

## Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

### Mission

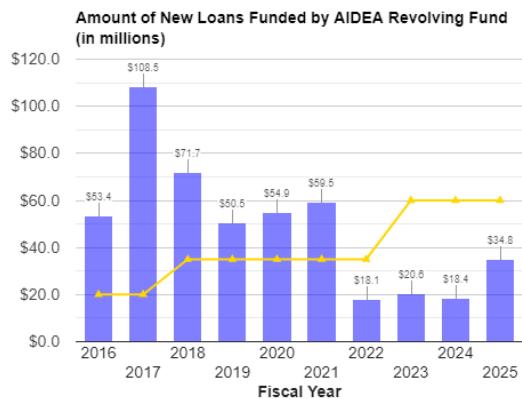
Promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska. Alaska Statute (AS) 44.33.020

Core Services (in priority order)		UGF	DGF	Other	Fed	Total	PFT	PPT	NP	% GF
1	Economic Growth	5,579.7	15,339.2	21,440.3	13,260.5	55,619.7	120.3	0.0	2.2	14.8%
2	Sustainable Energy	6,532.0	51,234.0	28,303.1	561.1	86,630.2	100.4	0.0	13.6	40.9%
3	Strong Communities	8,942.6	619.9	10,672.9	28,447.9	48,683.3	70.7	0.0	2.3	6.8%
4	Consumer Protection	668.4	52,257.9	3,290.7	294.2	56,511.2	277.6	0.0	7.9	37.5%
<b>FY2026 Management Plan</b>		<b>21,722.7</b>	<b>119,451.0</b>	<b>63,707.0</b>	<b>42,563.7</b>	<b>247,444.4</b>	<b>569.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>26.0</b>	

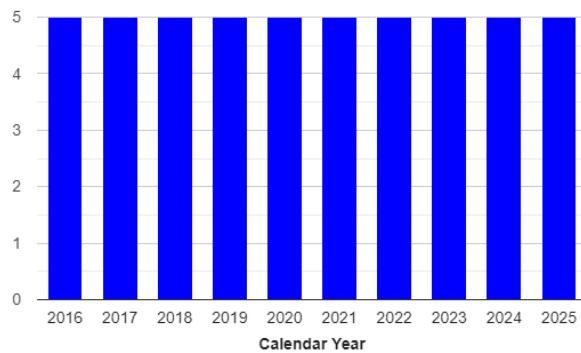
### Measures by Core Service

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results.>)

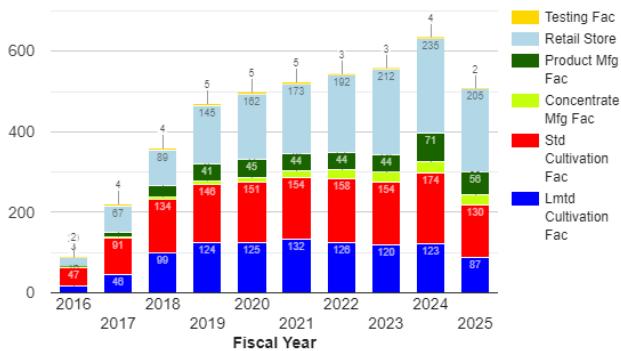
#### 1. Economic Growth



Alaska Seafood Brand Ranking on U.S. Restaurant Menus

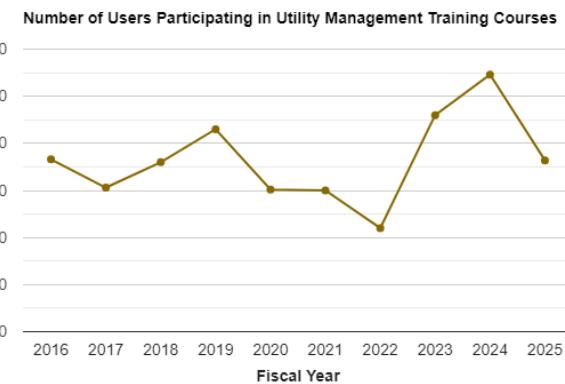
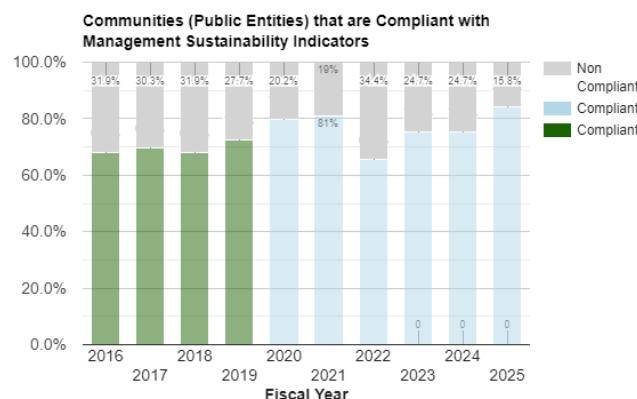


