Background of the Red Cliff Band

**TRIBE:** Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

**LOCATION:**
- The lands of the tribe are located in north central Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Superior
- Tribal Headquarters: Red Cliff, WI

**LANGUAGE:** Ojibwe (or Anishinaabe)

**POPULATION:** 7,311

*Source: Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*
Project Background

- The Red Cliff Planning Department requested Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) from HUD’s Office of Native American Programs to design and conduct a needs assessment within its reservation boundaries.

- The T&TA funding was approved by HUD ONAP and Big Water Consulting was selected to serve as the T&TA provider.

- T&TA support funded an initial consultation session to determine the scope and timing of the project and the initial survey content.

- HUD later rescinded its financial support for the project and the Tribe was able to continue the project by applying funds received via a SAMHSA Circles of Care grant.
Household Survey

Survey Frame (List /Map of All Housing Units):
  • 678 structures or map spots (Based on Map Provided by Bayfield County)

Purpose:
  • Collect accurate housing needs and other data critical for planning, program management and grant applications

Types of Information Gathered:
  • Household population
  • Household income
  • Education level
  • Employment status
  • Health insurance and healthcare
  • Perspectives about community needs and life on reservation
Survey Implementation

**Survey Formats**
- Tablet Forms (in person)
- Online Form
- Paper Form

**Field Staff Training**
- Tablet Device Usage
- Procedures
- Question-Specific Instructions

**Communication and PR**
- Door Hangers
- Ongoing survey PR
- Incentives
- Raffle Prizes
Survey Manager Role

- **Case Assignment:**
  - Location, Number and Clustering

- **Payroll**

- **Data Quality Control:**
  - Verification of Vacant Units and Units Presenting Classification Challenges
  - Follow-up for Missing or Confusing Survey Data

- **Staff Progress and Performance Monitoring:**
  - Field Staff Hours and Miles per Case
  - Numbers of Refusals
  - Support for Staff when Addressing Situations/Issues
Household Survey

Key Decisions:
• Incentives (gift certificates for local stores)
• Use of Manager as Field Staff
• Ongoing Public Relations and Outreach
• Administering 31 Erased Surveys a Second Time

Challenges:
• Map from Bayfield County with Residential and Non-Residential Structures (and Missing Structures) Listed
• Transient Community Members (including Respondents Moving During Project)
• Software Glitch Overwrote 31 Surveys
• Classifying Hunting Cabins, Seasonally Vacant Rental Units and Other Recreational Structures
• Field Staff Personal/Health Issues
Survey Metrics & Demographics

- 460 households completed a survey
- Response rate: 97%
- 1,313 Red Cliff residents’ information was collected
- 77.3% of population are enrolled members of Red Cliff,
  1.2% pending
- 87.1% of population are American Indian and Alaskan Native
- 87.0% of the households are headed by Red Cliff members
## Population Demographics

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<th>2010 Census</th>
<th>2015 ACS</th>
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<td>Total occupied households</td>
<td>474</td>
<td>392</td>
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<td>Average household size</td>
<td>2.9</td>
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<td>Total American Indian and Alaskan Native</td>
<td>1179*</td>
<td>984</td>
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<td>% American Indian and Alaskan Native</td>
<td>87.1%*</td>
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* Group Quarter population not included

Estimated total population is higher compared to other data sources.
Employment

Employment Status of Adults

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<td>Permanent part-time</td>
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*Multiple-choice question. Percentages add up to more than 100.

76.8% of the population is in the labor force (excluding disabled population that is not working, and retired population that is not working)

23.0% of the labor force is unemployed
21.7% of surveyed households have members that are seeking new, different or additional employment.

Top barriers identified by this population:
- Job availability
- Childcare
- Education/skills/experience

*Multiple-choice question. Percentages add up to more than 100.
Household Income

Annual Household Income

- Median:
  - Red Cliff: $29,000
  - United States: $55,322
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  - Red Cliff: $35,992
  - United States: $77,866
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Geographies:
- Red Cliff
- United States
- Wisconsin
76% of the households are considered “low-income” based on the income limits set by HUD.

37% of the households are considered “extremely low income” (≤30% of Median Income).
This dataset identified:
- More households in lower income categories
- Fewer households in higher income categories.
Overcrowding and Housing Needs

11.5% of the households are overcrowded (≥1.01 persons per room)

- Average: 1.4 persons per room
- Maximum: 2 persons per room

Additional units needed by households

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<td>1</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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A total of **153** units needed.
Devices

Access

- Smartphone: 77.7%
- Tablet/iPad: 65.8%
- Laptop computer: 62.8%
- Desktop computer: 40.9%

Usage

- Smartphone: Often 89.8% | Sometimes 6.7%
- Tablet: Often 69.8% | Sometimes 17.7% | Rarely 10.2%
- Desktop: Often 59.8% | Sometimes 15.2% | Rarely 15.2% | Never 9.8%
- Laptop: Often 66.7% | Sometimes 15.9% | Rarely 12.3%
Citizens’ Preference

“What do you think should be the top 3 priorities of the Red Cliff Tribe?”

- Drug rehab programs and facilities: 72.3%
- Increase the number of stable jobs: 50.8%
- Improve available housing and increase the number of homes: 37.7%
- Increase childcare/daycare options for tribal members: 34.4%
- More educational opportunities: 29.7%
- Improve safety and law enforcement in the community: 27.9%
- Develop more language and cultural preservation programs: 24.2%
- Expand transportation options: 9.5%
- Increase elder care services: 3.1%
- Increase healthcare services: 1.6%
- Increase programming for youth and young adults: 1.1%
54.7% of households have members that participate in hunting, gathering rice and/or fishing on tribal lands or ceded territory.

### Households’ Participation in Cultural Events

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<td>I/we go to some events</td>
<td>307</td>
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<td>I/we don't go to any events</td>
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<td>Uncertain</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Valued Aspects of Living at Red Cliff

What do you value most about living on the Red Cliff Reservation?
Desired Services and Enterprises

What types of services, businesses, or industries would you like to see on the Red Cliff Reservation?
Next Steps

• Share Results with Participants and Community Members
• Strategic Planning Processes? Tribal, Sector or Program-Specific
• Identify Steward and Storage Location for Data (responsible for storage, management and distribution)
• Establish Process for Ongoing Utilization of Data (e.g., requests to steward for reports and accessibility of commonly used reports and data visualization)
• Incorporate Uniform Tribal Data into Grant Applications and Tribal Materials
• Household Information:
  - Utilization of data across programs for coordinated undertakings
  - Request deeper dives into this data set to address subpopulations
  - Identify data gaps and other information to be collected in future surveys (as well as other lessons learned and adjustments to future surveys)
• Update and enhance emergency response/9-1-1 maps and unit/structure information with county
• Determine Next Collection Cycle or Launch Ongoing Tribal Data Collection