

Alaska's Economy 2007

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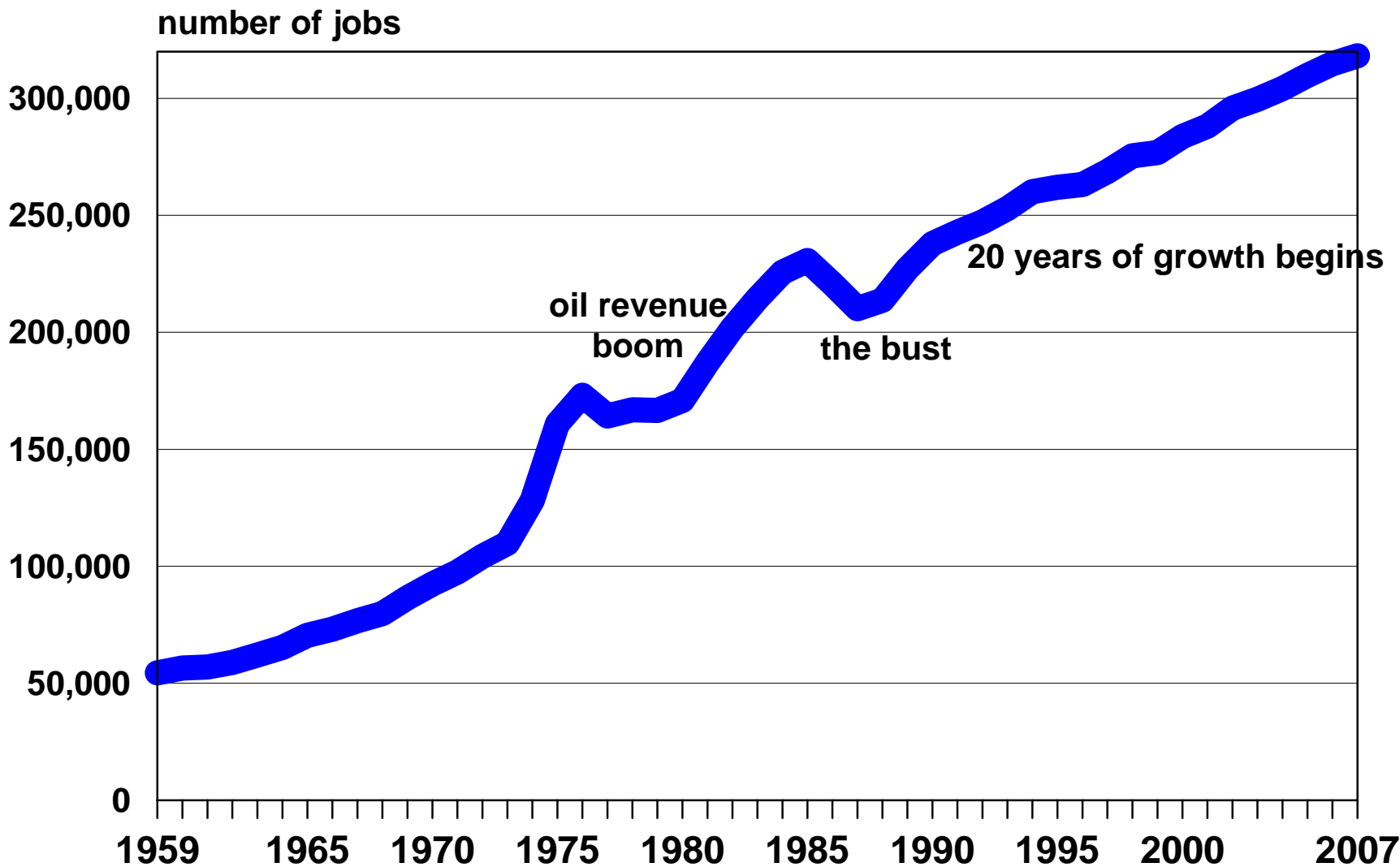
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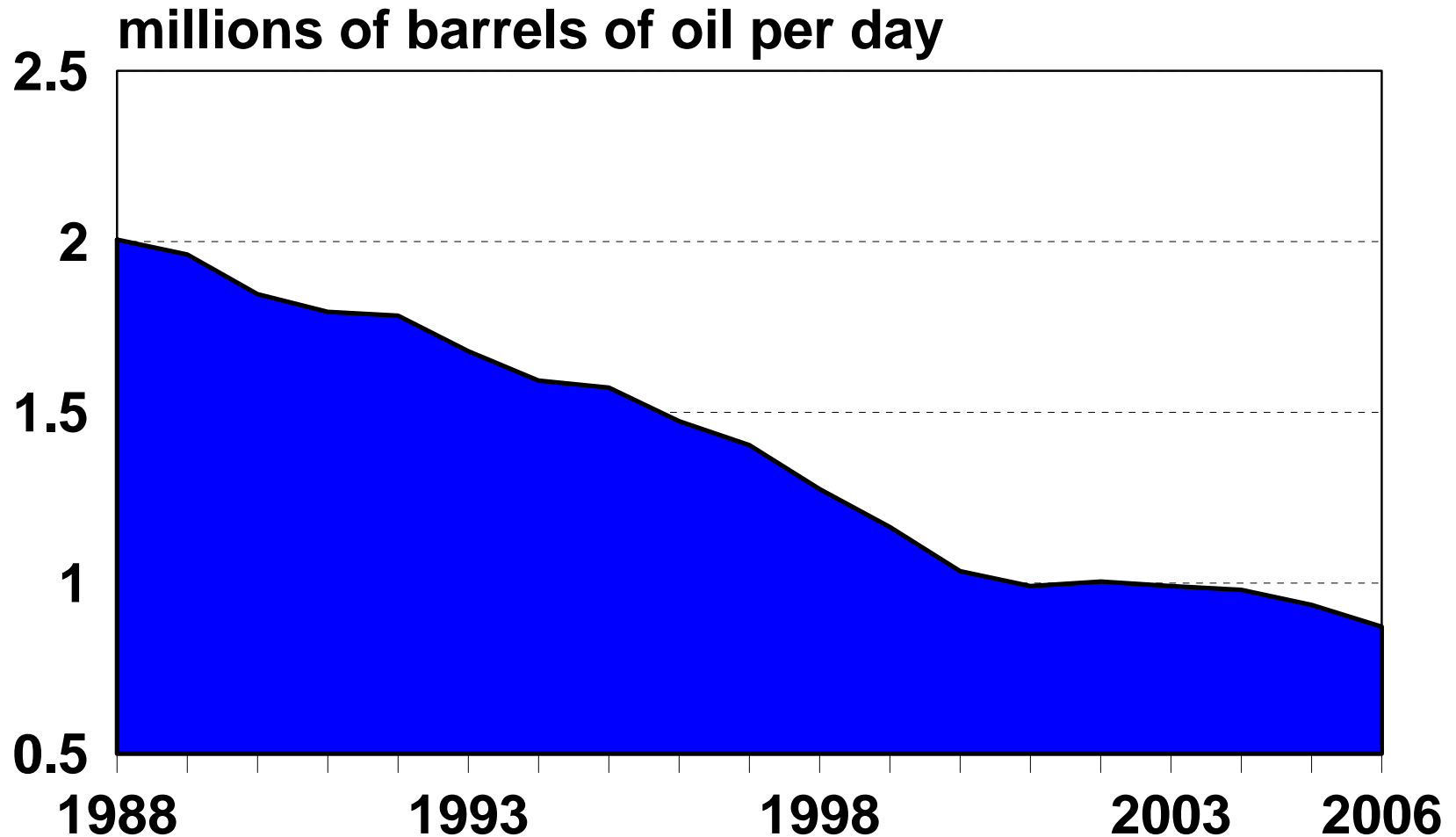
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Since Statehood, Employment Has Grown Sixfold



