

# Salmon: THE Economy of Our People

**92-100% of surveyed households in rural Alaska use wild fish and 75-98% harvest fish. Given Alaska's rural population of 116,653 (21% of the total population, 48% of which is Native), subsistence is by far the state's largest employer. Moreover, annual fish, wildlife, and plant harvests among rural Alaskans average 375 pounds per person, or about a pound a day, versus 22 pounds per person per year in urban areas. Subsistence is a critical sector of Alaska rural economies.**

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Alaska Native Subsistence: A Matter of Cultural Survival

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# Salmon: THE Wellbeing of Our People

Health of the Fish = Health of the People

Spiritual Poverty

Cost of Spiritual Poverty

# We Are Rich

