

## Am I Rural? – Report

Report produced by the Rural Health Information Hub on 06/15/25.

### Location

**Report Address:**

Ketchikan, AK \*

**Latitude:** 55.34209

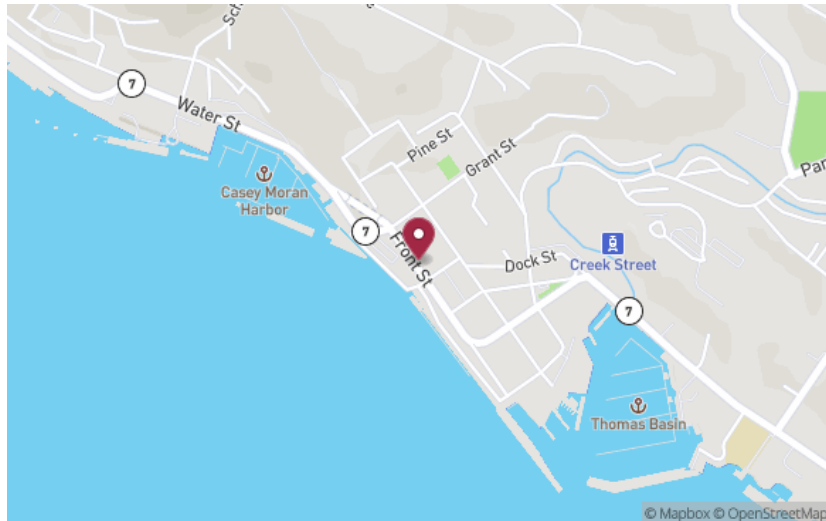
**Longitude:** -131.64781

**Census Tract:**

02130000300 (2010 & 2020)

**County:**

Ketchikan Gateway Borough, AK



\* Report is for a specific point in Ketchikan, AK. Results may not be the same for all points in Ketchikan, AK.

# Common Rural Definitions

## How Your Location is Defined

### Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs), 2023

Data Source: [2023 TIGER/Line](https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html) (<https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html>), U.S. Census Bureau

- CBSA Type: Micropolitan
- CBSA Name: Ketchikan, AK Micro Area
- CBSA ID: 28540

### Urban Areas, 2020

Data Source: [2023 TIGER/Line](https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html) (<https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html>), U.S. Census Bureau

Located within an Urban Area.

- Urban Area Name: Ketchikan, AK Urban Area
- UA Number: 44668

### Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) defined rural areas

Data Source: List provided by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy - updated 11/21/2024

Ketchikan Gateway Borough, AK has been designated by FORHP as rural.

### Frontier and Remote Area (FAR) 2010

Data Source: [Frontier and Remote Area Codes, Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes>).

*Note: FAR levels are based on 2010 ZIP codes, which may be different than what the location currently uses*

For a full list of FAR ZIP codes, see: [Frontier and Remote Area Codes, Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes>).

### Rural Urban Commuting Areas (RUCAs) by 2010 census tract

Data Source: [Rural-Urban Commuting Area Codes, Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes>).

- RUCA Code: 4.0
- Primary Description: Micropolitan area core: primary flow within an Urban Cluster (UC) of 10,000 through 49,999 (large UC)

### Rural Urban Continuum Codes (RUCCs) 2023

Data Source: [Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes) (<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes>).

RUCCs are assigned at the county level.

Information for Ketchikan Gateway Borough

- RUCC Code: 7
- RUCC Description: Nonmetro - Urban population of 5,000 to 20,000, not adjacent to a metro area

## How Your Location is Defined

### Urban Influence Codes (UICs) 2024

Data Source: [Economic Research Service](https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/urban-influence-codes)  
(<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/urban-influence-codes>)

Information for Ketchikan Gateway Borough

- Urban Influence Code: 7
- UIC Description: Micropolitan, not adjacent to a metro area

### Census 2020, Percent Rural

Data Source: [Urban and Rural](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html)  
(<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html>), U.S. Census Bureau

Information for Ketchikan Gateway Borough

- Percent of County Population that is Rural: 14.15

## Program Eligibility

The information provided by this service addresses only the rural aspect of a program's requirements. Your *Am I Rural?* report is not a guarantee of your rural status. Please check with the program contacts directly to verify your eligibility for specific federal programs.

### Program

### Rural?

**CMS - Rural Health Clinics (RHC) Program**

**YES**

[CMS interim guidance](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-12-rhc.pdf)  
(<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-12-rhc.pdf>) considers a location to meet the rural location requirement for the RHC program if it is outside of an urbanized area in the 2010 Census Bureau data OR if it is outside of an urban area in the 2020 Census Bureau data.

- This location is outside of 2010 Urbanized Areas

## Shortage Designations

Area Type		Details
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)	YES	<b>Name:</b> Southern Southeast Alaska <b>ID:</b> 1021342764 <b>Type:</b> Geographic HPSA <b>Score:</b> 13 <b>Date of Designation:</b> March 24, 2022 <b>Last Update:</b> March 24, 2022
Dental Care HPSA	YES	<b>Name:</b> Southern Southeast Alaska <b>ID:</b> 6028651369 <b>Type:</b> Geographic HPSA <b>Score:</b> 10 <b>Date of Designation:</b> April 15, 2022 <b>Last Update:</b> April 15, 2022
Mental Health HPSA	YES	<b>Name:</b> Southern Southeast Alaska <b>ID:</b> 7023339606 <b>Type:</b> High Needs Geographic HPSA <b>Score:</b> 18 <b>Date of Designation:</b> April 29, 2011 <b>Last Update:</b> May 28, 2025
Medically Underserved Area/Population	YES	<b>Name:</b> Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Area <b>ID:</b> 06181 <b>Type:</b> Medically Underserved Area <b>Score:</b> 60.4000015 <b>Date of Designation:</b> February 8, 2001 <b>Last Update:</b> February 8, 2001

For data sources and definitions, see the [Rural Classifications \(https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural/help#classification\)](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural/help#classification) help section.