

WELCOME TO THE 49TH STATE

Alaska is so large that it's sometimes hard to get our heads around it. Here are a few examples to help:

If you put a map of Alaska over a map of the lower 48 states, Alaska would stretch east to west from Savannah, Georgia, to Los Angeles, and south to north from the Texas Panhandle to the top of North Dakota.

A flight between Juneau, our capital, and Anchorage, our largest city, is 1.5 hours. That's roughly the same time as it takes to fly from Denver to Los Angeles (or from Chicago to New York).

The state is divided into five regions:

INTERIOR

The Interior Region is a quintessentially Alaska landscape, bounded by high mountain ranges (it's home to Denali) and crisscrossed by glorious river vistas.

Hub communities: Fairbanks, Tok

ARCTIC

Alaska's far north features the country's only Arctic ecosystem; northern lights dance above the snowy tundra in winter, while birds and caribou graze during the long summer days.

Hub communities: Nome, Kotzebue, Utqiagvik (Barrow)

SOUTHWEST

Southwest Alaska's islands, river deltas, and mountains teem with fish and wildlife.

Hub communities: Kodiak, Bethel, Dillingham

INSIDE PASSAGE

The Inside Passage in the Southeast is home to breathtaking temperate rainforests, protected waterways, and glaciers reaching into deep coastal fjords.

Hub communities: Ketchikan, Juneau

SOUTHCENTRAL

Southcentral Alaska is home to vividly diverse wilderness landscapes — from beaches to mountaintops to fjords — as well as half the state's population.

Hub community: Anchorage

