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To: Chair and Member of the Board

From: Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Specialist

Re: Overview of Population and License Count Chart

Staff presents overview of the population and license count chart publicly posted on the AMCO website under a link to 'Other Alcohol Resources' and found at this page:

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/OtherAlcoholResources.aspx>

**Overview of AS 04.11.400 (governing statute)**

**AS 04.11.400 Population limitations.** This statute outlines population limitations for the issuance of licenses (new and transfer) and lists the license type exceptions to this rule.

1. no more than one restaurant or eating place license for each 1,500 population or fraction of that population
2. no more than one brewery retail, one winery retail, and one distillery retail license for each 9,000 population or fraction of that population
3. no more than one license of each of the following types (see list below) for each 3,000 population or fraction of that population

License types falling within the 3,000 limit:

Retail: beverage dispensary, club, package store, pub, theater, sporting activity or event, fair, golf, brewery retail, winery retail, distillery retail,

License types exempt from population limits:

Manufacturer: brewery, winery, or distillery manufacturer

Wholesale: general and limited wholesale

Retail: outdoor recreation lodge; destination resort, beverage dispensary tourism, seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism, manufacturer direct shipment

Permit: conditional contractor's

Defacto excluded from population limitation is the retail type common carrier dispensary license (vessel, airplane, railroad). These are located at: Alaska Waters, Alaska Skies, and Alaska Railroad and not in any area described under AS 04.11.400.

## **Relevant Regulations**

**3 AAC 305.040. When licenses become available.** Except as provided in 3 AAC 305.100, if the board receives an application at a time when there are no available licenses of the type specified in the application, the board will deny the application. In this chapter, a license becomes available

(1) on the date the director determines the relevant population under 3 AAC 305.900 where the license becomes available because of an increase in the population during the preceding year;

(2) 30 days after a notice of expiration has been sent to a licensee due to non-renewal of the license and not later than April 15 where the license becomes available based upon the count of the relevant population;

(3) on the conclusion of all appeals of the denial of renewal, revocation, or on waiver of appeal by the licensee, whichever is later, where the license becomes available because of the denial or revocation of another license and the license is available based upon the count of the relevant population; or

(4) on the date determined by the board or the director in any other case.

**3 AAC 305.900. Determining population criteria.** (a) The board will use population figures generated by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to establish a population figure for determining the quota of licenses available under AS 04.11.400(a)(2). The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development figures will be adjusted, however, in the following respects:

(1) prison populations will be excluded;

(2) populations of colleges and universities will be discounted by the number of students who, according to best available information, are domiciled outside of the applicable population area;

(3) populations of military bases and installations will be discounted by the number of military personnel and their families who, according to best available information, are domiciled outside of the applicable population area.

(b) The population of incorporated cities and unified municipalities will be determined annually by the director, within a reasonable time after the figures generated by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development are made available to the director.

(c) If figures of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development are not available to the director by July 31 of any year, the director shall employ the best available information to establish the population figures under AS 04.11.400(m) to determine the quota of available licenses not later than August 31.

## **Attachments:**

Population and License Count Chart

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Population as of July 2024- Updated 2/25/2025  
Licenses Allowed- Updated 2/25/2025 and 4/16/2025  
Actual License Counts- Updated 2/25/2025  
3 AAC 305.900

DCCED July 2024 pop. Data Inmates 7.2.2024 License counts from AK-ACCIS		Not all communities allow for all license types. Check with the local community			ACTUAL NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED* (Not all license types limited by population are listed. Not all communities are listed. Contact AMCO for license types not listed before you apply)										
		1 per/3000	1 per/1500	1 per/9000	License Types										
				Number of Brewery/Winery/ Distillery Retail licenses allowed	Beverage Dispensary (AS 04.09.200)	Package Store (AS 04.09.230)	Club (AS 04.09.220)	Fair (AS 04.09.290)	Golf Course (AS 04.09.300)	Destination Resort (AS 04.09.310)	Rest. / Eating Place (AS 04.09.210)	Sporting Act. / Event (AS 04.09.270)	Brewery Retail (AS 04.09.320)	Winery Retail (AS 04.09.330)	Distillery Retail (AS 04.09.340)
Local Governing Body	Net Population Prison Population Removed	Number of licenses allowed that are <u>not</u> REPL	Number of REPL licenses allowed												
Aleutians East Borough	38	1	1	1		1									
Akutan	1,594	1	2	1	1										
Cold Bay	56	1	1	1	1	1									
False Pass - local option (PS only)	379	1	1	1		0									
King Cove	866	1	1	1	1	1									
Sand Point	605	1	1	1		1					1				
Anchorage, Municipality of	289,572	97	194	33	117	95*	19		1		121*	1*	7*	3*	0*
Bristol Bay Borough	777	1	1	1	5	4					1				
Denali Borough	1,381	1	1	1	5	6			1		3				
Anderson	232	1	1	1	1										
Fairbanks North Star Borough	63,685	22	43	8	23	24	2		2		12*		0*	2	0*
Fairbanks	31,002	11	21	4	40	16	5				22		2	1	0*
North Pole	2,404	1	2	1	2	3	1				1				
Haines Borough	2,537	1	5+	1	3	4	1	0*			3		1	0*	1
Juneau, City and Borough	31,336	11	30+	4	20	16	4			1	22		4	1	2*
Kenai Peninsula Borough	40,193	14	27	5	19	29	5		2		16*		3*	1*	
Homer	5,648	2	20+	1	9	8	2				15		1*	0*	

