

Understanding Tribal Governance and Building Meaningful Relationships

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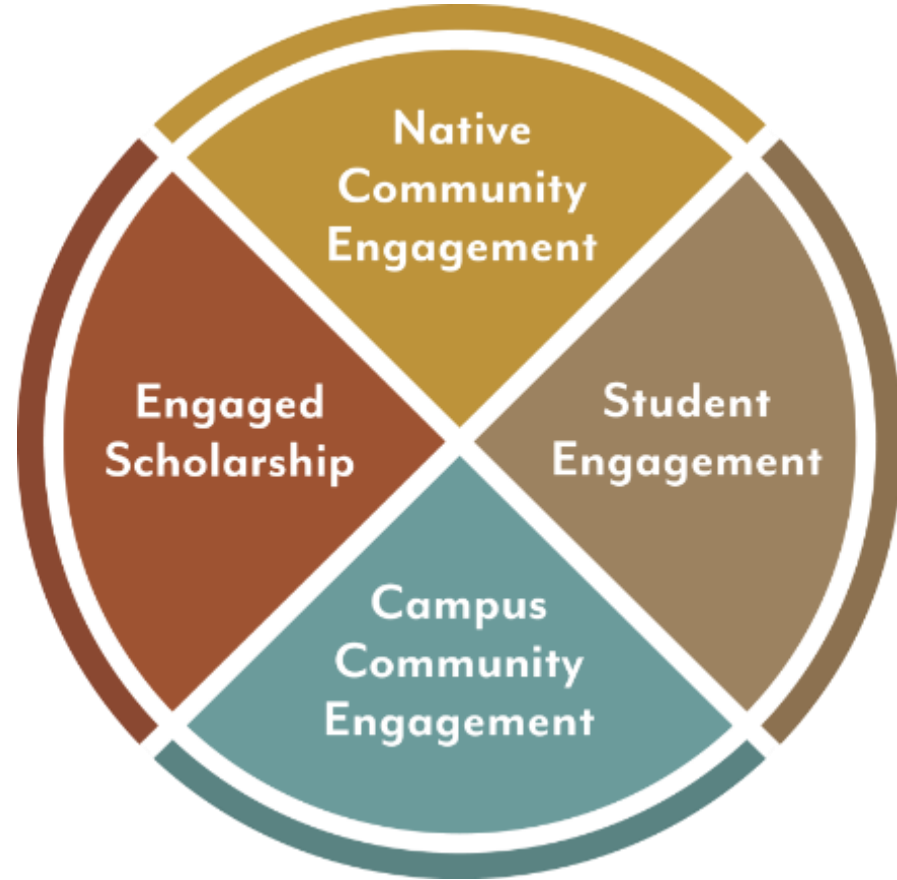
We acknowledge that the land on which the University of North Carolina stands is the ancestral homeland of Eastern Siouan-speaking Indigenous peoples (Yesàh, “The People”). We honor and acknowledge a commitment to serve the citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Coharie Indian Tribe, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, the Sappony, the Meherrin Nation, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, and the Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe, who, along with citizens of other tribal nations, comprise one of the largest populations of Indigenous people east of the Mississippi River.—First Nations Graduate Circle



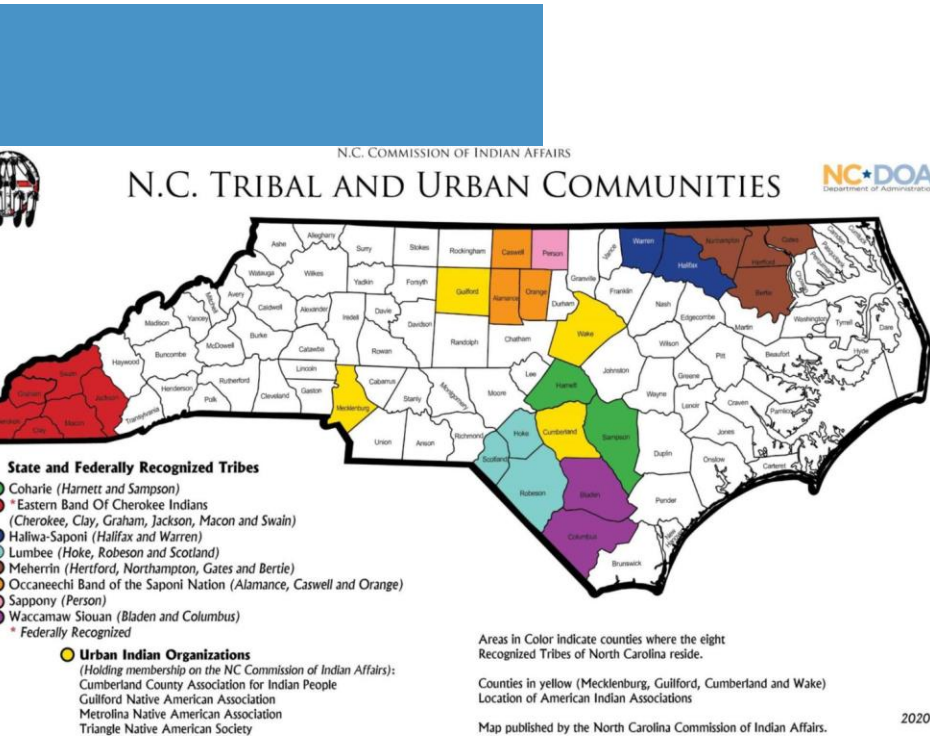


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Poll: Native Nations in the United States



