

**Calista Corporation** 

2014 Alaska Housing Assessment



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# Calista Corporation Dashboard<sup>1</sup>

**Population:** The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's current (2012) population estimate for the Calista ANCSA region is 25,295, an increase of 10% from 2000.

**Housing Units:** There are currently 8,042 housing units in the Calista ANCSA region. Of these, 6,009 are occupied, 375 vacant units are for sale or rent, and the remaining 1,658 are seasonal or otherwise vacant units (Profile Figure R6).

**Energy:** The average home in the Calista ANCSA region is 875 square feet and uses 167,000 BTUs of energy per square foot annually. This is 22% more than the statewide average of 137,000 BTUs per square foot per year.

**Energy Costs:** Using AKWarm estimates, average annual energy cost for homes in the Calista ANCSA region is \$6,240, approximately 2.2 times more than the cost in Anchorage, and 2.9 times more than the national average (Profile Figure R13).

**Energy Programs:** Approximately 17% of the occupied housing in the Calista ANCSA region have completed either the Home Energy Rebate or Weatherization programs, or have received BEES certification since 2008, compared to 21% statewide (Profile Figure R12).

**Housing Quality:** Within current housing stock, newer homes have better energy performance. On average, homes built in the 1940s are currently rated at 1-star on average compared to a current average rating of 3-star-plus for homes built after 2000.

**Air-tightness:** Within current housing stock, newer homes are tighter. On average, homes built in the last decade very nearly meet the 2012 BEES standard of 4 air-changes per hour at 50 Pascals (ACH50). In contrast, homes built in the 1960s are 2.5 times leakier than those built since 2000 (Profile Figure R7).

**Ventilation:** An estimated 1,481 occupied housing units (or 25%) in the Calista ANCSA region are relatively air-tight and lack a continuous ventilation system. These houses are at higher risk of moisture and indoor air quality-related issues (Profile Figures R9-R10).

**Overcrowding:** Forty percent of occupied units are estimated to be either overcrowded (17%) or severely overcrowded (23%). This is roughly 13 times the national average and makes the Calista region the most overcrowded ANCSA region in the state.

**Affordability:** According to American Community Survey (ACS) data, approximately 19% of households in the Calista region spend 30% or more of total income on reported housing costs, including rent, water and sewer utilities, and energy costs. Using AKWarm estimates, the average annual energy costs constitute approximately 13% of census median area income for occupied housing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures referenced in the Dashboard are located in the ANCSA Region profile.



## **Calista Corporation Summary**

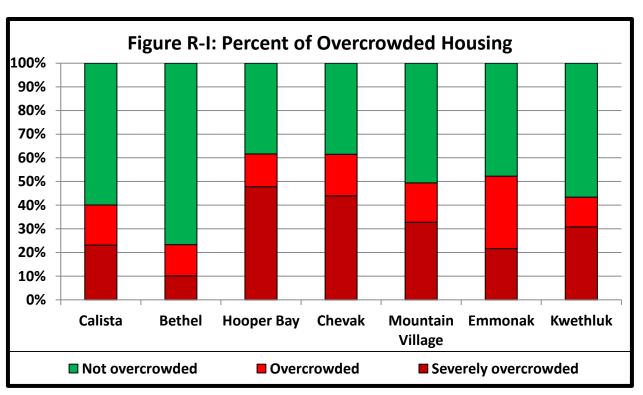
### Community

The Calista Corporation region is located in the southwest corner of mainland Alaska directly north of the Bristol Bay region. The average home size of 875 square feet in the Calista region is the smallest of any region in the state. This is less than half the average size of homes in the Doyon, Chugach, or Cook Inlet regions. Average home sizes in communities in Calista range from a low of 679 square feet in Hooper Bay to a high of 1,237 square feet in Bethel.

## Overcrowding

The Calista region has the highest percentage of overcrowded housing units of any ANCSA region in Alaska, with 40% of homes with more than one person per room. Overcrowding in the region varies widely by community from an 0 estimated overcrowded households in Lime Village to 79% of housing units in Newtok. Considering only the six most populous communities (Figure R-I) overcrowding rates vary between 23% and 62% of homes considered overcrowded.

Approximately 5% of housing in the region is vacant and available for sale or rent. There is some



variation in housing availability at the community level from a low of an estimated no available housing in Hooper Bay to a high of 8% of housing in Stony River available for sale or rent.

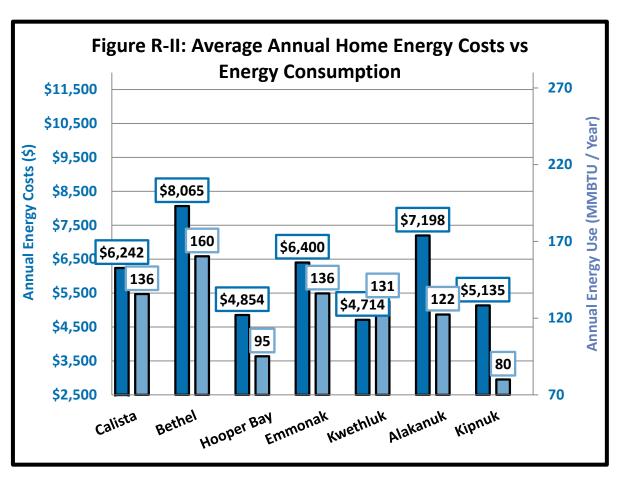
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# **Energy**<sup>2</sup>

Households in the Calista region pay an average of \$6,242 in annual energy costs (Figure R-II). The figure also shows the average annual energy costs for the six largest communities in the region<sup>3</sup>, though the lowest and highest average annual energy costs are found in smaller communities. Residents of Nightmute pay the lowest average annual energy costs in the region, \$3,541, and residents of Nunapitchuk pay the highest average annual energy costs of \$11,408.

