

Location

Sitka is located on the west coast of Baranof Island in Southeast Alaska. The City and Borough of Sitka encompasses 4,811.5 square miles, making it the largest incorporated area in the United States.

Latitude: 57° 10' N Longitude: 135° 15' W
 Elevation: Sea Level
 Time Zone: Alaska Standard Time *(PST -1 hour)*

Distance in air miles from nearby metropolitan cities:
 Juneau, Alaska 93 (30 mins. flight time)
 Anchorage, Alaska 593 (3.25 hrs. flight time)
 Seattle, Washington 846 (2.5 hrs. flight time)

Daily jet service via Alaska Airlines.

Climate

Sitka is located within the Tongass National Forest, the largest temperate rainforest in the world. The climate is moderated by the Kuroshio (Japan) Current of the Pacific Ocean.

Temperate Maritime Climate

Average high temperature 49.6 °F
 Highest recorded temperature 89 °F in 2003
 Average low temperature 39.9 °F
 Lowest recorded temperature 0 °F in 1971
 Average annual rainfall 86 inches
 Average annual snowfall 39 inches

Population & Demographics

Population	Demographic Profile as of 2009
1985: 8,110	Median Age. 39.3 years
1990: 8,588	Male. 50.2%
1995: 8,868	Female. 49.8%
2000: 8,835	Caucasian. 69%
2005: 8,948	Alaska Native 22%
2009: 8,627	Asian & Pacific Island 5%
	Hispanic or Latino 3%
	African American 1%

(Source: Alaska Department of Labor)

Recreation & Cultural Opportunities

Museums: 5	Movie Theaters: 2
Public Libraries: 1	Swimming Pools: 2
City & State Parks: 7	Golf Courses: 1 nine hole
Trails: 14	Public Auditoriums: 3
Campgrounds: 2	Children's Playgrounds: 7
Ball Fields: 9	Farmers Markets: 6 per year
Restaurants: 17	Major Annual Events: 5



World class musicians and a world class view
Photo by Mishler for the Sitka Summer Music Festival



Anemones - Sitka Sound Science Center

Education

The overall education level of Sitka's citizens is substantially higher than the typical US community with 29.55% of adults having at least a bachelor's degree. The United States national average is 14.96%.

Enrollment	Grade Level 2009/2010	Students	Teachers
	Pre-School thru First Grade	254	14
	2nd thru 5th Grade	418	36
	6th thru 8th Grade	280	23
	9th thru 12th Grade	369	24
	9th thru 12th Grade (alternative)	38	5

Mt. Edgecumbe High School, a state-run boarding school for Alaskans, is located in Sitka. The school has an enrollment of 406 students for the 2009-2010 school year.

University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) Sitka Campus, is an open enrollment, public university that provides post-secondary education. Spring 2010 Semester enrollment is 1,096 (all student types).

Health Care

Hospitals / Acute Care
 Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium . . . 27 beds
 Sitka Community Hospital. 12 beds

Senior Care
 Pioneers' Home. 75 beds
 Sitka Community Hospital. 15 beds

Sitka Public Health Center provides preventative health services, including well child check ups and immunizations, communicable disease testing, adult immunizations, and other services.

Public Safety

Full Time Police Officers	18
Full Time Fire Personnel	8
Fire, EMS, Dive Volunteers.	71
Search & Rescue Volunteers.	65
Other law enforcement. Alaska State Troopers	
ISO Fire Insurance Rating	5
911 calls (total 2009).	3,903
Average response to working fire.	10-15 firefighters

Sitka hosts the Alaska Public Safety Academy and a U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Maple.

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

Local Government

The City and Borough of Sitka is a unified home rule municipality created in 1971. It is governed by a seven member Assembly that includes the Mayor. The Chief Administrative Officer is the Municipal Administrator who serves at the pleasure of the Assembly. The Borough shares governmental responsibilities with the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, a federally recognized Indian tribe.

For more information go to the websites at: www.cityofsitka.com and www.sitkatribel.org



Local & State Taxes

City Sales Tax: 5% Oct.-Mar. / 6% Apr.-Sept.

