



# STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives MONTANA

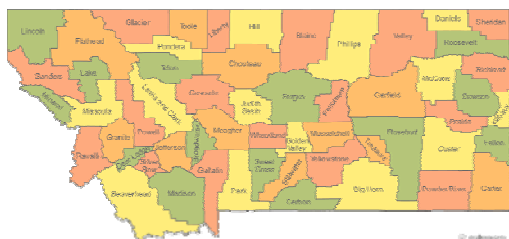
## State Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	33,027	33,293	66,320	7.4
State	449,480	452,715	902,195	100.0

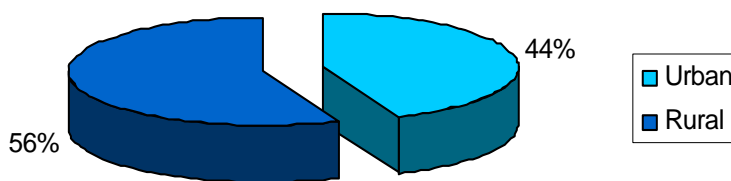
\* American Indian population figures based on affiliation with American Indian alone and in combination with other races.

Montana STD Program Website: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/index.shtml>

CDC Project Area



## Montana 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 Montana-specific STD rates and percentages for the AI/AN population.

### Montana Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	171	478	648	27.0	1,065.0
State	613	1,779	2,397	100.0	258.9

Source: Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

### Montana Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	10	29	39	24.7	64.0
State	56	102	158	100.0	17.0

Source: Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

### Montana 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	6	1	7	100.0	0.8

Source: Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

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

### Montana HIV New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	2	3.3	0	0.0	2	2.7	3.3
State	60	100.0	14	100.0	74	100.0	7.9

*Source: Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.*

### Montana AIDS New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	2	8.0	1	33.3	3	10.7	4.9
State	25	100.0	3	100.0	28	100.0	2.1

*Source: Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.*

### Montana Hepatitis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B		Hepatitis C	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AI/AN	0	0.0	75	10.1	0	0.0
State	10	100.0	738	100.0	1	100.0

*Source: Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, CDC Data Request*

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**Births**

2004	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers < 19	% w/ <9 yrs education(2002)	% Unmarried Mothers
AI/AN	1,508	13.1	18.7	36.0	5.9
State	11,514	100.0	12.7	14.8	42.5

*Source: Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, www.wonder.cdc.gov*

**Economics**

2004	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level
AI/AN	23,973	27.3
State	35,239	10.3

*Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey*

**Education**

2004-2005	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2005-2006)
AI/AN	11.4	16,715	8.2
State	100.0	146,788	3.0

*Source: Montana School Enrollment by Race and Ethnicity Report, 2005; Montana American Indian Education Data Fact Sheet, 2005-2006*

**Resources/ Potential Partners/ Special Issues**

**Montana Tribes:** For a listing of Montana tribes and contacts, please see: <http://tribalnations.mt.gov/directory>.

**Urban Health Programs:** Helena Indian Alliance, 436 N. Jackson St., Helena, MT 59601, (406) 442-9244, <http://www.helenaindianalliance.com>; Indian Family Health Clinic, 1220 Central Avenue, Suite 1B, Great Falls, MT 59401, (406) 268-1510, [www.indianfamilyhealth.org](http://www.indianfamilyhealth.org); Montana-Wyoming Area Indian Health Board, 207 North Broadway, Suite BR-2, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 252-2550; North American Indian Alliance, 55 East Galena, Butte, MT, (406) 782-0461, Missoula Indian Center, PO Box 16927, Fort Missoula Rd., Bldg. 33, Missoula, MT 59808.

**IHS Health Programs:** Billings Indian Health Service, 2900 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, PO Box 36600, Billings, MT 59107; In Montana, there are IHS Service Units on each of the following reservations: Blackfeet, Crow, Fort Belknap, Flathead, Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne, and Rocky Boys.

**Inter-Tribal Health Programs:** Helena Indian Alliance, 436 N. Jackson St., Helena, MT 59601, (406) 442-9244, <http://www.helenaindianalliance.com>; Indian Family Health Clinic, 1220 Central Avenue, Suite 1B, Great Falls, MT 59401, (406) 268-1510, [www.indianfamilyhealth.org](http://www.indianfamilyhealth.org); Montana-Wyoming Area Indian Health Board, 207 North Broadway, Suite BR-2, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 252-2550; North American Indian Alliance, 55 East Galena, Butte, MT, (406) 782-0461, Missoula Indian Center, PO Box 16927, Fort Missoula Rd., Bldg. 33, Missoula, MT 59808.

**Indian Health Boards:** Montana-Wyoming Area Indian Health Board, 207 North Broadway, Suite BR-2, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 252-2550; Indian Health Board of Billings, Inc., 1127 Alderson Ave, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 245-7318, [stopcocaineaddiction.com](http://stopcocaineaddiction.com).

**IHS Tribal Epidemiology Centers:** Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center, 222 32<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Suite 401, Billings, MT 59101, (406)-252-2550, <http://www.mtwytlc.com/rockymountainepi.htm>.

**Tribal Colleges:** Blackfeet Community College, PO Box 819, Browning, MT 59417, (406) 338-7755, [www.bfcc.org/](http://www.bfcc.org/); Chief Dull Knife College, PO Box 98 Lame Deer, MT 59043, (406) 477-6215, [www.cdck.edu/](http://www.cdck.edu/); Fort Belknap College, PO Box 159, Harlem, MT 59526, (406) 353-2607, [www.fbcc.edu/](http://www.fbcc.edu/); Fort Peck Community College, PO Box 398, Poplar, MT 59255, (406) 768-6300, [www.wolfpoint.com/college.htm](http://www.wolfpoint.com/college.htm); Little Big Horn College, PO Box 370 Crow Agency, MT 59022, (406) 638-3100, [www.lbhc.cc.mt.us](http://www.lbhc.cc.mt.us); Salish Kootenai College, PO Box 117, Pablo, MT 59855, (406) 275-4800, [www.skcc.edu](http://www.skcc.edu); Stone Child College, RR1, Box 1082, Box Elder, MT 59521, (406) 395-4875, [www.montana.edu/wwwsccl/](http://www.montana.edu/wwwsccl/).

**State Health Native American Liaison:** Montana Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Planning, Coordination, and Analysis, 111 North Sanders St. (SRS Building, Helena, MT 59601, Tribal Coordinator: Janet Kracher, (406) 444-3709.

**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.