

A View Toward 2050

The Alaska Commission on Aging

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ACoA's Mission

Ensure the dignity and independence of all older Alaskans, and to assist them to lead useful and meaningful lives through planning, advocacy, education, and interagency cooperation.

Looking at the future for Alaska's Seniors



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Today vs. 2050

POPULATION IN 2025

Alaska's **Total** Population =
731,137

ESTIMATED POPULATION IN 2050

Alaska's **Total** Population =
722,806

A net loss of 8,331

Today vs. 2050

POPULATION IN 2025

Alaska's **60+** Population =
161,774

ESTIMATED POPULATION IN 2050

Alaska's **60+** Population =
175,082

A net gain of 13,308

Today vs. 2050

POPULATION IN 2025

Alaska's **80+** Population =
20,228

ESTIMATED POPULATION IN 2050

Alaska's **80+** Population =
46,672

A net gain of 26,444

Alaska's Fertility Rate in 2024

1.9 children per
1,000

2.1 is considered a
“sustainable” or
“replacement”
rate.

Alaska's birthrate
declined 8%
between 2019 and
2023

Outward Migration of working age adults

“We have lost more people to migration than we've gained for an unprecedented 12 straight years.”

“These trends have reduced the number of Alaskans in their prime working ages, 18 to 64, by 34,000 people between 2013 and 2023.”

“In 2023, the most recent year available, Alaska imported proportionally more labor than we had in 20-plus years.”



Unsustainable

Who will take care of Alaska's Seniors?

Doctors

Nurses

Personal Care Assistants

Service Providers

Caregivers

Dementia-aware workforce

How can we
change the
projected
outcome?



Educate the public



Budget for the expenses



Look West to the East and Far East

In summary



The Senior population is growing



The workforce population is shrinking



We currently have an unsustainable model



We need to get creative how we meet the need now and in the future



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