County Facts: Aleutians West Census Area, AK
Population 6,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 3.6% (Aleutians West) vs. 4.4% (AK) vs. 7.0% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 10.8% (Aleutians West) vs. 15.1% (AK) vs. 18.6% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $62 (Aleutians West) vs. $76 (AK) vs. $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 18% (Aleutians West) vs. 5% (AK) vs. 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 11% (Aleutians West) vs. 4% (AK) vs. 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 5.6% (Aleutians West) vs. 2.5% (AK) vs. 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Aleutians West) vs. 1.6% (AK) vs. 1.4% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 16% (Aleutians West) vs. 37% (AK) vs. 20% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 10% (Aleutians West) vs. 17% (AK) vs. 10% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Aleutians West) vs. 10% (AK) vs. 22% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 15% (Aleutians West) vs. 20% (AK) vs. 1% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.6% (Aleutians West) vs. 1.4% (AK) vs. 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $15.6 (Aleutians West) vs. $9.4 (AK) vs. $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Alaska 4-year-college average: 8.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Alaska 4-year-college average: 37.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Aleutians West Census Area: 2%
  - AK: 5%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Aleutians West Census Area: 5%
  - AK: 6%
  - United States: 17%

- **Percent over age 65**
  - Aleutians West Census Area: 3.5%
  - AK: 7.7%
  - United States: 13.0%

- **Percent college grad**
  - Aleutians West Census Area: 11%
  - AK: 19%
  - United States: 21%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Aleutians West Census Area: 145
  - AK: 156
  - United States: 76
Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau