Census Information Center Site Visit with visitors from Kenya and Zambia
August 29, 2012

Agenda

2:00pm

• Welcome and Introductions (15 min)
• Purpose and Structure of NCAI and the Policy Research Center (15 minutes)
• Overview of Indian History, Federal Policy, and Population (20 minutes)
• Need for Accurate Data to Support Tribal Advocacy Agenda (20 minutes)
• Benefits of Data Dissemination Network - NCAI’s CIC status (20 minutes)
• Questions/Discussion (remainder)
Protecting Tribal Sovereignty Since 1944
Tribal Nations & the U.S. Constitution

• Commerce clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 3). The clause states that the United States Congress shall have power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes"
A Unified Voice For Indian Country

National Congress of American Indians

- Founded in 1944
- Serves the broad interests of tribal governments and communities.
- A representative congress of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes
- United to protect and enhance treaty and sovereign rights while securing our traditional laws, cultures, and ways of life for our descendents.
- Advance a common understanding of the rightful place of tribes in the family of American governments.
Our Focus

- Tribal Governance
- Economic Development & Commerce
- Community and Culture
- Land and Natural Resources
- Health, Education & Social Services
• NCAI Policy Research Center & Data (ncaiprc.org)

A national tribal research center focused on issues facing tribal communities and providing the tools necessary to inform public policy debates with meaningful information.
National Events

- Annual Meeting
- Mid Year Meeting
- Executive Council Winter Session in Washington, D.C.
- Advocacy & education events throughout the year
Policy: 
A Signature Year for Indian Country

- Indian Health Care Improvement Act Made Permanent
- Tribal Law & Order Act
- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Keepseagle Settlement – USDA
- Cobell Settlement – DOI
Brief Federal Indian Policy

- Pre-1492 Pre-Columbian Period
- 1492 - 1828 Colonial Period
- 1828 - 1887 Removal, Reservation and Treaty Period
- 1887- 1934 Allotment and Assimilation Period
- 1934 - 1945 Indian Reorganization Period (NCAI Founded)
- 1945-1968 Termination Period
- 1968-Present Self-Determination Period
Nation to Nation Relationships
Tribal Nations, Leaders, & Communities
Youth Leadership
Other Initiatives

• State of Indian Nations
• Partnership for Tribal Governance
• Native Vote
• Indian Country Works
• Project on the Judiciary
• Climate Change
• Meth Initiative
• Tribal Law &
Media Coverage of Tribal Issues
To equip tribal leaders with the data they need to make policy decisions.
• Mission: provide efficient access to Census Bureau data products through a wide network of organizations for **underserved populations**.

• CICs provide training and technical assistance in accessing and using Census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by local governments, the business community, researchers, and other interested data users.
  – CIC program began in 1998
  – Over 50 CICs
  – NCAI became a CIC in 2006
Indian Land Cessions – Basis for Doctrine of Trust Responsibility
Census data is the source of the most consistent and comprehensive information about Indian Country.
Tribal leaders, planners, business owners, and social and direct service providers all rely on the Census and ACS to plan for community development and track local progress.
A Snap Shot of Indian Country

Basic Living Characteristics:

- No telephone service available: 2% (Total Population), 32% (American Indian/Alaska Native)
- Overcrowded homes: 6% (Total Population), 15% (American Indian/Alaska Native)
- Lacks kitchen facilities: 1% (Total Population), 11% (American Indian/Alaska Native)
- No access to electricity: 1% (Total Population), 14% (American Indian/Alaska Native)
- Lacks complete plumbing: 1% (Total Population), 12% (American Indian/Alaska Native)

Unemployment and Poverty:

- Poverty Rates: 13% (Total Population), 25% (American Indian/Alaska Native)
- Unemployed: 5% (Total Population), 22% (American Indian/Alaska Native)
Tribal Economies: Percentage of People Living Below Poverty, 1959 to 2010

- AIAN on Reservations
- Total AIAN
- Recessions
- Total Population

Percentage of People Living Below Poverty:
- 1960: 22%
- 1965: 20%
- 1970: 18%
- 1975: 16%
- 1980: 14%
- 1985: 13%
- 1990: 12%
- 1995: 11%
- 2000: 11%
- 2005: 11%
- 2010: 15%
American Indians: A Hard to Count Population
AIAN vs. all races living in “Hard to Count” Census tracts

Chronic Undercounts
Language Barriers
Remote/Unmarked Addresses

Difficult travel and Transportation
Mistrust of Government

Alaska: 24% (All Races), 62% (AIAN)
Arizona: 27% (All Races), 79% (AIAN)
California: 31% (All Races), 62% (AIAN)
Colorado: 40% (All Races), 79% (AIAN)
Idaho: 11% (All Races), 23% (AIAN)
Illinois: 21% (All Races), 32% (AIAN)
Michigan: 19% (All Races), 12% (AIAN)
Minnesota: 12% (All Races), 28% (AIAN)
Montana: 7% (All Races), 49% (AIAN)
Nebraska: 8% (All Races), 28% (AIAN)
Nevada: 16% (All Races), 30% (AIAN)
New Mexico: 26% (All Races), 34% (AIAN)

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- Mistrust of Government
Grassroots and National Education Initiatives

For those who came before us, and those on their way, our time has come.

Fill out your 2010 Census Form for Our people. Our nations. Our future.

www.IndianCountryCounts.org
National Congress of American Indians
Percentage Net Undercount by Race and Hispanic Origin

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Tribal Population is Very Young

Native and Total, US

Native Indian/Alaska Native Alone

- Under 5: 8.3%
- 5 to 9: 5.7%
- 10 to 14: 6.3%
- 15 to 19: 6.6%
- 20 to 24: 6.5%
- 25 to 29: 6.7%
- 30 to 34: 7.6%
- 35 to 39: 8.2%
- 40 to 44: 9.0%
- 45 to 49: 7.6%
- 50 to 54: 7.1%
- 55 to 59: 6.6%
- 60 to 64: 6.5%
- 65 to 69: 5.3%
- 70 to 74: 4.0%
- 75 to 79: 5.4%
- 80 to 84: 1.8%
- 85 and over: 0.6%

Baby Boom

Native and Total, SD

Native Indian/Alaska

- Under 5: 12.1%
- 5 to 9: 6.6%
- 10 to 14: 7.0%
- 15 to 19: 6.8%
- 20 to 24: 6.1%
- 25 to 29: 5.6%
- 30 to 34: 5.3%
- 35 to 39: 4.0%
- 40 to 44: 3.1%
- 45 to 49: 2.7%
- 50 to 54: 3.0%
- 55 to 59: 5.3%
- 60 to 64: 6.6%
- 65 to 69: 7.0%
- 70 to 74: 6.8%
- 75 to 79: 7.4%
- 80 to 84: 7.2%
- 85 and over: 6.4%

Total Population

American Indian/Alaska

- Native Alone
- Total
Thank you. Questions?