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SOUTHEAST ALASKA

By the Numbers 2022

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Top 8 Stories of the Southeast Alaska Economy





1 The Economy is Up (by a mile)

Jobs +5%

+2,100

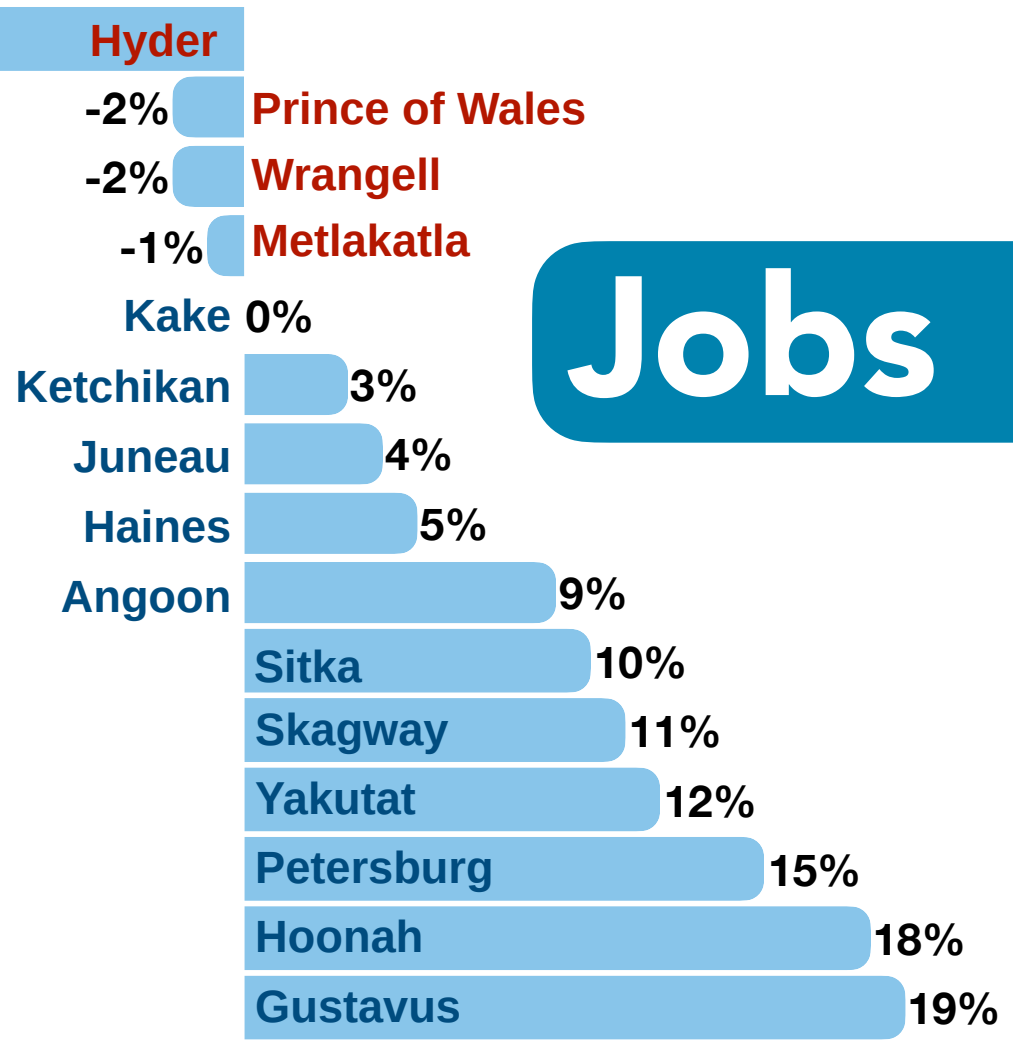
2020-2021

-33%

Southeast Alaska Employment Change 2020 to 2021

Juneau = +600
Sitka = +400
Ketchikan = +180
Petersburg = +180

Thanks to Alaska Department of Labor for data



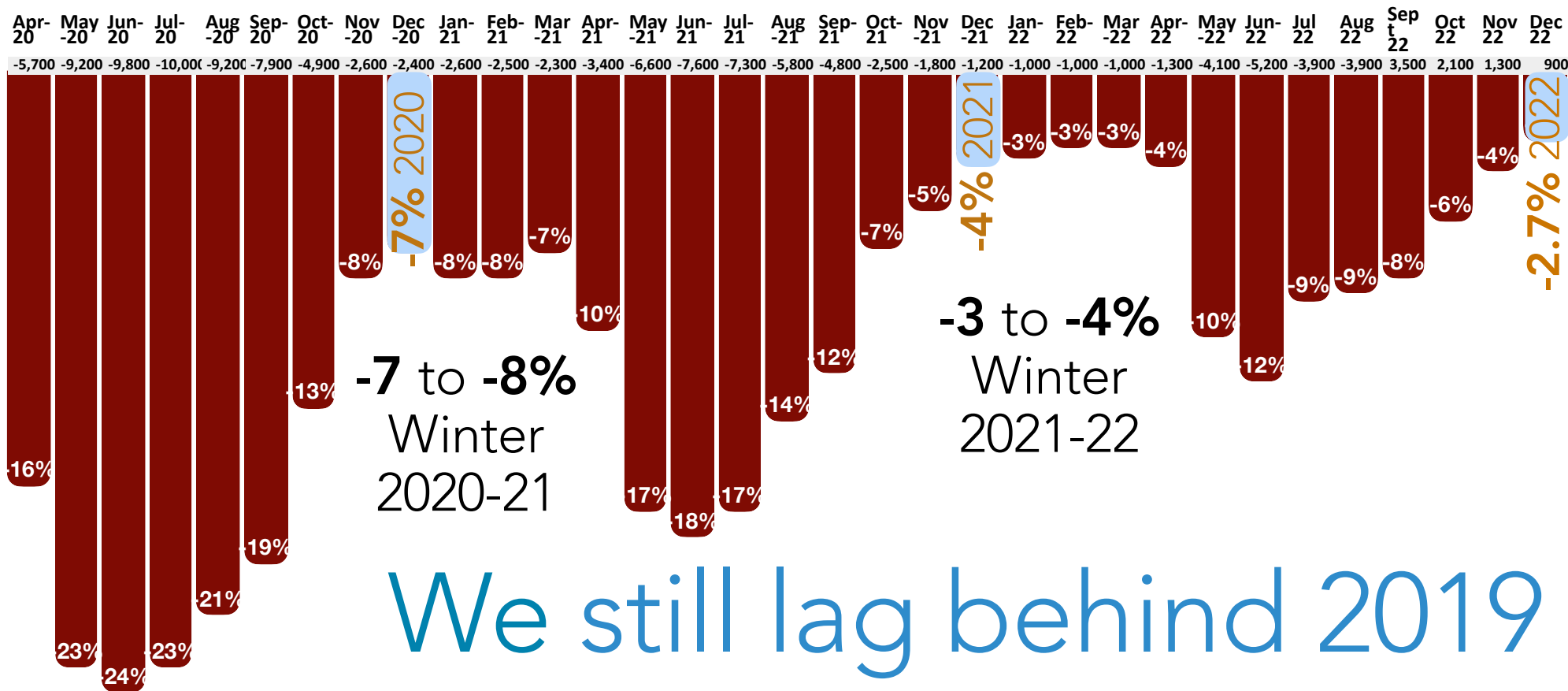
Jobs

Jobs +3%

+1,400

2021-2022

32 Months after COVID-19 Job Losses



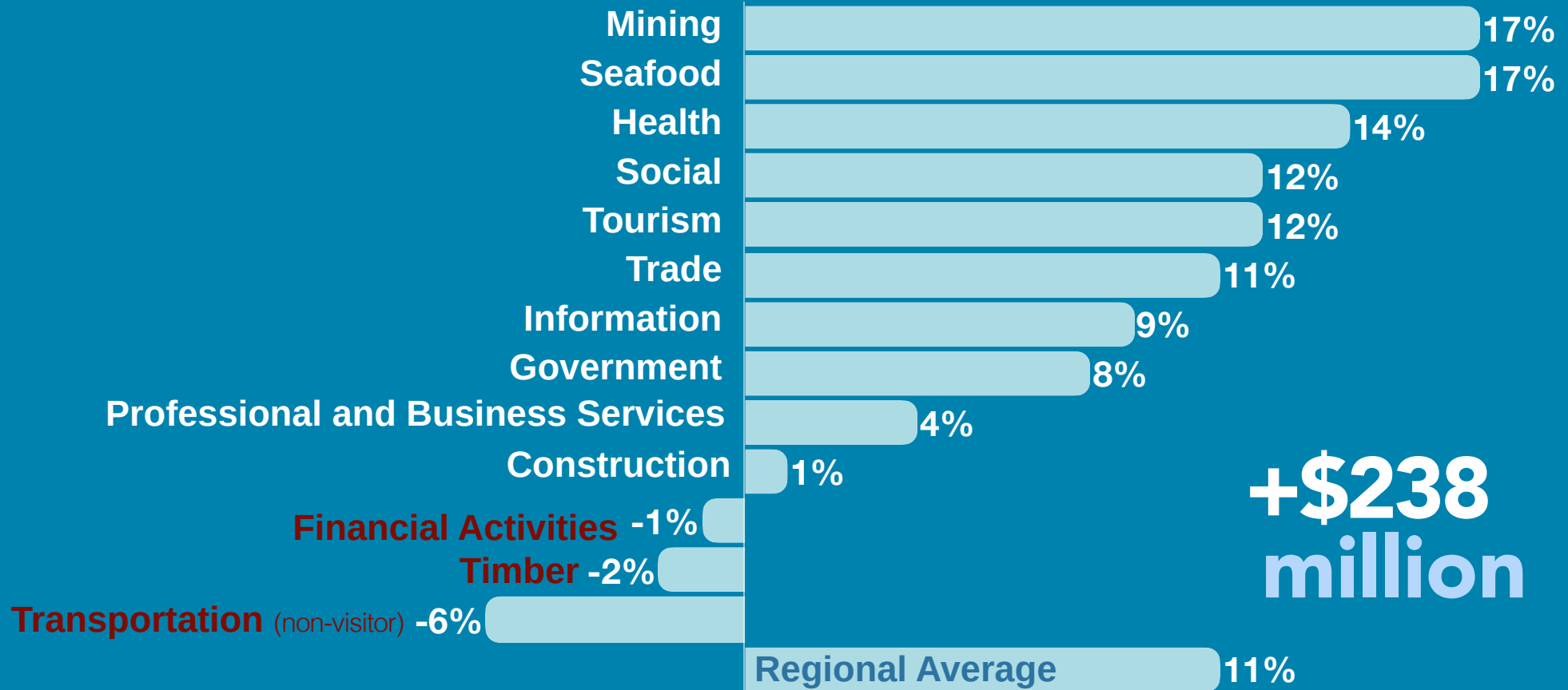
We still lag behind 2019

Compared to the same pre-pandemic month in 2019

2 Wages are Growing



Average Earnings 2019-2021



Inflation 2023

Inflation has softened in Alaska, following the national trends

- Oct - December 2022: CPI decreased by 1.4% in urban AK
- Higher prices prevail in many rural communities
- Average home selling prices surged in 2022, but market is cooling

