

# JOBS IN ALASKA?

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**BEWARE** of bogus advertisements offering high paying jobs or Alaska job information for sale.

Alaska's unemployment rate reached 11.3 percent during January 1985 and averaged 9.5 percent for the year. This compares to the national average of 7.2 percent for 1985. Some Alaskan communities experience unemployment as high as 23 percent in any given month.

Alaska's employment base is limited and seasonal, and many unemployed individuals are unable to find or afford housing. The cost of living in Alaska is high.

Alaska's labor unions all report members waiting for openings in both skilled and semi-skilled jobs. Much construction work is unionized. There is currently a significant down-turn in construction and oil industry related employment as a result of the decline in the price of oil.

We urge job seekers not to go to Alaska unless they have a firm offer of employment to avoid the traumatic disappointments facing many newcomers there now.

For further information:

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