The Calista region's average annual energy use of 136 million BTUs is fairly close to the statewide average. Kipnuk has the lowest average annual energy use of the six most populous communities in the region at 80 million BTUs, and Bethel has the highest at 160 million BTUs per year.

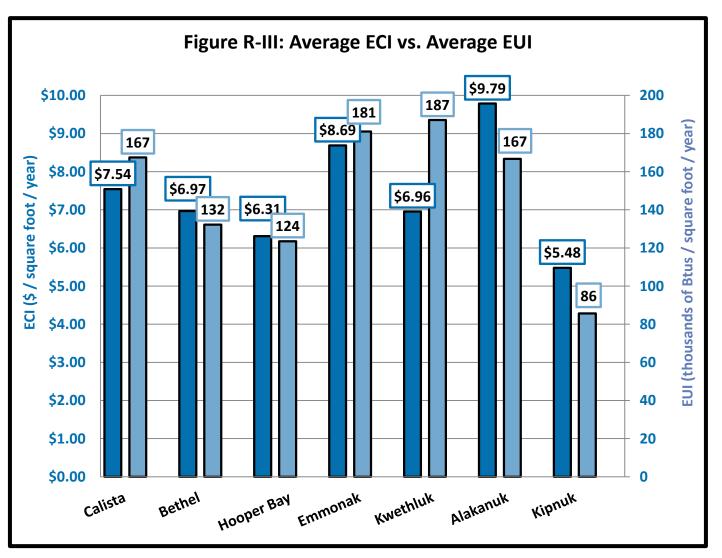


 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Regional data appearing in this section is based on communities with sufficient levels of ARIS data, so not all communities were included in the analysis.
<sup>3</sup> Only communities with sufficient data for reporting are included in Figure R-II.



The Calista region has highest fourth the energy use per square foot<sup>4</sup> of any ANCSA region in the state at approximately 168 kBTUs/ft<sup>2</sup>. The Calista region also has the third highest energy cost per square foot<sup>5</sup> of any of the state's ANCSA region at \$7.54/ft<sup>2</sup>. Figure R-III shows the energy use and cost per square foot for each of the six most populous communities in the region. The small average home size in the region keeps the total annual energy cost lower than many other ANCSA regions.

Home heating indices in the region span a wide range among communities with



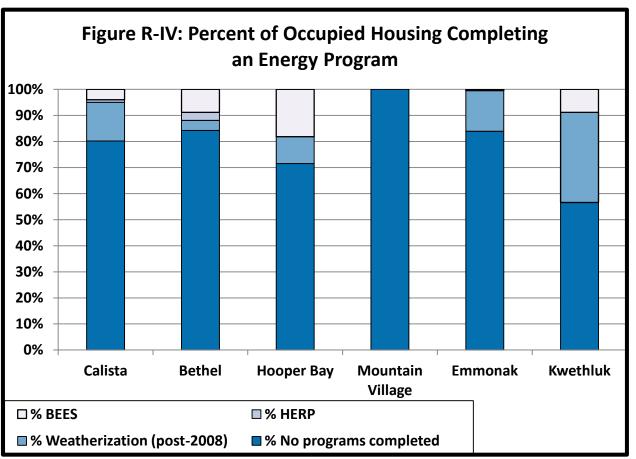
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Energy use per square foot is also known as Energy Use Intensity, or EUI and is given in kBtus per square foot, per year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Energy cost per square foot is also known as the Energy Cost Index, or ECI and is given in dollars per square foot, per year.



sufficient energy data for analysis. The highest average home heating index (19.8 BTUs/ft<sup>2</sup>/HDD) is found in the community of Sleetmute, and the lowest average home heating index (4.8) is found in the community of Kipnuk.

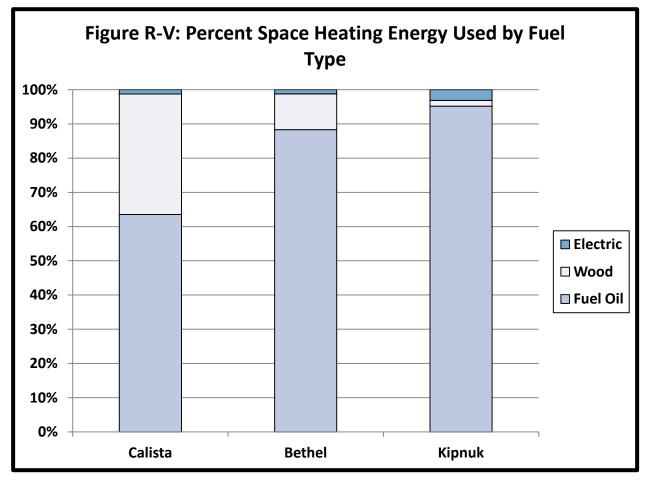
Understanding the variations between communities participating in energy efficiency programs is essential to targeting work and resource allocation in the region. Approximately 20% of housing units in the Calista region as a whole have completed the AHFC Home Energy Rebate or Weatherization program or have been certified to meet BEES since 2008. There has been very little participation in the AHFC Home Energy Rebate Program (Figure R-IV), with approximately 1% of homes completing that particular efficiency program in the region. Participation is higher in the Weatherization program, with an 15% of estimated homes Weatherization completing а retrofit. Additionally, 4% of homes in the region have been to meet



BEES, Hooper bay has had the most housing units certified to meet BEES, at 18%. Participation in energy programs differs by community. An estimated 0 homes in Chevak have completed one of the programs while approximately 75% of housing units in Oscarville have participated in an AHFC energy program.

