

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION

Alaska's Population	
Total Population	607,314 ¹
White	453,117
Native	100,025 ²
Black	27,268
Asian and Pacific Islander	26,904
Male	316,645
Female	290,669
Natural Increase	7,428 ³
Natural Increase Rate	12.2 ⁴

Births	
Total Births	10,041
Crude Birth Rate	16.5 ⁴
White Birth Rate	14.8
Native Birth Rate	24.1
Black Birth Rate	16.0
Asian/Pacific Islander Birth Rate	18.3
Teen Birth Rate	51.5 ⁸
Fertility Rate	71.5 ⁹
White Fertility Rate	63.8
Native Fertility Rate	107.9
Black Fertility Rate	66.1
Asian/Pacific Islander Fertility Rate	73.9
Low Birth Weight Percentage	5.3 ¹⁰
White Low Birth Weight Percentage	4.7
Native Low Birth Weight Percentage	5.3
Black Low Birth Weight Percentage	10.8
Teenage Low Birth Weight Percentage	6.2 ¹¹

Deaths	
Total Deaths	2,613
Crude Death Rate	430.3 ⁵
Age-Adjusted Death Rate	496.0 ⁶
Male Age-Adjusted Death Rate	600.2
Female Age-Adjusted Death Rate	388.4
Age-Adjusted Cancer Death Rate	130.4
Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Death Rate	102.8
Age-Adjusted Accidental Death Rate	56.3
Age-Adjusted Suicide Death Rate	22.8
Infant Mortality Rate	7.9 ⁷
White Infant Mortality Rate	6.5
Native Infant Mortality Rate	11.0

Other Vital Events	
Fetal Deaths	46
Fetal Death Rate	4.4 ⁷
Adoptions	760
Crude Adoption Rate	1.3 ⁴
Marriages	5,319
Crude Marriage Rate	8.8 ⁴
Divorces	3,031
Crude Divorce Rate	5.0 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.

