

## RESOURCES: PART ONE - COMMUNITY PROFILES

The following information was extracted from the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development **Community Information Summaries (CIS)** and *The Alaska Wilderness Milepost* (7th Edition, 1993). It is provided as a quick reference to some types of available services. For complete and current information on specific communities within the subarea, visit the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development website on the Internet at:

[http://www.dced.state.ak.us/mra/CF\\_COMDB.htm](http://www.dced.state.ak.us/mra/CF_COMDB.htm)

### A. Regional Organizations

The Cook Inlet Subarea encompasses the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the Municipality of Anchorage, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Regional organizations exist for all three political subdivisions. Most major organizations are listed below.

#### Boroughs/Municipalities:

**Kenai Peninsula Borough** - 144 North Binkley St., Soldotna, AK 99669, Phone 907-262-4441, Fax 907-262-1892, e-mail: [admin@borough.kenai.ak.us](mailto:admin@borough.kenai.ak.us), Web: <http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us>

**Matanuska-Susitna Borough** - 350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 907-745-4801, Fax 907-745-9845, e-mail: [ccb@msb.co.mat-su.ak.us](mailto:ccb@msb.co.mat-su.ak.us), Web: <http://www.co.mat-su.ak.us/>

**Municipality of Anchorage**, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519, Phone 907-343-4431, Fax 907-343-4499, e-mail: [cityhall@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.anchorage.ak.us), Web: <http://www.ci.anchorage.ak.us>

#### Regional Native Corporations:

**Alaska Inter-Tribal Council**, 4201 Tudor Centre Drive, Suite 220, Anchorage, AK 99508, Phone 563-9334, Fax 563-9337

**Cook Inlet Region, Inc.**, P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, Phone 274-8638, Fax 279-8836, Web: <http://www.ciri.com/>

**Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.**, 670 W. Fireweed Lane #202, Anchorage, AK 99503-2578, Phone 907-265-5900, Fax 907-265-5996, e-mail: [goneill@citci.com](mailto:goneill@citci.com) (Non-Profit)

### **School Districts:**

**Anchorage School District**, P.O. Box 196614, Anchorage, AK 99519-6614, Phone 333-9561, Fax 269-2165, e-mail: [webmaster@msmail.asd.k12.ak.us](mailto:webmaster@msmail.asd.k12.ak.us), Web: <http://www.asd.k12.ak.us>

**Chugach Schools**, 9312 Vanguard Dr., #100, Anchorage, AK 99507, Phone 522-7400, Fax 522-3399, e-mail: [rcleary@micronet.net](mailto:rcleary@micronet.net)

**Kenai Peninsula Schools**, 148 N. Binkley St., Soldotna, AK 99669, Phone 262-5846, Fax 262-9132, e-mail: [dpeterson@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:dpeterson@kpbsd.k12.ak.us), Web: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us>

**Matanuska-Susitna Schools**, 125 W. Evergreen, Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 746-9255, Fax 745-0194, e-mail: [KDErickson@msb.mat-su.k12.ak.us](mailto:KDErickson@msb.mat-su.k12.ak.us), Web: <http://www.mat-su.k12.ak.us/schdist/>

### **Regional Development:**

**Alaska Rural Development Council**, UAA, 3211 Providence Dr. #205, Anchorage, AK 99508-8246, Phone 786-4660, Fax 786-4662, e-mail: [ancja@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ancja@uaa.alaska.edu)

**Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau**, 524 West 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2122, Phone 276-4118, Fax 278-5559, e-mail: [acvb@alaska.net](mailto:acvb@alaska.net), Web: <http://www.anchorage.net>

**Anchorage Economic Development Corp.**, 900 West 5th Ave. # 300, Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 258-3700, Fax 258-6646, e-mail: [lcrawford@aedcweb.com](mailto:lcrawford@aedcweb.com), Web: <http://www.aedcweb.com/>

**Bering Sea Fishermen's Association**, 725 Christensen Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 279-6519, Fax 258-6688

**Commercial Enterprise Development Corp. of AK**, 1577 C Street Plaza #304, Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 274-5400, Fax 263-9971

**Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District**, P.O. Box 3029, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-3335, Fax 283-3913, e-mail: [jelson@kpedd.org](mailto:jelson@kpedd.org), Web: <http://www.kpedd.org>

**Mat-Su Resource Conservation & Development**, 351 West Parks Hwy. #100, Wasilla, AK 99654, Phone 373-1062, Fax 373-1064, e-mail: [matsurcd@mtaonline.net](mailto:matsurcd@mtaonline.net)

**Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Economic Development**, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519, Phone 343-4804, Fax 343-4499, e-mail: [ancmayor@alaska.net](mailto:ancmayor@alaska.net), Web: <http://www.ci.anchorage.ak.us>

**Resource Development Council for Alaska**, 121 W. Fireweed, Suite 250, Anchorage, AK 99503, Phone 276-0700

**Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference**, 3300 Arctic Blvd. #203, Anchorage, AK 99503, Phone 562-7380, Fax 562-0438, e-mail: [mark\\_earnest@swamc.org](mailto:mark_earnest@swamc.org), Web: <http://www.swamc.org/>

### **Housing Authorities:**

**Alaska Housing Finance Corp.**, 4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99504,  
Phone 330-8452, Fax 338-9218, Web: <http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us>

**Aleutian Housing Authority**, 4000 Old Seward Hwy. #202, Anchorage, AK 99503,  
Phone 563-2146, Fax 563-3105, e-mail: [jacques@aleutian-housing.com](mailto:jacques@aleutian-housing.com)

**Association of Alaska Housing Authorities**, 4300 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99504,  
Phone 338-3970, Fax 338-4904, e-mail: [aaha@alaska.net](mailto:aaha@alaska.net), Web: <http://www.alaska.net/~aaha>

**Cook Inlet Housing Authority**, 2600 Cordova Street #201, Anchorage, AK 99503,  
Phone 907-276-8822, Fax 907-258-4957, e-mail: [fperatrovich@citci.com](mailto:fperatrovich@citci.com)

**North Pacific Rim Housing Authority**, 8300 King Street, Anchorage, AK 99518,  
Phone 562-1444, Fax 562-1445, e-mail: [olen@solong.com](mailto:olen@solong.com)

### **Regional Health Corporations:**

**Alaska Native Health Board**, 4201 Tudor Centre Drive #105, Anchorage, AK 99508,  
Phone 337-0028, Fax 333-2001

**Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association**, 401 E. Fireweed Lane #201, Anchorage, AK 99503,  
Phone 276-2700, Fax 279-4351

**Aleut Corporation**, 4000 Old Seward Hwy. #300, Anchorage, AK 99503,  
Phone 561-4300, Fax 563-4328, Web: <http://www.aleutcorp.com/>

**Chugachmiut**, 4201 Tudor Centre Drive, Suite 210, Anchorage, AK 99508,  
Phone 562-4155, Fax 563-2891

**Eastern Aleutian Tribe**, 721 Sesame Street, #2C, Anchorage, AK 99503, Phone 277-1440, Fax 277-1446

**Southcentral Foundation**, 1689 C Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 276-3343, Fax 258-5212

## **B. COMMUNITY PROFILES**

*Please note that additional details, including historical and cultural information, are provided in the Community Profiles available on the Internet at the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development website: [http://www.dced.state.ak.us/mra/CF\\_COMDB.htm](http://www.dced.state.ak.us/mra/CF_COMDB.htm)*

The information included in the following profiles is meant to assist responders by providing the most vital contacts and useful facts available for a community. Efforts have been made to provide the most current information, but things change. Also, information is still being sought for some categories (note the blank spaces), especially those concerning a town or village's chosen priority locations for protection in case of a spill. A survey was distributed to all of the communities in the subarea requesting a list of the top five priority locations/sensitive areas that the community deemed the most important for protection if a spill should occur. All completed lists returned by the communities have been included in the respective village's community profile. The plan holders welcome any inputs that might make this a more useful and instructive document.

Be aware that most of the smaller villages have no organized fire department, volunteer or otherwise. Law enforcement varies from village to village. Some may have a city government-backed police department, though it may only consist of a chief and one officer. Most Native villages have a Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO), a position that generally receives funding through both a Native corporation and the state's Dept. of Public Safety, from which they also receive training. A few villages have a Village Police Officer (VPO) or a Tribal Police Officer (TPO), positions that are contracted directly by the local government or tribal council, respectively.

## ALEXANDER CREEK

**Population:** 39 (1999 Alaska Dept. of Labor Estimate)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** None

**Village Police Officer (contract):** None

**State Troopers:** None

**Fire:** None

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Anchorage hospitals (air travel required).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Village Corporation** - Alexander Creek, Incorporated, 8126 Wisteria St., Anchorage, AK 99502,  
Phone 907-243-5323, Fax 907-243-5428

### Location & Climate:

Alexander is located on the Susitna River Delta, which flows into Cook Inlet, near the mouth of Alexander Creek, 27 miles northwest of Anchorage across Cook Inlet. It lies at approximately 61d 25m N Latitude, 150d 35m W Longitude. January temperatures range from 4 to 23; July can vary from 47 to 68.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Float planes provide transportation and cargo from Anchorage. The creek is often shallow, so air boats and jet-propulsion river boats are necessary for travel on the upper creek.

**Airport Facilities:**

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**

**Electricity:** Provided by

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** A majority of homes use creek water, but many have individual wells. Outhouses are the primary means of sewage disposal - only a few homes have septic tanks. Almost 85% of homes have running water in the kitchen, but only a minority have complete plumbing.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

### Spill Response Support:

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall - Alexander Lodge

**Potential Staging Areas:**

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Recreational fishing, guiding and rafting on the Alexander occur during summer months. The Alexander Lodge is the supply drop for the area. Five residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Alaska Natives represent 25% of the population. Many Anchorage residents have summer vacation homes on Alexander Creek. A non-profit association is organized for community planning purposes. During the April 1990 U.S. Census, there were 28 total housing units, and 12 of these were vacant. The official unemployment rate at that time was 0%, with no jobs estimated to be in the community and no adults in the work force. The median household income was \$8,166, and 38% of residents were living below the poverty level.

**ANCHORAGE**

**Population:** 260,283 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** None

**Incorporation Type:** Unified Home Rule Municipality  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

**Emergency Services:**

**Police:** 911, also Police Services Area..... 786-8500

**State Troopers:** Dispatch (24 hours): 428-7200; Anchorage Post: 248-1410; Girdwood Post: 783-0972

**FBI:** 276-4441

**Fire:** 911, also Within City Limits ..... 267-4900  
    Girdwood ..... 783-2511  
    Eagle River ..... 694-2675  
    Elmendorf AFB..... 552-4644  
    Ft. Richardson ..... 384-0774  
    Chugiak ..... 688-2555  
    Anchorage Airport ..... 266-2411  
    South Fork - Hiland Rd. .... 696-8414

**Medical:** 911, also the following facilities can be contacted directly:

    Alaska Regional Hospital ..... 276-1131  
    Alaska Regional Hospital Lifeflight ..... 264-1338  
    Providence Alaska Medical Center ..... 562-2211  
    Providence Air Ambulance ..... 261-3608  
    Alaska Native Medical Center/PHS ..... 729-1729  
    Elmendorf AFB 3rd Medical Group ..... 552-2748  
    U.S. Army Medical Clinic/Fort Richardson ..... 384-0600  
    Air National Guard Medical Squadron/Kulis ..... 249-1276  
    Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic ..... 257-4600  
    North Care Minor Emergency ..... 345-4343  
    TransCare Medical Services Ambulance ..... 562-3534  
    Urgent Care ..... 333-8561

**Additional Options:**

    Anchorage Fire Dept./EMS ..... 267-4934/4950  
    Air Nat'l Guard/Kulis Air Rescue ..... 249-1659  
    Alaska Search & Rescue Dogs (ASARD) ..... 275-3647  
    Alaska Snowmachine Search & Rescue Recovery Team (ASSERT) .....  
    Alyeska Ski Patrol ..... 754-2271  
    Chugiak Volunteer Fire & Rescue ..... 288-2555  
    Girdwood Fire, EMS & Rescue ..... 783-2511  
    Elmendorf AFB 3rd Medical Group ..... 552-5555  
    Ft. Richardson Medical ..... 384-0601  
    Rescue/Dive Team ..... 267-4900

**Organizations with Local Offices**

**City/Borough:** Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519, Phone 343-4431, Fax 343-4499, e-mail: [cityhall@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.anchorage.ak.us), Web: <http://www.ci.anchorage.ak.us>

**Chamber of Commerce:** Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, 441 West 5th Avenue, #300, Anchorage, AK 99501, 907-272-2401, Fax 272-4117, e-mail: [info@anchoragechamber.org](mailto:info@anchoragechamber.org), Web: <http://www.anchoragechamber.org>

**Village Councils:** Caswell Native Association, HC 89, Box 83, Willow, AK 99688; 907- 495-1263

## **Media:**

**Alaska Business Monthly**, 501 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99503, Phone 276-4373, Fax 279-2900, e-mail: [editor@akbizmag.com](mailto:editor@akbizmag.com), Web: <http://www.akbizmag.com>  
**KTUU** Channel 2, 701 E. Tudor Road, Suite 220, Anchorage, AK 99503, Phone 563-3318, Fax 762-9202  
**KSKA** Radio, 4101 University Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508, Phone 273-9435, Fax 561-1161, e-mail: [kakm2@alaska.net](mailto:kakm2@alaska.net)  
**KIMO** Channel 13, 2700 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99507, Phone 561-8934, Fax 762-8804  
**KFQD**, 9200 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99507, Phone 349-7326, Fax 344-7013  
**KASH/KENI** Radio, 800 East Dimond Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99515, Phone 349-6801, Fax 349-6399  
**KAKM** TV, 3877 University Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508, Phone 273-9192, Fax 563-7070  
**Heartbeat Alaska**, 5861 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99518, Phone 563-9309, Fax 563-7440  
**Associated Press**, 750 West 2nd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 263-7425, Fax 272-7549  
**UAA** - Center for Economic Development, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508, Phone 786-6561, Fax 786-6565, e-mail: [anadj@acadz.alaska.edu](mailto:anadj@acadz.alaska.edu)  
**Reuters**, P.O. Box 231672, Anchorage, AK 99523, Phone 349-4589, Fax 349-4588  
**KTVA** Channel 11, 1007 West 32nd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503, Phone 273-3188, Fax 273-3186  
**Anchorage Press**, P.O. Box 241841, Anchorage, AK 99524, Phone 561-7777, Fax 561-7737  
**Alaska Journal of Commerce**, P.O. Box 91419, Anchorage, AK 99509, Phone 248-7454, Fax 249-1900, e-mail: [ajccedit@alaska.net](mailto:ajccedit@alaska.net)  
**Alaska Star**, 16941 North Eagle River Loop, Eagle River, AK 99577, Phone 694-1545, Fax 694-2727  
**Anchorage Daily News**, 10001 Northway Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508, Phone 257-4323, Fax 257-4390, e-mail: [emannings@and.com](mailto:emannings@and.com)  
**Alaska Public Radio Network**, 810 East Ninth Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 263-7416, Fax 263-7416, e-mail: [aprrrhonda@aol.com](mailto:aprrrhonda@aol.com)  
**Alaska Newspapers Inc.**, 336 E. Fifth Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 272-9830, Fax 272-3415, e-mail: [aknewspr@alaska.net](mailto:aknewspr@alaska.net)

## **Other Services:**

**Alaska Federation of Natives**, 1577 C Street #100, Anchorage, AK 99501; 907-274-3611, Fax 276-7989  
**Alaska Health Project**, 218 E. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501; 276-2864, Fax 279-3089  
**Alaska Village Initiatives**, 1577 C Street Plaza #304, Anchorage, AK 99501; 274-5400, email: [avi@ruralak.org](mailto:avi@ruralak.org)  
**Alaska Legal Services Corp**, 1016 W. 6th Avenue #200, Anchorage, AK 99501; 276-6282, Fax 279-7417  
**Indigenous Survival International**, P.O. Box 200908, Anchorage, AK 99520; 279-2511, Fax 279-6343  
**National Park Service**, 2525 Gambell St., Anchorage, AK 99501; 257-2687  
**Rural CAP**, P.O. Box 200908, Anchorage, AK 99520; 279-2511, Fax 278-2309  
**The Assoc. for Stranded Rural Alaskans**, 1689 C Street, Anchorage, AK 99501; 272-0643  
**Rural Alaska Resources Assoc.**, P.O. Box 200908, Anchorage, AK 99520; 279-2511, Fax 279-2309  
**Alaska Native Bar Association**, 1227 W. 9th Avenue #203, Anchorage, AK 99501; 258-2260, Fax 258-2260  
**Alaska Native Foundation**, P.O. Box 100278, Anchorage, AK 99510; 561-7573, Fax 561-1494

## **Location & Climate**

Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska, is located in southcentral Alaska at the head of Cook Inlet, approximately 3 hours flight time from Seattle, 1½ hours from Juneau. It lies at approximately 61d 13m N Latitude, 149d 53m W Longitude (Sec. 28, T013N, R004W, Seward Meridian). The area encompasses 1698 sq. miles of land and 264 sq. miles of water. The average temperatures in January range from 6 to 20 degrees; in summer, temperatures range from 50 to 70. Annual precipitation is 16 inches, with 69 inches of snowfall.

## Transportation

**Accessibility:** Anchorage is the transportation hub for the state, served by vessel, plane, train and highway services. City bus provides local transportation Monday through Saturday from 7:40 am to 10:00 pm.

**Airport Facilities:** Controlled airports include the State-owned Anchorage International Airport and Lake Hood Float Plane Base, the Municipality of Anchorage's Merrill Field, and the U.S. Army and Air Force facilities. Numerous airstrips available. Fuel includes Avgas and Jet A and B.

**Airline Services:** Alaska Airlines; Continental; Delta; Hawaiian; Northwest; United; Aeroflot; China Airlines; Korean Air; Era Aviation; PenAir; Reeve Aleutian Airways; Ketchum Air; Rust's Flying Service

**Freight:** The Port of Anchorage handles 85% of the general cargo for the Alaska Railbelt area. Several barge and trucking companies are available. The Alaska Railroad connects Anchorage to Seward, Whittier and Fairbanks.

**Vessel Support:** Several barge companies serve Anchorage, and cruise ships stop occasionally. There is no small boat harbor, but a boat launch and mooring on the mud flats.

## Facilities and Utilities

**Communications: In-State Phone:** GCI; ACS of Anchorage; Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; ACS Long Distance

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet (www.acsalaska.net); AOL (www.aol.com); Arctic.Net/TelAlaska, Inc. (www.arctic.net); AT&T WorldNet (www.worldnet.att.net); Chugach.Net (www.chugach.net); Custom CPU (www.customcpu.com); GCI (www.gci.net); Micronet Communications, Inc. (www.micronet.net); Sinbad Network Communications (www.sinbad.net)

**TV Stations:** KIMO; KTUU; KTVA; KTBY; KYES; KAKM (public) **Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Radio Stations:** At least six AM and 14 FM stations, including the public radio stations of KSKA and KNBA. Please check the Yellow Pages.

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Anchorage Legislative Information Office; North Slope Borough Teleconference Center

**Electricity:** Privately-owned Chugach Electric Association and Anchorage Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) provide the large core area. Matanuska Electric Association serves the Eagle River and Chugiak area of Anchorage, as well as the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. In October 1997, these three utilities purchased the Eklutna Hydroelectric Facility. ML&P also owns eight electrical generating facilities. Chugach Electric owns power generating facilities from the Kenai Peninsula to the Eklutna River.

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, 4831 Eagle Street, Anchorage, AK 99503; 907-561-1818

Chugach Electric Association Inc., P.O. Box 196300, Anchorage, AK 99519-6300; 907-563-7494

Anchorage Municipal Light & Power, 1200 East First Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-1685; 907-279-7671

**Fuel:** All types of fuel available.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (total capacity): Municipal Light & Power (24,900 gals); Defense Fuel Supply Point (Elmendorf); Alaska Railroad Corp. (72,000); U.S. Army/Ft. Richardson (736,700); AFSC/Signature Flight Support/Port of Anchorage (23,100,000); Chevron USA Products Co. (382,600)

**Housing:** numerous hotels, motels and B&Bs, plus one hostel. Please check the Yellow Pages.

**Services:** The Municipality

**Water & Sewage:** Water is diverted from three primary sources. Lake Eklutna supplies 35 million gallons per day; Ship Creek Reservoir supplies 24 million gallons per day; and deep wells supply another 20 million gallons per day. Water is treated and piped throughout the municipality -- the Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility maintains 670 miles of transmission and distribution mains. Most homes are served by the piped wastewater system. The John M. Asplund Wastewater Treatment Facility, built in 1972, provides primary treatment of 35 million gallons of wastewater each day. Effluent is discharged into Cook Inlet. Approximately 15,000 homes use individual wells and septic systems. Eagle River and Girdwood are served by tertiary treatment facilities.

**Miscellaneous:** Piped natural gas is available from ENSTAR Natural Gas Company and is the most prevalent and cost-effective home heating method. The Municipality and privately-owned companies collect refuse for deposit into the Anchorage Regional Landfill. The municipality collects hazardous wastes and waste oil. The privately-owned Anchorage Recycling Center collects cans, metal, paper and newspaper. There are 93 schools located in the community, attended by 49,772 students.

