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# American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN)

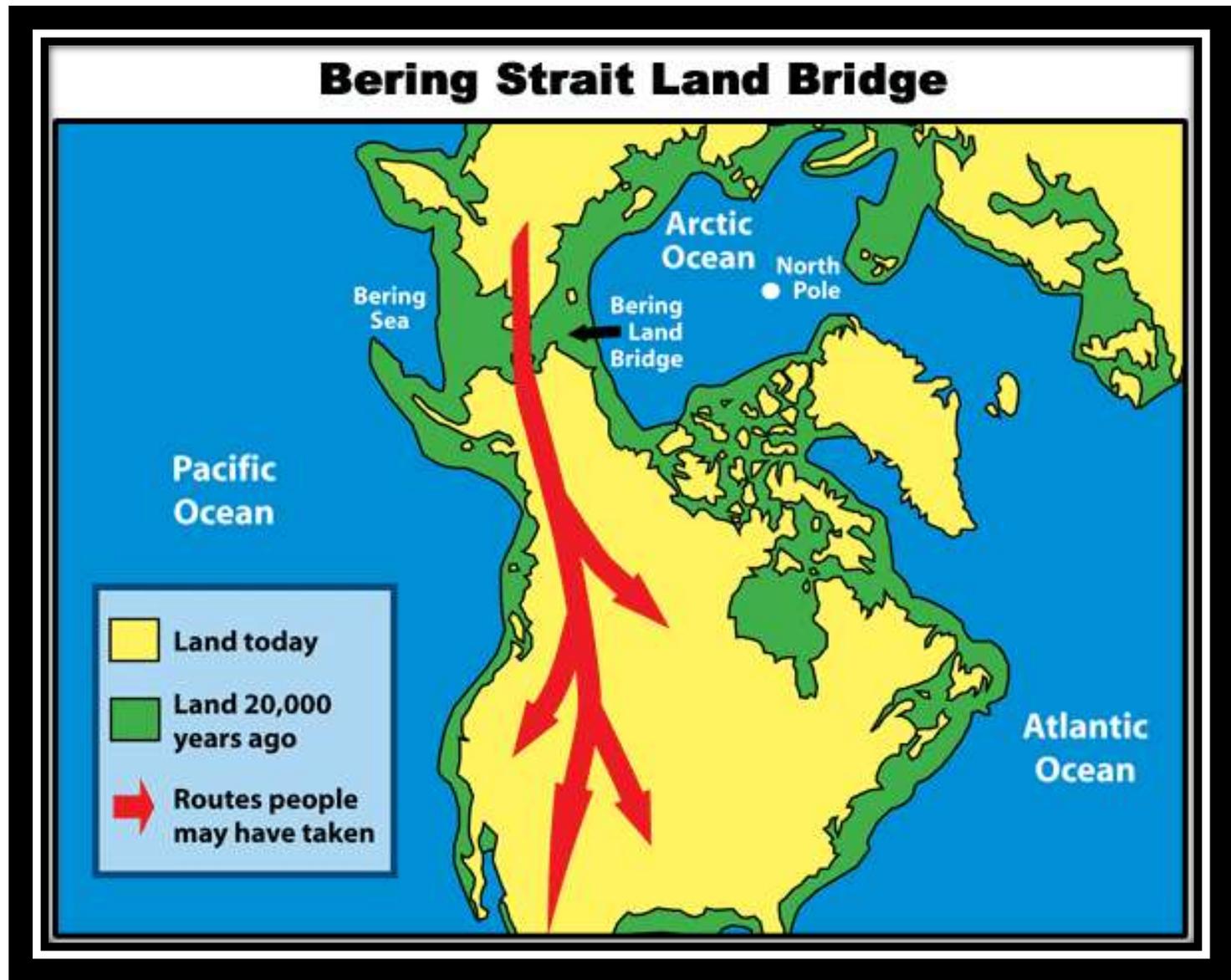
