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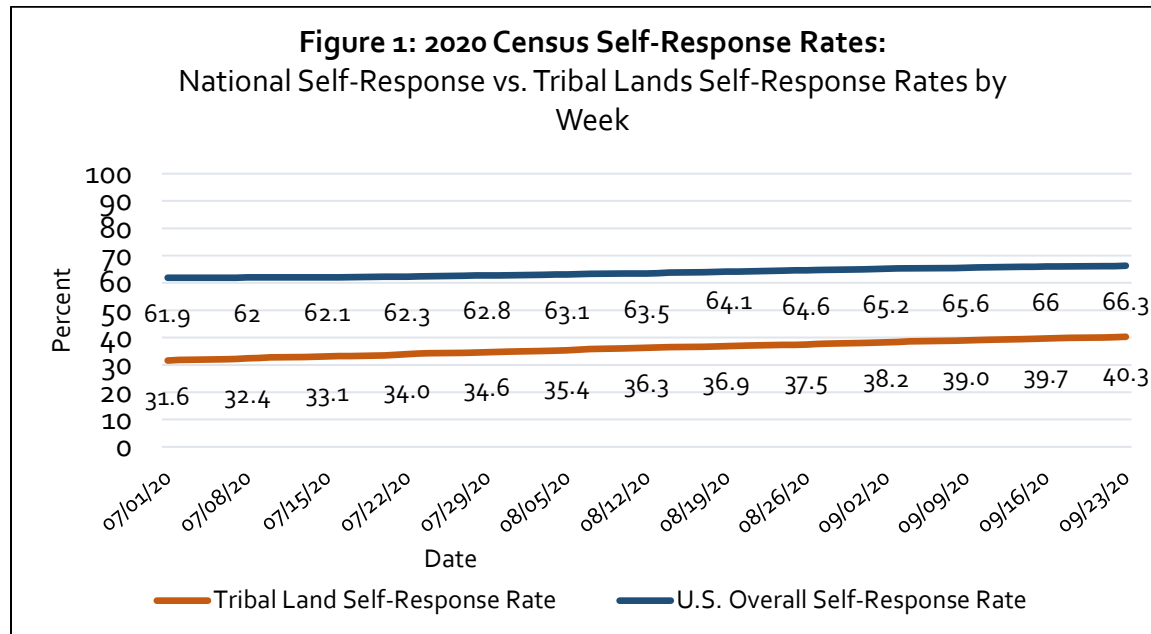
Research Policy Update

Decennial Census: Tribal Lands Response Rates

The purpose of this report is to share the weekly updates of 2020 Census self-response rates for tribal lands using U.S. Census Bureau response rate data. The self-response rates are calculated as the percent of all households who have completed the census form as of the date indicated. The data is downloaded directly from the Census Bureau API, which is updated Monday through Friday, with the exception of federal holidays. The API data include Native Hawaiian lands which were removed for our analysis. The 2020 Census self-response data for tribal lands were categorized using the National Congress of American Indians (NCIA) regions, which may differ from other organizations' regional assignments.

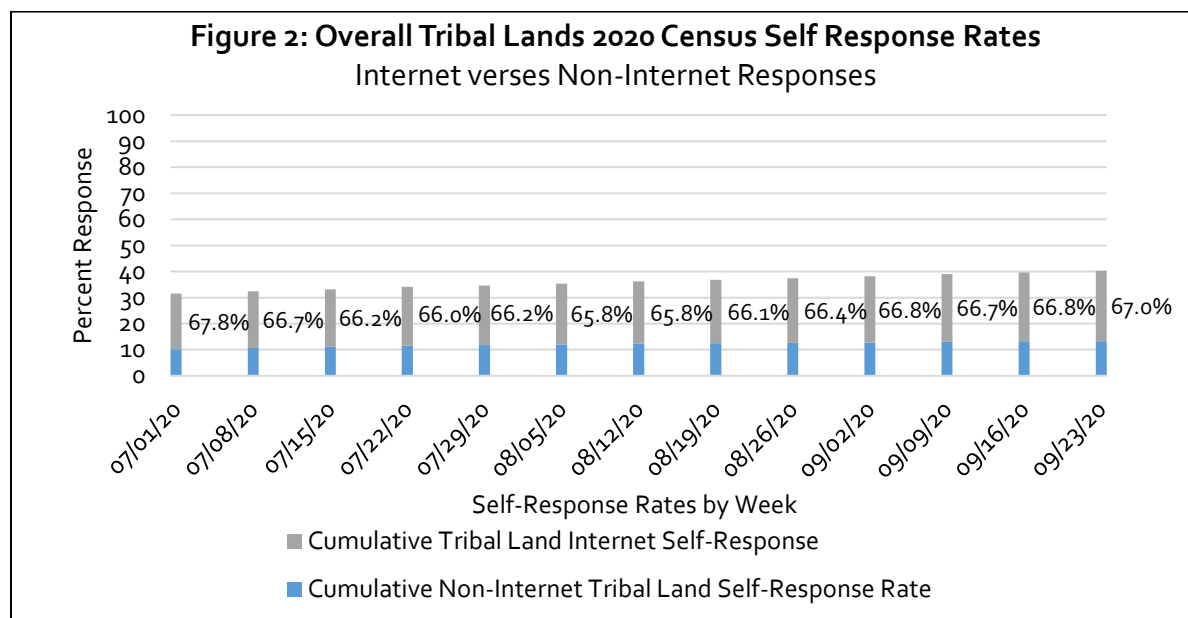
All Tribal Lands –2020 Census Response Rates

