

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION

### Alaska's Population

Total Population.....	640,841 <sup>1</sup>
White.....	457,195 <sup>1</sup>
Native.....	100,251 <sup>1</sup>
African American.....	23,283 <sup>1</sup>
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	29,795 <sup>1</sup>
Male.....	330,099 <sup>1</sup>
Female.....	310,742 <sup>1</sup>
Natural Increase.....	6,912 <sup>2</sup>
Natural Increase Rate.....	10.7 <sup>3</sup>

### Deaths

Total Resident Deaths.....	3,033
Crude Death Rate.....	471.1 <sup>4</sup>
Age-Adjusted Death Rate.....	800.7 <sup>5</sup>
Male Age-Adjusted Death Rate.....	1,004.5
Female Age-Adjusted Death Rate.....	670.3
Age-Adjusted Cancer Death Rate.....	189.9
Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Death Rate.....	173.0
Age-Adjusted Accidental Death Rate.....	59.2
Age-Adjusted Suicide Death Rate.....	20.9
Infant Mortality Rate.....	6.8 <sup>6</sup>
White Infant Mortality Rate.....	4.5
Native Infant Mortality Rate.....	7.1

### Births

Total Births.....	9,945
Crude Birth Rate.....	15.4 <sup>3</sup>
White Crude Birth Rate.....	13.8
Native Crude Birth Rate.....	21.1
African American Crude Birth Rate.....	12.3
Asian/Pacific Islander Crude Birth Rate.....	16.2
Teen Birth Rate.....	41.6 <sup>7</sup>
Fertility Rate.....	70.5 <sup>8</sup>
White Fertility Rate.....	64.1
Native Fertility Rate.....	94.9
African American Fertility Rate.....	63.1
Asian/Pacific Islander Fertility Rate.....	61.3
Low Birth Weight Percentage.....	5.8 <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.....	8.2

### Other Vital Statistics

Fetal Deaths.....	50
Fetal Death Rate.....	5.0 <sup>6</sup>
Adoptions.....	825
Crude Adoption Rate.....	1.3 <sup>3</sup>
Marriages.....	5,336
Crude Marriage Rate.....	8.3 <sup>3</sup>
Divorces.....	2,985
Crude Divorce Rate.....	4.6 <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 (2000–2002) 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.