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Unemployment rate at 6.4 percent in June

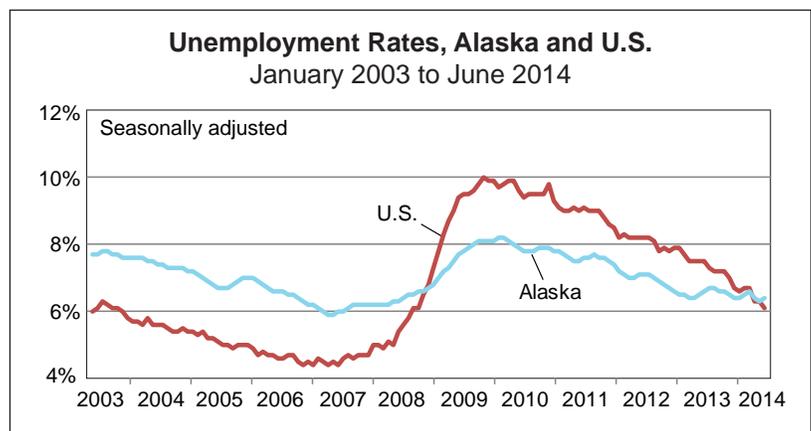
Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in June, essentially unchanged from May's revised rate of 6.3 percent. The comparable national rate was 6.1 percent.

Alaska's rate returned to pre-recession levels relatively quickly, while the U.S. rate has had a slower recovery and continues to decline. Since January 2013, Alaska's adjusted rate has hovered between 6.3 and 6.7 percent.

Alaska's not-seasonally adjusted rate was 6.8 percent in June, up from 6.0 percent in May. A seasonal uptick in June's unadjusted rate is normal as students and other summer workers look for jobs.

Despite the increase in the statewide rate, jobless rates in Alaska's highly seasonal areas fell. The Municipality of Skagway had the lowest unadjusted rate at 1.4 percent, followed by the Bristol Bay Borough at 1.9 percent. The highest rate was in the Wade Hampton Census Area at 26.1 percent.

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Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
	6/14	5/14	6/13
Alaska	6.4%	6.3%	6.6%
U.S.	6.1%	6.3%	7.5%

Sources for graph and table: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

For detailed employment estimates, see <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/ces/>. The estimates are preliminary and subject to potentially large revisions.

Labor Force by Borough and Census Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

	Civilian Labor Force			Unemployed					
	6/14 ^P	5/14	6/13	Number			Rate		
				6/14 ^P	5/14	6/13	6/14 ^P	5/14	6/13
Alaska Statewide	374,075	367,044	372,051	25,445	22,018	25,636	6.8	6.0	6.9
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	201,027	200,259	199,791	12,113	10,301	12,040	6.0	5.1	6.0
Anchorage, Municipality of	157,134	156,599	156,099	8,872	7,518	8,750	5.6	4.8	5.6
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	43,893	43,660	43,692	3,241	2,783	3,290	7.4	6.4	7.5
Gulf Coast Region	43,602	41,507	43,302	2,950	2,563	3,017	6.8	6.2	7.0
Kenai Peninsula Borough	30,342	29,221	30,133	2,127	1,864	2,143	7.0	6.4	7.1
Kodiak Island Borough	7,092	6,816	7,017	418	324	444	5.9	4.8	6.3
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	6,168	5,470	6,152	405	375	430	6.6	6.9	7.0
Interior Region	55,058	54,815	54,547	3,767	3,329	3,862	6.8	6.1	7.1
Denali Borough	2,433	1,730	2,502	83	80	105	3.4	4.6	4.2
Fairbanks North Star Borough	45,809	46,492	45,063	2,833	2,446	2,868	6.2	5.3	6.4
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	3,388	3,373	3,449	381	346	390	11.2	10.3	11.3
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	3,428	3,220	3,533	470	457	499	13.7	14.2	14.1
Northern Region	12,762	12,631	12,599	1,382	1,194	1,384	10.8	9.5	11.0
Nome Census Area	4,043	4,047	3,990	553	469	550	13.7	11.6	13.8
North Slope Borough	5,390	5,474	5,353	282	248	320	5.2	4.5	6.0
Northwest Arctic Borough	3,329	3,110	3,256	547	477	514	16.4	15.3	15.8
Southeast Region	41,829	40,514	41,868	2,570	2,233	2,530	6.1	5.5	6.0
Haines Borough	1,493	1,361	1,499	100	98	103	6.7	7.2	6.9
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	1,641	1,445	1,648	173	144	175	10.5	10.0	10.6
Juneau, City and Borough of	18,599	18,487	18,620	899	747	888	4.8	4.0	4.8
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	8,924	8,349	8,930	523	457	514	5.9	5.5	5.8
Petersburg Census Area	1,653	1,632	1,635	141	138	121	8.5	8.5	7.4
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	2,515	2,445	2,506	360	316	347	14.3	12.9	13.8
Sitka, City and Borough of	4,650	4,588	4,670	247	209	253	5.3	4.6	5.4
Skagway, Municipality of	954	861	961	13	28	17	1.4	3.3	1.8
Wrangell, City and Borough of	1,072	1,044	1,072	87	71	86	8.1	6.8	8.0
Yakutat, City and Borough of	328	302	327	27	25	26	8.2	8.3	8.0
Southwest Region	19,799	17,322	19,944	2,662	2,400	2,803	13.4	13.9	14.1
Aleutians East Borough	990	820	1,031	104	101	145	10.5	12.3	14.1
Aleutians West Census Area	2,924	2,355	2,986	237	292	309	8.1	12.4	10.3
Bethel Census Area	7,495	6,886	7,533	1,246	1,056	1,282	16.6	15.3	17.0
Bristol Bay Borough	1,936	1,165	1,945	36	33	37	1.9	2.8	1.9
Dillingham Census Area	2,411	2,132	2,412	235	197	229	9.7	9.2	9.5
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,355	1,240	1,331	103	85	82	7.6	6.9	6.2
Wade Hampton Census Area	2,688	2,724	2,706	701	636	719	26.1	23.3	26.6

P = Preliminary. As more information becomes available, data are revised every month for the previous month and again at the end of every calendar year.

Note: The official definition of unemployment excludes anyone who has not made an active attempt to find work in the four-week period up to and including the week that includes the 12th of the reference month. Many in rural Alaska do not meet the definition because they have not conducted an active job search due to the scarcity of employment opportunities.

¹Unemployment rates that are not seasonally adjusted should not be compared with those that are.

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