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**Subject:** April Unemployment Figures for Kenai Peninsula Borough

Jeanne Camp has just provided me with the attached recap of year-to-date 2006 unemployment statistics for the Kenai Peninsula Borough as of the April reporting period. In short, total Kenai Peninsula Borough employment continues to trend in a similar manner to 2005. Here are some of the highlights:

- April 2006 KPB's unemployment rate stood at 9.7%. This is a gain of 0.4% when compared to April 2005 when the rate stood at 9.3%.
- Year-to-date KPB unemployment for 2006 stands at 10.6% for the 3 months ending in April. This is a 0.2% increase over year-to-date unemployment for 2005, which was 10.4% for the same reporting period.
- Total workers unemployed in April, 2006 stood at 2,310. This is a gain of 79 when compared to the total number of workers unemployed in April, 2005, when the monthly figure stood at 2,231.
- The year-to-date average KPB unemployment for 2006 stands at 2,531. This is identical to the same period in 2005.
- The total KPB labor force in April stood at 23,790 workers. This is a decrease of 291 workers in the labor force from April, 2005 when the total labor force equaled 24,081.
- The year-to-date average KPB labor force for 2006 currently stands at 23,834 as of April. This is a decrease of 189 workers in the labor force when compared to the same period in 2005, which stood at 24,023.

- **Total people employed in the KPB during April 2006 stood at 21,480. This is a decrease of 370 people employed than in the same month in 2005 when total people employed in the KPB stood at 21,850.**
- **Total people employed year-to-date in the KPB as of April 2006 stood at 21,304. This is a decrease of 189 persons working when compared to the same period of 2005 when 21,493 persons were employed.**

**In summary, the total Kenai Peninsula Borough labor force has decreased as of April this year and Kenai Peninsula Borough total employment is also down modestly. The unemployment rate, along with the number of unemployed persons, has increased when compared to the same month one year earlier. .**

<b>Kenai Peninsula Borough Labor Statistics</b>	
<b>April 2005 v 2006</b>	
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	
2005	24,081
2006	23,790
Change	-291
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT-KPB</b>	
2005	2,231
2006	2,310
Change	79
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</b>	
2005	9.3%
2006	9.7%
Change	0.4%
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	
2005	21,850
2006	21,480
Change	-370
<b>Annual Average</b>	
<b>Year-to-Date 2005 v</b>	
<b>Year-to-Date 2006</b>	
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	
2005	24,023
2006	23,834
Change	-189
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	
2005	2,531
2006	2,531
Change	0
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</b>	
2005	10.4%
2006	10.6%
Change	0.2%
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	
2005	21,493
2006	21,304
Change	-189

Kenai Peninsula Borough Employment Statistics									
Annual Average History									
LABOR FORCE		UNEMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		EMPLOYMENT			
Willing and able, working or not		Willing and able, not working		Unemployment divided by Labor Force		Employed			
1990		1990	2,542	1990	13.8%	1990	15,415	1990	
1991	18,752	1991	2,845	1991	14.9%	1991	15,969	1991	
1992	19,363	1992		1992		1992		1992	
1993	19,405	1993	3,448	1993	17.3%	1993	16,038	1993	
1994	20,587	1994	3,328	1994	15.8%	1994	17,303	1994	
1995	20,786	1995	3,263	1995	15.1%	1995	17,563	1995	
1996	21,492	1996	3,609	1996	16.4%	1996	17,891	1996	
1997	21,985	1997	4,091	1997	17.9%	1997	17,920	1997	
1998	20,857	1998	2,695	1998	12.4%	1998	18,111	1998	
1999	21,165	1999	2,806	1999	13.2%	1999	18,267	1999	
2000	23,249	2000	2,422	2000	10.2%	2000	20,827	2000	
2001	23,063	2001	2,257	2001	9.7%	2001	20,807	2001	
2002	23,694	2002	2,475	2002	10.4%	2002	21,219	2002	
2003	24,257	2003	2,836	2003	11.6%	2003	21,422	2003	
2004	24,034	2004	2,833	2004	11.6%	2004	21,201	2004	
2005	24,023	2005	2,531	2005	10.4%	2005	21,493	2005	
YTD 2006*	23,834	YTD 2006*	2,531	YTD 2006*	10.6%	YTD 2006*	21,304	YTD 2006*	
Best year									
Worst year									

\* - Not included in Best/Worst determination

Max	24,257	Max	4,091	Max	19.8%	Max	21,493
Min	18,005	Min	2,257	Min	9.7%	Min	15,386

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