

**TURNAGAIN ARM AREA PLAN  
COMMUNITY SURVEY 2007**

**RESIDENCY**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Rainbow	2	3
Indian	29	43.3
Bird Creek	28	41.8
Portage	8	11.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

**RESIDENCY TYPE**

<b>Residency Type</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Permanent	52	77.6
Seasonal	3	4.5
Part-time	5	7.5
Non-resident landowner	7	10.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

**COMMUNITY RESIDENCY**

<b>Length of Residency</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1 - 5 years	7	10.4
5-10 years	7	10.4
10-15 years	4	6
15-20 years	7	10.4
More than 20 years	42	62.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

**AK RESIDENCY**

<b>Length of Residency</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1- 5 years		
5-10 years		
10-15 years	2	3
15-20 years	11	16.4
More than 20 years	54	80.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

## DWELLING TYPE

Dwelling Type	Number of Responses	%
Detached, single-family	55	82.1
Attached home (duplex, townhouse, etc.)		
Apartment or condo		
Mobile	4	6
Other (Cabin)	8	11.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

## HOME OWNERSHIP

Resident Type	Number of Responses	%
Rent	1	1.5
Own	66	98.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

## AGE

Age	Number of Responses	%
15-19		
20-24		
25-29	1	1.6
30-34	1	1.6
35-39	4	6
40-44	5	7.9
45-49	7	11.1
50-59	31	49.2
60-64	7	11.1
65+	11	17.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

## GENDER

Gender	Number of Responses	%
Male	44	67.7
Female	21	32.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100%</b>

## ETHNICITY

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
White, non-Hispanic	58	89.2
Hispanic	1	1.5
AK Native/American Indian	4	6.2
Asian		
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		
Other Race		
Multiple Race	2	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100%</b>

## EDUCATION

<b>Level of Education</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade		
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma	3	4.5
High school graduate	13	19.4
Some college, no degree	22	32.8
Associate degree	3	4.5
Bachelor's degree	10	14.9
Graduate or professional degree	15	22.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>98.5</b>

## WORK LOCATION

<b>Community</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Anchorage	26	38.8
Rainbow		
Indian	2	3
Bird Creek	4	6
Girdwood	4	6
Portage	2	3
Other (retired, out of state, other parts of Alaska)	29	43.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

## HOME BASED BUSINESS

	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	15	23.4
No	49	76.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100%</b>

## WORK FROM HOME

	Number of Responses	%
Yes	8	12.3
No	44	67.7
Occasionally	13	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100%</b>

## AGE OF HOUSING

Age	Number of Responses	%
0 - 5 years	7	10.8
5-10 years	1	1.5
10-15 years	8	12.3
15-20 years	6	9.2
More than 20 years	43	66.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100%</b>

## HOUSING NEEDS

Dwelling Type	Number of Responses	%
Seasonal rentals	2	3.4
Single-family homes	35	59.3
Apartments and other multi-family homes	1	1.7
None	21	35.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100%</b>

## POPULATION GROWTH

Dwelling Type	Number of Responses	%
Stay the same	32	49.2
Grow a little	19	29.2
Grow a lot	1	1.5
Decline	10	15.4
No Opinion	3	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100%</b>

## GENERAL COMMUNITY ISSUES

Rank	Issue	Number	%
1	Seward Highway traffic, safety & noise issues	62	92.5
2	Uncertainty of new development	45	67.2
3	Wildfire hazards	33	49.3
4	Population growth	32	47.8
5	Overcrowding in recreational areas	26	38.8
6	Lack of growth management	25	37.3
7	Lack of coordination between local, state & federal agencies	22	32.8
8	Lack of public services & utilities	14	20.8
9	Lack of local law enforcement	12	17.9
10	Lack of Turnagain Arm area jobs	8	11.9

## NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES

Rank	Issue	Number	%
1	Wildfire hazards	37	55.2
2	Groundwater & well water quality	33	49.3
3	Wildlife habitat loss	27	40.3
4	Septic	23	34.3
5	Drainage	15	22.4
6	Surface water/run-off quality	13	19.4
7	Wetlands loss	10	14.9
8	Flooding/flood control	7	10.4
9	Avalanche hazards	6	9
10	Soil erosion	4	6

## LAND USE ISSUES

Rank	Issue	Number	%
1	Retaining undeveloped areas	49	73.1
2	Retaining access to Chugach State Park	47	70.1
3	Maintaining recreational access to rivers, lakes & mountainous areas	37	55.2
4	Retaining commercial areas	14	20.9
5	Allowing variety of housing types including more multi-family	8	11.9
6	Expanding commercial areas	7	10.4

## SERVICES

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
1	Enhanced safety of Highway	48	71.6
2	Enhanced fire protection	31	46.3
3	More rest stops along Seward Highway	23	34.3
4	Enhanced police/public safety	14	20.9
4	No new services	14	20.9
5	Emergency response	10	14.9
6	More local-serving retail	6	9
7	More tourism-based services	3	4.5