

Labor Office: Increase in Unemployment

The Commissioner of Labor's Office reported an increase in Alaska's unemployment rate from January to February. The unemployment rate in February was 12.6 per cent compared to 12.1 per cent in January. There were 123,400 persons employed in Alaska in February, while the numbers of unemployed rose to 17,800. Alaska's unemployment rate dropped 1.4 per cent from the corresponding period last year.

Typically, the December through May interval represents low employment months in the Alaska economy. The seasonal decline in employment in the log-lumber-pulp and fishing industries continues, while construction employment has shown a slight increase of 3.4 per cent over the January level.