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Sealaska Corporation Dashboard¹

Population: The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's current (2012) population estimate for the Sealaska Corporation ANCSA region is 74,423, an increase of 4% from 2000.

Housing Units: There are currently 33,596 housing units in the Sealaska Corporation ANCSA region. Of these, 28,663 are occupied, 1,161 vacant units are for sale or rent, and the remaining 3,772 are seasonal or otherwise vacant units (Profile Figure R6).

Energy: The average home in the Sealaska Corporation ANCSA region is 1,576 square feet and uses 120,000 BTUs of energy per square foot annually. This is 12% less than the statewide average of 137,000 BTUs per square foot per year.

Energy Costs: Using AKWarm estimates, the average annual energy cost for homes in the Sealaska Corporation ANCSA region is \$5,440, which is approximately 2 times more than the cost in Anchorage, and 2.6 times more than the national average (Profile Figure R13).

Energy Programs: Approximately 16% of the occupied housing units in the Sealaska Corporation 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 the current housing stock, newer homes have better energy performance. On average, homes built before 1940 are currently rated at 1-star plus compared to a current average rating of 3-star plus for homes built after 2000.

Air-tightness: Within the current housing stock, newer homes are tighter. On average, homes built in the last decade meet the 2009 BEES standard of 7 air-changes per hour at 50 pascals (ACH50). In contrast, homes built in the 1940s are 2.2 times leakier than those built since 2000 (Profile Figure R7).

Ventilation: An estimated 11,597 occupied housing units (or 40%) in the Sealaska Corporation 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: Four percent of occupied units are estimated to be either overcrowded (3%) or severely overcrowded (1%). This is comparable to the national average and makes the Sealaska Corporation ANCSA region the least overcrowded ANCSA region in the state.

Affordability: According to American Community Survey (ACS) data, approximately 31% of households in the Sealaska Corporation spend 30% or more of total household income on reported housing costs, including rent, water and sewer utilities, and energy costs. Using AKWarm estimates, the average annual energy costs constitute approximately 8% of census median area income for occupied housing.

¹ Figures referenced in the Dashboard are located in the ANCSA Region profile.





Sealaska Corporation Summary

Community

The Sealaska Corporation ANCSA region covers the southeastern panhandle of Alaska, bordering Canada to the east and the Gulf of Alaska to the west. Average home sizes in the region vary from a low of 927 square feet in the community of Hoonah to a high of 1,875 square feet in the community of Wrangell.

Overcrowding

The Sealaska region as a whole has the least amount of overcrowding of all ANCSA regions. As shown in Figure R-I, overcrowding rates vary among the census areas within the region from a low of 0.2% in the Wrangell City and Borough to a high of 7% in the Prince of Wales-Hyder census area. By community, overcrowding varies slightly more than by census area, from an estimated 0% in the community of Gustavus to a high of 25 in Hollis with more than one person per room. The six most populous communities within Sealaska range from an estimated 0% to 4% of



households considered to be overcrowded.



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Approximately 3% of housing in the region is vacant and available for sale or rent. Availability varies by community from a low of approximately no available housing in Naukati Bay to a high of 49% of housing in Whitestone Logging Camp available for sale or rent.

Energy²

As shown in Figure R-II, the average annual energy cost per household in the Sealaska region is \$5,444. Figure R-II also gives the average energy cost and use for the region's census areas. The lowest average annual energy use (145 million Btus) and costs (\$4,501) in the region are found in the Prince of Wales-Hyder census area. One factor contributing to the low energy use in Prince of Wales-Hyder is the average home size of 1,221 square feet, which is the lowest in the region and more than 300 square feet less than the regional average of 1,540 square feet. The highest energy use and costs in the region are found in the Wrangell City and Borough. This is in part due to the census area having the largest average home size in the region, 1,875 square feet, and the second highest average home heating index in the region, 13.2 BTUs/sqft/HDD. Annual home energy costs also vary by community, from a low of \$3,459 in Naukati Bay to a high of \$6,590 in the community of Wrangell.

² 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.









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The Sealaska region has the third lowest energy use per square foot³ of any ANCSA region in the state. One factor that contributes to this is the relatively mild climate in the region, with communities ranging from approximately 7,000 to 9,000 heating degree days. The energy use and cost per square foot for each census area in the region are shown in Figure R-III.⁴ The Haines Borough has the highest EUI of any census area in the region, while the highest ECI is found in the Hoonah-Angoon census area.



³ Energy use per square foot is also known as Energy Use Intensity, or EUI and is given in kBtus per square foot, per year.

⁴ 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.



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The Sealaska region has the highest average home heating index in Alaska, at 11.1 BTUs/sqft/HDD. The Haines Borough census area has the highest home heating index within the region (14.8). The lowest average home heating index (9.4) is found in the Hoonah-Angoon census area.