Property Tax: 6 mills

Property Tax on Vessels
Class and Vessel Size Annual Property Tax
 Class 1: less than 15 feet in length \$ 20
 Class 2: 15 to less than 20 feet in length. \$ 30
 Class 3: 20 to less than 30 feet in length. \$ 50
 Class 4: 30 to less than 50 feet in length. \$100
 Class 5: 50 or more feet in length. \$200

Excise Tax: Cigarettes - 50 mills adjusted annually based on the Anchorage CPI. Tobacco Products - 45% of wholesale price plus \$0.05 per cigarette

Bed Tax. 6%

Fish Tax. \$10 per box of Charter caught fish.

State Taxes

Individual Income Tax. NONE
 State Sales Tax. NONE
 Inheritance Tax. NONE
 Intangible Personal Property Tax. NONE

Corporate Income Tax. 1% to 9.4%
(9.4% is the maximum rate for taxable income \$90,000+)

Estate Tax: *The amount of state tax allowed as a credit on the estate's federal tax return. Taxes are due within 15 months from the decedent's date of death.*

State Motor Fuel Taxes
 gasoline, diesel, and gasohol. \$0.080 per gallon
 aviation gas. \$0.047 per gallon
 jet fuel. \$0.032 per gallon

Utilities

Electricity
 Power Source Hydro-electric / diesel standby
 Supplier City and Borough of Sitka
 Generating Capacity hydro 26 MW / diesel 12 MW
 Peak Load 22 MW
 Reserve Capacity 18 MW

Residential:

Minimum charge \$21.25 per month
 First 200 kWh \$0.1417 per kWh
 201 kWh to 1000 kWh \$0.0801 per kWh
 Over 1000 kWh \$0.0918 per kWh

Commerical, Industrial, Government:

Minimum charge \$21.25 per month
 First 500 kWh \$0.1417 per kWh
 501 kWh to 10,000 kWh \$0.0903 per kWh
 10,001 kWh to 100,000 kWh \$0.0850 per kWh
 Over 100,000 kWh \$0.0750 per kWh

Boat Service:

Minimum charge \$21.25 per month
 First 150 kWh \$0.1417 per kWh
 All additional kWh \$0.0953 per kWh

Water

Source: Blue Lake Reservoir (primary)
 Indian River (back-up)

Supplier. City and Borough of Sitka
 System Capacity. 8 million gallons per day
 Average Consumption. 3.5 million gallons per day
 Storage Capacity. 2.9 million gallons (3 tanks)
 Unmetered water base rate. \$18.25 per unit

Sanitary Sewer

Municipal sewer system. Yes
 Sanitary sewer coverage. 97%
 Daily flow to treatment facility. 1.4 million gallons
 Rate. \$30 per unit

Solid Waste Disposal

Curb-side pick up: once per week
 32 gallon container \$ 25 per month
 90 gallon container \$ 42 per month
 350 gallon container \$170 per month

Harbor system service \$ 38 per month
 Island residential service \$ 19 per month
 Recycling Program. active; five collection centers

Communications

Telephone: local, long distance, cellular, and satellite service available. Fiber optic network completed in 2007.

Internet: Cable modem, DSL, and dial-up connections available. Free wireless internet in downtown core.

Television: Cable and Satellite service available.

Service Providers: GCI, Alaska Communications Systems

Radio Stations:

KCAW 104.7 FM Raven Radio - Public Radio
 KIFW 1230 AM - Commercial Radio
 KSBZ 103.1 FM - Classic Rock, Rock
 KRSA 94.9 FM / 580 AM - Christian Programming
 Satellite radio also available

Newspaper: Daily Sitka Sentinel - published Mon.-Fri.



Transportation

Shipping
 Parcel Service: US Postal Service; UPS; Federal Express; DHL; Airborne Express; Western Parcel Service

Air Freight Service: Alaska Airlines; Northern Air Cargo; Alaska Central Express

Marine Freight Service: Alaska Marine Lines; Northland Services: Samson Tug & Barge

Air

Major Air Carrier: Alaska Airlines
(28 flights per week winter; 45 flights per week summer)
 Deplaning passengers 61,000 (2009)
 Local Air Carriers: L A B Flying Services; Air Sitka; Harris Aviation
 Airport Facility. Rocky Gutierrez Airport
 Runway: 6,500 x 150' paved, lighted, with instrument landing system, 24 hour FAA Flight Service Station and Airplane Rescue & Firefighting Services.

