



The Center for Indian Country Development (CICD) at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is a research and policy institute focused on economic development in Indian Country. We work to advance the economic self-determination and prosperity of Native nations and Indigenous communities through actionable data and research that make substantial contributions to public policy.

## WHAT WE DO

We envision a future in which resilient and robust Indian Country economies enhance the economic, community, and cultural well-being of Native nations, Indigenous communities, and the United States. Our impact is anchored to three core strategies:

- **Engage** with Native nations and Indigenous communities, businesses, and organizations to understand their economic conditions and opportunities;
- **Analyze** Indian Country economic data and research to provide data on policy gaps and evidence-based solutions; and
- **Inform** economic practitioners and policymakers with credible, objective research that can promote long-term prosperity for Indian Country.

## STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

Our research and engagement activities focus on key contributors to economic prosperity and private sector growth. Strategic focus areas include:

- Studying the economic impacts of tribal tax policies and impediments;
- Shedding light on the efficacy of Indian Country financing and tax credit policies;
- Understanding the contribution of Native enterprises to local and regional economies;
- Exploring access to credit and financing in Native communities; and
- Closing economic data gaps to empower Native peoples and communities to shape their economic futures.

## WEBINARS AND EVENTS

We host webinars and events to provide tribal leaders, policymakers, and practitioners with information they can use to strengthen and diversify Indian Country economic development. The theme of our four-part 2023 series was Cultivating Native Economies in the 21st Century.

## PUBLICATIONS, DATA, AND RESOURCES

We provide articles, working papers, policy discussion papers, and data dashboards to help decision-makers understand Indian Country economic conditions and opportunities. Recent topics include:

- Native-entity involvement in federal contracting
- Role of Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)
- New Markets Tax Credit investments in Indian Country
- Tribal digital divide
- Native Americans' perspectives on tribal data sharing
- Taxation in Indian Country
- Local labor market effects of tribal gaming
- What is Indian Country?

## DATA INITIATIVE

CICD is undertaking a major initiative to build economic datasets about Indian Country that do not currently exist. As part of this initiative, we are creating a suite of data tools that can empower Native individuals and communities to shape their economic future by identifying needed investments and opportunities. These include:

- Native American Labor Market Dashboard
- Native American Funding and Finance Atlas
- Mapping Native American Financial Institutions
- Native Community Data Profiles
- Native Entrepreneurship Dashboard
- Tribal Economic Zones

## RESEARCH PRINCIPLES

We recognize there are important responsibilities associated with collecting and analyzing data in Indian Country. In conducting research and data collection, CICD and our partners follow Principles for Research and Data Use that were co-created with tribes to ensure that we honor tribal data sovereignty and governance.

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Our work is guided by an advisory group that reflects key representatives from national and regional Native organizations, tribal leadership, and tribal economic development and finance practitioners. Leadership Council members provide input into our applied research, data tools, and policy analysis by helping to uncover gaps in the knowledge base and identifying impediments to economic opportunity and inclusive growth in Native communities.



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