

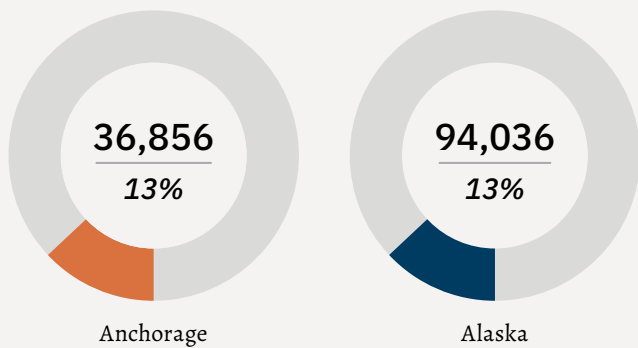
Early Childhood Regional Profile:

ANCHORAGE

The Municipality of Anchorage covers 1,700 square miles and has the highest population of any region in the state of Alaska, with 294,488 residents. The Anchorage area includes the communities of Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eklutna, Indian and Girdwood. The area is home to the Dena'ina Athabascan people and one federally recognized Alaska Native tribe. Just under 40% of all young children in Alaska live in the Anchorage area.

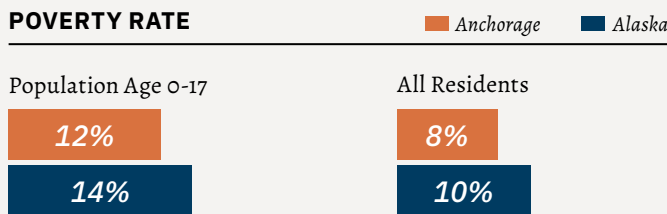


POPULATION (AGE 0-8)



Alaska Department of Labor, Population Estimates, 2018

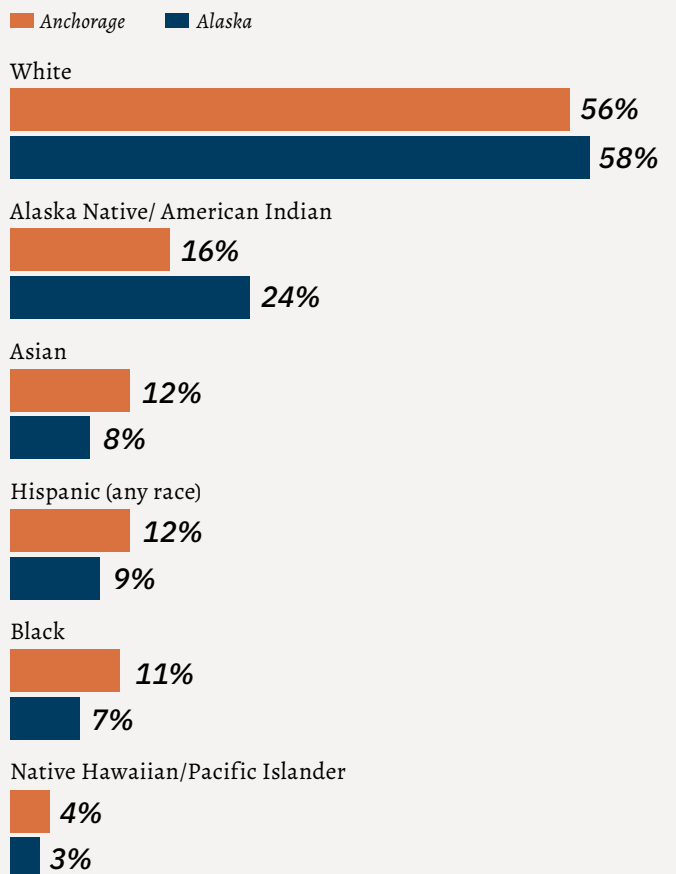
POVERTY RATE



U.S. Census American Community Survey 2017

Residents in the Anchorage area have a lower poverty rate than the state, although children in the region are slightly above the state rate. **The Anchorage area has greater racial and ethnic diversity among children age 0-8 than at the state level, and is the most diverse of any region.**

RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN (0-8)*



Alaska Department of Labor 2018 Population Estimates *Categories not mutually exclusive

BABIES

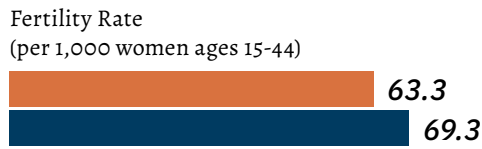
The Anchorage area has a birth rate and teen birth rate slightly below the state average, and both rates have decreased slightly in recent years, mirroring state and national trends. A mother's likelihood of receiving adequate prenatal care, and of having pre-term and low birth weight babies in the region is similar to statewide averages.

In 2018, mothers in Anchorage gave birth to 4,110 babies

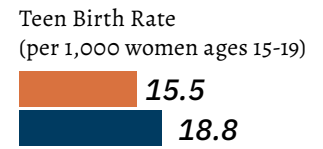
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FERTILITY RATES

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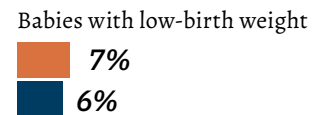
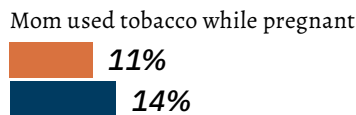
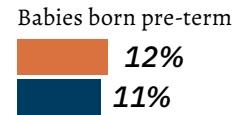


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PRENATAL EXPERIENCES & BIRTH OUTCOMES

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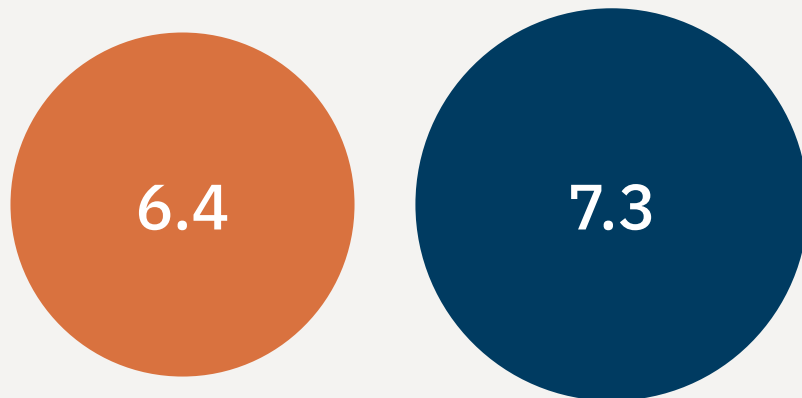
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CHILD SAFETY & CHILD MALTREATMENT

The Anchorage area has the second lowest rate of substantiated reports of maltreatment for young children in the state, and is below the state rate. The rate of out-of-home placement of children by the Office of Children's Services in the region is just above the state rate. **Young children (ages 0-8) account for 66% of all children in the region with a substantiated report of maltreatment, and 61% of all children in out-of-home placement.** The mortality rate for young children age 0-4 is also below the statewide rate.

UNDER AGE 5 CHILD DEATH RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS, 2016-2018

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| | Number of children (0-8) | Prevalence (per 1,000 children ages 0-8) | Alaska Prevalence (per 1,000 children ages 0-8) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| Substantiated Reports of Harm | 655 | 17.8 | 19.9 |
| Out-of-home placement | 1,067 | 29.0 | 25.8 |

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Children's Services, FY 2019

MEDICAID COVERAGE

Over half (56%) of all young children ages 0-8 (20,578) in the Anchorage region are covered by Medicaid health insurance. During state fiscal year 2018, over 4,000 pregnant and postpartum women in Anchorage were covered by Medicaid Title XIX. Medicaid spending on Anchorage residents was \$135.8 million, accounting for 37% of total spending in the state during this time period.

