



MetroNation Profile: Alaska's Metropolitan Areas

This state profile demonstrates the importance of Alaska's metropolitan areas, in terms of their contribution to the state's population, employment, and economic output.



While Alaska has none of the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas, its two metros account for 66 percent of the state's population, 67 percent of the state's jobs, and 67 percent of the state's gross domestic product (GDP).

Rank* Metro area	Population		Jobs		GDP	
	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state	Total (in millions)	Share of state
127 Anchorage, AK	351,586	53.0%	180,595	53.2%	\$22,343	56.7%
336 Fairbanks, AK	87,555	13.2%	46,414	13.7%	\$4,002	10.2%
All two Alaska metros	439,141	66.2%	227,009	66.9%	\$26,345	66.9%

*Employment rank among all metro areas nationwide, based on Bureau of Economic Analysis 2005 wage and salary employment; rank is for entire metro, which may include areas outside of the state. However, population, jobs, and GDP numbers only include the in-state portions of the metros

Source: Brookings analysis of U.S. Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic Analysis data