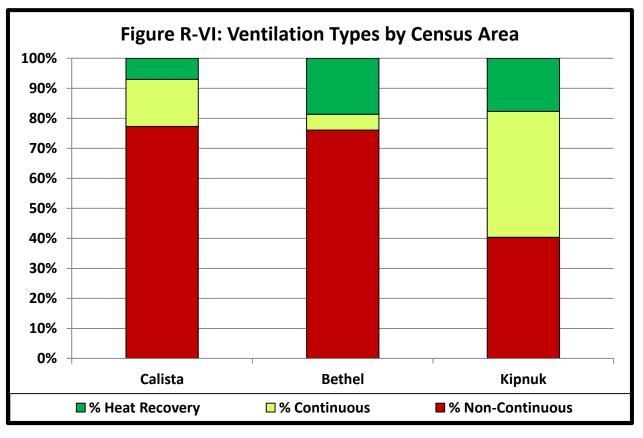


Figure R-V gives the fuel types used for space heating in the Calista region. The primary fuel source is fuel oil, which provides 63% of the region's space heating needs. Wood is also used for a significant percentage of space heating (35%). However, fuel types differ by community. For example, residents of Bethel use wood for only 10% of space heating needs, and residents of Kipnuk use a smaller percentage of wood, relying instead on fuel oil for 95% of space heating energy.





Approximately 23% of homes in the Calista region have heat recovery or continuous mechanical ventilation systems installed. This is the second highest percentage of housing units in the state with continuous mechanical ventilation, with or without heat recovery. Figure R-VI shows that the community of Bethel has a similar percentage of housing (21%) with continuous units ventilation. mechanical The community of Kipnuk has the highest of installed continuous rate ventilation with 60% of housing units having either heat recovery or continuous ventilation. The Calista region has the lowest percentage of housing units that are relatively airlacking tight and continuous mechanical ventilation in the state,

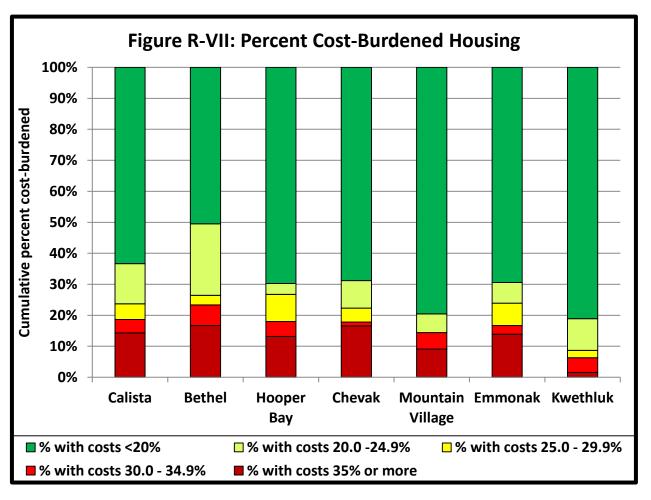


with only 25% of housing units falling into this category. Air-tight homes without ventilation are at a higher risk of moisture and indoor air quality-related issues.



## Affordability

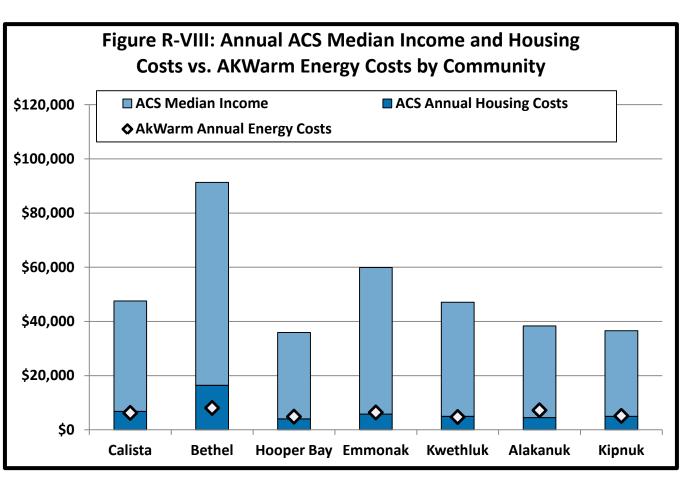
According to ACS estimates, approximately 19% of households in the Calista region are considered cost-burdened, spending 30% or more of household income on housing costs.<sup>6</sup> Figure R-VII shows the percent of cost-burdened households in the six most populous communities in the region, ranging from 6% in Kwethluk to 23% in the Bethel. At 19%, the Calista region is the second-lowest percentage of cost-burdened households of the state's ANCSA regions. There is a wider range of affordability outside those six communities, from a low of 4% of households in Nunapitchuk considered cost-burdened to a high of 60% of households in Platinum.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> CCHRC's analysis of ACS energy costs indicate that there are systematic underestimations for rural Alaska, which suggests that ACS-based cost burdened housing estimates are low. See Appendix A, "American Community Survey Energy Cost Estimates" for more details.



