

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE 20 YEAR REPORT CARD

MAKING THE GRADE: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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Dear Reader:

Self-Governance is a fundamental responsibility Indian Nations maintained for thousands of years before the formation of the United States. In 1987, a determined group of Tribal leaders seeking to regain authority and control to carry out Tribal government responsibilities for their people, presented the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs with a request and proposal to reassume their governance roles. Members of Congress were in agreement that Self-Governance was the next logical legislative solution in response to the malfunction of a federal system that was broken. The request was approved and funding to launch the next generation of Self-Governance was authorized. Today, we bear witness to the success of this Tribally – driven initiative.

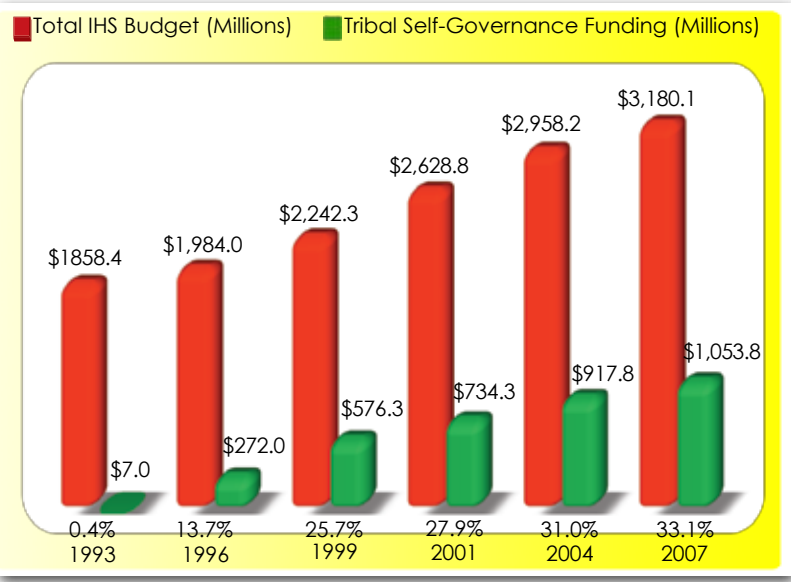
Self-Governance Tribes, in collaboration with Indian Health Service present to you, "Tribal Self-Governance 20 Year Report Card, Making the Grade: Indian Health Service". We are confident that you will applaud the advances and successes that approximately 323 Tribes enjoy as Self-Governing Sovereign Nations.

Thank you.

SELF-GOVERNANCE GOALS 1988-2008

	✓ ACCOMPLISHED GOAL	0 ONGOING GOAL
Formalize relations between the U.S. and Indian Tribes on a government-to-government basis	✓	
Allow Indian Tribes to determine internal priorities, redesign programs and reallocate financial resources to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of their Tribal communities	✓	
Promote greater social, economic and political self-sufficiency among Indian Tribes	✓	
Establish better accountability through expanded Tribal Council decision-making authority	✓	
Institute administrative cost-efficiencies between Tribal governments and the U.S. through reduced paperwork burdens and streamlined decision-making processes	✓	
Change the role of the Federal agencies serving Indian Tribes by shifting their responsibilities from day-to-day management of Tribal affairs to advocating for Tribal interests	✓	
Enact permanent Self-Governance authority in the Indian Health Service and promulgate regulations	✓	
Implement Title V, P.L. 106-260 within the Indian Health Service		0
Expand Self-Governance within the Department of Health and Human Service other than in the Indian Health Service		0

Q. What amount of the Indian Health Service's budget reaches Self-Governance Tribes?



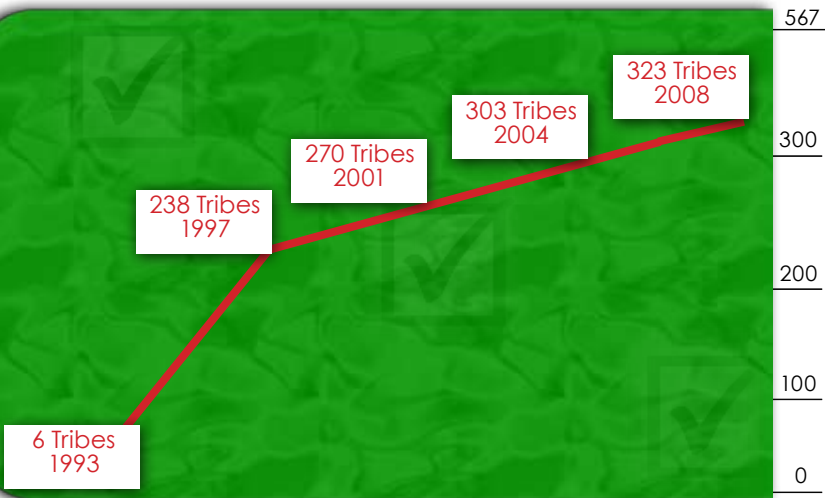
Q. Compared to total users of the Indian Health Service, how many are users of Tribal Self-Governance Programs (TSGP)?



