



# STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives LOUISIANA

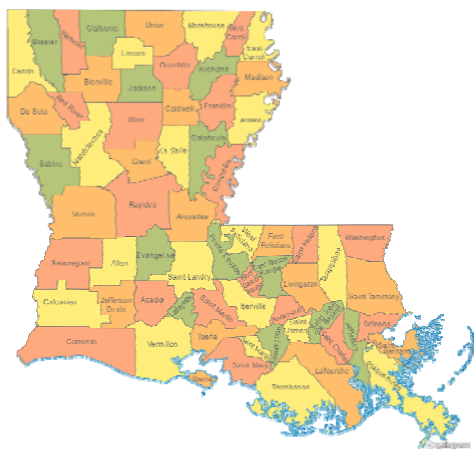
## State Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	20,752	22,125	42,878	0.1
State	2,162,903	2,306,073	4,468,976	100.0

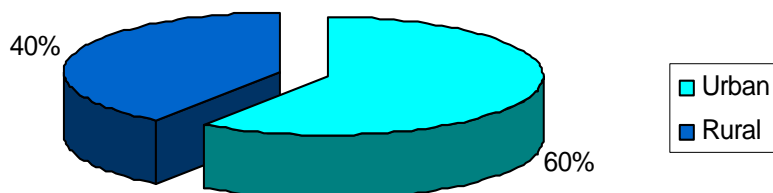
\* American Indian population figures based on affiliation with American Indian alone and in combination with other races.

Louisiana STD Program Website: [www.std.dhh.louisiana.gov](http://www.std.dhh.louisiana.gov)

CDC Project Area



## Louisiana Urban and Rural AI/AN Populations, 2000



Source for population data: US Census Bureau

## STDs in the AI/AN Population

National STD rates among AI/ANs are 2 to 6 times higher than rates for whites. In some states with AI/AN populations over 20,000, gonorrhea and syphilis rates are twice as high as among other ethnic groups. Below find Louisiana- specific STD rates and percentages for the AI/AN population.

### Louisiana Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	1	4	5	<0.1	11.7
State	3,640	13,561	17,201	100.0	380.2

Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health.

### Louisiana Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	0	2	2	<0.1	4.7
State	4,781	4,814	9,595	100.0	212.1

Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health.

### Louisiana P&S Syphilis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
State	118	169	287	100.0	6.3

Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health.

\*The term AI/AN is used in the text to refer to the American Indian and Alaska Native population

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Louisiana HIV New Infections, 2005

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	0.1	2.3
State	653	100.0	347	100.0	1,000	100.0	23.3

Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health.

Louisiana Hepatitis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B (Chronic)		Hepatitis C (Chronic)	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AI/AN	0	0.0	28	5.4	14	0.3
State	71	100.0	520	100.0	4,019	100.0

Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health

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Births

2004	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers < 19	% w/ <9 yrs education	% Unmarried Mothers
AI/AN	424	0.7	11.6	20.0	52.1
State	64,956	100.0	8.9	8.0	49.1

Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health

Economics

2004	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level
AI/AN	34,156	20.7
State	36,729	13.2

Source: US Census Bureau

Education

2004	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2004-2005)
AI/AN	0.1	5,184	6.8
State	100.0	660,225	5.0

Source: Louisiana Department of Education

Resources/ Potential Partners/ Special Issues

**Louisiana Tribes:** Federally-recognized tribes include: the Chitimacha Tribe, PO Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523, [www.chitimacha.com](http://www.chitimacha.com); the Coushatta Tribe, PO Box 818, Elton LA 70532, [www.coushattatribela.org](http://www.coushattatribela.org); the Jena Band of Choctaw, PO Box 14, Jena LA 71432, [www.jenachoctaw.org](http://www.jenachoctaw.org); and the Tunica Biloxi Tribe, PO Box 331, Marksville LA 71351, [www.tunica.org](http://www.tunica.org). The state-recognized tribes include: the United Houma Nation, 20986 Hwy 1, Golden Meadow LA 70357, [www.unitedhoumanation.org](http://www.unitedhoumanation.org); the Choctaw Apache Tribe, PO Box 1428, Zwolle, LA 71486, <http://cate.50megs.com/Index.htm>; the Chahta Native American Tribe of the Old Florida Parishes, Chief: Elwin "Warhorse" Gillum, 61357 Dixie Ranch Road, Slidell, LA 70460, Phone: 985-781-7650; the Clifton Choctaw Tribe, 1146 Clifton Road, Clifton, LA 71447, (318) 793-4253; the Adai Caddo Tribe, 4500 Hwy 485, Robeline, LA 71469, (318) 472-8680; the Four Winds Tribe, PO Box 118, Merryville, LA 70653, (337) 825-8641; the Point au Chien Tribe, 177 Aragon Road, Montegut, LA 70377; <http://pactribe.tripod.com>, and the Biloxi Chitimacha Confederation of Muskogee, PO Box 856, Zachary, LA, 70791, [www.biloxi-chitimacha.com](http://www.biloxi-chitimacha.com).

**Tribal Health Programs:** Jena Choctaw Health Center, PO Box 14, Jena LA 71432, (318) 992-2763;

**Urban Health Programs:** Not available.

**IHS Health Programs:** Nashville Area Indian Health Service 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville TN 37214-2634, (615) 467-1538; Lafayette Louisiana OEHE Service Unit.

**Inter-Tribal Health Programs:**

**Indian Health Boards:** United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Ste. 100, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 872-7900, <http://www.usetinc.org/index.cfm>.

**IHS Tribal Epidemiology Centers:** United South and Eastern Tribes Epidemiology Center, Inc. (USET) 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Ste. 100, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 872-7900, <http://www.usetinc.org/index.cfm>.

**Tribal Colleges:** Not available,

**State Health Native American Liaison:** Durand "Rudy" Macklin, Director, Bureau of Minority Health, [www.dhh.state.la.us/lamha](http://www.dhh.state.la.us/lamha), 628 North 4th Street, 9th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629, 225-342-9500 Ph., 225-342-3738 Fax, [rmacklin@dhh.la.gov](mailto:rmacklin@dhh.la.gov)

**Special Issues:**

- Tribal Health Departments are not required to report STDs, thus creating an undercount in the statistics.
- AI/ANs are often misclassified in race/ethnicity STD data. This misclassification increases with lower percentage of AI/AN ancestry.
- One needs to also consider the common mobility/migration of AI/ANs from reservation setting to other areas and back again.
- Like many other tight-knit communities, confidentiality can be difficult to maintain in AI/AN communities, especially in rural areas. This can be a barrier to testing, discussing sexual practices, obtaining treatment, or buying condoms in local stores.
- AI/AN prevention services are severely underfunded, and those that exist may not reach those at most risk.