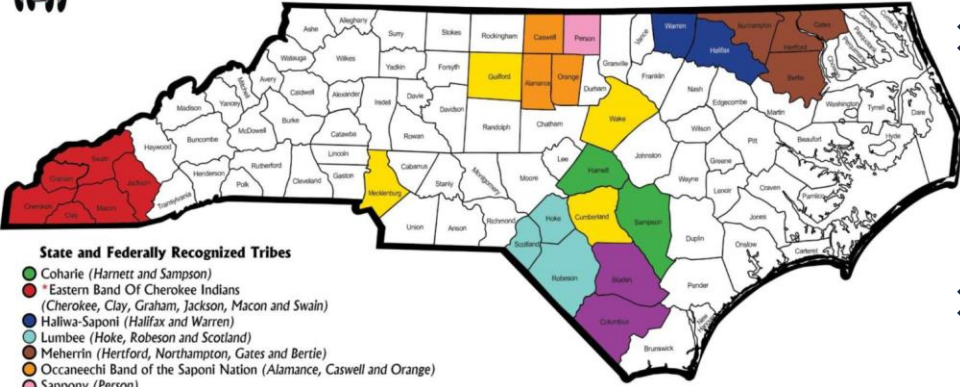
- × How many American Indians, including Alaska Natives, are in the United States?
- × How many state and federally recognized tribes are there in the United States?
- × How many states have more than 100,000 American Indians living in them?
- × How many American Indians live in North Carolina?
- × How many state and federally recognized tribes are in North Carolina?

Native Nations in the United States



N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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State and Federally Recognized Tribes

- Coharie (Harnett and Sampson)
- * Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain)
- Halifax-Saponi (Halifax and Warren)
- Lumbee (Hoke, Robeson and Scotland)
- Meherrin (Hertford, Northampton, Gates and Bertie)
- Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (Alamance, Caswell and Orange)
- Sappony (Person)
- Waccamaw Siouan (Bladen and Columbus)
- * Federally Recognized

Urban Indian Organizations

- (Holding membership on the NC Commission of Indian Affairs):
- Cumberland County Association for Indian People
- Guilford Native American Association
- Metrolina Native American Association
- Triangle Native American Society

Areas in Color indicate counties where the eight Recognized Tribes of North Carolina reside.

Counties in yellow (Mecklenburg, Guilford, Cumberland and Wake) Location of American Indian Associations

Map published by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

2020

- × 9.7 million, of AI/AN including those of more than one race. Made up 2.9% of the US population.
- × 574 federally recognized tribes in 35 states; 63 state recognized tribes in 11 states; and those seeking state or federal recognition.
- × 14 states have more than 100,000 American Indians living in them.
- × 1.6% (130,032) American Indians self-identify in North Carolina.
- × 8 state and federally recognized tribes are in North Carolina.



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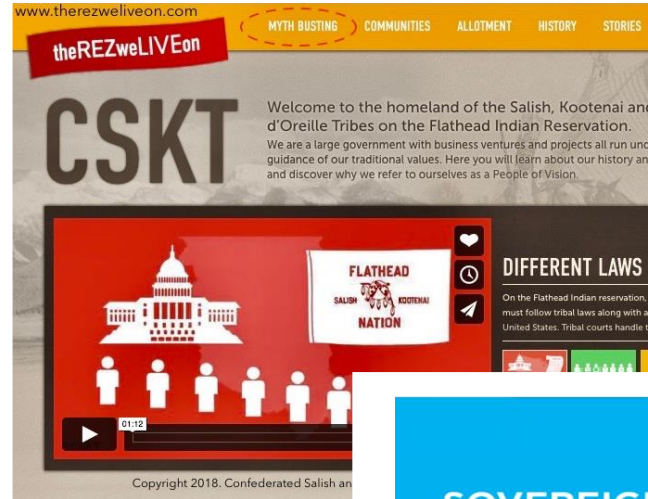
Common Terms



- Terms often used interchangeably:
 - ✦ American Indian, Native American, Indigenous, tribal and Native nations, Indian community.
 - ✦ Additional terms include Alaska Natives & Native Hawaiian.
 - ✦ Common terms in federal policy: AIAN & Native Hawaiian, Indian tribes.
- Sovereignty
- Self-determination