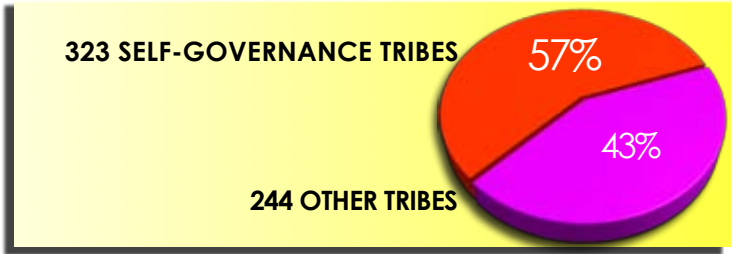
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

- 1975** P.L. 93-638, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
- 1988** P.L. 100-472, Title III, Congress Authorizes Self-Governance Demonstration Project for Bureau of Indian Affairs
- 1989** Self-Governance Communication & Education Project Established
- 1990** Initial Self-Governance Compacts Negotiated with the Department of the Interior
- 1992** Congress Extends the Self-Governance Demonstration Project to Indian Health Service

Q. How has the number of Self-Governance Tribes increased?



Q. Of the 567 Federally Recognized Tribes, how many are Self-Governance?



Tribal Self-Governance Health Programs and Facilities Score Card

	Excellent	On Target	Needs Improvement
Self-Governance Involvement in IHS Budget Formulation Process		♦	
Funding to Operate Tribal Health Programs			♦
Funding to Expand Tribal Health Programs			♦
Funding to Operate Tribal Health Facilities			♦
Funding to Construct Tribal Health Facilities			♦

Frequently Asked Questions

	Before Self-Governance	Today
Who has the trust responsibility reserved by and guaranteed in treaties with the U.S. Government?	IHS	IHS
Who are the key policy-makers on Tribal programs?	IHS	SG Tribes & IHS
Who has the management responsibilities and receives funds for Indian programs?	IHS	SG Tribes
What portion of annual Congressional health care appropriations is managed by Tribal governments?	1/3	2/3
Who has the authority to determine what health programs, services, functions and activities are administered at the local level?	IHS	SG Tribes
Who determines funding amounts allocated to each health program, service, function and activity?	IHS	SG Tribes
Who prepares on-going reports and submission of data?	IHS/Tribes	SG Tribes

FACT: Why is Self-Governance a Success? The key is that it enables Tribes the maximum flexibility in meeting the needs of their Tribal citizens. As the main decision makers, Tribal governments can redesign programs and funding to best fit their community priorities.

FACT: Self-Governance creates more opportunities for Tribes to exercise their inherent self-governing powers. Self-Governance is not a program with a beginning and an end. It is a re-creation that changes the thinking of what is and what can be.

FACT: Self-Governance has strengthened the Tribal government and operations by making the Tribal Council accountable for these funds. Tribes are accountable to their own people for resource management, service delivery and development.

FACT: Self-Governance has set a course that cannot be changed. It has been embraced by Tribal governments and has expanded in scope greatly. This is evidenced by the astonishing increase in the number of Tribes participating in Self-Governance over the past 20 years.

“Self-Governance is not just another legislative initiative. It is a way of life for Tribal Nations today.”

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

1993	1994	2000	2002	2003	2008
First 6 Tribes Negotiate Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Service	P.L. 104-413, Title IV, Self-Governance made Permanent in Department of the Interior	P.L. 106-260, Title V, Self-Governance Permanent Authority in IHS; Title VI, Feasibility Study on the Expansion of Self-Governance in Department of Health & Human Services	Department of Health & Human Services Promulgates Joint Tribal/Federal regulations for Title V	Department of Health & Human Services Title VI Feasibility Study Published	20th Anniversary of Celebrating Tribal Self-Governance