



DATE: January 8, 2025

TO: Area Directors  
Area Statistical Officers  
Area Planning Officers

FROM: Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: User Population Estimates — Fiscal Year 2024

The fiscal year (FY) 2024 user population estimates are included in the attached tables. The FY 2024 user population estimates are the result of collaborative efforts with Tribes to reconcile and validate data. Following Tribal Consultation and Area review, the Indian Health Service (IHS) releases these estimates.

The statistical concept used by IHS staff to produce the estimates is the same as in prior years. That concept is an unduplicated count, by the residence of Indian registrants who have had direct encounters with, or contracted for, IHS inpatient, ambulatory (outpatient), or dental services during the past three years. Attached are tables containing the final user population estimates, the data used to develop them, and a detailed description of each column.

Following the Tribal Leader letter of December 10, 2003, user counts are based on registration and encounter data received in the National Patient Information Reporting System (NPIRS) repositories. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kirk Greenway, Director of the Division of Program Statistics, by telephone at (301) 443-1180 or by email at [kirk.greenway@ihs.gov](mailto:kirk.greenway@ihs.gov).

I want to thank everyone who contributed to developing the user population estimates, particularly the NPIRS staff, for their assistance in resolving technical problems at several sites. Your dedication to American Indian and Alaska Native health care is much appreciated.

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Attachments: Description of Table Columns in FY 2024 IHS User Population Service Unit Tables  
IHS User Population Estimates by Area and Service Unit - FY 2024

## Description of the Table Columns in the FY 2024 IHS User Population Service Unit Tables

### Column 1, Indian Registrants —

The column is the total count of Indian registrants in the Indian Health Service (IHS) National Patient Information Reporting System (NPIRS) Patient Registration database as of September 30, 2024. Their service unit of residence was used to tabulate the registrants.

A registrant is “Indian” if (1) the Tribe Code is designated as “Indian,” or (2) the Tribal designation is “unspecified,” and - the classification or the Indian blood quantum code is “Indian.”

### Column 2, Active Indian Registrants —

The column contains the total count of Indian registrants in the NPIRS database who had at least one direct or contract inpatient stay, ambulatory care visit, or dental visit between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2024.

### Column 3, Indian User Population Estimate —

This column is, in most cases, the same as the number of Active Indian Registrants shown in Column 2. This count is not always the same as a list of members of a Tribe. This is because members must be seen in the past three years at an IHS or Tribal health facility and have at least one workload reportable encounter documented and electronically sent into the National Data Warehouse in one of the three standard formats (Health Level 7, Alternative Simplified Delimited, or Structured Delimited) from an electronic medical records system. Only three exceptions to this rule exist: (1) there was a negotiated figure for a Tribe that has been receiving services from the IHS for less than three years; (2) a minor technical issue resulted in miscalculation and was corrected; or (3) where county splits, community additions to service units negotiated in advance with the Tribes concerned are calculated by the Area Office and added to the table.

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	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Active Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian User Population Estimates</u></b>
<b>All Areas</b>	<b>3,179,945</b>	<b>1,618,828</b>	<b>1,621,061</b>
Alaska	247,873	159,881	159,881
Albuquerque	190,270	77,716	77,716
Bemidji	200,027	100,221	100,202
Billings	153,358	69,244	69,386
California	199,859	86,022	86,244
Great Plains	256,996	128,647	128,844
Nashville	98,141	57,792	57,792
Navajo	397,664	215,320	215,326
Oklahoma	769,259	418,540	418,540
Phoenix	363,297	173,874	173,874
Portland	242,573	105,839	107,524
Tucson	60,628	25,732	25,732

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<b>Alaska Area - Total</b>	<b>247,873</b>	<b>159,881</b>	<b>159,881</b>
Anchorage (1)*	114,191	70,677	70,677
Annette Is. Ind. Res.*	1,657	1,324	1,324
Barrow*	7,318	4,667	4,667
Bristol Bay Area*	8,060	5,096	5,096
Interior Alaska*	28,363	15,425	15,425
Kotzebue*	11,031	7,467	7,467
Mount Edgecumbe (1)*	24,408	16,559	16,559
Norton Sound*	12,116	8,683	8,683
Yukon-Kuskokwim-Delta*	40,729	29,983	29,983

