

**State of Alaska
FY2021 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Vocational Rehabilitation
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

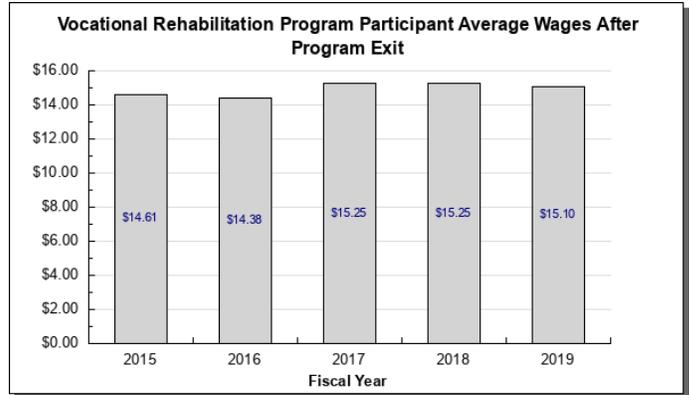
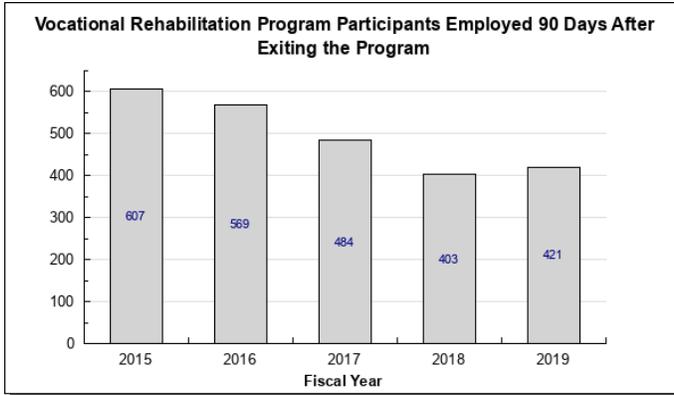
Vocational Rehabilitation Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

Assist people with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.

Results

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)



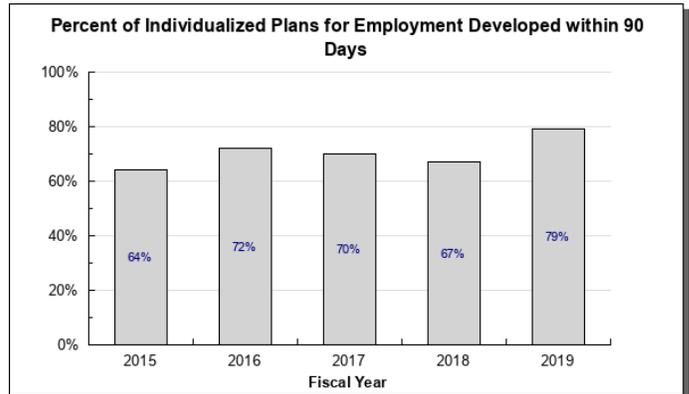
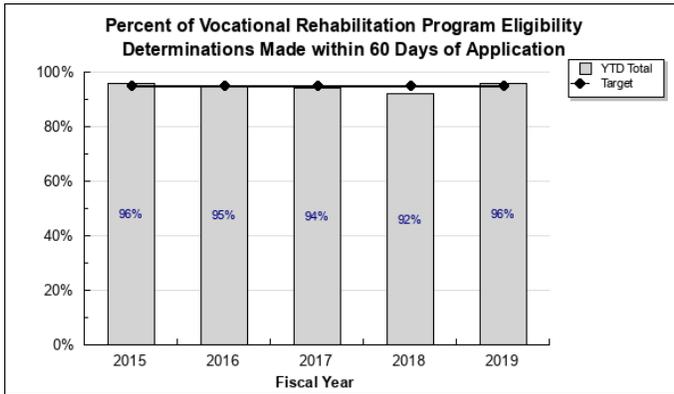
Core Services

