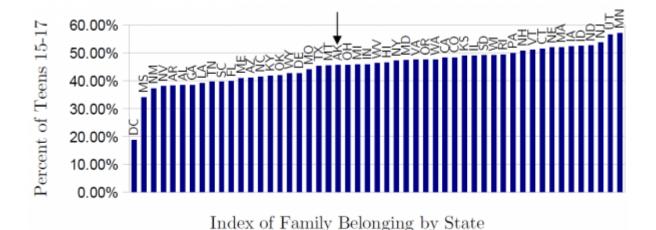
State of the Family in Alaska

The United States Family Belonging Index is 46 percent, with a corresponding Family Rejection Index of 54 percent, based on 2008-2012 data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. The action of parents determines the Family Belonging or Rejection Index within a nation, region, state, or racial or ethnic group—whether they marry and belong to each other, or whether they reject one another through divorce or other means. Rejection leaves children without married parents committed to one another and to their children.

The Index of Family Belonging is determined by the fraction of children aged 15 to 17 in a given area who live with both their biological parents, who have been married since before or around the time of their birth.

1. Index of Belonging

Alaska has a Family Belonging Index of 45.5 percent. In other words, 45.5 percent of Alaskan teenagers aged 15 to 17 have lived with their always-married parents since their birth, whereas 54.5 percent of these adolescents were raised in a non-intact family. Alaska ranks 30th on the state ranking of the Index of Belonging and Rejection.¹⁾



2. Outcomes by Index of Belonging

Significant outcomes: Location between states at the extremes followed by state ranking, for Alaska Family Intactness 26^{th} % children grown up in intact families Adoptions Adoptions per 1,000 live births 4.9 6.6 WA ₩ Infant Mortality 31^{st} Deaths of infants under one year old per 1,000 live births 0.22 0.22 Suicide Suicides per 1,000 inhabitants $\begin{array}{ccc} 1.2 & 6.4 & 13.3 \\ \scriptscriptstyle ME & & \end{array}$ Violent Crime Violent crimes per 1,000 inhabitants 17.7 28.5 Property Crime Property crimes per 1,000 inhabitants Young Adult Alcoholism % 18-25 year olds reporting alcohol dependence 4.1 7.4 8.8 NV Adolescent Painkiller Abuse 16^{th} % 12-17 year olds with nonmedical use of painkillers 4.5 7.2 12 IA + RI Young Adult Drug Treatment Need 28^{th} % 18-25 year olds needing but not receiving, for illicit use Federal Head Start Aid Federal Head Start aid per family household in state 400 1900 Federal Adoption & Foster Care Aid MS ++ Federal aid & assistance per # of births

2.1 Youth Outcomes

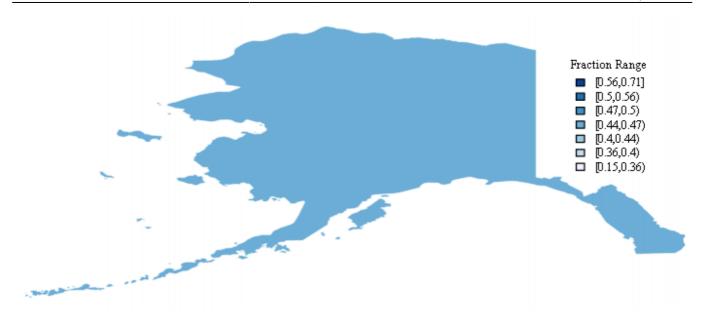
Youth Outcomes	Alaska	Weakest State	Strongest State
Graduation rates (high	69.1	51.3 (NV)	89.6 (WI)
school)			
NAEP reading scores	259	251 (MS)*	274 (MA)
(eighth grade)			
Child poverty (percent in)	13%	31% (MS)	11% (NH)
Births to unmarried teen-	8%	14.1% (MS)	5.3% (UT)
agers (percent of)			

3. Mapping Alaska

See Effects of Family Structure on Policy Outcomes

3.1 Family Intactness

Fraction of Families Intact



3.2 Teenage Out-of-Wedlock Births

Fraction of teenage out-of-wedlock births out of all births



3.3 High School Graduates

Fraction of 19- to 20-year-olds who are high school graduates



3.4 Employment

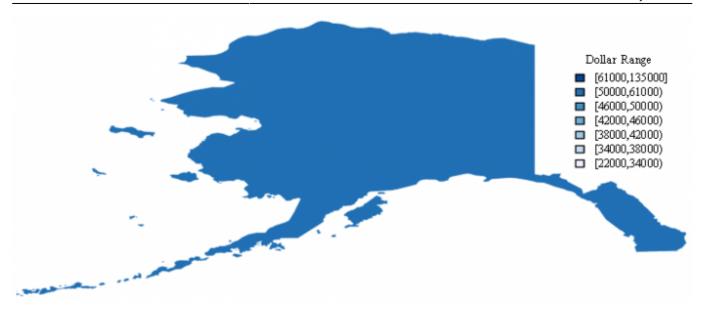
Fraction of 25- to 54-year-old men working



