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Q1: How long have you lived in Alaska?

Less than one year	3
1 to 5 years	21
6 to 10 years	19
11 to 15 years	15
16 to 20 years	14
More than 20 years	27

Q2: What is the top, or main, reason you live in Alaska?

I was born in Alaska 14 My job moved/ transferred me to Alaska 23

I moved to Alaska for a fresh start, to establish my own household/own a home 33

I moved to Alaska to be closer to family/friends that are here 17

Other reason (specify) 13

Q3: In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing Latinos in [Anchorage/Alaska] right now? Select up to three answers.

Domestic violence	6
Health care costs	30
Jobs and the economy	27
Immigration reform	13
Alcohol / drug abuse	17
Rising cost of living / inflation	39
Lack of affordable housing	24
Police brutality / police reform	4
Education / Public school quality	19
Lack of Spanish-language information/resources	25
Discrimination against Latinos and immigrants	18
Climate change / environment	7
Corruption in government	4
Protecting voting rights	6
Crime	9
Transportation needs	9
COVID or long-term COVID effects	2
Something else (specify)	5

Q4: Overall, do you think the quality of life and things generally here in [Anchorage/Alaska] is:

Very good, many things have gotten a lot better in the past few years and continue to improve.	12
Mostly good, some things have gotten better, and mostly moving in the right direction.	33
About the same, nothing really better or worse in the past few years.	33
Mostly bad, some things have gotten worse and mostly off the wrong track.	15
Very bad, many things have gotten worse in the past few years and it is getting worse.	7
TOTAL GOOD 45	
TOTAL BAD 22	



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Q5: Basic living expenses can affect our quality of life. Thinking about your own experience here, how would you describe the COSTS of each of the following here in [Anchorage/Alaska]?

Q5a. Rent or mortgage prices

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	26
Expensive, barely within my budget	47
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	22
Lower than I expected, a good deal	3
Don't know	2
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	73
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	25

Q5b. Health insurance costs

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	30
Expensive, barely within my budget	42
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	21
Lower than I expected, a good deal	3
Don't know	4
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	71
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	24

Q5c. Medical costs (such as office visits or medications)

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	30
Expensive, barely within my budget	44
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	18
Lower than I expected, a good deal	3
Don't know	5
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	74
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	21

Q5d. State and local taxes

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	12
Expensive, barely within my budget	28
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	39
Lower than I expected, a good deal	16
Don't know	5
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	40
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	54



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Q5e. Gas prices

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	21
Expensive, barely within my budget	50
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	25
Lower than I expected, a good deal	3
Don't know	1
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	71
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	28

Q5f. Groceries

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	19
Expensive, barely within my budget	53
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	25
Lower than I expected, a good deal	3
Don't know	1
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	72
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	27

Q5g. Utilities (water, electricity, internet)

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	12
Expensive, barely within my budget	47
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	37
Lower than I expected, a good deal	3
Don't know	1
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	59
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	40

Q5h. Child care costs

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	25
Expensive, barely within my budget	30
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	15
Lower than I expected, a good deal	3
Don't know	27
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	55
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	18

Q5i. Education or college expenses

Extremely expensive, unaffordable	28
Expensive, barely within my budget	35
Reasonable, about what I would expect to pay	18
Lower than I expected, a good deal	4
Don't know	14
TOTAL EXPENSIVE	64
TOTAL NOT EXPENSIVE	23





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Q6: Local factors can also affect our quality of life. Thinking about your own experience here, how would you describe each of the following here in [Anchorage/Alaska]?

