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Economic Impact of the USDA Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy Investment Spending 2024



Total Economic Impact

Economic impact summary of SASS investments
project spending, 2022 to 2024

Category	2022 Impact	2023 Impact	2024 Impact	Impact-to-date
Total direct spending reported by SASS partners	\$1,311,374	\$4,651,757	\$7,388,801	\$13.4 million
Indirect and induced economic activity	\$597,710	\$2,222,612	\$3,649,400	\$6.5 million
Total Impact of SASS Investment Spending	\$1.9 million	\$6.9 million	\$11 million	\$19.8 million
Year-round equivalent direct jobs	14.3	82.5	124	124
Year-round equivalent indirect and induced jobs	7.5	31.5	41	41
Total Direct, Indirect & Induced Annualized Jobs	22	114	164	164
Direct annual wages	\$529,110	\$2,094,428	\$3,257,127	\$5.9 million
Indirect and induced wages	\$216,617	\$779,978	\$1,019,539	\$2.0 million
Total Wages, Including Multiplier	\$745,727	\$2,874,406	\$4,276,666	\$7.9 million

**The
Process**

**Develop
Assessment
Tool**

Assessment Tool

9 Questions Regarding Economic Impact

100%

Response Rate

**Projects
Included**

**Initiatives
with SASS
expenditures
in 2024**

A lush green forest with tall trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. Four blue circles are overlaid on the image, each containing a statistic.

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SASS Projects
Envisioned

50

Projects with
direct
spending in
2024

31

SASS Partners
Envisioned

26

Partners with
direct
spending in
2024

The Projects

Alaska Native Heritage Signage Juneau

Alaska Youth Stewards

Aquatic Farmers' Offloading Pier and Packing Facility

Brown Bear Co-existence

Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska RDev

Regional Strengthening Agreement

Chief Shakes Tribal House Improvements

Commercial Fishing Crew Apprenticeship Program

Community Forest Projects

Cooperative Development, Planning, and Implementation of Watershed

Restoration Projects in Southeast Alaska

Coordination, visioning and navigation services

Craig High School Biomass Project

Cultivating Ecotourism Opportunities

Cultural Interpretive Training

Environmental Laboratory for the SEAK Tribal Ocean Research Network

Fisheries Science Education

Food Security/Sovereignty/ Community SmokeHouses and Fish Camps

Forest Products Industry Input and Expertise for Young Growth Transition

Hoonah Legacy Roads to Trails

Invasive Species Management on the Sitka Road System

Investment Economic Monitoring

Investment Focus on Capacity Building Sitka

Investment Focused on Watershed Restoration

Kake Alaska Youth Stewards Enhancement Project

Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Project Enrichment

Local Fish Fund

Regional Biomass Strategy and Pellet Mill

Regional Composting Network

Regional Seafood Access Assessment

Restoring Tlingit potato gardens in traditional sites

Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Program

SEAK Youth Education 4H Expansion Project

Shellfish Hatchery internship and training program

Sitka Area Trail Development

Sitka National Forest Partnership Collaborative Program

Snow Pack Monitoring and Deer Strategy

Southeast Alaska Farmers Summit

Southeast Conference RDev Regional Strengthening Agreement

Special Forest Product Plan Development, Implementation and Monitoring

Storytelling and Public Engagement

Takshanuk Watershed Compost Project

The Teqe'heit Stewardship Program

Tongass Young-Growth Transition

Tourism and Visitor Products

Tribal Garden to Increase Food Security

Watershed Restoration Workshop and Capacity Exchange

Wild Blueberry Thinning Project

Wildland Fire Program

Wrangell Area Trail Improvements

Yakutat Tlingit Tribal Greenhouse and Compost Facilities



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**The
Process**

**Multiplier
Modeling
Tool**

Multiplier Model: RIMSII

SASS Investment Earnings and Jobs Multipliers 2024

U.S. benchmark I-O data codes	I-O data code descriptions	Direct spending by partners	Direct annualized jobs reported	Direct wages reported	Final-demand output multiplier	Direct-effect earnings multiplier	Direct-effect jobs multiplier	Total output	Total earnings	Total jobs
7	Construction	\$761,632	-	\$ -	1.402	1.32	1.5005	\$1,067,807	\$ -	0.0
52	Administrative and support services	\$44,733	3	\$16,800	1.42	1.37	1.3372	\$63,521	\$23,045	4.5
54	Educational services	\$1,197,253	14	\$560,776	1.4641	1.29	1.2087	\$1,752,897	\$724,691	16.9
60	Recreation industry	\$295,118	10	\$196,492	1.4106	1.34	1.2026	\$416,294	\$263,554	11.4
111400	Greenhouse production	\$737,759	9	\$190,552	1.417	1.39	1.3152	\$1,045,405	\$264,982	12.1
113000	Forestry and logging	\$959,391	11	\$135,155	1.7949	1.65	1.9186	\$1,722,011	\$222,924	21.1
114000	Fishing and hunting	\$1,865	-	\$ -	1.1979	1.25	1.1754	\$2,234	\$ -	0.0
115000	Support activities for agriculture and forestry	\$907,756	28	\$557,761	1.4509	1.22	1.1084	\$1,317,063	\$680,692	30.5
541610	Management consulting services	\$888,263	16	\$888,263	1.4811	1.29	1.3274	\$1,315,606	\$1,146,925	21.2
541700	Scientific research and development services	\$206,304	3	\$126,099	1.4341	1.42	1.6974	\$295,861	\$179,199	4.7
561300	Employment services	\$268,135	10	\$83,349	1.4088	1.28	1.319	\$377,749	\$106,662	13.0
562000	Waste management and remediation services	\$45,500	2	\$27,655	1.3757	1.46	1.6554	\$62,595	\$40,313	3.3
5416A0	Environmental and other technical consulting services	\$374,942	8	\$232,063	1.49	1.31	1.3652	\$558,663	\$304,490	10.5
5419A0	Other professional, scientific, and technical services	\$116,900	4	\$73,397	1.5016	1.29	1.6056	\$175,536	\$94,351	5.9
711A00	Promoters of arts	\$210,000	3	\$22,625	1.4276	1.46	1.2834	\$299,796	\$33,069	4.0
813A00	Grantmaking, giving, and social advocacy organizations	\$151	1	\$95,655	1.4231	1.30	1.3706	\$215	\$124,352	1.8
813B00	Civic, social, professional, and similar organizations	\$373,099	3	\$50,485	1.5142	1.34	1.3558	\$564,947	\$67,417	3.7
	Totals	\$7.4 million	123.6 jobs	\$3.3 million				\$11 million	\$4.3 million	164.5 jobs

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

**The
Process**

**Jobs
& Wages**

Jobs created from SASS investments, 2024

Crew Members	23
Forestry Technicians	19
Thinning crew members	9
Cultivator	8
Community Catalysts	7
Consulting Foresters	7
Regional Catalysts	7
Restoration Biologist	6
Administrative Assistant	5
AYS Crew	5
Carving Apprentices	5
Crew Lead	4
KKCFP Field crew	4
Trail Worker	4
Executive Director	3
Guide Academy Trainees	3
Guide Academy Trainers	3
Habitat Crew	3
Program Coordinators	3
Stewardship Crew members	3
Coordinator	2
Director	2
Environmental Director	2
Program Director	2
Program Manager	2
Restoration Crewmember	2
Youth Coordinator	2
Alaska Coexistence	
Archaeologist	
AYS Coordinator	
Boat Captain	
Co-Stewardship Coordinator	
Communication Specialist	
Community Garden Coordinator	
Compost Program Manager	
Consultant	
Contractor	
Curriculum Developer	
Communication Specialist	
Community Garden Coordinator	
Compost Program Manager	
Consultant	
Contractor	
Curriculum Developer	
Deputy Director	
Director of Native Lands & Resources	
Economic Analyst	
Electrical install	
Environmental Education Coordinator	
Environmental Lab Specialist	
Executive Assistant	
Fish Biologist	
Foreman	
Future Leaders Catalyst	
Garden coordinator	
Grant Manager	
Green Energy Consultant	
Habitat Supervisor	
Hatchery Algal Specialist	
Hatchery Technician	
HIA Community Catalyst	
Kayaani Commission Coordinator	
Living with the Land Building Community Manager	

