

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION

Alaska's Population	
Total Population	611,300 ¹
White	453,890
Native	101,904 ²
Black	27,203
Asian and Pacific Islander	28,303
Male	318,238
Female	293,062
Natural Increase	7,374 ³
Natural Increase Rate	12.1 ⁴

Births	
Total Births	9,956
Crude Birth Rate	16.3 ⁴
White Birth Rate	14.2
Native Birth Rate	23.5
Black Birth Rate	16.7
Asian/Pacific Islander Birth Rate	18.1
Teen Birth Rate	50.2 ⁸
Fertility Rate	71.4 ⁹
White Fertility Rate	62.4
Native Fertility Rate	106.0
Black Fertility Rate	69.7
Asian/Pacific Islander Fertility Rate	74.3
Low Birth Weight Percentage	5.4 ¹⁰
White Low Birth Weight Percentage	4.9
Native Low Birth Weight Percentage	5.3
Black Low Birth Weight Percentage	11.0
Teenage Low Birth Weight Percentage	6.3 ¹¹

Deaths	
Total Deaths	2,582
Crude Death Rate	422.4 ⁵
Age-Adjusted Death Rate	474.5 ⁶
Male Age-Adjusted Death Rate	581.9
Female Age-Adjusted Death Rate	363.6
Age-Adjusted Cancer Death Rate	119.8
Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Death Rate	102.9
Age-Adjusted Accidental Death Rate	46.2
Age-Adjusted Suicide Death Rate	21.6
Infant Mortality Rate	7.7 ⁷
White Infant Mortality Rate	6.4
Native Infant Mortality Rate	10.6

Other Vital Events	
Fetal Deaths	37
Fetal Death Rate	4.2 ⁷
Adoptions	772
Crude Adoption Rate	1.3 ⁴
Marriages	5,283
Crude Marriage Rate	8.6 ⁴
Divorces	3,114
Crude Divorce Rate	5.1 ⁴

Notes

1. Alaska population data from the Alaska Department of Labor, Research and Analysis Section, Demographics Unit.
2. For purposes of this report, Native includes any person indigenous to the Western Hemisphere: Alaska Native, Native mixed, Aleut, Eskimo, Canadian Eskimo and Indian, and American Indian.
3. Natural Increase is the difference between live births and deaths. Natural Increase does not include migration.
4. Natural Increase, Birth, Marriage, Divorce, and Adoption Rates are events per 1,000 population.
5. Crude Death Rates are deaths per 100,000 population.
6. Age-Adjusted Death Rates are adjusted to the 1940 U.S. standard million population. (See Appendix A.)
7. Infant Mortality and Fetal Death Rates are 5-year averages (1992-1996) of infant deaths (death cohort) and fetal deaths per 1,000 live births.
8. Teen Birth Rate is the number of births to teens per 1,000 females 15-19 years of age. This does not include births to females under 15 years of age.
9. Fertility Rates are births per 1,000 females 15-44 years of age.
10. Low Birth Weight Percentages are 5-year averages per 100 live births.
11. Teenage Low Birth Weight Percentages include births to all mothers less than 20 years of age.

