

Summary of the Results of the Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies, 2011/2012

These factors are ranked from least to most deterring to investment. A lower number indicates positive outlook for investment outlook in Alaska.

Factor	Alaska's Ranking (out of 93 regions surveyed)
Current Mineral Potential assuming current regulations and land use restrictions	6
Policy/Mineral Potential assuming no land use restrictions in place and assuming industry "best practices"	1
Room for improvement	40
Uncertainty concerning the administration, interpretation, and enforcement of existing regulations	35
Uncertainty concerning environmental regulations	49
Regulatory duplication and inconsistencies	56
Legal processes that are fair, transparent, non-corrupt, timely, and efficiently administered	32
Taxation regime	8
Uncertainty concerning disputed land claims	20
Uncertainty concerning which areas will be protected as wilderness areas, parks, or archeological sites	66
Infrastructure (includes access to roads, power availability, etc)	70
Socioeconomic agreements/ community development conditions	34
Trade barriers- tariff and non-tariff barriers, restrictions of profit repatriation, currency restrictions, etc.	11
Political stability	8
Labor regulations, employment agreements, and labor militancy or work disruptions	13
Geological Database (includes quality and scale of maps, ease of access to information, etc.)	20
Security (includes physical security due to the threat of attack by terrorists, criminals, guerilla groups, etc.)	29
Supply of labor/ skills	32
Corruption	20
Growing (or lessening) uncertainty on mining policy and implementation	38

These are the rankings where all of the above factors are taken into consideration.

Composite policy and mineral potential	4
Policy Potential Index	25