	3	6	29	
Anchorage	9,543	77	9	3	9	2	1	26	
Mat-Su	1,959	94	1	1	3	1	1	14	
Glenallen	134	60	1	0	25	5	10	32	
Bathel	1,310	3	0	-	91	1	4	28	
Dillingham	155	13	1	0	82	1	3	21	
Kenai	1,015	84	0	-	6	3	6	12	
Kodiak	340	65	1	3	20	5	6	12	
Seward	306	84	0	1	7	4	4	26	
Fairbanks	5,068	80	6	2	9	2	2	19	
Barrow	60	15	2	3	78	2	0	70	
Nome	227	14	-	-	84	-	-	76	
Kotzebue	44	2	0	0	93	0	5	43	

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Source: ESARS, June 30, 1979

Active Applicant Characteristics, Table III

	<u>Percentage By Sex</u>			<u>Percentage By Highest Grade Completed*</u>				<u>Percentage By Veteran Group</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>0-7</u>	<u>8-11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Over 12</u>	<u>All Vets</u>	<u>Recently Separated</u>	<u>Disabled</u>	<u>Vietnam Era</u>
State	23,171	55	45	4	35	44	27	20	8	1	6
<u>Local Office Area</u>											
Juneau	1,466	54	46	2	27	38	33	15	6	1	7
Sitka	488	50	50	1	26	39	34	14	5	-	2
Ketchikan	1,056	62	38	2	28	43	27	25	8	1	8
Anchorage	9,543	49	51	1	24	46	29	21	9	1	11
Mat-Su	1,959	60	40	1	27	46	25	22	7	1	10
Glenallen	134	64	36	10	22	44	24	31	4	0	5
Bethel	1,310	75	25	33	30	30	6	8	3	-	4
Dillingham	155	66	34	33	25	33	10	5	2	1	2
Kenai	1,015	58	42	3	27	45	26	18	6	-	6
Kodiak	340	66	34	7	24	33	36	12	8	1	6
Seward	306	61	39	3	26	41	30	20	6	2	8
Fairbanks	5,068	57	43	2	22	45	31	22	8	2	11
Barrow	60	62	38	13	38	45	3	23	7	0	6
Nome	227	70	30	13	40	37	9	17	7	0	7
Kotzebue	44	80	20	18	20	55	7	23	7	2	11

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Source: ESARS, June 30, 1979