

# Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Population Projections

## *Updated Methodology Report*

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# Background

In 2022, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville) contracted with Wilder Research to conduct a study and produce population projections for the tribe. The purpose of this study is to help the Colville Tribe and its tribal citizens better understand population trends, and specifically understand the tribe's population trajectory under the current tribal enrollment criteria and alternative scenarios. Population projections through the year 2122 were completed under six different scenarios for tribal enrollment criteria. This report describes the study methods and detailed results of the population projections completed by Wilder Research.

We projected the expected size of the Colville Tribe population through the next 100 years under six scenarios:

- **Scenario 1:** Current tribal enrollment eligibility criteria is maintained (1/4 blood quantum of Colville Tribe blood).
- **Scenario 2:** Allow blood from non-Colville federally recognized local Plateau American Indian Tribes and Canadian First Nations to count toward the requirement of 1/4 blood quantum, as long as they have some Colville blood quantum.
- **Scenario 3:** Allow blood from any federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Canadian First Nation to count toward the requirement of 1/4 blood quantum, as long as they have some Colville blood quantum.
- **Scenario 4:** Require 1/8 blood quantum from Colville Tribe.
- **Scenario 5:** Redefine everyone on the 1937 base roll to have 4/4 blood quantum, and redefine descendants' blood quanta accordingly; maintain the current tribal enrollment eligibility criteria.
- **Scenario 6:** Allow citizenship for any lineal descendant from the 1937 Colville Tribe base roll.

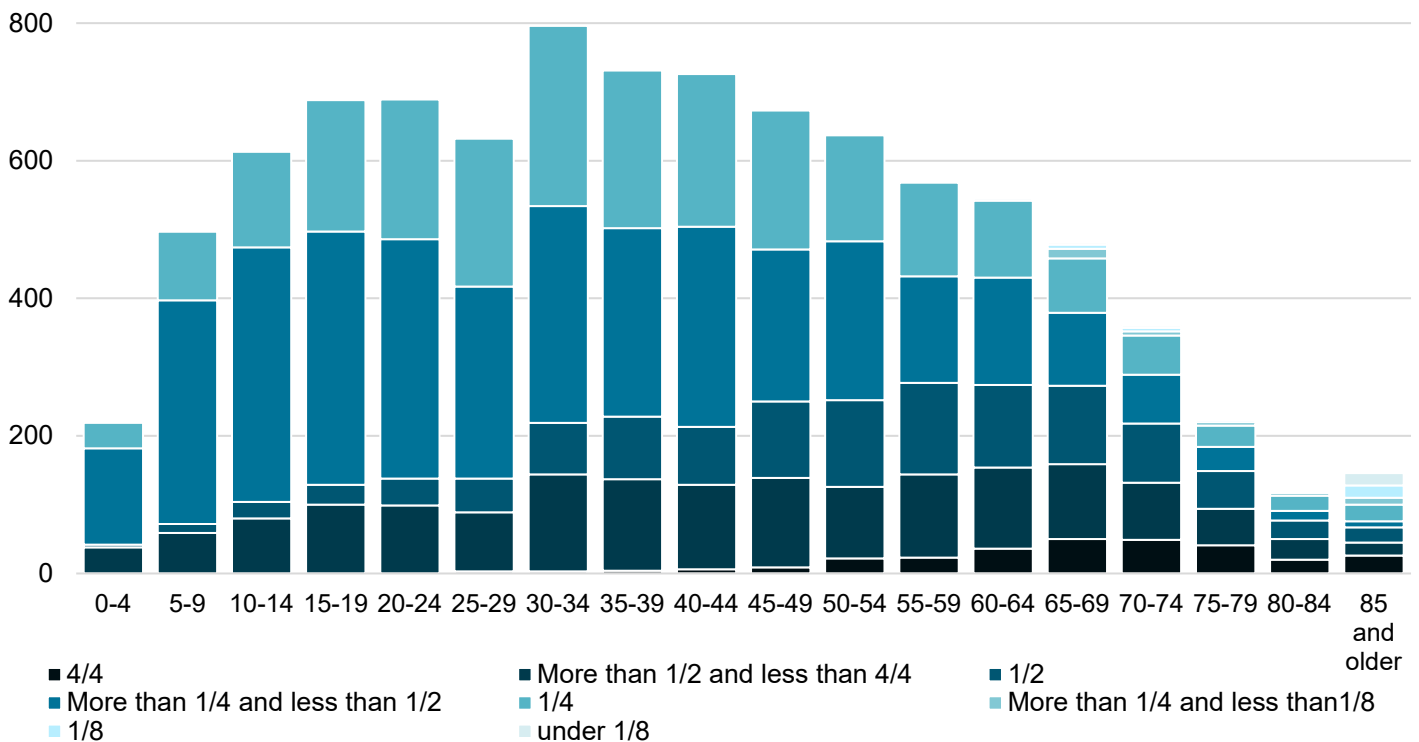
# Blood quantum distribution

We started by examining the blood quantum distribution of current tribal citizens of the Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation. In 2022, the most common blood quantum was between 1/4 and 1/2 (40% of tribal citizens), followed by 1/4 (26%). The distribution is shown in Figure 1. Additionally, 109 people (106 are elders age 60 and older) are enrolled with less than 1/4 blood quantum.

## 1. Blood quantum distribution from 2022 enrollment file for people with 1/4 blood quantum or more

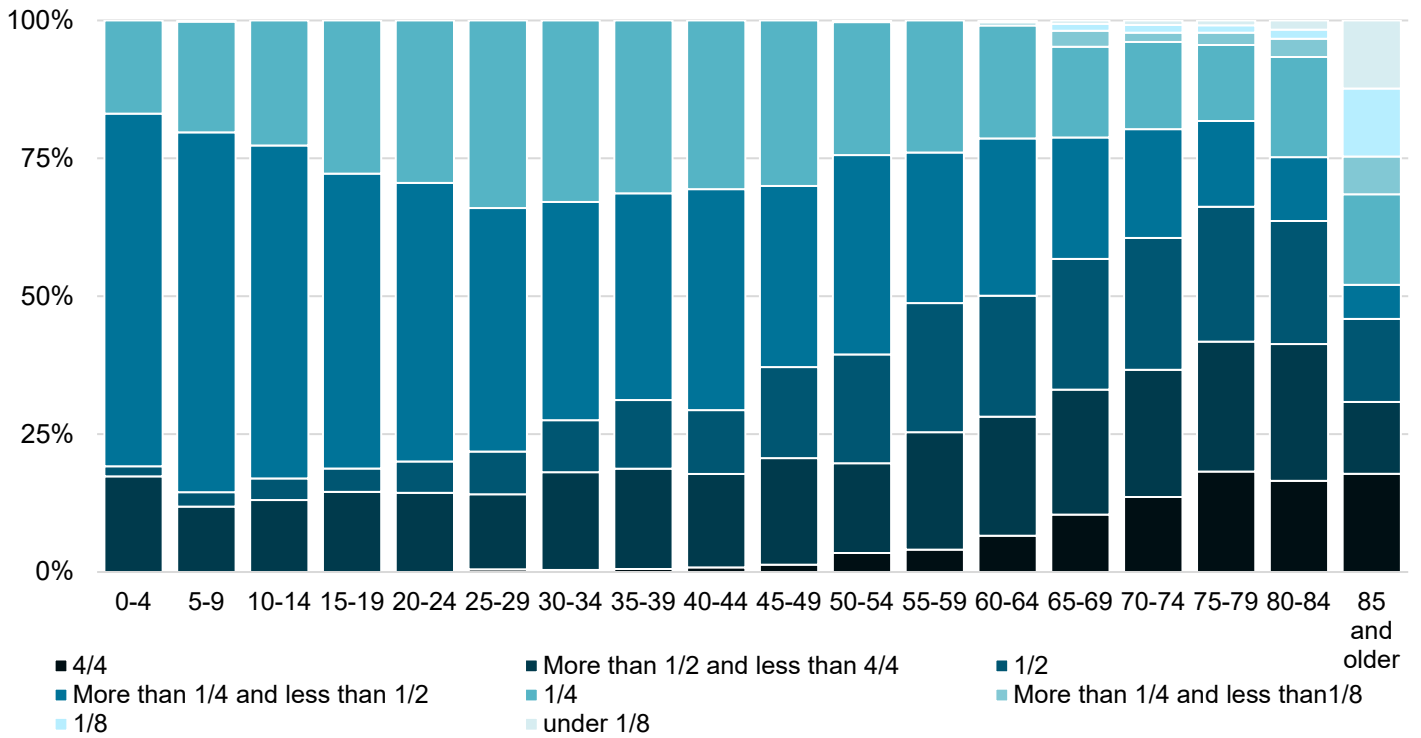
Blood quantum range	Number of people	% of people
4/4	292	3%
More than 1/2 to less than 4/4	1,626	17%
1/2	1,202	13%
More than 1/4 to less than 1/2	3,708	40%
1/4	2,415	26%
Less than 1/4	109	1%
Total	9,352	100%

## 2. Blood quantum frequencies by age from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation 2022 enrollment file



Source. Enrollment File from Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, 2022.

### 3. Blood quantum percentages by age from the 2022 enrollment file



Source: Enrollment File from Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, 2022.

# Study methodology

## Colville tribal citizen survey

Wilder Research conducted a survey of Colville tribal citizens to understand the extent to which Colville citizens and their children have non-Colville American Indian and/or Canadian First Nations blood.

### *Survey instrument design*

Wilder Research developed the survey instrument in partnership with Colville to address the key research questions. The survey included questions about their blood quantum for Colville, other Plateau Tribes, and any other federally recognized American Indian Tribes and/or Canadian First Nations. The survey also asked tribal citizens about their biological children's blood quantum for Colville, other Plateau Tribes, and any other federally recognized American Indian Tribes and/or Canadian First Nations. See the Appendix for the survey instrument.

### *Sample*

The initial survey mailing included 9,315 tribal members who were included in the Colville enrollment file on October 22, 2022. We determined that 8,353 of these individuals were eligible to be included in the survey; about 1,800 were minors and the rest had bad addresses or invalid contact information.

### *Data collection*

Survey data collection was completed in October 2022 through February 2023. All of the Colville tribal citizens who were included in the enrollment file were sent an initial invitation letter telling them about this survey and asking them to complete the survey and send it back to Wilder in the postage-paid return envelope. The tribal citizens who did not complete the survey were sent a reminder postcard after about two weeks, after removing the cases with bad addresses. After an additional two weeks, all sampled tribal citizens who still did not complete the survey were sent a final invitation letter along with a paper copy of the survey and a postage-paid return envelope. After removing the minors from the completed surveys, we received 1,078 completed surveys for a 13% response rate, which is an expected or standard response rate for this type of survey. The results from these survey respondents are sufficient to complete the population projections reported here.

## Data cleaning

Wilder Research checked all surveys for completion and accuracy. Survey data were entered into data analysis software for further analysis and verification. Quality control checks were completed on all variables. In some cases, Colville tribe’s enrollment records were used to verify information.

Colville tribal citizens were asked the question: “Please provide your feedback about Colville Tribe’s current enrollment eligibility criteria, which is 1/4 (one-quarter) blood quantum, and any other comments about tribal enrollment and enrollment criteria.” Responses to this question are listed in the Appendix.

## Population projection methods

Population projections were made for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for the period of 2022 through 2122 using the cohort component method. Generally, the cohort component method of projection populations uses the following calculation:

$$\text{Future population} = \text{current population} - \text{deaths} + \text{births} + \text{net migration}$$

Migration was not included in the projections for Colville Tribe because the population is based on tribal enrollment, not geographic location. Enrollment criteria also need to be considered, so the cohort component equation used here is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Future population} &= \text{current population} - \text{deaths} \\ &+ \text{eligible births (determined based on enrollment criteria)} \end{aligned}$$

The “future population” was estimated at each five-year increment from 2022 to 2122.

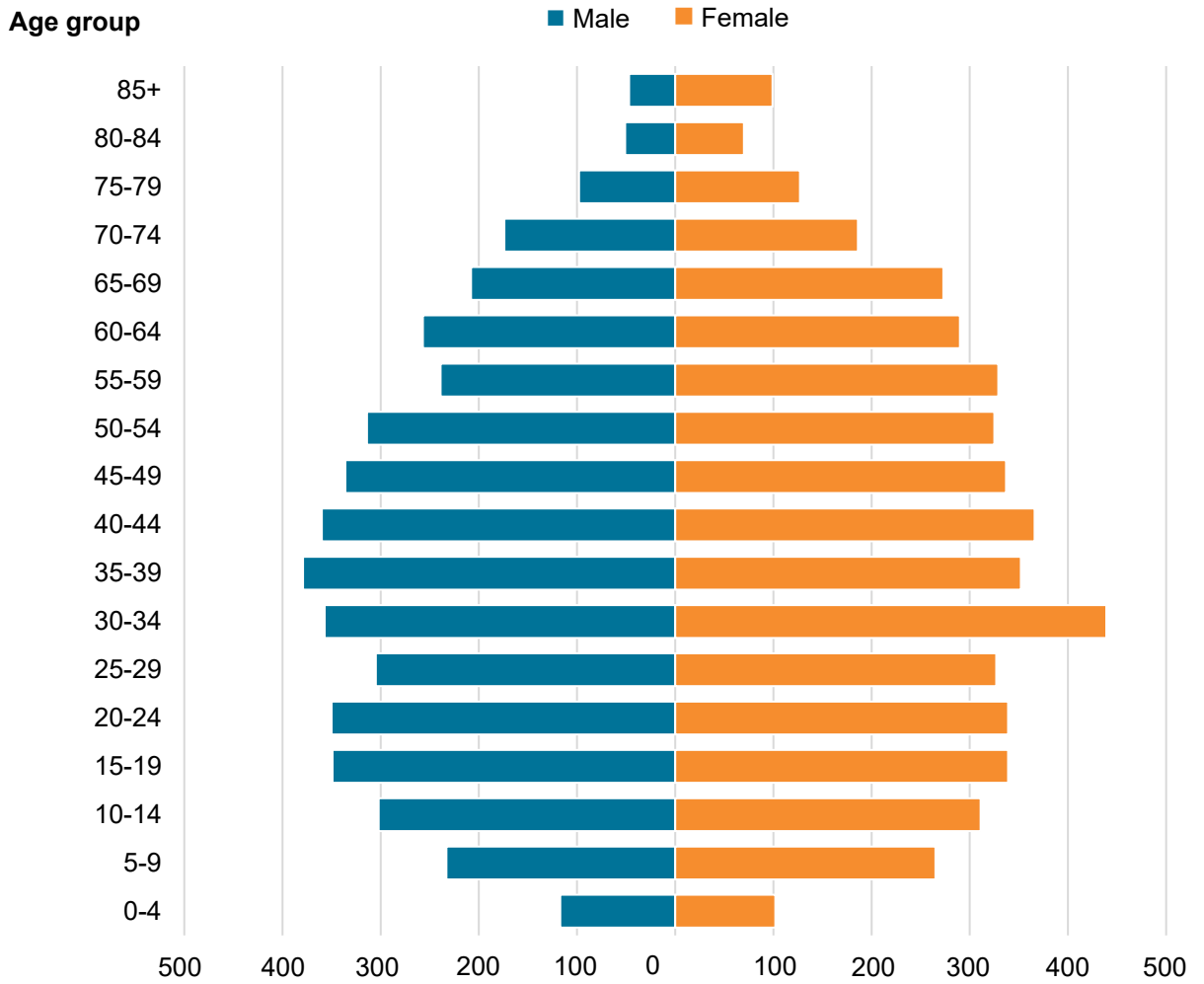
The cohort component method of projections is commonly used for populations that are larger than Colville Tribe, but it was deemed the most appropriate method for this study because it allows us to consider the impact of various enrollment criteria while holding assumptions about fertility and mortality rates constant across scenarios. The strategy for taking enrollment criteria into account is described in the “Fertility rate adjustment for tribal enrollment eligibility” section below. Most other population projection strategies (such as linear and exponential models) use past population sizes and growth to calculate future projected growth, and do not have a way for researchers to determine the impact of various possible changes to the enrollment criteria.



## Current population

The starting population is the October 2022 Colville Tribe enrollment file provided by the Tribe.

### 4. Age group and sex distribution of people in Colville enrollment file



Source. Enrollment File from Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, 2022.

## Deaths -- Mortality component

Not all people survive any five-year period. To calculate survival ratios, Wilder Research used a life table developed by the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).<sup>1</sup> People who self-identify as American Indian/Alaska Native are not always classified as American Indian/Alaska Native on their death certificates. This life table was developed by the National Center for Health Statistics to account for this known pattern of racial misclassification and covers American Indian/Alaska Native people throughout the US.<sup>2</sup>

With their latest national population projections (made in 2017), the Census Bureau provided information<sup>3</sup> about the expected pattern of change in death rates between 2020 and 2060, and we set up these projections to follow this same pattern from 2022 to 2061. Starting in 2062, they were held constant. Figure 5 shows the probability of survival, based on the life tables used in the projections.

### 5. Probability of survival, by age group

Age group	2022		2062 and later	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
0-4	0.9903	0.9889	0.9908	0.9896
5-9	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990
10-14	0.9991	0.9976	0.9992	0.9977
15-19	0.9951	0.9924	0.9953	0.9930
20-24	0.9930	0.9876	0.9934	0.9888
25-29	0.9909	0.9821	0.9914	0.9836
30-34	0.9845	0.9742	0.9852	0.9760
35-39	0.9803	0.9695	0.9814	0.9716
40-44	0.9759	0.9645	0.9774	0.9670
45-49	0.9667	0.9496	0.9690	0.9530
50-54	0.9559	0.9313	0.9594	0.9364
55-59	0.9477	0.9153	0.9526	0.9229
60-64	0.9310	0.8942	0.9376	0.9048
65-69	0.9131	0.8631	0.9215	0.8758
70-74	0.8811	0.8306	0.8915	0.8457
75-79	0.8240	0.7819	0.8362	0.7996
80-84	0.7454	0.6768	0.7588	0.6945
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<sup>1</sup> Arias, E., Xu, J., Curtin, S., Bastian, B., & Tejada-Vera, B. (2021, November 9). Mortality profile of the non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native Population, 2019. *National Vital Statistics Reports*, 70(12). <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/110370>.

<sup>2</sup> The previous version of this report used mortality and survival data from Washington State, adjusted for mortality misclassification using adjustment factors from 2016. The two strategies give very similar results in the short term, but the new strategy gives higher population estimates in the long term.

<sup>3</sup> United States Census Bureau. (2017). *2017 National Population Projections Tables, Table 13. Growth rates and birth, death, and international migration rates* [Data set]. <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2017/demo/popproj/2017-summary-tables.html>

## Eligible births -- Fertility component

Births to enrolled Colville tribal members can come from couples where only the mother is enrolled, only the father is enrolled, or both parents are enrolled. We include babies from all three of these types of couples in two steps. First, we calculate the estimated number of births from all enrolled women; this covers births from couples where only the mother is enrolled and births from couples where both parents are enrolled. Second, we estimate the number of enrolled men who are in relationships with non-enrolled women and estimate the number of births from these relationships.

We estimated the fertility rate for Colville tribal citizens using the fertility of American Indian/Alaska Native<sup>4</sup> women in Washington between 2015 and 2019, as reported by the CDC. We found the number of births to American Indian/Alaska Native (bridged race) mothers in Washington, by age of the mother,<sup>5</sup> and divided by the total number of women in each five-year age group (age 15-44). Figure 6 shows the resulting fertility rates (per 1,000 American Indian/Alaska Native women, by age) which were used for the projections. Note that American Indian/Alaska Native women in Washington State have a low birth rate relative to American Indian/Alaska Native women outside of Washington.

