

# Chapter 3

# Special Populations and Areas

## Introduction

This chapter includes frequently requested estimates of the populations of the military, legislative districts, school districts, Alaska Native Regional Corporations, Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas, and adjacent areas in Canada.

## Armed Forces

In 2019, Alaska had 21,407 active duty military personnel with 29,406 dependents. (See Table 3.1.) The Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard make up nearly all of the military population. With the closure of Adak's naval air station in 1997, the Navy no longer maintains a significant presence here.

As of 2019, most of the military population was Army, at 51 percent. (See Figure 3.1.) Alaska's Army bases are in Anchorage (Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson), Fairbanks (Fort Wainwright), and Delta Junction (Fort Greely).

The Air Force represented 38 percent of Alaska's military population. Alaska's Air Force bases are located in Anchorage (Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson), Fairbanks (Eielson Air Force Base), and Denali Borough (Clear Air Force Station).

The Coast Guard made up 10 percent of the military population in 2019. Alaska's Coast Guard locations include Anchorage, Cordova, Juneau, Kodiak, Sitka, Petersburg, and Valdez.

Boroughs and census areas with bases tend to have a high percentage of population in the military. For example, in 2019, active duty military and dependents were 19 percent of the Fairbanks North Star Borough's population, 18 percent of Kodiak Island Borough, and 14 percent of Denali Borough.

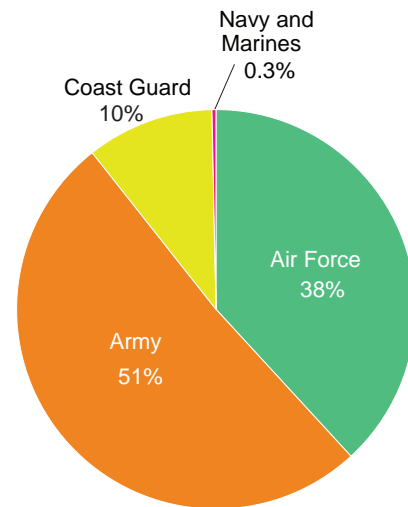
## Legislative Districts

The Alaska Redistricting Board established the current House and Senate districts for the Alaska Legislature in 2013. The state has 40 House districts and 20 Senate districts. Table 3.2 provides district population data. In 2019, the average population of the House district areas was 18,275 and the average for the Senate areas was 36,550.

## School Districts

Table 3.3 shows the population within Alaska school district boundaries in 2010 and 2019. Of the 53 school districts in 2019, the Anchorage School District had the largest population within its boundaries, with 291,845 people. The district

**Figure 3.1**  
Active Duty Military Population in Alaska by Service Branch, 2019



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

was home to 40 percent of the state's total population. At the other end of the spectrum, the Pelican School District had the fewest people within its boundaries. Only 69 people, or 0.01 percent of the state, lived there.

The six school districts with the fastest-growing populations in their boundaries from 2010 to 2019 were Matanuska-Susitna Borough (20 percent increase), Municipality of Skagway (13 percent), and Yupiit (12 percent). For comparison, Alaska's population grew by 3 percent over the same period.

## Canadian Areas Adjacent to Alaska

Alaskans visiting Canada or conducting business there frequently use information on areas adjacent to Alaska. Table 3.4 includes population figures for selected areas and communities in Yukon Territory and along the border of British Columbia, taken from Statistics Canada's 2006, 2011, and 2016 censuses. The adjacent areas within British Columbia (56,240 people) and the Yukon (35,874) contained 92,114 people in 2016, compared to Southeast Alaska's 2016 population of 73,827.

## Alaska Native Regional Corporations

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 created 12 Alaska Native Regional Corporations that cover the entire state except for the Annette Island Reserve, which is Alaska's only American Indian reservation. Table 3.5 shows population estimates for each regional corporation. The estimates are for the Alaska Native and American Indian population living within these regions, not shareholders.

The Alaska Native Regional Corporation areas with the largest numbers who were Alaska Native alone or in combination in 2019 were: Cook Inlet (58,077), Calista (23,467), Doyon (16,679), and Sealaska (15,691). Four of the 12 corporations had populations that were at least three-quarters Alaska Native: Calista (89 percent), NANA (84 percent), Bering Straits (81 percent), and Bristol Bay (76 percent).

