

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing

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Special Attention of:	NOTICE PIH 2000-1 (HA)
Public Housing Agencies;	
Tribally Designated Housing	Issued: January 3, 2000
Entities (TDHEs); State/Area	Expires: January 31, 2001
Coordinators; Public Housing	
Directors; Administrators,	_____
Office of Native American	Cross References:
Programs; Resident Management	Notice PIH 98-66(HA)
Corporations; Resident Councils	

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Subject: Exclusion of Earned Income as Census Takers

1. Purpose.

This Notice informs Housing Agencies (HAs), Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) and residents of low-income housing that income earned as temporary census takers can be excluded from eligibility determinations.

2. Background.

HUD has a vital interest in promoting a full, accurate count in the 2000 Census and supports the Census Bureau's efforts to recruit an adequate workforce in every neighborhood. HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.609(c)9 "temporary nonrecurring, or sporadic income....." from annual income calculations.

3. Exclusion.

**A. GENERAL**

HUD will, therefore, exclude the amounts earned by temporary Census employees for determining income in the Department's assisted housing programs.

**B. Native American Applicability**

Tribes and TDHEs can use one of three different definitions of annual income when calculating rent under the Native American Housing Assistance Self Determination Act (NAHSDA). One of the three is annual income as defined in HUD's Section 8 Program in 24 CFR part 5, subpart F. If a tribe or TDHE is using the Section 8 definition, the exclusion outlined in this notice would apply.

4. Term, Types of Employment for Residents.

Terms of employment may not exceed 180 days for the purposes of the exclusion. Most temporary Census work will last less than three months and occur during the months of March through July 2000. Employees will be needed for a smaller-scale pre-census operations currently underway, and continuing through the year 2000.

A full range of temporary employment will be available to low-income residents. Census 2000 will offer employment in other capacities besides that of “census takers” or enumerators. Other positions include clerks, crew leaders, and others.

5. Notification to Residents.

HAs, Tribes and TDHEs are encouraged to post this Notice for residents’ information.

6. Contact Persons.

Questions concerning this Notice can be directed to George E. Barnett, Bureau of the Census, telephone (301)457-4600; Melosan Bell, HUD, telephone (202)708-0744, extension 4021; Public and Indian Housing Clearing House, telephone 1-800-955-2232.

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