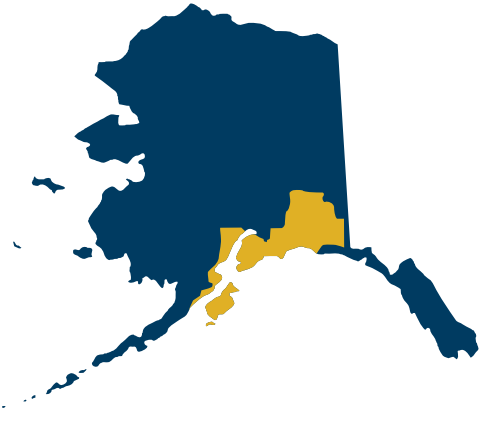


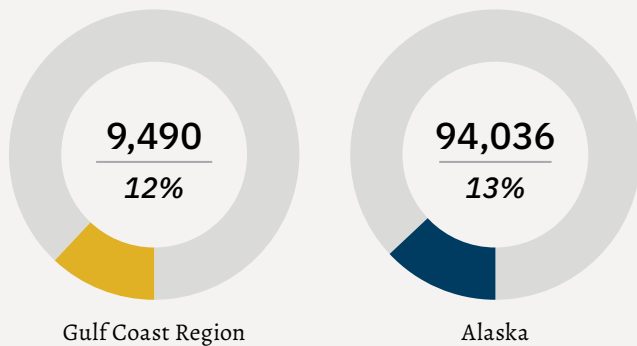
Early Childhood Regional Profile:

GULF COAST

The Gulf Coast region of Alaska is made up of the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island Boroughs, and the Valdez-Cordova Census Area, covering 68,687 square miles with a population of 80,806 people. The region is home to the Athabascan, Eyak and Alutiiq people and 25 federally recognized Alaska Native tribes. Ten percent of all young children (ages 0-8) in Alaska live in the Gulf Coast region.

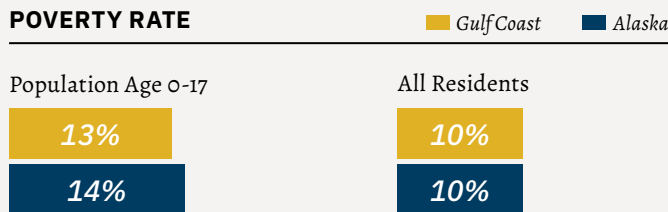


POPULATION (AGE 0-8)



Alaska Department of Labor, Population Estimates, 2018

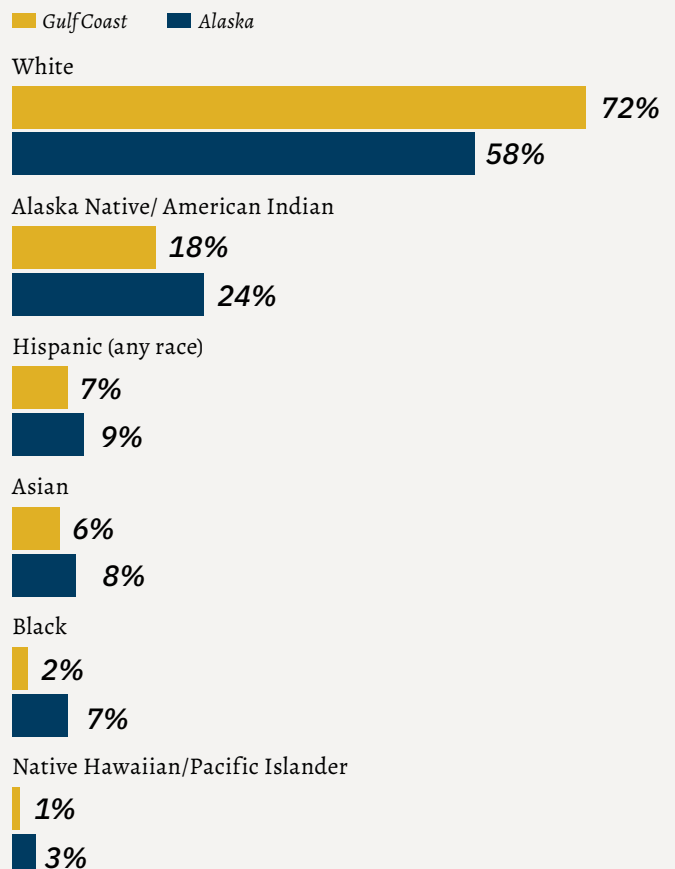
POVERTY RATE



U.S. Census American Community Survey 2017

Residents of the Gulf Coast are equally as likely to live below the poverty level as Alaskan residents in general. Children in this region are more likely to identify as white than at the state level, and less likely to identify with other races/ethnicities.

RACE/ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN (0-8)*



Alaska Department of Labor, Population Estimates, 2018
*Categories are not mutually exclusive

BABIES

The birth rate in the Gulf Coast mirrors the statewide rate, while the teen birth rate is below the state rate.

