

Population Characteristics



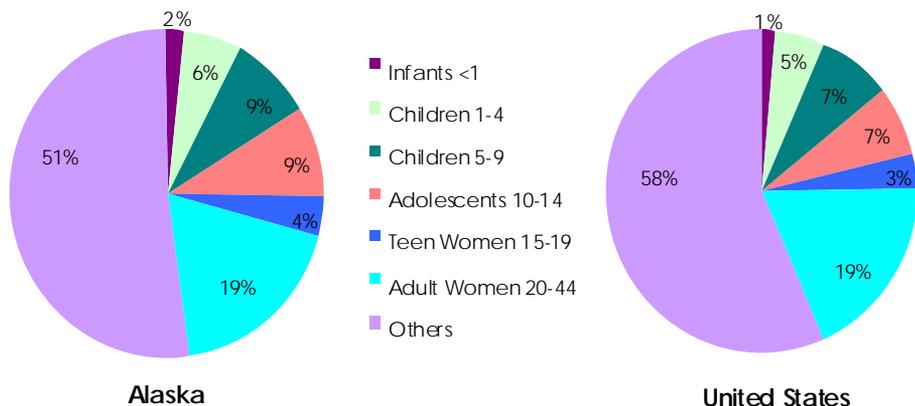
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Population Composition by Maternal and Child Health Groupings, Alaska and United States, 2000

Population Group	Age in Years	Alaska Population Estimate	U.S. Population Estimate
Infants	< 1	9,762	3,827,009
Children	1 - 4	38,955	15,219,745
Children	5 - 9	54,545	20,549,505
Adolescents	10 - 14	56,238	20,528,072
Women of Childbearing Age	15 - 44	140,832	61,576,997
Teen Women	15 - 19	23,772	9,828,886
Adult Women	20 - 44	117,060	51,748,111
Others		327,365	159,720,578
Total Population		627,697	281,421,906

Data Sources: Alaska Department of Labor; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, 2000. Prepared by MCH Epidemiology Unit.

Maternal and Child Health Populations as a Percent of Total Population, Alaska and United States, 2000



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Population Composition

The composition of Alaska's population is distinctly different from other states in the United States (U.S.).

- ◆ Based on 1999 population groupings*, minority groups in Alaska comprise 26% of Alaska's population compared to 18% of the total U.S. population.
- ◆ Alaska Natives** comprise 17% of Alaska's total population, compared to just 1% of the total U.S. population.
- ◆ Alaska's population is younger than the total U.S. population – 34% of Alaskans are under age 20 compared to 27% of Americans as a whole.

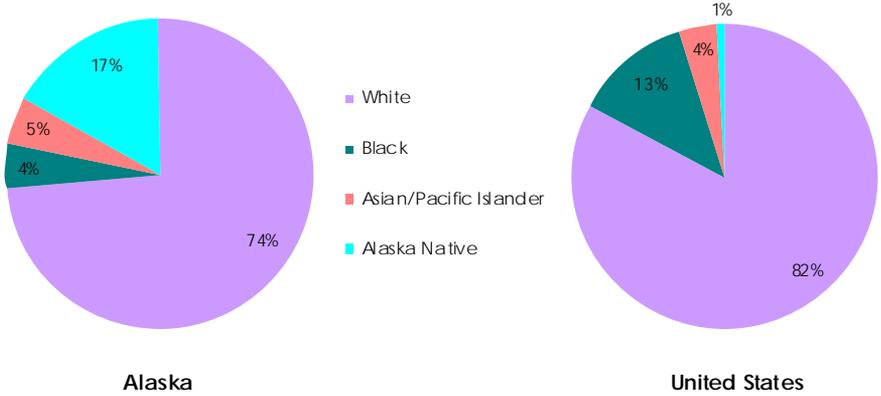
Data Source: Alaska Department of Labor

* The manner by which race is collected for population estimates changed with the 2000 U.S. Census. The Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics has not yet converted to collecting multi-race information. This presents a problem for computing race-specific estimates of MCH indicators that combine birth or death information with population estimates (such as birth and fertility rates). Although most data presented in this issue of the MCH Data Book is current to 2000, we present 1999 data whenever race-specific population estimates are used.

