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## ABSTRACT

Presenting statistical data on the American Indian Population 55 years of age and older, this report presents the following tables: (1) Total and American Indian Resident Populations, All Ages and 55+, by State, 1970; (2) American Indian Resident Population, 55+ and Selected Age Groups, by State and Sex, 1970, (3) American Indian Resident population, Total and 55+ Age Group, in State Rank Order, 1970; (4) American Indians of All Ages, 55+, and 60+ by Region, and Urban-Rural Residence, 1970; (5) American Indians of All Ages and 65+ Living on Identified Reservations, in State Rank Order, 1970; (6) American Indian Population of All Ages and 65+ Living on Identified Reservations by State, 1970. Presenting a narrative summary, this paper reports that: the number of Indians 55 years of age and over reached about 89,000 in 1970 and made up 12% of the 761,000 persons in the Indian population; like the total, most older Indians lived in the 22 states with reservations identified for the 1970 census count (of the 213,770 Indians living on the 115 reservations, there were 11,853 Indians 65 years of age or older living on these reservations and accounting for 6% of all Indians on reservations); although Indians were highly concentrated in a few states (Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and North Carolina), they only made up 1% to 8% of the total persons in the 55+ age group in the 8 states with the largest older Indian population.

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## FOREWORD

This publication presents population data on the geographical distribution of elderly American Indians (Indians) 55 years of age and over (55+). This lower age group was selected because of the shorter life expectancy for Indians as compared with the U.S. population as a whole. Data on the 60+ population and persons of all ages are included to make comparisons and to show how older Indians fit into the population. Statistics on the total and 65+ Indians living on reservations are also included.

The data in this analysis are based on figures published by the Bureau of the Census from the 15 and 20 percent samples of the 1970 census enumeration as indicated for each table.

In 1970, the Indian population, according to the 15 percent sample, was 760,572 and for the 20 percent sample it was 763,594. The complete population count placed the American Indian population at 792,730.

All 1960 census data and changes which occurred in the Indian population during the 1960-70 decade are omitted from this report. These data are excluded primarily because the 1960 census data contain an overcount of Indians 55-59 years of age. The magnitude of this overcount is not known. Also, isolated Indians living in rural areas were more likely to be excluded from the 1960 census count than from the 1970 count.

For additional data on American Indians aged 60+ and data on those 65+, see Facts and Figures Number 9; Administration on Aging, Office of Human Development, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which is based on the 1970 census enumeration.

### Reservations

The data on reservations include only those Indians living on the 115 reservation areas identified for the 1970 census by the Bureau of the Census, using information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. These reservations comprise about half of all reservations in the United States. They are generally large reservations, and were selected because maps of adequate quality of these areas were available for field enumeration by the Bureau of the Census. The data exclude Indians residing on trust land outside reservations. The figures may not be consistent with those from other sources, such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, because the census count includes only Indians living within reservation boundaries.

NOTE: Facts & Figures and Statistical Methods have been renamed Statistical Report.

# OLDER AMERICAN INDIANS, 1970

## (55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER)

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The 1970 census enumeration revealed that there were nearly 89,000 American Indians 55 years old or over living on and off reservations in the United States. They represented 0.2% of the 38.8 million persons 55 years of age or older. These older Indians ranked as the third most populous among all elderly racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States, the highest ranking was Black and the second was Spanish Heritage. The same ranking was true for the 761,000 persons in the total Indian population.<sup>1/</sup> They constituted 0.4% of the U.S. total.

In 1970, the Bureau of the Census counted as American Indians those persons who so reported themselves as Indians and those who did not classify themselves in one of the specific race categories on the questionnaire but who reported the name of an Indian tribe or such entries as "Mexican American-Indian," "Canadian-Indian," or "South American-Indian."

The Indian population is a young group. Their median age was 8 years less than that of the U.S. population in 1970 (20.5 vs. 28.1). Only 12% of Indians were 55 years of age or older as compared with 19% of the U.S. total, and 8% were 60 years old or older as compared with 14% of the U.S. total.

### DISTRIBUTION BY STATE

American Indians were living in all sections of the country in 1970, but were more concentrated in a few States, primarily those with reservations, than was true of the U.S. total. Indians 55 years of age and over were distributed geographically in the same general pattern as the total Indian population. Five States (Oklahoma, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and North Carolina) together accounted for 53% of these older persons and 52% of Indians of all ages. About two-thirds of each group (total and 55+) lived in nine States and three-quarters of each were in 12 States (see Table 3). About 63% of Indians age 55+ and 71% of the total Indian population were in the 22 States with reservations identified for the 1970 census enumeration.

In terms of absolute numbers, 11 States had at least 2,000 of the elderly Indians and four of these States had more than 6,000. Oklahoma, with the largest number had more than 17,000.

\* Data Analysis and Dissemination Division.

<sup>1/</sup> Does not include the 28,000 Eskimos and 6,000 Aleuts that the Bureau of the Census separately identified in Alaska. About 8% of the Eskimos and more than 7% of the Aleuts were 55 years of age or older.

