

**The Largest American Indian Populations in California:  
Household and Family Data from the Census 2000**

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Since American Indians comprise only 1.5 percent of the total U.S. population and 1.9 percent of California’s population<sup>1</sup>, they are often not a focus in demographic analyses. Despite their small numbers, however, American Indians are a significant group both because of their historic relationship with the federal government and because they tend to occupy land outside of state jurisdiction for the most part. To give attention to this understudied but important group, this report examines available population, household, and family data from the Census 2000 for counties in California with the largest population percentages of American Indians, including Alpine, Del Norte, Humboldt, Inyo, Mendocino, Modoc, Siskiyou, and Trinity. When additional information from the Census 2000 is released—regarding educational attainment, socioeconomic status, employment, income, poverty, etc.—it will also be analyzed as part of the *CCSRE Race and Ethnicity in California: Demographics Report Series*.

Table 1 displays the percentage of the population for each county in California that is American Indian, grouping the counties by region of the state and providing two breakdowns: one for those who identified as American Indian *alone*, another for those who identified as American Indian *alone or in combination* with another race group. Two maps are also included to illustrate these data. Overall, California is home to 13.5 percent of the nation’s American Indian *alone* population and 15.2 percent of its American Indian *alone or combination* population.

Table 2 summarizes this county-level information by region within the state, again, with breakdowns for both American Indian *alone* and American Indian *alone or in combination*. Overall, the largest concentrations of American Indians in California live in the Northern (3.0 or 4.9 percent) and Eastern Mountain (2.9 or 4.5 percent) counties.

**Table 2: Regional Summary of American Indians in California**

|                              | <b>Percent American Indian <i>alone</i></b> | <b>Percent American Indian <i>alone or in combination</i></b> |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Northern Counties            | 3.0   | 4.9   |
| Eastern Mountain Counties    | 2.9   | 4.5   |
| Central Valley               | 1.5   | 2.6   |
| Sacramento Metropolitan Area | 1.1   | 2.4   |
| Coastal Counties             | 1.0   | 2.0   |
| Southern Counties            | 0.9   | 1.7   |
| Los Angeles                  | 0.8   | 1.5   |
| San Francisco Bay Area       | 0.6   | 1.5   |

Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

The eight focus counties of this report have American Indian populations greater than 3.5 percent using the American Indian *alone* definition or 5.6 percent using the American Indian *alone or in combination* definition. In addition to reviewing Census 2000 data for these counties with the

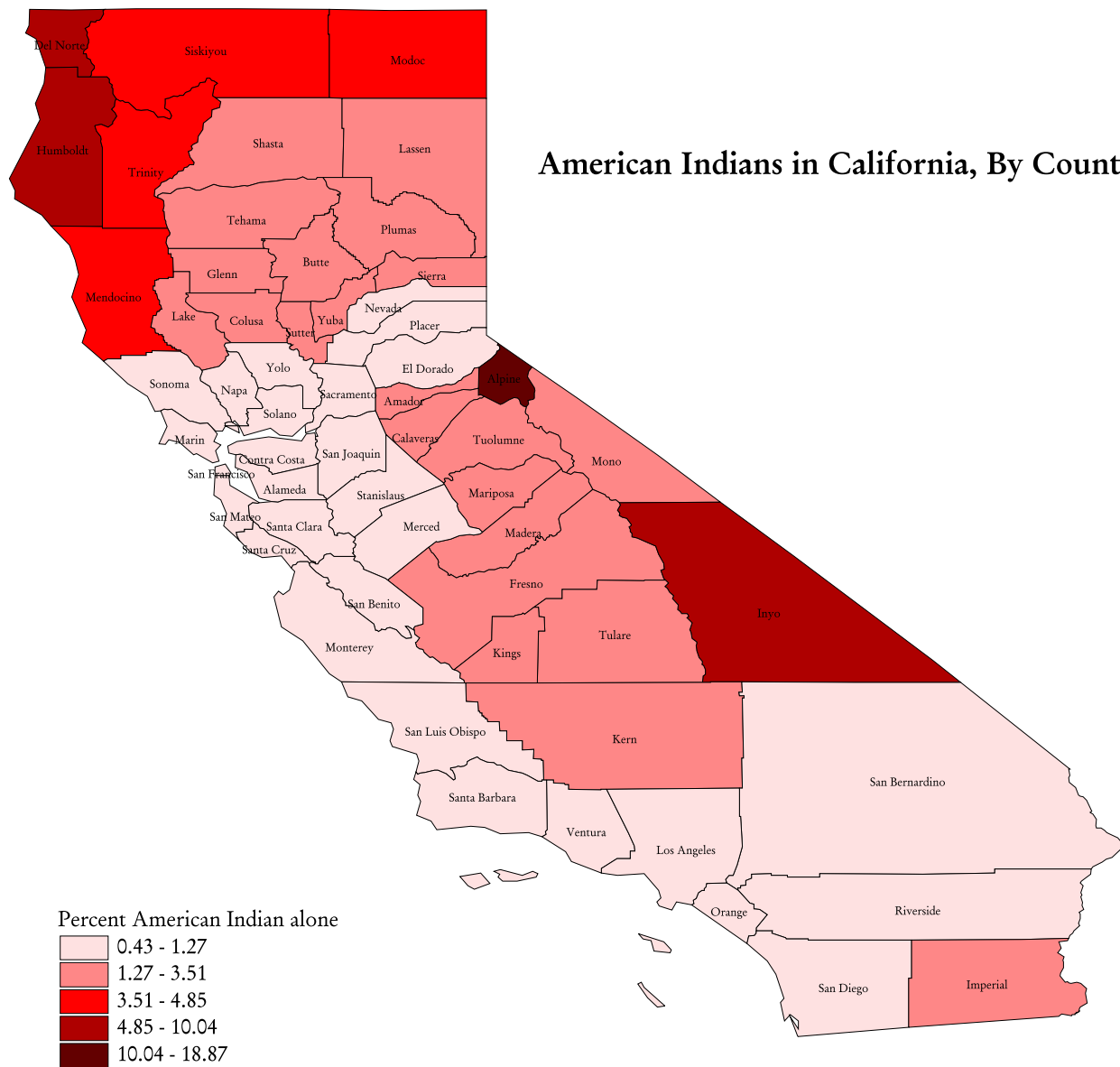
<sup>1</sup> These percentages are based on the population of people who identified as American Indian whether alone or in combination with another race group. The percentages of the nation and state that identified as American Indian alone are 0.9 and 1.0, respectively.

**Table 1: American Indians in California Counties**

| <b>Region of California</b> | <b>County</b> | <b>Total Population</b> | <b>Percent American Indian <i>alone</i></b> | <b>Percent American Indian <i>alone or in combination</i></b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Northern Counties           | Del Norte     | 27,507                  | 6.43  | 9.09  |
|                             | Humboldt      | 126,518                 | 5.72  | 8.26  |
|                             | Trinity       | 13,022                  | 4.85  | 8.06  |
|                             | Mendocino     | 86,265                  | 4.76  | 6.65  |
|                             | Modoc         | 9,449                   | 4.21  | 5.84  |
|                             | Siskiyou      | 44,301                  | 3.90  | 6.20  |
|                             | Lassen        | 33,828                  | 3.26  | 4.65  |
|                             | Lake          | 58,309                  | 3.04  | 4.77  |
|                             | Shasta        | 163,256                 | 2.77  | 4.80  |
|                             | Yuba          | 60,219                  | 2.61  | 5.22  |
|                             | Plumas        | 20,824                  | 2.55  | 4.16  |
|                             | Colusa        | 18,804                  | 2.33  | 3.29  |
|                             | Tehama        | 56,039                  | 2.10  | 3.80  |
|                             | Glenn         | 26,453                  | 2.09  | 3.27  |
|                             | Butte         | 203,171                 | 1.90  | 3.58  |
| Sierra                      | 3,555         | 1.88                    | 3.12  |   |
| Sutter                      | 78,930        | 1.55                    | 2.96  |   |
| Nevada                      | 92,033        | 0.88                    | 2.24  |   |
| Eastern Mountain Counties   | Alpine        | 1,208                   | 18.87                                       | 22.93   |
|                             | Inyo          | 17,945                  | 10.04                                       | 12.00   |
|                             | Mariposa      | 17,130                  | 3.51  | 5.58  |
|                             | Mono          | 12,853                  | 2.40  | 3.19  |
|                             | Tuolumne      | 54,501                  | 1.82  | 3.44  |
|                             | Amador        | 35,100                  | 1.78  | 2.98  |
|                             | Calaveras     | 40,554                  | 1.74  | 3.50  |
| Central Valley Counties     | Madera        | 123,109                 | 2.61  | 4.04  |
|                             | Kings         | 129,461                 | 1.68  | 2.52  |
|                             | Fresno        | 799,407                 | 1.60  | 2.56  |
|                             | Tulare        | 368,021                 | 1.56  | 2.53  |
|                             | Kern          | 661,645                 | 1.51  | 2.63  |
|                             | Stanislaus    | 446,997                 | 1.27  | 2.51  |
|                             | Merced        | 210,554                 | 1.19  | 2.26  |
|                             | San Joaquin   | 563,598                 | 1.13  | 2.32  |
| Sacramento Metropolitan     | Yolo          | 168,660                 | 1.16  | 2.22  |
|                             | Sacramento    | 1,223,499               | 1.09  | 2.51  |
|                             | El Dorado     | 156,299                 | 1.00  | 2.16  |
|                             | Placer        | 248,399                 | 0.89  | 1.91  |
| Coastal Counties            | Santa Barbara | 399,347                 | 1.20  | 2.22  |
|                             | San Benito    | 53,234                  | 1.16  | 2.23  |
|                             | Monterey      | 401,762                 | 1.05  | 1.91  |
|                             | Santa Cruz    | 255,602                 | 0.96  | 2.07  |
|                             | San Luis      | 246,681                 | 0.95  | 2.06  |
|                             | Ventura       | 753,197                 | 0.94  | 1.76  |
| Southern Counties           | Imperial      | 142,361                 | 1.87  | 2.43  |
|                             | Riverside     | 1,545,387               | 1.18  | 2.07  |
|                             | San           | 1,709,434               | 1.17  | 2.19  |
|                             | San Diego     | 2,813,833               | 0.86  | 1.64  |
|                             | Orange        | 2,846,289               | 0.70  | 1.32  |
| Los Angeles                 | Los Angeles   | 9,519,338               | 0.81  | 1.46  |
| San Francisco Bay Area      | Sonoma        | 458,614                 | 1.18  | 2.41  |
|                             | Napa          | 124,279                 | 0.84  | 1.83  |
|                             | Solano        | 394,542                 | 0.79  | 2.00  |
|                             | Santa Clara   | 1,682,585               | 0.67  | 1.35  |
|                             | Alameda       | 1,443,741               | 0.63  | 1.61  |
|                             | Contra Costa  | 948,816                 | 0.61  | 1.57  |
|                             | San Francisco | 776,733                 | 0.45  | 1.15  |
|                             | San Mateo     | 707,161                 | 0.44  | 1.06  |
|                             | Marin         | 247,289                 | 0.43  | 1.09  |

