

**GENERAL:**

<u>Date of Incorporation:</u>	January 3, 1959	<u>Area - Square Miles:</u>	586,412
<u>Date of Constitution Adopted:</u>	April 24, 1956 (Referendum Date)	<u>Coast-line Miles:</u>	33,904
<u>Form of Government:</u>	State		

Employees Paid as of June 30, 1997:

	Regular <u>Full-Time</u>	Regular <u>Part-Time</u>	Seasonal <u>Full-Time</u>	Seasonal <u>Part-time</u>	1997 <u>Total</u>	1996 <u>Total</u>
Public Safety/Security Officers	370				370	404
Marine (Ferry)	719				719	716
General Government, Confidential, LTC	8,543	278	1,100	12	9,933	10,249
Supervisors	1,116		3		1,119	1,153
Firefighters	12		291		303	1,135
Teachers	62	2			64	73
National Guard	1	33			34	398
Exempt, Partially Exempt, and Excluded	1,274	144	6	1	1,425	1,457
Judicial Workers	602	39		1	642	637
Legislative Employees	<u>311</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>38</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>362</u>
Total Employees	<u>13,010</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>14,967</u>	<u>16,584</u>

Number of Votes Cast Compared to Number of Registered Voters:

	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Percentage Voting</u>
Last General Election - November 5, 1996	245,212	414,815	59.1
Last Primary Election - August 27, 1996	122,866	405,397	30.3
Last Special Election - November 8, 1983	32,786	257,041	12.8

**FIRE PROTECTION:**

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Number of Fire Departments Registered with Fire Marshall	128	140
Number of Full-Time Firefighters	734	864
Number of Volunteer Firefighters	3,185	2,755

NOTE: Military Personnel and Units are not included.

**EDUCATION:**

	<u>Number of Schools</u>	<u>Initial Enrollment Students</u>	<u>Average Daily Membership</u>
Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA):	19	14,381	13,691
Elementary		11,137	
Secondary		3,244	
Cities/Boroughs:	34	113,762	110,854
Elementary		82,529	
Secondary		31,233	
Private and Denominational Schools:	48	3,835	N/A

NOTE: Central Correspondence Study and Mt. Edgecumbe High School data are not included.  
 Elementary includes Pre-elementary through grade 8. Secondary includes grades 9 through 12.  
 Private and Denominational Schools do not include homeschooling.  
 The numbers for administrative personnel and certified teachers are not available this year.  
 Information obtained from Department of Education, Education Support Services, School Finance Section.

**EDUCATION:**

Enrollment of Alaska Students - Last Ten Fiscal Years						
Fiscal Year	City and Borough	REAA'S	Private and Denominational Schools	Central Correspondence Study	Mount Edgecumbe	Enrollment All Schools
1988	87,435	13,730	5,440	826	170	107,601
1989	91,260	12,700	5,383	581	193	110,117
1990	95,472	13,150	5,588	470	189	114,869
1991	99,724	13,091	5,041	877	211	118,944
1992	104,286	13,425	4,509	781	213	123,214
1993	107,567	13,611	4,802	1,046	264	127,290
1994	110,180	14,061	4,581	1,425	282	130,529
1995	111,490	13,954	4,417	1,357	266	131,484
1996	111,700	14,429	3,981	1,351	282	131,743
1997	113,762	14,381	3,835	1,489	287	133,754

Alaska Colleges, Universities, and Community Colleges - Closing Enrollment - Last Ten Academic Years					
Fall Semester	University of Alaska Main Campuses (a)	University of Alaska Community Colleges (a)	Alaska Pacific University	Sheldon Jackson College	Alaska Bible College
1987	28,486	575	1,119	231	78
1988	29,081	503	1,652	246	90
1989	29,963	494	1,832	280	69
1990	31,967	461	1,717	268	111
1991	32,840	352	1,827	308	93
1992	32,624	1,193	2,051	299	61
1993	31,883	1,220	1,665	280	53
1994	31,496	1,388	1,560	271	43
1995	31,032	1,477	1,464	223	54
1996	30,303	1,614	1,261	202	48

  

Spring Semester	University of Alaska Main Campuses (a)	University of Alaska Community Colleges (a)	Alaska Pacific University	Sheldon Jackson College	Alaska Bible College
1988	28,950	467	1,872	219	104
1989	29,960	386	2,077	226	98
1990	31,724	472	2,101	251	87
1991	31,672	401	2,001	272	87
1992	32,335	577	1,837	299	73
1993	33,674	1,309	2,250	290	69
1994	32,088	1,744	2,000	277	52
1995	31,522	1,801	2,028	254	53
1996	31,427	1,570	1,762	257	43
1997	31,162	1,915	1,176	196	44

(a) Starting with the fall semester of 1987, figures reflect the restructuring which has taken place at the University of Alaska. Formerly, there were eleven community colleges, three four-year institutions, rural education and cooperative extension programs. Now, there are three multi-campus institutions and one community college. Previous figures counted students taking courses for audit which are no longer included in the count. Beginning with Fall 1993, data from Arctic Sivunmun Iilisagvik (North Slope) is not reported.