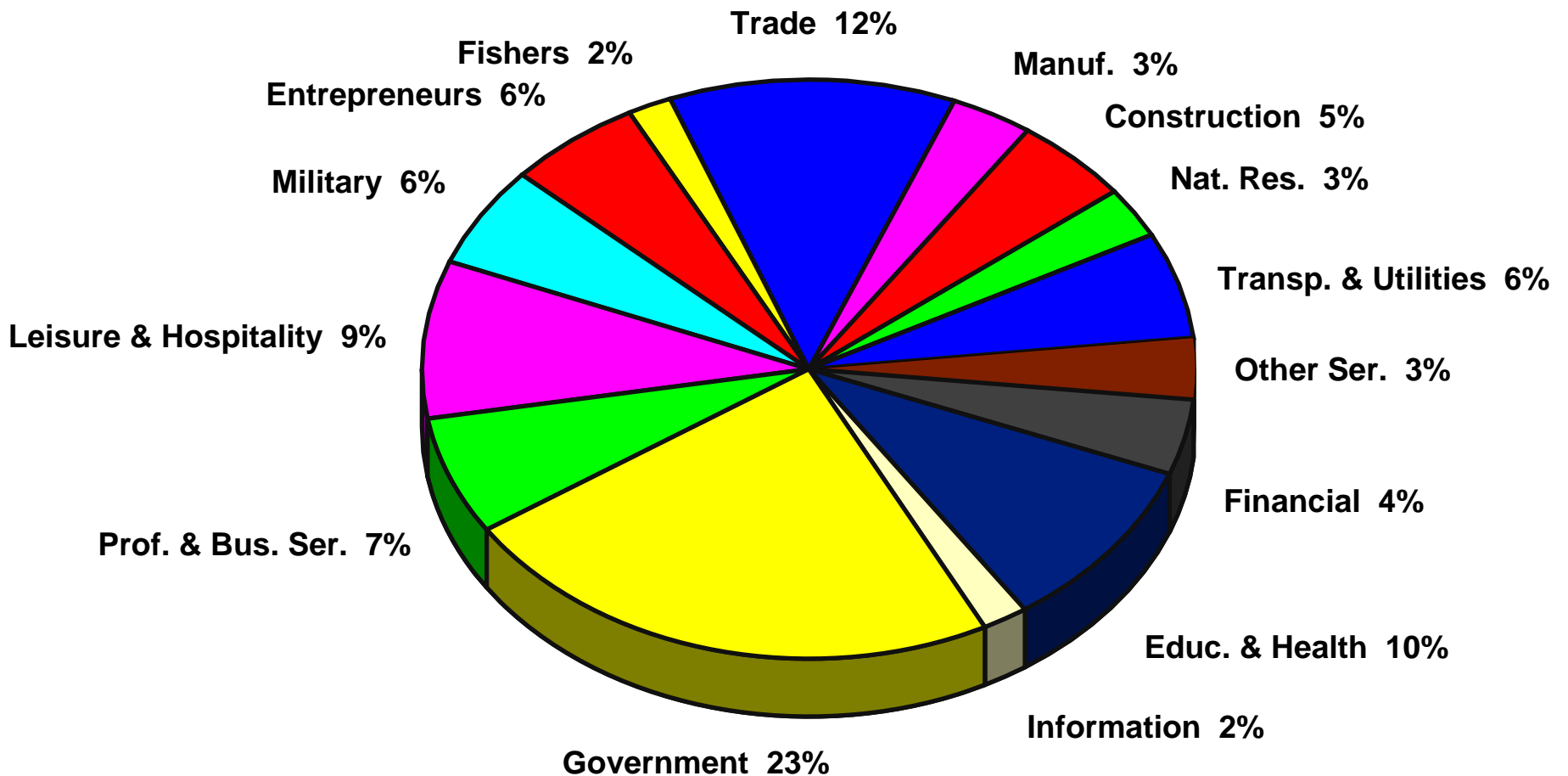
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Despite The Steady Loss Of Oil Production, Employment Grew In Alaska

