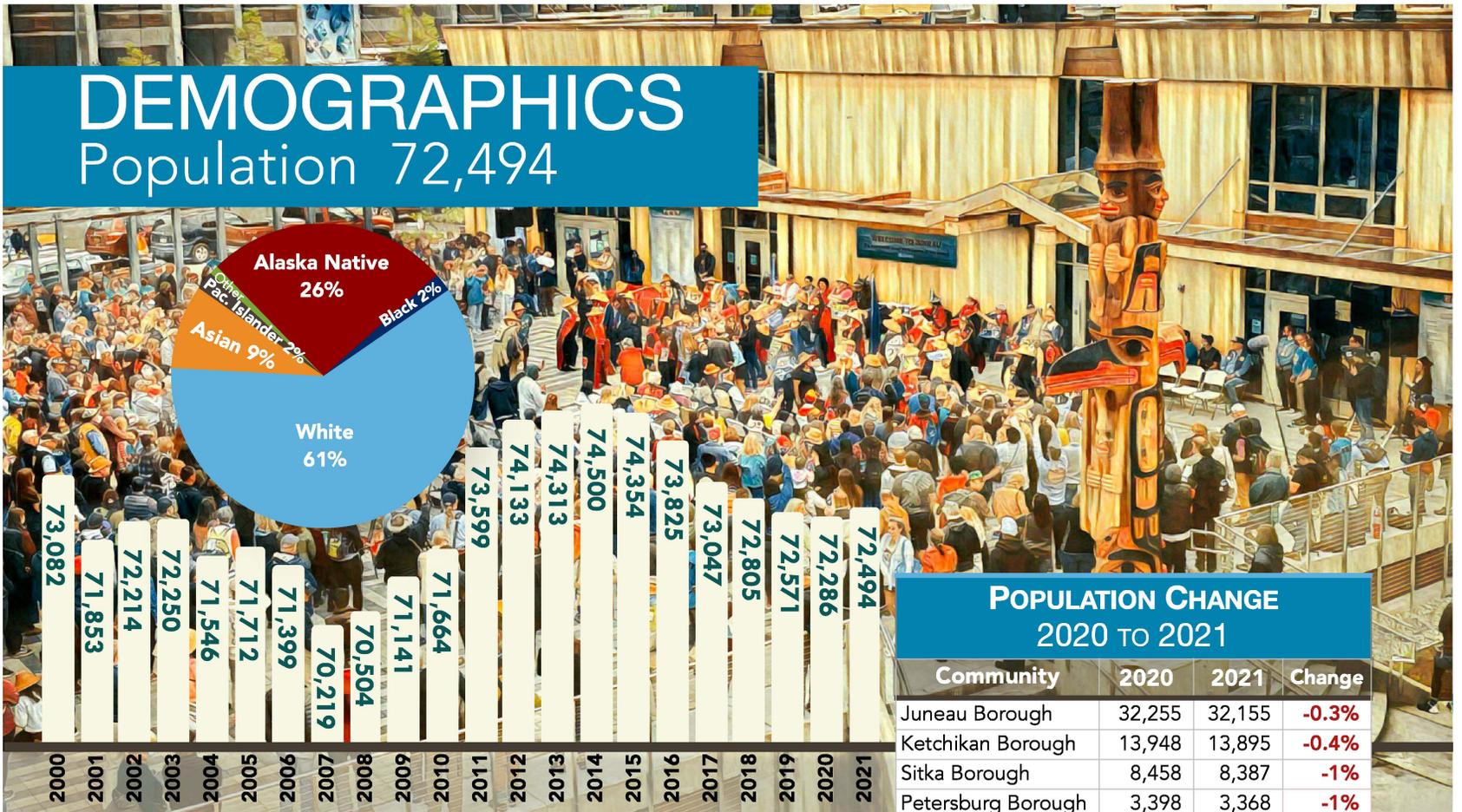


# DEMOGRAPHICS

Population 72,494



## POPULATION CHANGE 2020 TO 2021

Community	2020	2021	Change
Juneau Borough	32,255	32,155	-0.3%
Ketchikan Borough	13,948	13,895	-0.4%
Sitka Borough	8,458	8,387	-1%
Petersburg Borough	3,398	3,368	-1%
Haines Borough*	2,080	2,614	26%
Wrangell Borough	2,127	2,096	-1%
Metlakatla	1,454	1,403	-4%
Skagway Borough	1,240	1,203	-3%
Craig	1,036	969	-6%
Hoonah	931	902	-3%
Klawock	720	709	-2%
Yakutat Borough	662	697	5%
Gustavus	655	658	0.5%
Kake	543	557	3%
Thorne Bay	476	456	-4%
Hydaburg	380	376	-1%
Angoon	357	360	1%
Coffman Cove*	127	187	47%
Hollis*	65	138	112%
Naukati Bay	142	137	-4%
Tenakee Springs	116	122	5%
Pelican	98	92	-6%
Klukwan	87	88	1%
Whale Pass	86	84	-2%
Port Alexander	78	61	-22%
Kasaan*	30	46	53%
Hyder	48	42	-13%
Edna Bay*	25	40	60%
Port Protection	36	35	-3%
Elfin Cove	24	32	33%
Game Creek	23	19	-17%
Point Baker	12	10	-17%
Remainder	569	556	-2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,286</b>	<b>72,494</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

**2021** After six consecutive years of population loss, the population of the region increased by over 200 people in 2021.

Unfortunately, this does not appear to represent actual gains, but a readjustment by the Alaska Department of Labor (ADOL), concerned about accuracy of the 2020 US Census figures for Haines, Hollis, Coffman Cove, Kasaan, and Edna Bay. Of the region's 32 communities, 20 lost residents in 2021. It is more accurate to estimate a loss of approximately 500 residents in 2021.

The primary element fueling the population losses — the 24% reduction in state jobs — is intensifying, and ADOL is projecting continued population declines in future years. Housing shortages and costs also contribute to population declines. However, robust job growth in the private sector will offset some of these losses.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP

In 2021, for just the 4th time in 25 years, K-12 enrollment was up. School districts across the region added more than 100 new students, as students continue to return to the classroom following the rise of homeschooling

during peak-pandemic. Schools remain more than 500 students below 2019 levels.

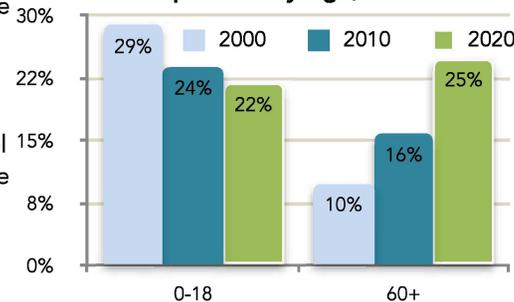
### MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER ALASKA NATIVE

The 2020 US Census shows a larger indigenous population than in previous census years. The Alaska Native population grew to 26% of all residents, for a total of 18,500 Alaska Native residents.

### AN AGING DEMOGRAPHIC

Southeast continues to have the state's oldest residents. Since 2000, the most pronounced demographic shift has been the aging of the population. During that period, the 60-plus population grew by more than 10,000 people, from 10% of the overall population to a quarter. At the same time the number of those aged 18 and under decreased by 4,400. The median age is 41, while in Hoonah and Angoon the median age is 51.

SE Population by Age, 2000-2020



Sources: Alaska Department of Labor (ADOL); ADOL Southeast Alaska Population by Age, Sex and Borough/Census Area; Alaska Population Projections; US Census. \*ADOL is questioning 2020 US Census figures for some communities.