The US Census Bureau 2020 Census response rates are provided by tribal lands (geographies). There are 278 tribal lands, not including the Native Hawaiian lands, coded into the Census tribal geographies. **Figure 1** illustrates the overall average 2020 Census self-response rate for all 278 tribal lands compared to the overall average response rate for the U.S. population on the same dates.



The average overall response rate for the U.S. population overall remains just under 30 percent higher than the response rate for tribal lands as a whole for the 2020 decennial census to date. The response rates improved by 7.1 percent for the overall U.S. and 27.5 percent for tribal lands over the twelve-week period in **Figure 1**. However, the percent increase from the past week for the overall U.S. was only 0.5 percent, and for tribal lands was only 1.5 percent. In order to achieve a 100 percent count, the tribal lands response rate needs to increase by an average of 60 percent each week until the end of enumeration on 9/30/2020. If enumeration is able to continue to 10/31/2020, the tribal lands response rate needs to increase by an average of 12 percent per week until then.

Figure 2 shows a comparison of how much of the overall 2020 census response rate for tribal lands is from internet self-response over the same time period.



The response rates in **Figure 2** show the cumulative overall response rate for tribal lands on the date indicated. The percent internet responses that make up the overall reporting rates for tribal lands was 67.0 percent (gray portion of bars) on 9/23/2020. The proportion of the average overall internet response rates to the overall average tribal response rates has remained fairly steady through July 2020 with minimal variation.

NCAI Regions – NCAI Region 2020 Census Self-Response Rates

In this section, tribal lands were categorized based on the NCAI regions as listed below:

Alaska	Northeast	Southeast
Eastern Oklahoma	Northwest	Southern Plains
Great Plains	Pacific	Southwest
Midwest	Rocky Mountain	Western
Navajo		

Figure 3 shows the average overall 2020 Census response rates for the tribal lands in the NCAI regions from July 1, 2020 to September 23, 2020.

