



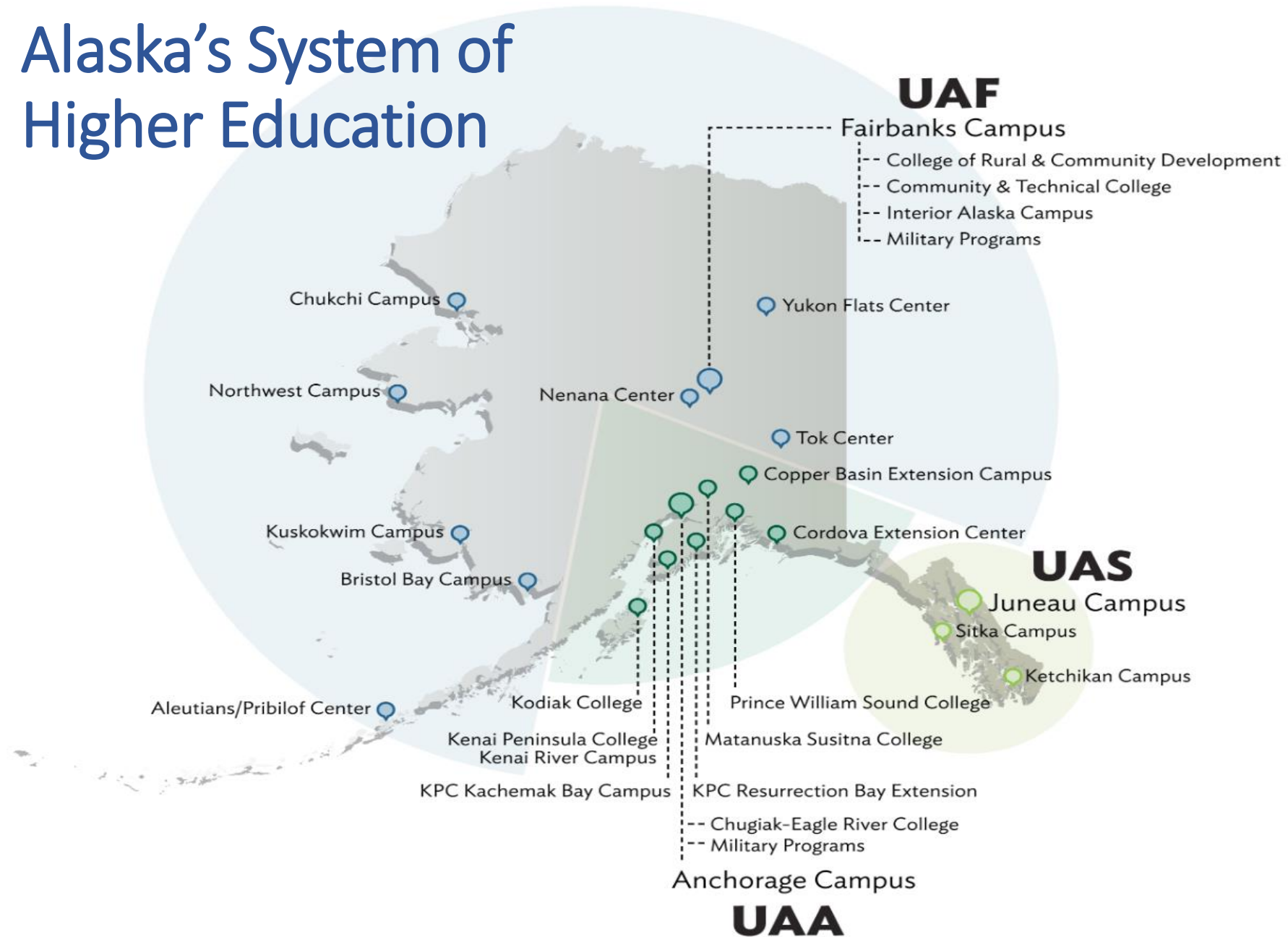
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# Alaska's System of Higher Education



