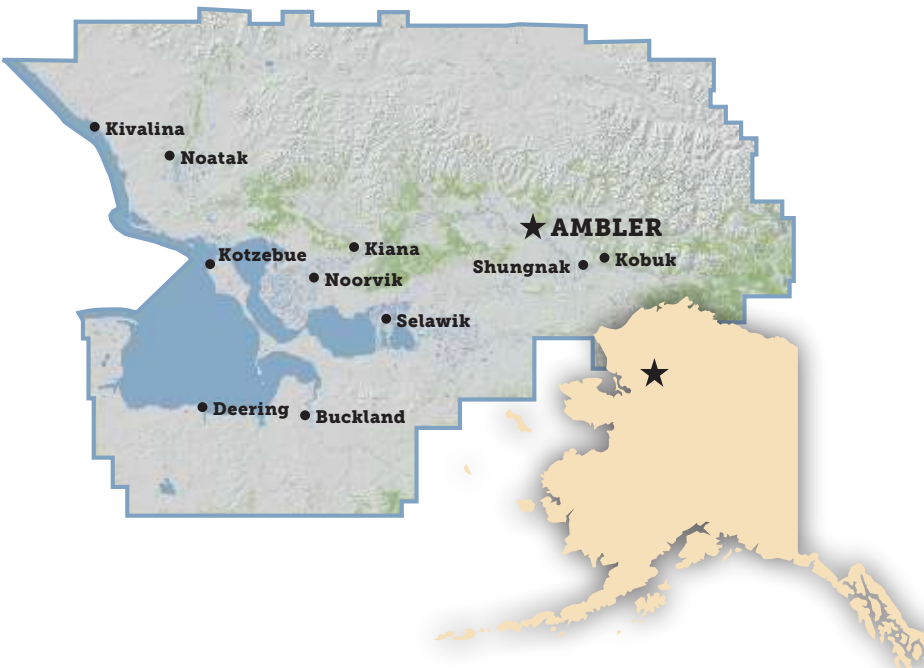


## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Ambler *Ivisaappaat*

Ambler, located on the north bank of the Kobuk River near the confluence of the Ambler and the Kobuk rivers, lies 45 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 138 miles northeast of Kotzebue. In 1958, people from Shungnak and Kobuk moved upstream because of the abundance of subsistence resources in the area and permanently settled Ambler. Subsistence is a major part of the local economy.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1971
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Ambler
Population (2018)	287
Median Age (2013-2017)	26.9
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	96%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	3.83
Fuel Cost (2019)	\$9.79/gallon (Gasoline) \$9.53/gallon (Heating Oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$44,500
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
Water System	Circ
Wastewater System	Gravity
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	2,400 ft x 60 ft
Runway 2	3,000 ft x 60 ft
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Ambler Elementary School	10-19
Northwest Arctic Borough School District	10-19
Native Village of Ambler	10-19
US Federal Aviation Admin	10-19
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	10

### SCHOOLS

Ambler K-12 School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	75
Year Built	2004



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Buckland Nunachiaq

Located on the west bank of the Buckland River, Buckland is 75 miles southeast of Kotzebue. Residents have occupied at least five other sites along the river; the presence of fossils indicate prehistoric occupation of the area. Buckland is an Iñupiat village, and subsistence is an important part of the local economy.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1966
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Buckland
Population (2018)	511
Median Age (2013-2017)	22.9
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	97%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	5.02
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$6.15/gal (gasoline) \$6.04/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$41,932
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
Water System	Haul, Washeteria
Wastewater System	Haul
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	3,200 ft x 75 ft
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Buckland School	20-49
Buckland Clinic	5-9
Maniilaq Association	5-9
Buckland IRA Council	5-9
City Office	5-9
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	9

### SCHOOLS

Buckland School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	189
Year Built	2004



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Deering Ipnatchiaq

Established in 1901 as a supply station for Interior gold mining, Deering is located on a sand and gravel spit in Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of the Inmachuk River. The local economy is a mix of cash and subsistence activities. Residents of the primarily Iñupiat village are interested in developing a craft production facility, cultural training center, and eco-tourism opportunities, including a road to Inmachuk Springs.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1970
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Deering
Population (2018)	168
Median Age (2013-2017)	27.3
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	92%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	3.53
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$4.38/gal (gasoline) \$3.35/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$44,375
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	No

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Ipnatchiaq Electric Company
Water System	Water delivery, Washeteria
Wastewater System	Vacuum, Honeybucket
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	3,320 ft x 75 ft
Runway 2	2,660 ft x 75 ft
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Ipnatchiaq Electric Co	5-9
Deering School	5-9
Deering Clinic	5-9
Maniilaq Center	5-9
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	6

### SCHOOLS

Deering School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	41
Year Built	1984



