



Size of aboriginal groups?

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>From Tasaku Tsunoda ([tsunoda@tooyoo.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:tsunoda@tooyoo.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp)) 25 Apr 2001:

I would very much appreciate information on the average size of the population of the aboriginal groups throughout the world in pre-contact days. I have an impression that the (estimated) average size of 500 for Australian tribes is far smaller than that in other parts of the world. Is this true?

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Help with street name?

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>From Deborah Navarra ([pdljac@aol.com](mailto:pdljac@aol.com)) 3 May 2001:

I live on the North Shore of Long Island an area once originally largely populated by Native Americans. My children are studying Long Island history in school, and we were wondering what may have been the original meaning of our street name -- "Wayaaawi". Other street names near us are "Quannacut and "Mishaupan" and "Oneiquat".

Thank you very much for any assistance that you may be able to provide.

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The Rosetta Project

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>From Jim Mason ([jimmason@longnow.org](mailto:jimmason@longnow.org)) 23 Apr 2001:

The Rosetta Project is a global collaboration of language specialists and native speakers working to develop a contemporary version of the Rosetta Stone. Our goal is a meaningful survey and near-permanent

archive of 1,000 languages. Our intention is to create a unique platform for contemporary comparative linguistic research and education, as well as a functional linguistic tool that might help in the recovery of lost languages in unknown futures.

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<http://www.rosettaproject.org>

--Jim Mason  
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137.2 POSITION OPEN

\* One-year position at University of Alaska Fairbanks  
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>From Gary Holton ([gary.holton@UAF.EDU](mailto:gary.holton@UAF.EDU)) 26 Apr 2001:

The Linguistics Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks seeks to fill a one-year, full-time temporary position in Linguistics. This is a sabbatical replacement position. Teaching load is three courses per semester. Responsibilities include teaching courses in language and culture, language acquisition, second language teaching, bilingualism, language and gender, introductory linguistics, or other areas as determined by departmental needs and the background of the applicant. Required qualifications: Ph.D. in Linguistics or a related field (though ABD will be considered), and a demonstrated record of teaching and scholarship. Rank and salary will be based on qualifications and experience. The position begins Fall 2001. Send letter and CV to: Charlotte Basham, Linguistics Program, Box 757720, UAF, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7720 (tel: 907/474-6884, e-mail: [ffcsb@uaf.edu](mailto:ffcsb@uaf.edu)).

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>From William J. Poser ([wposerpg@home.com](mailto:wposerpg@home.com)) 25 Apr 2001:

The YDLI web site has moved. The new address is:

<http://www.cnc.bc.ca/yinkadene/ydindex.htm>

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[The Yinka Dene Language Institute is devoted to the preservation and promotion of Dene (Athabaskan) language and culture in British Columbia. The YDLI website has extensive information on the Dakelh (Carrier) language, as well as facts and figures about the other Native languages in BC. --Ed.]

\* Grammar of Tanacross (Alaskan Athabaskan)

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Gary Holton's UC Santa Barbara dissertation "The Phonology and Morphology of the Tanacross Athabaskan Language" (August 2000, 353 pp) is now accessible online in pdf format. The URL is:

<http://www.faculty.uaf.edu/ffgmh1/holton.pdf>

Tanacross, an endangered language with only 60 remaining speakers, is typical of the Athabaskan family in its typological characteristics. Holton's treatment is modern but informal, and in addition to thorough coverage of phonology and morphology it includes a discussion of the Tanacross Practical Orthography; paradigms for the Conjugation-Mode-Subject-Classifer prefix complex; an analyzed text (in interlinear format, with morpheme and phrase-level glosses); and a selected vocabulary.

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