NCAI POLICY RESEARCH CENTER UPDATE

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Mission

• The mission of the NCAI Policy Research Center is to provide tribal leaders with the best available knowledge to make strategically proactive policy decisions in a framework of Native wisdom that positively impact the future of Native peoples

• Vision: Supporting Indian Country in shaping its own Future

• Established: 2003
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• Value Propositions

1) RESEARCH: Provide research and data to tribal nations on priority issues

2) STRATEGY: Help tribal nations use data in strategic, forward focused manner

3) SOVEREIGNTY: Enable tribal nations to exert more effective sovereignty over data/research
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• RESEARCH

• COVID-19 data situation summaries

• 2020 Census self-response rates

• 2020 Native Vote data reports
COVID-19 Impact on Indian Country

• Since March 2020
  • IHS - Cases over 60,000
  • CDC - Deaths over 2000
  • Impact varies by region
  • Lack of data – all mostly underestimates of true impact
  • Toll on our communities – economic, physical/mental health
  • Access to care, supplies, tests still an issue
  • Access to therapies and vaccines an issue

• NCAI COVID-19 Resources Website
  http://www.ncai.org/covid-19
## COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalization, and Death by Race/Ethnicity

### Factors that Increase Community Spread and Individual Risk

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<th>Rate ratio compared to White, Non-Hispanic Persons</th>
<th>American Indian or Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic persons</th>
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<th>Black or African American, Non-Hispanic persons</th>
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<td><strong>CASES</strong></td>
<td>2.8x higher</td>
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<td><strong>HOSPITALIZATION</strong></td>
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<td><strong>DEATH</strong></td>
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Race and ethnicity are risk markers for other underlying conditions that impact health — including socioeconomic status, access to health care, and increased exposure to the virus due to occupation (e.g., frontline, essential, and critical infrastructure workers).

### Actions to Reduce Risk of COVID-19

- **Wearing a Mask**
- **Social Distancing** (6 ft goal)
- **Hand Hygiene**
- **Cleaning and Disinfection**

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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1. Data source: COVID-19 case-level data reported by state and territorial jurisdictions. Case-level data include about 80% of total reported cases. Numbers are unadjusted rate ratios.
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• RESEARCH

• Review of data and literature on services for AI/AN victims of crime

• Webinar featuring Tribal Epidemiology Centers’ COVID-19 Response

• Becoming Visible: A Landscape Analysis of State Efforts to Provide Native American Education for All
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• STRATEGY

• 15th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum

• Think Tank on Supporting the Next Generation of AI/AN Researchers
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• SOVEREIGNTY

• Holding Space: A Guide For Partners in Tribal Research
  • Discussion Guide
  • Tribal Research Future Game
  • Trainings on hold due to COVID-19
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• SOVEREIGNTY

• Tribal Consultations/Federal Agency Research/Data Issues
  • NIH – All of Us Research Program, Data Sharing Policy, Intellectual Property Rights
    • COVID-19 Research, Tribal Consultation Policy, NIH TAC
  • US Census Bureau – Disclosure Avoidance System/Differential Privacy
    • Tribal consultation scheduled for November 17, 2020
    • Research Policy Briefs, Webinars, letters
2020 Decennial Census, DAS, and Products

Decennial Response File (Raw Data) → Census Unedited File → Census Edited File

Group 2 Data Products: AI/AN Summary File

Differential Privacy Added Noisy Data Infused → Compiled Dataset Differentially Private Data → Post-Processing of Data

Group 1 Data Products: PL94-171 (Redistricting File) Detailed Microdata File

Demographic and Housing File

Disclosure Avoidance System

Image Adapted From: Boyd, Danah. (2019). Differential Privacy in the 2020 Decennial Census and the Implications for Available Data Products. Adaptations based on meetings and presentations by the U.S. Census Bureau
A Guide to 2020 Census Data Privacy Webinar

2020 Census

- Have you completed the form for your household yet?
- Deadline is now September 30, 2020
- For more information on resources to get out the count in your community, email census@ncai.org or visit indiancountrycounts.org
NCAI Policy Research Center Virtual Exhibit
Virtual Event - November 8 – 13, 2020

Register at http://www.ncai.org/
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