

Fiscal Year 2020 Report

National NAGPRA Program

National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program
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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

The [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act](#) (NAGPRA or the Act) addresses the return of Native American cultural items to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Cultural items can include Native American human remains as well as funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Cultural items subject to NAGPRA are held in museum or Federal agency collections or were discovered on Federal or tribal land. Implementation responsibilities are assigned to the Secretary of the Interior, [who delegated certain tasks](#) to the National NAGPRA Program (Program).

This report covers Program activities on the following delegated tasks during Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020):

Section 3: On Federal or Tribal Lands

- Providing technical assistance concerning the excavation and discovery of cultural items
- Maintaining a database of Notices of Intended Disposition published by Federal agencies
- Maintaining a list of unclaimed cultural items held by Federal agencies

Section 4: Trafficking

- Providing technical assistance to the Department of Justice on the trafficking of cultural items

Sections 5, 6, & 7: In Holdings or Collections

- Receiving and recording inventories and summaries prepared by museums and Federal agencies
- Publishing notices in the *Federal Register* for museums and Federal agencies
- Maintaining databases of inventories, summaries, notices, and Federal agency repatriations

Section 8: Review Committee

- Providing staff support and a Designated Federal Officer to the Federal advisory committee
- Compiling inventories of culturally unidentified human remains

Section 9: Civil Enforcement

- Providing staff support on allegations of museums who fail to comply with the Act

Section 10: Grants

- Administering a grant program to assist museums, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations

Section 13: Regulations

- Drafting and updating regulations

Section 14: Appropriations

- Carrying out the Act using the funds appropriated

NAGPRA At-A-Glance Fiscal Year 2020

171	notices published in the Federal Register
1	Review Committee meetings
0	letters alleging failure to comply received
\$1.907	million awarded for grants
\$86,089	7 repatriation grants
\$1,820,911	24 project grants

NAGPRA collections increased – the number of human remains reported in NAGPRA inventories increased by 2,653 individuals.

NAGPRA activity is steady – the number of human remains that have completed the regulatory process grew by 2%.

NAGPRA funding increased – available grant funds were increased from \$1.65 million to \$1.9 million.

More NAGPRA work needed – Over 116,000 Native American individuals are still in collections and 95% of those have not been culturally affiliated with any present-day Indian tribe or NHO. Cultural affiliation studies and in-depth consultations could resolve the rights to many of these individuals.

NAGPRA Accomplishments FY 1990 – FY 2020

91.51% of culturally affiliated human remains have completed the NAGPRA process.

Over 1.78 million associated funerary objects have been transferred with human remains.

28% of museums subject to NAGPRA have resolved all Native American human remains under their control.

More than 332,000 unassociated funerary objects have been repatriated.

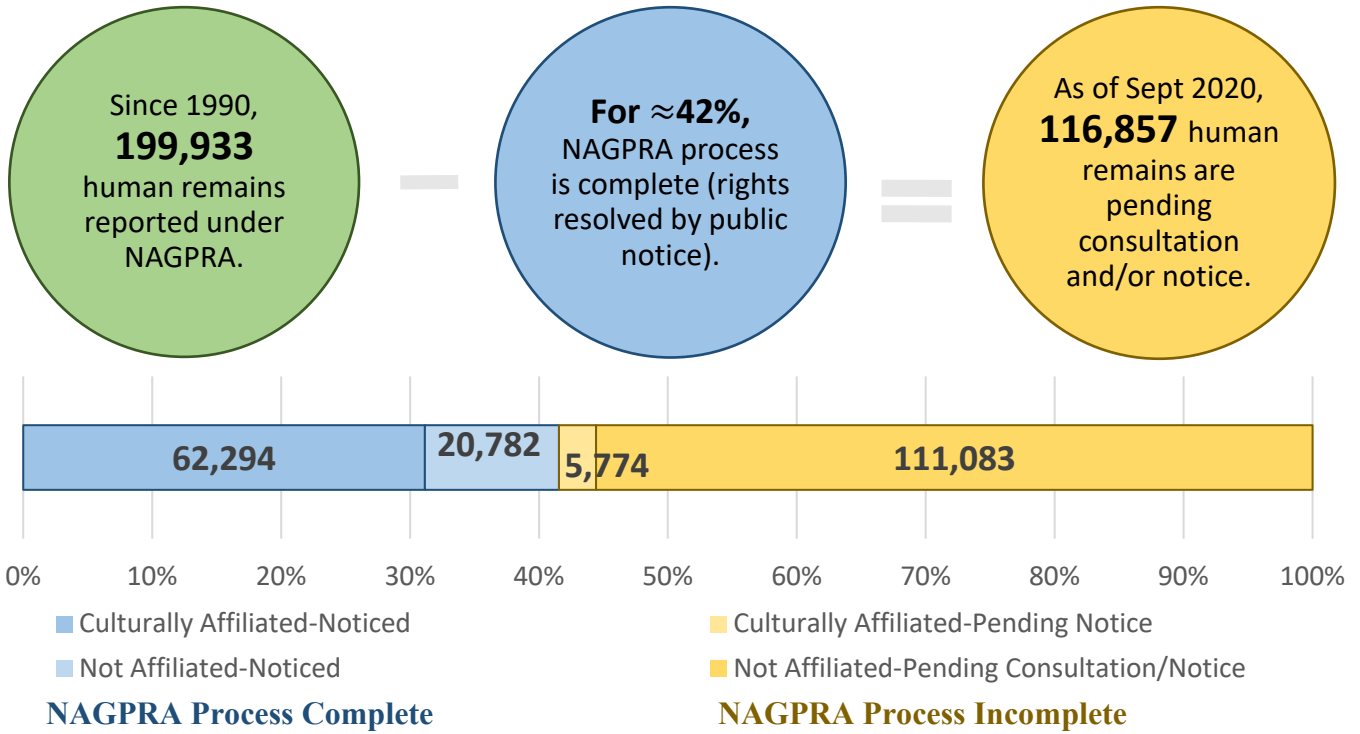
About 21,000 other cultural items have been repatriated.

