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Labor: Alaska's Population Increased 1.7 Percent in 2011

JUNEAU, Alaska—Alaska's statewide population increased by 1.7 percent – or 11,959 people – from April 2010 to July 2011, based on population estimates released today by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Alaska's growth outpaced the United States as a whole, which grew 0.9 percent over the same period.

Of Alaska's 29 boroughs and census areas, 24 grew between the 2010 Census and the 2011 estimate. The largest population increases were in the Municipality of Anchorage (4,371), Matanuska-Susitna Borough (2,702), City and Borough of Juneau (1,015), Kenai Peninsula Borough (969) and Bethel Census Area (535).

Among the state's six economic regions, Anchorage/Mat-Su gained the most over the period (7,073) followed by Southeast (1,862), Gulf Coast (1,394), Southwest (964), Northern (520) and Interior (146).

A mix of natural increase – births minus deaths – and migration led to the population gains in Anchorage/Mat-Su, Interior, Gulf Coast and Southeast. Natural increase accounted for most of the growth in the Northern and Southwest regions.

Complete estimates for the state, boroughs/census areas and census designated places are available on the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Research and Analysis Section Web site LaborStats.Alaska.Gov by selecting "Population & Census," then "Alaska Population Estimates."

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Alaska Population Estimates

Labor.Alaska.Gov/research/pop/popest.htm

Alaska Places With More Than 2,500 People, 2000 to 2011

Area Name	Estimate April 2000	Estimate July 2001	Estimate July 2002	Estimate July 2003	Estimate July 2004	Estimate July 2005	Estimate July 2006	Estimate July 2007	Estimate July 2008	Estimate July 2009	Census April 2010	Estimate July 2011	Change 2010 to 2011
Anchorage, Municipality of	260,283	264,600	267,339	272,304	276,865	277,157	281,831	281,151	282,871	289,230	291,826	296,197	4,371
Juneau, City and Borough of	30,711	30,482	31,047	31,364	31,213	31,340	30,943	30,350	30,554	30,946	31,275	32,290	1,015
Fairbanks city	30,215	29,611	29,941	29,156	30,402	31,478	30,580	32,266	31,694	32,346	31,535	30,547	-988
Badger CDP	14,258	14,723	14,957	14,884	15,829	16,497	17,193	18,188	19,060	19,058	19,482	19,752	270
Knik-Fairview CDP	6,985	7,644	8,042	8,646	9,396	10,480	11,650	12,658	13,526	14,383	14,923	15,588	665
College CDP	11,402	12,039	11,912	12,018	12,103	12,138	12,034	12,056	12,360	12,101	12,964	13,243	279
Sitka, City and Borough of	8,835	8,737	8,812	8,918	8,860	8,990	9,043	8,678	8,698	8,730	8,881	8,985	104
Lakes CDP	6,604	6,718	6,832	6,948	7,381	7,662	7,869	7,995	8,190	8,294	8,364	8,612	248
Tanaina CDP	5,056	5,367	5,743	6,043	6,528	6,915	7,347	7,510	7,681	7,910	8,197	8,411	214
Ketchikan city	8,345	8,293	8,289	8,148	7,882	7,920	7,947	7,935	7,865	7,944	8,050	8,142	92
Wasilla city	5,504	5,579	6,038	6,499	6,285	6,539	6,679	7,157	7,179	7,552	7,831	8,064	233
Kalifornsky CDP	5,846	6,035	6,173	6,313	6,720	6,931	7,102	7,264	7,493	7,653	7,850	8,050	200
Meadow Lakes CDP	4,720	4,939	5,205	5,470	5,838	6,265	6,411	6,714	7,038	7,200	7,570	7,918	348
Kenai city	6,942	6,894	7,066	7,164	6,875	6,815	6,830	6,938	7,066	7,155	7,100	7,110	10
Steele Creek CDP	4,411	4,612	4,733	4,757	5,110	5,379	5,662	6,050	6,404	6,468	6,662	6,713	51
Kodiak city	6,334	6,040	6,043	6,027	6,094	6,001	5,513	5,619	6,287	6,401	6,130	6,312	182
Bethel city	5,471	5,482	5,774	5,934	5,938	6,046	5,908	5,747	5,776	5,966	6,080	6,228	148
Palmer city	4,705	4,775	5,047	5,488	5,472	5,581	5,735	5,719	5,711	5,880	5,937	6,087	150
Chena Ridge CDP	3,541	3,739	3,868	3,918	4,243	4,502	4,777	5,145	5,489	5,588	5,791	6,039	248
Sterling CDP	4,705	4,777	4,804	4,947	5,005	5,088	5,173	5,256	5,298	5,519	5,617	5,765	148
Gateway CDP	3,802	4,024	4,156	4,275	4,613	4,805	5,036	5,206	5,377	5,362	5,552	5,680	128
Homer city	4,781	4,832	4,856	4,840	4,852	4,853	4,909	4,968	4,978	5,051	5,003	5,051	48
Farmers Loop CDP	3,528	3,646	3,707	3,691	3,928	4,097	4,273	4,523	4,743	4,746	4,853	4,973	120
Fishhook CDP	2,565	2,712	2,810	2,964	3,338	3,565	3,780	3,970	4,271	4,366	4,679	4,757	78
Nikiski CDP	4,327	4,355	4,333	4,341	4,271	4,169	4,174	4,279	4,332	4,399	4,493	4,648	155
Unalaska city	4,283	4,310	4,144	4,528	4,552	4,544	4,310	3,949	3,889	4,092	4,376	4,364	-12
Barrow city	4,581	4,450	4,449	4,428	4,388	4,201	4,095	4,067	4,082	4,171	4,212	4,309	97
Soldotna city	3,750	3,821	3,891	4,090	3,881	3,927	3,907	4,065	4,100	4,246	4,163	4,284	121
Valdez city	4,036	3,995	4,161	4,126	3,980	4,028	3,958	3,892	3,941	3,819	3,976	3,992	16
Nome city	3,505	3,505	3,516	3,459	3,543	3,589	3,634	3,585	3,681	3,610	3,598	3,695	97
Goldstream CDP	2,658	2,737	2,774	2,755	2,923	3,040	3,161	3,337	3,489	3,481	3,557	3,665	108
Big Lake CDP	2,435	2,442	2,549	2,744	2,805	2,882	3,001	3,090	3,162	3,332	3,350	3,399	49
Butte CDP	2,561	2,731	2,773	2,903	2,951	3,082	3,161	3,150	3,166	3,198	3,246	3,274	28
Kotzebue city	3,082	3,082	3,116	3,123	3,218	3,216	3,212	3,248	3,272	3,331	3,201	3,224	23
Petersburg city	3,224	3,240	3,196	3,141	3,187	3,161	3,109	3,063	3,017	3,008	2,948	3,030	82
Seward city	2,830	2,768	2,763	2,776	2,577	2,639	2,639	2,698	2,603	2,673	2,693	2,733	40
Ester CDP	1,680	1,729	1,874	1,874	1,909	1,974	2,080	2,209	2,141	2,207	2,422	2,533	111

