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### **Labor Department Releases State, Borough and Place 2012 Population Estimates**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Alaska's population increased by 3.1 percent – or 22,067 people – from April 2010 to July 2012, 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 1.7 percent over the same period.

Of Alaska's 29 boroughs and census areas, 26 grew between 2010 and 2012. The largest population increases were in the Municipality of Anchorage (7,016), Matanuska-Susitna Borough (4,806), Fairbanks North Star Borough (2,762), City and Borough of Juneau (1,557) and Kenai Peninsula Borough (1,356).

Among the state's six economic regions, Anchorage/Mat-Su gained the most over the period (11,822) followed by Interior (3,090), Southeast (2,759), Gulf Coast (2,122), Southwest (1,407) and Northern (867).

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

Complete estimates for the state, boroughs/census areas, cities 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](http://LaborStats.Alaska.Gov). Select "Population & Census," then "Alaska Population Estimates." Estimates for special areas, including census tracts, school districts and Alaska Native Regional Corporations, are also available as are estimates by age and sex for Alaska's boroughs and census areas.

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# Population of Alaska by Economic Region, Borough and Census Area, 2010 to 2012

Area Name	Census April 2010	Estimate July 2011	Estimate July 2012	Natural Increase (Births-Deaths) 2010-2012	Net Migration (In-Out Migrants) 2010-2012	Population Change 2010-2012
<b>Alaska</b>	710,231	723,136	732,298	17,064	5,003	22,067
<b>Anchorage / Mat-Su Region</b>	380,821	387,881	392,643	9,124	2,698	11,822
Anchorage, Municipality of	291,826	296,084	298,842	7,258	-242	7,016
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	88,995	91,797	93,801	1,866	2,940	4,806
<b>Gulf Coast Region</b>	78,628	80,377	80,750	1,303	819	2,122
Kenai Peninsula Borough	55,400	56,651	56,756	799	557	1,356
Kodiak Island Borough	13,592	13,873	14,041	356	93	449
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	9,636	9,853	9,953	148	169	317
<b>Interior Region</b>	112,024	112,425	115,114	3,124	-34	3,090
Denali Borough	1,826	1,838	1,871	34	11	45
Fairbanks North Star Borough	97,581	97,807	100,343	2,808	-46	2,762
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	7,029	7,118	7,218	200	-11	189
Yukon Koyukuk Census Area	5,588	5,662	5,682	82	12	94
<b>Northern Region</b>	26,445	26,957	27,312	1,050	-183	867
Nome Census Area	9,492	9,734	9,869	398	-21	377
North Slope Borough	9,430	9,589	9,727	306	-9	297
Northwest Arctic Borough	7,523	7,634	7,716	346	-153	193
<b>Southeast Region</b>	71,664	73,715	74,423	1,033	1,726	2,759
Haines Borough	2,508	2,614	2,620	16	96	112
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	2,150	2,156	2,210	21	39	60
Juneau, City and Borough of	31,275	32,393	32,832	511	1,046	1,557
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	13,477	13,750	13,938	195	266	461
Petersburg Census Area	3,815	3,943	3,937	44	78	122
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	5,559	5,812	5,771	94	118	212
Sitka, City and Borough of	8,881	9,023	9,084	116	87	203
Skagway Borough, Municipality of	968	966	961	14	-21	-7
Wrangell, City and Borough of	2,369	2,411	2,448	11	68	79
Yakutat, City and Borough of	662	647	622	11	-51	-40
<b>Southwest Region</b>	40,649	41,781	42,056	1,430	-23	1,407
Aleutians East Borough	3,141	3,230	3,227	32	54	86
Aleutians West Census Area	5,561	5,736	5,881	40	280	320
Bethel Census Area	17,013	17,474	17,600	736	-149	587
Bristol Bay Borough	997	1,025	987	8	-18	-10
Dillingham Census Area	4,847	4,946	4,988	155	-14	141
Lake and Peninsula Borough	1,631	1,678	1,673	39	3	42
Wade Hampton Census Area	7,459	7,692	7,700	420	-179	241

Notes: Vintage 2012. All numbers are based on 2010 Census geography.

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

## Alaska Places with More than 2,500 People, 2010 to 2012

Area Name	Census April 2010	Estimate July 2011	Estimate July 2012	Change 2010 to 2012
Anchorage, Municipality of	291,826	296,084	298,842	7,016
Juneau, City and Borough of	31,275	32,393	32,832	1,557
Fairbanks city	31,535	30,615	32,070	535
Badger CDP	19,482	19,874	19,935	453
Knik-Fairview CDP	14,923	15,598	16,126	1,203
College CDP	12,964	13,316	13,394	430
Sitka, City and Borough of	8,881	9,023	9,084	203
Lakes CDP	8,364	8,571	8,729	365
Tanaina CDP	8,197	8,473	8,623	426
Ketchikan city	8,050	8,198	8,291	241
Wasilla city	7,831	8,049	8,207	376
Meadow Lakes CDP	7,570	7,913	8,188	618
Kalifornsky CDP	7,850	8,074	8,179	329
Kenai city	7,112	7,185	7,144	32
Steele Creek CDP	6,662	6,713	6,791	129
Kodiak city	6,130	6,267	6,431	301
Chena Ridge CDP	5,791	6,060	6,179	388
Palmer city	5,937	6,122	6,117	180
Bethel city	6,080	6,187	6,113	33
Gateway CDP	5,552	5,732	5,910	358
Sterling CDP	5,617	5,801	5,690	73
Homer city	5,003	5,104	5,153	150
Fishhook CDP	4,679	4,793	5,033	354
Farmers Loop CDP	4,853	4,973	5,024	171
Unalaska city	4,376	4,591	4,768	392
Nikiski CDP	4,493	4,647	4,623	130
Barrow city	4,212	4,324	4,445	233
Soldotna city	4,163	4,295	4,299	136
Valdez city	3,976	4,043	4,144	168
Nome city	3,598	3,699	3,759	161
Goldstream CDP	3,557	3,643	3,702	145
Big Lake CDP	3,350	3,381	3,502	152
Butte CDP	3,246	3,278	3,414	168
Kotzebue city	3,201	3,225	3,237	36
Petersburg city	2,948	3,023	2,972	24
Eielson AFB CDP	2,647	2,331	2,793	146
Seward city	2,693	2,746	2,754	61
Ester CDP	2,422	2,532	2,621	199

Notes: Vintage 2012. All numbers are based on 2010 Census geography. CDP is an abbreviation for census designated place.

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