3 Federal funding & intervention has been key



Federal Awards 2022

\$135 million

Southeast Conference: \$**49.5** million mariculture

Prince of Wales: \$**29.3** million to expand fiber optic network

USFS: \$**25** million Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy

U.S. Dept. Education: \$**12.5** million Alaska Native Education

Sitka: \$**7.8** million for Sitka's Marine Service Center

Petersburg: \$**6.4** million for harbor work

Ketchikan: \$**4** million for Coast Guard facility improvements

Infrastructure Bill

AMHS	\$285,000,000
Juneau	\$24,229,548
Sitka	\$9,106,117
Petersburg	\$7,395,225
Tongass	\$2,009,500
Ketchikan	\$1,995,948
Wrangell	\$1,764,581
Klawock	\$1,277,917
Yakutat	\$1,008,305
Gustavus	\$1,007,217
Haines	\$1,006,493
Metlakatla	\$918,362
Hyder	\$460,002
IFA	\$299,934
Craig	\$264,534
Anchorage	\$250,000
Hoonah	\$159,000
Kake	\$159,000
Seward	\$159,000
Coffman Cove	\$110,000
Hydaburg	\$110,000
Kasaan	\$110,000
Pelican	\$110,000
Port Protection	\$110,000
Tenakee Springs	\$110,000
Thorne Bay	\$110,000
Whale Pass	\$110,000

\$340 million
Southeast

\$3 billion
Alaska

CONSTRUCTION

A photograph of a construction site on a city street. In the foreground, a large green Kenworth truck is parked, facing the camera. Its license plate reads 'ALASKA LK 167'. To the right of the truck, a yellow excavator is positioned on a gravel surface. A worker in a blue shirt and yellow hard hat is kneeling in a hole, using a tool. Another worker in a blue plaid shirt stands near a set of stairs on the right. A sign on the stairs reads 'SIDEWALK CLOSED'. The background shows trees and a multi-story building.

2022 JOBS UP BY 7%

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4 Our Economy is Diverse: Checking in on our 3 top private sector industries

**Seafood = Top
private sector
industry in 2021**

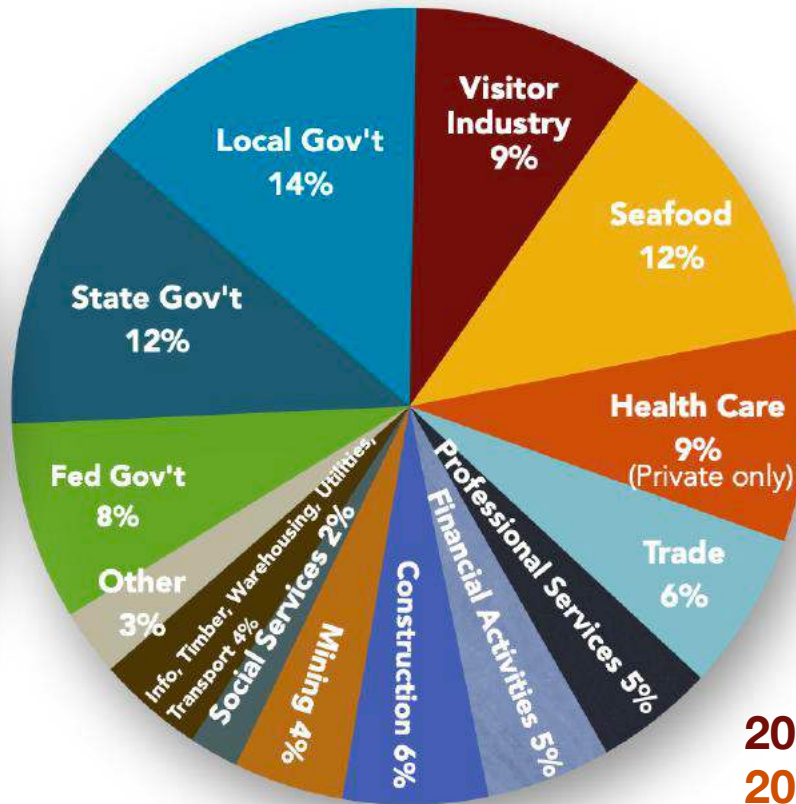
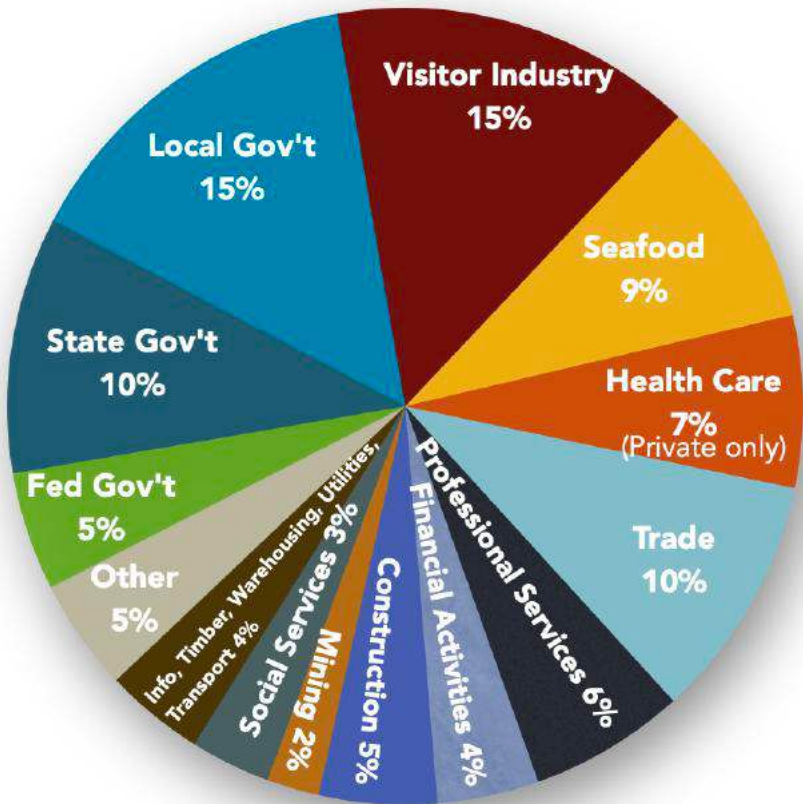
The Whole **Southeast Alaska Economy** 2021

40,187 Jobs

UP 2,100 JOBS IN 2020 +5%

\$2.4 Billion Earnings

UP \$237 MILLION +11%



Seafood was #1 private sector wage provider in the region in 2021 - for the first time since 2015

