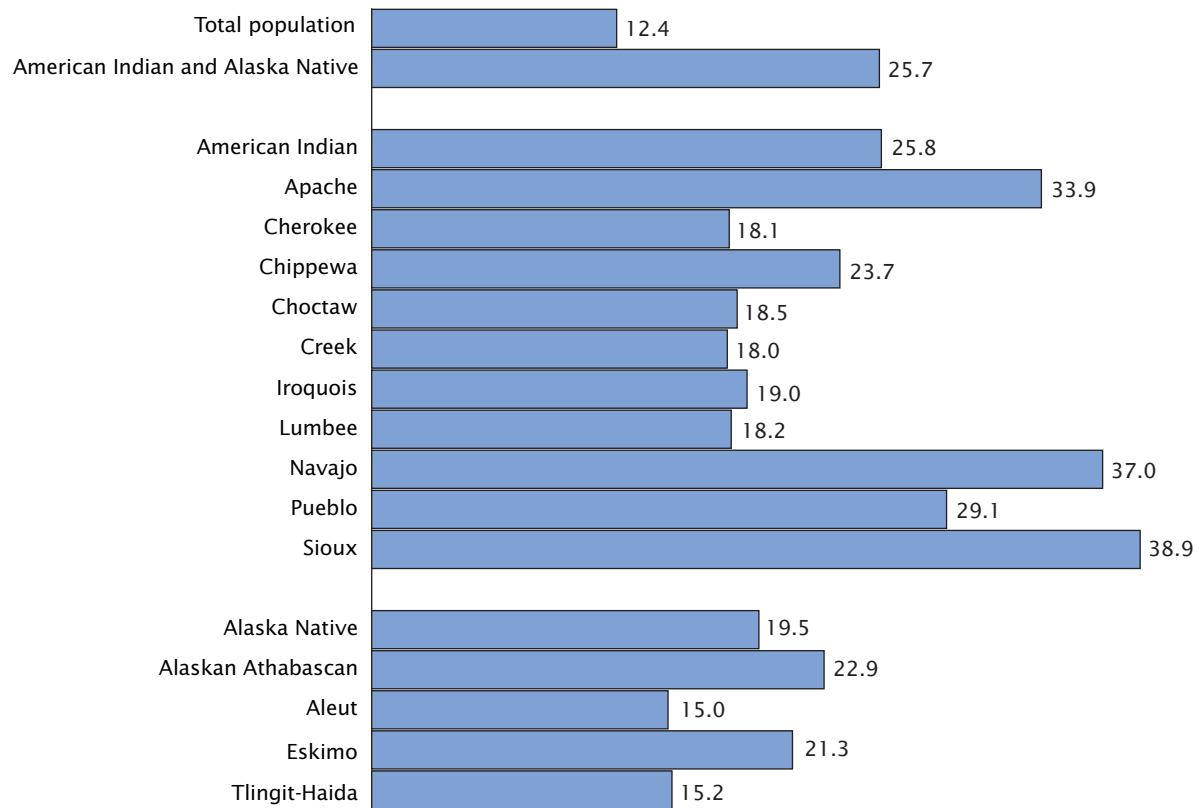


A higher ratio of American Indians and Alaska Natives than the total U.S. population lived in poverty.

- The ratio of American Indians and Alaska Natives living below the official poverty level in 1999 to that of all people was more than 2.
- Among the American Indian tribal groupings, roughly 18 percent of Creek, Cherokee, and Lumbee were in poverty (about 8 percentage points lower than the percentage for all American Indians). Over 32 percent of Sioux, Navajo, and Apache were in poverty in 1999.
- Alaska Natives, with 20 percent, had a lower percentage in poverty than the 26 percent of American Indians.
- More than one-fifth of Alaskan Athabascans and Eskimos lived in poverty in 1999.

Figure 8.
Poverty Rate: 1999

(Percent of specified group in poverty. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf)



Note: Poverty status was determined for everyone except those in institutions, military group quarters, or college dormitories and unrelated individuals under 15 years.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 special tabulation.