| Medicaid Program | Number Served | % of 0-8 Population Served | Total Funding (State & Federal) | Percent of Total Funding in Alaska |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Medicaid CHIP: children 0-8 population | 2,516 | 7% | \$6,020,004 | 40% |
| Medicaid Title XIX: children 0-8 | 18,062 | 49% | \$103,170,654 | 37% |
| Medicaid Title XIX : Pregnant & Postpartum | 4,023 | -- | \$26,585,436 | 35% |

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Medicaid Allocation and Audit Services, FY 2018

FAMILY SUPPORTS

Several federal programs provide benefits to low-income children, adults and families. These include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) which provides cash assistance, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) which provides reimbursement for qualified child care expenses, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which provides food benefits and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) which provides specific foods for pregnant women and children under five.

TANF, CCAP, and SNAP provide people in the Anchorage Municipality with a monthly average of \$5.7 million in benefits, accounting for 30% of all spending for the programs in the state. **Nearly two-thirds of all CCAP spending is in the Anchorage area.** The caseloads reported below can be an individual, siblings or other family unit. This does not include Tribal TANF or Tribal CCDF spending.

| Assistance Program | Avg. Monthly Regional Caseload (All Ages) | Avg. Monthly Regional Benefits (All Ages) | Percent of Avg. Monthly Caseloads in Alaska |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| TANF | 1,208 | \$763,238 | 48% |
| CCAP | 1,231 | \$740,205 | 64% |
| SNAP | 13,430 | \$4,175,960 | 38% |
| WIC | 3,589 | -- | 30% |

Alaska Department of Public Assistance Summary Reports, State Fiscal Year 2019

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

The Infant Learning Program (ILP) provides additional early intervention services for children age 0-2 who are experiencing a delay. Two agencies provide services in the Anchorage region: Family Outreach Center for Understanding Special Needs and Programs for Infants and Children.

INFANT LEARNING PROGRAM

Anchorage Region

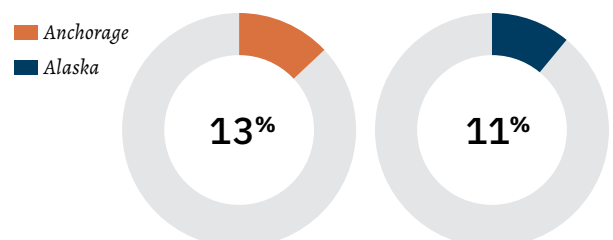
Number children (age 0-2) served **1,229**
% of statewide total **37%**

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Infant Learning Program Report on Communities Served, FY 18

MATERNAL DEPRESSION

The prevalence of maternal depression in the Anchorage area is greater than the statewide average by 2%. Thirty-three percent of mothers in Anchorage reported a health care professional discussing depression or how they are feeling with them.

Alaska Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey, 2017-2018



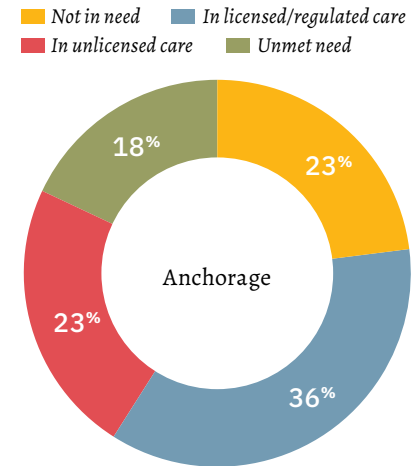
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Anchorage area has the most child care capacity in the state. Of the 252 licensed early care facilities within the Anchorage Municipality, 222 (88%) accept CCAP vouchers. **Eighty-four licensed facilities in the region participate in Learn & Grow, the state's Quality Rating & Improvement System for early care.** Head Start/Early Head Start (EHS)

and School District Pre-K programs provide additional early learning opportunities, although not all children are served in a classroom setting. thread estimates 23% of children age 0-5 are in unlicensed care, which can include family, friends, and neighbors, and 18% still have an unmet need for care.