### **Spill Response Support**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

#### **Potential Command Posts:**

Anchorage EOC/Emergency Mngt – 343-1400  
ADMVA/DES, SECC (Ft Richardson) – 428-7000  
MSO - USCG Anchorage – 271-6700  
ADEC, Anchorage Office – 269-3063

#### **Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport – Director’s Office: 266-2529; Environmental Dept.:266-2519  
National Guard Armory – Air: 428-6085; Army: 428-6041  
Other government facilities –

#### **Local Spill Response Equipment:**

Community Response Agreement in place with Municipality of Anchorage. The ADEC Warehouse (344-7380) and ADEC office (269-3063) have spill response equipment stored. CISPRI has staged equipment – skimmer, boom, storage – at the Williams and Chevron Terminals.

### **Economy**

Anchorage is the center of commerce for the state. Oil and gas industries, finance and real estate, transportation, communications, and government agencies are headquartered in Anchorage. Numerous visitor and tourist facilities and services are available. Over 9,000 military personnel are stationed at Fort Richardson and Elmendorf AFB. Seasonal factors contribute to a fluctuating, though low, unemployment rate. 902 residents hold commercial fishing permits. The fishing industry is not serviced from Anchorage, however. Most permit-owners fish elsewhere, such as in Bristol Bay, Kodiak or Cordova.

### **Culture & Demographics**

Construction began in 1914 on a federal railroad from the port of Seward, 126 miles south of Anchorage, through the coal fields of Interior Alaska, to the gold claims near Fairbanks, 358 miles to the north. The midpoint construction headquarters was Anchorage, which provided the furthest north and best anchorage for supply vessels. By July of 1915, thousands of job seekers and opportunists had poured into the area, living in a tent city on the banks of Ship Creek near the edge of the present downtown. The City of Anchorage was incorporated in 1920. From 1939 to 1957, major military impacts and government construction of roads, airports and harbors throughout Alaska contributed to the growth of Anchorage. The Port was completed by the early 1960s. The Greater Anchorage Area Borough was formed on Jan. 1, 1964. The Good Friday earthquake in 1964 destroyed a large part of the city. During the 1970s, the development of the Prudhoe Bay oil fields and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline brought rapid growth to Anchorage; population, office space and housing tripled within a ten-year period. In 1975, the City and Borough governments were unified, along with the cities of Girdwood and Glen Alps, into the Municipality of Anchorage. As Alaska's largest city, Anchorage has a history of cultural diversity. Many residents participate in nearby recreational and subsistence activities. Anchorage has over 162 parks, including 10 large reserves, and multiple recreation facilities. The George Sullivan Sports Arena, Alaska Performing Arts Center, Egan Convention Center and many other facilities provide entertainment and conference opportunities, and maybe suitable for response command centers.

Approximately 11% of the population is Alaska Native or part Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 100,368 total housing units, with 5,546 vacant, but over 1,100 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 7%, with 134,240 residents employed, yet 30% of all adults not in the work force. The median household income was \$55,546, per capita income \$25,287, and 7% of the residents were living below the poverty level.

## **ANCHOR POINT**

**Population:** 1,845 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** None

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Anchor Point Volunteer Fire & Rescue; Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Anchor Point Clinic (235-5284). The clinic is a qualified Emergency Care Center Auxiliary health care is provided by Anchor Point Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc. (235-6700/2427) or South Peninsula Hospital in Homer (235-8101).

### **Organizations with Local Offices:**

**Chamber of Commerce - Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 610, Anchor Point, AK 99556, Phone 907-235-2600, Fax 907-235-2600, e-mail: [eke@xyz.net](mailto:eke@xyz.net)**

### **Location & Climate:**

The community is located on the Kenai Peninsula at the junction of the Anchor River and its north fork, 14 miles northwest of Homer. It lies at approximately 59d 46m N Latitude, 151d 49m W Longitude (Sec. 04, T005S, R015W, Seward Meridian). Anchor Point is located in the Homer Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 22; July temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Homer offers an airport.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** State Ferry access and docking and boat launching facilities available at Homer.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications: In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:** XYZ.net/ACS ([www.xyz.net](http://www.xyz.net))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** KPEN-FM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Homer Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Anchor Point Roadhouse/RV; Anchor River Inn; Grandma Alaska's Place; Our Front Porch B&B; Owl's Next RV/Tent Park; Eagle Crest RV Park & Cabins; Kyllonen's RV Park; Grubstake Manor

B&B; Iliamna Mountain View B&B; Whispering Winds B&B

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Most residents have individual wells, septic tanks and complete indoor plumbing. A new well, water treatment plant and water distribution mains were recently installed in an area serving five homes. The community has requested funding to expand the water system to the school, homes and businesses along the Sterling Highway. The school well has been shown to contain lead, and some area wells are contaminated with benzene. The Anchor Point Safe Water Corp. has formed to seek funding for development of a safe water system.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 166 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Homer Airport –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Many residents work in Homer in a variety of positions. The community caters to the sport-fishing industry, and several lodges provide services. A small sawmill helps to process timber from various borough sites. In 2002, 84 residents held commercial fishing permits. The North Pacific Volcano Learning Center will be built in Anchor Point; it is scheduled for completion in 2002.

**Culture & Demographics:**

In the summer of 1778 Captain James Cook and crews of the Resolution and Discovery sailed into the Inlet looking for a Northwest Passage, and gave Anchor Point its name after losing a kedge anchor to the awesome tidal currents. A post office was established in 1949. Anchor Point has a Visitor's Center, a Chamber of Commerce, the Two Rivers Coalition, a newly-formed organization to examine watershed and other local issues, and a weekly newspaper, "The Anchor Pointer."

Alaska Natives represent 6.4% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 979 total housing units, 268 were vacant, with 190 used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 13%, with 758 residents employed, although 44% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$41,094, per capita income \$18,668, and 12% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **BIG LAKE**

**Population:** 2,635 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** None

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (892-6521)

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Big Lake Ambulance Service (892-7750)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Big Lake Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811); Valley Hospital in Palmer (746-8600) or Anchorage Hospitals; Houston Ambulance Service; Valley Transport Service; Wasilla Ambulance Service.

### **Organizations with Local Offices**

**Chamber of Commerce** - Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 520067, Big Lake, AK 99652, Phone 892-6109, Fax 892-6037, e-mail: [chamber@biglake-ak.com](mailto:chamber@biglake-ak.com), Web: <http://www.biglake-ak.com/main.htm>

### **Location & Climate**

Big Lake is a community on the shore of Big Lake, 13 miles southwest of Wasilla and 18 miles north of Anchorage, in the Chugach Mountains. It lies at approximately 61d 33m N Latitude, 149d 52m W Longitude (Sec. 28, T017N, R003W, Seward Meridian). January temperatures range from 4 to 23; July can vary from 47 to 68.

### **Transportation**

**Accessibility:** Big Lake is accessible from the George Parks Highway. Several boat launches are available for recreational purposes.

**Airport Facilities:** A State-owned 2,435' gravel airstrip is also available.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### **Facilities & Utilities**

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** Matanuska Telephone; ACS Long Distance

**Internet Service Provider:** Core Communications ([www.corecom.net](http://www.corecom.net)); Custom CPU ([www.customcpu.com](http://www.customcpu.com)); MTA Online ([www.mtaonline.com](http://www.mtaonline.com))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES

**Radio Stations:** All Anchorage stations **Cable Provider:** Rogers Cablesystems of Alaska

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Klondike Inn Resort; Big Lake Motel; Dollar Lake Lodging; Big Lake South State Recreation site

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** 85% of homes have individual water wells and septic systems, with complete plumbing. The schools and Big Lake shopping mall also have individual well systems. The remainder of residents haul water and use outhouses.

**Spill Response Support**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy**

Most of the year-round Big Lake residents are employed in the Palmer/Wasilla area or at businesses serving the community. There are several lodges on the lake to support summer recreational boating and fishing activities. Unemployment is relatively low. Thirteen residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics**

Early inhabitants were the Athabascan Dena'ina Indians. Around 1899, the Boston and Klondike Company made the first sled trail north into the Talkeetna Mountains from Knik via Big Lake. Homesteaders in 1929 and after World War II settled Big Lake. Materials were transported from Pittman railroad station over eleven miles of rough trail. By 1959, a number of lodges and several children's camps were operating on the lake and at least 300 cottages and camps were owned by individuals. Lake-front lots became accessible in the 1960s and 1970s, with the expansion of roads and power. In June 1996, the "Miller's Reach" wildfire destroyed more than 37,500 acres in the Big Lake and Houston area, including 433 buildings and homes valued at \$8.9 million. Low housing costs, the semi-rural lifestyle, and a 45-minute commute to Anchorage have supported growth in the Mat-Su Valley. Big Lake has numerous vacation and weekend homes owned by Anchorage residents. Boating and fishing are extremely popular on the lake during the summer months.

Alaska Natives represent 11% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 2,122 total housing units, 1,151 were vacant, and 1,024 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 14%, with 1,068 residents employed, although 47% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$43,382, per capita income \$19,285, and 15% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **BUTTE**

**Population:** 2,561 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:** None

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Butte Ambulance Service

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Butte Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811), Valley Hospital in Palmer (746-8600) or Anchorage Hospitals.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### **Location & Climate:**

Butte is located in the Talkeetna Mountains south of Palmer in the Mat-Su Borough. It lies at approximately 61d 31m N Latitude, 149d 00m W Longitude. Butte is located in the Palmer Recording District. The average temperatures in January range from 6 to 14; in July, 47 to 67. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** Butte lies along the Glenn Highway. Railroad and other means of transportation are also accessible in nearby Palmer.

**Airport Facilities:** A public airstrip is available, owned and operated by the Butte Airman's Association.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications: In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:** All Anchorage stations

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Most homes in Butte have individual water wells, septic systems and complete plumbing. Butte Elementary School and the local trailer court and cafe also have individual wells.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 334 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The majority of Butte residents are employed in the Palmer/Wasilla area or Anchorage. A few small businesses serve local needs.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Athabascan Dena'ina Indians traveled through the Butte area on a winter trail from Eklutna up the Knik River to the Copper River. A large Dena'ina village called "Hutnaynut'l," or "burnt over," existed in the Bodenbug area; the first farm was homesteaded in 1917 by John Bodenbug. In 1935, 25 tracts were settled in the Butte area by the Matanuska Colonists, around "Camp 10" along Bodenbug Loop Road. More land was settled after World War II. Several saw mills operated between 1940 and 1970. Butte is a suburb of Palmer; there is no organized local community.

Alaska Natives represent 6% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 964 total housing units, 80 were vacant and 12 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 9%, with 1,115 residents employed, although 40% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$55,573, per capita income \$22,522, and 10% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## CHASE

**Population:** 41 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** None

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Sunshine Community Health Center in Talkeetna; Talkeetna Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811); Valley Hospital in Palmer (746-8600) or Anchorage Hospitals.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Chase is located on the east bank of the Susitna River, 9 miles north of Talkeetna in the Mat-Su Borough. It lies at approximately 62d 27m N Latitude, 150d 06m W Longitude. Chase is located in the Talkeetna Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 23; July can vary from 47 to 68.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The railroad will drop travelers at the head of a trail leading into Chase. There is no direct road access, except from the George Parks Highway to nearby Talkeetna.

**Airport Facilities:** The nearest airport is at Talkeetna.

**Airline Services:** The nearest airport is at Talkeetna.

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KTNA-FM

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Individual Generators. There is no central electrical system.

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** One-third of homes have individual water wells, septic systems and complete plumbing. The remaining two-thirds haul water and use outhouses.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Talkeetna Airport –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Chase residents are devoted to self-sufficiency, living a subsistence lifestyle supplemented by public assistance payments.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Chase derives its name from Nancy Chase, the daughter of R.D. Chase, who was a special disbursing agent for the Alaska Engineering Commission at Anchorage. In 1919, the railroad station at mile 236.2 of the Alaska Railroad was originally named "Nanchase." A creamery was constructed at nearby Curry in 1927. This created a market for milk produced in the Matanuska Valley. Most of the butter was sold through hotels operated by the Alaska Railroad. In 1933, the creamery equipment was transferred to the Matanuska Experiment Station in Palmer. Several State land disposals in the 1970s and 1980s brought settlers into the area. Residents lead a self-reliant lifestyle, based on hunting, fishing and gardening. There is no local school; children are home-schooled or attend Talkeetna area schools.

Alaska Natives represent 0% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 90 total housing units, 69 were vacant and 67 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 0%, although 100% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$16,250, per capita income \$16,000, and 0% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## CHICKALOON

**Population:** 213 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Sutton Volunteer Fire Dept

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Sutton Volunteer Fire Dept.; Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer or Anchorage Hospitals.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Village Corporation** - Chickaloon-Moose Cr. Native Ass., Inc., P.O. Box 1105, Chickaloon, AK 99674, Phone 745-0707, Fax 745-7154

**Village Council** - Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, P.O. Box 1105, Chickaloon, AK 99674, Phone 745-0707, Fax 745-7154, e-mail: [Chickaloon@smtp.ak.bia.gov](mailto:Chickaloon@smtp.ak.bia.gov)

### Location & Climate:

Chickaloon is located on the Chickaloon River, on the Glenn Highway, 26 miles northeast of Palmer in the Talkeetna Mountains. It lies at approximately 61d 47m N Latitude, 148d 28m W Longitude (Sec. 25, T020N, R005E, Seward Meridian). Chickaloon is located in the Palmer Recording District. The temperatures in January range from 6 to 14; in July, 47 to 67. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Chickaloon is accessible by the statewide highway system.

**Airport Facilities:** A private airstrip is nearby at Jonesville Mine.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:** Goods are most often brought in from the Palmer/Wasilla area or Anchorage.

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications: In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI

**Internet Service Provider:** MTA Online ([www.mtaonline.com](http://www.mtaonline.com))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES      **Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** King Mountain Lodge; Chickaloon B&B; Fireweed Mountain Lodge; Long Rifle Lodge  
**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Approximately 75% of households have individual water wells and septic tank systems; most homes are plumbed. Chickaloon residents are concerned about the affects of development of the Wishbone Hill coal mine on the area's water resources.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 61 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Local retail businesses and government provide the majority of employment - some positions are in the Palmer/Wasilla area. Subsistence is an important activity for both native and non-native residents. There is high local interest in agricultural activities. One resident holds a commercial fishing permit.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Ahtna and Dena'ina Athabascan Indians have occupied this territory for centuries. During the Russian fur trading era, Ahtna transported pelts from the Dena'ina along the Matanuska River to Copper Fort in the east. The Chickaloon River was named after Chief Chiklu. Chickaloon was a government townsite and became the terminus of the Matanuska Branch of the Alaska Railroad around 1916 and the Chickaloon Bridge was built in 1917. Coal mining occurred in the area around Sutton, at the Wishbone Hill Naval Coal Reserve, Chickaloon Mine, Coal Creek and Carbon Creek. By 1925, coal mining ceased and the U.S. Navy dismantled the buildings. By the end of the 1930s, very little was left in Chickaloon. In 1958, the Naval Reserve land reverted to public domain, and was opened up to homesteaders. Chickaloon is comprised of two settlements -- Chickaloon Native Village and the non-Native area represented by the Chickaloon Community Council. Residents are extremely proactive regarding subsistence and sovereignty issues. Subsistence is an important activity for both Athabascan and non-Native residents.

A federally-recognized tribe is located in the community and 17% of the population are Alaska Native or part Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 208 total housing units, 121 were vacant, with 113 of these used only seasonally. In 2002, the unemployment was 24%, with 116 residents employed, although 49% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$49,792, per capita income \$14,755, and 3% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## CLAM GULCH

**Population:** 173 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna.

Organizations with Local Offices: None

### Location & Climate:

Located on the Kenai Peninsula, Clam Gulch lies on the Sterling Highway 24 miles south of the City of Kenai. It lies at approximately 60d 14m N Latitude, 151d 23m W Longitude (Sec. 29, T002N, R012W, Seward Meridian). Clam Gulch is located in the Kenai Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 22; July temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and beyond.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Kenai offers an airport and docking facilities.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Kenai offers an airport and docking facilities.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Clam Shell Lodge; Clam Gulch Lodge/B&B; Scenic View RV Park

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Many homes use individual wells and septic systems. However, nearly one-third are deriving water from a central watering point or water delivery. Over half of all homes use privies, and more than one-half are fully plumbed.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

### Spill Response Support:

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –  
School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –  
National Guard Armory –  
Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

A lodge and post office are in Clam Gulch. The Kenai area economy provides a variety of employment opportunities. Forty-three residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Reported in 1947 by Barnes and Cobb of the U.S. Geological Survey, it was named after the Clam Gulch ravine. A post office was established in 1950. Clam Gulch is best characterized as a geographic location rather than a community. It is a roadside development with a primarily non-Native population.

Alaska Natives represent 6% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 115 total housing units, 48 were vacant, with 41 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 27%, with 57 residents employed, although 59% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$37,500, per capita income \$17,983, and 8% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## COHOE

**Population:** 1,168 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453) and Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None

### Location & Climate:

Cohoe is located on the Kenai Peninsula on the Kasilof River, 13 miles south of the City of Kenai on the Sterling Highway. It lies at approximately 60d 22m N Latitude, 151d 18m W Longitude. Cohoe is located in the Kenai Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 22; July temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and beyond. Nearby Kenai offers an airport and docking facilities.

**Airport Facilities:**

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom     **Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** KCZP-FM; KSRM-AM; KWHQ-FM

**Cable Provider:**                     **Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Cohoe Lodge; Private campground on Madsen Road; Crooked Creek RV Park

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Approximately 60% of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems and are fully plumbed. The remaining residents haul or have water delivered and use privies. Many homes in the area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –  
School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –  
National Guard Armory –  
Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The economy of the Kenai area is diverse: oil and gas processing, timber, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services provide employment.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Victor Holm constructed a cabin in Coho in 1890 after sailing from Finland to Alaska to make his home. The cabin and many of Holm's handmade items still remain; the cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Coho was originally an agricultural settlement where a post office was established in 1950. Coho is best characterized as a roadside geographic location, rather than a community.

Alaska Natives represent 8% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 630 total housing units, 185 were vacant, and 132 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 16%, with 415 residents employed although 51% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$38,542, per capita income \$19,059, and 12% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## COOPER LANDING

**Population:** 369 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (595-1233)

**Fire:** Borough/Cooper Landing Rescue (595-1364); Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Cooper Landing Rescue (595-1648/1800); Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna or Seward General Hospital (224-5205).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Community Non-Profit** - Cooper Landing Community Club, P.O. Box 508, Cooper Landing, AK 99572, Phone 595-1248, e-mail: [painter@arctic.net](mailto:painter@arctic.net)

### Location & Climate:

Cooper Landing is at the west end of Kenai Lake on a stretch of the Sterling Highway, 30 miles northwest of Seward in the Chugach Mountains. It lies at approximately 60d 29m N Latitude, 149d 50m W Longitude (Sec. 29, T005N, R003W, Seward Meridian). Cooper Landing is located in the Seward Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 22; July temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and beyond.

**Airport Facilities:** Kenai offers air transportation. The State-owned Quartz Creek Airport provides a 2,200' gravel runway, and float planes may land at Cooper Lake

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Kenai offers docking facilities. . A privately-owned boat launch is available.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Interior Telephone Co./TelAlaska

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; Interior Telephone

**Internet Service Provider:** Arctic.Net/TelAlaska, Inc. ([www.arctic.net](http://www.arctic.net))

**TV Stations:** ARCS; KTUU **Radio Stations:** KSRM-AM; KWHQ-FM; KUAC-FM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Kenai Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Chugach Electric Association.

**Fuel:** Gasoline, diesel, and propane.

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Kenai Princess Lodge; Sunrise Inn; Hamilton's Place/RVs; Red Salmon Guest House; The Miller Homestead; Gwin's Lodge & Restaurant; Alaskan Sourdough B&B; Kenai Princess RV Park; Alpine Trout Fitters Motel

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Two-thirds of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems and are completely plumbed. The school has its own well water system. The remainder haul or have water delivered, and use privies. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 37 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The economy of the area is diverse. Tourism-related employment and seasonal businesses provide the majority of employment. The 70-room Kenai Princess Lodge accommodates Princess cruise ship passengers and other tourists. Chugach Electric Association and the School District are significant employers. Four residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Between 1848 and 1851, a Russian engineer found gold in the area, but Cooper Landing was named for Joseph Cooper, a miner who re-discovered gold here in 1884. In 1900, the Census found 21 miners and 1 wife living at Cooper Creek. The Riddiford Post Office began operations in 1924, and the Riddiford School opened in 1928. In 1938, a road was constructed to Seward. In 1948, a road to Kenai was opened, and by 1951, residents could drive to Anchorage. The Cooper Lake Hydroelectric Facility was constructed in 1959-60. The Cooper Landing Community Club, first formed in 1949, is involved extensively in local development issues and is an advocate for residents' concerns. The population of the area nearly doubles each summer to support tourism businesses and activities.

Alaska Natives represent 5% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 379 total housing units, 217 were vacant and 184 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 0%, with 159 residents employed, although 44% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$34,844, per capita income \$24,795, and 2% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## CROWN POINT

**Population:** 75 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna or Seward General Hospital (224-5205).

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Crown Point is on the Kenai Peninsula on the Seward Highway and at mile 24.5 of the Alaska Railroad. It lies 22 miles north of Seward in the Chugach Mountains. It lies at approximately 60d 26m N Latitude, 149d 22m W Longitude. Crown Point is located in the Seward Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 22; July temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Seward and Sterling Highways provide access to Anchorage and beyond

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Kenai and Seward both provide airport and docking facilities.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:** Nearby Kenai and Seward provide access through their airport and docking facilities.

