

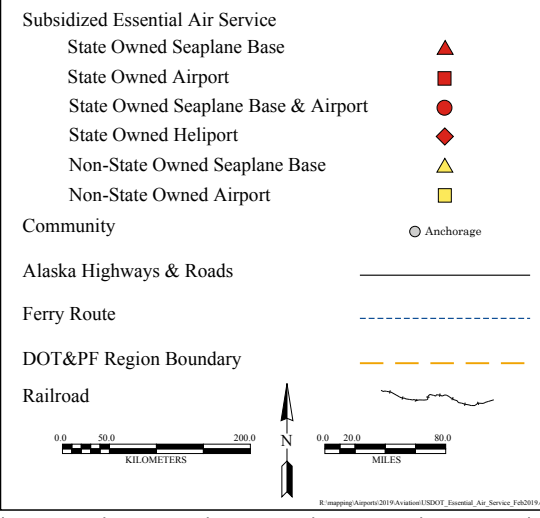
# ALASKA

## U.S. DOT Essential Air Service

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### The Essential Air Service Program in Alaska

The Airline Deregulation Act, passed in 1978, gave airlines almost total freedom to determine which markets to serve domestically and what fares to charge for that service. The Essential Air Service (EAS) program was put into place to guarantee that small communities that were served by certificated air carriers before deregulation maintain a minimal level of scheduled air service. The US DOT (United States Department of Transportation) administers the EAS program to ensure that smaller communities retain a link to the national air transportation system with a Federal subsidy where necessary.

There are currently 59 communities in Alaska that receive subsidized air service under the EAS program, and Little Diomed Island under the Air Transportation to Non-Eligible Places (ATNEP) program.

Alaskan communities receiving EAS subsidies set benchmarks for need and cost effectiveness in the program.

- Alaska Communities receiving EAS are the most remote and isolated in the nation.
- Of the 60 communities that receive subsidized air service, only 6 are connected to the road system.
- Of those 6, only McCarthy, does not have road maintenance in the winter months.
- Of the remaining 5, only one is on a paved road (Gulkana) and that one is over 210 miles from the nearest medium hub airport.
- The remaining 54 communities are completely isolated from the road system and rely on air travel as their primary means of transportation.
- Alaska communities receiving EAS subsidy far exceed the recommendations to qualify as remote communities.
- The average community subsidy in Alaska is \$399,561
- The average EAS subsidy for communities in the rest of the U.S. is \$2,685,264
- The average annual subsidy for the 54 non-jet serviced communities in Alaska is \$243,215
- Air travel in Alaska is not a convenience; it is a critical transportation mode that provides basic day to day necessities and access to health facilities.

### Subsidized Essential Air Service Locator Index

Adak	HH13	Koliganek	M7	West Point	O8
Akhiok	N8	Lake Minchumina	O5	Wrangell	Y8
Akutan	I9	Levelock	M7	Yakatut	V7
Alitak	N8	Manley	P4	Zachar Bay	O8
Amook Bay	O8	Manokotak	L7		
Angoon	X8	May Creek	T6		
Atka	II12	McCarthy	T6		
Central	S4	Minto	Q4		
Chignik	L8	Moser Bay	N8		
Chignik Lake	L8	New Stuyahok	M7		
Chisana	T5	Nikolski	G10		
Circle	S4	Olga Bay	N8		
Clarks Point	L7	Pelican	N8		
Cordova	S6	Perryville	L9		
Diomed	G4	Petersburg	Y8		
Egegik	M7	Pilot Point	M8		
Ekwo	M7	Port Alexander	X8		
Elfin Cove	W7	Port Bailey	O8		
Excursion Inlet	X7	Port Heiden	L8		
False Pass	J9	Port Williams	O7		
Gulkana	S5	Seal Bay	O7		
Gustavus	X7	South Naknek	M7		
Healy Lake	S5	St. George	G8		
Hydaburg	Y9	Tatitlek	R6		
Igiugig	N7	Tenakee	X8		
Kake	Y8	Twin Hills	K7		
King Cove	J9	Uganik	O8		
Kitoi Bay	O7	Ugashik	M8		