The proportion of older Indians in the total older population varied considerably by State. Eight States had at least 1% or more Indians in the 55+ population--Alaska 8%, New Mexico 5%, Oklahoma and Arizona 3% each, South Dakota and Montana 2% each, Nevada and North Dakota 1% each. In 13 of the remaining 43 States, Indians accounted for less than one-half of 1% of the total persons age 55+ (see Table 1). For Indians 60 years of age or older, the distribution cited above was about the same.

Among elderly Indians, women outnumbered men by a small margin. In 1970, they made up 52% of the 55+ group. However, these elderly Indian women did not predominate in every State as was generally true of the U.S. total older population. Of the 41 States with 200 or more Indians 55 years of age or older in 1970, there were fewer women than men in 12 States; in 27 States, the proportion that was women ranged from a low of 50% in Connecticut, Idaho, and North Carolina to a high of 59% in Tennessee; and in two States--Rhode Island and Iowa--the percentage was 68% and 64% respectively. In these two States, however, the number of women 55 years old or over was less than 200 (see Table 2).

#### REGION

In 1970, the largest proportion of older Indians continued to live in the West and the smallest in the Northeast. The proportion of older Indians in each region varied from less than 10% in the Northeast to over 40% in the West with little difference between the 55+ and 60+ age groupings (see table below).

Table A.  
AMERICAN INDIANS 55 AND 60 YEARS OF AGE AND  
OVER BY REGION, 1970.

Region	55+		60+	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
U. S. ....	88,809	100.0	63,823	100.0
West.....	37,228	41.9	26,533	41.6
South.....	27,686	31.2	20,267	31.8
North Central..	16,644	18.7	11,643	18.2
Northeast.....	7,251	8.2	5,380	8.4

## URBAN AND RURAL AREAS

The following table shows that compared with the total older population of the Nation, older American Indians tend to live in rural areas.

Table B.

URBAN-RURAL RESIDENCE OF ALL  
PERSONS AND AMERICAN INDIANS 55 AND 60  
YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, 1970

Age and Race	All areas	Urban	Rural		
			Total	Nonfarm	Farm
<b>55 years and over:</b>					
All races.....	100.0	72.8	27.2	22.1	5.1
American Indians.....	100.0	43.6	56.4	48.6	7.9
<b>60 years and over:</b>					
All races.....	100.0	72.8	27.2	22.4	4.8
American Indians.....	100.0	42.9	57.1	49.3	7.8

The proportion of Indians of all ages, 55+ and 60+ living in rural areas in 1970 was about the same--55%, 56%, and 57%, respectively. This pattern of distribution for elderly Indians was also similar in each of the major regions (see Table 4).

## RESERVATIONS

The 213,770 Indians living on the 115 reservations identified for the 1970 census by the Bureau of the Census represents 28% of all American Indians. The 11,853 Indians 65 years of age or older living on these reservations accounted for 6% of all Indians on reservations, 27% of all Indians in the 65+ age group, and 2% of total Indians of all ages. Half of this older group living on reservations resided in just two States--Arizona and New Mexico--and about three-quarters were in five States (see Table 5). Comparable data for the 55+ and 60+ population were not available.

SUMMARY

The number of Indians 55 years of age and over reached about 89,000 in 1970 and made up 12% of the 761,000 persons in the Indian population. Like the total, most older Indians lived in the 22 States with reservations identified for the 1970 census count. Although Indians were highly concentrated in a few States, they were, nevertheless, represented in the total older population of all States. In the eight States with the largest proportion of older Indians, they made up 1% to 8% of total persons in the 55+ age group.

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TOTAL AND AMERICAN INDIAN RESIDENT POPULATIONS, ALL AGES  
AND 55+, BY STATE, 1970<sup>1</sup>

State	Total, all ages			55+		
	Total	Indians		Total	Indians	
		Number	Per cent of total		Number	Per cent of total
U.S. total.....	203,210,158	760,572	0.4	38,751,312	88,566	0.2
Alabama.....	3,444,148	2,153	0.1	648,056	409	0.1
Alaska.....	300,382	16,281	5.4	20,751	1,667	8.0
Arizona.....	1,770,893	93,508	5.3	315,079	8,845	2.8
Arkansas.....	1,923,240	2,144	0.1	438,596	327	0.1
California.....	10,957,304	88,271	0.4	3,515,658	9,634	0.3
Colorado.....	2,207,259	8,112	0.4	360,910	752	0.2
Connecticut.....	3,031,705	2,387	0.1	574,617	443	0.1
Delaware.....	548,993	488	0.1	87,764	133	0.2
District of Columbia.....	756,492	700	0.1	141,611	151	0.1
Florida.....	7,789,383	6,196	0.1	1,700,643	877	0.1
Georgia.....	4,488,569	2,236	*	752,232	175	*
Hawaii.....	708,559	1,216	0.2	97,295	67	0.1
Idaho.....	712,567	6,315	0.9	134,761	526	0.4
Illinois.....	11,109,450	9,756	0.1	2,142,219	1,049	*
Indiana.....	5,193,665	3,266	0.1	946,946	469	*
Iowa.....	2,824,376	2,829	0.1	620,166	282	*
Kansas.....	2,246,578	8,106	0.4	477,626	1,121	0.2
Kentucky.....	3,218,697	1,269	*	634,202	116	*
Louisiana.....	3,640,442	4,992	0.1	612,711	652	0.1
Maine.....	993,663	1,961	0.2	208,656	152	0.1
Maryland.....	3,922,391	3,705	0.1	623,724	250	*
Massachusetts.....	5,688,903	4,137	0.1	1,179,479	741	0.1
Michigan.....	8,875,068	11,944	0.2	1,505,230	1,975	0.1
Minnesota.....	3,804,971	22,369	0.6	741,449	2,082	0.3
Mississippi.....	2,216,850	1,731	0.2	426,205	352	0.1
Missouri.....	4,676,495	4,895	0.1	1,026,729	920	0.1
Montana.....	694,409	26,094	3.8	132,879	2,527	1.9
Nebraska.....	1,482,412	6,690	0.5	323,658	779	0.2
Nevada.....	488,738	7,329	1.5	72,907	954	1.3
New Hampshire.....	737,681	377	*	144,880	37	*
New Jersey.....	7,168,143	4,185	0.1	1,396,573	786	0.1
New Mexico.....	1,015,998	70,986	7.0	146,468	6,596	4.5
New York.....	18,236,682	25,266	0.1	3,809,102	3,562	0.1
North Carolina.....	5,082,036	43,614	0.9	851,535	4,442	0.5
North Dakota.....	617,761	13,097	2.2	125,113	222	1.0
Ohio.....	10,650,903	6,110	0.1	1,944,477	921	*
Oklahoma.....	2,559,175	97,179	3.8	555,624	17,122	3.1
Oregon.....	2,091,385	13,110	0.6	433,286	1,343	0.3
Pennsylvania.....	11,793,864	5,701	*	2,489,972	951	*
Rhode Island.....	948,844	1,441	0.2	198,179	271	0.1
South Carolina.....	2,590,509	1,844	0.1	403,189	188	*
South Dakota.....	665,507	30,681	4.6	142,595	3,349	2.3
Tennessee.....	3,923,726	1,443	*	753,083	290	*
Texas.....	11,195,416	17,431	0.2	1,955,768	1,977	0.1
Utah.....	1,059,273	10,575	1.0	155,695	602	0.4
Vermont.....	455,330	233	0.1	87,657	19	*
Virginia.....	4,648,479	4,829	0.1	751,154	431	0.1
Washington.....	3,409,161	31,036	0.9	627,676	3,259	0.5
West Virginia.....	1,744,236	179	*	376,789	116	*
Wisconsin.....	5,617,731	18,724	0.4	879,349	2,279	0.3
Wyoming.....	332,416	4,806	1.4	60,399	376	0.6

<sup>1</sup>/ Data based on 15-percent sample.

\* Less than 0.05 percent.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1970 Census of Population, PC(1)-D,  
State Reports.