In the 2017 projections mentioned above, the Census Bureau provided information about the expected pattern of change in American Indian/Alaska Native fertility between 2020 and 2060, and we set our projections to follow this same trend from 2022 to 2062.<sup>6</sup> Starting in 2062, the age-specific fertility rates were held constant.

Births were proportionally allocated to 51.6 percent male and 48.4 percent female, which is the natural sex ratio at birth, according to the United Nations.<sup>7</sup>

### 6. Age-specific fertility rates (per 1,000 women per year) used for Colville population projections

Age group	2022	2062 and later
15-19	29	28
20-24	81	80
25-29	92	91
30-34	73	73
35-39	38	38
40-44	9	9

<sup>4</sup> Birth certificates often use single race but population data include an option to report multiple races. To keep the numerator and denominator consistent with each other, we used “bridged” race data provided by the CDC.

<sup>5</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2015-2019). *Natality, 2007-2022* [Data set]. Generated March 6, 2023, using CDC WONDER. <http://wonder.cdc.gov/natality-current.htm>  
Data were provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program.

<sup>6</sup> United States Census Bureau. (2017). *2017 National Population Projections Tables, Table 13. Growth rates and birth, death, and international migration rates* [Data set].

<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2017/demo/popproj/2017-summary-tables.html>

<sup>7</sup> United Nations. (2022). *Sex ratio at birth (male births per female births, 2022, world)* [Data set]. <https://data.un.org/Data.aspx?d=PopDiv&f=variableID%3A52>

In order to include potential future Colville citizens who have an enrolled father but not an enrolled mother, we did a series of calculations.<sup>8</sup> The goal was to estimate the number of enrolled Colville men whose (long-term or short-term) partner is not American Indian/Alaska Native, and then included the biological children of these couples in the calculations. First, we used U.S. Census Bureau data<sup>9</sup> to calculate the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native men in Washington State (by age group) who were (a) unmarried or in a same sex marriage,<sup>10</sup> (b) married to an American Indian/Alaska Native woman, and (c) married to a non-Native woman; this distribution is shown in Figure 7. Next, we multiplied the number of enrolled Colville men in each age group by (c) to estimate the number of enrolled men who are married to a non-Native woman. Overall, only 6.6% of American Indian/Alaska Native men age 15-44 in Washington were married to an American Indian/Alaska Native woman, while 13.4% were married to a non-Native woman and 80.2% were not married or were in a same-sex marriage.

## 7. Marriage patterns of American Indian/Alaska Native men in Washington

Men's age	No wife	Wife is		Total
		American Indian	Non-American Indian	
15-19	99.8%	0.0%	0.2%	100.0%
20-24	95.1%	1.3%	3.6%	100.0%
25-29	84.3%	5.9%	9.8%	100.0%
30-34	73.6%	8.3%	18.1%	100.0%
35-39	56.6%	15.0%	28.4%	100.0%
40-44	66.3%	9.5%	24.2%	100.0%
Total	80.2%	6.4%	13.4%	100.0%

Of course, many fathers are not married to their baby's mother, but we want to include them in the analysis. To estimate the size of this group of men, we used U.S. Census Bureau data<sup>11</sup> to identify all babies age 0 or 1 year old who lived with at least one American Indian/Alaska Native parent. Then we focused on babies with an American Indian/Alaska Native father

<sup>8</sup> In the original version of this report, a mistake was made in this part of the analysis: the equations incorrectly assumed that *all* men age 15 to 44 were partnered. In this corrected analysis, only some men are considered partnered (and only partnered men are considered potential fathers of future tribal members).

<sup>9</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. (2015-2019). *2015-2019 American Community Survey* [Data set]. Generated using IPUMS USA. [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org)  
 Person weights were used. A person was counted as American Indian/Alaska Native if they reported that race on the ACS, regardless of other races reported.

<sup>10</sup> We include only married couples to increase the chances that both parents are biologically related to the child. In same-sex marriages, both parents cannot be biologically related to the child, so we exclude them from this fertility rate calculation.

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. (2015-2019). *2015-2019 American Community Survey* [Data set]. Generated using IPUMS USA. [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org)  
 National rates were used for this part of the analysis because state-level calculations did not have a large enough sample size.

and a non-Native mother<sup>12</sup> and calculated the percentage of babies whose parents were married (by father’s age group). This result (shown in Figure 8) gave us an inflation factor to use to estimate the additional number of fathers who were unmarried.

**8. Percentage of married and unmarried American Indian/Alaska Native men living with babies age 0-1 and partnered with non-Native women**

Men’s age	Married	Unmarried	Total
15-19	24.7%	75.3%	100.0%
20-24	53.4%	46.6%	100.0%
25-29	68.9%	31.1%	100.0%
30-34	82.3%	17.7%	100.0%
35-39	84.8%	15.2%	100.0%
40-44	84.5%	15.5%	100.0%
Total	76.9%	23.1%	100.0%

For example, if there were 100 enrolled Colville men age 25-29 then we would estimate that there are

100 enrolled men \* 9.8% who are married to a non-Native women \* 1/31.1% who are in an unmarried partnership with a non-Native woman = an estimated 31.5 enrolled men age 25-29 who are in a relationship that could have a child who has an enrolled father and a non-Native mother.

This estimate of the number of Colville enrolled men in unmarried partnerships may be low because it does not account for men who *never* share a home with their baby. At the same time, the estimate may be a little high because some men may be living with their partner and a baby that is not biologically related. Unfortunately, there is no way to estimate the number of these men with available data. Despite these qualifications, we are confident that the method we have used is accounting for almost all babies, and that it is the best that can be done with available data.

After making this calculation of the total number of Colville enrolled men who are in relationships with women who are not enrolled at Colville, the fertility rate for each age group was applied to estimate the actual number of births from these enrolled fathers.<sup>13</sup> Note that this is in addition to births from enrolled mothers.

<sup>12</sup> The status of “mother” and “father” is not always reported directly by the people filling out the form. Instead, each person in the home is reported in terms of their relationship to the first person listed on the form (Person 1). For example, if a Native man is Person 1, the baby would be listed as “child,” and the non-Native woman would be listed as “unmarried partner.” If neither parent is listed as Person 1 – for example, a grandparent is Person 1 – the couple’s relationship was assigned by IPUMS-USA based on their relative ages, relationships to Person 1, and other factors. See <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/chapter5/chapter5.shtml> for more information.

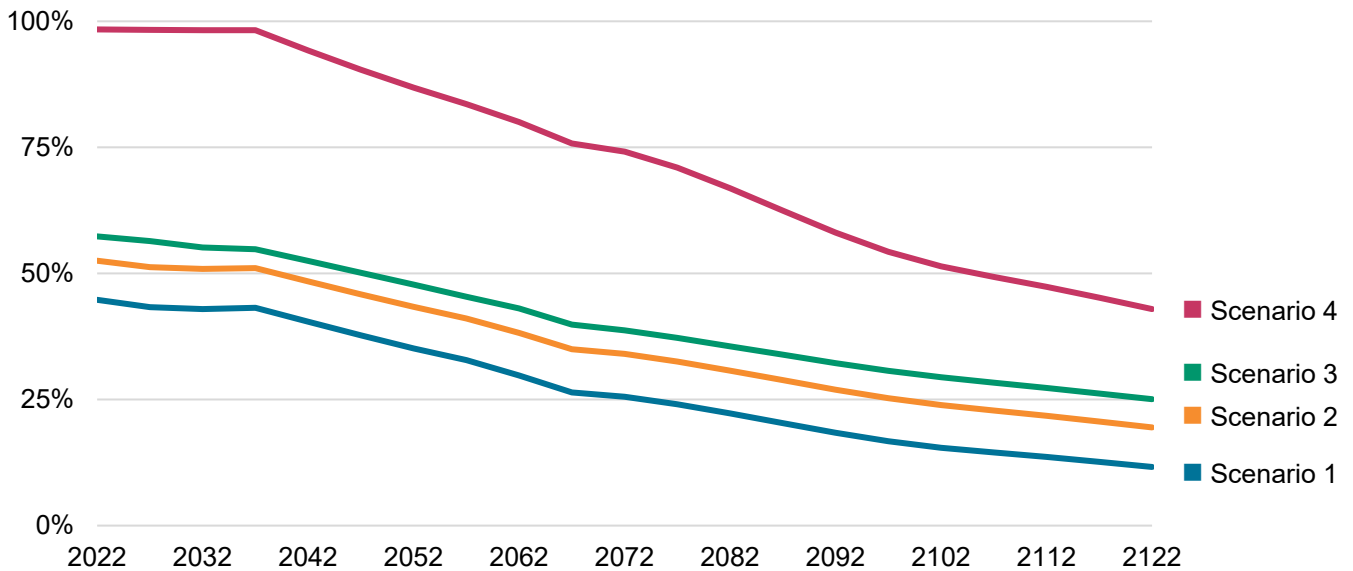
<sup>13</sup> There are no official fertility rates for interracial couples and so the fertility rate of couples with an American Indian/Alaska Native man and a non-Native woman is unknown. However, the fertility rate

## Fertility rate adjustment for tribal enrollment eligibility

In Scenarios 1-5, the population projection must also take into account tribal enrollment eligibility (blood quantum). We used information from the survey about children’s blood quantum, as well as information from the enrollment file about all Colville citizens’ blood quantum (shown above in Figures 2 and 3) to estimate the percentage of future children who would be eligible under each scenario, considering the blood quantum of people who we expect will become parents.

Figure 9 shows, for each 5-year period and each mother’s (or father’s) age group, the percentage of children age 0-4 who would be eligible for enrollment under Scenarios 1-4. For example, 45% of the young children of a Colville parent were eligible to be enrolled in the 2022-2026 period in Scenario 1 (in which the current enrollment criteria are maintained). Just 20 years later in the 2042-2046 period, when a new set of parents will be having children, only 40% of their young children would be eligible for enrollment under Scenario 1.

### 9. Average percentage of babies who would be eligible for enrollment under Scenarios 1-4 (including currently enrolled Colville parents only), by year



for American Indian/Alaska Native women includes women in relationships with men of any race group. We use the American Indian/Alaska Native women’s fertility rate to estimate the fertility of American Indian/Alaska Native men in interracial couples.

### ***Inclusion of currently non-enrolled people***

For Scenarios 1-4, we calculated a second projection for the population that could come from eligible non-enrolled people and their descendants. The citizen survey results showed that there are a small number of people who are not enrolled but who would qualify for enrollment under each of the scenarios (including some who have more than the 1/4 Colville blood quantum currently required). For example, using the survey results, we estimated that there are 256 people who are alive and could be enrolled under the current criteria. Each scenario has a different number of people who are not currently enrolled but could be if the enrollment criteria changed. Including the additional people eligible in each scenario gives the second projection, which represents the total if all enrollable people were enrolled under that scenario.

At any time, some proportion of people will be eligible for Colville citizenship but will not be enrolled. We expect that the actual enrolled population of Colville will likely fall somewhere between the bottom and top lines in the projections.

### ***Redefining the blood quantum of Colville citizens on the base roll (Scenario 5)***

Data about American Indian/Alaska Native people’s fertility and mortality rates in the past is scarce and faced many data collection issues, so a cohort component analysis of 1937 to 2021 was not feasible. Instead, Wilder used the blood quantum distribution of the 1937 Colville base roll to estimate the impact of changing enrollment requirements in this way.

There were 3,218 people with any blood quantum on the 1937 Colville base roll. Of these, 1,273 (40%) were listed as 4/4 blood quantum and 1,945 (60%) were listed with a lower blood quantum, including 1,156 people (36%) on the 1937 base roll who are listed with a blood quantum below 1/2. Scenario 5 is one in which the 1,945 people with blood quantum lower than 4/4 would be redefined as having 4/4 blood quantum, and their descendants’ blood quantum would also be redefined accordingly.

#### **10. 1937 base roll blood quantum distribution**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than 1/2 blood quantum	1,156	36%
1/2 to 7/8 blood quantum	789	25%
4/4 blood quantum	1,273	40%
Total	3,218	100%

Percentages do not equal to 100% due to rounding.

We estimated that the 9,608 people who are currently enrolled or are enrollable are the descendants of the 2,062 people on the base roll who were listed as 1/2 blood quantum or higher.<sup>14</sup> This gave us an inflation factor of 4.659 ( $=9,608/2,062$ ), meaning that we estimate that the average number of living enrollable descendants for each high blood quantum person on the 1937 base roll is 4.659.

We then used this inflation factor to estimate the number of additional living enrollable descendants in 2022 under Scenario 5. We multiplied the number of lower blood quantum people (less than 1/2 blood quantum) on the base roll (1,156) by the estimated number of descendants per base roll person (4.659) to get the estimated additional number of enrollable descendants under Scenario 5. Using this procedure, we estimate that there are 5,386 additional people alive in 2022 who would be able to be enrolled under Scenario 5. This brings the estimated total 2022 population to 14,738 (if the 5,386 people were enrolled).

To estimate the blood quantum, age, and sex of these 5,386 people for the projection, we used the distribution of the currently enrolled population. The results from this estimate are shown in the lower line of Scenario 5.

We also developed an alternative model for Scenario 5. For this alternative, we used the assumption that the 9,608 people who are currently enrolled or enrollable are the descendants of the 1,273 people on the base roll listed as 4/4 blood quantum. This assumption gives an inflation factor of 7.547 ( $=9,608/1,273$ ), and leads us to estimate that 14,679 people are descendants alive in 2022 who would be enrollable under Scenario 5.<sup>15</sup> This alternative brings the estimated total 2022 population to 24,031 if the 14,679 people were included. The results from this estimate are shown in Scenario 5, the higher estimate.

In 2022 and later, all versions of Scenario 5 use the same fertility, mortality, and other inputs used for Scenario 1.

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<sup>14</sup> This calculation is estimating the average number of descendants per high-BQ ancestor but there are probably many Colville citizens who are the descendants of multiple high-BQ base roll ancestors, and there are probably high-BQ base roll ancestors who do not have any living descendants. We included only base roll ancestors with a relatively high BQ because there about four generations in the 85 years between 1937 and 2022.

<sup>15</sup> 14,679 was calculated by taking 7.547 (the estimated average number of descendants per base roll person under the higher version of Scenario 5) and multiplying it by 1,945 which is the number of people on the base roll with less than 4/4 BQ.



## *Lineal descent projection (Scenario 6)*

Scenario 6 is one in which all descendants of Colville citizens on the 1937 tribal base roll would be eligible for enrollment. This enrollment criterion is called “lineal descent,” which does not use blood quantum. Under this scenario, any individual born to a tribal citizen would be eligible for enrollment.

The projections for Scenario 6 do not require an adjustment to the fertility rate for blood quantum because all children of tribal citizens would be eligible to be enrolled under this criterion. Scenario 6 projections use the same fertility and survival data used in the other scenarios.

Because of data issues (mentioned above), it is not possible to use the cohort component method to calculate how many people are the descendants of those on the 1937 base roll. To give a sense of the range of possibilities, we show three projections for Scenario 6. Together, these projections show a general pattern and give some insight into the potential future population under Scenario 6.

We included three Scenario 6 versions. First, the lower estimate in Scenario 6 represents currently enrolled Colville tribal citizens plus their unenrolled children but does not include other currently non-enrolled descendants of base roll members. Second, the middle estimate in Scenario 6 represents currently enrolled Colville tribal citizens plus an additional 5,386 individuals<sup>16</sup> who would be enrollable in 2023 if the criteria were changed, plus the descendants of all of these individuals. Third, the highest estimate in Scenario 6 reflects all of the individuals who are included in the lowest estimate in Scenario 6 plus another 14,679 individuals<sup>17</sup> who could be enrolled today if the base roll were changed, plus their descendants.

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<sup>16</sup> This number was calculated using the lower estimate in Scenario 5.

<sup>17</sup> This number was calculated using the higher estimate in Scenario 5.

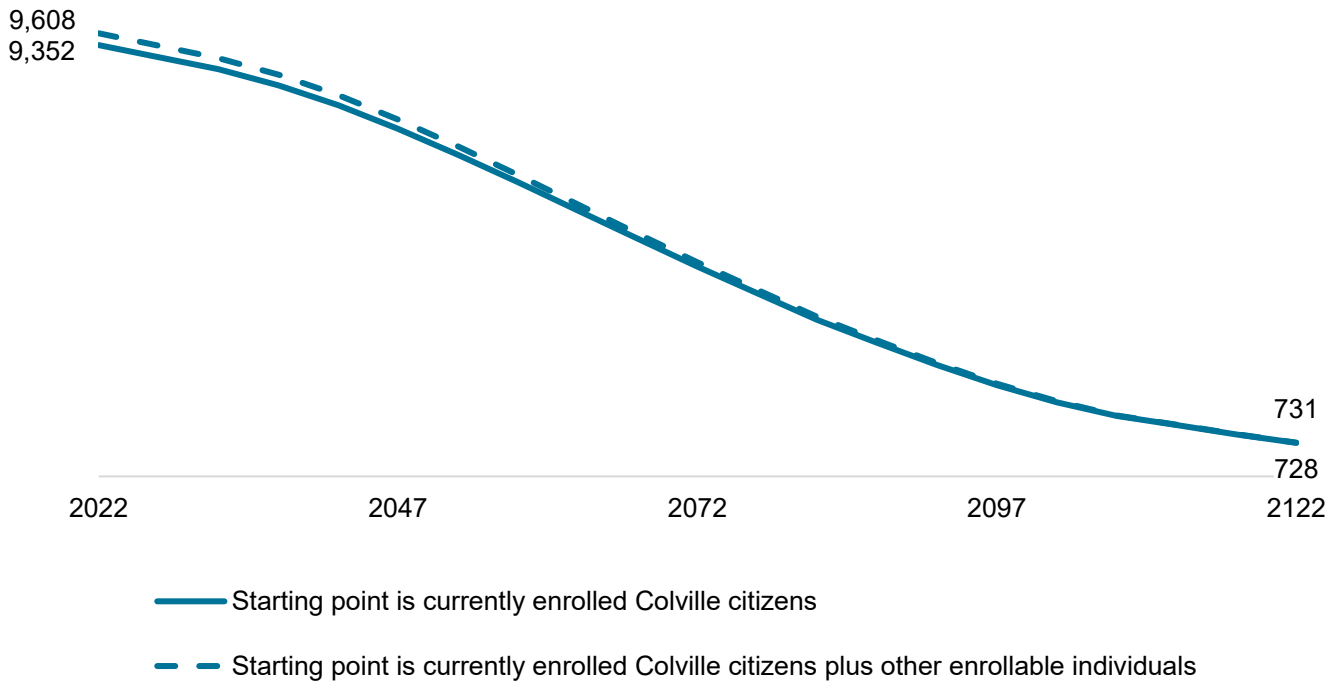
# Results of the population projections

The main findings from the population projections are shown in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Population Projections Summary Report (Corrected May 2024).

## Results: Scenario 1

Keep the tribal enrollment criteria the same – 1/4 Colville blood quantum. Figure 11 shows the results of the population projections under this scenario.

