



# Aviation



is critical to carrying out the BLM Alaska mission

Alaska covers 663,300 square miles, but only has an estimated 15,718 miles of public roads. With a landmass equivalent to about one-fifth of the entire contiguous U.S., air travel is the norm and aviation safety is critical when conducting business.

## Largest aviation system in North America

**700**  
Airports

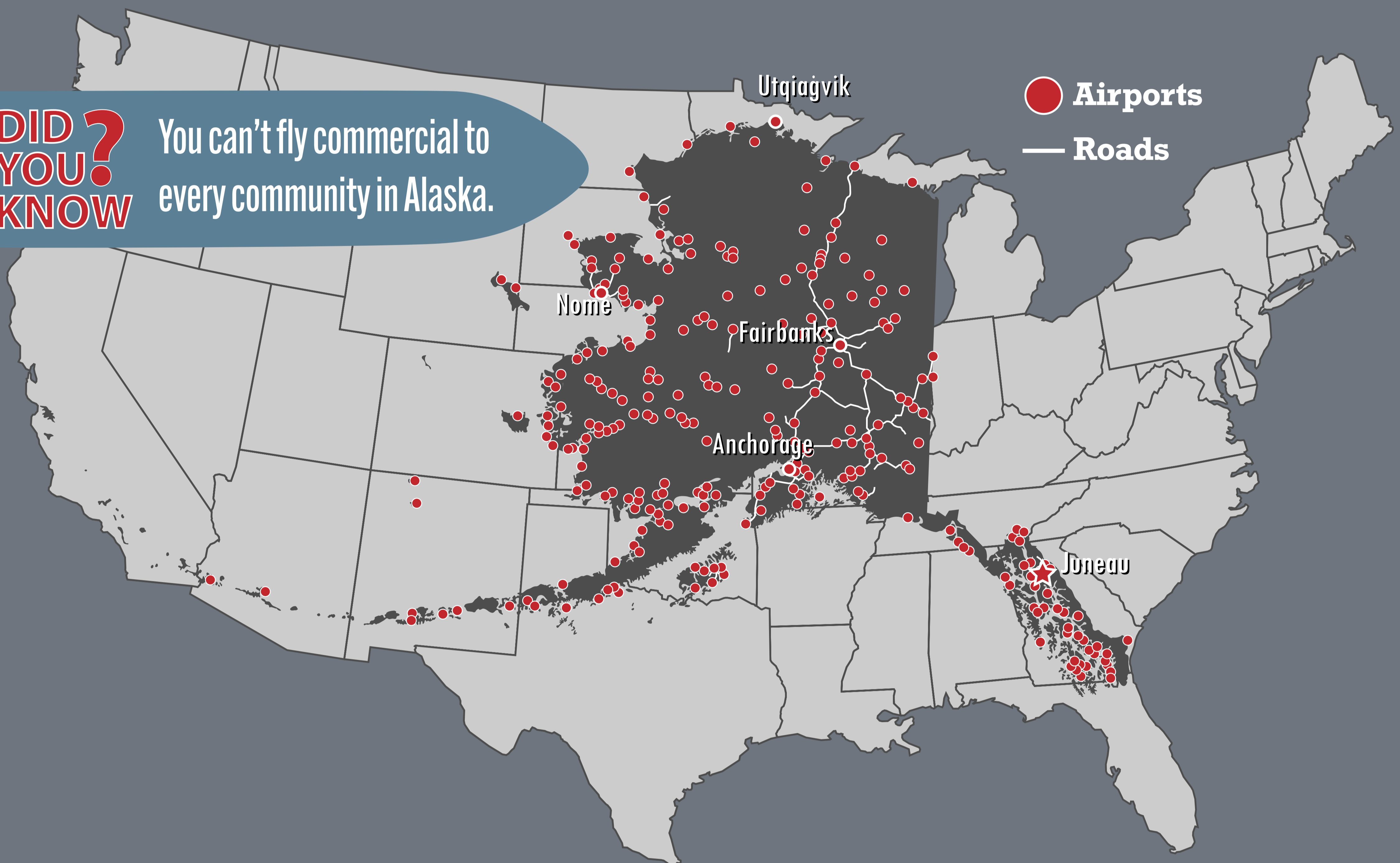


**7,922**  
Active Pilots

**82%**  
of Alaskan communities are located off of the contiguous road system.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can't fly commercial to every community in Alaska.



**6X more pilots**  
per capita compared to rest of the U.S.



**16X more aircraft**  
per capita compared to rest of the U.S.

## BLM Alaska Non-Fire Aviation

Non-fire aviation is in support of Cadastral survey, scientific studies, tribal consultation, mining compliance, oil and gas compliance, projects, law enforcement, and VIP trips.



**3,000**  
aviation flight hours  
annual avg.



**300,000**  
aviation flight miles annual avg.



**\$3 MILLION+**  
aviation related expenditures annual avg.



**Alaska State Office, Cadastral Survey, and Anchorage District**

**Fairbanks District and Arctic District**



**1,800-2,000 hours**  
aviation flight hours annual avg.



**1,000-1,200 hours**  
aviation flight hours annual avg.



**\$2-2.5 MILLION**  
aviation related expenditures annual avg.



**\$1-1.5 MILLION**  
aviation related expenditures annual avg.



**~250 employees**  
directly use or are involved in aviation operations annual avg.



**~100 employees**  
directly use or are involved in aviation operations annual avg.

## Buckle Up and Take Off!

The BLM mission, remote locations, with few roads and lack of commercial options, creates quite the challenge. The BLM contracts aircraft as well as maintains its own fleet of aircraft to transport employees and equipment statewide.

### Planes

Fire Boss 208    Pilatus PC-12  
Casa 212        Cessna 208  
Dornier 228     Quest Kodiak  
Dash-8

### Helicopters

Bell 206, 407, 212    Hughes/MD 500's  
Eurocopter AS350    Robinson R-44 & R-66  
... and more!



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