66 Review Committee meetings have been held since 1992.

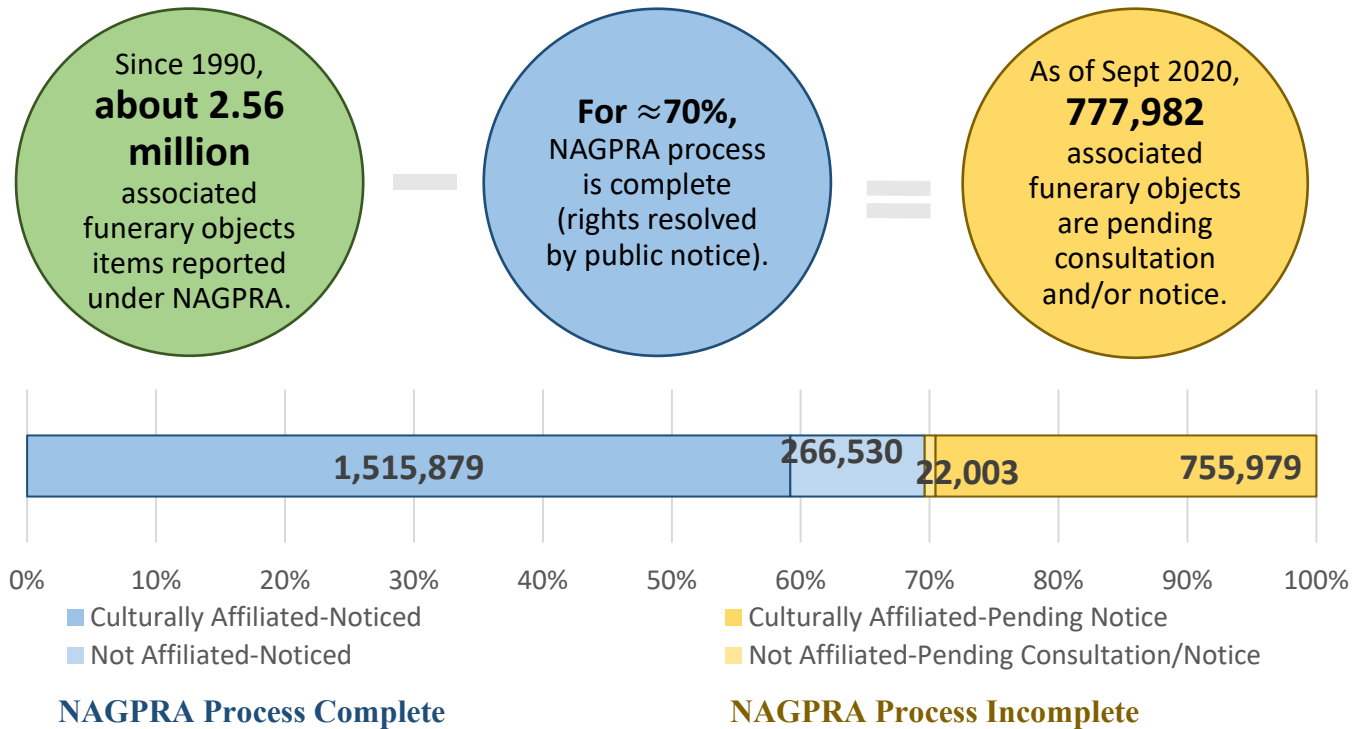
\$59,111 has been collected in civil penalties for failures to comply.

