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## WORKFORCE INFORMATION



### ALASKA CAREER GUIDE INITIATIVE

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, has placed career guides in rural Alaska school districts. Serving five rural Alaska school districts, the program seeks to engage youth about career awareness, and identification of pathways after completion of secondary education, skills development and the financial aid process. The Initiative has partnered with rootED Alliance, a national nonprofit.



### ALASKA'S WORKFORCE FUTURE

DOLWD and the Alaska Safety Alliance co-authored a new workforce plan for Alaska, called Alaska's Workforce Future. Driven by industry, employer and job seeker surveys, the workforce plan maps several strategies and goals to meet the state's future workforce needs, with clear implementation steps to move forward. [https://awib.alaska.gov/documents/25SAFE005\\_AWF\\_Document-Digital-Final.pdf](https://awib.alaska.gov/documents/25SAFE005_AWF_Document-Digital-Final.pdf)



### DOD SKILLBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

DOLWD has partnered with DOD SkillBridge, providing two internships within DOLWD for transitioning members of the U.S. Armed Forces as they prepare to enter the civilian workforce. DOLWD is also helping Alaska businesses to prepare applications to become a SkillBridge Approved Partner. DOLWD has also entered into a partnership with the U.S. Army, and their Army Partnership for Your Success program, providing guaranteed job interviews for select positions. <https://jobs.alaska.gov/veterans/skillbridge.html>

Online Resources: [labor.state.ak.us](https://labor.state.ak.us)

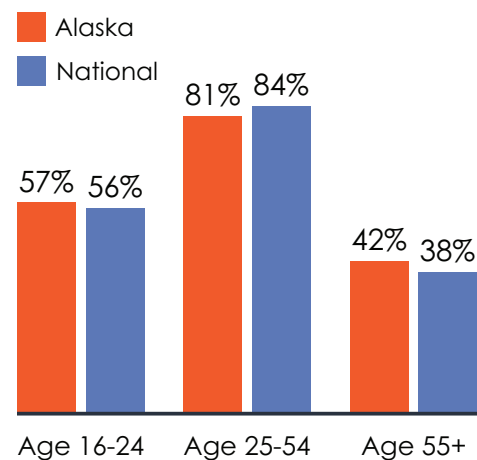
## LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

(Age 16 & older)

	Alaska	National
Employment (April 2024-April 2025 change)	<b>+1.6%</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>
Unemployment Rate, 2024 annual average	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
Labor Force, 2024 annual average	<b>359,000</b>	
Unemployed Persons per Job Opening, 2024 annual average	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Average Hourly Earnings (May 2024-April 2025)	<b>\$37.04</b>	<b>\$35.54</b>
Average Hourly Earnings (April 2024-April 2025 change)	<b>+2.2%</b>	<b>+3.9%</b>

Source: USDOL-BLS, LAUS and CES, using preliminary April data

### ANNUAL LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE



Source: USDOL-BLS, CPS (2024 Annual Average)

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

#### Programs within Agency

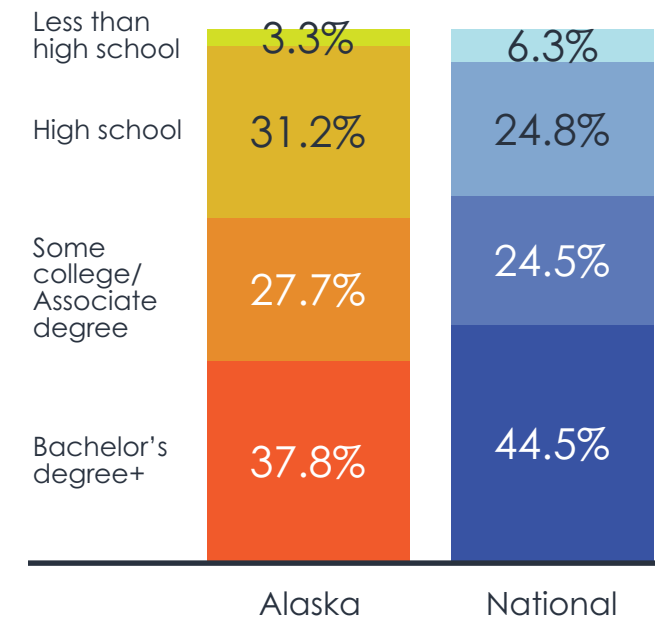
- AE
- Career Readiness Certificates
- Federal Bonding Program
- FLC
- JVSG Program
- Labor Relations Agency
- LMI and BLS Programs
- Mechanical Inspection
- MSFW
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Office of Citizenship Assistance
- Rapid Response
- Registered Apprenticeship Grants and Services
- RESEA
- SCSEP
- State Training and Employment Program Grants and Services
- TAA
- Technical and Vocational Education Program Grants
- UI
- Vocational Technical Center
- VR Services
- W&H
- WIOA – A, DW, & Y
- WOTC
- Workers' Compensation
- Workforce Investment Board
- WP Employment Services

#### WIOA Core Programs: Administering Agencies

- Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development – WIOA Title I, AE, WP, VR

### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

(Age 25 & older)



Source: USDOL-BLS, CPS (2024 Annual Average, using preliminary April data)

### NUMBER OF LOCAL WORKFORCE AREAS

#### AMERICAN JOB CENTERS

Source: 2024 WIOA State Plan, CareerOneStop American Job Center Finder



### PARTICIPANTS SERVED BY ALASKA'S WORKFORCE SERVICES



Source: USDOL-ETA, PY23 Performance Data ([dol.gov/agencies/eta/performance/results](https://dol.gov/agencies/eta/performance/results))

### KEY INDUSTRIES

MOST JOBS ADDED

FASTEST GROWING



Source: BLS, Current Employment Statistics (April 2024 - April 2025)

### UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

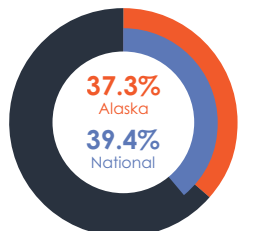
#### Average Duration

The average number of weeks people receive unemployment insurance.

**17.6 weeks**  
Alaska  
**15.3 weeks**  
National

#### Exhaustion Rate

The percentage of individuals receiving unemployment benefits who use all the eligible weeks without finding new employment.



Source: USDOL-ETA Quarter 4 – 2024