

**State of Alaska  
FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Labor Market Information  
Component Budget Summary**

## **Component: Labor Market Information**

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### **Component Mission**

Provide accurate and timely economic and demographic data and analysis to assist government, industry, and individuals to make informed choices.

### **Component Services Provided**

- Develop information on employment by industry and occupation, unemployment, wage rates, population, census geography, occupational injuries and fatalities, housing statistics and other economic variables.
- Prepare reports on training program performance and on resident hire.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

#### 1) MAXIMIZE THE ACCURACY OF DATA PRODUCED.

- Meet or exceed all quality standards set by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

#### 2) MAXIMIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF DATA PRODUCED.

- Increase amount of historical data available on the Internet.
- Continue working with the US Department of Labor to implement the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 as it relates to this component.

Alaska joined the Wage Record Interchange System to facilitate the exchange of wage records across state lines for the purpose of measuring the performance of WIA funded training providers.

Alaska is part a consortium of states and the Bureau of Labor Statistics working together to develop information at the state and local level on employee benefits available in the workplace.

Alaska has joined a consortium of states and the Bureau of Labor Statistics to research the feasibility of using employee wage records to develop statistics that provide a better understanding of the interactive dynamics of the nations labor markets at the state and local level.

Alaska is currently the elected representative of the Pacific Northwest states on the national Workforce Information Council (WIC). The WIC is made up of 10 state employment statistics agency representatives and executive staff from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is charged with planning, guiding, and overseeing the nationwide workforce information system.

- Provide labor market information products and services to the state and local Workforce Investment Boards.

#### 3) PROVIDE PROGRAM OUTCOME STATISTICS FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS USING WAGE RECORDS AND OTHER DATA FILES.

- Through the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, report training program outcomes annually.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

Maintain the current level of service given continuing increases in workload due to the growing number of employers in the state's economy, and the increased complexity of statistical surveys mandated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

without increases in funding.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

- Deployed the Census 2000 interactive Internet data inquiry system to include data from Summary File 1, Summary File 2, and Summary File 3 (SF1, SF2, SF3).

SF1 contains the 100-percent data, which is the information compiled from the questions asked of all people and about every housing unit. Population items include sex, age, race, Hispanic or Latino, household relationship, and group quarters. Housing items include occupancy status, vacancy status, and tenure (owner occupied or renter occupied). Data is available to the block level. It was released in July 2001.

SF2 contains the same full-count data items that are available in SF 1 as well as detailed race/ethnic information. Data is available to the census tract level with a population threshold of at least 100. SF2 was released January 2002

SF3 is generally valued for the types of data collected, the detailed nature of the information presented, and the geographic level of the data. SF3 contains social information such as veteran status and educational attainment; economic information such as income and poverty status for individuals, families, and households; and housing information such as house heating sources and rent as a percentage of income. Data is available to the census tract level with a population threshold of at least 100. SF3 was released September 2002.

- Deployed the "Workforce Info" interactive Internet data inquiry system.

An integrated web site with data browsing tools, career resources, and data downloading capabilities. The site presents labor market information to serve a variety of customers. Job seekers, employers, career counselors, and researchers can use the application to meet their individual needs. For instance, job seekers can use the application to understand the job market and identify potential employers needing their skills. In addition to economic information, the system provides access to Alaska's Job Center Network to provide a wide range of labor exchange services.

- Completed employment forecast for two-year and ten-year horizon.

- Provided labor market information to policymakers and line staff through presentations and workshops.

- Met all federal and state cooperative agreement deliverables.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 09.38.115  
AS 23.05.060 (3)  
AS 23.05.130  
AS 23.20.022  
AS 36.10.005-.990  
AS 37.07.050  
AS 44.31.020

04 AAC 31.060

20 U.S.C. (Carl Perkins)  
Section 118

29 U.S.C. (Wagner Peyser) as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998  
Section 122  
Section 309

Code of Federal Regulations Title 29, Part 44

Code of Federal Regulations Title 41, parts 29 - 70

**Labor Market Information**  
**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	2,012.4	2,428.6	2,543.3
72000 Travel	101.8	94.3	94.3
73000 Contractual	998.8	1,369.8	1,255.0
74000 Supplies	130.3	110.6	100.6
75000 Equipment	37.7	25.0	15.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>3,281.0</b>	<b>4,028.3</b>	<b>4,008.2</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	1,396.1	1,912.5	1,937.4
1003 General Fund Match	72.8	74.1	78.1
1004 General Fund Receipts	446.7	455.8	396.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	1,334.8	1,375.7	1,386.5
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	30.6	210.2	210.2
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>3,281.0</b>	<b>4,028.3</b>	<b>4,008.2</b>

## Labor Market Information

### Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

To accommodate a \$55.8 general fund reduction, the level of effort for Alaska Geographic Information System products and services (maps) will be reduced by 50% and the response time for 2000 Census data requests will increase by 25%. This will 1) stop development and implementation of an Internet based Alaska thematic mapping system and 2) eliminate the Alaska State Data Center census data information bulletin. Attempts will be made to obtain interagency and other funding to offset this reduction.

### Summary of Component Budget Changes

#### From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>529.9</b>	<b>1,912.5</b>	<b>1,585.9</b>	<b>4,028.3</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA Increase for General Government and Supervisory Bargaining Units	0.0	17.9	10.8	28.7
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Reduce Funding for Labor Market Information	-55.8	0.0	0.0	-55.8
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Increase Federal Authorization for Federal Survey Postage Costs	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0
<b>FY2004 Governor</b>	<b>474.1</b>	<b>1,937.4</b>	<b>1,596.7</b>	<b>4,008.2</b>

**Labor Market Information**  
**Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	41	41	Annual Salaries	2,008,573
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	1,763
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	691,666
			<i>Less 5.87% Vacancy Factor</i>	(158,702)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>2,543,300</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Assistant	0	0	1	0	1
Chf Labor Res & Anal	0	0	1	0	1
Economist I	1	0	6	0	7
Economist II	1	0	6	0	7
Economist III	0	0	3	0	3
Research Analyst I	0	0	6	0	6
Research Analyst II	0	0	7	0	7
Research Analyst III	0	0	1	0	1
Research Analyst IV	0	0	1	0	1
Statistical Clerk	0	0	7	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>