



# ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION

**SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE**  
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# Alaska Miners Association

*Promoting responsible mineral development in Alaska*

- Established in 1939
- Over 1,400 members
- Eight statewide branches Nome to Ketchikan/Prince of Wales Island
- Placer mines: small; family-owned
- Exploration and development projects
- Large-scale mines and projects
- Sand, gravel, industrial mining
- Support contractors and businesses

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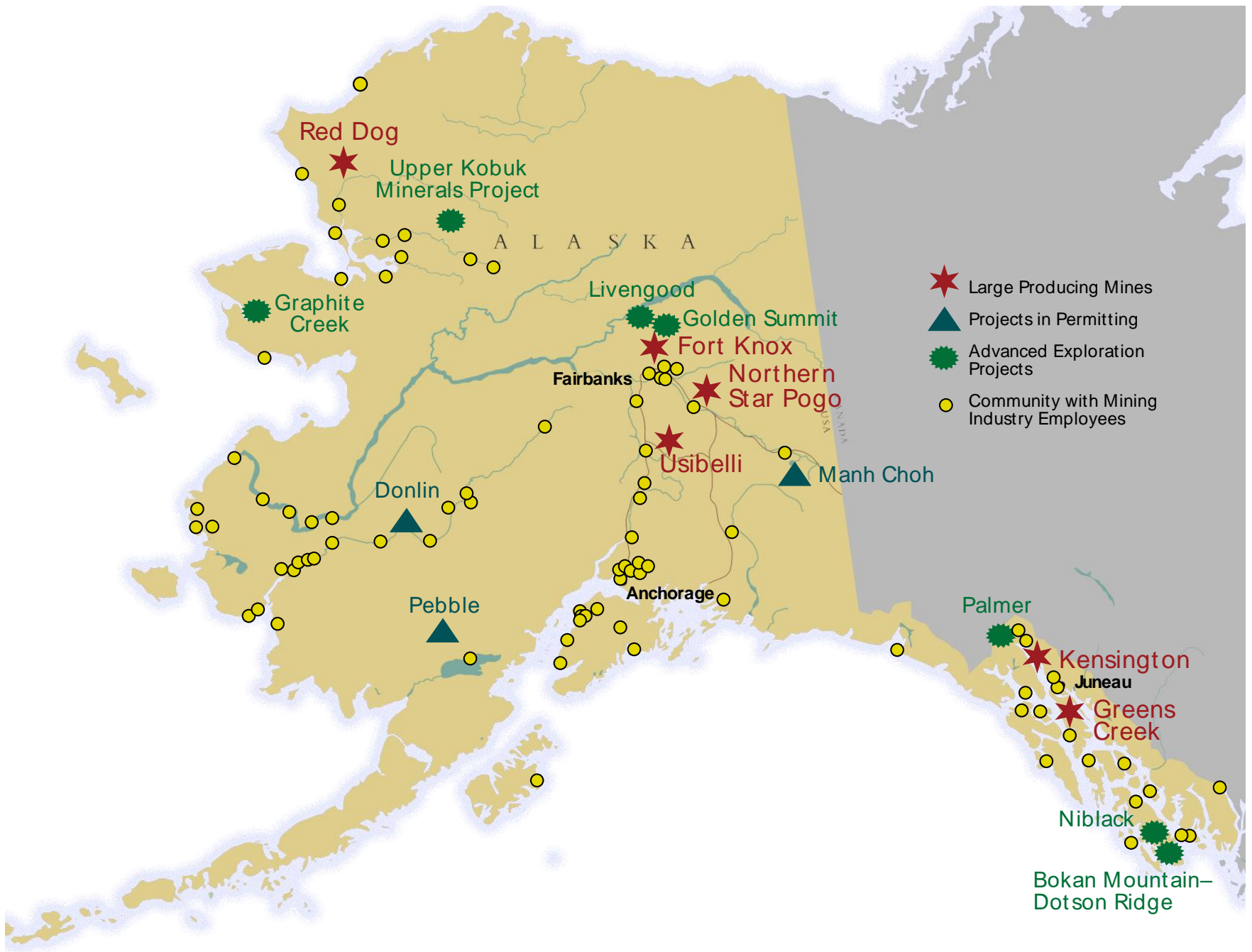


