

LOCAL ESTIMATES OF RESIDENT INDIAN POPULATION AND LABOR FORCE STATUS
JANUARY 1987

INTRODUCTION

Definitions & Coverage:

For the purposes of this compilation the following definitions (CFR 25 par. 20.1) apply: "Indian" means any person who is a member, or a one-fourth degree or more blood quantum descendant of a member of any Indian tribe. "Indian tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, nation, rancheria, pueblo, colony, or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional/village corporation as defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) (85 Stat. 688) which is federally recognized as eligible by the U.S. Government for the special programs and services provided by the Secretary to Indians because of their status as Indians.

The term "resident Indian" means Indians living on Federal reservations or nearby who are considered part of the service population of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. "Nearby" as defined in CFR 25 par. 20.1(r) means those areas or communities adjacent or contiguous to reservations which are designated by the operation head of the Bureau upon recommendation of the local Agency Superintendent, which recommendation shall be based upon consultation with the tribal governing body of those reservations, as locales appropriate for the extension of financial assistance and/or services, on the basis of such general criteria as:

- (1) number of Indian people native to the reservation residing in the area;
- (2) a written designation of the tribal governing body that members of their tribe and family members who are Indian residing in the area, are socially, culturally, and economically affiliated with their tribe and reservation;
- (3) geographical proximity of the area to the reservation; and
- (4) administrative feasibility of providing an adequate level of services to the area.

Special regulations govern eligibility in Alaska and Oklahoma, as defined in CFR 25 par. 20.20. Briefly these conditions indicate that (1) the applicant must be an Indian, except that in the States of Alaska and Oklahoma a one-fourth degree or more Indian or Native blood quantum degree will be an additional eligibility requirement; and (2) the applicant must reside on or near reservation as defined in CFR 25 par. 20.1(r). In Alaska the data shown include all Alaska Natives i.e. Aleuts, Eskimos, and Indians. In Oklahoma the areas covered encompass all former reservations. Therefore, since in both states very few Indians live on actual reservations, the term "nearby" refers for all practical purposes to all of Alaska and Oklahoma, and the Bureau's responsibility extends in effect to the total Indian population of those States.

All statistics compiled here refer to the population of a geographic area; they do not refer to tribal membership. Such figures are maintained by the individual tribes according to their specific rules of members and include members wherever they may be living.

The total of approximately 861,500 Indians covered in these tables represents slightly more than half of the Indian population of the United States, which in the 1980 updated U.S. census number 1.534 million, including Aleuts and Eskimos. The excluded part comprises of Indians who are not members of any Federally recognized tribe, or members of such tribes who live off reservation.

Estimated Figures:

The local Agency offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs estimate the data using whatever information may be available for the reservation or tribal entity. Accuracy varies from place to place. It can be good at small, isolated locations where everyone's activity is common knowledge. On the other hand, the labor force status can be difficult to estimate particularly for Alaska, Oklahoma, and the Navajo reservation where numerous Indians are scattered over enormous geographic areas. Household surveys of residency and labor force status are conducted but rarely because local area data are usually very expensive to collect, and they are often subject to considerable sampling and nonsampling errors. Even though the figures are estimates, they are all reported as received from the local offices, since the many small numbers which add into subtotal and totals would disappear if rounded.

Labor Force Status:

Considered in this category are all those 16 years old and over with a total of 574,440 representing about 67% of the total service population. This category is divided into three main groups for the purposes of this report -- unable to work, employed, and able to work but not employed.

- (1) Unable to work (columns 5 and 6) totals 172,169, or almost a third of those 16 years old and over. It includes persons who are prevented from working by attending school, who have to care for children or are disabled, retired, or too old. Students make up about 46% of this group. Individual reservations or tribes may differ however in the proportion estimated to fall into this category.
- (2) Employed (column 7) totals 207,748 or 36% of those 16 years old and over, and includes full-time and part-time employees. Almost two-thirds of the employed earn \$7,000 or more (column 8)--the \$7,000 figure being based on the annual income of a worker earning minimum wage. In other words, one-third of the employed are earning less than the minimum wage for a full-time job. It could be argued that employment, excluding marginal jobs, provides a better picture of the economic health of a reservation than the total employment. As one possible index of this condition column 9 shows the number of employed Indians earning \$7,000 or more as a percent of the population 16 to 65 years old. The resulting 26% represents a 3% increase from the previous reporting period.