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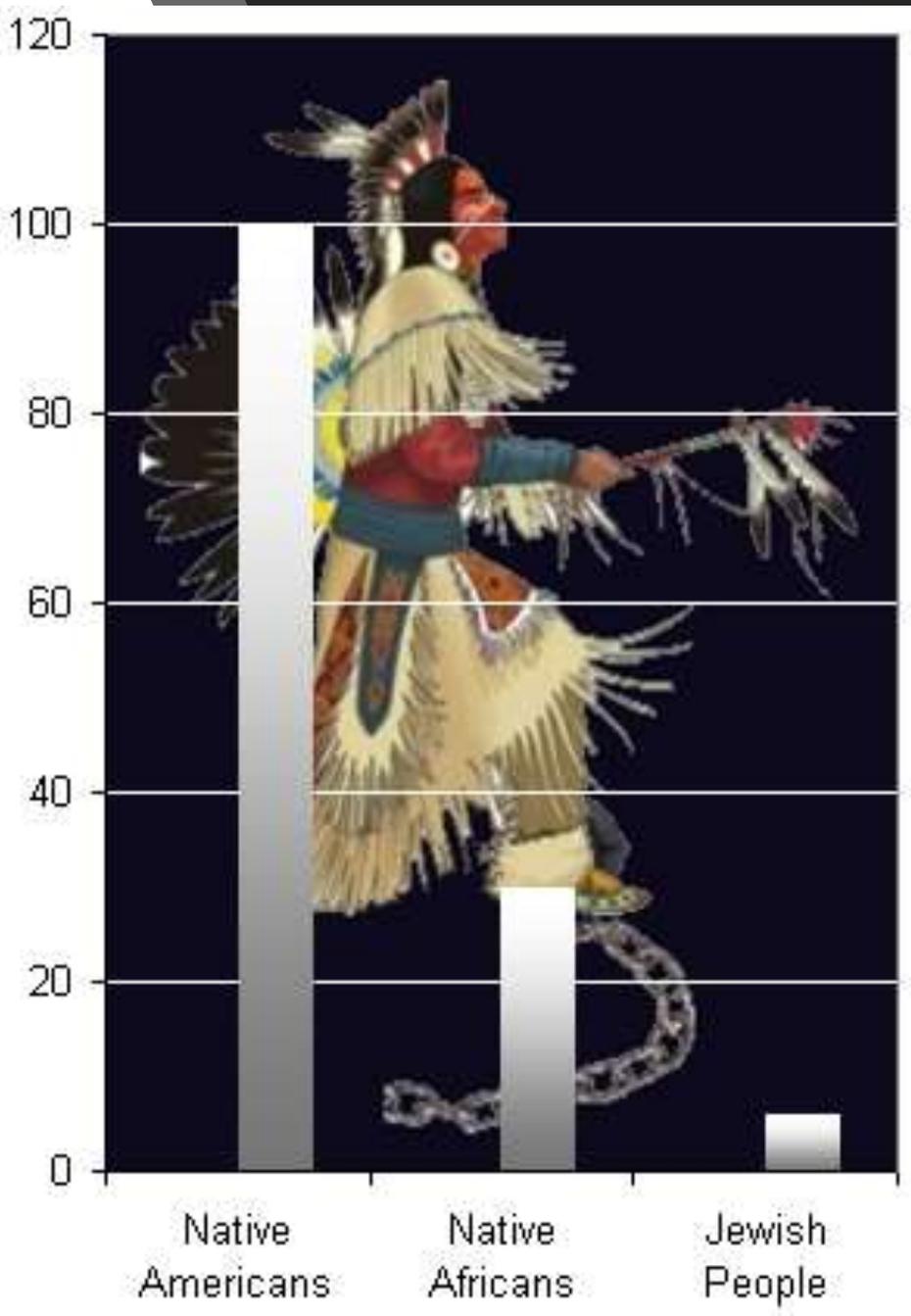
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# The beginning