| Census Area | Licensed Child Care | | Head Start /EHS | | School District Pre-K | |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | No. of Sites | Capacity | No. of Sites | No. Served | No. of Schools with Pre-K | No. Served |
| Anchorage Region | 252 | 9,756 | 13 | 691 | 44 | 923 |
| Alaska | 496 | 17,931 | 121 | 3,288 | 246 | 3,754 |
| % of Statewide | 51% | 54% | 11% | 21% | 18% | 25% |

EARLY CARE NEEDS AMONG CHILDREN (0-5)



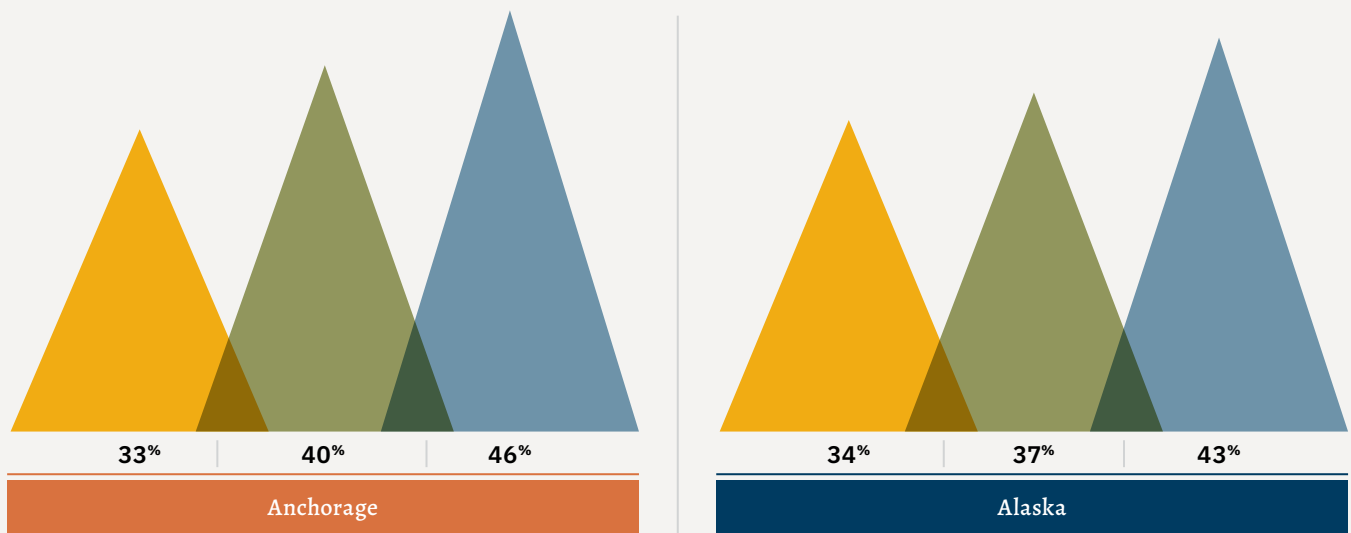
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Child Care Facilities Database, 2019; Alaska Head Start Association Center Locator, 2019; Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Early Learning Programs, SFY 2018; OASIS Enrollment 2018-19; Head Start counts per site provided by Alaska Department of Education and Early Development using Head SFY 2018, Quarter 4 Reports

thread, Alaska Early Care and Learning Dashboard

SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

On standardized assessments, the Anchorage School District closely mirrors state rates in kindergarten readiness. On the Alaska Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) standards-based assessments in 3rd grade English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Anchorage students are slightly above the state average.

- Kindergarten readiness (Yellow)
- 3rd grade ELA proficiency (Green)
- 3rd grade math proficiency (Blue)



Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Developmental Profile Assessment, 2018-19 and Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools, 2019.

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