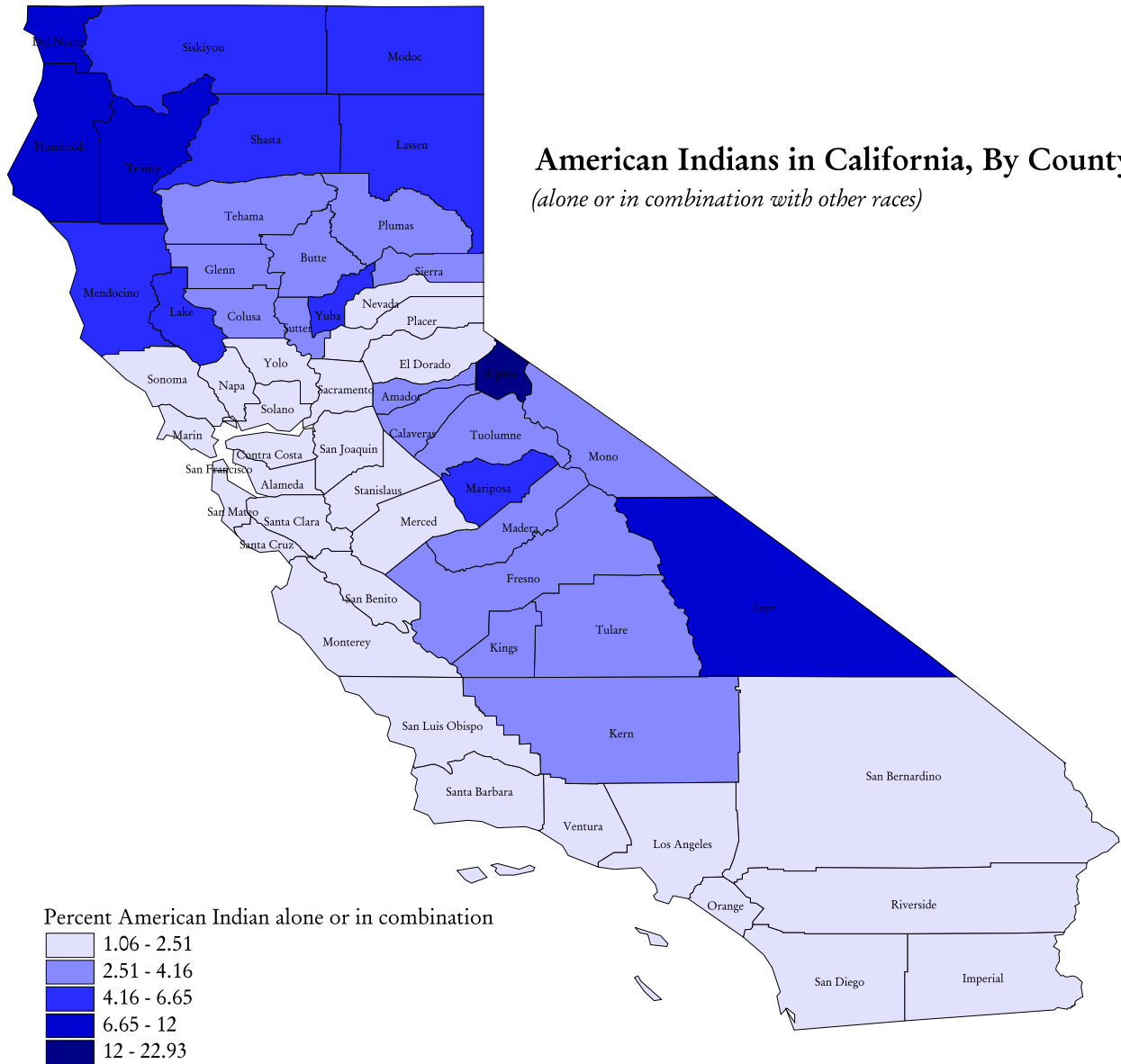
Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

## American Indians in California, By County



Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

## American Indians in California, By County *(alone or in combination with other races)*



Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

largest population percentages of American Indians, the appendix of this report summarizes data for counties in the state with the largest population counts of American Indians (above 13,359 identified as American Indian *alone* or 30,649 identified as American Indian *alone or in combination*), including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

### **Racial/Ethnic Composition in Counties with the Largest American Indian Percentages**

For a broad picture of who lives in these California counties with the largest percentages of American Indians, Tables 3 and 4 summarize the racial/ethnic composition for the total population and for children under age 18, respectively. Data from both the race and Latino origin questions are included in these tabulations<sup>2</sup>. In accordance with guidelines issued by the Office of Management and Budget in Bulletin 00-02 (U.S. OMB, 2000), combination categories are included for four required groups (Black & White, American Indian & White, Asian & White, and Black & American Indian) and one that accounts for more than one percent of the population (Latino & White). In these tabulations, individuals who identified as American Indian & Latino, American Indian & Asian, or American Indian & Pacific Islander are included in the “Other Two or More Races” category.

#### *Racial/Ethnic Diversity*

To assess the racial/ethnic diversity of each of the focus counties in this report, diversity indices<sup>3</sup> were calculated—measuring the probability that two people chosen at random from the area will be of different backgrounds. Compared to California, with a diversity index of 72.0, the eight counties with the largest American Indian population percentages are less racially/ethnically diverse, with indices ranging from 24.7 in Trinity to 49.2 in Del Norte (shown in the last row of

<sup>2</sup> Even though Hispanic/Latino is usually considered a race or ethnicity group by researchers, policymakers, media and the public, the Census Bureau collects data about Hispanic/Latino origin separately from the race question on the U.S. decennial survey. The federal government offers the following definitions (U.S. Department of Commerce, 2001):

Race: The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. These categories are sociopolitical constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Furthermore, the race categories include both racial and national-origin groups.

Hispanic or Latino: People who identify with the terms “Hispanic” or “Latino” are those who classify themselves in one of the specific Hispanic or Latino categories listed on the questionnaire—“Mexican,” “Puerto Rican,” or “Cuban”—as well as those who indicate that they are “Other Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino.” Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person’s parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

$$^3 \text{ Diversity Index} = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{x_i}{y} \right]^2$$

where:

$x_i$  = population of race group  $i$  of the area,

$y$  = total population of the area, and

$n$  = number of race groups considered in the area.

For clarity of interpretation, each diversity index is multiplied by 100; the larger the index, the greater diversity there is in the area. So, for example, an index of 0 would indicate that the entire population of the area is of the same race group, and an index of 92.31 (if considering all 13 racial categories included in Tables 3 and 4) would mean that the 13 groups are equally distributed in the area at 7.69% per group.

**Table 3: Racial/Ethnic Composition of Counties with the Largest Percentages of American Indians**

|                                      | Alpine       | Del Norte    | Humboldt     | Inyo         | Mendocino    | Modoc        | Siskiyou     | Trinity      | CALIFORNIA   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Population                     | 1,208        | 27,507       | 126,518      | 17,945       | 86,265       | 9,449        | 44,301       | 13,022       | 33,871,648   |
| % White                              | 71.77        | 70.14        | 81.59        | 74.41        | 74.86        | 81.10        | 83.32        | 86.55        | 46.70        |
| <b>% American Indian</b>             | <b>15.56</b> | <b>5.79</b>  | <b>5.31</b>  | <b>9.35</b>  | <b>3.99</b>  | <b>3.60</b>  | <b>3.62</b>  | <b>4.48</b>  | <b>0.53</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; White</b> | <b>2.24</b>  | <b>2.18</b>  | <b>1.98</b>  | <b>1.44</b>  | <b>1.33</b>  | <b>1.22</b>  | <b>1.85</b>  | <b>2.96</b>  | <b>0.39</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; Black</b> | --           | <b>0.04</b>  | <b>0.06</b>  | <b>0.02</b>  | <b>0.05</b>  | <b>0.01</b>  | <b>0.03</b>  | <b>0.02</b>  | <b>0.07</b>  |
| % Black                              | 0.58         | 4.24         | 0.82         | 0.11         | 0.55         | 0.62         | 1.26         | 0.41         | 6.44         |
| % Black & White                      | 0.17         | 0.18         | 0.25         | 0.11         | 0.18         | 0.19         | 0.16         | 0.04         | 0.26         |
| % Latino*                            | 0.91         | 3.78         | 2.10         | 4.47         | 8.43         | 5.42         | 2.67         | 0.78         | 16.56        |
| % Latino & White*                    | 1.90         | 8.72         | 3.12         | 5.66         | 5.90         | 4.84         | 3.75         | 2.32         | 12.85        |
| % Asian                              | 0.33         | 2.25         | 1.60         | 0.88         | 1.17         | 0.61         | 1.18         | 0.45         | 0.77         |
| % Asian & White                      | --           | 0.31         | 0.41         | 0.19         | 0.30         | 0.23         | 0.21         | 0.19         | 0.66         |
| % Pacific Islander                   | 0.08         | 0.07         | 0.17         | 0.08         | 0.12         | 0.07         | 0.11         | 0.12         | 0.31         |
| % Other                              | 0.50         | 0.14         | 0.35         | 0.13         | 0.18         | 0.28         | 0.09         | 0.10         | 0.21         |
| % Other Two or More Races            | 5.96         | 2.16         | 2.24         | 3.16         | 2.95         | 1.81         | 1.75         | 1.60         | 4.25         |
| <b>Diversity Indices</b>             | <b>45.61</b> | <b>49.24</b> | <b>32.88</b> | <b>43.12</b> | <b>42.61</b> | <b>33.52</b> | <b>30.14</b> | <b>24.71</b> | <b>72.03</b> |

Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

\* The *Latino & White* category includes people who identified as “White” on the race question AND as “Hispanic/Latino” on the Hispanic/Latino question. Because census surveys ask about race and Hispanic/Latino origin in separate questions, it is not clear the extent to which people in this combination category are mixed-race, both White and Latino, and which people simply chose White on the race question because there was no Hispanic/Latino option. Similarly, the *Latino* category includes people who identified as “Some other race” on the race question AND as “Hispanic/Latino” on the Hispanic/Latino question. Though the Census Bureau (2001) reports that most of the people who chose “Some other race” on the race question are Hispanic/Latino, it is possible that the Latino category in this table contains some individuals who used the “Some other race” option to identify with a non-Hispanic/Latino group not listed on the race question AND identified as Hispanic/Latino on the origin question.

