

Federally Recognized Tribes

Under the Federally Recognized Indian Tribal List Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-454, 108 Stat. 4791-4792), the Secretary of the Interior publishes an official listing of Indian tribes in the Federal Register. As of June 2015, the most recent Notice published was 80 Federal Register, 1942–1948 (January 14, 2015). On July 2, 2015, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe was acknowledged as a federally recognized tribe. These data include data about the Pamunkey Indian Tribe.

The definition of Indian tribe according to the Act means “any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe.”

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) maintains a [Tribal Leaders Directory](#) that lists contact information for federally recognized tribes.

Geographic Distribution of Federally Recognized Tribes

CDC’s Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) has compiled information about the geography of tribes, including data related to the following:

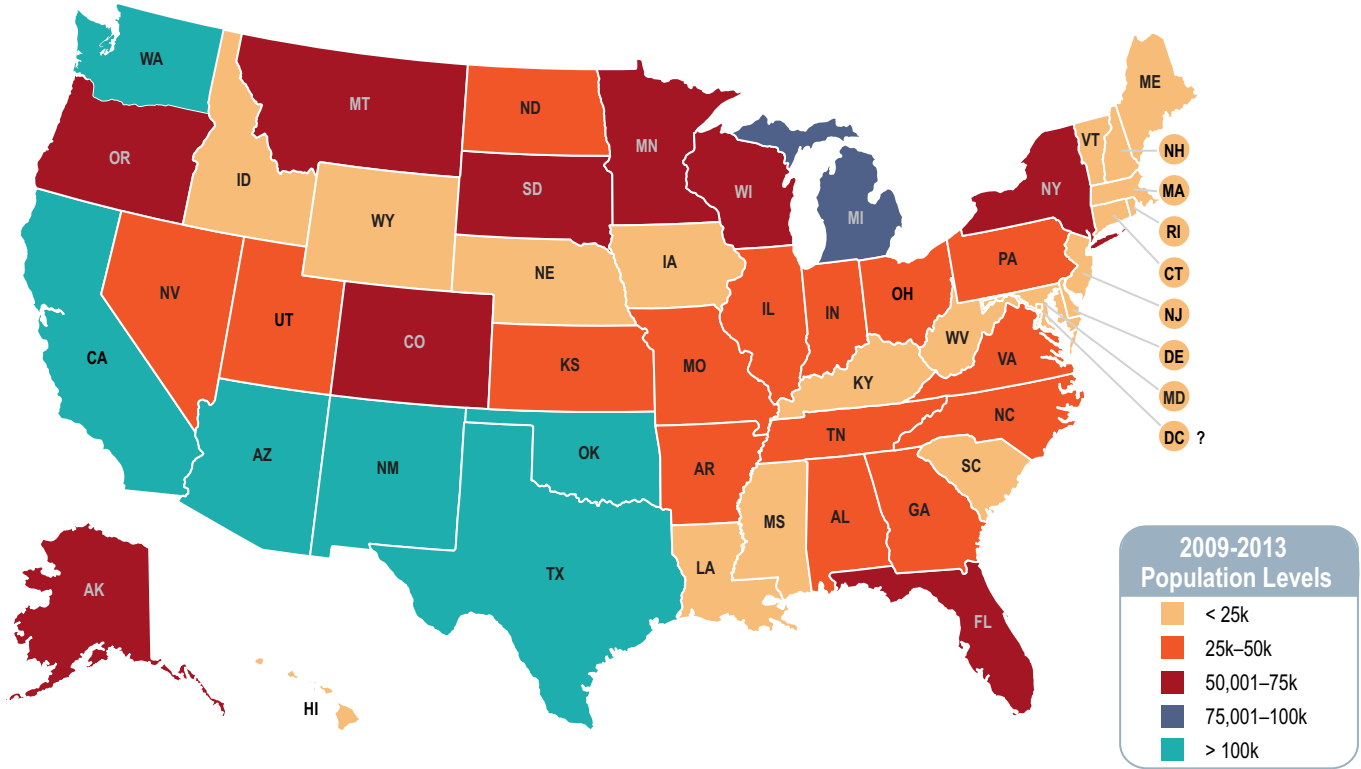
- Tribal population
- Tribal geography in relation to state boundaries
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- American Indian and Alaskan Native metro populations



Tribal Population

The map below shows the population of individuals who self-identify as American and Alaska Natives in each state.

2009-2013 American Indian and Alaska Native State Populations



*Map does not show funded territories or tribes.