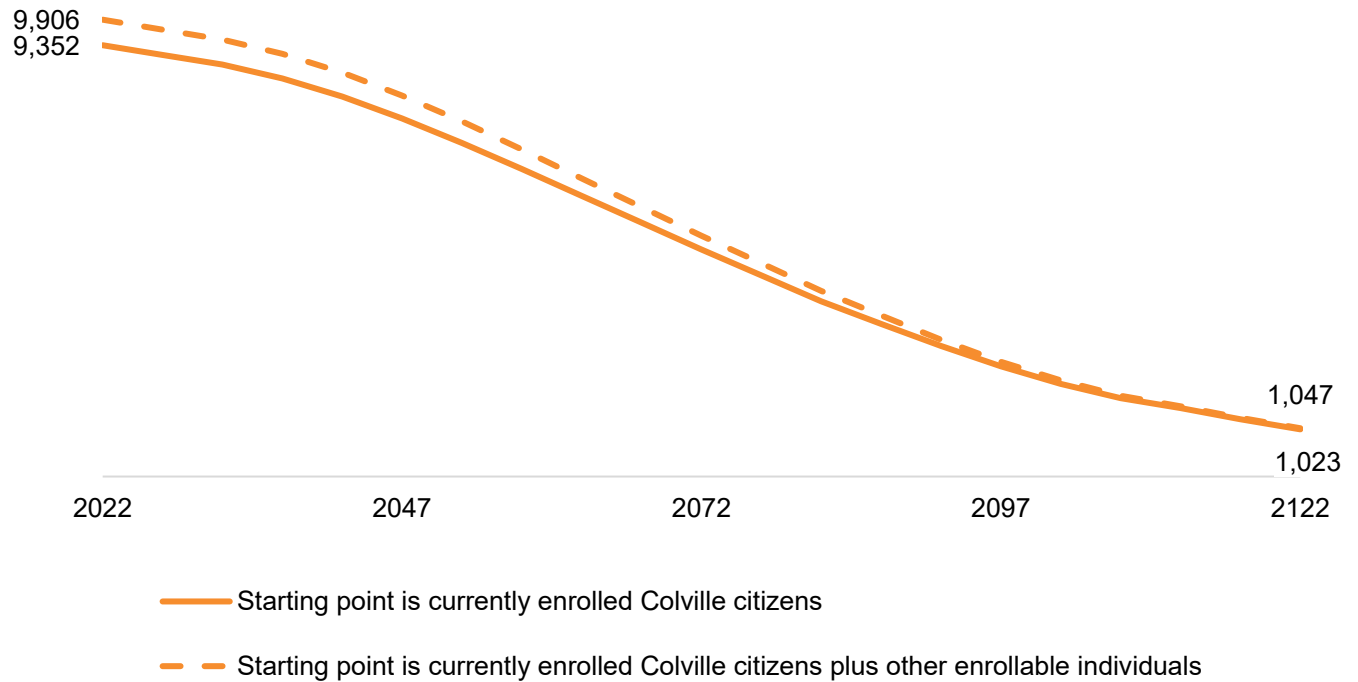
### 11. Detailed population projections under Scenario 1



## Results: Scenario 2

Change the tribal enrollment criteria by making enrollment eligibility 1/4 blood quantum, which must include some Colville blood quantum, and the remainder can be from any other Plateau Tribe.

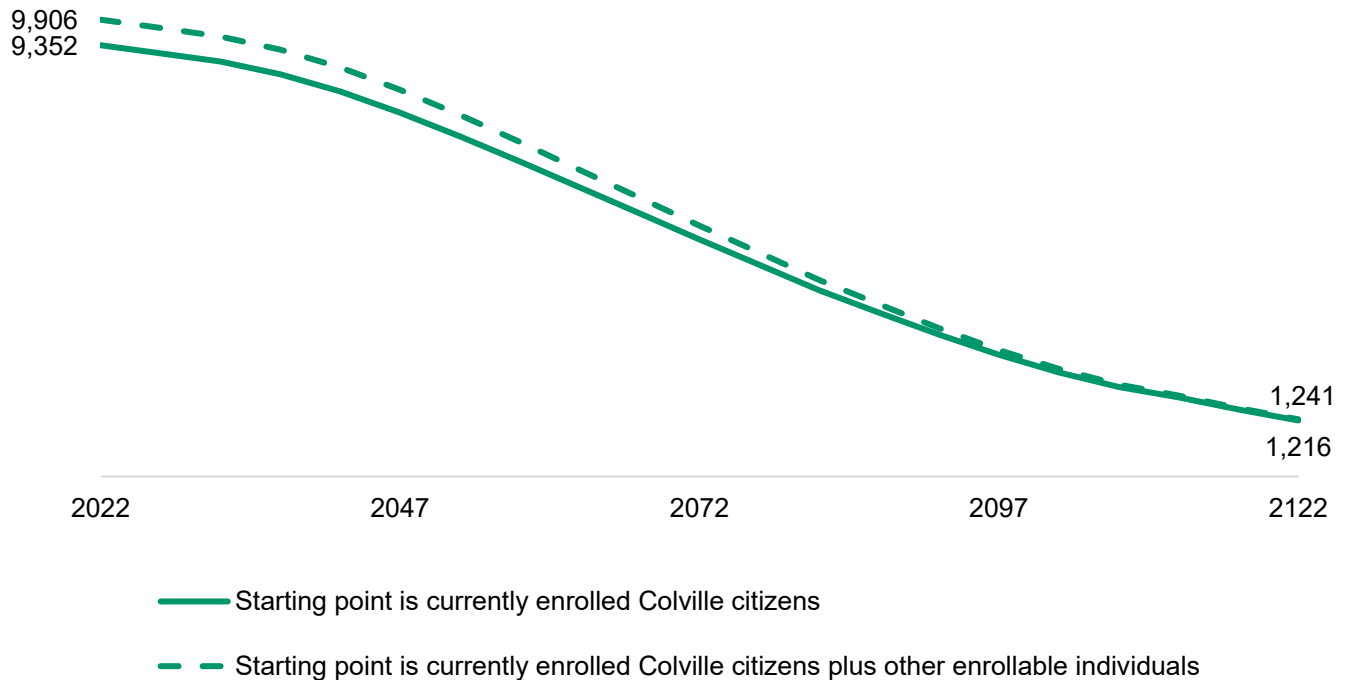
### 12. Detailed population projections under Scenario 2



## Results: Scenario 3

Change the tribal enrollment criteria by making enrollment eligibility 1/4 blood quantum, which must include some Colville blood quantum, and the remainder can be from any other federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Canadian First Nation.

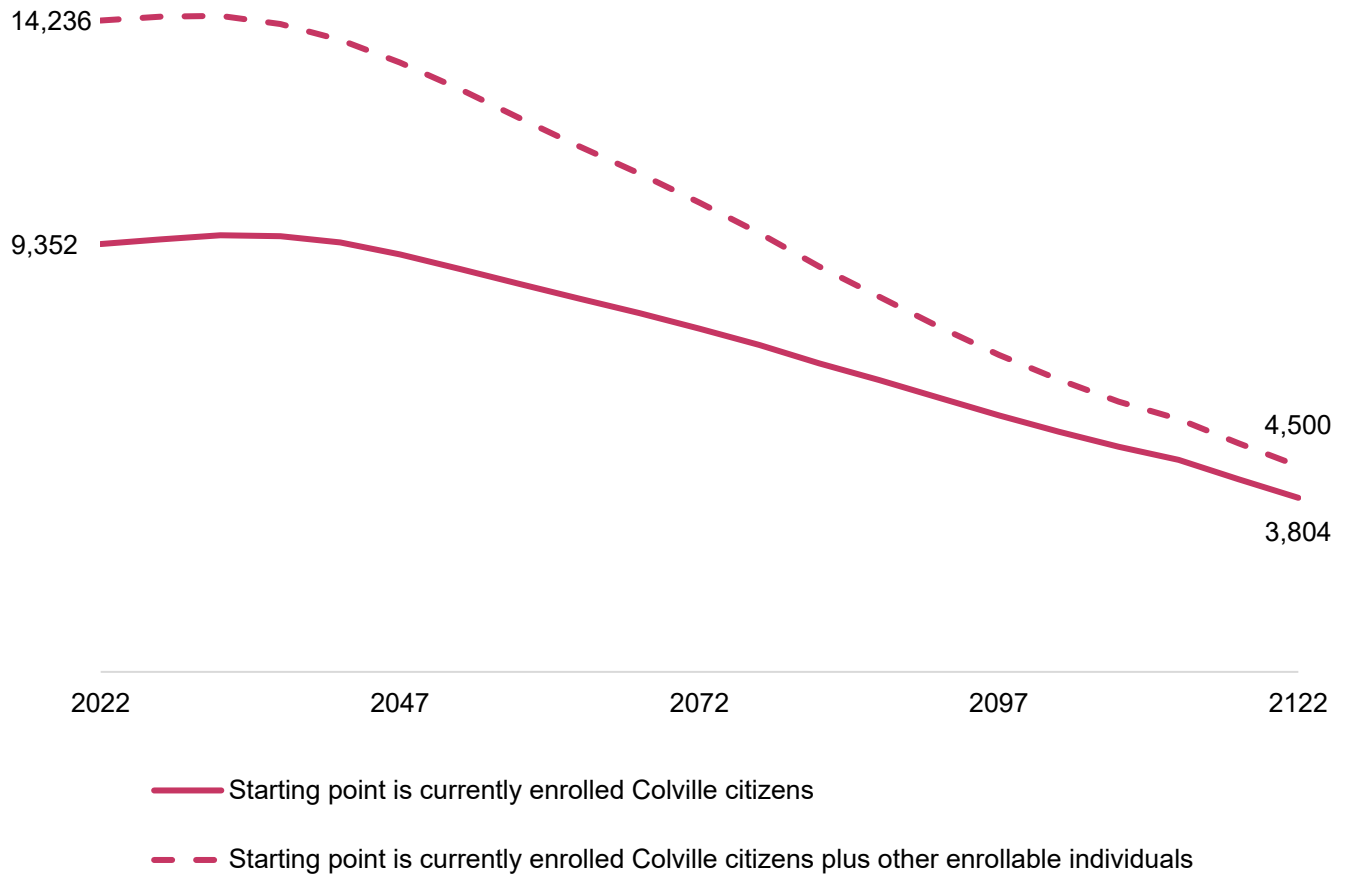
### 13. Detailed population projections under Scenario 3



# Results: Scenario 4

Change the tribal enrollment criteria by making enrollment eligibility 1/8 blood quantum including only Colville blood quantum.

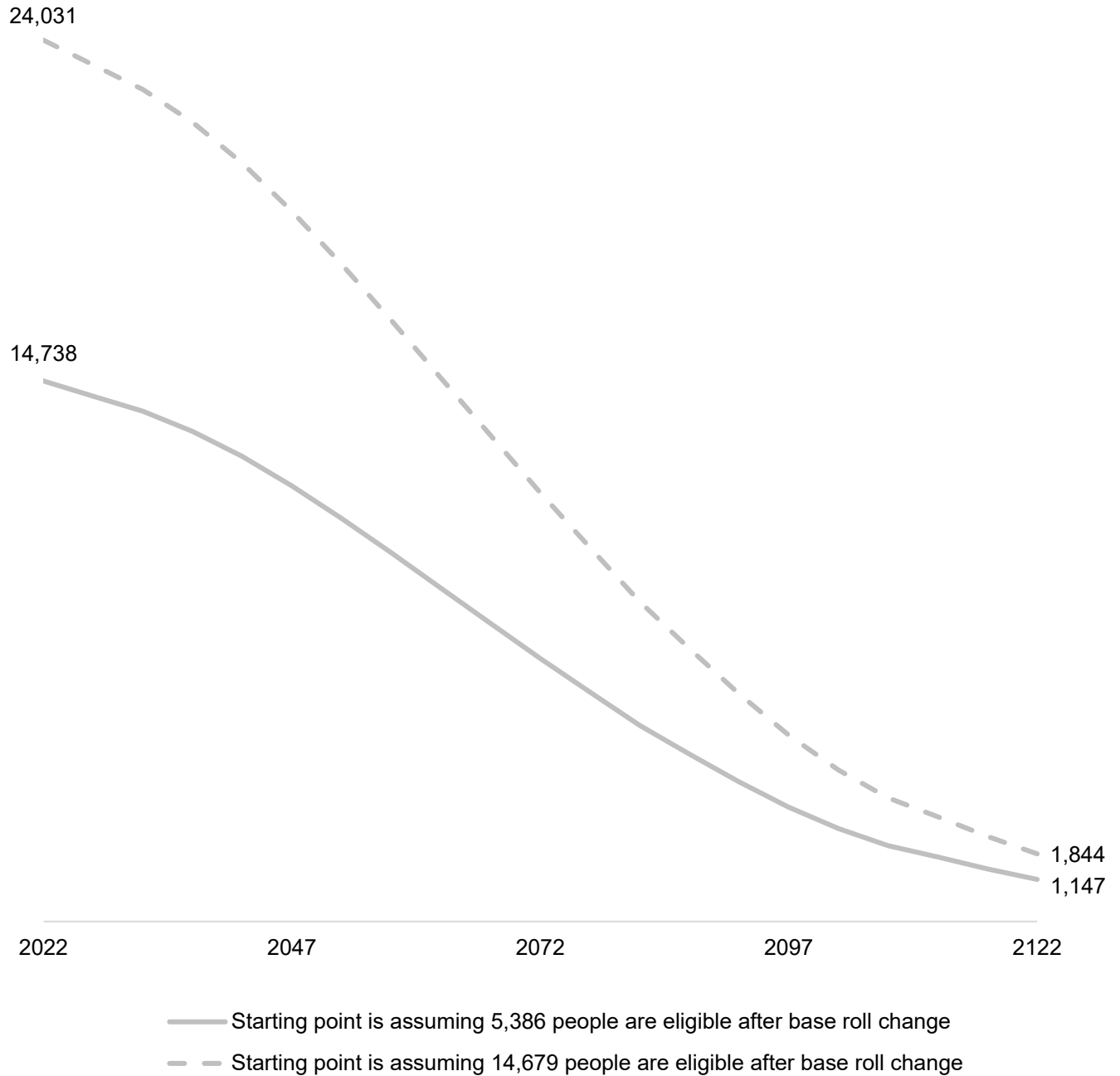
## 14. Detailed population projections under Scenario 4



# Results: Scenario 5

Change the blood quantum of all Colville citizens on the 1937 base roll to be 4/4 Colville blood quantum, and adjust their descendants' blood quantum accordingly.

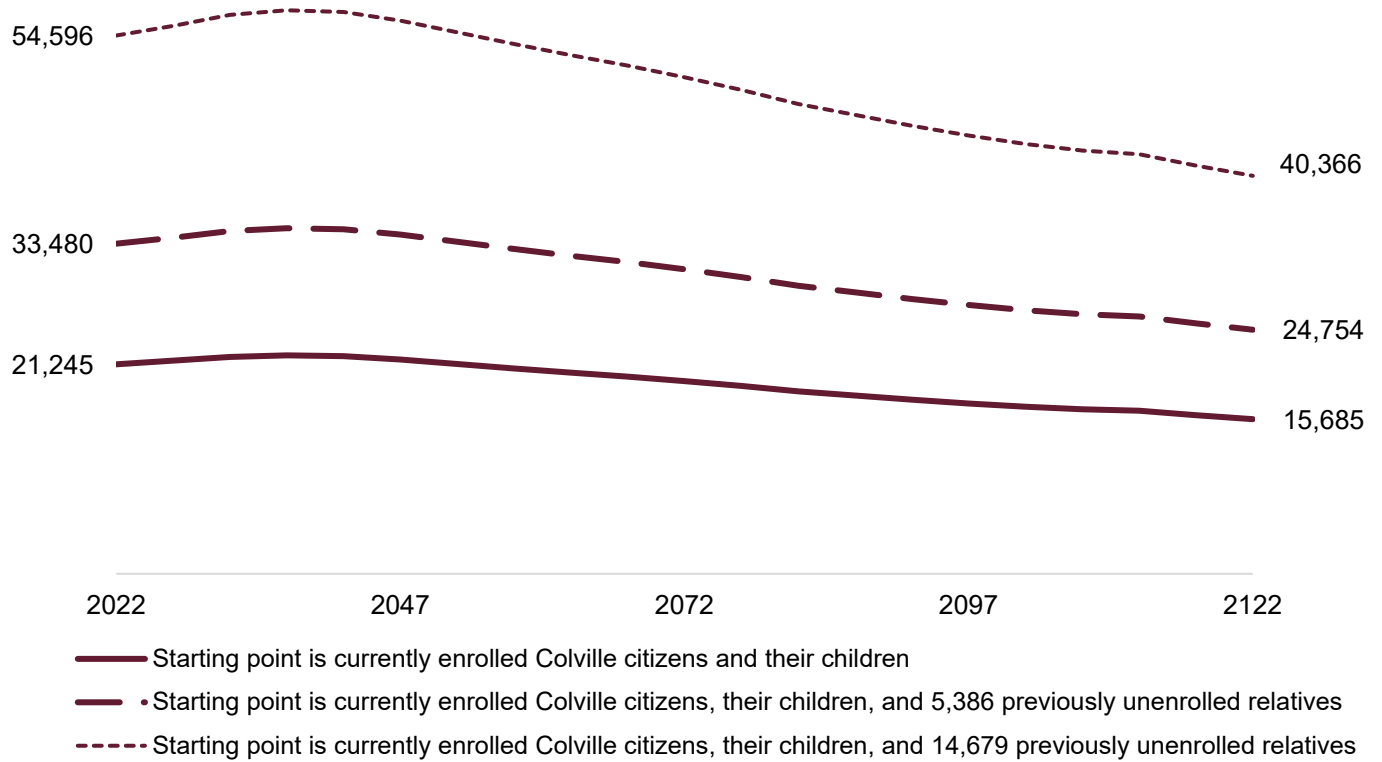
## 15. Detailed population projections under Scenario 5



# Results: Scenario 6

Change the tribal enrollment criteria by making enrollment eligibility based on lineal descent from a citizen of the 1937 Colville Tribe base roll (no blood quantum requirement).

## 16. Detailed population projections under Scenario 6



Note: The trajectory of population growth between 1937 and the present is unknown

## Colville Tribe Member Survey

The Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation is looking at the enrollment criteria for tribal members. We contracted with Wilder Research to help us with this survey and a study of our tribe's population and how it may change over time. The results of this survey will be used to help our tribe consider possible changes to enrollment criteria and how this could affect total tribal population size. **This survey is for informational purposes only; no tribal enrollment changes will be made based on your responses to this survey.**

**Please complete this survey and send it back by January 31, 2022, in the postage paid return envelope. Your responses are confidential; no one but the study team at Wilder Research will see your answers. If you have any questions, please contact William Marchand from Colville Tribe Planning Department at [william.marchand@colvilletribes.com](mailto:william.marchand@colvilletribes.com).**

Your first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Your tribal enrollment number: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Your gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

### The first questions are about you.

1a. Colville Tribe has record of you as an enrolled member. Do you know what blood quantum (fraction of Colville Tribe blood) the tribe has on record for you?

<sup>1</sup> Yes →

<sup>2</sup> No (go to 2a)

1b. What is your exact blood quantum on record with Colville Tribe? Enter your response as a fraction (for example: 1/1, 1/2, 1/4, 23/64, 53/128). \_\_\_\_\_

2a. Outside of Colville Tribe, do you have any other blood from local plateau tribes (such as Flathead, Coeur d'Alene, Yakama, Umatilla, Spokane, etc.)?

<sup>1</sup> Yes →

<sup>2</sup> No (go to 3a)

2b. What other plateau tribe(s)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

2c. What is your blood quantum for this tribe/these tribe(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

3a. Outside of plateau Indian blood, do you have any blood from other federally recognized tribes (such as Ojibwe, Dakota, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Seneca, etc.) or Canadian First Nations?

<sup>1</sup> Yes →

<sup>2</sup> No (go to 4)

3b. What other federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3c. What is your blood quantum for this tribe/these tribe(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please provide your feedback about Colville Tribe's current enrollment eligibility criteria, which is 1/4 (one-quarter) blood quantum, and any other comments about tribal enrollment and enrollment criteria.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Next, we have some questions about your biological children. This information will help Colville Tribe understand what effect changing tribal enrollment criteria could have on the tribe's total population size.

**Please provide information for each of your biological children, including your minor children age 0-17 whether or not they are enrolled, and your adult children age 18 and older who are not enrolled. (All adult tribal members will get their own survey to complete.) If you do not have any biological children, or if all of your children are adults and enrolled, you are done with the survey.**

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please DO NOT send any separate documentation at this time. We are only asking these questions for informational purposes; no enrollment status will be changed as the result of this survey.

### CHILD #1

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #2**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #3**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #4**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #5**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #6**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #7**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #8**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #9**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #10**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

**CHILD #11**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: <sup>1</sup> Male <sup>2</sup> Female <sup>3</sup> Other

A. Is this child an enrolled member of Colville Tribe?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO B)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO C)
B. (If enrolled in Colville) What is this child's tribal enrollment number?	_____	
C. What is this child's Colville blood quantum?	_____	
D. Does this child have any blood from any non-Colville plateau tribes?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO E)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO F)
E. What is this child's blood quantum for this other plateau tribe(s)?	_____	
F. Does this child have any blood from any non-plateau federally recognized tribes or Canadian First Nations?	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> Yes (GO TO G)	<input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> No (GO TO next child)
G. What is this child's blood quantum for this other non-plateau tribe(s)?	_____	

\*\*\*\*\* If you have additional biological children please attach their information on separate pages \*\*\*\*\*

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## B. Tribal citizen comments

*Please provide your feedback about Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's current enrollment eligibility criteria, which is 1/4 (one-quarter) blood quantum, and any other comments about tribal enrollment and enrollment criteria.*

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I have no children.

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We need more Indian blood or we don't exist.

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I don't think it's fair. I have a lot of family/friends that can't enroll their kids because they're 1/4. So their kids wouldn't be eligible for enrollment. Plus, is it really accurate in the first place? I highly doubt it.

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My grandkids are descendants of the Spokane tribe, one is enrolled with the Spokanes, ALL have mixed blood. Thankful the Spokanes count all federally recognized blood. My second daughter transferred to Spokane, and was able to enroll her son.

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To exist in the future, I think we'll have to consider lowering the blood quantum. I think we should also consider other Indian blood when deciding enrollment eligibility.

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Keep current eligibility; don't accept Canadian blood.

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The current criteria is good as is.

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With members marrying or just having children with non-members, the blood quantum should be less.

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It is an antiquated model imposed by assimilationist, anti-sovereignty federal policies that is having its intended result. We are voluntarily writing ourselves into extinction. Unfortunately, so many have the fighting-over-scrap, zero-sum mentality that they will lose resources if this rule changes.

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We should re-think the minimum blood quantum idea because that all came from colonial oppression and as a way to eliminate us further from our ancestry and identity.

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I like where it's at now, 1/4 blood quantum. But, I'm willing to listen to others' feedback on this matter in the future.

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I believe the tribe should accept all Native American blood. Due to the Native American is slowly going away.

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I think that other tribal members got enrolled what they weren't qualified were put on rolls later in life.

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Was made by U.S. government, all tribes didn't record good records of the 1937 rolls. Was a termination Act if you claimed all your Indian blood, BIA controlled your funds (incompetent) if you claimed the 1/8, released your money, was pure termination.

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No comment.

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No comments.

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I am enrolled, as well as my son.

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I am ok with the 1/4 blood quantum to be enrolled in our tribe. To be kept the same. I also think that descendants should be able to receive services from our tribe.

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Have more emergency funding.

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Have no feedback other than I have a niece that is 1/8 Colville (Nez Pierce or Moses) and think if you are any part of Indian you should be included in enrollment.

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Cover All Tribe blood as Colville.

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I would like the tribe to take all tribal blood to enroll Colville.

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Being 3/16 blood quantum, I think that is sufficient with one parent who is enrolled at 3/8. 1/4 should be for those with two enrolled parents. I would actually like to see blood quantum abolished.

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Seems to be fair to me.

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This should be left at 1/4. This should not be dropped. We are supporting too many non-members and people who think they are descendants and deserve hunting/fishing rights.

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Seems to be reasonable.

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I feel it would be nice if all other tribal blood was included or combined to reach the 1/4 enrollment requirements. My daughter is 1st line descendant and could be enrolled if all her blood from another tribe was included.

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1/4 seems good.

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My grandma is Elsie Seymour (Andrew) and grandfather is David Seymour, my blood degree should be much higher!

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My real father is David Seymour, but the record has my father as Ed Signor, which is wrong. My blood degree should be 1/1 or 4/4.

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I think the tribe should consider ALL Indian blood. I have children who will not be able to enroll their children because they are just a hair shy with Colville blood only. With ALL Indian blood, they are eligible for something. Soon we won't have a membership if something doesn't change.

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I'm in favor of lowering the blood quantum.

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Mother/father both full blood - which makes me 1/2 blood? Is this another way to genocide?

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At this time I feel that the Colville tribe could be doing better and I sent a money order to purchase a tribal ID and haven't received it yet! Please help.

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I believe 1/5 would be better.

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First generation's descendants, 1/8 Colville, should be enrolled. Our membership is declining. The Nez Pierce tribe is also considering this option.

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1/4 blood quantum.

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Enrollment requirements should change and not be based on blood quantum. Should be a system developed based on ancestry of the 12 tribes.

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There is no trust in enrollment procedures, changed quantum without permission or explanation. Need a system of enrollment based on proof of ancestry, not blood quantum.

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I don't have children, but my sister does which means my niece and nephew's children will not be eligible. I don't agree that 1/4 should be the cutoff to eligibility.

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Well I remember when I was 1/4 until they changed it.

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I feel for the benefit of the tribe we should combine all tribal blood for a total native blood quantum.

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It should be 1/8.

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I feel that it should be the same but more help should be available for those that fall under.

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I have no children so I am the last and end of the line for my branch of the family tree.

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I believe 1/4 is the right minimum to be enrolled.

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I don't know.

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I am 3/4 Canadian First Nations, 3/4 Colville.

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If the tribe adopts/accepts membership then blood quantum should account for all Native/Indigenous blood quantum. For instance, mother is enrolled and father is not but has Native blood quantum. When that child is accepted, then as far as blood quantum is concerned, the overall number should count as the new number.

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Public hearings regarding enrollment criteria.

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I think the tribe should take into consideration certain criteria for eligibility of enrollment for less than 1/4, but more Colville blood than 1/8. Such as conceived on the reservation or resides on the reservation or resides for X amount of years. Traditional practices for the young to take care of elders (gathering and hunting) - maybe less than 1/4, no per caps and settlement money, but benefits.

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A DNA should be done for all enrollments.

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I disagree with quantum levels due to the generation's lower quantum level, making members' children descendants or non-members.

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Blood quantum is rooted in American colonial government policies meant to breed us out of existence. I think we should expand to accept all native blood, lower it, or completely eliminate it, then redefine as a community what constitutes a tribal member.

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N/A

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I think all blood should be combined from every federally recognized tribes that ENTIRE TOTAL be recorded as our blood quantum.

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Tribes that are reservations seem to be blood quantum. While some non-reservation tribes base enrollment off of proof of descendency. Instead of "BC" tribes refer to it as "traces". There can also be a point made about demographic vs. geographical. Another point of "BC" is mathematical genocide.

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My mom's dad [name] registered is wrong, he has more Indian blood in him. His dad and mom were full blood, which would make me higher than my children (two) would be enrolled. This is my wish for them. Would love research (how?) Please (help), would love it.

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I had a hard time deciding if I should request it go to an 1/8, but I believe it should stay the status quo. Thank you for this survey, it makes me happy to have a say in this matter.

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I think our Tribe will eventually die out with this criteria. Indian is Indian. Let's talk about the 1959 law, this tore many families in half. Full sibling one is enrolled, one is not. We need change!

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I think that native blood is getting watered down, and to strengthen tribal blood, keep it at 1/4. I think if a descendant has 1/8 of another tribal blood, and an 1/8 Colville, we should allow enrollment in either tribe. But I do think other tribes need to do the same and they enroll in the tribe they are more affiliated with.

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I feel that blood quantum should be lowered to 1/8 and use all federally recognized tribal blood.

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Should be left as is...one quarter.

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Myself don't go but family quantum was changed from recent card one changed to 1/2 Colville, 1/2 Kaliepe Canadian taken off from the original. Another family said enrollment said to prove grandpa was Canadian.

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Tribe has all this info already. Far as my kids go, they not Colvilles, leave them out of this!

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I would like to see the quantum lowered because we are losing elders and our blood is getting spread out and soon there will be enough enrolled members and our tribe will be gone.

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If we are changing enrollment criteria it would be good to consider dropping the blood quantum so that some descendants would be recognized. I believe many of our descendants were raised with tribal beliefs and behave in a tribal way if not traditionally.

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I feel like the Tribe should consider lowering the blood quantum requirement to be enrolled.

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I'd like my grandkids 1/8 would be than blood line.

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My kids are 1/8, I wish they can be registered.

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I would love for my son to become a tribal member.

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Living here in Nespelem my whole life, I'd like both my boys to be enrolled or move my other blood to this tribe, if that makes sense?

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Wallet was stolen. I need a new card. Info was all one picture Colville ID.

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No comment.

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I believe we should expand our blood quantum if it helps continue our tribe's lifespan. I don't want us to eradicate our own selves through denying membership to descendants.

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Needs to be lowered, our children would love to be able to hunt with their father.

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As we age, as a tribe, we might consider lowering the blood quantum. As it is right now, our children are not eligible for enrollment.

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Some are enrolled that definitely - no.

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I believe our blood quantum should be lowered - even to lineal descent; in order to protect our indigenous society. We all know that blood quantum is a formula for "paper genocide". The blood quantum laws were enacted by the federal government as a way to establish being "legally defined", as we now are. Although, it's up to us to maintain our culture and existence.

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I feel that the current enrollment eligibility criteria needs to be changed. I feel it could be more diverse, inclusive, and equitable. I feel that the change to include all local Columbia-Plateau? (Salish) tribes from our original territories (WA, ID, MT, OR and Canada).

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I think it should stay the same, unless there is a well thought criteria for changes! On the high end, say you have someone 1/2 Yakima and 1/2 Colville; they need to choose the tribe they want to be enrolled at, but yet weakens their blood count to be enrolled. I am more concerned for enrollments with greater blood quantum, because "most" will marry outside the tribe that does nothing for any ultimate change in blood degrees. It's a one-time fix.

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The current enrollment eligibility criteria needs to be changed. Accept all Indian blood as one Native American, Indian is Indian, should be one nation.

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The current enrollment eligibility criteria needs to be changed. All Indian blood needs to be recognized.

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After I die, CCT will have nothing to do with my family. I asked for my son to be adopted, but you said no way. So, good luck with this survey.

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I like the blood quantum to stay the same it is. With the exception of biological children. I think if you are an enrolled member, you should be allowed to enroll your children regardless of their blood.

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1/4 blood quantum is termination policy and a direct contradiction to our culture. As Native people it is our responsibility to the seven generations. Our numbers are dwindling and it makes no sense for us to amend our const. to correct this colonialist destruction policy and plan for our future existence - in direct contradiction to the U.S. hope of all assimilation.

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I want the blood criteria to be 1/8 or the next degree lower than 1/4.

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It's ok with me.

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I believe enrollment should close for new enrollment. We have over 9,000 people and we do not receive any benefits. If you keep new enrollment each person should be 1/2 Colville to be enrolled - not 1/4.

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Shouldn't be a quantum. Biological children of tribal members are and should be tribal members.

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I have 3 living children and all 3 are enrolled as 1/4. The way enrollment is handled now, my grandchildren are considered descendants, which is still Indian - go figure.

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Lowering blood quantum might not be the answer, but we should at least accept all tribal blood.

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N/A

I have one adult child that does not have the same blood quantum as her other two siblings, but all three have the same father, but the father did not sign her birth certificate, and does not disclaim her as his own.

Grandfather was 1937 rolls. [name and DOB] was treated unfairly! Due process was not met!

I agree 1/4 is the least amount that should be accepted.

Maybe first descendant should be enrolled if their parents were enrolled, maybe they should be.

It is too high - we are going extinct. All first-generation descendants should be enrolled. The tribe should extend services to ALL enrolled members regardless of their residence. A list/manual of benefits should be published for all members.

Although the Colville tribe has my blood quantum listed as 7/16, it is my belief that it may be higher, possibly as much as 8/16. Unfortunately, without further research, I have nothing to justify this belief.

Blood quantum is too high, we are going extinct. All first-generation descendants = enrolled. If the tribe wants all members to document their blood degree for U.S. government census then services funded by US government should be extended to all tribal members regardless of where they live.

It should stay the same, 1/4.

All my family member is enrollment Colville tribe. My dad enrollment in Blackfeet.

I like it as it is now! 1/4

1/4 blood quantum is the right amount for enrollment and yes we should be using all native blood to up our blood quantum because we are breeding ourselves out of existence.

Parents and grandparents are all full blooded Colville.

I think it is worth the tribe discussing counting all native and first nations heritage as giving eligibility for CTCR enrollment status, as long as an ancestor is/was enrolled here, and the person has cultural ties here.

The 1/4 eligibility criteria to qualify an Indian person to be enrolled in a tribe - is a method to down-size tribes and is unfair to many Indian individuals. A person born of an Indian person or parent should be the correct criteria to be enrolled in a tribe of their parent's Indian preferred tribe.

I think things are fine as is; I see no reason (yet) to lower or raise the eligibility criteria. Is there a negative to keeping it as is? (don't ask me, just asking).

I firmly believe that we should use other Indian blood or lower the blood quantum to any CCT blood. We are already 12 Tribes combined, so we should use other Indian blood from a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

1/4 is fine.

I feel it is fair criteria.

My adult children are coming to visit and enroll as descendants in August 2023. They are both members of Native groups in their schools, meaning their children, my grandchildren (2).

The eligibility criteria needs to remain at least 1/4 blood quantum. This should not be lowered.

The blood quantum issue is extremely complex with no clear answers or solutions. For now, the 1/4 amount "works", but I would personally like to see enrollment based on cultural knowledge and practice in addition to quantum. Good luck!

N/A

Good.

Enrollments based on the 1937 rolls as stated in tribal constitution.

Since, through time, the 1/4 blood is thinning because of measuring as having children outside of Colville tribe or other tribe we are finding out!

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1/4 sounds about right, minimum.

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I don't like going by blood quantum, but I would like to see the Colville tribe start accepting other tribes' blood. In the next 20 years, I would like to see the blood quantum phased out.

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My card is okay - grandson #1 is okay. Grandson #2 we need to fix - point me in the right direction! I have the grandsons, after my daughter, their mom, passed in August 2019. Thank you.

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Ryan is developmentally disabled. He is blind. Does not speak. Does not walk. His dad and I do everything for him - mom (Karleen Ceballos). Thank you.

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The criteria must be adjusted or all Colvilles will be phased out entirely - sooner than later.

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At this 1/4 blood quantum, the tribe will disappear at some point.

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Wish they would count all blood together or even get rid of blood quantum. I am an enrolled tribal member, so my children should also be enrolled and also my grandchildren. We all live on the reservation.

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None.

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It's not right. Enrollment wants to drop the blood quantum. That change should be a membership wide vote.

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My mother is counted 1/2, while her brother is 4/4.

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My brother is 4/4. Why am I not 4/4 - have same parents.

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My mom's brother is 4/4 and she's 1/2, something is not right.

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1/4 is the blood quantum I have always known. I realize some tribes have various degrees with Indian blood as membership requirements. However, what are of lesser ? make blood quantum for ? membership in any tribe? What are consequences of more or less blood quantum?

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It would be nice if CCT would allow other Indian bloods to be make descendants enrolled into CCT. If the descendant resides on CCT reservation as a CCT member if they meet the blood quantum.

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Include all tribal blood.

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It's a good number/ratio, but there are a lot of un-counted proportions because some of our ancestors didn't want to claim their real amount. For example, my great grandma only claimed 1/2 instead of her 3/4 so she could drink alcohol. Someday this un-counted blood quantum could impact my grandkids or their kids.

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Blood quantum should be used with Colville Tribes blood quantum to determine eligibility for Colville Tribes.

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No changes at this time.

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I believe like my dad that it should stand as it is. As far as the 1/4 quantum, but I would like to see the statement of adoption into the tribe be put back as enrollment for the babies born.

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I remember when my daughter was born in 1956, I had the opportunity to enroll her, but I didn't! Not sure why? I believe could lower enrollment to 1/8 blood quantum to enroll. Thank you!

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I feel like in 10, 15 years, they'll have to lower it to 1/8. Since not a lot of natives are having kids with other natives. But its fine as it is right now.

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In 1940s, tribe (CCT) mandated a person to be 1/2 Indian blood to sell land (any portion). My grandmother needed (living expenses) money to survive during a war era. So she claimed to be 1/2, to sell some land. Her sister was "full blood", as was she. Years later, someone in tribal office sought to get revenge and changed the sister's quantum, to equal my grandmother's 1/2 status. Years later in 1960s my grandmother tried to get her blood quantum changed back with no avail.

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N/A

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Should be lineage based.

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It should stay at least 1/4.

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I worry that with this quantum we will be limiting our membership moving into the future. That value was created as a way to assimilate the Tribes and it is still working.

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I believe we should change from "blood quantum" to "proof of direct lineage." As our older members die, we won't be getting new members as so many of our younger generations do not qualify to enroll. I know of one instance where a 1/4 generation member left our tribe so that her children could be enrolled.

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Obviously, our tribe will diminish in census as tribal members marry outside the tribe. I think going to 1/8 would be acceptable.

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Please keep blood quantum at 1/4.

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What method is required to prove blood degrees by individuals wanting to enroll a person(s) for membership into tribe?

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Without DNA testing it is not possible to know for sure what any blood quantum is valid. Our family alone has different quantum for brothers and sisters with the same parents listed with different quantum. Those date back to the 1930s, if not before. Good luck getting it close.

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None.

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1/2 Colville tribe (Entiat Band). 1/2 Okanagan Tribe.

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I think descendants showing CCT blood quantum, even below 1/4 should be enrolled. CDA Tribe enrolls spouses with no native blood quantum. Numbers in members are power and money. Also, CCT should of got this info from their own enrollment and saved on the survey cost.

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I feel that my children, [name] and [name] can easily be enrolled in the Colville Confederated Tribes.

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I think everyone should do DNA!

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I have 4 grandchildren that are just under eligibility criteria. All of my 3 children are CCT members and are not able to enroll their children with CCT. All my grandchildren's dads are enrolled in other federally recognized tribes.

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Blood quantum should be at least 1/2.

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I'd like to see all Indian blood listed on the 1937 roll be added to CCT blood to increase total CCT blood quantum. Or, all enrolled CCT members listed on the 1937 roll be increased to 4/4 CCT.

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Blood quantum was started by Federal Government so that over time Indians would eventually breed themselves out and rid the Federal Government of their legal duties to uphold treaty obligations. Any Indian blood should be counted and the person can be enrolled with tribe of choice.