Figure R-VIII gives the median household income for the Calista region and its populous six most communities. alongside housing and energy costs.<sup>6</sup> Regional median household income is approximately \$47,551. Across all communities in the region, median household incomes range from \$11,250 in Platinum to \$91,302 in Bethel. Considering only the region's six most populous communities, the median income levels range from \$35,938 in Hooper Bay to \$91,302 in Bethel.

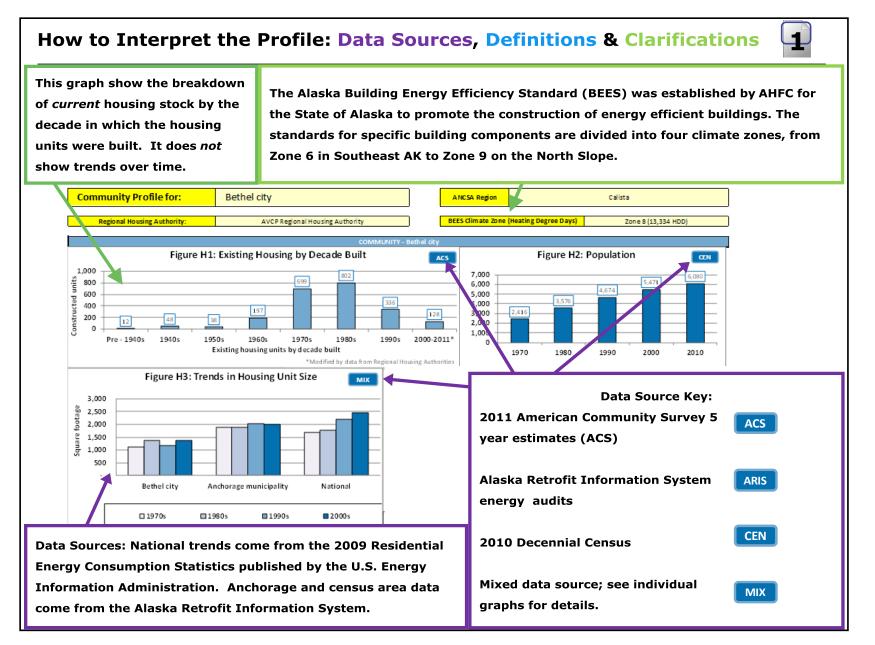




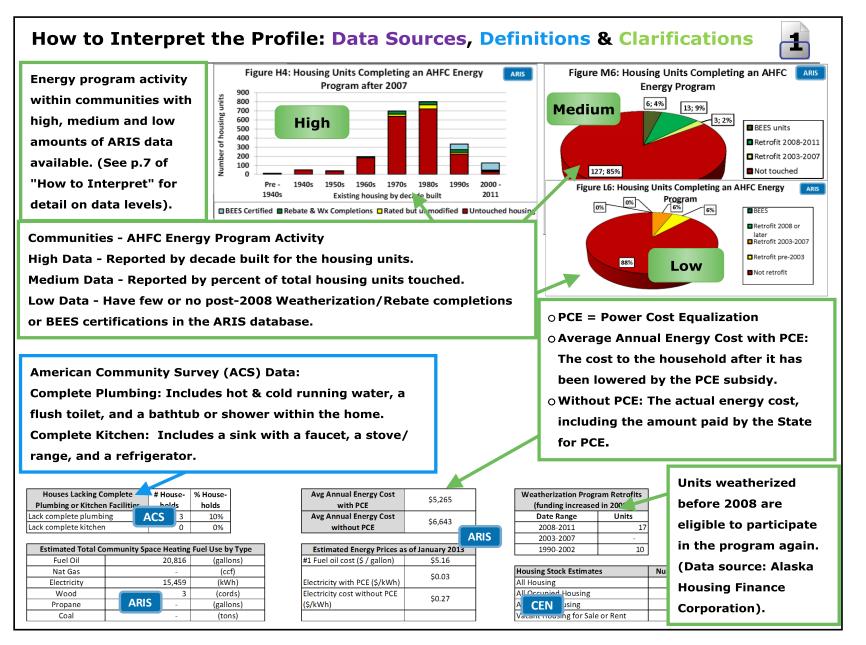
## **Community, Regional, and Statewide Housing Characteristics**

This ANCSA region summary only includes the highlights of housing characteristics at the ANCSA regional level. A detailed data profile with charts and tables for this region follows. The 2014 Alaska Housing Assessment provides a significant amount of data and analysis at statewide, ANCSA region, census area, and community levels. This assessment provides a statewide analysis of housing characteristics, how they compare to national numbers, and the estimated housing needs. Within the 2014 Alaska Housing Assessment, written summaries are available for each individual ANCSA region and census area, and data profiles are available for each community and census area characterizing the housing stock from the perspective of community, overcrowding, energy and affordability. These different tiers of information and analysis allow researchers, housing authorities, policymakers and others to generate answers to specific questions. For a detailed discussion of estimating housing need and comparison of methods to previous Housing Assessments, see Appendix B, "Statewide Need Assessment" of the 2014 Alaska Housing Assessment.



