



Statistical Analysis of Tribal Contact Information

1. Introduction

As part of a nation-wide service to automate compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Ayazuta.com is contacting every federally recognized Tribe to verify ICWA Tribal Contact information to establish valid contact information for ICWA cases. The intent is to develop a picture of contacts which would meet an accurate publication to the Federal Register of Designated Tribal Agents, and give sufficient depth to the contact information to follow the spirit of the ICWA.

Ayazuta has now completed 20% of the contact, review and update process and we feel that there is now sufficient data to sample to reasonably accurately portray the validity of the existing Federal Register, published in April 2009.

Our sample is based on data from 57 Tribes, equating to $\pm 10\%$ of the number of Federally Recognized tribes. the Tribes included in the analysis were selected on a simple alphabetical A-Z on Tribe name basis, Ayazuta believes that these results are representative of our work to date and will be reasonably representative of the data in the Federal Register as a whole

2. Data

Tribal Statistics	Number	Percentage	Notice Related	Contact Related
Total Tribes in Sample	57	100%		
Tribe Name Issues	8	14%	8	
Address Not Viable	5	9%	5	
People / Roles Missing	15	26%	15	
E-mail / Fax / Phone Issues	27	47%		27
People / Roles Incorrect	22	39%		22
Address Issues	9	16%	9	
Website Issues	18	32%		
No Changes	4	7%		
Problem Total			37	49
Problem Percentage			65%	86%

3. Definitions / Categories of Analysis

1. Tribe Name Issues - Where the name of the Tribe is incorrectly represented in the Federal Register
2. Address Not Viable - The address has an error which could result in non delivery.
3. People / Roles missing - This category covers the instance where the appropriate tribal contact for ICWA issues has been completely omitted from the Federal List, and all information is missing (i.e. there are no e-mail / fax / phone, or address details, in effect, each of those categories could be incremented by this total)
4. E-mail /Fax /Phone Issues - This category counts where there is an error or omission in any one or more than one of the primary contact methods for actively involving a tribe in a child's welfare.
5. People / Roles Incorrect - This category covers all incorrect representations of people / roles, where they have been identified in the Federal Register
6. Address Issues - There is a clear discrepancy between the address in the Federal Register and the address stated by the Tribe
7. Website Issues - Though not central to ICWA contacts, access to a tribes website would facilitate faster connection to the tribe, this category is a count of tribes whose websites are not noted or are noted incorrectly
8. No changes - This category is a count of: following contact with the tribe and review of ICWA contact information, no changes were noted.

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