

# Identification of American Indian/Alaska Native Students in Education

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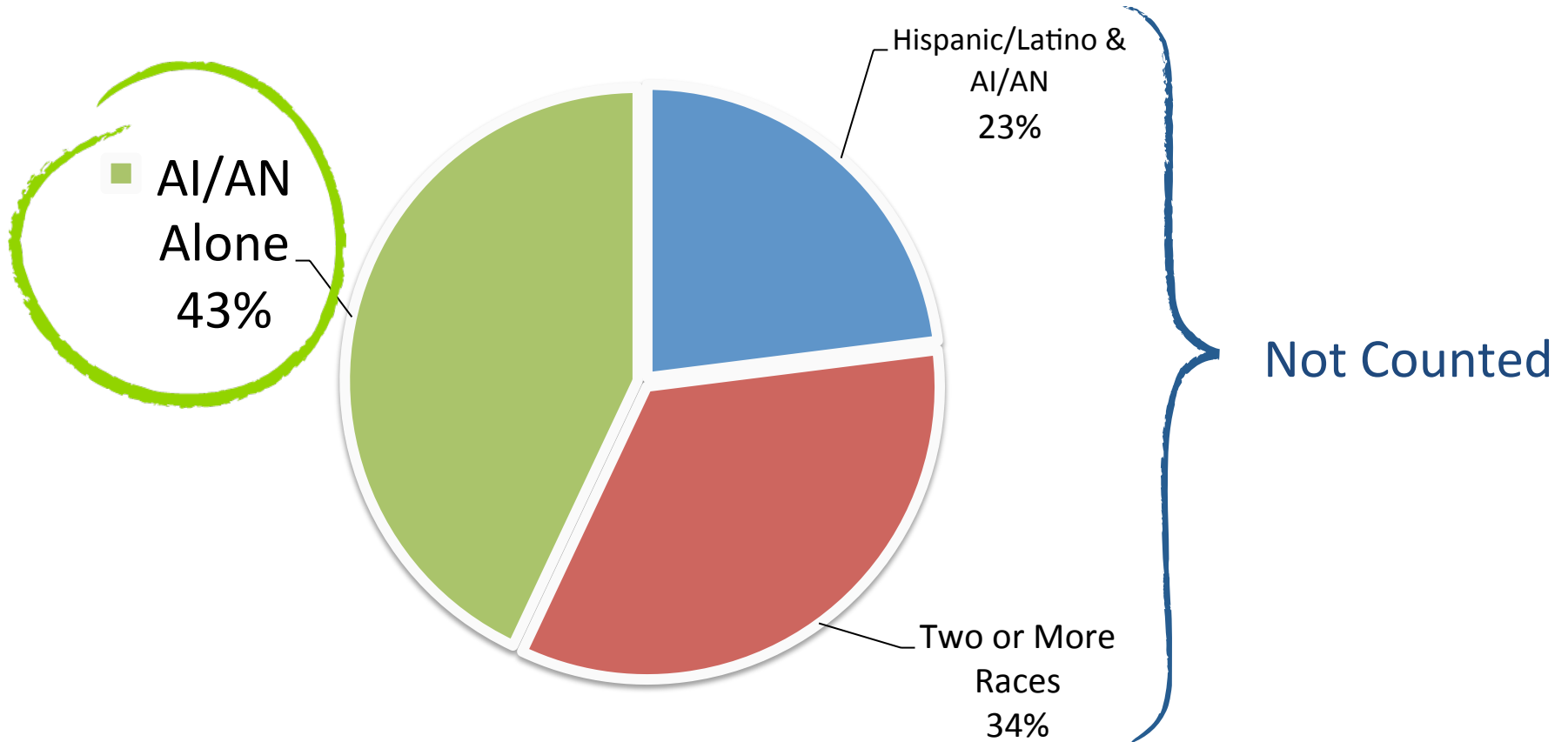


# Partnership:

- Education Northwest
  - Regional Educational Laboratory (REL NW)
  - Portland, OR based nonprofit
  
- Northwest Tribal Educators Alliance
  - Education Committee members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians



# Example: 2010 Census AI/AN Population



SOURCE: Mackety, D. M., Ebarb, A., & Zenone, H. (2012).

# Why is this issue important to Tribal Nations?

- Within Public School Systems
  - ESSA Tribal Consultation
  - Accountability
- Tribal Sovereignty
  - Accountability
  - Gov to Gov Relationship
  - Fiduciary Responsibility



# AI/AN Student Identification

## ■ Challenges:

- Various federal definitions
- Implications for student information systems used by state and local education agencies

## ■ Examples of Definitions

- See page 2 of the report



# Example: Higher Education

Residency Are you a resident of the state of Washington? See last page for residency information.

Yes  No

If Yes, please indicate dates of your most recent continuous residency:

\_\_\_\_\_ to present OR  \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year Month/Year Month/Year

County of residence \_\_\_\_\_

The question at right is voluntary and will not be used in the admission decision process; however, it will be used to identify eligibility for resident tuition under RCW20B.15.031. See [residency.wsu.edu](http://residency.wsu.edu) and [native.wsu.edu/tribal-affiliation/residency.html](http://native.wsu.edu/tribal-affiliation/residency.html).

Are you an enrolled member, or a descendent, of an American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village/Corporation?

Enrolled Member. Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Descendent. Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. How do you describe your race? (check all that apply)

### American Indian (select one or more):

- |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chehalis Confederated   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Elwha Klallam   | <input type="checkbox"/> Salish & Kootenai Tribes Confederated | <input type="checkbox"/> Steilacoom                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinook                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lummi Nation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Samish Nation                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stillaguamish             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coeur d'Alene Tribe     | <input type="checkbox"/> Makah                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sauk-Sulattle                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Suquamish                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colville Confederated   | <input type="checkbox"/> Muckleshoot           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoalwater Bay                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Swinomish                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowlitz                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nez Perce Tribe       | <input type="checkbox"/> Skokomish                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tulalip                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duwamish                | <input type="checkbox"/> Nisqually             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snohomish                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Umatilla Confederated     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hoh                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nooksack              | <input type="checkbox"/> Snoqualmie                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Skagit              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jamestown S'Klallam     | <input type="checkbox"/> Port Gamble S'Klallam | <input type="checkbox"/> Snoqualmoo                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Springs Confederated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kalispel                | <input type="checkbox"/> Puyallup              | <input type="checkbox"/> Spokane                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yakama Nation             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kikiallus Indian Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> Quileute              | <input type="checkbox"/> Squaxin Island                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other American Indian     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kootenai of Idaho       | <input type="checkbox"/> Quinault Nation       |  |  |

### Alaska Native (select one or more):

- |   |   |                                       |  |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Aleut (Unangan) | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Athabaskan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Eyak  | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Tlingit      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Alutliq         | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Eskimo (Inupiaq or Yupik) | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Haida | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Tsimshian    |
|   |   |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Alaska Native |

# What is needed to overcome this challenge?

- Elevate awareness of this issue and advocacy
- Meaningful consultation with AI/AN leadership
- Alignment of definitions across all levels and agencies providing education services



For additional materials see:  
<http://bit.ly/tribal-educators-alliance>

**Tribal Educators Alliance  
Online Resources  
REL Northwest**

**Challenges to American Indian/Alaska Native Student  
Identification**

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