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AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE FACT SHEET FOR THE STATE OF NEVEDA

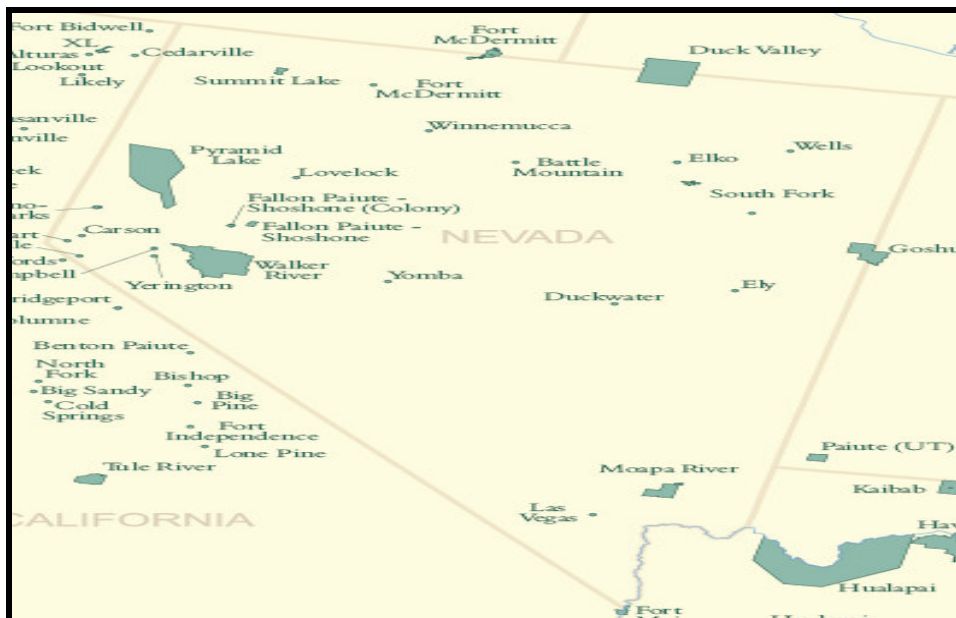
OVERVIEW

According to the 2000 U.S. Census there are 4.1 million American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) residing in the United States (alone or in combination with another race). While 4 out of 10 Indians live in western states, every state in the nation has a measurable AI/AN populationⁱ. There are currently 563 federally recognized Indian tribes and approximately 245 tribes currently petitioning for federal recognition. Each of these tribes is a distinct sovereign nation that determines its own membership (citizenship) and exercises the powers of government. The Urban Indian Health Institute estimates that 66% of the AI/AN population lives in metropolitan areas (over 2.7 million)ⁱⁱ. The Indian Health Service contracts with 34 Urban Indian Health Clinics.

The U.S. Constitution (Article 1 Section 8) sets the foundation for the federal government's trust responsibility to Indian nations, which has been reinforced over the years through various treaties, laws, and court rulings. Despite this, AI/AN people continue to be underserved due to a lack of adequate federal funding. The Indian Health Service appropriation meets less than 60% of the needⁱⁱⁱ, and of that Behavioral Health typically represents about 1% of their total budget. The Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to eliminate or cut programs due to decreased funding.

Since Indian people are also citizens of the states in which they reside, local government agencies and entities have the responsibility to serve AI/AN populations that reside in their cities, counties, or states. In states that have federally or state recognized tribes, government-to-government relationships should be fostered in ways that promote the principle of tribal self-determination. In other states, efforts should be made to reach out to Urban Indian organizations or other community-based AI/AN organizations. Cities should seek partnerships and offer contracts to Urban Indian organizations. The National Indian Child Welfare Association is available to provide assistance to cities, counties, and states seeking to develop partnerships with AI/AN communities.

State Map (2000 U.S. Census)



Demographics (2000 U.S. Census)

Total AI/AN population (alone or in any combination)	42,222
Total AI/AN population under age 19 (alone or in any combination)	14,746
Number of AI/AN on reservation (AI/AN race alone or in combination with one or more races)	8,199
Number of AI/AN off reservation	34,023
Urban Indian population for Las Vegas, NV	28,830
Urban Indian population for Reno, NV	9,828

Disclaimer – Census data may have some inaccuracies related to the population on reservations. Contact tribe for the official tribal statistics.

Contact Information

For links to tribes in Nevada (including contact information), please visit the following link through the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada: <http://itcn.org/tribes/tribes.html>

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada 680 Greenbrae Dr., Suite 280 Sparks, NV 89431 Phone: (775) 355-0600 Fax: (775) 355-0648	Nevada Urban Indians, Inc. (Reno office) 5301 Longley Lane, Suite 178, Bldg. E Reno, NV 89511 Phone: (775)-788-7600 Fax: (775)-788-7611 http://www.nevadaurbanindians.org/
Nevada Urban Indians, Inc. (Carson City office) 410 E. John Street, Ste. B Carson City, NV 89701 Phone: (775)-883-4439 Fax: (775)-883-6981	Las Vegas Indian Center 2300 W. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, NV 89106 Phone: (702) 647-5842 Fax: (702) 647-2647 Website: http://www.lasvegasindiancenter.org
Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Two Renaissance Square 40 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85004-4450 Phone: (602) 364-5379	Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Area (Covers AZ, Nevada, UT, California, and Idaho) Bureau of Indian Affairs One North First Street P.O. Box 10 Phoenix, Arizona 85001 Phone: (602) 379-6600 Fax: (602) 379-4413

For more information contact the National Indian Child Welfare Association at (503) 222-4044 or visit our website at www.nicwa.org.

ⁱ *The American Indian and Alaska Native Population: 2000 Census Brief. Issued February 2002. US Census Bureau*

ⁱⁱ *Urban Indian Health Issue Brief. By Ralph Forquera for the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation. November 2001*

ⁱⁱⁱ *Level of Need Funded Study by the LNF Work Group Report II, December 1999 Indian Health Service*