



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

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 population¹. 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)². 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 need³, 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)	61,203
Total AI/AN population under age 19 (alone or in any combination)	18,251
Number of AI/AN (alone or in any combination) in Chickahominy Tribe state designated American Indian Statistical Area (state recognized)	558
Number of AI/AN (alone or in any combination) in Mattaponi Tribe Reservation (state recognized)	46
Number of AI/AN (alone or in any combination) in Pamunkey Tribe Reservation (state recognized)	39
Number of AI/AN in Norfolk-Virginia Beach metro area	18,702
Number of AI/AN in Roanoke metro area	1,768
Number of AI/AN in Washington, DC, Baltimore, MD, Arlington and Alexandria, VA metro area (*no numbers for just VA metro areas)	66,395

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

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Eastern Chickahominy Tribe (state-recognized) 12111 Indian Hill Lane Providence Forge, VA 23140 Website: http://www.cied.org/	Upper Mattaponi Tribe 13383 King William Road King William, VA 23086 Website: http://www.uppermattaponi.org/
Indian Health Service – Nashville Area Office 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike Nashville, TN 37214-2634 (615) 467-1500 (615) 467-1501 Fax <i>(Regional office that covers programs administered in Eastern Region)</i>	Virginia Council on Indians PO Box 1475 Richmond, VA 23218 (804) 225-2084 (804) 225-2585 Fax E-mail: vci@governor.virginia.gov Website: http://indians.vipnet.org/index.cfm <i>(This website contains information on all of the state-recognized tribes in Virginia, including historical, contact, and population data)</i>
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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. U.S. 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*