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**      **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Seward Electric System.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Crown Point Lodge

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems. The remainder of residents haul or have water delivered, and use privies. Over two-thirds of homes are fully plumbed, and many in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Transportation services, timber, and retail businesses provide the majority of employment in Crown Point.

**Culture & Demographics:**

U.S. Geological Survey agents reported a railroad station called "Trail Lake Station" at this site in 1912. Crown Point is primarily an extended roadside area, rather than a clearly-defined community, and includes approximately 40 homes near Kenai Lake.

Alaska Natives represent 9% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 38 total housing units, 10 were vacant and 8 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 38%, with 32 residents employed, although 46% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$59,063, per capita income \$17,498, and 16% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## EKLUTNA

**Population:** 427 (estimate)  
**Borough Located In:** Municipality of Anchorage

**Incorporation Type:**  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** Anchorage Police Dept. (911/786-8500)

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Anchorage Fire Dept.

**Medical:** Eklutna EMS/Health Clinic

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Village Corporation** - Eklutna, Incorporated, 16515 Centerfield Dr. #100, Eagle River, AK 99577, Phone 907-696-2828 , Fax 907-696-2845

**Village Council** - Native Village of Eklutna, 26339 Eklutna Village Rd., Chugiak, AK 99567-6339, Phone 907-688-6020 , Fax 907-688-6021, e-mail: [Eklutna@aipc.org](mailto:Eklutna@aipc.org)

### Location & Climate:

Eklutna is located at the head of the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet, at the mouth of the Eklutna River, 25 miles northeast of Anchorage. It is within the boundaries of the Municipality of Anchorage. It lies at approximately 61.454528° North Latitude and -149.354478° West Longitude. (Sec. 24, T016N, R001W, Seward Meridian.) The average temperatures in January range from 6 to 14; in July, 47 to 67. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The village lies on the Glenn Highway between Anchorage and Palmer, and therefore has ready access to a variety of transportation services in those communities.

**Airport Facilities:** Two privately-owned airstrips are located in the area.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications: In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; ACS Long Distance; Matanuska Telephone

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KIMO; KTUU; KAKM; KTBY; KYES; KTVA **Radio Stations:** All Anchorage Stations

**Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc. **Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Water system operator: Eklutna Utilities Inc. Private washeteria operator. Piped water system and community well source. Sewer system operator: Municipality of Anchorage. Individual septic tanks and a sewage lift station.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The Eklutna Power House supplies hydroelectric power to Anchorage. Local residents are most likely to find employment in the urban area of nearby Eagle River or Anchorage.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Eklutna area was the site of many Athabascan Indian villages as long as 800 years ago. Today's residents are descendants of the Danaina tribe. Russian Orthodox missionaries arrived in the 1840s, and later a railroad station was built in 1918. The Eklutna Power House supplies hydroelectric power to Anchorage. The Russian Orthodox religion is prevalent. A federally recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Native Village of Eklutna, which is an Athabascan village with a subsistence lifestyle; approximately 65 residents are members of the Eklutna Village.

Alaska Natives or part Natives represent 13% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 141 total housing units, with 7 vacant. The unemployment rate at that time was 6%, with 203 residents employed, although 30% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$77,355, per capita income \$29,375, and 2% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **FOX RIVER**

**Population:** 616 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### **Location & Climate:**

Fox River is located on the north shore of Kachemak Bay, 24 miles northeast of Homer at the end of the Sterling Highway. It lies at approximately 59d 48m N Latitude, 150d 59m W Longitude. Fox River is located in the Homer Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 22; July temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides road access to Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:** Kenai's airport and docking facilities are available to communities on the Peninsula.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Kenai's airport and docking facilities are available to communities on the Peninsula.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:**      **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes are connected to a piped water system from Homer and use individual septic tank systems. 75% of households are fully plumbed. The remainder of residences haul or have water delivered, and use privies. Several homes in this area are used for summer recreation only.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Wood, fiberglass and aluminum boats, handbags and canvass bags for fishermen are manufactured at Fox River. The school also provides employment.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Fox River was reported by Dall of the U.S. Geological Survey in 1895, and may have been named for Theodore Fox, Vice President of North Pacific Mining and Transportation Company, which operated in Kachemak Bay in 1894.

Alaska Natives represent 0.2% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 170 total housing units, 48 were vacant, with 39 of used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 4%, with 73 residents employed, although 72% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$26,964, per capita income \$7,963, and 34% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **FRITZ CREEK**

**Population:** 1,740 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### **Location & Climate:**

Fritz Creek lies 7 miles northeast of Homer on the north shore of Kachemak Bay, off the Sterling Highway. It lies at approximately 59d 41m N Latitude, 151d 22m W Longitude. Fritz Creek is located in the Homer Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides road access to Anchorage and beyond.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Homer offers an airport.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Homer offers docking facilities, and a State Ferry landing.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:**      **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes haul or have water delivered, or use individual well water. Most have individual septic systems for sewage disposal; the remainder use privies. Approximately 65% of households are fully plumbed. Almost one-fourth of the homes are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 2 schools located in the community, attended by 204 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Nearby Homer offers fishing, fish processing and a relatively diverse economy. Unemployment is low. Eleven residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The local name was first reported in 1904 by R.W. Stone of the U.S. Geological Survey. Fritz Creek is best characterized as a geographic location rather than a community.

Alaska Natives represent 5% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 854 total housing units, 193 were vacant, and 152 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 13%, with 740 residents employed, although 38% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$41,400, per capita income \$18,937, and 10% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **FUNNY RIVER**

**Population:** 705 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:**

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:**

**Medical:** Health care is available at Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna and Central Emergency Services 262-4792/4453).

### **Organizations with Local Offices:**

**Chamber of Commerce - Funny River Chamber of Commerce,** HC 1 Box 1424, Funny River, AK 99669, Phone 262-0879, Fax 262-8414

### **Location & Climate:**

Funny River is located on the Kenai Peninsula, approximately 15 miles east of Soldotna along the Kenai River, from River Mile 29 to 45. It lies at approximately 60.482680° North Latitude and -150.84631° West Longitude. (Sec. 7, T004N, R009W, Seward Meridian.) Funny River is located in the Kenai Recording District. Average winter temperatures range from 4 to 22; summer temperatures average from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The Soldotna and Kenai airports serve local air traffic. The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and other destinations.

**Airport Facilities:** Soldotna and Kenai airports

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Assoc./AEG&T.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Occupied houses use individual water wells and septic tank systems or privies. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There is no school in Funny River; 61 students are bused to Soldotna area schools. In Funny River, there is a grocery store, several fish camps, fishing services, and lodges. A resort, with public beach and boat ramp, is located on Brown's Lake.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –  
School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –  
National Guard Armory –  
Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Most Funny River residents who are employed commute to Soldotna, Kenai and Nikiski, where they work in retail businesses or service operations associated with the oil or tourism industries. There are several farms in the area with cattle or pack horses, and one alpaca ranch.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Funny River is the local name of a nearby stream, first published in 1904 by the U.S. Geological Survey. Homesteading and farming expanded to the Funny River area during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Funny River Road originated as a bulldozed trail from Soldotna to the homesteads, and was upgraded to a gravel-surfaced road in the mid-1960s. There is no school in Funny River; the 61 students are bused to Soldotna area schools. The community is primarily non-Native, however, a large portion of the land in this area is owned by Alaska Native corporations. The Central Peninsula Sports Center in Soldotna offers an ice rink, racquetball courts, and meeting facilities.

Approximately 4% of the population is Alaska Native or part Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 621 total housing units, 343 were vacant, with 307 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 23%, with 257 residents employed, although 55% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$43,047, per capita income \$22,648, and 4% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## GIRDWOOD

**Population:** 1,817 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Municipality of Anchorage

**Incorporation Type:** In Anchorage  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** Anchorage Police Dept. (911)

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (783-0972)

**Fire:** Girdwood Fire/EMS & Fire Station (783-2511)

**Medical:** Alternate health care by Girdwood Fire & Rescue (783-2511); Alyeska Ski Patrol (seasonal 754-2271/2131); various Anchorage hospitals.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Community Non-Profit** - Girdwood Community Council, P.O. Box 870390, Girdwood, AK 99587, Phone 272-8401, Fax 907-274-3698, e-mail: [hbcf@micronet.net](mailto:hbcf@micronet.net)

**Media** - Turnagain Times, P.O. Box 1044, Girdwood, AK 99587, Phone 907-783-1135, Fax 907-783-1136, e-mail: [times@chugach.net](mailto:times@chugach.net)

### Location & Climate:

Girdwood is located on Turnagain Arm, in the Municipality of Anchorage, 35 miles southwest of downtown Anchorage. The area is accessed by the Seward Highway. Girdwood is bordered on three sides by the Chugach State Park and Chugach National Forest. (For a detailed map, go to: <http://www.muni.org/Services/Departments/Com/Research/maps/girdwood.gif>.) It lies at approximately 60.941670° North Latitude and -149.16667° West Longitude. (Sec. 19, T010N, R002E, Seward Meridian.) The average temperatures in January range from 8 to 21 degrees; in July, average temperatures range from 51 to 65. Annual precipitation is 80 inches, including 69 inches of snowfall.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Controlled airports in the Anchorage area include the State-owned Anchorage International Airport and Lake Hood Float Plane Base, the Municipality's Merrill Field, and U.S. Army and Air Force facilities. The Alaska Railroad connects Anchorage to Seward, Whittier and Fairbanks.

**Airport Facilities:**

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:** The Port of Anchorage handles 85% of the general cargo for the Alaska railbelt area. Several barge and trucking companies are available.

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**      **In-State Phone:** ACS of Anchorage

**Long-Distance Phone:**

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KIMO; KTUU; KAKM; KTBY; KYES; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** Many Anchorage Stations

**Cable Provider:** Alyeska Cable Company

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Chugach Electric Cooperative.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Alyeska Resort

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** In 1991, the Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility acquired two privately-owned water systems that served the developed area east of Glacier Creek, and upgraded the quality of service in Girdwood. This included connecting the two systems, installing 37,000 feet of replacement and new water lines with fire hydrants, and the installation of control structures to provide uniform pressures throughout the system. Two production wells now supply the system and fill a one million gallon reservoir. Daily production is 94 million gallons of treated water. The Girdwood Wastewater Facility is a tertiary (three stage) treatment plant. In 1997 it was upgraded to handle 0.60 mgd and was equipped to expand and double treatment capacity in future years. It discharges an effluent nearing drinking water quality into Glacier Creek.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Local employment includes the school, service businesses, Alyeska Resort, and the Westin Alyeska Prince hotel. Several artists are residents of the area. A few residents commute to Anchorage. There are a number of seasonal-use and vacation homes in Girdwood.

**Culture & Demographics**

Named for James Girdwood, who staked a claim at Crow Creek in 1896, the Girdwood post office was established in 1907. In 1951, the Seward Highway was completed, linking Anchorage to the Kenai Peninsula. The City of Girdwood was formed during the 1960s, but the community was unified with the City of Anchorage and the Greater Anchorage Area Borough into the new Municipality of Anchorage in 1975. Girdwood is classified as a highway town/subregional center. Residents enjoy a rural lifestyle; Girdwood is home to the Alyeska Ski Resort and is frequented by Anchorage and Kenai residents during winter months and tourists during summer months.

## HALIBUT COVE

**Population:** 35 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Kachemak Ferry or flight to Homer. Auxiliary health care is provided by Air transport to South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Halibut Cove is in the Kachemak Bay State Park on the Kenai Peninsula. It lies 12 miles southeast of Homer on the south shore of Kachemak Bay. It lies at approximately 59d 37m N Latitude, 151d 14m W Longitude . Halibut Cove is located in the Homer Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** There is no road access to Halibut Cove. Boats and float planes are the primary means of transportation.

**Airport Facilities:**

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** The State Ferry serves nearby Homer.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**      **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** ARCS

**Radio Stations:** KWVV-FM; KGTL-AM; KPEN-FM; KBBI-AM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Quiet Place Lodge (296-2212); Halibut Cove Cabins (296-2214)

**Services:** Restaurant

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes haul water from a central source or have water delivered; about 20% use individual water wells. Half of all residences have individual septic systems and are fully plumbed. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Many residents are self-employed artists; others work in seasonal construction jobs. Seven residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Cove was named by W.H. Dall of the U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey in 1880. Between 1911 and 1928, Halibut Cove had 42 herring salteries and a population of over 1,000, according to one resident. From 1928 to 1975, the population stayed around 40, mostly fishermen. Halibut Cove residents include many artists. There is a local community association. The summer population grows to around 160.

Alaska Natives represent 3% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 123 total housing units, 105 were vacant, with 104 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 0%, with 37 residents employed, although 38% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$127,010, per capita income \$89,895, and 0% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **HAPPY VALLEY**

**Population:** 489 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### **Location & Climate:**

Happy Valley lies on the west coast of the Kenai Peninsula on the Sterling Highway, 22 miles northwest of Homer, on Happy Valley Creek, at approximately 59d 56m N Latitude, 151d 44m W Longitude. Happy Valley is located in the Homer Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides a route to Anchorage and the statewide highway system.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Homer offers an airport.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Homer offers a harbor and dock, and State Ferry landing.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:**      **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Cable Provider:**

**Radio Stations:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems. The remainder of residences haul or have water delivered, and use privies. 60% of homes are fully plumbed. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The economy of the Kenai area is diverse: oil and gas processing, timber, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services provide employment.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Happy Valley area is a roadside geographic location.

Alaska Natives represent 9% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 398 total housing units, 202 were vacant, with 175 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 17%, with 170 residents were employed, although 58% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$30,139, per capita income \$19,377, and 17% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## HOMER

**Population:** 4,893 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** 1st Class City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Police Dept. (within city limits) 235-3150

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (235-8239)

**Fire:** City Volunteer Fire Dept./EMS; City Search & Rescue (235-3155).

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101). Auxiliary health care is provided by Homer Volunteer Fire Dept./EMS (235-3155/3150), private practices.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Homer Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 541, Homer, AK 99603, 907-235-7740, Fax 235-6557, e-mail: [homer@xyz.net](mailto:homer@xyz.net), Web: <http://www.xyz.net/~homer/>

**City** - City of Homer, 491 East Pioneer Ave., Homer, AK 99603, 907-235-8121, Fx 235-3140, e-mail: [clerk@xyz.net](mailto:clerk@xyz.net), Web: <http://www.xyz.net/~clerk>

**Electric Utility** - Homer Electric Assoc., 3977 Lake Street, Homer, AK 99603, 235-8551, Fx 235-3313

**Media** - Homer News, 3482 Landings Street, Homer, AK 99603; 907-235-7767, Fx 235-4199, e-mail: [hnews@alaska.net](mailto:hnews@alaska.net)

**Media** - KBBI, 3913 Kachemak Way, Homer, AK 99602, 907-235-2357, Fx 235-7721

### Location & Climate:

Homer is located on the north shore of Kachemak Bay on the southwestern Kenai Peninsula. The Homer Spit, a 4.5-mile long bar of gravel, extends from the Homer shoreline. It is 227 road miles south of Anchorage, at the southern-most point of the Sterling Highway, at approximately 59d 38m N Latitude, 151d 33m W Longitude (Sec. 19, T006S, R013W, Seward Meridian). Homer lies in the maritime climate zone. During the winter, temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches, including 55 inches of snow.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Homer is accessible by the Sterling Highway to Anchorage, Fairbanks, Canada and the lower 48 states. It is often referred to as "The End of the Road," because it lies at the terminus of the Sterling Highway.

**Airport Facilities:** The State owns and operates the Homer Airport, with a 6,700' asphalt runway and float plane basin, and a seaplane base at Beluga Lake. There are 4 additional private landing strips in the vicinity.

**Airline Services:** ERA Aviation; Southcentral Air; Kachemak Air Service; Bald Mountain Air; Beluga Lake Float Plane Service; Homer Air; Maritime Helicopters

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** The deep-water dock can accommodate 30-foot drafts, and 340-foot vessels. There is a boat harbor with moorage for 750 vessels, and a 5-lane boat launch ramp. The Alaska Marine Highway and local ferry services provide water transportation.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; ACS Long Distance     **Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet (www.acsalaska.net); Custom CPU (www.customcpu.com); GCI (www.gci.net); XYZ.net/ACS (www.xyz.net)

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** KWVV-FM; KGTL-AM; KPEN-FM; KBBI-AM

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association. Homer Electric Assoc. operates the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Plant and is part owner of the Alaska Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative, which operates a gas turbine plant in Soldotna. It also purchases electricity from Chugach Electric.

#### **Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): Alaska Oil Sales (4 @ 43,000 gals.); PMS (5 @ 50,000 gals.); Petro Marine Services (180,000)

**Housing:** Land's End Resort; Best Western Bidarka Inn; Driftwood Inn & RV Park; Alaska's Pioneer Inn; Bay View Inn; Heritage Hotel-Lodge; Tutka Bay Lodge; Seaside Farms; Ocean Shores Motel; Billikin; numerous B&Bs; Homer Spit Campground/RV Park; Land's End RV Park; Ocean View RV park; Island Watch B&B

**Services: Taxis:** Maggie's; Chux; Annie's.     **Car Rental:** National; Polar; Hertz

**Water & Sewage:** Over 90% of homes are fully plumbed. Water is supplied by a dam and 35-acre reservoir at Bridge Creek, is treated, stored in a 500,000-gallon tank, and piped to the majority of homes in the City. The system provides 2 million gallons per day. The City has asked for state funding to develop a 1-million-gallon water tank. Others residents use individual wells or have water delivered to home tanks. City sewage is piped to a deep shaft sewer treatment plant; capacity is 880,000 gallons per day.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 8 schools located in the community, attended by 1,557 students. Refuse is collected by Peninsula Sanitation, a private firm, and hauled to the Borough-operated Homer landfill and balefill. The City participates in recycling and hazardous waste disposal programs.

### **Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

#### **Potential Command Posts:**

Lands End Inn -  
Community hall, etc. -  
School -

#### **Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport -  
National Guard Armory -  
Other government facilities -

#### **Local Spill Response Equipment:**

Community Spill Response Agreement in place with City of Homer.  
Nearshore response barge (550 barge) located in Seldovia.

### **Economy:**

Homer is primarily a fishing, , trade and service center, and enjoys a considerable seasonal tourist industry. Approximately 10 cruise ships dock in Homer each summer. Sport fishing for halibut and salmon contributes significantly to the economy. Approximately, 520 area residents hold commercial fishing permits. The fish dock is equipped with cold storage facilities, ice manufacturing and a vacuum fish-loading system. A sawmill processes

borough timber, and Circle De Pacific Corp. is exporting wood chips from Homer to Japan. During summer months, the population swells with tourists, as well as students and others seeking fishery employment. The acclaimed, multi-million dollar U.S. Fish & Wildlife Visitors Center for the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge opened in 2004.

### **Culture & Demographics:**

The Homer area has been home to Kenaitze Indians for thousands of years. In 1895 the U.S. Geological Survey arrived to study coal and gold resources. Prospectors bound for Hope and Sunrise disembarked at the Homer Spit. The community was named for Homer Pennock, a gold mining company promoter, who arrived in 1896, built living quarters for his crew of 50 on the Spit and mined the beach sands along Cook Inlet, from Homer to Ninilchik. The Homer post office opened shortly thereafter. In 1899, Cook Inlet Coal Fields Company built a town and dock on the Spit, a coal mine at Homer's Bluff Point, and a 7-mile-long railroad which carried the coal to the end of Homer Spit. Various coal mining operations continued until World War I, and settlers continued to trickle into the area, some to homestead in the 1930s and 40s, others to work in the canneries built to process Cook Inlet fish. Coal provided fuel for homes, and there is still an estimated 400 million tons of coal deposits in the vicinity of Homer. The City government was incorporated in March 1964. After the Good Friday earthquake in 1964, the Homer Spit sunk approximately 4 to 6 feet, and several buildings had to be relocated. While commercial and sport fishing are the center of the economic activity, Homer has a large community of artists.

Alaska Natives represent 6% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 1,873 total housing units, 274 were vacant, with 129 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 9%, with 1,849 residents employed, although 38% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$42,821, per capita income \$21,823, and 9% of residents were living below the poverty level.

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## HOPE

**Population:** 161 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Rescue/EMS

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Hope/Sunrise EMS (782-3174/3630); Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna or Anchorage Hospitals.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Hope lies on the northern end of the Kenai Peninsula, on the south shore of the Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet. The community lies on the 17-mile Hope Highway, northwest of the Sterling Highway, near the mouth of Resurrection Creek, at approximately 60d 55m N Latitude, 149d 38m W Longitude (Sec. 33, T010N, R002W, Seward Meridian). Hope is located in the Seward Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Hope is accessible by a 16-mile road off the Sterling highway. Nearby Anchorage and the Kenai area offer a variety of transportation services.

