

Am I Rural? – Report

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Location

Report Address:

Southeast Alaska, United States *

Latitude: 57.58

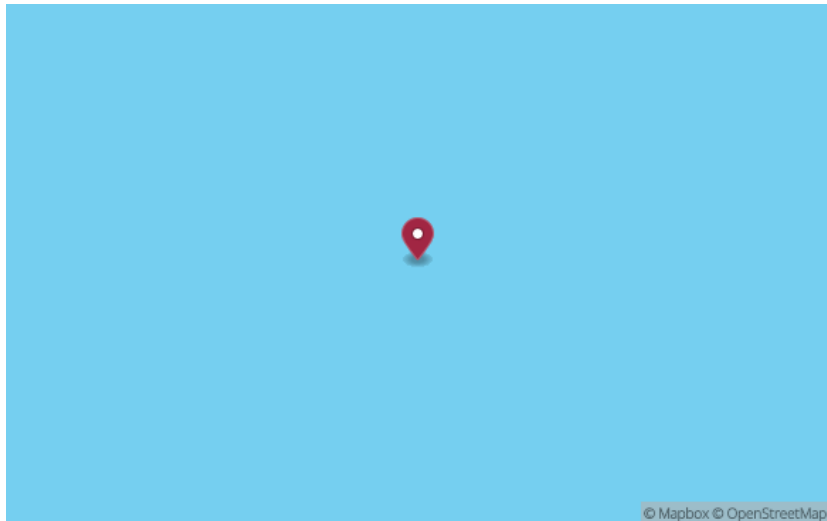
Longitude: -135.48721

Census Tract:

02220000100 (2010 & 2020)

County:

Sitka City and Borough, AK



* Report is for a specific point in Southeast Alaska, United States. Results may not be the same for all points in Southeast Alaska, United States.

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

Nonmetropolitan - not located in a metropolitan or micropolitan area.

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

Not located in an Urban Area.

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

Sitka City and 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

ZIP code (2010): 99835

- FAR Level: 3
- FAR Description: Areas where the majority of the population lives 60 minutes or more from Urbanized Areas (50,000 or more population); and 45 minutes or more from Urban Clusters (25,000-49,999 population); and 30 minutes or more from Urban Clusters (10,000-24,999 population). Note: Urbanized Areas and Urban Clusters are defined by the U.S. Census Bureau prior to the 2020 Census.

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>).

How Your Location is Defined

Rural Urban Commuting Areas (RUCAs) by 2020 census tract

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

- RUCA Code: 7.0
- Primary Description: Small town core: primary commuting flow is within an urban area of 9,999 or fewer people (small town UA)

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 Sitka City and Borough

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

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 Sitka City and Borough

- Urban Influence Code: 8
- UIC Description: Noncore, not adjacent to a metro area and contains a town of at least 5,000 residents

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 Sitka City and Borough

- Percent of County Population that is Rural: 9.34

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	<p><u>CMS interim guidance</u> (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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This location is outside of 2010 Urbanized Areas• Also, this location is outside of 2020 Urban Areas

Shortage Designations

Area Type		Details
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)	YES	Name: ME - Sitka Borough ID: 1021565234 Type: HPSA Population Population: Medicaid Eligible Population HPSA Score: 15 Date of Designation: February 18, 2022 Last Update: February 18, 2022
Dental Care HPSA	YES	Name: Southern Southeast Alaska ID: 6028651369 Type: Geographic HPSA Score: 10 Date of Designation: April 15, 2022 Last Update: April 15, 2022
Mental Health HPSA	YES	Name: ME - Sitka Borough ID: 7027861614 Type: HPSA Population Population: Medicaid Eligible Population HPSA Score: 11 Date of Designation: December 20, 2021 Last Update: December 20, 2021
Medically Underserved Area/Population	NO	

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.