



# STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives OREGON

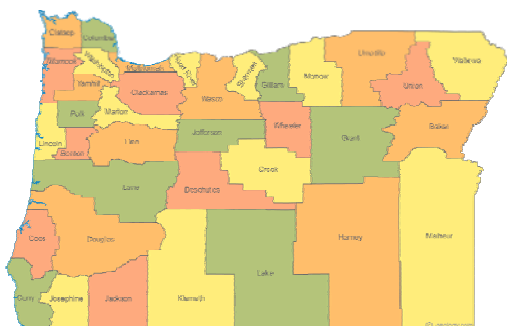
## State Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	42,491	43,176	85,667	2.5
State	1,696,550	1,724,849	3,421,399	100.0

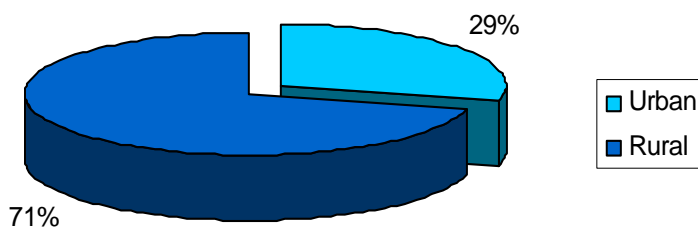
\* American Indian population figures based on affiliation with American Indian alone and in combination with other races.

Oregon STD Program Website: <http://www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/hst/welcome.htm>

CDC Project Area



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



AI/AN population data includes those with two or more races in combination with AI/AN.  
Source: 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 Oregon- specific STD rates and percentages for the AI/AN population.

### Oregon Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	37	143	180	2.0	368.5
State	2,824	6,194	9,018	100.0	247.8

Source: CDC Data Request. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

### Oregon Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	6	19	25	1.6	51.2
State	901	661	1,562	100.0	42.9

Source: CDC Data Request. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

### Oregon 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	39	2	41	100.0	1.1

Source: CDC Data Request. 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

Oregon People Living With HIV (no AIDS), as of June 30, 2005

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	9	0.7	9	3.5	18	1.1	38.5
State	1,346	100.0	255	100.0	1,601	100.0	44.5

Source: <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/hiv/data/docs/table2.pdf>. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Oregon AIDS New Cases, 2004

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	8	3.1	1	3.8	9	3.2	24.6
State	255	100.0	26	100.0	281	100.0	9.4

Source: CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Supplemental Report, AIDS Cases by Geographical Area of Residence and Metropolitan Statistical Area of Residence 2004. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Oregon Hepatitis New Cases, 2003

Population Group	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B		Hepatitis C	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AI/AN	0	0	9	1.8	0	0
State	50	100.0	503	100.0	19	100.0

Source: Oregon Public Health Division

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Births

2004	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers <20	% w/ <12 yrs education	% Unmarried Mothers
AI/AN	719	1.6	16.7	30.2	61.8
State	45,660	100.0	8.8	20.1	32.5

Source: <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/data/arpt/04v1/2-12.pdf>

Economics

2004	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level
AI/AN	34,612	6.7
State	41,794	14.0

Source: US Census Bureau

Education

2004	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2000-2001)
AI/AN	2.3	12,565	8.4
State	100.0	549,105	5.3

Source: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/>, National Center for Education Statistics

Resources/Potential Partners/ Special Issues

**Oregon Tribes:** For a complete listing of tribes and their contact information please see: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/>.

**Tribal Health Programs:** Coos Bay Health Center, 338 Wallace Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420; Coquille Tribal Health, 3050 Tremont, North Bend, OR 97459; Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center, 2371 NE Stephens, Suite #100, Roseburg, OR 97470, (541) 672-8533; Grande Ronde Health & Wellness Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Rd., Grand Ronde, OR 97347, (800) 775-0095; Siletz Health Center, PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380, (800) 648-0449, Waditika Health Center, 100 PaSiGo Street, Burns, OR 97220, (541) 573-7312; Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services, 1900 Main Street, Chiloquin, OR 97624; Yellowhawk Clinic, PO Box 160, Pendleton, OR 97801, (541) 966-9830.

**Urban Health Programs:** NARA of the NW, Inc., 1776 SW Madison, Portland, OR 97205, (503) 224-1044; Indian Health Clinic, 15 N. Morris, St., Portland, OR 97227, (503) 230-9877, <http://www.naranorthwest.org/JOBS.htm>.

**IHS Health Programs:** For a listing of HIS programs please see: <http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/Portland/portland-health-services.asp>.

**Inter-Tribal Health Programs:** NARA of the NW, Inc., 1776 SW Madison, Portland, OR 97205, (503) 224-1044; Indian Health Clinic, 15 N. Morris, St., Portland, OR 97227, (503) 230-9877; <http://www.naranorthwest.org/JOBS.htm>.

**Indian Health Boards:** Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, 527 SW Hall Street Suite 300, Portland, OR 97201, (503) 228-4185, <http://www.npaihb.org/>.

**IHS Tribal Epidemiology Centers:** Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, NWPaiHB, 527 SW Hall, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97201, (503) 228-4185.

**Tribal Colleges:** None available.

**State Health Native American Liaison:** Dept. of Human Services, Richard E. Acevedo, 500 Summer Street NE 4th Floor, Salem, Oregon 97310-1012, (503) 945-7034, [Richard.E.Acevedo@state.or.us](mailto:Richard.E.Acevedo@state.or.us).

**Good State Resources:** Resource directory - [http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/odair/entry\\_page.htm](http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/odair/entry_page.htm); Project Red Talon, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, 527 SW Hall Street Suite 300, Portland, OR 97201, (503) 228-4185, <http://www.npaihb.org/std-aids/prt.html>.

**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.