

Health Care



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In 2010, there were 3,094 health care jobs in Southeast Alaska, representing 8 percent of all Southeast Alaska employment. Three-quarters of health care employment is in the private sector, with an annual average employment of 2,307. Regionally, health care employment increased by 4 percent between 2009 and 2010.

Southeast Health Care Employment and Earnings 2007 to 2010

	Annual average Employment Southeast	Annual average Employment Juneau	Total Payroll SE	Total Payroll Juneau
2010	3,094	1,391	\$149,476,844	\$65,554,880
2009	2,986	1,327	\$143,543,552	\$62,361,928
2008	2,909	1,282	\$132,998,285	\$56,970,526
2007	2,908	1,285	\$126,934,633	\$53,558,908
Change 2007-2010	6%	8%	18%	22%
Change 2009-2010	4%	5%	4%	5%

Source: ADOL.

The largest health care provider in the region is the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). SEARHC is a non-profit tribal consortium that provides health and wellness services to Native Alaskans and their families. SEARHC is also Southeast Alaska's largest private employer with a regional staff of 800 in 18 communities around Southeast Alaska, including a Juneau staff of approximately 200 employees.

The Bartlett Regional Hospital is the region's next largest health care provider and offers a full range of medical services. The hospital has a staff of 407 full-time-equivalent employees and 55 inpatient beds. In 2009, Bartlett delivered 396 babies, discharged 2,240 patients after treatment, performed 4,040 surgeries, and treated 13,600 patients in the emergency room. The Bartlett Regional Hospital is considered part of City Government in employment statistics. The third largest health care provider in the region is the Ketchikan General Hospital with nearly 400 employees.

Social Services Employment and Earnings 2006 to 2010

	Annual average Employment Southeast	Annual average Employment Juneau	Total Payroll SE	Total Payroll Juneau
2010	1,410	841	38,346,463	24,918,274
2009	1,344	780	34,792,489	22,767,674
2008	1,316	775	32,405,287	21,550,622
2007	1,283	767	30,849,467	20,652,938
Change 2009-2010	5%	8%	10%	9%
Change 2006-2010	11%	0%	29%	18%

Source: ADOL.

Health Care Outlook

According to the Alaska Department of Labor, the aging of Southeast Alaska's baby boomers is resulting in growth of health care services, as older people require more health care. As the state and region continue to age, the scale of the local and regional health care industries must grow to meet increasing demand.