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NATIVE AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2020

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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.

17,060

The estimated number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Iowa in 2019. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates a 89.8% increase in population between 2000 and 2019.

11,876

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

1,058

Population in the Sac and Fox/Meskwaki American Indian Area according to the 2014-2018 American Community Survey.

Families and Children

2,805

The number of American Indian and Alaska native families in 2019 who reside in Iowa.

46.0%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native married-couple families with related children under 18 years of age. This compares to 39.3% for the state of Iowa.

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey

10.4%

Percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native population under age 5 in 2019. This compares to 6.2 percent for the state of Iowa.

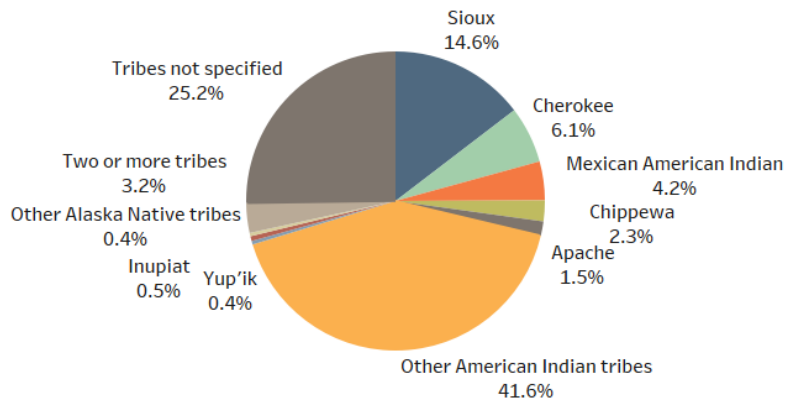
Source: 2019 Annual Population Estimates

40.5

The median age of Iowa's American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2019. The median age for the state was 38.5.

American Indian and Alaska Natives in Iowa by Selected Tribe

2014-2018 American Community Survey



Education

1,957

The number of Native Americans enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2019-2020 school year.

-23.8%

Percent decrease in Native American enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2019-2020.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

82.0%

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2019. For the state of Iowa it was 92.6%.

8.3%

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2019. In Iowa it was 29.3%.

281

Number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2019. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

Serving our Nation

683

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2019.

Migration

53.8%

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2019 who were born in Iowa. This compares to 69.7% of the total population in Iowa who were born in the state.

83.0%

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2019 who lived in the same house last year. For the entire state of Iowa, that percentage was 86.1%.

Housing

52.4%

The percentage in Iowa of households with a householder who is American Indian and Alaska Native in Iowa who own their home in 2019. This compares with 70.5% for the state of Iowa.

72.4%

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2019 who live in an urban area. This compares with 64.3% for the state of Iowa.

Occupation

Source: 2012-2016 American Community Survey



28.9%

The percentage of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in service occupations in 2019.



22.1%

The percent in 2019 of Iowa American and Alaska natives in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.



1,232

Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in management, business, science and arts occupations in 2019.



886

The number of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in sales and services occupations in 2019.

Income, poverty, and health insurance

\$26,255

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives households in 2019. The median household income for the state was \$61,689.

\$27,589

The median income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native families in 2019. The median family income for the state was \$78,152.

18.1%

The percent of the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population with no health insurance coverage in 2019. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 5.0%

\$16,589

The per capita income of Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2019. The per capita income for the state was \$33,107.

31.7%

The poverty rate for the Iowa American Indian and Alaska Native population in 2019. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.2%

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

8.8%

The unemployment rate for Iowa American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2019. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 4.9%.

Disability
24.0%

The percent of Native Americans in Iowa with a disability in 2019. The percentage of all Iowans with a disability is 11.8%.

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

3,034

The number of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Woodbury County in 2019, making it largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any Iowa county.

41.4%

In 2019, over one third of the total American Indian and Alaska Native population live in Woodbury, Polk, Tama, and Pottawattamie counties.

1,758

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.

53.8%

Over one-half of the growth in Iowa's Native American population from 2000-2019 occurred in ten counties: Black Hawk, Dallas, Johnson, Linn, Plymouth, Polk, Pottawattamie, Tama, Wapello, and Woodbury.

8.6%

The percent of total population in Tama County who are American Indian and Alaska Natives in 2019. The next county with high percentages of American Indian and Alaska Natives is Woodbury with 2.9%.

39.8%

The percentage of Iowa's total American Indian and Alaska Natives population living in 8 cities: Sioux City, Des Moines, Davenport, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Tama, and Iowa City.

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey



Percent of Iowa's Total American Indian and Alaska Native population: July 1, 2019