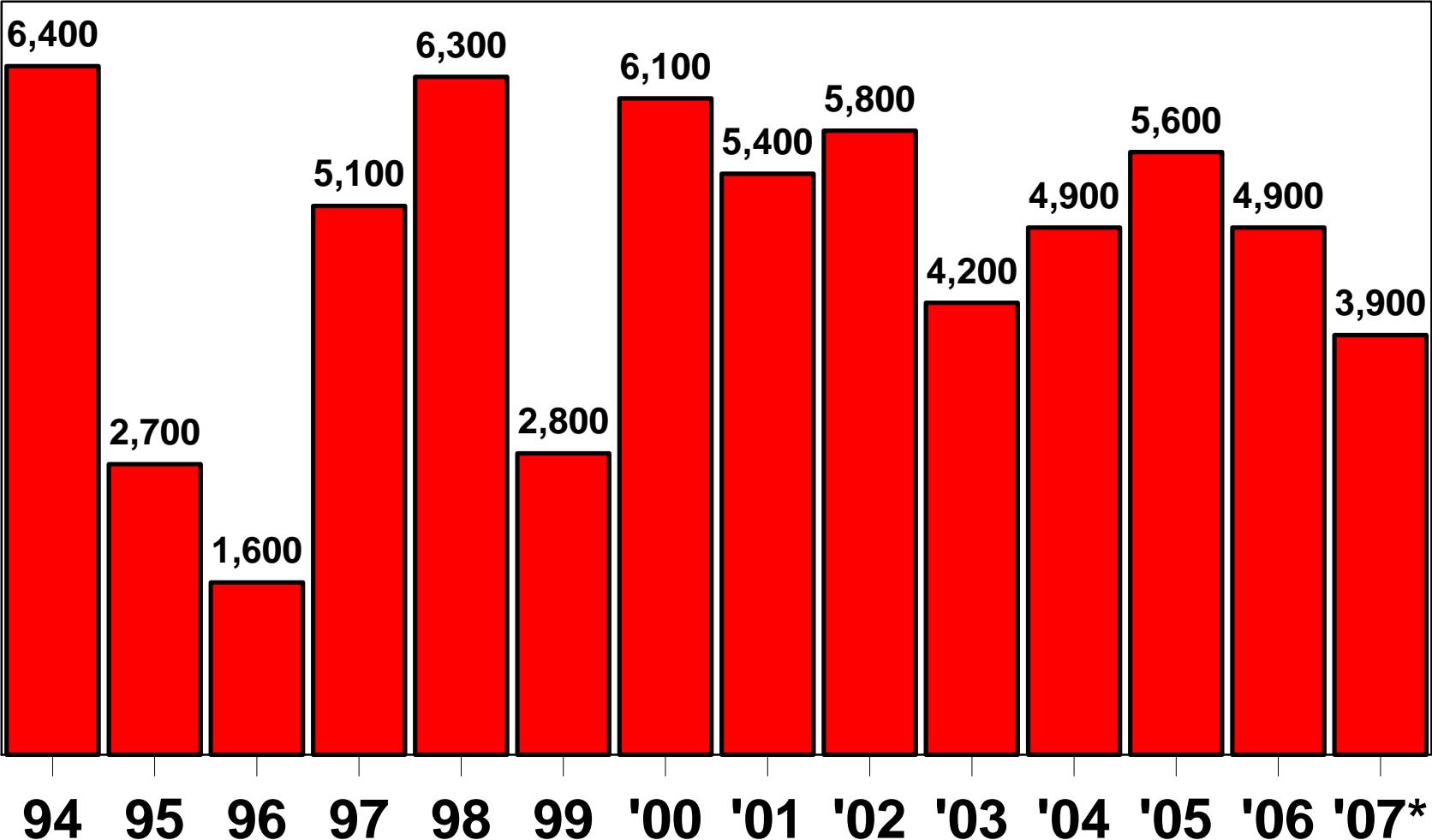


Source: Alaska Department of Revenue

Where The Jobs Are In Alaska 2006



This Is The Number Of New Wage and Salary Jobs Created In Alaska Each Year

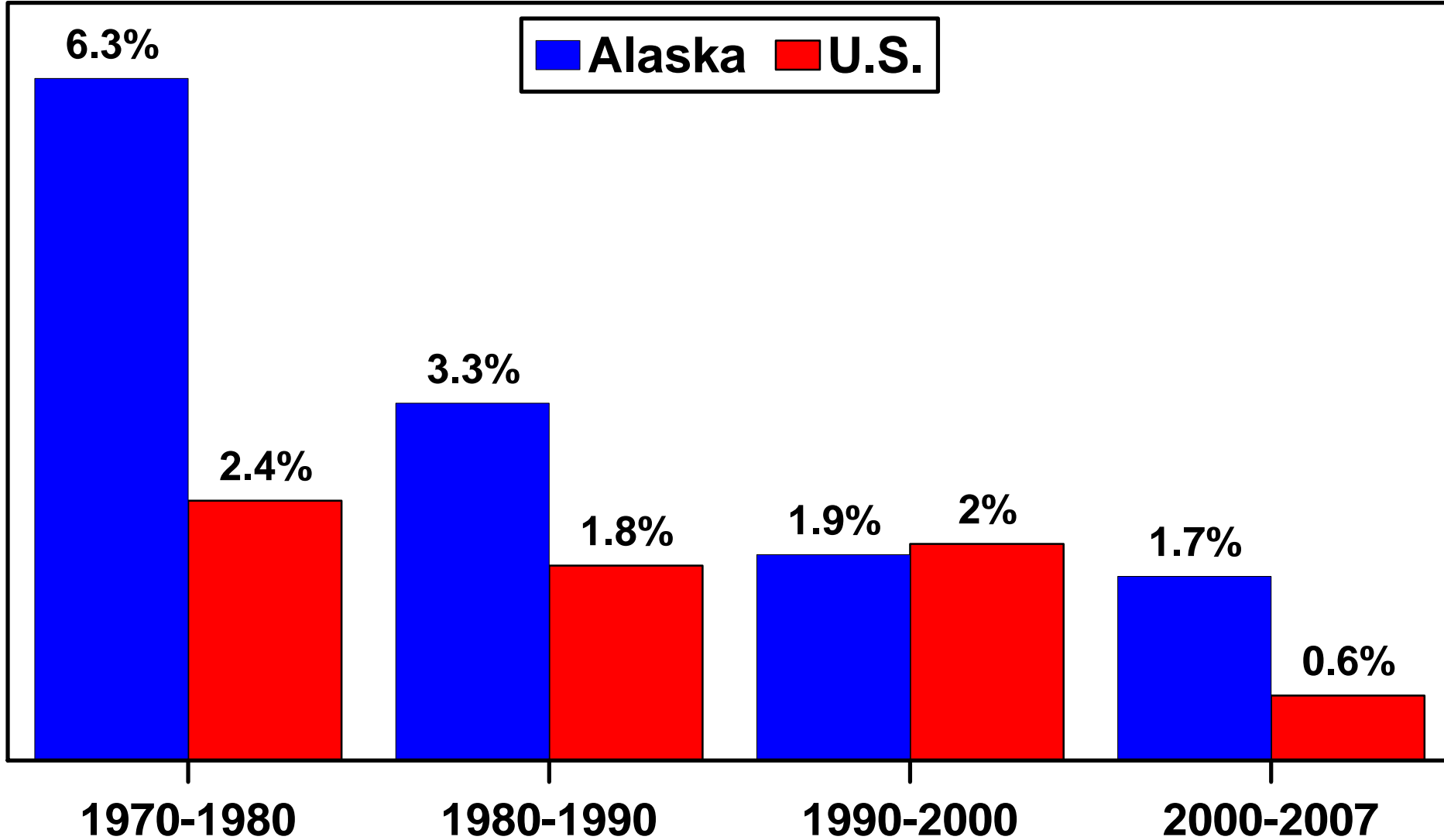


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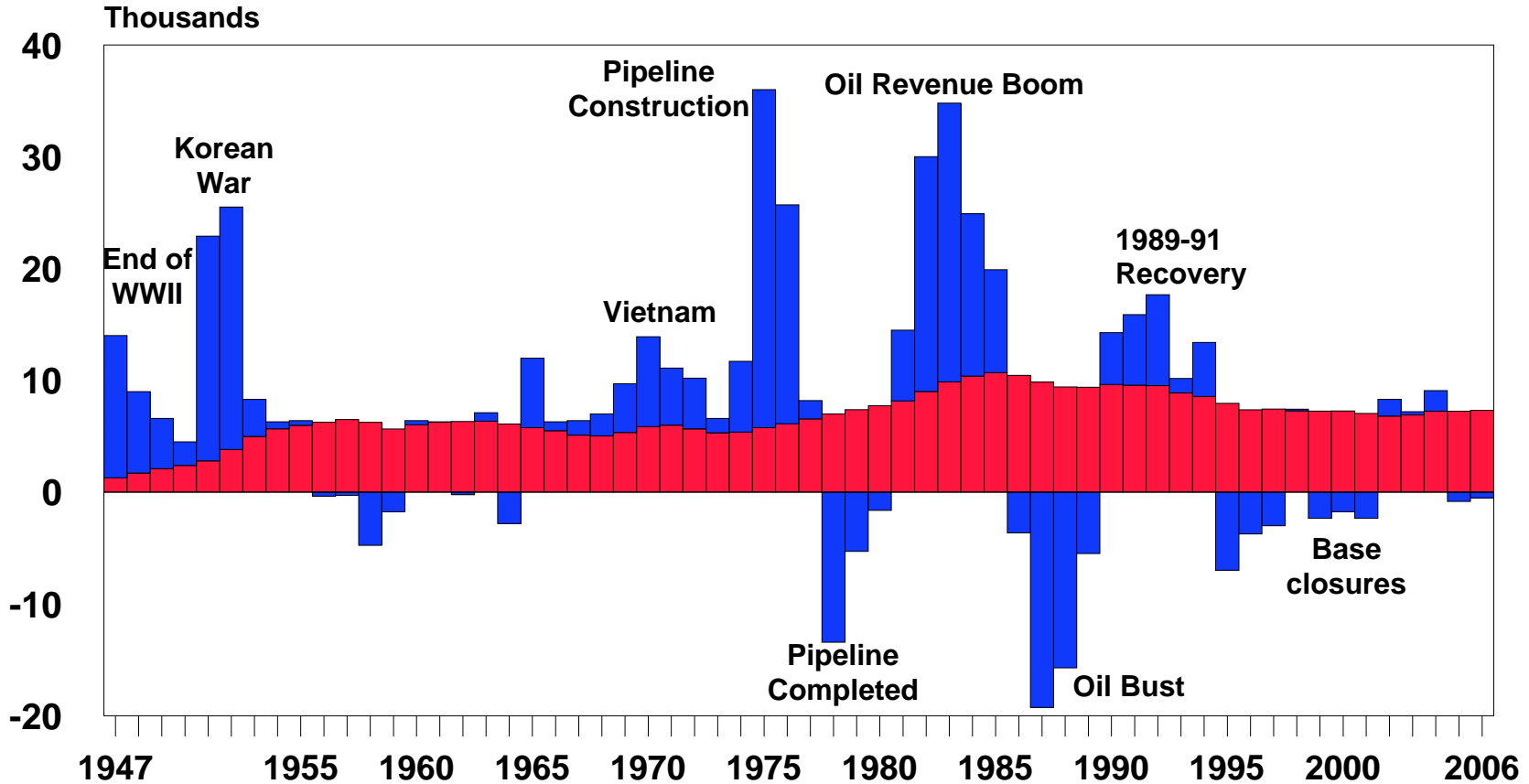
Growth In Alaska Has Slowed Since The 1990's

Employment-Average Annual Growth



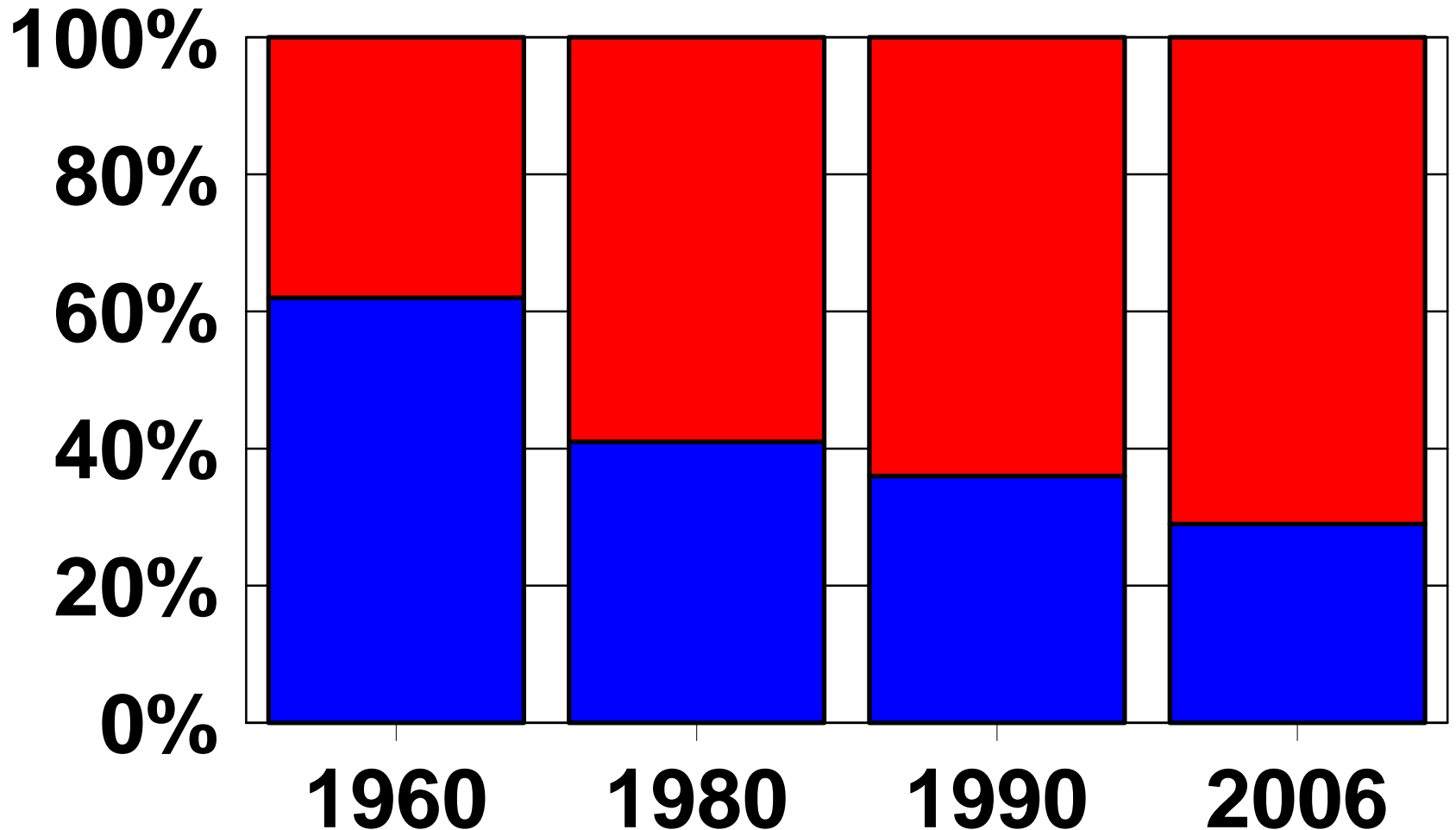
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Components of Population Change for Alaska, Our Economic History In One Picture



