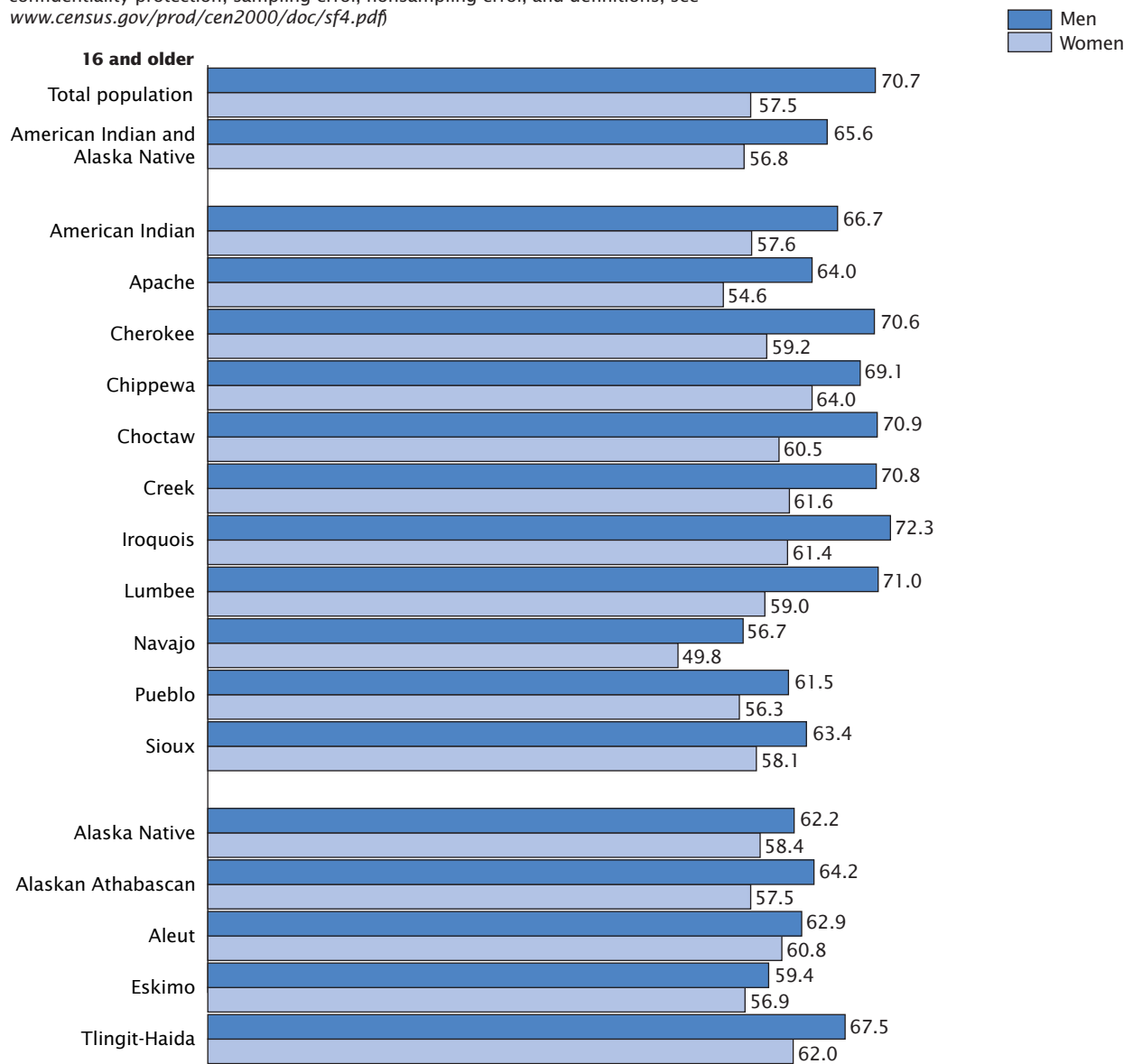


**American Indians and Alaska Natives participated in the labor force at a lower rate than the total population, and labor force participation varied by tribal groupings.**

- The labor force participation rate for American Indian and Alaska Native men (66 percent) was lower than that of all men (71 percent), while the rate for American Indian and Alaska Native women (57 percent) was slightly lower than for all women (58 percent).
- Among the American Indian tribal groupings, Cherokee, Chippewa, Choctaw, Creek, Iroquois, and Lumbee men had labor force rates higher than those of American Indian and Alaska Native men. Navajo had the lowest labor force participation rate for men (57 percent) and women (50 percent).

**Figure 5.**  
**Labor Force Participation Rate by Sex: 2000**

(Percent of specified population 16 and older that is in the labor force. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf))



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 special tabulation.