



American Indian & Alaska Native Health in the United States

Welcome to “American Indian & Alaska Native Health in the United States: A Pathfinder to Resources” from the Office of Minority Health (OMH) Knowledge Center. This pathfinder walks users through some key articles, reports, and other resources that touch upon diseases, social determinants of health, racial justice, and other important topics. Please see the additional pathfinders that directly relate to other racial minority groups.

These selections may be helpful to:

- Researchers
- Clinicians
- Public health practitioners
- Advocates
- Instructors
- Students
- Others working to improve the health of American Indians/Alaska Natives

This pathfinder can be used to support research or instructional activities in classrooms, libraries, health fairs, and community health worker programs.

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- **Subject:** AMERICAN INDIANS / ALASKA NATIVES / APACHE / CHEROKEE / CHOCTAW / HOPI / NAVAJOS, more
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Journals

American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research

Hawai'i Journal of Health & Social Welfare

International Journal of Circumpolar Health

International Journal of Indigenous Health

Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities

TCJ: Tribal College Journal of American Indian Higher Education

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Overviews

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Access to Care

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HIV Infection

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The Internet Archive

Explore the Office of Minority Health Resource Center on the Internet Archive website at <https://archive.org/details/minorityhealth>

This online library collection features free, full-text access to a variety of unique and historic reports.

For information on American Indians & Alaska Natives, consider the following items:

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Additional Resources for American Indians & Alaska Natives

American Indian Statistical Profile (Office of Minority Health)

<http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=62>

Centers for Disease Control – Tribal Support

<https://www.cdc.gov/tribal/index.html>

HHS Administration for Children & Families. Office of Family Assistance – Tribal Programs

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/programs/tribal-programs>

Library of Congress – Indigenous Law Portal

<https://llmc.com/Indigenous/Home.aspx>

National Library of Medicine

<https://medlineplus.gov/americanindianandalaskanativehealth.html>

U.S. Census Bureau – Facts for Features - American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2019/aian-month.html>

U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Tribal Leaders Directory

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/TribalGovernmentServices/TribalDirectory/index.htm>

National Organizations for American Indians & Alaska Natives

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Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB)

<http://www.anhb.org>

American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF)

<http://www.americanindiancancer.org>

Indian Law Resource Center

<http://www.indianlaw.org>

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

<http://www.ncai.org>

National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. (NICOA)

<http://www.nicoa.org>

National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

<http://www.nihb.org>

Native Americans in Philanthropy

<https://nativephilanthropy.org/>

Native Food Systems Resource Center

<http://www.nativefoodsystems.org>

National Tribal Air Association (NTAA)

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntaa/>

StrongHearts Native Helpline

<http://www.strongheartshelpline.org>

Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI)

<http://www.uihi.org>

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