

# The Twelve Regions

Alaska is a vast state with a relatively low population. Alaska covers over 400 million acres, which is more than two times the area of Texas. Meanwhile, the population of the state hovers around only 700,000 residents. There are nearly 200 communities across the state, which vary in population from less than 20 to roughly 300,000. The majority of Alaska communities are accessible only by boat or plane. Alaska Native people make up around 15 percent of the population of Alaska.

Like any other state, Alaska has levels of government and land ownership: federal, state, municipal, and city. The passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) in 1971 added an additional layer of land ownership across Alaska. Additionally, in 1998 the federal government officially recognized over 200 Indian tribes in Alaska (entirely separate entities from Alaska Native corporations), which opened the doors for a government-to-government relationships between those tribes and the federal government.

ANCSA divided the state into twelve regions defined by the common heritage and shared interests of the indigenous peoples within each geographic area. The regional boundaries do not represent land owned by the Alaska Native regional corporations; instead, they established which of the twelve Alaska Native regional corporations would serve the people, villages, and communities within that area. Within each region of Alaska there is a complex landscape of governance, land ownership, roles, and relationships. While there is overlap in who the organizations represent, each entity plays a distinct role. Individuals and businesses alike experience the intricate network of Alaska Native regional corporations, Alaska Native village corporations, federally recognized tribes, city and borough governments, and Alaska Native regional non-profit organizations.

[Overview of Entities Operating in the Twelve Regions](#)

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# **The Ahtna Region**

## **Region Location**

Southcentral Interior

## **Total Size of Region**

Approximately 28 million acres  
An area roughly the size of Ohio

## **Number of Residents in Region**

3,682

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Ahtna Athabascan

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Ahtna, Incorporated**

<https://www.ahtna-inc.com/>

## **Ahtna, Incorporated's Mission**

Wise stewardship of Ahtna lands and responsible economic growth for future generations of Ahtna people

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by Ahtna, Incorporated**

Approximately 1.5 million acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Copper River Native Association

<https://crnative.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Aleut Region**

## **Region Location**

Aleutian chain and surrounding islands

## **Total Size of Region**

2 million acres

An area roughly the size of Delaware

## **Number of Residents in Region**

8,500

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Aleut (Unangax)

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Aleut Corporation**

<https://www.aleutcorp.com/>

## **Aleut Corporation's Mission**

To maximize dividends and opportunities for our shareholders

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by Aleut Corporation**

More than 1.5 million acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Aleutian Pribilof Island Association

<https://www.apiai.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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**Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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## **The Arctic Slope Region**

**Region Location**

North Slope

**Total Size of Region**

55-60 million acres

An area roughly the size of Minnesota

**Number of Residents in Region**

10,000

**Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Iupiat

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC)**

<https://www.asrc.com/>

### **ASRC's Mission**

To actively manage our businesses, our lands and resources, our investments and our relationships to enhance Iupiaq cultural and economic freedom with continuity, responsibility and integrity

### **ANCSA conveyed land owned by ASRC**

Nearly 5 million acres

### **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Arctic Slope Native Association

<http://www.arcticslope.org/>

### **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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### **Number of Communities in Region**

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### **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Bering Straits Region**

## **Region Location**

Seward Peninsula and coastal lands of eastern Norton Sound

## **Total Size of Region**

17 million acres

An area roughly the size New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Delaware combined

## **Number of Residents in Region**

9,492

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Inupiaq, Central Yupik, Siberian Yupik

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC)**

<http://beringstraits.com/>

## **BSNC's Mission**

To improve the quality of life of our people through economic development while protecting our land and preserving our culture and heritage

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by BSNC**

2.1 million acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Kawerak, Incorporated

<https://kawerak.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Calista Region**

## **Region Location**

Yukon-Kuskokwim River Delta and the Kuskokwim Mountains

## **Total Size of Region**

Approximately 62 million acres  
An area roughly the size of Oregon

## **Number of Residents in Region**

More than 29,000

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Yupik, Cupik, Athabaskan

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Calista Corporation**

<http://www.calistacorp.com/>

## **Calista Corporation's Mission**

Increase shareholder benefits and economic opportunities through innovation, growth, leadership, execution, and financial discipline

