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# University of Alaska

34<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Top FY27 Budget Request Follow-Ups From Second  
Subcommittee Hearing – Selected Q&A - Pursuant to  
Rep. Galvin's Request

Outlines on Workforce and Athletics

UA House Finance Subcommittee

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# Overview

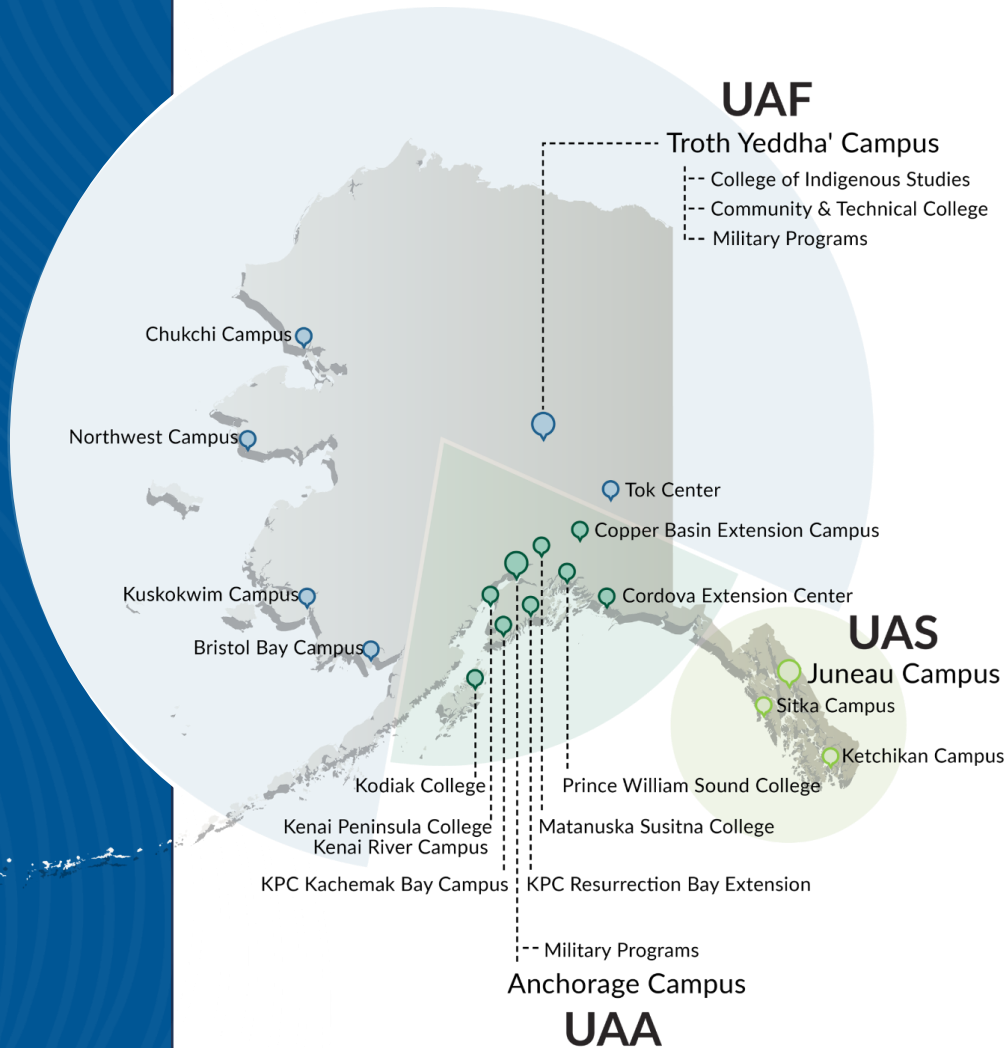


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# University of Alaska

## Alaska's System of Higher Education



### Empower Alaska

#### Pillars

- Financially Responsible and Future-Focused
- State & Arctic Leadership
- Quality Reputation

#### University/System Roles

- System Office – Advancing Post-secondary Education by Driving Value to the Universities. Corporate structure required by State Constitution.
- UAA – Alaska's Comprehensive, Workforce-Emphasis, Health University: A University of Distinction, Transforming Lives and Communities.
- UAF – Alaska's Research and Arctic University: Creating Excellence Through Transformative Experiences.
- UAS – Alaska's Experiential Learning University: Impacting the World by Offering an Unparalleled Education Rooted in the Natural and Cultural Richness of Southeast Alaska.

# UA FY27 Budget Highest Priorities

(UGF in millions of \$)

	BOR Op	BOR Cap	Gov Am
FY26 Budget	\$351.5	\$10.0	\$351.5
<b>Priority Requests</b>			
Compensation - wage increase for employee groups as required by collective bargaining agreements and 3% for non-union staff (excludes contracts that have not yet been negotiated for FY27, Local 6070 and Fairbanks Firefighter Union). In FY27, the university's medical plan (including dental and vision) is expected to incur a \$6M increase in premium costs. Total compensation increment \$20.8M.	15.2		6.5 (Rec. Authority in Gov Amend is 9.8)
Operating cost increases (cyber security/IT, facilities, utilities, risk mgmt., and public safety) - are key to continued stability. Total operating cost increment \$ 11.7M.	8.0		
Student Mental Health Services	0.9		
BOR's Students-1st Action Agenda - increasing student recruitment, retention, and graduation. Have reallocated \$2.5M - Expect to leverage \$5.2M in tuition and fees.	4.9		
Capital - Deferred Maintenance – predictable and sufficient funding for UA's highest-priority DM projects allows UA to avoid costly and more disruptive repairs.		60.0	
<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>\$29.0</b>	<b>\$60.0</b>	<b>\$6.5 op</b>



