

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION

### Alaska's Population

Total Population.....	632,389 <sup>1</sup>
White.....	455,755 <sup>1</sup>
Native.....	109,901 <sup>1</sup>
African American.....	25,764 <sup>1</sup>
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	40,969 <sup>1</sup>
Male.....	326,105 <sup>1</sup>
Female.....	306,284 <sup>1</sup>
Natural Increase.....	7,015 <sup>2</sup>
Natural Increase Rate.....	11.1 <sup>3</sup>

### Deaths

Total Resident Deaths.....	2,990
Crude Death Rate.....	471.9 <sup>4</sup>
Age-Adjusted Death Rate.....	839.5 <sup>5</sup>
Male Age-Adjusted Death Rate.....	1,004.5
Female Age-Adjusted Death Rate.....	701.1
Age-Adjusted Cancer Death Rate.....	192.2
Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Death Rate.....	207.6
Age-Adjusted Accidental Death Rate.....	61.0
Age-Adjusted Suicide Death Rate.....	16.5
Infant Mortality Rate.....	6.4 <sup>6</sup>
White Infant Mortality Rate.....	4.8
Native Infant Mortality Rate.....	12.3

### Births

Total Births.....	10,005
Crude Birth Rate.....	15.8 <sup>3</sup>
White Crude Birth Rate.....	13.9
Native Crude Birth Rate.....	22.5
African American Crude Birth Rate.....	16.8
Asian/Pacific Islander Crude Birth Rate.....	15.4
Teen Birth Rate.....	42.7 <sup>7</sup>
Fertility Rate.....	71.2 <sup>8</sup>
White Fertility Rate.....	64.0
Native Fertility Rate.....	100.8
African American Fertility Rate.....	72.9
Asian/Pacific Islander Fertility Rate.....	57.1
Low Birth Weight Percentage.....	5.7 <sup>9</sup>
White Low Birth Weight Percentage.....	5.1
Native Low Birth Weight Percentage.....	5.9
African Amer. Low Birth Weight Percentage.....	11.0
Asian/PI Low Birth Weight Percentage.....	6.3

### Other Vital Statistics

Fetal Deaths.....	83
Fetal Death Rate.....	8.3 <sup>6</sup>
Adoptions.....	961
Crude Adoption Rate.....	1.5 <sup>3</sup>
Marriages.....	5,359
Crude Marriage Rate.....	8.5 <sup>3</sup>
Divorces.....	3,090
Crude Divorce Rate.....	4.9 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Population estimates are from the Alaska Department of Labor, Research and Analysis Section, Demographics Unit.

<sup>2</sup>Natural Increase is the difference between live births and deaths. Natural Increase does not include migration.

<sup>3</sup>Natural Increase, Birth, Marriage, Divorce, and Adoption Rates are events per 1,000 population.

<sup>4</sup>Crude Death Rates are deaths per 100,000 population.

<sup>5</sup>Age-Adjusted Death Rates are adjusted to the U.S. 2000 standard population. (See Appendix B)

<sup>6</sup>Infant Mortality and Fetal Death Rates are 3-year averages (1999–2001) of infant deaths (death cohort) and fetal deaths per 1,000 live births.

<sup>7</sup>Teen Birth Rate is the number of births to teens per 1,000 females 15–19 years of age.

<sup>8</sup>Fertility Rates are births per 1,000 females 15–44 years of age.

<sup>9</sup>Low Birth Weight Percentages are infants born weighing less than 2,500 grams per 100 live births.