**Table 3.1**  
Active Duty Military by Borough and Census Area,  
1990, 2000, 2010, and 2019

	Military			
	July 1, 1990	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2010	July 1, 2019
Alaska	23,132	17,574	23,195	21,407
Aleutians East Borough	0	0	0	0
Aleutians West Census Area	2,534	40	4	16
Anchorage, Municipality	10,209	8,630	12,787	10,687
Bethel Census Area	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay Borough	285	0	0	0
Denali Borough	120	132	99	110
Dillingham Census Area	0	0	0	0
Fairbanks North Star Borough	7,500	6,861	8,166	8,517
Haines Borough	0	0	0	0
Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	0	0	0	0
Juneau, City and Borough	187	192	267	226
Kenai Peninsula Borough	80	97	93	94
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	188	222	241	195
Kodiak Island Borough	913	913	950	958
Kusilvak Census Area	0	0	0	0
Lake and Peninsula Borough	0	0	0	0
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	0	0	0	0
Nome Census Area	28	23	1	0
North Slope Borough	0	0	0	0
Northwest Arctic Borough	0	0	0	0
Petersburg Borough	22	20	28	31
Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	0	0	0	0
Sitka, City and Borough	203	183	187	188
Skagway, Municipality	0	0	0	0
Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	447	166	209	236
Valdez-Cordova Census Area	96	95	163	149
Wrangell, City and Borough	0	0	0	0
Yakutat, City and Borough	0	0	0	0
Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	320	0	0	0

Note: All numbers are based on the location of the base or unit the military service person is assigned to, and do not include service members deployed overseas.

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

## Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 also identified 209 Alaska Native villages. Populations for these villages were first reported in the 1980 Census. For the 1990 Census, the Census Bureau changed the name to Alaska Native Village Statistical Area and worked with local officials to delineate boundaries.

ANVSA designations and boundaries change with each decennial census and may have boundaries that are the same or different from those of cities or "census designated places," which are another type of statistical area delineated by the U.S. Census Bureau. In the 2000 Census, there were 208 ANVSAs and Tribal Designated Statistical Areas (a category that is no longer used), and as of the 2010 Census, there were 221. (See Table 3.6.)

**Table 3.2****Population by Age Group for Alaska House and Senate Districts, 2019**

	July 1, 2019 Population by Age Group				
	Total	Under 5	5-17	18-64	65+
Alaska	731,007	49,686	134,460	455,583	91,278
HD 1 SD A	16,658	1,158	2,346	10,557	2,597
HD 2 SD A	18,178	1,853	3,376	11,596	1,353
HD 3 SD B	17,158	1,359	3,571	10,834	1,394
HD 4 SD B	17,768	947	2,865	11,701	2,255
HD 5 SD C	17,678	1,028	2,787	12,116	1,747
HD 6 SD C	16,986	1,150	3,098	10,461	2,277
HD 7 SD D	19,963	1,444	4,098	11,700	2,721
HD 8 SD D	24,093	1,899	4,777	14,627	2,790
HD 9 SD E	19,529	1,175	3,608	12,410	2,336
HD 10 SD E	20,725	1,310	4,231	12,513	2,671
HD 11 SD F	19,747	1,317	4,292	11,473	2,665
HD 12 SD F	19,798	1,281	4,008	12,050	2,459
HD 13 SD G	17,180	1,750	3,183	11,067	1,180
HD 14 SD G	17,882	1,117	3,802	11,503	1,460
HD 15 SD H	18,049	1,805	4,011	10,960	1,273
HD 16 SD H	17,972	1,348	3,061	11,468	2,095
HD 17 SD I	17,437	1,028	2,597	11,624	2,188
HD 18 SD I	17,155	966	2,260	11,365	2,564
HD 19 SD J	16,939	1,554	3,808	9,624	1,953
HD 20 SD J	17,426	939	1,886	11,772	2,829
HD 21 SD K	17,155	956	2,777	11,100	2,322
HD 22 SD K	18,151	1,214	3,451	11,370	2,116
HD 23 SD L	17,590	1,137	2,852	11,276	2,325
HD 24 SD L	17,745	1,059	3,452	11,064	2,170
HD 25 SD M	18,588	1,261	3,823	11,921	1,583
HD 26 SD M	18,752	1,093	3,698	11,890	2,071
HD 27 SD N	17,931	1,174	3,138	10,854	2,765
HD 28 SD N	18,170	769	3,489	11,586	2,326
HD 29 SD O	18,870	900	2,814	11,800	3,356
HD 30 SD O	18,634	1,202	3,499	10,824	3,109
HD 31 SD P	19,483	967	3,106	11,637	3,773
HD 32 SD P	17,449	1,243	3,312	10,758	2,136
HD 33 SD Q	17,831	882	2,389	11,664	2,896
HD 34 SD Q	18,409	1,098	3,469	11,591	2,251
HD 35 SD R	17,468	1,009	2,774	10,563	3,122
HD 36 SD R	18,125	1,070	2,982	10,959	3,114
HD 37 SD S	17,069	957	2,720	11,682	1,710
HD 38 SD S	18,785	1,834	4,874	10,247	1,830
HD 39 SD T	18,546	1,850	4,716	10,026	1,954
HD 40 SD T	17,935	1,583	3,460	11,350	1,542