**Table 2**  
AMERICAN INDIAN RESIDENT POPULATION, 55+ AND SELECTED AGE GROUPS, BY STATE AND SEX, 1970<sup>1/</sup>

State	55+											
	Total					55-59			60+			
	Both sexes	Percent distribution	Percent of all ages	Male	Female	Number	Percent distribution	Percent of all ages	Number	Percent distribution		
U.S. total.....	88,366	100.0	11.6	42,191	46,175	52.4	24,757	100.0	3.3	63,809	100.0	8.4
Alabama.....	1,099	0.5	1.0	483	226	55.3	97	0.4	4.5	312	0.5	14.5
Alaska.....	1,697	1.9	10.2	836	781	56.9	516	2.1	3.2	1,151	1.8	7.3
Arizona.....	8,455	10.0	9.5	4,575	4,270	68.1	2,486	10.0	2.7	6,359	10.0	6.8
Arkansas.....	327	0.4	15.3	173	153	46.8	89	0.4	4.2	238	0.4	11.1
California.....	9,633	10.9	19.9	5,243	4,186	53.8	3,112	12.6	3.5	6,522	10.2	7.6
Colorado.....	752	0.8	9.3	372	389	50.5	211	0.9	2.6	541	0.8	6.7
Connecticut.....	63	0.3	18.6	321	222	56.1	73	0.3	3.1	370	0.6	15.5
Delaware.....	139	0.2	27.3	57	76	57.1	56	*	1.2	127	0.2	26.0
District of Columbia.....	151	0.2	21.6	59	111	73.5	58	0.2	8.3	93	0.1	13.3
Florida.....	572	1.0	11.2	293	368	53.4	249	1.0	4.0	628	1.0	10.1
Georgia.....	178	0.2	7.8	73	97	55.4	69	0.3	3.1	406	0.2	4.7
Hawaii.....	67	0.1	5.5	25	39	58.8	31	0.1	2.5	36	0.1	3.0
Idaho.....	326	0.6	8.3	261	265	50.6	117	0.5	1.9	309	0.6	6.5
Illinois.....	1,069	1.2	10.8	439	621	58.2	297	1.2	3.0	752	1.2	7.7
Indiana.....	669	0.5	14.1	393	271	57.8	177	0.7	5.4	292	0.5	8.9
Iowa.....	282	0.3	10.9	101	181	64.2	111	0.4	3.9	171	0.3	6.0
Kansas.....	1,121	1.2	8.5	522	599	53.3	392	1.6	4.8	729	1.1	9.0
Kentucky.....	716	0.4	4.1	49	70	59.0	51	0.1	1.1	102	0.2	8.0
Louisiana.....	932	0.7	13.1	420	372	57.1	186	0.7	3.7	568	0.7	9.4
Maine.....	132	0.2	7.8	39	93	61.2	36	0.1	1.8	416	0.2	5.9
Maryland.....	230	0.3	6.7	103	103	51.2	73	0.3	2.0	177	0.3	4.8
Massachusetts.....	761	0.8	17.5	338	413	53.7	117	0.5	2.8	624	1.0	15.1
Michigan.....	1,673	2.2	12.1	1,029	971	49.2	587	2.4	3.7	1,388	2.2	8.7
Minnesota.....	2,032	2.4	9.3	1,018	1,064	51.1	616	2.5	2.8	1,466	2.3	6.5
Mississippi.....	342	0.4	5.1	150	169	47.2	68	0.3	1.8	284	0.4	7.6
Missouri.....	920	1.0	10.8	410	301	56.5	254	1.0	5.2	666	1.0	13.6
Montana.....	2,527	2.2	9.7	1,270	1,257	59.7	726	3.1	3.0	1,751	2.7	6.7
Nebraska.....	779	0.9	11.6	342	437	56.1	206	0.8	3.1	573	0.9	8.6
Nevada.....	956	1.1	10.0	462	492	51.6	271	1.1	3.7	688	1.1	9.3
New Hampshire.....	37	0.0	13.3	17	20	**	13	0.4	4.7	24	*	8.7
New Jersey.....	786	0.9	18.8	338	498	57.0	232	0.9	5.6	553	0.9	13.2
New Mexico.....	6,506	7.2	9.7	3,115	3,281	40.7	1,772	7.2	2.5	4,824	7.6	6.8
New York.....	1,362	2.5	14.1	1,593	1,869	55.3	948	3.8	3.8	2,614	4.1	10.3
North Carolina.....	4,152	5.0	10.2	2,209	2,233	50.3	1,392	5.6	3.2	3,050	4.8	7.0
North Dakota.....	1,222	1.1	4.9	634	368	56.5	337	1.4	2.5	885	1.4	6.5
Oklahoma.....	921	1.0	15.1	418	503	54.6	276	1.1	4.5	645	1.0	10.6
Oregon.....	17,132	19.3	17.6	7,701	9,361	56.7	4,237	17.1	4.4	12,885	20.2	13.3
Pennsylvania.....	1,953	1.5	10.2	762	699	49.3	411	1.7	3.1	932	1.5	7.1
Rhode Island.....	341	1.1	16.7	250	501	52.7	218	0.9	3.8	733	1.1	12.9
South Carolina.....	771	3.3	18.8	36	131	68.3	35	0.1	2.4	236	0.4	16.4
Tennessee.....	188	0.2	10.0	100	88	56.8	69	0.3	3.5	119	0.2	6.6
Utah.....	3,359	3.2	19.9	1,610	1,739	51.9	887	3.6	2.9	2,562	3.9	8.0
Virginia.....	2,069	0.3	20.1	118	172	50.3	78	0.3	3.5	212	0.3	14.7
Texas.....	1,977	2.2	18.6	932	1,045	52.9	541	2.2	3.2	1,436	2.3	8.3
Utah.....	912	0.7	5.7	352	250	41.5	137	0.6	1.4	465	0.7	4.4
West Virginia.....	770	0.8	11.2	27	11	**	3	**	**	19	0.2	8.2
Wyoming.....	331	0.5	9.9	292	229	51.1	130	0.5	2.7	301	0.5	6.2
Washington.....	1,269	1.2	19.5	1,531	1,728	53.0	947	3.8	3.1	2,312	3.6	7.4
West Virginia.....	116	0.1	20.0	52	61	**	56	0.2	7.9	70	0.1	12.1
Wisconsin.....	2,579	3.0	12.2	1,011	1,258	55.4	680	2.7	3.6	1,613	2.5	8.6
Virginia.....	176	1.1	7.7	73	103	44.7	91	0.7	3.2	285	0.5	5.4

<sup>1/</sup> Data based on 15-percent sample.

\* Less than 0.05 percent.

\*\* Percent not shown where the base is less than 100.

— Denotes zero.

Note: Percent distributions may not add to total because of rounding.

Source: See table 1.