**Airport Facilities:** A State-owned 2,000' gravel airstrip is available.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** ACS of Anchorage; GCI

**Long-Distance Phone:** GCI **Internet Service Provider:** None

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** All Anchorage stations

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Chugach Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Henry's One Stop; Bear Creek Lodge; Coeur d'Alene Campground; Porcupine Campground

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Approximately one-fourth of homes use individual water wells and septic tank

systems, and are fully plumbed. The school operates its own well water system. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 18 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The school and local retail businesses provide the only employment in Hope. Some mining activities continue today. A small sawmill is used by the community. One resident holds a commercial fishing permit.

**Culture & Demographics:**

"Hope City" was a mining camp for Resurrection Creek, established in 1896; the Hope post office began operating in 1897. Portions of the town were destroyed in the 1964 earthquake. There are two community associations. Many of the homes are vacation or weekend get-a-ways for Anchorage and Kenai residents. Tourism peaks in the summer.

Alaska Natives represent 6% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 175 total housing units, 98 were vacant, with 84 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 13%, with approximately 39 residents employed, although 60% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$21,786, per capita income \$9,079, and 12% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## HOUSTON

**Population:** 1,339 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** 2<sup>ND</sup> Class City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None.

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** City Volunteer Fire Dept. (892-6457); Borough Ambulance

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Houston Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811); Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Houston Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 356, Houston, AK 99694, Phone 892-6557

**City** - City of Houston, P.O. Box 940027, Houston, AK 99694-0027, Phone 892-6869, Fax 892-7677

### Location & Climate:

Houston is located north of Wasilla in the Mat-Su Borough, 29 miles north of Anchorage. It lies on the George Parks Highway, at mile 174.9 of the Alaska Railroad, at approximately 61d 38m N Latitude, 149d 50m W Longitude (Sec. 21, T018N, R003W, Seward Meridian). Houston is located in the Palmer Recording District. January temperatures average 4 to 23, with highs to 38 and lows to -32. July average temperatures range from 47 to 68, with highs to 81 degrees.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Houston lies on the road system and the railroad. Air services are available nearby or at Anchorage International Airport

**Airport Facilities:** A privately-owned turf airstrip is located in Houston.

**Airline Services:** Alaska Explorers & Fishermen

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; Matanuska Telephone

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet ([www.acsalaska.net](http://www.acsalaska.net)); GCI ([www.gci.net](http://www.gci.net)); MTA Online ([www.mtaonline.com](http://www.mtaonline.com))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU

**Radio Stations:** KADX-FM; KJHA-FM; KQEZ-FM; KRPM-FM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Houston Motor Inn & RV Park; Miller's Place; Alaska Explorers B&B; Little Susitna River Campground; Nancy Lake State Recreation site

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** 60% of residents have individual wells, septic tanks, and complete plumbing. The school uses its own well water system. The remainder haul water and use outhouses. A number of homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Residents are employed in the nearby Wasilla/Palmer area, and some commute to Anchorage. Two residents hold a commercial fishing permit. Houston is a popular fishing center for anglers on the Little Susitna River.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Herning Trail (now Willow Creek Sled Trail) was used for freighting supplies to the Willow Creek Mining District. "Houston Siding" was first listed on a blueprint map of the Alaska Railroad in 1917. A railroad spur was constructed to the Janios & Athens coal mine, which supplied coal to Anchorage and the LaTouche Mining Co. in Prince William Sound. In the mid-1920s, the Heaven brothers operated a mink farm at mile 60. In 1953-54, gravels roads and power lines were extended west of Wasilla, and Houston was quickly settled. In 1966, Houston became an incorporated city. In June 1996, the "Miller's Reach" wildfire destroyed more than 37,500 acres in the Houston and Big Lake area, including 433 buildings and homes valued at \$8.9 million. Houston is home to a number of popular recreation sites including Bonnie Lake, Finger Lake and Long Lake. There are several community organizations, such as Mid-Valley Seniors and the Homesteaders Community Center.

Alaska Natives represent 12% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 581 total housing units, 136 were vacant, with 98 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 18%, 452 residents were employed, although 49% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$39,615, per capita income \$17,213, and 17% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## JAKOLOF BAY

**Population:** 40 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Flight to South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Jakolof Bay is on the Kenai Peninsula, in the Kachemak Bay State Park, 6.5 miles northeast of Seldovia, at approximately 59d 28m N Latitude, 151d 32m W Longitude. Jakolof Bay is located in the Seldovia Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** There is no road access to Jakolof Bay.

**Airport Facilities:** A 1,000' long by 35' wide public gravel airstrip is available.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**      **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet ([www.acsalaska.net](http://www.acsalaska.net))

**TV Stations:**

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes haul water and use privies. A few residents have individual wells and septic systems. One-third of homes are fully plumbed. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Local businesses and timber provide the majority of employment. Oyster farming occurs in the area. A University Research Center is located nearby as well.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The local name was first reported in 1915 by the U.S. Geological Survey.

## KACHEMAK

**Population:** 473 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** 2<sup>ND</sup> Class City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Contract to Homer Police Dept.

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** City Contract to Homer Volunteer Fire/EMS (235-3155/3150)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer; Homer Volunteer Fire Dept./EMS (235-3155).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**City -** City of Kachemak, P.O. Box 958, Homer, AK 99603, Phone 235-8897, Fax 235-8854, e-mail: [kachemak@xyz.net](mailto:kachemak@xyz.net)

### Location & Climate:

Kachemak is on the East Road, adjacent to Homer, on the Kenai Peninsula. It is on the northern shore of Kachemak Bay, approximately 59d 35m N Latitude, 151d 52m W Longitude (Sec. 23, T006S, R013W, Seward Meridian). Kachemak is located in the Homer Recording District. Winter temperatures average 14 to 27; summer temperatures typically range from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and beyond. Homer offers an airport, harbor/dock, and State Ferry access.

**Airport Facilities:** See Homer.

**Airline Services:** In Homer

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:** XYZ.net/ACS (www.xyz.net)

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** KWVV-FM; KPEN-FM

**Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association. Homer Electric Assoc. purchases electricity from Chugach Electric in Anchorage and distributes it to communities on the west side of the Kenai Peninsula.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Bear Creek B&B; Kachemak Kiana B&B; Brigitte's Bavarian B&B; Seaside Farm; Hotels in Homer

**Services:** Airline, Taxi, and Car Rental service in Homer

**Water & Sewage:** Residents haul water, have water delivered to home storage tanks, or have individual wells and/or cisterns. The City of Homer provides some homes with piped sewer, and the remainder use individual septic tank systems or privies. Approximately 75% of households are fully plumbed. Some homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Nearby Homer offers a variety of employment opportunities. There are few businesses within the City boundaries; supplies and services are provided by Homer.

**Culture & Demographics:**

According to W.H. Dall of the U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, "Ka" means water, "chek" means cliff, and "mak" is a suffix meaning high, great or large. It is a Native name, first published in 1847 on a Russian Hydrological chart. The city was incorporated in 1961.

Alaska Natives represent 10% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 219 total housing units, 50 were vacant, with 31 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 4%, with 192 residents employed, although 44% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$43,068, per capita income \$21,030, and 6% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## KALIFORNSKY

**Population:** 6,230 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453) and Central Peninsula Hospital (264-4404) in Soldotna.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Kalifornsky is located on the Kenai Peninsula on the east shore of Cook Inlet. This area lies on Kalifornsky Beach Road, and is not locally considered a community. It lies off the Sterling Highway, 10 miles south of the City of Kenai, at approximately 60d 25m N Latitude, 151d 17m W Longitude. Kalifornsky is located in the Kenai Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and the statewide road system.

**Airport Facilities:** See Kenai.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** See Kenai.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** KWHQ-FM; KPEN-FM; KWVV-FM; KDLL-FM; KZXX-AM

**Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** All homes are connected to individual water wells and septic tank systems and are fully plumbed. The schools also have well systems. Many houses in this area are used only seasonally

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 447 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –  
School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –  
National Guard Armory –  
Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Kalifornsky Beach Road is well-traveled by Kenai River sport fishing enthusiasts. The economy of the area is diverse: oil and gas processing, timber, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services provide employment.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The village of Kalifornsky was first noted in 1916 by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. The family name "Kalifornsky" is attributed to a Dena'ina Indian who worked at the Fort Ross colony in California between 1812 and the 1820s; "Kali" means fishermen. Peter Kalifornsky, now deceased, was born in the village and was the last fluent speaker of the Lower Cook Inlet dialect of the Dena'ina language.

Alaska Natives represent 7% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 2,479 total housing units, 362 were vacant, with 176 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 9%, with 2,485 residents employed, although 42% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$54,865, per capita income \$23,898, and 8% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **KASILOF**

**Population:** 571 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** None

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453) and Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### **Location & Climate:**

Kasilof is located on the east shore of Cook Inlet on the Kenai Peninsula. It lies on the Sterling Highway, 12 miles south of the City of Kenai, at approximately 60d 23m N Latitude, 151d 17m W Longitude (Sec. 24, T003N, R012W, Seward Meridian). Kasilof is located in the Kenai Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides a route to Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:** The State owns and operates the 2,165' gravel airstrip, and there are three additional private airstrips in the vicinity. Kenai has an airport.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** There is a boat launch at the Kasilof River. Kenai has docking facilities.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KWHQ-FM; KPEN-FM; KWVV-FM; KDLL-FM; KZXX-AM

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Kasilof Riverview Lodge; Crooked Creek RV Park; Kasilof River State Recreation site; Johnson Lake State campground; Tustemena Lodge

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells and septic tanks and are fully plumbed. The school operated its own well water and treatment system.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 265 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The economy of the Kenai area is diverse: oil and gas processing, timber, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services provide employment. 163 residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Kasilof was an agricultural settlement of Kenaitze Indians, which grew around a stockade built by the Russian Kolomin of the Lebedef-Lastochkin Company. A partial excavation of the area in 1937 found 31 well-preserved houses. Kasilof is a geographic location on the Kenai Peninsula, rather than a community. Most residents now are non-Native.

Alaska Natives represent 6% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 208 total housing units, 28 were vacant, with 20 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 0%, with 181 residents were employed, although 48% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$43,929, per capita income \$21,211, and 26% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

**Population:** 51,220 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:**

**Incorporation Type:** 2nd Class Borough  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

**Emergency Services:** See information provided for each community within the borough.

### **Organizations with Local Offices:**

**Borough** - Kenai Peninsula Borough, 144 North Binkley St., Soldotna, AK 99669, Phone 262-4441, Fax 262-1892, e-mail: [admin@borough.kenai.ak.us](mailto:admin@borough.kenai.ak.us), Web: <http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us>

**Economic Development** - Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council, 150 N. Willow St., Suite 42, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-3850, Fax 283-2838, e-mail: [info@kenaipeninsula.org](mailto:info@kenaipeninsula.org), Web: <http://www.kenaipeninsula.org>

**Regional Development** - Kenai Pen. Econ. Dev. District, P.O. Box 3029, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-3335, Fax 283-3913, e-mail: [jelson@kpedd.org](mailto:jelson@kpedd.org), Web: <http://www.kpedd.org>

**School District** - Kenai Peninsula Schools, 148 N. Binkley St., Soldotna, AK 99669, Phone 262-5846, Fax 262-9132, e-mail: [dpeterson@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:dpeterson@kpbsd.k12.ak.us), Web: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us>

**Services/Other** - Kenai Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development, P.O. Box 800, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-7443, Fax 283-8158

### **Location & Climate:**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is comprised of the Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet and a large unpopulated area northeast of the Alaska Peninsula. The Borough includes portions of the Chugach National Forest, the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, The Kenai Fjords National Park, and portions of the Lake Clark and Katmai National Park. The twin Cities of Kenai and Soldotna are the population centers of the Borough, approximately 65 air miles south of Anchorage. The area encompasses 16078.9 sq. miles of land and 5585.4 sq. miles of water. January temperatures range from 4 to 22; July temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The borough is accessible by the Sterling Highway to Anchorage and points beyond.

**Airport Facilities:** See individual communities for airport information

**Airline Services:** Scheduled and charter airlines and helicopter services are provided.

**Freight:** Ocean-going freighters are tendered at the City dock.

**Vessel Support:** The State Ferry serves Homer.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

This information is available on a community basis. Communities located within the Borough include: Anchor Point, Clam Gulch, Cohoe, Cooper Landing, Crown Point, Fox River, Fritz Creek, Halibut Cove, Happy Valley, Homer, Hope, Jakolof Bay, Kachemak, Kalifonsky, Kasilof, Kenai, Moose Pass, Nanwalek, Nikiski, Nikolaevsk, Ninilchik, Port Graham, Primrose, Ridgeway, Salamatof, Seldovia, Seward, Soldotna, Sterling, and Tyonek.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 40 schools located in the community, attended by 10,158 students.

### **Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

- Community Spill Response Agreement in place with Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- Nearshore response barge (550 barge) located in Seldovia.

**Economy:**

The Borough economy is highly diverse. Many residents are employed in oil industry services for Cook Inlet oil drilling and exploration. New oil and natural gas deposits have been discovered in the Inlet since 1991. Oil refining operations occur north of Kenai in Nikiski. Tourism is estimated at a \$95 million per year industry on the Peninsula. The Kenai Convention and Visitors Bureau received over 50,000 visitors during 1993. During July, the Center has about 800 visitors a day. Other important economic sectors include sport, subsistence and commercial fishing, fish processing, government, timber and lumber, agriculture, transportation services, construction and retail trade. 1,569 borough residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Kenaitze Indians (Dena'ina) have occupied the Peninsula historically. The City of Kenai was founded in 1791 as a Russian fur trading post. In the early 1900s cannery operations and construction of the railroad spurred development. It was the site of the first major Alaska oil strike, in 1957, and has been a center for exploration and production since that time. The Borough was incorporated as a second-class borough in 1964. The Kenai River is a major sport fishing location for Anchorage residents and tourists. The river is world renown for trophy king and silver salmon, so the Peninsula is well-traveled by sportsmen during summer months.

Alaska Natives represent 10% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 24,871 total housing units, 6,433 were vacant, with 4,560 of these used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 11%, with 20,486 residents employed, although 44% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$46,397, per capita income \$20,949, and 10% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## KENAI

**Population:** 7,125 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Home Rule City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Police Dept. (283-7879)

**VPSO:** None

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (283-8590)

**Fire:** City Fire Dept./EMS (283-7666); Civil Air Patrol; Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Kenai Fire Dept./EMS (283-7666/4136); Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453) and Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Kenai Chamber of Commerce, 402 Overland, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-7989, Fax 283-2230

**City** - City of Kenai, 210 Fidalgo Ave., St. 200, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-7535, Fax 283-3014, e-mail: [cfreas@ci.kenai.ak.us](mailto:cfreas@ci.kenai.ak.us), Web: <http://www.ci.kenai.ak.us>

**Economic Development** - Kenai Visitors & Convention Bureau, 11471 Kenai Spur Hwy., Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-1991, Fax 283-2230, e-mail: [kycb@alaska.net](mailto:kycb@alaska.net), Web: <http://www.visitkenai.com/>

**Media** - Peninsula Clarion, P.O. Box 3009, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-3299, Fax 283-7551

**Village Corporation** - Kenai Natives Assoc., Inc., 215 Fidalgo Ave. #203, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-4851, Fax 283-4854

**Village Council** - Kenaitze Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 988, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-3633, Fax 283-3052, e-mail: [Kenaitze@smt.ak.bia.gov](mailto:Kenaitze@smt.ak.bia.gov)

### Location & Climate:

Kenai is located on the Kenai Spur Highway along the western coast of the Kenai Peninsula, fronting Cook Inlet, and on the western boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. It is approximately 65 air miles and 155 highway miles southwest of Anchorage via the Sterling Highway, at approximately 60d 33m N Latitude, 151d 16m W Longitude (Sec. 05, T005N, R011W, Seward Meridian. Winter temperatures range from 4 to 22; summer temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Kenai is accessible by the Sterling Highway to Anchorage, Fairbanks, Canada and the lower 48 states.

**Airport Facilities:** The City-owned Kenai Municipal Airport provides a 7,575' asphalt runway, a 1,000' turf strip, a float plane strip, and helicopter service. A Flight Service Station is available. Float plane facilities are also available at Island Lake and Arness Lake. There are five additional privately-owned airstrips in the vicinity.

**Airline Services:** ERA Aviation; Southcentral Air (freight); Alaska West Air; Justin Tyme Air Service; Kenai Air Alaska; Kenai Aviation; White's Air Service; 4W Air

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** The Kenai City Dock and boat ramp are located near the mouth of the Kenai River. There are also a number of private commercial fish processing docks, but no boat moorage.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** GCI; ACS Long Distance

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet (www.acsalaska.net); Arctic.Net/TelAlaska, Inc. (www.arctic.net); Chugach.Net (www.chugach.net); Core Communications (www.corecom.net); Custom CPU (www.customcpu.com); Peninsula Internet (www.kenai.net)

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KWHQ-FM; KPEN-FM; KWVV-FM; KDLL-FM; KZXX-AM

**Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Kenai Peninsula Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association. Homer Electric Assoc. operates the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project and is part owner of the Alaska Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative, which operates a gas turbine plant in Soldotna. It also purchases electricity from Chugach Electric.

### **Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): City (15,000 gals.); Alaska Oil Storage (162,000); Ward Cove Packing (17,500)

**Housing:** Katmai Hotel; Kenai King's Inn; Uptown Motel; Kenai Merit Inn; Harborside Cottages; Alicia's Eagle Rock Lodge; Daniels Lake Lodge; Tanglewood B&B; Summit Lake Lodge; Overland RV Park; Betty's RV Park; Beluga Lookout RV Park

**Services: Taxis:** Inlet Transportation; AAA/AK Cab; **Car Rental:** Budget; Avis; Hertz; National; Kenai Chrysler Center

**Water & Sewage:** Water is supplied by three artesian wells, is treated and piped to 75% of households. A fourth well is under construction. Sewage is piped and receives secondary treatment. The remaining 25% of households use individual water wells and septic systems.

**Miscellaneous:** Natural gas from Enstar is primarily used for home heating purposes. There are 4 schools located in the community, attended by 1,698 students.

### **Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

### **Potential Command Posts:**

Community/Borough EOC -

Community hall, etc. -

School -

### **Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport -

National Guard Armory -

Other government facilities -

### **Local Spill Response Equipment:**

Community Spill Response Agreement in place with City of Kenai.

### **Economy:**

In 1965, offshore oil discoveries in Cook Inlet fueled a period of rapid growth. Kenai has been a growing center for the oil and gas industry since that time, providing services and supplies for Cook Inlet's oil and natural gas drilling and exploration. Tesoro Alaska's oil refining operations and Unocal's urea plant are located in North Kenai. Both in-state and out-of-state visitors, especially for sport fishing along the Kenai River, provide a significant tourism industry. Other important economic sectors include sport, subsistence and commercial fishing, fish processing, timber and lumber harvesting, agriculture, transportation services, construction and retail trade. Approximately 234

area residents hold commercial fishing permits. The largest employers are the Borough School District, Unocal, Peak Oilfield Services, Tesoro Alaska, the Borough, and Central Peninsula General Hospital. Logging of spruce bark beetle-killed timber is a growing industry in the area.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Prior to Russian settlement, Kenai was a Dena'ina Athabascan Indian village. Russian fur traders first arrived in 1741, at which time, about 1,000 Dena'ina lived in the village of Shk'ituk't, near the River, and the traders called the people "Kenaitze," or "Kenai people." In 1791, a fortified Russian trading post, Fort St. Nicholas, was constructed for fur and fish trading, the second permanent Russian settlement in Alaska. In 1849, the Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church was established. A post office was established in 1899. Through the 1920s, commercial fishing was the primary activity. In 1940, homesteading enabled the area to develop. The first dirt road from Anchorage was constructed in 1951. In 1957, oil was discovered at Swanson River, 20 miles northeast of Kenai - the first major Alaska oil strike. The city was incorporated in 1960. In 1965, offshore oil discoveries in Cook Inlet fueled a period of rapid growth. Kenai has been a growing center for oil exploration, production and services since that time.

Alaska Natives represent 12% of the population. A federally recognized tribe is located in the community – the Kenaitze Indian Tribe. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 3,003 total housing units, 381 were vacant, with 58 used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 12%, with 2,869 residents employed, although 42% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$45,962, per capita income \$20,789, and 10% of residents were living below the poverty level.

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## **KNIK-FAIRVIEW**

(formerly Knik, and not to be confused with **Knik River** – see below)

**Population:** 8,488 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** None

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire Dept (376-3559)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care provided by Valley Hospital clinic in Wasilla (352-2888) or hospital in Palmer (746-8600) or Anchorage Hospitals. Local emergency service is provided by volunteers.

### **Organizations with Local Offices:**

**Village Corporation** - Knikatu, Incorporated, P.O. Box 872130, Wasilla, AK 99687, Phone 907-376-2845, Fax 907-376-2847

**Village Council** - Knik Tribal Council, P.O. Box 877885, Wasilla, AK 99687, Phone 907-376-9028

**Community Non-Profit** - Friends of Old Knik, HC30 Box 5480-B, Knik, AK 99654; 907-373-1102  
Web <http://www.knik.org/>

**Community Non-Profit** - Knik-Fairview Community Council, P.O. Box 877476, Wasilla, AK 99687-7476; Phone 907-373-4670

**KNIK RIVER: Community Non-Profit** - South Knik River Community Council, HC 02 Box 7691-I, Palmer, AK 99645-9710; Phone 907-746-6414

### **Location & Climate:**

**Knik-Fairview** is on the northwest bank of the Knik Arm of Cook Inlet, 37 road miles northwest of Anchorage in the Mat-Su Borough. It lies south of Wasilla, Big Lake and Meadow Lakes, off of Knik-Goose Bay Road and Fairview Loop Road, at approximately 61.540780° North Latitude and -149.59373° West Longitude. (Sec. 24, T016N, R003W, Seward Meridian.) Average temperatures in January range from -28 to 39; in July, 44 to 83. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches, including 48 inches of snowfall.