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Kiana Katyaak

Kiana—"a place where three rivers meet"—is located at the confluence of the Kobuk and Squirrel Rivers, 57 miles east of Kotzebue. The Kobuk River Kowagmiut Iñupiat people settled the village hundreds of years ago. Subsistence is a significant part of the local economy. The village is interested in developing eco-tourism opportunities, such as guided river trips.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1964
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Kiana
Population (2018)	421
Median Age (2013-2017)	25.3
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	95%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	3.51
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$6.18/gal (gasoline) \$5.67/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$42,813
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Coop
Water System	Circ
Wastewater System	Gravity
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	3,400 ft x 100 ft
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Kiana High School	20-49
Raven Air	5-9
Kiana Clinic	5-9
City of Kiana	5-9
Maniilaq Association	5-9
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	8

### SCHOOLS

Kiana School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	128
Year Built	1979



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Kivalina *Kivaliniq*

Kivalina is located between the Chukchi Sea and Kivalina River at the tip of an 8-mile barrier reef. Erosion and wind-driven ice have resulted in plans to relocate the village to a new site 2.5 miles away. Subsistence, including whaling, is an important part of the local economy.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1969
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Kivalina
Population (2018)	442
Median Age (2013-2017)	23.8
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	94%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	5.4
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$5.00/gal (gasoline) \$4.53/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$48,750
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Coop
Water System	Haul, Washeteria
Wastewater System	Honeybucket
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	3,000 ft x 60 ft
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
McQueen School	10-19
Kivalina Clinic	5-9
Maniilaq Association	5-9
City of Kivalina	5-9
Kivalina Native Village	5-9
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	7

### SCHOOLS

McQueen School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	162
Year Built	1976



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Kobuk Laugviik

The smallest village in the Borough, Kobuk is located along the Kobuk river. The village was founded in 1899 as a supply point for mining activities. When the village relocated to Shungnak, remaining residents re-named the existing village Kobuk. The local economy is primarily based on subsistence activities.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1973
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Kobuk
Population (2018)	144
Median Age (2013-2017)	18.3
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	95%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	4.75
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$9.27/gal (gasoline) \$9.27/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$52,500
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Kobuk Valley Electric Association
Water System	Circ
Wastewater System	Gravity
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	4,020 ft x 75 ft
Runway 2	4,780 ft x 75 ft
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Kobuk School	10-19
Kobuk Store Inc.	5-9
Native Village of Kobuk	5-9
Kobuk Airport-OBU	1-4
Nana Regional Corp Kobuk	1-4
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	7

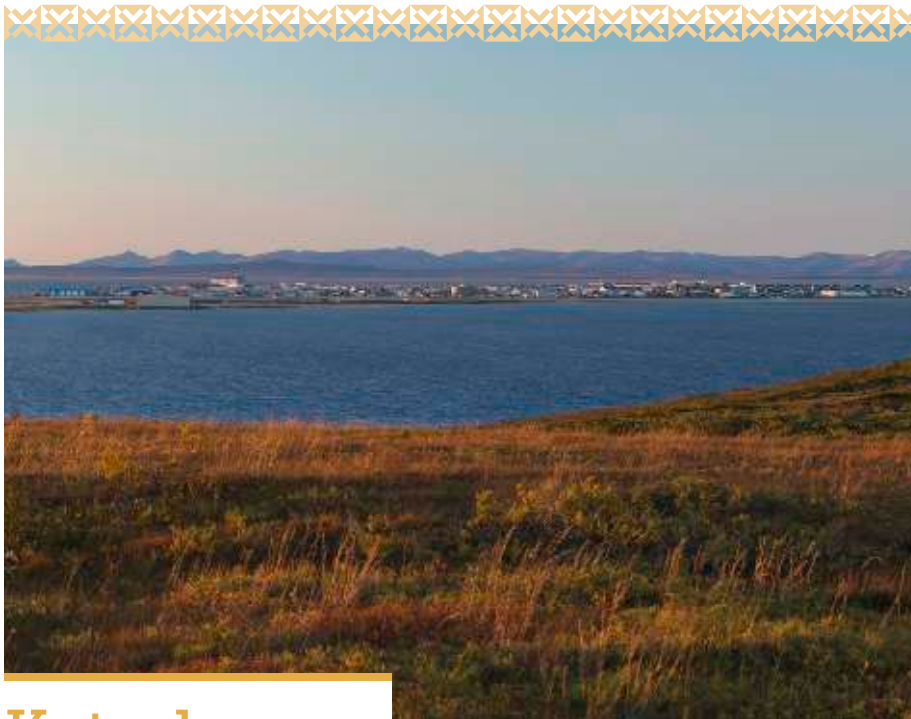
### SCHOOLS

Kobuk School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	49
Year Built	1967



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Kotzebue *Qikiqtagruk*

Kotzebue is located on the Baldwin Peninsula in Kotzebue Sound, 549 air miles from Anchorage and 26 miles above the Arctic Circle. As the service and transportation hub for all villages in the northwest region and the transfer point between ocean and inland shipping, Kotzebue has a healthy cash economy, growing private sector, and stable public sector. The Iñupiat people have occupied the site for at least 600 years.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated.....	1958
Community Type.....	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe .....	Native Village of Kotzebue
Population (2018).....	3121
Median Age (2013-2017).....	29.3
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017) .....	73%
Average Household Size (2013-2017) .....	3.44
Fuel Retail Cost (2019).....	\$6.03/gal (gasoline) \$5.97/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017) .....	\$88,047
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018) . .	No