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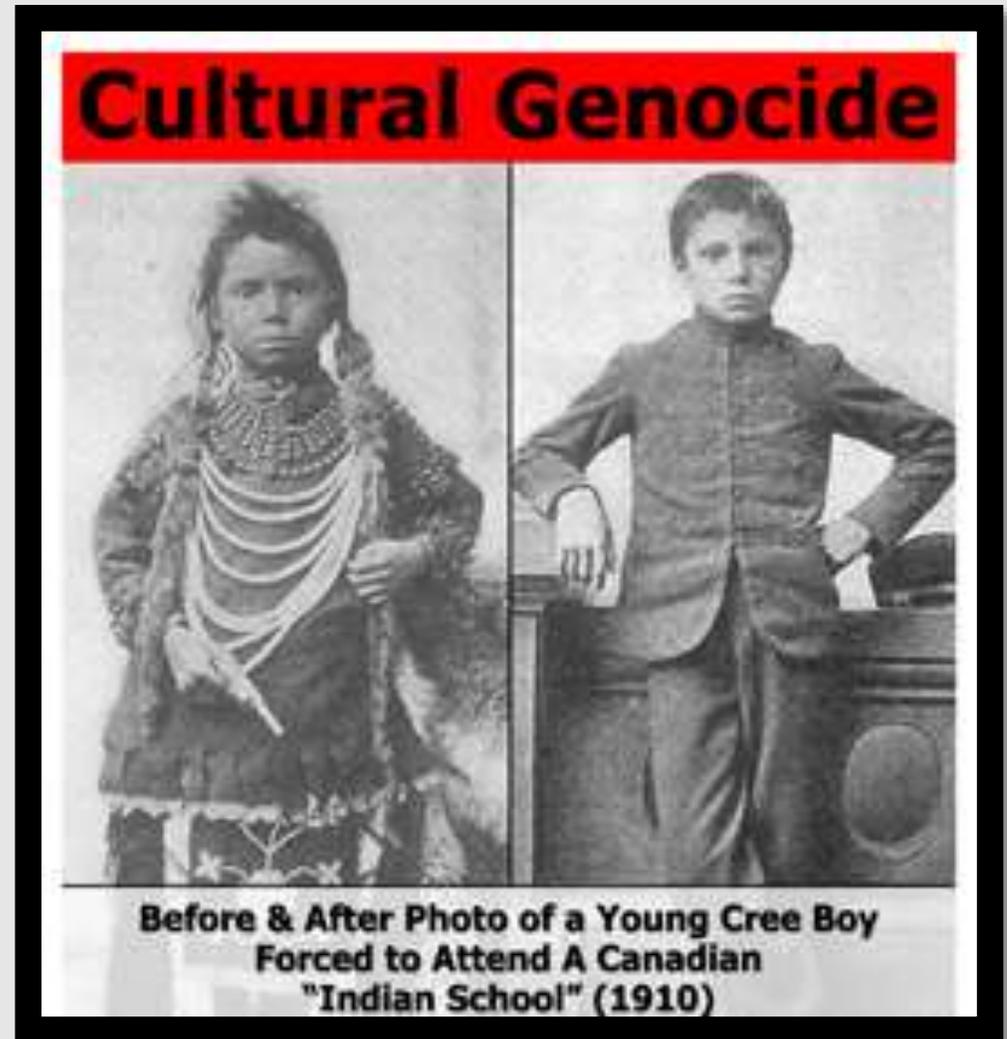