# Follow Up Questions and Answers from Feb. 16, 2026 UA House Finance Subcommittee Hearing



1. “Many of the universities have mental health programs; are those programs being overwhelmed?” (Rep. Moore)

- Connected to FY27 Mental Health Request of \$0.9M – FY27 Red Book starting on listed page 8

2. “Are we seeing increased suicidal ideation?” (Rep. Moore)

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3. “What/where is the data that justifies the ask for increased funding for mental health services?” (Rep. Moore)

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4. “With specialized trades, such as nurses and marine pilots, is that something UA has tried to work on so we can retain those highly skilled people? Is that a priority?” (Rep. Bynum)

- Connected to FY27 Compensation Request – See FY27 Red Book request at listed page 3. UAF Community and Technical College (CTC) Meeting Industry Workforce Needs Request of \$250K (ROI: \$150k) – See FY27 Red Book at listed page 20





# Follow Up Questions and Answers from Feb. 16, 2026 UA House Finance Subcommittee Hearing - Continued

5. “Please show a chart with the last 5 years to show how many teachers have come out of the program.” (Rep. Galvin)

1.ANSWER:

School of Education	AY21	AY22	AY23	AY24	AY25	Preliminary AY26
UAA			2	3	6	6
UAF	59	68	55	46	45	58
UAS	78	93	86	68	64	62
<b>Total:</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Total in last 5 years:</b>						<b>662</b>





# Questions?



# Appendix



**20K+** Students served across all six economic regions

**+4%** Projected systemwide headcount increase for AY26

## UA'S IMPACT ON ALASKA'S WORKFORCE

Degree Type	Graduates	% Employed in Alaska within 1 year	Average First-Year Wage (\$)	Average Fifth-Year Wage (\$)
Certificate and Associate	10,432	82.2%	\$56,143	\$76,922
Bachelor and Above	16,531	76.2%	\$60,311	\$80,164

### UA PROGRAMS BOOST ALASKA'S HIRE RATE

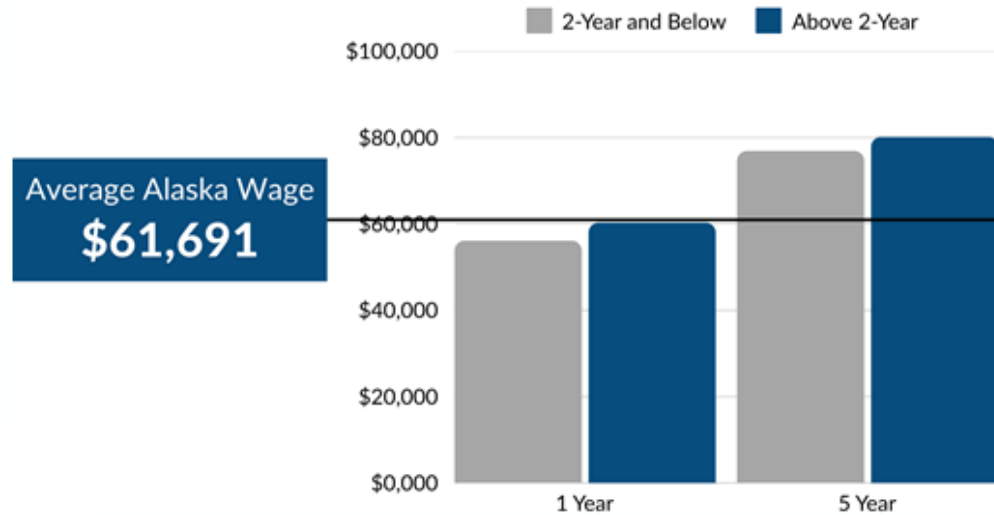


**96%**  
Of Working Graduates are Alaska Residents

*For comparison, residency is 77.5% for All Alaska Workers*

<https://www.alaska.edu/research/wd/reports.php>

### GRADUATES' AVERAGE WAGE



# INVESTMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA: GROWS ALASKA'S CAPACITY

UA trains and retains the people who power Alaska: healthcare workers, teachers, engineers, and skilled trades. **More than ninety percent of working graduates are Alaska residents.** State support keeps tuition affordable, expands training statewide, and fuels research that drives **\$240 million in annual economic activity.** Every dollar invested stays in Alaska.

## UA's Students-First Action Agenda: \$4.9M Request

*The University's roadmap for growing enrollment, retention, graduation, and Alaska's workforce*

Industry	Graduates Trained Since 2013	Industry	Graduates Trained Since 2013
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b> 41 programs	<b>5,908</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology</b> 41 programs	<b>2,033</b>
<b>Construction</b> 46 programs	<b>3,728</b>	<b>Law &amp; Public Safety</b> 17 programs	<b>2,217</b>
<b>Education</b> 40 programs	<b>3,637</b>	<b>Mining</b> 40 programs	<b>2,903</b>
<b>Fisheries &amp; Marine Science</b> 24 programs	<b>1,240</b>	<b>Oil &amp; Gas</b> 50 programs	<b>4,151</b>
<b>Health</b> 61 programs	<b>7,656</b>	<b>Transportation</b> 21 programs	<b>1,293</b>



# Athletics



- No budget request in FY27
- UAA and UAF athletics: important to the cultures of the universities
- Generate energy and brand awareness
- Increased philanthropy
- Healthy athletics programs increase public participation, improve public support and can increase future enrollment

