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Boundary and Annexation Survey:

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Tribal Statistical Areas Program (TSAP):

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Reference Maps:

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# American Indian Areas Legal

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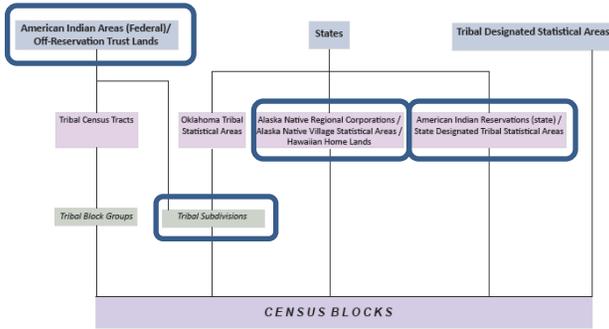
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Hierarchy of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Areas



## FEDERAL AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATIONS (AIR)

AIRs are areas of land managed by an American Indian tribe set aside by the United States government. Legal documents, such as treaties, agreements, executive orders, and federal statutes define AIR boundaries. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) maintains the list of AIRs and the Census Bureau updates the boundaries each year through the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS). AIRs may cross state lines and all other geographic areas. They are designated with a 4-digit census code, as shown in the table below.

### CENSUS CODES

AIANNHA Type	Census Code Range
Federal AIR/Off-Reservation Trust Lands	0001 - 4799
Joint-Use Federal AIR	4800 - 4999
Hawaiian Home Land	5000 - 5499
State AIR	9000 - 9499

## OFF-RESERVATION TRUST LANDS

These are areas that the United States holds in title in trust for the benefit of the tribe (known as tribal trust lands) or for the benefit of an individual American Indian (known as individual trust land). Trust lands can be on or off a reservation but the Census Bureau only tabulates data for those pieces off-reservation. The owner of the trust lands is the only one who can sell the land and approval from the Secretary of the Interior is required. Trust lands have the same 4-digit code as the reservation they are associated with.

## TRIBAL SUBDIVISIONS

Tribal subdivisions are internal units of the reservation that serve cultural, social, or economic purposes. Examples of subdivisions include districts, chapters, and administrative areas. Currently, 24 AIRs have delineated tribal subdivisions and each subdivision is assigned a 3-digit code. These areas are updated through the BAS.

## JOINT-USE AREAS - FEDERAL AIR

Joint-use areas represent land administered jointly and/or claimed by two or more American Indian tribes.

## ALASKA NATIVE REGIONAL CORPORATIONS (ANRC)

Regional corporations conduct for-profit and non-profit affairs for Alaska Natives and were created by the Alaska Native

Claims Settlement Act in 1971. Twelve ANRCs cover all area in the state of Alaska, except the area covered by the Annette Island Reserve, a Federal AIR. A thirteenth ANRC represents Alaska Natives who do not live in Alaska and do not identify with any other ANRC. However, it does not have a geographic boundary, so data are not tabulated for this area. The boundaries are reviewed before each census. Each area is assigned a 5-digit Federal Information Processing Serires (FIPS) code and an 8-digit National Standard (ANSI) code.

## HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS (HHL)

HHLs are areas held in trust for Native Hawaiians by the state of Hawaii according to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 and state officials supply the boudaries to the Census Bureau. The name of each HHL is known by locals or is the traditional ahupua'a name of the crown and governing lands of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

## STATE AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATIONS (state AIR)

These are reservations established by state governments for tribes within the state. State AIRs can cross county boundaries and other geographic areas but cannot cross state lines. Governor-appointed state liaisons provide updates of the names and boundaries of state AIRs to the Census Bureau.