Notes: Intercensal 2000–2009, 2010 Census, and postcensal 2011. Vintage 2011. All numbers are based on 2010 Census geography. CDP is an abbreviation for census designated place.
Sources: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; U.S. Census Bureau

Population of Alaska by Economic Region and Borough or Census Area

Area Name	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Census	Estimate	Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)		Net Migration (In-Out Migrants)		Population Change		
	April 2000	July 2001	July 2002	July 2003	July 2004	July 2005	July 2006	July 2007	July 2008	July 2009	April 2010	July 2011	2000- 2010	2010- 2011	2000- 2010	2010- 2011	2000- 2010	2010- 2011	
Alaska	626,932	632,716	641,729	649,466	659,653	667,146	674,583	680,169	686,818	697,828	710,231	722,190	73,645	9,845	9,654	2,114	83,299	11,959	
Anchorage / Mat-Su	319,605	326,507	331,975	340,267	347,904	352,028	360,060	362,163	366,562	375,304	380,821	387,894	38,611	5,213	22,605	1,860	61,216	7,073	
Anchorage	260,283	264,600	267,339	272,304	276,865	277,157	281,831	281,151	282,871	289,230	291,826	296,197	31,547	4,145	-4	226	31,543	4,371	
Mat-Su	59,322	61,907	64,636	67,963	71,039	74,871	78,229	81,012	83,691	86,074	88,995	91,697	7,064	1,068	22,609	1,634	29,673	2,702	
Gulf Coast Region	73,799	73,790	74,576	75,732	75,129	75,403	75,196	76,121	76,973	77,742	78,628	80,022	5,666	714	-837	680	4,829	1,394	
Kenai Peninsula	49,691	50,190	50,879	51,743	51,616	51,735	52,025	52,904	53,669	54,632	55,400	56,369	3,305	416	2,404	553	5,709	969	
Kodiak Island	13,913	13,517	13,557	13,691	13,411	13,491	13,220	13,399	13,625	13,616	13,592	13,870	1,616	208	-1,937	70	-321	278	
Valdez-Cordova	10,195	10,083	10,140	10,298	10,102	10,177	9,951	9,818	9,679	9,494	9,636	9,783	745	90	-1,304	57	-559	147	
Interior	97,417	98,089	99,906	97,652	101,555	104,391	104,919	109,336	110,473	110,752	112,024	112,170	13,687	1,832	920	-1,686	14,607	146	
Denali	1,893	1,889	1,863	1,882	1,806	1,769	1,732	1,692	1,717	1,788	1,826	1,820	165	19	-232	-25	-67	-6	
Fairbanks North Star	82,840	83,872	85,860	83,714	87,556	90,381	90,953	95,354	96,423	96,631	97,581	97,615	12,449	1,649	2,292	-1,615	14,741	34	
Southeast Fairbanks	6,174	5,847	5,836	5,766	5,933	6,199	6,409	6,569	6,691	6,743	7,029	7,080	661	108	194	-57	855	51	
Yukon Koyukuk	6,510	6,481	6,347	6,290	6,261	6,042	5,825	5,721	5,642	5,590	5,588	5,655	412	56	-1,334	11	-922	67	
Northern*	23,789	23,616	23,800	23,843	23,874	23,665	23,665	23,565	23,542	23,685	23,532	23,685	26,965	4,346	598	-1,690	-78	2,656	520
Nome	9,196	9,260	9,335	9,342	9,416	9,448	9,521	9,458	9,454	9,492	9,492	9,730	1,605	220	-1,309	18	296	238	