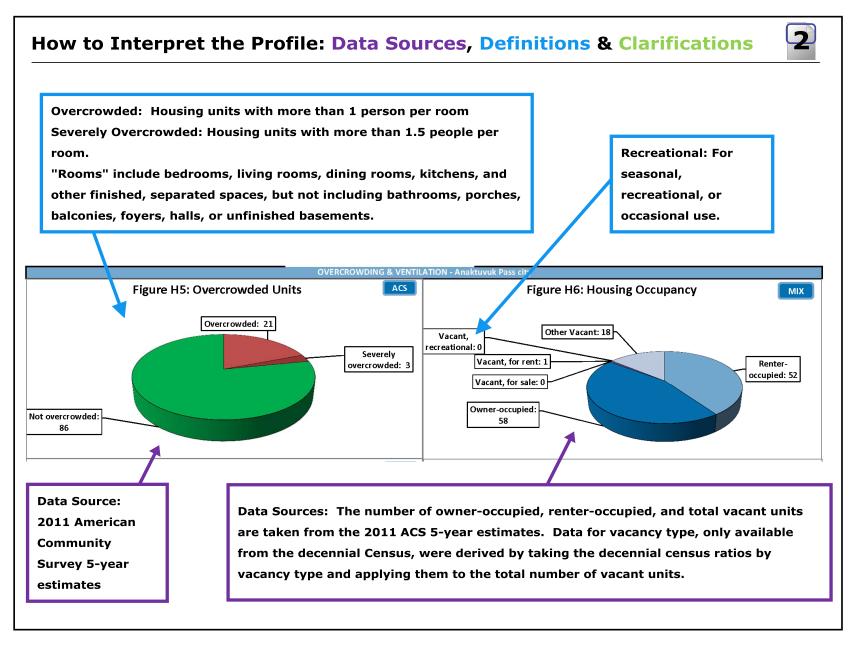






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## How to Interpret the Profile: Data Sources, Definitions & Clarifications

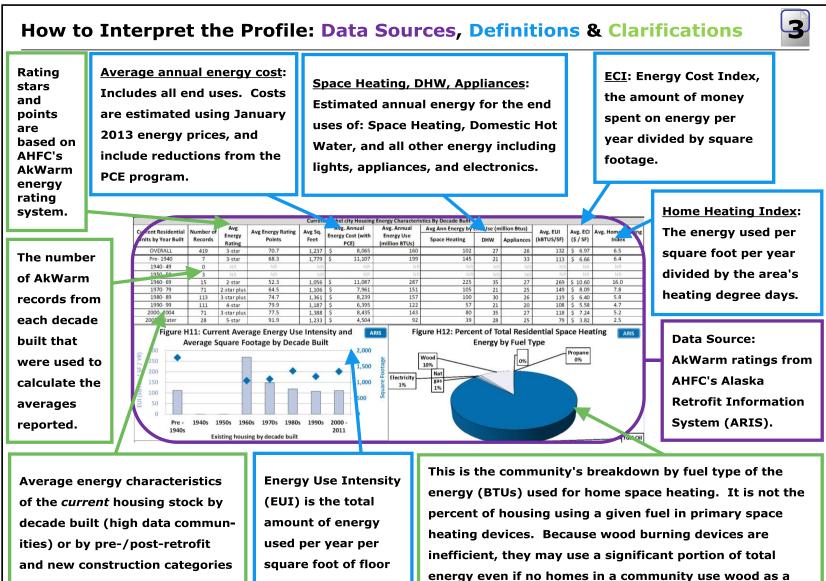
Heat Recovery: Continuous mechanical ventilation with heat recovery operated with automatic controls.

Continuous: Mechanical ventilation without heat recovery operated with automatic controls.

Non-Continuous ventilation: Includes homes with range and/or bath fans not operated using automatic controls.

ACH50: The results of a Figure H7: Average Tightness of Current Homes by Figure H8, xisting Ventilation Type by Decade Built **ARIS** blower door test to measure Decade Built 10.0 100% building air leakage. Smaller als 8.0 80% 6.0 60% numbers indicate tighter ACH @ 50 4.0 40% buildings. Tighter buildings 2.0 20% 0.0 0% lose less heated air to the 2000 - 2005 or Pre 1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s Pre -1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000 - 2005 or 1940 2004 later 1940s 2004 outside and thus use less Existing housing by decade built Existing housing by decade built % Heat recovery % Non-continuous Air-tightness (ACH50) 2012 BEES Requirement % Continuous energy for space heating. Figure H9: Percent of Housing Stock at High Risk of ARIS Figure H10: Quantity of Housing Stock at High Risk of ARIS Moisture and Air Quality Problems Moisture and Air Quality Problems 450 100% 400 # Units at High Risk 80% 350 The 2012 Building Energy 300 60% 250 **Efficiency Standard** 40% 200 150 (BEES) for air-tightness is 20% 100 50 0% for reference only, as it 194 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000 - 2005 or Pre -1940s 1950s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000 -2004 later Pre -194 Js 1960s Existing housing by decade built was implemented after 1940s 2011 8 High Risk Existing housing by decade built % Low Risk the majority of homes in Alaska were built. Decades with no bar High Risk of Moisture and Air Quality Problems: Note lack sufficient data that moisture or poor indoor air quality have not been Data Source: for reporting. They physically measured; these houses are considered Alaska Retrofit should not be "at-risk" because they are relatively air tight (less Information considered zero than 0.5 estimated natural air changes per hour) and System quantities. do not have a continuous ventilation system.





