

Survey targets Indian reservation housing units

More than half — 56 percent — of the housing units on the 278 American Indian reservations had no telephone in 1980, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau.

Among the 10 reservations with

the largest American Indian population in 1980, the Papago Reservation had the highest proportion of houses without a telephone — 87 percent — while the Zuni Pueblo had the lowest — 37 percent.

The report indicates that among the 81,273 housing units on reservations with an American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut householder or spouse, 16 percent lacked electricity, 17 percent lacked refrigerators

and 21 percent lacked indoor toilets.

Among the 10 reservations with the largest American Indian population, the Hopi and Navajo Reservations had the highest proportions without electricity and refrigeration.