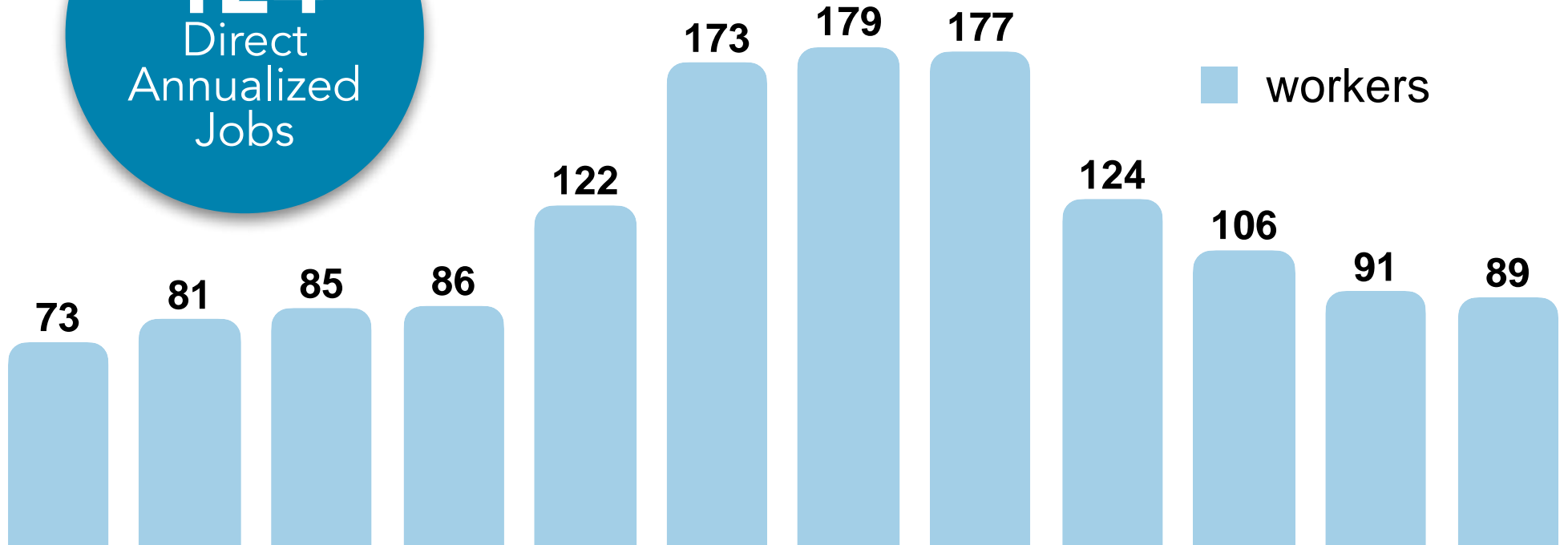
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more
than 1

Wildland Fire Manager
Workforce Development
Workforce Development Manager
Youth Community Catalyst
Youth Program Coordinator
Youth Program Director
Website Designer
Master Carver
Natural Resources Director
Natural Resources Technician
Policy Coordinator
Professional Coach
Program & Outreach Coordinator
Program Analyst
Program Associate
Project Coordinator
Project Forester
Regional resource Coordinator
Resource Protection Department
Restoration Crew leader
Senior Advisor
Senior Director of Native Lands &
Senior Ethnologist
Senior Project Coordinator
Sitka Sustainable Community
Special Projects Coordinator
Special Projects Manager
Stewardship Crew leader
Storytelling Specialist
TEK Specialist
Watershed Scientist