NOTE: Enrollment figures are head count enrollments.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Miles of Public Highways:	1997	1996
Land Miles:		
State (DOT/PF) Maintained:		
Interstate	1,087	1,087
Other Principal Arterials	861	868
Minor Arterials	619	621
Collectors	2,432	2,417
Local	591	592
State (DOT/PF) Maintained Subtotal	<u>5,590</u>	<u>5,585</u>
Other State (DNR) Maintained:	<u>389</u>	<u>373</u>
Borough/Municipal/Community:		
Arterials	25	25
Collectors	383	337
Local	5,017	5,294
Borough/Municipal/Community Subtotal	<u>5,425</u>	<u>5,656</u>
Federal Agency Maintained:		
U.S. Forest Service	1,674	1,674
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	25	25
National Parks	130	153
BIA Reservation (Metlakatla)	24	24
Federal Agency Maintained Subtotal	<u>1,853</u>	<u>1,876</u>
Total Land Miles	<u>13,257</u>	<u>13,490</u>
Ferry Miles:		
State (DOT/PF) Maintained:		
Arterials	1,294	1,294
Collectors	1,571	1,571
Total Ferry Miles	<u>2,865</u>	<u>2,865</u>
Total Miles of Public Highways	<u>16,122</u>	<u>16,355</u>

NOTE: DOT/PF refers to Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and DNR refers to Department of Natural Resources.

Total Air Carrier Activity  
 State of Alaska International Airports  
 Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Landings		Passengers			Freight (tons)	
	Jets	Total	In	Out	Through	In	Out
1988	46,674	89,531	1,599,339	1,622,995	1,747,471	64,367	116,487
1989	49,132	90,585	1,706,782	1,724,330	1,750,986	67,850	126,062
1990	50,872	91,743	1,840,777	1,867,342	1,584,497	78,747	125,994
1991	49,512	101,142	2,029,180	2,012,655	1,117,883	89,747	146,200
1992	52,906	110,396	2,163,161	2,173,803	827,814	78,618	130,731
1993	51,502	104,040	2,141,253	2,141,798	605,409	84,877	131,868
1994	53,106	106,132	2,248,391	2,259,209	572,303	90,478	141,625
1995	52,897	113,315	2,413,614	2,407,308	627,781	95,293	149,505
1996	54,736	110,763	2,412,824	2,428,340	699,884	95,440	148,380
1997	59,164	117,379	2,548,920	2,547,063	802,424	90,903	149,686

**RECREATION:**

Number of Acres:	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Federal Parks and Monuments	54,700,000	54,700,000
Federal Wildlife Refuges and Conservation Areas*	80,722,556	80,722,556
Federal Forests**	23,051,600	23,051,600
State Parks System	3,303,290	3,303,290
State Forests	2,243,100	2,243,100
State Public Reserves and Rivers	2,598,430	2,598,430
Other State Conservation Preserves, Game Refuges, Sanctuaries, and Critical Habitat Areas	3,193,560	3,193,560
Other Government, Local Government/Municipal	<u>28,759</u>	<u>28,759</u>
Total Number of Acres	<u><u>169,841,295</u></u>	<u><u>169,841,295</u></u>

\*BLM manages 2,766,949 acres which is included in the 80,722,556.

\*\* Will be less after full Chugach Natives Settlement and transfer of Afognak Island.

**POPULATION:**

Year	Population	Increase (Decrease)		Civilian	Military
		Number	Percent		
1950	137,100			116,758	20,342
1960	230,400	93,300	68.1	197,911	32,489
1970	308,500	78,100	33.9	277,766	30,734
1980	419,800	111,300	36.1	401,819	17,981
1990	553,124	133,324	31.8	529,992	23,132
1991	569,575	16,451	3.0	544,436	25,139
1992	587,605	18,030	3.2	563,145	24,460
1993	598,267	10,662	1.8	573,912	24,355
1994	602,873	4,606	0.8	582,754	20,119
1995	603,453	580	0.1	584,417	19,036
1996	607,800	4,347	0.7	588,826	18,974

