

Kodiak



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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 2021.⁶

JOBS - FISHING

Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders - Kodiak: 482¹

Kodiak Island Borough: 536¹

Total permits owned - Kodiak: 917¹

Kodiak Island Borough: 1,016¹

Permit holders who fished - Kodiak: 326¹

Kodiak Island Borough: 360¹

Commercial full year crew license holders -

Kodiak: 561², Kodiak Island Borough: 644²

Permit holders who fished plus crew - Kodiak: 893^{1,2}

Kodiak Island Borough: 1,004^{1,2}

Percentage of local population who fished -

Kodiak: 16%^{1,2,4}, Kodiak Island Borough: 7.8%^{1,2,4}

Vessels home ported -

Kodiak: 546³, Kodiak Island Borough: 606³

Vessels owned -

Kodiak: 461³, Kodiak Island Borough: 518³

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 million¹**

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: **2,070⁵**

Alaska resident processing jobs: **1,023 (49%)⁵**

Total processing wages: **\$48.4 million⁵**

Alaska resident processing wages: **\$29.9 million (71.9%)⁵**

Number of processing facilities (2022): **8⁴**

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 States 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. ⁷

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Kodiak is in House District 32, Senate District P.

The Kodiak Island Borough includes the communities of Akhiok, Chiniak, Kodiak, Kodiak Station, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, Port Lions, and Karluk.

Footnotes - Sources:

1. Commercial fishing permit activity and estimated harvest and earnings by permit holder are from the Alaska Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) at https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/fishery_statistics/earnings.htm.

2. Crew numbers are from Alaska Department of Fish and Game commercial crew license list, and are the number of full year adult resident license holders who list their address in a given community.

3. Vessel numbers are from CFEC database data found online at <https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/plook/#downloads> and are a count of commercial fishing licensed vessels that list home port or ownership in a given community.

4. Population data used to calculate the percentage of residents who fished, are from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Database: [Alaska Population Estimates](#).

5. Processor employment and wage data is from the Alaska Department of Labor provided on request.

6. NOAA, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, see reports "Total Commercial Fishery Landings at Major U.S. Ports" ranked by value and by weight at [Top US Ports \(noaa.gov\)](#).

7. Revenue figures are from the Alaska Department of Revenue Shared Taxes report: [FY2021 - Shared Tax Report -- Working Updated 11.29.2021.xlsx \(alaska.gov\)](#).