

Rural Migration and Economy

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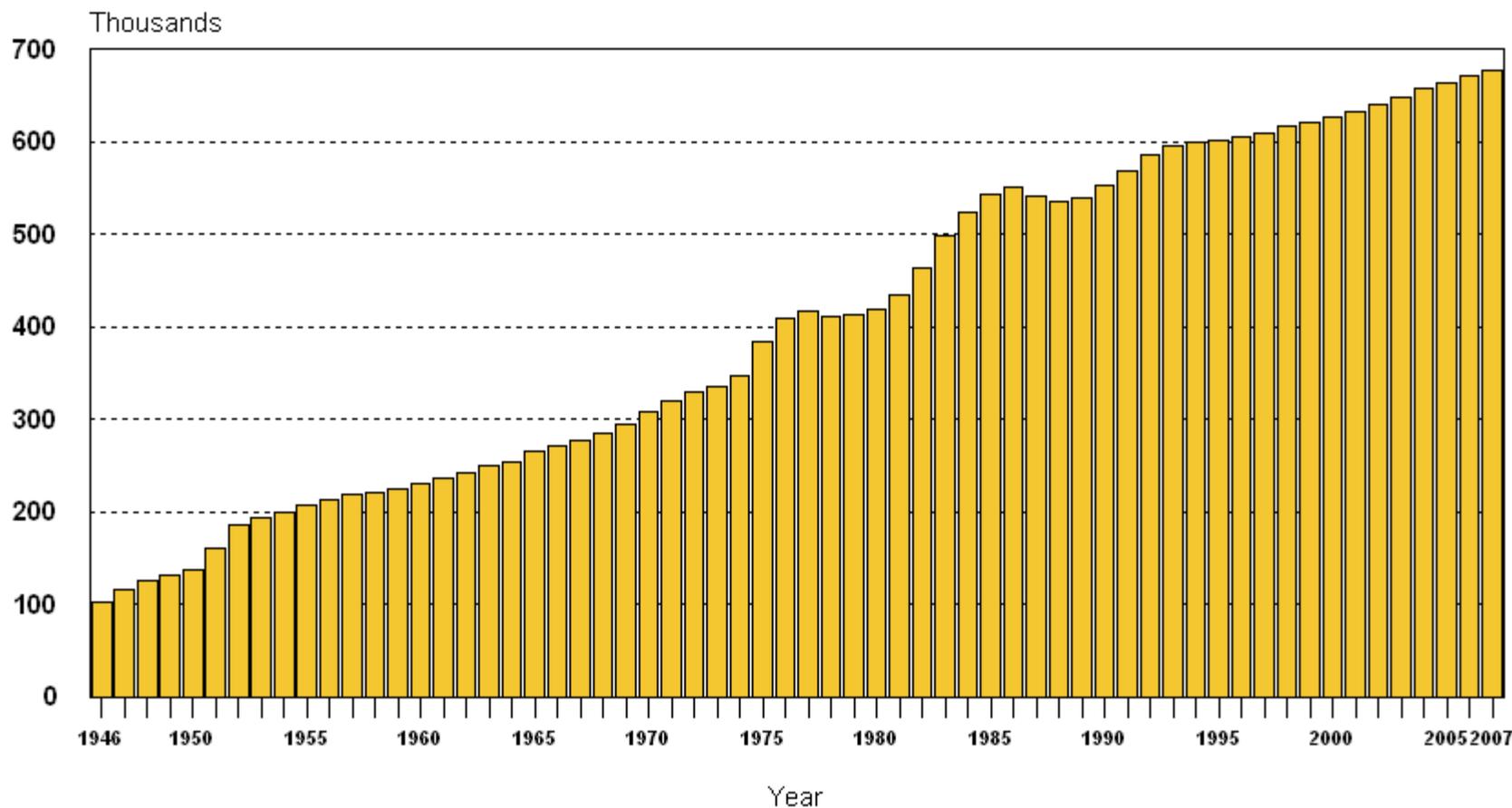
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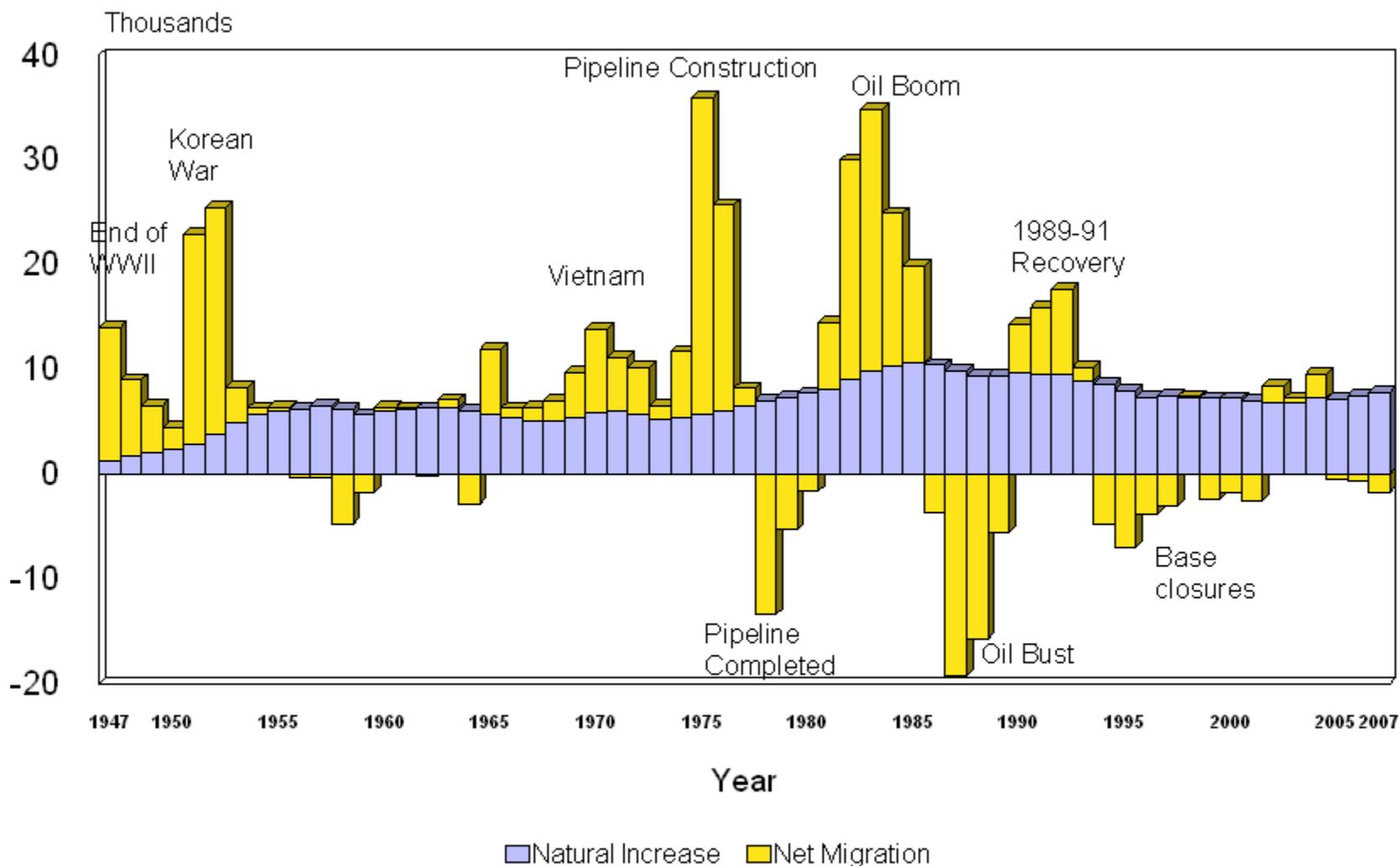
Alaska Population Trends

1946-2007



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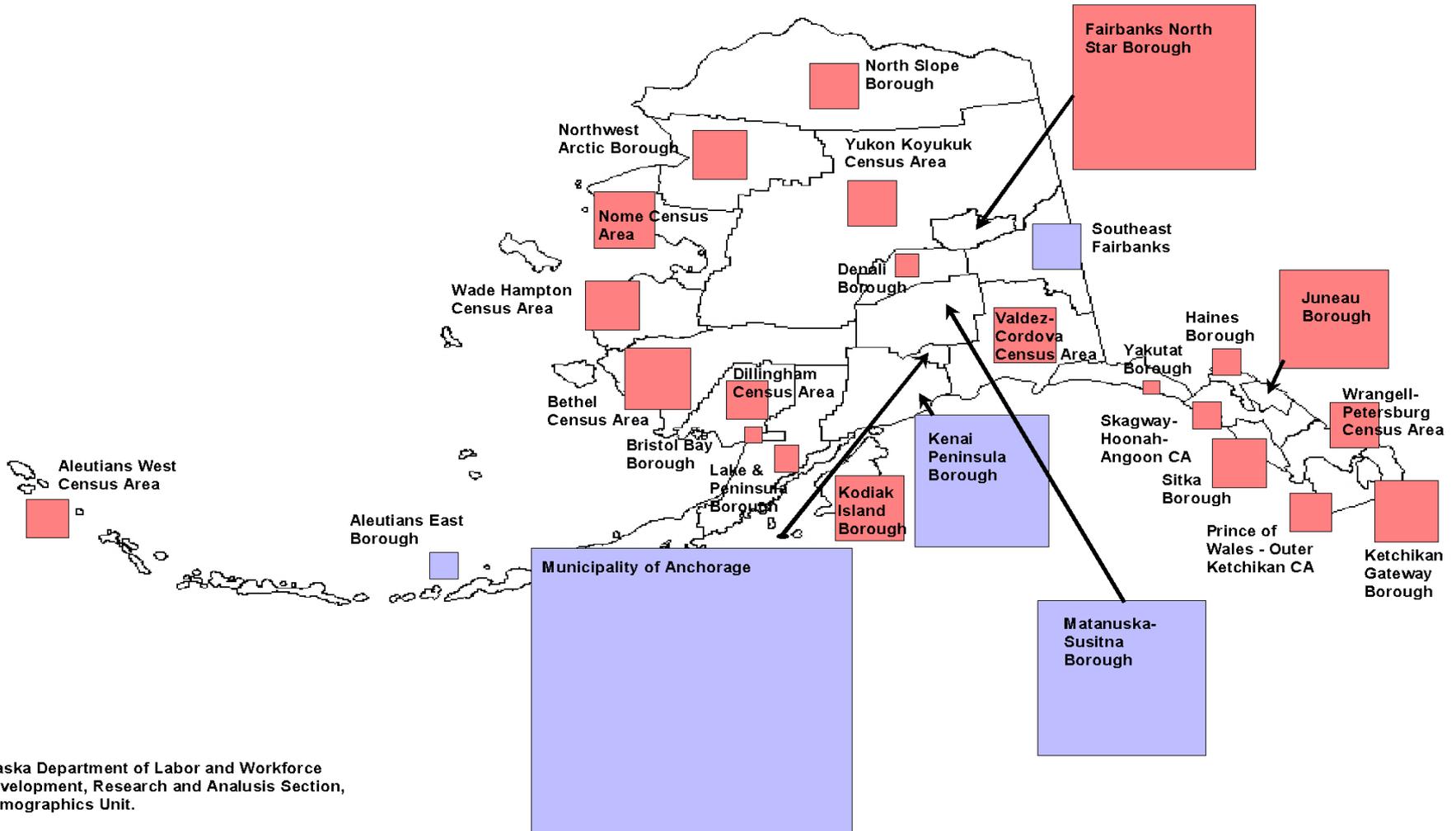
Components of Population Change for Alaska, 1947-2007



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Alaska Boroughs and Census Areas by Size 2007

