



THE GREATER SITKA
chamber
OF COMMERCE

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Welcome Prospective Residents

Thank you for your interest in relocating to Sitka, Alaska. We understand that moving can be very daunting so we've developed this packet to give you an overview of the Sitka community. We hope it helps you make the decision to move to our community.

If you can visit our website at www.sitkachamber.com you'll find links to much more information about living and working here in Sitka than we can provide you with on paper. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact us here at the Sitka Chamber of Commerce. We'll be happy to call you and answer any specific questions you have. You can reach us at 907-747-8604 or ed@sitkachamber.com.

Hope to see you soon!

Population in 2015: 9,328. Population change since 2000: +2.1%

Males: 4,624 Females: 4,396 Median age: 40

Marital status: Married: 42% Married with kids: 31%

Single: 9% Single parents: 18%

Estimated median household income in 2015: \$83,044 (it was \$51,901 in 2000)

Estimated per capita income in 2015: \$32,345 (it was \$23,622 in 2000)

Median gross rent in 2015: \$1,158

Zip code: 99835 Area code: 907

Weather

Sitka has a mild, humid, temperate climate with warm summers and no dry season. The area within 25 miles Sitka is covered by oceans and seas (40%), tundra (29%), forests (16%), grasslands (9%), and shrub lands (6%).

Over the course of a year, the temperature typically varies from 31°F to 62°F and is rarely below 21°F or above 68°F. Average rainfall is 88 inches. Average snowfall is 33 inches; with rain likely in 81% of days in October and 62% of days in June.

Sunlight The shortest day in Sitka is December 21 with 6:42 hours of daylight. The longest day is June 20 with 17:55 hours of daylight.



Transportation & Shipping

Sitka is on a large, isolated island and is only accessible by plane or boat. We have to fly or ferry to reach even our closest neighbors in Southeast Alaska. Getting your household goods here will also require air, ferry or barge shipment.

Air

Airport FacilitiesRocky Gutierrez Airport

Major Air Carriers.....Alaska Airlines
www.alaskaair.com

Delta Airlines (summer only)
www.delta.com

Local Air CarriersHarris Air
www.harrisair.com

Alaska Seaplanes
www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com

Air Sitka at Fly In Fish Inn
www.flyinfishinn.com



Water

Harbors: Sitka has the largest small boat harbor in Alaska, including: Eliason, Thomsen, ANB, Crescent, and Sealing Cove Harbors. Harbor Master: 747-3439

Permanent slips: 1,315. Permanent moorage rate: \$2.99foot/month. *Seasonal moorage available.*

Marine Passenger and Auto Ferry Service: Alaska Marine Highway System, www.ferryalaska.com. The ferry dock is 6 miles from downtown.



Shipping

Parcel Service.....US Postal Service, www.usps.com 800-275-8777.

UPS, www.ups.com 800-742-5877

Federal Express, www.fedex.com 800-463-3339

Air Freight Service.....Alaska Air Cargo, www.alaskaair.com 800-225-2752

Alaska Central Express, www.aceaircargo.com 888-722-0232

Marine Freight ServiceAlaska Marine Lines/Lynden, www.lynden.com 800-326-8346

Samson Tug and Barge, www.samsontug.com 800-331-3522

Real Estate & Housing

All our local realtors sell residential and commercial property and manage rentals.

Baranof Realty	747-5636	www.baranofrealty.com
Davis Realty	747-1032	www.davisrealtysitka.com
Sitka Realty	747-8922	www.sitkarealty.com



2015 Properties for Sale (From Multiple Listing Service)

Single Family/		
Single Family	Average price	\$413,834
with Apt. (6)	Median price	\$380,000
Condo/Townhome	Average price	\$184,250
(7)	Median price	\$184,250
Mobile w/lot	Average price	\$165,000
(1)	Median price	\$165,000
Homes sold in 2014	47

2015 Fair Market Rent for Sitka, HUD Data

Efficiency.....	\$807
1-bedroom.....	\$856
2-bedroom.....	\$1,058
3-bedroom.....	\$1,613
4-bedroom.....	\$1,672

2015 Property Pricing data for Sitka

Typical residential lot size	9,000 square feet
Residential lot price	\$9 - \$19/sq. ft.
Commercial lot price.....	\$10 - \$32/sq. ft.
Industrial lot price	\$3.50 - \$7/sq/ ft.