The American Indian Holocaust, known as the “500-year war” is the “World’s Longest Holocaust in the History of Mankind and which produced the most Loss of Human Lives.”

**Death Toll: 95,000,000 to 114,000,000**

# Genocide of Native Americans: a sociological view

- Forced removal from homelands
- Forced assimilation
  - Sterilization
- Intellectual riches





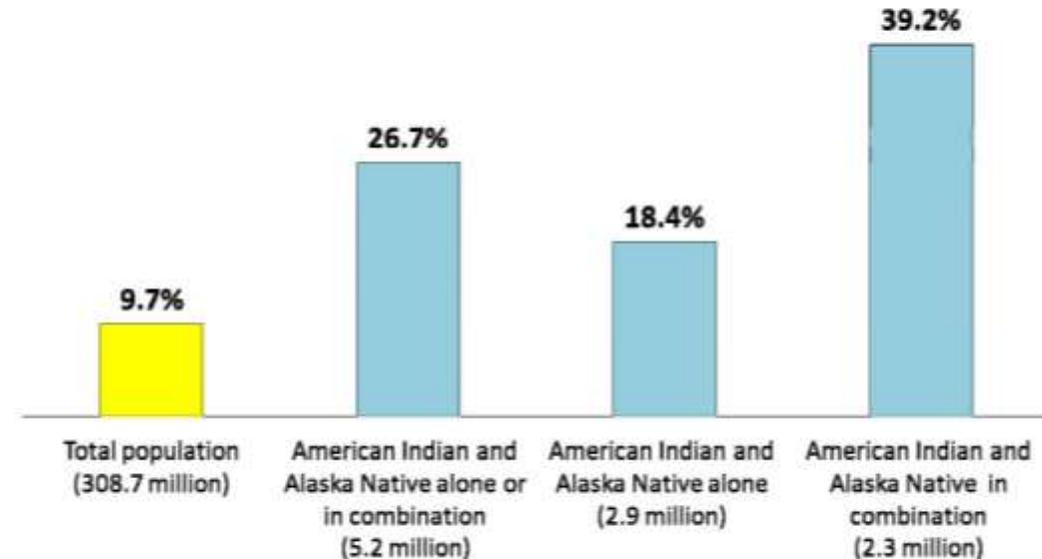
Including Alaska Natives, Northeastern, Southeastern, Southwestern, Northern Plains, Northwest Coast, Oklahoma, California Indians and the Indians of the Plateau, Great Basin, and Rocky mountains

The Natives people in the United States

## According to the 2010 U.S. Census

“ 5.2 million people in the United States were identified as AI/AN, and 31.6% of population was younger than 18 years and 7.3% was older than 65 years ”.

**Percent Increase of the American Indian and Alaska Native Population: 2000 to 2010**



Sources: Census 2000 and 2010 Census

United States  
**Census**  
Bureau

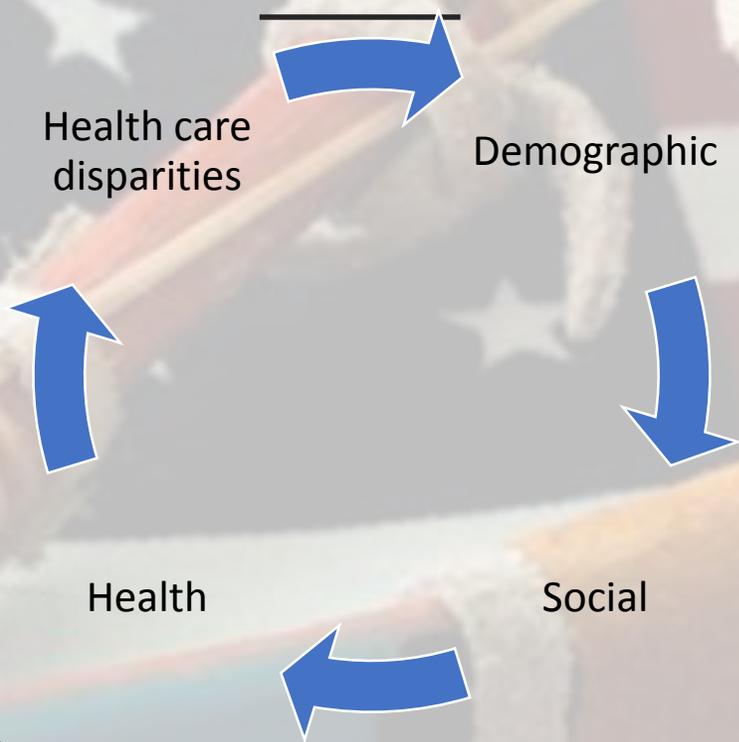
# Challenges faced by American Indian and Alaska Native populations

Health care disparities

Demographic

Health

Social



It is a young and growing population, with the fertility rates that exceed those of other groups.

+1/4 of the population is living in poverty.

Discrepancies in education and employment are also found.