Q6a. Quality of local public schools

Excellent	14
Mostly good	54
Mostly bad	18
Terrible	5
Don't know	9
TOTAL GOOD	68
TOTAL BAD	14

Q6b. Transportation / ability to get where you need to go within Alaska

Excellent	8
Mostly good	51
Mostly bad	23
Terrible	9
Don't know	10
TOTAL GOOD	59
TOTAL BAD	18

Q6c. Quality of local medical / health care and facilities

Excellent	14
Mostly good	63
Mostly bad	13
Terrible	5
Don't know	5
TOTAL GOOD	77
TOTAL BAD	10

Q6d. Your local police department / law enforcement agency

Excellent	14
Mostly good	58
Mostly bad	15
Terrible	4
Don't know	8
TOTAL GOOD	73
TOTAL BAD	13

Q6e. Availability of good jobs that pay well and have good benefits

Excellent	11
Mostly good	57
Mostly bad	24
Terrible	4
Don't know	4
TOTAL GOOD	68
TOTAL BAD	8



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Q6f. Rights and protections for women

Excellent	12
Mostly good	55
Mostly bad	15
Terrible	4
Don't know	13
TOTAL GOOD	67
TOTAL BAD	17

Q6g. Rights and protections for Latinos and immigrants

Excellent	7
Mostly good	49
Mostly bad	19
Terrible	8
Don't know	17
TOTAL GOOD	56
TOTAL BAD	26

Q6h. Quality and access of parks and recreational facilities

Excellent	26
Mostly good	55
Mostly bad	11
Terrible	3
Don't know	5
TOTAL GOOD	81
TOTAL BAD	7

Q6i. Services for the elderly

Excellent	8
Mostly good	50
Mostly bad	17
Terrible	4
Don't know	21
TOTAL GOOD	58
TOTAL BAD	25

Q7: Again, thinking about your own experience, how would you describe the following here in [Anchorage/Alaska]?

Q7a. Crime in your community

Serious problem and getting worse	22
Serious problem, not getting better or worse	31
Serious problem, but getting better	20
Not really a problem	26
TOTAL BAD/GETTING WORSE	53
TOTAL GETTING BETTER/NOT A PROB	47



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Q7b. Homelessness in your community

Serious problem and getting worse	40
Serious problem, not getting better or worse	30
Serious problem, but getting better	17
Not really a problem	12
TOTAL BAD/GETTING WORSE	70
TOTAL GETTING BETTER/NOT A PROB	30

Q7c. Discrimination / Racism against immigrants in your community

Serious problem and getting worse	14
Serious problem, not getting better or worse	32
Serious problem, but getting better	20
Not really a problem	34
TOTAL BAD/GETTING WORSE	46
TOTAL GETTING BETTER/NOT A PROB	54

Q7d. Discrimination / Racism against Latinos in your community

Serious problem and getting worse	11
Serious problem, not getting better or worse	27
Serious problem, but getting better	21
Not really a problem	41
TOTAL BAD/GETTING WORSE	38
TOTAL GETTING BETTER/NOT A PROB	62

Q7e. Alcohol, drug, and substance abuse

Serious problem and getting worse	44
Serious problem, not getting better or worse	28
Serious problem, but getting better	18
Not really a problem	10
TOTAL BAD/GETTING WORSE	73
TOTAL GETTING BETTER/NOT A PROB	27

Q7f. Violence against women or domestic violence

Serious problem and getting worse	22
Serious problem, not getting better or worse	31
Serious problem, but getting better	22
Not really a problem	26
TOTAL BAD/GETTING WORSE	52
TOTAL GETTING BETTER/NOT A PROB	48



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Q8: How often do you speak Spanish with friends or family?

Every day	54
A few times a week	16
Maybe once a week	3
Few times per month	8
Only a few times per year	9
Never	10

Q9: Have you, or a family member, ever needed help with translation for any reason (for example: shopping, medical care, legal services, or something else) here in [Anchorage/Alaska]?

Yes	43
No	57

Q10: When it comes to getting local services or assistance of any kind (including medical care, education, public libraries, or emergency services, for example) have you experienced any of the following here in [Anchorage/Alaska]? Select all that apply

Unable to get Spanish language information you or a family member needed. 19

Ignored, or treated unfairly in any way, when you were looking for, or getting local services or assistance.

Concern or worry about causing immigration problems for yourself or a family member when getting local services or assistance.

