



# United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am following up on the voluntary and annual collection of Tribal Enrollment Data instituted in 2021. The enrollment data supports enacted legislation for funding allocations and programs supported by annual appropriations. As a result, Indian Affairs is reaching out to all federally recognized Tribes to request updated, aggregate Tribal enrollment information. It is increasingly important to provide this in the changing funding environment. Tribes that choose not to complete the annual collection of the Tribal Enrollment Data form will have their previously collected data utilized for program funding for annual appropriations.

Kindly complete and certify the enclosed enrollment data collection form, then submit it to the designated regional contact provided in the instructions no later than 9:00 p.m. EST on June 1, 2026.

The form should include the signature of the Tribal official authorized to formally transmit this information to the Federal Government. If you cannot submit by email, please send a hard copy of the completed form to the regional office address listed in the form instructions.

Once the regions have received your submission, the Central Office will securely compile the data into an aggregated report. The data can then be used to inform funding allocations for Indian Affairs and, potentially, other Federal agencies. Based on our review of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements, it is likely that neither Tribal enrollment data submissions nor aggregate Tribal enrollment data can be protected from FOIA requests and may also be made publicly accessible under the Open Data Act.

If you have any questions regarding the form or submission, please reach out to your Regional Director or the regional contact named on the instruction sheet.

Sincerely,

William Henry Kirkland III  
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosures