

INDIAN COUNTRY BACKGROUND

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF INDIAN COUNTRY

5.5 MILLION AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE (AIAN) PEOPLE* IN THE UNITED STATES.

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MILLION NATIVES

100
MILLION
ACRES

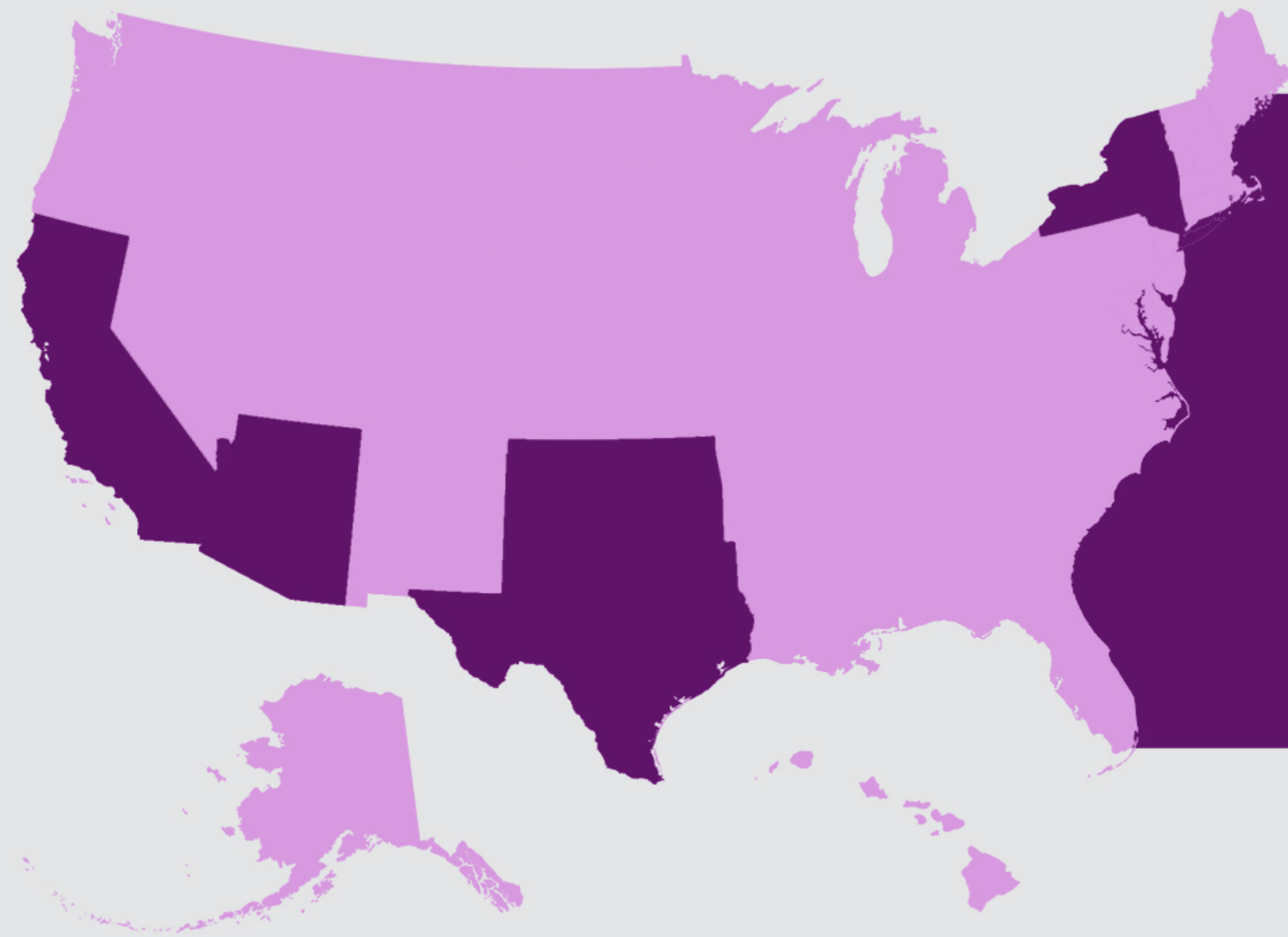
THE TOTAL LAND MASS THAT IS UNDER AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE CONTROL IS AROUND 100 MILLION ACRES. COLLECTIVELY, INDIAN COUNTRY WOULD BE THE MILLION 42ND BIGGEST STATE.²

ABUNDANT DIVERSITY

Indian Country consists of abundant diversity representing over 600 tribal nations and 175 languages across the United States.³

574 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

100+ STATE RECOGNIZED TRIBES



STATES WITH THE HIGHEST NATIVE POPULATIONS INCLUDE:⁴

CALIFORNIA
OKLAHOMA
ARIZONA

TEXAS
NEW YORK

42%

OF ALL AIAN ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 24

MORE THAN 2.1 MILLION AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 24. THIS IS AROUND 42% OF THE TOTAL AIAN POPULATION.⁶

71%

OF NATIVE PEOPLE LIVE IN URBAN AREAS⁵

PHILANTHROPY EFFORTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Only 0.4% on average of philanthropic funding is directed to Native communities out of all philanthropic funding by large U.S. foundations.⁷



0.4%

OF PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING GOES TO NATIVE COMMUNITIES

A 2018 STUDY DONE BY THE FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE FOUND THAT NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES, RESISTANCE TO INCLUSION OF NATIVE CAUSES, AND RAPIDLY SHIFTING PRIORITIES ARE ALL BARRIERS TO PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES.⁷

*ALONE, OR IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER RACES

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