



# STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives SOUTH CAROLINA

## State Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	13,344	14,112	27,456	0.7
State	1,948,929	2,063,083	4,012,012	100.0

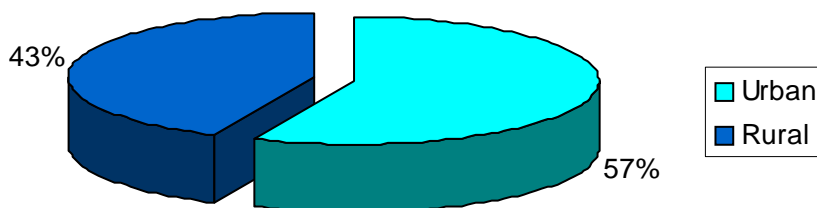
\* American Indian population figures based on affiliation with American Indian alone and in combination with other races.

South Carolina STD Program Website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/stdhiv/index.htm>

CDC Project Area



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

### South Carolina Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	2	17	19	0.1	148.8
State	2,683	16,114	18,797	100.0	441.8

Source: South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

### South Carolina Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	4	4	8	<0.1	62.7
State	4,081	4,663	8,744	100.0	205.5

Source: South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

### South Carolina Total Early Syphilis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	1	1	2	0.4	15.7
State	325	188	513	100.0	12.1

Source: South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control. 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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## South Carolina HIV New Cases

*Data is not available at this time*

## South Carolina 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	521	100.0	231	100.0	752	100.0	21.6

*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.*

## South Carolina Hepatitis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B		Hepatitis C	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AI/AN	0	0.0	1	0.1	9	0.2
State	44	100.0	832	100.0	4,719	100.0

*Source: South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*

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Births

2004	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers <20	% w/ <9 yrs education	% Unmarried Mothers
AI/AN	188	0.3	20.2	7.4	27.7
State	56,543	100.0	13.4	3.9	26.1

*Source: South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control*

Economics

2005	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level
AI/AN	33,115	19.5
State	39,316	10.5

*Source: US Census Bureau*

Education

2004-2005	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2002-2003)
AI/AN	0.2	1,429	4.7
State	100.0	680,635	3.2

*Source: South Carolina Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics*

Resources/ Potential Partners/ Special Issues

**South Carolina Tribes:** For a listing and contact information of the tribes in South Carolina please see: <http://southcarolinaindianaffairs.com/members>.

**Tribal Health Programs:** None available.

**Urban Health Programs:** None available.

**IHS Health Programs:** Catawba Health Center, 2893 Sturgis Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 366-9090.

**Inter-Tribal Health Programs:** American Indian Center of South Carolina, 655 St. Andrews Rd., #111, Columbia, SC 29210, (803) 796-9419.

**Indian Health Boards:** United South & Eastern Tribes, 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 872-7900, <http://usetinc.org/>.

**IHS Tribal Epidemiology Centers:** United South & Eastern Tribes, 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214, (615) 872-7900, <http://usetinc.org/>.

**Tribal Colleges:** None available.

**State Health Native American Liaison:** SC DHEC, Office of Minority Health 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 898-3808, <http://www.scdhec.net/health/minority/index.htm>.

**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.

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