



# STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives SAN FRANCISCO CITY & COUNTY

**San Francisco STD Program Website:**  
<http://www.sfcddp.org/>

CDC Project Area



## Metro Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	4,557	4,414	8,971	1.2
Metro Area	394,828	381,905	776,733	100.0

*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 San Francisco- specific STD rates and percentages for the AI/AN population.

## San Francisco Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	7	15	22	0.6	912.5
Metro Area	1,937	1,792	3,729	100.0	504.3

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

## San Francisco Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	9	8	17	0.7	705.1
Metro Area	2,094	356	2,450	100.0	331.3

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

## San Francisco P&S Syphilis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	3	0	3	1.2	124.4
Metro Area	246	3	249	100.0	33.7

*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*

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San Francisco HIV non-AIDS Cases, through March 2006

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%
AI/AN	36	0.7	12	3.1	25	1.2
Metro Area	5,485	100.0	382	100.0	2,022	100.0

Source: San Francisco Department of Public Health 2005 HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Annual Report. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

San Francisco AIDS New Cases, 2004

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	7	0.9	2	1.9	9	1.0	241.9
Metro Area	758	100.0	108	100.0	866	100.0	116.4

Source: CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Supplemental Report, Volume 12, Number 2. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

San Francisco Hepatitis Cases

Data is not available at this time

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Births

2002	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers <19	% w/ <12 yrs education	% Unmarried Mothers(2003)
AI/AN	25	0.3	16.0	28.0	n/a*
Metro Area	8,359	100.0	2.8	16.5	24.3

Source: CDC 2002 Vital Statistic of the United States Series, CDC Wonder Search, KIDSCOUNT

Economics

2000	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level
AI/AN	38,547	17.6
Bay Area	53,025	11.3

Source: www.ccsre.stanford.edu/reports/report\_13.pdf, www.stanford.edu/dept/csre/reports/report\_12.pdf

Education

2006-2007	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2004-2005)
AI/AN	0.6	349	1.0
Metro Area	100.0	55,497	1.9

Source: San Francisco Department of Education, www.ed-data.k12.ca.us

Resources/ Potential Partners/ Special Issues

**Urban Health Programs:** The Friendship House Association of American Indians, Inc. of San Francisco, 333 Valencia Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94013, (415) 865-0964, www.friendshiphousesf.org; Native American Health Center, 1411 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601, (510) 535-4460, http://www.nativehealth.org/; San Francisco Native American Health Center (UIHB, Inc.), 160 Capp Street, San Francisco, CA 94110, (415) 553-4400; East Bay Native American Health Center, 3124 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601, (510) 535-4400.

**Indian Health Boards:** Urban Indian Health Board, Inc. Native American Health Center, 1411 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, CA 94601, (510) 535-4460.

**IHS Tribal Epidemiology Centers:** California Area Epidemiology Center, California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc., 4400 Auburn Blvd. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95841, (916) 929-9761.

**State Health Native American Liaison:** The Office of Multicultural Health, CDHS, MS 0022, PO Box 997413. Sacramento. CA 95899-7413, (916) 440-7562, www.dhs.ca.gov/director/omh/; CDHS, Indian Health Program, 1615 Capitol Avenue, Ste. 73.460, MS 8500, P.O. Box 997413, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413, (916-449-5770.

**Special Issues:**

AI/AN prevention services are severely underfunded, and those that exist may not reach those at most risk. Thus, AI/AN do not have the health systems to truly detect the true incidence and prevalence of STDs. Surveillance systems in CA can be inaccurate and misleading in the conclusion that the AI/AN population does not have large case numbers or problems. 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.
- Urban American Indians are affiliated with multiple Indian Nations and/or tribes resulting in potentially different cultural implications for prevention planning.

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