






A SNAPSHOT OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE HOMELESSNESS



IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY



Los Angeles County occupies the unceded land originally and **STILL INHABITED BY:**

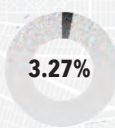
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-  Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
-  Gabrieleño/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
-  Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
-  San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
-  San Fernando Band of Mission Indians



LOS ANGELES is the county with the largest number of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people in the United States

327,930+
*Census 2020


AIAN make up **3.27%** of the total population of **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**




In addition to local tribes, Los Angeles is also home to individuals representing more than **200 TRIBAL NATIONS** from across the United States.



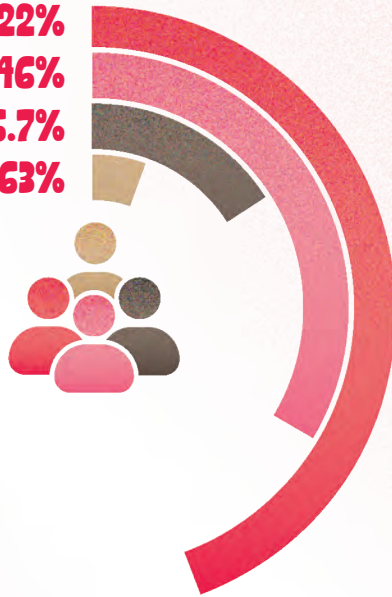
AIAN is a **CULTURALLY DIVERSE POPULATION** made up of more than **574 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL NATIONS**, and numerous tribal nations who continue to fight for their status to be recognized today



AIAN IDENTITY is shaped by a complicated and resilient past, such that racial and ethnic diversity is also part of our story

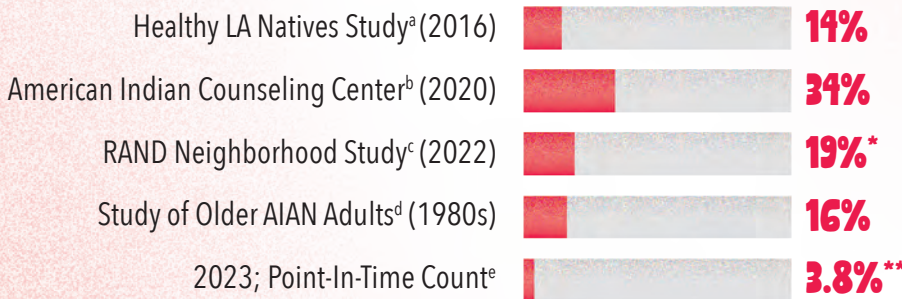
AIAN by **SUBPOPULATION**

145,011 **44.22%**
 109,713 **33.46%**
 54,753 **16.7%**
 18,453 **5.63%**



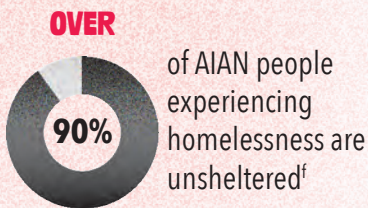
- AIAN and Hispanic
- Multiracial AIAN and Hispanic
- Multiracial AIAN
- AIAN Alone

HOMELESSNESS DATA for AIAN is conflicting, as seen below. Systems that do not use an inclusive definition of AIAN contribute to **DATA GENOCIDE** of AIAN people, and have consequential implications on resources and outcomes.



*AIAN alone or in combo with other races;
 ** 2,700 AIAN people (Hispanic AIAN + Non-Hispanic AIAN)

THERE WAS A 75% INCREASE in AIAN homelessness between 2022 and 2023, **THE LARGEST OF ANY SUBPOPULATION.**



Of this population, **13%** identified as LGBT (**11%** bisexual; **2%** gay or lesbian), compared to just **7%** of the total unsheltered population in the LA CoC^f

VETERANS ARE OVERREPRESENTED in the AIAN unsheltered population, but report receiving Veteran's Administration benefits less often than non-AIAN veterans experiencing homelessness^f

23% of AIAN adults were former foster youth, compared to **13%** of the general homeless population^f

However, a large proportion of AIAN adults reported eviction or foreclosure (**25%**) or uninhabitable living conditions (**14%**) as a condition that led to their loss of housing (compared to just **8%** and **5%** of the general population, respectively)^f



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