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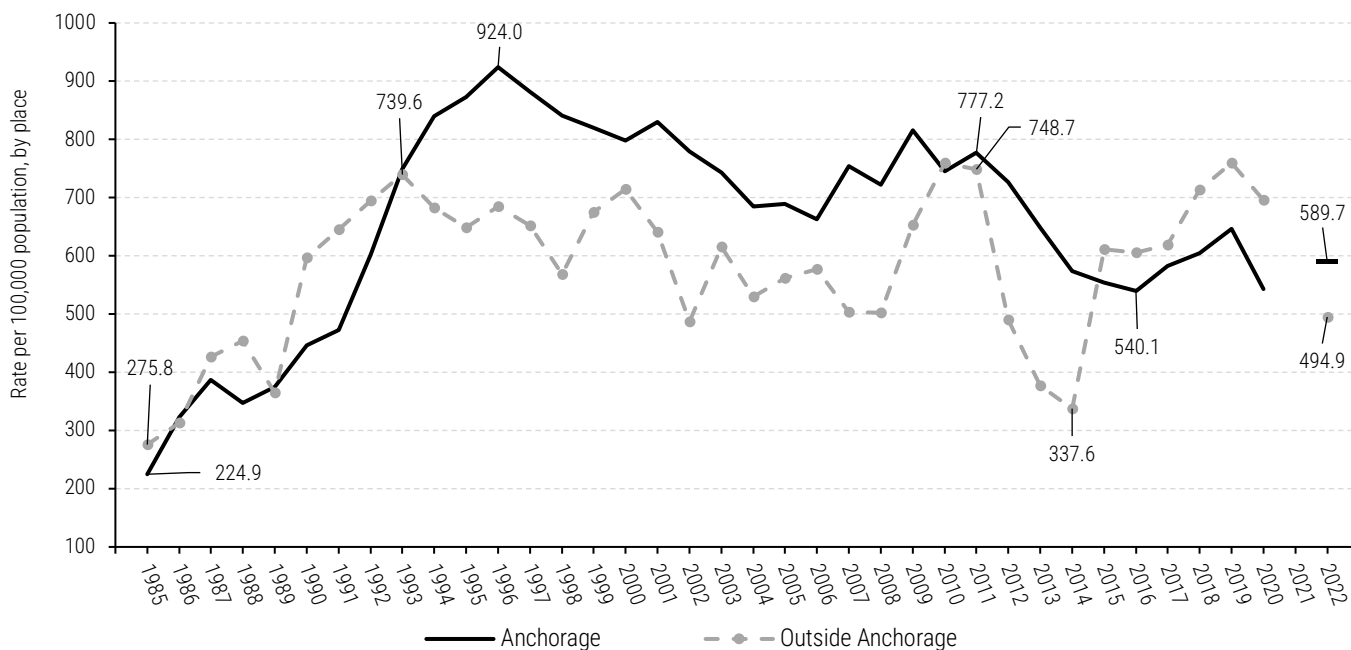
## Alaska Misdemeanor Assault Arrest Rates, by Place: 1985-2022

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This fact sheet explores misdemeanor assault arrest rate trends in Alaska, by place, for the period 1985 to 2022 (the most recent year for which Alaska misdemeanor assault arrest data were available). The misdemeanor assault category includes assaults where no weapons were used, assaults which did not result in serious or aggravated injury to the victim, stalking, intimidation, coercion, and hazing.

Place-specific assault arrest rates were calculated as the number of misdemeanor assault arrests per 100,000 Anchorage population and per 100,000 population outside of Anchorage, for each year from 1985 to 2022. Misdemeanor assault 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 misdemeanor assault arrest rates, by place: 1985-2022



**Notes**  
Arrest data from the Alaska Department of Public Safety, *Crime in Alaska* (1985-2022).  
Population data from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.  
Arrest data excluded for the year 2021 due to source data reporting inconsistency.

Figure 1 depicts annual misdemeanor assault arrest rates for Anchorage and outside-Anchorage from 1985 to 2022 (Note: misdemeanor assault arrest data for the year 2021 is

excluded due to inconsistency in source data reporting). From 1985 through 2022, Anchorage and outside-Anchorage misdemeanor assault arrest rates increased,

with Anchorage declining steadily after 1996, culminating in a 36.2% decrease by 2022. The outside-Anchorage arrest rate showed much more volatility throughout the period with peaks in 1993, 2011, and 2019. After marked declines for both places between 2010 and 2014, the outside-Anchorage

rate rebounded and surpassed the Anchorage rate in 2015. The outside-Anchorage rate continued to climb through 2020 but ended the period lower than Anchorage in 2022 (494.9 vs 589.7 per 100,000, respectively).

**Table 1.** Alaska misdemeanor assault arrest rates, by place: 1985-2022

Year	Rate per 100,000 population, by defined place	
	Anchorage	Outside Anchorage
1985	224.9	275.8
1986	323.2	313.2
1987	387.2	426.6
1988	347.7	454.2
1989	374.4	365.1
1990	446.2	597.1
1991	472.4	644.8
1992	601.8	694.4
1993	748.5	739.6
1994	840.2	682.5
1995	873.3	648.1
1996	924.0	685.0
1997	881.2	651.4
1998	840.8	568.3
1999	820.4	675.4
2000	797.6	714.9
2001	829.9	640.8
2002	779.5	486.9
2003	742.6	615.1
2004	684.8	529.8
2005	689.1	561.3
2006	663.2	576.7
2007	753.7	503.5
2008	722.6	502.3
2009	815.3	652.7
2010	745.3	759.6
2011	777.2	748.7
2012	726.3	490.2
2013	648.1	377.4
2014	573.6	337.6
2015	554.0	611.4
2016	540.1	605.2
2017	582.4	618.5
2018	604.3	713.4
2019	646.2	759.6
2020	542.5	695.5
2021		
2022	589.7	494.9

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