Net **Gain** or **Loss** of Migrants 2000- 2007

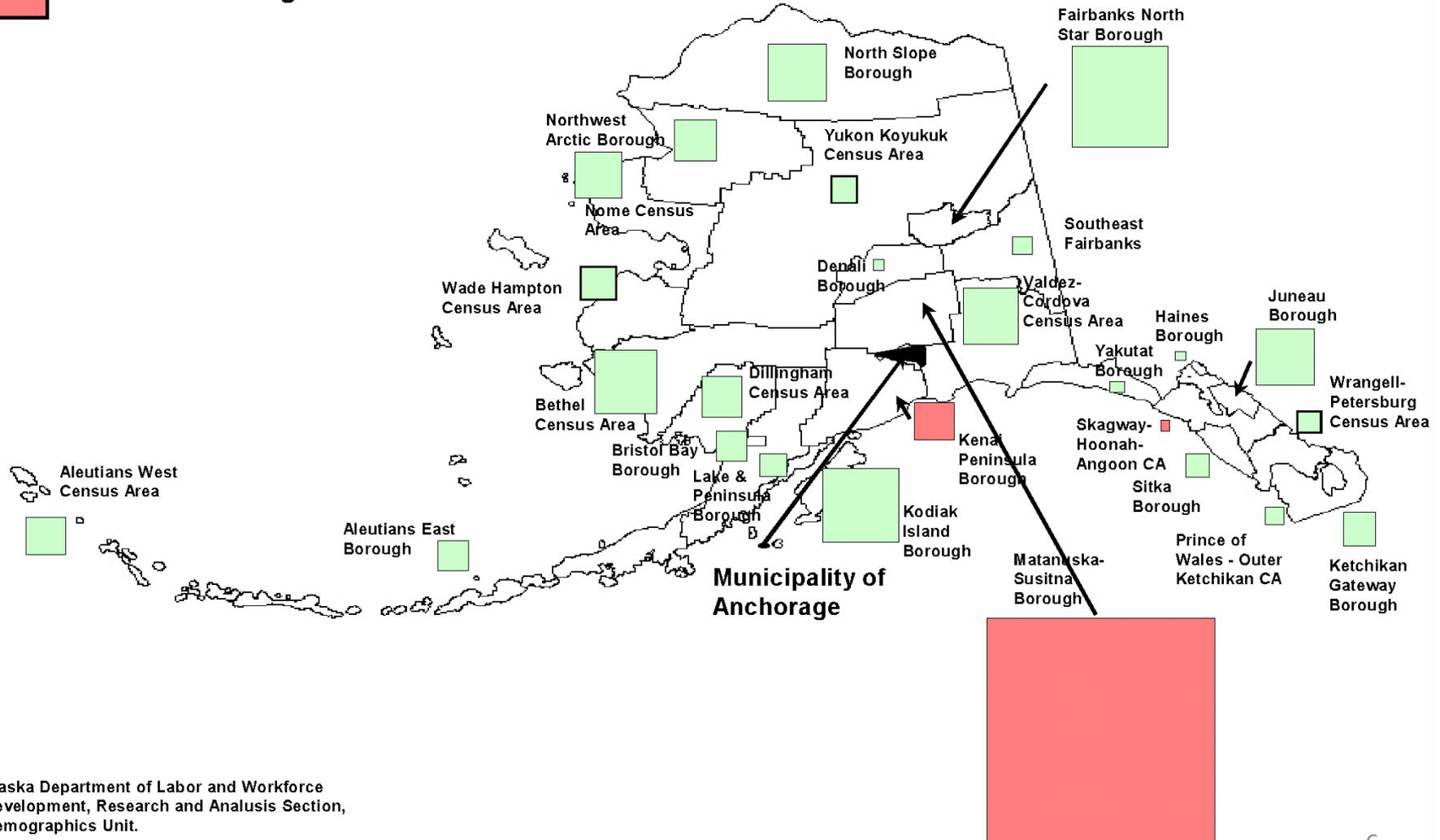
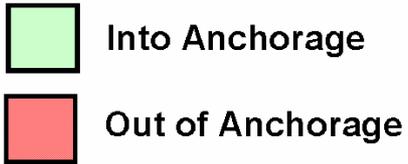


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Anchorage In-State Migration

- Anchorage net gains of in-state migrants from almost every borough and census area in Alaska except Mat-Su and Kenai.
- Anchorage has large net losses to Mat-Su. The Mat Valley is essentially suburban Anchorage.
- Anchorage is the primary destination of native outmigration from rural Alaska.

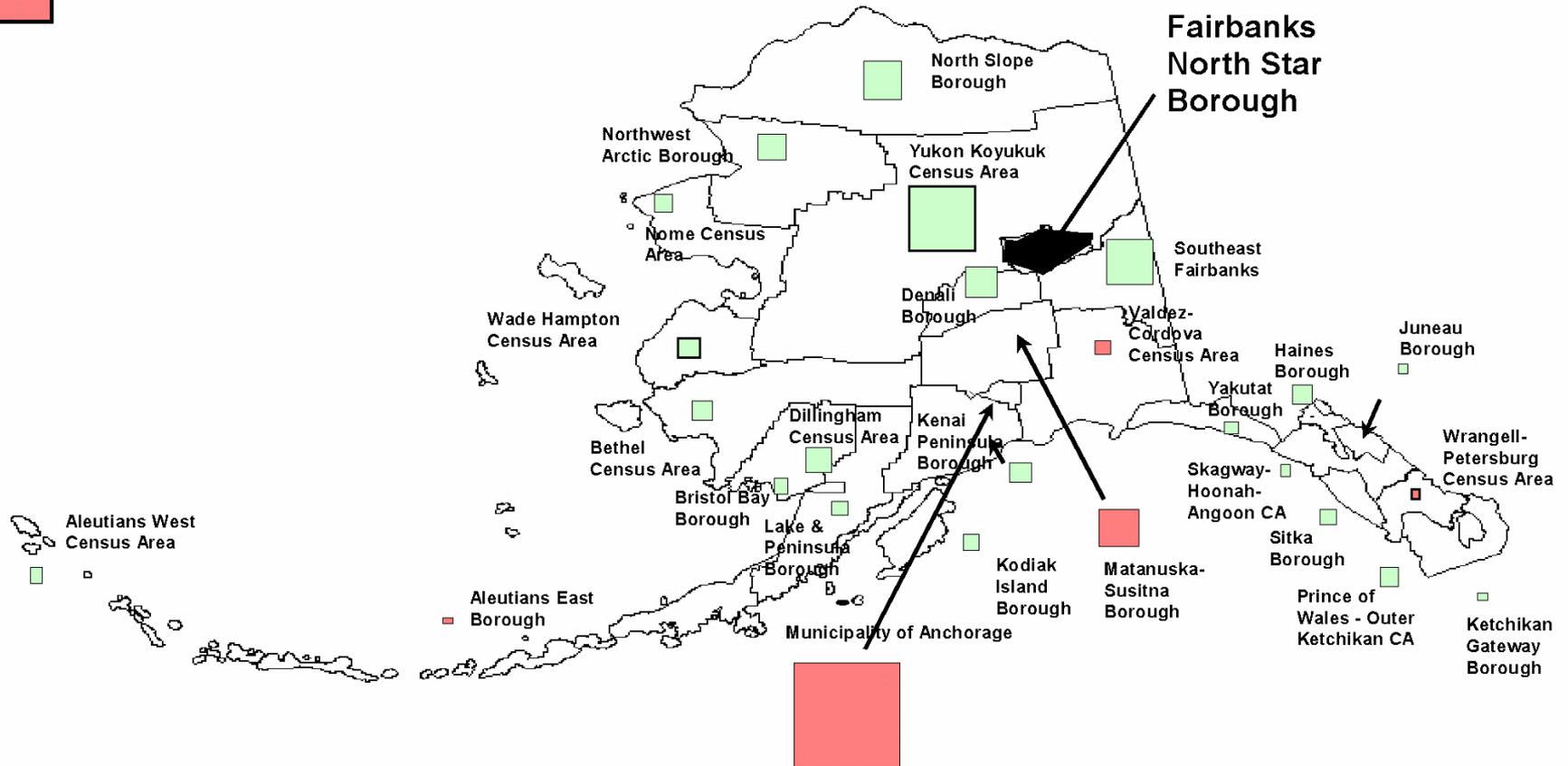
Net In State Migration To/From Anchorage 2000-06



Fairbanks In-State Migration

- Fairbanks has small net gains from most of Alaska, but substantial net losses to Anchorage. The University plays a role.
- The largest gains came from Interior Alaska, most notably Yukon-Koyukuk and Southeast Fairbanks.
- Fairbanks is the regional hub of the interior.

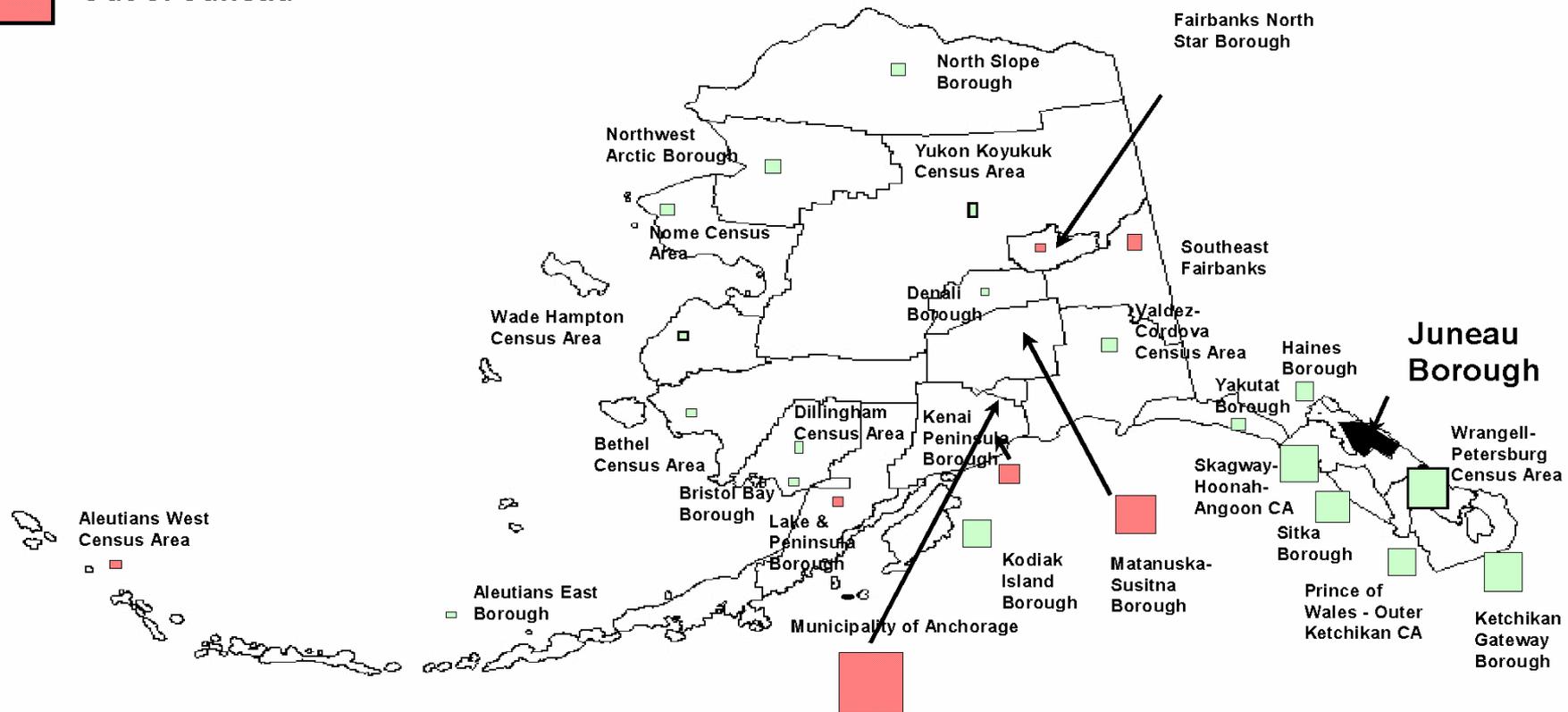
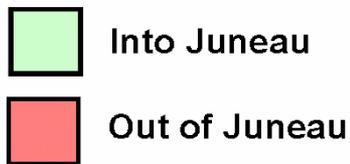
Net In State Migration To/From Fairbanks 2000-06



Juneau In-State Migration

- In-state migration flows to/from Juneau are almost completely from Southeast and Kodiak.
- Juneau like most of Alaska has net losses to Anchorage and Mat-Su.
- Juneau is the regional hub for Southeast Alaska.

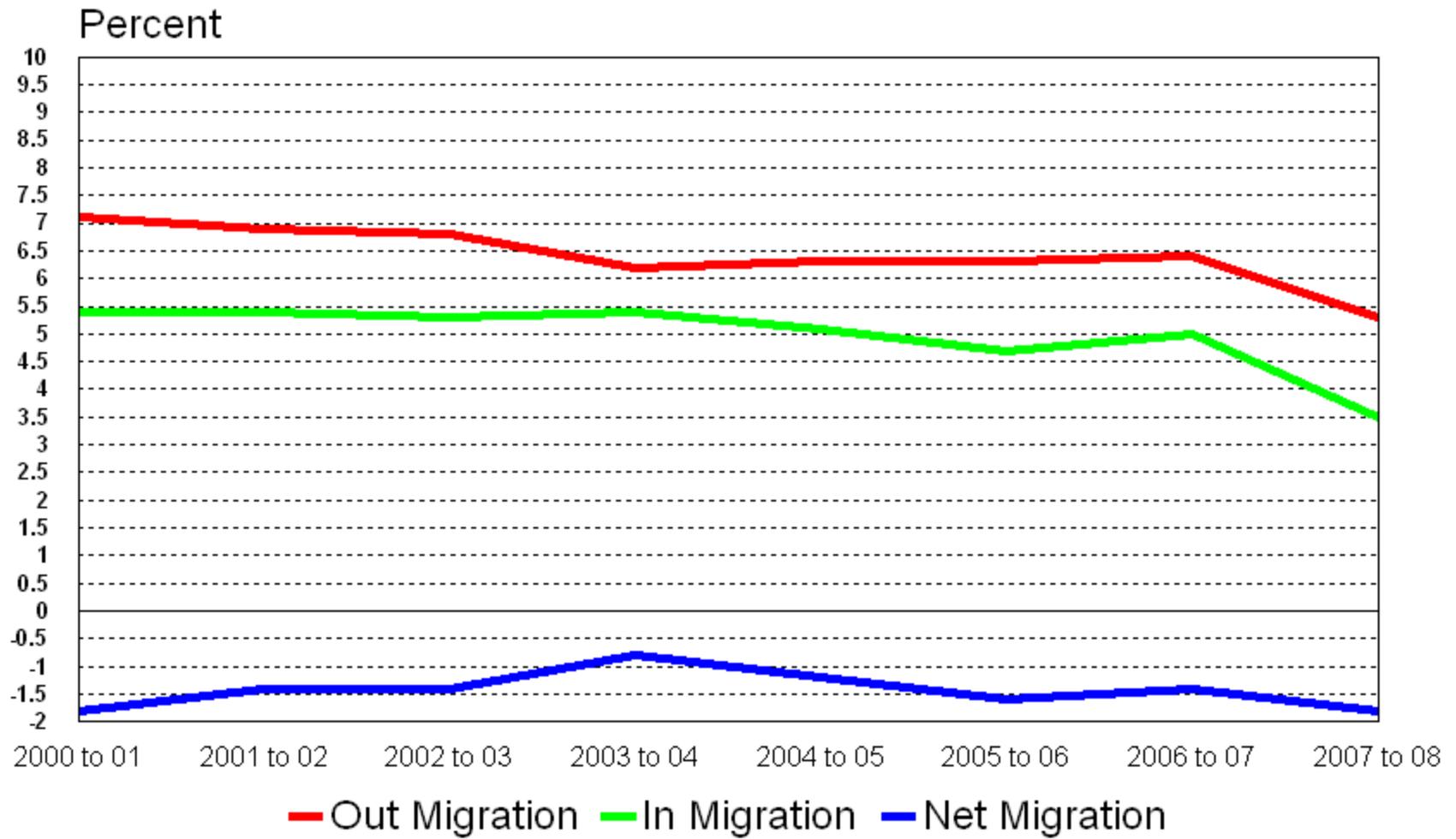
Net In State Migration To/From Juneau 2000-06