TABLE 1: 10 states with the highest percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) affiliated with federally recognized tribes

State	AI/ANs identifying as affiliated with at least one federally recognized tribe ^{1,2}	
	No.	%
Oklahoma	424,731	14.61
California	328,112	11.29
Arizona	284,528	9.79
New Mexico	186,566	6.42
Texas	135,302	4.65
Washington	124,859	4.29
Michigan	80,734	2.78
Alaska	74,658	2.57
Florida	69,362	2.39
Oregon	67,769	2.33
United States	2,907,272	100.00

Sources:

¹US Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 2009–2013. [American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table BO2005 American Indian and Alaska Native alone for selected tribal groupings](#); generated by the Tribal Support Unit; using American FactFinder. Accessed Jun 8, 2015.

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TABLE 2: 10 federally recognized tribes with the highest percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs)

	AI/ANs identifying as affiliated with at least one federally recognized tribe ^{1,2}	
	No.	%
Tribe/Nation (State located)		
Cherokee (NC and OK)*	767,195	26.39
Navajo Nation tribal grouping (AZ, NM, and UT)	332,129	11.42
Choctaw (MS, LA, and OK)*	159,630	5.49
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana (MT)	105,304	3.62
Muscogee (Creek) Nation (OK)	81,685	2.81
Iroquois tribal grouping (OK and NY)	81,002	2.79
Chippewa (MI and MN)*	73,471	2.53
Apache (AZ, NM, and OK)	69,180	2.38
Pueblo tribal grouping (NM and TX)	62,540	2.15
Chickasaw tribal grouping (OK)	52,278	1.80
Total AI/AN individuals	2,907,272	100.00

*Denotes the general tribal name including in the US Census. These data were included in the total number of AI/AN-affiliated with at least one federally recognized tribe.

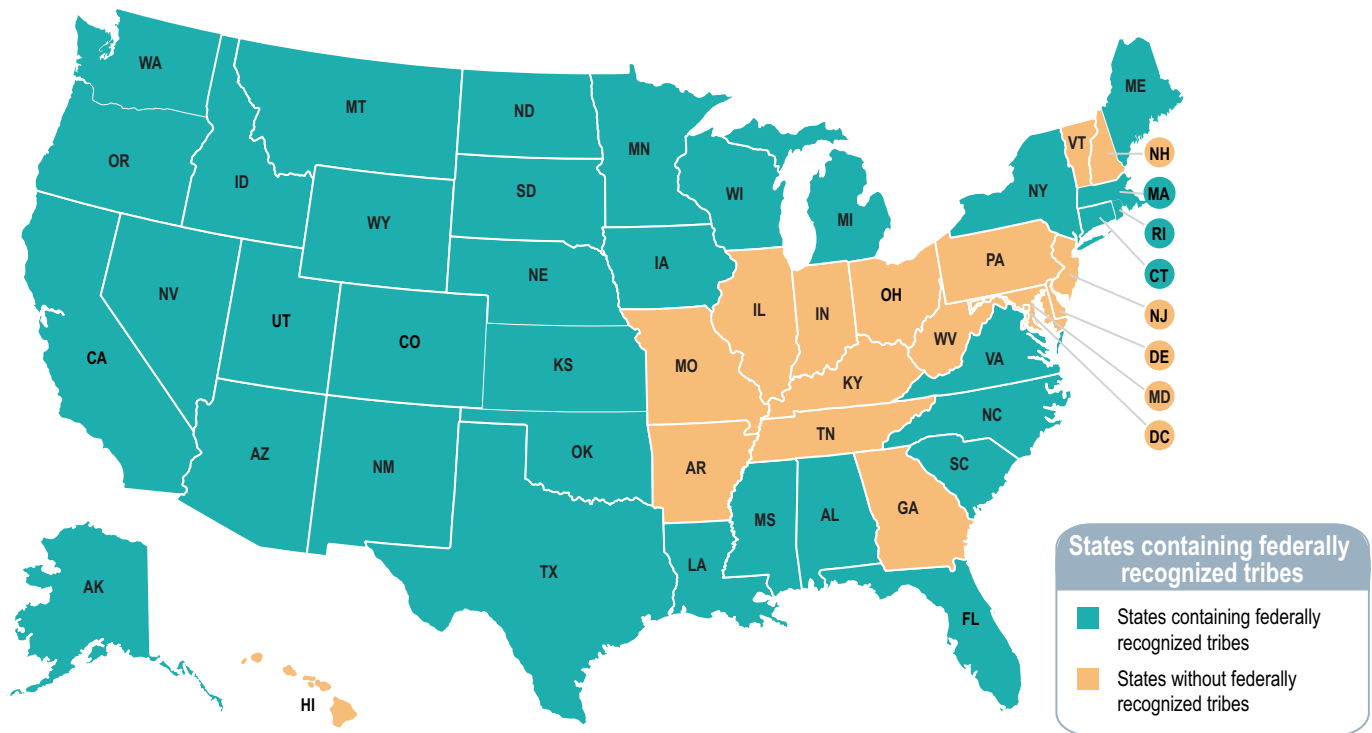
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Tribal Geography in Relation to State Boundaries

