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Alaska's senior population surpassed 70,000 in 2014

JUNEAU, Alaska—Alaska's population ages 65 and older increased by 3,388 between July 2013 and July 2014 and reached 71,080 people, according to estimates released by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Since 2010, the proportion of the state's population ages 65 and older increased from 8 percent to 10 percent. Among the state's six economic regions, Gulf Coast had the highest share of seniors at 13 percent, followed by Southeast at 12 percent. Northern Region had the smallest share at 6 percent, followed by Southwest at 7 percent.

Though births and migration keep Alaska's population relatively young, the aging of the baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) has contributed to a steady rise in median age. In 2014 it reached 34.4, up from 33.8 in 2010 and 32.4 in 2000.

The population ages 20 to 64 totaled 457,839 in 2014, up 10,386 from 2010. The under 20 population was 206,682, little-changed from 207,840 in 2010.

Complete estimates by age and sex for the state, boroughs, census areas and cities as well as census designated places of at least 1,000 people are available at Labor.Alaska.Gov/Research/Pop/Popest.htm.

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Research and Analysis Web site: laborstats.alaska.gov

Alaska Population by Age Group

By economic regions, boroughs and census areas, 2014

Area	Population	Age Group			Median Age
		0 to 19	20 to 64	65 -plus	
Alaska	735,601	28%	62%	10%	34.4
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	398,612	28%	62%	9%	33.9
Anchorage, Municipality	300,549	28%	63%	9%	33.5
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	98,063	31%	59%	10%	35.1
Gulf Coast Region	80,576	26%	61%	13%	39.4
Kenai Peninsula Borough	57,212	25%	60%	14%	41.1
Kodiak Island Borough	13,797	30%	62%	9%	33.4
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	9,567	26%	64%	10%	39.0
Interior Region	112,197	27%	64%	9%	33.3
Denali Borough	1,785	23%	67%	9%	43.3
Fairbanks North Star Borough	97,972	27%	64%	9%	32.8
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	6,963	27%	61%	12%	38.0
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	5,477	30%	58%	12%	35.7
Northern Region	27,437	34%	60%	6%	29.8
Nome Census Area	9,952	37%	56%	7%	27.8
North Slope Borough	9,711	27%	69%	5%	34.0
Northwest Arctic Borough	7,774	38%	55%	7%	27.0
Southeast Region	74,280	25%	63%	12%	39.5
Haines Borough	2,537	20%	62%	18%	48.5
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	2,128	21%	61%	17%	47.8
Juneau, City and Borough	33,026	25%	65%	10%	37.7
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	13,825	25%	62%	13%	39.3
Petersburg Borough	3,209	25%	60%	15%	42.3
Prince of Wales-Hyder CA	6,426	27%	60%	12%	40.2
Sitka, City and Borough	9,061	25%	62%	13%	38.8
Skagway, Municipality	1,031	16%	72%	13%	42.4
Wrangell, City and Borough	2,406	23%	58%	18%	47.2
Yakutat, City and Borough	631	22%	63%	15%	43.9
Southwest Region	42,499	34%	60%	7%	30.2
Aleutians East Borough	3,070	13%	80%	7%	43.4
Aleutians West Census Area	5,727	16%	78%	6%	41.2
Bethel Census Area	17,991	39%	55%	6%	26.8
Bristol Bay Borough	942	22%	68%	10%	43.1
Dillingham Census Area	5,044	35%	57%	8%	29.7
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,672	31%	61%	9%	32.3
Wade Hampton Census Area	8,053	44%	51%	5%	23.1

Note: Vintage 2014. All numbers are based on 2014 geography.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section