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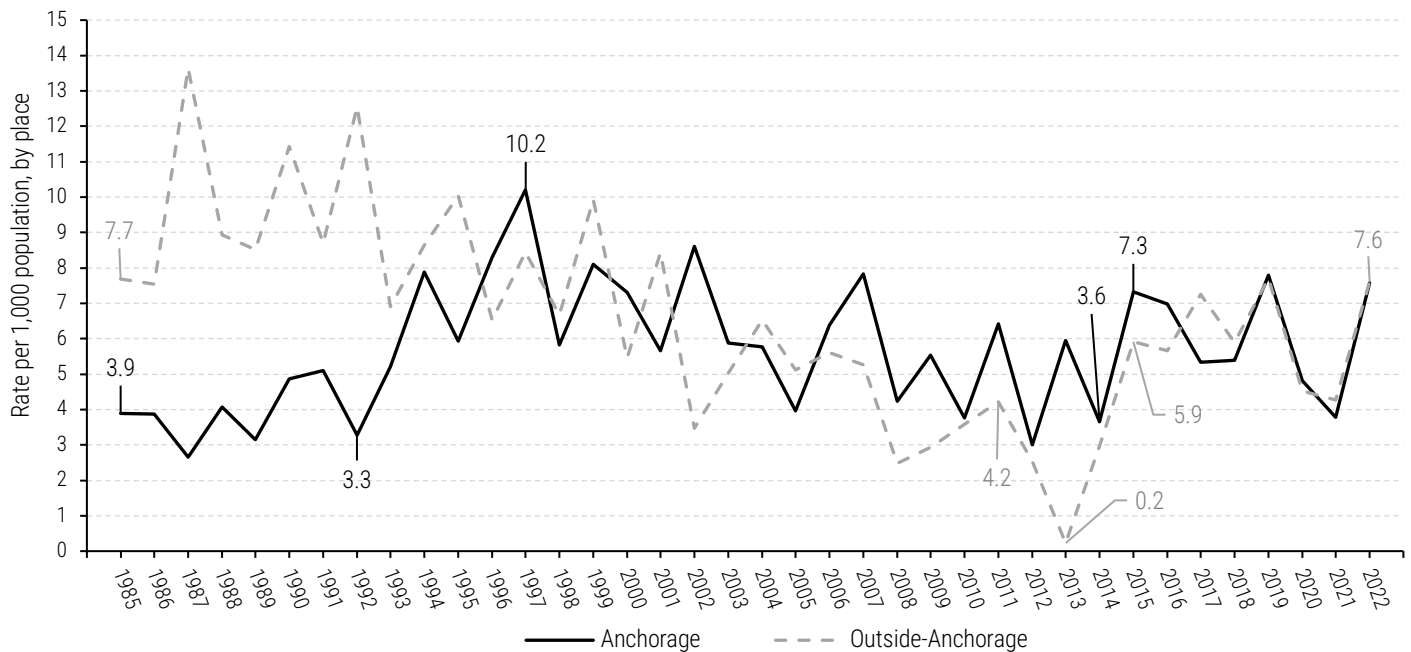
Alaska Homicide Arrest Rates, by Place: 1985-2022

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This fact sheet explores homicide arrest rates in Alaska for the period 1985 to 2022 (the most recent year for which Alaska homicide arrest 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 arrest rates were calculated as the number of homicide arrests per 1,000 population in Anchorage and per 1,000 population outside of Anchorage, for each year from 1985 to 2022. Homicide arrest 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. Alaska homicide arrest rates: 1985-2022



Notes

Homicide arrest 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 homicide arrest rates in Anchorage and outside-Anchorage for the period 1985 to 2022. The Anchorage homicide arrest rate began trending upward at the beginning of the period, with an increase of 209.0% from 1992 (3.3 per 1,000) through 1997 (10.2 per 1,000).

Anchorage's homicide arrest rate then fell to 5.8 per 1,000 in 1998 and leveled out for much of the remaining period. The outside-Anchorage homicide arrest rate trended slightly downward at the beginning of the period with much more fluctuation compared to the Anchorage rate. In 1996, the

Anchorage homicide arrest rate (8.3 per 1,000) surpassed the outside-Anchorage arrest rate (6.5 per 1,000) by 24.3%. The outside-Anchorage homicide arrest rate dipped between 2011 (4.2 per 1,000) and 2013 (0.2 per 1,000), resulting in a 95.2% reduction before increasing to its previous level in 2015.

Anchorage and outside-Anchorage arrest rates demonstrated volatility with periods of both marked increases and decreases. Overall, the Anchorage homicide arrest rate rose 94.9% between 1985 and 2022. In contrast, the outside-Anchorage homicide arrest rate was relatively flat with a modest 1.3% decrease from 1985 to 2022.

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

Year	Rate per 1,000 place-specific population	
	Anchorage rate	OutsideAnchorage rate
1985	3.9	7.7
1986	3.9	7.5
1987	2.7	13.6
1988	4.1	8.9
1989	3.2	8.5
1990	4.9	11.4
1991	5.1	8.7
1992	3.3	12.6
1993	5.2	6.9
1994	7.9	8.6
1995	5.9	10.0
1996	8.3	6.5
1997	10.2	8.5
1998	5.8	6.7
1999	8.1	9.9
2000	7.3	5.5
2001	5.7	8.4
2002	8.6	3.5
2003	5.9	5.0
2004	5.8	6.5
2005	4.0	5.1
2006	6.4	5.6
2007	7.8	5.3
2008	4.2	2.5
2009	5.5	2.9
2010	3.8	3.6
2011	6.4	4.2
2012	3.0	2.5
2013	6.0	0.2
2014	3.6	3.0
2015	7.3	5.9
2016	7.0	5.7
2017	5.3	7.3
2018	5.4	5.9
2019	7.8	7.7
2020	4.8	4.5
2021	3.8	4.3
2022	7.6	7.6

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