Where to Live Using ArcGIS

THE GOLDEN STATE VS. THE LAST FRONTIER

Group 1

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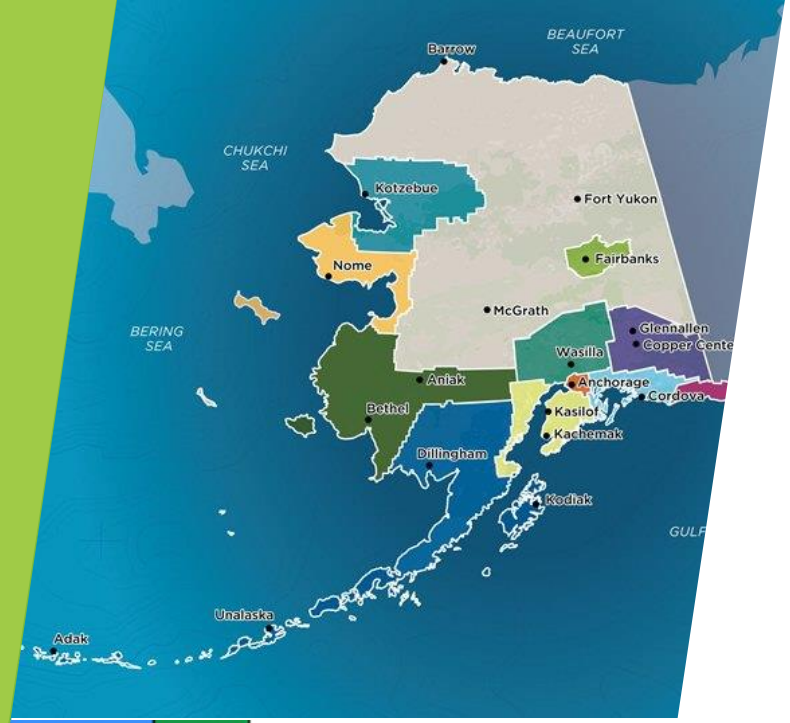
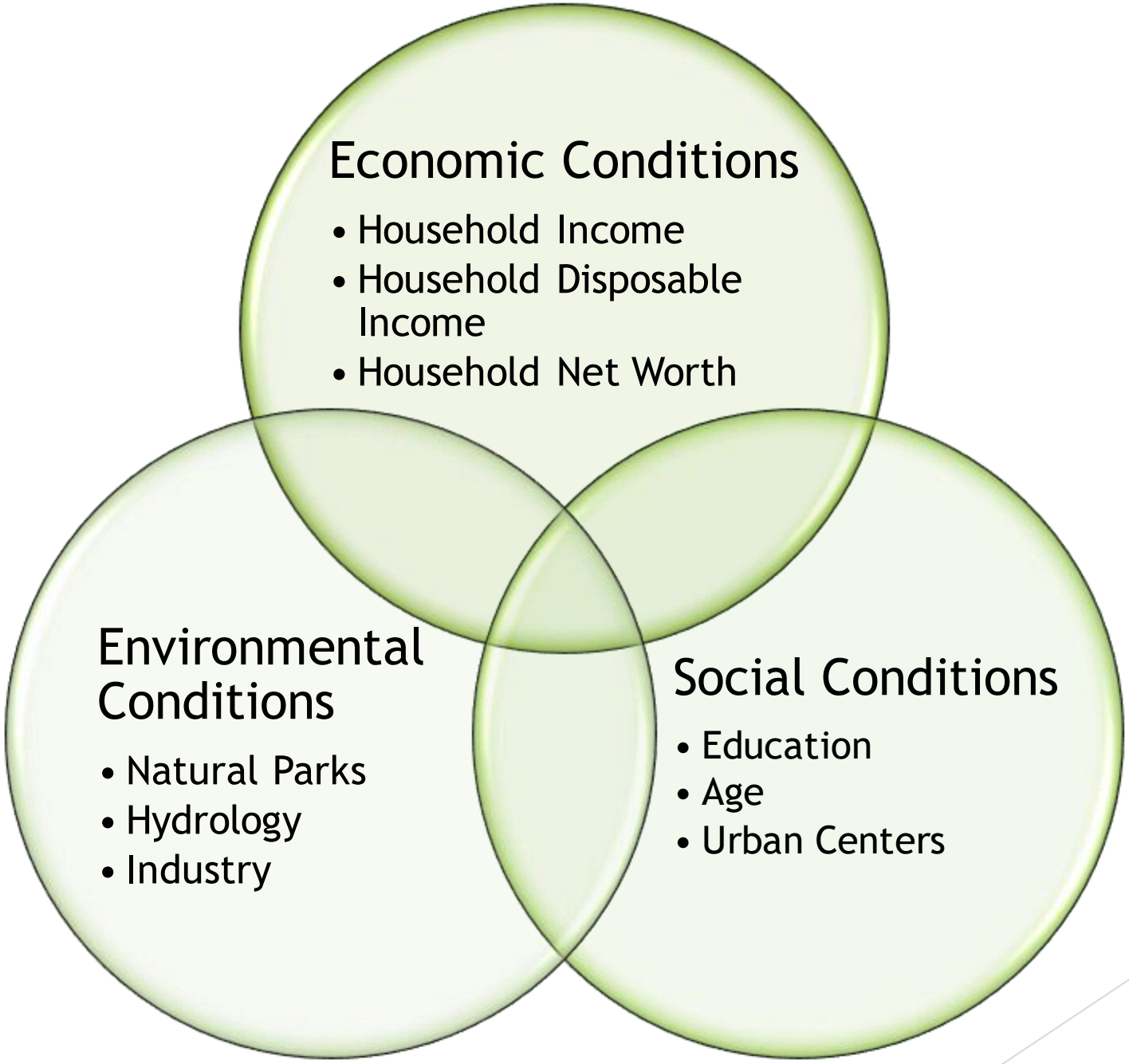
Our Interests