Both rates have declined in recent years, following national and state-wide trends. Mothers in this region are slightly less likely to receive adequate prenatal care that the statewide average but are also less likely to have pre-term or low birth weight babies.

In 2018, mothers in the Gulf Coast region gave birth to 984 babies

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FERTILITY RATES

Gulf Coast Alaska

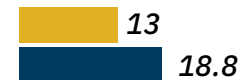
Fertility Rate
(per 1,000 women ages 15-44)



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Teen Birth Rate

(per 1,000 women ages 15-19)



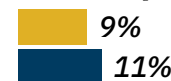
PRENATAL EXPERIENCES & BIRTH OUTCOMES

Gulf Coast Alaska

Mom received adequate prenatal care



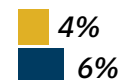
Babies born pre-term



Mom used tobacco while pregnant



Babies with low-birth weight



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CHILD SAFETY & CHILD MALTREATMENT

The Gulf Coast region has a slightly higher rate of substantiated reports of maltreatment for young children (0-8) than the statewide rate, and a rate of out-of-home placement of children by the Office of Children's Services that mirrors the state rate. Young children (ages 0-8) account for 67% of all children in the region with a substantiated report of maltreatment, and 61% of all children in out-of-home placement.

UNDER AGE 5 CHILD DEATH RATE PER 1,000* LIVE BIRTHS, 2016-2018

Gulf Coast Alaska



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**Gulf Coast rate based on fewer than 20 events and should be interpreted with caution.*

	Number of children (0-8)	Prevalence (per 1,000 children ages 0-8)	Alaska Prevalence (per 1,000 children ages 0-8)
Substantiated Reports of Harm	197	20.8	19.9
Out-of-home placement	245	25.8	25.8

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Children's Services, FY 2019

MEDICAID COVERAGE

More than half (56%) of young children ages 0-8 (5,304) in the Gulf Coast are covered by Medicaid health insurance. During State Fiscal Year 2018, over 1,000 pregnant and postpartum women in the region were covered by Medicaid Title XIX. Medicaid spending for Gulf Coast recipients was \$33.4 million, accounting for 9% of total spending in the state during this time period.

Medicaid Program	Number Served	% of 0-8 Population Served	Total Funding (State & Federal)	Percent of Total Funding in Alaska
Medicaid CHIP: children 0-8 population	786	8%	\$1,963,543	13%
Medicaid Title XIX: children 0-8	4,518	48%	\$24,551,653	9%
Medicaid Title XIX : Pregnant & Postpartum	1,109	--	\$6,919,414	9%

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Medicaid Allocation and Audit Services, FY 2018

FAMILY SUPPORTS

Several federal programs provide benefits to low-income children, adults and families. These include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) which provides cash assistance, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) which provides reimbursement for qualified child care expenses, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which provides food benefits and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) which provides specific foods for pregnant women and children under five.

TANF, CAAP, and SNAP provide people in the Gulf Coast region with a monthly average of \$1.4 million in benefits, accounting for 8% of all spending for these programs in the state. The caseloads reported below can be an individual, siblings or other family unit. This does not include Tribal TANF or Tribal CCDF spending.

Assistance Program	Avg. Monthly Regional Caseload (All Ages)	Avg. Monthly Regional Benefits (All Ages)	Percent of Avg. Monthly Caseloads in Alaska
TANF	282	\$175,693	11%
CCAP	222	\$163,643	12%
SNAP	3,585	\$1,076,024	22%
WIC	1,071	--	9%

Alaska Department of Public Assistance Summary Reports, FY 19

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

The Infant Learning Program (ILP) provides additional early intervention services for children age 0-2 who are experiencing a delay. Five agencies provide services in the Gulf Coast Region: Family Outreach Center for Understanding Special Needs, Frontier Community Services, Kodiak Area Native Association, Programs for Infants and Children, SeaView Community Services, and Sprout Family Services.

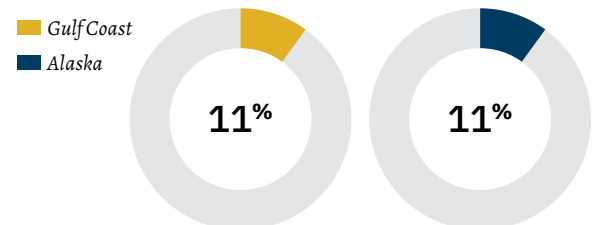
INFANT LEARNING PROGRAM *Gulf Coast Region*

Number children (age 0-2) served **381**
 % of statewide total **12%**

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Infant Learning Program Report on Communities Served, FY 18

MATERNAL DEPRESSION

The prevalence of maternal depression in the Gulf Coast is equal to the state rate. Only 17% of mothers reported a health care provider talking to them about depression, or how they are feeling.