Table 4: Racial/Ethnic Composition of Children Under Age 18 in Counties with the Largest Percentages of American Indians

|                                      | Alpine       | Del Norte    | Humboldt     | Inyo         | Mendocino    | Modoc        | Siskiyou     | Trinity      | CALIFORNIA   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Population                     | 276          | 6,896        | 29,413       | 4,376        | 22,039       | 2,423        | 10,620       | 2,974        | 9,249,829    |
| % White                              | 54.35        | 65.50        | 72.42        | 61.01        | 62.37        | 70.37        | 74.38        | 79.76        | 34.84        |
| <b>% American Indian</b>             | <b>19.93</b> | <b>8.60</b>  | <b>8.00</b>  | <b>12.43</b> | <b>5.40</b>  | <b>4.54</b>  | <b>5.53</b>  | <b>6.09</b>  | <b>0.54</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; White</b> | <b>4.71</b>  | <b>3.74</b>  | <b>2.94</b>  | <b>2.26</b>  | <b>1.62</b>  | <b>1.61</b>  | <b>2.34</b>  | <b>4.84</b>  | <b>0.39</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; Black</b> | --           | <b>0.09</b>  | <b>0.11</b>  | <b>0.02</b>  | <b>0.13</b>  | --           | <b>0.02</b>  | --           | <b>0.07</b>  |
| % Black                              | 1.09         | 0.45         | 0.85         | 0.18         | 0.58         | 0.45         | 1.32         | 0.20         | 7.07         |
| % Black & White                      | 0.72         | 0.55         | 0.70         | 0.34         | 0.53         | 0.54         | 0.53         | 0.13         | 0.63         |
| % Latino*                            | 1.81         | 6.26         | 3.02         | 7.52         | 12.85        | 9.00         | 4.35         | 1.34         | 22.48        |
| % Latino & White*                    | 2.17         | 5.93         | 4.64         | 8.94         | 9.25         | 8.46         | 5.90         | 2.96         | 16.66        |
| % Asian                              | --           | 4.19         | 2.11         | 0.89         | 1.03         | 0.54         | 1.82         | 0.67         | 9.25         |
| % Asian & White                      | --           | 0.67         | 0.87         | 0.59         | 0.67         | 0.41         | 0.38         | 0.40         | 1.27         |
| % Pacific Islander                   | --           | 0.07         | 0.21         | 0.11         | 0.13         | 0.04         | 0.08         | 0.10         | 0.34         |
| % Other                              | --           | 0.10         | 0.30         | 0.23         | 0.16         | 0.45         | 0.08         | 0.13         | 0.26         |
| % Other Two or More Races            | 15.22        | 3.84         | 3.82         | 5.46         | 5.27         | 3.59         | 3.28         | 3.36         | 6.21         |
| <b>Diversity Indices</b>             | <b>63.86</b> | <b>55.14</b> | <b>46.31</b> | <b>59.50</b> | <b>57.98</b> | <b>48.59</b> | <b>43.62</b> | <b>35.56</b> | <b>78.27</b> |

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\* The *Latino & White* category includes people who identified as “White” on the race question AND as “Hispanic/Latino” on the Hispanic/Latino question. Because census surveys ask about race and Hispanic/Latino origin in separate questions, it is not clear the extent to which people in this combination category are mixed-race, both White and Latino, and which people simply chose White on the race question because there was no Hispanic/Latino option. Similarly, the *Latino* category includes people who identified as “Some other race” on the race question AND as “Hispanic/Latino” on the Hispanic/Latino question. Though the Census Bureau (2001) reports that most of the people who chose “Some other race” on the race question are Hispanic/Latino, it is possible that the Latino category in this table contains some individuals who used the “Some other race” option to identify with a non-Hispanic/Latino group not listed on the race question AND identified as Hispanic/Latino on the origin question.

Table 3). Of course, it should be noted that there is further variation in racial/ethnic diversity across communities within each county not evident in these numbers. Focusing on children (see Table 4), there is greater racial/ethnic diversity within this cohort than in the total population, with indices ranging from 25.6 in Trinity to 63.9 in Alpine; however, relative to California overall with a diversity index of 78.3, children in these counties are less diverse.

### *Tribal Affiliations*

Table 5 summarizes the percentage of American Indians who self-identified with specific tribes. While this table is not exhaustive of tribal affiliations indicated by respondents, it includes data for the fifteen largest tribal memberships in the state. The tribe most affiliated with in California is Cherokee, though in several of the eight counties focused on in this report (Inyo, Modoc, and Alpine), Paiutes comprise the largest percentage of American Indians. Also noted in the table are the percentages of American Indians who did not specify any tribal affiliation. While 33.2 percent of American Indians in the U.S. and 25.7 percent in California specified no tribal affiliation, in the eight counties in California with the largest concentrations of American Indians, smaller percentages of American Indians declined to identify with a tribe (between 6.5 percent in Alpine and 20.9 percent in Trinity). Since racial/ethnic identification and tribal affiliation are self-reported on the census, it is not clear when American Indian individuals are not specifying a tribe because they do not identify with a particular group(s), are not officially enrolled tribal members, choose not to identify as such when filling out the census survey, or simply do not know their specific ancestry<sup>4</sup>.

### *Multiple Racial/Ethnic Identifications*

As noted earlier in this report, the change in the 2000 Census which allowed people to identify with more than one race group results in breakdowns for each group that vary depending on how responses are tabulated. In the case of American Indians, for example, one may count people who identified as American Indian only or all persons who identified as American Indian, even if they also identified with another race group or groups. Table 6 presents these data, and Figure 3 illustrates the percentage of American Indians in each county who identified with additional race groups, ranging from 22.1 percent in Inyo to 53.3 percent in Del Norte. Compared to percentages for the state (71.5) and nation (49.8), the eight counties in California with the largest American Indian concentrations tend to have smaller percentages of American Indians who identified with other race groups.

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<sup>4</sup> A study of 1990 Census responses found that American Indians who do not specify their tribe are more likely live in cities and states with smaller proportions of American Indians, are more likely to speak non-Indian non-English languages, to have non-Indian ancestries, and to live in households in which no one else is tribally identified either, compared to American Indians who do express a specific tribal affiliation (Liebler, 1996).

**Table 5: Percentage of American Indians in Selected Tribes**

|                                   | Alpine | Del Norte | Humboldt | Inyo  | Mendocino | Modoc | Siskiyou | Trinity | California | U.S.      |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| <i>American Indian population</i> | 277    | 2,500     | 10,450   | 2,153 | 5,734     | 552   | 2,747    | 1,049   | 627,562    | 4,119,301 |
| Cherokee                          | 5.05   | 10.12     | 11.99    | 3.76  | 9.26      | 15.58 | 13.25    | 18.40   | 15.59      | 17.71     |
| Latin American Indians            | 0.36   | 1.88      | 1.00     | 0.70  | 2.41      | 3.26  | 1.27     | 0.86    | 10.09      | 4.39      |
| Apache                            | 0.36   | 1.12      | 1.38     | 1.63  | 1.01      | 1.45  | 2.33     | 0.76    | 3.44       | 2.35      |
| Choctaw                           | 0.36   | 1.36      | 2.45     | 0.70  | 1.66      | 3.62  | 3.06     | 2.48    | 3.35       | 3.85      |
| Navajo                            | 0.72   | 0.36      | 0.90     | 1.58  | 0.65      | 0.91  | 0.40     | 1.05    | 2.29       | 7.24      |
| Blackfeet                         | 0.36   | 1.68      | 1.65     | 0.60  | 1.17      | 1.63  | 1.71     | 1.91    | 2.28       | 2.08      |
| Sioux                             | 0.72   | 1.60      | 1.67     | 1.44  | 1.03      | 1.27  | 1.71     | 1.53    | 1.98       | 3.72      |
| Pueblo                            | 0.00   | 0.12      | 0.26     | 0.84  | 0.24      | 0.18  | 0.40     | 0.57    | 1.20       | 1.80      |
| Yaqui                             | 0.00   | 0.08      | 0.36     | 0.33  | 0.40      | 0.54  | 0.40     | 0.00    | 1.16       | 0.54      |
| Chippewa                          | 0.00   | 0.68      | 0.69     | 0.56  | 0.59      | 0.54  | 0.84     | 0.86    | 1.14       | 3.63      |
| Iroquois                          | 0.36   | 0.68      | 0.88     | 0.28  | 0.58      | 0.36  | 0.80     | 1.43    | 0.95       | 1.96      |
| Paiute                            | 18.77  | 1.16      | 0.41     | 50.67 | 0.28      | 21.56 | 0.29     | 0.38    | 0.79       | 0.33      |
| Shoshone                          | 2.89   | 0.16      | 0.21     | 4.32  | 0.24      | 0.72  | 0.15     | 0.38    | 0.34       | 0.29      |
| Pima                              | 2.17   | 0.04      | 0.05     | 0.56  | 0.09      | 0.00  | 0.07     | 0.00    | 0.28       | 0.28      |
| Cheyenne                          | 1.08   | 0.12      | 0.11     | 0.05  | 0.14      | 0.00  | 0.11     | 0.67    | 0.27       | 0.44      |
| No Tribe Specified                | 6.50   | 13.16     | 13.95    | 7.52  | 16.97     | 14.49 | 17.07    | 20.88   | 33.15      | 25.65     |

