Southeast Alaska
A Look at the Basic Sectors

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Strong Growth in the ‘70s

Southeast payroll employment, 1970-2007

15,000 25,000 35,000 45,000

A Recession in the Mid-‘80s

Southeast payroll employment, 1970-2007
Growth Slowed in the ‘90s

Southeast payroll employment, 1970-2007
Growth Leveling Off

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Southeast payroll employment, 1970-2007
About Half in Juneau

Payroll employment by borough and census area, 2007

- Juneau
- Ketchikan
- Sitka
- Wrangell-Petersburg
- Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan
- Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon
- Haines
- Yakutat

Juneau has about half the payroll employment compared to other regions.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Tourism
Visitors Continue to Pour Out of the Ships

Southeast cruise ship passengers, 1991-2007

Source: McDowell Group
A Healthy Mining Industry

Mining employment in Southeast, 1990-2007

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
Renewed Interest in Mine Exploration

Mineral price index, 2000-2007

Source: Bloomberg.com
Fishing
Modest Improvement Since ‘02

Estimated gross earnings for Southeast fisheries, 1990-2006 in 2006 dollars

Source: Commercial Fishing Entry Commission
Permits Suggest Importance

Source: Commercial Fishing Entry Commission

Permits per 100 residents, 2006

Yakutat
Wrangell-Petersburg
Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon
Prince of Wales-Outter Ketchikan
Sitka
Haines
Ketchikan
Juneau
A Big Loss in Jobs

Employment in forestry, logging, and wood product manufacturing, 2000-2007

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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<td>2,100</td>
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<td>5,560</td>
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Slight Decline has a Stabilizing Influence
Dependence on Government Varies

Government as a percent of total employment, 2007

- Juneau
- Ketchikan
- Sitka
- Yakutat
- Haines
- Wrangell-Petersburg
- Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon
- Prince of Wales-Oliver Ketchikan

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
Regional Assets

- Fish
- Forests
- Minerals
- Natural Beauty
- Proximity to Markets
- Access to Water Transportation
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Two Decades of Relative Calm for Alaska

Over-the-year change in payroll jobs, 1970-2007
Southeast’s Population Followed Statewide Trends

. . . Until this decade

Graph showing population changes from 1981 to 2001 for AK (orange line) and SE (green line). The population trends indicate a decline from the 1980s to the early 2000s.
2007

Alaska Population: 676,987

Southeast Population: 69,328
2007

Alaska Population: 676,987
- up 8% from 2000 (626,931)

Southeast Population: 69,328
- down 5% from 2000 (73,082)
What Does the State’s Economy Have that Southeast’s Doesn’t?
Oil Industry Has Been Booming

Percent growth for oil and gas and total payroll jobs

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Oil Prices and State Revenue

From almost broke to huge surpluses

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What Does the State’s Economy Have that Southeast’s Doesn’t?

- Oil Industry
- Military Bases
- Roads/Rail
- Population Economies of Scale
Advantages for Southeast?

- Closer to Population Centers
- Inside Passage/Tourism
- More Diverse? (Oil doesn’t dominate)