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# NATIVE AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2019

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The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994.

**16,681**

The estimated number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Iowa in 2018. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates a 85.6% increase in population between 2000 and 2018.

**12,047**

The projected Native American non Hispanic population of Iowa in 2050. According to Woods & Poole Economics Inc., Native Americans will constitute 0.4 percent of the states total population on that date.

**1,282**

Population in the Sac and Fox/Meskwaki American Indian Area according to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey

## Families and Children

**2,469**

The number of American Indian and Alaska native families in 2018 who reside in Iowa.

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5 in 2018. This compares to 6.3 percent for the state of Iowa.

**16.4%**

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native married-couple families with related children under 18 years of age in 2018. This compares to 37.7% for the state of Iowa.

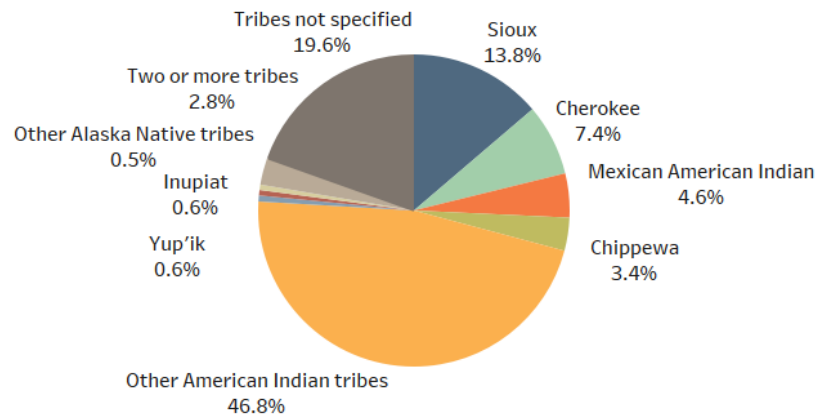
**10.4%**

**26.8**

The median age of Iowa's American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2018. The median age for the state was 38.1.

American Indian and Alaska Natives in Iowa by Selected Tribe

2013-2017 American Community Survey



# Education

**2,012**

The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2018-2019 school year.

**-24.3%**

Percent decrease in Native American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2018-2019.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**84.5%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2018. For the state of Iowa it was 92.3%.

**16.3%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2018. In Iowa it was 29.0%.

**359**

Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2018. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

## Serving our Nation

**574**

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2018.

# Migration

**50.8%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2018 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 69.9% of the total population in Iowa who were born in the state.

**78.6%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2018 who lived in the same house last year. For the entire state of Iowa, that percentage was 85.4%.

# Housing

**31.2%**

The percentage in Iowa of households with a householder who is American Indian and Alaska Native in Iowa who own their home in 2018. This compares with 71.3% for the state of Iowa.

**62.5%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2017 who live in an urban area. This compares with 64.5% for the state of Iowa.



# Occupation

Source: 2012-2016 American Community Survey



**28.3%**

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in service occupations in 2017.



**22.3%**

The percent in 2017 of Iowa American and Alaska natives in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.



**1,020**

Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in management, business, science and arts occupations in 2017.



**748**

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in sales and services occupations in 2017.

## Income, poverty, and health insurance

**\$41,265**

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2018. The median household income for the state was \$59,955.

**\$41,839**

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native families in 2018. The median family income for the state was \$76,068.

The percent of the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population with no health insurance coverage in 2018. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 4.7%

**\$19,619**

The per capita income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2018. The per capita income for the state was \$31,559.

**14.2%**

The poverty rate for the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2018. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.2%

**12.6%**

# Businesses and Jobs

**1,057**

The number of American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms in 2012

**65.2%**

The percent increase in American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms between 2002 and 2012.

Source: Survey of Business Owners

**6.4%**

The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2018. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 3.6%.

**Disability**  
**18.6%**

The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2018. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 11.7%.

**2.81**

The average household size for American Indian and Alaska Native households in Iowa. The average household size for the state of Iowa is 2.4.



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# Counties and cities

**2,915**

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2018, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.

**37.3%**

In 2018, over one third of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population live in Woodbury, Polk and Tama counties.

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Sioux City making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any city in Iowa.

**51.1%**

Over one-half of the growth in Iowa's Native American population from 2000-2017 occurred in nine counties: Black Hawk, Dallas, Johnson, Marshall, Plymouth, Polk, Pottawattamie, Tama, and Woodbury.

**8.4%**

The percent of total population in Tama County who are American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2018. The next county with high percentages of American Indian and Alaska Natives is Woodbury with 2.8%.

**35.7%**

The percentage of Iowa's total American Indian and Alaska Natives population living in 6 cities: Sioux City, Des Moines, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, and Waterloo.

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey

**1,606**



Percent of Iowa's Total American Indian and Alaska Native population: July 1, 2018

