



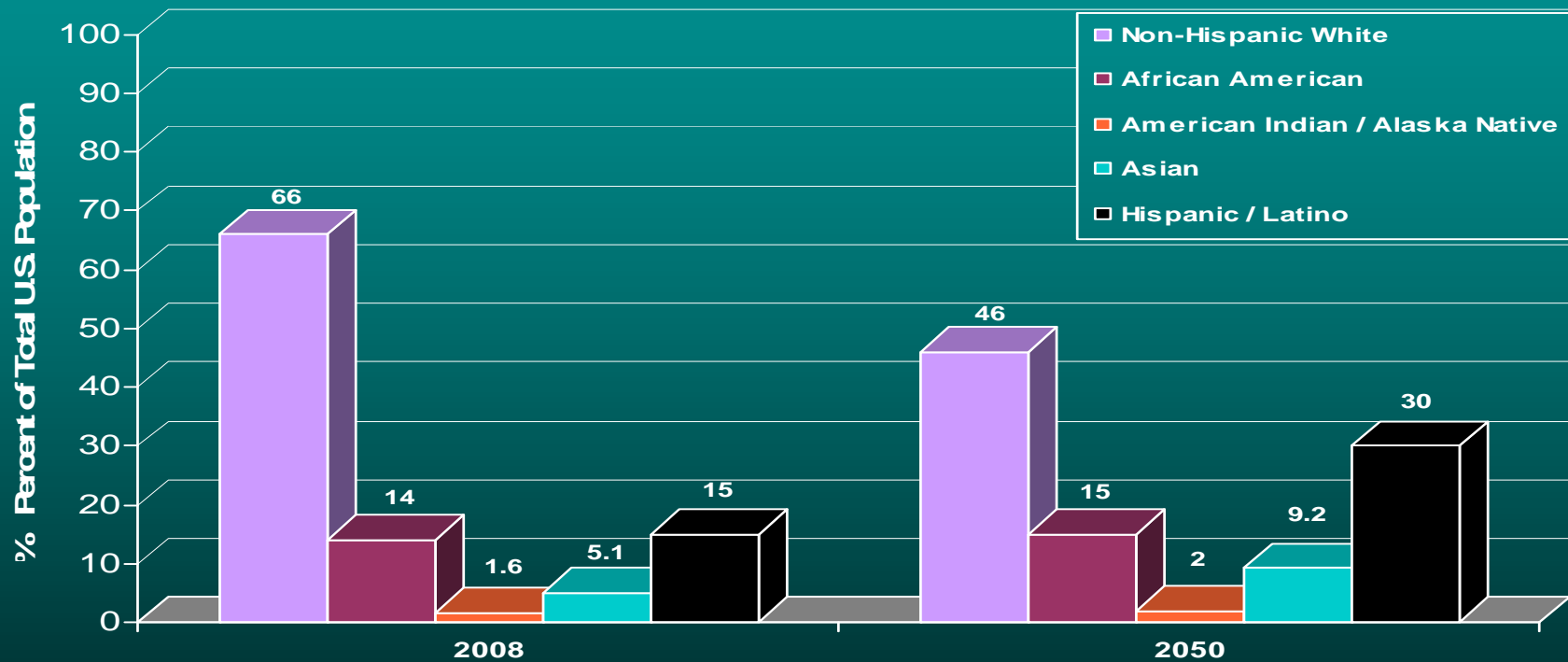
Reducing Lost to Follow-up for Native American Families