Rural to Urban Migration Trend

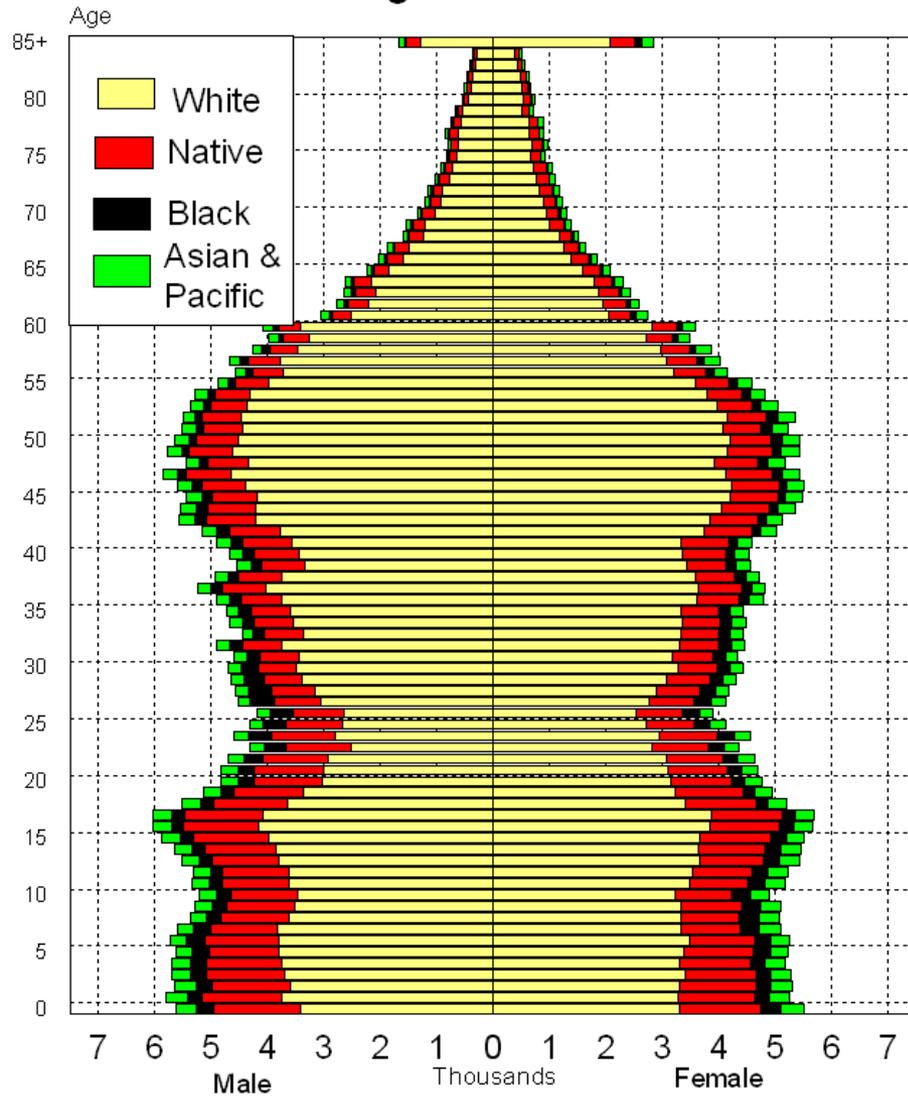
- The Rural to Urban Trend is not new.
- There is substantial rural to urban circulation annually. 6.6% annually Out, 5.2% annually In on average 2000-07. Net out-migration of -1.4% annually.
- Gross flows may be slowing, with less return, 2007-8 may be approaching -1.8%.

In State Migration To/From Areas with 40%+ Alaska Native Population 2000-2007, Preliminary 2007-08.



Alaska Population by Age and Sex, July 1, 2007

Race Bridge Smooth Series

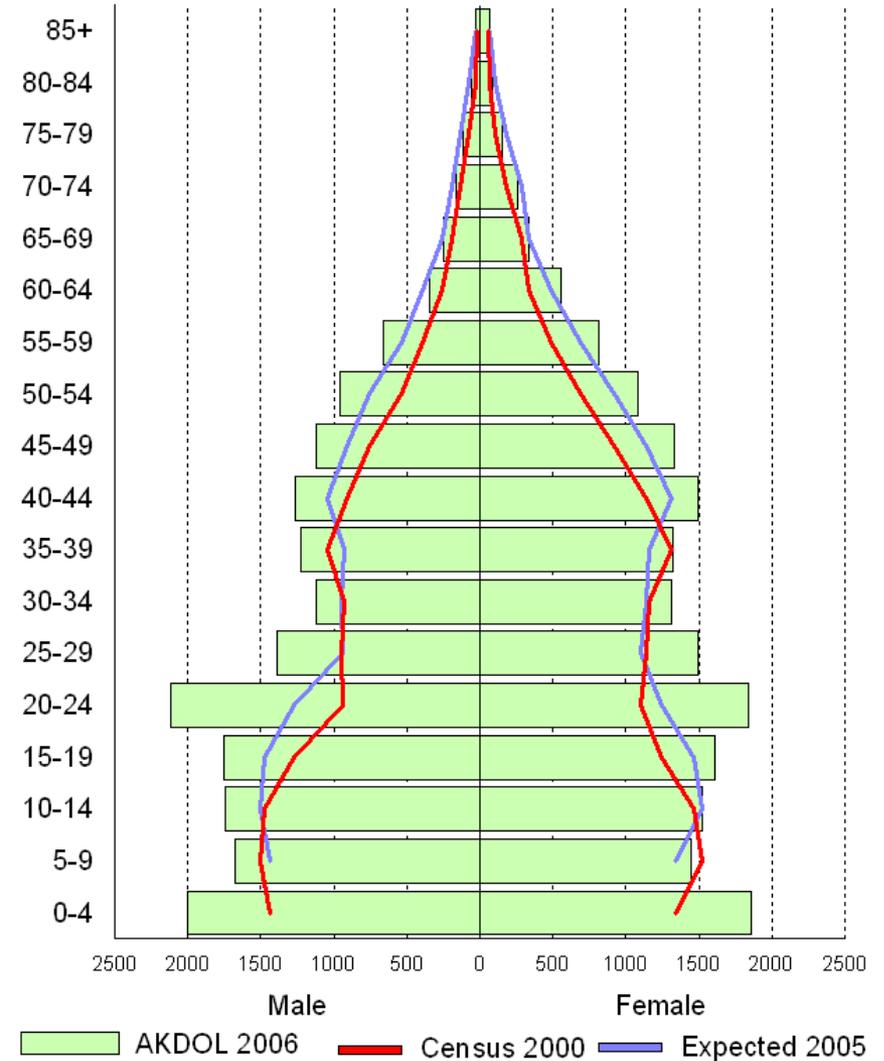
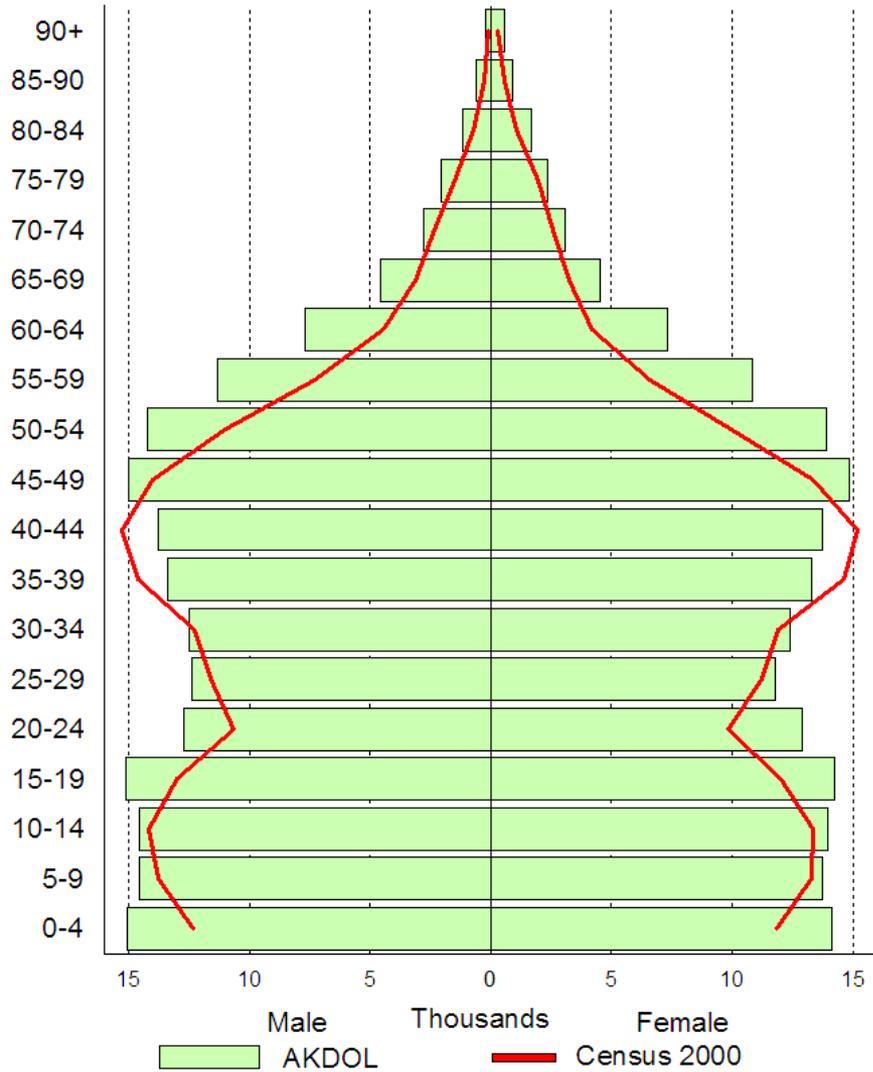


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Anchorage/Matanuska-Susitna Region, 2007,2000

