

# Tribal & Organizational

## Bureau of Indian Affairs

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The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) responsibility is the administration and management of 55.7 million acres of land held in trust by the United States for American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives. There are 562 federal recognized tribal governments in the United States. Developing forestlands, leasing assets on these lands, directing agricultural programs, protecting water and land rights, developing and maintaining infrastructure and economic development are all part of the agency's responsibility. In addition, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides education services to approximately 48,000 Indian students. There is only one federally recognized tribe in the state of South Carolina, The Catawba Indian Nation. Many of the Native American Indian groups and tribes in South Carolina are presently pursuing federal recognition.



## United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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On October 4, 1968, the Eastern Band of Cherokees, the Mississippi Band of Choctaws, the Miccosukee Tribe and the Seminole Tribe of Florida met in Cherokee, North Carolina with the shared idea that some form of unity between the Tribes would facilitate their dealings with the federal government. The result of their vision of "Strength in Unity," was the inter-tribal council United Southeastern Tribes. Incorporated in 1969, United Southeastern Tribes operated first out of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and then moved to Sarasota, Florida. In 1975 it relocated again to Nashville, Tennessee, where it resides today. The organization changed its name in 1978 to United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. to better reflect its membership, as federally recognized Tribes from Maine, to Florida, to Texas affiliated themselves with the organization. Today, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. is a non-profit, inter-tribal organization that collectively represents its member Tribes at the regional and national level. USET has grown to include twenty-four federally recognized Tribes, operating through various workgroups and committees and providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information amongst Tribes, agencies and governments. USET is dedicated to promoting Indian leadership, improving the quality of life for American Indians, and protecting Indian rights and natural resources on tribal lands. Although its guiding principle is unity, USET plays a major role in the self-determination of all its member Tribes by working to improve the capabilities of Tribal governments.



## South Carolina Minority Affairs Commission

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The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs was created to provide the citizenry with a single point of contact for information regarding the State's minority population including Native American Indians, Asian Americans, Hispanic-Latino Americans and African Americans. Minorities constitute 31.0 percent of the State's population with African Americans representing 96.1 percent of all minorities in the State of South Carolina. It is the responsibility of the Commission to study the causes and effects of the socioeconomic deprivation facing minorities and work to implement initiatives to alleviate such deprivation. With the help of grassroots volunteers from across the State, the Commission assesses the problems plaguing the minority population, recommends alternative solutions for resolving problems, and prepares for the distribution of factual information to be used in shaping new public policies and local initiatives. The South Carolina Code of Laws Section 1-31-40(A)(10) provides the Commission for Minority Affairs the authority to promulgate regulations as may be necessary regarding the State Recognition of Native American Indian entities in the state of South Carolina. Formal Acknowledgment of State Recognition is the responsibility of the SC Commission of Minority Affairs and the Board of the Commission. The State of South Carolina's Native American Indian Advisory Committee operates to advise this commission regarding Native American Indian Affairs. The State Recognition Review Committee also operates in tandem with CMA and serves the Commission of Minority Affairs. Participation on the Advisory Committee and the Recognition Review Committee is mandated by state law.



## National Congress of American Indians

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The NCAI was founded in 1944 in response to termination and assimilation policies that the United States forced upon the tribal governments in contradiction of their treaty rights and status as sovereigns. NCAI stressed the need for unity and cooperation among tribal governments for the protection of their treaty and sovereign rights. Since 1944, the National Congress of American Indians has been working to inform the public and Congress on the governmental rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives. NCAI has grown over the years from its modest beginnings of 100 people to include 250 member tribes from throughout the United States. Now serving as the major national tribal government organization, NCAI is positioned to monitor federal policy and coordinated efforts to inform federal decisions that affect tribal government interests. Now as in the past, NCAI serves to secure for Native Americans and their descendants the rights and benefits to which they are entitled; to enlighten the public toward the better understanding of the Indian people; to preserve rights under Indian treaties or agreements with the United States; and to promote the common welfare of the American Indians and Alaska Natives.



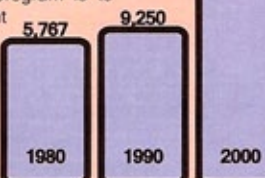
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This is a non-profit corporation that serves Native American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians with Employment and training services. The Council is the designated grantee to administer Native American programs in South Carolina. It is a non-profit organization governed by a twelve member Board of Directors. The purpose of the program is to provide workforce investment activities that increase the employment, retention and earnings as well as occupational skill attainment of Indian, Alaskan Natives and Hawaiian people.

27,456



According to the 2000 US Census, 27,456 people have identified themselves as American Indian, Native American or Alaskan Native and live in all 46 counties of South Carolina.

## American Indian Chamber of Commerce of South Carolina

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To promote American Indian businesses, networking and self determination. Small business development and entrepreneurship. Membership open to American Indian and non-Indian individuals from business and governmental organizations that advance American Indian values, interests and businesses. (South Carolina "State Recognized-Special Interest Group")





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At least 29 distinct groups of Indians lived within what is now the state of South Carolina when the first English colony was established in 1670.

Presently South Carolina is home to over 30,489 Native American Indians and Alaskan Natives that reside in all of the 46 counties of South Carolina according to the United States Census 2000. Although Natives live throughout the state, there are many specific regions in which Native American Indian entire communities live and work, and where residents, businesses and tribal organizations reside. In South Carolina are traditional communities, and intertribal communities.

Today, South Carolina is home to one federally-recognized tribe, at least ten tribes or groups who have received (or are in the process of receiving) recognition from the state, and over a dozen other separate Native American communities. These communities host powwows and festivals, foster traditional arts and crafts, work to improve health care and education in their regions, and strive to preserve their unique cultural heritage.

The Catawba Indian Nation is the only "Federally Recognized" tribe in South Carolina. Many of the State Recognized tribal organizations, other tribal groups and communities are pursuing federal recognition.



Meet the Tribes of South Carolina and visit the Tribal and Interpretive Sites along the trail...

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