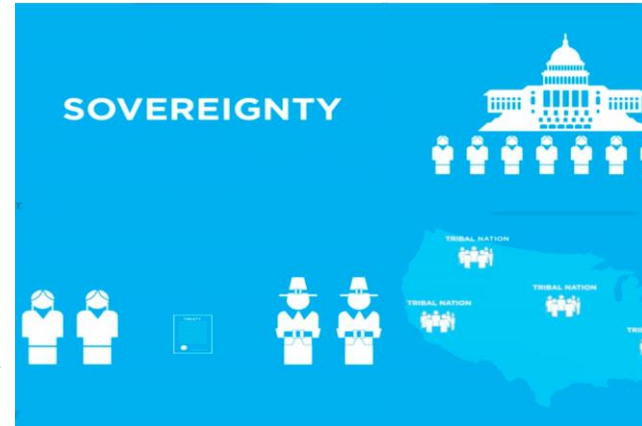


Sovereignty: Political Status vs. Racial Classification



*Video: The Rez We Live On:
Sovereignty*

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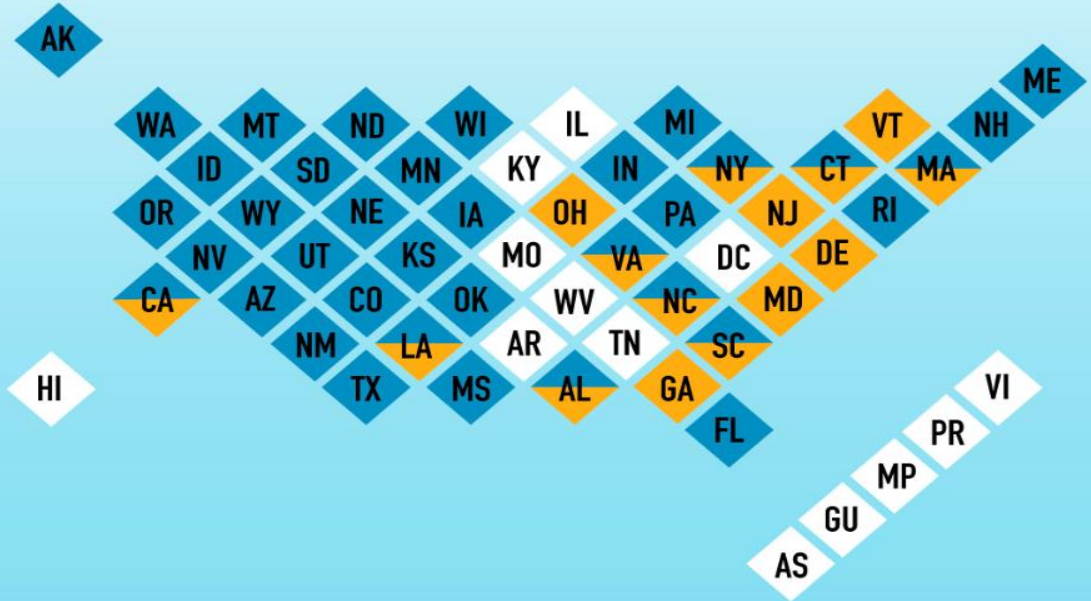


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Tribal Recognition in the United States

-  FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES
-  STATE-ONLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES
-  FEDERALLY & STATE-RECOGNIZED TRIBES

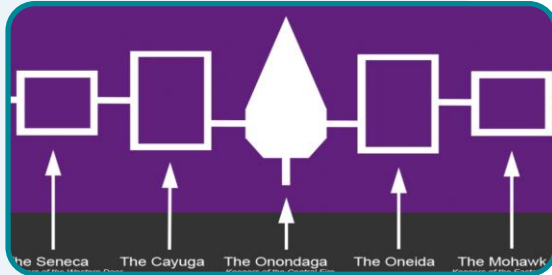


What can Native nations *do*?

Federal	State
Make law and enforce law	✓
Define citizenship/membership	✓
Resolve disputes	✓
Treatment as states (Clean Air and Water Acts)	
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	
Sovereign immunity	
Negotiate gaming compacts	
Indian Health Services	✓ (Urban areas)
PL 638 contracting	
Federal Emergency Management Agency	?
Tax	
Build Economy	✓
Culture preservation	✓
Manage resources	✓



Government Structures



Traditional:

Lakota (separate roles and responsibilities), Cochiti (spiritual leader), and Haudenosaunee Confederacy (bicameral system)

Combination:

Hopi (traditional villages & IRA constitution)

Constitutional:

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina



Services Provided by Native Nations

- × Health and Human Services
- × Cultural Protection
- × Elders and Youth Services
- × Utilities
- × Transportation
- × Housing
- × Business Development
- × Education
- × Law enforcement
- × And many others...





Partnering *with* Native Nations

- Understand and respect tribal sovereignty
- Know the tribal community you are working with
- Demonstrate how your project aligns with the nation's priorities
- Forge lasting relationships



Research *with* Indigenous Peoples

Tribal Priority

Capacity
Building

Indigenous
Ways of
Knowing

Data
Ownership

Credit to
Community

Community
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