STATISTICS ON NATIVE STUDENTS

Following are demographics and statistics about our American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations and students.

AI/AN Population (All Ages)

- In 2010, there were 5,220,579 AI/ANs (alone or in combination), comprising 1.7% of the total U.S. population of 308.7 million.
- The population of AI/ANs (alone or in combination) increased by 27% between 2000 and 2010, compared to the 10% increase among the overall U.S. population (Norris, Vines, & Hoeffel, 2012)
- In 2011, the median income of AI/AN (alone) households was $35,192, compared to $50,502 for the entire nation (US Census Bureau, 2012)
- In 2011, 30% of AI/ANs (alone) lived in poverty, compared to 16% for the entire nation (US Census Bureau, 2012)
- Greatest Numbers (Norris, Vines, & Hoeffel, 2012):
  - In 2010, the 10 states with the greatest number of AI/ANs (alone or in combination) were California (N=723,225), Oklahoma (482,760), Arizona (N=353,386), Texas (N=315,264), New York (N=221,058), New Mexico (N=219,512), Washington (N=198,998), North Carolina (N=184,082), Florida (N=162,562), and Michigan (N=139,095)

Tribes & Reservations

- In 2010, there were 324 federally recognized American Indian reservations (US Census Bureau, 2011)
- As of January 2012, there were 566 federally recognized Indian tribes (U.S. Department of the Interior, 2012)
- In 2010, the 10 American Indian reservations with the greatest numbers of AI/ANs were the Navajo Nation Reservation, AZ-NM-UT (169,321), Pine Ridge Reservation, SD-NE (16,906), Fort Apache Reservation, AZ (13,014), Gila River Indian Reservation, AZ (11,251), Osage Reservation, OK (9,920), San Carlos Reservation, AZ (9,901), Rosebud Indian Reservation, SD (9,809), Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation, AZ (9,278), Blackfeet Indian Reservation, MT (9,149), and Flathead Reservation, MT (9,138) (US Census Bureau, 2011)

Student Demographics (K-12)

- During the 2010-11 school year, there were 378,000 AI/AN (alone) students in the U.S. public school system, comprising 0.7% of the total public school population (Aud, Hussar, Johnson, et al., 2012)
During the 2010-11 school year, the states in which AI/AN (alone) students comprised the greatest proportion of the total student population were: Alaska (20%), South Dakota (15%), New Mexico (11%), Montana, (10%), and Oklahoma (9%) (Aud, Hussar, Johnson, et al., 2012)

During the 2008-09 school year, 40% of AI/AN students attended a school that did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress, compared to 33% of White students (Ross, Kena, Rathbun, et al., 2012)

In public schools with high AI/AN enrollment, only 16% of teachers are AI/AN (Manuelito, 2003)

**Language & Culture**

- In 2011, 27% of AI/ANs (alone) ages 5 years and older spoke a language other than English at home.
- In 2011, among AI/AN students who took the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test (National Center for Education Statistics, 2012)
  - 66% AI/AN 4th graders attended a school where an AI/AN community member had visited at least once to share AI/AN traditions and culture with students and staff
  - 56% of AI/AN 4th graders knew some or a lot about their tribe's/group's history, traditions, arts, or crafts
  - 64% of AI/AN 8th graders knew some or a lot about their AI/AN history
  - 33% of AI/AN 8th graders had reading teachers who integrated AI/AN culture and history into reading/language arts instruction at least once a month

**Student Poverty**

- In 2011, 33% of AI/AN (alone) students were living below the poverty threshold, compared to 12% of Whites (alone) (Aud, Hussar, Johnson, et al., 2012)
- In 2009, 68% of AI/AN 4th graders were eligible for free-or reduced-price lunch (Aud, Fox, & KewalRamani, 2010)