Knik-Fairview is separate from the community of **Knik River**, population 654, which is along the south side of Knik River, at the southern border of the Mat-Su Borough along the Old Glenn Highway and Knik River Road, at approximately 61.470970° North Latitude and -148.86064° West Longitude. (Sec. 24, T016N, R003W, Seward Meridian.)

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The George Parks Highway, Glenn Highway, and other local roads connect the area to Anchorage, the remainder of the state and Canada.

**Airport Facilities:** Ten private airstrips are in the vicinity

**Airline Services:** The Wasilla and Palmer airports provide scheduled commuter and air taxi services. Float planes land at Wasilla Lake, Jacobsen Lake and Lake Lucille.

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc. **Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:** **Cable Provider:** **Teleconferencing:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES **Radio Stations:** Some Anchorage ones available

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Lake Lucille Mat-Su borough Park Campground; Settlers Bay Lodge

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Most households use individual water wells, septic systems and are fully plumbed. There are several privately-operated piped systems. Many homes have access to piped natural gas for heating. The Borough landfill in Palmer is used, and private refuse collection is available

**Miscellaneous:** There are 2 schools located in the community, attended by 794 students.

**Note:** for **Knik River**, most homes use individual wells and septic systems. There are a few private piped systems; some residents haul water and use outhouses. The Eklutna Power Project is located in the community. The Borough provides a refuse transfer site in Butte. Electricity is provided by Matanuska Electric Association. There are no state operated schools located in the Knik River community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Agriculture and gravel extraction occur locally. Most residents are employed in Palmer, Wasilla or Anchorage in a variety of retail, services, city, borough, state, or federal government positions.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Knik is a Dena'ina (Tanaina) Athabascan Indian name meaning "fire," which originally applied to several villages at the head of Cook Inlet. A Russian Orthodox mission was in Knik as early as 1835. The primary village was listed as "Kinik" in the 1880 U.S. Census. Gold found in Interior Alaska in 1908 brought prospectors and supplies to disembark at Knik. Construction of the Iditarod Trail brought mail from Knik to Nome and shipments of gold by dog team to meet the boat at Knik. At its peak between 1913 and 1915, the town was home to 500 people during the summer and 1,000 during the winter. For awhile, more Dena'ina lived in Knik than did white settlers and miners. When the Alaska Railroad bypassed Knik in 1915, most residents relocated to Anchorage and Wasilla. Camp 13 of the Matanuska Colony, with 6 farms, was established along Fairview Road in 1935. Land was also homesteaded by veterans after World War II and the Korean War. Most of the historic docks and commercial district were destroyed in the 1960s when Knik-Goose Bay Road was constructed. This community is relatively large, with nearly 2,600 homes. Knik, a check-point for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race, is called the "Dog Mushing Center of the World." High-school students are bused to Wasilla. Low housing costs, the semi-rural lifestyle, and a tolerable commute to Anchorage have supported new growth in this portion of the Mat-Su Valley.

A federally recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Knik Tribal Council and 9% of the population is Alaska Native or part Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 2,593 total housing units, 218 were vacant, with 61 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 13%, with 2,789 residents employed, although 44% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$52,113, per capita income \$20,895, and 11% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## LAZY MOUNTAIN

**Population:** 1,188 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

The community lies at the foot of 3,720' Lazy Mountain, 5 miles northeast of Palmer in the Mat-Su Borough, at approximately 61d 37m N Latitude, 148d 57m W Longitude. Lazy Mountain is located in the Palmer Recording District. The average temperatures in January range from 6 to 14; in July, 47 to 67. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The community has access to the Glenn and George Parks Highways, and transportation is available for private or chartered aircraft nearby.

**Airport Facilities:**

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Approximately 90% of homes have individual water wells and septic systems, and are fully plumbed. A safewater source is available for hauling.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Locals are employed in a variety of positions in the nearby Palmer/Wasilla area. Grain, hay and potatoes are grown in the area.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Around 1900, "Palmer's Upper House," a boat-accessible trading post, was located on the east side of the Matanuska River, just upriver from today's Matanuska River Bridge on the Old Glenn Highway. George Palmer's store catered to Dena'ina Athabascans who traded with the Ahtna from Copper River. The area was homesteaded as early as 1915, when the railroad brought employment. Lazy Mountain Children's Home operated from 1947 until the early 1960s. At one time, the Mat-Su Borough established a ski lift and warm-up hut at the Lazy Mountain Recreation area, but has since been dismantled.

Approximately 5% of the population are Alaska Native or part Native. Lazy Mountain is a large developed area outside of Palmer. Most residents are non-Native. Students are bused to schools in Butte or Palmer. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 465 total housing units, 55 were vacant, with 25 used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 11%, with 534 residents employed, although 37% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$46,500, per capita income \$22,789, and 8% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

**Population:** 67,473 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:**

**Incorporation Type:** 2nd Class Borough  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

**Emergency Services:** See individual communities.

### **Organizations with Local Offices:**

**Borough** - Matanuska-Susitna Borough, 350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 745-4801, Fax 745-9845, e-mail: [ccb@msb.co.mat-su.ak.us](mailto:ccb@msb.co.mat-su.ak.us), Web: <http://www.co.mat-su.ak.us/>

**Economic Development** - Matanuska-Susitna Convention & Visitors Bureau, HCO-1, Box 6166J21, Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 746-5000, Fax 746-2688, e-mail: [matsucvb@alaska.net](mailto:matsucvb@alaska.net), Web: <http://www.alaskavisit.com/>

**School District** - Matanuska-Susitna Schools, 125 W. Evergreen, Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 746-9255, Fax 745-0194, e-mail: [KDErickson@msb.mat-su.k12.ak.us](mailto:KDErickson@msb.mat-su.k12.ak.us), Web: <http://www.mat-su.k12.ak.us/schdist/>

### **Location & Climate:**

The Borough is comprised of the lush farmlands of the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys, approximately 42 miles northeast of Anchorage. It lies at approximately 61d 36m N Latitude, 149d 06m W Longitude. The area encompasses 24693.6 sq. miles of land and 538.8 sq. miles of water. The average temperatures in January range from 6 to 14; in July, 47 to 67. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** The area accesses both the Glenn and George Parks Highways.

**Airport Facilities:** A local municipal airport supports private and chartered services.

**Airline Services:** Commercial airlines serve the nearby Anchorage International Airport

**Freight:** The Alaska Railroad connects Palmer to Whittier, Seward or Anchorage for ocean freight delivery.

**Vessel Support:**

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

This information is available on a community basis. Communities located within the Borough include: Alexander Creek, Big Lake, Butte, Chase, Chickaloon, Houston, Knik, Lazy Mountain, Meadow Lakes, Palmer, Skwentna, Sutton, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, Wasilla, and Willow.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 30 schools located in the community, attended by 12,669 students.

### **Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The economy is diverse, and residents are employed in a variety of retail and other professional services, as well as city, borough, state and federal occupations. Many commute to positions in Anchorage. Several recreational-use homes are owned by Anchorage residents in the valley. 252 borough residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

By 1920, gold, coal mining, and construction of the Alaska railroad sustained the local population. The Matanuska Valley was settled by homesteaders who led an agricultural lifestyle in the 1930s. Construction of the statewide road system and the rich farmlands fueled population growth. Today, Borough residents enjoy a more rural lifestyle close to metropolitan Anchorage. Low housing costs, the rural lifestyle, and a reasonable commute to Anchorage for employment and services has made the Mat-Su Borough one of the fastest growing areas of Alaska in recent years.

Approximately 9% of the population is Alaska Native or part Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 27,329 total housing units, 6,773 were vacant, with 5,244 used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 10%, with 25,356 residents employed, although 41% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$51,221, per capita income \$21,105, and 11% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## MEADOW LAKES

**Population:** 5,443 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire Dept.

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

The community is located along Meadow Lakes, a 10-mile long lake between the Little Susitna River and the Alaska Railroad, 5 miles northwest of Wasilla off of the George Parks Highway. It lies at approximately 61d 37m N Latitude, 149d 38m W Longitude. Meadow Lakes is located in the Palmer Recording District. January temperatures range from 4 to 23; July can vary from 47 to 68.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The area is connected to the statewide highway system from the George Parks Highway.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Palmer and Wasilla offer air service. Float planes also access Meadow Lake.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications: In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Approximately 80% of homes use individual water wells, septic systems, and are fully plumbed. The remainder haul water from a safe source and use outhouses. A large number of homes in the area are for seasonal use.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The Wasilla/Palmer area and Anchorage employ individuals in a wide variety of federal, state, local and private sector jobs.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The area has served as a transportation corridor since around 1906, when the first of the trails leading out of Knik to the Gold Mines in the Willow Creek Mining District, the Carle Wagon Road, was constructed. This is now the Wasilla-Fishhook Road. In 1917, Pittman was established on the Alaska Railroad at Mile 166.5, and a water station was added in 1920. Homesteaders settled the area after World War II, and the area continued to develop after a Department of Natural Resources land disposal during the mid-1960s. Low housing costs, the semi-rural lifestyle, and employment in Palmer, Wasilla and Anchorage have supported growth in the Mat-Su Valley.

Alaska Natives represent 8% of the population. Meadow Lakes is a large settlement north of Wasilla, comprised of approximately 2,000 homes. Students are bused to Wasilla, Big Lake and Houston. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 2,003 total housing units, 301 were vacant, with 138 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 10%, with 1,978 residents employed, although 42% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$41,030, per capita income \$17,295, and 17% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## MOOSE PASS

**Population:** 221 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Moose Pass Vol. Fire/EMS (288-3666/8665); Moose Pass Fire Hall

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Moose Pass Volunteer Fire/EMS (288-3666/8665); Seward General Hospital (224-5205) or Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Moose Pass is located 26 miles north of Seward on the Kenai Peninsula. It is on the southwest shore of Upper Trail Lake, off the Seward Highway, at mile 29.3 of the Alaska Railroad, at approximately 60d 29m N Latitude, 149d 22m W Longitude. Moose Pass is located in the Seward Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Seward and Sterling Highways provide access to Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Seward offers an airport.

**Airline Services:** Scenic Mountain Air

**Freight:** Nearby Seward offers a railroad, harbor/dock facilities.

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Seward offers a harbor/dock facilities and State Ferry access.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Interior Telephone Co./TelAlaska

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI

**Internet Service Provider:** Seward Internet Services ([www.seward.net](http://www.seward.net))

**TV Stations:** ARCS

**Radio Stations:** KSWD-AM; KYAK-AM; KFQD-AM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Chugach Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Moose Pass RV Park; Trail Lodge; Summit Lake Lodge

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems; over 50%

of households are fully plumbed. The school operates its own water system. The remainder of residences haul or have water delivered, and use privies. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 43 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The State Division of Forestry and local businesses provide most employment. The community is not within an easy commute of either Seward or Kenai. Four residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The community was first named in 1912 as a station on the Alaska Railroad. The name is reportedly derived from a mail carrier's team of dogs that in 1903 had considerable trouble gaining the right-of-way from a moose. A post office was established in 1928.

Approximately 11% of the population is Alaska Native or part Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 119 total housing units, with 35 vacant, and 19 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 0%, with 97 residents employed, although 31% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$87,291, per capita income \$28,147, and 0% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## NANWALEK

**Population:** 214 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** Chugach Alaska Corp.

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** (State VPSO currently vacant) (281-2274)

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:**

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Nanwalek Health Clinic (281-2250/2251). Auxiliary health care is provided by Nanwalek First Responders & Clinic (281-2250).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Village Corporation** - English Bay Corporation, P.O. Box KEB, Homer, AK 99603, Phone 281-2252, Fax 281-2252

**Village Council** - Native Village of Nanwalek, P.O. Box 8028, Nanwalek, AK 99603-6628, Phone 281-2252, Fax 281-2252, e-mail: [Nanwalek@smtp.ak.bia.gov](mailto:Nanwalek@smtp.ak.bia.gov)

### Location & Climate:

Nanwalek is located at the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula, 10 miles southwest of Seldovia and east of Port Graham, at approximately 59d 21m N Latitude, 151d 55m W Longitude (Sec. 35, T009S, R016W, Seward Meridian). Nanwalek is located in the Seldovia Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 60. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Nanwalek is not accessible by road. Boats are the primary means of transportation locally.

**Airport Facilities:** A State-owned 1,850' gravel airstrip is available.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** The State Ferry provides service to nearby Seldovia.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland     **Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:** None     **TV Stations:** None locally     **Cable Provider:** None

**Radio Stations:** KSRM-AM; KWHQ-FM; KBBI-AM; KGTL-AM

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Water is derived from a surface stream and is treated; a new surface water source is

under development. Nanwalek has a piped water and sewer system which serves all homes in the village; most are completely plumbed. The village needs a larger water storage tank, water treatment, new water and sewer mains, new fire hydrants, and a landfill expansion.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 54 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The school, subsistence activities, and summer employment at the Port Graham cannery provide income. Six residents hold commercial fishing permits. The community is working on a project to reestablish the local sockeye run, which has been very low in recent years.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Originally the site of a Russian Trading Post called Alexandrovsk, the village was later called "Odinochka," meaning "a person living in solitude." A Russian Orthodox Church was built in the community in 1870. In 1930, a replacement Church was constructed, and it is a designated national historic site. In 1991, locals changed the community name of English Bay to Nanwalek, meaning "place by lagoon." Many of the current residents are of mixed Russian and Sugpiaq (Alutiiq) lineage. Villagers speak Sugtestun, a dialect of Eskimo similar to Yup'ik.

A federally recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Native Village of Nanwalek, and 93% of the population are Alaska Native or part Native, and it is a traditional Alutiiq village. Subsistence activities are a large part of the culture. The sale of alcohol is banned in the village, although importing and possession are allowed. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 54 total housing units, with 9 vacant, and 7 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 5%, with 75 residents employed, although 33% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$42,500, per capita income \$10,577, and 17% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## NIKISKI

**Population:** 4,357 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None.

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Nikiski Fire Dept./EMS/Rescue (776-8400); Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (283-4388/776-8400)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Nikiski Fire Dept./EMS/Rescue (283-4388/776-8400) and Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - North Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 8053, Nikiski, AK 99635, Phone 283-7862, Fax 776-5122

### Location & Climate:

Nikiski, also known as Port Nikiski and Nikishka, is located on the Kenai Peninsula, 9 miles north of the City of Kenai, off of the Sterling Highway, at approximately 60d 44m N Latitude, 151d 19m W Longitude (Sec. 02, T006N, R012W, Seward Meridian). Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Kenai offers an airport. There are two private airstrips in the vicinity, one owned by Shell Oil Company

**Airline Services:** Rediske Air

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Kenai offers docking facilities. The Port of Nikiski docks service offshore drilling platforms.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:** Custom CPU (www.customcpu.com); GCI (www.gci.net); Peninsula Internet (www.kenai.net)

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KXBA-FM

**Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Kenai Peninsula Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Lynn's Inn B&B; Moose Haven Lodge; Daniel's Lake Lodge; Bishop Creek Campground; Discovery Campground

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems. The remainder of residences haul or have water delivered, and use privies. Almost all homes are fully plumbed. The schools operate their own well water systems.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 2 schools located in the community, attended by 747 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. (CISPRI)

**Economy:**

Nikiski is the site of several oil refineries where North Slope oil is processed into gasoline for Tesoro, Mapco and other gasoline retailers. Timber, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services also provide employment. Approximately, 57 residents hold commercial fishing permits. Alaska Petroleum Contractors and Natchiq Inc. are building modules in Nikiski to be shipped to the North Slope for oil-field service work.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Traditionally a Kenaitze Indian territory, the area was homesteaded in the 1940s, and grew with the discovery of oil on the Kenai Peninsula in 1957. By 1964, oil-related industries located here included Unocal, Phillips 66, Chevron and Tesoro.

Alaska Natives represent 10% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 1,766 total housing units, with 252 vacant, and 93 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 16%, with 1,652 residents employed, although 48% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$51,176, per capita income \$20,129, and 11% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## NIKOLAEVSK

**Population:** 313 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Certified Community Volunteers & Fire Truck; Borough Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Anchor Point Fire/EMS (235-6700/2427); South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Community Non-Profit** - Nikolaevsk Community Council Inc., P.O. Box 5044, Nikolaevsk, AK 99556, Phone 235-4033, e-mail: [pegasus@ptialaska.net](mailto:pegasus@ptialaska.net)

### Location & Climate:

Nikolaevsk is located on the Kenai Peninsula, inland from the Sterling Highway near Anchor Point, at approximately 59d 50m N Latitude, 151d 35m W Longitude (Sec. 23, T004S, R014W, Seward Meridian). Nikolaevsk is located in the Homer Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Homer offers an airport.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Homer offers harbor/docking facilities and a State Ferry landing.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; United Utilities

**Internet Service Provider:** XYZ.net/ACS (www.xyz.net)

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** KWHQ-FM; KSRM-AM; KWVV-FM; KGTL-AM; KPEN-FM; KBBI-AM

**Cable Provider:** None                   **Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** A new water treatment building, water mains and household water service lines were

installed in 1997. The majority of homes are fully plumbed - 49 residents, the school and community-wide fire hydrants are connected to the water system. 80% of households use septic tanks for sewage disposal. Two subdivisions (Nahodka and Kluchevaya) are located outside of the main hub of Nikolaevsk. They have an independent water system that taps two local springs; they do not want to be connected to the new water system. The community has asked for funding to remedy failing individual septic tanks.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 131 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Many residents are employed in the Anchor Point and Homer areas. A co-op has recently been formed for Russian handmade items. Boat building also occurs. Approximately 23 residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Nikolaevsk is the location of a settlement of "Russian Old Believers," whose ancestors settled in Woodburn, Oregon after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 forced them out of Russia. The first Old Believer settlers on the Kenai Peninsula received a grant from the Tolstoy Foundation in New York and purchased land there in 1967. The community includes Russian Orthodox, Russian Old Believers (Old Right Believers) and some non-Russian people, living in three distinct settlements. The Old Believers in this area lead a family-oriented, self-sufficient, separatist lifestyle. They use modern utilities, and food sources are from gardening, fishing, hunting, and cattle. The first school opened in 1972 and until 1980, students attended classes through the ninth grade, then began their adult lives; many students now go on to complete their education. Families are typically very large (8 to 12 children.) Traditional clothing is worn, Russian is the first language, and the church dictates that males do not shave. Boys typically marry at age 15 or 16, while girls are married at 13 or 14. As growth occurred during the 1980s and 1990s, additional settlements have developed in the area.

Approximately 5% of the population is Alaska Native or part Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 122 total housing units, with 26 vacant, and 19 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 23%, with 88 residents were employed, although 60% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$37,500, per capita income \$10,390, and 19% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## NINILCHIK

**Population:** 772 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (567-3388)

**Fire:** Ninilchik Volunteer Fire Dept. (567-3929); Borough Central Emergency Services (CES)  
Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Ninilchik Health Clinic (567-3970). Auxiliary health care is provided by Ninilchik Community Ambulance Assoc. (567-3970/3323); Ninilchik Volunteer Fire Dept. (567-3929); South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer or Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna (262-4404).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Ninilchik Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 39164, Ninilchik, AK 99636, Phone 567-3670, Web: <http://alaskan.com/bells/ninilchik.html>

**Village Corporation** - Ninilchik Native Association, Inc., 800 E. Dimond Blvd., Suite 3-490, Anchorage, AK 99515, Phone 344-8654, Fax 344-8684, Web:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/4416/links.htm>

**Village Council** - Ninilchik Traditional Council, P.O. Box 39070, Ninilchik, AK 99639, Phone 567-3313, Fax 567-3308, e-mail: [nintribe@ptialaska.net](mailto:nintribe@ptialaska.net), Web:

[http://www.ptialaska.net/~kenaipen/1\\_Ninilchik\\_Alaska.html](http://www.ptialaska.net/~kenaipen/1_Ninilchik_Alaska.html)

### Location & Climate:

Ninilchik lies on the west coast of the Kenai Peninsula on the Sterling Highway, 38 miles southwest of the City of Kenai, and 188 road miles from Anchorage, at approximately 60° 03' N Latitude, 151° 40' W Longitude (Sec. 34, T001S, R014W, Seward Meridian). Ninilchik is located in the Homer Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and beyond.