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility .....	Kotzebue Electric Association
Water System .....	Piped
Wastewater System .....	Piped
Landfill Class .....	II
Road Access.....	No
Air Access.....	Asphalt airport
Runway 1.....	6,300 ft x 150 ft
Runway 2.....	3,876 ft x 90 ft
Dock/Port.....	Yes
Barge Access .....	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers .....	Employees
Maniilaq Association .....	500-999
Alaska Commercial Co.....	50-99
Kotzebue High School.....	50-99
City of Kotzebue.....	50-99
June Nelson Elementary School	50-99
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019) .....	124

### SCHOOLS

Kotzebue Middle/High School:	
Grades .....	6-12
Enrollment .....	330
Year Built .....	1984
June Nelson Elementary School:	
Grades .....	Pre K-5
Enrollment .....	392
Year Built .....	1956



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Noatak Nautaaq

Noatak, located 70 miles north of the Arctic Circle and west of the Noatak National Preserve, is the only settlement along the Noatak River. In the early 19th century, Noatak was established as a hunting and fishing camp; subsistence activities remain central to the culture and economy today.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	Not incorporated
Community Type	CDP
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Noatak
Population (2018)	581
Median Age (2013-2017)	26.4
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	99%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	4.42
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$9.26/gal (gasoline) \$9.26/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$50,000
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Coop
Water System	Circ/heated system
Wastewater System	Gravity
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	3,992 ft x 60 ft
Dock/Port	No
Barge Access	None

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Napaaqtugmiut School	20-49
Noatak Ira Main Office TPC	20-49
Noatak Native Village	10-19
Noatak I R A Main	10-19
US Federal Aviation Admin	10-19
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	8

### SCHOOLS

Napaaqtugmiut School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	174
Year Built	2008



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Noorvik Nuurvik

Noorvik—"a place that is moved to"—is downriver from the 1.7 million acre Kobuk Valley National Park on the Kobuk River and 45 miles east of Kotzebue. Fisherman and hunters from the village of Deering settled Noorvik in the early 1900s. Subsistence is actively practiced and an important part of the local economy.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1964
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Noorvik Native Community
Population (2018)	629
Median Age (2013-2017)	25.7
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	95%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	4.55
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$6.06/gal (gasoline) \$5.64/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$48,750
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Coop
Water System	Pressure, Circ
Wastewater System	Vacuum
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	No
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Noorvik High School	20-49
Noorvik Native Store	5-9
Maniilaq Association Noorvik	5-9
Robert Curtis Memorial Airport	5-9
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	8

### SCHOOLS

Aqqaluk High/Noorvik Elementary:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	204
Year Built	1974



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Selawik Akuligaq

Selawik is located at the mouth of the Selawik River, approximately 90 miles east of Kotzebue and near the Selawick National Wildlife Refuge. The village spans three riverbanks linked by bridges. Subsistence activities are an important part of the local economy.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1977
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Selawik
Population (2018)	845
Median Age (2013-2017)	24
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	99%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	4.75
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$6.63/gal (gasoline) \$6.36/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$35,625
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Coop
Water System	Circ
Wastewater System	Vacuum
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	No
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Selawik High School	20-49
Selawik City Office	10-19
Selawik Police Dept	10-19
US Fish & Wildlife Service	10-19
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	6

### SCHOOLS

Davis-Ramoth School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	264
Year Built	1975



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE



# Shungnak Issingnak

Shungnak, on the west bank of the Kobuk River, was originally located 10 miles further upstream at Kobuk until river erosion and flooding forced the village to relocate. Issingnak is the Iñupiat word for jade, which is found throughout the neighboring hills. Shungnak is an Iñupiat village where subsistence is an important part of the economy.



### DEMOGRAPHICS AND SOCIOECONOMICS

Year Incorporated	1967
Community Type	2nd Class City
Federally Recognized Tribe	Native Village of Shungnak
Population (2018)	274
Median Age (2013-2017)	22.5
Percent Alaska Native/ American Indian alone or in combination (2013-2017)	80%
Average Household Size (2013-2017)	5.09
Fuel Retail Cost (2019)	\$8.50/gal (gasoline) \$8.50/gal (heating oil)
Median Household Income (2013-2017)	\$39,688
Denali Commission Distressed Community (2018)	Yes

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Utility	Alaska Village Electric Coop
Water System	Circ
Wastewater System	Gravity
Landfill Class	III
Road Access	No
Air Access	Gravel airport
Runway 1	4,001 ft x 60 ft
Dock/Port	Yes
Barge Access	Seasonal

### EMPLOYMENT

Top Employers	Employees
Northwest Arctic Borough School District	10-19
Shungnak School	10-19
Shungnak Native Store	5-9
Shungnak Clinic	5-9
Shungnak City Office	5-9
Number of Active Business Licenses (2019)	4

### SCHOOLS

Shungnak School:	
Grades	Pre K-12
Enrollment	61
Year Built	1976



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