Kodiak

2021 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

Kodiak is ranked the #5 fishing port in the U.S. by weight and the #9 port by value, with landings of 299.1 million pounds of seafood worth $121.2 million in 2021.

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders - Kodiak: 482
Kodiak Island Borough: 536
Total permits owned - Kodiak: 917
Kodiak Island Borough: 1,016
Permit holders who fished - Kodiak: 326
Kodiak Island Borough: 360
Commercial full year crew license holders - Kodiak: 561, Kodiak Island Borough: 644
Permit holders who fished plus crew - Kodiak: 893
Kodiak Island Borough: 1,004
Percentage of local population who fished - Kodiak: 16%, Kodiak Island Borough: 7.8%
Vessels home ported - Kodiak: 546, Kodiak Island Borough: 606
Vessels owned - Kodiak: 461, Kodiak Island Borough: 518

Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Kodiak community.

INCOME

Estimated ex-vessel income by Kodiak Island Borough-based fishermen: $120.9 million
Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through property and sales taxes, purchases, utilities, transportation, and other services.

Virtually every business in Kodiak benefits from commercial fishing dollars.

JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in Kodiak Island Borough: 2,070
Alaska resident processing jobs: 1,023 (49%)
Total processing wages: $48.4 million
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Number of processing facilities (2022): 8

In addition to direct harvester and processor workers, fisheries related jobs include hatcheries, fuel, accountants, air and water travel, marine supply, boat building and repair, air cargo crew, freight agents, and scientists.

Government related jobs include the largest United Sates Coast Guard base in the US with approximately 3,100 personnel and dependents, Alaska Department of Fish and Game • U.S. Fish and Wildlife Protection/Alaska Department of Public Safety • Docks and Harbors • U.A. School of Fisheries • Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program, and more.

REVENUE to the State and Community

FY 2021 shared taxes – The City of Kodiak received $1.1 million and the Kodiak Island Borough received $900 thousand in fisheries business and landing taxes through the municipal tax-sharing program from Kodiak fisheries landings and businesses; the State received a like amount.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Kodiak is in House District 32, Senate District P. The Kodiak Island Borough includes the communities of Akhiok, Chinlik, Kodiak, Kodiak Station, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, Port Lions, and Karluk.