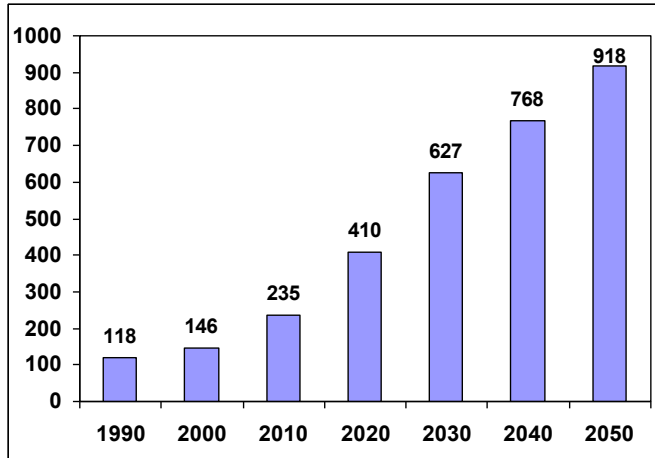




Introduction - Almost 39.6 million Americans were aged 65 and over in 2009. Three in five people in this age group are women. Over the next forty years, the number of people aged 65 and older is expected to double and the number of people aged 85 and older is expected to triple. Along with general trends for America's population, the American Indian and Alaskan Native population is living longer.

Past, Present, and Future - American Indian and Alaskan Native Persons 65+, 1990 - 2050
(numbers in thousands)



The American Indian and Native Alaskan older population (Non-Hispanic and Hispanic) was 232,042 in 2009 and is projected to grow to almost 918,000 by 2050. In 2009, American Indian and Native Alaskan older persons made up 0.6 percent of the older population. An additional 175,037 persons 65 and older consider themselves to be American Indians or Alaska Natives along with another race category for a total of 407,079 persons 65 and older who report American Indian or Alaska Native heritage. By 2050, the percentage of the older population that is American Indian and Native Alaskan is projected to account for 1.0 percent of the older population.

Residence - In 2009, 50% of American Indian and Alaskan Native elderly lived in just six states: California (14.0%), Oklahoma (10.7%), Arizona (9.2%), New Mexico (6.2%), Texas (6.0%), North Carolina (4.3%)

Participation in Older Americans Act Programs (OAA) -In 2008 Title VI of the OAA provided services through tribal organizations to 44,029 older Indians for a total of 2,098,842 congregate meals; 19,216 received a total of 2,421,590 home delivered meals; and 71,308 received one or more supportive services. In addition, about 28,900 older Indians received nutrition and supportive services from Title III provided through area agencies on aging in FY 2008.

American Indian/Alaska Natives 65 and older (One Race Alone - includes Hispanics and Non-Hispanics)	
Total (50 states+DC)	232,042
Alabama	2,580
Alaska	7,471
Arizona	21,342
Arkansas	2,232
California	32,398
Colorado	3,739
Connecticut	977
Delaware	401
District of Columbia	289
Florida	8,009
Georgia	2,372
Hawaii	521
Idaho	1,740
Illinois	2,894
Indiana	1,744
Iowa	659
Kansas	2,010
Kentucky	1,096
Louisiana	2,858
Maine	577
Maryland	1,781
Massachusetts	1,606
Michigan	4,755
Minnesota	3,790
Mississippi	1,141
Missouri	3,014
Montana	4,162
Nebraska	1,014
Nevada	2,913
New Hampshire	304
New Jersey	2,412
New Mexico	14,315
New York	9,168
North Carolina	10,043
North Dakota	1,835
Ohio	2,804
Oklahoma	24,848
Oregon	4,125
Pennsylvania	2,486
Rhode Island	569
South Carolina	1,703
South Dakota	3,618
Tennessee	2,018
Texas	14,005
Utah	1,981
Vermont	264
Virginia	2,565
Washington	7,758
West Virginia	581
Wisconsin	3,656
Wyoming	899