



STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives RHODE ISLAND

State Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	5,495	6,140	11,635	1.1
State	503,226	545,093	1,048,319	100.0

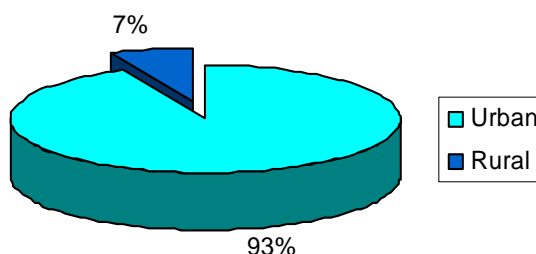
* American Indian population figures based on affiliation with American Indian alone and in combination with other races.

Rhode Island STD Program Website: <http://www.health.ri.gov/disease/communicable/index.php>

CDC Project Area



Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island- specific STD rates and percentages for the AI/AN population.

Rhode Island Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	5	13	18	0.6	341.0
State	868	2,396	3,269	100.0	311.8

Source: Rhode Island STD Control Program. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Rhode Island Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	—	—	<5*	<1.1	—
State	211	227	438	100.0	41.8

Source: Rhode Island STD Control Program. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Rhode Island 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	22	7	29	100.0	2.8

Source: Rhode Island STD Control Program. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

* Rhode Island does not report number of cells with less than 5 cases

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

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Rhode Island HIV New Cases, 2004

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	<5	<0.4	<5	<9.1	—	—	—
State	123	100.0	55	100.0	178	100.0	12.5

Source: Rhode Island Department of Public Health. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Rhode Island AIDS New Cases, 2004

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
State	90	100.0	41	100.0	131	100.0	1.7

Source: Rhode Island Department of Public Health. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Rhode Island Hepatitis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B		Hepatitis C	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AI/AN	<5	<26.0	<5	<100.0	0	0.0
State	19	100.0	5	100.0	0	100.0

Source: CDC Data Request

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Births

2004	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers <19	% w/ <12 yrs education	% Unmarried Mothers
AI/AN	165	1.3	17.0	29.7	72.7
State	12,779	100.0	5.6	15.1	37.3

Source: CDC National Vital Statistics System

Economics

2005	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level
AI/AN	26,202	28.8
State	42,090	11.9

Source: Census 2000 American Indian and Alaska Native Summary File (AIANSF)

Education

2004-2005	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2000-2001)
AI/AN	0.6	928	8.4
State	100.0	156,498	5.0

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Resources/ Potential Partners/ Special Issues

Rhode Island Tribes: There is one *federally-recognized* tribe in Rhode Island: The Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island, 4375-B South County Trail, PO Box 268, Charlestown, RI 02813, (401) 364-1100, <http://www.narragansett-tribe.org/>.

Tribal Health Programs: The Narragansett Indian Health Center, PO Box 268, Charlestown, RI 02813, (401) 364-1268.

Urban Programs: Rhode Island Indian Council, Inc. 807 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907, (401) 781-1098, <http://www.rhodeislandindiancouncil.org/matriarch/default.asp>.

IHS Health Programs: Nashville Area Indian Health Service, 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214-2634, (615-467-1500, <http://www.ihs.gov/index.asp>.

Inter-Tribal Health Programs: None available.

Indian Health Boards: National Indian Health Board, 101 Constitution Ave. N.W., Suite 8-B02, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 742-4262, <http://www.nihb.org>; United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Suite 100 Nashville, TN 37214. (615) 872-7900. <http://www.usetinc.org/defaultpage.cfm?ID=41>

IHS Tribal Epidemiology Centers: USET Tribal Epidemiology Center United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Suite 100 Nashville, TN 37214. (615) 872-7900; <http://www.usetinc.org/defaultpage.cfm?ID=41>; National Epi Program, Indian Health Services, 5300 Homestead Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. (505) 248-4132.

Tribal Colleges: None available.

State Health Native American Liaison: Office of Minority Health, Rhode Island Department of Public Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, (401) 222-2901.

Special Issues:
 —AI/ANs are often misclassified in race/ethnicity STD data. This misclassification increases with lower percentage of AI/AN ancestry.
 —AI/AN prevention services are severely underfunded, and those that exist may not reach those at most risk.