

Census shows Native population increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - Minorities in the United States grew sharply in the 1970s, with the number of American Indians topping a million for the first time, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday.

The census also counted 42,149 Eskimos and 14,177 Aleuts, most of whom live in

Alaska.

The sharp growths among some Asian groups were attributed in large part to the influx of Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees during the decade, the report said. But, for the American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts, the increase was said to be a result of natural increase and better census counting practices.