\$52.02 million has been awarded in NAGPRA grants.

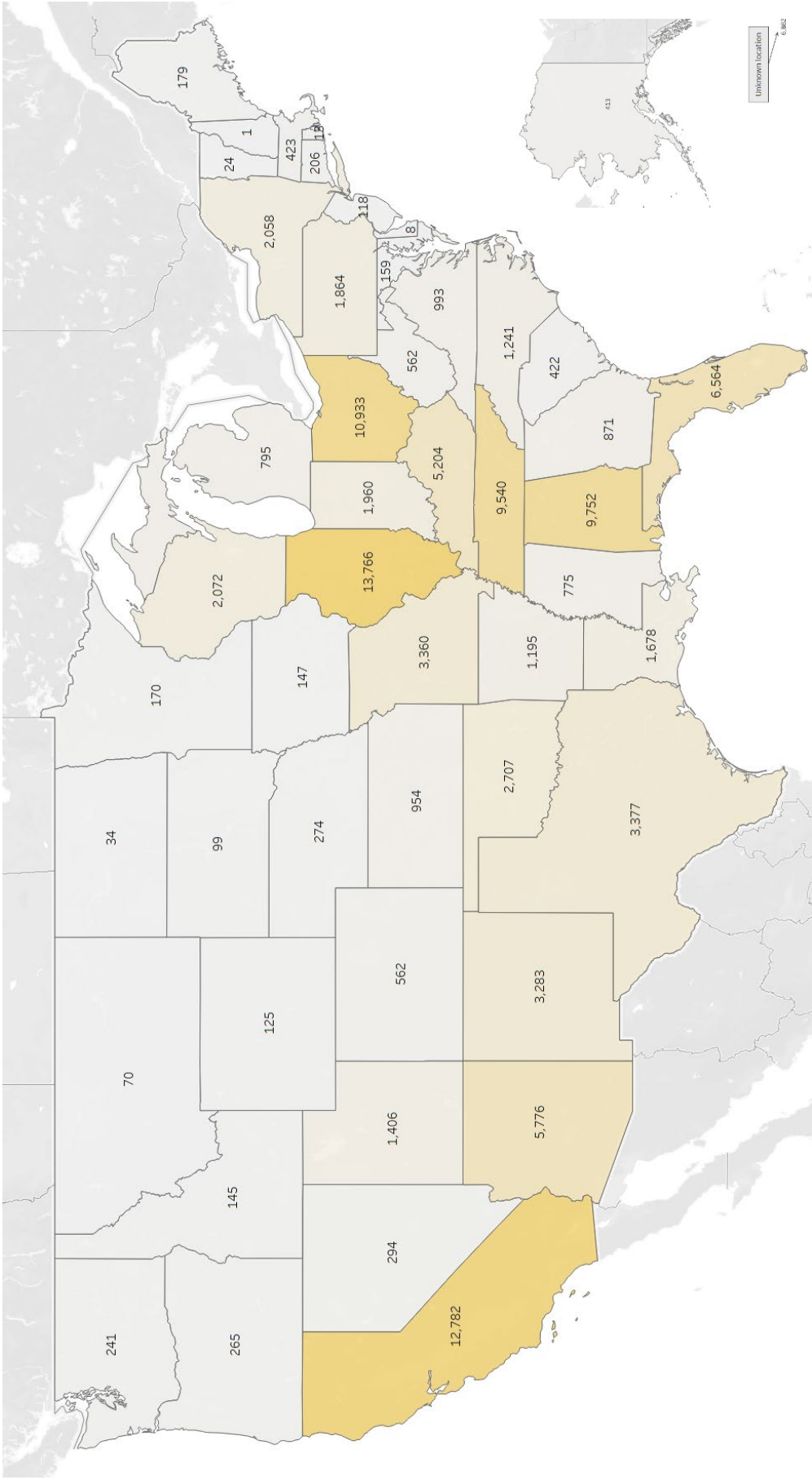
Native American Human Remains in Holdings and Collections



