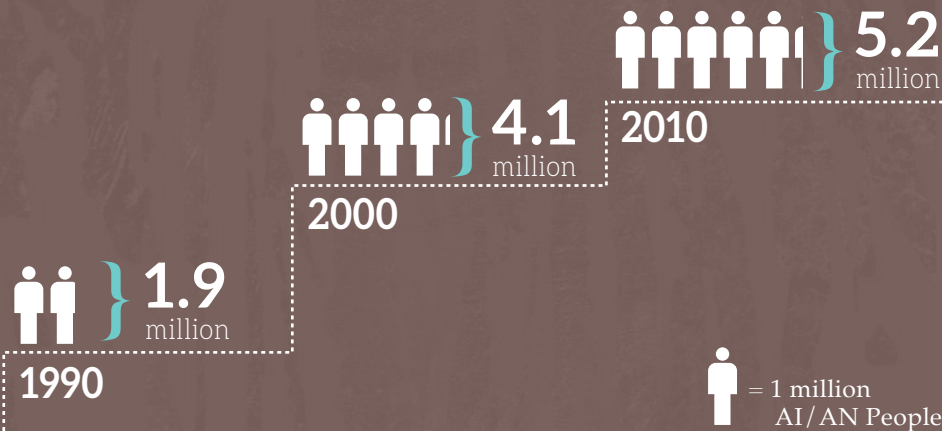


# Increase in American Indian and Alaska Native US Populations



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Key Issues that Bring Native People to the Ballot Box

- Tribal Government Sovereignty
- Indian Child Welfare
- Education
- Water
- Energy
- Gaming
- Environmental Impact Issues
- Federal Budget & Spending



## Elected Representation in US Government

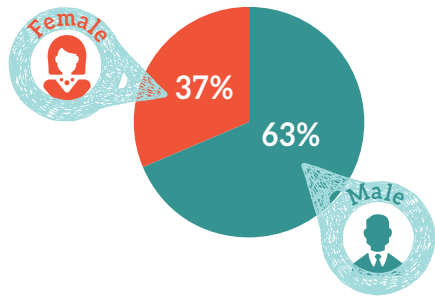
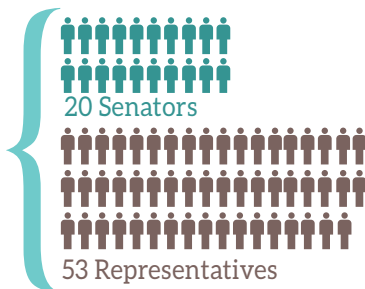
### 4 Native US Representatives

If representation in Congress was proportional to the US Native population, we would have 2 Native Senators and 8 Native members of the House.

	Actual	Proportional
Senate	0	2
House	4	8

### 73 Native State Legislators

<b>Alaska</b> 8 Native Legislators	<b>Minnesota</b> 3 Native Legislators	<b>Oregon</b> 1 Native Legislators
<b>Arizona</b> 6 Native Legislators	<b>Montana</b> 11 Native Legislators	<b>South Dakota</b> 5 Native Legislators
<b>California</b> 2 Native Legislators	<b>New Mexico</b> 8 Native Legislators	<b>Tennessee</b> 1 Native Legislators
<b>Kansas</b> 1 Native Legislator	<b>North Carolina</b> 1 Native Legislator	<b>Utah</b> 1 Native Legislator
<b>Kentucky</b> 1 Native Legislator	<b>North Dakota</b> 3 Native Legislators	<b>Washington</b> 4 Native Legislators
<b>Maine</b> 1 Native Legislators	<b>Oklahoma</b> 13 Native Legislators	<b>Wyoming</b> 2 Native Legislator
<b>Maryland</b> 1 Native Legislator		



Source: NCSL (2019)