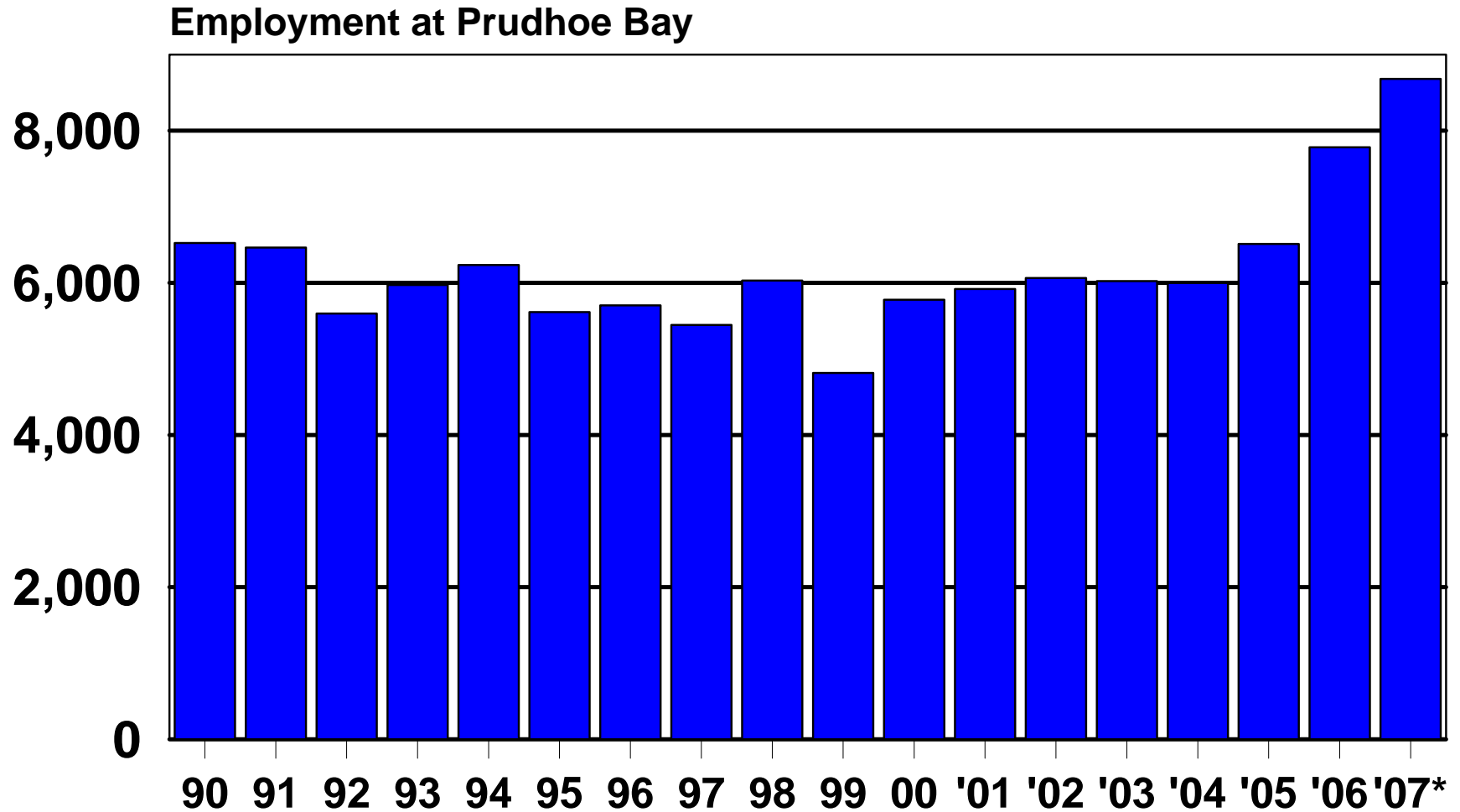
■ Natural Increase ■ Net Migration

Alaska's Labor Force Goes From Nearly 2/3rds Public Sector In 1960 To Less Than A Third In 2006*



Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section. *includes uniformed military

Prudhoe Bay Activity Is Reaching New Heights

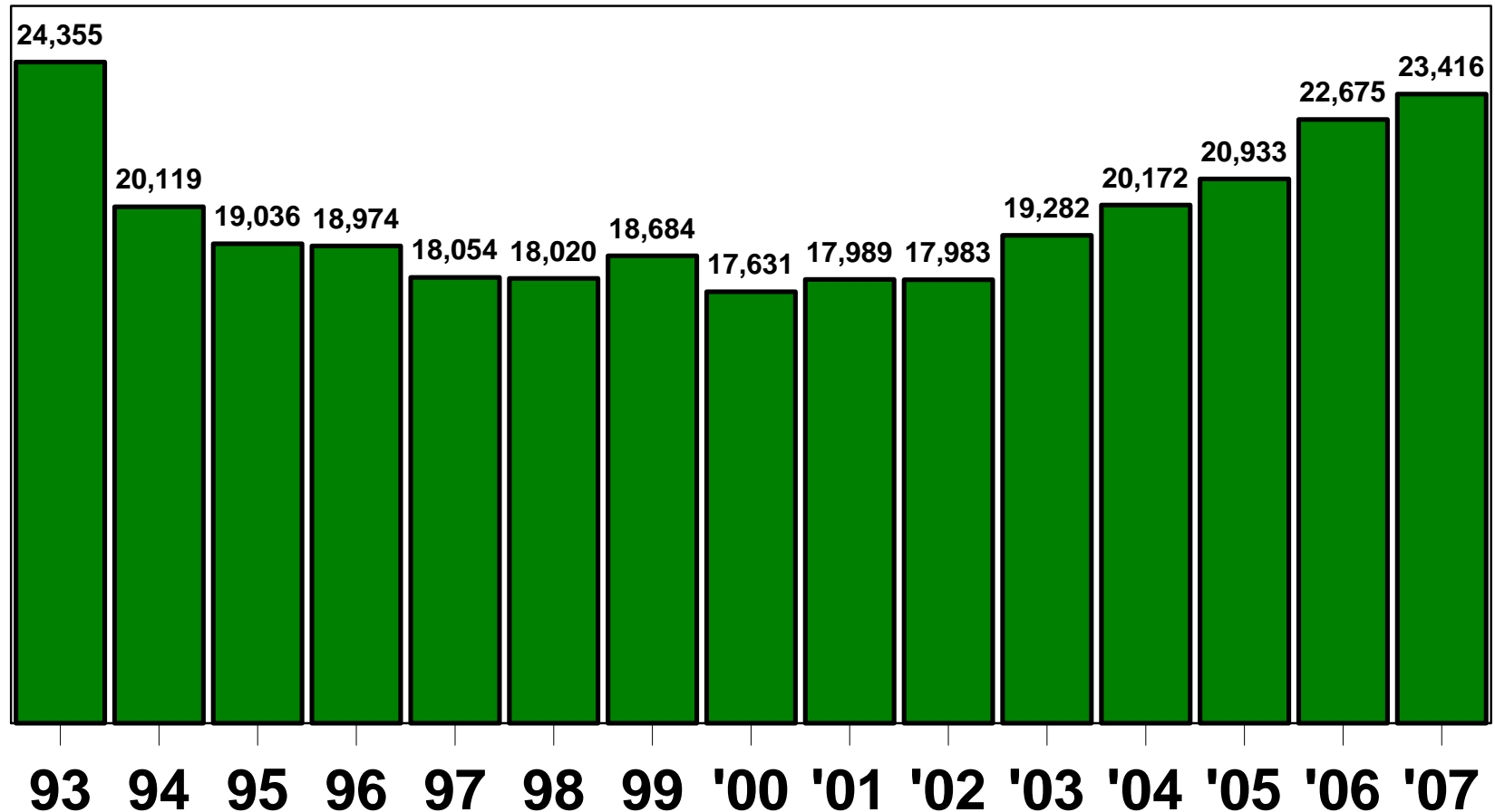


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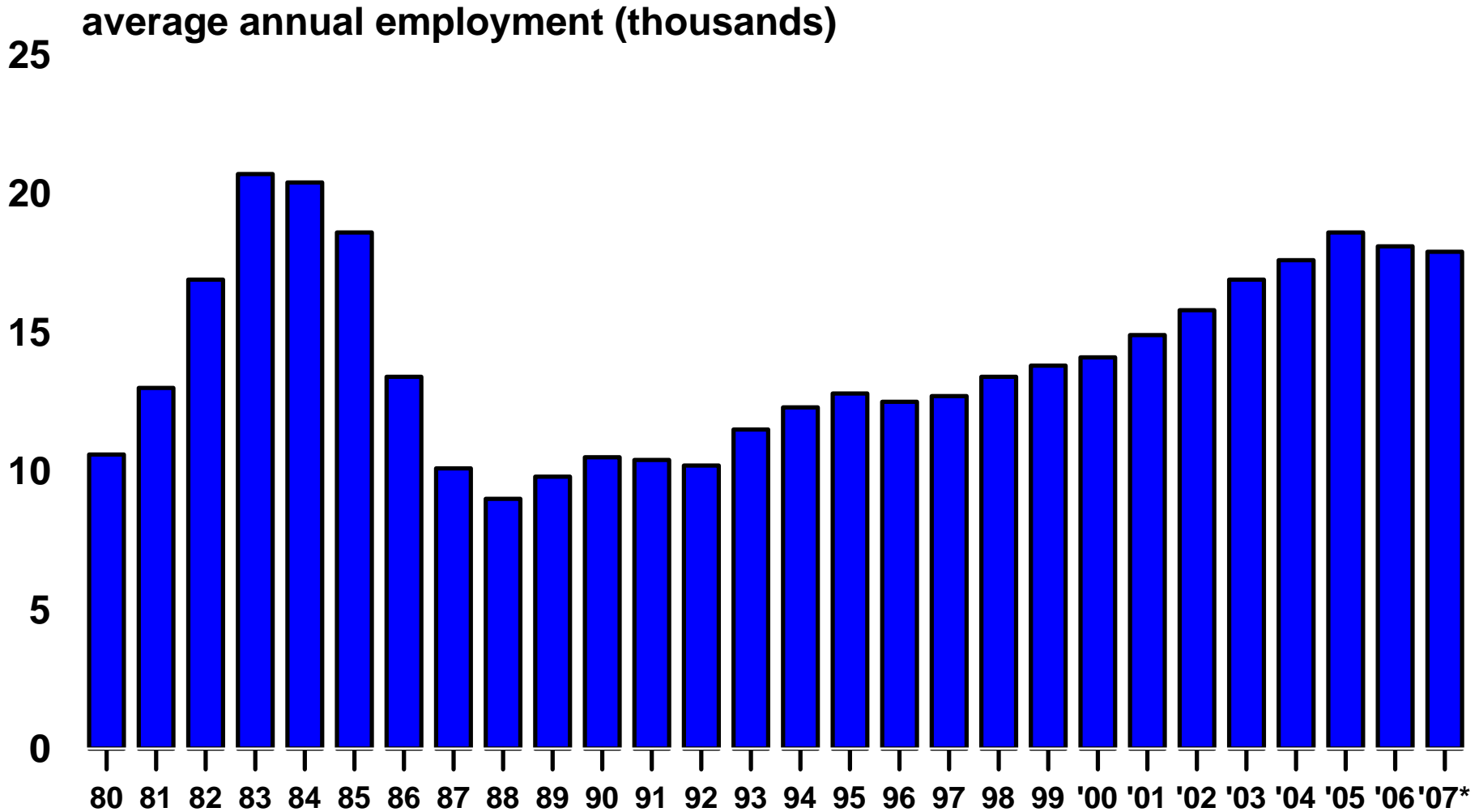
Alaska's Military Population Is In Its Fifth Year of Expansion

