



# STDs in American Indians and Alaska Natives UTAH

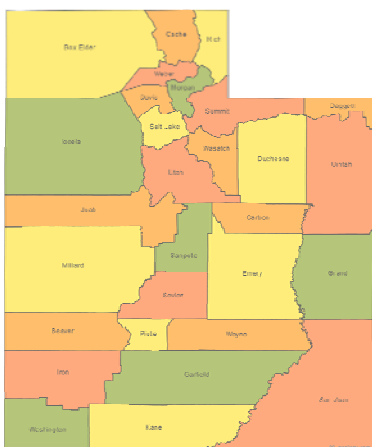
## State Population & AI/AN, 2000

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%
AI/AN	20,263	20,182	40,445	1.8
State	1,119,031	1,114,138	2,233,169	100.0

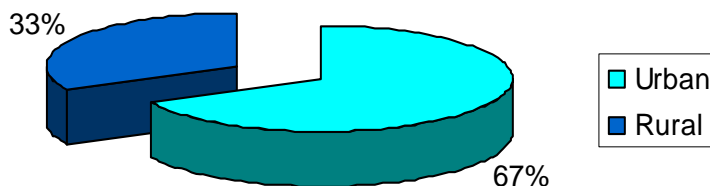
\* American Indian population figures based on affiliation with American Indian alone and in combination with other races.

Utah STD Program Website: <http://health.utah.gov/cdc//std/std/htm>

CDC Project Area



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



Source of population data: 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 Utah- specific STD rates and percentages for the AI/AN population.

### Utah Chlamydia New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	26	112	138	3.0	429.8
State	1,521	3,081	4,602	100.0	186.3

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

### Utah Gonorrhea New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	Female	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	4	12	16	2.2	49.8
State	408	319	727	100.0	29.4

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

### Utah 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	9	1	10	100.0	0.4

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

### Utah HIV New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	7	1.0	3	2.1	10	1.2	31.1
State	637	100.0	141	100.0	778	100.0	31.5

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

### Utah AIDS New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Male	%	Female	%	Total	%	Rate per 100,000
AI/AN	22	1.1	7	3.1	29	1.3	90.3
State	1,993	100.0	225	100.0	2,218	100.0	89.8

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

### Utah Hepatitis New Cases, 2005

Population Group	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B		Hepatitis C	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
AI/AN	0	0.0	2	5.0	0	0.0
State	21	100.0	40	100.0	6	100.0

*Source: Utah Department of Health*

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Births

2004	Number of Births	%	% of Births to Mothers <19	% w/ <12 yrs education	% Unmarried Mothers
AI/AN	689	1.3	9.0	23.2	55.4
State	50,670	100.0	3.6	13.4	17.4

*Source: CDC National Vital Statistics System*

Economics

2005	Median Household Income (USD)	% Below Poverty Level
AI/AN	31,931	19.2
State	47,934	7.1

*Source: US Census Bureau*

Education

2004-2005	Enrollment % (K-12)	Actual Enrollment (K-12)	Dropout Rate % (2000-2001)
AI/AN	1.5	7,711	8.3
State	100.0	503,607	3.7

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics*

Resources/ Potential Partners/ Special Issues

**Utah Tribes:** There are seven *federally-recognized* tribal groups in the State of Utah and three non-recognized groups. For a listing of Utah tribes and their contact information see <http://indian.utah.gov/tribalcouncils.html>.

**Tribal Health Programs:** Utah Navajo Development Council, Halchita Service Unit, Mexican Hat, UT 84531, Bluff Service Unit, Bluff, AZ 84512; Aneth Service Unit, Aneth, UT 84510, Monument Valley Service Unit, Monument Valley, UT 84536; Southern Colorado Ute, White Mesa Health Station, Highway 191, Blanding, UT 84551; Goshute Owyhee Service Unit, PO Box 6102, Ibapah, UT 84034; Northwestern Band of Shoshone Health, Brigham Tribal Office, 707 N Main Street, Brigham City, UT 84302, (877) 716-5716; Paiute Tribal Health (Cedar City), 440 N. Paiute Dr., Cedar City, UT 84720.

**Urban Health Programs:** Indian Walk-In Center, 120 West 1300 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84115, (801) 486-4877, [www.indianwalkincenter.org](http://www.indianwalkincenter.org).

**IHS Health Programs:** Uintah-Ouray Service Unit, Fort Duchesne PHS Indian Health Center, P.O. Box 160, Fort Duchesne, UT 84026, (435) 722-5122. [http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/Phoenix/phx\\_su\\_uo](http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/Phoenix/phx_su_uo);

**Inter-Tribal Health Programs:** Indian Walk-In Center, 120 West 1300 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84115, (801) 486-4877, [www.indianwalkincenter.org](http://www.indianwalkincenter.org).

**Indian Health Boards:** Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. 2214 N. Central Avenue Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 258-4822, <http://www.itcaonline.com/>; Navajo Nation Division of Health, PO Box 1390, Window Rock, AZ 86515, (520) 871-6350.

**IHS Tribal Epidemiology Centers:** ITCA Epidemiology Center, 2214 N. Central Avenue Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 258-4822, <http://www.itcaonline.com/epi/>; Navajo Area Epidemiology Center, Navajo Nation Division of Health, Tribal Admn, Bldg #2 Window Rock, AZ 86515, (928)871-6350.

**Tribal Colleges:** None available.

**State Health Native American Liaison:** Melissa Zito, MS, RN, Indian Health Liaison/Health Policy Consultant, Division of Health Care Financing, Directors Office, Utah Department of Health, 288 North 1460 West, PO Box 143101, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-3101, (801) 538-7087, [mzito@utah.gov](mailto:mzito@utah.gov).

**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.