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New Faith Communities Planting Opportunity Profile

Wasilla, Alaska



Why Live in Wasilla, Alaska?

With a city population of about 10,000, Wasilla serves as the primary hub of the Matanuska–Susitna Valley, a region of 100,000+ residents and the fastest-growing area in Alaska. Wasilla has grown from a small railroad town into a family-oriented community with strong local identity, outdoor recreation, and a pace of life that appeals to long-term residents.

Located roughly 45 miles north of Anchorage, Wasilla offers access to major employment, healthcare, and transportation while maintaining a suburban and semi-rural feel. Residents value space, stability, and close-knit community life, with mountains, lakes, and year-round outdoor activities shaping everyday living.

Quality of Life



Access to Mountains, Lakes, and Open Space



Year-Round Outdoor Recreation
(Hiking, Fishing, Winter Sports)



Strong Family and Community-Oriented Lifestyle



Proximity to Anchorage Amenities
Without Urban Density

Cost of Living

Housing costs near national average.

Daily cost of living above national average.

Household incomes near national average.

No state or local income tax.

Wasilla is known for its strong community ties, family-friendly living, and access to the outdoor lifestyle that defines the Matanuska–Susitna Valley.

Why is this an ideal location for church planting?

- ✓ Strong population concentration by Alaska standards
- ✓ Lower church saturation per capita than Anchorage
- ✓ Leans towards family-centered values
- ✓ Sustained regional population growth in the valley
- ✓ Stable, family-oriented culture with openness to organized religion
- ✓ Small GMC Bible Study already meeting in Wasilla