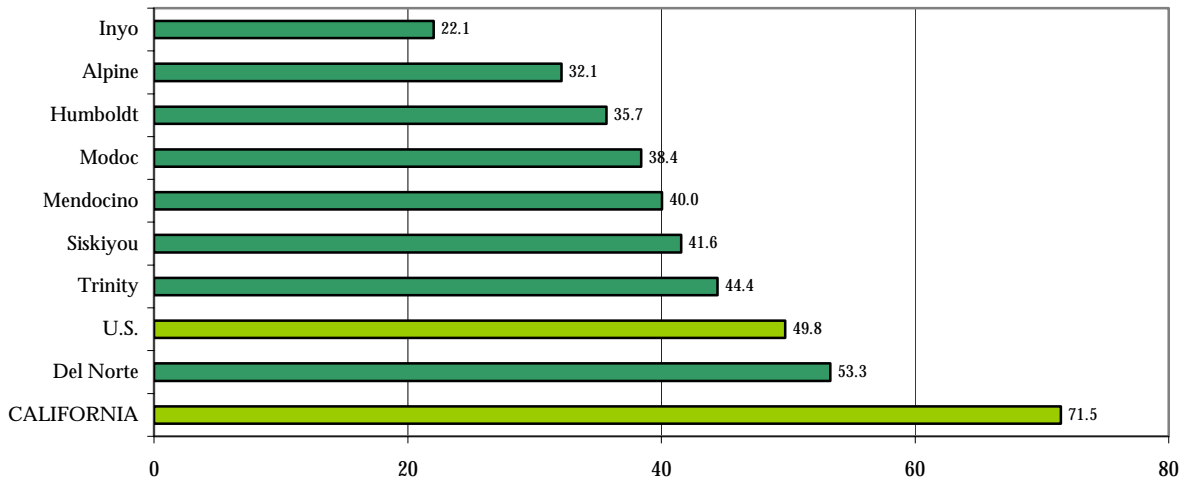
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**Table 6: Percentage of American Indians Identified with Additional Race Groups, By County**

|   | Humboldt | Mendocino | Siskiyou | Del Norte | Inyo  | Trinity | Modoc | Alpine | California | U.S.      |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|--------|------------|-----------|
| <i>American Indian population</i>         | 10,450   | 5,734     | 2,747    | 2,500     | 2,153 | 1,049   | 552   | 277    | 627,562    | 4,119,301 |
| American Indian ALONE                     | 64.3     | 60.0      | 58.4     | 46.7      | 77.9  | 55.6    | 61.6  | 67.9   | 28.5       | 50.2      |
| American Indian & White                   | 23.9     | 20.0      | 29.9     | 24.0      | 12.0  | 36.7    | 20.8  | 9.7    | 21.3       | 23.5      |
| American Indian & Latino                  | 5.0      | 11.6      | 4.4      | 0.7       | 5.8   | 4.6     | 10.5  | 14.4   | 24.6       | 9.9       |
| American Indian & Black                   | 0.7      | 0.7       | 0.4      | 0.4       | 0.1   | 0.2     | 0.2   | --     | 3.6        | 4.1       |
| American Indian & Asian/Pacific Islander  | 0.4      | 0.8       | 0.4      | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.2     | 0.2   | --     | 1.9        | 1.2       |
| American Indian & Some Other Race         | 0.3      | 0.2       | 0.3      | 0.6       | 0.1   | 0.4     | --    | 0.4    | 0.6        | 0.5       |
| American Indian & Two or More Other Races | 5.4      | 6.7       | 6.1      | 27.1      | 3.5   | 2.4     | 6.7   | 7.6    | 19.6       | 10.6      |

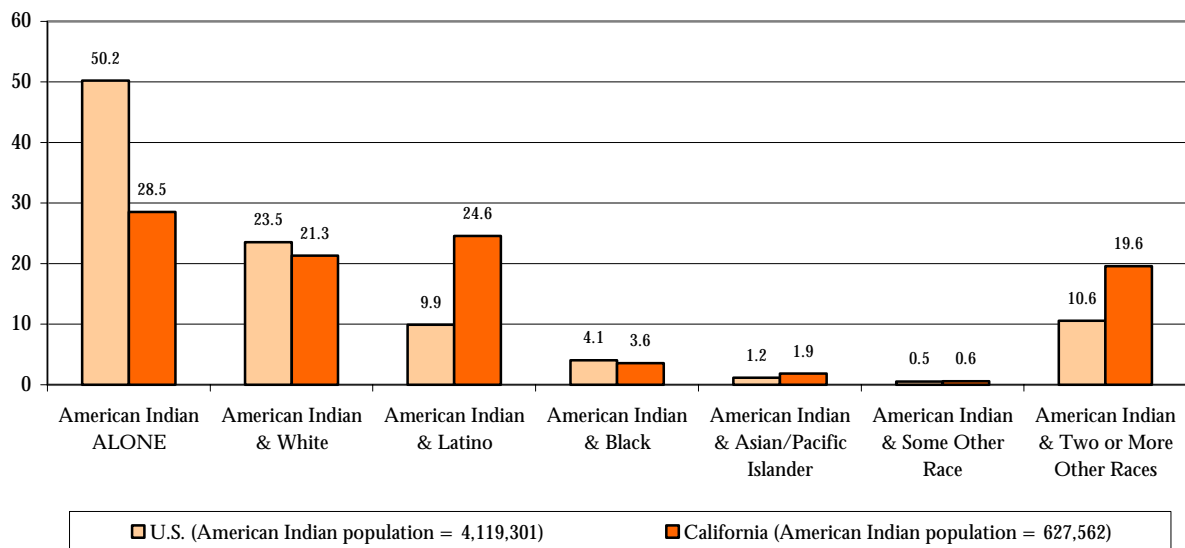
Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

**Figure 3: Percentage of American Indians Who Identified with Additional Races**



To contextualize the county-level data regarding American Indians identifying with additional race groups, Figure 4 shows the percentage of American Indians who identified with each specific race in California and the U.S.. A larger percentage of the national American Indian population (50.2) identified as American Indian alone, compared to California (28.5). Also noteworthy, a larger percentage of American Indians in California identified as Latino<sup>5</sup> (24.6) or with two or more other races (19.6), compared to the national population of American Indians (9.9 percent of whom identified as Latino and 10.6 percent with two or more other races)—though these trends do not hold for the eight counties with the largest concentrations of American Indians.

**Figure 4: Percentage of American Indians Identified with Each Race Group in California and the U.S.**



<sup>5</sup> The number of American Indians that identify as Latino may be affected by the immigration of indigenous groups of people from Mexico and other Latin American countries.

**Table 7: Residential Segregation in Counties with the Largest Percentages of American Indians**

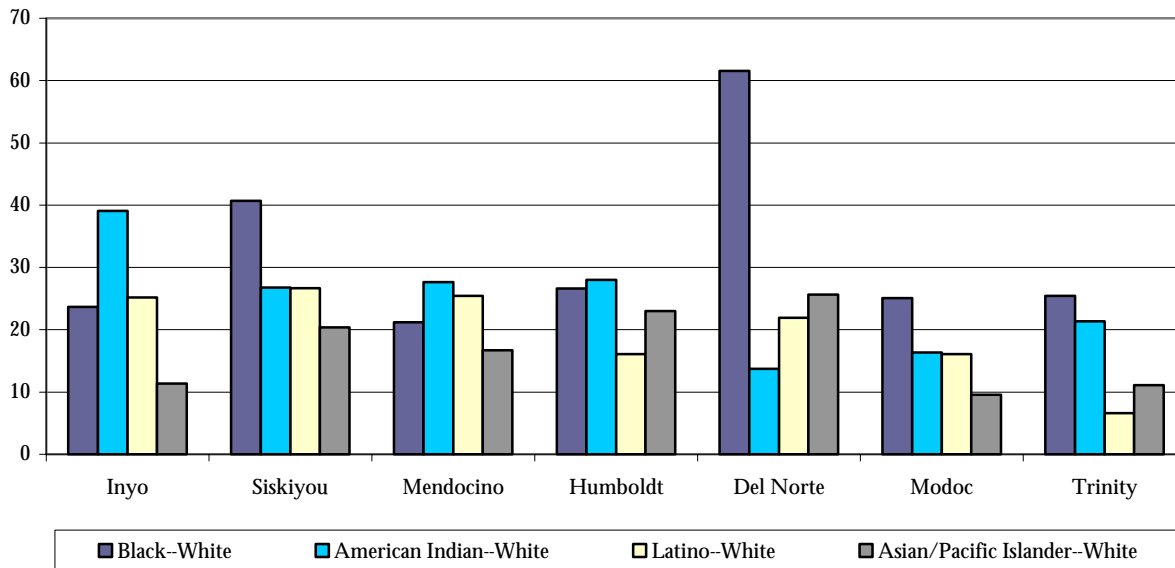
|  | Alpine       | Del Norte    | Humboldt     | Inyo         | Mendocino    | Modoc        | Siskiyou     | Trinity      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Population                                 | 1,208        | 27,507       | 126,518      | 17,945       | 86,265       | 9,449        | 44,301       | 13,022       |
| % White alone or in combination                  | 77.07        | 82.62        | 88.80        | 83.79        | 84.29        | 88.62        | 90.46        | 93.07        |
| <b>% American Indian alone or in combination</b> | <b>22.93</b> | <b>9.09</b>  | <b>8.26</b>  | <b>12.00</b> | <b>6.65</b>  | <b>5.84</b>  | <b>6.20</b>  | <b>8.06</b>  |
| % Black alone or in combination                  | 1.16         | 4.61         | 1.41         | 0.37         | 1.02         | 0.95         | 1.64         | 0.51         |
| % Latino alone or in combination                 | 7.78         | 13.92        | 6.49         | 12.58        | 16.48        | 11.51        | 7.57         | 3.97         |
| % Asian/Pacific Islander alone or in combination | 1.90         | 3.13         | 2.68         | 1.42         | 2.03         | 1.13         | 1.81         | 1.17         |
| % Some Other Race alone or in combination        | 2.07         | 4.76         | 3.52         | 6.64         | 10.12        | 6.42         | 3.68         | 1.63         |
| <b>American Indian-White Dissimilarity Index</b> | <b>NA</b>    | <b>13.72</b> | <b>28.03</b> | <b>39.09</b> | <b>27.65</b> | <b>16.34</b> | <b>26.79</b> | <b>21.36</b> |
| Black-White Dissimilarity Index                  | NA           | 61.56        | 26.61        | 23.66        | 21.18        | 25.10        | 40.71        | 25.46        |
| Latino-White Dissimilarity Index                 | NA           | 21.92        | 16.06        | 25.21        | 25.45        | 16.05        | 26.68        | 6.62         |
| Asian/Pacific Islander-White Dissimilarity Index | NA           | 25.64        | 23.00        | 11.35        | 16.70        | 9.57         | 20.38        | 11.13        |
| Other-White Dissimilarity Index                  | NA           | 17.35        | 18.67        | 24.92        | 29.43        | 29.16        | 31.60        | 10.15        |

Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

## Residential Segregation

To examine racial/ethnic residential segregation in the counties with the largest American Indian population percentages in California, dissimilarity indices were calculated to indicate how integrated American Indians, Blacks, Latinos, and Asians are with Whites<sup>6</sup>. These measures show the percentage of people from one group that would have to move or relocate out of their current neighborhood in order to be evenly distributed with another group in the county. Table 7 presents dissimilarity indices for each county, along with the percentages of people who identified with each race group at all<sup>7</sup>. It should be noted that this classification method results in population percentages for each group that total more than 100 percent of the population since people are counted in each of the groups with which they identified.