ACCRA Cost of Living Index – 126% average in Sitka. US average – 100%
Cheap for Paradise!

Schools & Training

Sitka School District

Phone: 747-8622

www.sitkaschools.org

Baranof Elementary School (K-1)

Phone: 747-5825

Keet Goshi Heen Elementary School (2-5)

Phone: 747-8395

Blatchley Middle School (6-8)

Phone: 747-8672

Sitka High School (9-12)

Phone: 747-3263

www.sitkaschools.org/domain/11

Pacific High School (Alternative)

www.sitkaschools.org/pacific

Phone: 747-7732

Home School Support/Correspondence

www.sitkaschools.org/reach

Phone: 747-7514

Sitka Native Education Program

(Tutoring & Cultural Programs)

www.snep99835.tripod.com

Phone: 747-8561

Community Schools

(Recreational & Other Programs)

www.sitkaschools.org/domain/14

Phone 747-8670

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

(State boarding school)

www.mehs.us

Phone: 966-2201

Sitka Seventh-Day Adventist School

www.sitka22.adventistchurchconnect.org

Phone: 966-2661

Post Secondary Education

University of Alaska Southeast, Sitka Campus

Phone: 747-6653

www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka

One of three branches of UAS, Sitka offers several associate degrees, certificates, bachelor's degrees and creative programs.

UAS Continuing Education

Phone: 747-7701

Personal & professional development courses.

Adult Basic Education (at UAS)

(Tutoring and GED prep)

Phone: 747-7717

Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA)

