2010 Census: Alaska Profile

Population Density by Census Tract

Alaska Population 1970 to 2010

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U.S. density is 88.4

State Race* Breakdown

- White (66.7%)
- American Indian and Alaska Native (14.8%)
- Asian (5.4%)
- Black or African American (1.3%)
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (1.0%)
- Some other race (1.6%)
- Two or more races (7.3%)

Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up 5.5% of the state population.

Population by Sex and Age

Total Population: 710,231

- Female: 36.9%
- Male: 63.1%

Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units: 2.47 people

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units: 2.76 people

Total Occupied Housing Units: 258,058

Housing Tenure

- 63.1% Owner Occupied
- 36.9% Renter Occupied

People per Square Mile by Census Tract

- 2,000.0 to 8,336.8
- 500.0 to 1,999.9
- 88.4 to 499.9
- 20.0 to 88.3
- 5.0 to 19.9
- 1.0 to 4.9
- Less than 1.0

Borough or Equivalent Boundary

Alaska Mean Center of Population
Alaska

**BASIC INFORMATION**

- **2010 Census Population:** 710,231 (47th)
- **Land Area:** 570,641.0 square miles (1st)
- **Density:** 1.2 persons per square mile (50th)
- **Capital:** Juneau

**HISTORY**

The United States acquired the area of Alaska by purchase from Russia in 1867, with generally the same boundary as the present state. The formal boundary between the southeastern portion of Alaska and Canada was settled by treaty in 1903. Alaska Territory was organized on August 24, 1912. Alaska was not enumerated in the 1870 census even though the area was part of the United States. Census data for Alaska are available beginning with the 1880 census.

Data for the legally established state of Alaska are available beginning with the 1960 census.

**AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS**

Alaska has one federally recognized American Indian reservation.

**ALASKA NATIVE REGIONAL CORPORATIONS/ALASKA NATIVE AREAS**

There are 12 Alaska Native Regional Corporations (ANRCs) whose boundaries cover the state outside of the area of the Annette Islands Reserve. ANRCs were created pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). Within the corporation boundaries are 220 Alaska Native village statistical areas (ANVSAs).

**METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS**

Alaska has two metropolitan statistical areas and three micropolitan statistical areas.

**COUNTIES**

There are 29 county equivalents in Alaska.

Most of the land area in Alaska has not been divided into political subdivisions. Boroughs, cities and boroughs, and municipalities are legal entities. Census areas are statistical entities. In Alaska, there are twelve boroughs, four city and boroughs, and two municipalities (borough equivalent). There are four consolidated governments – Anchorage, Juneau, Sitka, and Wrangell – and one municipality – Skagway – that are classified as municipal governments.

Alaska has 11 statistical entities called “census areas.” Census areas are statistical areas established in cooperation with state government for reporting data in the portion of the state outside any borough. These areas are sometimes referred to as the “unorganized borough” and are administered by the state.

**COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS**

There are 37 county subdivisions known as census subareas in Alaska. Census subareas were first established for the 1980 decennial census.

**PLACES**

Alaska has 355 places; 148 incorporated places and 207 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places consist of 144 cities, 3 city and boroughs, and 1 municipality. There is no minimum population for incorporation in Alaska.