New Report from UIHI:
Reproductive Health of Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Women: Examining unintended pregnancy, contraception, sexual history and behavior and non-voluntary sexual intercourse

A new report released by the Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle Indian Health Board provides an analysis of previously unreleased data on the reproductive health of urban American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women. Findings from the National Survey of Family Growth (2002) show AI/AN women living in urban areas compared to non-Hispanic white women were more likely to report that their first sexual intercourse was non-voluntary (17% vs. 8%), had higher rates of unintended (31% vs. 21%) and teen pregnancies (13% vs. 4%), had more unprotected first sex (52% vs. 31%) and had older partners at first sex (28% vs. 13%).

Study topic areas, such as fertility, birth outcomes, contraceptive trends and sexual violence, need continued and improved surveillance among AI/AN. Resources must also be identified and set aside for programs to work with urban AI/AN youth and those affected by sexual violence. To download the full report, please visit: http://www.uihi.org/publications/reports/.

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Source: National Survey of Family Growth 2002