



The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

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Dear Tribal Members:

I am pleased to announce the release of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) Population Projections and Methodology Report. The purpose of this study is to help MCT and its member Bands better understand population trends, and specifically understand the tribe's population trajectory under different enrollment scenarios. The study does not imply that the MCT is changing its enrollment criteria. Rather, this study establishes a baseline for MCT and its member Bands for the purposes of planning and future decision making with regards to membership of the MCT.

The topic of MCT tribal enrollment criteria has been addressed off and on for several years. The Constitutional Reform Subcommittee of the MCT Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) met over the past few years and discussed issues related to our Constitution, including enrollment criteria. Based on those discussions, the Subcommittee recommended a study be conducted to better understand what other non-MCT blood quantum exists within our membership and to project what our tribal membership population would be into the future given multiple scenarios.

In late 2012 the MCT contracted with Wilder Research in St. Paul, MN to assist us with the producing the population projections. The first step in the process was to conduct an MCT Tribal Member Survey to gather data from individual tribal members about their blood quantum from other non-MCT tribes. The survey was completed in the summer of 2013. Information gathered from the survey, along with other data elements, provided the foundation for work to begin on the population projections.

In June, 2014 Wilder Research completed the study of all relevant data and produced the MCT Population Projections and a Methodology Report on how they arrived at their findings. Please remember that the Population Projections have a margin of error (plus or minus) due to several factors, some of which are based upon certain assumptions. The Methodology Report identifies the assumptions made and is a very important document to review to understand what those assumptions are.

You may access the Report(s) by clicking on the links above.

Sincerely,

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