

New estimates show population dips to 531,000

The Alaska Department of Labor has released new population estimates for 1988, showing a current population estimate of 531,000 for last year and a prediction that population losses will not continue through this year.

Alaska's population grew to a high of 547,600 in 1986, according to the department, but fell to 537,800 in 1987 and 531,000 in 1988.

From July 1, 1987 to July 1, 1988, Alaska gained 9,400 people through natural increase — 11,451 births and 2,057 deaths. Alaska had a net loss of 16,200 people through migration — 50,100 people left Alaska while only 33,900 people moved to Alaska.