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Blood quantum should be 1/2.

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My card says all Indian blood is 53/128.

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I would hope to get my children enrolled so they are already descendants they should be able to enroll.

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Some tribal members may not be sure about their degree of blood. My mother [name] was illegitimate? And had mental health problems due to childhood abuse and rheumatic fever. Her half brothers forced her to be a prostitute at age 12 at the air force base. Tribal children especially women need more education and protection because of drugs and alcoholism. My tribe has many broken adults because of this.

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The tribe should not allow dual enrollment. Enrollment from outside tribes as well as a Colville tribal member.

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I haven't had to deal with any of that. I wish I could get more help for daughter and grandkids, as in medical.

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I believe the current enrollment eligibility criteria should be extended to 1/8 blood quantum. Not only would this maintain Colville enrollment, but continue with traditions and protect our culture.

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CCT should count other tribal blood from Eastern Washington for enrollment purposes. CCT should count Canadian First Nations blood that are closely tied with CCT for enrollment purposes.

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I agree with current criteria, but would be nice for my children if other blood was adopted so they could get enrolled.

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My daughter cannot get enrolled because she has less than 1/4 blood from any one single tribe. Combined native tribal blood makes her almost half Indian. We should count other tribal blood when considering enrollment.

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I am in favor of eligibility criteria being changed from one-quarter blood quantum to Colville Tribal descendent.

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Unsure if my daughter qualifies as I'd love for her to have some form of proof of heritage and be able to reap the same benefits I had.

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N/A

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Will this survey identify dual enrollment (enrolled in Colville tribe and another tribe) and reaping benefits from both? Will this be corrected, I understand Canadian tribal members are enrolled in Colville tribe and receive benefits and monies from Colville tribe.

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I think that should keep the enrollment criteria as is 1/4 blood quantum. I believe that tribal enrollment has some issues, re: having corrections on backlog of enrollments which involves Tribal court and with Tribal council. They are doing as much as they can to solve all issues. Last issues addresses need updating!

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Need to include adult children who are not enrolled, such as my three children are just under the 1/4. Also my mother's Tribe in Canada blood tribe is not federally recognized, but my blood from my mom is half Kainai from Alberta Canada. So my kids 3/16 of Colville from me and their Grandpa. So need to include descendants on this form, otherwise, you aren't getting the descendant in this survey. You are including tribally enrolled minor children, but not descendants that are adults like my three adult children are. I feel and would like to see all native blood counted to ours whether that tribe is federally recognized or not.

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No comment.

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Our family is very proud to have Indian heritage. Our children are interested in becoming enrolled in the Colville Tribe. We are in favor of allowing enrollment of family members with less than 1/4 blood quantum.

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In order to keep our tribe in existence, I would be in favor of lowering the required blood quantum to 1/8.

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I think it's sad that I can't enroll my son because I'm 1/4 and he doesn't qualify. He's just as much native as me and proud of it.

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My elders are all passing away and the mother of my kids is not of Indian descent. I feel many people (mostly youth) are in the same situation as my children. I think it's a good idea to lower the blood quantum to expand the tribe.

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You people are doing a good job, but when we signed the paper to get our money, we were all told that we would get no less than \$500, but we get \$200 most. Want to know why please.

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Blood quantum is nonsense created to make us eventually breed ourselves out of existence. We need to abolish it and go back to the old ways. All my ancestors married and had children from different tribes. That was our way. Otherwise we'd all be inbred.

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Should stay 1/4.

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I believe the enrollment eligibility criteria should be updated to 1/8 blood quantum.

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I believe 1/4 is the lowest it should be and remain that way.

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I believe very strongly that the tribe extend enrollment beyond current blood level requirements.

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This information should be available through IIM, why is the Tribe spending this money to gather information they already have? If they are trying to find out if tribal members agree to allowing other blood quantum to get Colville tribal enrollment they should just ask that. P.S. this is the second form I've been mailed and filled out.

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Easier access.

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I think the blood quantum is good, but if a kid is just shy of enrollment, there should be an exception created.

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Lower blood quantum for enrolled members.

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The 1/4 blood quantum seems to be a relic of the 1934 IRA constitution template. Although there should be a way to determine membership, an artificial construct defined by the U.S. government and adopted by tribes is not the ideal situation.

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I think that's a fair cut-off to be enrolled.

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According to the 2020 Census, there are only 2+ million American Indian and Alaskan Natives in the United States. It's time to account for all Indians in America regardless of 1/4 blood quantum. Eventually we will meld into the mainstream of society and will lose our identity.

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Hire Genealogist! Lower blood quantum! Survey not based on fact! What's up? Reason and truth?  
Please answer my question via [email address]

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If a child's parent(s) is/are enrolled in the Colville Tribe, all of the child's Indian blood should be taken into account (from all other tribal Indian blood) to qualify them to be enrolled in the Colville Tribe.

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I am in agreement with the current enrollment criteria.

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I disagree that you must be 1/4 of a single band to be enrolled. CCT should count all tribal blood if a quantum is required. Including Canadian blood.

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Even though I have grandchildren who are not enrolled, I don't see the need to lower the enrollment eligibility at this time. I would reconsider if enrollment dropped to less than 5,000 members.

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I would like the enrollment eligibility criteria to change to 1/8.

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It's ok, however to stop the reduction of Indian quantum, might want to include other tribes' quantum, keep Indian alive.

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4/4 Colville

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No comment.

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None, sorry!

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I am more than 1/4 due to changes in blood quantum in father and mother. I hope CCT will include other Native blood.

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I am also Navajo but not enrolled. Documenting folks as descendants could be an option.

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I believe it needs to be lowered to 1/8 because we will be bred out soon.

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I would like it to go to 1/8.

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All my grandchildren are 1/8, it would be nice if they could fish and hunt on our land.

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Colville's should change to criteria like Spokane's CDA's, Umatilla's, etc. 1/4 total blood quantum with a parent or grandparent enrolled.

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I think we should allow 1/8 blood quantum.

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I knew [name] at Saint Mary's Mission. When I was a student there.

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I've been told through enrollment that my blood has or could be changed to 15/16, but Covid-19 happened! When I needed a new ID, during Covid, they only gave me my old 1/4 blood, but in B.C. I'm full blood. My dad and great-grandpa was chief of Lower-Sanleraneca? When my dad died, I turned down the chief credentials, and [name] became chief.

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I hope to see my tribe get rid of the blood quantum guideline when it comes to enrollment. Our tribe will slowly die out in the future with this protocol.

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I think anyone born after 3/15/2023 should have to be 1/2 blood quantum to be enrolled Colville tribe.

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No comment.

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I think the 1/4 eligibility should continue.

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Constitution only allows recognition of all Indian blood for those on 1937 rolls and their descendants. My mother's siblings were put on 1937 rolls, she wasn't, she was put in Umatilla roll as a baby and enrolled CCT when an adult. Her Umatilla blood should be recognized as her sibling as counting towards CCT blood.

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Story has it our family came from Arrow Lakes to Washington State to attend a powwow. Upon returning to Canada - they realized their home had been stolen, so they returned to Washington state to live.

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I think that blood quantum should not be an issue. I believe my grandkids who are not enrolled, are just as Native American as I am.

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I do not agree with the blood quantum. We are a nation of people. Not a blood bank.

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A few years ago, I contacted the Colville Tribe requesting documentation of my tribal membership, as well as verification of my bloodline. I received a letter from the Colville Tribe. The document is both a certificate of Indian blood and a confirmation of tribal enrollment. According to the document, I am 1/4 native blood. My father is a full-blood native. My mother is non-native. I am the same bloodline as my father, O+. I believe I should have a blood quantum of 1/2. Information as to how the blood quantum is calculated would be helpful.

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The 1/4 blood quantum criteria was designed, knowingly or not, by the U.S. government to help bring Colville Tribes to an end through continued generational blood quantum degradation. I am a full blood Okanogan/North Thompson, but I am only 1/2 "Colville".

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I believe that both parents should be enrolled members before a child can be enrolled. I also believe that proven descendants should be able to hunt and fish, but not eligible for any money. Just my thoughts.

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None.

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I think 1/4 is a good cut-off, but would like if it was lowered to 1/8, so my kids could still be enrolled.

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1/8 descendants should have hunting/fishing rights. All native blood should be included to determine children's enrollment. No matter what all descendants whose parents live on the rez should be given hunting and fishing rights.

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The blood quantum of my mom [name] should be verified because she should be more than half and the percentage should be lowered to 1/8. Or, hunting and fishing should be open to 1/8 descendants.

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With some changes in my family's blood degree, I have tried to enroll my daughters in both Colville and Coeur D'Alene tribes as I am the sole Indian degree. My wife is non-Indian. I don't understand the blood, the blood changes.

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1/2 Okanagan, 1/2 Methow.

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Old blue card had all tribes with their blood quantum, but when new number and new card came out, that all went away.

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I think the enrollment criteria should change to 1/8 blood quantum. I think the 2/3 vote criteria for changing this is too high and this will never pass. I would like to see a different criteria for voting tribal enrollment changed.

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Leave blood quantum at 1/4 for enrollment. We don't need a million people like the Cherokees.

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To keep the blood line going, it needs to be dropped to 1/8 blood degree.

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My 4 boys counting all native blood are about 1/2 native. They are not enrolled in any tribe - this is not ok! Native children need to be identified by tribes as enrolled not descendants!

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Why do we have to have a degree when white people don't or colored.

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N/A

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Needs to be lower so my children can be enrolled.

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I think that the enrollment criteria should be dropped to 1/8 for the descendant. It would benefit the enrollee and the tribe in the long run.

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We need to figure out how to keep ourselves from breeding out. Up tribal members' blood quantum.

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In order for my son to be enrolled his father would have to be Colville. I live in Minnesota. My son had to be enrolled in his father's tribe. His father isn't a part of his life. I know my tribe, I don't know his. I wish my could be in mine.

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Math sucks, keep dividing fewer citizens recognize any tribal blood. Lineage. System imposed by feds says it all.

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We are only stronger in numbers. It should be abolished.

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Enrollment should remain at 1/4.

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1/4 blood quantum seems to be a reasonable minimum.

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Our feedback is first descendants should get all the benefits of their tribal parents.

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Lower the quantum, we need growth.

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Sooner or later the tribe will have to address the percentage threshold. The strength is in numbers, the tribe would probably receive more funding based off larger numbers. Maybe the tribe will start recognizing other Indian blood.

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My blood degree has changed from more and less to what it is now. I don't know if ever or when they have added together my Cree to Colville. Or in my father's time, or grandfather.

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I'm ok with this. That's the way it has been for as long as I can remember.

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The quantum needs to be dropped because our numbers aren't growing. We need to acknowledge and accept other Indian blood. The enrollment department needs to be consistent; blood quantum changes with turnover of employees.

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It would be great if there was a descendant registry so descendants can also get an ID showing their status.

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Do not like the way they enroll people now. They changed everyone's number and degree of blood. Enrolled people are not supposed to be enrolled.

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In order for our children to be enrolled now, we must be inter-breeding. My mother's Yakama blood was never added to my Colville blood and my son has no entitlements to the Colville. I inquired at enrollment and asked for all my info in my file.

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My first and second blue cards had "Colville Indian blood 3/8 and other Indian blood 1/32 Cree". My newest ID shows only my Arrow Lakes blood 13/32. Were they all just consolidated? Or is there a discrepancy?

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Inconsistencies for entire family/lineage direct due to all blood quantum cases legal changes not being applied to both parents/all family members. Other blood quantum original recognized - no longer accepted/recognized.

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I would hope that the 1/4 blood quantum would help with the growth of the Colville tribe, but my children are barely under a 1/4 and wouldn't even try to test their dad because he's enrolled Lummi as well as my kids.

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Not concerned.

My mother is registered as 7/8 Colville (1/8 Spokane unregistered). I should be 7/16 Colville, but someone chopped my blood quantum to 3/8. Overall, I am satisfied with the 1/4 blood quantum criteria.

Not to stir a "hornet's nest" - but when I went for my "blue card" years ago, the enrollment office listed my older siblings with a larger degree number. Their reason was "the more children - the less quantum"! So I asked "if there were more kids in my family, they wouldn't be eligible for registration?" "Yes" they said??

Please open up the blood quantum. Current blood quantum discriminates against persons that should be enrolled. The blood quantum was used to eliminate our people eventually.

I would love to have my child enrolled in the tribe as our culture is very important to our family. They are not an age where they know about enrollment.

My mom is [name], enrolled Colville tribe. My dad is [name], enrolled Spokane tribe.

My hope is that the Colville tribe lowers the blood quantum level from 1/4 to 1/8. My daughter, nieces, and nephews would be honored to join. They are proud of their heritage.

I'd like to see the blood quantum requirement be reduced to 1/8. My children are very proud of their heritage and would like to join the tribe.

Lower the blood quantum requirements. Or switch to a different enrollment system if applicable.

Blood quantum for Plateau tribes should count as tribe blood quantum!

Satisfied with current eligibility criteria. Child #1 - Father's Colville blood is not included in his blood quantum. DNA test performed 5 years after enrollment. Enrollment never corrected.

Personally, I believe that any person born and listed as Indian on any Census roll of Indian Tribes prior to Statehood or prior to Treaties with Tribe or Established Reservations, or prior to the American Indian US Citizenship Act approved on June 2, 1924, or even prior to the Indian Reorganization Act approved June 18, 1934 - should be listed as full blood Indian due to the fact that tribes did not use blood quantum to be a member of a tribe. Maybe that's the solution, no blood quantum needed with an exception, a residency clause for enrollment. The enrollment ordinance as it stands right now will disenfranchise adults and children who have a blood quantum of 7.5/32. The Tribe requires 8/32 blood quantum. How many tribal descendants are in this situation? Another issue: prior to the approval of the current enrollment code or ordinance on May 9, 1959, there was no 1/4 blood degree requirement for tribal enrollment. That fact means, anyone born prior to that date could and should be enrolled. The enrollment code or ordinance was passed without a clause or provision to keep minor children from being disenfranchised of a chance at enrollment after reaching the age of adulthood, if they had been born before the date of July 1, 1959 and who were not enrolled by no fault of their own and possibly with parents who may have been away at boarding school, vocational training, military service or work off the reservation, and their parents not fully aware of/or understood the impact the new tribal enrollment ordinance would have on the future of their children since there had been no prior tribal blood quantum usage for tribal enrollment. How many of our tribal elder descendants are in this situation? Tribal descendants and tribal council representatives could and should submit a petition to the membership and the tribal council to amend the tribe's enrollment ordinance or code to allow disenfranchised tribal descendants to be enrolled one way or another.

My mom is [name], she's 1/2 Colville. Her mother was [name], she was 100% Colville. Please help me enroll my children at 1/8. I want them to be recognized as Colville Indian.

N/A

It's ok, but I do wonder and worry about what is happening to our children that can't enroll their children.

Too low. Members do not get a say so - so why ask.

I believe all Indian blood should be counted for enrollment. Also, my grandpa who was Shuwap was a young man that married my grandmother who lived with Chief Moses band and moved when they moved - and Chief Moses adopted him into the tribe. This came to BIA and the superintendent? and his secretary who didn't accept where there are cases when did adopt where there were adoptions that were accepted. And how is it that a non-member who is converting us to accept the non-member way to identity. Doesn't make sense.

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I am ok with the way it is.

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I feel when the tribes segregated our family Indian blood quantum, a grave disservice was done to both those affected and the weakening of our tribal sovereignty. I feel our family needs to be repaired and newly added. We went to tribal court, some were enrolled in my generation, some were not. Bad business by Indian politics.

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I don't have a father on birth certificate, but in 1959 I used to be 10/16, the same as my mother.

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The Colville tribe should recognize blood quantum to be added to our enrollment status. So future grandchildren can be enrolled also, even from Canada.

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If blood quantum requirements were changed, my children could be tribal members. I would like my children to be tribal members. Their blood quantum is 1/16. I was enrolled before the 1/4 quantum requirement began and have always been proud to be a tribal member!

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It needs to be lowered or changed because we are getting grandkids who are not enrolled. Soon there will be no tribal members. Change it to 1/8. Then eventually 1/16.

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Honestly, 1/4 is fine.

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I think the blood quantum should be lowered so the tribes don't die out. My 6 adult children are enrolled Nez Perce Tribe, but their children cannot be enrolled.

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Eligibility criteria for benefits are fine.

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Past documentation for each family should be verified. In my family, we have siblings from the same family with some enrolled and some not. It is affecting our children today and their enrollment status. Also those children now have no rights to their parents' trust property.

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N/A

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One who meets less than a 1/4 becomes descendant to the tribe.

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The 1/4 appears to be a good standard to use, I do not have children that are Tribal members, so the first page of this survey is as far as I can go.

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I believe the tribes should open enrollment to count all tribal blood. The blood quantum is a "settlers" criteria.

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My general opinion of our tribe's enrollment criteria is of necessity. What I mean is, I grew up knowing that in order to stay "Indian" I would need to narrow my fields of interest in family practical "play". I know this is cold hard truth but I did it.

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To all CBC members from [name] (former member). I totally support the Colville tribal member survey. This dissertation is to help understand the need for it. At the 10/2/2022 general membership meeting in Nespelem I said the tribal constitution does not name the tribes that make up the Colville Confederated Tribes. I did not get a chance to say how this affects our enrollment. It is confusing and could lead to genocide from within and has the potential to be the ultimate solution to the "Indian Problem" that the Suyapenex have been trying to solve. The seed was planted when our tribes eventually agreed to require 1/4 Indian blood quantum to be a member of the tribe. This was against all previous customs of Indian people. Our ancestors intermarried with other tribes before the reservation was created. The couple choose which tribe they wanted to join. The criteria for selection by the tribe or the individuals was whether they had beliefs and customs that suited them. That was more important than blood quantum. The initial tribal constitution created by the BIA on February 26, 1938, did not include a blood quantum limit. It was not until Amendment Three was incorporated on May 20, 1949, that a 1/4 Indian blood requirement was added. It is odd that blood quantum is only used for horses, dogs, and Indians. Then, all names on the January 1, 1937 census, which was established as our base role by Amendment Nine May 19, 1988 (as a CBC member, I helped pass this), were included as members. Many of those were members of tribes other than the twelve Colville Confederated Tribes but were considered members of Colvilles. Their descendants used their blood quantum to meet the 1/4 requirement. For example, my grandmother Kwas-ni was 4/4 Yakama, but listed as Colville. On May 9, 1959, Amendment Five was added which required 1/4 blood of the twelve Colville tribes. This resulted in a lot of confusion because it was a total reversal of the original constitution and Amendment Three. From that point on tribes other than the twelve Colvilles could not be used to establish blood liquidating our reservation. Since there were only just over 300 full-blood tribal members on the 1937 census, we cannot maintain our membership under the 1/4 rule unless we inbreed or use blood quantum from other tribes. This has resulted in a steady decline in the level of blood quantum in our enrollment. It means we will eventually breed ourselves out of existence. The 1/4 rule seems innocent and innocuous, but it is an effective way to reduce our membership and eventually eliminate our tribe. To prevent our tribe from elimination we could revise Amendments III, V, and VII by including tribes other than the twelve Colville Confederated Tribes. This is how our aboriginal tribal people operated. Do as follows: "Possess 1/4 Indian blood including any Federally recognized tribe and at least one of the twelve Colville Confederated Tribes. This still is not the way our ancestors operated, but our tribe will exist a little longer.