uniformed military



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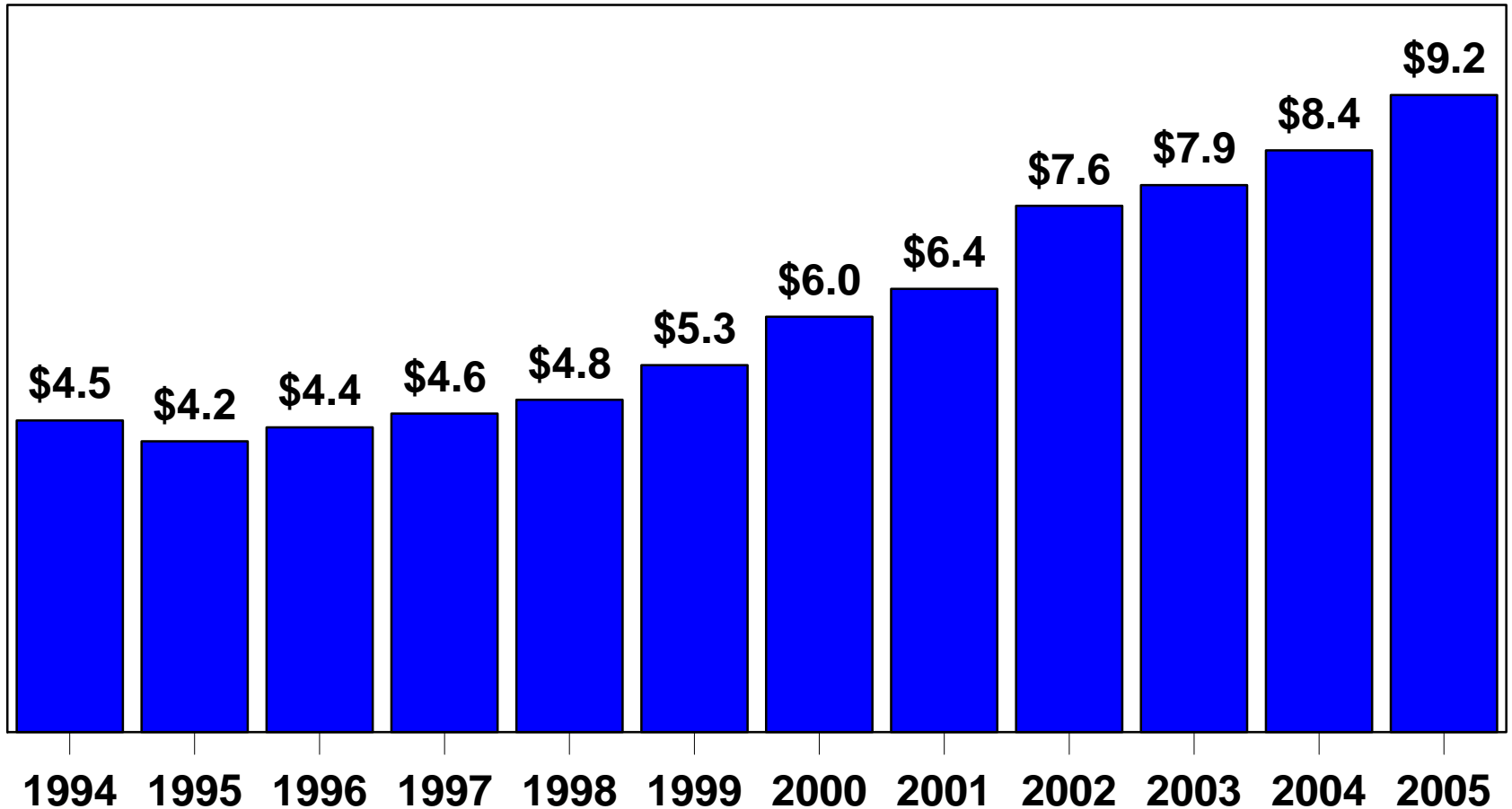
Alaska's Construction Industry Grew During The Past Decade--But Slowing



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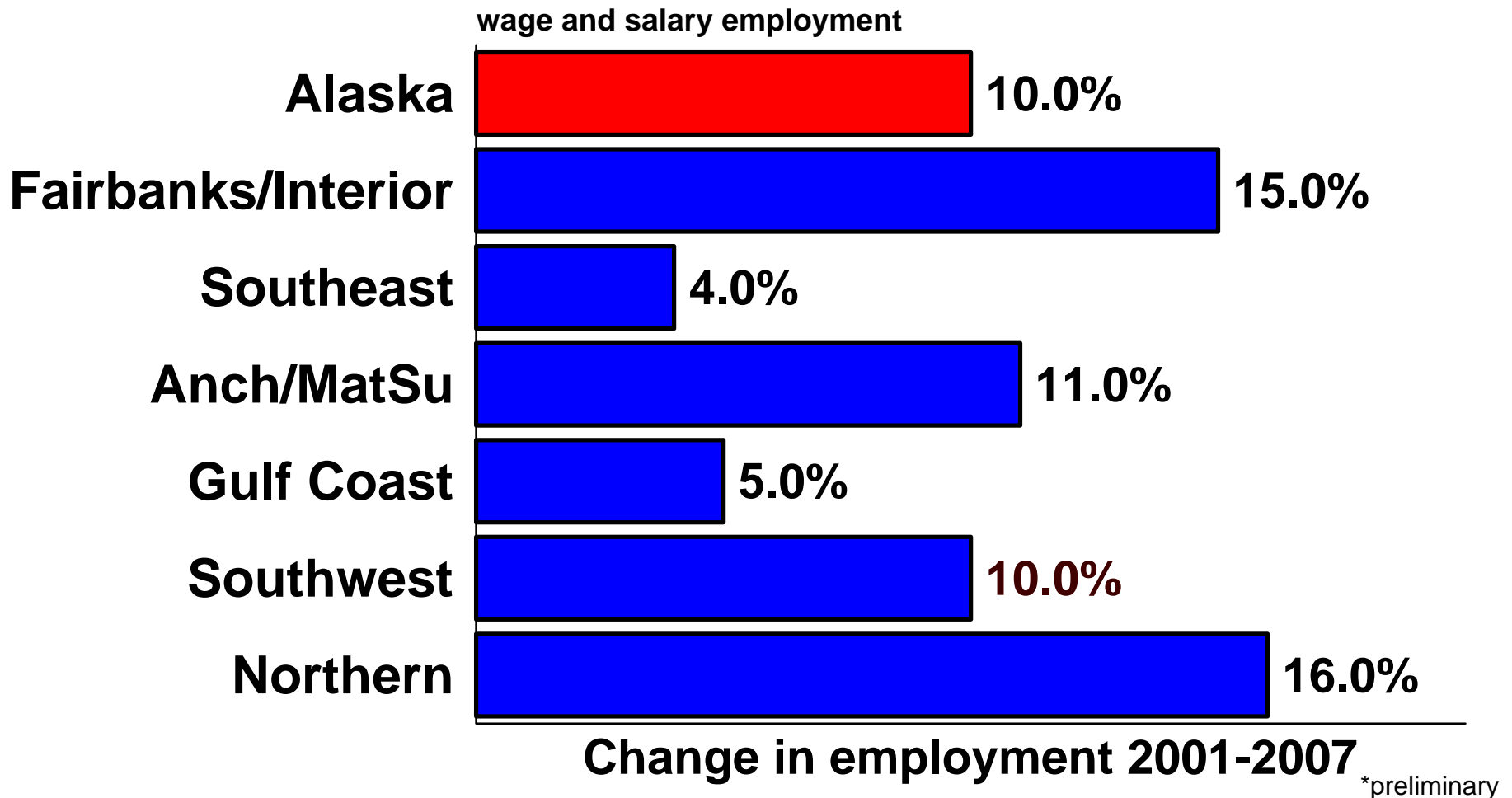
Federal Funds Doubled In Eight Years In Alaska, But Now Could Be Falling