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Kachemak	677	1	1	1	1									1	
Kenai	7,118	3	5	1	5	5	3		1		3				
Seldovia	242	1	1	1	1	2					1				
Seward	2,113	1	2	1	7	4	1				13				
Soldotna	4,552	2	26†	1	4	3	1		1		5*		0*	0*	
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	5,397	2	4	1	4	5				1	2				
Ketchikan	7,610	3	6	1	15	11	4			1	6		1*	1*	0*
Saxman	362	1	1	1	1	1					1				
Kodiak Island Borough	6,707	3	5	1	2	2	1								
Kodiak	5,288	2	4	1	11	4	2				4		1	0*	
Lake and Peninsula Borough	808	1	1	1	3	2									
Egegik	29	1	1	1		1									
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	96,758	33	65	11	31	32	4		1		20*		3*	2*	0*
Houston	2,214	1	2	1	1	1					1				
Palmer	5,908	2	4	1	5	3	1	0*	1		5		1*	0*	1
Wasilla	9,617	4	35 †	2	7	7	3				16*		1		
North Slope Borough	3,090	2	3	1											
Kaktovik	246	1	1	1											

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Northwest Arctic Borough	838	1	1	1											
Kotzebue (local option community)	2,863	1	2	1		1									
Petersburg Borough	3,379	2	3	1	3	4	2				2				
Sitka, City and Borough	8,063	3	6	1	8	5	3				8		1	1	0*
Skagway, Municipality of	1,123	1	1	1	2	2	2				6		0*		1*
Wrangell, City and Borough	2,030	1	2	1	3	5	1		1						
Yakutat, City and Borough	637	1	1	1	2	2									
Cities in unorganized boroughs															
Adak	67	1	1	1	1	1					0*				
Bethel (local option only allows REPL)	5,887	2	4	1						2					
Bettles	17	1	1	1	1	1									
Coffman Cove	209	1	1	1	1	1									
Cordova	2,506	1	2	1	4	4	1			2		1			
Craig	972	1	1	1	2	3	1			1					
Delta Junction	977	1	1	1	2	2	1			1			0*		
Dillingham	2,086	1	2	1	2	2				1					
Galena	454	1	1	1	1	1									

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Gustavus	659	1	1	1	1	1					2				
Hoonah	835	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		1		
McGrath	264	1	1	1	1	2									
Nenana	381	1	1	1	1	2					1				
Nome	3,327	2	3	1	5	4	2				3				
Pelican	89	1	1	1	1	1					1				
Ruby	137	1	1	1		1									
St. George	42	1	1	1		1									
St. Paul	375	1	1	1	1	1									
Tenakee Springs	123	1	1	1		1									
Thorne Bay	497	1	1	1	1	1									
Unalaska	4,120	2	3	1	2	2					2				
Valdez	3,793	2	16 †	1	2	2	2				7		2		
Whittier	263	1	1	1	1	1					3				

Note: Since the 2017 population count was published, staff has reviewed the census data for students and military personnel. In accordance with the Census Bureau "Residence Rule" ([https://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/resid\\_rules/resid\\_rules.html](https://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/resid_rules/resid_rules.html)), students and military personnel are counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time. Thus these populations are counted by the Census in the appropriate population areas and no populations of students or military personnel need be discounted per 3 AAC 305.900(a)(3)

† this community was approved by the ABC board for additional Restaurant or Eating Place licenses in accordance with AS 04.11.405

\* pending applications in process

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February 25, 2025	Updated Population/ Allowed Licenses/
Date	Actual License Counts and Posted
April 16, 2025	Updated Allowed REPL's (Homer & Juneau)
Date	

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