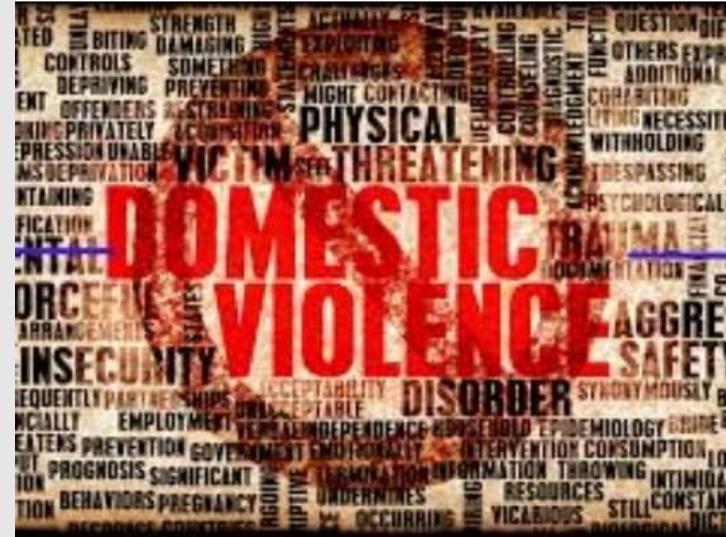
Have lower labor force participation rates.

The poverty and unemployment are related to geographic isolation and the availability of living wage jobs.

# Demographic Challenges: Poverty, Education, and Employment

# Social Challenges: Violence, Trauma, and Loss in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

- Likely to experience a range of violent and traumatic events involving serious injury.
- AI/AN children are more likely to be killed in a motor vehicle accident, to be hit by a car, to commit suicide, or to drown.
- Exposed to repeated loss. x2
- Alcoholism. x7
- Domestic violence exposure and child abuse and neglect.
- Immediate and long-term effects of child maltreatment.



**Rates of inadequate prenatal care and post-neonatal death.**



**Childhood obesity, overweight and dental caries.**

**Deaths due to diabetes, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, and accidents occurring at least three times the national rate, and deaths due to tuberculosis, pneumonia and influenza, suicide, homicide, and heart disease.**

# Physical Health Disparities in the American Indian and Alaska Native Population

# MORTALITY DISPARITY RATES

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the IHS Service Area 2008-2010 and U.S. All Races 2009 (Age-adjusted mortality rates per 100,000 population)

	AI/AN Rate 2008-2010	U.S. All Races Rate – 2009	Ratio: AI/AN to U.S. All Races
<b>ALL CAUSES*</b>	986.5	749.6	1.3
Diseases of the heart	189.7	182.8	1.0
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	180.6	173.5	1.0
Accidents (unintentional injuries)*	94.7	37.5	2.5
Diabetes mellitus (diabetes)	63.6	21.0	3.0
Alcohol-induced	51.9	7.4	7.0
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	47.2	42.7	1.1
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	43.7	9.1	4.8
Cerebrovascular diseases (stroke)	40.6	39.6	1.0
Influenza and pneumonia	26.0	16.5	1.6
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome (kidney disease)	24.2	15.7	1.5
Drug-induced	23.9	12.6	1.9
Intentional self-harm (suicide)	20.2	11.8	1.7
Hypertensive diseases	18.9	18.7	1.0
Alzheimer's disease	17.9	24.2	0.7
Septicemia	17.4	11.0	1.6
Assault (homicide)	11.6	5.5	2.1

\* Unintentional injuries include motor vehicle crashes.

NOTE: Rates are adjusted to compensate for misreporting of American Indian and Alaska Native race on state death certificates. American Indian and Alaska Native age-adjusted death rate columns present data for the 3-year period specified. U.S. All Races columns present data for a one-year period. Rates are based on American Indian and Alaska