# Alaska Mining Workforce

- 5,400 direct and 10,800 direct and indirect jobs attributed to Alaska's mining industry
- Average wage of \$130,000; twice the state average for all sectors
- \$985 million in total payroll
- Year-round jobs for over 95 Alaska communities

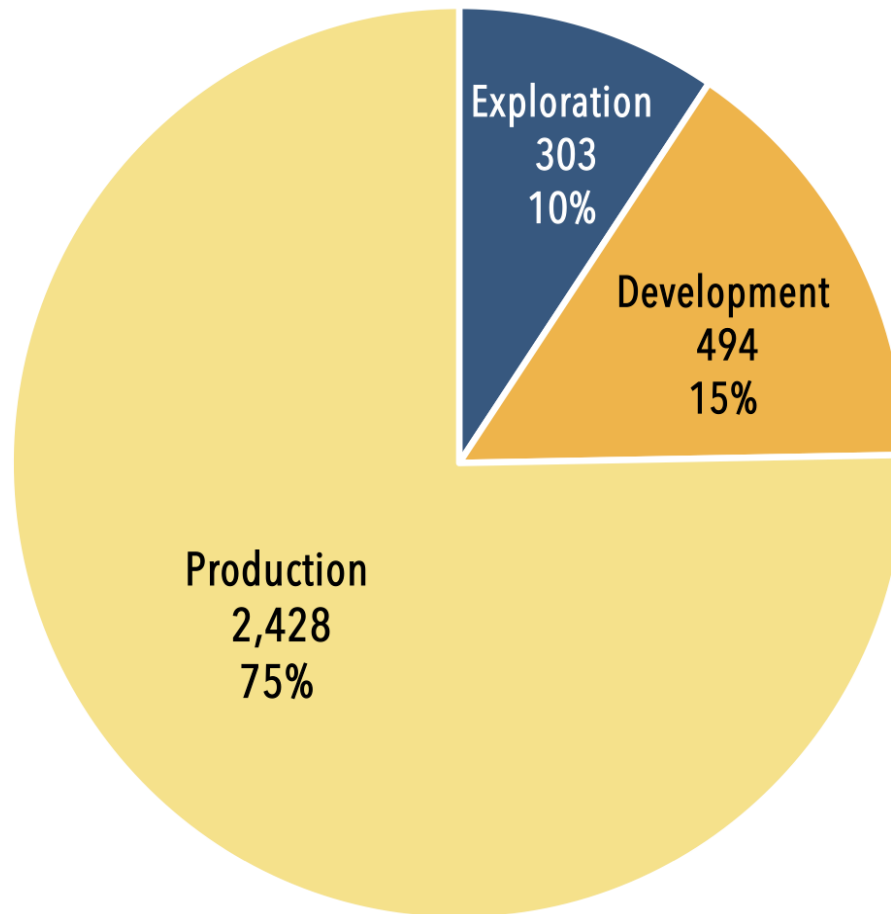
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# Mining Employment by Activity

Figure 14. Mining Employment, by Activity, Full-time Equivalent Jobs, 2020



Source: DGGS, Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

# Alaska Mining Industry Jobs

**Table 4. Top 10 Occupations in Alaska's Metal Mining Industry, 2020**

Occupation	Total Workers
1. Underground mining machine operators, all other	758
2. Extraction workers, all other	264
3. Mobile heavy equipment mechanics, except engines	260
4. Earth drillers, except oil and gas	162
5. Mining and geological engineers, including mining safety engineers	147
6. Millwrights	105
7. Plant and system operators, all other	92
8. Electricians	90
9. Geoscientists, except hydrologists and geographers	85
10. Miners, except drillers and machine operators	82



# Training Investments



- \$1.1+ million to UA and vocational schools in 2021
- AVTEC, MAPTS, underground mine training center
- On-the-job training
- Scholarships: UA, ANSEP
- We need to look further!



# Thank you!

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