None of these 61

Q11: How often do you get news from the following sources?

Q11a. National English news sources such as ABC, CBS, CNN, or Fox (including tv, online, social media)

Once a day or more	33
A few times a week	34
A few times a month	11
A few times a year	8
Never	14

Q11b. National Spanish news such as Univision or Telemundo (including tv, online, social media)

Once a day or more	27
A few times a week	27
A few times a month	13
A few times a year	8
Never	25



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Q11c. Local English news sources like local tv stations or newspapers (including tv, online, social media)

Once a day or more	38
A few times a week	34
A few times a month	12
A few times a year	4
Never	12

Q11d. Local Spanish news sources like local tv stations or newspapers (including tv, online, social media)

Once a day or more	22
A few times a week	29
A few times a month	14
A few times a year	7
Never	29

Q11e. Other online news sources such as Yahoo News, or Google News

Once a day or more	29
A few times a week	32
A few times a month	15
A few times a year	4
Never	21

Q11f. Accounts or people you follow on social media such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Twitter, or TikTok

Once a day or more	47
A few times a week	31
A few times a month	7
A few times a year	1
Never	15

Q11g. Radio or podcasts

Once a day or more	21
A few times a week	32
A few times a month	13
A few times a year	10
Never	24

Q12: No matter how you get your information and news (online, tv, etc.) how often do you get news or information in Spanish?

Very often, most or always in Spanish	11
Somewhat often, more Spanish than English	25
Occasionally, more English but some Spanish	31
Rarely or never, mostly or always in English	33



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Q13: Thinking specifically about your local community here in [Anchorage/Alaska], how much do you trust each of the following:

Q13a. Local public schools or school district

Strongly trust	29
Somewhat trust	44
Somewhat distrust	12
Strongly distrust	4
Don't know enough to say	11
TOTAL TRUST	73
TOTAL DISTRUST	16

Q13b. Your local police department

Strongly trust	28
Somewhat trust	41
Somewhat distrust	17
Strongly distrust	6
Don't know enough to say	7
TOTAL TRUST	70
TOTAL DISTRUST	24

Q13c. Nurses, doctors, and other health care providers

Strongly trust	45
Somewhat trust	43
Somewhat distrust	6
Strongly distrust	3
Don't know enough to say	3
TOTAL TRUST	87
TOTAL DISTRUST	9

Q13d. ENLACES Alaska

Strongly trust	16
Somewhat trust	32
Somewhat distrust	9
Strongly distrust	3
Don't know enough to say	41
TOTAL TRUST	47
TOTAL DISTRUST	11

Q13e. [If Anchorage resident] The City of Anchorage agencies or departments

Strongly trust	18
Somewhat trust	47
Somewhat distrust	19
Strongly distrust	6
Don't know enough to say	10
TOTAL TRUST	65
TOTAL DISTRUST	25





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Q13f. The State of Alaska state-level agencies or departments

Strongly trust	20
Somewhat trust	47
Somewhat distrust	18
Strongly distrust	4
Don't know enough to say	11
TOTAL TRUST	67
TOTAL DISTRUST	22

Q13g. Local churches or religious organizations

Strongly trust	31
Somewhat trust	36
Somewhat distrust	14
Strongly distrust	7
Don't know enough to say	13
TOTAL TRUST	67
TOTAL DISTRUST	21

Q13h. The local business community or Chamber of Commerce

Strongly trust	14
Somewhat trust	44
Somewhat distrust	17
Strongly distrust	4
Don't know enough to say	22
TOTAL TRUST	58
TOTAL DISTRUST	21

Q14: Thinking about your own personal situation, how would you say things are going compared to one year ago? Are they getting better, worse, or about the same when it comes to these different issues?