10.2%
Native

Anchorage/Matanuska-Susitna Region
Native Bridge Series, 2006,2000

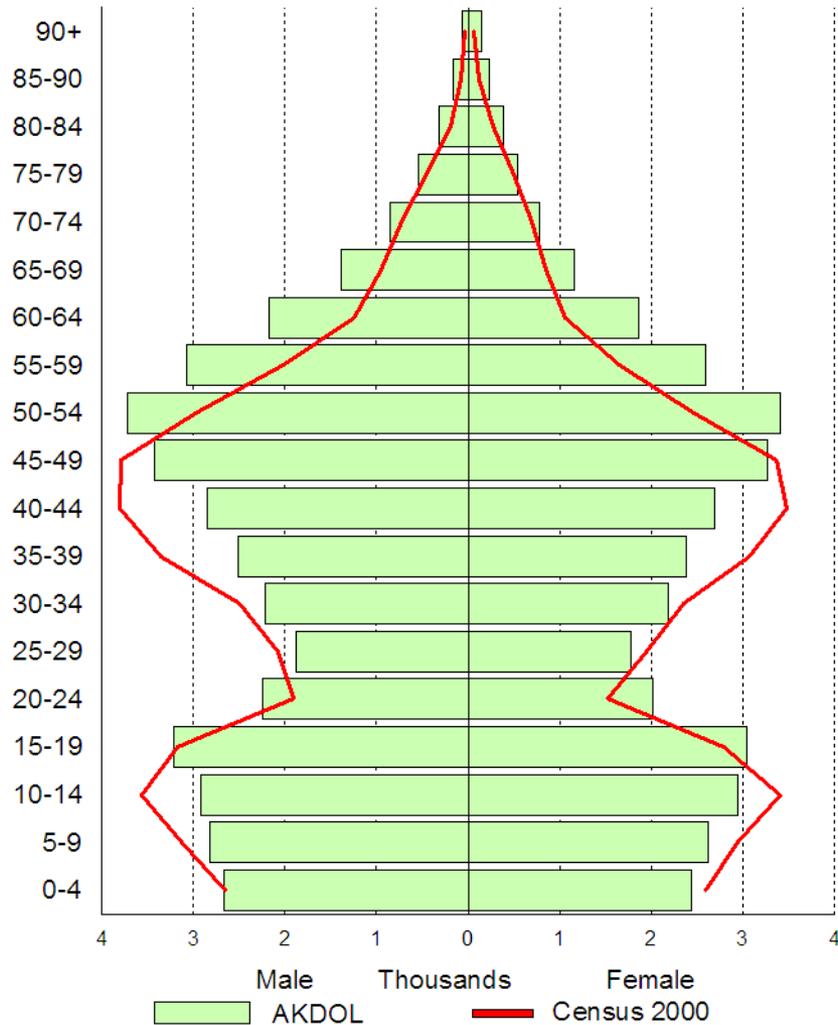


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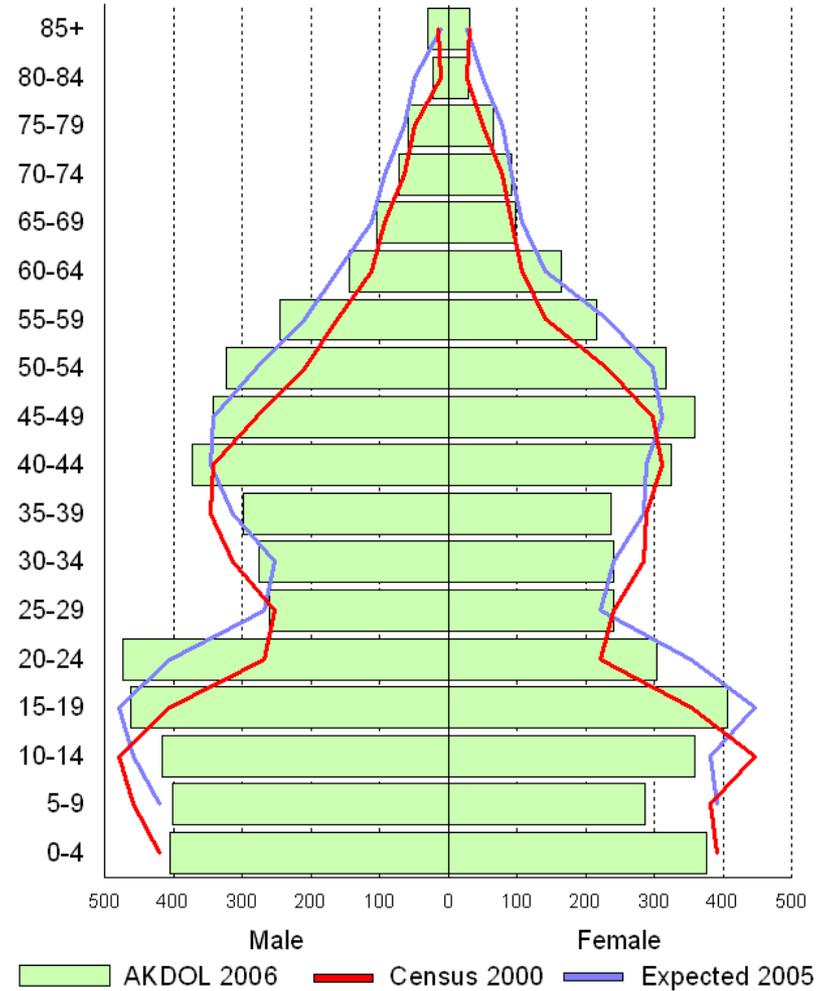
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11.9% Native

Gulf Coast Region, 2007,2000



Gulf Coast Region
Native Bridge Series, 2006,2000

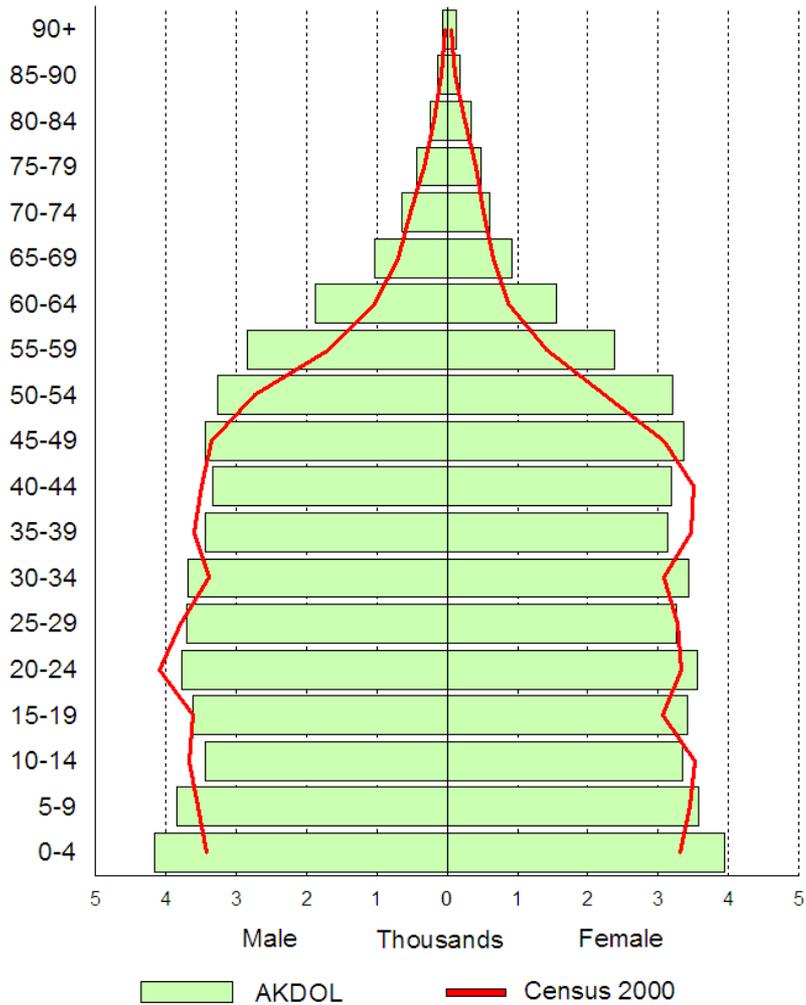


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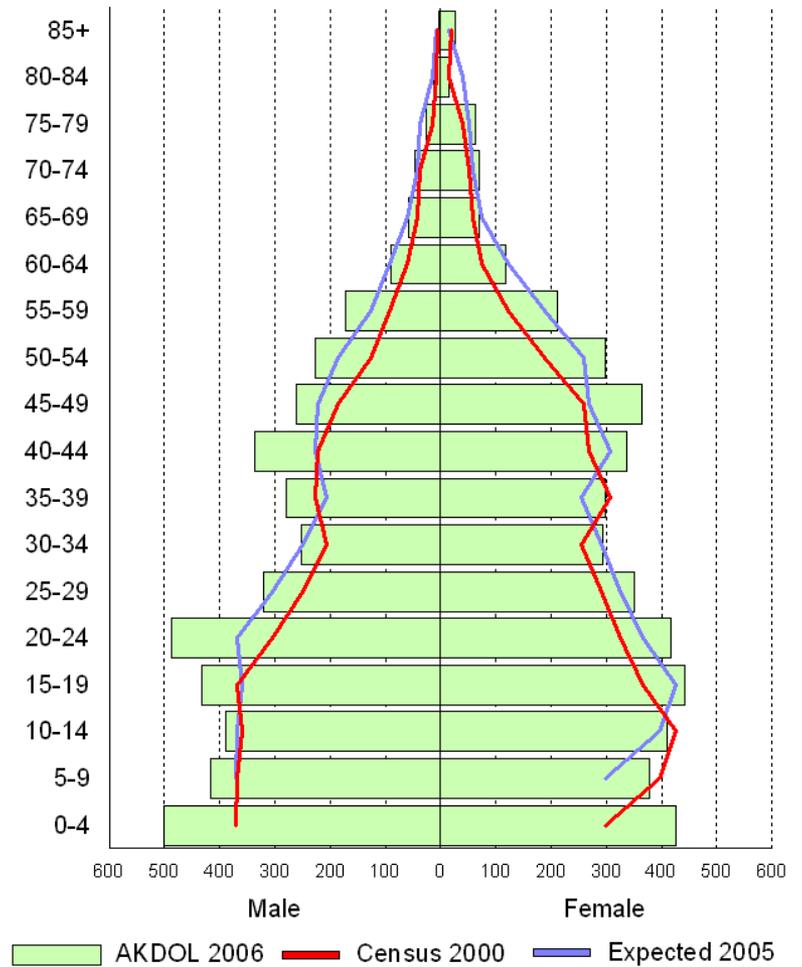
10.1% Native

Fairbanks North Star Borough, 2007, 2000



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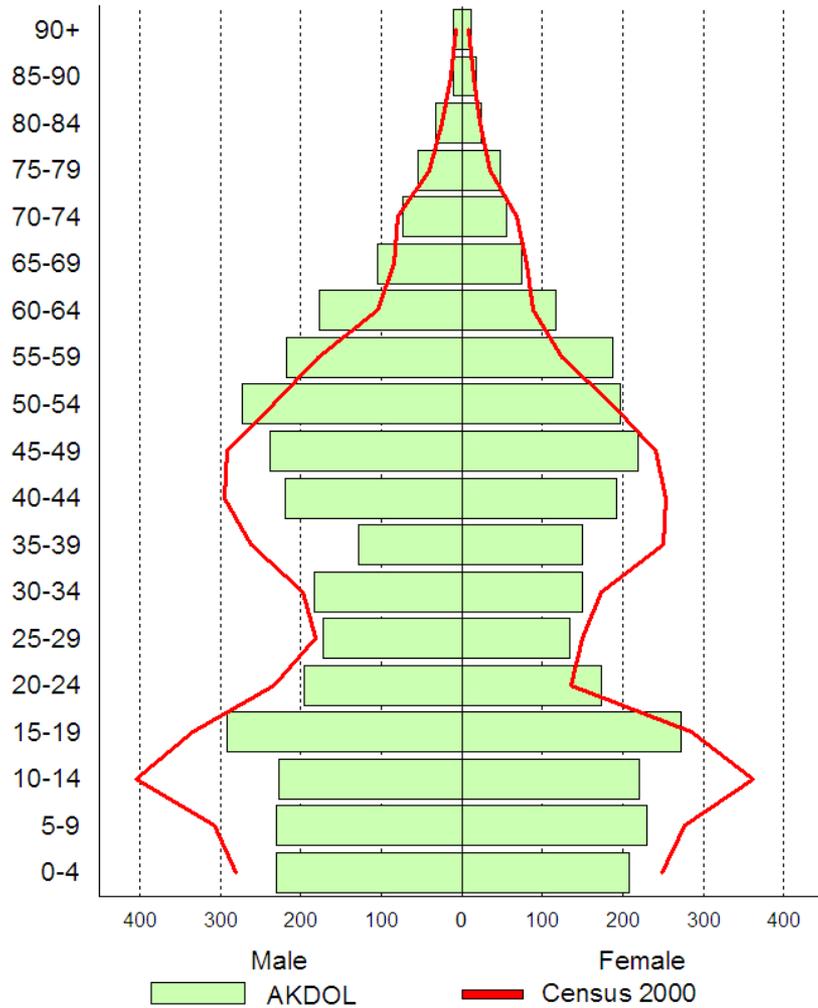
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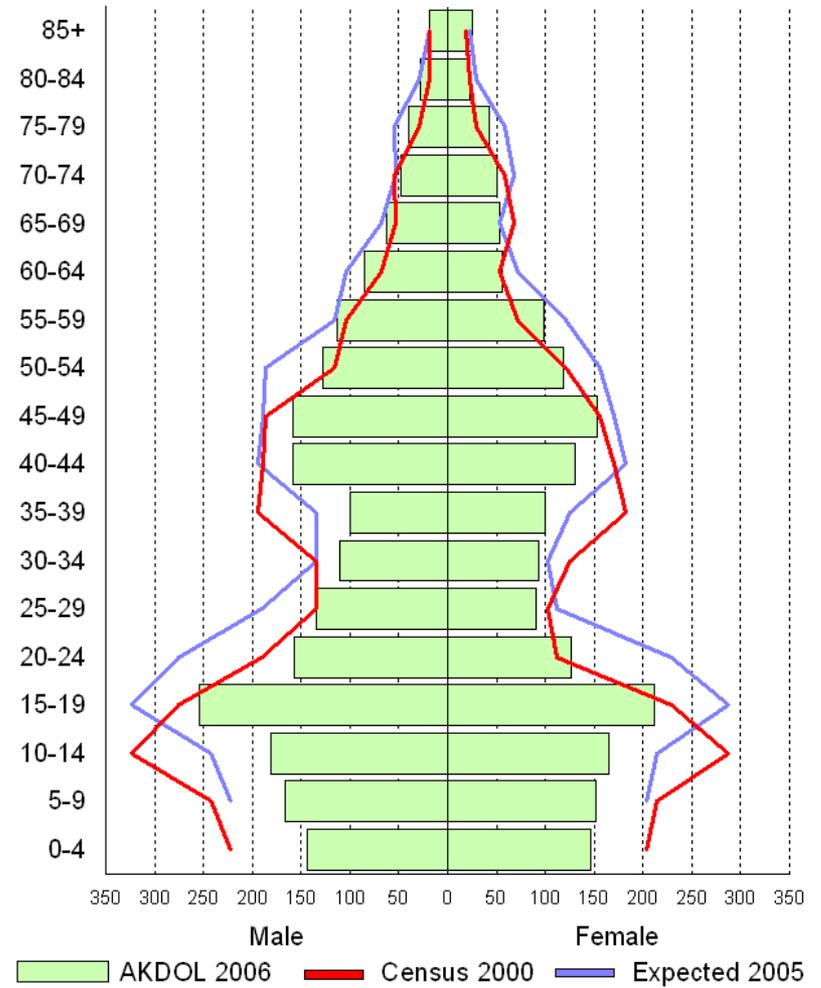
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67.0% Native

Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area, 2007, 2000



Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area
Native Bridge Series, 2006, 2000

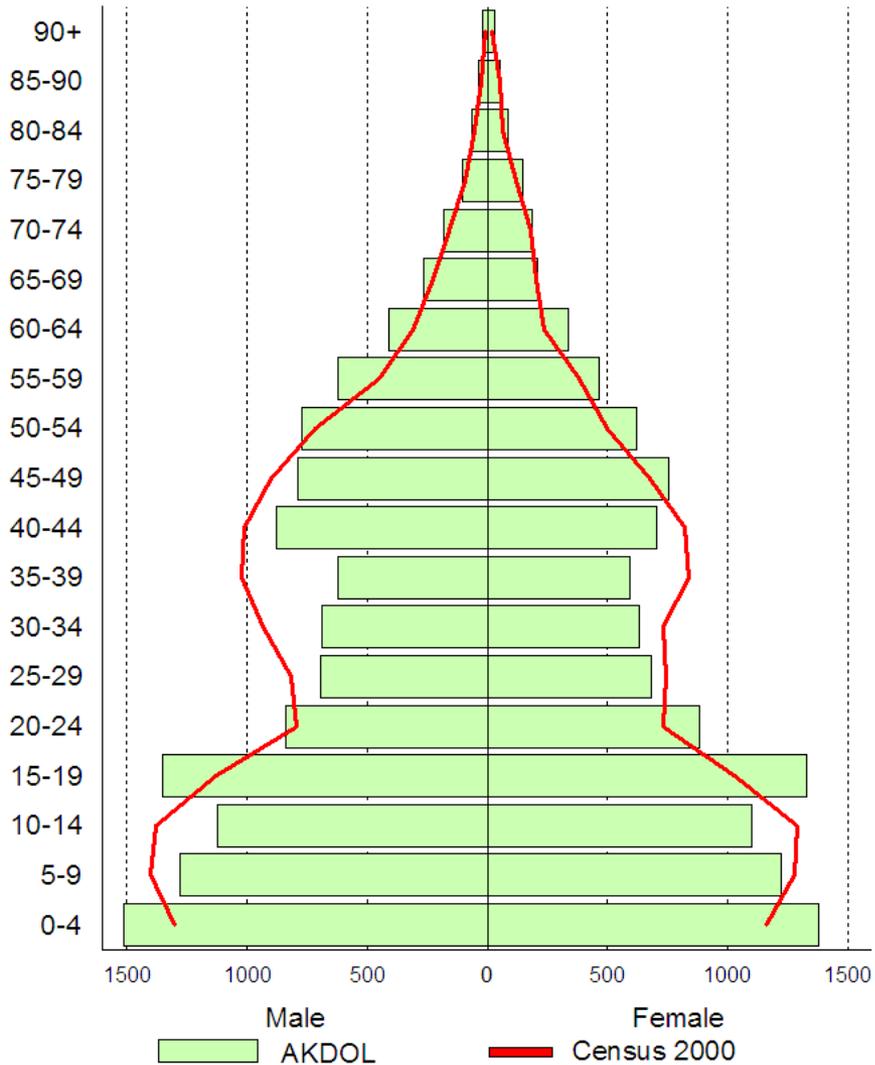


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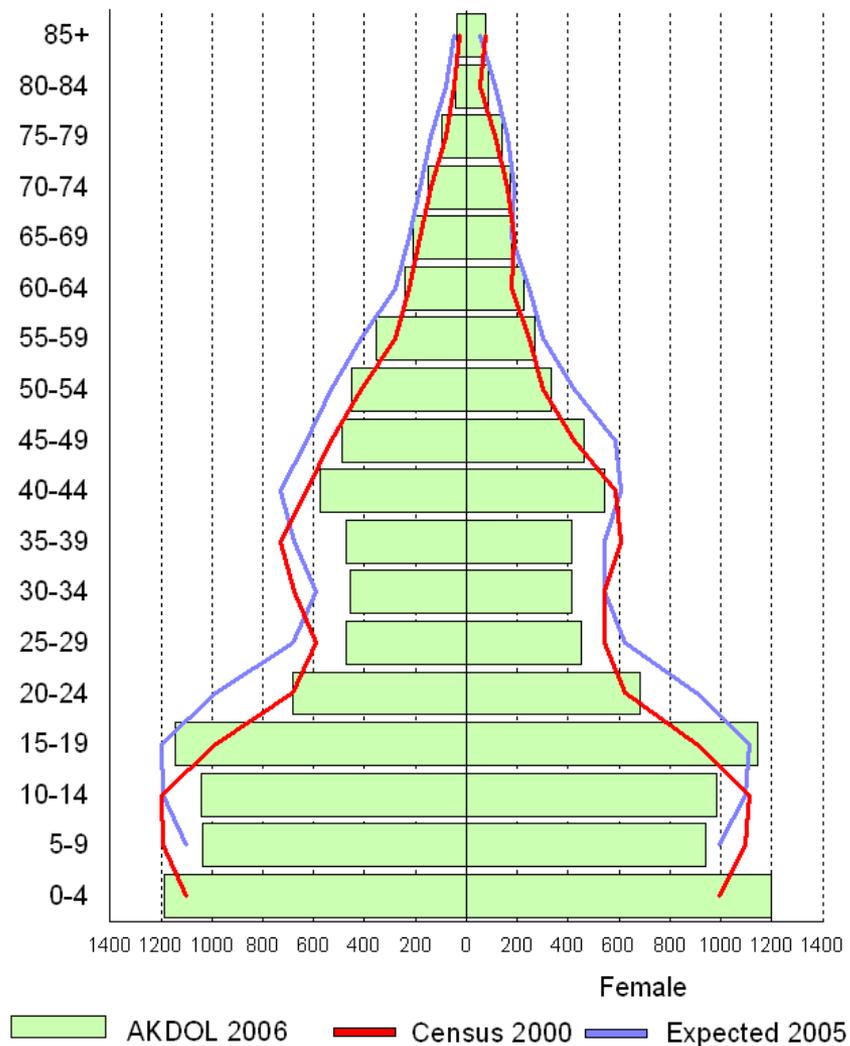
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75.4% Native

Northern Region, 2007,2000



Northern Region
Native Bridged Series, 2006,2000

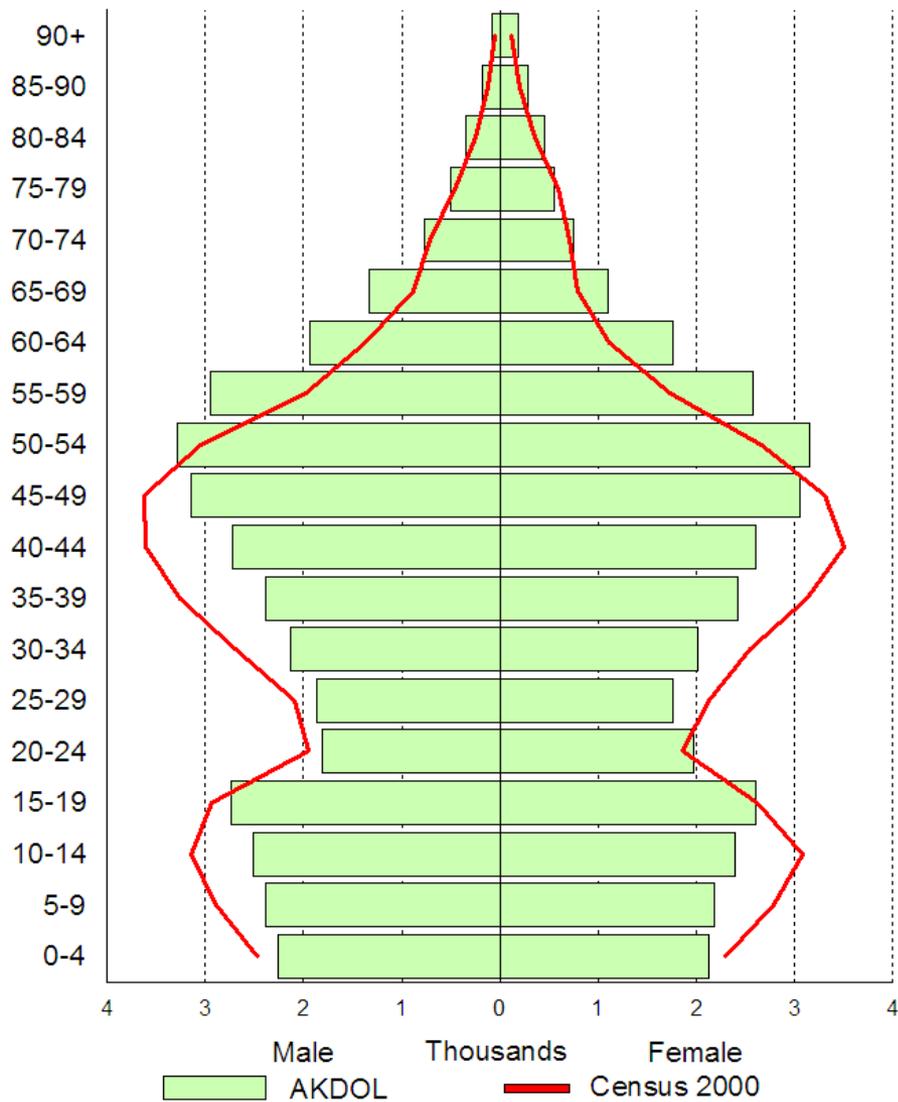


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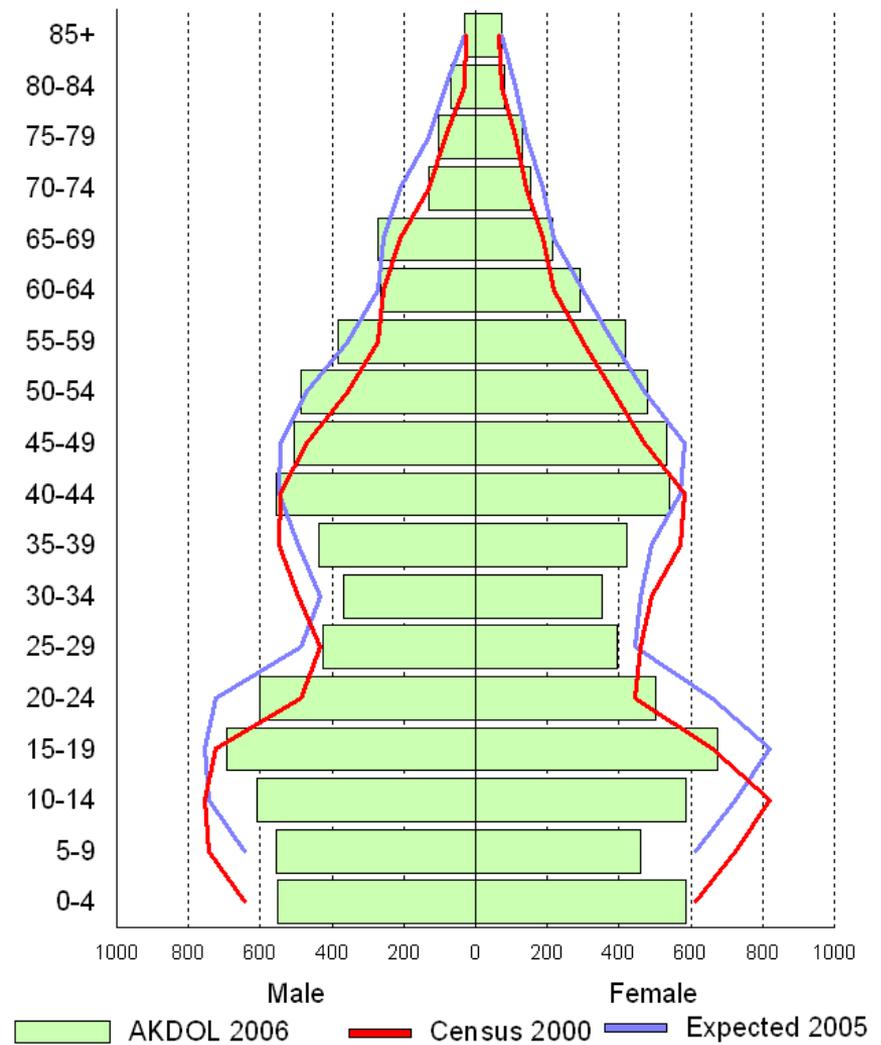
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19.9% Native

