Alaska's Economy: A Recipe for Growth

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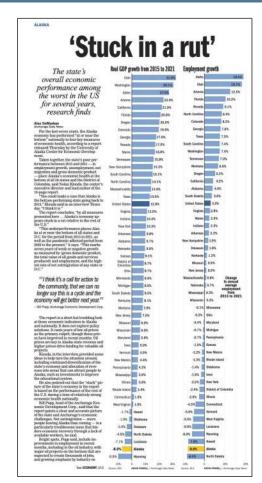


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Alaska's Economic Performance Report



- Compared Alaska to US and all other states
- 2015-2022
- Four measures
 - Employment
 - Unemployment
 - o GDP
 - Net migration
- COVID and recovery period



How we stack up: 2015-2021



Measure	Alaska Ranking	
GDP Growth	49/50	
Employment Growth	49/50	
Net Migration	50/50	
Unemployment	49/50	

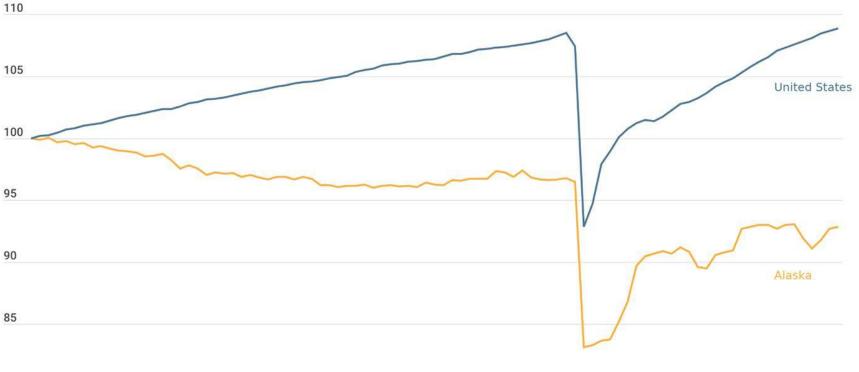
How we stack up: 2020-2022



Measure	Alaska Ranking	
GDP Growth	50/50	
Employment Growth	47/50	
Unemployment Rate	47/50	

Paths diverge on employment

Index of total nonfarm employment in the US and Alaska.





Let's talk solutions

Invest in livability



- Cost of living
- K-12 and higher ed
- Public safety
- Recreational assets
- Basic infrastructure
- Connectivity



Housing: why not fix it?



- AK is among the most expensive states for housing
- Building does not meet demand in most AK regions
- Solutions exist: tax abatement, code/zoning reforms, patient capital, new technology

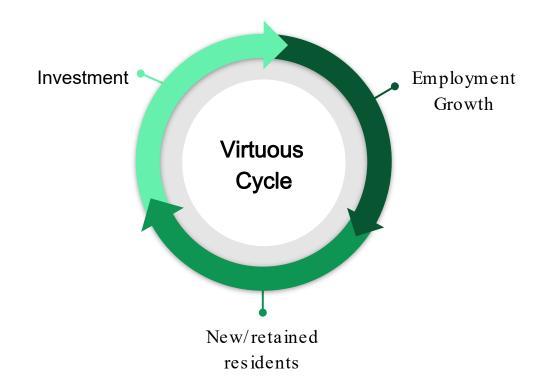


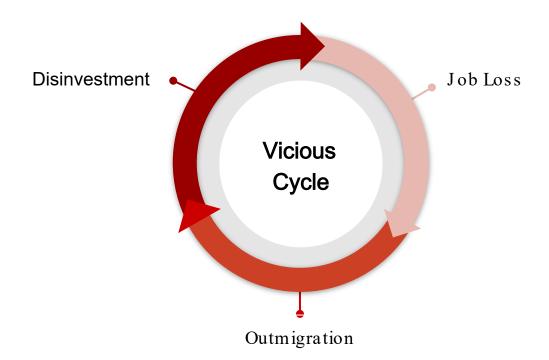
Think of the children!



- "Flat funding" K-12 education means cutting
- Child care scarcity affects labor shortages
- Both encourage outmigration







Investments in people pay off



When large corporations move or expand to a new location, workforce is **the most** important factor.

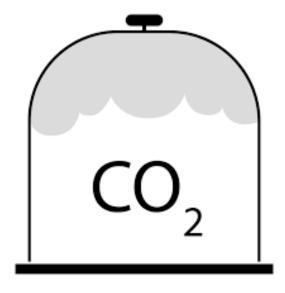
COMBINED RATINGS* CORPORATE SURVEY				
Si	te Selection Factors	2021	2020	
₹a	nking			
1.	Labor costs	96.4	84.2 (5)**	
2.	Availability of skilled labor	94.9	91.4 (1)	
3.	Energy availability and costs	94.7	85.3 (3)	
4.	Inbound/outbound shipping costs	93.2	76.8 (10)	
5.	Highway accessibility	93.1	88.7 (2)	
5.	Raw materials availability	87.8	59.1 (21)	
7.	Corporate tax rate	87.7	80.0 (7)	
3.	State and local incentives	84.5	77.2 (9)	
9.	Environmental regulations	82.5	71.6 (13)	
0.	Tax exemptions	82.4	78.6 (8)	

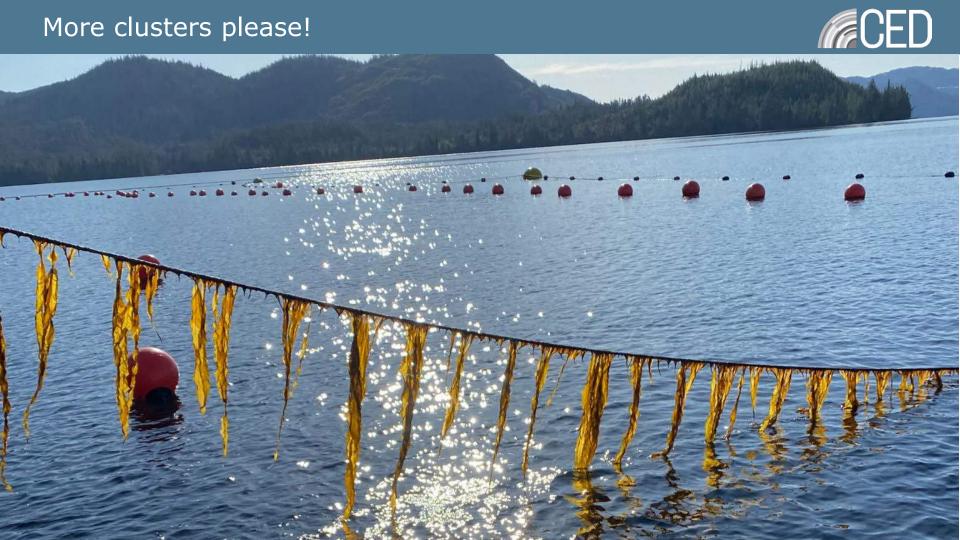
Source: Area Development Magazine, national survey 2022

How will we manage the energy transition?



- The future of oil and gas
- The role of critical minerals
- Carbon capture and storage
- Decarbonizing transportation and industry
- Zero-carbon energy sources









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