



**PARTNERSHIP WITH
NATIVE AMERICANS®**

*Serving immediate needs.
Supporting long-term solutions.*

Reservation Realities

Native Americans experience disparities and social inequity not faced by other populations in the U.S. PWNA is committed to helping Native Americans address these persistent challenges, which span every aspect of life from food and water to healthcare to education.

Quick Facts

- 23% of Native families experience low food security, meaning inconsistent access to enough food for a healthy, active life.
- Native Americans endure a legacy of healthcare disparities tied to poverty and limited access to quality medical care. This translates to higher rates of diabetes, cancer, tuberculosis, and infant mortality, and it shortens the average lifespan of Native males (75.8 years vs. 78.4 for non-Hispanic white males).
- Only 16% of Native Americans hold a college degree, compared to 40% of Whites.
- 1 in 6 Native families lives below the poverty level, and Native child poverty rates have consistently exceeded 40% for the past 30 years.
- Poverty rates have improved yet still range from 15-54% across PWNA's service area.
- Suicide rates among the non-Hispanic AI/AN population increased nearly 20% from 2015 to 2020 – and more than a third (35.7%) of decedents were aged 10-24. Yet for the overall U.S. population, the suicide rate increased by less than 1% during the same period.
- About 68,000 Native Americans living in tribal areas are homeless or living in overcrowded conditions, and 40% of reservation housing is considered sub-standard.

PWNA at Work

PWNA provides aid for up to 200,000 Native Americans yearly, yet there is more to do. In 2023, alone, Partnership With Native Americans supplied critical goods and services to assist hundreds of tribal communities. Together with our reservation partners, we impacted:

- 54,071 people through capacity building and support for health screenings/education
- 47,597 people through produce, staple foods and ancestral food distributions
- 15,884 people through scholarships, school supplies and leadership development
- 12,402 people through disaster relief, seasonal services such as winter fuel and emergency preparedness planning and training
- 13,894 people through practical gifts during the holidays
- 1,884 animals through rescue/rehabilitation support and spay/neuter services

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