

# State unemployment drops

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The Alaska Department of Labor officials say Alaska's unemployment rate dropped slightly in May, and for the first time in months, Anchorage had the lowest unemployment at 6.4 percent.

Angoon, a Southeast Alaska fishing village, has the highest jobless rate again last month at 21.4 percent. Significant increa-

ses were reported in Angoon, Seward and Bethel.

The statewide jobless rate for May was 8.7 percent, with unemployment hitting 11.5 percent in Interior Alaska, 10 percent in Southwest and 9.5 percent in Southeast.

Here are some other employment figures for May from around the state:

- Kenai—8.9 percent.
- Valdez—10 percent.
- Fairbanks—11.3 percent.
- Barrow-North Slope—7.7 percent.
- Nome—8.7 percent.
- Haines—21.4 percent.
- Juneau—7 percent.
- Ketchikan—10.6 percent.
- Bethel—12.7 percent, an increase of 11.9 percent over April.