

Census figures show 40 percent gain since 1980

Preliminary census figures for Alaska have been released by the Census Bureau, which indicate that Alaska had a greater gain in population since 1980 than what was estimated last year.

The 1990 post census review population figure for Alaska is 545,774, according to the Census Bureau. This represents an increase of 3.56 percent, or 18,774 people over the 1989 estimate.

The 1990 preliminary figure indicates 40 percent growth in population from the 1980 census, considerably higher than the 31.1 percent increase estimated last year.

According to Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, Alaska is still first in the per capita expenditure of federal dollars, even taking into consideration the 40 percent increase in population.