According to the 2010 American Indian Federal Reservations data compiled by the US Census Bureau and the Bureau of Indian Affairs



- 12 tribes have jurisdictions that cross multiple state boundaries^{1,2}—
 - Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation spanning Arizona and California
 - Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation spanning Nevada and Utah
 - Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation spanning Nevada and Oregon
 - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada spanning Arizona, California, and Nevada
 - Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska spanning Kansas and Nebraska
 - Navajo Nation spanning Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah
 - Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians located in Michigan with a statistical area in Indiana
 - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation spanning Arizona and California
 - Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska spanning Kansas and Nebraska
 - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota spanning North Dakota and South Dakota
 - Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation spanning Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah
 - Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California spanning California and Nevada

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²US Census Bureau. [American Indian Reservations \(Federal\): 2010. \(n.d.\)](#). Accessed Jul 8, 2015. Off-reservation trust lands are areas for which the United States holds titles in trust for the benefit of a tribe (tribal trust land) or for an individual American Indian or Alaska Native (individual trust land).

³The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi has a tribal designated statistical area in South Bend, Indiana; however, this does not count as a federally recognized tribe for the state of Indiana.

Tribal Reservations

Federally recognized tribes own a total of 325 reservations and/or off-reservation on trust lands, according to the most recent available data.^{1,2} Off-reservation trust lands are areas for which the United States holds titles in trust for the benefit of a tribe (tribal trust land) or for an individual American Indian or Alaska Native (individual trust land).

There are 539,616 AI/AN individuals living on a reservation or off-reservation trust land who self-identified as being affiliated with at least one federally recognized tribe.^{1,3}

Reservations and off-reservation trust lands with the highest percentage of these individuals—

1. Navajo Nation Reservation and off-reservation trust land, Arizona-New Mexico-Utah (30.48% or 164,473 individuals)
2. Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota (3.05% or 16,471 individuals)
3. Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona (2.46% or 13,260 individuals)
4. Gila River Reservation, Arizona (2.16% or 11,672 individuals)

TABLE 4: 10 reservations and/or off-reservation trust lands with highest percentage of individuals identifying as American Indians and/or Alaska Natives (AI/ANs)

	AI/ANs identifying as affiliated with at least one federally recognized tribe and living on a reservation ^{1,2}	
	No.	%
Reservations and/or Off-Reservation on Trust Lands (State Located)		
Navajo Nation Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land (AZ, NM, and UT)	164,473	30.48
Pine Ridge Reservation (SD)	16,471	3.05
Fort Apache Reservation (AZ)	13,260	2.46
Gila River Indian Reservation (AZ)	11,672	2.16
Zuni Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land (NM and AZ)	10,417	1.93
San Carlos Reservation (AZ)	9,950	1.84
Rosebud Indian Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land (SD)	9,010	1.67
Blackfeet Indian Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land (MT)	8,781	1.63
Tohono O’odham Nation Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land (AZ)	8,595	1.59
Turtle Mountain Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land (MT, ND, and SD)	8,480	1.57
Total	539,616	-

Sources:

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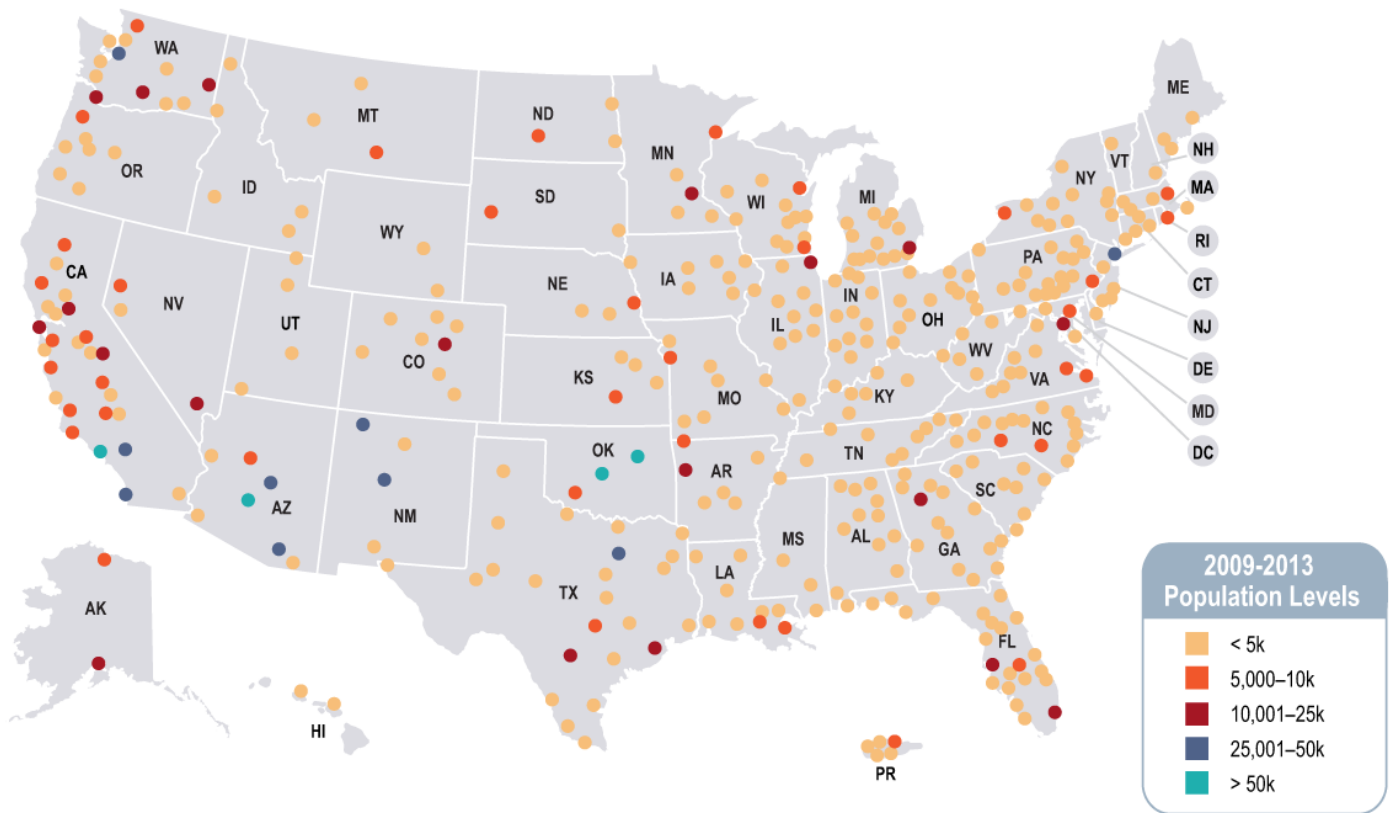
American Indian and Alaska Native Metro Populations

There are 1,515,870 AI/AN individuals living in metropolitan areas who self-identified as being affiliated with at least one federally recognized tribe, according to the most recent available data.^{1,2}

Metropolitan areas with the highest percentage of individuals reporting such affiliation—

1. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Arizona (5.78% or 92,960 individuals)
2. Tulsa, Oklahoma (4.19% or 67,486 individuals)
3. Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, California (4.10% or 65,936 individuals)
4. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (3.18% or 51,193 individuals)

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TABLE 3: 10 metropolitan areas with the highest percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) affiliated with federally recognized tribes

	AI/ANs identifying as affiliated with at least one federally recognized tribe ^{1,2}	
	No.	%
Metropolitan Area[^]		
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	92,960	5.78
Tulsa, OK	67,486	4.19
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	65,936	4.10
Oklahoma City, OK	51,193	3.18
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	49,690	3.09
Albuquerque, NM	48,012	2.98
Farmington, NM	47,839	2.97
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	46,344	2.88
Flagstaff, AZ	36,705	2.28
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	35,658	2.22
Total AI/ANs residing in Metropolitan Areas	1,608,830	-

[^] The US Census Bureau did not have data about AI/ANs living in metropolitan areas who self-identified as having an affiliation with the Pamunkey Indian Tribe.

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