Table 3  
AMERICAN INDIAN RESIDENT POPULATION, TOTAL AND 55+ AGE GROUPS,  
IN STATE RANK ORDER, 1970<sup>1</sup>

Rank	State	Total, all ages			55+			* Percent			Rank	
		Number	Percent		State	Number	Percent		Cumulative			
			Distribu-tion	Cumula-tive			Distribu-tion	Cumula-tive				
1	Oklahoma.....	27,179	12.8	12.8	Oklahoma.....	17,122	19.3	19.3	1			
2	Arizona.....	23,808	12.3	25.1	California.....	9,634	10.9	30.2	2			
3	California.....	53,271	11.6	36.7	Arizona.....	8,845	10.0	40.2	3			
4	New Mexico.....	20,986	9.3	46.0	New Mexico.....	6,596	7.4	47.6	4			
5	North Carolina.....	43,614	5.7	51.7	North Carolina.....	4,442	5.0	52.7	5			
6	Washington.....	31,036	4.1	55.8	New York.....	3,562	4.0	56.7	6			
7	South Dakota.....	30,661	4.0	59.9	South Dakota.....	3,349	3.8	60.5	7			
8	Montana.....	26,096	3.6	63.3	Washington.....	3,259	3.7	64.1	8			
9	New York.....	25,269	3.3	66.6	Montana.....	2,527	2.9	67.0	9			
10	Minnesota.....	22,369	2.9	69.5	Wisconsin.....	2,279	2.6	69.6	10			
11	Wisconsin.....	18,724	2.5	72.0	Minnesota.....	2,082	2.4	71.9	11			
12	Texas.....	17,231	2.3	74.3	Texas.....	1,977	2.2	74.2	12			
13	Alaska.....	16,281	2.1	76.4	Michigan.....	1,975	2.2	76.4	13			
14	Michigan.....	15,944	2.1	78.5	Alaska.....	1,667	1.9	78.3	14			
15	North Dakota.....	13,597	1.8	80.3	Oregon.....	1,343	1.5	79.8	15			
16	Oregon.....	13,110	1.7	82.0	North Dakota.....	1,222	1.4	81.2	16			
17	Utah.....	10,575	1.4	83.4	Kansas.....	1,121	1.3	82.4	17			
18	Illinois.....	9,756	1.3	84.7	Illinois.....	1,049	1.2	83.6	18			
19	Colorado.....	8,112	1.1	85.8	Nevada.....	954	1.1	84.7	19			
20	Kansas.....	8,106	1.1	86.8	Pennsylvania.....	951	1.1	85.8	20			
21	Nevada.....	7,329	1.0	87.8	Ohio.....	921	1.0	86.8	21			
22	Nebraska.....	6,690	0.9	88.7	Missouri.....	920	1.0	87.8	22			
23	Idaho.....	6,315	0.8	89.5	Florida.....	877	1.0	88.8	23			
24	Florida.....	6,196	0.8	90.3	New Jersey.....	786	0.9	89.7	24			
25	Ohio.....	6,110	0.8	91.1	Nebraska.....	779	0.9	90.6	25			
26	Pennsylvania.....	5,701	0.7	91.9	Colorado.....	752	0.8	91.4	26			
27	Louisiana.....	4,992	0.7	92.5	Massachusetts.....	741	0.8	92.3	27			
28	Missouri.....	4,895	0.6	93.2	Louisiana.....	652	0.7	93.0	28			
29	Virginia.....	4,829	0.6	93.8	Utah.....	602	0.7	93.7	29			
30	Wyoming.....	4,806	0.6	94.5	Idaho.....	526	0.6	94.3	30			
31	New Jersey.....	4,185	0.6	95.0	Indiana.....	469	0.5	94.8	31			
32	Massachusetts.....	4,137	0.5	95.5	Connecticut.....	443	0.5	95.3	32			
33	Mississippi.....	3,731	0.5	96.0	Virginia.....	431	0.5	95.8	33			
34	Maryland.....	3,705	0.5	96.5	Alabama.....	409	0.5	96.3	34			
35	Indiana.....	3,266	0.4	97.0	Wyoming.....	376	0.4	96.7	35			
36	Iowa.....	2,829	0.4	97.3	Mississippi.....	352	0.4	97.1	36			
37	Connecticut.....	2,387	0.3	97.6	Arkansas.....	327	0.4	97.5	37			
38	Georgia.....	2,236	0.3	97.9	Tennessee.....	290	0.3	97.8	38			
39	Alabama.....	2,153	0.3	98.2	Iowa.....	282	0.3	98.1	39			
40	Arkansas.....	2,164	0.3	98.5	Rhode Island.....	271	0.3	98.4	40			
41	Maine.....	1,961	0.3	98.8	Maryland.....	250	0.3	98.7	41			
42	South Carolina.....	1,809	0.2	99.0	South Carolina.....	188	0.2	98.9	42			
43	Tennessee.....	1,443	0.2	99.2	Georgia.....	175	0.2	99.1	43			
44	Rhode Island.....	1,441	0.2	99.4	Maine.....	152	0.2	99.3	44			
45	Kentucky.....	1,269	0.2	99.5	District of Columbia.....	151	0.2	99.4	45			
46	Hawaii.....	1,216	0.2	99.7	Delaware.....	133	0.2	99.6	46			
47	District of Columbia.....	700	0.1	99.8	Kentucky.....	116	0.1	99.7	47			
48	West Virginia.....	579	0.1	99.9	West Virginia.....	116	0.1	99.9	47			
49	Delaware.....	488	0.1	99.9	Hawaii.....	67	0.1	99.9	49			
50	New Hampshire.....	277	*	100.0	New Hampshire.....	37	*	100.0	50			
51	Vermont.....	233	*	100.0	Vermont.....	19	*	100.0	51			

<sup>1</sup> Data based on 15-percent sample.

\* Less than 0.05 percent.

t Tied to ranking. State with identical numbers receive identical rank with following rank skipped.

Source: See table 1.