Safety training for commercial fishermen and recreational boaters

www.amsea.org

Phone: 747-3287



Places of Worship

Assembly of God
Phone 747-5848

Calvary Chapel
Phone: 747-5454

Church of Christ
747-5859

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints**
Phone: 747-8991

Church of the Nazarene
Phone: 747-8115

Eagle Quest Ministries
Phone: 747-4903

First Baptist Church
Phone: 747-8684

First Presbyterian Church
Phone: 747-3356

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Phone: 747-6938

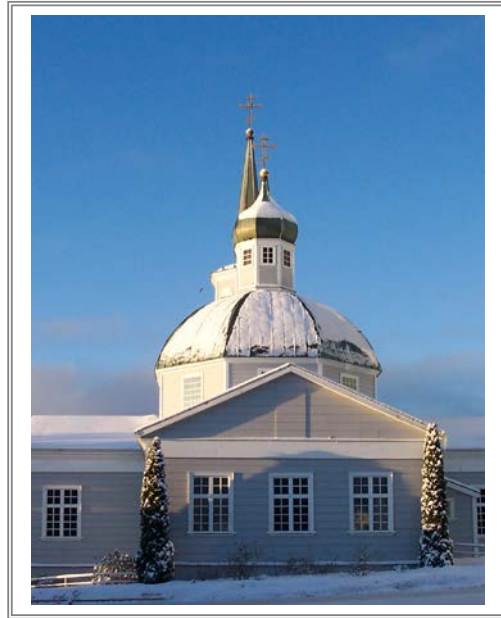
Jehovah's Witnesses
Phone: 747-3373

New Testament Light House
Phone: 747-4903

Quaker Worship
Phone: 747-5039

Salvation Army
Phone: 747-3358

St. Gregory's Catholic Church
Phone: 747-8371



**St. Michael's of the Archangel of God
Orthodox Cathedral**
Phone: 747-8120

St. Peter's by the Sea—Episcopal Church
Phone: 747-3977

Seventh Day Adventist
Phone: 747-8855

Sitka Christian Center
Phone: 747-6771

Sitka Jewish Community
Phone: 747-3243

Trinity Baptist Church
Phone: 747-5706

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall
Phone: 747-3363

United Methodist Church
Phone: 747-8775

United Pentecostal Church
Phone: 747-8940

Hospitals / Clinics / Therapists

Accupuncture & Oriental Medicine	Phone: 747-6915
Mountainside Family Healthcare	Phone: 747-1722
Neurobehavioral Consultants	Phone: 747-3743
Oceanside Therapy Center	Phone: 747-1490
Sitka Community Hospital	Phone: 747-3241
Sitka Community Hospital Home Health Agency	Phone: 747-1750
Sitka Medical Center	Phone: 747-5861
Sitka Physical Therapy	Phone: 747-4559
Sitka Public Health	Phone: 747-3255
Sitka Pioneers' Home	Phone: 747-3213
Sitka Counseling & Prevention Services	Phone: 747-3636
South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital	Phone: 966-2411
SEARHC Community Health Services Division	Phone: 966-8710
Southeast Regional Emergency Medical Services	Phone: 747-8005
U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Health Services Division	Phone: 966-5430

Pharmacies

Whites Pharmacy	Phone: 747-5755
Harry Race Pharmacy & Photo	Phone: 747-8006

Chiropractors

Arctic Chiropractic	Phone: 747-2726
Baranof Chiropractic	Phone: 747-8502

Dentists

Ross Marley DMD LLC	Phone: 747-6050
SEARHC Dental Clinic	Phone: 966-2411
Sitka Dental Clinic	Phone: 747-3203

Optometrists

Sitka Vision Clinic	Phone: 747-6644
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Fitness Centers

Hames Wellness Center	Phone: 747-5080
Yoga Union	Phone: 623-7022



Financial Services

BANKS

First Bank	747-6636	www.firstbankak.com
First National Bank Alaska	747-7000	www.FNBAalaska.com
Northrim Bank	747-8688	www.northrim.com
Wells Fargo Bank	747-3226	www.wellsfargo.com

CREDIT UNIONS

Alps Federal Credit Union	747-6261	www.alpsfcu.org
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INVESTMENT SERVICES

Edward Jones	747-1001	www.edwardjones.com
Waddell & Reed	966-2803	www.waddell.com
Pioneer Capital Management	747-8393	

INSURANCE

Southeastern Title Agency Title Insurance, Escrow	747-3278	
Stedman Insurance Agency Business, Personal, Life, Health	747-8618	www.stedmanins.com
State Farm Insurance Auto, Home, Business, Life, Health	747-5801	www.statefarm.com
Venneberg Insurance Inc. Business – Property & Casualty, Marine and Personal	747-8625	www.venneberginsurance.com



Did you know..... Sitka has the largest incorporated city limits in the United States, spanning a land area of approximately 2,874 miles, with over 300 miles of coastline? Approximately 90% of the land is in the Tongass National Forest.

Public Safety

Number of Full Time Police Officers.....16
 Number of Full Time Fire Personnel.....9
 Number of Fire, EMS, SAR, Dive Volunteer..... .105
 ISO Fire Insurance Rating.....4
 Average annual number of 911 calls.....2,494
 Average response to working fire...10-15 firefighters
 Other law enforcement in the area.....Alaska State Troopers



Sitka has been designated by the National Weather Service as a Tsunami-ready community.

Emergency Contacts

Fire Department (Information/business) Phone: 747-3233 Fax: 747-7450	209 Lake Street, Sitka, Alaska Emergency 911
Police Department (Information/Business) Phone: 747-3245 Fax: 747-1075	304 Lake Street, Sitka, Alaska Emergency 911
Sitka Community Hospital Phone: 747-3241	209 Moller Drive, Sitka, Alaska
South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) 222 Tongass Drive, Sitka, Alaska Phone 966-2411	
United States Coast Guard (Emergency)	Phone: 966-2411 or 1-800-478-5555
Crisis Line Agency (24 hour line)	Phone: 747-6511 or 1-800-478-6511
Poison Information Center	Phone: 1-800-478-3193



Alaska Public Safety Training Academy

Sitka is the home of US Coast Guard Air Station Sitka , the US Coast Guard Cutter Maple and the Alaska Public Safety Training Academy.