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Yes, the Tribes should count all tribal blood.

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I think 1/4 blood quantum is fine.

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1/8 blood quantum enrollment eligibility would be good.

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Lower blood quantum for descendants.

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Have six children - one is deceased, four are enrolled as CDA, one can't get enrolled. They all have the same dad and mother. Something I can't understand.

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I think it should remain at 1/4 to be enrolled. I see in the Tribune that people are being adopted - would like explanation on who, why, 1/4 quantum!

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Our family has personally filed a civil lawsuit against the Colville Tribal Enrollment Department because of so many legally proven inconsistent blood degrees within the same family tree. Showed the first three kids were full blood, the other eight kids same exact parents, and all of them were 1/2 degree.

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I would like the current enrollment eligibility criteria expanded so my children can become tribal members and other individuals with blood quantum less than 1/4 can also be enrolled to ensure the survival of the tribe.

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I am enrolled 1/2, my mother is a spouse to an enrolled tribal member [name]. My mother is not enrolled [name].

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My mother is enrolled Tribal member [name]. My dad is enrolled with the Turtle Mountain tribe. My dad's name is [name] lived in Seattle has passed away 2022.

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Colville tribe blood should be 1/8.

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11/32 bands - Lakes, Moses, Columbia, Okanogan.

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None bad but all Indians should be enrolled no matter what blood fraction.

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I would like to see all tribal lineage be tracked so all members can qualify for grants and the 1/4 is fine to qualify for per capita, but our people need to know the family tree to keep some of our culture.

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Since my mother owned land in Yakama territory, would mean she was at least 1/4 Yakama.

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Personally, my grandmother is "Lakes" (her word) or Sinixt. Unfortunately, some census person came when gram was young and recorded her father wrongly, claiming a stepfather was her dad. When the person who was actually her father raised her Colville blood quantum. This was brought before enrollment urthe? the necessary people to give blood that would prove it, on both sides. Still, it was blocked much to our continued bafflement. This simply isn't fair or right.

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I am unsure if I have any more Indian blood than what I am enrolled with.

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Originally it was listed as 5/8 on my first ID card. Then my father's relative who was working in the Portland area BIA office reported a fire in the file cabinet that proved he was 3/4 Spokane, 1/4 Colville. My mom, [name] told me this.

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Blood quantum is a poor indicator for tribal membership. It was designed to keep track of us and eventually end the tribe. Some tribes, like Southwest Pueblo people use participation in tribal events and actual life in the Pueblo as criteria for membership. Either you're a member or you are not - 100%. Our people are too many and too spread out for that system. But we could design criteria for membership that takes advantage of new technology for participation. We need to change so our criteria are more inclusive. Each member should be considered 100% Colville member. Why aren't you asking about the child's upbringing? What CCT activities, arts, fishing, language, etc. Is the child learning? Blood can't be the only factor for enrollment. What are the parents' souls for this child? We want our children to be prepared to do what they want to succeed in the world. We also want them to be steeped in their own culture - even if they live somewhere else.

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Colville tribes should accept other Indian blood. Our numbers have not risen due to new generations not meeting the 1/4 standard. The quantum should be lowered.

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Tribal enrollment declines will only continue unless the blood quantum is reduced. 1/8th is the easy number to immediately increase enrollment. The tribe is becoming extinct.

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Needs to be lowered. Let's increase our enrollment.

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I'm satisfied with the current quantum stipulations. I would like for it to be easier to prove my sons have my native blood in them so they could be eligible for dental/medical on other tribes' land/facilities.

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None.

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None.

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Blood quantum is a foreign concept. Borders, reservations, is the heat of handling of controlling the native population. A problem that would be the nature of math would eventually go away. Blood quantum is unfair to many members because of degrees from other tribes. Our ID's should reflect other degrees of tribal affiliations.

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I don't understand how the requirement for enrollment is different for other tribes. I live in Eastern Oklahoma and the Cherokee tribe requires 1/256 in blood quantum for enrollment purposes. It makes no sense.

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I have a relative [chief name] born in Colville in 1809 to Skoyelp nation and Quilloutich Okanogan. Chief [chief name] passed away in 1873. I wonder if the Colville tribe has this info and if it would change the blood quantum for myself and children?

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I am satisfied with the present criteria.

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Enrollment for my two daughters, 1/8 blood quantum.

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Families with children that have 1/8 blood quantum should be able to enroll. The benefits of the Tribe can and should help the next generation of Colville youth, while taking into account families have moved from the reservation.

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Want my grandchildren to be enrolled tribal members - 1/8 blood quantum.

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Cannot read or write.

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When a child puts an application to be enrolled. The Colville tribe requires the father of the child to take a DNA test. There's times the father refuses to take the test or sign that he's the father. That leaves the child without enough blood quantum to be enrolled.

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As an active enrolled member who still participates in Medicine Dances, it is sad realizing that very soon we will no longer be around to still do traditional practices.

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Want my Great-Grandchildren to be enrolled tribal members - 1/8 blood quantum.

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I think the tribe should aggregate. My two sons are enrolled in the S'Kallam tribe, which does not aggregate.

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I'm sad my son is only a descendant, they are treated not great by just being a sliver less than needed. We are slowly doing what the government intended, quantum is slowly making us smaller. Not sure what the solution is.

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I am sorry this is low enough. We have so many that shouldn't be enrolled, double/triple check math please. Re-look on all enrolled 32nd base roll.

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I think that is a fair quantum, any less and we will be like the Cherokee. If I had any biological children, they would not be able to be enrolled and I'm ok with that. My stepchildren are 1/2 Apache and they don't go below 1/4.

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No current comments of feedback on current enrollment eligibility.

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I think it should stay the same (1/4) because Indian blood is getting so rare now.

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I think enrollment /blood quantum criteria should change because some family's blood was not recorded accurately and/or was lost. Perhaps it should be based on lineage. As of now, my mother is full Native, yet when I have a kid, they will not meet blood quantum criteria (my dad is white). This is wrong and sad.

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The current system is colonial and designed to diminish our people to extinction. Traditionally, our people were encouraged to go far to find a spouse. A better system would consider lineage and connection to our communities and territory instead of or in addition to a (lower) blood quantum minimum. Also, our traditional Indian laws consider adopted children identical to biological children.

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I think it should be lowered.

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I believe quantum should be lowered to ensure our tribe's survival. My boys are just a small fraction from being enrolled and have always wanted their hunting and fishing rights. Not the money and other benefits like housing/food distribution, etc. (i.e. employment and training).

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I believe all Native Americans should be recognized. For example, children of enrolled members should be automatically enrolled.

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I am 1/2 blood enrolled member at birth when my mother registered me.

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I think 1/4 is an efficient number to qualify enrollment into the tribe.

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My daughter is Navajo (1/4) and Colville (1/8) but we were told she has to be registered under Navajo, but they haven't approved her membership. I wish we could register as Colville. I have 3 boys who are 1/8 Colville, I wish that they could register as well, even for less or no tribal benefits.

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Not comfortable with required blood tests for new enrollment.

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The nepotism needs to stop. Quit enrolling based on favoritism, not true blood quantum. There are members not enough that shouldn't be enrolled and descendants that should be enrolled, all because those (or some) in enrollment (past or present) play favorites and either like or dislike a last name. Our tribe treats descendants horrible too.

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Should lower enrollment eligibility to 1/8 blood quantum.

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I think they should lower the blood level to get enrolled.

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Both parents should be enrolled Colville or of another tribe.

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No comments.

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I think the blood quantum should be 1/8, please see attached statement. I think if we continue as we are, requiring 1/4 Colville blood, in the next two or three generations our membership could start diminishing and in the future we could become extinct. I have unfairly had my blood line diminished when sometime before 1937 one of my brothers and one of my sisters and myself were classified as only 1/2 Colville, while my other two elder brothers and two elder sisters were classified as almost full blood Colville. All of my siblings have the same parents as myself. This made my children only 1/4 Colville and disqualified my grandchildren, meanwhile classified the children of my elder siblings (who were born before 1937) as 1/2 Colville and their grandchildren as 1/4 Colville. My children have the same grandparents as the children of my elder siblings who are unfairly classified as 1/4 Colville. Our tribe is truly becoming part of the melting pot in the United States. Which as it is, we will disappear leading to the end of the Colville line. I think this gross error should be corrected and my blood degree should be corrected to show the same as my four elder siblings born before 1937. I have always told my grandchildren they are Colville, and I am sure there are other families caught in this gross error. I think when born with other Indian blood degrees, those portions should be absorbed into the Colville blood quantum, thereby strengthening and building our tribal membership.

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Historically our tribal eligibility was based upon being born within the tribe. We didn't count blood fractions. We were just a member of the tribe.

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I have no opinion.

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I would like it reduced to 1/8 Colville only, no other Indian blood. Colville is strong all by itself. We don't need Yakima blood to be enrolled.

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It's fine with me.

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No comment.

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I am interested in information about my son being added as a descendant, as he does not have blood quantum.

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Should include all indigenous blood, or at least a parcut? enrolled.

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I am full blood of Colville.

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None.

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More help for people who live off the reservation or counties that don't touch reservation land.

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My biological 1st cousin (my mother's sister's daughter) has children that are enrolled Tribe members, but mine were not eligible. I would love to have them adopted to the Tribe.

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If we could have access to old records or an individual in enrollment, who could or would, take time to assist in researching ancestors. One side of family came from Canada. Other side (mother) skaous? her grandmother being Lakes, but can't find maiden name.

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We need to amend the constitution re enrollment - to either accept all federally recognized Indian blood as Colville (re 1937 base roll) or to, at least, accept other Salish Sahaptin blood as Colville.

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I feel that the blood quantum should be lowered each year we sadly lose tribal members, and not so many enrollable members are being born. I would hate to see our tribe disappear, or the reservation.

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When the Colville tribe begins to diminish to a point of concern, it may be wise to enroll descendants with at least hunting and fishing rights.

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I think we need to start to combine our Indian blood otherwise our tribe will eventually disappear. I had a son with a Blackfeet native as I didn't care to be with a cousin just to have my child enrolled.

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We have to change it to all Native American blood that comes from an enrollable tribe. Don't lower the blood quantum! If people want to marry non-natives, let them go live in Timbuktu.

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The 1934 Reorganization Act of 1934 was unfair, it created a split of my mother family blood. My mom's elder siblings born before 1934 acquired all their father and mother's blood. My relatives from elder uncles and aunts born prior to 1934 have more Colville tribal blood and my mother and her younger sisters/brothers lost over 1/4 of the Colville blood.

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The CCT should enroll tribal members with 1/4 of Indian blood - all tribes if the parent is 1/4 Colville. My two children are: Mandon, Itidatsa, Arilcara, Oglinen Lakota, Minneconjou Sioux, Umatilla/Cayure and at least 5 CCT tribes (Moses-Columbia, Wenatakee, Oknogin, Paulus and Sioux tribes).

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Real touchy subject when it comes to adopting outside Native blood.

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Please reduce the enrollment eligibility to a lower level so my children can be enrolled Colville Tribe members. They are 1/32 short of being enrolled today.

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Nothing to say, other than adopted children get money, whereas my grandchildren have Colville blood in them, but don't get money. Something very wrong with this to me.

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It shouldn't be any less if that is what they're thinking.

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Keep at 1/4. Don't want watered-down tribe.

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Keep it at 1/4, no lower.

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In my honest opinion, I believe that a tribal member is a tribal member. I don't think we need measurements to prove we are native. Although, I could understand wanting to make sure people are being truthful. It's just the benefits that could be helpful for everyone.

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Need to be sure history and heritage is not lost. If change in enrollment will bring people together, I am for it.

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Changing the blood quantum has been talked about for some time now. I find myself split. Don't change the blood quantum and eventually we won't have anyone to enroll. Lower it and every Tom, Dick and Harry suddenly have a great-grandparent that was either a chief or princess! They're out for money and would rape the land,

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Kill the culture just for their fast money. Be cautious and move carefully! May wisdom be with you!

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Would like my children to be enrolled and keep their tribal heritage.

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None at this time, thank you.

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I think Colville enrollment eligibility criteria should be 1/8 blood quantum.

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The 1/4 blood quantum should remain to be eligible to be tribal member.

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I'm really not sure if I answered those correctly, but if there is a way to find out for myself, I'd love to know.

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No comments to add.

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Leave it at 1/4 blood quantum, we already have non-members enrolled.

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I think it should stay the same 1/4 or more to be enrolled. And use of other Tribal blood should be used.

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This has been the criteria I grew up with and feel it is probably appropriate. Concern for population (enrollment) grows with each generation as blood degree overall decreases with more and more marriage/children born to persons bearing no blood degree. Obviously, this can lead to an issue with membership.

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I think it is exactly how it should be, and stay. I believe if it is pushed any lower, our tribe will decrease in numbers of members with higher count, it should stay to keep culture and tradition strong.

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I like it as it is. I wanna keep it that way.

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1/4 blood quantum, no change should be made.

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I believe the blood quantum should be lowered to 1/8. Then stop there.

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I would like to see blood quantum be lowered and not let other tribes' blood count as Colville, as it is not and shouldn't be counted as Coville.

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I would like to see blood quantum be lowered and not let other tribes' blood count as Colville, as it is not Colville blood and should not be counted as such.

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If the blood quantum continues in later generations, there will be only descendants. Blood quantum is just another form of genocide.

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To keep tribe strong!

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I believe that this plays an important study in our tribe.

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1st generation descendants should be enrolled. Other tribal blood should be included with Colville blood to increase quantum.

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I would like to see my kids (descendant) be able to have their hunting and fishing rights. Traditionally, I would like to pass down what I was taught.

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To my understanding, the minimum required blood quantum is 1/4. So, as it stands, my son will not fulfill that requirement and therefore will not be recognized as an enrolled tribal member with 1/8 blood quantum.

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. I do not have children of my own. However, I would like to see my sister's child as well as all of my cousin's children be eligible for enrollment. Otherwise, how will our tribes exist without enrollment of descendants? My sister is: [name] and her son (my nephew) is [name]. My cousins are: [name] and she has four children including blood quantum from Montana tribes and Pomo tribe (California). [name] and she has three children. Many other cousins with children with the last name of [surname]. If you have any questions, please write to my mailing address: [address] or email: [email address].

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It would be a blessing if my children could become enrolled tribal members; they are 1/8. I am proud and thankful to be a tribal member. Thank you Great Spirit.

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I think 1/4 is pretty high. My dad was full Colville and only his grandchildren can be enrolled, not even his great-grandchildren, unless they have children with another Colville and most are related.

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I like the fact that the tribe holds the eligibility criteria. It is sad however that my own children in the future will most likely not be enrolled.

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Stay at 1/4, but let 23/64, 53/128 hunt and fish on the reservation.

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Gramma has at least 10 little Indians and some of those have little Indians now too. Her son, [name] is 1/8, participated in powwows drumming in Texas and Oklahoma until her passed away in December 2008. Survived by 2 sons, and 3 or more grandsons and a granddaughter, a sister 1/8, and her son [name and DOB] 1/16.

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Many tribal members have multiple bloodlines from other tribes that should be included otherwise we bleed ourselves out. I think the term is legislative genocide.

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All my children are enrolled through other tribes. Grandchildren are not eligible, but my father fought to have my grandmother's blood included, so his grandchildren could be considered members of the Colville nation.

Should allow 1/8 to enroll.

Don't see why my children can't draw any money, they are 1/4 Indian.

Not any.

I did not take a wife from our reservation because I'm not entirely sure who I may be related to. That makes my 5 children only 1/8 Colville and non-eligible for enrollment. Canada won't send me my Grandmother's papers to get my quantum updated ([name], Canadian Okanogan).

I agree with the current criteria.

We need more blood to continue to exist.

I agree with the current enrollment eligibility criteria. Totally agree with blood test/DNA for the mother and father who are signing the enrollment documents. I do not agree using non-Colville Indian blood - the only thing that should be used is Colville Indian blood.

No comments.

I agree with the current blood quantum criteria.

1/4 blood quantum should always be a minimum required to be a member.

None.

Would DNA blood testing be viable? Maybe a tribal database of DNA blood readouts.

My son [enrollment #] (deceased) blood quantum ([surname] side). I believe was being looked into for an increase. He had 2 children (my grandchildren) who I think should be enrolled.

I don't care, I'll budget future checks into a separate account for them.

Increase to 1/4 with the use of other tribal quantum.

My father's birth certificate only includes his mother's name, but his father is allegedly full Colville like his mother. I think he may be recorded as 1/2 Colville, which would make me 1/4, potentially making children I might have ineligible for enrollment. I am unsure how to verify my and my father's blood quantum.

Blood quantum causes division; it was designed to "breed" out the native. I know it also protects tribes from fraudulent claims, I would love descent to matter, more than our blood.

I think the blood degree should be raised to 1/3 before being enrolled. If we decrease the enrollment to less than 1/4, then we would have more people enrolled that shouldn't be. Kids are born lacking 1/16, 1/8, 1/32, etc. to be enrolled. I think our enrollment would be sky high.

My dad is full Colville, mom is 3/4 Colville and 1/4 Yakima.

You're doing great.

My biggest complaint is I very strongly believe descendants should not inherit Colville Tribal land and/or property. I also do not think long-term leases (100 years) should be made with non-members. If original lease dies, land should be returned to Colville Tribal ownership. I speak specifically about [surname]'s farms in Brewster/Mouse.

Do not lower Colville blood any lower than 1/4!

Do not lower the enrollment eligibility from 1/4.

Enrollment criteria needs to be changed from 1/4 requirement.

1/4 has been a historic necessity, but the CCT does not recognize that the Okanagan Indians live on both sides of the border and give too much recognition to the federal border and not enough to the Tribal blood is, or what a tribe is. The Okanagan Indians are the predominant band of Indians within the 40,000 square mile region of our traditional territory. This is designated and recognized by the fact that all Indians in this region spoke Nsyilxn language. The enrollment criteria separates the Okanagan People because of the white man's border 173 years ago. We do not recognize that distinction; we are not separate people. The Colville tribe says we are separated and do not know their own history. They base their history on what the white man, [name], called us 212 years ago "tribes". We were not asked about such distinction or what a tribe meant to us, only what he knew as to what a tribe means. "If they say they are N'spelm then they are a tribe of Nespelem Indians that speak Nsyilxn. Though he be wrong in this distinction, we will not correct it, but sanctify it by calling us the 12 tribes (which is just stupid). The more they learn of their history, the less they will have to deal with a simple issue of parenting and percentages. Though my father and mother are 100% Okanagan Indian, I am not but a half, and my children, whose mother is Okanagan, are less than that! Learn your history. I have given classes for many years, written books on the subject. But the Colville Indian (which there are no such Indian) continue to sanctify the white man's word.

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Enrollment eligibility needs to be re-examined at a departmental level. Family history trees are not interpreted on a consistent basis, rather left up to staff to make decisions. However, I am in favor of lowering blood quantum or accepting all Indian blood.

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Need to raise blood quantum, make our tribal blood stronger.

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If our Tribe continues to use 1/4 blood quantum, then all members should be DNA tested.

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I wished they had left the enrollment eligibility criteria alone. And still had enrollment at 1/16 or 1/8 so some of the younger Indian people could be enrolled.

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The bloodline as native people is depleting, leaving more descendants than enrolled members.

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I believe we need to address our enrollment blood quantum. I believe we need to change to 1/8. We need to recognize all other Indian blood of our parents/grandparents on the base roll including siblings whether born on or off the reservation. It is my understanding blood corrections have been made or recognized, but if sibling born off reservation, enrollment will not correct blood degree to that established for a sibling.