(3) Not employed but able to work (column 10) totals 194,523 or 34% of those 16 years old and over, and includes persons actually seeking work and those not seeking work. This distinction underlies two concepts of work force:

(a) The "potential work force" consisting of all those 16 years old and over who are able to work, whether employed or not (columns 7 and 10 respectively). Of this potential work force 45% are not employed (column 11); and (b) those not seeking work or discouraged workers who are omitted from the standard Bureau of Labor Statistics definition of labor force and unemployed. By this definition the labor force consists of columns 7 and 12, and the unemployment rate is 38% (column 13).

Table Format:

The report includes three statistical tables. The basic data are compiled in Table 3. They are arranged by BIA Area Offices and within Area by Agency or equivalent unit of organization below the Area level, the Reservation or tribal entity, and State. Where the data extend into more than one State the total is shown separately and the parts allocable to each State are identified in parentheses.

Table 1 and 2 are summary tables. Table 1 shows the totals for each State. Table 2 shows the totals for each of the areas into which the BIA is administratively divided, and within each area by state.

Additional Comments:

In compiling this estimate, a conscious effort was made to present as accurately as possible the resident Indian population on reservations and nearby that represents the Bureau's service population. It should be noted, however, that there are two basic problems with statistics on Indian reservations. The situation differs from that in an urbanized area. First, it is difficult to estimate intent in relation to "seeking work" in the absence of household surveys, which are seldom available because of the prohibitive cost. Second, in the isolated rural areas typical of reservations, people do not actively seek work when the whole community knows that there are no jobs available, so that if jobs were available, the unemployment rate would be somewhere between the two measures given here (38% and 48%). These rates while extremely high by any standard show a slight improvement from the last reporting period.

There is a change in the presentation format of data in Table 3 involving the Juneau Area. The breakdown by Native Associations listed under each Agency is now deemed obsolete and has been discontinued. In prior issues of this publication these associations were considered as nonprofit arms of the Regional profit corporations representing distinct geographic boundaries, and did not take into account the continuous residency of the membership because of the nomadic character of the Native population and its frequent movements to job locations, school locations, wildlife resource locales, etc. This is why the past population counts were based on tentative projections and even the enumeration of people for the census were

considerably undercounted. In this compilation the data are shown by Agency only but are based on actual counts conducted by the Native Organizations, villages or entities, which all together number 197, and are recognized as eligible to receive services from the Bureau. To be more specific the 197 number includes 196 villages and communities as well as 1 reserve -- the Annette Island Reserve -- which is at the present time under the administration of the Portland Area.

Also, several new tribal entities appear for the first time in this compilation. In the Eastern Area the recently recognized tribes include the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe of Rhode Island, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama. In Portland Area the newly reported entities include the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, and the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Indians of Utah (Washakie).

In Sacramento Area 127 rancherias were restored to trust status by a recent court order of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. These rancherias are marked by asterisks in Table 3 under the Sacramento Area.

Any questions pertaining to this report should be directed to the Office of Financial Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington D.C.

Table 1. - LOCAL ESTIMATES OF RESIDENT INDIAN POPULATION AND LABOR FORCE STATUS; INDIANS LIVING ON AND ADJACENT TO RESERVATIONS: SUMMARY BY STATE: JANUARY 1987