AMERICAN INDIANS OF ALL AGES, 55+, AND 60+, BY REGION AND URBAN-RURAL RESIDENCE, 1970<sup>1/</sup>

Region and Residence	All ages		55+			60+		
	Number	Percent distri- bution	Number	Percent distri- bution	Percent of all ages	Number	Percent distri- bution	Percent of all ages
United States	763,594	100.0	88,809	100.0	11.6	63,823	100.0	8.4
Urban.....	340,367	44.6	38,677	43.6	11.4	27,410	42.9	8.1
Rural.....	423,227	55.4	50,132	56.4	11.8	36,413	57.1	8.6
Nonfarm.....	375,822	49.2	43,126	48.6	11.5	31,452	49.3	8.4
Farm....	47,405	6.2	7,006	7.9	14.8	4,961	7.8	10.5
Northeast.....	45,720	100.0	7,251	100.0	15.9	5,380	100.0	11.8
Urban.....	32,808	71.8	5,083	70.1	15.5	3,693	68.6	11.3
Rural.....	12,912	28.2	2,168	29.9	16.8	1,687	31.4	13.1
Nonfarm.....	12,564	27.5	2,112	29.1	16.8	1,641	30.3	13.1
Farm....	348	0.8	56	0.8	16.1	46	0.9	13.2
North Central.....	144,234	100.0	16,644	100.0	11.5	11,643	100.0	8.1
Urban.....	72,596	50.3	7,834	47.1	10.8	5,383	46.2	7.4
Rural.....	71,638	49.7	8,810	52.9	12.3	6,260	53.8	8.7
Nonfarm.....	64,449	44.7	7,793	46.9	12.1	5,566	47.8	8.6
Farm....	7,209	5.0	1,012	6.1	14.0	694	6.0	9.6
South.....	194,406	100.0	27,686	100.0	14.2	20,267	100.0	10.4
Urban.....	89,064	45.8	12,177	45.0	13.7	8,862	43.7	10.0
Rural.....	105,342	54.2	15,509	56.0	14.7	11,405	56.3	10.8
Nonfarm.....	89,624	46.0	12,630	45.6	14.1	9,397	46.4	10.5
Farm....	15,978	8.2	2,879	10.4	18.1	2,008	9.9	12.6
West.....	379,214	100.0	37,228	100.0	9.8	26,533	100.0	7.0
Urban.....	145,869	38.5	13,583	36.5	9.3	9,472	35.7	6.5
Rural.....	233,315	61.5	23,645	63.5	10.1	17,061	64.3	7.3
Nonfarm.....	209,385	55.2	20,586	55.3	9.8	14,848	56.0	7.1
Farm....	23,930	6.5	3,059	8.2	12.8	2,213	8.3	9.2

1/ Data based on 20-percent sample.

(X) Not applicable.

Note: Percent distributions may not add to total because of roundings.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1970 Census of Population - Volume II Subject

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Table 5

**AMERICAN INDIANS OF ALL AGES AND 65+ LIVING ON IDENTIFIED RESERVATIONS,<sup>1/</sup>  
IN STATE RANK ORDER, 1970<sup>2/</sup>**

Rank	Total, all ages					65+				
	State	Number	Percent		State	Number	Percent		Rank	
			Distr- bu- tion	Cumu- la- tive			Distr- bu- tion	Cumu- la- tive		
(X)	Total, 22 States	218,770	100.0	(X)	Total, 22 States	11,853	100.0	(X)	(X)	
1	Arizona.....	72,992	34.1	34.1	Arizona.....	3,714	31.3	31.3	1	
2	New Mexico.....	41,247	19.3	53.4	New Mexico.....	2,181	18.4	49.7	2	
3	South Dakota.....	22,894	10.7	64.1	South Dakota.....	1,384	11.7	61.4	3	
4	Montana.....	18,088	8.5	72.6	Montana.....	947	8.0	69.4	4	
5	North Dakota.....	7,468	3.5	76.1	Minnesota.....	522	4.4	73.8	5	
6	Minnesota.....	7,266	3.4	79.5	North Dakota....	454	3.8	77.6	6	
7	Washington.....	6,884	3.2	82.7	New York.....	437	3.7	81.3	7	
8	Wisconsin.....	6,766	3.2	85.9	Washington.....	407	3.4	84.8	8	
9	New York.....	4,947	2.3	88.2	Wisconsin.....	350	3.0	87.7	9	
10	Utah.....	4,837	2.3	90.5	Idaho.....	229	1.9	89.6	10	
11	North Carolina...	3,455	1.6	92.1	North Carolina...	188	1.6	91.2	11t	
12	Wyoming.....	3,319	1.6	93.6	Utah.....	188	1.6	92.8	11t	
13	Idaho.....	3,112	1.5	95.1	Wyoming.....	152	1.3	94.1	13	
14	Oregon.....	1,953	0.9	96.0	Nevada.....	137	1.2	95.3	14	
15	California.....	1,821	0.9	96.9	California.....	123	1.0	96.3	15	
16	Nebraska.....	1,796	0.8	97.7	Colorado.....	115	1.0	97.3	16	
17	Nevada.....	1,412	0.7	98.4	Nebraska.....	95	0.8	98.1	17t	
18	Colorado.....	1,341	0.6	99.0	Oregon.....	95	0.8	98.9	17t	
19	Maine.....	751	0.4	99.3	Maine.....	46	0.4	99.2	19	
20	Florida.....	561	0.3	99.6	Kansas.....	40	0.3	99.9	20	
21	Iowa.....	422	0.2	99.8	Florida.....	36	0.3	99.9	21	
22	Kansas.....	146	0.1	99.9	Iowa.....	13	0.1	100.0	22	
(X)	Other.....	292	0.1	100.0	Other.....	--	--	--	(X)	

<sup>1/</sup> As identified for the 1970 census. See inside front cover for further information.

