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American Community Survey Special Tabulation for Tribes

2014 LIHEAP Regional Training



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Questions to be Answered

- What is a Special Tabulation?
- Who is counted?
- Why is this Important?
- How do I interpret the data?



What is a Special Tabulation?

- Data from the U.S. Census Bureau on:
 - The number of LIHEAP income-eligible households in every State.
 - The number of LIHEAP income-eligible American Indian / Alaskan Native / Native Hawaiian households residing on all reservations in the U.S.
- Data Source: American Community Survey 2007-2011 five-year derived estimate



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Who is Counted?

- LIHEAP income-eligible households
 - A household with income at or below the GREATER of
 - 150% of the HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines OR
 - 60% of the state median income
- For each state, we are counting
 - All households in the state that are LIHEAP income-eligible.



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Who is Counted?

- American Indian / Alaskan Native / Native Hawaiian households living in:
 - Federally-recognized reservations and off-reservation trust lands
 - State-recognized reservations
 - Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas
 - Hawaiian Homelands
 - Tribal Designated Statistical Areas
 - State Designated American Indian Statistical Areas
 - Alaskan Native Village Statistical Areas



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Who is Counted?

- An American Indian household is one in which any person age 18 or older self-identifies as American Indian.
 - Not dependent on tribal enrollment
 - Not dependent on specific tribal affiliation



Why is this Important?

- HHS has two methods for determining a tribe's LIHEAP allocation:
 1. State-Tribe Agreement
 2. Data from the special tabulation
- If we use the special tabulation, the allocation is based on the number of LIHEAP income-eligible American Indian households living on the reservation as a percentage of all LIHEAP income-eligible households living in the state.



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Say that Again...





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Why is this Important Again?

- The American Community Survey uses statistical sampling to come up these data.
- The margin of error for small communities is high, but it is as accurate as we can make it.
- States and tribes wishing to renegotiate their agreements can use the Special Tabulation data as a starting point.



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How to Interpret the Data



Grantee	Total Households	Households at or Below 150% FPL	Households at or Below 60% SMI	Households at or Below Greater of 150% FPL or 60% SMI
United States	114,761,360	24,935,415	35,097,975	35,125,385
Alabama	1,831,270	512,720	602,465	602,865
Alaska	252,920	48,590	65,350	65,510
Arizona	2,344,215	523,215	615,055	616,825
Arkansas	1,121,385	331,465	338,240	341,035
California	12,433,170	2,558,825	3,695,075	3,697,975
Colorado	1,941,195	360,615	591,660	591,660



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How to Interpret the Data

Grantee	Reservation / Home Land	State	County	Total Native American Households	Total Native American Households at or Below Greater of 150% FPL or 60% SMI	Proportionate Percentage of State Allocation
White Mountain Apache Tribe				2875	1760	0.28533%
	Fort Apache Reservation	Arizona	Apache County	60	35	
	Fort Apache Reservation	Arizona	Gila County	290	210	
	Fort Apache Reservation	Arizona	Navajo County	2525	1515	



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Calculating the Allocation for the White Mountain Apache Tribe

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{1,760} & \div & \text{616,825} \\ \text{(Tribe)} & & \text{(State)} \\ & & = \\ & & \text{0.0028533} \\ & & \text{OR} \\ & & \text{0.28533\%} \end{array}$$



Other Data Issues

- For some tribes, the total number of LIHEAP income-eligible households will be zero.
 - Either the sampling methodology used came up with zero households.
 - Or there were three households or less and the data was suppressed to protect their privacy, per U.S. Census Bureau regulations.



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If you See a Mistake in the Data

- Please contact Yuliya Rzad if you find an error.
 - If the wrong reservation was attributed to your tribe
 - If the numbers aren't adding up properly
 - If a county or reservation was missed for your tribe
 - If you see any other errors



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Contact HHS

For questions, comments, to report an error, or for help understanding the data, contact Yuliya Rzad.

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