Southeast Region, 2007,2000



Southeast Region
Native Bridged Series, 2006,2000



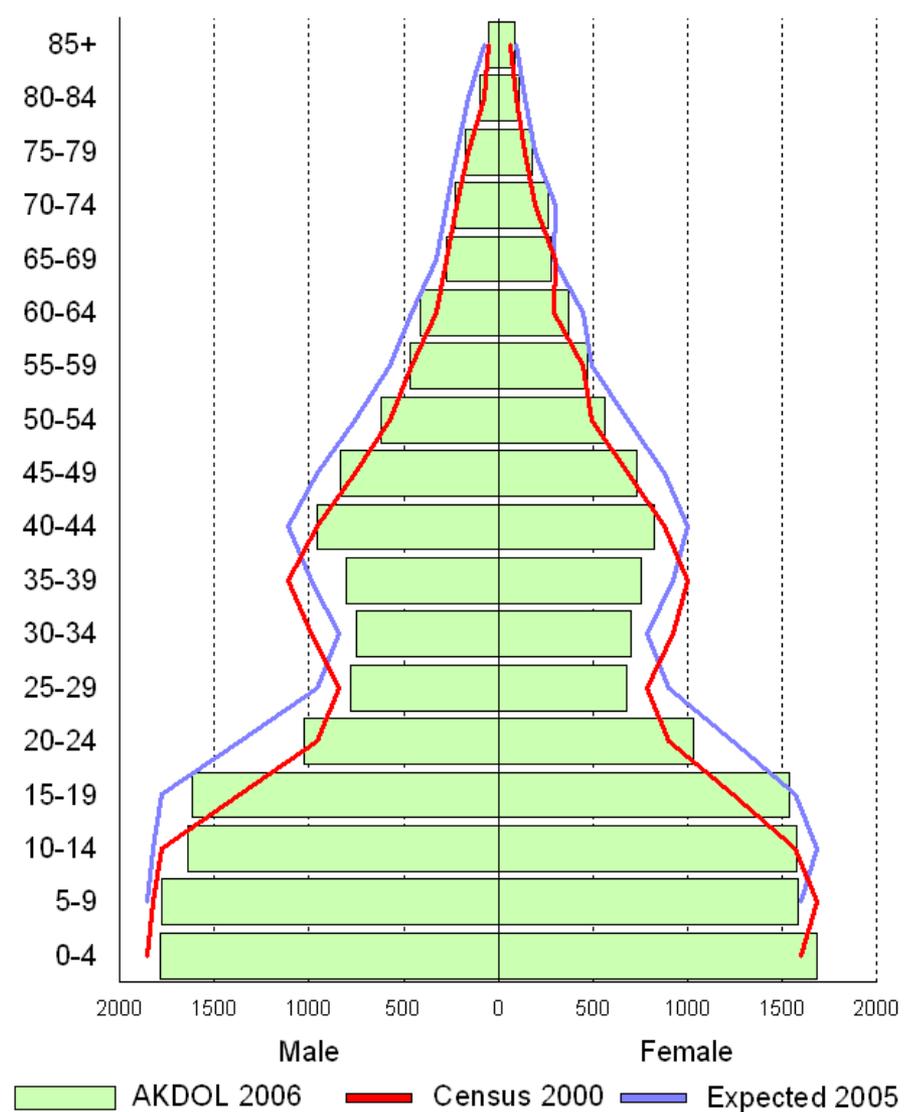
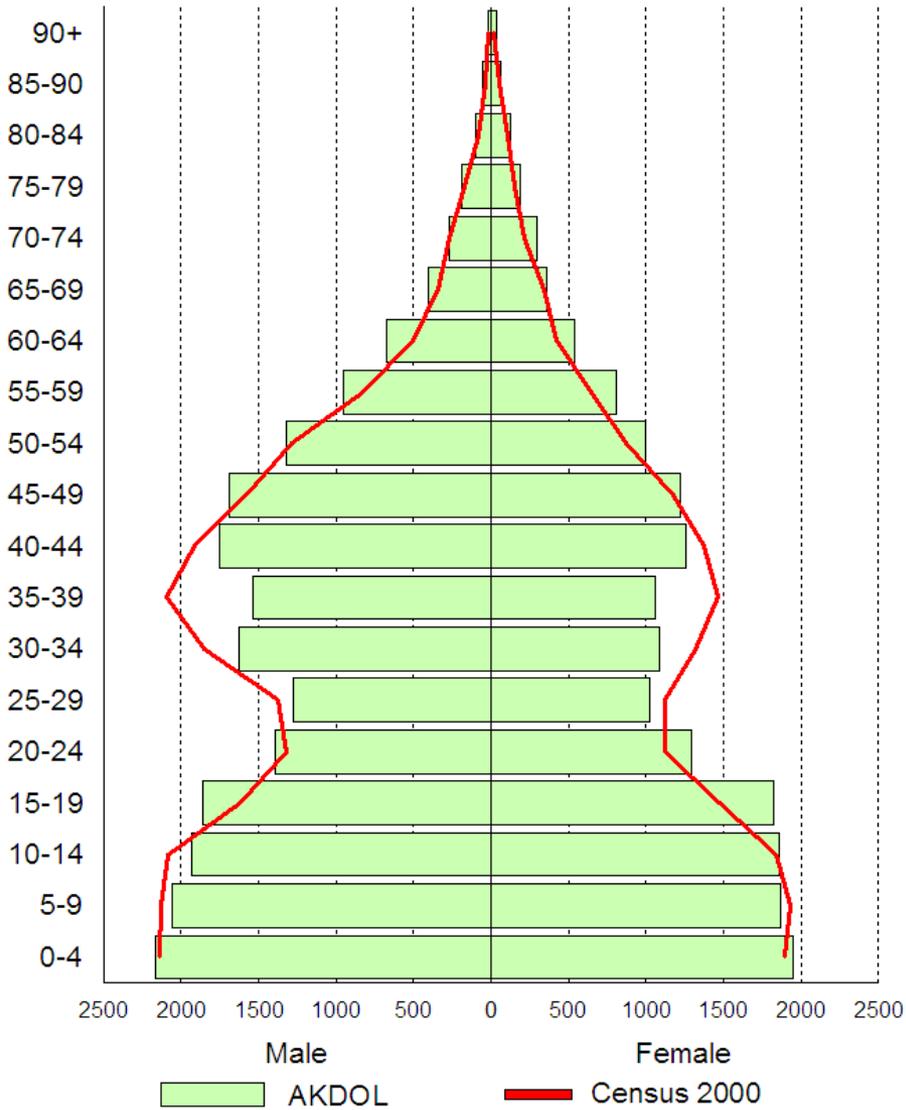
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Southwest Region, 2007,2000

70.3%
Native

Southwest Region
Native Bridged Series, 2006,2000

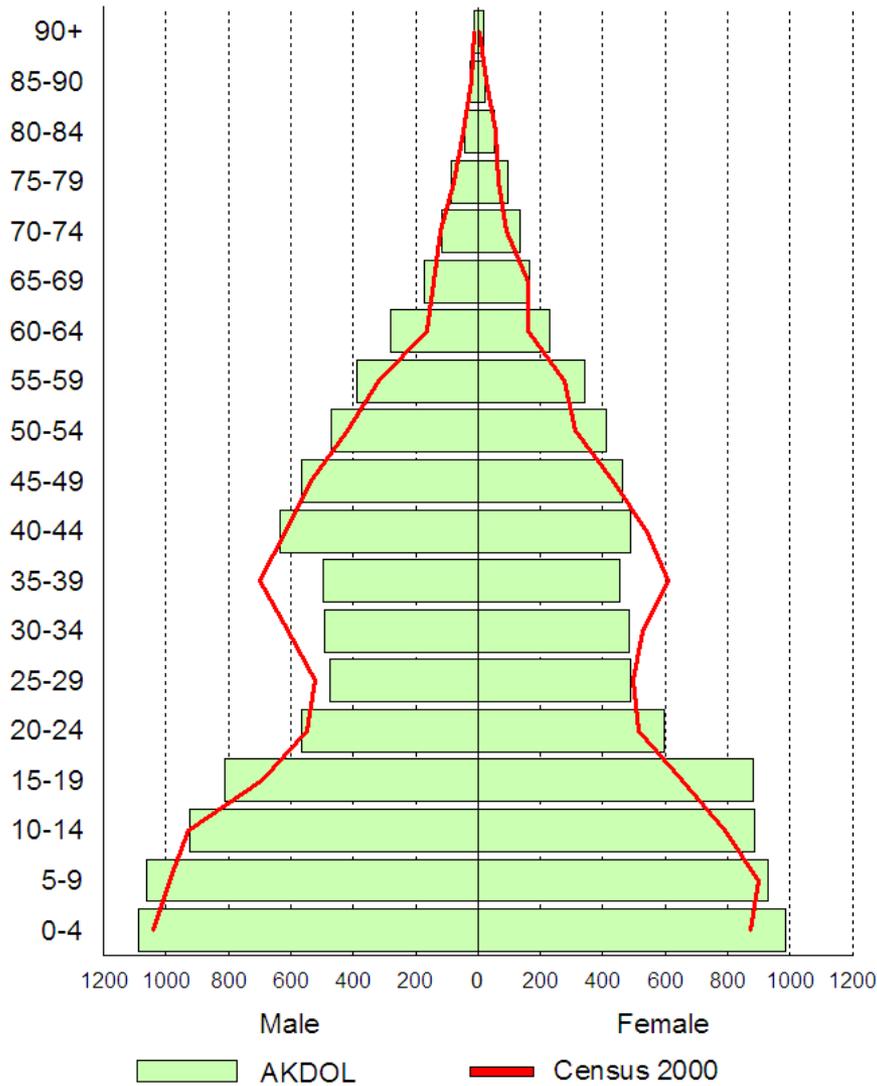


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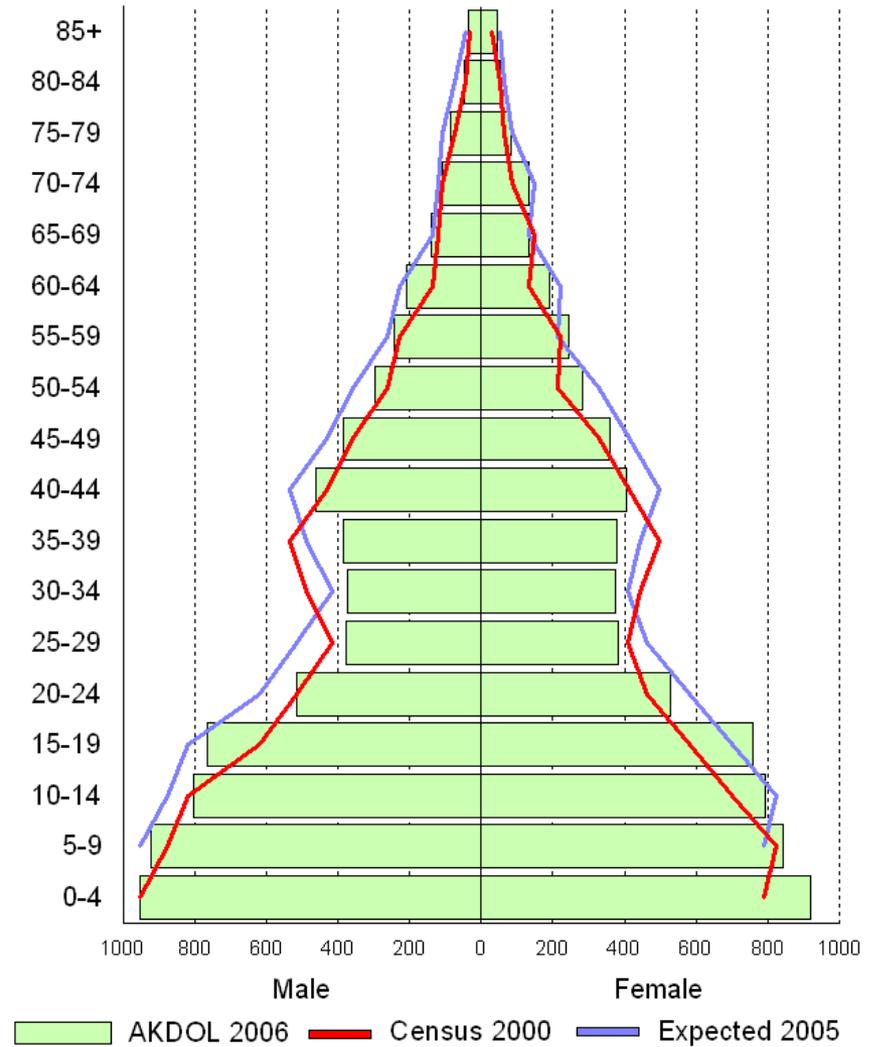
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82.3% Native