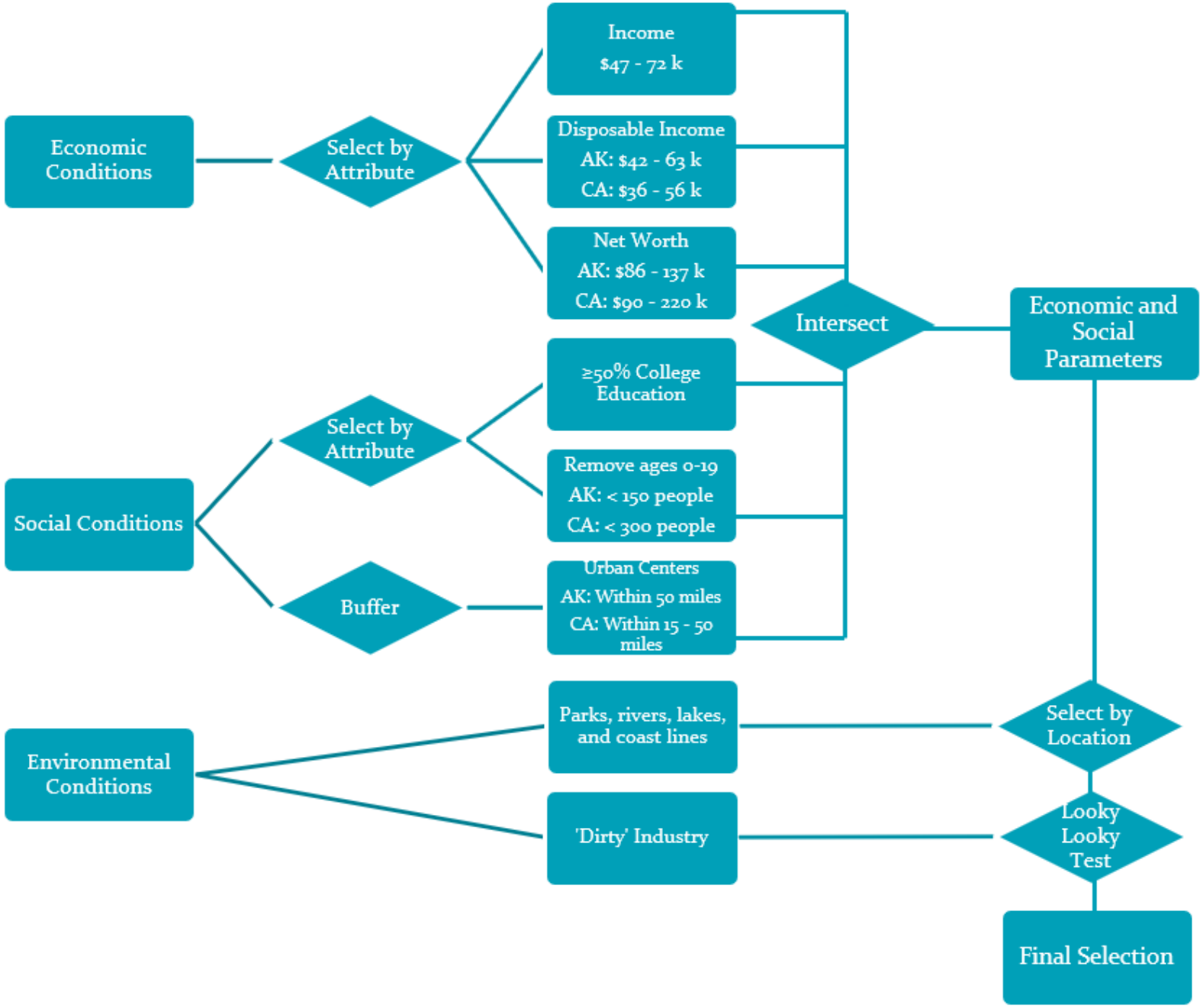
- Something off the beaten path
- Value privacy and natural beauty
- Wanted to be near a body of water



California and Alaska

- Decided to analyze California and Alaska
  - Large states = more land available
  - Expansive state and national parks
  - Long coast lines
  - Interested to assess two states with differing population/social dynamics


Economic Conditions
• Household Income
• Household Disposable Income
• Household Net Worth
Environmental Conditions
• Natural Parks
• Hydrology
• Industry
Social Conditions
• Education
• Age
• Urban Centers


Economic Conditions
Select by Attribute
Income
$47 - 72 k
Disposable Income
AK: $42 - 63 k
CA: $36 - 56 k
Net Worth
AK: $86 - 137 k
CA: $90 - 220 k
Intersect
Economic and Social Parameters
Social Conditions
Select by Attribute
≥50% College Education
Remove ages 0-19
AK: < 150 people
CA: < 300 people
Buffer
Urban Centers
AK: Within 50 miles
CA: Within 15 - 50 miles
Environmental Conditions
Parks, rivers, lakes, and coast lines
'Dirty' Industry
Select by Location
Looky Looky Test
Final Selection

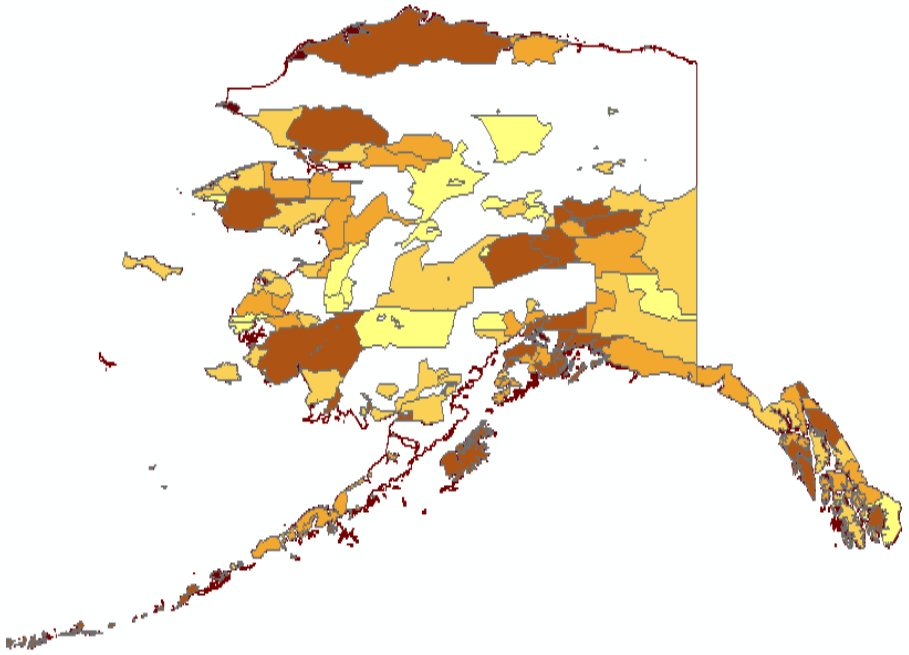
Economic Conditions

Economic parameters differed some between Alaska and California

- Household Income
  - $47,000 to $72,000
- Household disposable Income
  - Alaska: $42,000 to $63,000
  - California: $36,000 to $56,000
- Household net worth
  - Alaska: $86,000 to $137,000
  - California: $90,000 to $220,000

