



The American Community— American Indians and Alaska Natives: 2004

INTRODUCTION

This report presents a portrait of the American Indian and Alaska Native population in the United States.¹ It is part of the American Community Survey (ACS) report series.

Information on demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics in the tables and figures is based on data from the 2004 ACS Selected Population Profiles and Detailed Tables.² The data for the American Indian and Alaska Native population are based on responses to the 2004 ACS question on race, which asked all respondents to report one or more races.³

The 2004 ACS estimated the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives to be about 4 million, or 1.4 percent of the U.S. household population (Table 1).⁴ The number of individuals who reported American Indian and Alaska Native as their only race was about 2.2 million, or 0.8 percent of the population. About another 1.9 million reported their race as American Indian and Alaska Native and one or more other races,

¹ In the federal government, the category "American Indian or Alaska Native" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.

² The 2004 ACS datasets, including Selected Population Profiles and Detailed Tables, are available online in the American FactFinder at <<http://factfinder.census.gov>>.

³ For further information on the content and format of the questionnaire, see <www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/SQuest03.pdf>.

⁴ This report discusses data for the United States, including the 50 states and the District of Columbia; it does not include data for Puerto Rico.

Table 1.
Household Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2004

(Data based on sample limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/exp_acs2004.html)

Race and Hispanic origin	Population	Percent of total population	Margin of error ¹ (±)
Total	285,691,501	100.00	(X)
White alone, not Hispanic	192,362,875	67.33	0.01
American Indian and Alaska Native alone ² ...	2,151,322	0.75	0.02
Not Hispanic	1,852,775	0.65	0.01
Hispanic	298,547	0.10	0.01
American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination	4,006,160	1.40	0.02
Not Hispanic	3,445,472	1.21	0.02
Hispanic	560,688	0.20	0.02
American Indian and Alaska Native in combination	1,854,838	0.65	0.02
Not Hispanic	1,592,697	0.56	0.02
Hispanic	262,141	0.09	0.01
American Indian and Alaska Native and White	1,370,675	0.48	0.02

(X) Not applicable.

¹ This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, produces the 90-percent confidence interval around the estimate.

² This category includes people who reported only "American Indian or Alaska Native," either by specifying one or more American Indian or Alaska Native tribes or tribal groupings or by responding with a generic term such as "American Indian" or "Alaska Native."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey, Selected Population Profiles, S0201.

including about 1.4 million people who reported their race as American Indian and Alaska Native **and** White.⁵ The American Indian and Alaska Native-alone-or-in-combination population included about 561,000 Hispanics, and the American Indian and Alaska Native-alone population included about 299,000 Hispanics.⁶

⁵ The race-in-combination categories use the conjunction **and** in bold and italicized print to link the race groups that compose the combination.

⁶ The estimates in this report are based on responses from a sample of households.

Data are reported for both the American Indian and Alaska Native-alone and the American Indian and Alaska Native-alone-or-in-combination populations. In this report, respondents who reported American Indian and Alaska Native and no other race are included in the single-race or American Indian and Alaska Native-alone population

Estimates may vary from the actual values because of sampling error and other factors. All comparative statements have undergone statistical testing and are significant at the 90-percent confidence level unless otherwise noted.