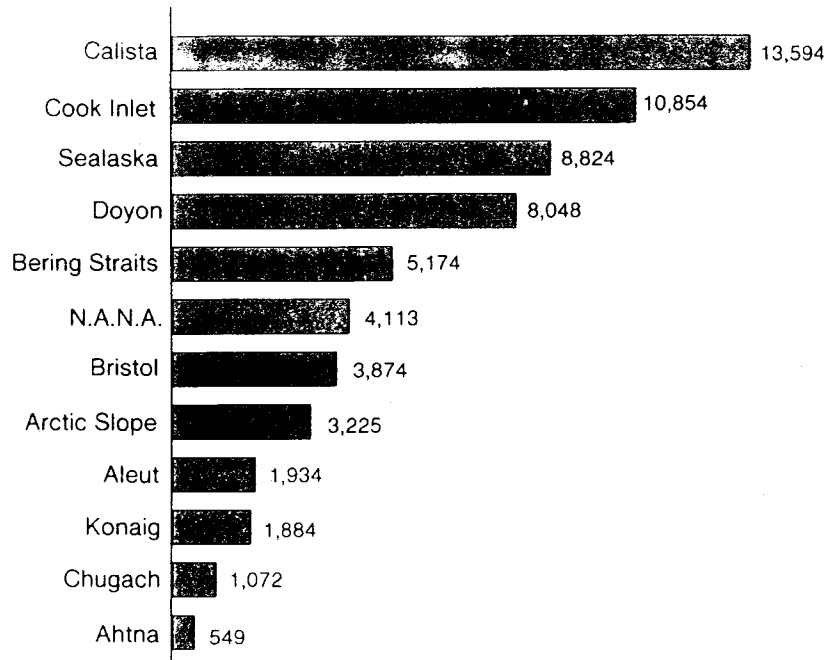


After 1971, all of Alaska (except the Annette Islands Reserve) was divided into 12 geographically defined Alaska Native Regional Corporations. An Alaska Native Regional Corporation is a corporate entity organized to conduct business for profit. The boundaries of these regions have been legally established.

- In 1980, the largest number of Alaska Natives lived in the Calista Regional Corporation (13,594 persons) and the smallest number lived in Ahtna (549 persons).
- Of the 12 Regional Corporations in Alaska, Calista had the highest concentration of Alaska Natives at 87 percent of the total population. Cook Inlet had the second largest number of Alaska Natives (10,854); however, this group comprised only a small share (5 percent) of the overall population in the corporation's area.

Figure 25. Alaska Natives in Alaska Native Regional Corporations: 1980



In a State that was, on average, much younger than the national average, Alaska Natives were younger still.

- Almost half (47 percent) of Alaska Natives were under 20 years of age, compared with 36 percent of Alaska's total population.
- Forty-seven percent of Alaska Natives and 59 percent of the State's population were 20 to 59 years old.
- Seven percent of Alaska Natives and 5 percent of Alaska's total population were 60 years old or older.
- The median age of Alaska Natives was 21.4 years, compared with 26.1 years for the total State population.

Figure 26. Percent Distribution of Alaska Natives in Alaska, by Age: 1980