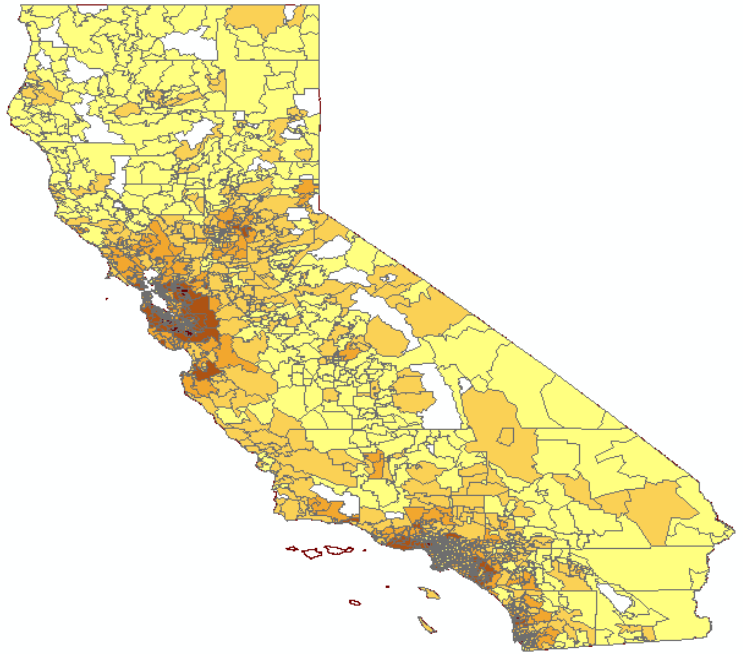
Household Income

Alaska



Household Income AK
INC_MEDIAN
- $11,000 - $33,000
- $33,001 - $46,000
- $46,001 - $58,000
- $58,001 - $79,000
- $79,001 - $126,000

California



Household Income CA
INC_MEDIAN
- $6,000 - $47,000
- $47,001 - $70,000
- $70,001 - $100,000
- $100,001 - $164,000
- $164,001 - $349,000

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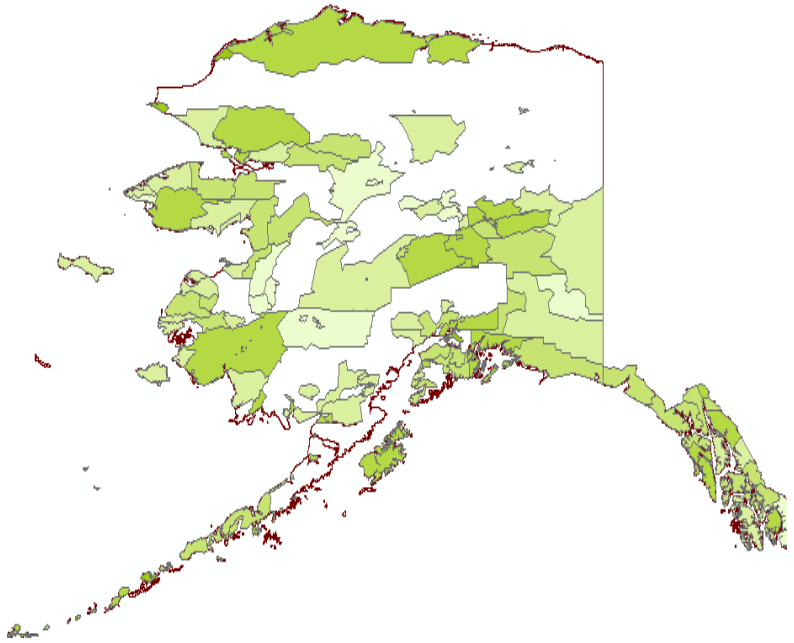
Household Disposable Income

Alaska

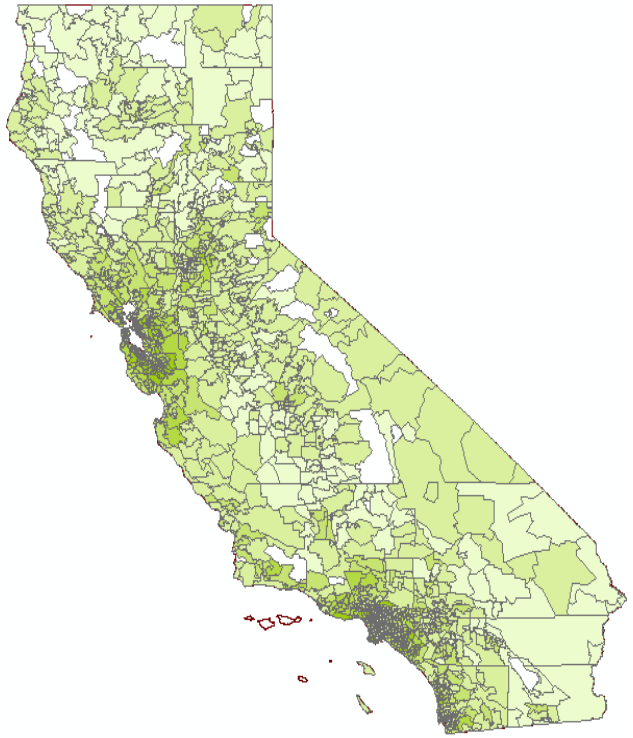


Household Disposable Income AK

DI_MEDIAN

- $12,000 - $27,000
- $27,001 - $37,000
- $37,001 - $47,000
- $47,001 - $62,500
- $62,501 - $95,000

California



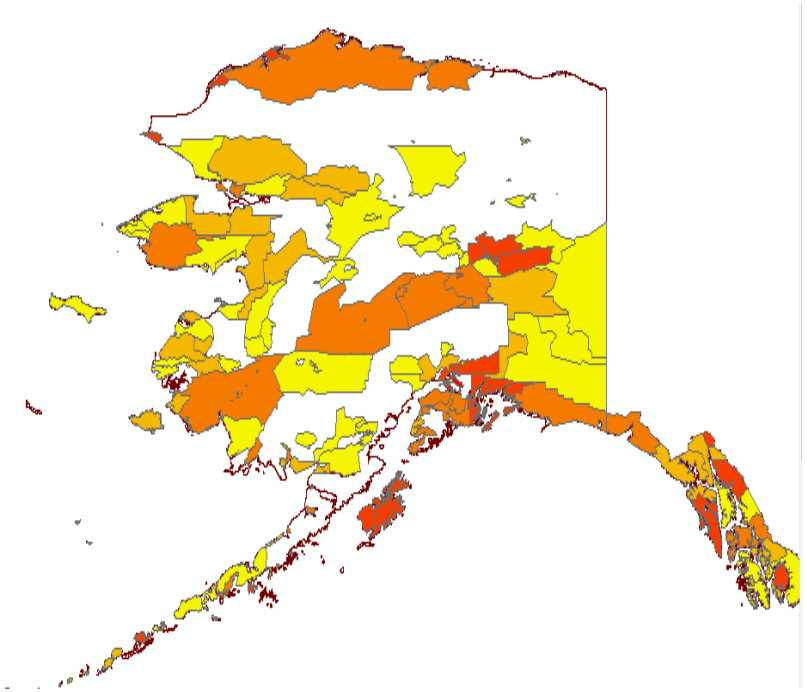
Household Disposable Income CA

DI_MEDIAN

- $7,500 - $34,000
- $34,001 - $48,000
- $48,001 - $67,000
- $67,001 - $98,000
- $98,001 - $200,001