** In this publication, the Alaska Native race category includes American Indians and Alaska Natives.

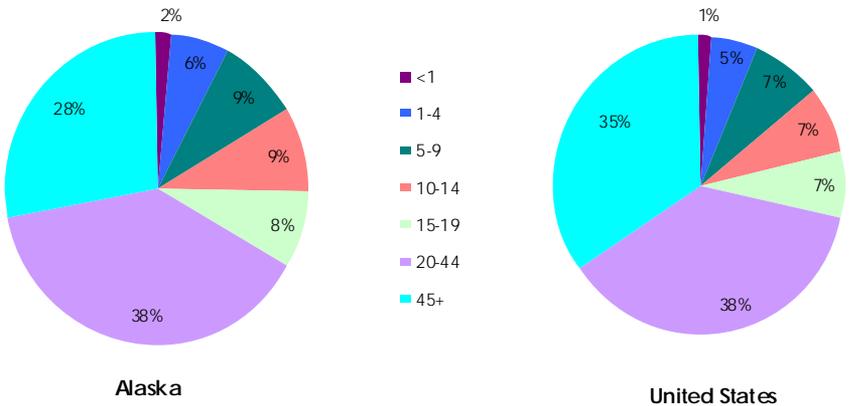
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Population Distribution by Race Alaska and United States, 1999



Data Sources: Alaska Department of Labor; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, 1999. Prepared by MCH Epidemiology Unit

Population Distribution by Age in Years Alaska and United States, 2000



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Population Growth

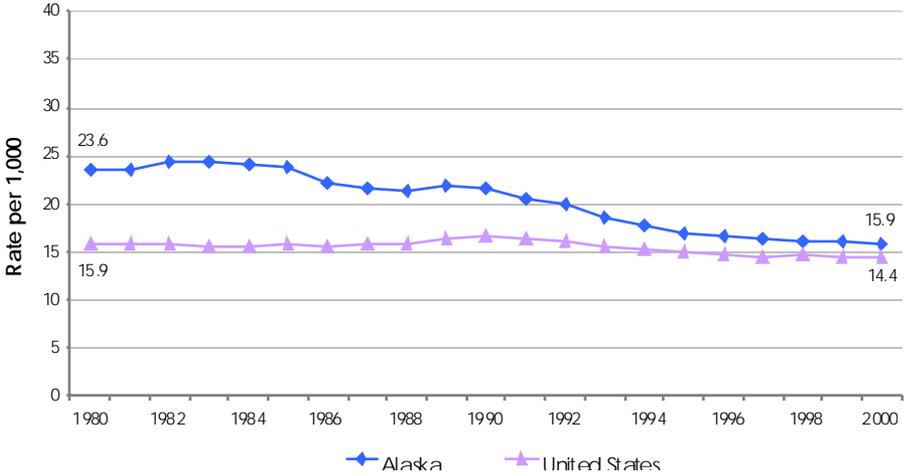
Historically, population growth in Alaska is characterized by periods of rapid growth due to in-migration during economic booms. By 1993, natural population increase (more births than deaths) began to provide the major stimulus for population growth.

- ◆ Alaska's crude birth rate, 15.9 per 1,000 population in 2000, is one of the highest in the nation. The crude birth rate for the United States was 14.4 live births per 1,000 in 2000.
- ◆ Alaska's crude birth rate declined 26.4% between 1990 and 2000. The birth rate for the nation declined by 16.2% over the same time period.
- ◆ Alaska Natives have the highest birth rate of all racial groups in Alaska (23.4 per 1,000 in 1999) – almost twice that of whites and about 1.5 times that of blacks and Asian/Pacific Islanders. One-fourth of infants born in Alaska annually are Alaska Native.

Data Sources: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics; National Center for Health Statistics.

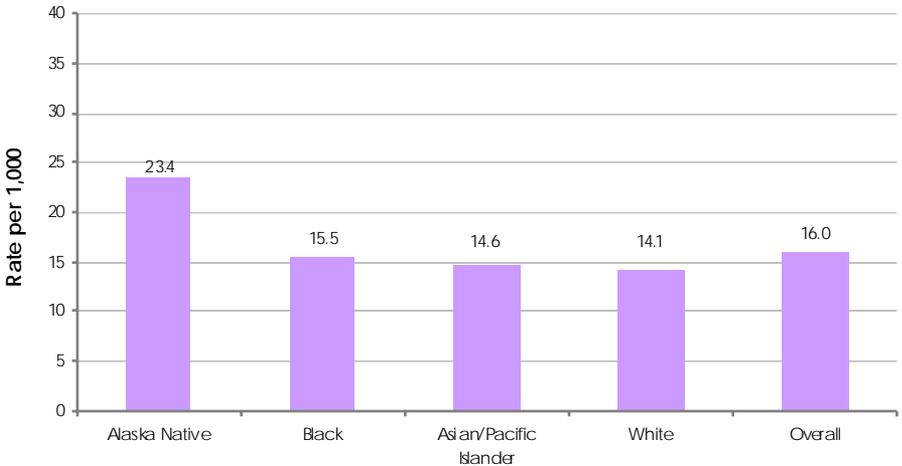
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Crude Birth Rate by Year Alaska and United States, 1980-2000



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Crude Birth Rate by Race Alaska, 1999



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