Understanding the variations between communities participating in energy efficiency programs is essential to targeting future work and resource allocation in the region. Participation in the energy programs by census area is shown in Figure R-IV. Approximately 16% of housing units in the Sealaska region have participated in the Weatherization or Home Energy Rebate program, or have received BEES certification since



2008. For communities within Sealaska, the highest participation in an AHFC energy program occurred in Hydaburg, with 38% of homes completing one of the three programs. The lowest participation, an estimated 0%, occurred in Mosquito Lake. The Juneau City and Borough has had the highest participation in the BEES and the Home Energy Rebate Program, with 5% and 9% of homes completing the respective programs. The highest participation in the Weatherization program occurred in the Prince of Wales-Hyder census area, where 14% of homes have undergone a Weatherization retrofit.



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Figure R-V shows the fuel types used for space heating in the Sealaska region. The most prominent fuel types are fuel oil, wood, and electricity. The Ketchikan Gateway census area uses the highest percentage of fuel oil (80%) while the Haines Borough census area uses the highest percentage of wood, relying on it for 39% of space heating energy. The highest usage of electricity (20%) is found in the Petersburg census area. One factor likely influencing the relatively higher use of electricity for space heating in the availability region is the of hydroelectricity at prices that are closer to the cost of fuel oil than other regions.





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As shown in Figure R-VI, approximately 89% of homes in the Sealaska region have no continuous ventilation system. The Prince of Wales-Hyder census area has the largest percentage of homes (15%) with a continuous ventilation system, while the Wrangell census area has the lowest percentage of homes (5%) with continuous ventilation systems.





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Affordability

According to ACS estimates, approximately 30% of households in the Sealaska region are cost-burdened, spending 30% or more of household

income on housing costs.⁵ Figure R-VII shows the percent of cost-burdened households in the different census areas in the region, ranging from 21% in Prince of Wales-Hyder to 35% in the Sitka census area. There is a wide range of affordability among Sealaska's communities from Kasaan with an estimated 0 cost-burdened households to Hollis with an estimated 71% costburdened households.



⁵ Our analysis of ACS energy costs indicate that there are systematic underestimations for Rural Alaska, which suggests that ACS-based cost burdened housing estimates would be low. See Appendix A, "American Community Survey Energy Cost Estimates" for more details.



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Figure R-VIII gives the median incomes for Sealaska's census areas, along with the housing and energy costs. Please note that our analysis has shown that ACS housing cost estimates for rural Alaska are systematically low, as shown in the figure by the census areas with AKWarm energy cost estimates at or above ACS housing cost estimates.⁵ Median household incomes vary by community ranging from a low of \$7,404 in Lutak to a high of \$170,096 in Covenant Life. The six most populous communities have median household incomes between \$49,313 and \$77,465.





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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 the region follows this summary. Additionally, a significant amount of data and analysis is available at other spatial scales within Alaska. Within this assessment, written summaries are available for each individual 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. A statewide analysis of housing characteristics, how they compare to national numbers, and what the estimated housing needs are is also available. These different tiers of information and analysis allow researchers, housing authorities, policy makers and the public to generate answers to specific questions from the local to the statewide level.























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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.





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Average building envelope characteristics of the <i>current</i> housing stock by decade built (high data communities) or by pre-/post-retrofit and new construction categories (medium data communities).			ACH50: The results of a blower door test to measure building leakiness. Smaller numbers indicate tighter buildings.			R-value: the capacity to resist heat flow.U- co toThe higher the value, the better the insulator.The better			<u>U-v</u> con to I The val bet	<u>U-value</u> : the conductance to heat flow. The lower the value, the better the insulator.		Data Sources: AkWarm ratings from AHFC's Alaska Retrofit Information System (ARIS).		igs it ;).	
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(Current Residential Units by Year Built	Number of Records	ACH 50	Ceiling R	Above Grade Wall R	Below Gre Wall R	le	Above Grade Floor R	On Grade	Floor R	Below Grade Floor R	Door	Garage Door U	Window U	Y
	OVERALL	419	6.4	23	17	7		30	NR		2	0.36	0.27	0.54	
	Pre- 1940	7	6.7	26	21	NR		30	NR		NR	0.30	NR	0.40	
	1940- 49	0	NR	NR	NR	NR		NR	NR		NR	NR	NR	NR	
	1950- 59	3	NR	NR	NR	NR		NR NR			NR	NR	NR	NR	
	1960- 69	15	8.8	16	14	NR		21	NH		NR	0.44	NR	1.65	
	1970-79	/1	8.5	20	15	NR		29	NR		NR	0.39	NR	0.57	
	1990- 99	115	2.7	56	31	NR	_	50	NR		NR	0.30	0.12	0.44	
	2000-2004	71	3.6	13	21	NR	_	36	NR		NR	0.27	0.23	0.40	
	2005 or later	28	1.7	41	22	NR		41	NR		NR	0.20	NR	0.31	
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	BEES 2009 - Glimat	te Zone 8	7.0	38	30	15		38	15		15	0.22	0.22	0.22	
	BEES 2012 Climat	te Zone 8	4.0	48	30	15		38	15		15	0.22	0.22	0.22	
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ANCSA Region Profile for:

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Climate Zone (Heating Degree Day Range)

Zone 6 (7,200 - 9,000 HDD)



Houses Lacking Complete	Households			
Plumbing or Kitchen Facilities	Number	Percent		
Lack complete plumbing	803	3%		
Lack complete kitchen	631	2%		

Estimated Total Annual Community Space Heating Fuel Use										
Fuel Oil	20,491,268	(gallons)								
Natural Gas	-	(ccf)								
Electricity	100,593,028	(kWh)								
Wood	34,246	(cords)								
Propane	716,811	(gallons)								
Coal	-	(tons)								

Avg Annual Energy Cost with PCE	\$5,444	
Avg Annual Energy Cost	\$5 578	
without PCE	,J,J/0	

Housing Need Indicators	Number of units	% Occupied Housing
Overcrowded	1,054	4%
Housing cost burdened	8,510	30%
1 Star Homes	5,847	20%

Weatherization Retrofits	(funding
increased 2008)	
Date Range	Units
2008-2011	1,711
2003-2007	347
1990-2002	1467

Housing Stock Estimates	Number of Units
All Housing	33,596
All Occupied Housing	28,663
All Vacant housing	4,933
Vacant Housing for Sale or Rent	1,161









	ENERGY - Sealaska Corporation													
	Current Sealaska Corporation Housing Energy Characteristics By Decade Built													
Current Residential	# of	Avg Energy	Avg Enorgy Pating	Ανσ δα	Avg. Annual	Avg. Annual	Avg Annual Energy /	End Use (n	nillion Btus)					
Units by Year Built	AkWarm Records	Rating Stars	Points	Feet	Energy Cost (with PCE)	Energy Use (million BTUs)	Space Heating	DHW	Appliances	(kBTUS /SF)	Avg. ECI	Heating Index		
OVERALL	8,092	2-star	59.1	1,576	\$5,444	179	122	25	30	120	\$3.70	11.1		
Pre- 1940	654	1-star plus	40.5	1,694	\$6,987	232	180	21	31	145	\$4.41	14.9		
1940- 49	263	1-star plus	41.2	1,576	\$6,547	224	169	24	31	152	\$4.51	15.2		
1950- 59	445	1-star plus	45.6	1,593	\$6,283	212	158	24	30	140	\$4.16	14.0		
1960- 69	686	2-star	50.7	1,512	\$6,056	205	153	23	29	141	\$4.25	13.8		
1970- 79	2,204	2-star	58.4	1,498	\$5,681	185	128	27	30	125	\$3.94	11.4		
1980- 89	1,936	2-star plus	62.2	1,568	\$4,990	165	112	23	29	108	\$3.28	9.8		
1990-99	1,079	3-star plus	73.6	1,580	\$4,334	140	79	24	27	93	\$2.92	7.5		
2000- 2004	518	3-star plus	77.6	1,793	\$4,354	137	83	24	29	81	\$2.54	6.5		
2005 or later	306	3-star	73.0	1,720	\$4,615	135	80	23	31	105	\$3.42	9.0		





	Current Sealaska Corporation Housing Envelope Characteristics By Decade Built												
Current Residential Units by Year Built	# of AkWarm Records	ACH 50	Ceiling R	Above Grade Wall R	Below Grade Wall R	Above Grade Floor R	On Grade Floor R	Below Grade Floor R	Door U	Garage Door U	Window U		
OVERALL	8,092	10.5	18	11	3	16	3	3	0.40	0.40	0.57		
Pre- 1940	654	14.8	11	8	2	12	2	2	0.45	0.45	0.62		
1940- 49	263	14.8	10	8	2	12	3	2	0.43	0.43	0.61		
1950- 59	445	12.9	14	9	2	13	3	3	0.42	0.42	0.63		
1960- 69	686	13.6	15	10	3	14	3	3	0.43	0.43	0.61		
1970- 79	2,204	10.5	20	11	3	17	3	3	0.40	0.40	0.60		
1980- 89	1,936	9.6	21	13	2	18	3	3	0.41	0.41	0.58		
1990- 99	1,079	6.0	28	16	5	22	3	3	0.33	0.33	0.44		
2000- 2004	518	6.0	29	15	6	22	4	3	0.31	0.31	0.43		
2005 or later	306	8.4	19	13	6	22	3	3	0.31	0.31	0.41		

BEES 2009 - Climate Zone 6	7.0	38	21	15	30	15	15	0.33	0.33	0.33
BEES 2012 - Climate Zone 6	4.0	43	25	15	38	15	15	0.30	0.30	0.30



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Avg % of Median Income Spent on Energy 8.1%