\$ billions



Source: Consolidated Federal Funds Report

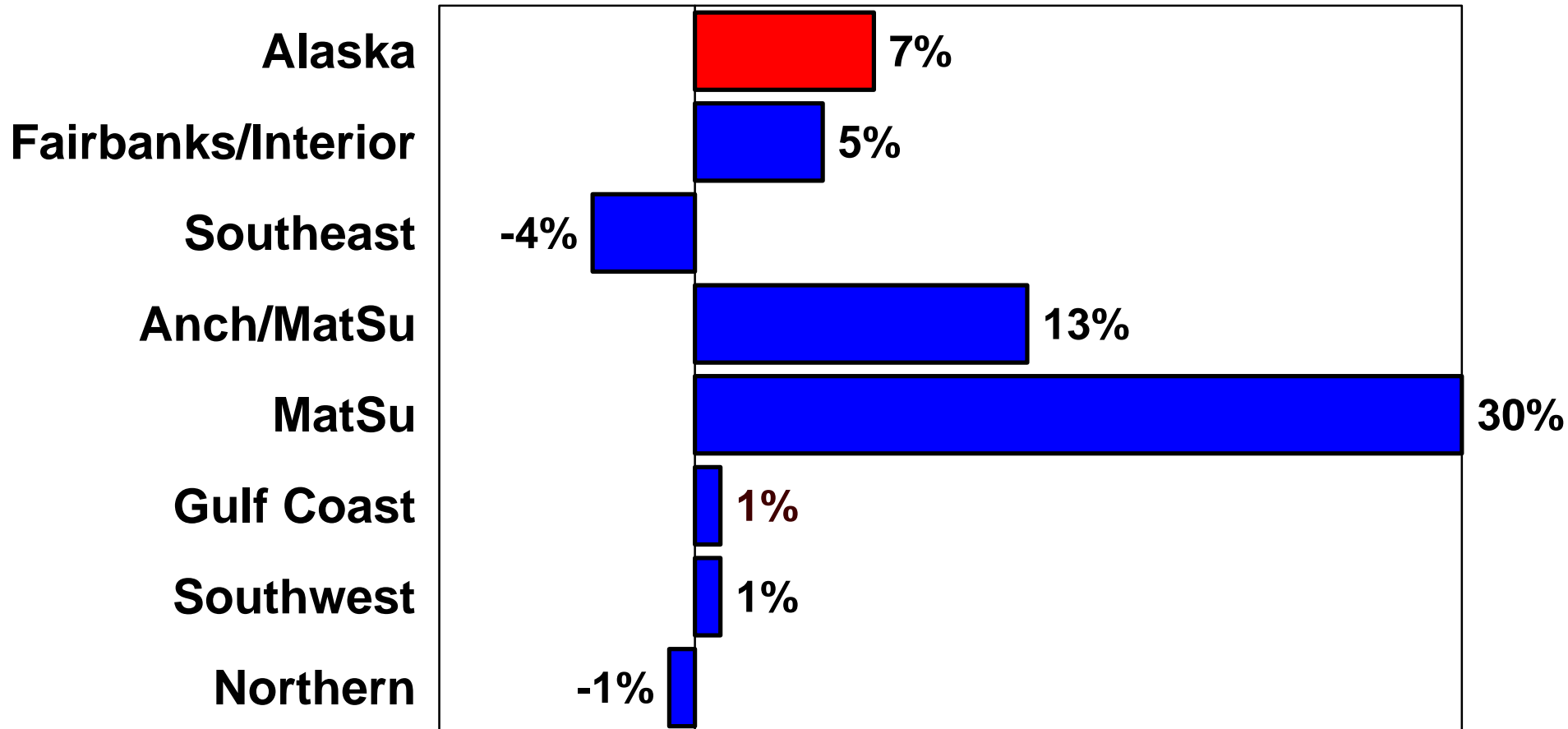
Employment Growth During The Past Six Years Has Varied Around The State*



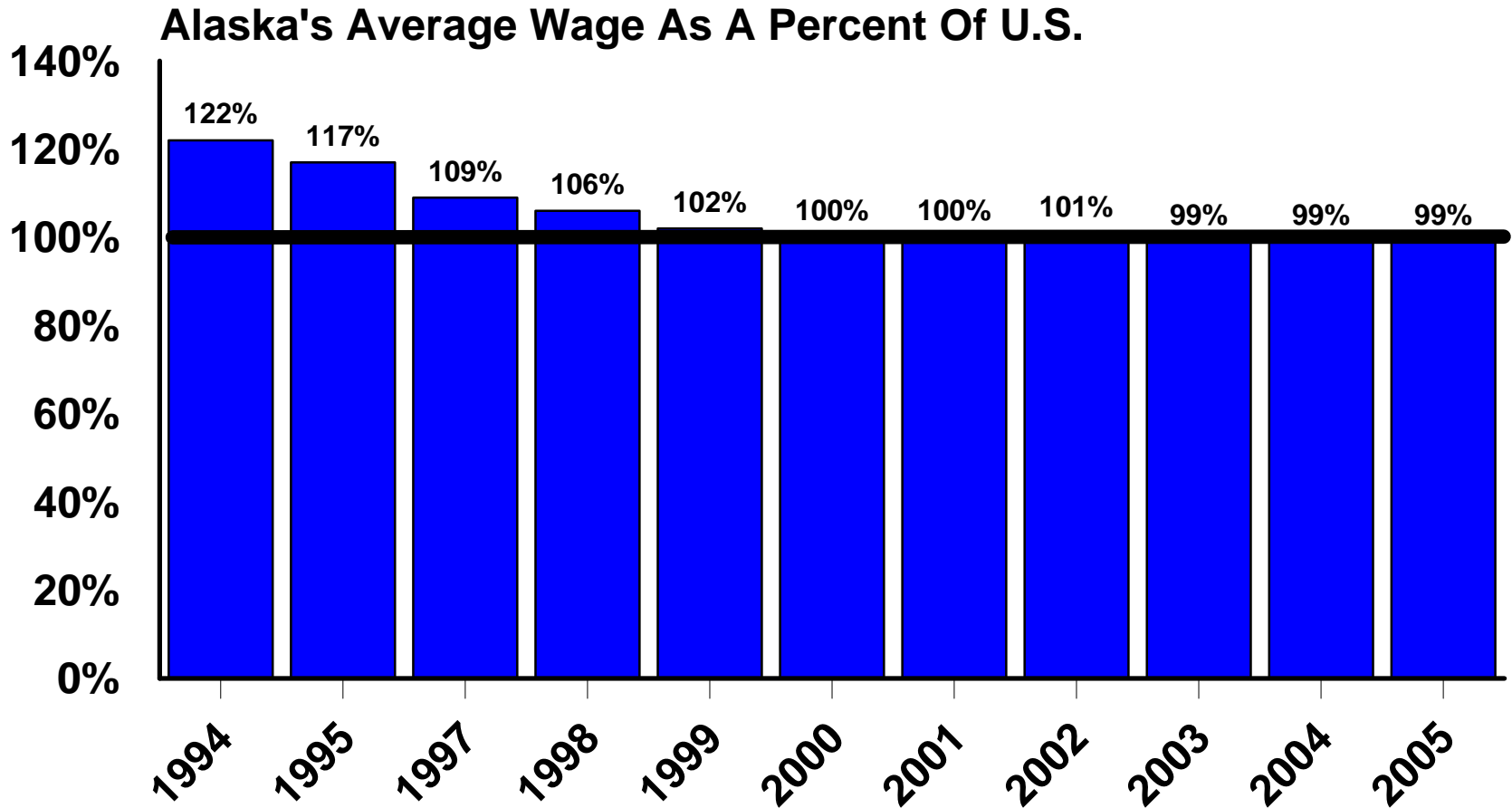
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Population Growth Might Also Might Be A Good Indicator