Native American Associated Funerary Objects in Holdings and Collections

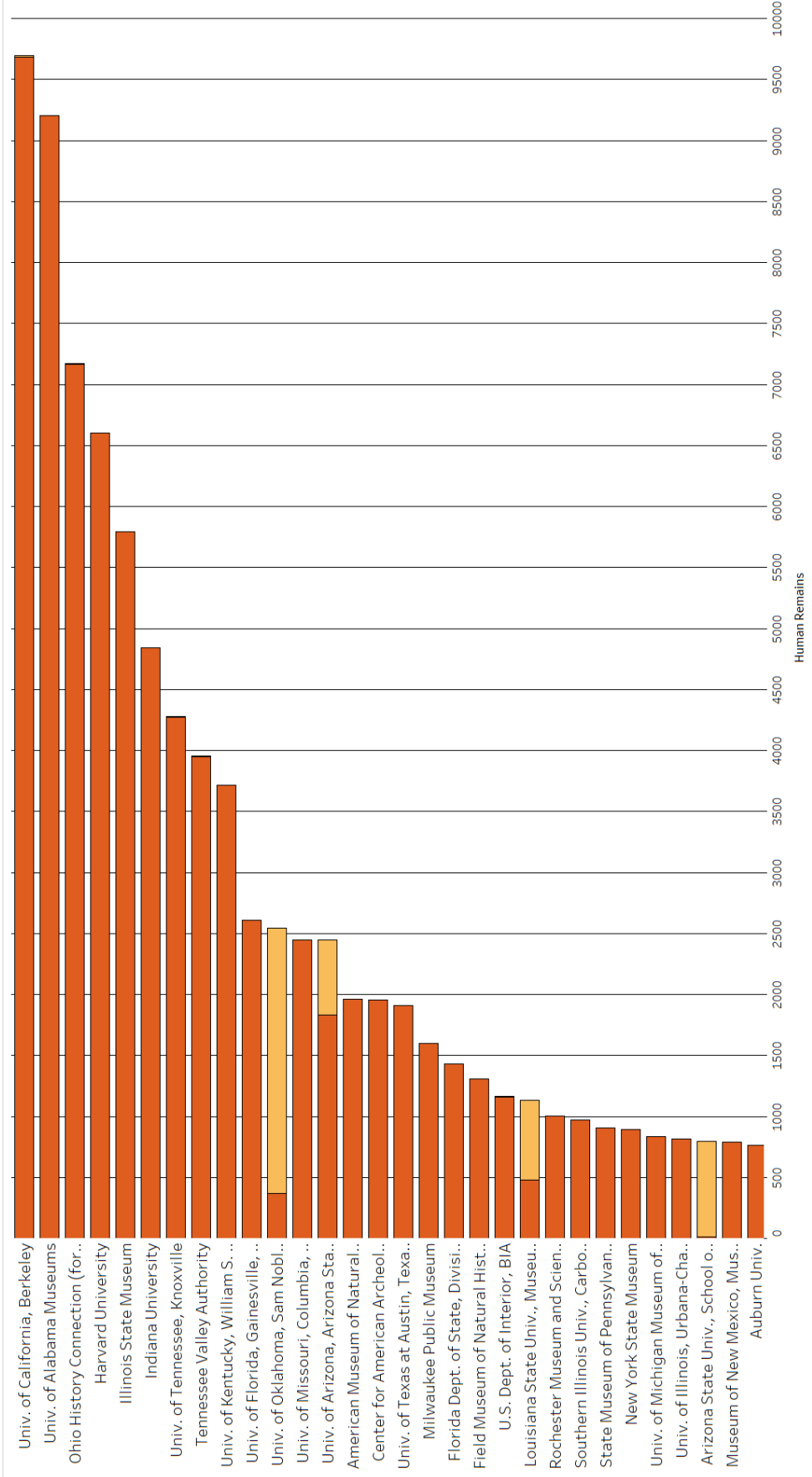


Sets of Native American human remains by state of removal/excavation.
 Showing the 116,857 human remains pending consultation/notice as of Sept 2020.



Sets of Native American human remains by institution.

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