Household Net Worth

Alaska

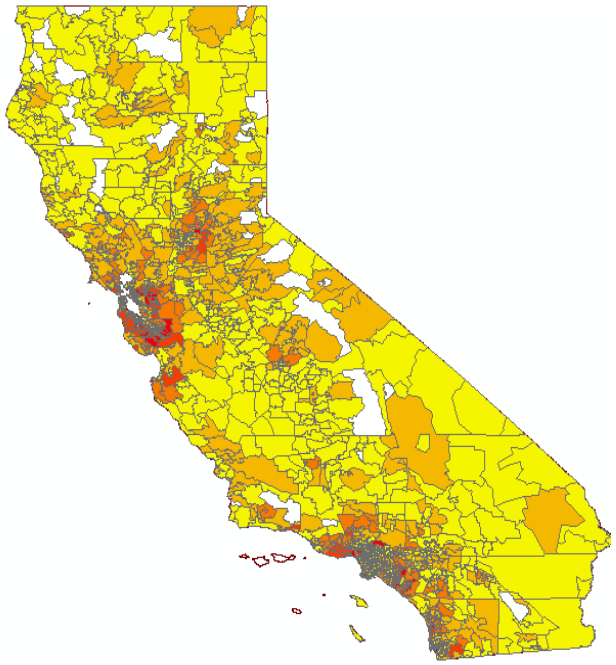


Household Net Worth AK

NW_MEDIAN

- $9,000 - $40,000
- $40,001 - $85,000
- $85,001 - $135,000
- $135,001 - $240,000
- $240,001 - $520,000

California



Household Net Worth CA

NW_MEDIAN

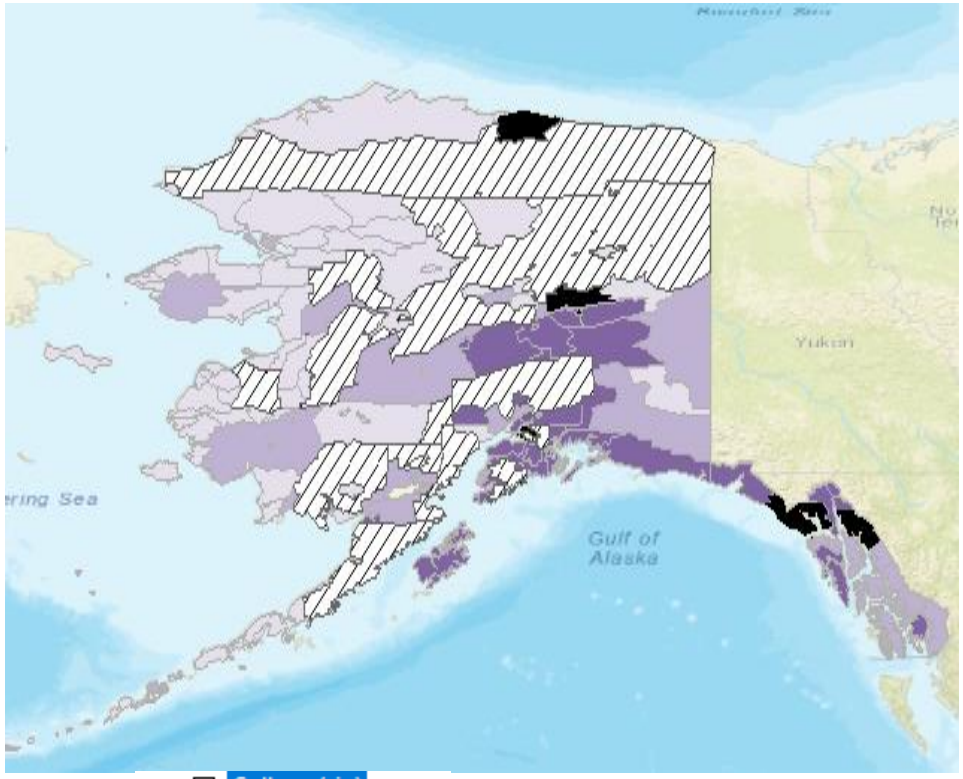
- $7,500 - $90,000
- $90,001 - $225,000
- $225,001 - $445,000
- $445,001 - $765,000
- $765,001 - $1,000,001

Social Conditions

- Education
  - ≥50% college graduates
- Age (fewer than # age 0-19 yo)
  - Alaska: 150 people
  - California: 300 people
- Distance from urban centers
  - Alaska: Within 50 miles
  - California: Between 15 and 50 miles

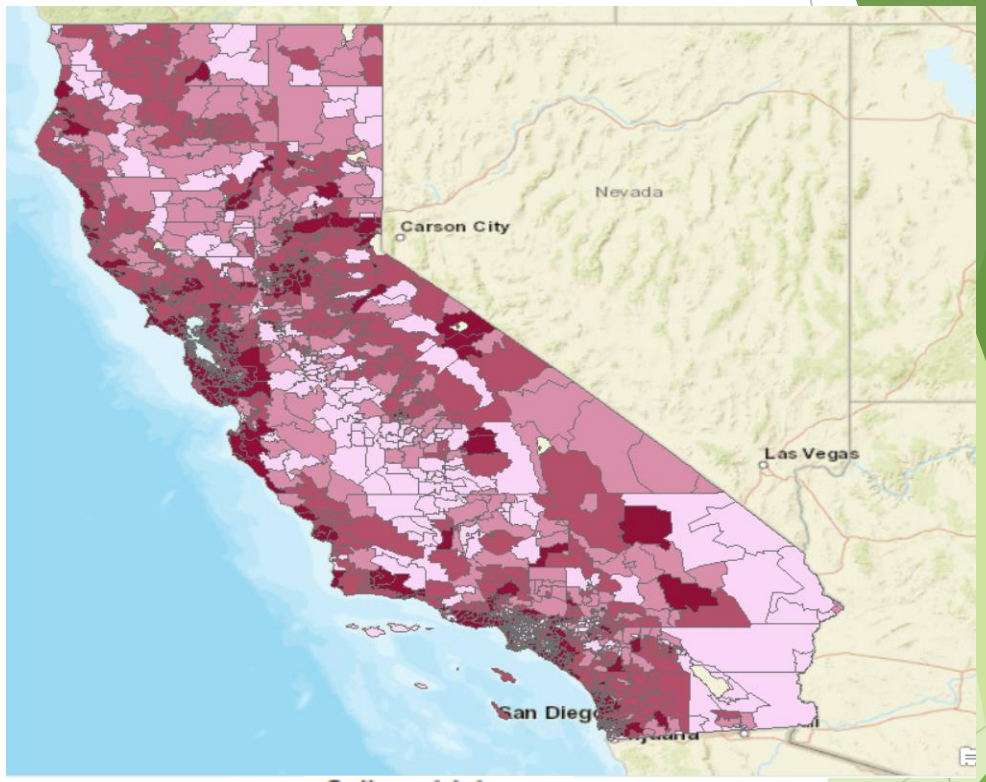
Education Level (College Graduates)