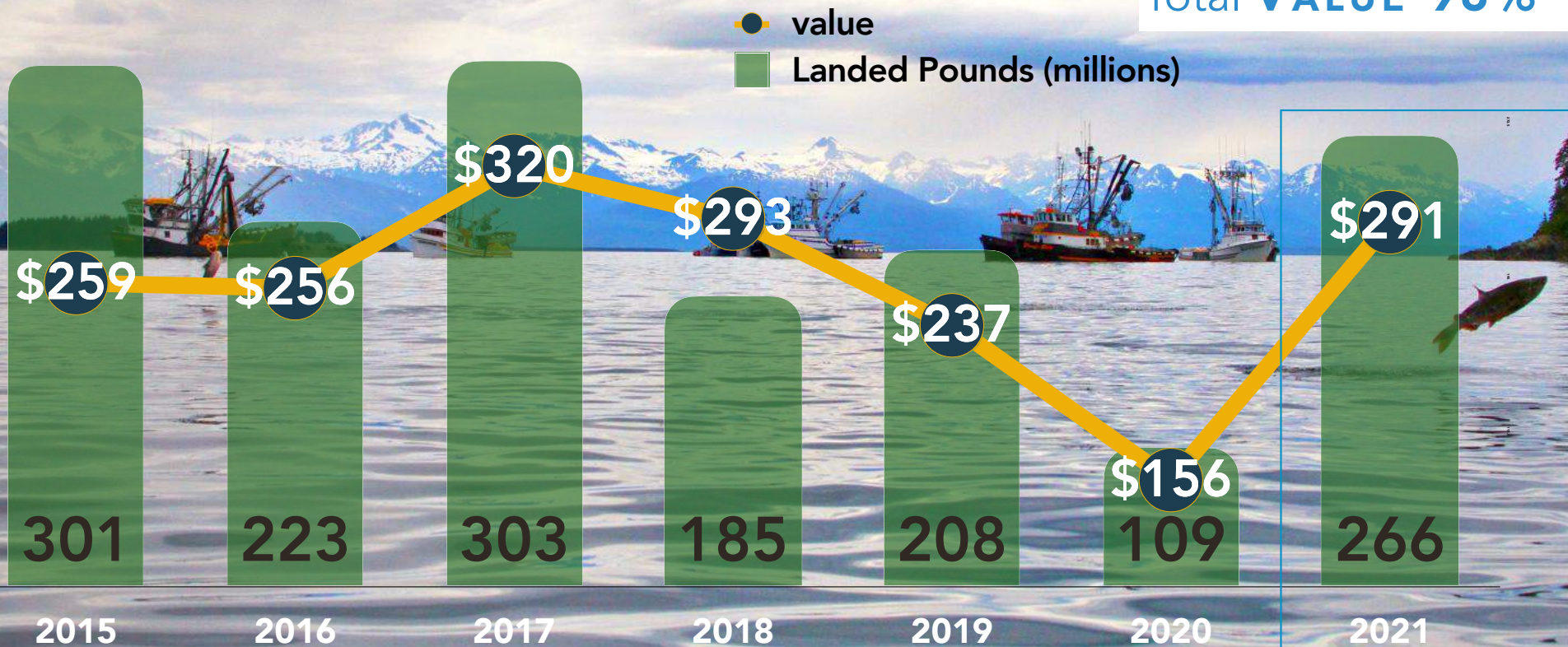
2019 = Tourism
2020 = Health Care

SEAFOOD

UP 600 JOBS IN 2021

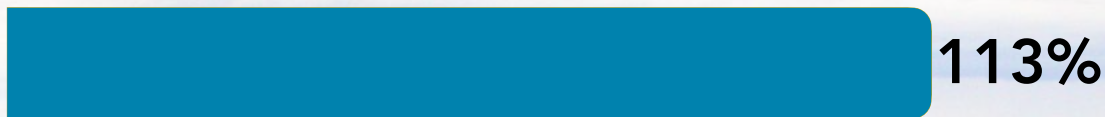
Total **POUNDS** 145%

Total **VALUE** 96%



2022 CATCH COMPARED TO 2021

Pink



113%

Pink is compared to 2020

Sockeye



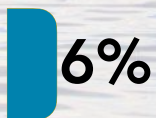
11%

Chum/Keta



12%

Chinook



6%

Coho



-26%

"The prices were high and the abundance was decent."
Southeast fisherman 2022

The Southeast pink salmon harvest in 2023 is predicted to be in the **weak** range.

Tourism is Back and
Thriving

TOURISM



2022 JOBS UP BY 20%

CRUISES

2022 = 2ND BEST YEAR EVER

74%
Full

1,018,700

2009

875,593

2010

883,000

2011

937,000

2012

999,600

2013

967,500

2014

994,000

2015

1,025,900

2016

1,089,700

2017

1,169,000

2018

1.17 million

1,331,600

2019

1.33 million

48 passengers

2020

10% of a summer
cruise season 124,600

2021

1,200,000

2022

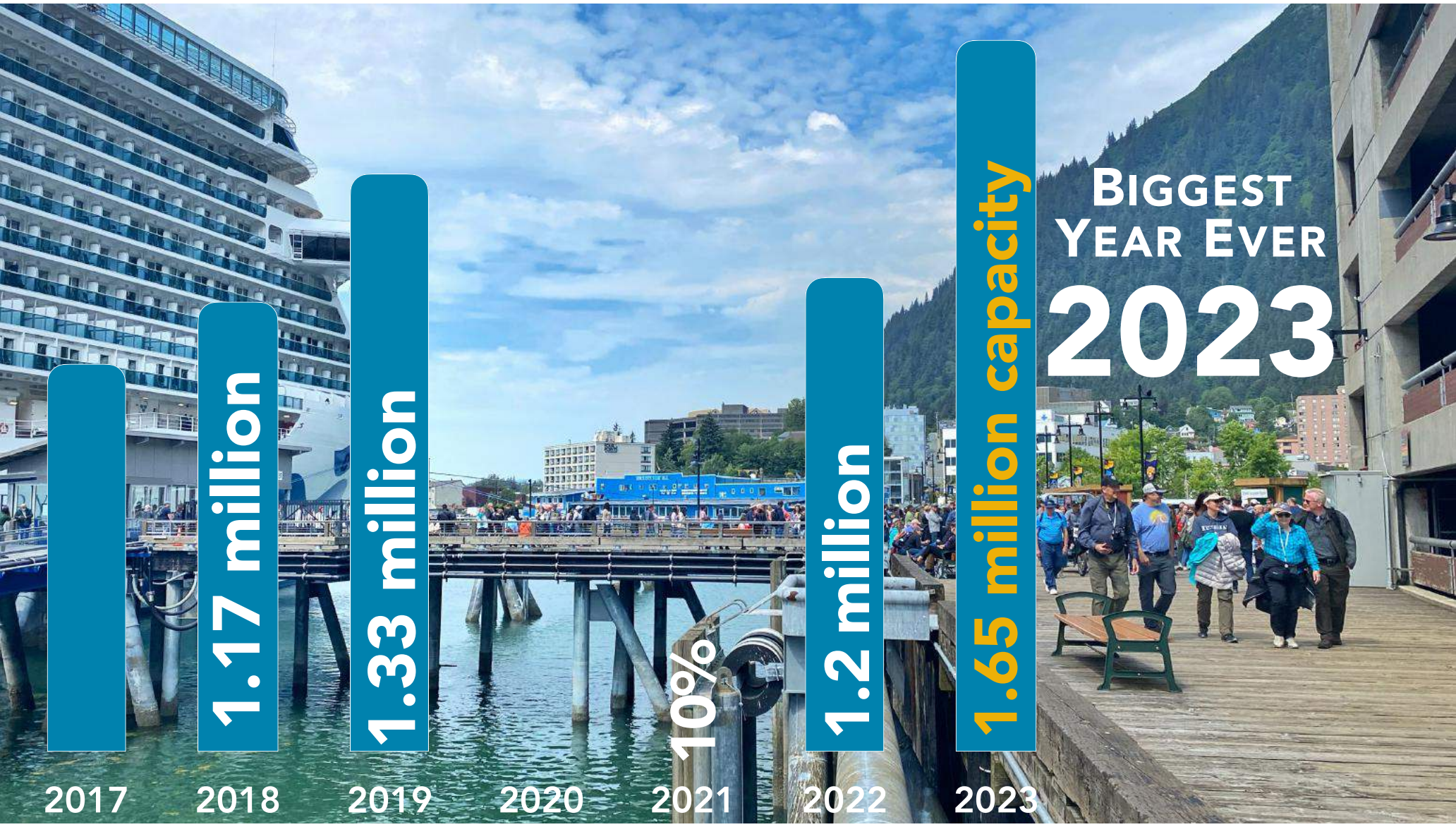
1.2 million



2023

1.65 MILLION

Projected CRUISE Passenger Capacity



2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

1.17 million

1.33 million

10%

1.2 million

1.65 million capacity

BIGGEST
YEAR EVER
2023

2023 Cruise Schedule

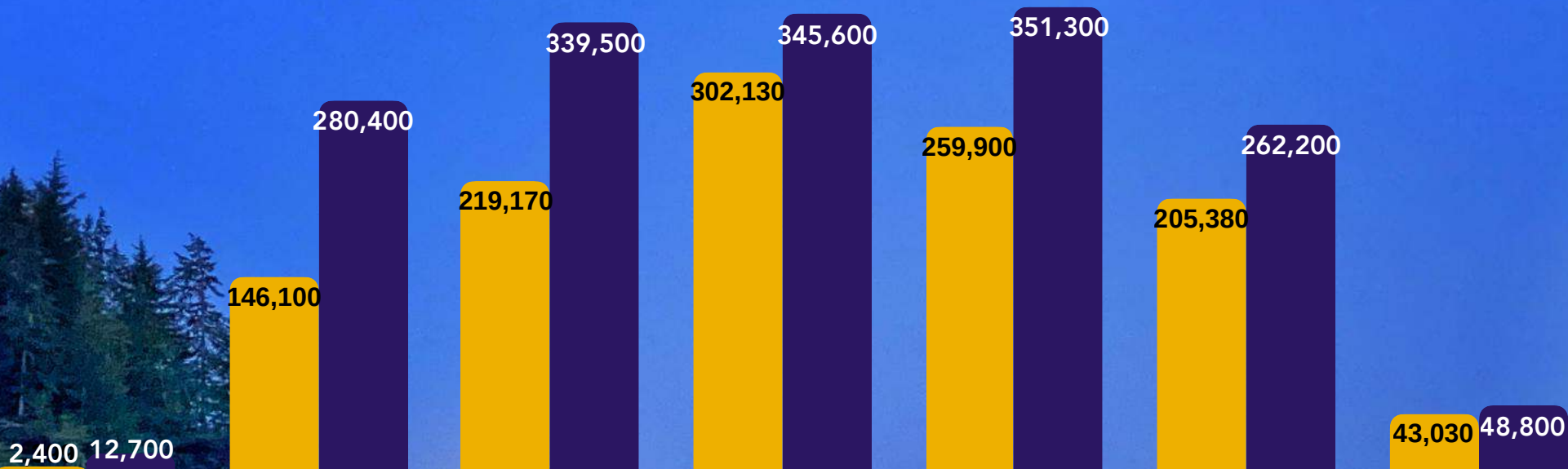
First Ship - April 17th, 2023

Last Ship - October 27th, 2023

Total Voyages = 693 (+16, +2.3%)