North Slope*	7,385	7,221	7,220	7,198	7,098	6,857	6,762	6,669	6,633	6,749	6,430	6,584	1,328	162	717	-8	2,045	154	
Northwest Arctic	7,208	7,135	7,245	7,303	7,360	7,360	7,372	7,421	7,445	7,444	7,523	7,651	1,413	216	-1,098	-88	315	128	
Southeast	73,082	71,853	72,214	72,250	71,546	71,712	71,399	70,219	70,504	71,141	71,664	73,526	4,962	653	-6,380	1,209	-1,418	1,862	
Haines	2,392	2,405	2,412	2,391	2,343	2,312	2,357	2,387	2,464	2,453	2,508	2,620	45	18	71	94	116	112	
Hoonah-Angoon	2,574	2,426	2,329	2,263	2,205	2,225	2,177	2,194	2,159	2,166	2,150	2,148	81	16	-505	-18	-424	-2	
Juneau	30,711	30,482	31,047	31,364	31,213	31,340	30,943	30,350	30,554	30,946	31,275	32,290	2,540	322	-1,976	693	564	1,015	
Ketchikan	14,067	13,795	13,764	13,651	13,242	13,331	13,439	13,350	13,287	13,377	13,477	13,686	943	125	-1,533	84	-590	209	
Petersburg	4,260	4,260	4,191	4,115	4,167	4,127	4,056	3,993	3,931	3,904	3,815	3,951	113	32	-558	104	-445	136	
Prince of Wales-Hyder	6,125	5,804	5,679	5,599	5,597	5,546	5,535	5,374	5,452	5,525	5,559	5,814	403	50	-969	205	-566	255	
Sitka	8,835	8,737	8,812	8,918	8,860	8,990	9,043	8,678	8,698	8,730	8,881	8,985	658	65	-612	39	46	104	
Skagway	862	848	861	868	907	875	905	900	911	944	968	965	63	11	43	-14	106	-3	
Wrangell	2,448	2,384	2,369	2,349	2,281	2,258	2,232	2,316	2,362	2,352	2,369	2,411	79	10	-158	32	-79	42	
Yakutat	808	712	750	732	731	708	712	677	686	744	662	656	37	4	-183	-10	-146	-6	
Southwest	39,240	38,861	39,258	39,722	39,645	39,947	39,354	38,782	38,774	39,204	40,649	41,613	6,373	835	-4,964	129	1,409	964	
Aleutians East	2,697	2,553	2,732	2,726	2,671	2,677	2,613	2,818	2,726	2,908	3,141	3,172	122	21	322	10	444	31	
Aleutians West	5,465	5,292	5,141	5,430	5,370	5,406	5,105	4,711	4,669	4,862	5,561	5,546	251	24	-155	-39	96	-15	
Bethel	16,047	16,066	16,438	16,640	16,736	16,915	16,831	16,542	16,624	16,725	17,013	17,548	3,341	440	-2,375	95	966	535	
Bristol Bay	1,258	1,177	1,170	1,113	1,114	1,193	1,077	1,053	1,050	995	997	1,035	67	10	-328	28	-261	38	
Dillingham	4,922	4,885	4,911	4,894	4,839	4,777	4,787	4,758	4,739	4,716	4,847	4,947	653	95	-728	5	-75	100	
Lake and Peninsula	1,823	1,739	1,650	1,643	1,632	1,647	1,589	1,568	1,590	1,597	1,631	1,693	125	18	-317	44	-192	62	
Wade Hampton	7,028	7,149	7,216	7,276	7,283	7,332	7,352	7,332	7,376	7,401	7,459	7,672	1,814	227	-1,383	-14	431	213	

Notes: Intercensal 2000–2009, 2010 Census, and postcensal 2011. Vintage 2011. All numbers are based on 2010 Census geography. *The large increase for 2010 Census North Slope Borough population numbers is primarily due to 2010 Census counts of employees at remote work sites in the borough, which were not counted in past censuses.

Sources: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section; U.S. Census Bureau