

Unemployment At Bethel 31.4%

Recent figures issued by the Department of Labor concerning the immediate Bethel area has pegged Bethel unemployment at 31.4% unemployed. This compares with an Alaskan average of 8.6%.

Even in the peak month of July statistics indicated 25% of the employed force was government. Largest employer was the Bethel PHS hospital with 101 permanent employees.

However, making up a considerable part of the employed force has been the Bethel Neighborhood Youth Corps, which according to the Bethel News has put over \$50,000 in salaries into the City of Bethel alone since July 1965.