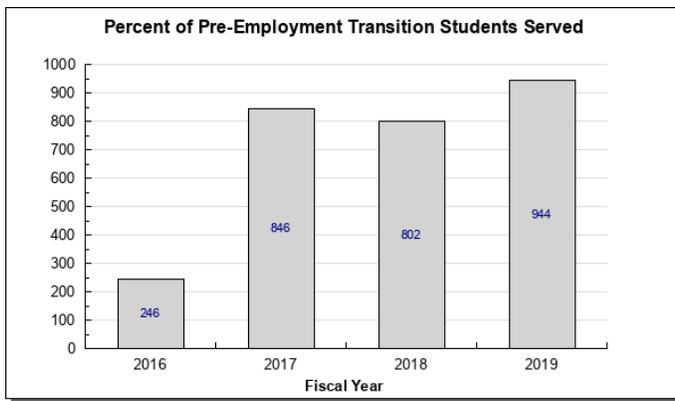
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Measures by Core Service

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Major RDU Accomplishments in 2019

- Successfully employed 421 disabled Alaskans through individualized Plans for Employment.
- Continued to coordinate with rural school districts, health care providers, job centers, and tribal vocational rehabilitation programs to improve service delivery to individuals with disabilities residing in rural Alaska.
- Served 319 individuals 55 years of age and older who were blind or had a significant visual impairment. Services were provided to individuals in their local communities and included mobility training, peer support, independent living skill training and low vision assessments.
- Began implementation of the Alaska Job Center Network One Stop Operator Memorandum of Understanding and Infrastructure Funding Agreement as required by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- Achieved 98.2 percent of disability determination cases closed with an accurate determination for benefits, which exceeds the national average of 97.4 percent.

Key RDU Challenges

- The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation continues to be challenged by the impact to the general Client Services program of allocating 15 percent of federal funds to deliver pre-employment transition services (Pre-ETS) as required by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. While the division has been extremely successful in providing these services, there are no additional funds awarded for Pre-ETS activities, requiring the division to allocate less money to general program services.
- The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation continues to be challenged by initiating the Reconsideration Review Process the Social Security Administration (SSA) reinstated in Alaska last year. The SSA has funded additional space and staff, however staff attrition and limited recruitment pools have hindered successful staffing for the Reconsideration Review Process that is scheduled to begin in mid-2020.
- The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is challenged by the impact of recent changes to when an individual in the vocational rehabilitation program can be supported using Supported Employment (SE) Grant that supported employment must be in competitive employment, in an integrated work setting.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2021

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will close the Kodiak office in December 2019 because no clients are directly served in the Kodiak area. Two positions will be deleted as a result of the office closure.

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**Vocational Rehabilitation
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2019 Actuals				FY2020 Management Plan				FY2021 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Voc Rehab Administration	0.0	273.6	670.1	943.7	0.0	274.7	977.7	1,252.4	0.0	274.7	981.2	1,255.9
Client Services	4,672.7	102.6	9,658.0	14,433.3	4,751.2	124.2	12,132.3	17,007.7	4,694.0	124.2	12,192.0	17,010.2
Disability Determination	0.0	224.4	4,443.3	4,667.7	0.0	289.1	5,591.2	5,880.3	0.0	290.6	5,616.4	5,907.0
Special Projects	167.0	95.9	711.7	974.6	167.0	119.7	955.9	1,242.6	167.0	119.7	956.0	1,242.7
Totals	4,839.7	696.5	15,483.1	21,019.3	4,918.2	807.7	19,657.1	25,383.0	4,861.0	809.2	19,745.6	25,415.8

**Vocational Rehabilitation
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2020 Management Plan to FY2021 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2020 Management Plan	4,720.0	198.2	807.7	19,657.1	25,383.0
Adjustments which continue current level of service:					
-Voc Rehab Administration	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	3.5
-Client Services	27.1	0.0	0.0	59.7	86.8
-Disability Determination	0.0	0.0	1.5	25.2	26.7
-Special Projects	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Proposed budget decreases:					
-Client Services	-84.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-84.3
FY2021 Governor	4,662.8	198.2	809.2	19,745.6	25,415.8