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Research Note

Preliminary 1980 Census Counts for American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts

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Reported in Table 1 are advanced population counts, ranked by state, from the 1980 Census for American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts obtained from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The total number enumerated of 1,418,195 includes 1,361,869 American Indians, 42,149 Eskimos and 14,177 Aleuts. This contrasts with the total enumeration of 827,268 (792,730 American Indians) in the 1970 Census, and the reported 9,900,000 Americans with some degree of American Indian ancestry reported by the Census Bureau in 1979.

Table I. 1980 Census

RANK OF STATES ACCORDING TO ADVANCE POPULATION
COUNTS FROM THE 1980 CENSUS

Rank	State	Population	Rank	State	Population
1	California	201,311	11	New York	38,732
2	Oklahoma	169,464	12	Montana	37,270
3	Arizona	152,857	13	Minnesota	35,026
4	New Mexico	104,777	14	Wisconsin	29,497
5	North Carolina	64,635	15	Oregon	27,309
6	Alaska	64,047	16	North Dakota	20,157
7	Washington	60,771	17	Florida	19,316
8	South Dakota	45,101	18	Utah	19,256
9	Texas	40,074	19	Colorado	18,059
10	Michigan	40,038	20	Illinois	16,271

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Rank	State	Population	Rank	State	Population
21	Kansas	15,371	37	Wyoming	7,125
22	Nevada	13,304	38	Mississippi	6,180
23	Missouri	12,319	39	South Carolina	5,758
24	Ohio	12,240	40	Iowa	5,453
25	Louisiana	12,064	41	Tennessee	5,103
26	Idaho	10,521	42	Connecticut	4,533
27	Pennsylvania	9,459	43	Maine	4,087
28	Arkansas	9,411	44	Kentucky	3,610
29	Virginia	9,336	45	Rhode Island	2,898
30	Nebraska	9,197	46	Hawaii	2,778
31	New Jersey	8,394	47	West Virginia	1,610
32	Maryland	8,021	48	New Hampshire	1,352
33	Indiana	7,835	49	Delaware	1,330
34	Massachusetts	7,743	50	Washington, DC	1,031
35	Georgia	7,619	51	Vermont	984
36	Alabama	7,561			