**Airport Facilities:** A State-owned 2,400' dirt/gravel airstrip is located in Ninilchik. Homer also offers an airport.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Homer also offers harbor/docking facilities and State Ferry access. Boats are launched from Deep Creek beach.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland **Long-Distance Phone:** GCI; ACS Long Distance

**Internet Service Provider:** Core Communications ([www.corecom.net](http://www.corecom.net)); Peninsula Internet ([www.kenai.net](http://www.kenai.net)) **TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES **Cable Provider:** None

**Radio Stations:** KSRM-AM; KWHQ-FM; KWVV-FM; KGTL-AM; KPEN-FM; KBBI-AM

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:****Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Big Valley Cabins; The Bluff House B&B; Double Eagle Lodge; Homestead House B&B; Hysten's Housekeeping Cottages & Camper Park; Ninilchik Cabins & Fish Camp; Ninilchik Lodge; Hysten's Camper Park; Ninilchik View State Campground; Deep Creek State Recreation Area; Inlet View Lodge & Cabins; Reel 'Em Inn; The Eagle Watch Hostel; Country Boy Campground/RVs; Heavenly Sights RV Park; Hysten's Alaskan Angler RV Park; Flying Bear Cabins/Campground/RV; Ninilchik Point Overnighter/RV

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells or have water delivered. Two-thirds of all residences have individual septic systems and full plumbing; others use outhouses. The school operates its own well and water treatment facility. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally. The village has requested funding to construct a piped sewer system for homes in the Old Ninilchik Subdivision. Lots are too small for both individual wells and septic systems.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 212 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –  
School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –  
National Guard Armory –  
Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Subsistence activities, commercial fishing, some tourism, and timber harvests from Native lands occur in Ninilchik. The economy of the surrounding Kenai area is diverse: oil and gas processing, sawmills, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services provide employment. 48 residents hold commercial fishing permits in Ninilchik.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Kenai Peninsula was historically used by Dena'ina Indians for fur-farming and fishing. The Dena'ina word "Niqnilchint" means "lodge by the river." In the 1820s, the Russian American Fur Company, burdened by a number of elderly, disabled and sick employees who could not safely return to Russia, established self-sustaining retirement settlements in Alaska. The Transfiguration of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Church was constructed in 1846. In 1896, a Russian village school was built, and a post office established in 1925. The 1940s brought homesteaders to the area and in 1949 the Berman Packing Company began fish canning operations. The Sterling Highway reached Ninilchik a year later, and the current Ninilchik school built the next year.

Alaska Natives represent 17% of the population. A federally recognized tribe, Ninilchik is a traditional Native village, although the majority of the population is non-Native. The village association is actively involved in local issues. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 762 total housing units, with 442 vacant, and 415 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 18%, with 292 residents employed, although 52% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$36,250, per capita income \$18,463, and 14% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## PALMER

**Population:** 5,474 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Home Rule City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Police Dept. (within city limits) (745-4811)

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (745-2131)

**Fire:** City Fire Dept (745-3271); Borough Ambulance; Borough Public Safety Bldg.

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Valley Hospital (746-8600). Auxiliary health care is provided by Palmer Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811); Mat-Su Borough Dive Rescue Team (373-8800); Valley Transport Service (373-8800).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 45, Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 745-2880, Fax 746-4164, e-mail: [palmer@alaska.net](mailto:palmer@alaska.net), Web: <http://www.palmerchamber.org>

**City** - City of Palmer, 231 W. Evergreen Ave., Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 745-3271, Fax 745-0930, e-mail: [citymgr@alaska.net](mailto:citymgr@alaska.net), Web: <http://www.palmerchamber.org>

**Electric Utility** - Matanuska Electric Association, P.O. Box 2929, Palmer, AK 99645, Phone 745-3231, Fax 745-9328

**Village Corporation** - Montana Creek Native Assoc., HC 89, Box 520, Willow, AK 99688; 733-2337

### Location & Climate:

Palmer is located in the center of the lush farmlands of the Matanuska Valley, 42 miles northeast of Anchorage on the Glenn Highway, at approximately 61d 36m N Latitude, 149d 06m W Longitude (Sec. 04, T017N, R002E, Seward Meridian). The average temperatures in January range from 4 to 21; in July, 44 to 67. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches, with 50 inches of snowfall.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Palmer lies on the Glenn Highway.

**Airport Facilities:** Two paved airstrips, one at 6,000' and the other at 3,616'. There are seven additional privately-owned airstrips in the vicinity. Float planes may land at nearby Finger Lake or Wolf Lake.

**Airline Services:** Commercial airlines serve the Anchorage International Airport, but the Palmer Municipal Airport supports private and chartered services and air cargo.

**Freight:** The Alaska Railroad connects Palmer to Whittier, Seward or Anchorage for ocean freight delivery.

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; ACS Long Distance; Matanuska Telephone

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet ([www.acsalaska.net](http://www.acsalaska.net)); Arctic.Net/TelAlaska, Inc. ([www.arctic.net](http://www.arctic.net)); AT&T WorldNet ([www.worldnet.att.net](http://www.worldnet.att.net)); Chugach.Net ([www.chugach.net](http://www.chugach.net)); Core Communications ([www.corecom.net](http://www.corecom.net)); Custom CPU ([www.customcpu.com](http://www.customcpu.com)); GCI ([www.gci.net](http://www.gci.net)); MTA Online ([www.mtaonline.com](http://www.mtaonline.com)); Sinbad Network Communications ([www.sinbad.net](http://www.sinbad.net))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KSKA-FM; KATB-FM **Cable Provider:** Rogers Cablesystems of Alaska

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association. Matanuska Electric Assoc. is part owner of the Alaska Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative, Inc., which operates a gas turbine plant in Soldotna and also purchases electricity from Chugach Electric and the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): Service Oil & Gas (6 @ 45,000 gals.)

**Housing:** Valley Hotel, Pioneer Motel and Apartments; Gold Miner's Hotel; Colony Inn; Fairview Motel; Majestic Valley Wilderness Lodge; Sheep Mountain Lodge; Motherlode Lodge; Mountain View RV Park; Town & Country RV; Homestead RV Park; Matanuska River Park; Tara Dells B&B; Pollen's B&B; Iditarod House B&B; Prickley Rose Garden Inn B&B

**Services: Taxis:** Several; **Car Rental:** None

**Water & Sewage:** Water is provided by three deep wells, is treated and stored in a million-gallon reservoir. Sewage is collected by pipe and treated in an aerated lagoon facility. The schools and Palmer Correctional Center operate individual well systems. All homes are completely plumbed.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 9 schools located in the community, attended by 5,448 students. The Mat-Su Borough operates the landfill.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Palmer's economy is based on a diversity of retail and other services, and city, borough, state and federal government. Some light manufacturing occurs. Many are employed in Anchorage. Approximately 73 area residents hold commercial fishing permits. Palmer is home to 200 musk ox whose underwool (qiviut) is knitted into garments by Alaska Native women from 12 rural villages and sold by an Anchorage cooperative. The 75-acre musk ox farm is also a tourist attraction. The University has an Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station Office and a district Cooperative Extension Service office here. The University's Matanuska Research Farm is also located in Palmer. The valley is renowned for the annual Alaska State Fair, where local farmers produce award-winning vegetables.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Two groups of Athabascans -- the Ahtna and Dena'ina -- have lived in this region for centuries. George Palmer, a trader who came to Knik in 1875, established a trading post on the Matanuska River around 1890. A railway siding was constructed in Palmer in 1916. In 1935, Palmer became the site of one of the most unusual experiments in US history: the Matanuska Valley Colony. A New Deal relief agency planned an agricultural colony in Alaska and 203 families, mostly from the upper MiddleWest, were invited to join the Colony, arriving in Palmer in the early summer of 1935. Although the failure rate was high, many descendants still live in the Mat-Su Valley today. The City of Palmer was formed in 1951. Construction of the statewide road system, and rapid development of Anchorage, has fueled growth in the Mat-Su valley.

Alaska Natives represent 13% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 1,555 total housing units, with 83 vacant, and 5 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 11%, with 1,869 residents employed, although 42% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$45,571, per capita income \$17,203, and 13% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## PORT GRAHAM

**Population:** 171 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** Chugach Alaska Corp.

### Emergency Services:

**Police:**

**VPSO:** State VPSO (284-2234)

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Port Graham Volunteer Fire/EMS (284-2224)

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Port Graham Health Clinic (284-2241). Auxiliary health care is provided by Port Graham EMS (284-2227/2262); flight to South Peninsula Hospital (235-8101) in Homer.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Village Corporation** - Port Graham Corporation, P.O. Box 5569, Port Graham, AK 99603, Phone 284-2212, Fax 284-2219

**Village Council** - Native Village of Port Graham, P.O. Box 5510, Port Graham, AK 99603, Phone 284-2227, Fax 284-2222, e-mail: [PortGraham@sntp.ak.bia.gov](mailto:PortGraham@sntp.ak.bia.gov)

### Location & Climate:

The community is located at the southern end of the Kenai Peninsula on the shore of Port Graham. It is nearly adjacent to Nanwalek, 7.5 miles southwest of Seldovia, at approximately 59d 21m N Latitude, 151d 49m W Longitude (Sec. 32, T009S, R015W, Seward Meridian). Port Graham is located in the Seldovia Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 14 to 27; summer temperatures vary from 45 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 24 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Port Graham is not accessible by road.

**Airport Facilities:** A State-owned 1,975' dirt/gravel airstrip is available.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** The community offers docking facilities. Nearby Seldovia is served by the State Ferry system.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom **Internet Service Provider:** None

**TV Stations:** ARCS; KAKM **Radio Stations:** KSRM-AM; KWHQ-FM; KBBI-AM; KGTL-AM

**Cable Provider:** None **Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): Petro Marine (10 @ 70,000 gals.)

**Housing:** Huntsman's Tipi B&B; Fedora's B&B (284-2239)

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Water is derived from a surface source, is treated and stored in a 50,000-gal. redwood tank. Port Graham has a piped water system and sewage disposal in a community septic tank. A sludge lagoon was recently completed. 66 homes and facilities are served by the system; almost 90% of households are fully plumbed. Port Graham Corporation operates the washeteria. The community has requested funds for a new 150,000-gal. water storage tank to provide better treatment and pressure, and to connect Duncan Heights Subdivision to the system.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 41 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

A new \$4.5 million fish cannery opened on June 19, 1999. The former plant and salmon hatchery were destroyed by fire in January 1998. Locals organized funding to rebuild the facilities; insurance covered only part of the loss. The cannery provides seasonal employment for 70 Port Graham and Nanwalek residents. The hatchery will be rebuilt in a separate but adjacent building during the summer of 1999. Red salmon fry are raised for area lakes, and pink salmon are raised for the cannery. Approximately 13 residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The earliest known settlers were Russians from the nearby trading post at Nanwalek. In 1850, the Russian-American Co. established a coal mine at Port Graham, but it was not economical and lasted only a few years. Port Graham became the site of a cannery and wharf and, in 1911, Aleuts from Nanwalek moved to the community many to work at the cannery. A post office operated between 1938 and 1961. The cannery burned in 1960, but rebuilt in 1968 and later sold to the village corporation in 1983. A pink salmon hatchery began operations in 1991, but in 1998, the hatchery and salmon processing plant were destroyed by fire. The hatchery and processing plant were rebuilt and re-opened in June 1999. The cannery continues to be the main economic activity in the community, employing residents of Nanwalek as well.

A federally recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Native Village of Port Graham. Alaska Natives represent 88% of the population. Port Graham is a traditional Sugpiaq village with a fishing and subsistence lifestyle. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 82 total housing units, with 12 vacant, and 6 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 22%, with 59 residents employed, although 54% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$40,250, per capita income \$13,666, and 19% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## PRIMROSE

**Population:** 93 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None.

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire/Rescue/EMT

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Seward General Hospital (224-5205).

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Primrose is on the Kenai Peninsula, off of the Seward Highway at mile 18.4 of the Alaska Railroad. It lies 15 miles north of Seward, at approximately 60d 20m N Latitude, 149d 20m W Longitude. Primrose is located in the Seward Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 4 to 22; summer temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Seward and Sterling Highways provide access to Anchorage and the statewide highway system.

**Airport Facilities:** Nearby Seward offers an airport, railroad and docking facilities.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** Nearby Seward offers docking facilities.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Interior Telephone Co./TelAlaska

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom **Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** **Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:** **Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Seward Electric System.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** 65% of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems and are fully plumbed. The remainder of residences haul or have water delivered, and use privies. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The Seward area provides employment in the transportation industry, services and in state government.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Primrose was first listed as a flag stop on the Alaska Railroad in 1919. Alaska Natives represent 7% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 47 total housing units, with 14 vacant, and 9 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 12%, with 61 residents employed, although 28% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$66,111, per capita income \$18,904, and 0% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## RIDGEWAY

**Population:** 1,932 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453) and Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

Organizations with Local Offices: None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Ridgeway is located on the Sterling Highway on the Kenai Peninsula, between the cities of Kenai, Soldotna and Sterling, at approximately 60d 32m N Latitude, 151d 05m W Longitude. Winter temperatures range from 4 to 22; summer temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and the statewide road system. Kenai transportation facilities include a dock and airport.

**Airport Facilities:**

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:**

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:**

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Approximately 90% of homes use individual water wells and septic tank systems, and

are fully plumbed.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The economy of the Kenai area is diverse: oil and gas processing, timber, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services provide employment.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The area has historically been the home of Kenaitze Indians, although it was developed by non-Natives for the rich resources of the Peninsula. Alaska Natives represent 8% of the population. Ridgeway is a geographic area between two very large cities on the Kenai Peninsula and most residents are non-Native. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 938 total housing units, with 223 vacant, and 163 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 2%, with 887 residents employed, although 41% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$50,625, per capita income \$23,225, and 9% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## SALAMATOF

**Population:** 954 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None.

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453) and Central Peninsula Hospital (262-4404) in Soldotna.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Village Corporation** - Salamatof Native Assoc., Inc., P.O. Box 2682, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-7864, Fax 283-5081

**Village Council** - Village of Salamatof, P.O. Box 2682, Kenai, AK 99611, Phone 283-7864, Fax 283-6470

### Location & Climate:

Salamatof is on the Kenai Peninsula, on the east shore of Cook Inlet at the mouth of Salamatof Creek, 5.5 miles northwest of the City of Kenai, at approximately 60d 37m N Latitude, 151d 20m W Longitude (Sec. 26, T006N, R012W, Seward Meridian). Salamatof is located in the Kenai Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 4 to 22; summer temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage and beyond.

**Airport Facilities:** Float planes can land at Arness Lake and Lower Salamatof. Kenai offers an airport and docking facilities.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:**

**Radio Stations:**

**Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:**

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells and septic tanks, and the remainder are connected to Kenai's piped water and sewer system. Almost all households are fully plumbed. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are no state operated schools located in the community.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Salamatof is attempting to develop a lake resort area. The economy of the Kenai area is diverse: oil and gas processing, timber, commercial and sport fishing, government, retail businesses and tourism-related services provide employment.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Salamatof was first reported in 1911 by the U.S. Geological Survey as a Dena'ina Indian village. A federally recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Village of Salamatof. Alaska Natives, mostly Athabaskan, represent 22% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 282 total housing units, with 62 vacant, and 27 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 15%, with 228 residents employed, although 71% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$44,861, per capita income \$16,306, and 12% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## SELDOVIA

**Population:** 286 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** First Class City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Police Dept. - 234-7640

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** City Volunteer Fire/Rescue/Ambulance - 234-7812

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Seldovia Health Clinic. Auxiliary health care is provided by Seldovia Volunteer Fire & Rescue (234-7812/235-3150); flight to South Peninsula Hospital in Homer.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Seldovia Chamber of Commerce, Drawer F-A, Seldovia, AK 99663, Phone 234-7612, Fax 234-7637

**City** - City of Seldovia, Drawer B, Seldovia, AK 99663, Phone 234-7643, Fax 234-7430, e-mail: [seldcity@xyz.net](mailto:seldcity@xyz.net), Web: <http://Seldovia.com>

**Village Corporation** - Seldovia Native Association, Inc., P.O. Drawer L, Seldovia, AK 99663, Phone 234-7625, Fax 234-7637

**Village Council** - Seldovia Village Tribe, P.O. Drawer L, Seldovia, AK 99663, Phone 234-7898, Fax 234-7637, e-mail: [Seldovia@smtp.ak.bia.gov](mailto:Seldovia@smtp.ak.bia.gov)

### Location & Climate:

Seldovia is on the Kenai Peninsula across from Homer on the south shore of Kachemak Bay, a 15 minute flight. Flight time to Anchorage is 45 minutes. It lies at approximately 59d 26m N Latitude, 151d 42m W Longitude (Sec. 32, T008S, R014W, Seward Meridian). Winter temperatures in Seldovia range from 12 to 21; summers vary from 48 to 65. Annual precipitation is 34.5 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:**

**Airport Facilities:** A State-owned 1,845' gravel airstrip and seaplane base are available.

**Airline Services:** Homer Air; Southcentral Air. Direct flights are provided to Homer and Anchorage, with connections to Kodiak and Kenai.

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** The State Ferry System connects to Homer, where the Sterling Highway enables road access. Private tour boats are also available for passenger commutes to the mainland. A harbor and boat haul-out facilities are available.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland

**Long-Distance Phone:** GCI; ACS Long Distance

**Internet Service Provider:** Custom CPU ([www.customcpu.com](http://www.customcpu.com)); XYZ.net/ACS ([www.xyz.net](http://www.xyz.net))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA

**Radio Stations:** KPEN-FM; KWVV-FM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Homer Legislative Information Office  
**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): Seldovia Fuels/Delta Western (384,000 gals.)

**Housing:** Gerry's Place B&B (234-7471); Seldovia Boardwalk Hotel (234-7816); Stamper's Bayview Lodge (234-7633); Harmony Point Wilderness Lodge (234-7858); Seaport Cottages; Eagle's Lair B&B

**Services: Taxis:** Airport/Harbor Shuttle; **Car Rental:** None

**Water & Sewage:** Water is derived from the Fish Creek Reservoir, is treated, stored in a tank, and distributed via water mains. Sewage is piped to a community septic tank for primary treatment, then discharges to an ocean outfall. Approximately 175 homes and facilities are served by the system; all homes are completely plumbed. Individual wells have been unable to produce potable water. Funds have been requested to provide water and on-site septic tanks to the households with wells, and to protect the community ground water quality. Funds have also been requested to expand the system to areas for new development.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 80 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

Community Spill Response Agreement in place with City of Seldovia.

Nearshore response barge (550 barge) located in Seldovia.

**Economy:**

The Seldovia economy relies on commercial fishing, with 62 residents holding commercial fishing permits. Timber operations at Jakolof Bay and Seldovia Bay have affected the community economy. Tourism is increasing.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Native residents are mixed Dena'ina Indian, Aleut and Sugpiaq Eskimo (also known as Alutiiq). The name Seldovia is derived from "Seldevoy," a Russian word meaning "herring bay." Between 1869 and 1882, a trading post was located here, and a post office established in 1898. The village developed around commercial fishing and fish processing. The City of Seldovia was incorporated in 1945.

Alaska Natives represent 23% of the population and a federally recognized tribe is located in the community. Seldovia is an Alutiiq village. Commercial fishing and subsistence are an integral part of the local culture. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 232 total housing units with 98 vacant and 81 of these vacant housing units used only seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 10%, with 129 residents employed, although 44% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$45,313, per capita income was \$23,669, and 8% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## SEWARD

**Population:** 2,830 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Home Rule City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Police Dept. (within city limits) (224-3338); City Jail

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (224-3346)

**Fire:** City Volunteer Fire/EMS/Ambulance (224-3345/3338); Bear Creek Fire Hall

**Medical:** Providence Seward Medical Center (224-5205/3490). Auxiliary health care provided by Bear Creek Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. (224-3345/3338); Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corps (224-3987).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Seward Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 749, Seward, AK 99664, Ph 224-8051, Fax 224-5353, e-mail: [chamber@seward.net](mailto:chamber@seward.net)

**City** - City of Seward, P.O. Box 167, Seward, AK 99664, Ph 224-3331, Fax 224-4038, e-mail: [clerk@arctic.net](mailto:clerk@arctic.net)

**Media** - The Seward Phoenix Log, 315 Fourth Ave, Seward, AK 99664, Phone 224-8070, Fax 224-3157

**Village Corporation** - Grouse Creek Corporation, P.O. Box 723, Seward, AK 99664, Phone 224-5902

**Village Corporation** - Mount Marathon Native Assoc., P.O. Box 995, Seward, AK 99664, Ph 224-3118, Fax 224-5874

**Village Council** - Qutekca Native Tribe, P.O. Box 1467, Seward, AK 99664, Ph 224-3118, Fax 224-5874

### Location & Climate:

Seward is situated on Resurrection Bay on the southeast coast of the Kenai Peninsula, 125 highway miles south of Anchorage. Sitting at the foot of Mount Marathon, Seward is the gateway to the Kenai Fjords National Park and lies at approximately 60d 07m N Latitude, 149d 26m W Longitude (Sec. 10, T001S, R001W, Seward Meridian). Seward experiences a maritime climate. Winter temperatures average from 17 to 38; summer temperatures average 49 to 63. Annual precipitation includes 66 inches of rain and 80 inches of snowfall.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Seward is connected to the Alaska Highway system by the Seward Highway.

**Airport Facilities:** Two paved runways are utilized, at 4,240 and 2,300 feet.

**Airline Services:** FS Air; Scenic Mountain Air; Kenai Air Alaska; Alaska Aerial Tours. Daily air services and charters are available at the State-owned airport.

**Freight:** The Alaska Railroad provides over 1.4 billion pounds of cargo transit each year, importing cargo for the Interior and exporting coal to the Pacific Rim. A new railroad depot was completed in the fall of 1997.

