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Labor: Alaska's Population Increases by 3.7 Percent

Alaska's population increased by 3.7 percent – or 26,168 people – from April 2010 to July 2013, based on estimates released today by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Alaska's growth outpaced the United States as a whole, which grew 2.4 percent over the same period.

Of Alaska's 29 boroughs and census areas, 26 grew between 2010 and 2013. The largest population increases were in the Municipality of Anchorage (9,308), Matanuska-Susitna Borough (7,079), Fairbanks North Star Borough (2,051), City and Borough of Juneau (1,789) and Kenai Peninsula Borough (1,462).

Among the state's six economic regions, Anchorage/Mat-Su gained the most over the period at 16,387, followed by Southeast (2,718), Interior (2,151), Southwest (1,931), Gulf Coast (1,879) and Northern (1,102). A mix of natural increase – births minus deaths – and migration led to the population gains in Anchorage/Mat-Su and Southeast. Natural increase accounted for most of the growth in the Gulf Coast, Interior, Northern and Southwest regions.

Complete estimates for the state, boroughs/census areas, cities and census designated places are available on the department's Research and Analysis Section website: LaborStats.Alaska.Gov. Select "Population & Census," then "Alaska Population Estimates."

Estimates for other areas – including census tracts, school districts and Alaska Native Regional Corporations – are also available, plus estimates by age and sex for each borough, census area and place with a population of 1,000 or more.

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Alaska Population Estimates

Labor.Alaska.Gov/Research/Pop/Popest.htm

Population of Alaska by Economic Region, Borough and Census Area, 2010 to 2013

Area Name	Census April 2010	Estimate July 2011	Estimate July 2012	Estimate July 2013	Natural Increase (Births-Deaths) 2010-2013	Net Migration (In-Out Migrants) 2010-2013	Population Change 2010-2013
Alaska	710,231	723,424	731,827	736,399	24,481	1,687	26,168
Anchorage / Mat-Su Region	380,821	387,989	392,385	397,208	13,119	3,268	16,387
Anchorage, Municipality of	291,826	296,167	298,576	301,134	10,465	-1,157	9,308
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	88,995	91,822	93,809	96,074	2,654	4,425	7,079
Gulf Coast Region	78,628	80,401	80,692	80,507	1,906	-27	1,879
Kenai Peninsula Borough	55,400	56,671	56,718	56,862	1,142	320	1,462
Kodiak Island Borough	13,592	13,876	14,030	13,824	523	-291	232
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	9,636	9,854	9,944	9,821	241	-56	185
Interior Region	112,024	112,534	115,080	114,175	4,459	-2,308	2,151
Denali Borough	1,826	1,838	1,870	1,793	51	-84	-33
Fairbanks North Star Borough	97,581	97,909	100,320	99,632	4,050	-1,999	2,051
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	7,029	7,121	7,214	7,100	250	-179	71
Yukon Koyukuk Census Area	5,588	5,666	5,676	5,650	108	-46	62
Northern Region	26,445	26,962	27,288	27,547	1,468	-366	1,102
Nome Census Area	9,492	9,735	9,858	9,875	535	-152	383
North Slope Borough	9,430	9,591	9,720	9,876	433	13	446
Northwest Arctic Borough	7,523	7,636	7,710	7,796	500	-227	273
Southeast Region	71,664	73,755	74,363	74,382	1,462	1,256	2,718
Haines Borough	2,508	2,615	2,616	2,530	9	13	22
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	2,149	2,157	2,208	2,183	26	8	34
Juneau, City and Borough of	31,275	32,410	32,838	33,064	741	1,048	1,789
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	13,477	13,755	13,904	13,856	285	94	379
Petersburg Borough	3,203	3,298	3,265	3,216	65	-52	13
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	6,172	6,468	6,445	6,434	139	123	262
Sitka, City and Borough of	8,881	9,025	9,058	9,039	151	7	158
Skagway Borough, Municipality of	968	966	960	982	19	-5	14
Wrangell, City and Borough of	2,369	2,414	2,448	2,456	9	78	87
Yakutat, City and Borough of	662	647	621	622	18	-58	-40
Southwest Region	40,649	41,783	42,019	42,580	2,067	-136	1,931
Aleutians East Borough	3,141	3,231	3,225	3,281	39	101	140
Aleutians West Census Area	5,561	5,735	5,877	5,833	60	212	272
Bethel Census Area	17,013	17,475	17,583	17,874	1,091	-230	861
Bristol Bay Borough	997	1,025	986	933	15	-79	-64
Dillingham Census Area	4,847	4,947	4,985	5,022	231	-56	175
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,631	1,678	1,673	1,689	52	6	58
Wade Hampton Census Area	7,459	7,692	7,690	7,948	579	-90	489

Notes: Vintage 2013. All numbers are based on 2013 geography.

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