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

(1) In review

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<b>Albuquerque Area - Total</b>	<b>190,270</b>	<b>77,716</b>	<b>77,716</b>
Acoma-Canoncito-Laguna	20,101	9,082	9,082
Albuquerque	88,156	28,475	28,475
Jicarilla	5,667	3,498	3,498
Mescalero	8,401	4,812	4,812
Santa Fe	28,984	13,209	13,209
Southern Colorado	13,383	4,529	4,529
Taos-Picuris	4,472	2,030	2,030
Ysleta Del Sur *	3,370	1,764	1,764
Zuni-Ramah	17,736	10,317	10,317

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

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<b>Bemidji Area - Total</b>	<b>200,027</b>	<b>100,221</b>	<b>100,202</b>
Central Wisconsin*	45,462	22,823	22,823
Eastern Michigan*	49,418	25,633	25,577 1/2/
Fond du Lac*	12,037	6,530	6,530
Grand Portage*	850	445	445
Greater Leech Lake	19,028	10,302	10,302
Mille Lacs*	5,610	2,637	2,637
Minnesota River*	4,586	494	494
Nett Lake*	3,484	1,599	1,599
Nicolet*	10,258	3,641	3,641
NW Wisconsin*	16,246	8,085	8,085 3/
Red Lake	11,811	7,619	7,619
Western Michigan*	6,172	2,573	2,610 4/
White Earth	15,065	7,840	7,840

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

1/ Adjusted because of an agreed-upon percentage split of Delta County which is shared between two Eastern Michigan Service Unit Tribes (Sault Ste Marie and Little Traverse) and one Western Michigan Service Unit Tribe (Hannahville). Delta County is divided between the two service units by community in the UP1 and UP3 Tables. The three affected Tribes receive credit for active users in Delta County regardless of which service unit their community of residence falls in. Eastern Michigan Service Unit Tribes Little Traverse and Sault Ste Marie received credit for 53 (5.5%) and 769 (80.3%) of the active users in Delta County, respectively. The Western Michigan Service Unit Tribe, Hannahville, received credit for 136 (14.2%) of the active users in Delta county. This percent split resulted in 37 active users being moved from the Eastern Michigan Service Unit to the Western Michigan Service Unit.

2/ Subtract 9 for Huntington County, IN (1835), which is not in the Service Unit; subtract 1 for Michigan Unknown residents (2686); add 1 for Charlevoix County (2615) listed as Non Service Unit; subtract 10 for Sanilac County (2676) which is not in the Service unit; subtract 37 from Eastern Michigan SU and add to Western Michigan SU for Delta County - see footnote 1/ above. These changes results in a -56 change to the estimate.

3/ Subtract 0 for 2636 Iron County, MI, which is outside the NW Wisconsin Service Unit.

4/ Add 37 to Delta County because of a county split between Eastern and Western Michigan Service Unit Tribes - see footnotes 1/ and 2/ above.

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**IHS User Population Estimates by Area and Service Unit - FY 2024**

	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Active Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian User Population Estimates</u></b>
<b>Billings Area - Total</b>	<b>153,358</b>	<b>69,244</b>	<b>69,386</b>
Blackfeet	21,102	10,679	10,679
Crow	28,045	11,697	11,697
Flathead*	25,916	10,043	10,043
Fort Belknap	8,906	4,552	4,552
Fort Peck	18,525	7,957	7,957
Little Shell Chippewa	5,494	1,735	1,877 1/
Northern Cheyenne	12,950	5,778	5,778
Rocky Boy's*	9,681	5,171	5,171
Wind River	22,739	11,632	11,632