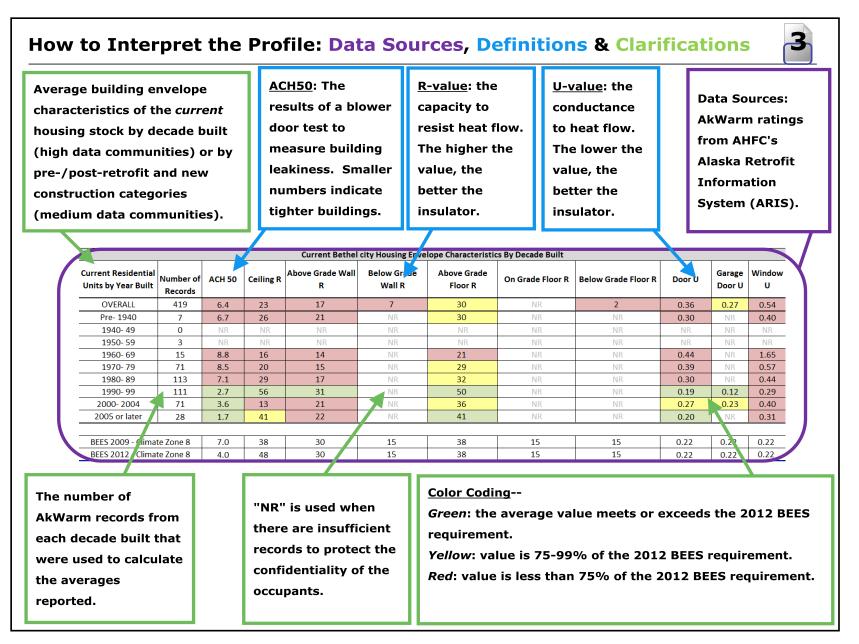
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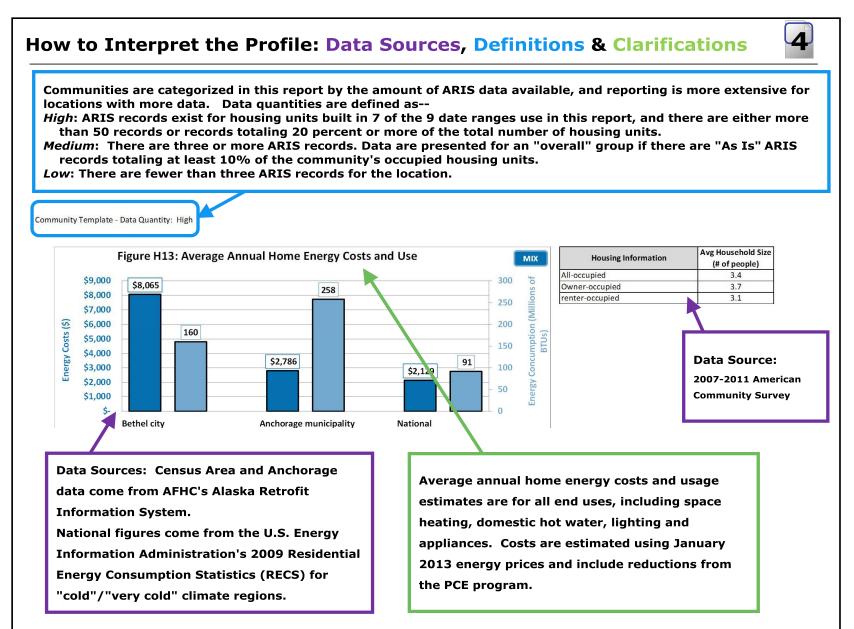
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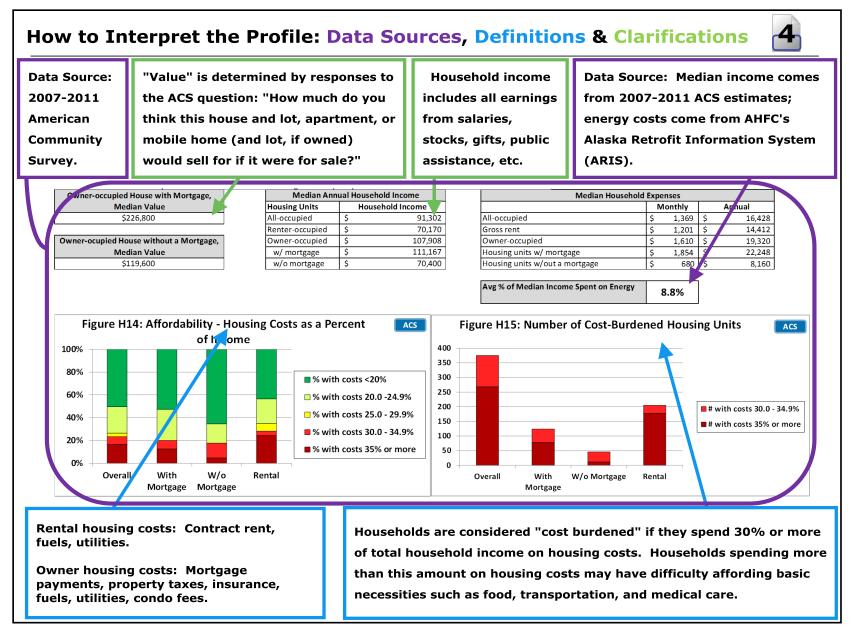










