

AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE FACT SHEET FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND

OVERVIEW

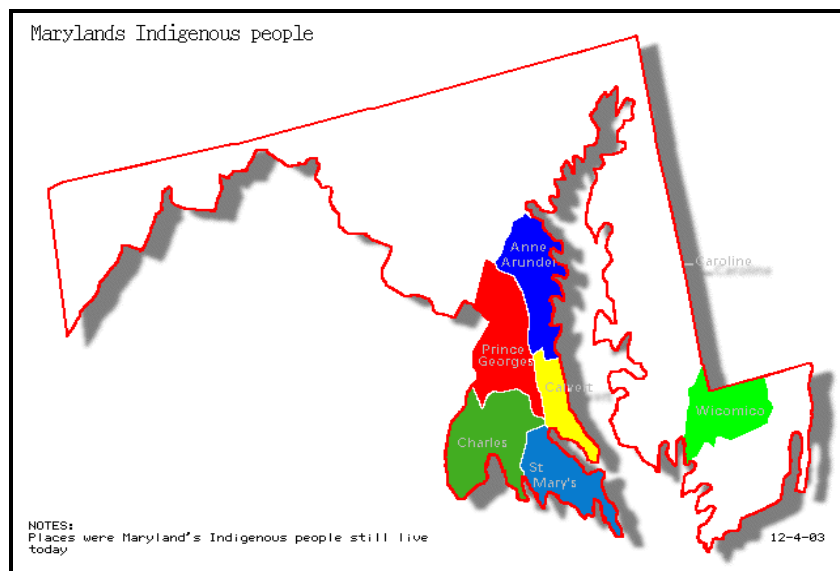
According to the 2000 U.S. Census there are 4.1 million American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) residing in the United States (alone or in combination with another race). While 4 out of 10 Indians live in western states, every state in the nation has a measurable AI/AN population. There are currently 563 federally recognized Indian tribes and approximately 245 tribes currently petitioning for federal recognition. Each of these tribes is a distinct sovereign nation that determines its own membership (citizenship) and exercises the powers of government. The Urban Indian Health Institute estimates that 66% of the AI/AN population lives in metropolitan areas (over 2.7 million)ⁱⁱ The Indian Health Service contracts with 34 Urban Indian Health Clinics.

The U.S. Constitution (Article 1 Section 8) sets the foundation for the federal government's trust responsibility to Indian nations, which has been reinforced over the years through various treaties, laws, and court rulings. Despite this, AI/AN people continue to be underserved due to a lack of adequate federal funding. The Indian Health Service appropriation meets less than 60% of the needⁱⁱⁱ, and of that Behavioral Health typically represents about 1% of their total budget. The Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to eliminate or cut programs due to decreased funding.

Since Indian people are also citizens of the states in which they reside, local government agencies and entities have the responsibility to serve AI/AN populations that reside in their cities, counties, or states. In states that have federally or state recognized tribes, government-to-government relationships should be fostered in ways that promote the principle of tribal self-determination. In other states, efforts should be made to reach out to Urban Indian organizations or other community-based AI/AN organizations. Cities should seek partnerships and offer contracts to Urban Indian organizations. The National Indian Child Welfare Association is available to provide assistance to cities, counties, and states seeking to develop partnerships with AI/AN communities.

State Map

(Courtesy of American Indian Cultural Center)



Maryland Demographics (2000 U.S. Census)

NOTE: There are no state or federally recognized tribes in Maryland. The tribal groups listed below have been independently petitioning for state and/or federal recognition. Other American Indian organizations provide social services, activities, education, and advocacy.

Total AI/AN population (alone or in any combination)	43,458
Total AI/AN population under age 19 (alone or in any combination)	13,409
Urban Indian population (Baltimore)	19,891

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<p>The Baltimore American Indian Center Howard Hunt, Acting Director 113 South Broadway Baltimore, Maryland 21231 Phone: (410) 675-3535 Fax: (410) 675-6909 www.baic.org <i>(Urban Indian service program)</i></p>	<p>American Indian Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization, Inc. Chuck Tsinnie, President Twinbrook Station PO Box 775 Rockville, Maryland 20848 Phone: (301) 869-9381 Website: www.Ajitco.com</p>
<p>Lifelines Foundations Susan Roth, Director 106 West Clay Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Phone: 410-837-2258 Fax: 410-837-2692 http://www.lifelinesfoundation.org/index.htm <i>(Provides substance abuse and mental health for Urban Indians)</i></p>	

For more information, contact the National Indian Child Welfare Association at (503) 222-4044 or visit our website at www.nicwa.org.

ⁱ The American Indian and Alaska Native Population: 2000 Census Brief. Issued February 2002 U.S. Census Bureau.

ⁱⁱ Urban Indian Health Issue Brief. By Ralph Forquera for the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation. November 2001.

ⁱⁱⁱ Level of Need Funded Study by the LNF Work Group Report II, December 1999 Indian Health Service. 5/20/2005