

Best Practices for American Indian/Alaska (AI/AN) Native Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting

Data Practices

Current data practices omit or misclassify AI/AN populations, both urban and rural.

- Multiple definitions of AI/AN people are found in different data sources.
- Methods for data collection, analysis, and reporting are inconsistent in data sources.

Areas to Improve AI/AN Data

To address these inaccurate data practices, Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) has created best practices to collect, analyze, and report data on AI/AN populations. The following recommendations are grounded in and stem from Indigenous values and practices.

If you have any questions about trainings offered by UIHI, requests for data, or need additional assistance or resources, please email us at info@uihi.org

Data Collection

- AI/AN defined alone; and include individuals who are **AI/AN alone or in combination with any other race(s)**, including those who identify as Latinx/Hispanic.
- **Collect tribal affiliation.** This should be an inclusive list of all federal and state-recognized tribes and with a write in option.

1. Race (select all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White



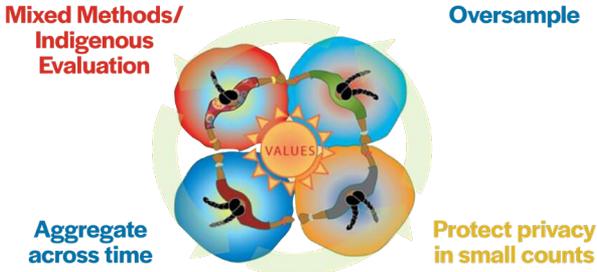
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Data Analysis

Mixed methods analysis/Indigenous Evaluation:

- Resilient and strength-based language
- Centering the Community
- Community is Created Wherever Native People Are
- Decolonizing Data



Data Reporting

- Report **strength-based and positive results** that focus on effective results that illustrate the strength and resiliency of Indigenous people.
- Report limitations of data collection and analysis.

Solutions and Implications

In order to conduct Indigenous research, we must honor and uphold tribes' inherent right to govern their peoples, lands, resources, and data.

The **answers** to preventing health disparities in AI/AN communities are carried in **our stories, our practices of honoring Elders, and our generational practice of ensuring a great future for the next generation.**



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