Alaska’s economy continued to struggle as the energy-led recession impacted state tax revenues. Year-over-year job losses continued and the unemployment rate remained the highest in the nation at 7.2%, partly due to increased labor force participation. Home price growth was modest on average and remained somewhat volatile, while single family permits trailed the nation.

Alaska’s commercial banks performed on par with the nation as the average return on average assets ratio dipped just below the national average. Although returns benefitted from wider margins and declining overhead ratios, these improvements were offset by higher provision expense burdens and one-time tax reform-related write-downs of deferred tax assets. Asset quality issues were manageable and capital ratios remained healthy. Securities and liquid investments to total assets continued an extended downward trend, but still ranked second highest in the nation.

### Key Economic Metrics (ranking #1 = highest in the nation)

#### Year-over-Year Job Growth: -1.1%
- Rank: #50

![Graph](image)

Source: Establishment Survey, nonfarm payrolls, quarterly average, seasonally adjusted

#### Unemployment: 7.2%
- Rank: #1

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Source: Household Employment Survey, end of period, seasonally adjusted

#### Year-over-Year Home Price Growth: 1.7%
- Rank: #49

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Source: Housing Price Index, year-over-year change of average home prices

#### Single Family Permits / 1,000 Residents: 1.6
- Rank: #40

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Source: Trailing twelve month single family permits / average twelve month population in thousands, by state
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Key Banking Metrics (averages across banks; ranking #1 = highest in the nation)

**Year to Date Return on Average Assets: 0.84%**

Rank: #23

**Year-over-Year Net Loan Growth: 3.3%**

Rank: #49

**Nonperforming Assets / Total Assets: 0.78%**

Rank: #16

**Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio: 17.3%**

Rank: #11

**CRE Concentration: 144%**

Rank: #27

**Securities and Liquid Invest. / Total Assets: 40.7%**

Rank: #2

Source: Call Report data for commercial banks based upon headquarters location. Averages are calculated on a “trimmed” basis by removing the highest 10% and lowest 10% of ratio values prior to averaging to prevent distortion from outliers. All charts display quarterly data, except for return on average assets which displays the same quarter in each year. Growth rates are not adjusted for mergers. Graphics and data exclude “De Novo” banks (banks less than five years old). As of the latest period, the count of banks included in these statistics were four for the state and 4,882 for the nation.

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