Total Ships = 40+





April

May

June

July

Aug

Sept

Oct



2022
Actual



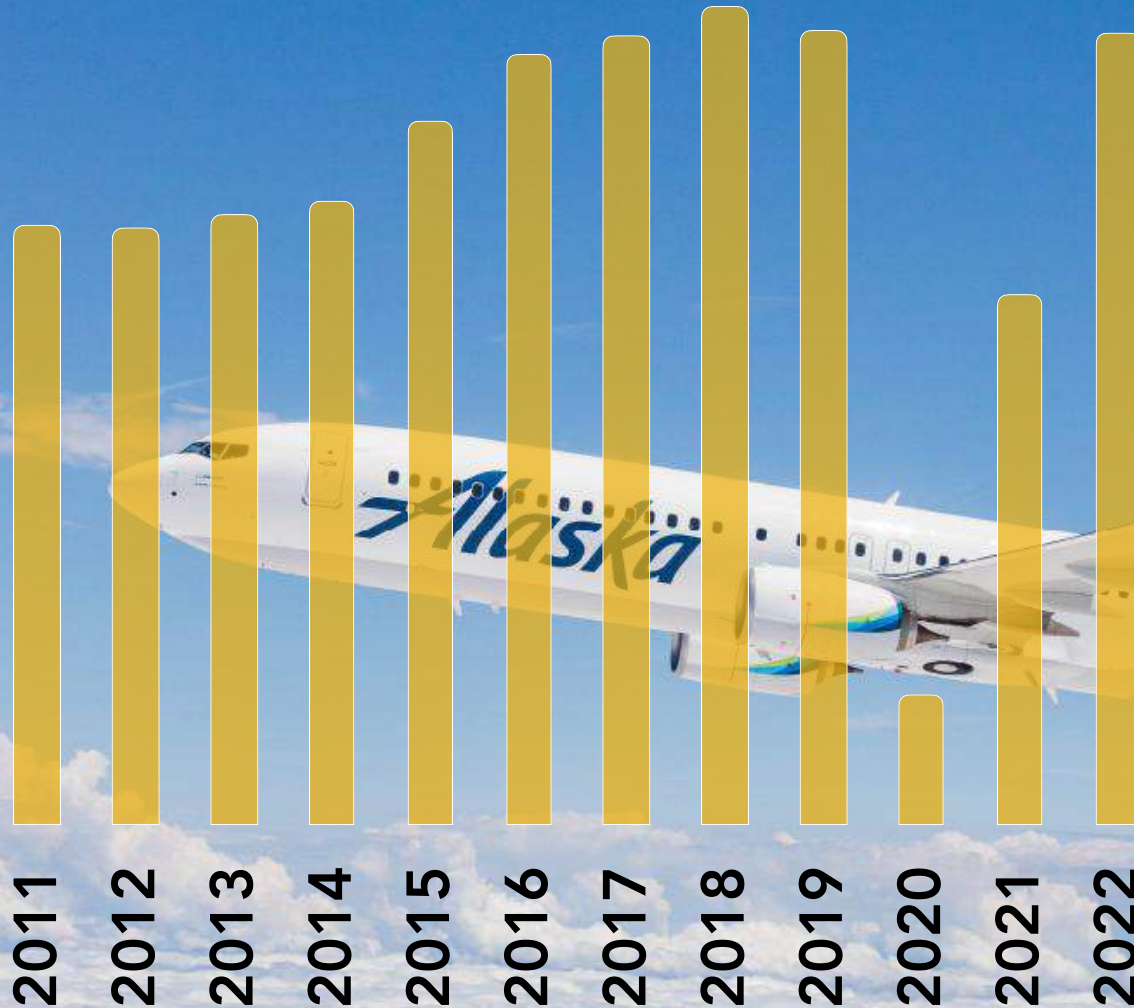
2023
Based on
full capacity

CRUISE
SE Passengers

Airplane Traffic

3RD BEST YEAR EVER

Just 0.2% below 2019 levels



**Arriving Air
Passengers
2022**



4TH WORST YEAR EVER



AMHS
SE Passengers

Health Care has Workforce/Cost Challenges

HEALTH CARE

A healthcare worker with long brown hair, wearing a light purple surgical mask and a grey patterned sweater, is using a red stethoscope to examine the back of a patient. The patient has dark hair and is wearing a blue t-shirt and a purple surgical mask. They are in a clinical setting with medical equipment on the wall, including a blood pressure monitor and a reflex hammer.

DOWN 170 JOBS IN 2021 -5%
WAGES UP BY 0.4%

FLAT IN 2022
FLAT IN 2023

5 Labor Shortages Challenges

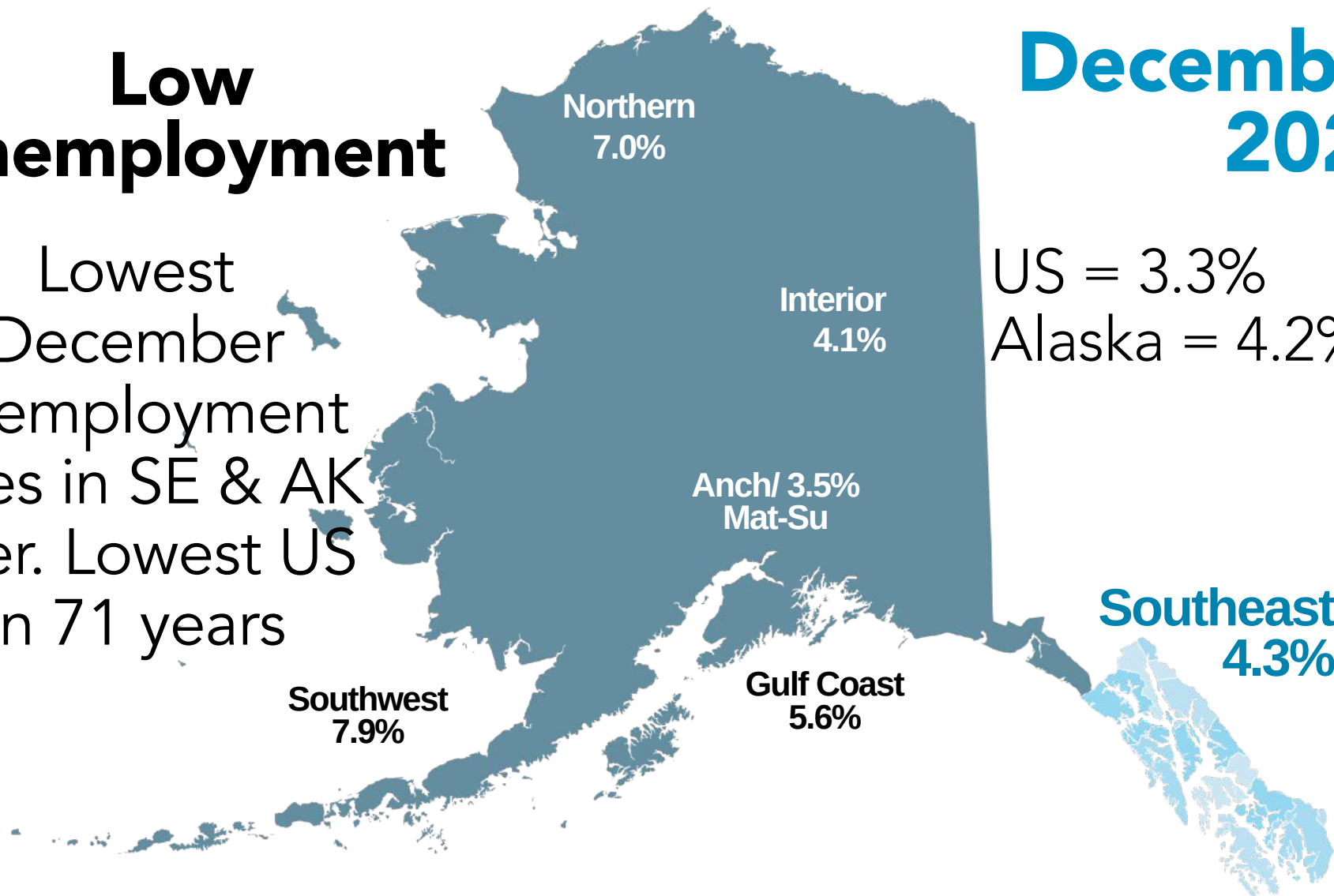


Low Unemployment

**December
2022**

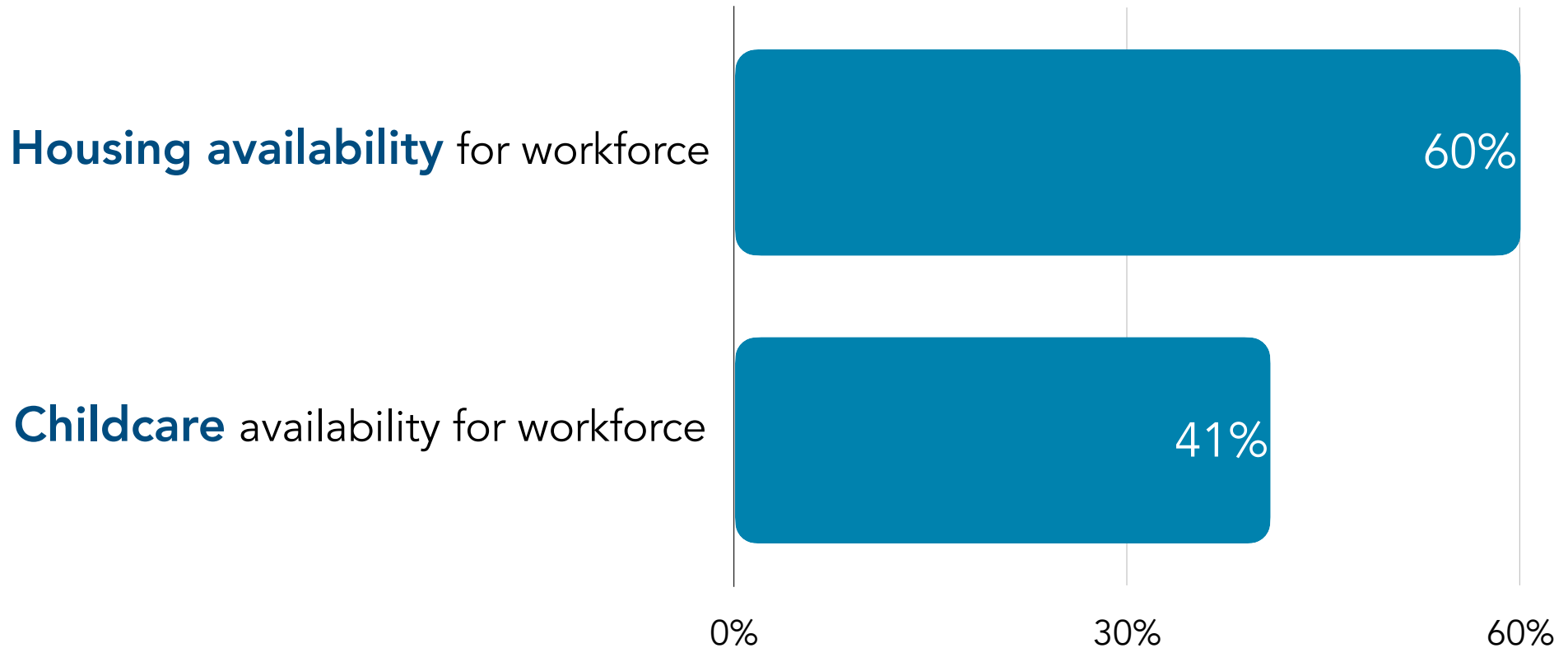
Lowest
December
unemployment
rates in SE & AK
ever. Lowest US
in 71 years