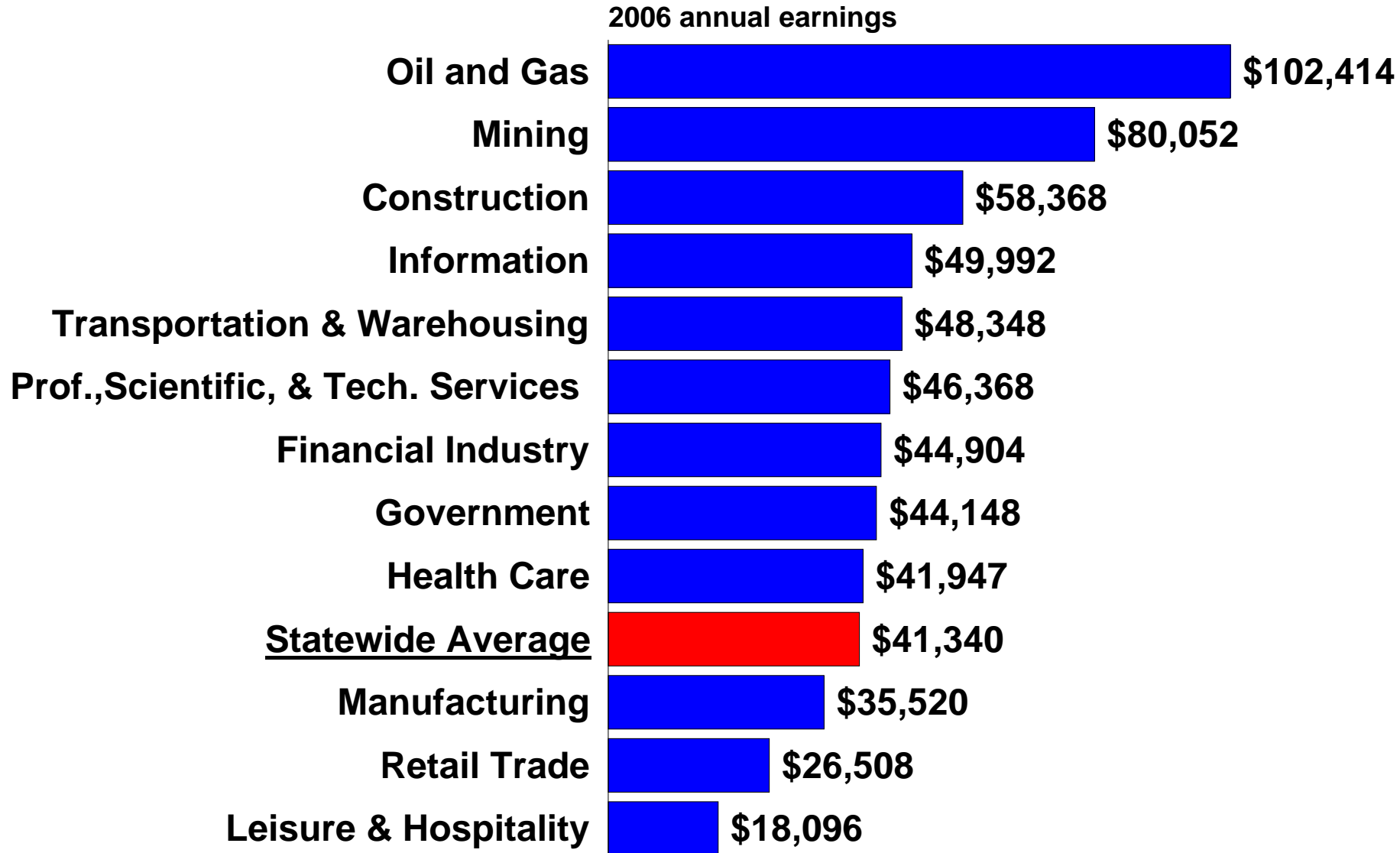
Population growth 2000-2006



Alaska's Average Wage Advantage Has Disappeared

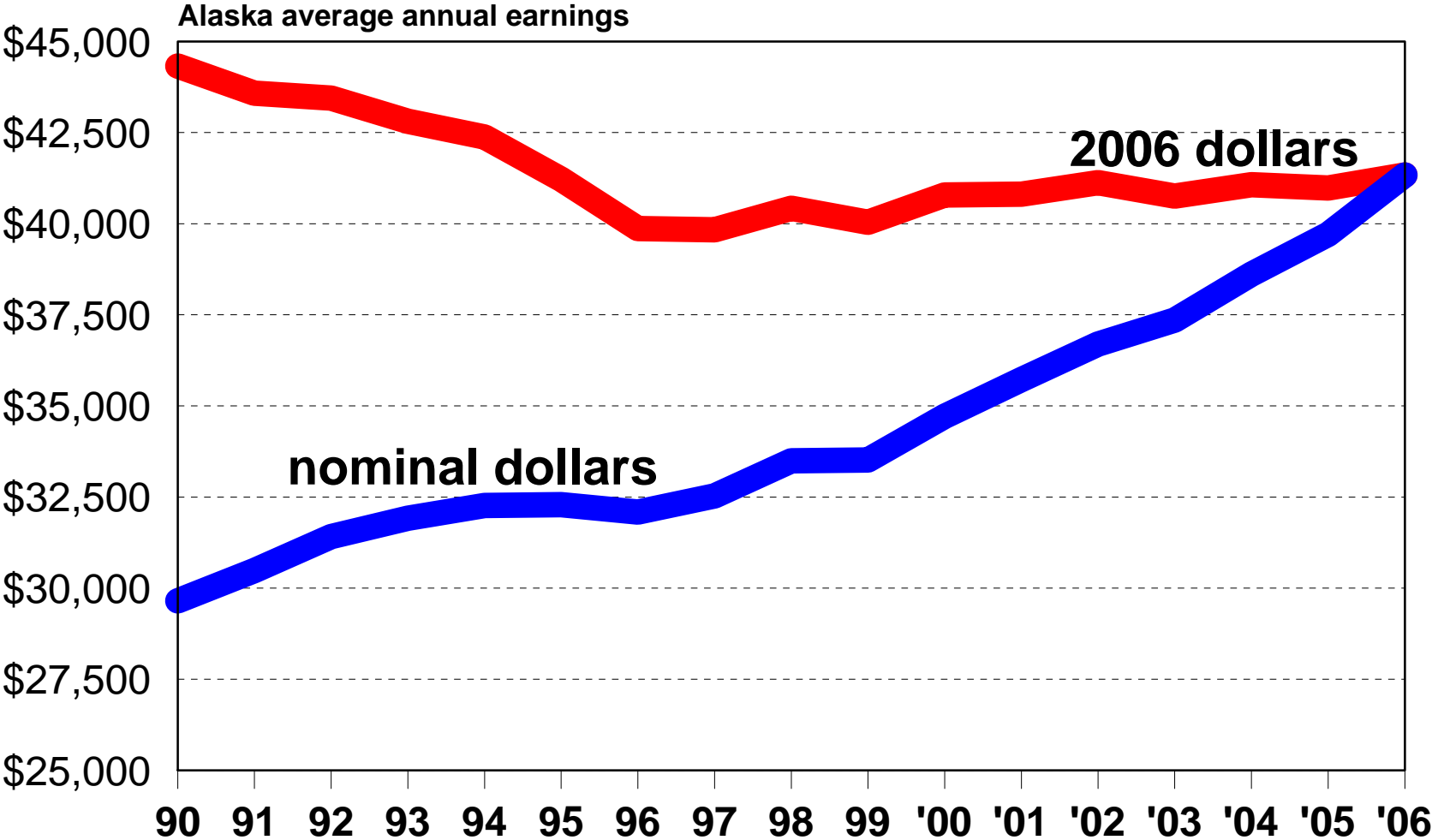


Average Annual Earnings--How They Stack Up



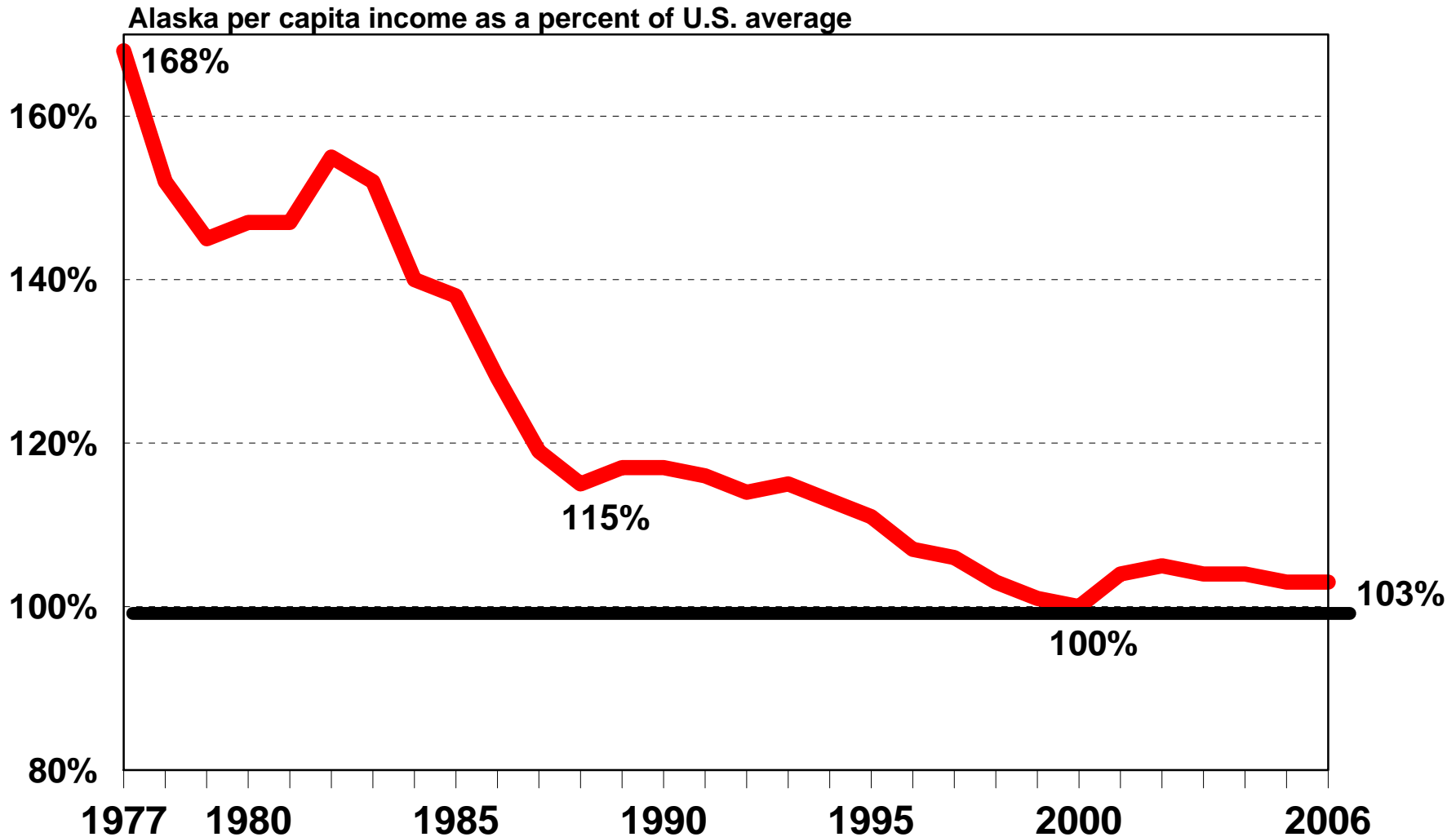
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Real Earnings In Alaska Have Changed Little