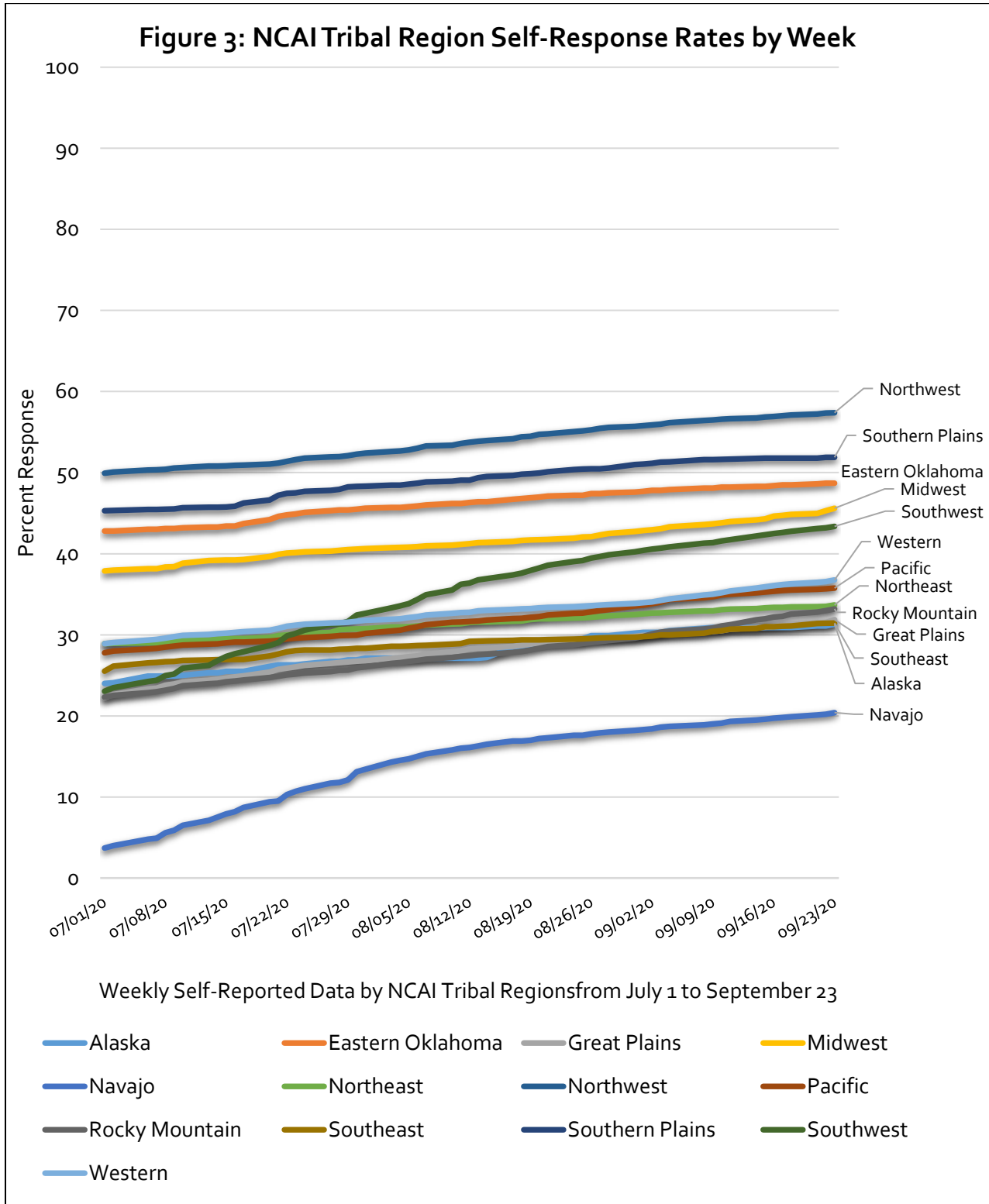


Table 1 displays the most recent weekly 2020 Census self-response rates for all tribal lands in each NCAI Region, which is the most recent result in Figure 3 above.

NCAI Region	September 23, 2020 Self-Response Rate (%)
Alaska	31.3
Eastern Oklahoma	48.7
Great Plains	31.9
Midwest	45.6
Navajo	20.4
Northeast	33.7
Northwest	57.4
Pacific	35.8
Rocky Mountain	33.2
Southeast	31.4
Southern Plains	51.9
Southwest	43.4
Western	36.8
National U.S. Response	66.3

Figure 4 shows 2020 Census response rates for tribal lands from August 2020 to September 2020 for each NCAI region. 2020 Census response rates in all NCAI regions increased in the last month, with the largest increase being in the Southwest region.