US = 3.3%
Alaska = 4.2%

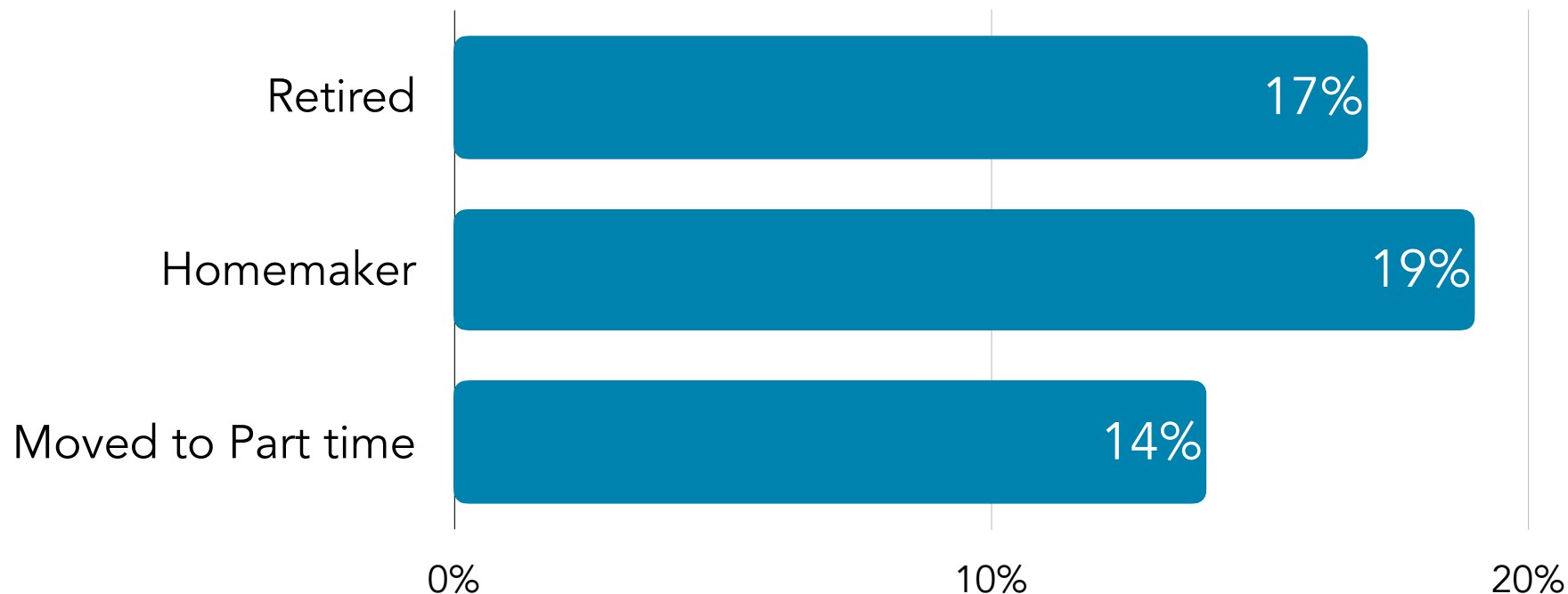


Southeast Alaska: Which of the following services would help **your organization expand?** (Workforce focus)