Alaska



College (zip)
- 0.0% - 40.1%
- 40.2% - 52.5%
- 52.6% - 67.8%
- 67.9% - 100.0%
- No data

California



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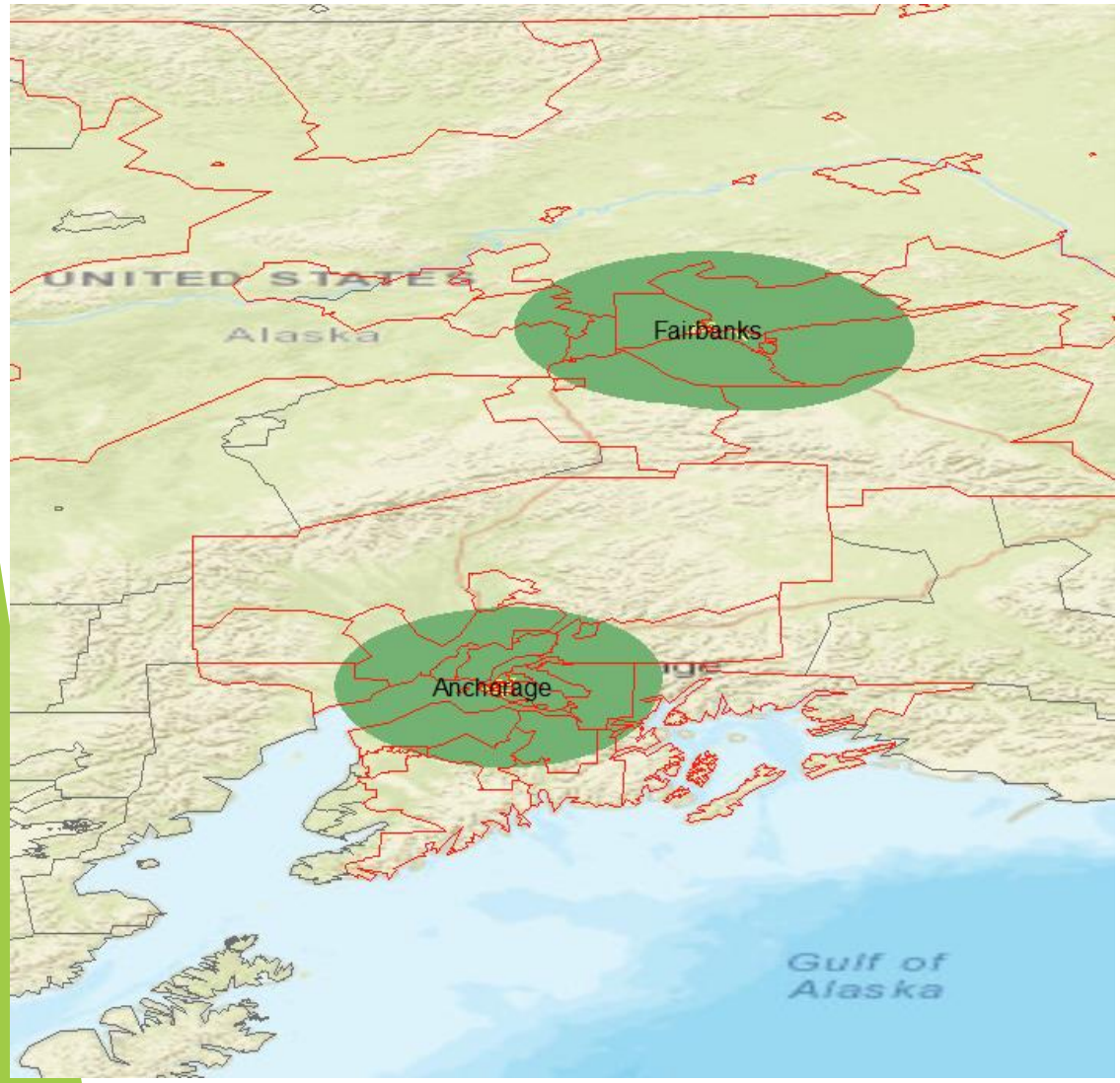
Age Parameters

