## CHART 1

## Distribution of 1.4 Million American Indians

The 1 Mri, Census oupplementari questionname -horededthatone-thiruis all American Indians lued an reseriatoms and :n the historic area ()t Oklahoma 'exciuding urhanized areas)

- One-iourth or $3+10.000$ oi all Amencan Indians lived on reseriations in 1980 Resenations are areas aith boundaries established by treaty: statute and or executive or court order
- The Amencan Indian population in the historic areas of Oklahoma rexcluding urbanized areas) numbered 116.000 . compnising $\varphi$ percent of the total Amencan Indian population. The histonc areas consist of the former reservations ahich had legally established boundanes duning the $1900-190^{\circ}$ penod.


Source: $l$ S. Bureau of the Census

## Ten States With the Largest Number of American Indians

According to the 1980 Census. most American Indians lived west of the Mississippi Ruver.

- Two in three Indians lived in the 10 states with the largest Indian populatuons. Of these states. oniv. North Carolına. Michigan and .Vew York are east of the Mississippi River.
- In 1980. more than half of the Indian population lived in five states: Californa (198.2-5). Oklahoma(169.292).Arizona (152.+98). Nex Mexico (105.976), and Vorth Carolina (64.536)
- Califorma had the largest Indian population in 1980. climbing from third position in $19^{-}$. Berween $19^{\circ} 0$ and 1980 Oklahoma dropped from first to second place. Anzona fell from second to thard. and .iew Mexico staved fourth


Source: $l$ : S Bureau of the Census

## Percent Distribution of American Indians by Age

The Amencan Indian population is young The age distributuon of the Amencan indian population differed substantially from that of the total populauon in 1980.

- Fortr-four percent of the Indian population was under 20 vears of age. compared with 32 percent of the natoon's total population.
About 8 percent of all Indians were 60 vears old or over in 1980. about half of the proporion ( 16 percent) for the total population.
- The median age of the Indian population was 22.9 years. considerably younger than the L.S. median age of 30.0 vears. (The median age is the age
? where half the population is older and half the population is younger.) The younger Indian population is parually the result of higher feruliry rates.