Q14a. You / your family's health

Getting better	26
About the same	57
Getting worse	14
Don't know or Does not apply to me	3

Q14b. You / your family's financial situation

Getting better	27	
About the same	56	
Getting worse	16	
Don't know or Does not apply to me	1	

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Q14c. Dealing with immigration or fixing immigration status

Getting better	13
About the same	40
Getting worse	11
Don't know or Does not apply to me	36

Q14d. Education costs

Getting better	14
About the same	42
Getting worse	23
Don't know or Does not apply to me	21

Q14e. Quality of education where your children attend school

Getting better	29
About the same	51
Getting worse	12
Don't know or Does not apply to me	8

Q15: Thinking back to the election for Congress and other state offices in November 2022, many people told us they were not interested and did not vote, while others said they definitely voted. How about you, would the official voter records here in Alaska show that you voted or not in the November 2022 election?

Yes, I am 100% certain I voted	75
I may have voted, but not certain	8
I am certain that I did not vote	17

Q16: How did you vote in the 2022 election?

In-person, on a machine or paper ballot at a location near me	70
By mail, a ballot was sent to me and I mailed it back	30

Q17: When it comes to voting, which of the following options do you prefer more, and plan to use in future elections?

In-person, on a machine or paper ballot at a location near me	64
By mail, a ballot was sent to me and I mailed it back	36

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Q18: In the last election, Alaska had 'ranked choice' voting. Overall, which statement describes your experience when voting using the new ranked choice ballot?

I completely understand how it works, and I totally understand how votes are counted when I vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places choices.

I mostly understand how it works, have a basic understanding of how votes are counted when I vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places choices.

I do not understand how ranked choice voting works, and don't know how votes are counted when I vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place choices.

Q19: Before the most recent election, did you receive any information from the Alaska elections office, or any other government agency about the vote-by mail process, or about ranked-choice voting? Select all that apply

Yes, got information about vote by mail	67
Yes, got information about ranked choice voting	28
No, did not get information about vote-by-mail or ranked choice voting	20

Q20: During this last election in 2022, were you contacted by any campaign, party, or organizations? This could have been by phone, ads in your email, mail, texts, or in-person. Select all that apply

Yes, I was contacted in English	66
Yes, I was contacted in Spanish	12
No, I was not contacted	29

Q21: How often do you use each of the following?

Q21a, Facebook

Several times a day	50
Once a day or a few times a week	27
Maybe a few times a month	8
Rarely or never	15

Q21b. Instagram

Several times a day	30
Once a day or a few times a week	26
Maybe a few times a month	10
Rarely or never	34

Q21c. TikTok

Several times a day	27
Once a day or a few times a week	18
Maybe a few times a month	9
Rarely or never	45



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Q21d. YouTube

Several times a day	37
Once a day or a few times a week	34
Maybe a few times a month	14
Rarely or never	15

Q21e. Twitter

Several times a day	11
Once a day or a few times a week	21
Maybe a few times a month	10
Rarely or never	58

Q21f. WhatsApp

Several times a day	44
Once a day or a few times a week	17
Maybe a few times a month	7
Rarely or never	32

Q21g. Podcasts

Several times a day	12
Once a day or a few times a week	26
Maybe a few times a month	18
Rarely or never	44

Q21h. TV news

Several times a day	27
Once a day or a few times a week	37
Maybe a few times a month	14
Rarely or never	22

Q21i. Local information websites or apps

Several times a day	24
Once a day or a few times a week	39
Maybe a few times a month	18
Rarely or never	19





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D1: Survey language

English	54
Spanish	46

D2: What is your age?

18 to 29 years	27
30 to 39 years	28
40 to 49 years	21
50 to 59 years	14
60 years or more	11

D3: Which term do you prefer to describe your ethnicity?

Hispanic	66
Latino	24
Latinx	2
No preference	6
Something else	2

D4: Latinos/Hispanics have their roots in many different parts of Latin America. To what country or place in Latin America do you or your family trace your ancestry?

