

Transportation-Communication-Public Utilities: Estimated employment in transportation-communication-public utilities for January 1962 was 7,200 jobs, with no over-all change from December 1961, but an increase of 600 over the number of jobs reported for January 1961. Month-to-month and year-to-year variations were slight except in the communications industry, which has increased with the completion of the defense warning systems and other communications advances. Trucking-warehousing, water transportation, and air transportation each had an increase of 100 jobs over last year's employment level.

Wholesale-Retail Trade: The January 1962 employment estimate for total trade was 7,800 jobs, down 400 from last month, but 300 higher than January 1961. There was a post-holiday drop in both wholesale and retail trade totaling 400 jobs. Wholesale trade, food stores, and eating and drinking places fell off 100 each, and general merchandise 200 jobs, all reflecting seasonality. In spite of month-to-month drops, food stores, and eating and drinking places each had 200 worker increases over mid-January of last year.

Finance-Insurance-Real Estate: The January 1962 employment level for finance-insurance-real estate was estimated to be 1,600, remaining the same as last month, but above January 1961 by 100 jobs, the year-to-year growth occurring in the banking and finance industry.

Service & Miscellaneous: Employment in the service industries for January 1962 was estimated to be 5,700, an increase of 100 jobs over the previous month and of 700 jobs over the January 1961 employment level. The year-to-year growth occurred chiefly in medical services, business services such as advertising and automotive repair, and a small increase in the hotel and lodging industry.

Government: The total government employment estimate for January 1962 was 22,400 jobs. This was a decline of 100 from December 1961, and also 700 lower than January 1961. The seasonal month-to-month downward movement occurred in Federal defense jobs. Although there was a year-to-year increase in local government employment, deactivation and job reductions in Federal defense agencies resulted in lower level of government employment this year than last.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average weekly earnings in Alaska industries, based on the mid-January estimate, show an increase from last month in all major industry groups except construction, and finance-insurance-real estate, both of these being based on shorter work-weeks. Reduction in average weekly hours also was the chief contributing factor to a lower year-to-year earnings figure in construction, wholesale trade, and finance-insurance-real estate. The average hourly earnings all were above the previous month and the current month a year ago except a drop from last year in construction due mainly to a reduction of overtime hours.

## SPECIAL STUDY

Chart 1, Alaska Civilian Workforce, 1958-1961, presents Alaska's annual averages of total civilian workforce, total unemployment, total employment, workers in work stoppages and percent of unemployment to workforce.

Chart 2, Personal Income in Alaska 1958-1961, gives in millions of dollars, the total personal income in Alaska, the wage and salary income divided into major industry groups, and other labor income, proprietor's income, property income, transfer payments, and personal contributions for social security.

CHART 1

ALASKA CIVILIAN WORKFORCE  
Annual Averages  
1958-1961

	1958	1959	1960	1961
TOTAL CIVILIAN WORKFORCE	67,500	69,500	72,500	72,600
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	7,900	7,300	6,300	7,900
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	59,600	62,000	66,200	64,600
WORKERS IN WORK STOPPAGES	--	200	--	100
% of Unemployment (Unemployment ÷ Civilian Workforce)	11.7	10.5	8.7	10.9

CHART 2

PERSONAL INCOME IN ALASKA  
(Millions of \$)  
1958-1961

	1958 <u>1/</u>	1959 <u>1/</u>	1960 <u>1/</u>	1961 <u>2/</u>
PERSONAL INCOME	526	555	629	631
WAGE & SALARY	434	458	527	529
Mining	8	9	8	8
Contract Construction	47	48	49	39
Manufacturing	18	21	27	25
Transp., Comm. & Utilities	39	41	50	58
Wholesale & Retail Trade	39	46	64	69
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	14	15	18	19
Services	21	25	32	33
Government	252	255	283	272
Federal	222	221	240	223
State & Local	30	34	44	49
Other	5	5	5	5
Other Labor Income	10	11	12	12
Proprietor's Income	38	42	46	51
Property Income	32	34	35	36
Transfer Payments	23	22	24	25
Less: Personal Contributions for Social Security	11	12	16	18

1/ Survey of Current Business, August 1961

2/ Estimated