**Figure 5: Residential Segregation**



$$^6 \text{ Dissimilarity Index} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{x_{1i}}{y_1} - \frac{x_{2i}}{y_2} \right|$$

where:

$x_{1i}$  = population of race group 1 in tract  $i$ ,

$y_1$  = overall population of race group 1 in county,

$x_{2i}$  = population of race group 2 in tract  $i$ ,

$y_2$  = overall population of race group 2 in county, and

$n$  = number of census tracts (used as proxies for neighborhoods).

For clarity of interpretation, each dissimilarity index is multiplied by 100; the larger the index, the greater percentage of people from one of the two considered race groups that would have to relocate. So, for example, an index of 0 means that the two race groups under consideration are balanced across neighborhoods (or tracts) in the county; an index of 100 indicates that everyone in one of the two race groups would have to move in order for the two groups to be evenly distributed throughout the county.

<sup>7</sup> A dissimilarity index could not be calculated for Alpine since tract level data were not available from the Census Bureau.

As shown in Figure 5, of the eight counties selected for this report, those with the largest Black populations also have the highest rates of Black-White residential segregation (e.g., Del Norte and Siskiyou). Similarly, the county with the largest American Indian population (for which tract level data are available) has the highest rate of American Indian-White residential segregation (Inyo).

## **Housing Occupancy**

Table 8 summarizes rates of housing occupancy and vacancy for the eight focus counties of this report, including types of occupied housing (i.e., owner vs. renter) and types of vacant housing (i.e., for sale, for rent, etc.). The majority of housing in these counties are owner-occupied, 57.6 to 71.3 percent, compared to 56.9 percent statewide. Vacancy rates in these counties range from 8.4 percent in Humboldt to 68.1 in Alpine, compared to 5.8 percent for California overall. On the whole, a greater proportion of housing units are available for sale and rent in counties with the largest percentages of American Indians, compared to the state as a whole.

## **Households**

The Census Bureau defines *household* as: “one or more people occupying a housing unit as their usual place of residence; the occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated people who share living arrangements” (Population Reference Bureau & the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2001). While most people reside in households, a small percentage in each of the focus counties of this report do not: 13.9 in Del Norte, 4.4 in Modoc, 3.2 in Humboldt, 2.5 in Mendocino, 1.9 in Trinity, 1.6 in Siskiyou, 0.9 in Inyo, and 0.1 in Alpine. Statewide in California, 2.4 percent of all people do not reside in a household.

The majority of households are families (across the eight counties, percentages range from 59.8 to 68.6), 25.3 to 31.4 percent are 1-person households, and 4.5 to 11.3 percent are non-family households.

In Table 9, the average household sizes are presented for each county, including breakdowns by race of the householder. (It should be noted here that the “householder” title is simply designated to whoever completed the census survey or was the first person listed on the form. It does not necessarily indicate sole or primary ownership or renter status.) In each county, average household size for those headed by American Indians (2.6 to 3.3 persons) is larger than the average household size for all households (2.3 to 2.6 persons). Relative to Latino and “Some Other Race” households, however, American Indian households tend to be smaller.

## **Families**

The Census Bureau defines *family* as: “a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption” (Population Reference Bureau & the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2001). Since the majority of households in the counties with the largest American Indian population percentages are families, it is important to take a closer look

**Table 8: Housing Occupancy in Counties with the Largest Percentages of American Indians**

|   | Alpine | Del Norte | Humboldt | Inyo  | Mendocino | Modoc | Siskiyou | Trinity |
|---|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| Total Housing Units                             | 1,514  | 10,434    | 55,912   | 9,042 | 36,937    | 4,807 | 21,947   | 7,980   |
| Occupied Housing Units                          | 483    | 9,170     | 51,238   | 7,703 | 33,266    | 3,784 | 18,556   | 5,587   |
| % of Total                                      | 31.9   | 87.9      | 91.6     | 85.2  | 90.1      | 78.7  | 84.5     | 70.0    |
| % Owner occupied                                | 68.3   | 63.8      | 57.6     | 65.9  | 61.3      | 70.7  | 67.2     | 71.3    |
| % Renter occupied                               | 31.7   | 36.2      | 42.4     | 34.1  | 38.7      | 29.3  | 32.8     | 28.7    |
| Vacant Housing Units                            | 1,031  | 1,264     | 4,674    | 1,339 | 3,671     | 1,023 | 3,391    | 2,393   |
| % of Total                                      | 68.1   | 12.1      | 8.4      | 14.8  | 9.9       | 21.3  | 15.5     | 30.0    |
| % For rent                                      | 1.4    | 31.3      | 22.8     | 14.6  | 11.8      | 11.1  | 18.1     | 6.3     |
| % For sale only                                 | 0.3    | 14.2      | 10.9     | 7.1   | 7.8       | 14.2  | 11.2     | 6.6     |
| % Rented or sold, not occupied                  | 0.2    | 7.7       | 7.0      | 7.5   | 5.3       | 9.4   | 6.3      | 2.3     |
| % For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use | 89.7   | 26.8      | 37.4     | 41.4  | 54.3      | 22.6  | 43.4     | 68.8    |
| % For migrant workers                           | 0.0    | 0.3       | 0.3      | 0.0   | 0.5       | 0.8   | 0.6      | 0.2     |
| % Other vacant                                  | 8.4    | 19.7      | 21.6     | 29.4  | 20.3      | 41.9  | 20.4     | 15.8    |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

**Table 9: Average Household Size in Counties with the Largest Percentages of American Indians**

|  | Alpine      | Del Norte   | Humboldt    | Inyo        | Mendocino   | Modoc       | Siskiyou    | Trinity     |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All Households                           | 2.50        | 2.58        | 2.39        | 2.31        | 2.53        | 2.39        | 2.35        | 2.29        |
| <b>American Indian Alone Householder</b> | <b>3.32</b> | <b>3.08</b> | <b>2.97</b> | <b>2.77</b> | <b>3.26</b> | <b>2.77</b> | <b>2.76</b> | <b>2.63</b> |
| White Alone, Not Latino Householder      | 2.29        | 2.44        | 2.31        | 2.16        | 2.33        | 2.27        | 2.27        | 2.25        |
| Latino Householder                       | 4.05        | 3.58        | 3.06        | 3.33        | 4.05        | 3.77        | 3.24        | 2.84        |
| Black Alone Householder                  | 5.00        | 2.53        | 2.41        | 2.75        | 2.46        | 2.30        | 2.36        | 2.60        |
| Asian Alone Householder                  | 4.00        | 4.41        | 3.16        | 2.69        | 2.61        | 2.47        | 3.44        | 2.92        |
| Pacific Islander Alone Householder       | --          | 2.13        | 2.84        | 2.57        | 3.07        | 6.00        | 3.00        | 2.00        |
| Some Other Race Alone Householder        | 3.29        | 3.86        | 3.09        | 3.44        | 4.16        | 3.88        | 3.72        | 3.39        |
| Two or More Races Householder            | 2.44        | 2.59        | 2.52        | 2.79        | 2.78        | 2.38        | 2.55        | 2.44        |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

**Table 10: Average Family Size in Counties with the Largest Percentages of American Indians**

|  | Alpine      | Del Norte   | Humboldt    | Inyo        | Mendocino   | Modoc       | Siskiyou    | Trinity     |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| All Families                             | 2.96        | 3.08        | 2.95        | 2.88        | 3.04        | 2.91        | 2.87        | 2.80        |
| <b>American Indian Alone Householder</b> | <b>3.74</b> | <b>3.46</b> | <b>3.41</b> | <b>3.32</b> | <b>3.65</b> | <b>3.43</b> | <b>3.30</b> | <b>3.23</b> |
| White Alone, Not Latino Householder      | 2.68        | 2.93        | 2.87        | 2.72        | 2.84        | 2.77        | 2.78        | 2.75        |
| Latino Householder                       | 4.27        | 3.82        | 3.60        | 3.74        | 4.21        | 4.05        | 3.68        | 3.24        |
| Black Alone Householder                  | 5.00        | 3.30        | 2.92        | 4.50        | 3.19        | 3.00        | 3.01        | 3.67        |
| Asian Alone Householder                  | 4.00        | 5.15        | 3.96        | 3.44        | 3.13        | 3.17        | 4.07        | 3.20        |
| Pacific Islander Alone Householder       | --          | 3.00        | 3.48        | 3.00        | 3.04        | 6.00        | 3.69        | 3.00        |
| Some Other Race Alone Householder        | 5.00        | 3.96        | 3.67        | 3.93        | 4.31        | 4.23        | 4.04        | 4.00        |
| Two or More Races Householder            | 3.43        | 3.14        | 3.07        | 3.47        | 3.37        | 2.96        | 3.15        | 3.06        |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

at how people are living within them. In this section, Census 2000 data regarding average family size, family type, and the presence of children are considered.

Table 10 presents the average family sizes for each county, including breakdowns by race of the householder. As with the household sizes, average family size for those headed by American Indians (3.2 to 3.7 persons) is larger than the average family size for all families (2.8 to 3.1 persons). Again, relative to Latino and “Some Other Race” families, American Indian families tend to be smaller.

Table 11 shows the prevalence of three family types—married couple, male householder with no spouse, and female householder with no spouse—and the percentage of these families with children present<sup>8</sup> in the home, for each of the counties with the largest percentages of American Indians. In general, the majority of families in these counties are married couples (from 71.9 to 80.9 percent across the eight counties) and those that do not have children (57.9 to 68.4 percent). However, one can also examine more specifically the data for American Indian families, as summarized in Figures 6 and 7, regarding family type and the presences of children, respectively.

**Figure 6: Family Types--American Indian Headed Households**



Figure 6 shows the percentage of each family type for American Indian families in each of the focus counties. Compared to all families in these areas, larger percentages of American Indian families are single-adult headed households (23.8 to 45.6 percent female-headed across the eight counties, and 8.6 to 15.1 percent male-headed). Displayed in Figure 7 are the aggregate percentages of each family type that have children present in American Indian families. Of the 40.4 to 67.5 percent of American Indian families that are married couples, 43.6 to 57.2 percent (across the focus counties) have children; of female-headed households with no spouse present, 46.2 to 69.8 percent do, and of male-headed households with no spouse present, 38.5 to 83.3 percent do.

<sup>8</sup> The census limits this “presence of children” definition to those who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption.