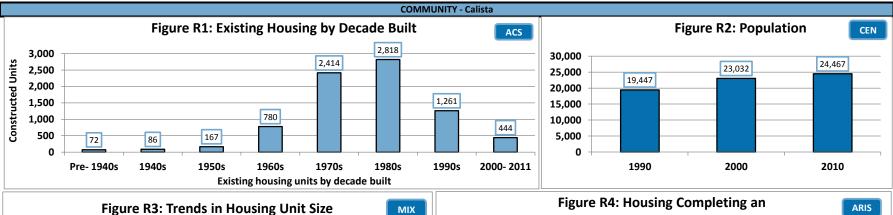


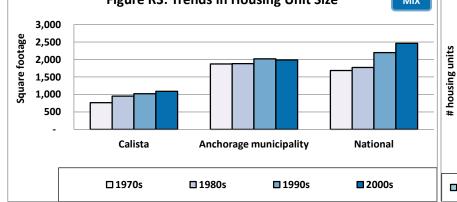


ANCSA Region Profile for:

Climate Zone (Heating Degree Day Range)

Zone 8 (12,600 - 16,800 HDD)





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|            |       | •     |             | using Co<br>Prograr | •          | •     |       | ARIS  |
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|            | Pre-  | 1940s | 1950s       | 1960s               | 1970s      | 1980s | 1990s | 2000- |
|            | 1940s | 1     | Existing ho | using by d          | ecade buil | t     |       | 2011  |

BEES Certified Rebate & Wx Completions Rated but Unmodified Untouched housing

| Houses Lacking Complete        | Households |         |  |  |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|--|--|
| Plumbing or Kitchen Facilities | Number     | Percent |  |  |
| Lack complete plumbing         | 2,356      | 39%     |  |  |
| Lack complete kitchen          | 1,851      | 31%     |  |  |

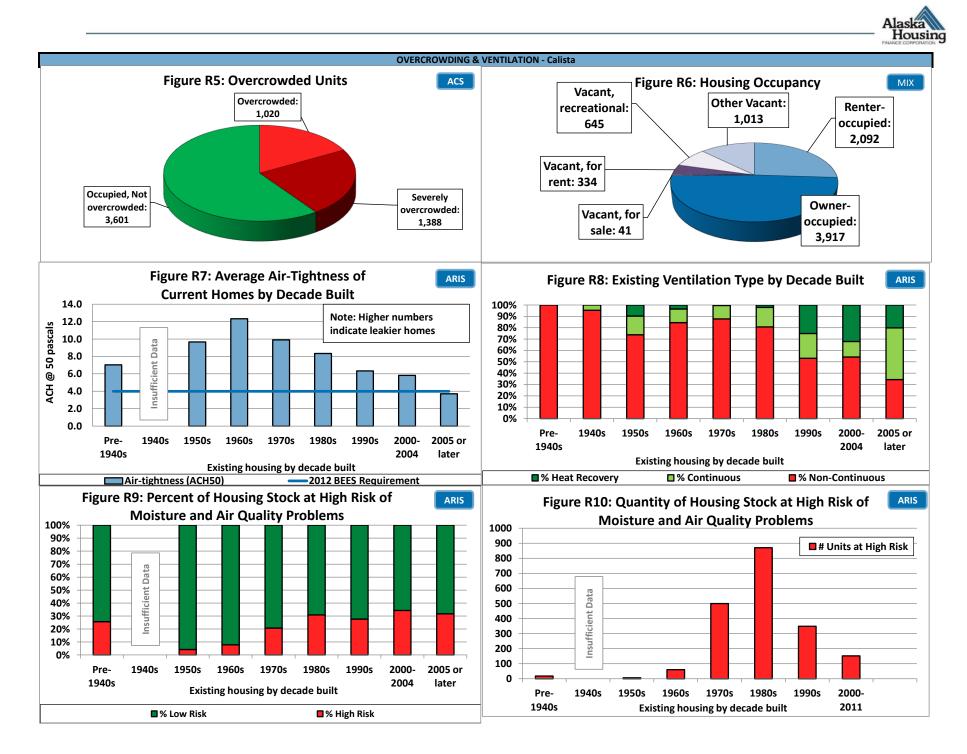
| Estimated Total A | Estimated Total Annual Community Space Heating Fuel Use |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|---|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Fuel Oil          | 2,922,465   | (gallons) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Gas       | -   | (ccf)     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity       | 2,214,113   | (kWh)     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wood              | 11,348  | (cords)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Propane           | 1,303   | (gallons) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coal              | -   | (tons)    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Avg Annual Energy Cost with<br>PCE    | \$6,242 |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Avg Annual Energy Cost<br>without PCE | \$8,104 |  |

| Housing Need Indicators | Number<br>of units | % Occupied Housing |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Overcrowded             | 2,408              | 40%                |
| Housing cost burdened   | 989                | 16%                |
| 1 Star Homes            | 1,316              | 22%                |

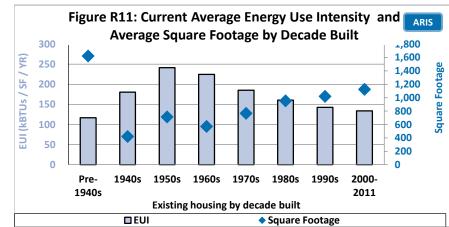
| Weatherization Retrofits | (funding |
|--------------------------|----------|
| increased 2008)          |          |
| Date Range               | Units    |
| 2008-2011                | 725      |
| 2003-2007                | 166      |
| 1990-2002                | 815      |
|                          |          |