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Alaska Per Capita Income Advantage Has Narrowed Over Time



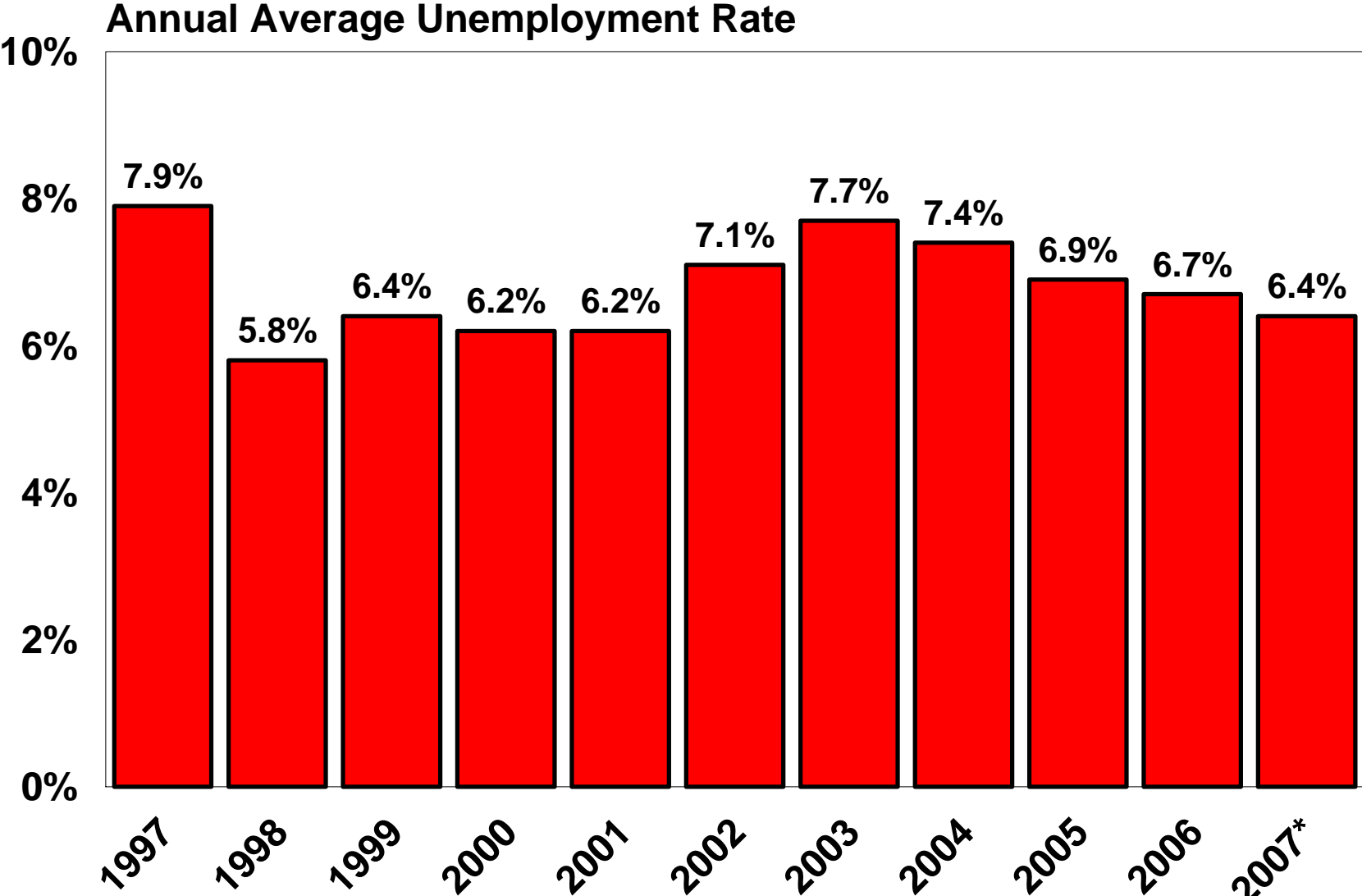
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Alaska Still Ranks Pretty High In Household Income-A 23% Premium

Ranking	State	Median Household Income-2006
1	Maryland	\$65,144
2	New Jersey	\$64,470
3	Connecticut	\$63,422
4	Hawaii	\$61,160
5	Massachusetts	\$59,963
6	New Hampshire	\$59,683
7	ALASKA	\$59,393
8	California	\$56,645
9	Virginia	\$56,277
10	Minnesota	\$54,023
	U.S.	\$48,451

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Unemployment Rates Remain Relatively Low

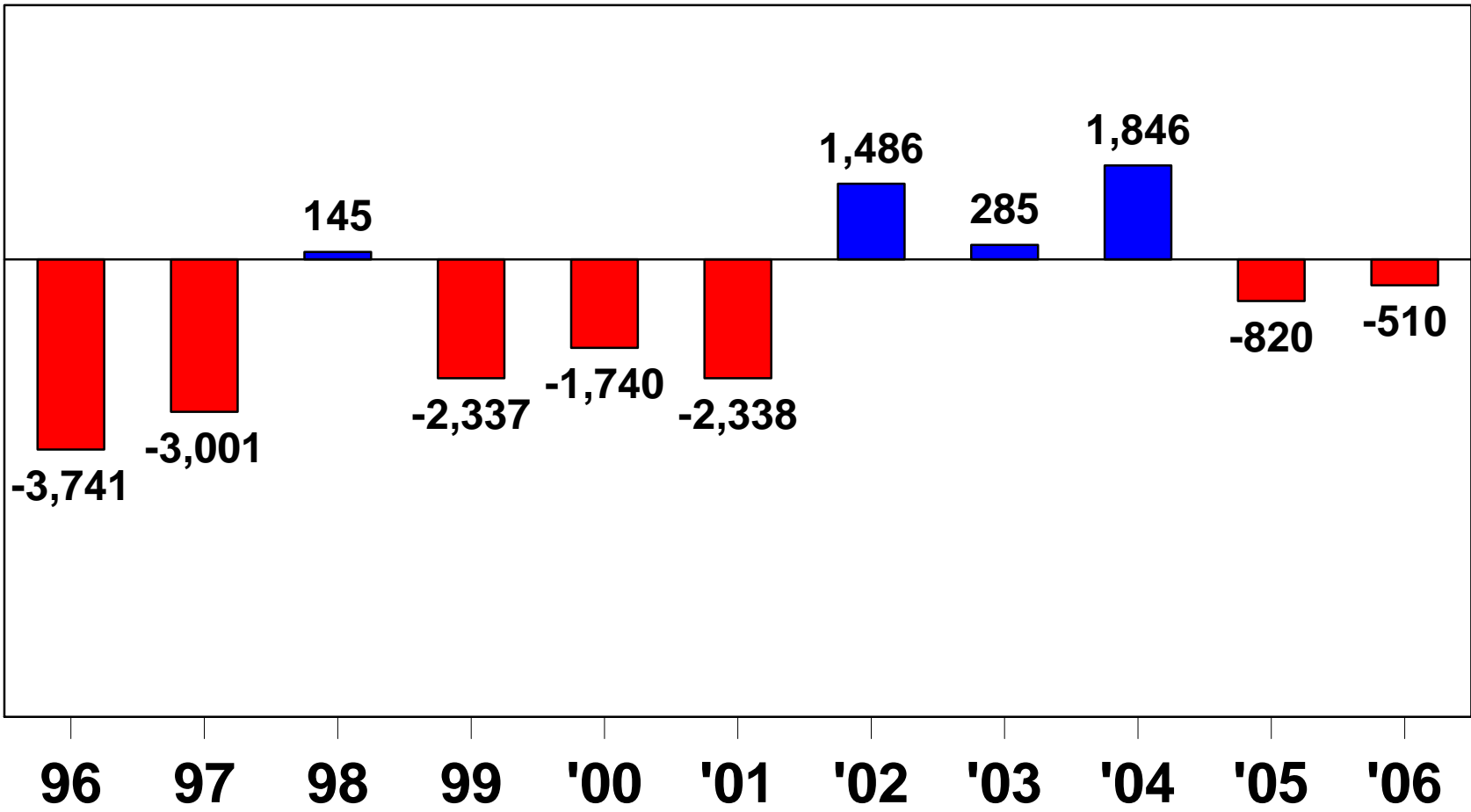


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More Years In The Red--No Wonder There Is A Tight Labor Market

net migration in alaska



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