The Aberdeen Area age-adjusted alcohol-related death rate (81.2) is 11.6 times the U.S. all-races rate (7.0) and 4.5 times the lowest IHS area rate (Nashville, 18.1). The IHS AI/AN rate (43.7) is 6.2 times higher than the U.S. all-races rate (7.0). These AI/AN rates have been adjusted to compensate for misreporting of AI/AN race on the state death certificates.

Since FY 1987, the number of discharges for injuries and poisonings from IHS and Tribal direct and contract general hospitals has decreased 49 percent. In FY 2006, there were 7,310 discharges.
INTRODUCTION
This pamphlet provides highlights from a larger report, 2002-2003 Indian Health Focus: Injuries, published by the Indian Health Service (IHS). Information was extracted from the complete report to emphasize key factors regarding American Indian and Alaska Native injuries. Charts and descriptive statements are used to present the information.

All injuries account for the greatest part of the YPLL for AI/AN before age 65 (42.9 percent).

The Billings Area has the highest age-adjusted unintentional injury death rate (149.1) among the IHS Areas. This rate is 2.5 times higher than the lowest area rate (Nashville, 59.0), but approximately 6 times the U.S. all-races rate (7.3). The AI/AN rates have been adjusted to compensate for misreporting of AI/AN race on state death certificates.

The AI/AN age-adjusted leading cause of death due to injury is motor vehicle accidents followed by suicide and poisoning. AI/AN deaths due to motor vehicle accidents are 3.3 times higher than the U.S. all-races. These AI/AN rates have been adjusted to compensate for misreporting of AI/AN race on the state death certificates.

The AI/AN population has considerably higher age-adjusted death rates for unintentional injuries, suicide, and homicide than the U.S. all-races and white populations. The AI/AN age-adjusted unintentional injury death rate (94.8) is approximately 2.5 times the U.S. all-races rate (37.5). These AI/AN rates have been adjusted to compensate for misreporting of AI/AN race on state death certificates.

The Billings Area has the highest age-adjusted motor vehicle crashes death rate (92.1) among the IHS Areas. This rate is 3.3 times higher than the lowest area rate (Alaska, 29.7), but approximately 6 times the U.S. all-races rate (15.3). The AI/AN rates have been adjusted to compensate for misreporting of AI/AN race on state death certificates.

The AI/AN age-adjusted fall injury death rates vary considerably among the IHS Areas. The highest area rate (Tucson, 25.0) is 7.6 times the lowest area rate (Alaska, 3.3). The IHS rate (9.8) is 1.5 times higher than the U.S. all-races rate (5.9). These AI/AN rates have been adjusted to compensate for misreporting of AI/AN race on the state death certificates.