

ASSESSMENT OF AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING NEEDS

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is HUD assessing the housing needs of these populations?

Congress mandated this study in Senate Report 111-69 (filed August 5, 2009), which states "...the Secretary is directed to undertake a Native American housing needs assessment. It is clear that the housing needs of Native Americans living on reservations are substantial, but better data is needed to quantify those needs in order for HUD and Congress to better address them."

What is the purpose of this study?

The study is designed to provide credible information on the collective housing conditions and needs in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities, and to gather information on how tribes are using HUD housing assistance since [NAHASDA](#) was enacted in 1996.

What impact will the study have on the [IHBG formula](#)?

The study will not affect formula allocations. The survey of American Indian and Alaska Native households is designed to provide national estimates of collective need. The survey sample is too small to support estimates at lower levels of geography.

What factors have influenced the timing of the study?

Data collection for the household survey took much longer to complete than anticipated, as the original schedule did not anticipate the amount of time required for consultation and negotiation with individual tribes prior to initiating data collection. Both the consultations and the negotiations make this a better study.

Are there any findings from the study available now?

Yes. A report presenting analysis of census data and other sources was published in March, 2014 and is [available here](#).

Will there be an opportunity to comment on the report before it's finalized?

Yes. The draft report will be released to tribes for comment in July of 2016.

How will HUD distribute the final reports?

The final report will be made available as a free download on PD&R's website, www.HUDUser.gov.

How will tribes participate in the study?

By the study's conclusion, all tribes and TDHEs will have had the opportunity to complete a web-based survey. One hundred and ten (110) TDHEs were surveyed, either in person or by phone. A randomly selected sample of 38 tribes participated in the household survey. Permission to conduct the household survey among selected tribes was obtained from tribal human subjects review boards and other tribal entities, as required by each selected tribe.

What if my tribe is not among the 40 selected for the household survey? Can we still participate?

The survey instruments used in this study are available [on the website](#). Tribes that would like to conduct their own household surveys may use these instruments in their current form, or adapt the instruments to best suit their needs. However, the results from independent household surveys cannot be incorporated into the final report, because the data cannot be made to produce statistical estimates comparable to those produced by the household survey.