Alaska Childhood Understanding Behaviors Survey, 2017-2018

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

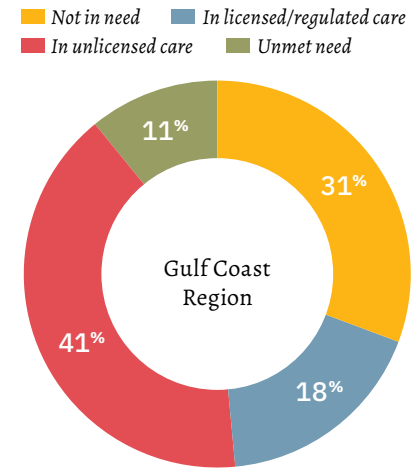
There are 53 licensed care facilities in the Gulf Coast and 43 (81%) accept CCAP vouchers. Eight licensed facilities in the region participate in Learn & Grow, the state's Quality Rating & Improvement System for early care. Head Start/Early Head Start (EHS) and School District Pre-K programs provide additional

early learning opportunities, although not all children are served in a classroom setting. **thread estimates 33% of children age zero to five are in unlicensed care, which might include family, friends, and neighbors to care for children.**

Census Area	Licensed Child Care		Head Start /EHS		School District Pre-K	
	No. of Sites	Capacity	No. of Sites	No. Served	No. of Schools with Pre-K	No. Served
Kenai Peninsula Borough	34	765	6	132	18	289
Kodiak Island Borough	15	370	1	38	2	80
Valdez-Cordova	4	117	1	0	5	56
Gulf Coast Region	53	1,252	8	170	25	425
Alaska	496	17,193	121	3,288	246	3,754
% of Statewide	11%	7%	7%	5%	10%	11%

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Child Care Facilities Database, 2019; Alaska Head Start Association Center Locator, 2019; Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Early Learning Programs, SFY 2018; OASIS Enrollment 2018-19; Head Start counts per site provided by Alaska Department of Education and Early Development using Head SFY 2018, Quarter 4 Reports

EARLY CARE NEEDS AMONG CHILDREN (0-5)

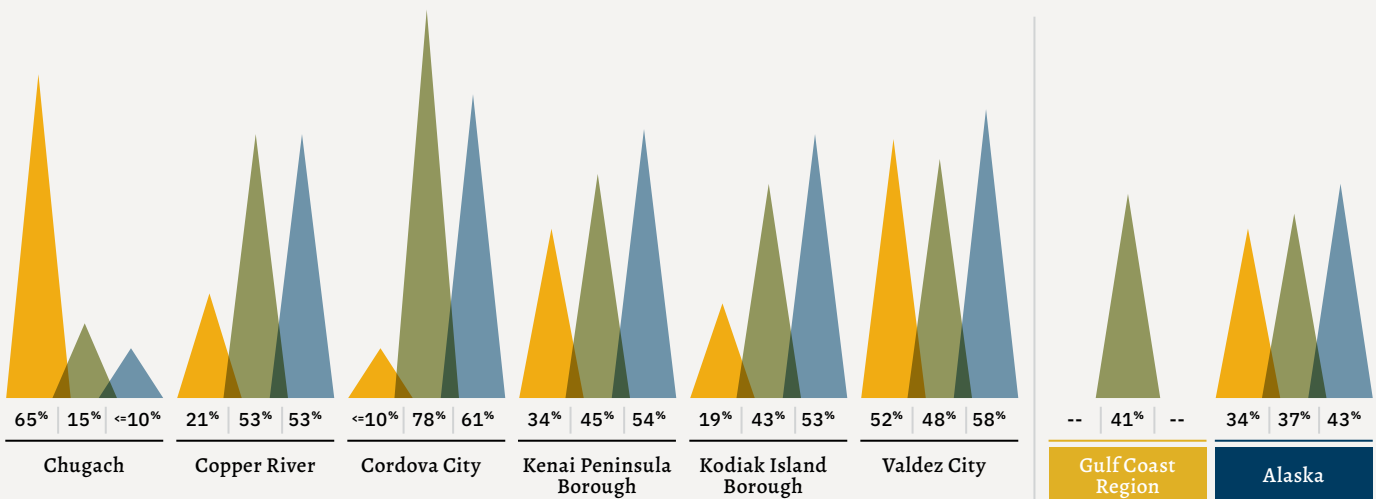


thread, Alaska Early Care and Learning Dashboard

SCHOOL READINESS & SUCCESS

On standardized assessments, there is a high level of variation across school districts in the Gulf Coast in student's rate of kindergarten readiness, as well as the Alaska Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) standards-based assessments in 3rd grade English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students in the Chugach district do well on kindergarten readiness but lag behind on 3rd grade ELA assessments. **However, students in most school districts in the Gulf Coast region have a higher rate of proficiency in ELA and math than at the state level.**

■ Kindergarten readiness
 ■ 3rd grade ELA proficiency
 ■ 3rd grade math proficiency



Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Developmental Profile Assessment, 2018-19 and Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools, 2019. Data is suppressed or reported using modified protocols to protect student privacy when only a small number of students are tested.