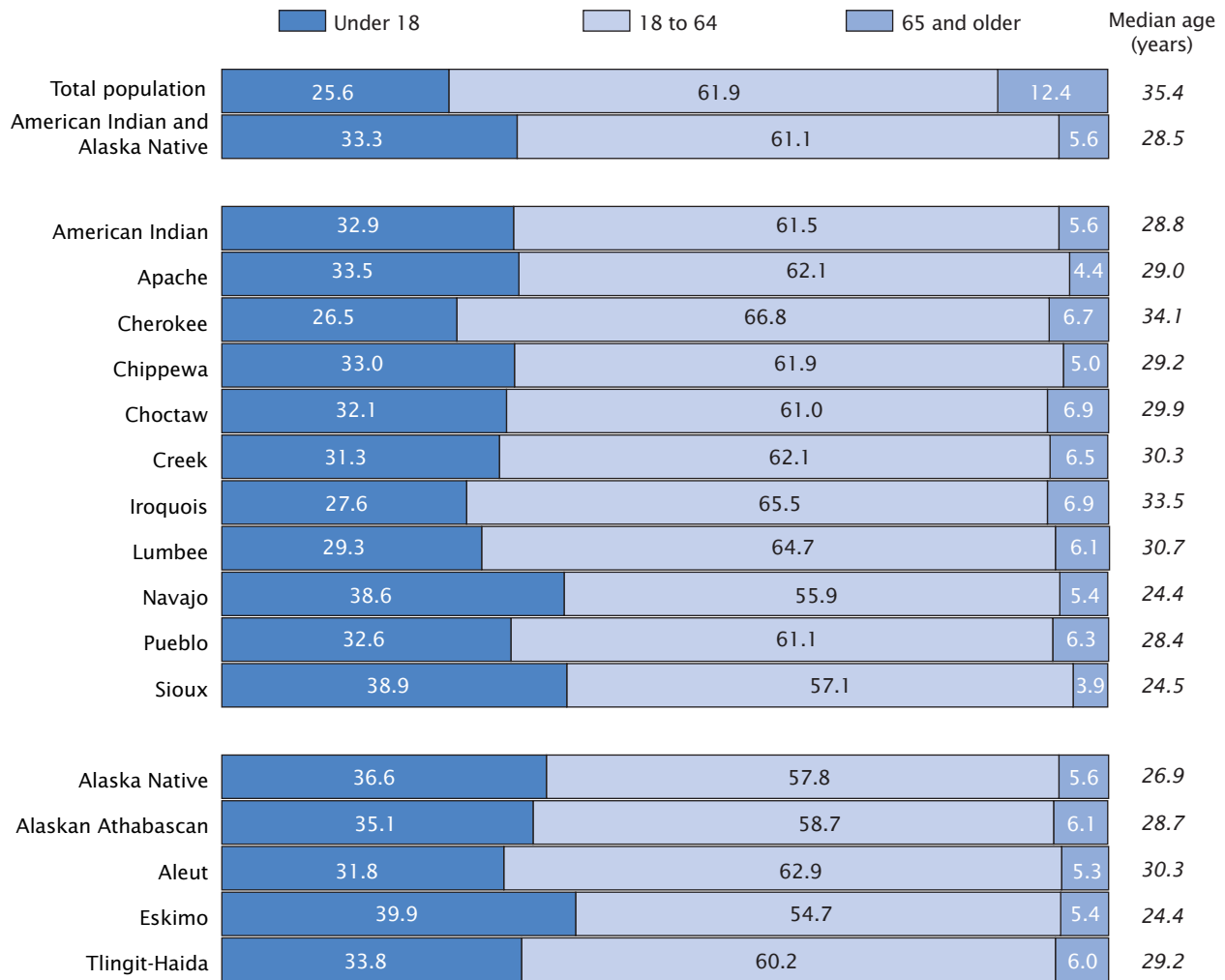


## The American Indian and Alaska Native population was younger than the total population.

- About 33 percent of the American Indian and Alaska Native population was under age 18, compared with 26 percent of the total population. In the older age group, 5.6 percent of the American Indian and Alaska Native population, compared with 12.4 percent of the total population, was 65 and older.
- The percentage under age 18 of American Indian tribal groupings ranged from 26 percent to 39 percent. The corresponding percentage among the Alaska Native tribal groupings ranged from 32 percent to 40 percent.
- Less than 10 percent of all American Indian tribal groupings were 65 and older.
- The median age of 29 years for American Indians and Alaska Natives was about 6 years younger than the national median of 35 years.

Figure 1.  
**Selected Age Groups and Median Age: 2000**

(Percent distribution. Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf))



Note: Some percentages do not sum to 100.0 due to rounding.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 special tabulation.