Argentina	1
Bolivia	<1%
Chile	1
Colombia	5
Costa Rica	2
Cuba	2
Dominican Republic	4
Ecuador	1
El Salvador	4
Guatemala	2
Honduras	1
Mexico	55
Nicaragua	1
Panama	1
Paraguay	<1%
Peru	2
Puerto Rico	11
Uruguay	<1%
Venezuela	2
Spain/Spanish	3
Other country	1

D5: Where were you born?

United States (50 states)	54
Puerto Rico	6
Another country	40

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D6: What is your gender?

Male / Man	48	
Female / Woman	52	
I identify in another way	1	

D7: What is the highest level of education you've completed?

Did not complete High School (grade 11 or less)	9
High school graduate or GED	33
Some college, but did not graduate	18
Current college student, but no degree yet	4
2-year Associate's Degree or Technical Certification	10
4-year Bachelor's degree	17
Post-graduate degree	9

D8: What part of Alaska do you live in?

Anchorage	69
Fairbanks North Star	9
Matanuska-Susitna	5
Kenai Peninsula	4
Juneau City	6
Kodiak Island	4
Ketchikan Gateway	1
Sitka City	<1%
Aleutians West	<1%
Aleutians East	<1%
Chugach	<1%
North Slope	1
Southeast Fairbanks	<1%
Hoonah-Angoon	<1%
Bethel	<1%
Petersburg	<1%
Prince of Wales-Hyder	<1%
Northwest Arctic	<1%
Nome	<1%
Wrangell City	<1%
Kusilvak	<1%
Dillingham	<1%
Yukon-Koyukuk	<1%
Bristol Bay	<1%
Copper River	<1%
Haines	<1%
Skagway	<1%
Yakutat City	<1%
Denali	<1%
Lake Peninsula	<1%
Other area	1

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D9: Whether you are a parent or legal guardian, how many children, age 18 or younger, do you have?

None	54
One	22
Two	15
Three	4
Four	3
Five	1
Six or more	1

D10: Do you rent or own the place you live now?

Rent	34
Own	47
Live with someone who rents	7
Live with someone who owns	12

D11: Which statement is true for you?

I live in Alaska year-round.

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I live in another state or place, outside of Alaska, for part of the year/at different times during the year. 9

D12: Which statement is true for you?

I plan to remain in Alaska, I do not want to move to another state or country in the future. 71 I plan to move out of Alaska, I want to move to another state or country in the future. 29

D13: Thinking about your overall views on issues, do you consider yourself to be:

Very conservative	12
Somewhat conservative	16
Moderate	39
Somewhat liberal	15
Very liberal	11
Don't know	6

D14: When it comes to politics, generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be:

Definitely consider myself a Democrat	14
I lean more toward Democrat	19
Independent, neither of the two major parties	36
I lean more toward Republicans	11
Definitely consider myself a Republican	11
Other party	8

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D15: Do you consider your religious affiliation to be:

Catholic	44
Evangelical Christian	5
Christian	18
Another religion	2
Spiritual but not religious	14
No religious affiliation	17

D16: Are you currently:

Married	61
Not married	39

D17: If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

Less than \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to \$29,999	11
\$30,000 to \$39,999	10
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11
\$50,000 to \$59,999	11
\$60,000 to \$69,999	6
\$70,000 to \$79,999	5
\$80,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10
\$150,000 or higher	10
Prefer not to say	11

D18: Where were your parents born?

Both parents born in the United States	51
Both parents born in Puerto Rico	3
Both parents born in another country	25
1 born in U.S. and 1 born elsewhere	21

D19: Thinking about all the people who live in your household, which of the following statements is true?

Everyone in my household is a United States citizen	66
Some are United States citizens and some are not	27
No one in my household is a United States citizen	2
Prefer not to say	5

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D20: Which of the following best describes your current status?

Naturalized citizen of the United States	60
Green card holder / Permanent resident card holder	20
Granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)	1
Visa	4
Something else	2
Prefer not to say	14

D21. Are you currently registered to vote, or like many people, are you not registered?

Registered	75
Not registered	23
Don't know	2

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