Services That Would Help Organizations Expand/Hire



Americans who became unemployed during the pandemic

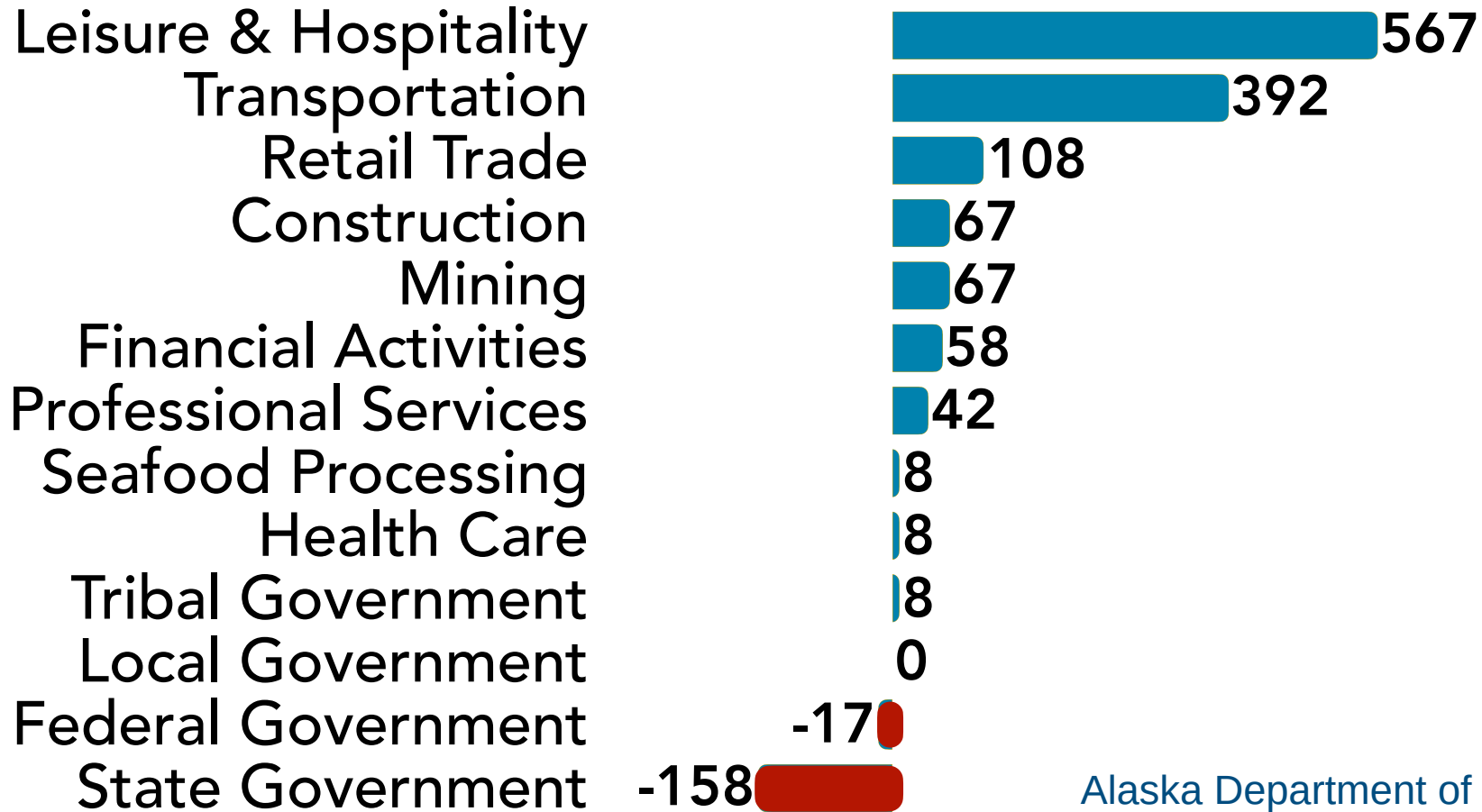


Also reduced immigration

6 State Sector Losses are Intensifying



2022 **JOBS** COMPARED TO 2021



Alaska Department of Labor

Southeast State Jobs

State jobs in the region are down for
the 10th year in a row

1,340 jobs lost since 2012

**State losses threaten
Southeast recovery**

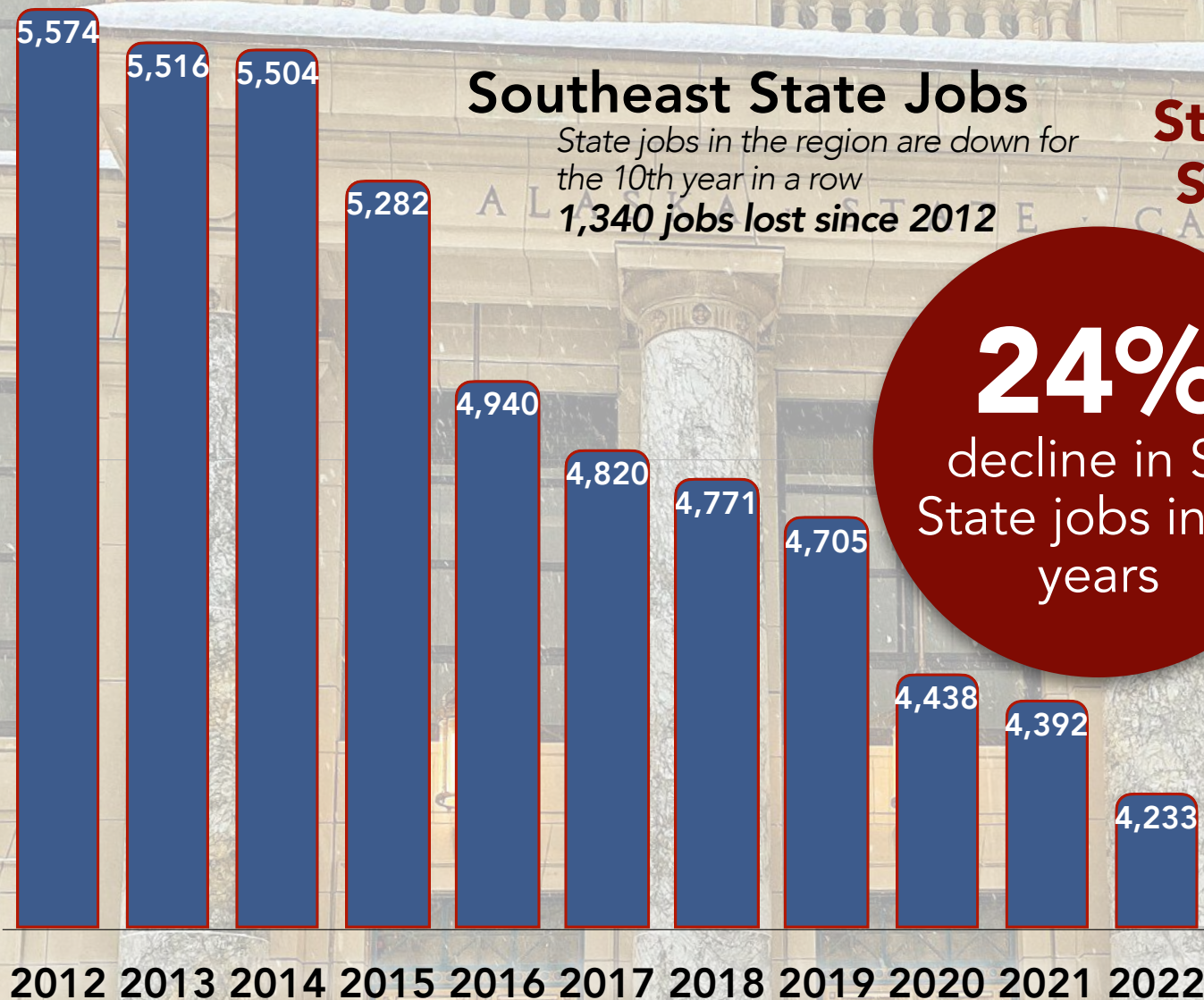
24%
decline in SE
State jobs in 10
years