Bethel Census Area, 2007, 2000



Bethel Census Area
Native Bridge Series, 2006, 2000



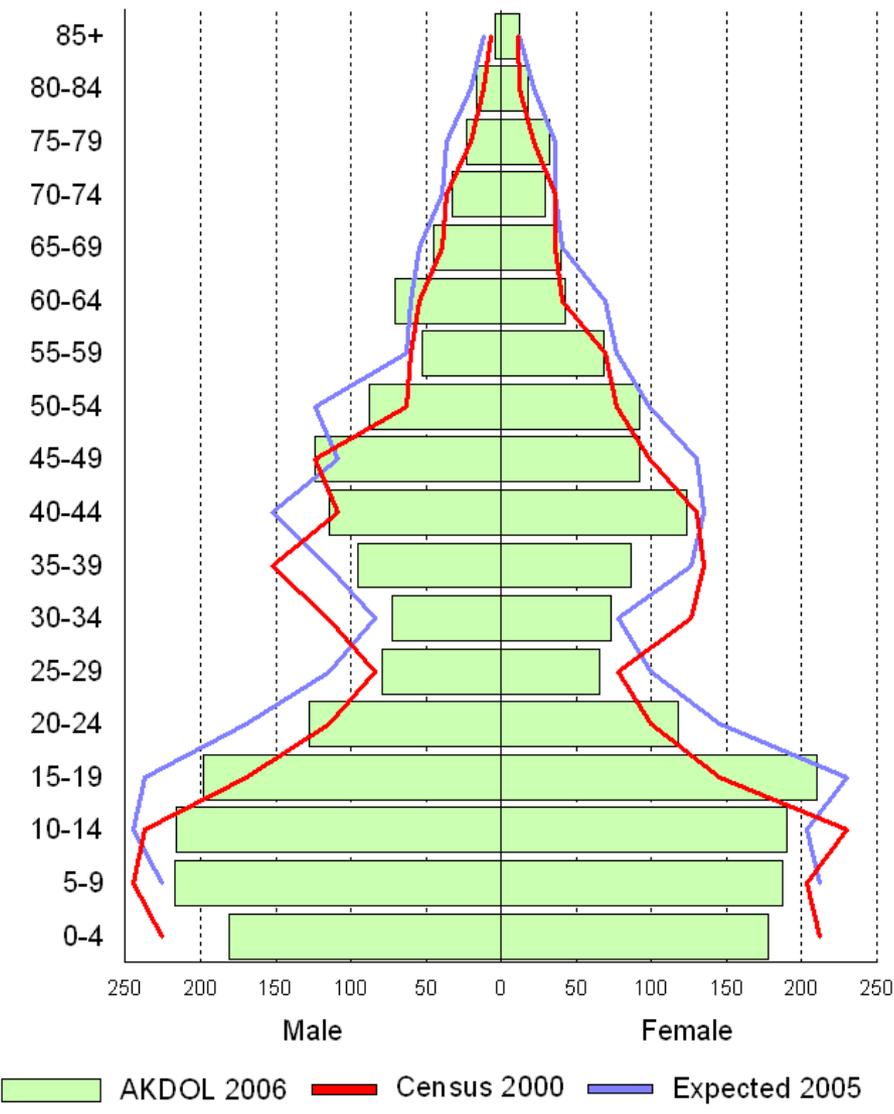
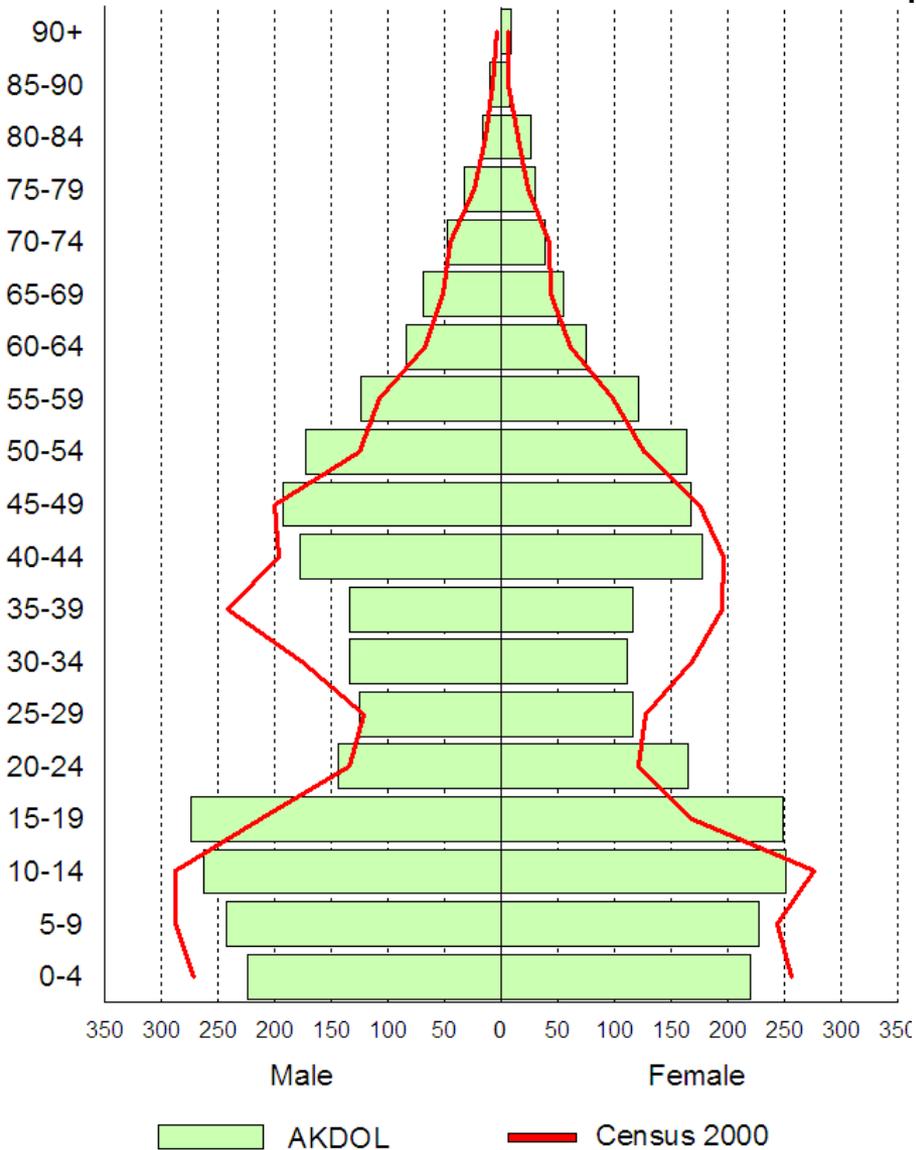
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Dillingham Census Area, 2007, 2000

71.2%
Native

Dillingham Census Area
Native Bridge Series, 2006, 2000

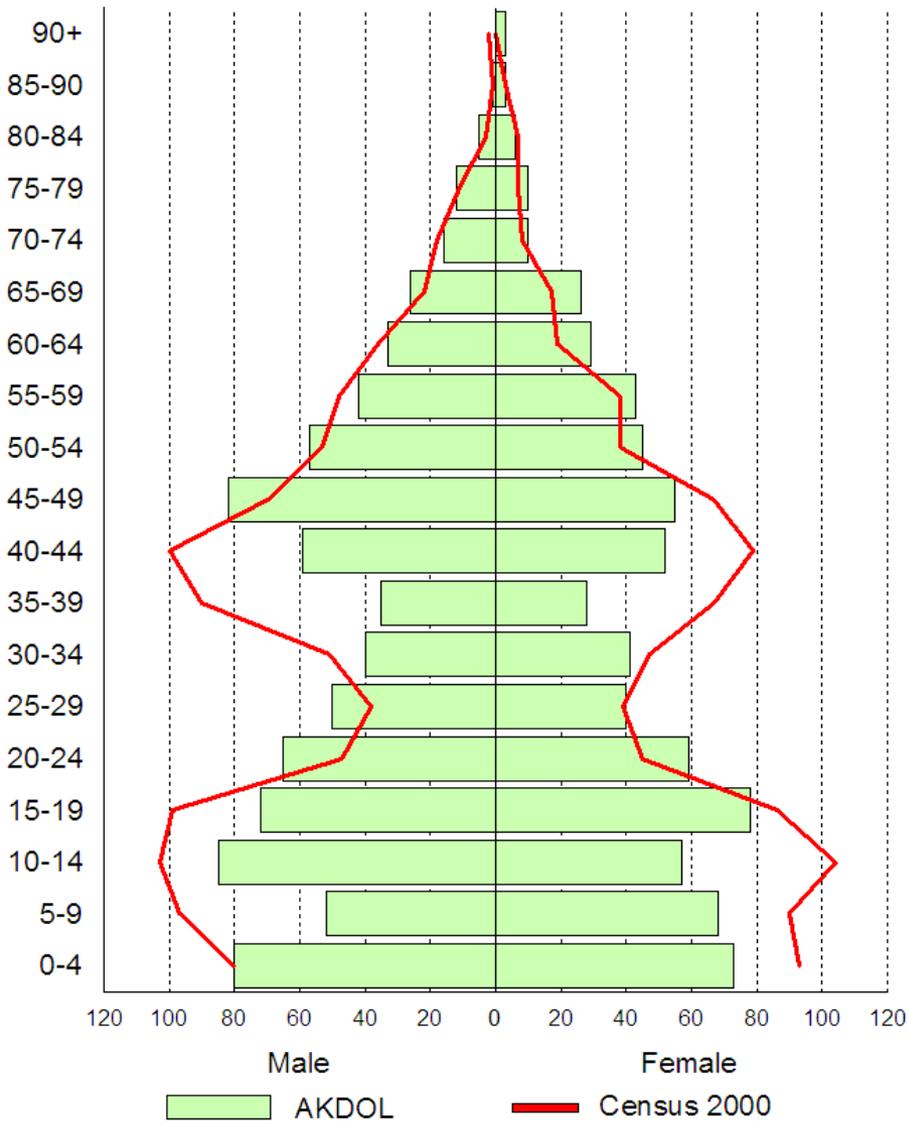


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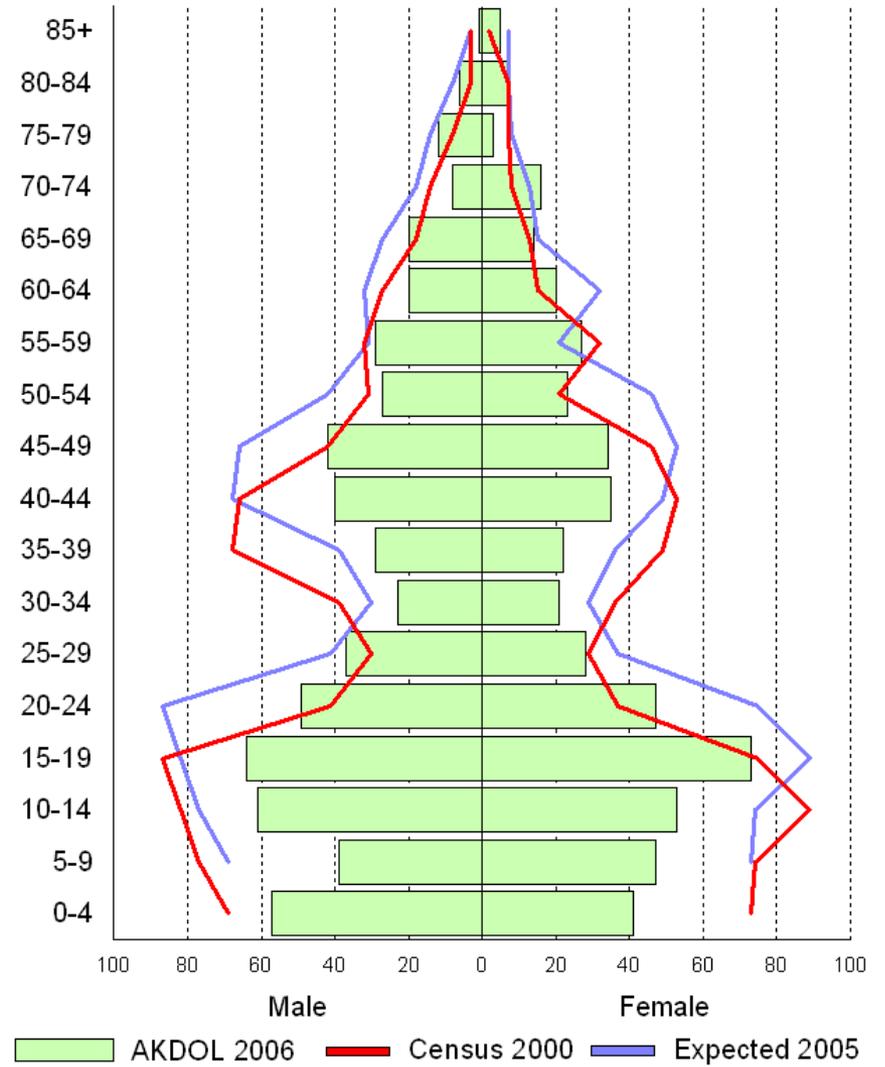
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69.4% Native