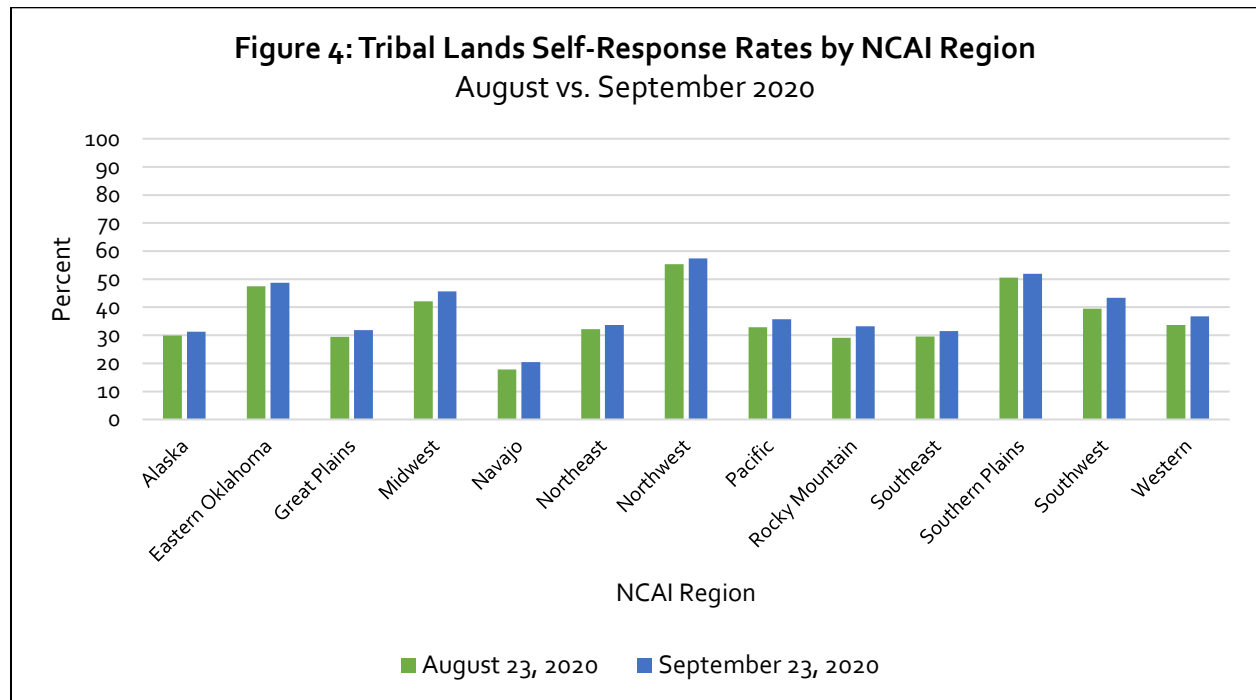
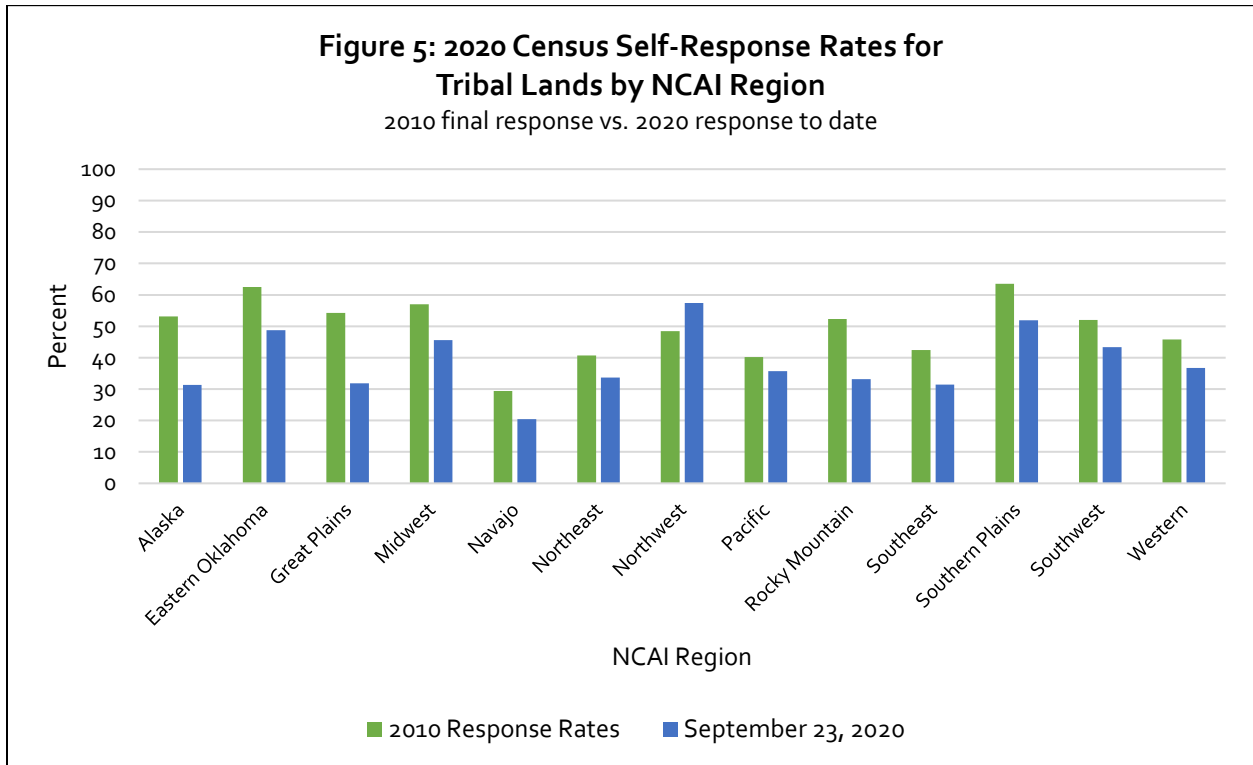


Figure 5 illustrates the 2020 Census self-response rates (blue bars) for tribal lands in all NCAI Regions as of 9/23/2020 compared to the final 2010 Census response rates (green bars). Only one NCAI Region has exceeded its 2010 Census final response rate (Northwest NCAI Region) as of the date of this report. **NCAI Regions are encouraged to exceed their 2010 Census final response rates as much as possible and have a goal to achieve a 100 percent response rate by September 30, 2020.**



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Maps

Tribal nations can view 2020 Census self-response rates for their state, county, and tribal lands on the following maps of 2020 Census self-response rates:

U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Response Rates Map: <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

Census Hard to Count 2020 Map: <https://www.censushardtocountmaps2020.us/>

To learn more about using these maps, view our instructional video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOKgsM6Enlw&feature=emb_title

For more information, email census@ncai.org or visit our Indian Country Counts website at: <http://indiancountrycounts.org/>

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