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

**Table 3.3****Population by School District Boundaries, 2010 and 2019**

	April 1, 2010	July 1, 2019	2010-2019
	Census	Estimate	Difference
Alaska Gateway School District	2,341	2,201	-140
Aleutian Region School District	604	543	-61
Aleutians East Borough School District	3,141	2,938	-203
Anchorage School District	291,826	291,845	19
Annette Island School District	1,460	1,427	-33
Bering Strait School District	5,894	6,141	247
Bristol Bay Borough School District	997	869	-128
Chatham School District	1,301	1,294	-7
Chugach School District	469	515	46
Copper River School District	2,829	2,626	-203
Cordova City School District	2,239	2,343	104
Craig City School District	1,201	1,074	-127
Delta/Greely School District	4,810	4,827	17
Denali Borough School District	1,826	1,860	34
Dillingham City School District	2,329	2,327	-2
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	97,581	95,898	-1,683
Galena City School District	470	445	-25
Haines Borough School District	2,508	2,516	8
Hoonah City School District	760	782	22
Hydaburg City School District	376	397	21
Iditarod Area School District	1,102	1,018	-84
Juneau Borough School District	31,275	31,986	711
Kake City School District	557	570	13
Kashunamiut School District	938	1,014	76
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	55,400	58,367	2,967
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District	13,477	13,739	262
Klawock City School District	755	761	6
Kodiak Island Borough School District	13,592	13,001	-591
Kuspuk School District	1,406	1,335	-71
Lake And Peninsula School District	1,631	1,622	-9
Lower Kuskokwim School District	14,217	15,261	1,044
Lower Yukon School District	6,014	6,611	597
Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	88,995	106,438	17,443
Nenana City School District	378	362	-16
Nome School District	3,598	3,690	92
North Slope Borough School District	9,430	9,886	456
Northwest Arctic Borough School District	7,523	7,715	192
Pelican City School District	88	69	-19
Petersburg Borough School District	3,203	3,226	23
Pribilof School District	581	444	-137
Sitka Borough School District	8,881	8,532	-349
Skagway School District	968	1,095	127
Southeast Island School District	1,823	1,965	142
Southwest Region School District	2,518	2,560	42
St. Mary's City School District	507	555	48
Tanana School District	246	216	-30
Unalaska City School District	4,376	4,592	216
Valdez City School District	3,976	3,876	-100
Wrangell City School District	2,369	2,400	31
Yakutat City School District	662	540	-122
Yukon Flats School District	1,441	1,400	-41
Yukon-Koyukuk School District	1,996	1,788	-208
Yupit School District	1,346	1,505	159