<sup>2/</sup> Data based on 20-percent sample. State in rank order of decreasing percentages.

-- Denotes zero.

(X) Not applicable.

t Tied in ranking. States with identical numbers receive identical rank with following rank skipped.

Note: Percent distributions may not add to total because of rounding.

Source: See table 4.

AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATION OF ALL AGES AND 65+  
LIVING ON IDENTIFIED RESERVATIONS<sup>1</sup>  
BY STATE, 1970<sup>2</sup>

State and Reservation	All ages		65+	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total 22 States and identified Reservations..	213,770	(X)	11,853	(X)
<u>ARIZONA</u> .....	72,992	100.0	3,714	100.0
Colorado River <sup>3</sup> .....	1,715	2.3	74	2.0
Fort Apache.....	5,903	8.1	187	5.0
Fort McDowell.....	152	0.2	21	0.6
Gila River.....	4,573	6.3	314	8.5
Hopi.....	4,404	6.0	357	9.6
Hualapai.....	443	0.6	31	0.8
Joint Use Area (Navajo and Hopi).....	7,726	10.6	303	8.2
Kaiabab.....	83	0.1	--	--
Micropia.....	376	0.5	7	0.2
Navajo <sup>4</sup> .....	36,999	50.7	1,643	44.2
Papago.....	4,879	6.7	437	11.8
Salt River.....	721	1.0	55	1.5
San Carlos.....	4,525	6.2	224	6.0
San Xavier.....	493	0.7	61	1.6
<u>CALIFORNIA</u> .....	1,821	100.0	123	100.0
Colorado River <sup>3</sup> .....	--	--	--	--
Fort Yuma.....	565	31.0	60	48.8
Hoopa Valley.....	838	46.0	43	35.0
Round Valley.....	296	16.3	20	16.3
Tule River.....	122	6.7	--	--
<u>COLORADO</u> .....	1,341	100.0	115	100.0
Southern Ute.....	611	45.6	33	28.7
Ute Mountain <sup>5</sup> .....	730	54.4	82	71.3
<u>FLORIDA</u> .....	561	100.0	36	100.0
Big Cypress Seminole.....	263	36.2	13	**
Brighton Seminole.....	358	63.8	23	**
<u>IDAHO</u> .....	3,112	100.0	229	100.0
Coeur d'Alene.....	367	11.8	43	18.8
Luck Valley <sup>6</sup> .....	157	5.0	15	6.6
Fort Hall.....	1,661	52.7	104	45.4
Nez Perce.....	947	30.4	67	29.3
<u>IOWA</u> .....	422	100.0	13	100.0
Sac and Fox.....	422	100.0	13	100.0
<u>KANSAS</u> .....	146	100.0	40	100.0
Potawatomi.....	146	100.0	40	100.0
<u>MAINE</u> .....	751	100.0	46	100.0
Indian Township				
Passamaquoddy.....	212	28.2	11	**
Penobscot.....	299	39.8	5	**
Point Pleasant.....	240	32.0	30	**
<u>MINNESOTA</u> .....	7,266	100.0	522	100.0
Leech Lake.....	391	5.4	41	7.9
Grand Portage.....	83	1.1	5	1.0
Greater Leech Lake.....	1,935	27.3	145	27.8
Mille Lacs.....	305	4.2	12	2.3
Nett Lake.....	250	3.4	25	4.8
Rice Lake.....	2,741	37.7	128	24.5
Winnibig Lake.....	39	0.5	--	--
White Earth.....	1,474	20.3	166	31.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6 (continued)  
 AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATION OF ALL AGES AND 65+  
 LIVING ON IDENTIFIED RESERVATIONS<sup>1/</sup>  
 BY STATE, 1970<sup>2/</sup>

