

**STUDY / SUBGROUP:**                      **Need**

**TOPIC:**            Alternative Data Sources

1000.330 What are data sources for the need variables?

The sources of data for the need variables shall be data available that is collected in a uniform manner that can be confirmed and verified for all AIAN households and persons living in an identified area. Initially, the data used are US Decennial Census data.

See also definition of Indian Section 4(9) of the statute.

**CONSENSUS:**

**ACTIONS NEEDED:**

1. Other than the US Census, are there other sources of data for use in the allocation formula that are objectively measurable and collected uniformly across the Nation?
2. A determination of other data sources that are more reliable than Census variables for determination of eligibility (specifically related to the definition of Indian).

**STILL TO DO:**

Request legal determination from HUD regarding whether continued use of Census for determining who is an Indian is inconsistent with the statute?

Determine differences between eligibility for service and use of the data for allocations.

**RATIONALE:**

The Formula Allocation is potentially based on a count of persons who are not statutorily Indian.

**OTHER AFFECTED PARTS:**

**OTHER:**

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**TOPIC:** Inclusion of Birth and Death Rate in determination of total number of AIAN persons for Formula allocation

**CONSENSUS:**

**ACTIONS NEEDED:**

It exists in the current formula but is there a better factor to adjust the population figure?

**STILL TO DO:**

Final determination made, no further action needed.

**RATIONALE:**

The issue was reviewed by the group including the method by which IHS determines these figures based on national statistics. The group determined that while imperfect, it's the best available adjustment factor for AIAN persons (the only place used in the formula).

**OTHER AFFECTED PARTS:**

**OTHER:**