

## CONTEMPORARY NATIVE PEOPLES OF MARYLAND

*Information Compiled by the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Indian Affairs Committee (2017)*

### Number of American Indian/Alaska Native Residents in Maryland

Those identifying solely as American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN)	20,420
Those identifying as AI/NA <i>and</i> another race (mixed heritage)	38,237
Total	<b>58,657</b>

1% of Maryland population

Of those 58,657, the Prince George's County jurisdiction has the largest *number* of Native residents (11,562) and Montgomery County the second largest (9,613) with Baltimore County (7,395) and Baltimore City close behind (6,441).

### Number of American Indians and Alaska Natives in United States

The number of individuals who identified themselves for the 2010 Census as solely AI/AN is 2,932,248, which is 0.9% of U.S. population. The number who identified as having mixed heritage (AI/AN plus another race) is 2,288,311. The combined total is 5,220,579, which is about 1.7% of U.S. population.

### Location of Individual American Indian/Alaska Native Maryland Residents

Of those 58,657 Native residents in Maryland, nearly 43 percent of them live in the Baltimore Metropolitan area and 36 percent in the National Capital area. Garrett County has the highest percentage of Indians in the general populace (4.47%) and Charles County has the second (1.83%). They are followed by Prince George's County, Calvert County, Baltimore City, and Caroline County.

### Tribes in Maryland Today

Two tribes located in southern Maryland obtained state recognition in 2012. They are:

#### **Piscataway Conoy Tribe** (which has two branches)

Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-Tribes (Charles County)

Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians (Prince George's and Charles Counties)

#### **Piscataway Indian Nation** (Charles County)

The other organized tribes in Maryland and their locations are : **Accohannock Indian Tribe** (Somerset), **Assateague Peoples Tribe** (Wicomico & Worcester), **Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, Inc.** (Dorchester), **Pocomoke Indian Tribe, Inc.** (Somerset), **Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee Indians, Inc.** (Garrett). There are no federally recognized tribes in Maryland.

### State agency handling Indian Affairs

Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs  
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The Commission initiates and supports activities that promote the welfare of Maryland's Indian people and further the understanding of Indian history and culture. It provides both a forum for the concerns of Maryland's Indian communities and a liaison between them and the state and federal governments.

### Organization and Resource Information

#### **Baltimore American Indian Center**

113 South Broadway  
Baltimore, MD 21231  
(410) 675-3535  
[info@baic.org](mailto:info@baic.org) or [delliej@yahoo.com](mailto:delliej@yahoo.com)  
<http://www.baic.org/>  
BAIC has a museum and gift shop. It sponsors an annual pow-wow and cultural classes.

#### **Piscataway Indian Museum and Cultural Center**

16816 Country Lane  
Waldorf, MD 20601  
240-640-7213  
[piscatawayindians@gmail.com](mailto:piscatawayindians@gmail.com)  
<http://www.piscatawayindians.com/living-the-american-indian-experienc-pro>

#### **National Congress of American Indians**

Embassy of Tribal Nations  
1516 P. Street NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 466-7767  
[ncai@ncai.org](mailto:ncai@ncai.org) [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)

#### **Friends Committee on National Legislation**

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Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 547-6000 or (800) 630-1330  
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