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Positions

Jobs by Month

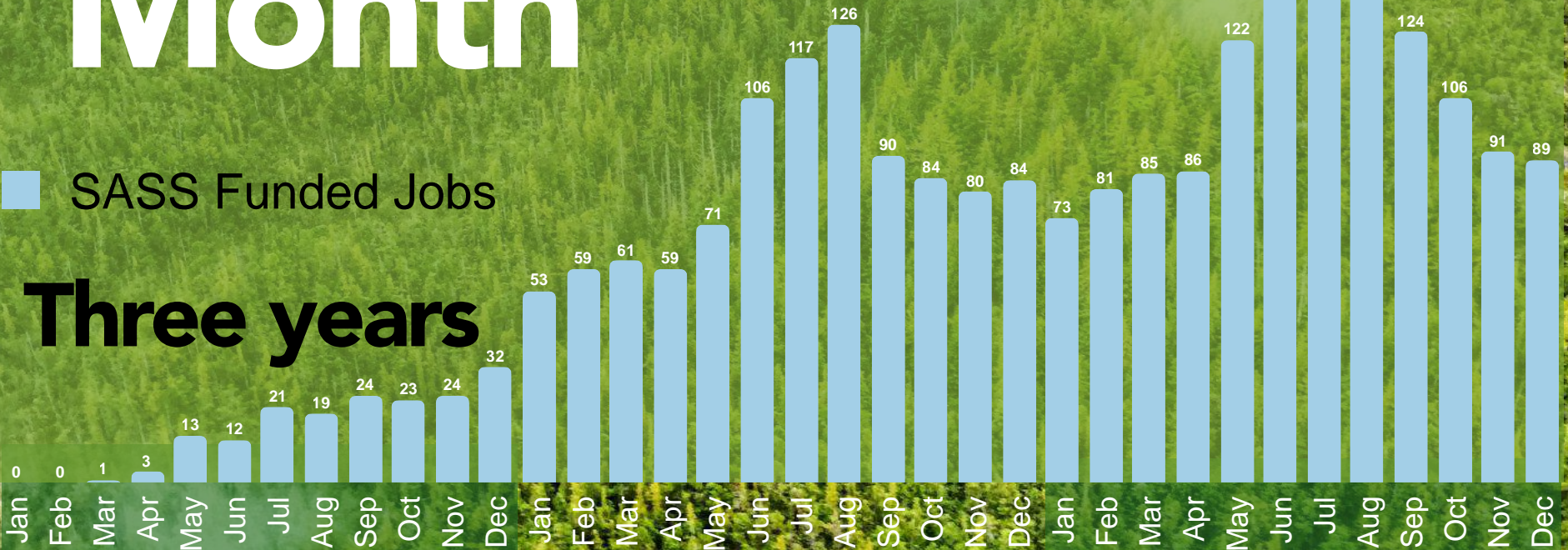
124
Direct
Annualized
Jobs



Jobs by Month

■ SASS Funded Jobs

Three years



2022

2023

2024

Jobs: Multiplier Effect

124

Direct
Annualized
Jobs

X

Direct-effect
Jobs
Multiplier

=

164

Total Jobs

Wages: Multiplier Effect, 2024

**\$3.3
million**
Direct
Wages

X
Direct-effect
Earnings
Multiplier

=

**\$4.3
million**
Annual
Wages

Wages: Multiplier Effect, First three years

\$5.9 million
Direct Wages

X
Direct-effect Earnings Multiplier

=

\$7.9 million
Annual Wages

**The
Process**

**Total
Economic
Impact**

Total Spending: Multiplier Effect, 2024

\$7.4
Million
Direct
Spending

X
Final-demand
Output
Multiplier

=

\$11
Million
Total Impact

Total Spending: Multiplier Effect, First three years

\$13.4
Million
Direct

X
Final-demand
Output
Multiplier

=

\$19.8
Million
Total Impact

Total Economic Impact

Open-Ended Summary

In 2024, Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy projects delivered broad economic impacts across the region. They created jobs for tribal citizens, youth, carvers, biologists, and educators—especially in rural low-employment communities like Angoon and Kake—while strengthening local economies. Investments supported cultural preservation, tourism, fisheries, and food sovereignty. Environmental efforts restored salmon habitat, improved human-bear coexistence, and expanded biomass infrastructure. Capacity-building included youth training and tribal workforce development, laying the groundwork for lasting economic growth. Projects also leveraged federal and philanthropic grants and showed how targeted funding drives resilient, community-led development.

**The
Process**

**Repeat
Annually**

Economic Impact so far

3

Years
2022-2024

26

Active
Partnerships

50

Projects
Underway

\$20

Million
Spending
Impact

\$8

Million
Wages
Impact

164

Year-Round-
Equivalent
Jobs Impact
(207 workers 2024)