Outside
Southeast

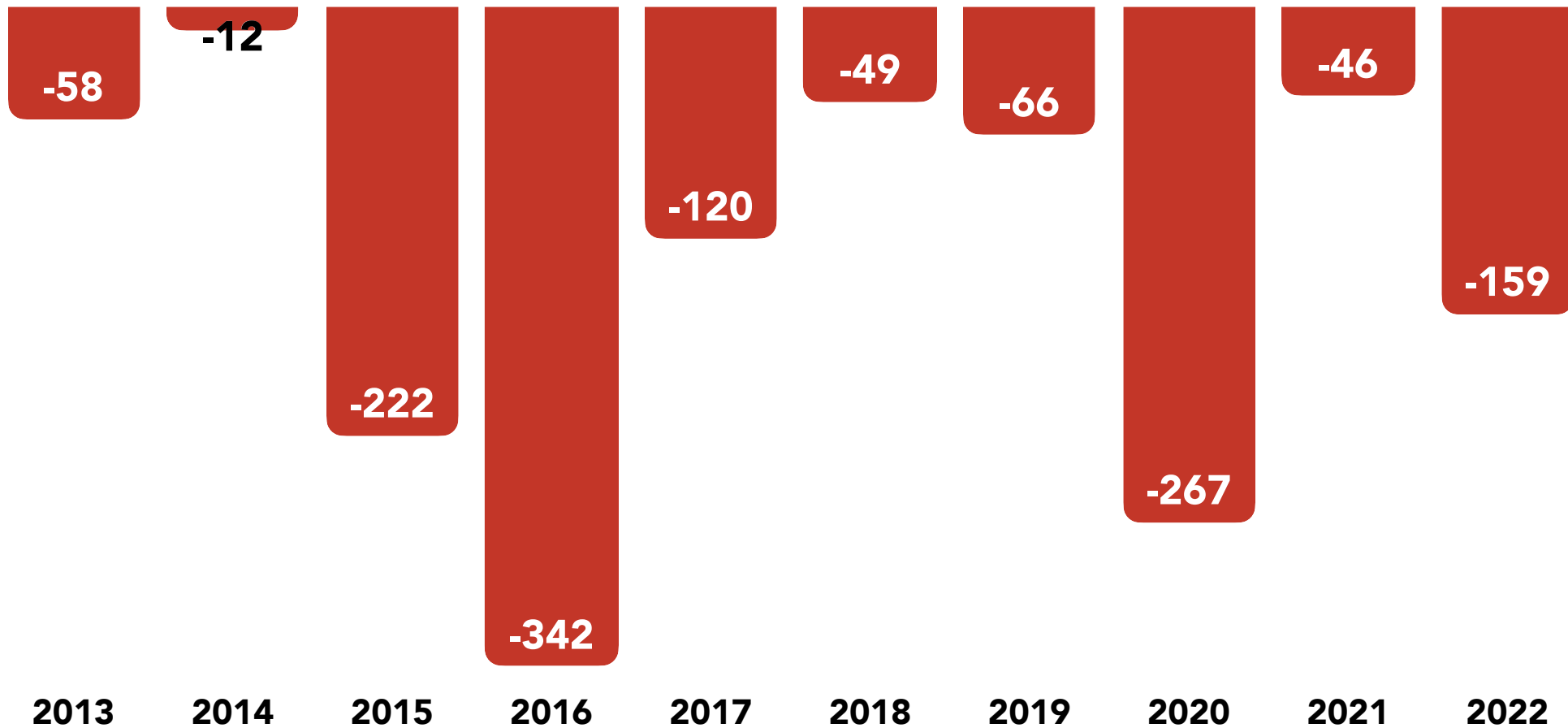
11%

of State jobs
have been cut

500 jobs
lost in **3** years

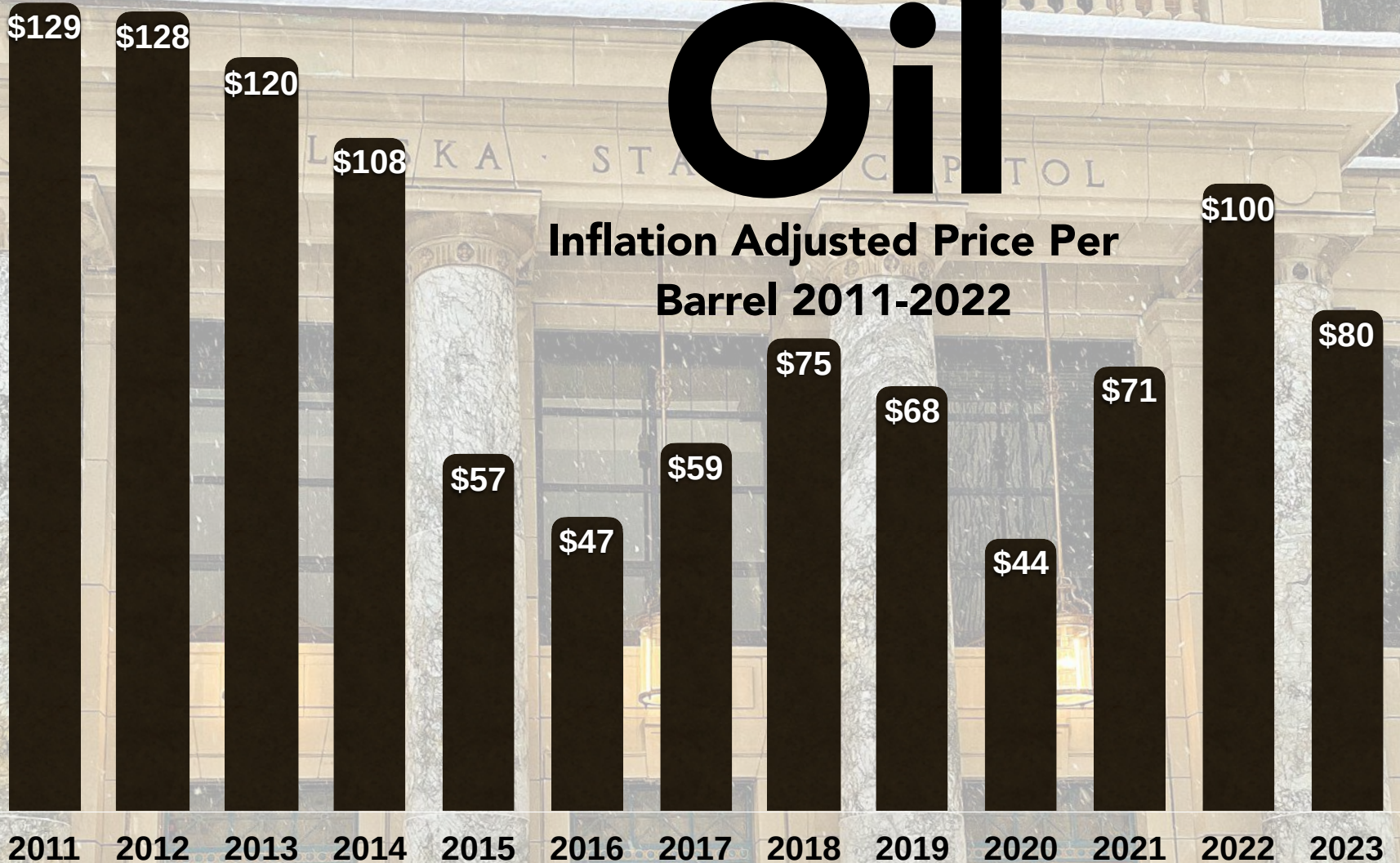


DOWN -1,340 JOBS IN 10 YEARS - \$90 MILLION IN WAGES

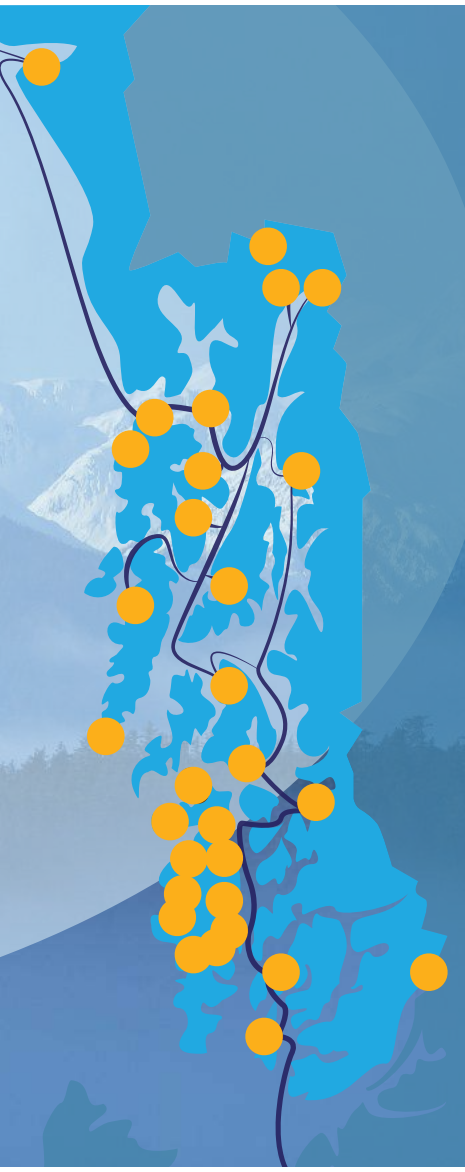


Oil

**Inflation Adjusted Price Per
Barrel 2011-2022**



7 Population Down in 2022



Population

-456

2021-2022

POPULATION

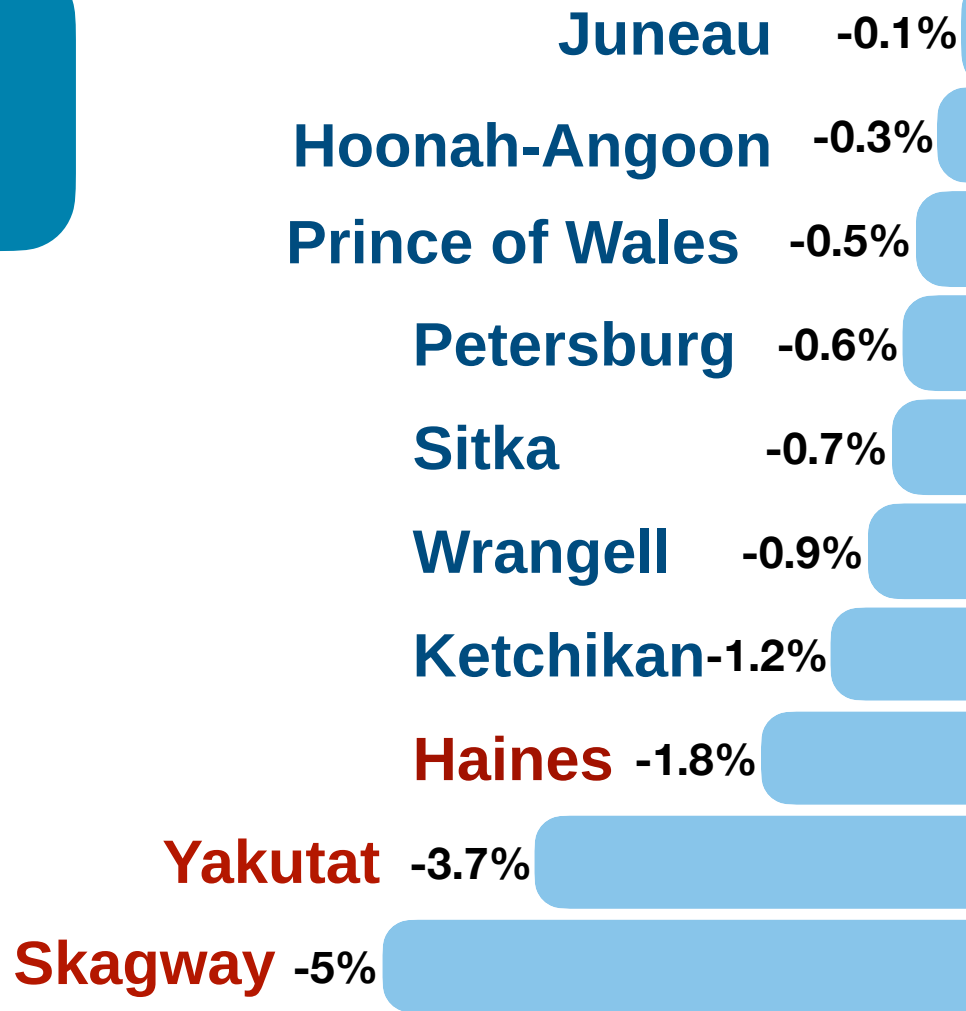
POPULATION DOWN **465** IN 2022 **-0.6%**

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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Southeast Alaska Population Change 2021 to 2022



Ketchikan -168
Skagway -60
Sitka -58
Haines -46
Juneau -35
Prince of Wales -27
Yakutat -26
Petersburg -19
Wrangell -18
Hoonah-Angoon -8



Southeast Alaska Growth 2022: 10 Communities



Metlakatla +37

Craig +20

Coffman Cove +14

Hoonah +13

Saxman +9

Elfin Cove +6

Hyder +4

Tenakee Springs +3

Kasaan +3

Edna Bay +2



8 Economic Outlook Remains Strong

BEST BUSINESS CLIMATE SINCE 2017

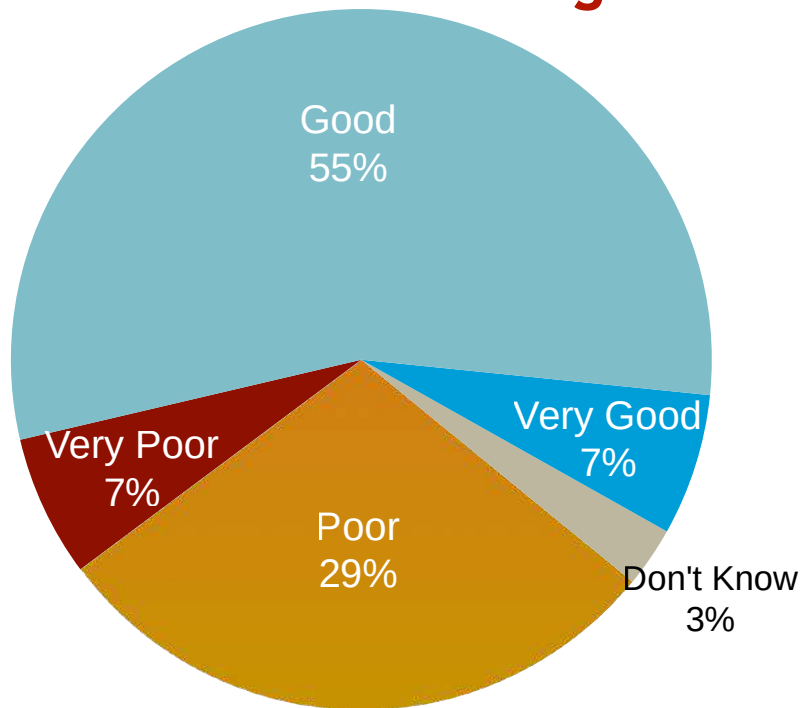
Southeast Alaska: How do you view the overall business climate **right now**?

62% Positive / 36% Negative

What a difference a year makes!

A year ago, 80% of business leaders called the business climate "poor" or "very poor" (which was an improvement over 2020).