Active, Complete, and Delegated Marijuana Licenses by Type

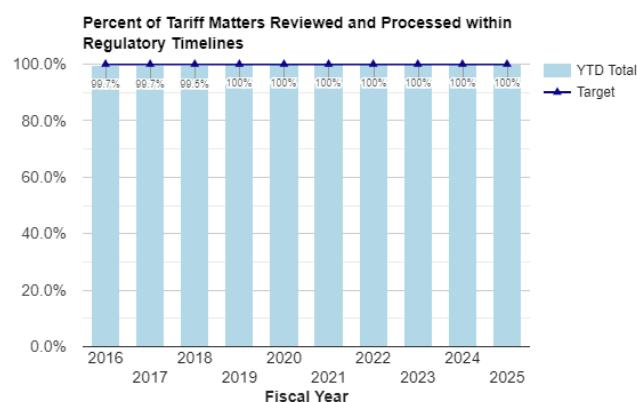
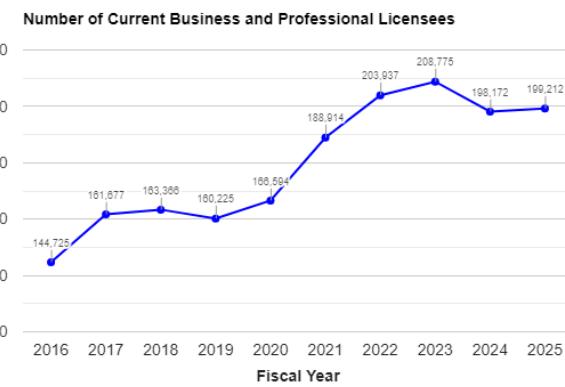
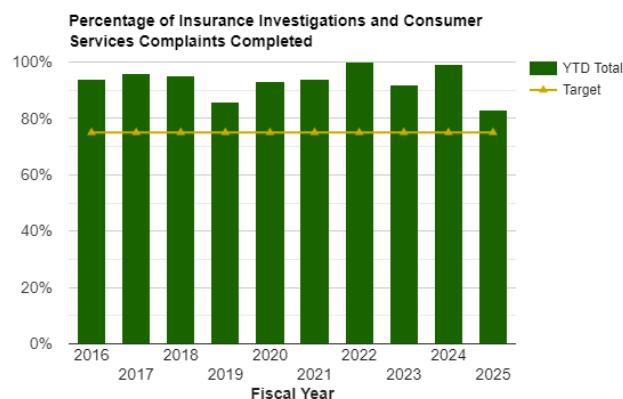


## 2. Sustainable Energy

### 3. Strong Communities



## 4. Consumer Protection



## Major Department Accomplishments in 2025

- The Alaska Broadband Office (ABO) successfully led over 200 stakeholder engagements related to Digital Equity and Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD), completed all phases of the In-State Mapping Challenge, and received National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) approval for multiple key planning and implementation proposals. The ABO launched and managed multiple grant application periods, and conducted Tribal consultations and technical assistance sessions.