- Zip code with fewer than 300 people between the ages of 0 and 19

Urban Areas Buffer

Alaska



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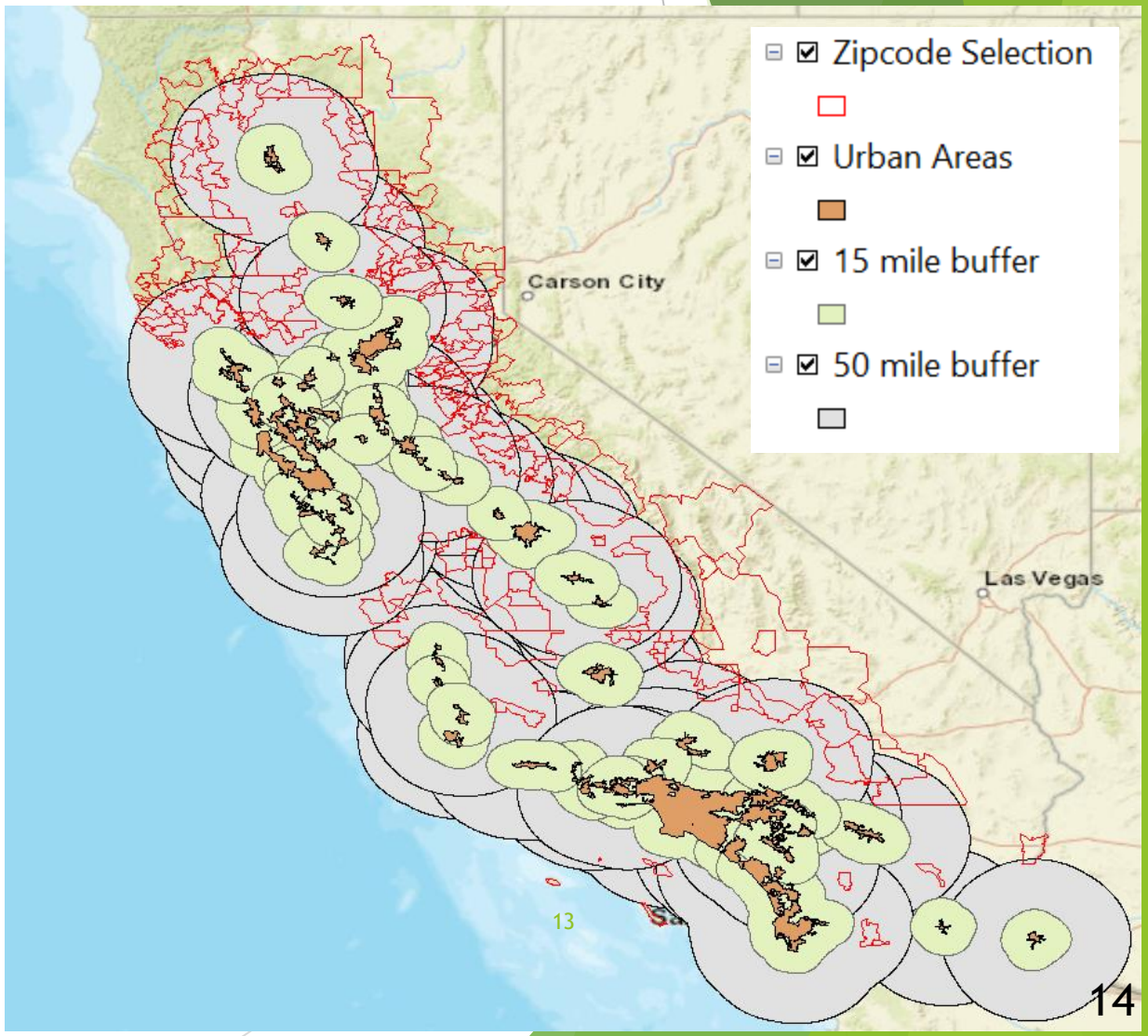
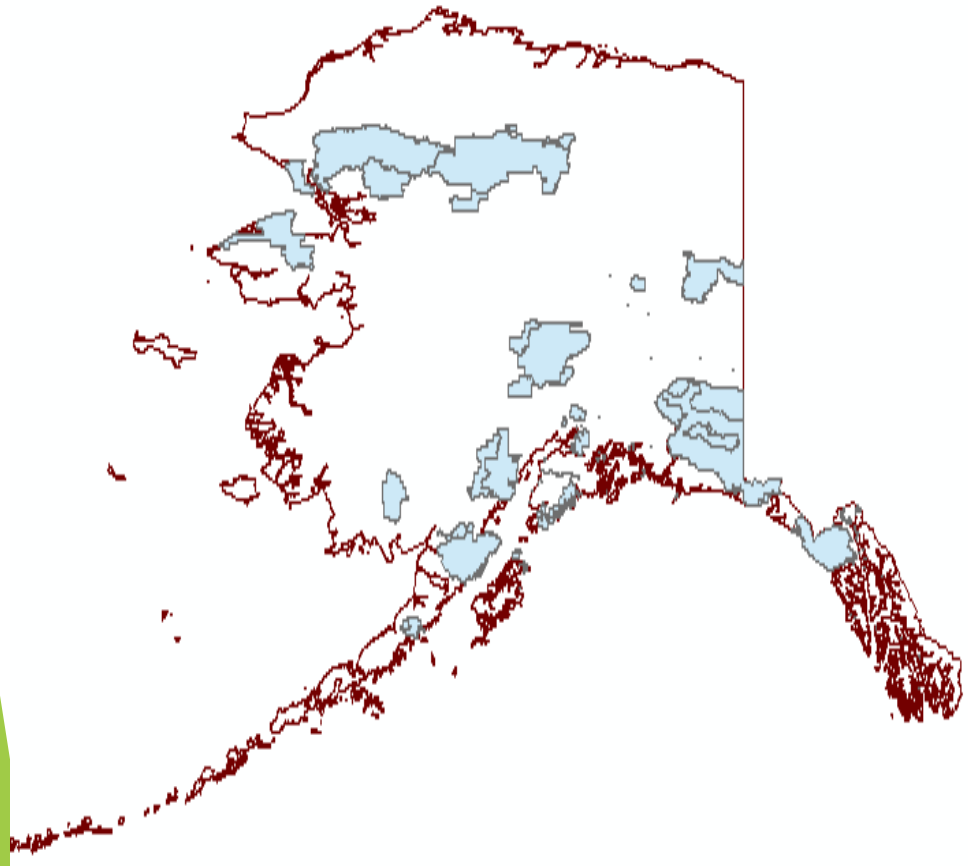


Environmental Conditions

- Nearness to state and national parks
- Near bodies of water
  - Coastal
  - Lakes
  - Rivers
- Distance from industry
  - Alaska: Oil pipelines, coal fields, and mining operations
  - California: Military bases, major highways, and oil wells/ refineries

State and National Parks

Alaska



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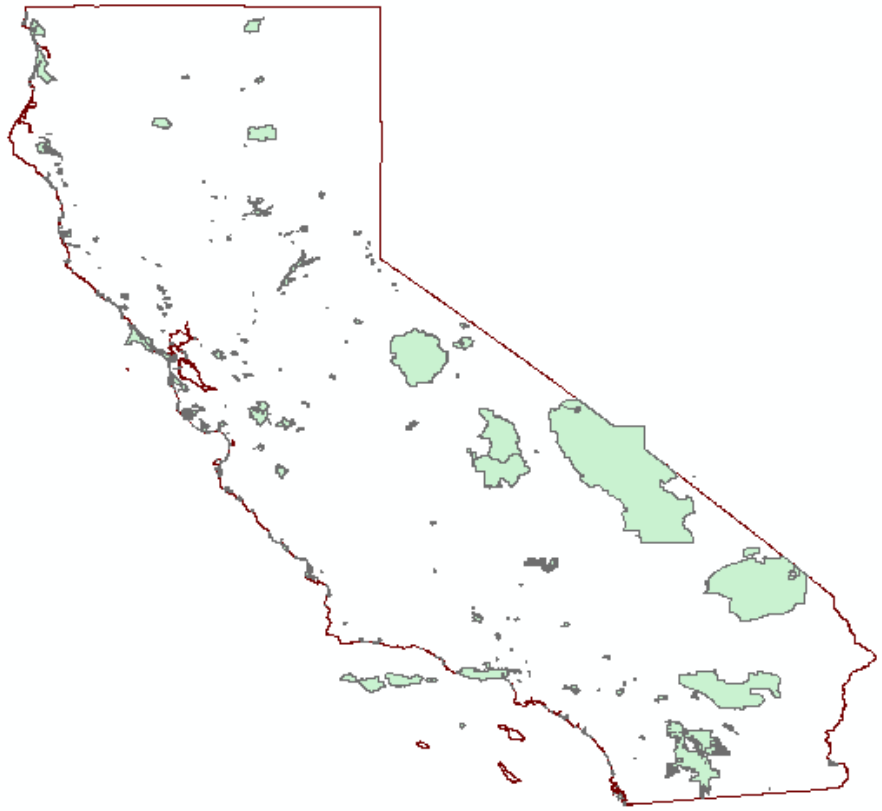

