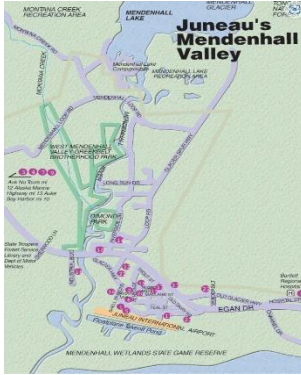


# Juneau, Alaska

## 2024 Community Profile

**Juneau** is the state capital and the largest city of Southeastern Alaska. The city offers flourishing downtown business and arts. Juneau sits at the epicenter of Alaska’s governmental and economic affairs.



**Valley Area**



**Downtown Area**

US Senator: Lisa Murkowski

Juneau Mayor: Beth Weldon

US Senator: Dan Sullivan

US Representative: Mary Pelolta

Alaska Governor: Mike Danleavy

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[Assembly Members – City and Borough of Juneau](#)

### Population

The current population of Juneau, Alaska is **31,534** based on projections of the latest US Census estimates. The last official US Census in 2020 recorded the population **at 32,195**.

### Economy

Tourism is the largest private-sector employer. With millions of people coming each year on cruise ships. The tourism industry, along with government jobs, fuels the economy. The city

hosts many cultural festivals and events each year, highlighting the works of residents. The city also features nightspots, restaurants, landmarks, and other attractions for residents and tourists.

Nearly half of Juneau's working population is employed by the federal, state, or local government. All state departments have offices in Juneau, including the Superior and District Courts. A large federal building houses the regional headquarters of several federal agencies. Those with the largest number of workers are the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Postal Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard. It is estimated that for each government worker, one private sector job is needed to supply the services required by the government workers.

Commercial fishing and fish processing are another important sector of the local economy. Salmon hatcheries and a cold storage facility operate in town, the latter processing two million pounds of salmon, halibut, black cod, and crab annually. Transportation and trading are the other important sectors of the economy. Manufacturing jobs had been almost nonexistent, but that area has become a focal point for government programs resulting in a growth spurt.

There are also two prominent mining companies in Juneau.

**Kennecott Greens Creek Mine**, on Admiralty Island near the city, produces gold, silver, lead, and zinc, and is one of the largest silver mines in North America.

**Kensington Mine** is a gold mine located 45 mi (72 km) north of Juneau, Alaska. The mine is owned by Coeur, Alaska a subsidiary company of Coeur Mining.

Click link for more info: [www.city-data.com/city/Juneau-Alaska.html](http://www.city-data.com/city/Juneau-Alaska.html)

## **Cost of Living**

The median prices have been \$515,000 for single family homes. Renters in Juneau pay an average of \$1,420-2,000 per month for single houses or \$900-\$1000 for studio. This is the combination of JEDC report and from an Alaska Housing Finance worker.

**The Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC)** surveys that the cost of living in Juneau as part of a nationwide survey of living expenses conducted three times in a year in 291 U.S. cities. This survey establishes the average cost of living in the U.S. based on the cost of consumer goods, services, housing, energy, health care and transportation for a moderately affluent professional or executive household. With the average cost across all urban communities surveyed set at 100, Juneau's 2018 annual average composite score of 134.1

means that it is approximately one-third more expensive to live in Juneau than the average U.S. city, giving Juneau the highest cost of living among the four Alaskan communities surveyed. The cost of housing and health care, one and a half times the survey average, contribute significantly to Juneau's high cost of living.

Click link for more info: [Juneau Economic Development Council \(JEDC\)](#)

## **Income**

In 2021, the median household income of the 12.9 households in Juneau, Alaska grew to 90,126 from the previous year's value of \$ 88, 077.

For more detailed information click: [Juneau, AK | Data USA](#)

## **Juneau School District**

The district has six elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools, one alternative high school, one alternative K – 8 school, one charter school (K – 8), a school in a residential youth facility and a correspondence program.

