



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

### OVERVIEW

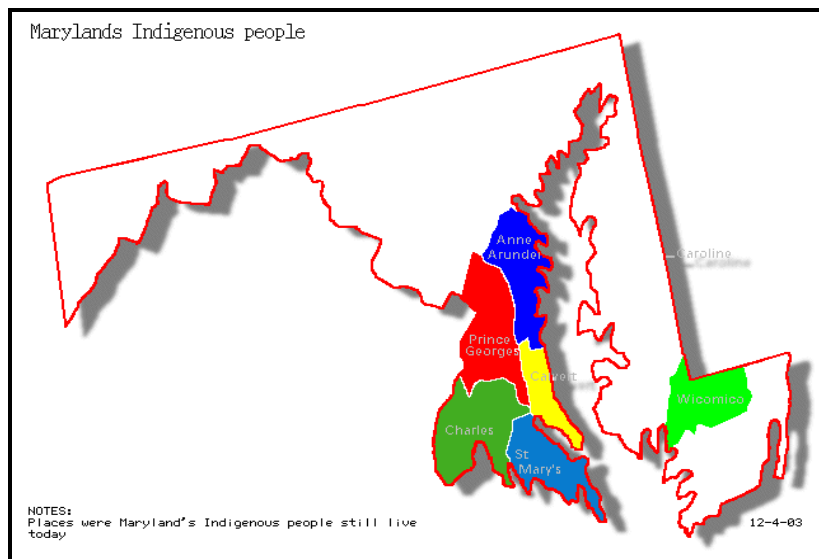
According to the 2000 U.S. Census there are 4.1 million American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) residing in the United States (alone or in combination with another race). While 4 out of 10 Indians live in western states, every state in the nation has a measurable AI/AN population<sup>1</sup>. There are 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)<sup>2</sup>. 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 need<sup>3</sup>, 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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**Contact Information:**

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**Tribal Groups:**

<p><b>Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians</b>  American Indian Cultural Center  16816 Country Lane  Waldorf, Maryland 20601  Phone: (240) 432-7878  Fax: (301) 372-6199  E-Mail: <a href="mailto:info@piscatawayindians.org">info@piscatawayindians.org</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.piscatawayindians.org">www.piscatawayindians.org</a></p>	<p><b>Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Subtribes</b>  PO Box 1484  La Planta, MD 20646  Phone: (301) 609-7625  Fax: (301) 301-609-9317</p>
<p><b>Piscataway Indian Nation</b>  Chief Billy "Redwing" Tayac  PO Box 312  Port Tobacco, MD 20677  Phone: (301) 932-0808  E-mail: <a href="mailto:redwing60@aol.com">redwing60@aol.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.piscatawaynation.org">www.piscatawaynation.org</a></p>	<p><b>Nause Waiwash Band of Indians</b>  Phone: (410) 376-3889</p>
<p><b>Pocomoke Indian Nation</b>  P.O. Box 687  Mount Airy, MD 21771</p>	

**Indian Organizations:**

<p><b>Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs</b>  301 West Preston Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  Baltimore, MD 21202  Phone: (410)767-9159 or (410) 767-7631  <i>(State appointed advisory board)</i></p>	<p><b>Native Indian Sacred Earth Society</b>  Joseph Proctor  11400 Cedarville Road  Brandywine, Maryland 20613  301-888-1198</p>
<p><b>The Baltimore American Indian Center</b>  John Simermeyer, Executive Director  113 South Broadway  Baltimore, Maryland 21231  Phone: (410) 675-3535  Fax: (410) 675-6909  <a href="http://www.baic.org">www.baic.org</a>  (Urban Indian service program)</p>	<p><b>American Indian Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization, Inc.</b>  Chuck Tsinnie, President  Twinbrook Station  PO Box 775  Rockville, Maryland 20848  Website: <a href="http://www.Aiitco.com">www.Aiitco.com</a></p>
<p><b>Lifelines Foundations</b>  Susan Roth, Director  106 West Clay Street  Baltimore, Maryland 21201  Phone: 410-837-2258  Fax: 410-837-2692  <a href="http://www.lifelinesfoundation.org/index.htm">http://www.lifelinesfoundation.org/index.htm</a>  <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](http://www.nicwa.org).

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

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

<sup>iii</sup> Level of Need Funded Study by the LNF Work Group Report II, December 1999 Indian Health Service.