Europeans first encountered Zuni territory in the 1500s. In 1680, Pueblos (including Zuni) in New Mexico planned and revolted against Spanish domination. After attacking and burning a Spanish mission, the population of all Zuni villages sought refuge on the sacred mountain (Corn Mesa, pictured left) until 1692. After the Spanish made peace with the Zuni, the people settled in what is now present-day Zuni Pueblo.

According to the 2006-2010 American Community Survey, approximately 12,679 individuals live in the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico.

LOCATION
The Zuni Pueblo main reservation is 450,000 acres in the western part of New Mexico, 150 miles west of Albuquerque. The Tribe also has land in Catron County, New Mexico, and Apache County, Arizona (shown at right). The main Zuni Pueblo is the largest of the nineteen New Mexican Pueblos, covering more than 700 square miles.

SOCIAL AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS*

More than one-quarter of all Zuni Pueblo are under the age of 18, and half of all households have children under 18 years of age. The proportion of the population 65 years and older is just 5.5 percent.

The Zuni have established programs to promote the unique spoken-only Zuni language into a written language form. According to the Census, 86.7 percent of the Tribe speaks the Zuni language.

Approximately 41.2 percent of the 2,314 occupied housing units on the Reservation are owner-occupied. Traditional husband-wife families make up less than one-third (32 percent) of all households, and households headed by a single female are 36.6 percent of all households.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The Zuni Tribe has a poverty rate of 35.8 percent, with a median household income of $35,724. Roughly 80 percent of the Tribe is involved in the cottage, home-based industry of producing traditional Zuni arts.

A:SHIWI A:WAN MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTER

Located in the historic Hebadina Building, the Hawikku “Echoes From Our Past” exhibit displays five centuries of Pueblo of Zuni history and culture.

ENTERPRISES

The Zuni Pueblo is an “artist colony,” with the main industry being inlay silverwork, stone fetish carving, pottery, and other artwork. Other tribal enterprises include:

- Pueblo of Zuni Home Health Care Agency has been in operation since 1980 and is located on the Zuni Indian Reservation.

- Zuni Rental Enterprise restores and renovates old housing and rents them to Zuni Pueblo members.

- Zuni Cultural Resource Enterprise.

- Zuni Skies Unlimited is a cellular phone company that services the Zuni community, Northwest Arizona, and Southwest New Mexico.

- Zuni Medical Supply has been in operation since 1992.

*All statistics on this page are from the 2006-2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates.*
Articles of the Pueblo of Zuni Constitution that may pertain to institutional research protocol:

Article VI -- Authorities of the Tribal Council

Section 1: The Zuni Tribal Council, as the legislative body of the Tribe, shall exercise the following authorities, subject to any limitations imposed by statutes of the United States applicable to Indians or Indian Tribes, and subject to all expressed restrictions contained in this constitution.

(d) To represent the Tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe.
(e) To negotiate with the federal, state, or local governments, and with the governments of other Indian Tribes, and to advise and consult with representatives of the Interior Department on all activities that may affect the Tribe, and in regard to all appropriation estimates and federal projects for the benefit of the Tribe before such estimates or projects are submitted to the Bureau of the Budget and to Congress.
(g) To regulate the use of Tribal property; to protect the wildlife and natural resources of the Tribe; to foster Indian arts and crafts; to administer charity; to levy and collect taxes and fees on Tribal members; and to impose taxes or fees on non-members of the Tribe doing business on the Zuni Reservation, provided that the imposition of such taxes and fees on non-members of the Tribe shall be in conformity with appropriate ordinances subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior. All actions of the Tribal Council relating to the use and protection of Tribal lands shall be in conformity with applicable regulations of the Department of the Interior designed for the protection of Indian range and timber resources.
(i) To provide by ordinance, subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior, for the removal or exclusion from the Reservation of non-members, whose presence may be injurious or undesirable to the Tribe or the members thereof.
(k) To enact ordinances, subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior, for the maintenance of peace and order on the Zuni Reservation; for the protection of individual rights and property of Tribal members; to govern the inheritance of personal property of Tribal members; and to provide for the appointment for minors and mental incompetents.
(l) To provide for the enforcement of Tribal ordinances.

Federal

42 USC § 3515b requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt appropriate regulations for the use of federal funds to pay for any research program or project or any program, project, or course which is of an experimental nature, or any other activity involving human participants that present a danger to the physical, mental, or emotional well-being of a participant or subject.

45 C.F.R. § 46.101 requires that research supported by a federal department or agency (defined by 45 C.F.R. § 46.102(e)) must be reviewed and approved by an institutional review board.