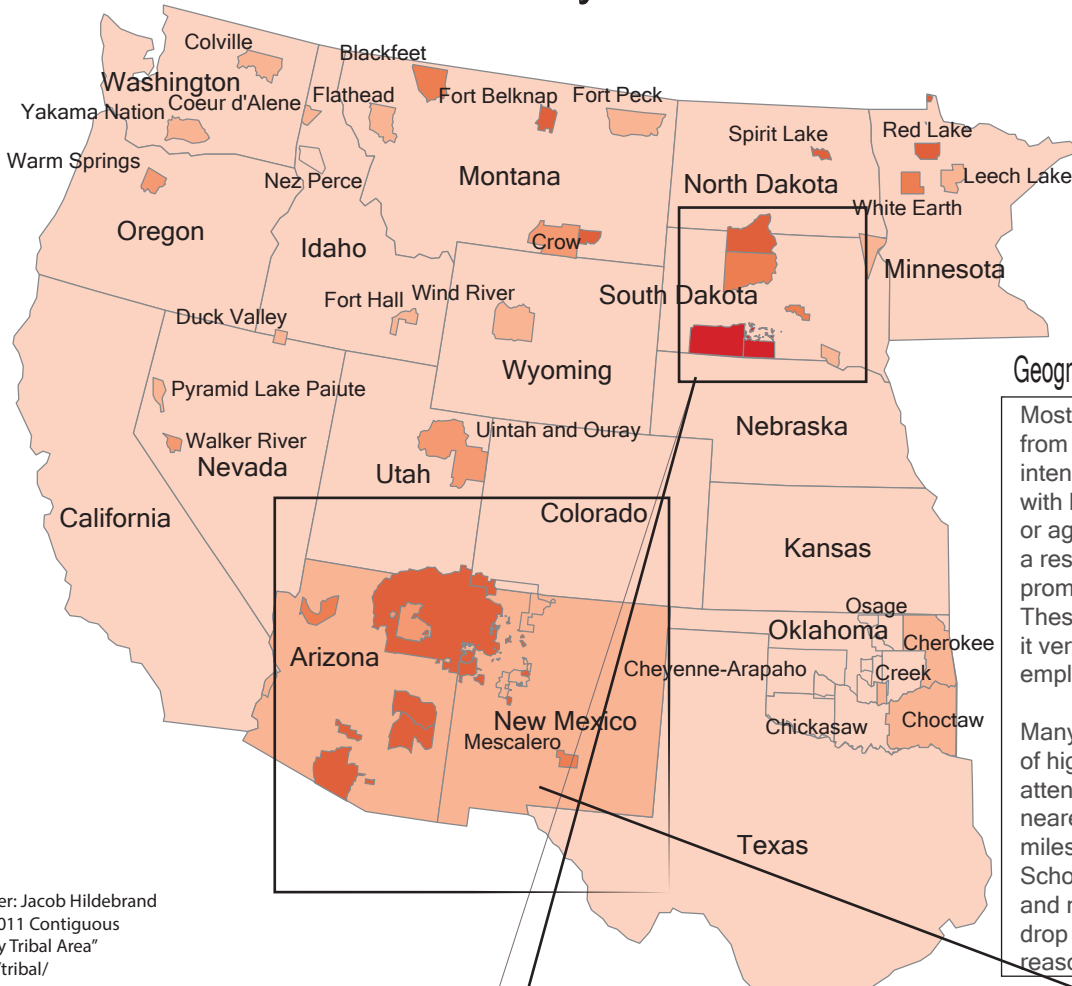


Poverty on Western Native American Reservations



What are Reservations?

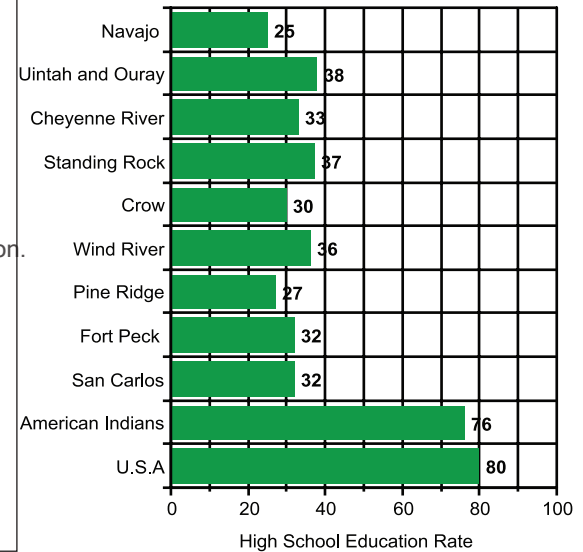
Reservations are sovereign Native American territories within the United States. Each reservation has a unique people, culture, and traditions. However almost all reservations share a common history of colonization and poverty represents a major challenge.

Geographic and Educational Challenges

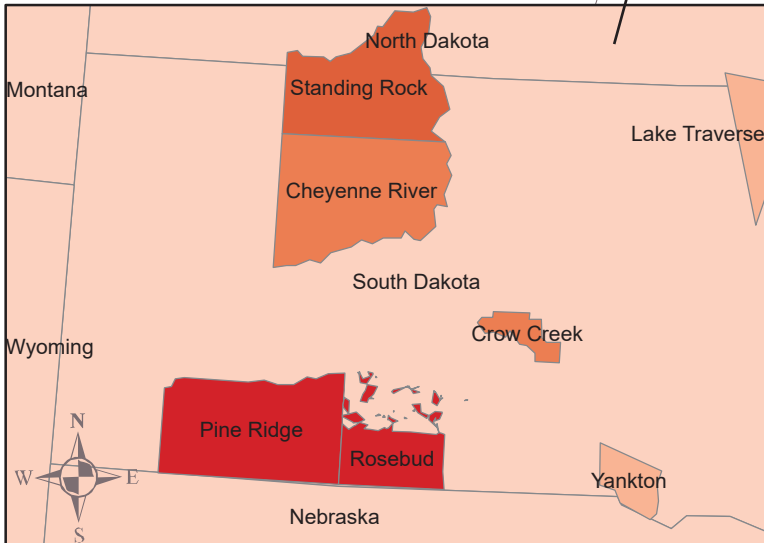
Most reservations are far from urban centers and were intentionally placed in areas with little potential for industry or agriculture. This was often a result of broken treaties and promises by the U.S. Government. These geographic problems make it very difficult to find suitable employment on or off the reservation.

Many reservations have no place of higher education for students to attend after high school. Often the nearest university is hundreds of miles away. Public High Schools receive little federal help and many students are forced to drop out for a variety of legitimate reasons.

Percent of Population with a High School Education



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 Sources: "My Tribal Area"
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Percentage of Population Below the Poverty Line