**Age Distribution of Population:**

	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
under 5	52,916	55,349	58,488	60,074	59,863	57,902
5 - 9	55,685	55,227	54,748	54,505	54,391	53,102
10 - 14	54,266	53,662	53,087	51,583	49,023	46,382
15 - 19	44,247	42,106	40,693	39,685	38,946	37,756
20 - 24	40,685	41,437	42,977	43,894	43,484	42,496
25 - 29	47,636	48,311	49,656	51,116	52,424	52,480
30 - 34	53,535	55,869	58,289	59,716	60,195	60,037
35 - 44	114,910	114,665	114,605	113,611	111,511	108,376
45 - 54	78,191	73,904	69,771	65,698	61,474	56,967
55 - 59	21,067	19,801	18,978	18,268	17,642	16,959
60 - 64	14,784	14,480	14,227	13,949	13,686	13,422
65 & over	29,878	28,642	27,354	26,168	24,966	23,696
Median Age	30.8	30.5	30.2	29.8	29.6	29.5

NOTE: Revised data for 1950 through 1996 were obtained from Alaska Population Overview - 1996 Estimates, published by Department of Labor, Research and Analysis Section, Demographics Unit. There is no data available for the population by age distribution for 1950 through 1990 to match the revised population.

**PERSONAL INCOME:** Bureau of Economic Analysis - U.S. Department of Commerce, August, 1996 Revision

Year	Total Alaska Personal			
	Income (Millions)	Alaska Per Capita	U.S. Per Capita	% Alaska to U.S.
1986	9,694	17,810	14,906	119.5
1987	9,298	17,240	15,638	110.2
1988	9,719	17,931	16,610	108.0
1989	10,741	19,631	17,690	111.0
1990	11,549	20,881	18,666	111.9
1991	12,271	21,552	19,636	109.8
1992	12,925	22,012	20,582	106.9
1993	13,632	22,808	21,223	107.5
1994	14,131	23,496	22,045	106.6
1995	14,488	24,045	23,196	103.7
1996	14,905	24,558	24,231	101.3

NOTE: Revised data from 1992 through 1996 were obtained from U.S. Department of Commerce press release of April 28, 1997.

**POPULATION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES:**

<u>Adult:</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Mat-su Pretrial Facility	82	95
Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center	91	106
Cook Inlet Pretrial Facility	406	409
Meadow Creek Correctional Center	66	66
Anchorage Correctional Center Annex (Sixth Avenue)	118	137
Hiland Mountain Correctional Center	228	232
Fairbanks Correctional Center	228	203
Lemon Creek Correctional Center	202	188
Ketchikan Correctional Center	62	54
Nome Correctional Center	98	100
Palmer Correctional Center - Minimum	176	174
Palmer Correctional Center - Medium	233	200
Wildwood Correctional Center	252	224
Wildwood Pretrial Facility	89	82
Spring Creek Correctional Center	554	490
Point MacKenzie	78	74
Alaska Prisoners in Federal Bureau of Prison Facilities Arizona and State of Minnesota Prison Facilities	282	265
<b>Total Adult Population of Correctional Facilities</b>	<b><u>3,245</u></b>	<b><u>3,099</u></b>

<u>Juvenile:</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
McLaughlin Youth Center	181	174
Fairbanks Youth Center	46	43
Nome Youth Center	1	1
Johnson Youth Center	15	12
Bethel Youth Facility	21	18
<b>Total Juvenile Population of Correctional Facilities</b>	<b><u>264</u></b>	<b><u>248</u></b>

Sourdough at the edge of a stream with the prize in his pan. It was the gold strikes that led the rest of the nation to realize the value of Alaska. Skinner, Alaska State Library (PCA 44-3-15)

When the news broke, thousands of men and women started planning their own adventure. The would-be stampeders had to glean information as best they could from newspapers, rumors, and anyone that knew the North. Newspapers played down the costs, but just the fare to Seattle, a ship to Alaska, and provisions for a year amounted to a sizable sum. In addition was the money to support the family in the bread-winners absence. Some potential stampeders formed stock companies with family and friends to defray costs.

Each family responded differently to the prospect. Some wives agreed with their husband's decision to join the rush. Husbands either stayed home or left without notice when wives disagreed. A few wives demanded to go along and occasionally whole families headed north. Sometimes wives went alone to seek their own fortune. Groups of women formed to go on their own. Fate bestowed disappointment or riches indiscriminately on both men and women. For some their search for riches lured them farther into Alaska as new strikes at Nome, Fairbanks, and Circle City were announced.

More than 100,000 people from all walks of life struggled over the Chilkoot Pass and White Pass. Only 30,000 would reach the Dawson gold fields --- many came, a few struck it rich, many left broke, some died, and others stayed to establish towns, but in the end, all contributed to the rich history of Alaska.