**Vessel Support:** The Port serves cruise ships, the State Ferry, cargo barges and ocean freighters from Seattle and overseas. The small boat harbor has moorage for 650 boats, and two boat launch ramps.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Interior Telephone Co./TelAlaska

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; ACS Long Distance

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet ([www.acsalaska.net](http://www.acsalaska.net)); GCI ([www.gci.net](http://www.gci.net)); Seward Internet

Services ([www.seward.net](http://www.seward.net)) **Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**TV Stations:** ARCS; KUAC; KYAC

**Radio Stations:** KSKA-FM; KWVV-FM; KPEN-FM; KFSH-AM; KPFN-FM; KSWD-AM

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Seward Electric System. Seward Electric System purchases power from Chugach Electric, and owns five standby diesel generators.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): Shoreside Petroleum (6 @ 120,000 gals.); City (40,000); Other (68,000)

**Housing:** New Seward Best Western Hotel; Best Western Hotel Seward; Harborview Inn; Marina Motel; Breeze Inn Motel; Murphy's Motel; Van Gilder Hotel; Resurrection Roadhouse; Seward Windsong Lodge; Taroka Inn; Crown Point Lodge; Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge; over 30 Bed & Breakfast facilities; Bear Creek RV Park; A Creekside RV Park; City of Seward RV Park; Miller's Landing RV Park

**Services: Taxis:** PJ's Taxi; Independent Cab; Glacier Taxi; Seward Taxi; **Car Rental:** Hertz

**Water & Sewage:** Water is supplied by eight wells, is treated and distributed throughout Seward. Sewage is collected via pipes to a secondary treatment lagoon. Almost all homes are fully plumbed. Funds have been requested to develop a new water well to keep up with demand.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 2 schools located in the community, attended by 834 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

As an ice-free harbor and as the southern terminus for the Alaska Railroad and road link to Anchorage and the Interior, Seward has long been a transportation center. The economy has diversified with tourism, commercial fishing, ship services and repairs, oil and gas development, a coal export facility for Usibelli Mine, a State Prison, and the University of Alaska's Institute of Marine Sciences. Tourist facilities include the new \$52 million Alaska SeaLife Center, the Kenai Fjords National Park visitor center, and the Chugach Heritage Center, which is housed in the historic train depot downtown. In 2002, 81 residents held commercial fishing permits. Over 320,000 cruise ship passengers visit Seward annually.

**Culture & Demographics:**

While sailing from Kodiak to Yakutat, Russian fur trader and explorer Alexander Baranof found unexpected shelter from a storm in Resurrection Bay, and named it for the Russian feast day. The first settlers came in the 1890's, and in 1903 work began on construction of a railroad. Seward became an incorporated City in 1912. By 1960, Seward was the largest community on the Peninsula. Tsunamis from the 1964 earthquake destroyed the railroad terminal and killed several residents. Alaska Natives represent 21% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 1,058 total housing units, with 141 vacant, but 63 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 17%, with 1,011 residents employed, although 55% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$44,306, per capita income \$20,360, and 10% of residents living below the poverty level.

## SKWENTNA

**Population:** 111 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Lake Creek/Skwentna First Responders

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Lake Creek/Skwentna First Responders (373-8800/745-4811); air transport to Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer or Anchorage hospitals.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Community Non-Profit** - Skwentna Community Council, General Delivery, Skwentna, AK 99667

### Location & Climate:

Skwentna lies on the south bank of the Skwentna River at its junction with Eight Mile Creek, 62 miles north of Tyonek in the Mat-Su Borough, at approximately 61d 57m N Latitude, 151d 10m W Longitude (Sec. 29, T022N, R010W, Seward Meridian). January temperatures range from 4 to 23; July can vary from 47 to 68.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** There is no road access from the George Parks Highway – residents are dependent upon air travel.

**Airport Facilities:** A State-owned 3,400' gravel airstrip is available in Skwentna or at 8 Mile Strip. A private airstrip and float plane access are located at Alexander Lake.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI

**Internet Service Provider:** MTA Online ([www.mtaonline.com](http://www.mtaonline.com))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES **Cable Provider:** None

**Radio Stations:** All Anchorage Stations

**Teleconferencing:**

**Electricity:** Provided by individual generators.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Northwoods Lodge; Barony Lodge (345-7291); Shell Lake Lodge (733-2817); Skwentna Roadhouse (733-2722)

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** A number of homes have individual water wells, but very few are fully plumbed. Outhouses are the primary means of sewage disposal. Nearly 90% of the homes in Skwentna are used

only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 14 students. There is no central electric system. Funds have been provided to purchase a community refuse incinerator, however, the community is undecided on a refuse solution. An unpermitted dump site near the airport is currently being used by several families, but most residents burn and bury their own refuse.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The local store and the school provide employment in Skwentna.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Dena'ina Athabascans have fished and hunted along the Skwentna and Yentna Rivers for centuries. In 1908, an Alaska Road Commission crew blazed a trail from Seward to Nome, going through Old Skwentna from the Susitna River to Rainy Pass. Many roadhouses were later constructed along the trail to the Innoko Mining District, including the Old Skwentna Roadhouse. Prospectors, trappers and Indians often used sled dogs to transport goods over the trail. A post office opened in 1937, an airstrip built after World War II, and in 1950, the U.S. Army established a radar station at Skwentna and a recreation camp at Shell Lake, 15 air miles from Skwentna. In the 1960s, State land disposals increased settlement.

Alaska Natives represent 7% of the population. Skwentna residents are scattered over a large area of land. It has a number of seasonal-use homes owned by Anchorage residents. There is a small local store, and residents use snowmachines or aircraft to travel to the post office. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 360 total housing units, with 310 vacant, but 307 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 0%, with 59 residents employed, although 26 of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$16,250, per capita income \$23,995, and 6% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## SOLDOTNA

**Population:** 4,059 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** First Class City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Police Dept. (within city limits) (262-4334)

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (262-4453)

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Central Peninsula General Hospital (262-4404).  
Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Greater Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, 44790 Sterling Hwy., Soldotna, AK 99669, Phone 262-9814, Fax 262-3566, e-mail: [info@soldotnachamber.com](mailto:info@soldotnachamber.com), Web: <http://www.soldotnachamber.com/>

**City** - City of Soldotna, 177 North Birch Street, Soldotna, AK 99669, Phone 262-9107, Fax 262-1245, e-mail: [Pburdick@ci.soldotna.ak.us](mailto:Pburdick@ci.soldotna.ak.us), Web: <http://www.ci.soldotna.ak.us>

**Media** - KSRM, HC @ Box 852, Soldotna, AK 99669, Phone 283-5959, Fax 283-5811

### Location & Climate:

Bordering the Kenai River, Soldotna is on the Kenai Peninsula, 150 highway miles south of Anchorage, at the junction of the Sterling and Kenai Spur Highways, 10 miles inland from Cook Inlet. It lies at approximately 60d 29m N Latitude, 151d 03m W Longitude (Sec. 32, T005N, R010W, Seward Meridian). Winter temperatures range from 6 to 24; summers from 45 to 66. Average annual precipitation - 17 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Soldotna Municipal Airport provides facilities for charter services and local air traffic. The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage, the George Parks and Alcan highways.

**Airport Facilities:** The paved runway is 5,000' in length. The Kenai Municipal Airport, located 10 miles away, offers scheduled flights and float plane facilities. Seaplanes may also land at nearby Mackeys Lakes. There are four additional private landing strips in Soldotna, and a heliport for medical emergencies at Central Peninsula General Hospital.

**Airline Services:** Clearwater Air, Inc.; Natron Air; Rotor Air Alaska, Inc.; Talon Air Service; Mavrik Air; High Adventure Air

**Freight:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications: In-State Phone:** ACS of the Northland **Long-Distance phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; ACS

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet ([www.acsalaska.net](http://www.acsalaska.net)); Arctic.Net/TelAlaska, Inc.

([www.arctic.net](http://www.arctic.net)); AT&T WorldNet ([www.worldnet.att.net](http://www.worldnet.att.net)); Chugach.Net ([www.chugach.net](http://www.chugach.net)); Core Communications ([www.corecom.net](http://www.corecom.net)); Custom CPU ([www.customcpu.com](http://www.customcpu.com)); GCI ([www.gci.net](http://www.gci.net)); Peninsula Internet ([www.kenai.net](http://www.kenai.net)); Sinbad Network Communications ([www.sinbad.net](http://www.sinbad.net))

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES **Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Radio Stations:** KWHQ-FM; KSRM-AM; KWVV-FM; KPEN-FM; KKIS-FM; KSLD-AM

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Legislative Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association. Homer Electric Assoc. operates the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project and is part owner of the Alaska Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative,

which operates a gas turbine plant in Soldotna. It also purchases electricity from Chugach Electric.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Best Western King Salmon Motel & RV Park; Soldotna Inn; Riverside House; Kenai River Lodge/Motor Inn; Soldotna B&B; Posey's Kenai River Hideaway; Orca Lodge; Kenai River Retreat; Across the River RV Park; River Quest RV Park; Big Eddy Campground

**Services: Taxis:** AAA Alaska; Inlet; **Car Rental:** Seekins Ford; Hertz; and others.

**Water & Sewage:** All homes are completely plumbed. Water is derived from four wells, is treated, stored, and piped throughout the community. A new million-gallon steel tank and a second 500,000-gal. tank, built in the 1970s, now provide sufficient capacity. Piped sewage receives secondary treatment with an activated sludge process; effluent discharges into the Kenai River. Individual wells and septic tanks are used by a few households outside of the core area.

**Miscellaneous:** Refuse is collected by a private company, and disposed of in the Borough's regional landfill and baling facility in Soldotna. Recycling and hazardous waste disposal are available. Natural gas from Enstar is primarily used by residents for home heating. There are 8 schools located in the community, attended by 2,950 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The area economy is highly diverse. Many Soldotna residents are employed in oil industry services for Cook Inlet oil drilling and exploration.. Oil refining operations occur north of Kenai in Nikiski. Tourism is estimated at a \$95 million per year industry on the Peninsula. The Kenai Convention and Visitors Bureau receives about 800 visitors a day during July. Other important economic sectors include sport, subsistence and commercial fishing, fish processing, government, timber and lumber, agriculture, transportation services, construction and retail trade. The Kenai River offers top trophy king salmon fishing during June and July. In 2002, 170 area residents held commercial fishing permits. Soldotna hosts the Central Peninsula General Hospital, the Kenai Peninsula Community College, the State Troopers' Headquarters, The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and the Borough and School District offices.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Peninsula has historically been the home to Kenaitze Indians, and was developed by non-Natives for its rich resources, including fish, timber and oil. Soldotna was named for a nearby stream: either from a Russian word meaning "soldier" or an Indian word meaning "stream fork." The first homesteaders were World War II veterans in 1947. That same year, the Sterling Highway right-of-way was constructed from Cooper Landing to Kenai and Soldotna was the site for the bridge crossing the Kenai River. A post office opened in 1949, with stores and a community center shortly thereafter, as development continued because of Soldotna's strategic location at the Sterling-Kenai Spur Highway junction. In 1957, oil was discovered in the Swanson River region, bringing new growth and development. Soldotna was incorporated as a city in 1960. Alaska Natives represent 7% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 1,670 total housing units, with 205 vacant, but 59 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 9%, with 1,687 residents employed, but 37% of all adults not in the work force. The median household income was \$48,420, per capita income \$21,740, and 7% of residents living below the poverty level.

## STERLING

**Population:** 4,888 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Central Emergency Services (CES) Fire/Rescue/EMT (262-4792/4453)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Central Emergency Services (262-4792/4453); Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

**Organizations with Local Offices:** None listed.

### Location & Climate:

Sterling is located on the Sterling Highway at the junction of the Moose and Kenai Rivers, 18 miles east of the City of Kenai. It lies at approximately 60d 32m N Latitude, 150d 45m W Longitude. Sterling is located in the Kenai Recording District. Winter temperatures range from 4 to 22; summer temperatures vary from 46 to 65. Average annual precipitation is 20 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The Sterling Highway provides access to Anchorage. Nearby Kenai and Soldotna offer airports and docking facilities.

**Airport Facilities:** There is a 2,500' private airstrip in Sterling, and a private seaplane base at Scout Lake.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** There are two privately-operated boat launches.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Interior Telephone Co./TelAlaska

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KWHQ-FM; KSRM-AM; KWVV-FM; KPEN-FM; KKIS-FM; KSLD-AM

**Cable Provider:** GCI Cable, Inc.

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Homer Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Bing Brown's Motel & RV Park; Sterling House B&B; Rivershore Fish Camp; Big Sky Charter & Fish Camp; Scout Lake Inn; Sterling Gifts & Campground; Angler's Lodge & Fish Camp; Cast Away Riverside RV Park & Cabins

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Occupied houses use individual water wells and septic tank systems, and are fully

plumbed. The school operates its own well water system. Many homes in this area are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 303 students

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The community caters to the sport fishing industry and summer influx of recreational enthusiasts. The economy of the Kenai area is diverse: oil and gas processing, timber, fishing, government, retail and tourism-related services provide employment. 20 residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Kenai Peninsula has been the home of the Kenaitze Indians for hundreds of years. Sterling is a community that apparently had its name formalized in 1954 when a post office was established. An archaeological site, containing prehistoric house pits, has been discovered at the Isaac Walton Campground. The State Department of Natural Resources plans to excavate the site around 2002.

Alaska Natives represent 5% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 2,554 total housing units, with 878 vacant, but 706 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 10%, with 1,926 residents employed, although 44% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$47,700, per capita income \$20,741, and 10% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## SUTTON-ALPINE

**Population:** 1,174 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Sutton Volunteer Fire/EMS/Ambulance (373-8800/745-4811)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Sutton Volunteer Fire/EMS Dept. (373-8800/745-4811) and Valley Hospital in Palmer.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Sutton Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 24, Sutton, AK 99674, Phone 745-4527, Fax 746-6359

**Community Non-Profit** - Alpine Civic Club & Community Council, P.O. Box 344, Sutton, AK 99674, Phone 745-1006, e-mail: [imskool@gci.net](mailto:imskool@gci.net), Web: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Fields/6192/civic.html>

### Location & Climate:

Sutton-Alpine is between Milepost 52 and 72 of the Glenn Highway, 11 miles northeast of Palmer in the Mat-Su Borough. The area is accessed by Chickaloon Way and Jonesville Road. It lies at approximately 61.796640° North Latitude and -148.84528° West Longitude. (Sec. 27, T019N, R003E, Seward Meridian.) The temperatures in January range from -35 to 37; in July, 45 to 85. Annual precipitation is 16.5 inches, including 50 inches of snowfall.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Sutton accesses the state highway system from the Glenn Highway. Transportation facilities are also available nearby in Palmer.

**Airport Facilities:** There is a 1,450' public gravel airstrip at the Jonesville Mine, owned by the Canadian Mine & Smelting Co., and two additional private strips in the area.

**Airline Services:** Glacier Air (Matanuska Glacier)

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom **Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KNBZ-FM; All Anchorage AM stations

**Cable Provider:** **Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:****Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):**Housing:** Alaska Creative Adventures; River's Edge Recreation/RV Park**Services:****Water & Sewage:** Occupied homes have individual water wells and septic systems, and are fully plumbed. The school operates its own well water system.**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 82 students.**Spill Response Support:***Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.***Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The Palmer/Wasilla area and Anchorage offer a variety of employment opportunities. The local stores, lodges, a restaurant, library, post office and school provide local income. Two residents hold a commercial fishing permit. Alpine Historical Park, an open-air museum, feature relics and historic buildings from the coal washery. The Palmer Correctional Center is located nearby.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Ahtna and Dena'ina Athabascan Indians have occupied this territory for centuries. Ahtna and Dena'ina Athabascan Indians have occupied this territory for centuries. During the Russian fur trading era, Ahtna transported pelts from the Dena'ina along the Matanuska River to Copper Fort in the east. Sutton was founded around 1918 as a station on the Matanuska Branch of the Alaska Railroad, for coal export purposes. The railroad went through Sutton to the Chickaloon Mine. The Sutton Coal Washery operated from 1920 to 1922. Sutton was the base camp for construction of the Glenn Highway from 1941 to 1945. The post office was established in 1948. Coal from the privately-owned Evan Jones mine, Jonesville and Eska mines fueled the Sutton and Palmer economies until 1968, when the military bases in Anchorage converted their power systems to oil and coal mining ceased. During the 1980s, several large tracts of land were subdivided, fueling growth.

Approximately 26% of the population are Alaska Native or part Native. Middle and high school students are bused to Palmer. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 352 total housing units, with 74 vacant, but 49 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 7%, with 245 residents employed, although 72% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$35,652, per capita income \$20,436, and 11% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## TALKEETNA

**Population:** 847 (2003 State Demographer est.)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**State Troopers:** State Troopers Post (773-2256)

**Fire:** Borough Fire & Ambulance

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Sunshine Community Health Center. Auxiliary health care is provided by Talkeetna Ambulance Service (376-8800/745-4811); Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 334, Talkeetna, AK 99676, Phone 907-733-2330, Fax 907-733-5051

**Community Non-Profit** - Talkeetna Community Council, P.O. Box 608, Talkeetna, AK 99676, Phone 907-733-2414, e-mail: [trapperj@alaska.net](mailto:trapperj@alaska.net)

**Village Corporation** - Gold Creek-Susitna, Box 847, Gold Creek via, Talkeetna, AK 99676, Phone 907-733-2329

### Location & Climate:

Located at the junction of the Talkeetna and Susitna Rivers, it lies 120 miles north of Anchorage at mile 226.7 of the Alaska Railroad, at approximately 62d 19m N Latitude, 150d 06m W Longitude (Sec. 24, T026N, R005W, Seward Meridian). The Talkeetna Spur Road runs 14 miles east off of the George Parks Highway. January temperatures average 4 to 23; July can vary from 47 to 68.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Talkeetna is accessible by a road off the George Parks Highway.

**Airport Facilities:** a State-owned 3,500' paved runway. The taxiway was repaved during 1997. There are three additional airstrips in the vicinity, including one owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

**Airline Services:** Hudson Air Service; K2 Aviation; Talkeetna Air Taxi; Doug Geeting Aviation; ERA Helicopters; McKinley Air Service; Peak Dodger Flight Service

**Freight:** A new Alaska Railroad depot was completed in August 1997.

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; ACS Long Distance; Matanuska Telephone

**Internet Service Provider:** Custom CPU ([www.customcpu.com](http://www.customcpu.com)); GCI ([www.gci.net](http://www.gci.net)); MTA Online ([www.mtaonline.com](http://www.mtaonline.com))

**TV Stations:** ARCS; KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KTNA-FM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge; Talkeetna Motel; Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge; Talkeetna Roadhouse; Latitude 62 Lodge/Motel; Fairview Inn; Swiss-Alaska Inn; Paradise Lodge; Moose Dropping Inn B&B; Denali View B&B; H&H Lakeview Lodge/RV Park; Montana Creek Campgrounds; Talkeetna River Adventures RV Park

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of residents have individual wells, septic tanks, and complete plumbing. A piped water and sewer system is maintained by the Talkeetna Water & Wastewater Utility. The high school operates its own water system. Over 30% of homes are used only seasonally.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 2 schools located in the community, attended by 334 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

As the take-off point for fishing and flightseeing trips, and a staging area for Mount McKinley climbing expeditions, Talkeetna provides air taxi, helicopter, outfitters, and related services. 14 residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The Talkeetna and Chulitna Rivers join the Susitna River at Talkeetna, a Dena'ina (Tanaina) Indian word meaning "river of plenty." Talkeetna was settled as a mining town with an Alaska Commercial Co. trading post in 1896. A gold rush to the Susitna River brought prospectors to the area, and by 1910, Talkeetna was a riverboat steamer station, supplying miners and trappers in the Cache Creek, Iron Creek, and Broad Creek districts. In 1915, Talkeetna was chosen as the headquarters for the Alaska Engineering Commission building the Alaska Railroad, and the community population peaked near 1,000. World War I and completion of the railroad in 1919 dramatically decreased the population. Talkeetna has since developed as an aviation and supply base for Mount McKinley expeditions. Talkeetna is popular for its recreational fishing, hunting, boating, flightseeing, skiing and dog mushing. Local businesses provide services to Mount McKinley climbers. Several of its old log buildings are now historical landmarks, and Talkeetna was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in April 1993. State land disposals and homestead programs helped the community grow.

Alaska Natives represent 9% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 528 total housing units, with 170 vacant, but 121 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 14%, with 463 residents employed, although 35% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$38,289, per capita income \$23,695, and 11% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## **TRAPPER CREEK**

**Population:** 423 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### **Emergency Services:**

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**Village Police Officer** (contract):

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough Fire & Ambulance

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Trapper Creek Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811) and Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer.

### **Organizations with Local Offices:**

**Community Non-Profit** - Y Community Council, HC 89 - Box 8400, Talkeetna, AK 99676

### **Location & Climate:**

Trapper Creek lies 46 miles northwest of Willow off the George Parks Highway in the Mat-Su Borough, at approximately 61d 51m N Latitude, 150d 22m W Longitude. January temperatures range from 4 to 23; July can vary from 47 to 68.

