UNITED STATES
INDIGENOUS DATA
SOVEREIGNTY NETWORK

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creating a community of practice
“When tribal nations collect data we are telling our story in our own way. As promoters of data, we are information gatherers and information keepers. Just as our ancestors we look at essential information to tell the stories. These new stories are being told to sustain our people and forge our future.”
- Patricia Riggs
The United States Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN) helps ensure that data for and about Indigenous nations and peoples in the US (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians) are utilized to advance Indigenous aspirations for collective and individual wellbeing.
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A COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY SPANS THE GLOBE

- **TE MANA RARAUNGA MAORI DATA SOVEREIGNTY NETWORK**
  Advocating for the development of capacity and capability across the Māori data ecosystem including: data rights and interests, data governance, data access and control, and data storage and security

- **FIRST NATIONS’ INFORMATION GOVERNANCE CENTRE**
  OCAP™ in Canada, from research to data governance

- **BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST NATIONS DATA GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE**
  Nation-based, community-driven data governance; going national

- **US INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY NETWORK**
  Share data initiatives, successes, challenges, and resources

- **MAIAMNAYRI WINGARA ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DATA SOVEREIGNTY GROUP** In Australia

- **INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY INTEREST GROUP**
  Hosted by the Research Data Alliance for more robust and coherent international collaboration to achieve impactful outcomes at the intersection of Indigenous data sovereignty, Indigenous data governance, and research
International Indigenous Data Sovereignty IG

The call for Indigenous data sovereignty (ID-Sov)—the right of a nation to govern the collection, ownership, and application of its own data—has grown in intensity and scope over the past five years. To date three national-level indigenous data sovereignty networks exist: Te Mana Raraunga - Maori Data Sovereignty Network, the United States Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (UDSIN), and the Maanumayi Wingara Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Data Sovereignty Group in Australia. Similar initiatives are underway in Hawai’i and Sweden. Currently, these networks are engaging in an informal, and somewhat ad hoc fashion, to share information and strategies, hold joint events, and collaborate on research. In the last two years alone this spirit of collaboration has produced four events, six joint panel/workshops initiatives, and a co-edited book, *Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Toward an Agenda*. Currently available online, the book had about 2,000 downloads within a month of...
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Policy Forum: The Governance of Indigenous Data

Purpose:
Foster discussion on Indigenous data sovereignty across stakeholder groups: tribal leaders and staff, scholars, federal government officials, and non-profit agencies.

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Outputs:
2. Workshops and working groups toward principles and practices.
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Data Governance Principles

1. Collective wellbeing, past & future oriented, across generation, equitable outcomes
2. Protection, ethics, responsibility, equal explanatory power, equitable outcomes
3. Inherent Sovereignty, self-determination, control, access
4. Relationships, responsibility, reciprocity, between nations and governments
5. Indigenous knowledge (honoring), reflexive of the people, relationship to the non-human world