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

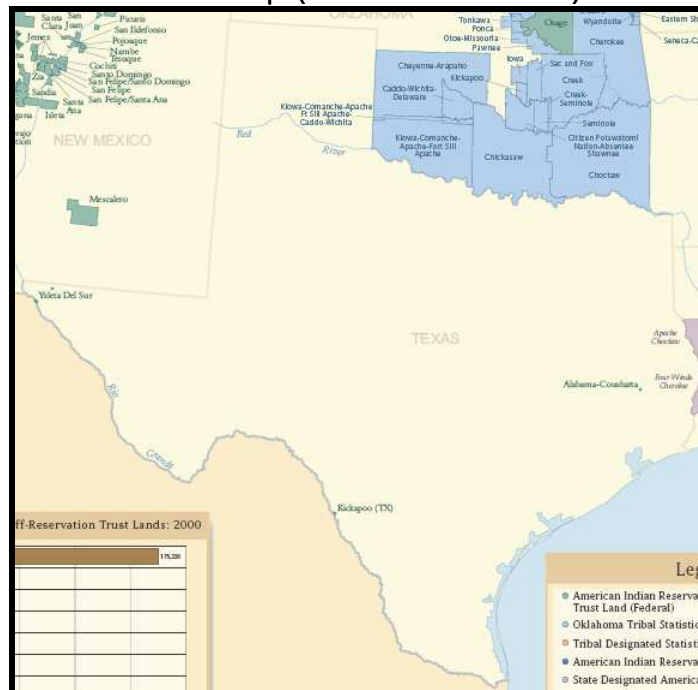
OVERVIEW

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)	225,360
Total AI/AN population under age 19 (alone or in any combination)	70,831
Reservation population: Alabama-Coushatta Reservation, TX	480
Reservation population: Kickapoo (TX) Reservation, TX	420
Reservation population: Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Off-Reservation Trust Land, TX	421
Urban Indian population in the Consolidated Metropolitan Service Area (CMSA) of Dallas, Fort Worth, TX (CMSA)	62,754
Urban Indian population in the Consolidated Metropolitan Service Area (CMSA) of Houston, Galveston, Brazoria, TX (CMSA)	42,280
Urban Indian population in the Metropolitan Service Area (MSA) of Austin--San Marcos, TX (MSA)	14,982
Urban Indian population in the Metropolitan Service Area (MSA) of El Paso, TX (MSA)	6,867

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

Contact Information *Texas is home to three federally recognized tribes:*

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Indian Health Service Oklahoma City Area (<i>serves OK, KS, part of TX—area including Eagle Pass, TX</i>) John Daugherty, Area Director 701 Market Drive Oklahoma City, OK 73114 Phone:(405) 951-3820 Fax: (405) 951-3780 Website: http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/oklahoma/index.asp	Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest Regional Office Bill Walker, Regional Director PO Box 26567 1001 Indian School Road, N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87104 Phone:(505) 563-3103 Fax: (505) 563-3101 Website: http://swr-hq.nm.bia.gov/ <i>serves Ysleta del Sur Pueblo of Texas</i> Additional information from the now defunct Texas Indian Commission: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/tslac/20050/tsl-20050.html#bioghst

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*