

**Attachment A: FY 2026 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Needs Data
For the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**

The Needs data which will be used to estimate your Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) formula allocation are shown below:

Need Variable	Adjusted 2020 Decennial Census and 2017 to 2021 American Community Survey		Tribe Submitted Census Challenge (if applicable)	
	Single Race	Multi Race	Single Race	Multi Race
American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) persons*	7,563	8,087		
AIAN households with annual income less than 30% of median income	550	558		
AIAN households with annual income between 30% and 50% of median income	270	285		
AIAN households with annual income between 50% and 80% of median income	505	509		
AIAN households which are overcrowded or without kitchen or plumbing	125	125		
AIAN households with housing cost burden greater than 50% of annual income	119	127		

* The Decennial Census AIAN population data is adjusted for undercounts on reservation/trust lands and for remote Alaska. It is also adjusted for population change through July 2022 based on the most recent Census county-level population projections.

Note: The Housing Shortage Needs variable is not shown because it is based on the sum of low-income households less the total number of Current Assisted Stock (CAS), and CAS is not provided on this document for review. However, it will be provided on your Tribe's FY 2026 Formula Response Form.

All of the data above reflects the total Needs for your Formula Area prior to the application of the population cap. Therefore, these figures may be much higher than the amounts shown on your Tribe's Formula Response Form. If you share Formula Area with other Tribes, the data shown are your share of the Needs data in your combined overlapping Formula Areas.

The IHBG regulations at 24 CFR §1000.336(d) requires that Tribes/Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) submit documentation supporting Census challenges by March 30th to be considered for the upcoming fiscal year (FY) allocation. The deadline to submit Census challenges to the data used in computing the FY 2026 IHBG formula allocation is March 30, 2025. Since this data was not available to Tribes/TDHEs until August 1, 2024, a waiver and an extension of the deadline to May 29, 2025, is provided to give Tribes/TDHEs a similar amount of time as they had in prior FYs to review their Needs data.

If you think these data do not reflect the Tribe's need:

1. Check to see if the Formula Area, as listed on your FY 2026 Formula Response Form, is correct for your Tribe. If the Formula Area is not correct, you may submit that correction by August 1, 2025, the deadline for the FY 2026 allocation.
2. Check to see if the Formula Area for your Tribe overlaps that of another Tribe. If it does, you may wish to contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center to obtain detailed information on how the Needs data are being shared.
3. If you still disagree, you may wish to submit a Census challenge no later than May 29, 2025, for the FY 2026 IHBG allocation. If so, please review the guidelines in "Challenging U.S. Census Data: Guidelines for the Indian Housing Block Grant Formula." https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/ihbgformula.

Should you have questions, please contact the IHBG Formula Customer Service Center at:

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