

# Nome Census Area



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## 2021 Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facts

### JOBS - FISHING

#### Permit holders, crew and vessels:

Commercial fishing permit holders: **272**<sup>1</sup>  
Total permits owned: **341**<sup>1</sup>  
Permit holders who fished: **143**<sup>1</sup>  
Commercial crewmember license holders: **105**<sup>2</sup>  
Permit holders who fished plus crew: **248**<sup>1,2</sup>  
Percentage of local population who fished: 2.5%<sup>1,2,4</sup>  
Vessels home ported: **92**<sup>3</sup> Vessels owned: **89**<sup>3</sup>

**Each of these individual small and family businesses represents investment, employment, and income in the Nome Census Area.**

#### INCOME:

Estimated **ex-vessel income** by Nome Census Area-based fishermen: **\$1.0 million**<sup>1</sup>  
Earnings generated from commercial fishing circulated in the local economy through property and sales taxes; purchases, utilities, repair and maintenance, and other services.

**Virtually every business in the Nome Census Area benefits from commercial fishing dollars.**

### JOBS – PROCESSING

Seafood processing jobs in the Nome CA: **267**<sup>5</sup>  
Alaska resident processing jobs: **251 (94%)**<sup>5</sup>  
Total processing wages: **\$4.8 million**<sup>5</sup>  
Alaska resident processing wages: **\$4.8 million (93.8%)**<sup>5</sup>  
Number of processing facilities (2022): **3**<sup>4</sup>

### ...AND MORE JOBS

**In addition to direct harvester and processor workers,** fisheries related jobs include fuel, accountants, consultants, air and water travel, hardware and marine repair and supply businesses, advocacy and marketing organizations, air cargo crew, freight agents, and scientists.

**Government related jobs include** Alaska Department of Fish and Game • Fish and Wildlife Protection/Alaska Department of Public Safety • Docks and Harbors • Alaska State Troopers • United States Coast Guard • University of Alaska School of Fisheries • Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory program, and more.

### REVENUE to the State and Community through Fishery Taxes ...

FY 2021 shared taxes – Nome Census Area communities collectively received a total of **\$5,641** in fisheries business and landing taxes.<sup>6</sup> The State of Alaska received a like amount.

### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

The Nome Census Area is in House District 39, Senate District T.

**The Nome Census Area includes communities of Elim, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, Saint Michael, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, and White Mountain.**

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