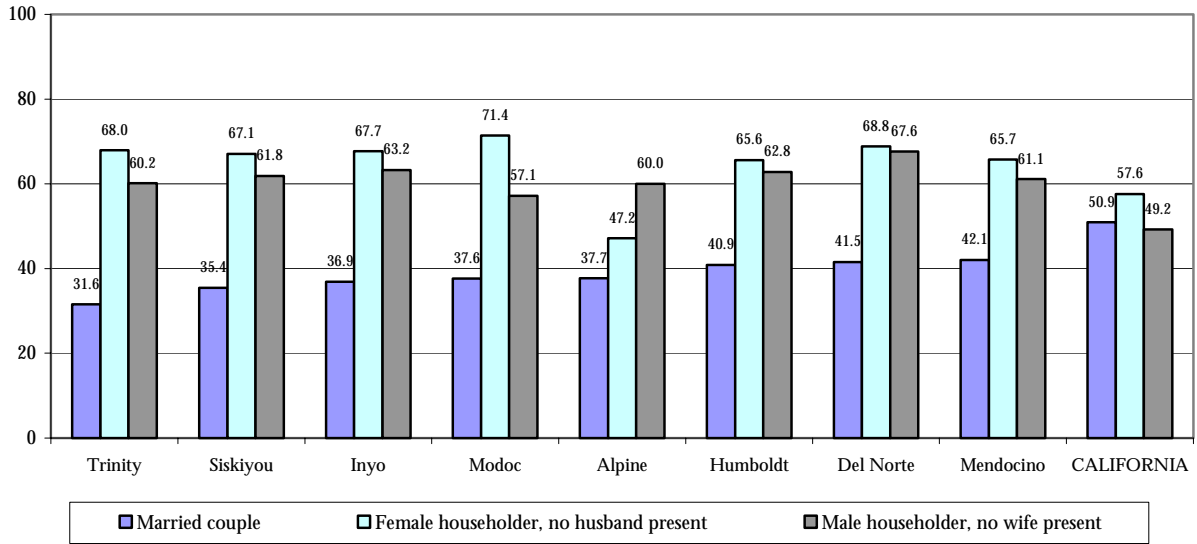
**Table 11: Family Types and Presence of Children Under Age 18 in Counties with the Largest Percentages of American Indians, By Race of Householder**

|  | Alpine | Del Norte | Humboldt | Inyo  | Mendocino | Modoc | Siskiyou | Trinity |
|--|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| <b>All Families</b>                      |        |           |          |       |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 295    | 6,293     | 30,645   | 4,937 | 21,864    | 2,551 | 12,231   | 3,625   |
| % Married couple                         | 71.9   | 72.9      | 72.0     | 77.7  | 74.3      | 80.9  | 78.5     | 77.8    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 37.7   | 41.5      | 40.9     | 36.9  | 42.1      | 37.6  | 35.4     | 31.6    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 10.2   | 7.3       | 8.3      | 6.9   | 7.8       | 6.0   | 6.2      | 6.6     |
| % With own children under age 18         | 60.0   | 67.6      | 62.8     | 63.2  | 61.1      | 57.1  | 61.8     | 60.2    |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 18.0   | 19.9      | 19.7     | 15.4  | 17.8      | 13.0  | 15.3     | 15.6    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 47.2   | 68.8      | 65.6     | 67.7  | 65.7      | 71.4  | 67.1     | 68.0    |
| <b>American Indian Householder</b>       |        |           |          |       |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 57     | 407       | 1,647    | 465   | 929       | 95    | 426      | 151     |
| % Married couple                         | 40.4   | 53.8      | 52.0     | 50.3  | 46.3      | 58.9  | 61.3     | 67.5    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 60.9   | 55.3      | 50.8     | 43.6  | 57.2      | 53.6  | 49.0     | 49.0    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 14.0   | 13.0      | 13.2     | 15.1  | 12.3      | 11.6  | 11.3     | 8.6     |
| % With own children under age 18         | 50.0   | 69.8      | 63.6     | 61.4  | 52.6      | 63.6  | 66.7     | 46.2    |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 45.6   | 33.2      | 34.8     | 34.6  | 41.4      | 29.5  | 27.5     | 23.8    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 38.5   | 72.6      | 64.6     | 64.6  | 60.8      | 60.7  | 74.4     | 83.3    |
| <b>Latino Householder</b>                |        |           |          |       |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 15     | 499       | 1,531    | 483   | 2,721     | 214   | 702      | 103     |
| % Married couple                         | 66.7   | 71.9      | 66.6     | 73.7  | 75.5      | 77.1  | 76.5     | 62.1    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 60.0   | 71.3      | 65.0     | 69.4  | 77.2      | 72.1  | 63.7     | 50.0    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 13.3   | 8.6       | 12.7     | 9.9   | 10.3      | 7.5   | 8.1      | 9.7     |
| % With own children under age 18         | 100    | 67.4      | 57.2     | 56.3  | 48.9      | 68.8  | 56.1     | 60.0    |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 20.0   | 19.4      | 20.7     | 16.4  | 14.3      | 15.4  | 15.4     | 28.2    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 33.3   | 80.4      | 72.9     | 68.4  | 79.4      | 97.0  | 75.9     | 72.4    |
| <b>White/Not Latino Householder</b>      |        |           |          |       |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 218    | 5,090     | 26,004   | 3,885 | 17,533    | 2,190 | 10,584   | 3,251   |
| % Married couple                         | 80.7   | 74.4      | 74.0     | 81.4  | 75.8      | 82.3  | 80.0     | 79.1    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 32.4   | 37.3      | 38.7     | 32.4  | 36.2      | 33.8  | 32.8     | 29.9    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 7.8    | 6.8       | 7.7      | 5.6   | 7.2       | 5.6   | 5.7      | 6.4     |
| % With own children under age 18         | 58.8   | 67.8      | 62.9     | 64.4  | 64.0      | 54.9  | 61.9     | 61.4    |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 11.5   | 18.8      | 18.3     | 13.0  | 16.9      | 12.1  | 14.4     | 14.5    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 60.0   | 66.4      | 64.9     | 68.4  | 64.6      | 69.5  | 66.2     | 66.5    |
| <b>Black Householder</b>                 |        |           |          |       |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 2      | 20        | 198      | 4     | 73        | 6     | 134      | 6       |
| % Married couple                         | 100    | 35.0      | 48.0     | 100   | 58.9      | 66.7  | 49.3     | 83.3    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 100    | 28.6      | 52.6     | 100   | 53.5      | 25.0  | 42.4     | 80.0    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | --     | 15.0      | 15.2     | --    | 12.3      | 33.3  | 18.7     | --      |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 100       | 66.7     | --    | 55.6      | 100   | 72.0     | --      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | --     | 50.0      | 36.9     | --    | 28.8      | --    | 32.1     | 16.7    |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 90.0      | 72.6     | --    | 57.1      | --    | 53.5     | 100     |

|  | Alpine | Del Norte | Humboldt | Inyo | Mendocino | Modoc | Siskiyou | Trinity |
|--|--------|-----------|----------|------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| <b>Asian Householder</b>                 |        |           |          |      |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 1      | 107       | 383      | 34   | 183       | 12    | 98       | 10      |
| % Married couple                         | 100    | 78.5      | 79.9     | 85.3 | 77.6      | 75.0  | 79.6     | 90.0    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 100    | 67.9      | 62.7     | 65.5 | 52.8      | 55.6  | 62.8     | 66.7    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | --     | 4.7       | 6.5      | 2.9  | 5.5       | 16.7  | 10.2     | 10.0    |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 80.0      | 68.0     | 100  | 40.0      | 100   | 90.0     | 0       |
| % Female householder, no husband present | --     | 16.8      | 13.6     | 11.8 | 16.9      | 8.3   | 10.2     | --      |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 88.9      | 69.2     | 75.0 | 67.7      | 0     | 80.0     | --      |
| <b>Pacific Islander Householder</b>      |        |           |          |      |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 0      | 4         | 44       | 4    | 25        | 1     | 13       | 2       |
| % Married couple                         | --     | 50.0      | 54.5     | 50.0 | 64.0      | 100   | 76.9     | --      |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 0         | 66.7     | 50.0 | 31.3      | 100   | 90.0     | --      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | --     | 25.0      | 15.9     | 25.0 | 8.0       | --    | 7.7      | --      |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 100       | 43       | 100  | 100       | --    | 0        | --      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | --     | 25.0      | 29.5     | 25.0 | 28.0      | --    | 15.4     | 100     |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 100       | 76.9     | 100  | 71.4      | --    | 50.0     | 100     |
| <b>Some Other Race Householder</b>       |        |           |          |      |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 4      | 239       | 587      | 178  | 1,459     | 115   | 261      | 25      |
| % Married couple                         | 75.0   | 74.5      | 68.1     | 69.7 | 74.0      | 74.8  | 80.5     | 68.0    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 66.7   | 73.0      | 66.3     | 75.8 | 80.9      | 76.7  | 71.4     | 70.6    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | --     | 8.8       | 12.4     | 11.2 | 11.7      | 6.1   | 8.4      | 8.0     |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 61.9      | 56.2     | 65.0 | 49.7      | 85.7  | 54.5     | 50.0    |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 25.0   | 16.7      | 19.4     | 19.1 | 14.3      | 19.1  | 11.1     | 24.0    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 0      | 77.5      | 75.4     | 82.4 | 79.9      | 95.5  | 65.5     | 83.3    |
| <b>Two or More Races Householder</b>     |        |           |          |      |           |       |          |         |
| Total Families                           | 7      | 225       | 1,016    | 140  | 650       | 49    | 357      | 116     |
| % Married couple                         | 28.6   | 69.8      | 61.4     | 77.1 | 69.1      | 83.7  | 66.4     | 63.8    |
| % With own children under age 18         | 100    | 50.3      | 49.7     | 59.3 | 52.3      | 48.8  | 45.1     | 48.6    |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 71.4   | 7.1       | 11.7     | 7.1  | 8.5       | 8.2   | 8.7      | 8.6     |
| % With own children under age 18         | 80.0   | 56.3      | 67.2     | 60.0 | 65.5      | 50.0  | 48.4     | 50.0    |
| % Female householder, no husband present | --     | 23.1      | 26.9     | 15.7 | 22.5      | 8.2   | 24.9     | 27.6    |
| % With own children under age 18         | --     | 76.9      | 68.9     | 68.2 | 69.2      | 75.0  | 69.7     | 68.8    |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

