

# INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FACT SHEET



## IHS Profile

*Based on 2022 data –*

- **The Indian Health Care System:**

- **Indian Health Service direct health care services**

IHS federal direct care services are administered through a system of 12 area offices and 170 IHS service units.

- **Tribally-operated health care services**

More than 60 percent of IHS appropriations are administered by tribes, primarily through self-determination contracts or self-governance compacts. Titles I and V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act allows tribes to exercise their right to self-determination by assuming control and management of programs previously administered by the federal government.

- **Urban Indian health care services and resource centers**

The IHS enters into limited, competing contracts and grants with 41 urban Indian organizations to provide health care and referral services for urban Indians. UIOs provide access to culturally appropriate and quality health care services such as ambulatory care, outreach and referral, and residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs. The [QUIHP 4-in-1 grant program](#) provides funding to UIOs to address health promotion and disease prevention services, immunization services, alcohol and substance abuse related services and mental health services.

- **Population Served:**

- Members of 574 federally recognized tribes in 37 states
  - 2.8 million American Indians and Alaska Natives

- **Annual Patient Services:**

- Inpatient admissions tribal and IHS facilities fiscal year 2023: 36,959
  - Outpatient visits at tribal and IHS facilities in fiscal year 2023: 13,949,733

- **Per Capita Personal Health Care Expenditures Comparison:**

- Fiscal year 2023 IHS expenditure per user population: \$4,078
  - Total calendar year 2022 U.S. National Health Expenditure per person: \$13,493

- **IHS Budget Appropriation:**

- FY 2020: \$6.0 billion
  - FY 2021: \$6.5 billion
  - FY 2022: \$6.6 billion
  - FY 2023: \$7.0 billion
  - FY 2024: \$7.1 billion

- **IHS Third-Party Collections** at federal direct care facilities :
  - FY 2020: \$1.09 billion
  - FY 2021: \$1.25 billion
  - FY 2022: \$1.68 billion
  - FY 2023: \$1.71 billion
- **Medicaid coverage within the IHS user population by federal fiscal year**
  - FY 2020: 716,809
  - FY 2021: 735,836
  - FY 2022: 762,187
  - FY 2023: 781,359
- **Human Resources (as of February 2023):**
  - Total IHS employees: 15,265
  - Nurses: 2,149
  - Physicians: 767
  - Pharmacists: 790
  - Dentists: 240
  - Physician Assistants: 81
  - Engineers: (Martin will find out)
  - Environmental Health and Sanitarians: 115
- **Facilities (as of June 2023) Operated By**

TYPE OF FACILITY	IHS	TRIBES
HOSPITAL	21	22
HEALTH CENTER	52	331
HEALTH STATION	25	76
ALASKA VILLAGE CLINIC	0	147
SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER	12	7
YOUTH REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTERS	6	6

Note: Of the 43 hospitals, five IHS and nine tribal hospitals are [critical access hospitals](#).

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