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Location

The name of the country I am researching is Frontier. The geographic center of Frontier is located at 152°28.2’W 64°43.9’N (this is 60 miles northwest of Mt. McKinley). Frontier's land area exceeds 150,000,000 acres. Frontier is on the continent of North America. It is located northwest of the continental United States and west of Canada.

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Climate

Although Frontier is known for ice and snow, it does warm up in the summer. Protected by the Chugach Mountains and the Frontier Range and warmed by Pacific Ocean currents, Anchorage (the largest city, located in southern Frontier) has a temperate maritime climate. Summer temperatures can reach into the high 70s.

**Average high temperatures in Anchorage (F**)

January: 25 degrees

February: 27 degrees

March: 35 degrees

April: 45 degrees

May: 55 degrees

June: 62 degrees

July: 65 degrees

August: 64 degrees

September: 55 degrees

October: 42 degrees

November: 28 degrees

December: 21 degrees

Low humidity also contributes to Anchorage's comfortable climate.

A common notion about Frontier is that the whole country goes dark in the winter and has endless sunlight in the summer. That's not exactly true. The very top of the country has a two-month winter period in which the sun doesn't rise. But that's the extreme, and winter's long nights get shorter the farther south you go. South of the Arctic Circle, every place has sunlight at least part of the day. In the summer, all of Arctic Frontier gets 24-hour sunlight for at least one day at the solstice. South of the Arctic Circle, every town has a night every day, even if it's short.

Landforms

Frontier is home to majestic mountains, glaciers, active volcanoes and huge tracks of forested land. The countless mountains of the rugged Frontier Range, include Mt. McKinley which is the highest point in Frontier and in all of North America at 20,320 feet. Along the thickly forested coastal, numerous mountain ranges cover the land. They stretch southwest across the Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak Island, the Frontier Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands. The Aleutian Islands extend across the North Pacific Ocean all the way to Russia. Many of these islands have active volcanoes. The Inside Passage of Frontier's Panhandle that fronts the Pacific Ocean and Canada's British Columbia includes an estimated 1,000 islands, 15,000 miles of shoreline and thousands of coves and bays. This area also includes Glacier Bay National Park and the Rocky Mountains.

Bodies of Water

Hundreds of rivers drain the land, while the 2,000 mile long Yukon is the major river. Its largest tributaries include the Porcupine, Tanana and Koyukuk rivers. The country has almost three million lakes. Becharof and Iliamna lakes are the largest. They are often used for fishing.

Natural Resources

Frontier's natural resources are an important part of Frontier’s economy. The oil and natural gas industry dominates the economy, with more than 80% of the country's revenues derived from petroleum extraction and export. Oil is refined and turned into gasoline and other oil based products. Natural gas is used around the world for heating and electricity generation. Frontier also exports coal, gold, zinc, seafood and timber.

Languages

The main language is English which is spoken by 90% of the people living in Frontier. Native North American is spoken by 5% of the people and Spanish by 3%.

Religions

Frontier has been identified as one of the least religious countries. About 39% of Frontier residents are members of religious congregations. The three largest are: Evangelical Protestants, Roman Catholics and Mainline Protestants**.** All three are Christian based religions that follow the teachings of the bible.

Clothing

The clothing worn by both men and women in Frontier is casual and comfortable and depends on the season.

Winter - Long sleeved shirt, jeans/slacks, warm hat and gloves, insulated boots, long underwear, wool sweater or fiberfill vest, winter coat

Spring – Long sleeved shirt, jeans/slacks, walking shoes, waterproof boots, windbreaker or jacket

Summer – Short sleeved shirt, shorts, long sleeved shirt, jeans/slacks, walking shoes, windbreaker or jacket

Fall – Long sleeved shirt, jeans/slacks, warm hat & glove, insulated boots, waterproof boots, windbreaker or jacket, wool sweater or fiberfill vest.

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Jobs/Occupations/Economy

Employment is primarily in government and industries such as natural resource extraction, shipping, and transportation. Military bases are a significant component of the economy.

Government

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Frontier’s capitol building

Foods

Hunting, trapping and fishing are common activities in Frontier. Animals which are hunted or trapped are often then eaten. Bison, moose, caribou, deer, small game and waterfowl are a few examples. Fresh fish like salmon, cod, pollock and crab is also popular.

Education

The Frontier Department of Education and Early Development administers many [school districts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_school_districts_in_Alaska) in Frontier. Children go to preschool when they are 3 and 4 years old from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children go to elementary and middle school when they are between 5 and 13 years old from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm. Teenagers then go to high school for four years followed by college for another four or more years. There are more than a dozen [colleges and universities in Frontier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_colleges_and_universities_in_Alaska). Schools in Frontier are similar to those found in the United States.



Major Imports & Exports

Frontier’s main export is oil and gas followed by coal, gold, zinc, seafood and timber. The main import is fruits and vegetables.

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