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### **Alaska Employment grew 0.4 percent in 2014**

JUNEAU, Alaska— Recently released data show that employment in Alaska grew slightly in 2014. Average monthly employment reached 336,764, up 1,385 jobs, or 0.4 percent, from 2013's level. Modest job growth in 2014 was a continuation of the previous year's trend. From 2012 to 2013, employment also grew 0.4 percent.

Employers paid \$17.8 billion in wages in 2014, up 2.3 percent from 2013's inflation-adjusted \$17.4 billion. Average annual wages increased 1.9 percent, from \$51,858 in 2013 to \$52,850 in 2014.

Private sector employers added 2,143 jobs in 2014. This increase was driven by above-average growth in the oil and gas, construction, retail trade, and leisure and hospitality industries. Some industries shrank in 2014, but not enough to stymie private sector growth overall.

Government employment fell by 760 jobs in 2014, driven by losses in both federal and local government, which includes public school districts.

Research and Analysis Web site: [laborstats.alaska.gov](http://laborstats.alaska.gov)

# Alaska Employment by Industry

2013 to 2014

Industry	Average Monthly Employment		Employment Change	
	2013	2014	By Number	By Percent
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>335,379</b>	<b>336,764</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>254,432</b>	<b>256,575</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
Natural Resources and Mining	18,152	18,788	636	3.5%
Oil and Gas Industry	14,052	14,789	737	5.2%
Construction	16,548	17,075	527	3.2%
Manufacturing	14,251	14,388	137	1.0%
Seafood Processing	10,476	10,596	120	1.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	64,120	64,765	645	1.0%
Transp. and Warehousing	19,514	19,443	-71	-0.4%
Retail Trade	35,869	36,724	855	2.4%
Wholesale Trade	6,608	6,495	-113	-1.7%
Utilities	2,130	2,104	-26	-1.2%
Information	6,148	6,261	113	1.8%
Financial Activities	13,043	12,935	-108	-0.8%
Professional and Business Services	30,109	29,939	-170	-0.6%
Education and Health Services	46,137	45,789	-348	-0.8%
Health Care	33,490	33,753	263	0.8%
Social Assistance	10,389	9,783	-606	-5.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,677	34,156	479	1.4%
Other Services	11,837	11,898	61	0.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>80,948</b>	<b>80,188</b>	<b>-760</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
Federal Government	15,473	14,890	-583	-3.8%
State Government	26,276	26,501	225	0.9%
Local Government	39,199	38,797	-402	-1.0%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages