

# **INDIAN SERVICE POPULATION AND LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**

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INTRODUCTION

Definitions and Coverage

This report does not contain exhaustive demographic data concerning the entire Indian population of the United States. Statistics gathered concern only those Indians who are members of Indian tribes, or who are one-fourth degree or more blood quantum descendants of a member of any Indian tribe, band, nation, rancheria, colony, pueblo, or community, including Alaska Native Villages or regional/village corporations defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The study is confined to Indians living on Federal reservations or in areas or communities adjacent or contiguous to reservations which are considered part of the service population of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

This extended service population is based upon mutual recommendation of the tribal governing body of the reservation and the local BIA Agency Superintendent. Criteria considered include that published in 25 CFR 20.1(r):

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

The total Indian population of the United States, as reported in the 1980 United States census, numbers 1,534,000. This labor force report covers 949,075 Indians and does not represent the total enrolled tribal membership in the United States; or Indians who are not enrolled in Federally-recognized tribes; or enrolled members who reside in urban or rural areas not adjacent or contiguous to their reservations.

Study Methodology:

For study purposes, local BIA agencies gather data through such diverse sources and methods as statistics furnished by the tribes themselves; actual house-to-house surveys conducted by tribal programs and contracts; school records; employment records; tribal election statistics; tribal membership rolls maintained by the tribes;

and BIA program services records. Accuracy of information varies due to size of geographic areas covered, isolation of many communities, and differing levels of cooperation among respondents. In the majority of cases, data is estimated and is not representative of an actual count. Data is reported as collected. In those areas where no new data was obtained, or the local agency regarded the collected information as invalid, 1986 statistics were used, as reported in the 1987 publication of this report, and are identified by footnote in Table 3.

#### Labor Force Report Format:

The main purpose of this report is to identify and determine the status of the Indian labor force in the total Indian Service population. The report is intended to supply estimated information related to the labor force itself and does not collect or provide any other combinations of data or conclusions than those represented on these pages. No educational data or additional information concerning those individuals too young to be included in the labor force (16 years and under) is collected.

The total estimated labor force is reported on three tables. Table 3 is the most detailed, depicting the population by tribe, state, and servicing BIA organizational elements, i.e., area offices and local agencies. Table 2 reports the same data by BIA area office responsibility and composite state populations within area office jurisdictions. Table 1 provides labor force data for individual states.

Information is reported in 13 columns. As defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the "potential labor force" is comprised of all individuals 16 years old and over (columns 3 and 4), excluding students (column 5) and those who either must care for children, are retired, or are disabled (column 6). Thus, out of 634,698 eligible individuals, the "potential work force" is comprised of 445,362 individuals, both employed and unemployed (columns 7 and 10). This represents an increase in the labor force of 117,426 individuals compared to the 1987 report. Only 24% of the age 16 and over population earn over \$7,000 annually (column 9). This is 2% lower than that in the previous reporting period, although the number of individuals earning in excess of \$7,000 has increased by 18,601 since the last reporting period. Of the "potential" work force, 48% are not employed (column 11). Therefore, there has been no change in this group since the last reporting period. Although 211,886 Indians are unemployed, only 158,582 are actively seeking work. Those 53,304 individuals not seeking work include those who have become discouraged from seeking work, and those who have no available work opportunities in the immediate area or have no means of transportation to facilitate seeking work elsewhere. These individuals are omitted from the standard Bureau of Labor Statistics' definitions of "labor force" and "unemployed". Therefore, by BLS definition, the Indian labor force consists of only those 392,058 individuals reported in columns (7) and (12), and the total Indian population unemployment rate is 40% (column 13). This represents a 2% increase in the unemployment rate since the last publication of this report.

Table 1 - Local Estimates of Resident Indian Population and Labor Force Status; Indians Living on and Adjacent to Reservations: Summary by State: January 1989

State	BIA Total	YEARS OF AGE			Labor Force Status, 16 years old & over			Not employed, able to work			Seeking Work % of 7+12 (13)		
		Under 16 (2)	16-64 (3)	65 & Over (4)	Unable to work (5)		Employed (7)		Total (10)				
					Stu- dents (5)	Others (6)	Total (7)	Earn \$7000 + Number & over (8)	Number (10)	% of 7+10 (11)			
<b>BIA Total</b>	949,075	314,377	574,022	60,676	86,257	103,079	233,476	152,014	24%	211,886	48%	158,582	40%
Alabama	1,480	376	974	130	205	82	491	141	13%	326	40%	210	30%
Alaska	91,106	35,456	51,834	3,816	7,153	8,803	17,175	11,018	20%	22,519	57%	15,345	47%
Arizona	165,385	49,771	105,086	10,528	15,904	15,766	39,316	26,445	23%	44,628	53%	36,617	48%
California	28,815	9,993	17,182	1,640	2,251	3,640	6,591	4,036	21%	6,340	49%	4,034	38%
Colorado	10,467	3,275	6,585	607	1,099	340	3,374	1,000	14%	2,379	41%	695	17%
Connecticut	80	42	38	0	0	13	25	16	42%	0	0%	0	0%
Florida	2,062	773	1,187	102	126	94	701	410	32%	368	34%	267	28%
Idaho	10,607	4,235	5,604	768	664	564	1,704	1,195	19%	3,440	67%	1,388	45%
Iowa	737	286	415	36	75	121	168	133	29%	87	34%	77	31%
Kansas	2,321	501	1,697	123	80	389	1,029	600	33%	322	24%	211	17%
Louisiana	936	352	532	52	16	98	239	142	24%	231	49%	164	41%
Maine	2,859	969	1,766	124	144	385	793	703	37%	568	42%	375	32%
Michigan	12,723	4,277	7,800	646	1,062	1,390	2,822	1,620	19%	3,172	53%	2,499	47%
Minnesota	19,863	7,296	11,387	1,180	1,445	2,949	3,160	1,896	15%	5,013	61%	4,305	58%
Mississippi	4,832	1,787	2,892	153	141	311	1,893	1,098	36%	700	27%	670	26%
Montana	34,001	12,160	20,345	1,496	2,894	3,054	6,592	5,398	25%	9,301	59%	6,681	50%
Nebraska	3,690	1,497	1,968	225	302	472	626	480	22%	793	56%	528	46%
Nevada	9,075	3,121	5,275	679	636	1,138	2,292	1,357	23%	1,888	45%	1,374	37%
New Mexico	126,346	36,799	83,027	6,520	15,525	6,916	39,683	24,819	28%	27,423	41%	22,915	37%
New York	12,314	3,593	7,724	997	1,457	1,913	2,501	1,351	15%	2,850	53%	2,600	51%
North Carolina	6,110	2,307	3,101	702	490	1,340	1,085	817	21%	888	45%	710	40%
North Dakota	23,629	8,123	14,404	1,102	1,453	2,871	3,890	3,364	22%	7,292	65%	5,203	57%
Oklahoma	231,952	78,204	134,233	19,515	23,696	32,733	71,199	45,702	30%	26,120	27%	18,475	21%
Oregon	10,231	3,594	6,194	443	633	1,121	2,629	1,934	29%	2,254	46%	1,514	37%
Rhode Island	2,058	702	1,270	86	148	389	448	228	17%	371	45%	371	45%
South Dakota	58,201	18,604	34,314	5,283	2,468	6,586	6,171	5,406	14%	24,372	80%	17,418	74%
Texas	1,320	291	992	37	80	128	591	503	49%	230	28%	83	12%
Utah	9,010	3,178	5,462	370	817	758	2,619	1,456	25%	1,638	38%	795	23%
Washington	40,893	13,912	25,192	1,789	3,048	4,918	7,940	4,922	18%	11,075	58%	9,050	53%
Wisconsin	21,037	7,224	12,524	1,289	1,800	2,799	4,875	3,233	23%	4,339	47%	3,288	40%
Wyoming	4,935	1,679	3,018	238	445	998	854	591	18%	959	53%	720	46%

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Area and State	BIA Total		YEARS OF AGE			Unable to work		Employed		Not employed, able to work		Seeking Work % of 7+12 (13)	
	(1)	(2)	Under 16 (3)	16-64 (4)	65 & Over (5)	Others (6)	Total (7)	Earn \$7000 + (8)		Total (10)			
								Number	% of & over (9)	Number	% of 7+10 (11)		
<b>BIA Total</b>	949,075	314,377	574,022	60,676	86,257	103,079	233,476	152,014	24%	211,886	48%	158,582	40%
<b>ABERDEEN</b>	85,620	28,280	50,735	6,605	4,244	9,917	10,703	9,286	16%	32,476	75%	23,169	68%
Montana (pt.)	243	90	145	8	34	24	61	58	38%	34	36%	34	36%
Nebraska (pt.)	3,547	1,463	1,872	212	289	436	581	458	22%	778	57%	514	47%
North Dakota	23,629	8,123	14,404	1,102	1,453	2,871	3,890	3,364	22%	7,292	65%	5,203	57%
South Dakota	58,201	18,604	34,314	5,283	2,468	6,586	6,171	5,406	14%	24,372	80%	17,418	74%
<b>ALBUQUERQUE</b>	51,825	15,973	32,684	3,168	4,367	5,069	13,751	7,115	20%	12,665	48%	7,908	37%
Colorado	10,467	3,275	6,585	607	1,099	340	3,374	1,000	14%	2,379	41%	695	17%
New Mexico	40,557	12,560	25,448	2,549	3,245	4,687	9,947	5,738	20%	10,118	50%	7,184	42%
Texas	801	138	651	12	23	42	430	377	57%	168	28%	29	6%
<b>ANADARKO</b>	36,799	9,613	24,634	2,552	3,421	4,449	10,668	7,309	27%	8,648	45%	6,156	37%
Kansas	2,321	501	1,697	123	80	389	1,029	600	33%	320	24%	211	17%
Nebraska	143	34	96	13	13	36	45	22	20%	17	27%	14	24%
Oklahoma	33,816	8,925	22,500	2,391	3,271	3,938	9,433	6,561	26%	8,249	47%	5,877	38%
Texas	519	153	341	25	57	86	161	126	34%	62	28%	54	25%
<b>BILLINGS</b>	32,024	11,308	19,303	1,413	2,619	3,606	5,536	4,281	21%	8,955	62%	6,899	55%
Montana	27,089	9,629	16,285	1,175	2,174	2,608	4,682	3,690	21%	7,996	63%	6,179	57%
Wyoming	4,935	1,679	3,018	238	445	998	854	591	18%	959	53%	720	46%

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	Total	Under 16 (2)	16-64 (3)	65 & Over (4)	Stu- dents (5)	Others (6)	Total (7)	Earn Number (8)	\$7000 + & over (9)	Number (10)	% of 7+10 (11)		
												Total	
<b>EASTERN</b>	32,731	10,901	19,484	2,346	2,727	4,625	8,176	4,906	22%	6,302	44%	5,367	40%
Alabama	1,480	376	974	130	205	82	491	141	13%	326	40%	210	30%
Connecticut	80	42	38	0	0	13	25	16	42%	0	0%	0	0%
Florida	2,062	773	1,187	102	126	94	701	410	32%	368	34%	267	28%
Louisiana	936	352	532	52	16	98	239	142	24%	231	49%	164	41%
Maine	2,859	969	1,766	124	144	385	793	703	37%	568	42%	375	32%
Mississippi	4,832	1,787	2,892	153	141	311	1,893	1,098	36%	700	27%	670	26%
New York	12,314	3,593	7,724	997	1,457	1,913	2,501	1,351	15%	2,850	53%	2,600	51%
North Carolina	6,110	2,307	3,101	702	490	1,340	1,085	817	21%	888	45%	710	40%
Rhode Island	2,058	702	1,270	86	148	389	448	228	17%	371	45%	371	45%
<b>JUNEAU</b>	89,682	34,898	51,022	3,762	7,088	8,650	16,754	10,643	19%	22,292	57%	15,118	47%
Alaska													
<b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	54,360	19,083	32,126	3,151	4,382	7,259	11,025	6,882	20%	12,611	53%	10,169	48%
Iowa	737	286	415	36	75	121	168	133	29%	87	34%	77	31%
Michigan	12,723	4,277	7,800	646	1,062	1,390	2,822	1,620	19%	3,172	53%	2,499	47%
Minnesota	19,863	7,296	11,387	1,180	1,445	2,949	3,160	1,896	15%	5,013	61%	4,305	58%
Wisconsin	21,037	7,224	12,524	1,289	1,800	2,799	4,875	3,233	23%	4,339	47%	3,288	40%
<b>MUSKOGEE</b>	198,136	69,279	111,733	17,124	20,425	28,795	61,766	39,141	30%	17,871	22%	12,598	17%
Oklahoma													
<b>NAVAJO</b>	185,661	50,764	123,992	10,905	23,939	8,869	51,500	35,564	26%	50,589	50%	46,402	47%
Arizona	94,940	24,868	63,370	6,702	11,119	6,445	19,966	15,619	22%	32,542	62%	30,190	60%
New Mexico	85,789	24,239	57,579	3,971	12,280	2,229	29,736	19,081	31%	17,305	37%	15,731	35%
Utah	4,932	1,657	3,043	232	540	195	1,798	864	26%	742	29%	481	21%

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													Total (7)
<b>PHOENIX</b>													
Arizona	85,616	30,316	50,572	4,728	5,844	11,153	23,021	13,065	24%	15,282	40%	8,482	27%
California	70,445	24,903	41,716	3,826	4,785	9,321	19,350	10,826	24%	12,086	38%	6,427	25%
Idaho	2,007	792	1,141	74	124	141	527	295	24%	423	45%	341	39%
Nevada	327	93	201	33	34	42	79	31	13%	79	50%	76	49%
Utah	9,075	3,121	5,275	679	636	1,138	2,292	1,357	23%	1,888	45%	1,374	37%
	3,762	1,407	2,239	116	265	511	773	556	24%	806	51%	264	25%
<b>PORTLAND</b>													
Alaska	69,813	24,761	41,696	3,356	5,074	7,188	14,512	10,081	22%	18,278	56%	12,621	47%
Idaho	1,424	558	812	54	65	153	421	375	43%	227	35%	227	35%
Montana	10,280	4,142	5,403	735	630	522	1,625	1,164	19%	3,361	67%	1,312	45%
Oregon	6,669	2,441	3,915	313	686	422	1,849	1,650	39%	1,271	41%	468	20%
Washington	10,231	3,594	6,194	443	633	1,121	2,629	1,934	29%	2,254	46%	1,514	37%
Utah	40,893	13,912	25,192	1,789	3,048	4,918	7,940	4,922	18%	11,075	58%	9,050	53%
	316	114	180	22	12	52	48	36	18%	90	65%	50	51%
<b>SACRAMENTO</b>													
California	26,808	9,201	16,041	1,566	2,127	3,499	6,064	3,741	21%	5,917	49%	3,693	38%

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State	BIA Total	YEARS OF AGE			Unable to work		Employed		Labor Force Status, 16 years old & over			Not employed, able to work		
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														(1)
ABERDEEN (MT, NE, ND, SD)	85,620	28,280	50,735	6,605	4,244	9,917	10,703	9,286	16%	32,476	75%	23,169	68%	
Cheyenne River Agency: Cheyenne River Res. (SD)	5,137	1,742	3,175	220	312	306	1,083	945	28%	1,694	61%	1,694	61%	
Crow Creek Agency: Crow Creek Res. (SD)	2,699	1,215	1,380	104	157	300	283	183	12%	744	72%	461	62%	
Flandreau Santee Sioux F.S. Flandreau Res. (SD)	448	198	226	24	22	27	144	142	57%	57	28%	57	28%	
Fort Berthold Agency: Fort Berthold Res. (ND)	2,663	915	1,609	139	253	53	306	211	12%	1,136	79%	372	55%	
Fort Totten Agency: Fort Totten Res. (ND)	3,780	2,171	1,531	78	20	67	792	630	39%	730	48%	300	27%	
Lower Brule Agency: Lower Brule Res. (SD)	994	471	490	33	64	65	195	151	29%	199	51%	80	29%	
Pine Ridge Agency: Pine Ridge Res. (SD)	20,206	7,320	11,906	980	263	2,421	2,731	2,687	21%	7,471	73%	4,284	61%	
Rosebud Agency: Rosebud Res. (SD)	17,128	4,051	9,760	3,317	790	1,867	765	540	4%	9,655	93%	7,241	90%	
Sisseton Agency: Sisseton Res. (ND, SD) Est. ND Pt. ( 2%) Est. SD Pt. (98%)	3,123 ( 66) (3,257)	1,066 ( 21) (1,045)	2,059 ( 41) (2,018)	198 ( 4) (194)	173 ( 3) (170)	503 ( 10) (493)	391 ( 8) (383)	329 ( 7) (322)	15% 15% 15%	1,190 24 1,166	75% 75% 75%	393 8 385	50% 50% 50%	

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					Stu- dents	Others		Number	% of 16 & over	Number	% of 7+10		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	
Standing Rock Agency: Standing Rock Res. (ND, SD) Est. ND Pt. (49%) Est. SD Pt. (51%)	10,308 5,051 5,257	2,867 1,405 1,462	6,900 3,381 3,519	541 265 276	746 366 380	1,023 501 522	739 362 377	663 325 338	9% 9% 9%	4,933 2,417 2,516	87% 87% 87%	4,933 2,417 2,516	87% 87% 87%
Turtle Mountain Agency: Trenton F.O. (MT, ND) Est. MT Pt. (10%) Est. ND Pt. (90%) Turtle Mountain Res. (ND)	12,312 2,423 242 2,181 9,889	3,701 896 90 806 2,805	7,987 1,451 145 1,306 6,536	624 76 8 68 548	845 336 34 302 509	2,264 240 24 216 2,024	2,483 611 61 550 1,872	2,249 580 58 522 1,669	26% 38% 38% 38% 24%	3,019 340 34 306 2,679	55% 36% 36% 36% 59%	2,140 340 34 306 1,800	46% 36% 36% 36% 49%
Winnebago Agency: Omaha Res. (NE) Santee Sioux Res. (NE) Winnebago Res. (NE)	3,547 1,860 498 1,189	1,463 790 183 490	1,872 1,000 277 595	212 70 38 104	289 84 46 159	436 254 49 133	581 247 103 231	458 187 80 191	22% 17% 25% 27%	778 485 117 176	57% 66% 53% 43%	514 296 68 150	47% 55% 40% 39%
Yankton Agency: Yankton Res. (SD)	3,075	1,100	1,840	135	310	585	210	98	5%	870	81%	700	77%

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ALBUQUERQUE (CO, NM, TX)	51,825	15,973	32,684	3,168	4,367	5,069	13,751	7,115	20%	12,665	48%	7,908	37%
Jicarilla Agency: Jicarilla Res. (NM)	2,920	1,138	1,627	155	131	109	1,269	529	30%	273	18%	258	17%
Laguna Agency: Laguna Pueblo (NM)	7,542	2,087	4,909	546	645	967	976	761	14%	2,867	75%	2,322	70%
Mescalero Agency: Mescalero Res. (NM)	3,252	1,417	1,769	66	156	271	588	329	18%	820	58%	642	52%
Northern Pueblos Agency: Nambé Pueblo (NM)	6,866	1,533	4,857	476	574	890	1,754	1,209	23%	2,115	55%	1,044	37%
Picuris Pueblo (NM)	435	169	250	16	70	36	108	73	27%	52	33%	16	13%
Pojoaque Pueblo (NM)	221	73	129	19	11	36	46	15	10%	55	54%	22	32%
San Ildefonso Pueblo (NM)	102	28	67	7	7	21	28	24	32%	18	39%	7	20%
San Juan Pueblo (NM)	632	177	428	27	48	38	157	127	28%	212	57%	153	49%
Santa Clara Pueblo (NM)	1,935	387	1,409	139	181	284	812	472	30%	271	25%	201	20%
Taos Pueblo (NM)	1,582	239	1,291	52	109	195	291	249	19%	748	72%	291	50%
Tesuque Pueblo (NM)	1,631	378	1,066	187	123	243	232	207	17%	655	74%	294	56%
	328	82	217	29	25	37	80	42	17%	104	57%	60	43%
Ramah-Navajo Agency: Ramah Community (NM)	1,941	682	1,149	110	163	36	509	318	25%	551	52%	506	50%