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I believe the 1/4 blood quantum severely limits citizenship into the tribe for many people who are Colville, but do not have 1/4 blood. Other tribes I have worked for count all Indian blood to help increase enrollment, and others have 1/8 blood quantum requirement or residency requirements.

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With all older Colville tribal members passing and our next generations have lower blood quantum, the CCT needs to think about lowering the blood quantum from a quarter to 3/16?

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I'm in favor for our blood quantum to be lowered.

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I think the tribe needs to re-evaluate and consider other "federally" recognized tribes blood as well. My son is almost 3/4 native (1/2 Laguna), however, he is 1/64 short from being enrolled Colville. He is being raised here and should be considered for enrollment.

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No comment.

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No comment.

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I think the blood quantum should be 1/8.

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It should be 1/8.

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I don't feel it's fair that my mother is only considered 1/2 blood and her sibling born before 1937 are considered full blood given that they all have the same parents, my grandparents. If that were the case, my siblings and I would be considered 1/2, making our children 1/4, increasing tribal numbers rather than diminishing them.

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I am going to quote my mother [name] in her response on her survey where she said "I think if we continue as we are, requiring 1/4 quantum Colville blood, in the next two or three generations our membership could start diminishing and in the future we could become extinct. I have unfairly had my blood line diminished when sometime before 1937 one of my brothers and one of my sisters and myself were classified as only 1/2 Colville, while my other two elder brothers and two elder sisters were classified as almost full blood Colville. All of my siblings have the same parents as myself. This made my children of my elder siblings who are unfairly classified as 1/4 Colville. Our tribe is truly becoming part of the melting in the United States. Which as it is, we will disappear leading to the end of the Colville line. I think this gross error should be corrected and my blood degree should be corrected to show the same as my four elder siblings born before 1937. I have always told my grandchildren they are Colville, and I am sure there are other families caught in this gross error. I think when we are born with other Indian blood degrees, those portions should be absorbed into the Colville blood quantum, thereby strengthening and building our tribal membership. Impact of the 1937 decision on my family. For me, I have four children and two grandchildren who are not recognized by the Colville tribe. Yet my uncle and aunts' children on my mother side of the family are recognized by the Colville tribe is a gross error that can be corrected.

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My kids are enrolled as descendants. I've had to do DNA test with my youngest son, but do older two. Wish my boys could be enrolled.

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I wish the quantum would be lowered to 1/8.

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Now that I'm 55, I believe I should be placed in the "elder" category.

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I was brought up in a traditional environment living with my grandmother. She believed Indian marry Indian. There is so much interracial marriages, all races will be less defined in the United States. You can't change time, just have roll with the ball. I don't agree with the blood quantum change.

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Dad was half white.

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The eligibility requirement of 1/4 is eventually going to decrease membership. Maybe some attention to DNA, administered by tribal admin could be used to add to quantum?

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Would like to know why you can't just pick up enrollment papers.

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My father was enrolled Colville when he passed away, so that's where I'll stay.

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I'm in agreement with 1/4 minimum blood quantum.

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I have no child.

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N/A - I don't know nothing about my children, they were adopted.

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I would like to have enrolled my children as members but assumed they would not meet the requirements of blood quantum. Because I live out of state, I wasn't sure how to go about testing either. Would have been good to know.

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I wish blood quantum was changed so my children could be enrolled and get help with their higher education. My son has special needs and more help is required for him. We are a single income family as I am his primary caregiver. We are really struggling.

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None at this time.

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I don't want it to change cause it will affect me directly.

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Not real sure how to answer this. I'm not aware of the enrollment criteria.

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I would like to see all Native American blood counted when calculating blood quantum for enrollment.

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My daughter is a descendant. I think she and others should get the help we enrolled members get.

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Blood quantum is going to wipe our tribe out of existence. Lineage should be how we are enrolled.

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I think the tribe should entertain lowering the blood quantum requirement, dependent on this survey's results concerning enrollment impact.

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Seems reasonable.

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Blood quantum.

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I feel current eligibility criteria is satisfactory and shouldn't be changed.

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Due to inaccurate records, can't get a grandson enrolled by 1/32. This is wrong and negligent. Get corrections updated first!

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Mother to children full blood from Okanagan Reserve, British Columbia.

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My Shudshap blood needs to be counted. Also I need to correct my 5/32 to 1/4. This has already been proven.

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I feel it be dropped to 1/8 or 1/16 blood quantum like it is on other reservations across the nation.

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It is my belief that if any individual possesses measurable/verifiable blood quantum of (any) federally recognized, or otherwise, and that the individual identities with said Native blood should be eligible for "full enrollment" with that tribal affiliation. Not restricted at 1/4 or greater.

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I think 1/4 is good. 1/8 would be good as well, because it would benefit my children. You would have a lot more enrolled members if you went to 1/8 as being qualified.

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I believe anyone with a member parent (biological) is a part of our tribe. However, the real or perceived "benefits" of membership may incentivize some to enroll their kids under revised criteria just for what they can get. We should encourage members to marry and have children with other members to continue us as a tribe.

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I would love to see my kids be able to be enrolled, I think the blood quantum should be 1/8.

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Difficult to get ahold of anyone there to ask questions, receive assistance in perusing information - or making appointment for DNA. Not for myself, but for foster children and incapacitated adults.

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The quarter blood requirement is fine. However, as the blood quantum drops, we may need to drop the blood quantum or have no blood quantum. No blood quantum would be fairer than adding other Tribes as we should protect the Colville blood.

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I have no problems with the current criteria.

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Move to total Indian blood quantum with an enrolled parent or grandparent like other tribes such as CDA, Umatilla and Spokane. So many native children are not enrolled with mixed Indian blood, combined with Colville blood.

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I believe 1/4 should remain the amount that considers a person to be eligible as a tribal member. Some people depend on the money they receive from the per capita/181D. If more people are enrolled with less than 1/4, these funds could be nothing.

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Other blood quantum should be considered for enrollment purposes, particularly other Nez Pierce (Lamwai, ID) and local tribes, such as Spokane or Umatilla. Recommend 1/4 total Indian blood quantum with a parent or grandparent enrolled Coville (similar to Spokane tribe, Umatilla and CDA's).

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I believe it is important for us to maintain our current practices and to not dilute our quantum any further than 1/4. Many tribal members rely upon distributed funds, such as the per-capita, and if we were to expand the pool of enrolled member by diluting our quantum, then we will also dilute that pool of funds to levels that would make payouts unsustainable. Our tribe should work to identify a stable carrying capacity based on metrics that target expected economic outcomes and revisit our blood quantum based on targets. The issue of blood quantum should be revisited with each census. At this point in time, I do not believe we should dilute our quantum lower than 1/4.

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Keep it the same.

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I would love to know more about why exactly we have, or the purpose of blood quantum does for us. Us as indigenous people are the only people in the world, next to dogs and horses that have to supposedly show who we are? Is it to trace/track extinction? I know non-members with equal or more knowledge of traditional ways than members.

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My two boys are like 1/16 short. That's not right, my blood has changed? and you upped my quantum. I'm sure they are at least 1/4 each.

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No comment.

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I would have liked to enroll both of my children as Colville tribal members.

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I believe all descendants of the Colville tribe should be enrolled to preserve tribal population and services without requiring blood quantum. Verification of lineage only need to be established through birth or medical records (DNA).

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This 1/4 is ok with me.

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No changes to 1/4 blood quantum needed. DNA requirements - good.

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My parents, my dad [name], I'm sure had full blooded parents as did us children of parents. My mom, [name] was from [name], grandmother from Black Hills, South Dakota.

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If a person is enrolled in a certain tribe, the blood quantum should be for that tribe only, and not added on from another tribe.

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In my opinion, blood quantum is a fallacy brought on by the United States government to whittle down Native American's true quantities into extinction. It is a mistake to follow through with keeping track of blood quantum.

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I personally was not a recognized tribal member until the age of 11 due to enrollment eligibility. The money I received was beneficial? yes, but the identity was important since I felt an otherness due to the blood quantum.

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Enrollment eligibility should be 1/8 blood quantum. I am a proud member of the Colville tribe and I want my kids to be tribal members too. Also, we need to increase our tribe's population!

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If the enrollment eligibility stays at 1/4 blood quantum, our tribe will slowly disappear. No matter the Colville blood quantum, other blood quantum should be considered to keep enrollment up and keep our tribe going.

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It would be nice to enroll my children even if they aren't 1/4. They are descendants and just as important.

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Good as is.

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I believe our self-imposed colonial criteria of tribal enrollment is limiting our greatest asset and resource to our tribe: people. Brilliant, strong, proud, helpful, caring people that are just as able to be conduits of culture, language, tribal values and valued citizens of the Colville tribes. The 1/4 cut off is damaging to young women and men that feel the weight of not being enrolled as not belonging and not being valued as a culture bearer. Please read: Schultz & Noyes "Then Who Are You?": Young American Indian and a woman navigating cultural connectedness in dating and relationships, Genealogy 2020.

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1/8 members should be enrolled.

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Blood quantum is based on colonial ideas, barring those from connecting fully to their culture when they don't have "enough" indigenous blood. Anyone of direct descent should be allowed as tribal members and not lose that connection.

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I think it should be updated to 1/8.

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Well, I wish I was able to have my son enrolled member. But, he doesn't have enough blood quantum to be enrolled.

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3/8 Colville.

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I whole-heartedly feel that as a person recorded as 1/4 - didn't get 18 money, nor back pay I was owed. I believe my children should also be enrolled.

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For the future of the tribes, enrollment should change requirement to 1/8 blood quantum. Also include other plateau.

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1/4 Colville = 1/264 Cherokee.

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Many tribes count 1/8 or differently or less. I wish my sons could belong to our tribe. They would have increased identity. One son is a drummer, one is in Army (special forces combat medic) a very fine man. I wish blood quantum would be reduced to 1/8. There were a lot of full bloods when I was a child. Not so anymore. To keep recognition, our tribe could benefit from 1/8 bloods. To remember our journey and keep our sovereign status and culture.

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Still want to be federally recognized.

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No comment.

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It works, for now. But it will run out eventually. My grandchildren will not be able to be Colville unless my boys have kids with a Colville woman. One generation away from not being Colville.

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I think all blood from all tribes should be counted. I've got four children not enrolled and can't be. Three enrolled Colville per fathers. Government tore my family apart, put us on different reservations which gives us less blood.

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I don't have any children yet.

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I think it should stay the same.

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Would like to see CCT adopt a policy to include all Indian blood, not just CCT blood. I have family who are 1/2 Spokane, 1/4 CCT. Just the CCT blood is recognized. They get no benefit from the Spokane Tribe. Should include all Indian blood.

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The criteria is great. I am not enough to enroll my children, so that saddens me. Our Tribe will eventually stop growing if we don't have children with a tribal member. So maybe that can be looked at.

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I feel the blood quantum requirement will breed us out of existence as a tribe. We have so many descendants living on the reservation that should be included in enrollment. The more members=more income to tribe, larger voice in Government, more to keep traditions alone and practicing.

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Would like to see the eligibility criteria expanded. 1/4 Native blood inclusive of other tribes, rather than 1/4 of Colville only blood quantum. My children will not be eligible to enroll in any tribe due to these criteria.

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It should be lowered to 1/8 due to fully blooded Indians population lowering.

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No comment. If it's not broke....don't fix it!

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I think if we want to survive as a tribe, we need to get rid of blood quantum. There is no way we will continue because with each new generation its getting more diluted.

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This is B.S.

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I believe the tribe should look at 1/8 blood quantum give the changing demographics and precedent employed by other tribes to preserve sustainable status.

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It would be beneficial if the tribe's enrollment department had a dependable staff member on-site to help with decendancy questions. I have filled out paperwork in the past and didn't get a result or my questions answered.

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I would like my children to be enrolled members to help carry on the traditions that my grandmother has passed on.

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Personal belief is that blood quantum requirements are put in place by federal government to continue to erase us and our history.

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I believe that blood quantum is important personally, but if I am 1/4 and live on the reservation practicing our customs and traditions, does that make someone that is 1/1 more Indian than me if they have never been to the reservation. Indian is Indian.

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I have no feedback, for I don't know very much of how much blood I have. Not sure If I have other tribal blood in me besides Colville.

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I think the tribe should look at accepting all native blood as Colville, as long as that person can be enrolled Colville at a minimum of 1/4. For example, a person who is 1/4 Colville and 1/4 Spokane = 1/2 Colville, but just note that person has 1/4 Spokane. I would rather see that option vs. lowering the minimum of 1/4 to be enrolled of just Colville blood.

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I wish the enrollment eligibility criteria was lowered to 3/16 blood quantum so my son could be considered a tribal member.

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Trying to get two grandkids enrolled and having nothing but issues. I know their grandfather had Okanogan even though he was from Canada.

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1/4 blood quantum should not be lowered. I see it often happen that a Colville member has a child with a member from another tribe and their child cannot be enrolled in either tribe. I question enrollments fraction process.

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No comment.

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We should be counting all native blood quantum as we do not want to go below 5,000 members being considered enough Indian blood to be enrolled. We do not want to lose our Federal land that has been designated Colville lands for our nation of 12 bands!

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My 4 boys counting all native blood are about 1/2 native. They are not enrolled in any tribe - this is not ok! Native children need to be identified by tribes as enrolled not descendants!

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Our blood quantum is low, but we have close family members (my older brothers and sisters) enrolled with Umatilla and Nez Perce. We are Nez Perce. We are close to our family and follow cultural ways, and I and my children work on the language. We are Nez Perce and carry the culture. Lack of enrollment is painful for my children. They are recognized otherwise.

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The families are growing, but the little ones are left out. This should be lowered or done with the blood quantum.

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Personally, I think there should be no blood quantum. If we are truly sovereign, we as a tribe should solely go by lineage. Our people are dying off, due to the genocide of the U.S. government, but if getting to that point means we have to lower our blood quantum to get there, then lower it. But the best solution in my first statement. Accept all descendants into the tribe. As our leaders of our people, the council, you should fight for our sovereignty. To enroll and govern our own people. Without the permission of the government. They have not fulfilled their promise (treaties). I empower you to do your duties for our people. That is why you went to lead us and make decision for the tribe.

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I think enrollment eligibility criteria is fine for benefits = 1/4 blood quantum, but we should still keep track of family tree.

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Enrollment criteria is good at this time for benefits. Need to track family lineage even if not 1/4, just for history, not benefits.

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Criteria is fine for benefits.

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I think it is grossly irresponsible for the Tribe to continue using blood quantum as a measure of enrollment within the tribe. The system was implemented to continue to erase Indian identity even after the wars stopped and it's long past time to acknowledge that continued enrollment based only on blood is a path to extinction and the taking away of our rights as Indigenous People.

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I believe my children should be recognized as one-quarter because my mother, [name], who was adopted and renamed [name] was full blood. She later remarried and became [name] and is now deceased as of [date]. The records office burnt down so I cannot prove this now as an adult.

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[name] had another card he should've kept. Wondering how he became 7/8 Colville, [name] thinks should've stayed the way his card was 5/8 Colville, 1/4 Snoqualmie tribe.

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I'm supposed to be enrolled at least 1/2 Colville and my kids enrolled 1/4, but no they said they adopted me into tribe. Mother 1/2 Colville, 1/2 Pentiction. Father 1/2 Colville enrolled Pentiction. Grandmother [name] Colville.

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I believe the tribe should consider other Indian blood from non-tribal/descendant spouses. My kids would possibly be enrolled.

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Other blood from any federally recognized tribe, especially federally recognized local plateau tribes, should be counted toward Colville tribe blood, as long as one parent is enrolled CCT. This will keep the CCT thriving/keep us recognized. There are many first-line descendants that are affected by the current enrollment criteria.

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Should count other Indian blood from any federally recognized tribe as long as one parent is enrolled CCT. Doing so will ensure that the CCT lineage will prosper through the generations to come.

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As years go by and more and more interracial marriage, the bloodline will thin? Not sure what the solution is?

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I would love to have my children enrolled.

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N/A

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Blood quantum is a fiction and completes the federal goal of assimilation and ending tribal people. The base rolls are federal census records completed as a "guess" of the census taker whose qualifications and motives are suspect. It is ridiculous elevate federal census takers to the level of decision maker for tribal enrollment.

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So far, I'm good with this. However, I think too many new members I don't believe are interested in the Indians as much as they care about the benefits.

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20% would be cool for enrollment.

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Enrollment records seem inaccurate as family members show different quantum and records are missing from hundreds of years. Why do we have to be the only race in this world to prove who we are and our origins? All Indian blood is just that...all Indian! We shouldn't have to do our own research; it should already be done and recognized.

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I believe blood quantum is government way to keep our children from being recognized and will eventually allow them to take our land and resources.

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I basically have accepted the fact that I am very fortunate to be of the blood lineage I am. Eligibility for enrollment dead-end stops at me, but that's life.

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Current criteria is a politically based way to count membership to comply with relationships with other governments. I would like to see how counting blood quantum like the base roll that includes adjustments for families that were split at the time of the count. i.e. my mother (Colville/Umatilla) was excluded from CCT base roll because she lived with umnt? I was? her brothers including umnt. as Colville blood and had higher Colville blood.

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Fact regarding my father, [name] of Hispanic and Chiricahua and Apache decent. My father's education level, at the very least was middle school - 6th grade. He was taken out of school to help provide for his family at a very young age. He worked the fields as a laborer during harvest time. Therefore, he was illiterate and keeping personal archive, birth certificate records was not an easy task for him. At some point, on behalf of my fathers and family lineage of Apache blood, I hope to one day do further research to discover the Apache blood quantum.

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Eventually tribes will have to lower blood quantum or they will run out of qualified members. I know this won't happen right away, but it does need to happen. Side note, I did the ancestry DNA test and it came as me being 27% Indigenous North American, 38% Indigenous Mexico, 2% Indigenous Andes and 33% European.

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I do not think it should drop below 1/4, otherwise the bloodline will disappear.

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Well honestly, think it's a little too high. My husband and son are only eligible for descendancy! I wish that my other native blood factored into getting my son enrolled! I believe that our tribe and descendants deserve the recognition they deserve. My husband's mother was adopted by a white family, so proving her blood quantum was hard.

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No feedback - N/A

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Any enrollment criteria is passive termination. Decreasing blood quantum each generation until only descendants.

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Please make sure that people are not dual enrolled!

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Our tribe should account for all Salish tribes, should be listed as one tribe.

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It is very frustrating that my full blood quantum is not recognized by the Colville tribe as my whole family was Okanagan band and my dad is recognized as full in Canada. It's very sad to me that I cannot get my boys on nor recognized which disqualifies them from WA state insurance discounts and tax exemption rights and they cannot hunt with me on this reservation, I don't care about per capita, for them I just want them recognized! Why isn't this an option?

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1/4 is just fine, because "we" of "our" tribe, of itself, of Colville, cannot have nothing of the lowering of blood enrollment. It would make checks smaller and the tribe be too big for the ones that don't have "no" rights to be enrolled!

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I'm wondering if blood quantum will lower at any point as tribal members are passing in our tribe? And next generations are marrying outside race.

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Our family ([surname], Simon/Inchelium district) have petitioned council members - in order for our reservation to not return to federal possession - to reduce blood quantum for full tribal CCT enrollment. If we continue with present blood quantum, our lands will not belong/remain for next generations.

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Yes, I am an enrolled member, my mother was [name AKA name]. I was adopted out at 4 years old. My daughter was [name] and yes she was an enrolled member also. She died this year on [date]. I am [surname] by birth.