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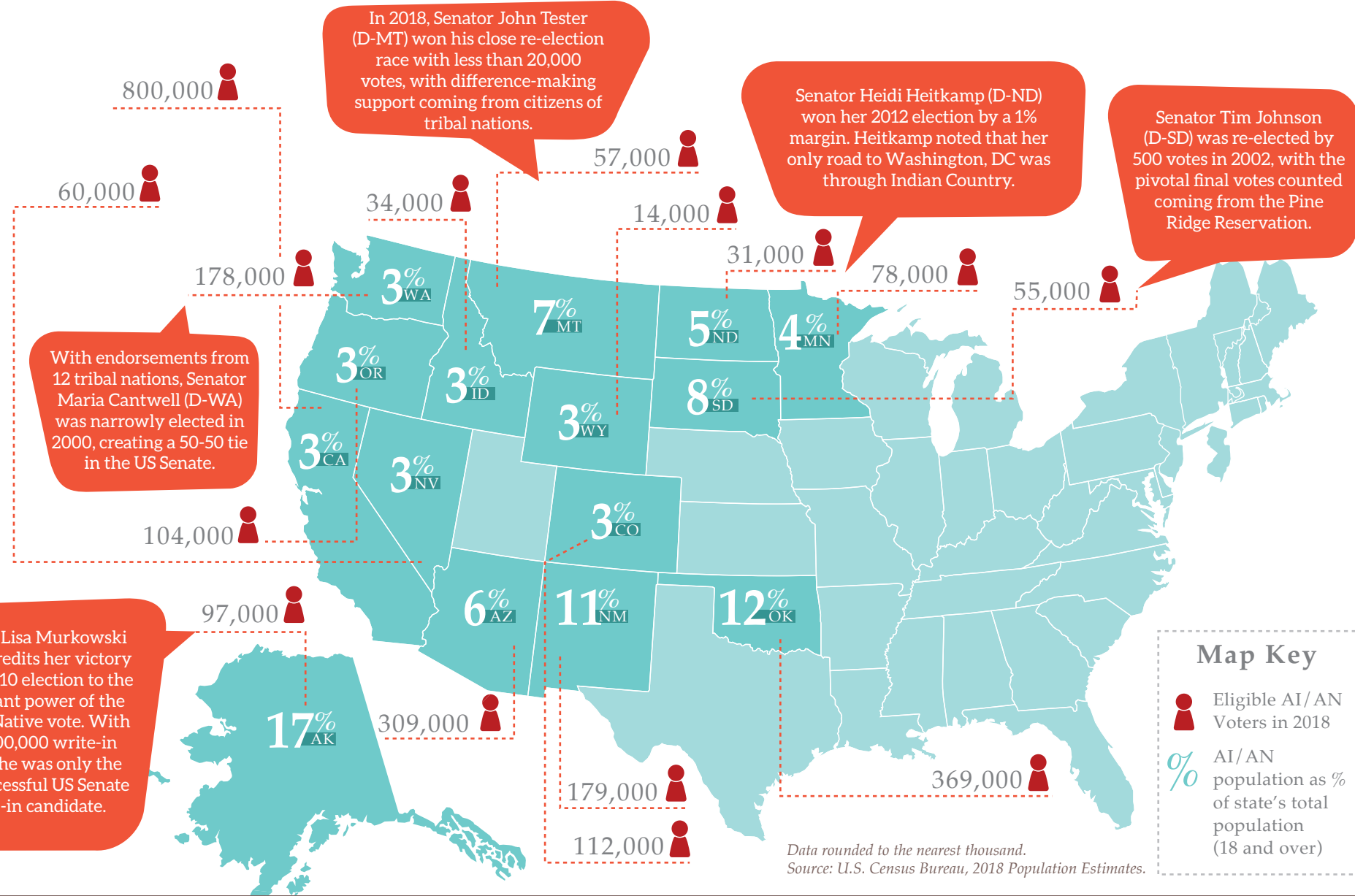
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EVERY NATIVE VOTE COUNTS

# Top 15 States with the Highest Populations of Voting-Age Natives

The power of the Native Vote has been significant in state, local, and important national races.

EVERY NATIVE VOTE COUNTS



## Voting Population

34%  
Not Registered to Vote

American Indians and Alaska Natives reported a higher not registered to vote rate as compared to 26.5% of not registered to vote non-Hispanic Whites.

1.2 Million  
Not Registered to Vote

34% of the total AI/AN population over age 18, alone or in combination with another race, are not registered to vote – this equals approximately 1.2 million potential new eligible voters.

## Lower Turnout

The turnout rate among American Indian and Alaska Native registered voters is 1 to 10 percentage points lower than the rate of other racial and ethnic groups.

### MONTANA: Building a Base of Power

1990	Montana tribal nations challenge 1990 redistricting and file case in federal court.	1999	Tribal nations' influence leads to the appointment of a tribal member as Chair of Redistricting Commission.	2003	Montana creates six American Indian-majority districts.	2006	Nine American Indians serve in the Montana Legislature, reflecting proportion of American Indian state population.
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### ALASKA: Erosion of Native Districts

1959-2009	State population triples between 1959-2009, though no change in the number of state representatives or legislative districts.	2010	Ballot measure to expand the number of legislative districts fails.	2011	Alaska Redistricting Board merges two Southeast Districts, diminishing rural Native voter impact.	2012	Election loss of long-serving Alaska Native State Senator Albert Kookesh due to redistricting.
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Source: Wang, T. (2012). Ensuring Access to the Ballot for American Indians & Alaska Natives: New Solutions to Strengthen American Democracy. New York, NY: Demos. (Figure 1).  
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