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

1/ A Negotiated Manual Add for Little Shell Service Unit

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<b>California Area - Total</b>	<b>199,859</b>	<b>86,022</b>	<b>86,244</b>
Agua Caliente* (1)(2)	11	(b) (6)	79
Cabazon*	23	(b) (6)	(b) (6)
Central Valley I.H.P.*	15,144	7,980	7,980
Chapa De I.H.P.*	11,658	5,385	5,385
Chicken Ranch*	43	19	19
Colusa T.H.P. *	302	102	102
Consolidated T.H.P. *	5,748	3,026	3,026
Desert Sage	-	-	0
Feather River Tribal Health *	9,448	4,825	4,825
Greenville *	3,056	552	552
Hoopa Health Association *	4,911	2,827	2,827
Indian Health Council *	11,186	4,882	4,882
Koi Nation* (1) (2)	-	-	75
Karuk T.H.P. *	4,356	1,885	1,885
Lake County I.H.P. *	4,537	2,844	2,844
MACT Health Board *	3,638	1,893	1,893
Modoc I.H.P. *	636	213	213
Northern Valley I.H., Inc. *	7,208	3,804	3,804
Paskenta* (2)	-	-	75
Pit River I.H. Consort. *	1,716	930	930
Quartz Valley *	407	234	234
Redding Rancheria I.H.P. *	8,843	5,298	5,298
Riverside-San Bernardino *	40,131	12,676	12,676
Round Valley I.H.P. *	1,646	1,040	1,040
Rural IHB	-	-	0
Santa Ynez I.H.P. *	2,447	1,002	1,002
Shingle Springs *	2,653	1,181	1,181
Sonoma County I.H.P. *	10,489	4,535	4,535
Southern I.H.P. *	6,192	2,049	2,049
Susanville Indian Ranch *	3,777	638	638
Sycuan Medical Center *	194	63	63
Table Mountain*	138	(b) (6)	(b) (6)
Tejon Indian Tribe* (1)	4,365	365	365
Toiyabe I.H.P. *	5,847	2,709	2,709
Tule River I.H.P. *	7,101	2,023	2,023
Tuolumne Rural I.H.P. *	185	150	150
UIHS-Tsurai *	16,853	9,343	9,343
Warner Mountain *	229	73	73
Wilton Rancheria * (1)	4,741	1,458	1,458

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

(1) Designated Service Delivery Area

(2) Tribe New to IHS, figure represents negotiated amount



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	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Active Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian User Population Estimates</u></b>
<b>Great Plains Area - Total</b>	<b>256,996</b>	<b>128,647</b>	<b>128,844</b>
Cheyenne River	15,507	8,788	8,788
Crow Creek	9,054	4,254	4,254
Flandreau*	4,379	1,524	1,524
Lower Brule	3,662	1,931	1,931
Omaha*	7,181	3,404	3,404
Pine Ridge	39,514	21,005	21,005
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska*	10,012	4,839	4,839
Rapid City*	33,704	16,152	16,152
Rosebud	23,809	12,141	12,141
Sac and Fox*	3,792	2,098	2,098
Santee*	2,556	1,271	1,271
Sisseton-Wahpeton	13,730	6,445	6,445
Spirit Lake*	10,405	5,302	5,302
Standing Rock	18,216	8,263	8,263
Three Affiliated Tribes (Fort Berthold)*	16,355	7,783	7,783
Trenton*	3,573	1,779	1,976 1/
Turtle Mountain	23,019	12,980	12,980
Winnebago*	11,401	5,063	5,063
Yankton	7,127	3,625	3,625

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

1/ Users added (+197) to the following counties of Montana in Billings Area per agreement with Tribe and Billings Area office following statistics produced in the User Pop Trenton Crossover Report for FY 2024:

- Richland (+82)
- Roosevelt (+81)
- Sheridan (+34)

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<b>Nashville Area - Total</b>	<b>98,141</b>	<b>57,792</b>	<b>57,792</b>
Alabama-Coushatta*	1,376	737	737
Catawba	3,978	1,874	1,874
Cayuga*	149	86	86
Cherokee*	18,286	12,095	12,095
Chitimacha*	805	602	602
Choctaw*	14,464	9,986	9,986
Coushatta*	751	464	464
Houlton Band*	870	476	476
Jena Band*	325	169	169
Lockport	974	335	335
Manlius (Onondaga)	1,337	447	447
Mashpee Wampanoag	2,427	1,150	1,150
Miccosukee*	1,029	758	758
Micmac *	972	449	449
Mohegan*	2,023	1,026	1,026
Monacan (1)	583	20	20
Narragansett*	1,786	566	566
Nansemond (1)*	60	26	26
Oneida*	3,542	1,364	1,364
Pass. Indian Township*	1,180	848	848
Pass. Pleasant Point*	1,468	872	872
Penobscot*	2,166	1,399	1,399
Pequot*	1,853	725	725
Poarch*	4,202	1,935	1,935
Richmond	1,033	646	646
Shinnecock	627	219	219
Seminole*	10,157	5,835	5,835
Seneca*	8,308	6,307	6,307
St. Regis Mohawk*	10,159	5,728	5,728
Tunica-Biloxi*	537	259	259
Upper Mattaponi * (1)	196	142	142
Wampanoag*	518	247	247