State and Reservation	All ages		65+	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<u>MONTANA</u> .....	18,088	100.0	947	100.0
Blackfeet.....	4,757	26.3	237	25.0
Crow.....	3,049	16.9	35	10.0
Flathead.....	2,537	14.0	243	25.7
Fort Belknap.....	1,111	6.1	72	7.6
Fort Peck.....	3,182	17.6	186	19.6
Northern Cheyenne.....	2,357	13.0	72	7.6
Rocky Boys.....	1,095	6.1	42	4.4
<u>NEBRASKA</u> .....	1,796	100.0	95	100.0
Omaha.....	1,195	66.5	54	**
Winnebago.....	601	33.5	41	**
<u>NEVADA</u> .....	1,412	100.0	137	100.0
Duck Valley <sup>3/</sup> .....	616	43.6	50	36.5
Pyramid Lake.....	425	30.1	68	49.6
Walker River.....	371	26.3	19	13.9
<u>NEW MEXICO</u> .....	41,247	100.0	2,181	100.0
Acoma (Acomita).....	1,590	3.9	83	3.8
Canoncito.....	851	2.1	5	0.2
Cochiti.....	439	1.1	50	2.3
Isleta.....	1,604	3.9	89	4.1
Jemez.....	1,052	2.6	93	4.3
Jicarilla.....	1,332	3.2	47	2.2
Laguna.....	2,579	6.3	188	8.6
Mescalero.....	1,556	3.8	77	3.5
Nambe.....	92	0.2	19	0.9
Navajo <sup>4/</sup> .....	17,700	42.9	781	35.8
Picuris.....	65	0.2	7	0.3
Pojoaque.....	33	0.1	—	—
Puertocito.....	500	1.2	23	1.1
Ramah.....	847	2.1	5	0.2
Sandia.....	162	0.4	28	1.3
San Felipe.....	1,366	3.3	45	2.1
San Ildefonso.....	296	0.7	21	1.0
San Juan.....	547	1.3	40	1.8
Santa Ana.....	255	0.6	8	0.4
Santa Clara.....	674	1.6	42	1.9
Santo Domingo.....	1,578	3.8	114	5.2
Taos.....	720	1.7	113	5.2
Tesque.....	225	0.5	34	1.6
Ute Mountain <sup>5/</sup> .....	—	—	—	—
Zia.....	448	1.1	27	1.2
Zuni.....	4,736	11.5	242	11.1
<u>NEW YORK</u> .....	4,947	100.0	437	100.0
Allegany.....	746	15.1	75	17.2
Cattaraugus.....	942	19.0	115	26.3
Onondaga.....	752	15.2	41	9.4
Saint Regis.....	1,199	24.2	98	22.4
Shinnecock.....	129	2.6	30	6.9
Tenawanda.....	435	8.8	38	8.7
Tuscarora.....	744	15.0	40	9.2
<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u> .....	3,455	100.0	188	100.0
Cherokee.....	3,455	100.0	188	100.0

See footnotes at end of table.

**AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATION OF ALL AGES AND 65+  
LIVING ON IDENTIFIED RESERVATIONS<sup>1</sup>  
BY STATE, 1970<sup>2</sup>**

State and Reservation	All ages		65+	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	7,468	100.0	454	100.0
Fort Berthold	1,032	13.8	57	12.6
Fort Totten	1,552	20.8	78	17.2
Sisseton <sup>3</sup>	-	--	--	--
Standing Rock <sup>4</sup>	1,498	20.1	72	15.9
Turtle Mountain	3,386	45.3	247	54.4
<b>OREGON</b>	1,953	100.0	95	100.0
Umatilla	525	26.9	28	--
Warm Springs	1,428	73.1	67	--
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	22,894	100.0	1,384	100.0
Cheyenne River	3,440	15.0	186	13.4
Crow Creek	973	4.3	46	3.3
Lower Brule	552	2.4	31	2.2
Pine Ridge	8,280	36.2	524	37.9
Reebedu	5,656	24.7	307	22.2
Sisseton <sup>5</sup>	1,768	7.7	86	6.2
Standing Rock	1,427	6.2	111	8.0
Yankton	798	3.5	93	6.7
<b>UTAH</b>	4,837	100.0	188	100.0
Allen Canyon	1,157	23.9	32	17.0
Navajo <sup>6</sup>	2,250	46.5	65	34.6
Uintah and Ouray	1,430	29.6	91	48.4
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	6,084	100.0	407	100.0
Celilo	1,417	20.6	109	26.8
Lemhi	651	9.5	35	8.6
Makah	443	6.4	13	3.2
Quinault	639	9.3	69	17.7
Skokomish	100	1.5	11	2.7
Spokan	559	8.1	39	9.6
Steinoboh	214	3.1	9	2.2
White Salmon	352	5.1	38	7.3
Yakama	2,509	36.4	93	22.0
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	6,756	100.0	350	100.0
Bad River	575	8.5	27	7.7
Lac Courte Oreilles	767	11.3	63	18.0
Lac du Flambeau	648	12.5	27	7.7
Menominee	2,745	36.1	91	26.0
Oneida	1,662	24.3	121	34.0
Red Cliff	173	2.6	--	--
St. Croix	178	2.6	--	--
Stockbridge	138	2.0	21	6.0
<b>WYOMING</b>	3,319	100.0	152	100.0
Bighorn River	3,319	100.0	152	100.0
Other States	262	(2)	(2)	(2)

<sup>1</sup> As identified for the 1970 Census. See Inside front cover.

<sup>2</sup> Data based on 10-percent Sample.

<sup>3</sup> Included in Arizona and California.

<sup>4</sup> Included in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.

<sup>5</sup> Included in Colorado and New Mexico.

<sup>6</sup> Included in Idaho and Nevada.

<sup>7</sup> Included in North Dakota and South Dakota.

<sup>8</sup> Percent distribution not shown where base is less than 100.

<sup>9</sup> Less than zero. (N) Not applicable.

<sup>10</sup> Percent distribution may not add to total.

<sup>11</sup> Source of rounding.

<sup>12</sup> See table A.

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