# Mental Health Disparities in the American Indian and Alaska Native Population

Posttraumatic stress disorder,

Alcohol dependence,



Major depression

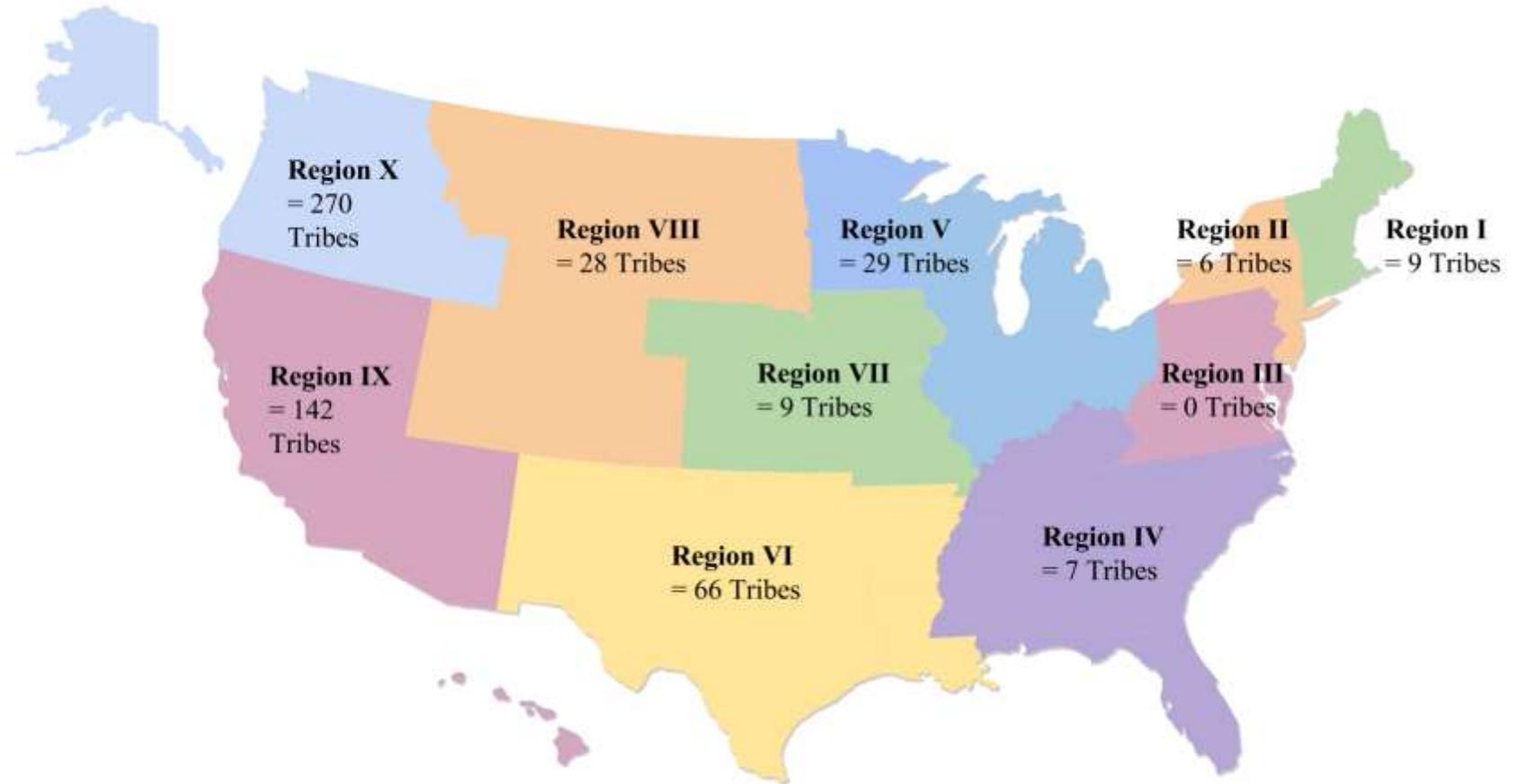


Anxiety disorders



Suicide is 3-6% higher than that in the general population.

There are 567  
federally  
recognized (AI/AN)  
tribes, and more  
than 100 state  
recognized tribes.



# Indian Health Service (IHS)

- ✓ Operates a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2 million AI/AN
- ✓ IHS funds 33 urban Indian health organizations
- ✓ Approximately 600,000 are eligible to utilize this program.





# The ten Native American commandments

1. Treat the Earth and all that dwell thereon with respect.
2. Remain close to the Great Spirit, in all that you do.
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings.  
(Especially Respect yourself)
4. Work together for the benefit of all Mankind.
5. Give assistance and kindness wherever needed.
6. Do what you know to be right.  
(But be careful not to fall into self-righteousness)
7. Look after the well being of mind and body.
8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good.
9. Be truthful and honest at all times.  
(Especially be truthful and honest with your self)
10. Take full responsibility for your actions



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