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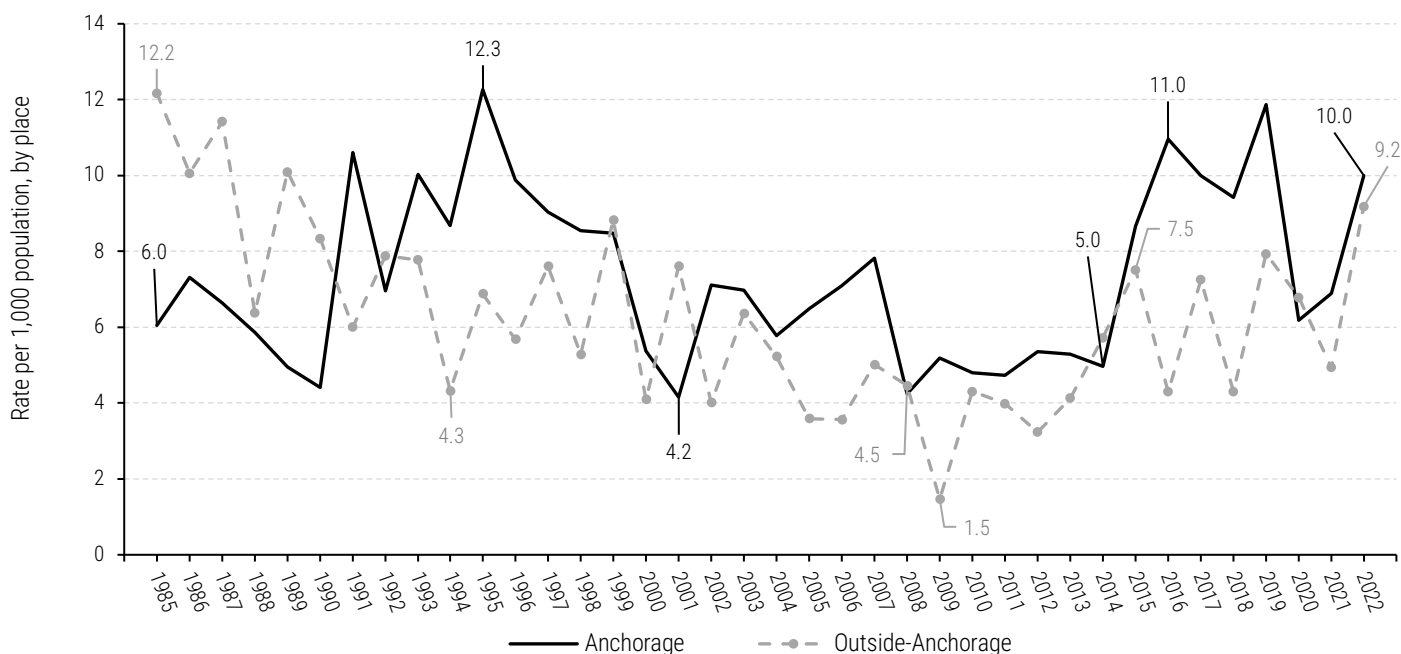
Homicides Reported to Police in Alaska, by Place: 1985-2022

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This fact sheet explores rates of homicides reported to police in Alaska for the period 1985 to 2022 (the most recent year for which Alaska homicide report data were available). Homicides examined in this publication include the willful killing of one human by another and excludes killing that is negligent, accidental, attempted, suicidal, and assaults with the intent to kill.

Homicide rates were calculated as the number of homicides reported to police per 1,000 population in Anchorage and outside of Anchorage, for each year from 1985 to 2022. Homicide data were obtained from the Alaska Department of Public Safety's [Crime in Alaska](#) reports. Alaska population data were obtained from the [Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development](#).

Figure 1. Rates of homicides reported to police in Alaska: 1985-2022



Notes

Homicides reported to police in Alaska data source: Alaska Department of Public Safety, *Crime in Alaska* (1985-2022)
Population data source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Figure 1 depicts annual rates of homicides reported to police in Anchorage and outside-Anchorage for the period 1985 to 2022. The Anchorage rate briefly increased during the first decade, peaking in 1995 (12.3 per 1,000) and then

falling to its lowest level in 2001 (4.2 per 1,000). The outside-Anchorage rate declined steadily between 1985 (12.2 per 1,000) and 2009 (1.5 per 1,000) before rebounding in 2010. Overall, the outside-Anchorage rate decreased by

approximately a quarter, while the Anchorage rate increased a third. Whereas the outside-Anchorage rate was double that of the Anchorage rate in 1985, both Anchorage and outside-Anchorage rates ended the period at nearly the same level (Anchorage: 10.0 per 1,000 VS outside-

Anchorage: 9.2 per 1,000). From 1985 to 2022, the average Anchorage rate of homicides reported to police was 7.3 per 1,000 and the outside-Anchorage rate was 6.3 per 1,000.

Table 1. Alaska homicide report rates, by place: 1985-2022

Year	Rate per 1,000 place-specific population	
	Anchorage rate	OutsideAnchorage rate
1985	6.0	12.2
1986	7.3	10.1
1987	6.6	11.4
1988	5.9	6.4
1989	5.0	10.1
1990	4.4	8.3
1991	10.6	6.0
1992	7.0	7.9
1993	10.0	7.8
1994	8.7	4.3
1995	12.3	6.9
1996	9.9	5.7
1997	9.0	7.6
1998	8.6	5.3
1999	8.5	8.8
2000	5.4	4.1
2001	4.2	7.6
2002	7.1	4.0
2003	7.0	6.4
2004	5.8	5.2
2005	6.5	3.6
2006	7.1	3.6
2007	7.8	5.0
2008	4.2	4.5
2009	5.2	1.5
2010	4.8	4.3
2011	4.7	4.0
2012	5.4	3.2
2013	5.3	4.1
2014	5.0	5.7
2015	8.7	7.5
2016	11.0	4.3
2017	10.0	7.3
2018	9.4	4.3
2019	11.9	7.9
2020	6.2	6.8
2021	6.9	4.9
2022	10.0	9.2

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