# UA's Critical Workforce Mission

- Alaska's most comprehensive provider of workforce training
- UA offers more than 200 programs in workforce development
  - Non-credit industry recognized certifications, endorsements, certificates
  - Associate Degrees
  - Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate Degrees
- Programs in high-demand industries needed for Alaska's economic growth



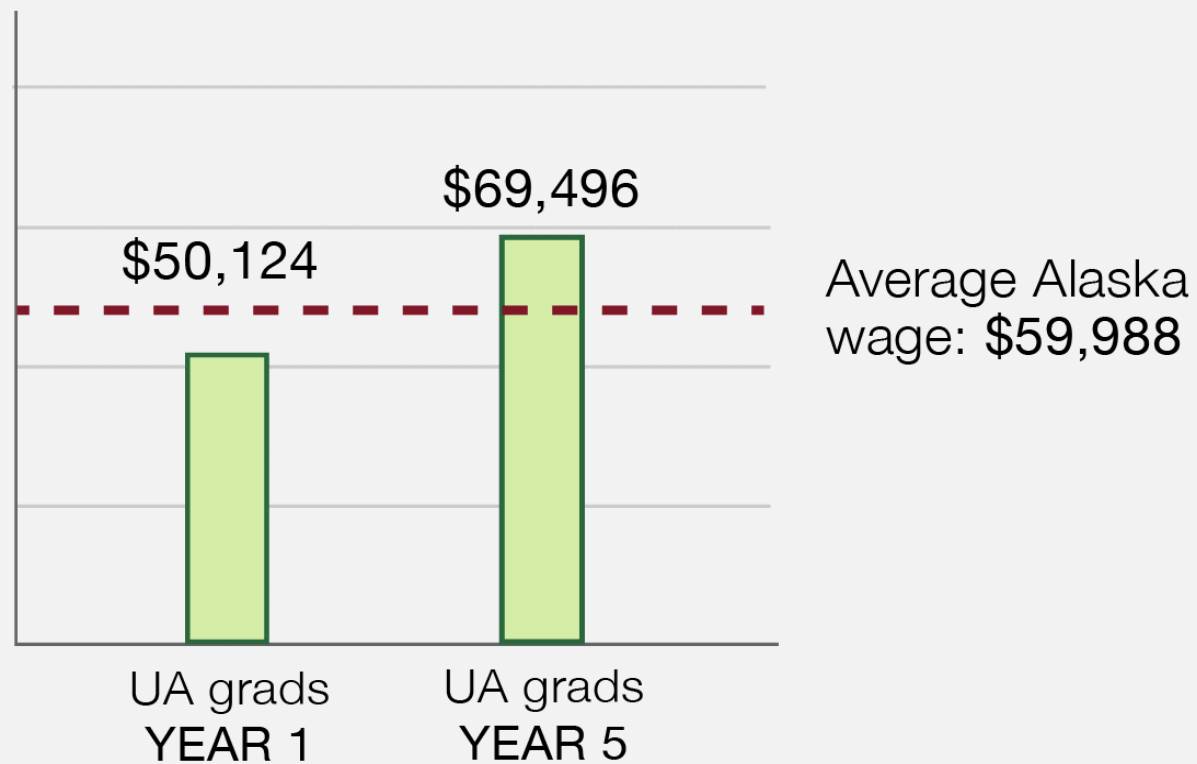
# Value of Postsecondary Education

- Median earnings jump from:
  - \$35,328 for high school graduates
  - \$44,619 for Alaskans with an associate degree
  - \$57,708 for those with a bachelor's degree
  - \$77,402 for holders of graduate or professional degrees
- Lower unemployment rates and upward mobility
- Provide skills required for employment and career advancement



# Average Wages of UA Graduates

## UA grads' average wages



*Aggregate of all 17,725 UA graduates included in the 9 industry workforce reports*



