



STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives TENNESSEE

State Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	19,085	20,103	39,188	0.7
State	2,770,275	2,919,008	5,689,283	100.0

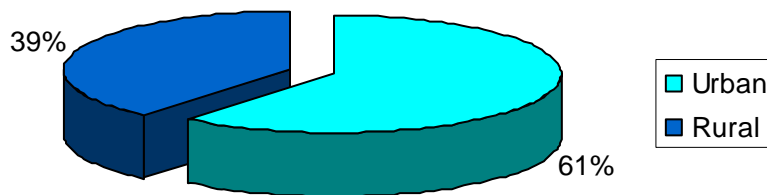
* American Indian population figures based on affiliation with American Indian alone and in combination with other races.

Tennessee STD Program Website: <http://www2.state.tn.us/health/STD/std.htm>

CDC Project Area



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

Tennessee Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	10	37	47	0.2	262.7
State	6,523	16,315	22,838	100.0	383.0

Source: Tennessee Department of Health. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Tennessee Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	4	10	14	0.2	78.3
State	4,209	4,395	8,604	100.0	144.3

Source: Tennessee Department of Health, CDC Data Request. Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Tennessee 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	153	64	217	100.0	3.6

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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Tennessee HIV/AIDS New Cases, 2004

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	<0.1	1.6
State	802	100.0	306	100.0	1,108	100.0	18.8

Source: http://www2.state.tn.us/health/STD/PDFs/Epi_Profile2005.pdf . Rate calculated on American Indian alone affiliation.

Tennessee Hepatitis New Cases

Data is not available at this time

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Births

2004	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers <20	% w/ <12 yrs education	% Unmarried Mothers
AI/AN	149	0.2	12.0	22.8	40.2
State	79,572	100.0	12.9	22.4	38.1

Source: Tennessee Department of Health

Economics

2005	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level (1999)
AI/AN	28,825	17.2
State	38,874	11.0

Source: US Census Bureau, Resource: Better health Initiative, Division of Health Statistics, Tennessee Department of Health

Education

2004-2005	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2000-2001)
AI/AN	0.2	1,797	n/a*
State	100.0	941,091	4.3

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Resources/ Potential Partners/ Special Issues

Tennessee Tribes: There are no federally-recognized tribes in Tennessee. Tribal groups currently residing in the state include: the Cumberland Creek Indian Confederation; Etowah Cherokee Nation, PO Box 5454, Cleveland, TN 37320; the Red Clay Band of SE Cherokee Confederacy; and the Elk Valley Band - Council of Chickamauga Cherokee, 27 Honey Lane, Estill Springs, TN 37330-3529, (931) 962-6499.

Tribal Health Programs: None available.

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

IHS Health Programs: Nashville Area Indian Health Service, 711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Nashville, TN 37214-2634.

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

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: Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Minority Health, Cordell Hull Bldg. 3rd Fl., 425 5th Ave. N, Nashville, TN 37213-0136, (615) 741-9443.

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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