\* Tribally Operated Service Unit

(1) Upper Mattaponi, Nansemond (tribal) and Monacan (federal) are provisional Service Units

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	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Active Indian Registrants</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024 Indian User Population Estimates</u></b>
<b>Navajo Area - Total</b>	<b>397,664</b>	<b>215,320</b>	<b>215,326</b>
Chinle	48,686	27,621	27,621
Crownpoint	29,696	15,972	15,972
Fort Defiance*	45,648	23,523	23,523
Gallup	71,973	39,408	39,408
Kayenta**	31,479	16,030	16,035 1/
Shiprock**	80,176	44,204	44,205 2/
Tuba City*	60,273	31,931	31,931
Winslow*	29,733	16,631	16,631

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

1/ Added (+5) from Utah Navajo for Lake Powell

2/ Added (+1) from Utah Navajo for Ismay

\*\* Kayenta appears on two pages (pages 66 and 68) of the 11/27/2024 FY 2024 UP1 report.

\*\* Shiprock appears on two pages (pages 66 and 68) of the 11/27/2024 FY 2024 UP1 report.

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<b>Oklahoma Area - Total</b>	<b>769,259</b>	<b>418,540</b>	<b>418,540</b>
Ada*	78,663	51,534	51,534
Claremore**1	245,014	128,205	128,205
Clinton	27,588	13,777	13,777
Eagle Pass*	1,466	997	997
Haskell	19,602	4,896	4,896
Holton*	5,833	2,846	2,846
Lawton	47,986	24,269	24,269
Pawnee**2	36,349	16,386	16,386
Shawnee**3	96,769	50,113	50,113
Tahlequah*	118,449	71,290	71,290
Talihina*	74,020	44,923	44,923
Wewoka	17,520	9,304	9,304

The following footnote for Service Unit as being designated as Federal, Tribal or Combination.

- Federal Service Unit unless otherwise noted

\*Tribally designated service unit

\*\*Combination service units:

<sup>1</sup> Claremore (Federal: Claremore, Tribal: Northeastern Tribal HC, CN Cooweescoowee, CN Vinita, CN Jay, CN Nowata, CN Salina, Council Oak, Okmulgee, Koweta, Sapulpa, Okemah, Hybrid: Indian Health Care Resource Center)

<sup>2</sup> Pawnee (Federal: Pawnee, Tribal: Kanza HC, White Eagle HC, Wah-Zha-Zhi HC)

<sup>3</sup> Shawnee (Tribal: Absentee Shawnee Health System Clinics, Blackhawk HC, Citizen Potawatomi Health Clinics, Kickapoo Health Center, Perkins Family Clinic, Hybrid: Oklahoma City Indian Clinic)

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<b>Phoenix Area - Total</b>	<b>363,297</b>	<b>173,874</b>	<b>173,874</b>
Colorado River	16,973	7,821	7,821
Duck Valley*	2,369	74	74
Elko (1)	5,224	2,446	2,446
Fort Yuma	8,308	4,394	4,394
Gila River HCC*	59,819	36,355	36,355
Keams Canyon	10,524	5,722	5,722
Paiute Tribe-Utah*	2,777	1,435	1,435
Phoenix	171,375	75,193	75,193
San Carlos*	18,784	12,683	12,683
Schurz*	33,732	7,651	7,651
Uintah-Ouray	8,476	3,622	3,622
Whiteriver	24,936	16,478	16,478

\*Tribally Operated Service Unit

(1) Elko appears on two pages (pages 50 and 55) of the 11/27/2024 FY 2024 UP1 report.