State	BIA TOTAL	YEARS OF AGE			UNABLE TO WORK		EMPLOYED		LABOR FORCE STATUS, 16 YEARS OLD & OVER				
		65 & Over	Under 16	16 & Over	Stu- dents	Others	Total	Earn Number	\$7000 + % of	NOT EMPLOYED, ABLE TO WORK			
										Total Number	% of 7+10	Seeking Work Number	% of 7+12
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	
BIA TOTAL	861,570	52,592	287,130	574,440	78,705	93,464	207,748	133,413	26%	194,523	48%	128,541	38%
ALABAMA	1,835	138	449	1,386	110	278	790	466	37%	208	21%	208	21%
ALASKA	86,241	3,643	33,482	52,759	6,770	7,882	14,557	8,999	18%	23,550	62%	14,503	50%
ARIZONA	162,854	10,117	48,404	114,450	14,030	14,359	37,770	24,446	23%	48,291	56%	30,925	45%
CALIFORNIA	27,823	1,582	9,984	17,839	2,071	2,613	5,556	3,384	21%	7,599	58%	4,894	47%
COLORADO	2,239	97	813	1,426	125	224	579	467	35%	498	46%	219	27%
CONNECTICUT	80	0	42	38	0	13	25	16	L	0	L	0	L
FLORIDA	2,025	98	759	1,266	107	84	671	417	36%	404	38%	245	27%
IDAHO	7,495	496	2,274	5,221	670	634	1,733	1,052	22%	2,184	56%	1,366	44%
IOWA	691	34	275	416	39	42	137	80	21%	198	59%	198	59%
KANSAS	2,269	160	538	1,731	78	277	1,139	749	48%	237	17%	177	13%
LOUISIANA	936	52	352	584	16	98	239	142	27%	231	49%	164	41%
MAINE	2,951	153	1,071	1,880	148	380	728	630	36%	624	46%	454	38%
MICHIGAN	10,155	826	3,346	6,809	667	1,226	2,066	1,130	19%	2,850	58%	2,407	54%
MINNESOTA	18,288	1,120	6,776	11,512	1,258	2,804	2,698	1,711	16%	4,752	64%	3,993	60%
MISSISSIPPI	4,832	153	1,787	3,045	141	311	1,893	1,098	38%	700	27%	670	26%
MONTANA	32,829	1,451	11,694	21,135	2,654	2,935	6,590	5,252	27%	8,956	58%	5,497	45%
NEBRASKA	3,928	178	1,521	2,407	244	295	641	450	20%	1,227	66%	910	59%
NEVADA	8,686	650	2,833	5,853	646	1,077	2,407	1,451	28%	1,723	42%	1,324	35%
NEW MEXICO	117,815	5,985	33,659	84,156	14,323	6,532	38,207	22,135	28%	25,094	40%	14,940	28%
NEW YORK	12,314	997	3,593	8,721	1,457	1,913	2,501	1,351	17%	2,850	53%	2,600	51%
NORTH CAROLINA	6,110	702	2,307	3,803	490	1,340	1,085	817	26%	888	45%	710	40%
NORTH DAKOTA	22,539	921	8,043	14,496	1,587	3,432	3,789	3,368	25%	5,688	60%	3,929	51%
OKLAHOMA	191,981	16,415	64,359	127,622	21,635	28,758	57,848	37,951	34%	19,381	25%	14,485	20%
OREGON	7,180	435	2,403	4,777	510	889	2,146	1,411	32%	1,232	36%	764	26%
RHODE ISLAND	2,058	86	702	1,356	148	389	448	228	18%	371	45%	371	45%
SOUTH DAKOTA	50,791	2,358	19,899	30,892	2,643	5,141	6,110	4,282	15%	16,998	74%	9,721	61%
TEXAS	525	34	102	423	67	102	182	131	34%	72	28%	65	26%
UTAH	7,988	444	2,605	5,383	610	524	2,528	1,451	29%	1,721	41%	724	22%
WASHINGTON	40,486	1,775	14,532	25,954	3,048	4,971	7,443	4,729	20%	10,492	59%	8,440	53%
WISCONSIN	20,502	1,231	7,048	13,454	2,043	2,973	4,531	2,951	24%	3,907	46%	2,840	39%
WYOMING	5,124	261	1,478	3,646	370	968	711	668	20%	1,597	69%	798	53%

NOTES:

L means base for percentage is less than 50; percentage not shown.

Table 2 - Continued

Area and State	BIA TOTAL		YEARS OF AGE			UNABLE TO WORK			LABOR FORCE STATUS, 16 YEARS EMPLOYED			OLD & OVER						
	(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)	(5)	(6)		(7)	(8)		(9)		(10)		(11)	(12)	(13)
			65 & Over	Under 16			16 & Over	Stu- dents		Others	Total	Earn \$7000 + Number	% of 16-65	Total Number	% of 7+10			
MINNEAPOLIS	49,636	3,211	17,445	32,191	4,007	7,045	9,432	5,872	20%	11,707	55%	9,438	50%					
Iowa	691	34	275	416	39	42	137	80	21%	198	59%	198	59%					
Michigan	10,155	826	3,346	6,809	667	1,226	2,066	1,130	19%	2,850	58%	2,407	54%					
Minnesota	18,288	1,120	6,776	11,512	1,258	2,804	2,698	1,711	16%	4,752	64%	3,993	60%					
Wisconsin	20,502	1,231	7,048	13,454	2,043	2,973	4,531	2,951	24%	3,907	46%	2,840	39%					
MUSKOGEE	161,170	14,248	55,295	105,875	18,582	24,503	48,553	31,246	34%	14,237	23%	10,281	17%					
NAVAJO	173,018	10,427	44,925	128,093	20,625	7,714	50,465	31,999	27%	49,289	49%	32,285	39%					
Arizona (pt.)	97,780	7,002	24,199	73,581	9,745	5,688	20,912	15,286	23%	37,236	64%	25,194	55%					
New Mexico (pt.)	70,507	3,135	19,327	51,180	10,423	1,874	27,759	15,801	33%	11,124	29%	6,720	19%					
Utah (pt.)	4,731	290	1,399	3,332	457	152	1,794	912	30%	929	34%	371	17%					
PHOENIX	79,925	4,016	29,311	50,614	5,187	10,298	20,533	11,389	24%	14,596	42%	8,057	28%					
Arizona (pt.)	65,074	3,115	24,205	40,869	4,285	8,671	16,858	9,160	24%	11,055	40%	5,731	25%					
California (pt.)	2,876	107	1,048	1,828	87	148	514	266	15%	1,079	68%	623	55%					
Idaho (pt.)	328	33	95	233	35	43	79	30	15%	76	49%	76	49%					
Nevada	8,686	650	2,833	5,853	646	1,077	2,407	1,451	28%	1,723	42%	1,324	35%					
Utah (pt.)	2,961	111	1,130	1,831	134	359	675	482	28%	663	50%	303	31%					
PORTLAND	62,756	3,073	21,996	40,760	4,977	7,000	13,391	9,072	24%	15,392	53%	11,227	46%					
Alaska (pt.)	1,425	66	537	888	127	144	369	318	39%	248	40%	248	40%					
Idaho (pt.)	7,167	463	2,179	4,988	635	591	1,654	1,022	23%	2,108	56%	1,290	44%					
Montana (pt.)	6,202	291	2,269	3,933	638	392	1,720	1,535	42%	1,183	41%	435	20%					
Oregon	7,180	435	2,403	4,777	510	889	2,146	1,411	32%	1,232	36%	764	26%					
Washington	40,486	1,775	14,532	25,954	3,048	4,971	7,443	4,729	20%	10,492	59%	8,440	53%					
Utah	296	43	76	220	19	13	59	57	32%	129	69%	50	46%					
SACRAMENTO	24,947	1,475	8,936	16,011	1,984	2,465	5,042	3,118	21%	6,520	56%	4,271	46%					
California																		

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Table 3 - LOCAL ESTIMATES OF RESIDENT INDIAN POPULATION AND LABOR FORCE STATUS; INDIANS LIVING ON AND ADJACENT TO RESERVATIONS; COMPILED BY BIA AREA, AND WITHIN AREA BY AGENCY, RESERVATION (or TRIBAL ENTITY), AND STATE; JANUARY 1987.

AREA, AGENCY, RESERVATION (or Tribal Entity), & STATE	TOTAL	YEARS OF AGE				UNABLE TO WORK			LABOR FORCE STATUS, 16 YEARS			NOT EMPLOYED, ABLE TO WORK		
		65 & Over	Under 16	16 & Over	Stu- dents	Others	Total	Earn \$7000 + Number	% of 16-65	Total Number	% of 7+10	Seeking Work	% of 7+12	
														(2)
BIA TOTALS	861,570	52,952	287,130	574,440	78,705	93,464	207,748	133,413	26%	194,523	48%	128,541	38%	
ABERDEEN (MT, NE, ND, SD)	77,286	3,446	29,502	47,784	4,474	8,855	10,517	8,095	18%	23,938	69%	14,581	58%	
Cheyenne River Agency: Cheyenne River Res. (SD)	5,177	211	2,618	2,559	428	113	1,187	799	34%	831	41%	831	41%	
Crow Creek Agency: Crow Creek Res. (SD)	2,382	95	1,072	1,310	142	300	290	188	15%	578	67%	259	47%	
Flandreau Santee Sioux F.S. Flandreau Res. (SD) a/	449	26	201	248	20	55	112	96	43%	61	35%	61	35%	
Fort Berthold Agency: Fort Berthold Res. (ND)	3,310	175	1,120	2,190	453	495	656	492	24%	586	47%	352	35%	
Fort Totten Agency: Fort Totten Res. (ND) b/	3,565	32	1,966	1,599	27	87	664	630	40%	821	55%	249	27%	
Lower Brule Agency: Lower Brule Res. (SD)	1,032	32	499	533	44	59	167	140	28%	263	61%	169	50%	
Pine Ridge Agency: Pine Ridge Res. (SD)	19,246	835	7,307	11,939	361	2,311	2,536	1,761	16%	6,731	73%	2,243	47%	
Rosebud Agency: Rosebud Res. (SD)	11,685 c/	652	4,440	7,245	734	601	831	541	8%	5,079	86%	3,744	82%	
Sisseton Agency: Sisseton Res. (ND, SD) Est. ND Pt. (2%) Est. SD Pt. (98%)	3,527 (70) (3,457)	252 (5) (247)	1,164 (23) (1,141)	2,363 (47) (2,316)	117 (2) (115)	503 (10) (493)	403 (8) (395)	338 (7) (331)	16% (16%) (16%)	1,340 (27) (1,313)	77% (77%) (77%)	442 (9) (433)	52% (52%) (52%)	

Table 3 - Continued

AREA, AGENCY, RESERVATION (or Tribal Entity), & STATE	TOTAL		YEARS OF AGE				LABOR FORCE STATUS, 16 YEARS OLD & OVER						
	(1)	(2)	Under 16		16 & Over		UNABLE TO WORK		EMPLOYED		NOT EMPLOYED, ABLE TO WORK		
			(3)	(4)	Stu- dents	Others	Total	Earn Number	S7000 + % of 16-65	Total Number	% of 7+10	Seeking Work % of 7+12	
													(5)
ABERDEEN - CONTINUED													
Standing Rock Agency:													
Standing Rock Res. (ND, SD)	8,612	258	3,064	5,548	1,018	1,311	670	639	12%	2,549	79%	2,549	79%
Est. ND Pt. (49%)	(4,219)	(126)	(1,501)	(2,718)	(499)	(642)	(328)	(313)	(12%)	(1,249)	(79%)	(1,249)	(79%)
Est. SD Pt. (51%)	(4,393)	(132)	(1,563)	(2,830)	(519)	(669)	(342)	(326)	(12%)	(1,300)	(79%)	(1,300)	(79%)
Turtle Mountain Agency:													
Trenton F.O. (MT, ND)	[11,540]	[587]	[3,503]	[8,037]	[617]	[2,217]	[2,162]	[1,954]	[26%]	[3,041]	[58%]	[2,100]	[49%]
Est. MI Pt. (10%)	(165)	(4)	(70)	(95)	108	193	290	285	31%	362	56%	300	51%
Est. ND Pt. (90%)	(1,486)	(35)	(628)	(858)	(97)	(174)	(261)	(257)	(31%)	(326)	(56%)	(30)	(51%)
Turtle Mountain Res. (ND)	9,889	548	2,805	7,084	509	2,024	1,872	1,669	26%	2,679	59%	1,800	49%
Winnebago Agency:													
Omaha Res. (NE)	[3,791]	[163]	[1,490]	[2,301]	[233]	[263]	[589]	[417]	[20%]	[1,216]	[67%]	[901]	[60%]
Santee Sioux Res. (NE)	2,037	66	845	1,192	129	147	195	143	13%	721	79%	555	74%
Winnebago Res. (NE)	519	31	194	325	36	26	123	100	34%	140	53%	140	53%
Yankton Agency:	1,235	66	451	784	68	90	271	174	24%	355	57%	206	43%
Yankton Res. & Res. (SD)	2,970	128	1,058	1,912	280	540	250	100	6%	842	77%	681	73%

NOTES:

Data in brackets and parentheses, non-add.

a/ In the previous (1985) issue of the ISP & LPE listed under the Winnebago Agency.

b/ Also known as the Devils Lake Sioux Reservation.

c/ 1984 data.

Table 3 - Continued

AREA, AGENCY, RESERVATION (or Tribal Entity), & STATE	LABOR FORCE STATUS, 16 YEARS OLD & OVER												
	TOTAL		YEARS OF AGE		UNABLE TO WORK		EMPLOYED		NOT EMPLOYED, ABLE TO WORK		SEEKING WORK		% of 7+12
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	
ALBUQUERQUE (CO, NM)	49,547	2,947	15,145	34,402	4,025	4,882	11,027	6,801	22%	14,468	57%	8,439	43%
Jicarilla Agency: Jicarilla Res. (NM)	2,694	90	896	1,798	195	114	826	446	26%	663	45%	118	13%
Laguna Agency: Laguna Pueblo (NM)	6,762	489	1,916	4,846	586	894	896	698	16%	2,470	73%	2,005	69%
Mescalero Agency: Mescalero Res. (NM)	2,966	64	1,293	1,673	142	248	536	300	19%	747	58%	586	52%
Northern Pueblos Agency: Nambé Pueblo (NM)	[7,651]	[548]	[1,743]	[5,908]	[627]	[919]	[2,462]	[1,504]	[28%]	[1,900]	[44%]	[1,256]	[34%]
Picuris Pueblo (NM)	411	15	161	250	68	33	126	87	37%	23	15%	11	8%
Pojoaque Pueblo (NM)	219	19	72	147	8	34	54	15	12%	51	49%	20	L
San Ildefonso Pueblo (NM)	90	6	18	72	4	17	26	24	36%	25	49%	0	0%
San Juan Pueblo (NM)	620	26	162	458	43	44	154	119	28%	217	58%	200	56%
Santa Clara Pueblo (NM)	1,821	134	334	1,487	163	224	825	479	35%	275	25%	203	20%
Taos Pueblo (NM)	2,699	154	574	2,125	230	293	985	539	27%	617	39%	497	34%
Tesuque Pueblo (NM)	1,484	167	344	1,140	89	239	195	195	20%	617	76%	265	58%
	307	27	78	229	22	35	97	46	23%	75	44%	60	38%
Kamah-Navajo Agency: Ramah Community (NM)	2,021	110	677	1,344	161	35	495	306	25%	653	57%	503	50%
Southern Pueblos Agency: Acoma Pueblo (NM)	[17,079]	[1,144]	[5,388]	[11,691]	[1,752]	[2,241]	[4,398]	[2,391]	[23%]	[3,300]	[43%]	[2,223]	[34%]
Cochiti Pueblo (NM)	4,252	233	1,566	2,686	530	575	575	370	15%	1,006	64%	604	51%
Isleta Pueblo (NM)	917	68	298	619	34	77	322	252	46%	186	37%	44	12%
Jemez Pueblo (NM)	2,979	413	486	2,493	527	613	882	523	25%	471	35%	250	22%
San Felipe Pueblo (NM)	2,378	99	762	1,616	197	60	757	323	21%	602	44%	497	40%
Sandia Pueblo (NM)	2,398	97	828	1,570	68	113	768	333	23%	621	45%	563	42%
Santa Ana Pueblo (NM)	251	18	87	164	15	25	77	57	39%	47	38%	5	6%
Santo Domingo Pueblo (NM)	549	35	159	390	52	111	167	103	29%	60	26%	42	20%
Zia Pueblo (NM)	2,678	137	971	1,707	275	604	611	241	15%	217	26%	171	22%
	677	44	231	446	54	63	239	189	47%	90	27%	47	16%