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

**Table 3.4****Population of Areas of Canada Bordering Alaska, 2006, 2011, and 2016**

	2006 Census	2011 Census	2016 Census		2006 Census	2011 Census	2016 Census
British Columbia	4,113,487	4,400,057	4,648,055	Yukon Territory	30,372	33,897	35,874
Selected geographies and settlements within British Columbia				Selected settlements within Yukon Territory			
Kitimat-Stikine District	38,476	37,361	37,367	Beaver Creek	112	103	93
Guhthe Tah 12	173	157	148	Burwash Landing	73	95	72
Nisga'a land	1,919	1,909	1,880	Carcross	280	289	301
Stewart	496	494	401	Carmacks	425	503	493
Telegraph Creek	78	5	53	Dawson	1,327	1,319	1,375
Skeena-Queen Charlotte Dist.	19,664	18,784	18,133	Destruction Bay	55	35	55
Dodge Cove	42	29	31	Haines Junction	589	593	613
Dolphin Island	417	405	353	Ibex Valley	376	346	411
Lax Kw'alaams 1		678	646	Lake Laberge 1	38	20	25
Masset	940	884	793	Macpherson-Grizzly Valley	851	1,072	1,245
Masset 1	694	614	555	Marsh Lake	538	619	696
Port Clements	440	378	282	Mt. Lorne	370	408	437
Port Edward	577	544	467	Old Crow	253	245	221
Prince Rupert	12,815	12,508	12,220	Pelly Crossing	296	336	353
S1/2 Tsimpsean 2	118	83	88	Stewart Crossing	35	25	17
Stikine District	632	629	740	Tagish	222	391	249
Five Mile Point 3	95	64	114	Whitehorse	20,461	23,276	25,085
				Whitehorse, Unorganized	264	287	326
				Yukon, Unorganized	1,286	1,495	1,515

Source: Statistics Canada

**Table 3.5****Alaska Native Regional Corporation Population by Race, 2010 and 2019**

	April 1, 2010			July 1, 2019		
	Total	Alaska Native (One Race Alone)	Alaska Native (Alone or In Combination)	Total	Alaska Native (One Race Alone)	Alaska Native (Alone or In Combination)
Alaska	710,231	106,287	139,782	731,007	113,714	148,042
Alaska Regional Native Corporations						
AHTNA	3,404	717	924	3,177	715	899
Aleut	8,702	1,766	1,989	8,517	1,310	1,495
Arctic Slope	9,426	5,132	5,534	9,882	5,288	5,681
Bering Straits	9,492	7,223	7,762	9,831	7,410	7,967
Bristol Bay	7,308	4,846	5,562	7,149	4,812	5,439
Calista	24,467	21,217	21,999	26,306	22,789	23,467
Chugach	11,887	1,646	2,337	11,969	1,749	2,441
Cook Inlet	431,054	32,100	51,177	451,521	37,663	58,077
Doyon	111,712	11,901	16,291	109,566	12,402	16,679
Koniag	13,592	1,851	2,561	13,001	1,716	2,451
NANA	7,523	6,133	6,553	7,715	6,138	6,504
Sealaska	70,204	10,528	15,786	70,946	10,526	15,691
American Indian Reservations						
Annette Island Reserve	1,460	1,227	1,307	1,427	1,196	1,251

Note: Modified race data.