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<b>Portland Area - Total</b>	<b>242,573</b>	<b>105,839</b>	<b>107,524</b>
Coeur d'Alene *	16,861	7,114	7,114
Colville *	13,152	5,717	5,717
Fort Hall *	12,369	5,585	5,585
Klamath *	6,147	3,056	3,056
Neah Bay *	7,953	4,360	4,360
Northern Idaho *	8,019	4,152	4,152
Northwest Washington *	15,900	8,298	8,298
NW Band of Shoshone Provisional	605	23	23
Puget Sound *	37,492	16,204	16,204
Puyallup *	25,659	11,136	11,136
Southern Oregon *	10,400	3,723	3,723
Taholah *	7,955	3,492	3,492
Umatilla *	6,204	3,400	3,400
Warm Springs **	10,642	4,874	4,874
Wellpinit *	6,081	2,575	2,575
Western Oregon *	33,831	11,235	11,235
Yakama *	23,303	10,895	10,895
Unassigned Counties	X	-	1,685 1/

\* Tribally Operated Service Unit

\*\* Warm Springs appears on two pages (p.62, 64) of the 11/27/2024 FY 2024 UP1 report.

1/ See pages 60 and 61 of UP1 Report 11/27/2024. Unassigned CHSDA Counties to a Service Unit: Cowlitz Tribe Unassigned SU's: Cowlitz Tribe. Based upon workload, Cowlitz will get all users from established CHSDA in the counties of Clark, WA (+637), Columbia, OR (+148), Cowlitz, WA (+813), Kittitas, WA (+62), Wahkiakum, WA (+25). Grand Total Unassigned Counties 1,685.

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**IHS User Population - FY 2024**  
**Portland Area Level Internal Reallocation of Users by Tribal Health Program**

	<b>PAIHS FY 2024 USER POPULATION</b>		<b>PAIHS FY 2024 USER POPULATION</b>
<b><u>Tribal Health Program</u></b>		<b><u>Tribal Health Program - Continued</u></b>	
Burns Paiute	71	Port Gamble	1,361
Chehalis	1,840	Puyallup	7,148
Coeur d'Alene	6,691	Quileute	603
Colville	6,404	Quinault	2,096
Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw	634	Samish	699
Coquille	1,179	Sauk-Suiattle	24
Cow Creek	2,124	Shoalwater Bay	383
Cowlitz	4,206	Shoshone Bannock	5,585
Grand Ronde	4,265	Siletz	4,905
Hoh	21	Skokomish	468
Jamestown S'Klallam	531	Snoqualmie	330
Kalispel	796	Spokane	1,559
Klamath	2,914	Squaxin Island	995
Kootenai	175	Stillaguamish	226
Lower Elwha	832	Suquamish	893
Lummi	4,664	Swinomish	1,426
Makah	2,428	Tulalip	4,753
Muckleshoot	5,878	Umatilla	3,400
Nez Perce	3,933	Upper Skagit	557
Nisqually	1,856	Warm Springs	4,907
Nooksack	1,234	Western Oregon Service Unit	1,888
NW Band of Shoshoni	23	Yakama	10,619

-Table is reflective of Tribal Health Program and not historic Service Unit concept

-Per recommendation of Portland Area Fund Distribution Workgroup, the Portland Area Director has approved the following:

-Due to the Portland Area's unique situation where most Tribal CHSDA's are overlapping, resulting in multiple counties being shared by two or more Tribes, UP is determined through a combination of both Tribal affiliation and workload

- Each Tribe receives as part of its total UP all of its own Tribal members who reside in its CHSDA counties

-AI/AN who are not members of the Tribe(s) whose CHSDA county they reside in are Unaffiliateds. These unaffiliateds are apportioned among the Tribe(s) whose CHSDA includes that county, based on workload data accepted at the NDW

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<b>Tucson Area - Total</b>	<b>60,628</b>	<b>25,732</b>	<b>25,732</b>
Tohono O'odham HC*	48,284	17,698	17,698
Pascua Yaqui *	12,344	8,034	8,034

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