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

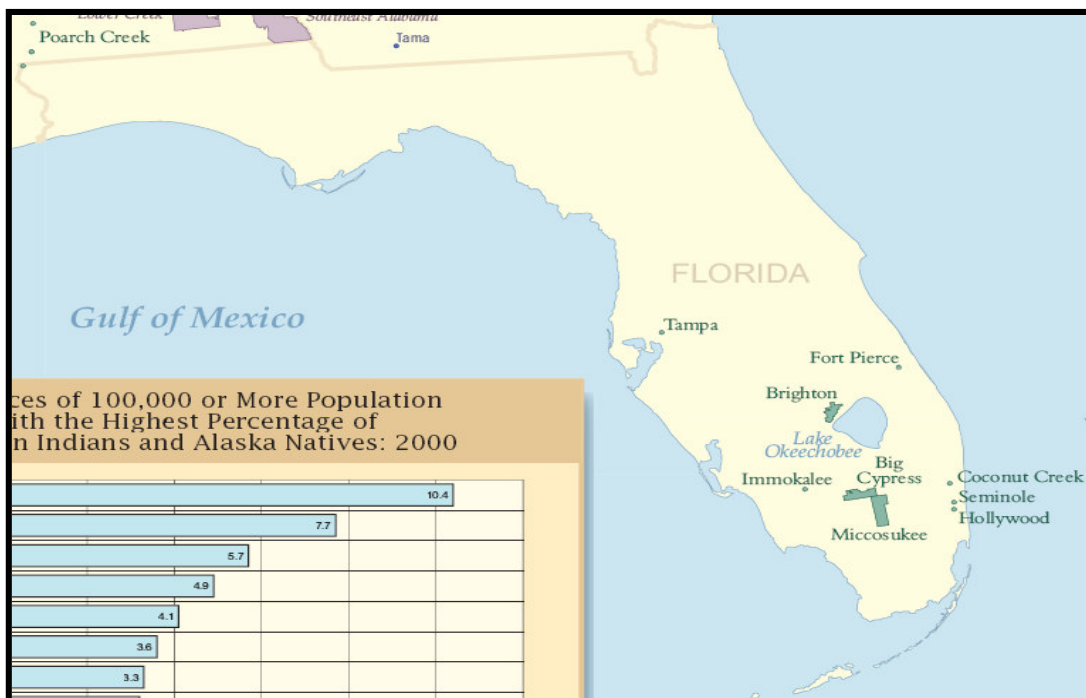
OVERVIEW

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)	117,880
Total AI/AN population under age 19 (alone or in any combination)	36,833
Number of AI/AN on reservation (AI/AN race alone or in combination with one or more races)	2,936
Number of AI/AN off reservation	33,897
Miami--Fort Lauderdale, FL Consolidated Metropolitan Service Area (CMSA) Urban Indian population	31,424
Tampa—St.Petersburg—Clearwater, FL MSA Urban Indian population	22,293

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

There are two federally recognized tribes in Florida: the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. Although these are the only federally recognized tribes located in Florida, 307 tribes, bands and groups are represented in the total AI/AN population of 117,880. (source: The Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc.)

Tribal contact Information

<p>Miccosukee Indian Tribe Billy Cypress, Chairman Tamiami Station, P.O. Box 440021 Miami, FL 33144 Phone: (305) 223-8380 Fax: (305) 223-1011 http://www.miccosukeetribe.com/ <i>Presently, this tribe has three reservation areas in the State of Florida: Tamiami Trail, Alligator Alley and Krome Avenue.</i></p>	<p>Seminole Tribe of Florida Mitchell Cypress, Chairman 6300 Stirling Road Hollywood, FL 33024 Phone: (954) 966-6300 Fax: (954) 967-3486 http://www.seminoletribe.com/ <i>The Seminole Tribe of Florida has five reservations at Hollywood (formerly Dania), Big Cypress, Brighton, Immokalee, and Tampa.</i></p>
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<p>Muscogee Nation of Florida Formerly Florida Tribe of Eastern Creek Indians PO Box 3028 Bruce, FL 32455 Phone: (850) 835 2078 FAX (850) 835 5691 http://www.muscogeeff.com/</p>	<p>Perdido Bay Tribe of Lower Muscogee Creeks 12533 Polonious Pkwy. Pensacola, FL 32506 Email: bearheart1@cox.net and perdidobaytribe@aol.com http://www.perdidobaytribe.org/</p>
<p>Florida Governors Council on Indian Affairs, Inc. 1341 Cross Creek Circle Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Phone: (850) 488-0730 Phone: (850) 487-1472 Toll Free (800) 322-9186 Email info@fgcia.com http://www.fgcia.com</p>	<p>Nashville Area Indian Health Service <i>(Health services for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Southern and Eastern United States)</i> Richie Grinnell, Director 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike Nashville, TN 37214-2634 Office Hours: 7:00 - 5:00 P.M. Phone: (615) 467-1500 FAX: (615) 467-1501 http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/Nashville/</p>
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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. 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*