


American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916, in New York. In 1990, more than seven decades later, then-President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating the month of November “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994 to recognize what is now called “American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.”

 **Did you know?** American Indian and Alaska Native is **one of the six** major race categories defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

The nation’s American Indian and Alaska Native population alone in **2020** was **3.7 million**.

The American Indian and Alaska Native population alone or in combination with other race groups is projected to be **10.1 million** on **July 1, 2060**.

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