- The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) continued to implement the Title IV rewrite of alcoholic beverage laws that became effective in January 2024, including the development and release of a new licensing system. The division collected about \$6 million in alcohol beverage licensing fees and marijuana licensing permit fees. The division distributed more than \$950,000 in shared revenue to local governments to support licensing and enforcement. The AMCO continues to improve processing timeframes for both alcohol and marijuana license applications and anticipates continuing to reduce wait times in FY2026.
- The Division of Investments provided patient capital to stimulate business development, job creation, and resident ownership through direct State loan origination on 259 loans and pre-qualifications totaling \$47.2 million across nine revolving loan funds. The division serviced 1,538 loans while maintaining delinquency rates less than the national average for commercial and industrial loans. Through new loan requests, assumptions, and extensions 984 jobs were created or retained.
- The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) enhanced Alaska seafood marketing with promotions in over 36,000 retail outlets and partnerships with 18,000 foodservice establishments. A trade mission to Indonesia increased sales and market connections. The ASMI also supported federal food programs, generating over \$74 million in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) seafood sales and expanding the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) access to canned salmon. An economic analysis valued the ASMI's 2023 promotional impact at \$464 million, showcasing a strong return on investment for industry and State contributions.
- The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) opened 71 dockets and closed 67, maintaining a strong record of timely and effective regulatory oversight. As a result of the passage of House Bill (HB) 307 (Chapter 24, SLA 2024), the RCA worked with stakeholders that resulted in the development of a process for the Railbelt Transmission Organization (RTO) to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The RCA then certificated the RTO after receiving its complete application.
- The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) continued to permit and regulate oil and gas drilling to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, improve ultimate recovery, and protect underground freshwater. The AOGCC issued 16 enforcement actions for regulatory noncompliance and made progress on federally funded efforts to remediate orphaned wells, supported by \$50 million through the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) continued to improve processing times across its programs and continued to expand online, self-serve options for applicants and licensees. All programs now offer online renewals, with an increasing number becoming fully automated. Over 40 new online initial license applications were added in the past year, along with features that allow users to upload required documents independently.
- The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) paid the State a dividend of \$11 million for fiscal year (FY) 2025 and declared a \$20 million dividend for FY2026. As one of the largest investors in the State of Alaska, the AIDEA has generated positive statutory net income every year since 1997 when the AIDEA began paying a dividend. Inclusive of this dividend, the AIDEA has declared more than \$495 million in dividends cumulatively since 1997.
- The Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) assisted 231 communities throughout Alaska. The DCRA made 64 fuel loans to communities to avoid critical shortages. Local Government Assistance staff provided support and assistance to rural Alaskan communities in many areas, including ensuring applications and paperwork were submitted to receive Community Assistance Program funds, Internal Revenue Services (IRS) delinquency issues, creating and tracking annual budgets, and workers' compensation insurance issues.
- The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is continuing progress on the Bradley Lake Expansion Project to build a dam, tunnel, and raise the lake's water level. Once the project is completed, it will boost clean energy production by 50 percent, adding 180,000 megawatt-hours each year by channeling water from the Dixon Glacier through a five-mile tunnel into Bradley Lake. In FY2025, the AEA began geotechnical investigations, mobilizing drilling equipment to remote, seasonally accessible sites. The \$342 million project, primarily funded through revenue bonds, has secured \$19.7 million for development and environmental studies. Construction is slated for 2028, with operations beginning in 2031.

- Banking and Securities collected \$24.1 million in assessments, fees, and penalties in FY2025, of which \$18.2 million was contributed to the general fund.
- Insurance Operations dedicated investigative resources to investigate a fraud scheme targeting the Alaska Affordable Care Act (ACA) healthcare individual plan. Investigators helped insurers and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) cancel 80 percent of fraudulent health policies, saving \$81 million, including \$47 million in FY2025 alone. They revoked the licenses of two involved producers who fraudulently sold policies to Alaskans.
- Administrative Services partnered with the Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) to implement the new DCRA Grants Management System (DGMS), which launched in July 2025. Once fully operational, the DGMS will significantly improve efficiency by streamlining the management of federal and State grants awarded to local communities.
- The Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) executed definitive agreements with Glenfarne to lead development of the Alaska liquified natural gas (LNG) project overall and enter front-end engineering and design (FEED) for the Phase 1 pipeline. The AGDC achieved this significant milestone in privatization of the Alaska LNG through agreements with Glenfarne to acquire 75 percent of 8 Star, the subsidiary corporation holding ownership of the project. The AGDC again holds 25 percent ownership of the project. The AGDC has executed a full transition of the Alaska LNG project and 8 Star to Glenfarne under the definitive agreements. This resulted in 8 Star and the Alaska LNG Project being fully under the direction and management of Glenfarne moving forward as majority owner and developer, with the AGDC providing project oversight and support as a minority owner.

## Key Department Challenges

- Efficiently licensing and regulating the rapidly growing number of professionals and businesses operating in the State.
- Providing energy infrastructure and services at a reasonable cost to Alaska communities.
- Providing coordinated support to Alaska's communities to maximize federal funding to expand broadband access across Alaska.

## Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2027

- Continuing establishment of the Alaska Broadband Office to increase broadband infrastructure throughout Alaska.
- Continuing evaluation of regulatory requirements for licensing programs across the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to reduce unnecessary regulations and bureaucracy, and to improve efficiency.

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