# UA Workforce Reports – Industries Highlighted



Administration & Finance



Aviation



Construction



Fisheries & Marine Science



Health



Information Technology



Mining



Oil & Gas



Teacher Education

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# UA is Key to Meeting AK's High-Demand Workforce Needs

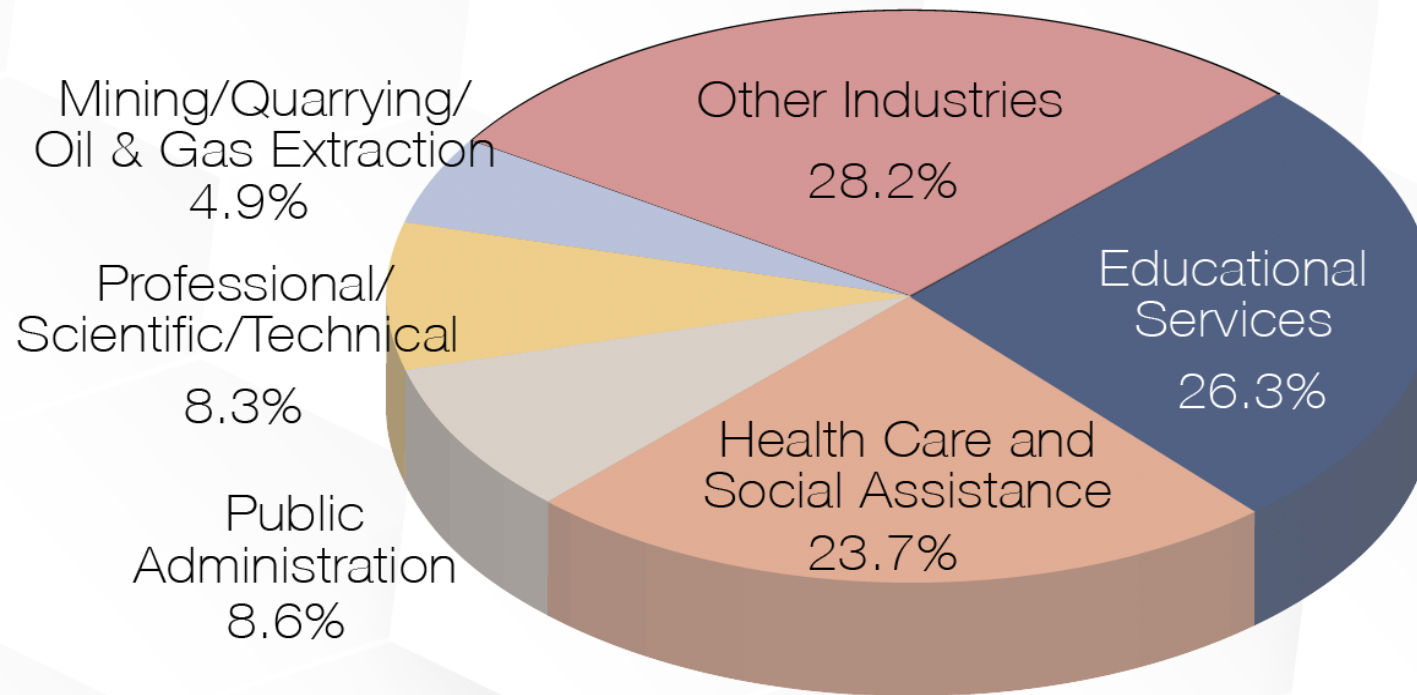
## Projected job growth or loss by Alaska industry, 2018 to 2028



... by number of jobs

# Summary of First-Year Employment

The industries where first-year graduates work



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# Conclusion

UA supports Essential Worker Grant Program (SB 10)

- Providing postsecondary education funding
- Reskilling and upskilling Alaskans
- Supporting Alaska's economic recovery



# Thank you

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