### **Transportation:**

**Accessibility:** Trapper Creek is accessible from the George Parks Highway. A variety of transportation means are available in Wasilla, Palmer and Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:**

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### **Facilities & Utilities:**

**Communications:**     **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** ARCS; KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KTNA-FM; KSKA-FM; KYAK-AM; KFQD-AM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Trapper Creek Inn & General Store/RV Park; Trapper Creek Trading Post/Cabins; The Forks Roadhouse; Mary's McKinley View Lodge; McKinley Foothills B&B; North Country B&B; Denali View

Chalets

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of occupied homes use individual wells and septic tanks. A large number of homes in this area are used only seasonally. The school operates its own permitted well water system.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 35 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Unemployment is relatively high in the area; subsistence activities are an integral part of the lifestyle. Those who are employed work in a variety of industries such as education, transportation and construction. Seven residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

The area is Dena'ina Athabascan Indian territory. Once gold was discovered on Cache Creek in 1906, prospectors traveled up the Susitna River to Susitna Station, and overland past Trapper Creek to Cache Creek. In 1920, the Alaska Road Commission started construction of a wagon road to Cache Creek from Talkeetna. Federal homesteading began here in 1948. In 1959, the "Fifty-Niners," a group of settlers from Detroit, Michigan, moved to Talkeetna and then on to Trapper Creek to find homesteads. They lived in trailers and tents before building log cabins. The Parks Highway opened as far as Trapper Creek in 1967, and was completed in 1971.

Alaska Natives represent 11% of the population. Trapper Creek has developed from homesteading through the 1960s, and some recent new subdivisions. Recreation, hunting, snowmobiling and dog mushing are popular activities. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 361 total housing units, with 179 vacant, but 162 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 8%, with 125 residents employed, although 57% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$27,031, per capita income \$18,247, and 25% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## TYONEK

**Population:** 193 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Kenai Peninsula Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:** (State VPSO currently vacant) (583-2203)

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Village Volunteer Fire; Fire Station

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Tyonek Health Clinic (583-2461). Auxiliary health care is provided by Tyonek Volunteer Rescue Squad (583-2201/2271); flight to Anchorage hospitals.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Village Corporation** - Tyonek Native Corporation, 1689 C Street #219, Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone 272-0707, Fax 274-7125

**Village Council** - Native Village of Tyonek, P.O. Box 82009, Tyonek, AK 99682-2009, Phone 583-2201, Fax 583-2442

### Location & Climate:

Tyonek lies on a bluff on the northwest shore of Cook Inlet, 43 miles southwest of Anchorage, the only community in the Kenai Peninsula Borough that is not located directly on the Peninsula. It lies at approximately 61d 04m N Latitude, 151d 08m W Longitude (Sec. 01, T011N, R011W, Seward Meridian). Winter temperatures typically range 4 to 22; summer temperatures average from 46 to 65. Temperature extremes have been recorded from -27 to 91. Average annual precipitation is 23 inches, including 82 inches of snow.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The village is not accessible by road. A local road connects to nearby Beluga. Barges deliver heavy goods to the village.

**Airport Facilities:** Permission is required to land at the local 3,000' gravel airstrip, owned by the Village of Tyonek, although regularly-scheduled flights are available. A State-owned 4,100' gravel airstrip is available at Nikolai Creek, and a 2,400' gravel airstrip, owned by Arco Alaska, is located at Beluga.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KYES; KAKM

**Radio Stations:** All Anchorage stations; KSRM-AM; KWHQ-FM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Chugach Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): Village (2 @ 4,000 gals.)

**Housing:** Village guest house

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** A piped water and sewer system serves the entire community -- approximately 90 homes and facilities. Water is derived from Second Lake, is treated and stored in a 175,000-gal. tank. Back-up water supplies are available from a lake near the airport. The community wants to develop a groundwater source. A small coin-operated washeteria, with one washer and dryer, is available.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 50 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Subsistence activities provide salmon, moose, beluga whale and waterfowl. 20 residents hold commercial fishing permits. Tyonek has recently become involved in recreational fishing and hunting guide services. The village corporation and council are interested in constructing an 800-foot extension to the pier to accommodate Cape Class vessels. Development of an iron carbide plant, export of coal from the Beluga coal field, and a deep water dock are currently being examined.

**Culture & Demographics:**

It is a Dena'ina (Tanaina) Athabaskan Indian village. In 1778 Captain Cook observed that the Upper Cook Inlet Athabascans possessed iron knives and glass beads, likely from indirect trade with the Russians. Between 1836 and 1840, half of the region's Indians died from a smallpox epidemic. The Alaska Commercial Company had a major outpost in Tyonek by 1875 and by 1880, a total of 117 residents, including 109 Athabascans, 6 "creoles" and 2 whites. After gold was discovered at Resurrection Creek in the 1880s, Tyonek became a major disembarkment point for goods and people. A saltery was established in 1896 at the mouth of the Chuitna River north of Tyonek. In 1915, the Tyonek Reservation (also known as Moquawkie Indian Reservation) was established. The devastating influenza epidemic of 1918-19 left few survivors among the Athabascans. The village was moved to its present location atop a bluff when the old site near Tyonek Timber flooded in the early 1930s. The population declined when Anchorage was founded. In 1965, the federal court ruled that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) had no right to lease Tyonek Indian land for oil development without permission of the Indians themselves. The tribe subsequently sold rights to drill for oil and gas beneath the reservation to a group of oil companies for \$12.9 million. The reservation status was revoked with the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1971. Beluga, a site near Tyonek, is owned by Chugach Electric Association and provides some electricity for Anchorage. Alaska Natives represent 95% of the population. A federally recognized tribe is located in the community. Tyonek is a Dena'ina Indian village practicing a subsistence lifestyle. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 134 total housing units, with 68 vacant, but 56 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 27%, with 64 employed, although 56% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$26,667, per capita income \$11,261, and 14% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## WASILLA

**Population:** 5,469 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** 1st Class City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Police Dept. (911/352-5401)

**State Troopers:** Anchorage Post: 248-1410

**Fire:** City Volunteer Fire Dept (373-8831); Trunk Road Fire Dept (745-2494);  
Borough Ambulance Lakes-Bogard Road Fire Dept (745-2228); Meadow Lakes Fire Dept (376-9790)

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include Matanuska Health Care and private medical practices. Auxiliary health care is provided by Glacier View First Responders (373-8800/745-4811); Valley Hospital (746-8600), located 10 miles away in Palmer; Mat-Su Borough Dive Rescue Team (373-8800); Valley Transport Service (373-8800); and Wasilla Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, 415 East Railroad Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654; 376-1299, Fax 373-2560, e-mail: [chamber@wasilla.net](mailto:chamber@wasilla.net), Web: <http://www.chamber.wasilla.net>

**City** - City of Wasilla, 290 East Herning Ave., Wasilla, AK 99654, Phone 373-9050, Fax 373-9092, e-mail: [clerk@ci.wasilla.ak.us](mailto:clerk@ci.wasilla.ak.us)

**Media** - The Frontiersman, 5751 East Mayflower Court, Wasilla, AK 99654; 376-5225, Fax 352-2277

**Regional Development** - Mat-Su Resource Conser. & Dev., 351 West Parks Hwy. #100, Wasilla, AK 99654, Phone 373-1062, Fax 373-1064, e-mail: [matsurcd@mtaonline.net](mailto:matsurcd@mtaonline.net)

### Location & Climate:

Wasilla is located midway between the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys on the George Parks Highway. It lies between Wasilla and Lucille Lakes (43 miles north of Anchorage, approximately a one hour's drive) at 61.58139° North Latitude and -149.43944° West Longitude. (Sec. 10, T017N, R001W, Seward Meridian.) January temperatures range from 4 to 23; July temperatures vary from 47 to 68. The average annual precipitation is 17 inches.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** The George Parks Highway, Glenn Highway, and other local roads connect the city to Anchorage, the remainder of the state and Canada. The Alaska Railroad serves Wasilla on the Fairbanks to Seward route.

**Airport Facilities:** A new City airport, with a paved 3,700' airstrip, was completed in 1992. There are ten additional private airstrips in the vicinity.

**Airline Services:** Grasshopper Aviation; Bean Air. Scheduled commuter and air taxi services are available. Float planes land at Wasilla Lake, Jacobsen Lake and Lake Lucille. Commercial jet flights are operated out of Anchorage International Airport.

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications: In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom; GCI; ACS Long Distance; Matanuska Telephone

**Internet Service Provider:** ACS Internet ([www.acsalaska.net](http://www.acsalaska.net)); Arctic.Net/TelAlaska, Inc. ([www.arctic.net](http://www.arctic.net)); Chugach.Net ([www.chugach.net](http://www.chugach.net)); Core Communications ([www.corecom.net](http://www.corecom.net)); Custom CPU ([www.customcpu.com](http://www.customcpu.com)); GCI ([www.gci.net](http://www.gci.net)); MTA Online ([www.mtaonline.com](http://www.mtaonline.com)); Sinbad Network

Communications (www.sinbad.net)

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTBY; KTUU; KTVA; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KMBQ-FM **Cable Provider:** Rogers Cablesystems of Alaska

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Mat-Su Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Assoc. MEA is part owner of the Alaska Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative, Inc., which operates a gas turbine plant in Soldotna and also purchases electricity from Chugach Electric and the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Lake Lucille Inn; Mat-Su Resort; Alaska Kozey Cabins; Best View RV Park; Green Ridge Camper Park; The Wind Break Hotel/Cafe; Agate Inn; Alaskan View Motel; Shady Acres B&B; Susitna Dog Tours & B&B; Valley Country Store & Motel

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** The majority of homes use individual water wells and septic systems, although the City operates a piped water and sewer system. Water is provided by a well at Spruce Avenue and two at Iditarod School, with a 2.3 million gallon storage capacity. Funds have been requested to develop an additional water source.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 10 schools located in the community, attended by 5,030 students. Refuse collection is provided by a private company, for disposal in the Borough landfill. Piped natural gas is primarily used for home heating.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –  
School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –  
National Guard Armory –  
Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Approximately 30% of the Wasilla workforce commutes to Anchorage. The local economy is diverse, and residents are employed in a variety of city, borough, state, federal government, retail, and professional service positions. Tourism, agriculture, wood products, steel and concrete products are part of the economy. Approximately 123 area residents hold commercial fishing permits. Wasilla is home to the Iditarod Trail Committee.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Wasilla was named after the respected local Dena'ina Indian chief. In the Dena'ina Athabascan Indian dialect, "Wasilla" is said to mean "breath of air." The townsite was established in 1917 at the intersection of the Carle Wagon Road (now Wasilla-Fishhook Road) and the newly-constructed Alaska Railroad. It was a supply base for gold and coal mining in the region through World War II. The Matanuska-Susitna valley was settled by many Colony homesteaders in the 1930s. Construction of the George Parks Highway through Wasilla in the early 1970s provided direct access to Anchorage, enabling families to live in Wasilla and commute to Anchorage for employment. The City was incorporated in 1974. Alaska Natives represent 9% of the population. Residents are close to the urban amenities of Anchorage, yet enjoy a rural lifestyle. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 2,119 total housing units, with 140 vacant but 34 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 11%, with 2,451 employed, although 37% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$48,226, per capita income \$21,127, and 10% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## WHITTIER

(Note: While Whittier is not included in the Cook Inlet Subarea but in the Prince William Sound Subarea, the town is immediately adjacent to the subarea perimeter. Therefore, emergency services are listed here in the event of an incident occurring near this location.)

**Population:** 182 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Unorganized

**Incorporation Type:** 2nd Class City  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** City Public Safety Dept. (472-2340)

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** City Volunteer Fire Dept (472-2560); City Fire Hall; City Ambulance

**Medical:** Local hospitals or health clinics include City of Whittier Medical Clinic (472-2303). The clinic is a qualified Emergency Care Center Auxiliary health care is provided by Whittier Volunteer Ambulance Corps (472-2303/2340).

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Greater Whittier Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 607, Whittier, AK 99693, Phone 907-344-3340, Fax 907-472-2491

**City** - City of Whittier, P.O. Box 608, Whittier, AK 99693, Phone 907-472-2337, Fax 907-472-2404, e-mail: [admin@ci.whittier.ak.us](mailto:admin@ci.whittier.ak.us), Web: <http://www.ci.whittier.ak.us/>

### Location & Climate:

Whittier is on the northeast shore of the Kenai Peninsula, at the head of Passage Canal. It is on the west side of Prince William Sound, 75 miles southeast of Anchorage, at approximately 60d 46m N Latitude, 148d 41m W Longitude (Sec. 24, T008N, R004E, Seward Meridian). Winter temperatures range from 17 to 28; summer temperatures average 49 to 63. Average annual precipitation includes 66 inches of rain and 80 inches of snowfall.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** Whittier has an ice-free port and a 70' city dock. It is served by road, rail, the state ferry, boat and aircraft. A \$70 million road connection was completed in the summer of 2000. The railway carries passengers, vehicles and cargo 12 miles from the Portage Station, east of Girdwood.

**Airport Facilities:** The State-owned 1,480' gravel airstrip accommodates charter aircraft, and a City-owned seaplane dock is available for passenger transfer.

**Airline Services:**

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:** A small boat harbor has slips for 360 fishing, recreation and charter vessels.

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications: In-State Phone:** Yukon Telephone Co.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:** Core Communications (www.corecom.net); School Only - GCI (www.gci.net)

**TV Stations:** ARCS; KUAC; KYAC

**Radio Stations:** KCHU-AM

**Cable Provider:** Supervision Cable TV

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network; Valdez Legislative Information Office

**Electricity:** Provided by Chugach Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity): Shoreside Petroleum Inc. (48,000); Department of Defense

**Housing:** June's Whittier B&B Suites; Anchor Inn; Sportsman's Inn; Tent/RV Park

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Water is derived from wells and a reservoir. Water storage capacity is 1.2 million gallons. The entire community is served by a piped water and sewer system, and over 95% of homes are fully plumbed. The older portions of the City sewer system need replacement. Refuse is hauled out by a private contractor to Anchorage - there is no landfill. An oil and hazardous waste recycling center was completed in 1998.

**Miscellaneous:** There is one school located in the community, attended by 24 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

Community hall, etc. –

School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

Airport –

National Guard Armory –

Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

The major employers are the City and Crowley Maritime, a transportation company which ships arriving cargo to Anchorage via rail. Marine charters are available for Prince William Sound sightseeing. Tour boats transfer visitors to and from Anchorage from Whittier by bus. Eleven residents hold commercial fishing permits.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Passage Canal was once the quickest route from PWS to Cook Inlet. Chugach Indians would portage to Turnagain Arm in search of fish. A port and railroad terminus were constructed by the U.S. Army for transport of fuel and other supplies into Alaska during World War II. The railroad spur and two tunnels were completed in 1943, and the Whittier Port became the entrance for troops and dependents of the Alaska Command. The huge buildings that dominate Whittier began construction in 1948. The 14-story Hodge Building (now Begich Towers) was built for Army bachelors quarters and family housing, with 198 apartments. The Buckner Building, completed in 1953, had 1,000 apartments and was once the largest building in Alaska. It was called the "city under one roof," with a hospital, bowling alley, theater, gym, swimming pool and shops for Army personnel. Whittier Manor was built in the early 1950s by private developers as rental units for civilian employees. The Port remained an active Army facility until 1960; at that time, the population was 1,200. Whittier Manor was converted to condominiums in 1964; Begich Towers now houses the majority of residents, as the Buckner Building is no longer occupied. The City was incorporated in 1969.

Alaska Natives represent 13% of the population. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 213 total housing units, with 127 vacant, but 79 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate at that time was 16%, with 90 residents employed, although 37% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$47,500, per capita income \$25,700, and 7% of residents were living below the poverty level.

## WILLOW

**Population:** 1,658 (2000 U.S. Census)  
**Borough Located In:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**Incorporation Type:** Unincorporated  
**Regional Native Corporation:** None

### Emergency Services:

**Police:** None

**VPSO:**

**Village Police Officer** (contract):

**State Troopers:**

**Fire:** Borough/Willow Volunteer Fire/EMS Dept. & Station; Borough Ambulance (495-6728)

**Medical:** Auxiliary health care is provided by Willow Volunteer Fire Dept., Willow Ambulance Service (373-8800/745-4811) and Valley Hospital (746-8600) in Palmer.

### Organizations with Local Offices:

**Chamber of Commerce** - Willow Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 0183, Willow, AK 99688, Phone 495-5858, Fax 495-5858, e-mail: [info@willowchamber.org](mailto:info@willowchamber.org), Web: <http://www.willowchamber.org>

**Community Non-Profit** - Willow Area Community Organization, P.O. Box 1027, Willow, AK 99688-1027, Phone 495-6633, Fax 495-6633, e-mail: [Also 907-495-9900](mailto:Also 907-495-9900)

### Location & Climate:

Willow is north of Anchorage in the Mat-Su Borough, approximately a 90-minute drive. It is located between mile 60 and 80.7 of the George Parks Highway, at approximately 61d 44m N Latitude, 150d 02m W Longitude (Sec. 08, T019N, R004W, Seward Meridian). January temperatures range from -33 to 33; July can vary from 42 to 83. Rainfall ranges from 16 to 27 inches, with 48 to 150 inches of snowfall.

### Transportation:

**Accessibility:** From the George Parks Highway, the area has access to the statewide highway system and the transportation facilities of Wasilla, Palmer and Anchorage.

**Airport Facilities:** There are two public airstrips available, one a State-owned 4,400' gravel airstrip and one at Dëshka Landing, owned by the Dept. of Natural Resources. There are five additional private strips, and a seaplane base at Kashwitna Lake.

**Airline Services:** Willow Air Service; Sustina Air Service

**Freight:**

**Vessel Support:**

### Facilities & Utilities:

**Communications:** **In-State Phone:** Matanuska Telephone Assoc.

**Long-Distance Phone:** AT&T Alascom

**Internet Service Provider:**

**TV Stations:** KAKM; KIMO; KTUU; KYES

**Radio Stations:** KTNA-FM; KNBZ-FM

**Cable Provider:** None

**Teleconferencing:** Alaska Teleconferencing Network

**Electricity:** Provided by Matanuska Electric Association.

**Fuel:**

**Fuel Storage - Tank Owners** (Number of Tanks and Capacity):

**Housing:** Willow Trading Post Lodge; Ruth Lake Lodge; Pioneer Lodge/RV Campground; Willow Island

Resort/RV Park; Sheep Creek Lodge; Chandalar RV Park; Cline's Caswell Lake B&B; Camp Caswell RV Park; Susitna Landing & Campground; Alaskan Host B&B; Giggewood Lakeside Inn; Nancy Lake B&B; Willow Winter Park B&B

**Services:**

**Water & Sewage:** Nearly all of the occupied homes in Willow use individual water wells and septic tanks, and are fully plumbed. Approximately 60% of the homes in this area are used only seasonally. The school operates its own water system.

**Miscellaneous:** There are 2 schools located in the community, attended by 221 students.

**Spill Response Support:**

*Contact local officials to determine possibility of using community facilities.*

**Potential Command Posts:**

- Community hall, etc. –
- School –

**Potential Staging Areas:**

- Airport –
- National Guard Armory –
- Other government facilities –

**Local Spill Response Equipment:**

None identified.

**Economy:**

Many Willow residents are self-employed in a variety of businesses, including lodging, guiding and charter services, and retail stores. There are two saw mills and one prefabricated wood building manufacturer. Some residents are employed in the Palmer, Wasilla or Anchorage. Twelve residents hold commercial fishing permits. Capitol Speedway attracts stockcar racing enthusiasts from the entire state.

**Culture & Demographics:**

Dena'ina Athabascan Indians have occupied this area historically, living in semi-permanent villages. The permanent community got its start when gold was discovered on Willow Creek in 1897. Supplies and equipment were brought in by boat to Knik. From there, a 26-mile summer trail went northwest, up Cottonwood Creek, and across Bald Mountain to Willow Creek. The winter sled trail went north, crossing the present line of the Alaska Railroad at Houston, and up the west end of Bald Mountain for 30 miles. This trail, dubbed the "Double Ender Sled Trail," is still being used by skiers, hunters, backpackers and snowmobile enthusiasts. The sleds then followed a trail along Willow Creek in an easterly direction, now Hatcher Pass Road. The Talkeetna Trail also passed through Willow and was used by dog teams and pack horses. Cabins to accommodate freighters and mail carriers were located at Nancy Lake, Willow and other points north. This route was the forerunner of the Parks Highway. During construction of the Alaska Railroad, surveyors, construction crews, homesteaders and other settlers came to Willow. A Railroad station house was constructed in 1920. During World War II, a radar warning station and airfield were built. The Trail's End Lodge, built in 1947, subsequently became a post office in 1948. By 1954, Willow Creek was Alaska's largest gold mining district, with a total production approaching 18 million dollars. Land disposals, homestead subdivisions, and completion of the George Parks Highway in 1972 fueled growth in the area. In 1976, Alaskans selected Willow for their new State capital site. However, funding to enable the capital move was defeated in the November 1982 election.

Alaska Natives represent 6% of the population. Almost 60% of the 1,500 homes in Willow are vacant or for seasonal-use. Nancy Lake is a popular recreation site. During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 1,530 total housing units, with 876 vacant, but 810 of these used seasonally. The unemployment rate was 12%, with 625 residents employed, although 51% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$38,906, per capita income \$22,323, and 22% of residents were living below the poverty level.