Hydrology

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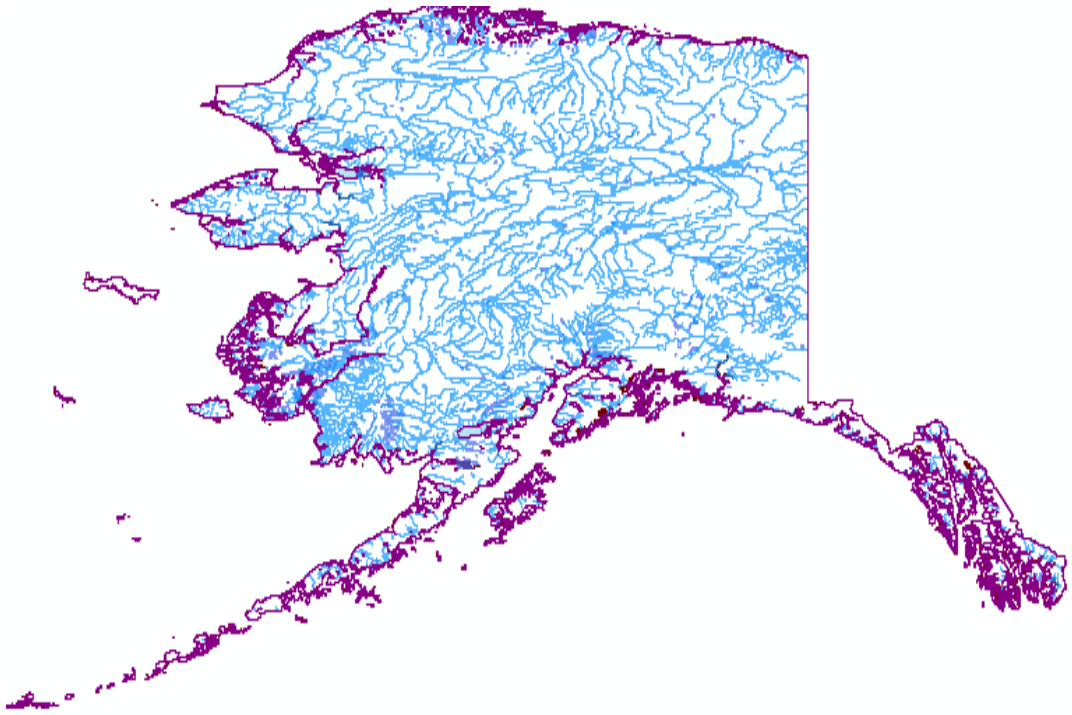

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Industrial Areas

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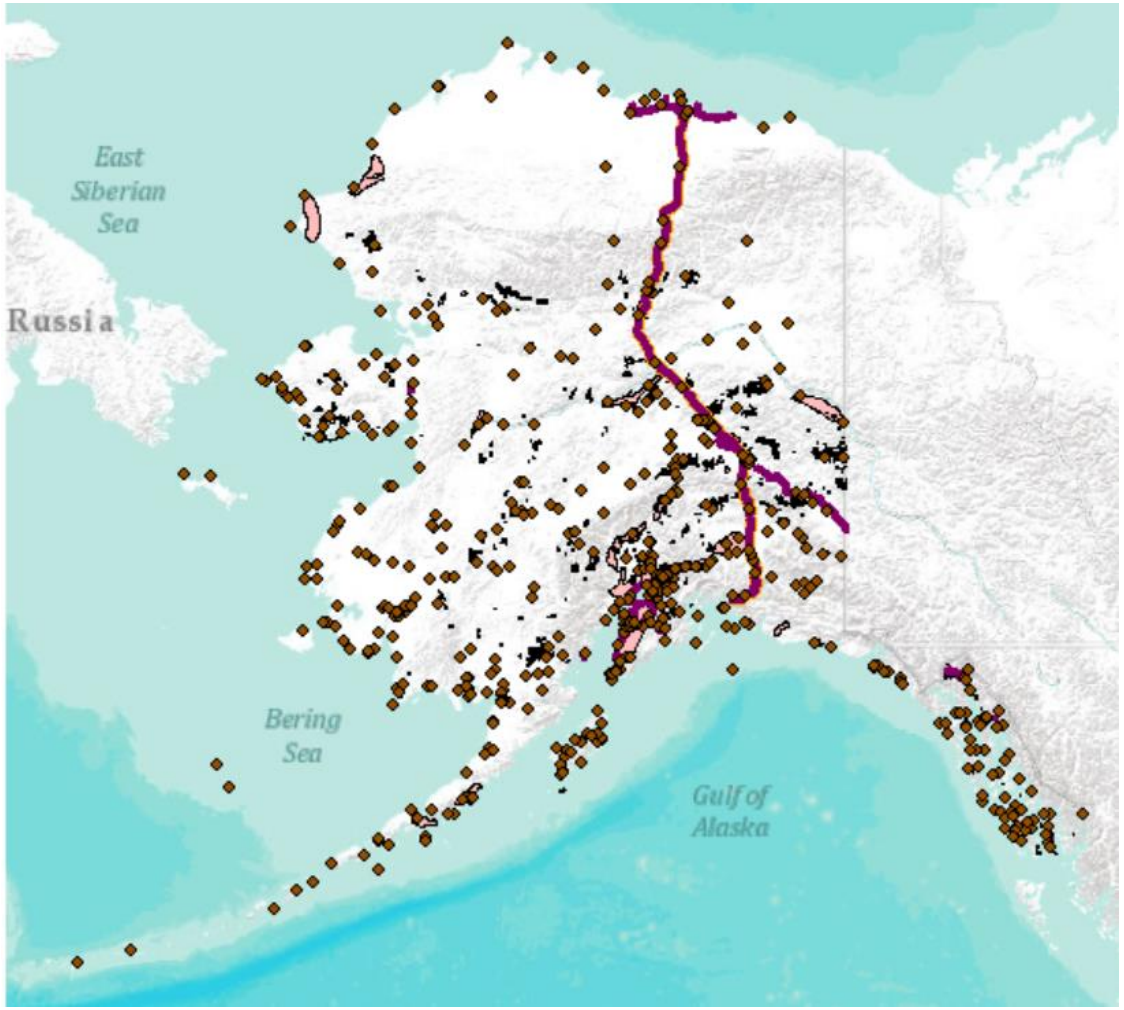

