

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION

Alaska's Population	
Total Population . . . . .	603,453 <sup>1</sup>
White . . . . .	452,650
Native . . . . .	98,363 <sup>2</sup>
Black . . . . .	26,974
Asian and Pacific Islander . . . . .	25,466
Male . . . . .	315,329
Female . . . . .	288,124
Natural Increase . . . . .	7,664 <sup>3</sup>
Natural Increase Rate . . . . .	12.7 <sup>4</sup>

Births	
Total Births . . . . .	10,222
Crude Birth Rate . . . . .	16.9 <sup>4</sup>
White Birth Rate . . . . .	15.4
Native Birth Rate . . . . .	23.4
Black Birth Rate . . . . .	16.6
Asian/Pacific Islander Birth Rate . . . . .	19.0
Teen Birth Rate . . . . .	57.6 <sup>8</sup>
Fertility Rate . . . . .	71.5 <sup>9</sup>
White Fertility Rate . . . . .	64.4
Native Fertility Rate . . . . .	104.2
Black Fertility Rate . . . . .	68.7
Asian/Pacific Islander Fertility Rate . . . . .	76.4
Low Birth Weight Percentage . . . . .	5.0 <sup>10</sup>
White Low Birth Weight Percentage . . . . .	4.6
Native Low Birth Weight Percentage . . . . .	5.0
Black Low Birth Weight Percentage . . . . .	10.0
Teenage Low Birth Weight Percentage . . . . .	6.0 <sup>11</sup>

Deaths	
Total Deaths . . . . .	2,558
Crude Death Rate . . . . .	423.9 <sup>5</sup>
Age-Adjusted Death Rate . . . . .	508.2 <sup>6</sup>
Male Age-Adjusted Death Rate . . . . .	633.5
Female Age-Adjusted Death Rate . . . . .	379.2
Age-Adjusted Cancer Death Rate . . . . .	122.7
Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Death Rate . . . . .	116.4
Age-Adjusted Accidental Death Rate . . . . .	55.7
Age-Adjusted Suicide Death Rate . . . . .	19.5
Infant Mortality Rate . . . . .	8.3 <sup>7</sup>
White Infant Mortality Rate . . . . .	6.6
Native Infant Mortality Rate . . . . .	12.6

Other Vital Events	
Fetal Deaths . . . . .	42
Fetal Death Rate . . . . .	4.7 <sup>7</sup>
Adoptions . . . . .	854
Crude Adoption Rate . . . . .	1.4 <sup>4</sup>
Marriages . . . . .	5,514
Crude Marriage Rate . . . . .	9.1 <sup>4</sup>
Divorces . . . . .	3,095
Crude Divorce Rate . . . . .	5.1 <sup>4</sup>

### 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 (1991-1995) 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.