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We need to lower blood quantum if we still want a tribe!

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I believe that it's good. Any lower percentage would not be good. Our tribe will recognize you if you are a descendant.

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I think it should go down to 1/8 to be enrolled.

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As new generations arrive, our bloodline will continue to become more diluted. It only makes sense to lower the percentage requirement for enrollment so younger generations can also benefit. Without this, our Tribe will eventually become extinct.

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I don't agree with blood quantum as a tribal member who has given a child up for adoption to another tribal member (the child was 1/8 blood quantum, but was able to enroll). My other children cannot? I don't think its fair my other children cannot even though they were raised to be proud natives. What is good for one should in all fairness be good for all descendants.

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A-ok.

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My maternal grandmother was [name], who was 100% (I believe) Colville. My maternal grandfather was [name], who I believe was 100% Coeur D'Alene. I wish, for my daughter's sake, that both tribes were added together, since neither daughter qualifies, but they have more than 1/8 blood quantum from both tribes.

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I was put up for adoption right after my birth. In the 1980s, I was able to get enrolled after I got a copy of my original birth certificate. I recently found out who my biological father is - he is now deceased. Can I get a family member to test? This would increase my blood quantum and my daughter.

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To preserve the number of enrolled members, 1/8 should be Colville blood quantum plus 1/8 of other Indian blood quantum. The other 1/8 needs to be verified with the other tribe(s).

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I believe that the present enrollment qualifications guidelines is just.

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If our Tribe is going to 1/4 blood quantum ALL tribal members must use a DNA test.

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Why? Are there plans to change the eligibility criteria?

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I think we should leave the 1/4 requirement. However, I would like to see it become easier to be adopted. If you're 1/8 Colville, 1/16 Yakima, 1/64 Spokane, and 1/8 Flathead, you are definitely Indian. If you live on the Colville Rez, were raised here, you should be able to be enrolled.

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I think the current enrollment criteria is good.

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Would like to see lower blood quantum 23/64.

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We still need to be federally recognized, so we need to find a way to make enrollment consider all Indian blood, instead of just Colville.

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I would like to be able to include blood quantum from other tribes for my kids to be enrolled. My parents were both enrolled in separate tribes which has made my kids ineligible for either tribe by blood quantum.

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I believe adopted children should get tribal rights similar to descendants. As of now, it is illegal to take my unenrolled daughter hunting or fishing with me, and I raised her since birth and legally adopted her. I have raised her tribal and she doesn't have any tribal rights.

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The frustration of families, including my own, when children are born with same parental lineage, yet not all children are considered eligible in enrollment in CTCIR. Far as I'm aware, my family's situation involves my mother's Okanagan blood from B.C., Canada, and her "adoption" by CTCIR in 80's and the code interpretation of enrollment officer at the time.

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Father and mother both 4/4 Colville.

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Mother 4/4th Colville Tribe, Father unknown, I am 5/8th Colville

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First off, I feel the blood quantum should be lowered to at least 1/8, failing that, at a minimum the criteria for enrollment should recognize all native blood, regardless of tribal affiliation in determining blood quantum.

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My siblings are different blood quantum 100% biological.

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Children all enrolled and all adults.

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It's always been the same 1/4 to enroll - I have no children.

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I'm 1/4 Phillapeen also.

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I feel that even if you have as much as 1/16 that you should be able to be proud of your ancestors native blood and get enrolled as well, but only as 1/16. Anything less, like 1/32 wouldn't be enrollable.

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Colville enrollment criteria too strict. Enrollment based upon records known to be inaccurate with incentive to report lower blood degree. Eligibility for enrollment should be presumed based upon status of at least one parent.

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For many years, I have tried to correct the rolls to show I am 1/2 blood quantum as opposed to 7/16. My father was originally enrolled as full blood, but I was told someone changed the rolls many years ago without proof or rationale. We can't find anyone that can explain how or why this was done. To correct the rolls, we would need his lineage traced back to Canada and Arrow Lakes Band.

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Please reduce the enrollment eligibility to a lower level so my children can be enrolled Colville Tribe members. They are 1/32 short of being enrolled today.

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The accuracy of the blood quantum for myself and my son are based on records from 30+ years ago. There is a possibility the blood quantum is different, but I have not checked. I would like to see the blood quantum criteria changed enough so my son can inherit tribal land and property that I own. I would like him to be recognized, as he is my only son. He identifies as Native American spiritually and culturally. He is 3/128, .023 from enrollment eligibility.

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When my parents adopted me, [names], I never understood the reason that I had to terminate my tribal membership. I wish and wanted to be a tribal member for my entire life. When I was in my 20's, I tried to get re-established with the Colville Indian Tribe, except they gave me the run around. I called at least two Colville departments and they gave me the run around.

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My children 3.5/16 and it would be great to drop the blood quantum so they could be recognized.

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If child meets blood quantum with both parents - federally recognized tribes they (parents) should be allowed to enroll them in either tribe - not both - they choose since we have lived in WA their whole life. They should be Colville members.

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I would not go any lower than the 1/4 threshold for eligibility enrollment criteria.

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75 percent.

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As a Colville tribal member, I am happy to see this Colville tribe member survey come to us, the reason for me is my grandmother was full blood; my mother was 1/2. I am 84 years-old now and I am 1/4. We as a tribe need to keep our Indian blood; I don't care if you're full blood or a smaller amount, you're Indian. We don't want to disappear from this land of ours, ever! You need to prove you are Indian as long as you have the blood.

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No feedback at this time.

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It would be helpful to be able to claim other quantum to get children and grandchildren enrolled.

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I believe our tribe is going to go extinct as many of our younger generations children are not enrolled due to blood. They are either descendants or non-members.

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1/4 is logical to me. I also think since they require DNA for all new enrollment, they should require DNA for ALL enrolled members. Everyone know there are few not eligible.

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Sister, [name] descendant? didn't complete research about upping blood quantum. [name], descendant? also did research and believed if I remember right [name] and [name] blood would up blood quantum. Dad, [name], descendant? said blood quantum was lowered when the records started at St. Mary's missing the building with all the enrollment records burned down. My dad, [name], descendant? said his blood quantum was lowered when the enrollment records at St. Mary's Mission, Omak, the building was burned down. Mom is full blood Kalispel. Sister, [name], descendant? said a many from our family was at Spokane tribe when the allotments were being done. This man became Spokane Reservation enrolled. There did not want to give her any proof because here didn't want to have the Spokane tribe disown him. His children are all enrolled with Spokane tribe.

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I think it would be okay to enroll 1/8 Colville blood quantum with 1/8 other tribe blood quantum.

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My three children are not eligible with blood quantum.

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In 1949 my oldest sister, [name] and my oldest brother [name], born 1950. Their enrollment card read 4/4th Colville, no one told me why the change.

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Though not economically feasible, I wish the quantum was lowered to 1/8.

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My father left the Colville reservation following the Sanpoil reservation sawmill to Warm Springs sawmill. There he raised his family after meeting a woman as a veteran of WWII. I have been honored to be a member (enrolled) still of Colville tribe for I have remained involved with my family. Summers on Sanpoil.

1/4 to be enrolled is fair in order to be enrolled.

My father's family is enrolled (some relatives) are enrolled on the Spokane reservation. This was long ago as my dad was born in 1913. I do not know who was enrolled as a Spokane tribal member or why.

I think the blood quantum should be lowered to 1/8.

It's disappointing many of our children are not recognized. I am not worried about money. Even if we distinguished about benefits, I would like my child to be recognized. Especially knowing our history placed family in adoption and made an impact on the reality of not being surrounded by other members to which building families was available.

Our numbers are stagnated, I believe we should either lower blood quantum requirement, accept other Indian blood or both. The "blood quantum" is a tool used by U.S. Government to count natives. Not traditional and outdated.

I think they should apply all blood quantum from all tribal blood into one.

My feelings are to keep it where it is at.

My old blue card used to have all my blood quantum from my other tribes/federally recognized tribes, but when new card with new enrollment number came about, they all disappeared.

Add all of Indian country's blood degree as one. Extermination is going to happen by blood quantum if nothing is done to up the degree.

My kids are enrolled Coeur D'Alene. The Coeur D'Alene added all of my Colville/Coeur D'Alene blood to my children's quantum along with their enrolled Coeur D'Alene father's blood quantum.

My old blue card used to have all my blood quantum from my other tribes/federally recognized tribes, but when new card with new enrollment number came about, they all disappeared.

Lower it! My grandchildren have my blood and are not recognized as native. My son's children will never be enrolled. Their blood did not stop because of a fraction.

Through [name] 11/16 Assiniboine Sioux Chippewa Cree (adopted Coeur D'Alene). Possibly through [name]. I don't believe enrollment is providing true and correct thoroughly researched blood quantum. As an example: They are showing [name] as 3/4 and should be 4/4 which would've raised blood quantum for my children. [name], Tribal ID [enrollment #] and [name], Tribal ID [enrollment #]. Proper research was not completed!

Since growing up, I have always known this to be to enroll. Also time is changing things to things aren't the same to keep it this way. Just like the questions asked above, things did change and so did the blood in people.

I think the blood quantum should stay at 1/4.

I do not know if my maternal grandparents had another quantum blood from another tribe. I know my mother once owned land through the Yakama tribe and when she passed, the land went back to their tribe. I do not know if I have other blood because I have no records or papers for any relatives.

No comment. No problem.

Enrollment changes blood quantum without notifying the person. If that person is a sibling, are they changing all the blood quantum, so the family can have the same blood quantum? Some of the staff have attitudes. It depends on who you are if they will treat you nice, which is wrong. I thought enrollment should try to help families and let them know what is needed. Enrollment takes away blood that you had when you got your first enrollment card. I don't think that should happen. You were enrolled under that blood quantum for a reason. That was the paperwork your parent filled out to get you enrolled.

I believe the blood quantum should be increased. Too? many non-Indian people are getting enrolled. All they need is 1/4 to be enrolled. Check your files, see how many are 3/4 or full blood. We are losing our I.D.

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I approve of that.

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None.

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There was a time when all federally recognized tribes and Canadian tribes were included, which would definitely be advantageous for our children.

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I am half native (American, Canadian) blood lineage total. My only enrollment or affiliation is Colville confederated tribes, not enrolled in any other tribe.

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If the eligibility goes below 1/4 then what happens if a child is not able to meet eligibility! The number of Tribal members will be depleted after the next drop in blood quantum! This is happening to inter marriages of adults! Loss of all benefits to Tribal members!

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Why can't the enrollment eligibility criteria be 1/8 blood quantum? Why can't and/or won't enrollment allow other blood quantum outside of the Colville tribe to be enrolled?

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Should be lower - 1/32.

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1/4 is a good cutoff for enrollment.

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Well of course, I'm quite satisfied with the current enrollment eligibility criteria. I feel that it should stay the way it is.

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Think its fine.

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There are so many kids who are a little of this and a little of that, but not enough in any one tribe to be enrolled. They should be able to have their bloods put together and be enrolled. I have a grandson who has Shuswap blood that's not recognized and a great grandson who is part Colville and part Lummi and not enrolled in either tribe.

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I think that the blood quantum should stay at 1/4 or above. Due to the overfractionized tribal lands and the fight for enrollment statuses.

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I wish we could move the enrollment eligibility to 1/8 blood quantum, before we become even a smaller tribe in the near future.

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I would like Colville to recognize the "Nez Perce" ancestry in its records. My grandma was [name] (sister to [name]) - we are Nez Perce (Joseph's band). 1/4 makes it hard to marry and maintain cultural ties (genocide by admin).

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I wish the blood degree for enrollment should be lowered, so more members could be added. My children identify as Native American, but are sad about not having proof of lineage.

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I feel that our tribe should open the rolls to include all Indian blood. I feel if we do not then we will denying? our descendants the opportunity to become enrolled members of their tribe.

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I feel the tribe should open rules to all native blood so that descendants may be included.

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Don't think its right should be at least 5/16!

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Appropriate enrollment eligibility criteria.

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Don't go below 1/4. Don't count other tribes' blood towards our tribal enrollment criteria.

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Procedures for non-complying fathers/mothers that can add tribal blood to their child's quantum.

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I believe they should lower the blood quantum to allow descendants and other tribal members to be able to receive more benefits as needed. I also believe more benefits should be released.

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I feel they should drop it to 1/8.

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My grandmother, [name], was dual enrolled, 1/2 Lummi, 1/2 Colville. Enrolled Lummi, grandfather [name] - father [name]. Grandmother [name] - 4/4 Nez Perce, [name] - 1/2 Nez Perce - 1/2 Yakama.

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I would keep the 1/4 quantum. I would recognize all federal tribes, including Canadian tribes.

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1/4 doesn't seem like very much quantum to be legally enrolled. I think it should be higher. I've seen a lot of people living on the rez that look like they don't belong there. Others who take advantage of rez benefits even though they are of low quantum or their spouse and children are not native descent.

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That is a thinker.

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None.

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Who decided 1/4 as the qualification for enrollment? Are other tribes doing the same? How about the Connecticut Pequots or the Cow Lily tribes? What about some of the adoptions of the Colville tribe, is that what qualifies them for enrollment? Is there a family tree to trace heritage? Of all families?

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I would advocate for it to be lowered 1/8 which would mean that we would allow for more tribal members. Otherwise, we will be "extinct". My children's great-grandmother was whole. They love sharing their culture, but are not "enrolled", only descendants. To keep culture and sense of community alive!

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I have no problem with it at this time. I feel this will be an issue with the next few generations. I have relatives in teens who are almost full-blooded Colville tribal members.

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Possibly adopt federally recognized tribes' blood. Feel this would be a generation or two down the lines issue as we still have 4/4 tribal members.

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Lower to 1/8 Colville. Don't need other Indian blood.

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Lower to 1/8. Include all other Native blood to Colville, like Navajo.

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It needs to be lowered; blood doesn't stop by using fractions.

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I think any less would be unfair to the rest of us who are 1/4 or more.

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The Colville criteria is common, and is in agreement with that of most reservations. It is acceptable to me.

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I think the blood quantum eligibility should be 1/8.

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If the math indicates our population is decreasing, the Tribe MUST consider including blood of other Tribes to increase blood quantum. If the population decrease prediction is drastic, the Tribe must lower blood quantum to avoid extinction.

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I think keeping the blood quantum of 1/4 is fine.

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I believe 1/4 requirement for enrollment is a good and fair requirement.

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I think soon we should eliminate the blood quantum. We are weakening ourselves as a Tribe. With more members, we have more potential assets to assist us in tribal government. Not to mention we are killing ourselves off with the blood quantum.

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Enrollment should not be lower than 1/4 tribal blood.

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Everyone should be enrolled until quantum cannot be detected or at least descendants should get benefits at half coverage.

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I have four kids who feel like they are not "Native enough". I've told them and elders in their lives have told them that the quantum rule is a way for the U.S. government to control us. But because they are not enrolled members, they feel disconnected, even though we live near the rez and have many family and friends who are Tribal members. I hate the quantum rule.

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Other blood should be considered as someday there won't be enough for kids to get enrolled.

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I am a descendant of Chief [name]. My mother's name is [name] (maiden name [surname]). I would very much love to have my children recognized as Colville tribal members. Is there a chance that can happen?

Sounds good to me.

I am ok with how enrollment enrolls members. I would like for out-of-state members to be able to renew I.D. card from a BIA office nearest to them due to tribal enrollment is far away for I.D. renewals.

I think the enrollment quota should stay at 1/4 Colville Indian blood always and forever.

Due to lack of people to meet enrollment criteria, blood quantum may have to be reduced.

Works for me.

It would be nice if could be enrolled, but they're not quite a 1/4.

Would like to know if my grandparents were consistent with their siblings - same quantum, i.e. [name] and [name].

1/4 blood quantum should remain for per capita payments and voting rights. Would like to see change for descendants under 1/4 blood to have hunting and fishing rights on our reservation. Would help to keep families together and stay living on reservation.

If they update 1 family member, they should update all family members. My boys have different amounts!

I feel that rights of tribal members should follow lineage and be available for descendants that live on and utilize the reservation. I also feel that indigenous blood from Latin American tribes should count toward adoption/combination with Colville blood quantum. My son is more indigenous than me, but has no rights to the land that he has been raised on. Colonial borders should not stop tribal practices of adoption from other indigenous peoples.

Does not have my father [name] on my enrollment, also Colville member. Same way with my mother and father on her dad's side, not on her enrollment, also a member lakes/Colvilles.

Extend to 1/8.

I would like us to use a system like the Cherokee that is based on lineage, not blood quantum. Blood quantum is the oppressor's tool to extinguish Native people and communities in order to absolve the U.S. Federal Government of its treaty obligations.

Blood quantum does not matter.

No comment.

I am satisfied with the 1/4 (one quarter) blood quantum. My recommendation is to not change it.

Leave it as is.

I think we should build up our tribe. We should enroll members down to 1/32. We have a small tribe. We need more. Our descendants are losing their way because they do not feel part of us.

A CCT member who has a spouse considered a member of some other tribe should have an option to enroll their children as a Colville tribal member.

I would like enrollment to be based on lineal descent. If resources (per caps) are too limited, make them needs-based. If lineal descent is too unpopular, then I would support going to 1/8 or using other tribal blood.

Would like the current enrollment to consider 1/8 blood quantum as an enrolled Colville member.

I am 1/2 Tlinget on my father's side - Sealaskacorp.



We need to abrogate the Confederated Colville Indian resolution that set just 1/4 CCT blood to enroll a child. I don't remember the year this resolution was enacted by our Tribal Council. Changing our requirement for only 1/4 CCT to include other local Plateau tribes would positively enhance our enrolled population. Like our ancestors, we are required to practice good genealogy! It's sad to say many of our unenrolled (child-adult) are full-blood Indians, Native Americans and are ineligible for enrollment because of that CCT resolution in the 80s or early 90s.

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Well my mom and father are both enrolled Colville tribe which is my sense my mom was 3/4 and my dad was full blood. I go to enroll my daughter and they deny her enrollment into the Colville tribe. Ponder that.

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Lower blood quantum.

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My blood quantum is incorrect on my mother's side, and I completed paperwork on it, about over a month ago. And no one has responded back to me, or answered my questions when I call. Both of my parents are enrolled tribal members.

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I would like to see 1/8 descendants have hunting and fishing rights. I struggle getting around and would like to allow my children to access my hunting and fishing rights.

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My maternal grandfather Ike Stanger was born and raised on the North half of our reservation - Kelly Hill. The federal government forcibly removed him and his family to Coeur d'Alene reservation. When he was just a small infant.

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1/4 Laguna Pueblo. 1/4 Jeniey Pueblo.

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I would like to see members with lower blood quantum be eligible tribal enrolled members.

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I'm fine with the 1/4 blood quantum and do not want to see our enrollment criteria lowered.

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DNA test to see?

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I have always been pissed about our family blood was lowered years ago (agency burned down?) My kids need about 3 drops to get enrolled. Fucking CCT won't fix.

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Blood quantum is bullshit. My oldest son is descendant with an enrolled family/community and his non-native father was granted custody and he left when he was 5 years old. He is now an adult and I don't think he could ever come back and fit in anymore.

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Tribes have had to endure huge forces trying to annihilate them. Our population before colonialization was approximately 145 million. In a November 22, 2021 article, the University of Houston claims that Native American population reached its lowest numbers at the turn of the 20th century with less than 250,000. There is power in numbers, and we cannot die out. I would hope the Colville Tribe would consider expanding the Tribe through a reduction in blood quantum.

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