

State Profile: Alaska

State of the States in Family Caregiver Support

Population	AK	US	Source
▪ Total Population (<i>thousands</i>)	733	331,449	2020 Census
▪ Population 65+ (<i>thousands</i>)	98	55,892	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % 65+	13	17	2020 Census, 2021 American Community Survey
▪ National Ranking 65+	49	N/A	2020 Population Reference Bureau (PBR)
▪ % White 65+	73.3	75.6	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % African American 65+	2.3	9.2	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Hispanic/Latino 65+	3.0	9	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Asian 65+	6.2	4.8	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 65+	.4	.1	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % American Indian/Alaska Native 65+	10.7	.5	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Two or More Races 65+	5.7	6.6	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Population 85+ (<i>thousands</i>)	7	5,963	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Population 85+	.9	1.8	2021 American Community Survey

Socio-Demographics	AK	US	Source
▪ Average Household Size	2.6	2.5	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Average Family Size	3.3	3.2	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Population in a Rural Area	35.1	19.3	2020 Census State Level Urban and Rural Information
▪ % Households with Persons 65+	25.8	31.3	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Persons Age 65+ Living Alone	24.1	25.6	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Households with internet access	90.8	90.3	2021 American Community Survey

Economic Indicators	AK	US	Source
▪ Per Capita Income	39,509	38,332	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Median Household Income	77,845	69,717	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Total State Expenditures Per Capita	15,969	8,037	Kaiser Family Foundation
▪ % Population 65+ Below Poverty	8.5	10.3	2021 American Community Survey and National Council on Aging (US)

Informal Caregivers	AK	US	Source
▪ # of Caregivers (<i>thousands</i>)	94	38,000	AARP Valuing the Invaluable 2023 Update
▪ # of Caregiving Hours (<i>millions</i>)	88	36,000	AARP Valuing the Invaluable 2023 Update

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▪ Value of Caregiving (<i>millions</i>)	1,680	600,000	AARP Valuing the Invaluable 2023 Update
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Care Receivers	AK	US	Source
▪ % Population 18-64 years w/Disability	12.2	10.7	2021 American Community Survey
▪ % Population 65+ w/Disability	32.9	32.6	2021 American Community Survey
% 65+ with			
▪ Hearing Difficulty	16.4	13.3	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Vision Loss	6.7	6	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Ambulatory	18.6	20.5	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Self-Care	5.4	7.1	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Cognitive	6	7.8	2021 American Community Survey
▪ Independent Living Difficulty	10.5	13.2	2021 American Community Survey

Long Term Care	AK	US	Source
▪ % Medicaid spending on nursing facilities	34.2	28.3	Kaiser Family Foundation (FY 2021)
▪ % Medicaid spending on Home Health and Personal Care	61.4	64.3	Kaiser Family Foundation (FY 2021)
▪ # of Certified Nursing Facilities	20	15,183	Kaiser Family Foundation (2022)
▪ % of Certified Facilities with Family Groups	15	15	Kaiser Family Foundation (2022)
▪ Average # of Certified Nursing Facility Beds per Facility	41.3	106.4	Kaiser Family Foundation (2022)
▪ % Certified Nursing Facility Occupancy Rate	85	72	Kaiser Family Foundation (2022)
▪ Average Cost Per Day in a Nursing Home (private room)	1,036	297	Genworth 2021 Cost of Care Survey
▪ Average Assisted Living Monthly Cost	6,830	4,500	Genworth 2021 Cost of Care Survey
▪ Average Daily Cost for Adult Day Care Services	72	78	Genworth 2021 Cost of Care Survey
▪ Average Hourly Cost for Home Health Aide	30	27	Genworth 2021 Cost of Care Survey
▪ Average Hourly Cost for Homemaker Services	30	26	Genworth 2021 Cost of Care Survey
▪ # of Home Health Aides	6,410	3,336,480	US Bureau of Labor Statistics - May 2022 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates
▪ Median Hourly Wage Certified Nursing Assistant	19.91	14.57	US Bureau of Labor Statistics - May 2022 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates
▪ Median Hourly Wage Personal Care/Home Care Aid	17.34	14.24	US Bureau of Labor Statistics - May 2022 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates

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Medicare Prescription Drug Plan	AK	US	Source
▪ # of Organizations Offering PDPs	21	801	Kaiser Family Foundation (2022)
▪ # of Medicare Advantage Drug Plan Contracts	0	2,666	Kaiser Family Foundation (2022)

State System of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

Caregiver Assessment in Medicaid HCBS Waiver Program	No
At Least One State Program with Consumer-Directed Option for Family Caregivers	Yes
Lifespan Respite Grants	No
State Respite Coalitions	No

Workplace Benefits for Family Caregivers

Paid Family Leave	No
Unemployment Insurance for Family Caregivers	Yes
Paid Sick Days	No
Preemptive Law Prohibiting Local Governments from Establishing the Right to Sick Leave	No

Statewide Programs, Regulations, and Legislation

State Alzheimer’s Plan	Yes (2021)
Number of Delegated Nursing Tasks	16
State Multi-Sector or Master Plan for Aging	No
CARE (Caregiver Advice, Record, Enable) Act Adopted	Yes