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by Calista Corporation**

Approximately 6.5 million acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Association of Village Council Presidents

<http://www.avcp.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Chugach Region**

## **Region Location**

Portions of land on the Kenai Peninsula and the coast of Prince William Sound

## **Total Size of Region**

Approximately 10 million acres

An area roughly the size of Connecticut and Vermont combined

## **Number of Residents in Region**

9,500

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Alutiiq (Sugpiaq), Eyak (Athabascan), Tlingit

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Chugach Alaska Corporation**

<http://www.chugach.com/>

## **Chugach Alaska Corporation's Mission**

Committed to profitability, celebration of our heritage, and ownership of our lands

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by Chugach Alaska Corporation**

928,000 acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Chugachmiut

<http://www.chugachmiut.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Cook Inlet Region**

## **Region Location**

Southcentral

## **Total Size of Region**

Approximately 29 million acres

An area roughly the size of Pennsylvania

## **Number of Residents in Region**

459,579

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Athabaskan, Southeast Indian, Inupiat, Yupik, Alutiiq (Sugpiaq) and Aleut (Unangax)

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated (CIRI)**

<https://www.ciri.com/>

### **CIRI's Mission**

To promote the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of our shareholders, now and into the future, through prudent stewardship of the company resources, while furthering self-sufficiency among CIRI shareholders and their families

### **ANCSA conveyed land owned by CIRI**

Approximately 1.6 million acres

### **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Cook Intel Tribal Council

<https://citci.org/>

### **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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### **Number of Communities in Region**

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### **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Doyon Region**

## **Region Location**

Interior

## **Total Size of Region**

Approximately 172 million acres  
An area roughly the size of Texas

## **Number of Residents in Region**

86,130

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Athabascan

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Doyon, Limited**

<https://www.doyon.com/>

## **Doyon, Limited's Mission**

To continually enhance our position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social well-being of our shareholders and

future shareholders, to strengthen our Native way of life, and to protect and enhance our land and resources

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by Doyon, Limited**

12.5 million acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Tanana Chiefs Conference

<https://www.tananachiefs.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Koniag Region**

## **Region Location**

Kodiak Archipelago

## **Total Size of Region**

More than 3 million acres

An area roughly the size of Connecticut

## **Number of Residents in Region**

13,000

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Sugpiaq (Alutiiq)

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Koniag**

<https://www.koniag.com/>

## **Koniag's Mission**

Koniag achieves financial growth, honors our culture, protects our lands, advocates for our communities, and makes a meaningful impact on our Koniag family

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by Koniag**

Nearly 1 million acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Kodiak Area Native Association

<http://kodiakhealthcare.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The NANA Region**

## **Region Location**

Northwest

## **Total Size of Region**

More than 23 million acres

An area roughly to the size of Indiana

## **Number of Residents in Region**

7,684

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Iupiaq

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

NANA Regional Corporation (NANA)

<http://www.nana.com/>

## **NANA's Mission**

To improve the quality of life for our people by maximizing economic growth, protecting and enhancing our lands and promoting healthy communities with decisions, actions and behaviors inspired by our Iupiat Ilitqusiatic values consistent with our core principles

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by NANA**

Approximately 2.2 million acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Maniilaq Association

<https://www.maniilaq.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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## **Number of Communities in Region**

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## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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# **The Sealaska Region**

## **Region Location**

Southeast

## **Total Size of Region**

24 million acres

An area roughly to the size of Indiana

## **Number of Residents in Region**

Approximately 73,000

## **Main Alaska Native Culture(s) in Region**

Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian, Aleut

## **Alaska Native Regional Corporation**

**Sealaska Corporation**

<https://www.sealaska.com/>

## **Sealaska Corporation's Mission**

Sealaska purpose is to strengthen people, culture and homelands

## **ANCSA conveyed land owned by Sealaska Corporation**

360,000 acres

## **Name of Alaska Native Regional Non-profit Organization**

Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

<http://www.ccthita.org/>

## **Number of Village Corporations in Region**

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12

## **Number of Communities in Region**

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24

## **Number of Federally Recognized Tribes in Region**

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## **Federal Reservation in Region**

Annette Island Reserve - Metlakatla Indian Community

<http://www.metlakatla.com/index.html>