**Figure 7: Presence of Children in Families in American Indian Families**



**City-Level Data on American Indians in Counties with the Largest Population Percentages**

**Table 12: City-Level Data on American Indians in Counties with the Largest American Indian Percentages**

| City                            | Percent American Indian | American Indian Population | Total Population |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Alpine (county)                 | 22.9                    | 277                        | 1208             |
| Crescent City, Del Norte County | 9.7                     | 389                        | 4006             |
| Etna, Siskiyou County           | 9.1                     | 71                         | 781              |
| Dorris, Siskiyou County         | 8.4                     | 74                         | 886              |
| Yreka, Siskiyou County          | 8.2                     | 598                        | 7290             |
| Trinity (county)                | 8.1                     | 1049                       | 13022            |
| Eureka, Humboldt County         | 7.3                     | 1,896                      | 26128            |
| Montague, Siskiyou County       | 7.0                     | 102                        | 1456             |
| Blue Lake, Humboldt County      | 6.8                     | 77                         | 1135             |
| Alturas, Modoc County           | 6.7                     | 195                        | 2892             |
| Rio Dell, Humboldt County       | 6.6                     | 211                        | 3174             |
| Fort Jones, Siskiyou County     | 6.5                     | 43                         | 660              |
| Willits, Mendocino County       | 5.8                     | 296                        | 5073             |
| Ukiah, Mendocino County         | 5.7                     | 877                        | 15497            |
| Point Arena, Mendocino County   | 5.5                     | 26                         | 474              |
| Fortuna, Humboldt County        | 4.8                     | 504                        | 10497            |
| Arcata, Humboldt County         | 4.8                     | 797                        | 16651            |
| Weed, Siskiyou County           | 4.8                     | 142                        | 2978             |
| Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County       | 3.8                     | 74                         | 1923             |
| Fort Bragg, Mendocino County    | 3.8                     | 266                        | 7026             |
| Bishop, Inyo County             | 3.4                     | 123                        | 3575             |
| Tulelake, Siskiyou County       | 3.1                     | 32                         | 1020             |
| Ferndale, Humboldt County       | 2.6                     | 36                         | 1382             |
| Mount Shasta, Siskiyou County   | 1.6                     | 59                         | 3621             |
| Trinidad, Humboldt County       | 1.3                     | 4                          | 311              |

Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

To give a closer picture of where American Indians are living within the eight California counties with the largest American Indian population percentages, Table 12 includes population percentages and counts for each city, using the American Indian *alone or in combination* classification.

As noted at the beginning of this report, additional tables focusing on counties in California with the largest American Indian population counts (as opposed to population percentages) are included in an appendix. Census 2000 data are summarized for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties with regard to racial/ethnic composition, housing occupancy, average household and family size, family type and presence of children.

### **Summary Findings**

- California is home to 15.2 percent of the U.S. American Indian population. Within the state, 1.9 percent of the population is American Indian, with the largest concentrations of American Indians residing in the Northern and Eastern Mountain counties.
- The eight counties in California with the largest American Indian population percentages are less racially diverse (with diversity indices ranging from 24.7 in Trinity to 49.2 in Del Norte) than the state overall (72.0). While there is greater racial diversity among children in these counties, compared to the total population, these diversity indices are lower than for California overall.
- While 33.2 percent of American Indians in the U.S. and 25.7 percent in California specified no tribal affiliation, in the eight counties of California with the largest concentrations of American Indians, smaller percentages of American Indians declined to identify with a tribe (between 6.5 percent in Alpine and 20.9 percent in Trinity). The tribe most affiliated with in the state is Cherokee, though in several of the focus counties of this report (Inyo, Modoc, and Alpine), Paiutes comprise the largest percentage of American Indians.
- Seven of the eight counties in California with the largest American Indian concentrations have smaller percentages of American Indians who identified with other race groups on the 2000 Census (between 22.1 in Inyo and 44.4 in Trinity), compared to the state (71.5) and nation (49.8).
- A larger percentage of American Indians in California identified as Latino (24.6) or with two or more other races (19.6), compared to the national population of American Indians (of which 9.9 percent identified as Latino and 10.6 percent identified with two or more additional race groups), though these trends do not hold for the eight counties in the state with the largest American Indian population percentages.
- A greater proportion of housing units are available for sale and rent in counties of California with the largest percentages of American Indians, compared to the state as a whole.

- Average household size for those headed by American Indians in the focus counties of this report (between 2.6 and 3.3) is larger than the average household size for all households in these counties (between 2.3 and 2.6). Relative to Latino and “Some Other Race” households, however, American Indian households tend to be smaller. Similarly, average family size for those headed by American Indians in the focus counties of this report (between 3.2 and 3.7) is larger than the average family size for all families in these counties (between 2.8 and 3.1). And, again, relative to Latino and “Some Other Race” families, American Indian families tend to be smaller.
- Compared to all families, larger percentages of American Indian families in the counties with the largest concentrations of American Indians are single-adult headed households (23.8 to 45.6 percent are female-headed across the eight counties, and 8.6 to 15.1 percent are male-headed).
- Of the 40.4 to 67.5 percent of American Indian families that are married couples, 43.6 to 57.2 percent have children across the eight focus counties; of female-headed households with no spouse present, 46.2 to 69.8 percent have children, and of male-headed households with no spouse present, 38.5 to 83.3 percent do.

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## Appendix

### Racial/Ethnic Composition of Counties with the Largest American Indian Populations

|                                      | Los Angeles  | Orange       | Riverside    | San Bernardino | San Diego    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total Population                     | 9,519,338    | 2,846,289    | 1,545,387    | 1,709,434      | 2,813,833    |
| % White                              | 31.09        | 51.26        | 51.04        | 44.00          | 55.04        |
| <b>% American Indian</b>             | <b>0.27</b>  | <b>0.30</b>  | <b>0.66</b>  | <b>0.57</b>    | <b>0.54</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; White</b> | <b>0.19</b>  | <b>0.29</b>  | <b>0.42</b>  | <b>0.46</b>    | <b>0.35</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; Black</b> | <b>0.08</b>  | <b>0.02</b>  | <b>0.07</b>  | <b>0.10</b>    | <b>0.06</b>  |
| % Black                              | 9.47         | 1.50         | 5.98         | 8.79           | 5.49         |
| % Black & White                      | 0.20         | 0.16         | 0.32         | 0.34           | 0.32         |
| % Latino*                            | 23.32        | 14.64        | 18.54        | 20.64          | 12.62        |
| % Latino & White*                    | 17.62        | 13.55        | 14.54        | 14.90          | 11.48        |
| % Asian                              | 11.81        | 13.48        | 3.57         | 4.57           | 8.72         |
| % Asian & White                      | 0.51         | 0.75         | 0.44         | 0.43           | 0.87         |
| % Pacific Islander                   | 0.24         | 0.28         | 0.21         | 0.26           | 0.43         |
| % Other                              | 0.21         | 0.16         | 0.16         | 0.18           | 0.21         |
| % Other Two or More Races            | 4.98         | 3.61         | 4.07         | 4.76           | 3.88         |
| <b>Diversity Indices</b>             | <b>79.24</b> | <b>67.77</b> | <b>67.74</b> | <b>72.94</b>   | <b>65.57</b> |

Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

### Racial/Ethnic Composition of Children Under Age 18 in Counties with the Largest American Indian Populations

|                                      | Los Angeles  | Orange       | Riverside    | San Bernardino | San Diego    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total Population                     | 2,667,976    | 768,419      | 468,691      | 552,047        | 723,661      |
| % White                              | 19.80        | 39.95        | 37.95        | 33.24          | 41.35        |
| <b>% American Indian</b>             | <b>0.24</b>  | <b>0.26</b>  | <b>0.66</b>  | <b>0.50</b>    | <b>0.55</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; White</b> | <b>0.14</b>  | <b>0.28</b>  | <b>0.40</b>  | <b>0.42</b>    | <b>0.35</b>  |
| <b>% American Indian &amp; Black</b> | <b>0.07</b>  | <b>0.02</b>  | <b>0.08</b>  | <b>0.10</b>    | <b>0.07</b>  |
| % Black                              | 9.94         | 1.54         | 6.80         | 9.93           | 6.53         |
| % Black & White                      | 0.43         | 0.42         | 0.78         | 0.77           | 0.88         |
| % Latino*                            | 30.66        | 20.25        | 24.29        | 25.55          | 17.90        |
| % Latino & White*                    | 21.79        | 18.15        | 18.77        | 17.87          | 15.67        |
| % Asian                              | 9.05         | 11.84        | 2.91         | 3.65           | 7.81         |
| % Asian & White                      | 0.88         | 1.48         | 0.81         | 0.72           | 1.77         |
| % Pacific Islander                   | 0.28         | 0.33         | 0.22         | 0.29           | 0.45         |
| % Other                              | 0.25         | 0.22         | 0.19         | 0.21           | 0.29         |
| % Other Two or More Races            | 6.46         | 5.25         | 6.13         | 6.75           | 6.40         |
| <b>Diversity Indices</b>             | <b>75.19</b> | <b>75.60</b> | <b>78.09</b> | <b>76.17</b>   | <b>75.76</b> |

Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

### Residential Segregation in Counties with the Largest American Indian Populations

|  | Los Angeles  | Orange       | Riverside    | San Bernardino | San Diego    |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Total Population                                 | 9,519,338    | 2,846,289    | 1,545,387    | 1,709,434      | 2,813,833    |
| % White alone or in combination                  | 52.76        | 68.34        | 69.27        | 63.06          | 70.34        |
| <b>% American Indian alone or in combination</b> | <b>1.46</b>  | <b>1.32</b>  | <b>2.07</b>  | <b>2.19</b>    | <b>1.64</b>  |
| % Black alone or in combination                  | 10.50        | 2.09         | 7.03         | 10.03          | 6.63         |
| % Latino alone or in combination                 | 44.56        | 30.76        | 36.21        | 39.16          | 26.69        |
| % Asian/Pacific Islander alone or in combination | 13.47        | 15.33        | 5.00         | 6.13           | 11.18        |
| % Some Other Race alone or in combination        | 26.88        | 17.11        | 21.18        | 23.81          | 15.06        |
| <b>American Indian-White Dissimilarity Index</b> | <b>26.89</b> | <b>24.39</b> | <b>21.32</b> | <b>17.06</b>   | <b>25.79</b> |
| Black-White Dissimilarity Index                  | 59.06        | 28.50        | 42.38        | 34.70          | 47.43        |
| Latino-White Dissimilarity Index                 | 40.73        | 44.03        | 32.89        | 32.42          | 41.78        |
| Asian/Pacific Islander-White Dissimilarity Index | 42.29        | 36.20        | 32.27        | 31.70          | 41.72        |
| Other-White Dissimilarity Index                  | 42.42        | 47.57        | 37.47        | 35.28          | 44.50        |

Source: Census 2000 (P.L. 94-171)