Lake & Peninsula Borough, 2007, 2000



Lake & Peninsula Borough
Native Bridge Series, 2006, 2000

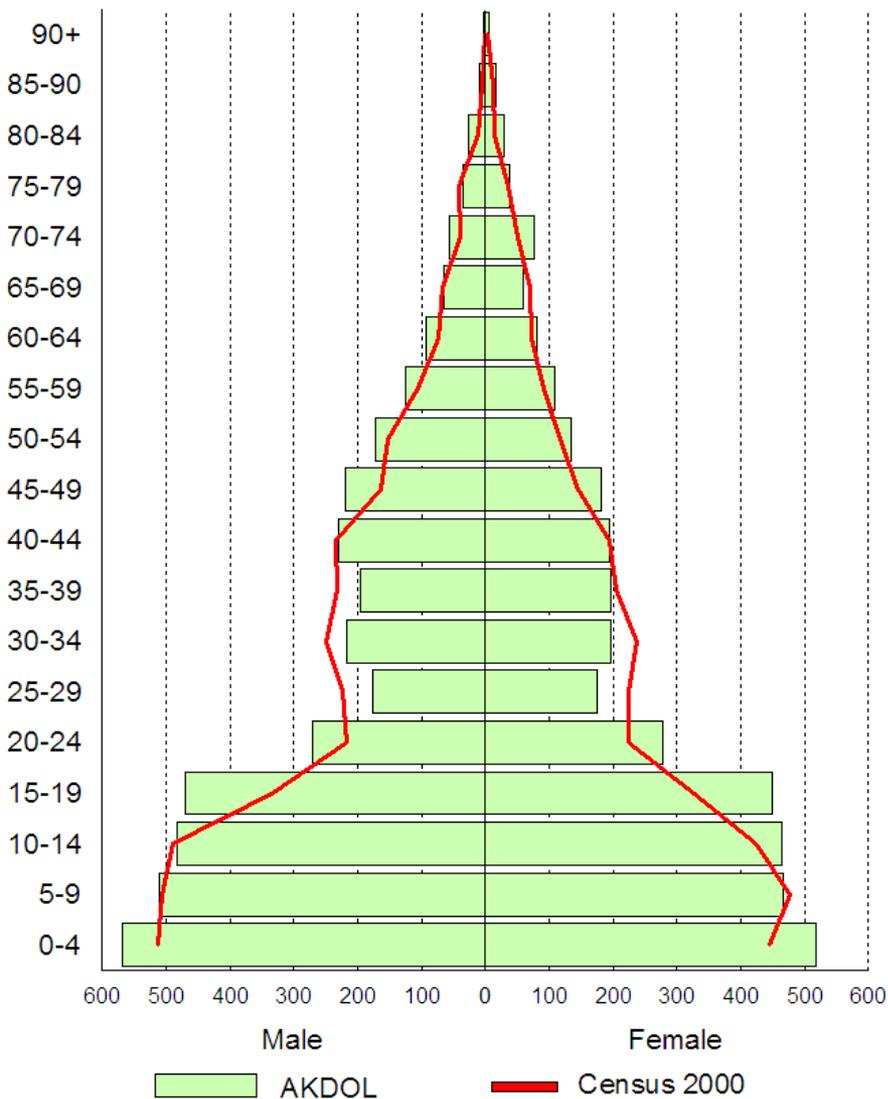


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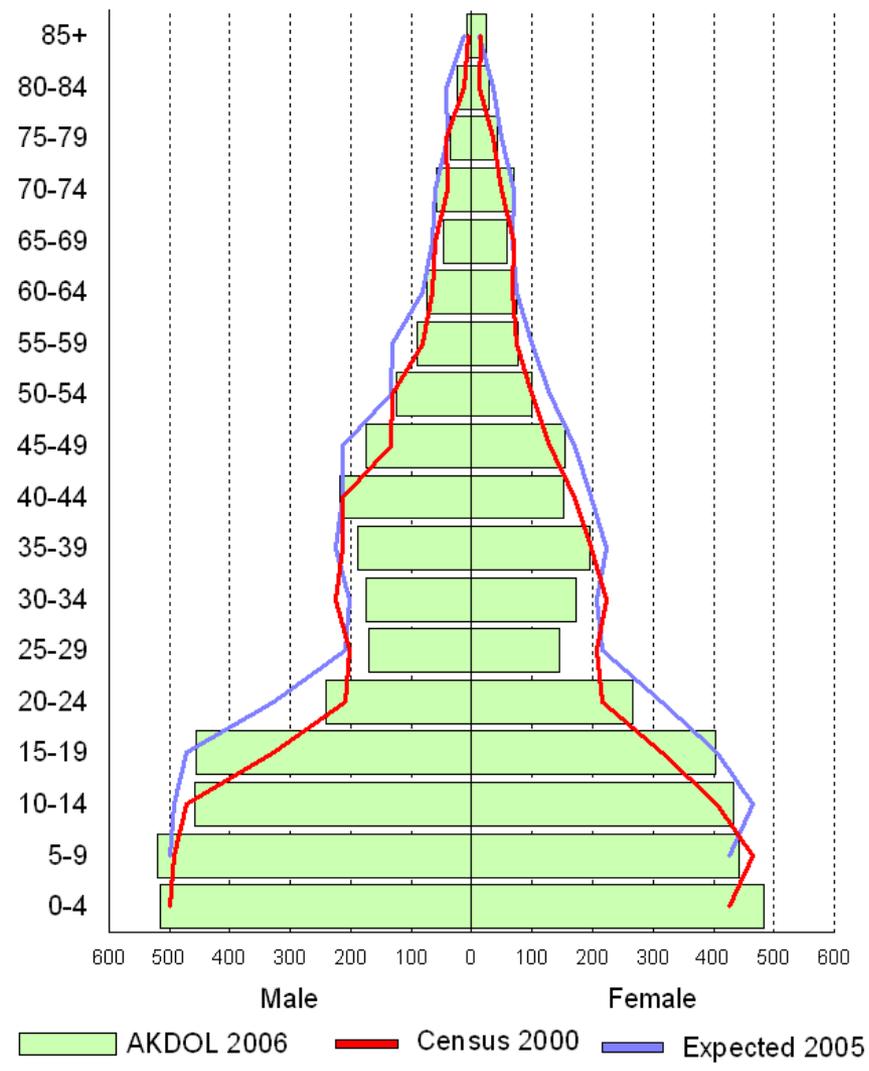
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91.2% Native

Wade Hampton Census Area, 2007, 2000



Wade Hampton Census Area
Native Bridge Series, 2006, 2000



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Native Trends

- Alaska's Native Population is growing relative to the general population because of higher fertility and an older White "baby boomer" population.
- Rural to urban native migration is substantial, particularly among young adults. In some parts of rural Alaska, there is an increasing threat of community decline.
- While Fairbanks and Juneau receive some of this migration regionally, Anchorage/Matsu is the main recipient.
- Native Elders for the most part do not leave their communities. This suggests the need for community based care.

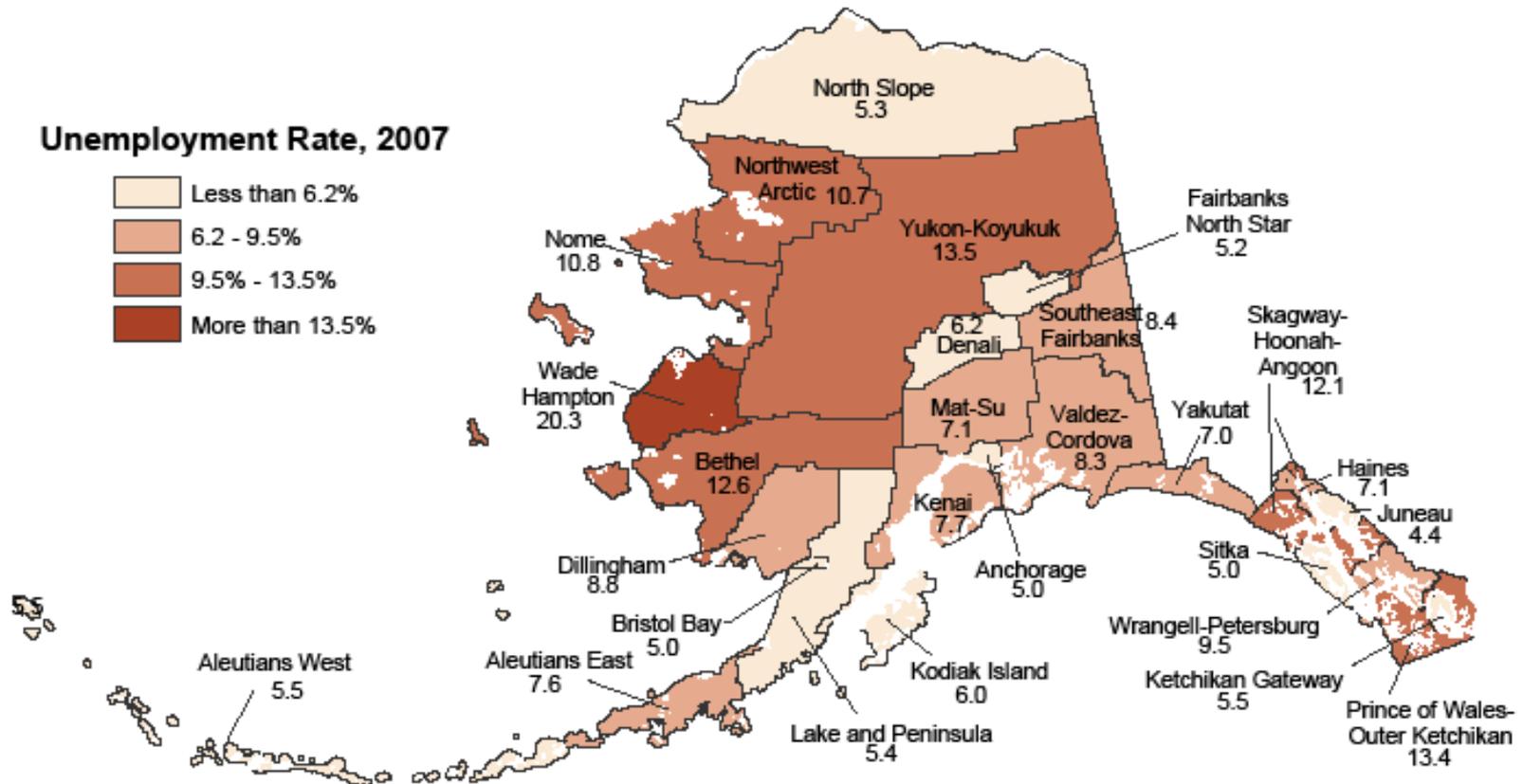
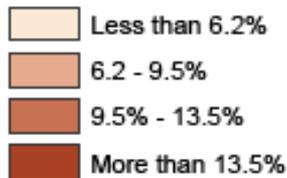
Unemployment Rate 2007

Percent of Population That's Working

Unemployment Rate* by Borough/Census Area, Alaska 2007

Not Adjusted

Unemployment Rate, 2007

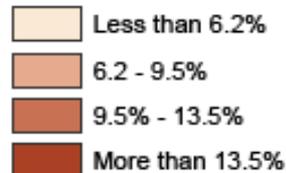


Statewide Average Unemployment Rate for 2007 was 6.2%

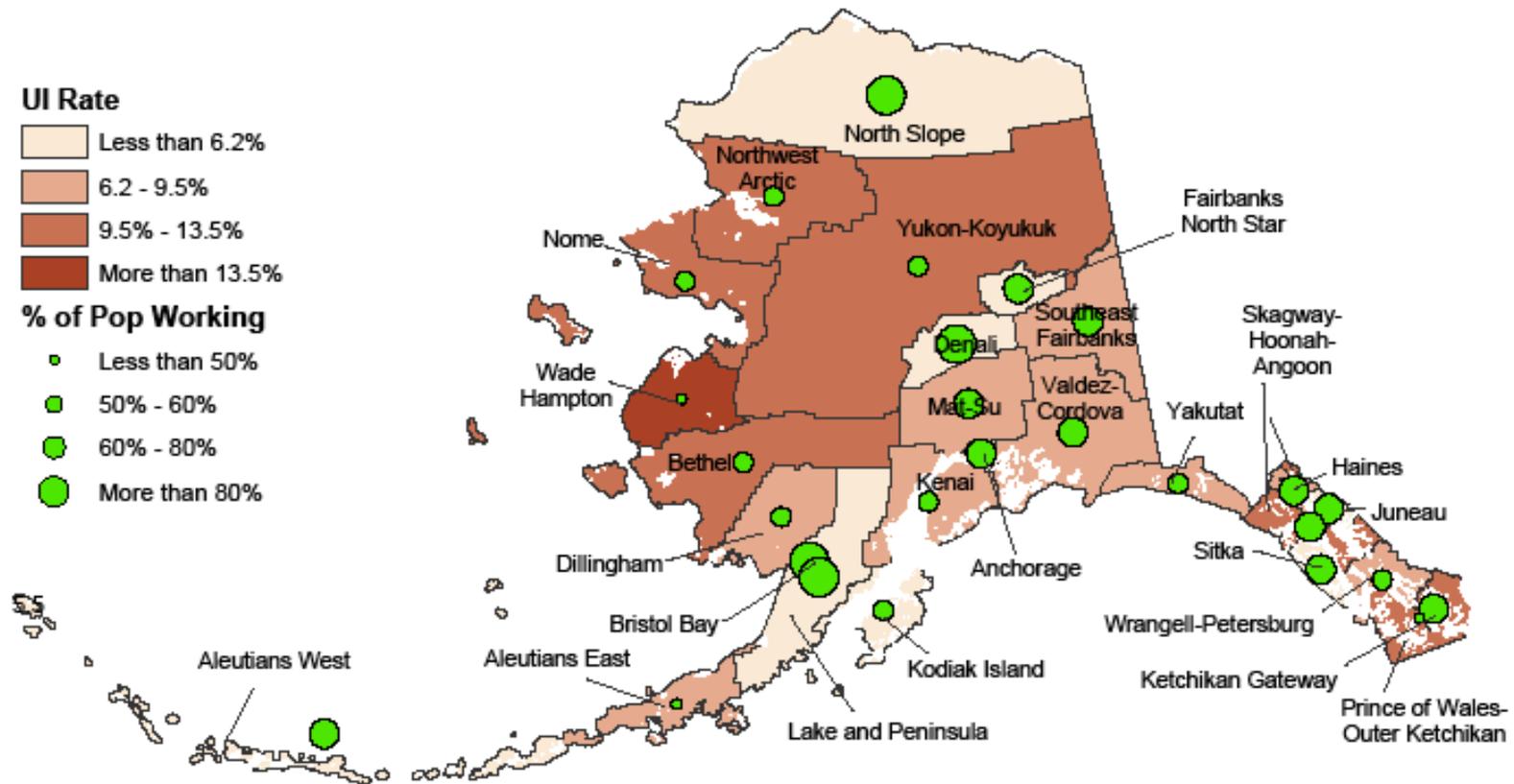
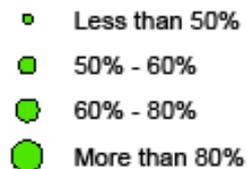
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Unemployment Rate¹ and Percent of Population That's Working² Alaska 2007

UI Rate



% of Pop Working



¹ Not Adjusted

² 16 Years and Older

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