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

**Table 3.6****Population of Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas (ANVSAs), 2010 and 2019**

	April 1, 2010	July 1, 2019		April 1, 2010	July 1, 2019
	Census	Estimate		Census	Estimate
Alaska	710,231	731,007	Chignik Lake ANVSA	73	57
Akiok ANVSA	71	69	Chilkat ANVSA	99	99
Akiachak ANVSA	627	724	Chilkoot ANVSA	441	459
Akiak ANVSA	346	420	Chistochina ANVSA	78	70
Akutan ANVSA	1,003	967	Chitina ANVSA	96	65
Alakanuk ANVSA	677	704	Chuathbaluk ANVSA	118	100
Alatna ANVSA	32	16	Chulloonawick ANVSA	0	0
Aleknagik ANVSA	219	208	Circle ANVSA	104	85
Algaaciq ANVSA	424	464	Clarks Point ANVSA	62	69
Allaket ANVSA	171	160	Copper Center ANVSA	442	416
Ambler ANVSA	258	263	Council ANVSA	0	0
Anaktuvuk Pass ANVSA	324	336	Craig ANVSA	1,478	1,367
Andreafsky ANVSA	83	91	Crooked Creek ANVSA	105	80
Angoon ANVSA	459	404	Deering ANVSA	122	166
Aniak ANVSA	501	477	Dillingham ANVSA	2,378	2,374
Anvik ANVSA	85	77	Dot Lake ANVSA	62	34
Arctic Village ANVSA	152	193	Douglas ANVSA	5,474	5,653
Atka ANVSA	61	50	Eagle ANVSA	69	66
Atmautluak ANVSA	277	338	Eek ANVSA	296	349
Atkasuk ANVSA	233	229	Egegik ANVSA	109	85
Barrow ANVSA	4,212	4,536	Eklutna ANVSA	54	54
Beaver ANVSA	84	69	Ekuk ANVSA	2	2
Belkofski ANVSA	0	0	Ekwok ANVSA	115	100
Bethel ANVSA	6,080	6,259	Elim ANVSA	330	351
Bill Moore's ANVSA	0	0	Emmonak ANVSA	762	836
Birch Creek ANVSA	33	28	Evansville ANVSA	26	14
Brevig Mission ANVSA	388	451	Eyak ANVSA	128	134
Buckland ANVSA	416	509	False Pass ANVSA	35	42
Cantwell ANVSA	219	190	Fort Yukon ANVSA	583	525
Canyon Village ANVSA	0	0	Gakona ANVSA	122	109
Chalkyitsik ANVSA	69	79	Galena ANVSA	470	445
Cheformak ANVSA	418	457	Gambell ANVSA	681	667
Chenega ANVSA	76	61	Georgetown ANVSA	2	2
Chevak ANVSA	938	1,014	Golovin ANVSA	156	150
Chickaloon ANVSA	23,087	25,738	Goodnews Bay ANVSA	243	284
Chignik ANVSA	91	95	Grayling ANVSA	194	190
Chignik Lagoon ANVSA	78	81	Gulkana ANVSA	136	125

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

**Table 3.6 (continued)****Population of Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas (ANVSAs), 2010 and 2019**

	April 1, 2010	July 1, 2019		April 1, 2010	July 1, 2019
	Census	Estimate		Census	Estimate
Hamilton ANVSA	0	0	Kwigillingok ANVSA	321	374
Healy Lake ANVSA	13	27	Kwinhagak ANVSA	669	716
Holy Cross ANVSA	178	158	Lake Minchumina ANVSA	11	8
Hoonah ANVSA	760	782	Larsen Bay ANVSA	87	73
Hooper Bay ANVSA	1,093	1,239	Lesnoi ANVSA	0	0
Hughes ANVSA	78	93	Levelock ANVSA	69	70
Huslia ANVSA	275	293	Lime Village ANVSA	29	15
Hydaburg ANVSA	376	397	Lower Kalskag ANVSA	282	281
Igiugig ANVSA	50	56	Manley Hot Springs ANVSA	89	104
Iliamna ANVSA	109	109	Manokotak ANVSA	442	483
Inalik ANVSA	115	97	Marshall ANVSA	414	471
Ivanof Bay ANVSA	7	7	Mary's Igloo ANVSA	0	0
Kake ANVSA	557	570	McGrath ANVSA	346	289
Kaktovik ANVSA	239	229	Mekoryuk ANVSA	191	206
Kalskag ANVSA	210	220	Mentasta Lake ANVSA	92	100
Kaltag ANVSA	190	159	Minto ANVSA	210	170
Karluk ANVSA	37	27	Mountain Village ANVSA	813	808
Kasaan ANVSA	49	85	Naknek ANVSA	544	488
Kasigluk ANVSA	569	627	Nanwalek ANVSA	254	280
Kenaitze ANVSA	32,902	34,435	Napaimute ANVSA	2	2
Ketchikan ANVSA	12,742	12,973	Napakiak ANVSA	354	351
Kiana ANVSA	363	411	Napaskiak ANVSA	405	440
King Cove ANVSA	938	919	Nelson Lagoon ANVSA	52	30
King Salmon ANVSA	167	134	Nenana ANVSA	378	362
Kipnuk ANVSA	639	700	New Koliganek ANVSA	209	195
Kivalina ANVSA	374	427	New Stuyahok ANVSA	510	476
Klawock ANVSA	591	596	Newhalen ANVSA	190	211
Knik ANVSA	65,768	80,568	Newtok ANVSA	354	339
Kobuk ANVSA	151	143	Nightmute ANVSA	261	267
Kodiak ANVSA	0	0	Nikolai ANVSA	94	87
Kokhanok ANVSA	170	157	Nikolski ANVSA	18	17
Kongiganak ANVSA	439	523	Ninilchik ANVSA	14,512	15,755
Kotlik ANVSA	577	649	Noatak ANVSA	514	583
Kotzebue ANVSA	3,201	3,112	Nome ANVSA	3,681	3,774
Koyuk ANVSA	332	348	Nondalton ANVSA	164	126
Koyukuk ANVSA	96	95	Noorvik ANVSA	668	651
Kwethluk ANVSA	721	814	Northway ANVSA	242	222