### Housing Occupancy in Counties with the Largest American Indian Populations

|   | Los Angeles | Orange  | Riverside | San Bernardino | San Diego |
|---|-------------|---------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Total Housing Units                             | 3,270,909   | 969,484 | 584,674   | 601,369        | 1,040,149 |
| Occupied Housing Units                          | 3,133,774   | 935,287 | 506,218   | 528,594        | 994,677   |
| % of Total                                      | 95.8        | 96.5    | 86.6      | 87.9           | 95.6      |
| % Owner occupied                                | 47.9        | 61.4    | 68.9      | 64.5           | 55.4      |
| % Renter occupied                               | 52.1        | 38.6    | 31.1      | 35.5           | 44.6      |
| Vacant Housing Units                            | 137,135     | 34,197  | 78,456    | 72,775         | 45,472    |
| % of Total                                      | 4.2         | 3.5     | 13.4      | 12.1           | 4.4       |
| % For rent                                      | 40.9        | 32.1    | 15.7      | 20.2           | 31.3      |
| % For sale only                                 | 17.4        | 15.1    | 11.6      | 14.9           | 12.3      |
| % Rented or sold, not occupied                  | 8.5         | 9.1     | 5.3       | 4.6            | 9.2       |
| % For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use | 9.9         | 24.4    | 48.7      | 43.5           | 31.7      |
| % For migrant workers                           | 0.0         | 0.2     | 0.1       | 0.1            | 0.1       |
| % Other vacant                                  | 23.2        | 19.1    | 18.7      | 16.8           | 15.3      |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

### Average Household Size in Counties with the Largest American Indian Populations

|  | Los Angeles | Orange      | Riverside   | San Bernardino | San Diego   |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| All Households                           | 2.98        | 3.00        | 2.98        | 3.15           | 2.73        |
| <b>American Indian Alone Householder</b> | <b>3.55</b> | <b>3.67</b> | <b>3.39</b> | <b>3.47</b>    | <b>3.08</b> |
| White Alone, Not Latino Householder      | 2.24        | 2.44        | 2.49        | 2.63           | 2.36        |
| Latino Householder                       | 4.08        | 4.61        | 4.16        | 4.09           | 3.81        |
| Black Alone Householder                  | 2.60        | 2.83        | 3.15        | 3.14           | 2.82        |
| Asian Alone Householder                  | 3.07        | 3.46        | 3.38        | 3.46           | 3.33        |
| Pacific Islander Alone Householder       | 3.96        | 3.97        | 3.84        | 4.11           | 3.64        |
| Some Other Race Alone Householder        | 4.32        | 5.00        | 4.40        | 4.30           | 4.07        |
| Two or More Races Householder            | 3.32        | 3.52        | 3.53        | 3.51           | 3.11        |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

### Average Family Size in Counties with the Largest American Indian Populations

|  | Los Angeles | Orange      | Riverside   | San Bernardino | San Diego   |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| All Families                             | 3.61        | 3.48        | 3.47        | 3.58           | 3.29        |
| <b>American Indian Alone Householder</b> | <b>4.02</b> | <b>4.00</b> | <b>3.77</b> | <b>3.84</b>    | <b>3.59</b> |
| White Alone, Not Latino Householder      | 2.94        | 2.98        | 3.00        | 3.12           | 2.92        |
| Latino Householder                       | 4.31        | 4.60        | 4.33        | 4.26           | 4.08        |
| Black Alone Householder                  | 3.27        | 3.35        | 3.57        | 3.56           | 3.37        |
| Asian Alone Householder                  | 3.57        | 3.77        | 3.79        | 3.80           | 3.75        |
| Pacific Islander Alone Householder       | 4.48        | 4.32        | 4.10        | 4.45           | 4.06        |
| Some Other Race Alone Householder        | 4.46        | 4.86        | 4.50        | 4.42           | 4.26        |
| Two or More Races Householder            | 3.87        | 3.92        | 3.93        | 3.88           | 3.64        |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)

### Family Types and Presence of Children Under Age 18 in Counties with the Largest American Indian Populations, By Race of Householder

|   | Los Angeles | Orange      | Riverside   | San Bernardino | San Diego   |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>All Families</b>                             |             |             |             |                |             |
| Total Families                                  | 2,136,977   | 667,917     | 372,386     | 404,327        | 663,170     |
| <b>% Married couple</b>                         | <b>69.8</b> | <b>78.2</b> | <b>76.8</b> | <b>72.9</b>    | <b>76.0</b> |
| % With own children under age 18                | 54.4        | 52.0        | 50.7        | 55.5           | 49.0        |
| <b>% Male householder, no wife present</b>      | <b>8.7</b>  | <b>6.8</b>  | <b>7.0</b>  | <b>7.8</b>     | <b>6.7</b>  |
| % With own children under age 18                | 44.8        | 45.5        | 56.1        | 57.0           | 50.4        |
| <b>% Female householder, no husband present</b> | <b>21.5</b> | <b>14.9</b> | <b>16.3</b> | <b>19.3</b>    | <b>17.3</b> |
| % With own children under age 18                | 56.1        | 53.4        | 61.8        | 63.1           | 58.9        |
| <b>American Indian Householder</b>              |             |             |             |                |             |
| Total Families                                  | 16,289      | 4,258       | 4,293       | 4,702          | 5,472       |
| <b>% Married couple</b>                         | <b>61.8</b> | <b>68.7</b> | <b>64.5</b> | <b>65.7</b>    | <b>64.3</b> |
| % With own children under age 18                | 64.7        | 59.7        | 57.8        | 60.5           | 56.9        |
| <b>% Male householder, no wife present</b>      | <b>12.6</b> | <b>9.2</b>  | <b>10.8</b> | <b>10.1</b>    | <b>9.6</b>  |
| % With own children under age 18                | 49.4        | 54.7        | 59.3        | 59.3           | 52.9        |
| <b>% Female householder, no husband present</b> | <b>25.6</b> | <b>22.1</b> | <b>24.7</b> | <b>24.1</b>    | <b>26.1</b> |
| % With own children under age 18                | 62.1        | 58.4        | 66.2        | 62.6           | 60.2        |

|  | Los Angeles | Orange  | Riverside | San Bernardino | San Diego |
|--|-------------|---------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>Latino Householder</b>                |             |         |           |                |           |
| Total Families                           | 852,489     | 158,536 | 111,087   | 135,579        | 149,050   |
| % Married couple                         | 67.0        | 73.3    | 73.0      | 71.5           | 68.5      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 71.7        | 74.6    | 73.1      | 72.1           | 69.7      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 11.0        | 9.6     | 9.5       | 9.6            | 9.0       |
| % With own children under age 18         | 51          | 52.5    | 58.4      | 59.3           | 54.3      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 22.1        | 17.1    | 17.5      | 18.9           | 22.5      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 64.6        | 65.0    | 69.9      | 68.9           | 67.3      |
| <b>White/Not Latino Householder</b>      |             |         |           |                |           |
| Total Families                           | 746,363     | 393,670 | 217,520   | 202,842        | 404,043   |
| % Married couple                         | 78.2        | 80.5    | 80.7      | 77.0           | 80.6      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 39.3        | 42.1    | 39.1      | 44.1           | 40.4      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 6.3         | 5.5     | 5.5       | 6.5            | 5.5       |
| % With own children under age 18         | 40.2        | 46.8    | 54.7      | 55.3           | 49.8      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 15.4        | 14.0    | 13.8      | 16.5           | 13.9      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 45.0        | 48.9    | 55.7      | 56.7           | 53.0      |
| <b>Black Householder</b>                 |             |         |           |                |           |
| Total Families                           | 218,920     | 11,320  | 22,603    | 36,479         | 37,293    |
| % Married couple                         | 43          | 61.8    | 57.5      | 52             | 56.0      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 47          | 58.0    | 57.4      | 60             | 59.8      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 9.7         | 9.5     | 8.4       | 8.7            | 9.1       |
| % With own children under age 18         | 48.1        | 58      | 60.7      | 64.4           | 59.5      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 47.2        | 28.7    | 34.1      | 39.1           | 34.9      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 59.8        | 65.4    | 66.7      | 70.0           | 67.5      |
| <b>Asian Householder</b>                 |             |         |           |                |           |
| Total Families                           | 269,153     | 89,377  | 12,240    | 18,618         | 54,365    |
| % Married couple                         | 77          | 80.2    | 80.6      | 81.6           | 78.5      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 53          | 58.3    | 62.2      | 62.0           | 57.9      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 7.1         | 7.2     | 6.4       | 5.9            | 6.8       |
| % With own children under age 18         | 23.7        | 23.8    | 39.0      | 34             | 32.0      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 15.4        | 12.6    | 13.0      | 12.5           | 14.7      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 39.9        | 43.5    | 52.2      | 49.2           | 50.0      |
| <b>Pacific Islander Householder</b>      |             |         |           |                |           |
| Total Families                           | 5,197       | 1,803   | 837       | 1,039          | 2,892     |
| % Married couple                         | 67.3        | 74.6    | 75.6      | 75.5           | 70.4      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 64.9        | 64      | 65.6      | 71.3           | 61.5      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 9.5         | 8.9     | 8.2       | 7.0            | 9.6       |
| % With own children under age 18         | 50.8        | 46      | 45        | 58             | 56        |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 23.2        | 16.5    | 16.1      | 17.5           | 20.0      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 62.9        | 60      | 74.1      | 64             | 61.9      |
| <b>Some Other Race Householder</b>       |             |         |           |                |           |
| Total Families                           | 443,634     | 74,428  | 57,421    | 71,997         | 71,159    |
| % Married couple                         | 65.6        | 72.6    | 71.9      | 70.3           | 66.7      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 76.5        | 79.6    | 77.7      | 77.3           | 74.9      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 11.6        | 10.2    | 10.1      | 10.4           | 9.8       |
| % With own children under age 18         | 53.3        | 54.2    | 60.2      | 61.6           | 56.3      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 22.8        | 17.1    | 17.9      | 19.3           | 23.6      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 69          | 69.3    | 72.7      | 73.1           | 70.9      |
| <b>Two or More Races Householder</b>     |             |         |           |                |           |
| Total Families                           | 94,699      | 21,139  | 12,280    | 15,716         | 21,974    |
| % Married couple                         | 65.9        | 71.6    | 70.9      | 68.1           | 67.2      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 64          | 65.3    | 66.2      | 65.9           | 62.9      |
| % Male householder, no wife present      | 10.9        | 9.9     | 8.8       | 9.4            | 9.3       |
| % With own children under age 18         | 44.9        | 46.4    | 55.0      | 57.5           | 52.1      |
| % Female householder, no husband present | 23.2        | 18.5    | 20.3      | 22.5           | 23.5      |
| % With own children under age 18         | 60.4        | 61.2    | 67.4      | 68.5           | 67.6      |

Source: Census 2000 (SF 1)