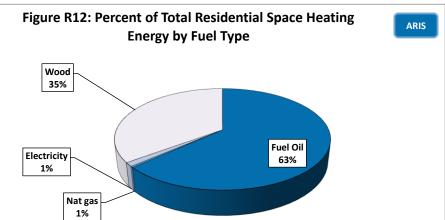
| Housing Stock Estimates         | Number of Units |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| All Housing                     | 8,042           |
| All Occupied Housing            | 6,009           |
| All Vacant housing              | 2,033           |
| Vacant Housing for Sale or Rent | 375             |





|                     |  |                 |                   |         |                           | ERGY - Calista               |                     |             |               |             |          |               |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|
|                     | Current Calista Housing Energy Characteristics By Decade Built |                 |                   |         |                           |                              |                     |             |               |             |          |               |
| Current Residential | # of   | Avg Energy      | Avg Energy Rating | Avg Sq. | Avg. Annual               | Avg. Annual                  | Avg Annual Energy / | 'End Use (n | nillion Btus) | Avg. EUI    |          | Avg. Home     |
| Units by Year Built | AkWarm<br>Records  | Rating<br>Stars | Points            | Feet    | Energy Cost (with<br>PCE) | Energy Use<br>(million BTUs) | Space Heating       | DHW         | Appliances    | (kBTUS /SF) | Avg. ECI | Heating Index |
| OVERALL             | 1,408  | 2-star          | 59.1              | 875     | \$6,242                   | 136                          | 99                  | 14          | 22            | 167         | \$7.54   | 9.7           |
| Pre- 1940           | 7  | 2-star plus     | 66.3              | 1,622   | \$10,914                  | 194                          | 137                 | 22          | 35            | 117         | \$7.02   | 6.5           |
| 1940- 49            | 4  | 1-star          | 34.5              | 421     | NR                        | 74                           | 56                  | 0           | 18            | 181         | \$8.48   | 11.1          |
| 1950- 59            | 19   | 1-star plus     | 45.3              | 713     | \$5,074                   | 135                          | 107                 | 4           | 24            | 241         | \$7.44   | 16.0          |
| 1960- 69            | 56   | 1-star          | 38.8              | 571     | \$5,020                   | 125                          | 102                 | 3           | 20            | 224         | \$9.34   | 14.3          |
| 1970- 79            | 281  | 2-star          | 53.6              | 766     | \$5,905                   | 132                          | 101                 | 11          | 21            | 185         | \$8.34   | 11.0          |
| 1980- 89            | 470  | 2-star plus     | 63.8              | 953     | \$6,855                   | 144                          | 103                 | 18          | 23            | 160         | \$7.52   | 9.1           |
| 1990- 99            | 279  | 2-star plus     | 67.8              | 1,020   | \$6,520                   | 136                          | 91                  | 15          | 23            | 143         | \$6.71   | 7.8           |
| 2000- 2004          | 181  | 3-star plus     | 74.9              | 1,088   | \$5,999                   | 129                          | 81                  | 23          | 25            | 150         | \$5.99   | 8.2           |
| 2005 or later       | 111  | 4-star plus     | 86.7              | 1,183   | \$5,026                   | 94                           | 45                  | 27          | 22            | 83          | \$4.37   | 3.1           |





|  | Current Calista Housing Envelope Characteristics By Decade Built |        |           |                       |                       |                        |                  |                     |        |                  |             |  |
|--|--|--------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|--|
| Current Residential<br>Units by Year Built | # of<br>AkWarm<br>Records  | ACH 50 | Ceiling R | Above Grade Wall<br>R | Below Grade Wall<br>R | Above Grade Floor<br>R | On Grade Floor R | Below Grade Floor R | Door U | Garage<br>Door U | Window<br>U |  |
| OVERALL                                    | 1,408  | 8.5    | 22        | 16                    | 8                     | 22                     | 3                | 3                   | 0.49   | 0.49             | 0.64        |  |
| Pre- 1940                                  | 7  | 7.0    | 25        | 20                    | NR                    | 30                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.30   | 0.30             | 0.40        |  |
| 1940- 49                                   | 4  | NR     | 19        | 14                    | NR                    | 11                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.58   | 0.58             | 0.55        |  |
| 1950- 59                                   | 19   | 9.7    | 21        | 13                    | NR                    | 17                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.78   | 0.78             | 0.78        |  |
| 1960- 69                                   | 56   | 12.3   | 12        | 12                    | NR                    | 15                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.55   | 0.55             | 0.84        |  |
| 1970- 79                                   | 281  | 9.9    | 19        | 14                    | 7                     | 19                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.54   | 0.54             | 0.70        |  |
| 1980- 89                                   | 470  | 8.3    | 25        | 17                    | 12                    | 25                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.47   | 0.47             | 0.61        |  |
| 1990- 99                                   | 279  | 6.3    | 26        | 20                    | NR                    | 26                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.44   | 0.44             | 0.61        |  |
| 2000- 2004                                 | 181  | 5.8    | 25        | 17                    | NR                    | 26                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.38   | 0.38             | 0.54        |  |
| 2005 or later                              | 111  | 3.7    | 40        | 22                    | NR                    | 39                     | NR               | NR                  | 0.22   | 0.22             | 0.33        |  |
|  |  |        |           |                       |                       |                        |                  |                     |        |                  |             |  |
| BEES 2009 - Climat                         | e Zone 8   | 7.0    | 38        | 30                    | 15                    | 38                     | 15               | 15                  | 0.22   | 0.22             | 0.22        |  |
| BEES 2012 - Climat                         | e Zone 8   | 4.0    | 48        | 30                    | 15                    | 38                     | 15               | 15                  | 0.22   | 0.22             | 0.22        |  |