Health & Social Services Agencies / Media

Alaska Office of Children Services	747-2802
Alaska Division of Public Assistance	747-8234 or 1-800-478-8234
Alaska Legal Services Corporation	1-800-789-6426
Alcoholics Anonymous	747-8866
Brave Heart Volunteers	747-4600
Center for Community	747-6960
Community RIDE Public Bus System	747-7103
Raven's Way (Youth treatment)	966-8714
Salvation Army	747-3358
SASSY Program (Seniors & Sitka Sound Youth)	747-8670
Sitka Cancer Survivors Group	747-5844
Sitka Counseling and Prevention Services Inc.	747-3636
Sitka Tribe of Alaska Social Services	747-2669
Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL)	747-6859
Swan Lake Senior Center	747-8617
Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV)	747-3370



News & Media

Daily Sitka Sentinel	747-3219	www.sitkasentinel.com
Sitka's, locally owned daily newspaper for 75 years		
KCAW Raven Radio	747-5877	www.kcaw.org
Community supported public radio		
KIFW/KSCT	747-6626	www.sitkaradio.com
Commercial radio		
KSCT-TV	747-8200	
Broadcasting all the local news and events		

Youth Services and Recreation

Babies and Books www.facebook.com	747-8708
Baranof Barracudas Swim Team www.teamunify.com	
Big Brothers Big Sisters www.bbbsak.org	747-3500
Community Schools www.sitkaschools.org/Domain/14	747-8670
Girls Scouts of America www.girlscoutsalaska.org	1-800-478-8247
Kenwa Kai Karate of Sitka www.sitkakarate.org	747-5928
Sitka Little League www.eteamz.com/Sitka	747-3257
Sitka Fine Arts Camp http://www.fineartscamp.org/	747-3085
Sitka Studio of Dance www.thinkartthinksitka.com	966-2557
Sitka Trail Works http://www.sitkatrailworks.org/	747-7244
Sitka Youth Soccer Club www.alaskayouthsoccer.org	747-7504
Youth Advocates of Sitka www.sitkayouth.org	747-3687

Community & Recreation Facilities

Ball fields	9
Campgrounds	2
Children’s Playgrounds..	4
City & State Parks.....	4
Libraries	1
Museums	5
RV Parks	3
Swimming Pools	1
Trails	14
Wellness Center	1



The Sea Walk from downtown to Totem Park

Did you know that... .

Sitka was the capital of Russian America from 1799 until 1867 when Alaska was transferred from Russia to the United States? Sitka served as the capital of the Alaska Territory until 1906 when the seat of government was transferred to Juneau.

Getting Around & Staying in Sitka

The main road extends only 16 miles from one end of town to another, and we have only two stop lights. We like it that way. If you move here, and feel the need to drive long distances, you'll have to "get off the rock" once in a while.

If you're coming for a visit, to check out the town before moving, here are some resources for your stay.

Car Rentals

Avis, www.avisalaska.com 907-866-2404

North Star Rent-a-Car, www.northstarrentacar.com 800-722-6927

Taxis

Hank's Cab, www.facebook.com/HanksCab.com 907-747-8888

Baranof Taxi, 907-747-4722

Sitka Cabs, 907-747-5001

Lodging

Cascade Inn, www.cascadeinnsitka.com 800-532-0908

Eagle Bay Inn. www.sitkaseaglebayinn.com 907-623-9973

Fly In Fish Inn, www.flyinfishinn.com 907-747-7910

Super 8 Motel, www.super8.com 907-747-8804

Totem Square Hotel & Marina, www.totemsquarehotel.com 866-300-1353

Westmark Sitka Hotel, www.westmarkhotels.com 844-247-1613

Sitka also has numerous lodges, B&Bs, Vacation Rentals, RV parks and an International Hostel. For more information, visit the Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau as www.sitka.org