3.5 Earnings

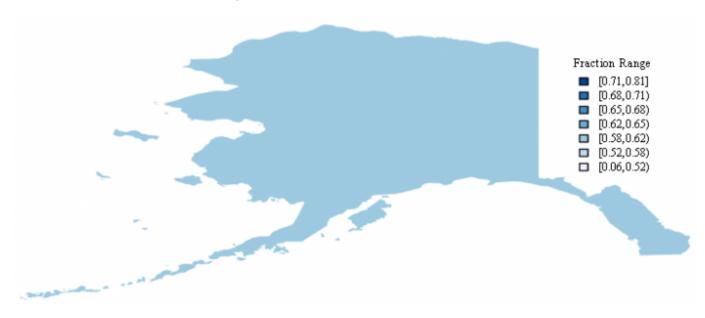
Average earnings per 25- to 54-year-old male

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3.6 Homeowners

Fraction of households owning a home



3.7 Poverty

See Effects of Family Structure on Poverty

Fraction of the overall population below poverty



3.8 Government Dependence

See Effects of Family Structure on Government Dependency and Effects of Welfare on Families

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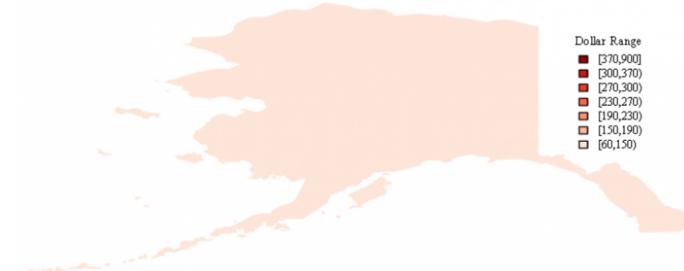
Fraction of households receiving food stamps



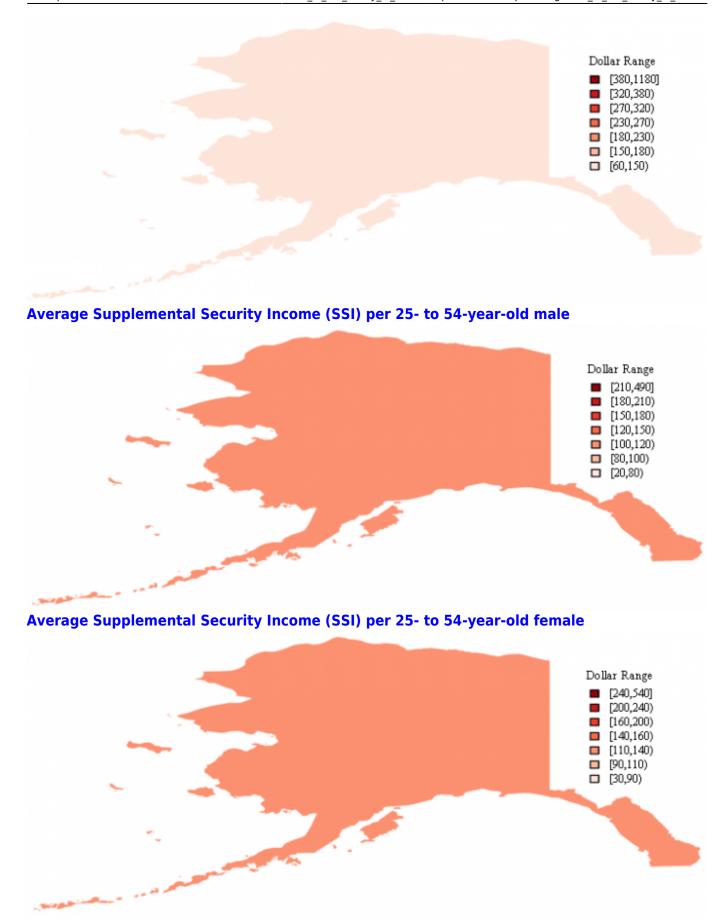
Average TANF and State Welfare Transfers per 25- to 54-year-old females



Average Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) per 25- to 54-year-olds



Average Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) per 25- to 54-year-old male



3.9 Healthcare

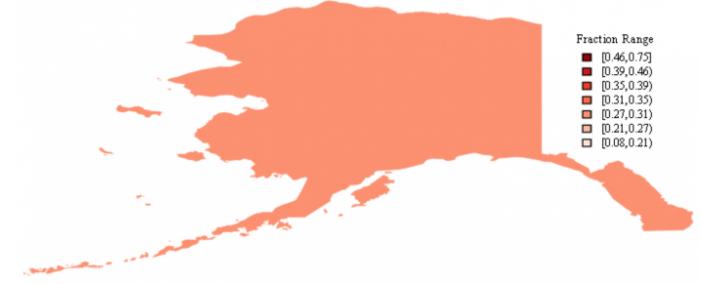
See Effects of Family Structure on Healthcare Coverage

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Fraction of 25- to 54-year-olds receiving public healthcare



Fraction of minors receiving public healthcare



Fraction of 25- to 54-year-olds covered by private healthcare



Fraction of minors covered by private healthcare



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