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

**Table 3.6 (continued)****Population of Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas (ANVSAs), 2010 and 2019**

	April 1, 2010	July 1, 2019		April 1, 2010	July 1, 2019
	Census	Estimate		Census	Estimate
Nuiqsut ANVSA	402	484	Shungnak ANVSA	262	253
Nulato ANVSA	264	228	Sitka ANVSA	4,480	4,377
Nunam Iqua ANVSA	187	213	Skagway ANVSA	967	1,094
Nunapitchuk ANVSA	496	560	Sleetmute ANVSA	86	95
Ohogamiut ANVSA	0	0	Solomon ANVSA	0	0
Old Harbor ANVSA	218	203	South Naknek ANVSA	79	80
Oscarville ANVSA	70	74	St. George ANVSA	102	59
Ouzinkie ANVSA	172	153	St. Michael ANVSA	401	392
Paimiut ANVSA	0	0	St. Paul ANVSA	479	385
Pedro Bay ANVSA	42	36	Stebbins ANVSA	556	618
Perryville ANVSA	113	97	Stevens Village ANVSA	78	44
Petersburg ANVSA	2,347	2,359	Stony River ANVSA	54	39
Pilot Point ANVSA	68	81	Takotna ANVSA	52	80
Pilot Station ANVSA	568	606	Tanacross ANVSA	136	100
Pitkas Point ANVSA	109	116	Tanana ANVSA	246	216
Platinum ANVSA	59	46	Tatitlek ANVSA	88	98
Point Hope ANVSA	674	670	Tazlina ANVSA	319	291
Point Lay ANVSA	189	236	Telida ANVSA	3	2
Port Alsworth ANVSA	159	226	Teller ANVSA	229	235
Port Graham ANVSA	177	180	Tetlin ANVSA	130	125
Port Heiden ANVSA	102	105	Togiak ANVSA	817	873
Port Lions ANVSA	194	177	Toksook Bay ANVSA	563	636
Portage Creek ANVSA	2	1	Tuluksak ANVSA	373	361
Rampart ANVSA	24	97	Tuntutuliak ANVSA	382	434
Red Devil ANVSA	23	16	Tununak ANVSA	327	376
Ruby ANVSA	166	149	Twin Hills ANVSA	74	89
Russian Mission ANVSA	312	350	Tyonek ANVSA	177	149
Salamatof ANVSA	980	1,155	Ugashik ANVSA	12	12
Sand Point ANVSA	976	897	Unalakleet ANVSA	688	721
Savoonga ANVSA	671	735	Unalaska ANVSA	4,376	4,592
Saxman ANVSA	411	434	Venetie ANVSA	149	147
Scammon Bay ANVSA	474	593	Wainwright ANVSA	556	565
Selawik ANVSA	829	832	Wales ANVSA	145	150
Seldovia ANVSA	427	418	White Mountain ANVSA	190	201
Shageluk ANVSA	83	91	Wrangell ANVSA	1,189	1,205
Shaktolik ANVSA	251	272	Yakutat ANVSA	662	540
Shishmaref ANVSA	563	577	Annette Island Reserve	1,460	1,427

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