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Demographics

Population
of the United States by Race & Hispanic Origin:
2008 & Projected 2050

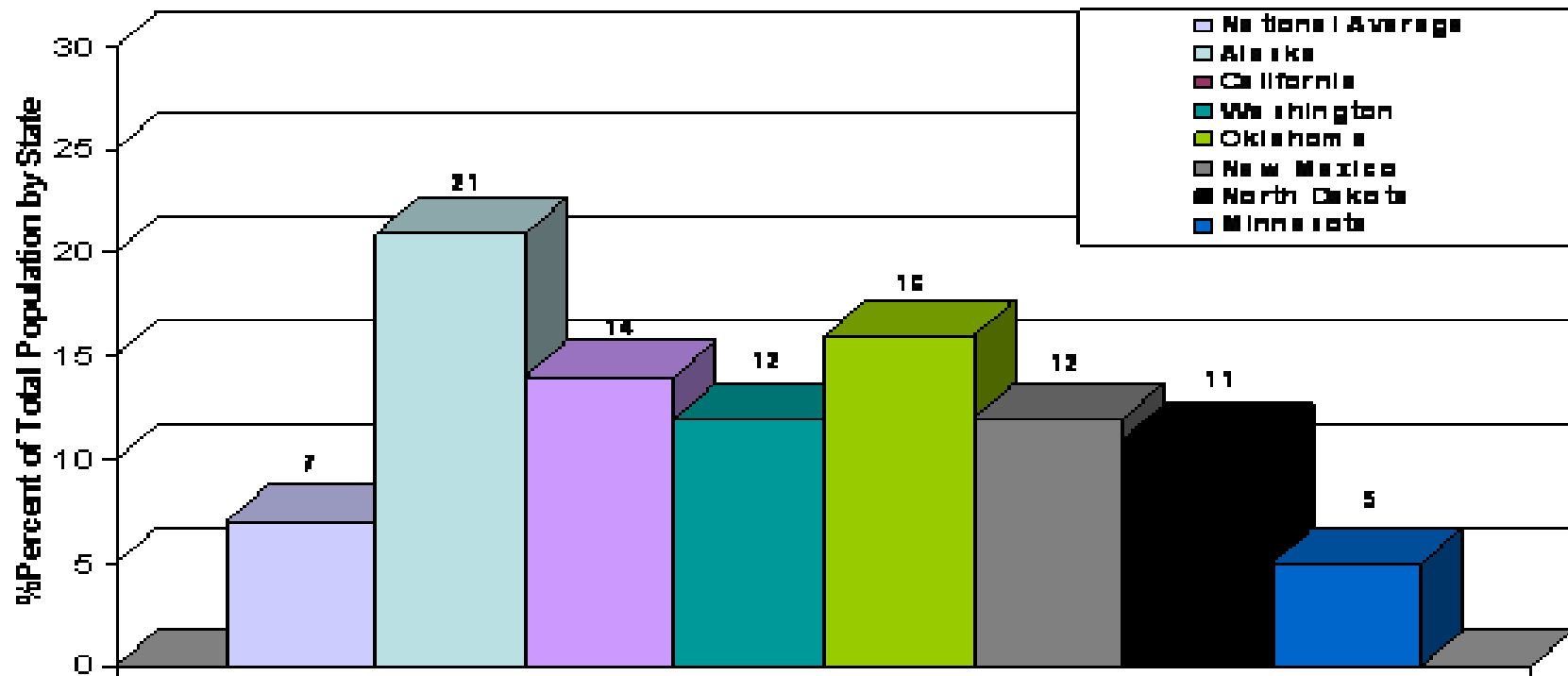


Source: Health, United States, 2006 www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hs/hs06



Tribal Statistics

**Population
by Race/Ethnicity/Other
2008**

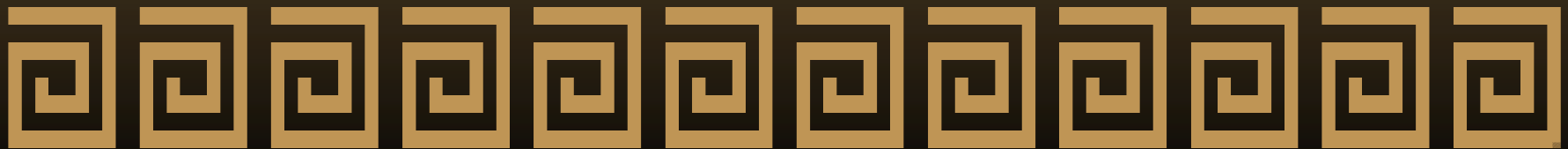


Source: Kaiser Family Statehealthfacts.org



Health Care

- Indian Health Service (IHS) within HHS provides health care to members of more than 560 federally recognized AI/AN Tribes
- IHS delivers care to approx. 1.8 million of estimated 3.3 million AI/AN who live on or near reservations and in rural communities
- Private/Public insurance



Lost to Follow-up After Failure to Pass the Newborn Hearing Screen

- In 2007 55% of all children who failed the hospital newborn hearing screen were reported to have received recommended follow-up services (e.g. diagnostic audiologic evaluation)
- In 2007 only 7% of American Indian and Alaskan Native newborns who failed the hospital newborn hearing screen received recommended follow-up services.

Centers for Disease Control EHDI Screening and Follow-up Survey 2007



Why Such a Disparity?

- Data collection (i.e. lack of reporting, limited access to demographic data, poor communication with the state EHDI Coordinators)
- Language and Cultural barriers
- Lack of resources
- Services are inconvenient or difficult to access
- Economic issues (i.e. transportation)
- Unequal access to health care services



Strategies for Positive Change

- Cultural competency training for providers (i.e. audiologists, hospital screeners)
- Use of a Cultural Broker
- Care Coordination/Case management services
- Adherence to the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health Care (CLAS 2001)



What's happening in New Mexico

- Partnership with early intervention to provide follow-up screen at client's home
- Telehealth project in Gallup, NM
- Developing partnership with local trusted family to family support organizations as with EPICS (Education of Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs) or Dine for Our Children (DOC)

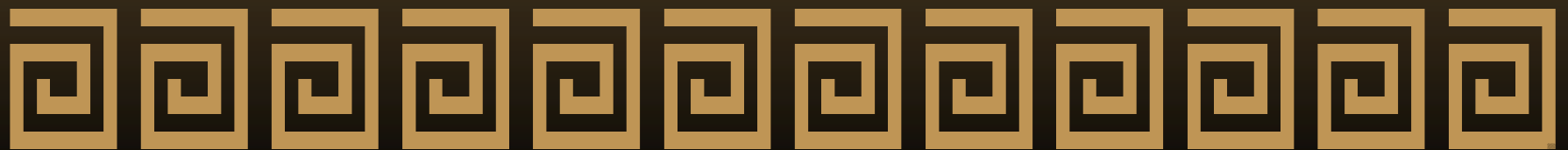


Next Steps

- Identification of barriers/challenges for families
- Recommendations/strategies



Thank You!



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