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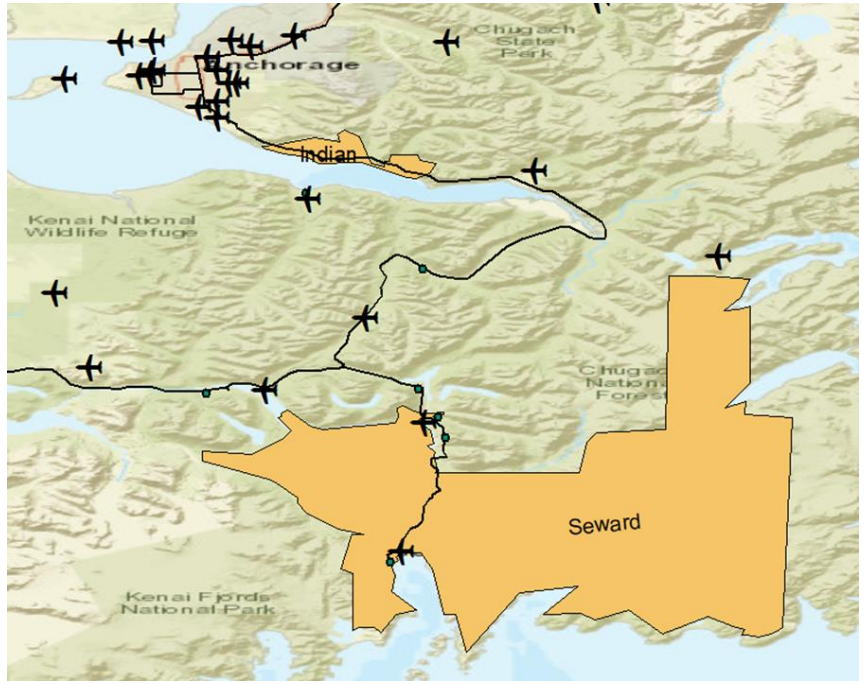
Final Results

Alaska



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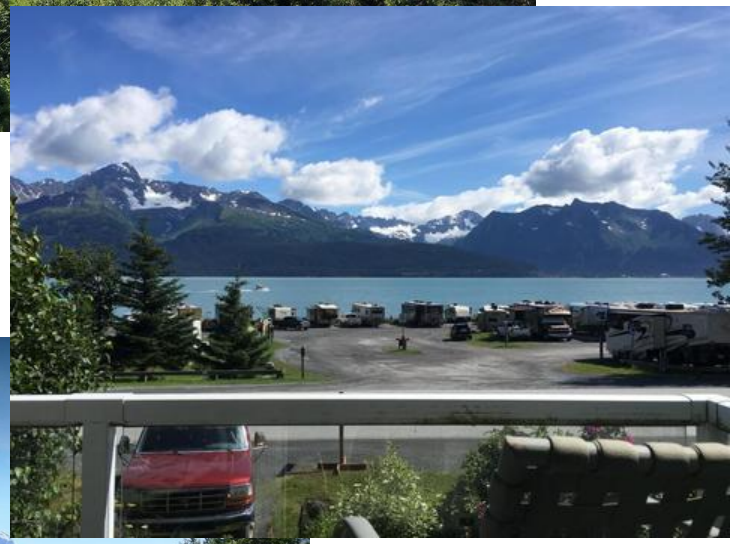

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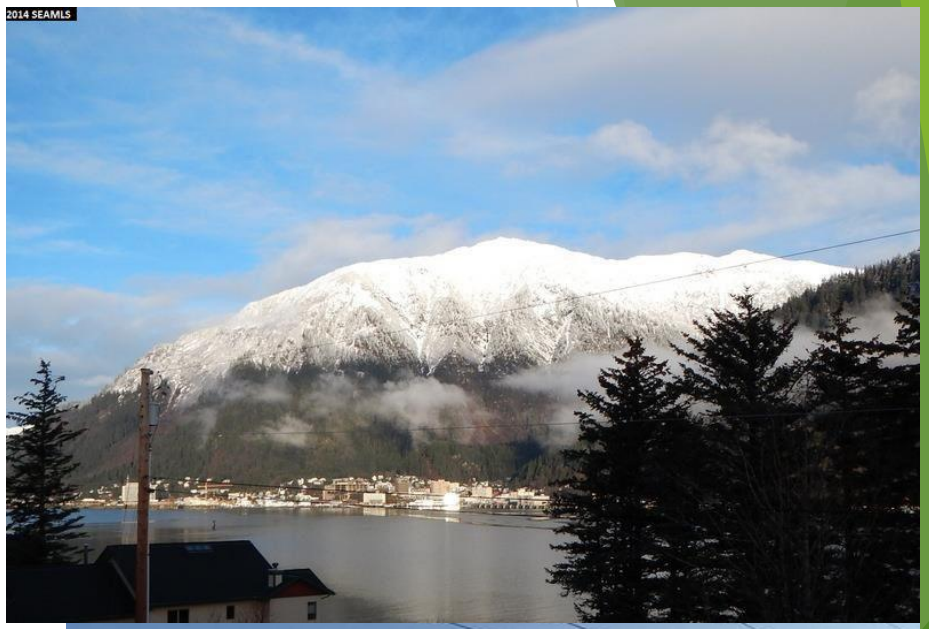

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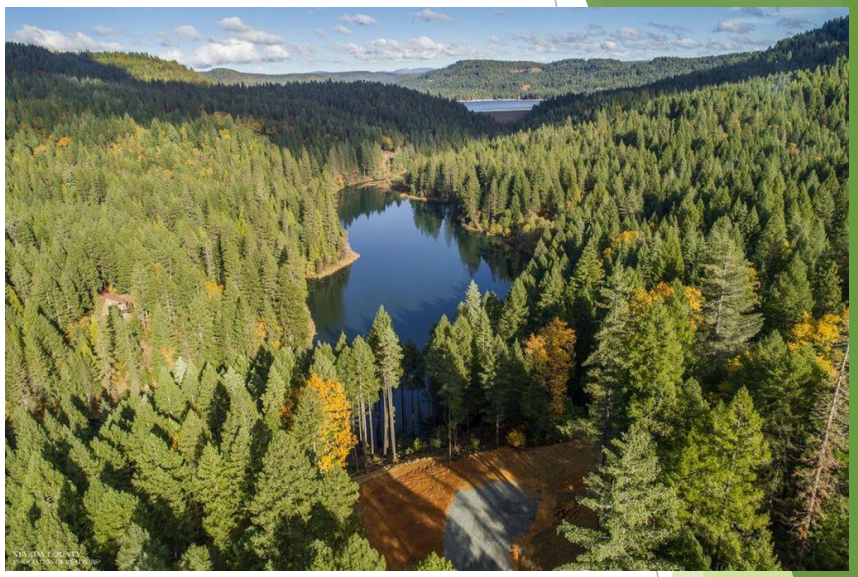
Elk (95432)

Nevada City (95959)



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