

JOB SERVICE APPLICANT AND INSURED UNEMPLOYED CHARACTERISTICS

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The statewide number of people seeking jobs during the quarter ending in September at Alaska's Job Service Centers decreased from the last quarter. However, an increase occurred in the northern rural areas due to earlier seasonal layoffs in that part of the state.

With students returning to school the percentage of applicants under age 22 dropped slightly. Assisting young people to find summer employment is an important function of all job service centers.

Nome continues like the previous quarter, to have the highest percentage of applicants classified as economically disadvantaged.

As seasonal summer work ends the number of insured unemployed increased by 17 percent from September to October. Men made up 60 percent of the claimants.

More claimants over the month appeared in all industries but the largest increase of claimants appear in the transportation, communications and utilities industries.

ACTIVE APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

BY NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE 1/

	Total Number	Percentage of State	Percentage by Sex		Percentage by Ethnic Group					Total
			Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	American Indian	Asian Pacific Islander	
State Total	20,400		52	48	73	6	2	17	2	1
Anchorage	8,825	43	46	54	76	10	7	9	2	*
Region I	2,696	13	54	46	67	1	1	22	4	4
Juneau	1,304	6	50	50	66	1	4	23	7	2
Sitka	329	2	48	52	67	1	*	27	3	*
Ketchikan	896	4	58	42	70	1	1	19	2	7
Petersburg	167	1	88	12	66	1	1	18	2	13
Region II	4,518	22	58	42	76	5	2	18	2	1
Fairbanks	4,312	21	55	45	78	5	2	12	2	1
Barrow	206	1	60	40	28	2	1	65	2	4
Region III	390	2	62	38	16	0	1	82	1	1
Nome	312	2	63	37	17	0	1	96	1	1
Kotzebue	77	*	58	42	10	0	0	89	1	0
Region IV	907	4	65	35	5	*	*	91	1	2
Bethel	796	4	65	35	5	*	*	91	1	2
Dillingham	111	1	65	35	6	1	1	96	1	4
Region V	3,042	15	55	45	89	*	1	9	2	2
Mat-Su	1,582	8	54	46	96	*	1	3	1	*
Glenallen	142	1	57	43	77	1	1	15	2	3
Seward	344	1	58	42	84	0	1	10	1	2
Kenai	765	4	56	44	85	*	*	6	6	5
Kodiak	319	2	57	43	75	1	3	17	2	2

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BY NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE 1/
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	Total Number	Percentage of Economically Disadvantaged	Percentage by Grade Completed				Percentage by Veteran Groups			Vietnam Era
			0-7	8-11	12	over 12	All Vets	Recently Separated	Disabled	
State Total	20,408	26	3	22	46	28	20	7	1	10
Anchorage	8,825	31	2	21	49	28	20	9	1	11
Region I	2,696	31	1	23	42	33	18	6	1	8
Juneau	1,304	30	1	21	40	37	16	6	1	8
Sitka	329	17	1	23	45	32	15	5	1	8
Ketchikan	896	36	1	27	43	28	22	7	1	8
Petersonburg	167	35	2	22	41	35	21	11	1	10
Region II	4,538	16	3	19	47	30	22	9	2	11
Fairbanks	4,332	15	2	19	48	31	22	9	2	11
Barrow	206	35	11	31	42	16	17	4	*	7
Region III	390	69	10	37	40	13	12	3	*	4
Nome	313	77	10	38	41	11	11	3	*	4
Kotzebue	77	34	10	34	36	19	16	1	0	6
Region IV	907	33	28	33	32	7	6	3	*	2
Bethel	796	34	27	33	33	7	6	3	*	2
Dillingham	111	23	37	29	27	7	9	4	1	5
Region V	3,054	19	2	20	48	30	21	7	1	10
Mat-Su	1,582	16	1	21	50	28	22	6	1	12
Clematis	142	36	3	16	49	32	27	6	2	7
Seward	244	31	4	21	40	35	22	6	1	3
Kenai	765	11	3	20	49	28	17	7	*	7
Kodiak	319	38	5	19	38	38	17	9	0	6

1/ Source: Alaska Department of Labor
Employment Security Automated Reporting System (ESARS)
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*Less than 1%

Percentages May Not Add Due to Rounding

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	Total Number	15 & under	Percentage by Age Group										65 & over
			16-17	18-19	20-21	22-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-54	55-64	
State Total	20,408	1	4	9	10	16	21	13	8	6	8	4	1
Anchorage	8,825	1	4	8	11	16	22	12	7	6	8	4	1
Region I	2,696	1	2	3	5	7	9	7	4	2	4	2	*
Juneau	1,304	1	5	10	10	15	18	14	8	4	9	4	1
Sitka	329	1	8	10	10	15	21	11	9	6	7	3	1
Ketchikan	896	3	4	9	10	16	22	13	7	5	5	3	2
Petersonburg	167	2	5	13	10	19	17	16	4	3	8	3	1
Region II	4,538	1	3	8	9	17	23	14	8	6	7	4	1
Fairbanks	4,332	1	3	8	9	16	23	14	8	6	7	4	1
Barrow	206	2	3	11	9	9	20	27	8	5	6	3	0
Region III	390	3	4	10	13	14	15	14	8	5	11	3	0
Nome	313	3	4	11	12	14	14	15	7	5	12	3	0
Kotzebue	77	0	4	5	18	17	18	12	10	6	4	5	0
Region IV	907	*	1	18	14	12	13	9	7	6	14	6	0
Bethel	796	*	1	19	15	12	14	8	7	6	13	6	0
Dillingham	111	2	1	11	9	12	11	12	10	8	19	6	0
Region V	3,054	1	3	7	9	15	22	15	9	5	8	5	1
Mat-Su	1,582	1	5	7	7	13	21	15	9	7	8	6	1
Clematis	142	1	1	7	4	19	21	19	11	11	6	4	1
Seward	244	7	3	8	13	18	21	10	5	3	7	6	*
Kenai	765	*	2	7	12	17	23	15	9	4	7	3	1
Kodiak	319	0	2	6	13	19	24	13	6	3	10	4	*