

## CONTEMPORARY NATIVE PEOPLES OF VIRGINIA

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

### Number of American Indian/Alaska Native Residents in Virginia (2010 Census)

Those identifying solely as American Indian or Alaska Native	29,225
Those identifying as multi-racial (mixed heritage)	51,599
Total	<b>80,924</b> <i>(1% of Virginia population)</i>

### Number of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) 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 AI/AN Virginia Residents

According to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, in 2012, Charles City County had the highest percentage of American Indian and Alaska Natives in its population with 8.3%. Second-highest was King William County, with 2.6%. However, those two counties were not in the top 20 jurisdictions with the largest number of American Indian and Alaska Native residents. Most Native Americans live in Northern Virginia, especially Fairfax County. The concentration in densely-populated regions reflects the migration of non-Virginians into those fast-growing communities, rather than remnant populations that survived from colonial times. Employment with federal agencies is another reason for the concentration in Northern Virginia. Approximately 60,000 AI/AN citizens work for the federal government. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has its headquarters in Washington, D.C. Many of its employees are Native, so the numbers of people reporting to be solely or partly AI/AN may be enlarged by Native people originally from elsewhere who live in Virginia and work for BIA, a fact unrelated to the local Indigenous populations.

### Tribes in Virginia Today

**Mattaponi, Pamunkey, Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Rappahannock, Upper Mattaponi, Nansemond, Monacan Indian Nation, Cheroenhaka (Nottoway), Nottoway of Virginia, and Patawomeck** [listed in order of their recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia].

The Pamunkey Tribe received federal recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It is featured in the "Our Lives" exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian.

## Contact Information

**Mattaponi Tribe** (450 members, 150 acres)

No tribal website. For more information: <http://www.lannan.org/indigenous-communities/legal-rights/mattaponi-heritage-foundation-west-point-va/>

**Pamunkey Indian Tribe** (200 members, 1,200 acres); Tribal website: <http://www.pamunkey.net/>

**Chickahominy Tribe** (840 members, 110 acres); Tribal website: <http://www.chickahominytribe.org/>

**Chickahominy Tribe Eastern Division** (132 members, 41 acres); Tribal website: <http://www.cied.org/>

**Rappahannock Tribe** (500 members, 132 acres); Tribal website: <http://www.rappahannocktribe.org/>

**Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe** (575 members, 32 acres); Tribal website: <http://www.uppermattaponi.org/>

**Nansemond Indian Tribal Association** (200 members); Tribal website: <http://www.nansemond.org/>

**Monacan Indian Nation** (2,000 members, 180 acres); Tribal website: <http://www.monacannation.com/>

**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe**; Tribal website: <http://www.cheroenhaka-nottoway.org/>

**Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc.**; Tribal website: <http://www.nottowayindians.org/>

**Patawomeck Indian of Virginia** (500 members); Tribal website: <http://www.patawomeckindians.org/>

## Online Resource

See [virginiaplaces.org/nativeamerican/6indianstoday](http://virginiaplaces.org/nativeamerican/6indianstoday) by Charles Grymes

## Local Indigenous Organization

American Indian Society (founded 1966, 50 tribes represented in membership)

P.O. Box 6431

Falls Church, VA 22040-6431

<http://aisdc.org/>

## Quaker Organization That Advocates Nationally For and With Native peoples

Friends Committee on National Legislation

245 Second Street N.E.

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 547-6000 <http://fcnl.org/issues/nativeam/>