Juneau has private and faith-based schools to choose from: Faith Community School(K-8), Valley Baptist Academy (Pre-K-K), Juneau Adventist School (K-8), New Geneva Classic Academy (PreK-6<sup>th</sup>),

There is also alternative Schools outside the School District: Raven, and IDEA Homeschool Program

More info about JSD click here: [Home - Juneau School District \(juneauschools.org\)](#)

## **College**

**University of Alaska Southeast, UAS** operates from two locations in Juneau—Auke Bay and downtown Juneau.

The main UAS campus is located in Auke Bay, 12 miles from downtown Juneau. Housing, campus services, the library, and most classrooms are located in Auke Bay. The Technical Education Center in downtown Juneau houses the UAS School of Career Educations, offering health care, construction, welding, mining, and power technology programs.

## Recreation

Juneau lies in the world's largest temperate rainforest, the Tongass National Forest, at over 26, 106 miles. Juneau's trail system far surpasses that of its roads, accessible by foot in the summer, and by skis in the winter.

Juneau offers abundant recreational opportunities in the pristine mountains and waters that surround the city. From skiing at the city owned Eagle crest Ski Area, to salmon fishing and whale watching in Lynn Canal, outdoor activities abound. The borough boasts dozens of hiking trails, the Juneau Icefield offers excellent terrain for mountaineering, and hunting is a local pastime. There are active bicycling and running clubs and competitions, and leagues for youth and adult baseball, basketball, soccer, swimming, volleyball and ice hockey. In addition to the ski area, the city operates indoor pool (Dimond Aquatic Center) and an ice arena (Treadwell Arena).

Click link for more info: [Juneau Economic Development Council \(JEDC\)](#)

## Diner and Eatery

There are a lot of choices to choose from when it comes to restaurants and café here in Juneau.

Click this link for choices: [Juneau Restaurants | Seafood & Downtown Dining \(traveljuneau.com\)](#)

## Shopping

Big chains Include: Costco, Fred Meyer, Safeway, IGA, and Superbear. Each week food is transported in on Alaska Marine Highway barges, trucked to the stores and Alaska Air Cargo.

There are no big department stores here in Juneau or Big Malls like Target, Macy, Nordstrom. We have a lot of boutiques and local shops in the community. Juneau people like to shop online, like Amazon.

## **Healthcare**

Bartlett Regional Hospital is the main service for medical care.

Cancer Treatment Center, Psychiatric Treatment, Medical/Surgical Unit, Birth Center, Mental Health Unit, Critical Care Unit, Infusion Center, Respiratory Treatment.

Juneau also offers community health services, we have our Capital City Fire Department, EMS, and CCFR Care Team (they developed this during COVID and still continuing serving the community)

Juneau Urgent Care and SEARHC (non-profit Native health care services)

Specialized services: Anesthesiologist, Oncology, Urology, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Pathology, Orthopedics, Dentist and even orthodontic care.

## **Weather**

Juneau, AK has a mild climate due to its location in the Alaska Panhandle. The weather in Juneau is usually rainy and humid, with temperatures rarely dropping below freezing or reaching into the triple digits. In the summer months, temperatures can range from 60-85 degrees Fahrenheit, while winter months can drop to as low as 15 degrees Fahrenheit with an average of 45-50 degrees.

Snowfall is common during the winter months, while rain is much more frequent year-round. Overall, Juneau's climate makes it a great place for outdoor activities such as hiking and fishing throughout the year.

## **Weather Highlights**

**Summer High:** the July high is around 64 degrees

**Winter Low:** the January low is 25

**Rain:** averages 71 inches of rain a year

**Snow:** averages 80 inches of snow a year.

## **Transportation**

The absence of a road network is due to the extremely rugged terrain surrounding the city. All goods coming in and out must be transported by plane or boat, despite the city's location on the Alaskan mainland.

Alaska Marine Highway is the main transportation by sea.

Alaska Airlines, AK Seaplanes, and a charter plane services that transport to villages and communities nearby.

## **Something to Ponder**

Juneau, Alaska has a lot of beautiful things to offer. If you enjoy outdoors the beauty of glaciers, waterfalls, mountains, trees, the richness of the ocean which you will have the opportunity to go fishing, hiking, skiing, kayaking and hunting are just a few of the activities here. A high population of residents here own some kind of boat. But not everyone is an avid outdoorsman. Some find that the isolation that we have has given us a unique sense of community they cherish. Others are only here because work brought them. Not everyone finds life here something that they can deal with. Many find isolation from family unbearable. You either love it here or it will be a challenge to relocate to a place like Juneau. May we seek God's calling to each one to us, and if He really called you then we can Trust Him with all the rest.

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