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Labor Department Releases State, Borough and Place 2015 Population Estimates

JUNEAU, Alaska— Alaska's population increased slightly – by 271 people – from July 2014 to July 2015, based on population estimates released today by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Of Alaska's 29 boroughs and census areas, 11 grew between 2014 and 2015. The largest population increases were in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (1,801) and Kenai Peninsula Borough (348). The Municipality of Anchorage lost the most people over the period (-1,458).

Among the state's six economic regions, Anchorage/Mat-Su gained the most over the period (343) followed by Northern (277), and Gulf Coast (220). Southwest (-232), Interior (-172) and Southeast (-165) regions each had small losses. Net migration accounted for all of the region-wide losses, while natural increase – births minus deaths – was positive and fairly steady.

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 cities and places, 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.

Research and Analysis Web site: laborstats.alaska.gov

Population of Alaska by Economic Region, Borough and Census Area

2010 to 2015

Area	Census April 2010	Estimate July 2011	Estimate July 2012	Estimate July 2013	Estimate July 2014	Estimate July 2015	Population Change 2014-15	Natural Increase 2014-15	Net Migration 2014-15
Alaska	710,231	723,133	731,630	736,616	737,354	737,625	271	7,045	-6,774
Anchorage/Mat-Su Region	380,821	387,629	392,058	397,068	398,743	399,086	343	3,929	-3,586
Anchorage, Municipality	291,826	295,908	298,373	301,046	300,366	298,908	-1,458	3,002	-4,460
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	88,995	91,721	93,685	96,022	98,377	100,178	1,801	927	874
Gulf Coast Region	78,631	80,329	80,632	80,511	80,891	81,111	220	488	-268
Kenai Peninsula Borough	55,400	56,610	56,672	56,862	57,415	57,763	348	266	82
Kodiak Island Borough	13,592	13,871	14,024	13,834	13,850	13,819	-31	165	-196
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	9,639	9,848	9,936	9,815	9,626	9,529	-97	57	-154
Interior Region	112,021	112,791	115,364	114,515	112,990	112,818	-172	1,316	-1,488
Denali Borough	1,826	1,838	1,871	1,792	1,792	1,781	-11	10	-21
Fairbanks North Star Borough	97,581	98,181	100,605	99,974	98,703	98,645	-58	1,208	-1,266
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	7,026	7,111	7,211	7,094	6,981	6,899	-82	67	-149
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	5,588	5,661	5,677	5,655	5,514	5,493	-21	31	-52
Northern Region	26,445	26,939	27,268	27,548	27,525	27,802	277	428	-151
Nome Census Area	9,492	9,726	9,850	9,875	9,986	10,040	54	187	-133
North Slope Borough	9,430	9,584	9,715	9,876	9,739	9,895	156	128	28
Northwest Arctic Borough	7,523	7,629	7,703	7,797	7,800	7,867	67	113	-46
Southeast Region	71,664	73,702	74,324	74,391	74,560	74,395	-165	329	-494
Haines Borough	2,508	2,614	2,614	2,530	2,551	2,493	-58	0	-58
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	2,149	2,156	2,206	2,183	2,137	2,178	41	-3	44
Juneau City and Borough	31,275	32,378	32,817	33,069	33,158	33,277	119	190	-71
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	13,477	13,749	13,884	13,820	13,849	13,778	-71	65	-136
Petersburg Borough	3,203	3,295	3,262	3,216	3,222	3,199	-23	22	-45
Prince of Wales-Hyder CA	6,172	6,467	6,459	6,474	6,466	6,446	-20	43	-63
Sitka City and Borough	8,881	9,021	9,056	9,042	9,093	8,929	-164	3	-167
Skagway Municipality	968	965	959	980	1,035	1,040	5	11	-6
Wrangell City and Borough	2,369	2,411	2,446	2,455	2,415	2,442	27	-7	34
Yakutat City and Borough	662	646	621	622	634	613	-21	5	-26
Southwest Region	40,649	41,743	41,984	42,583	42,645	42,413	-232	555	-787
Aleutians East Borough	3,141	3,229	3,223	3,281	3,076	2,854	-222	2	-224
Aleutians West Census Area	5,561	5,732	5,875	5,833	5,738	5,649	-89	11	-100
Bethel Census Area	17,013	17,456	17,565	17,872	18,058	18,153	95	286	-191
Bristol Bay Borough	997	1,025	985	933	945	887	-58	5	-63
Dillingham Census Area	4,847	4,940	4,978	5,022	5,063	5,007	-56	62	-118
Kusilvak Census Area	7,459	7,683	7,685	7,949	8,083	8,195	112	177	-65
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,631	1,678	1,673	1,693	1,682	1,668	-14	12	-26

Note: Vintage 2015. All numbers are based on 2015 geography.

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