Seaplane Terminal: NW/SE, 4,000' x 200' water runway.

Water

Harbors 5
 Registered Power Boats *(2009 DMV)*. 2,041
 Permanent Slips. 1,347
 Permanent Slip Rate. \$1.90/foot/month
 Transient Slip Rate:

Vessels up to 80 feet \$0.35/foot/day
 81 to 150 feet \$0.60/foot/day
 Over 150 feet \$0.90/foot/day

Seasonal reserved moorage available

Marine Passenger and Auto Ferry Services

Alaska Marine Highway System. weekly schedule
 Ferry Dock six miles from downtown
 Disembarking ferry passengers 18,047 (2008)

Land

No roads connect Sitka to the mainland or to other communities. There are 13.8 miles of paved road in the National Highway System with a max speed of 45 MPH. Registered Vehicles - all types. 9,695 (2009 DMV)
 Passenger Vehicles 4,780
 Pick-up Trucks 2,637
 City Transit System. Community Ride Bus



Financial

Financial Services
 Banks: Wells Fargo, First Bank, Alaska Pacific Bank, First National Bank Alaska
 Credit Union: ALPS Federal Credit Union

Financial Status

Gross Business Sales: \$392,504,630 (2009)
 Payroll (wage & salary) \$152,850,537 (2008)
 (does not include seafood crew earnings)
 Per Capita Income. \$36,696 (2007)

Cost of Living Indicators (December 2009)

Food (Based on one week's average food costs for a family of four)

Sitka \$166.38
 Anchorage, AK. \$123.08
 Portland, OR. \$ 95.52

Gasoline - per gallon

Sitka \$3.15
 Anchorage, AK. \$3.27
 Portland, OR. \$2.60

Heating Oil - #2 diesel per gallon

Sitka \$2.69
 Anchorage, AK. \$2.84
 Portland, OR. \$3.17

Electricity - per 1000 kWh

Sitka \$97.04
 Anchorage, AK. \$140.82
 Portland, OR. \$105.61

(Source: Cooperative Extension Service - Univ. of AK Fairbanks)



Russian Bishop's House built in 1842.

Housing

Housing Market - 2009
 Average price of a single-family home. \$299,406

City & Borough of Sitka Data (2009)

Assessed value for real property. \$960 million
 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.
 Value of construction permits. \$9,614,124
 Dwelling Units Added. 18
 Total Homes Sold (all types) 68
 Vacant Lots Sold 12
(Source: CBS - Building, Property Tax, and Assessing Depts.)

U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Data

2009 Fair Market Rent for Sitka

Efficiency \$780
 1-Bedroom \$899
 2-Bedroom \$1,073
 3-Bedroom \$1,563
 4-Bedroom \$1,883



Sitka Air Station JayHawk crew conducts a training flight.
US Coast Guard photo by AET1 William Greer

Labor & Employment

Sitke Employment by Industry

Total Average Monthly Employment: 4,291 (2008)	
Government	1,180
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	812
Educational & Health Services	758
Leisure & Hospitality	486
Manufacturing	254
Construction	183
Financial Activities:	144
Professional & Business Services.	154
Other Services	192
Information:	45
Unclassified	83

Average Unemployment Rate. 6.87% (2009)

Alaska Minimum Wage. \$7.75 per hour

(2010)(Source: State of Alaska Dept. of Labor)

Major Employers

SE Alaska Rgional Health Consortium (SEARHC)	482
Sitka School District	250
US Coast Guard	209
City and Borough of Sitka	179
Sitka Community Hospital	176
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	154
Hames Corporation	150
Sitka Pioneers' Home	105
University of Alaska Southeast	87
US Forest Service	75
Lakeside Grocery (Alaska Commercial Co.)	75
Westmark Hotels, Inc	50
Alaska Airlines.	48
Sitka Tribe of Alaska Winter 65 / Peak 90	
Sitka Sound Seafoods Winter 50 / Peak 350	
Silver Bay Seafoods Winter 50 / Peak 220	
Seafood Producers Cooperative Winter 25 / Peak 120	

Based on Average monthly employment (full-time, part-time, temporary)



Sawmill Cove Industrial Park available for redevelopment
www.sawmillcove.com