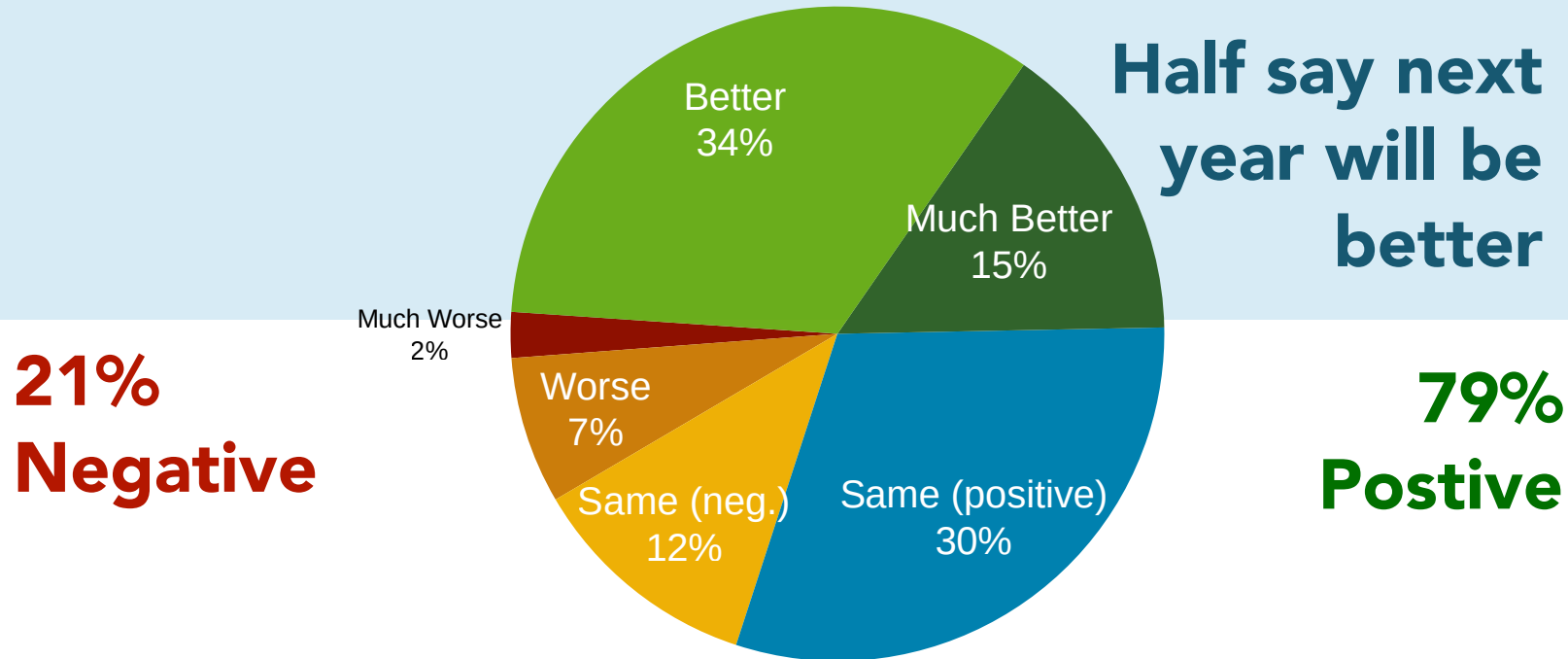
In 2022, nearly two-thirds (62%) have a positive view of the Southeast business climate, making it **the best business climate since 2017**.



440
Business
Leaders

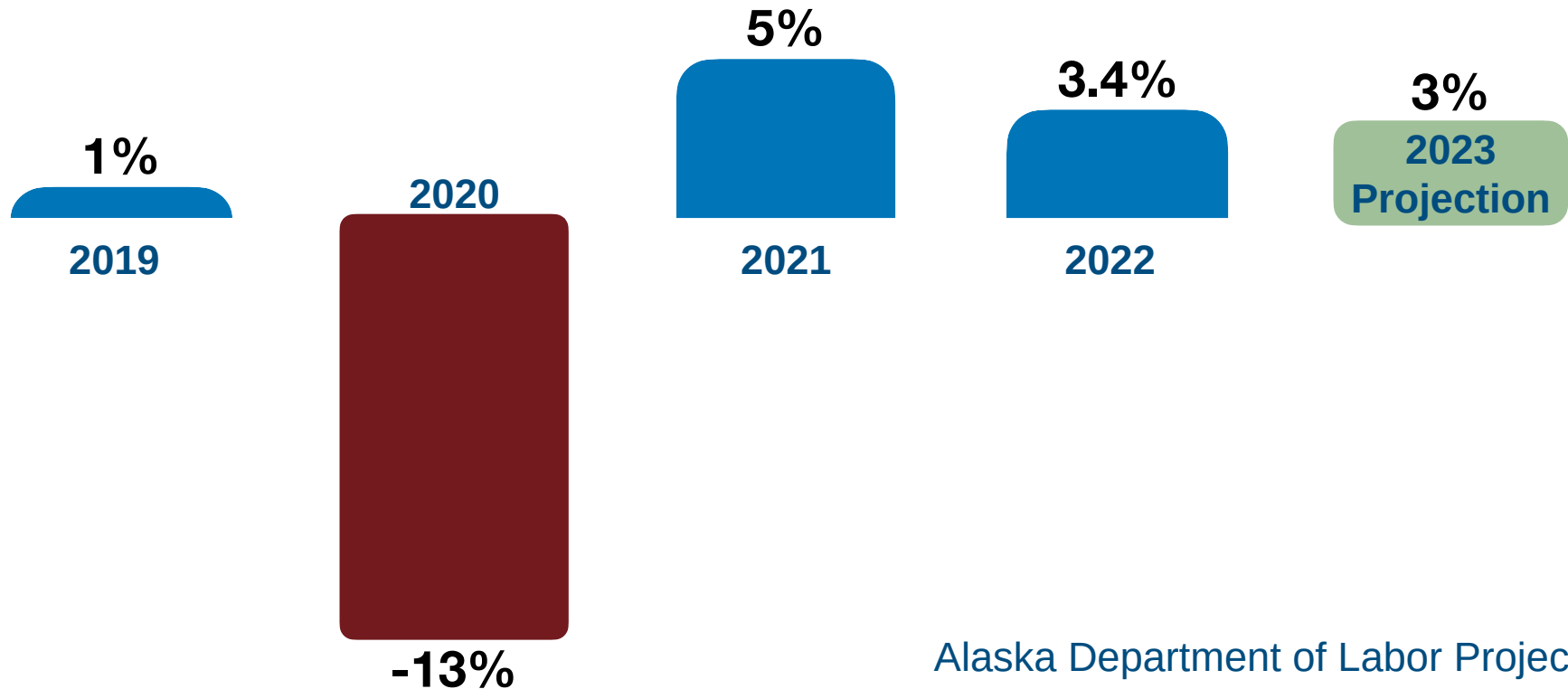
THE OUTLOOK IS EVEN BETTER

Southeast: What is the economic outlook for your business or industry?



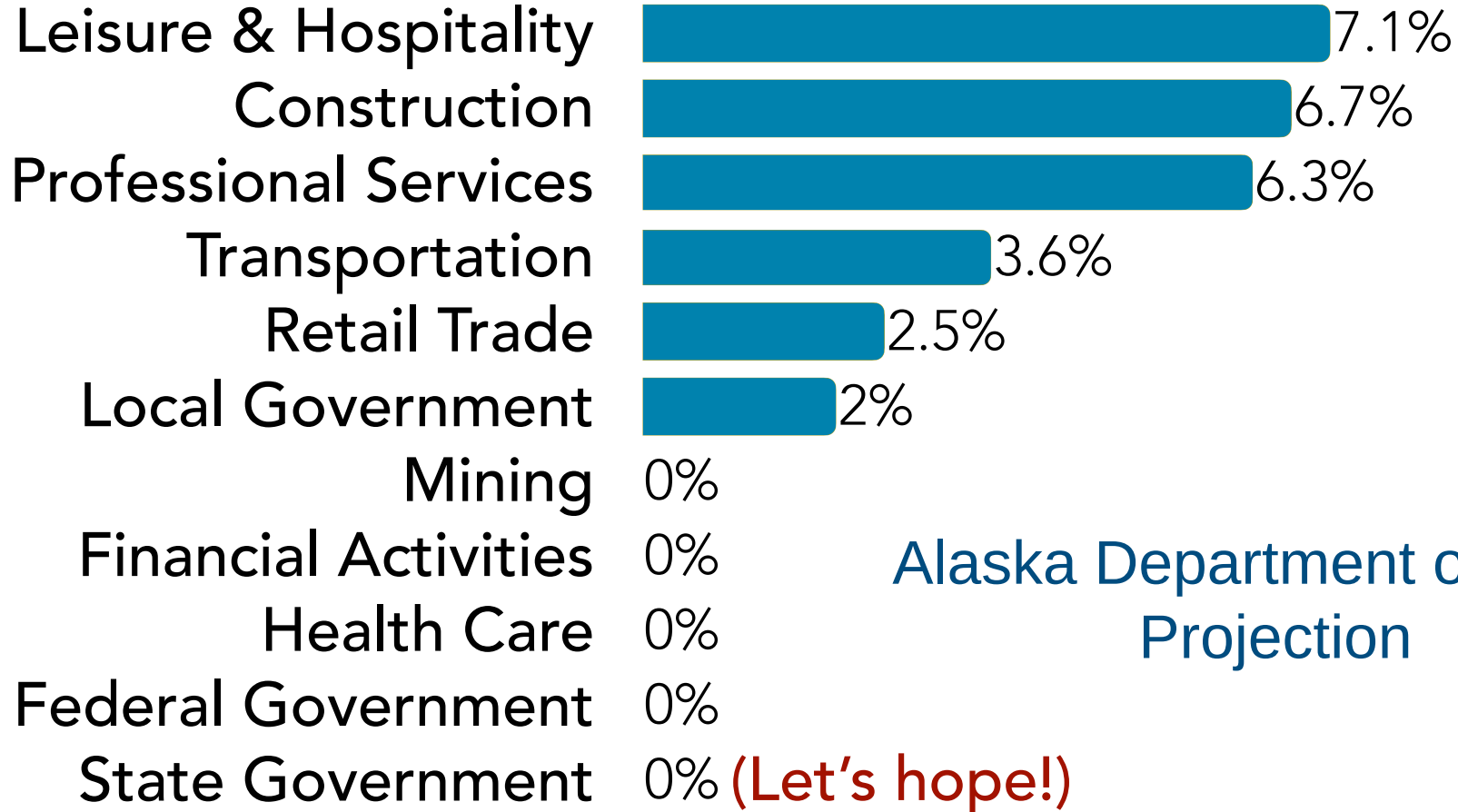
Southeast Alaska **Economics**

Change in Southeast Alaska Jobs 2019-2023



Alaska Department of Labor Projection

2023 **JOBS** PROJECTIONS



Alaska Department of Labor
Projection

Top 8 Stories of the Southeast Economy

- 1) Economy was up by a mile
- 2) Wages are growing
- 3) Federal funding was key
- 4) Our Economy is Diverse: **Seafood** was #1 in 2021; **Tourism** is back and thriving; **Healthcare** facing workforce obstacles
- 5) Labor & housing shortages
- 6) State government losses intensifying
- 7) Population down (but only slightly)
- 8) **Outlook is strong**



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Thank You

