

**COMMEMORATING
THE
40TH ANNIVERSARY
of the
COMMISSION**



**Maryland Commission on
Indian Affairs**

**Annual Report
2016**



State of Maryland
Office of the Governor

A Message from Governor Larry Hogan

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present to you the 2016 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA). This report highlights the accomplishments of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs in 2016.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Commission on Indian Affairs in 1976. The Commission has worked diligently to serve the over 5.5 million American Indians who reside in communities across Maryland. Over the past year, representatives from my office of Community Initiatives and the Commission on Indian Affairs have worked hard to address the needs, desires, and issues facing Marylanders of American Indian heritage. These groups have also supported and/or created initiatives which recognize the great contributions and rich cultural history of the many American Indian tribes in Maryland.



This year, I was thrilled to travel to St. Mary's County to meet with representatives of the Piscataway tribe. The Piscataway tribe is one of the many tribes that have a rich history in Maryland, and includes many active citizens in Maryland communities. In collaboration with this historic meeting, I met with representatives of St. Mary's College who are documenting five archeological sites significant to the Piscataway Indian history and culture. For the project, St. Mary's College received a unique grant issued by the Park Service's Under-Represented Communities Program - a grant issued to only 11 programs across the country. These meetings represent just a small snapshot of the many activities we are engaging in to ensure the success and recognition of the American Indian Community in the great state of Maryland.

I commend the members of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs for their outreach and work this year - with special thanks to the Chair of the Commission, Ms. Lisa Savoy - and wish the Commission and the American Indian community the best in the years to come, as we continue to change Maryland for the better.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan
Governor

State of Maryland
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

A Message from Steve McAdams
Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

Dear Friends,

The Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) coordinates community and volunteer activities statewide and advises the Governor on policies to enhance and improve community programs.

This Office also oversees the work of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, Volunteer Maryland, and community outreach in cooperation with the Governor's Intergovernmental Affairs Office to serve the Executive Branch of Maryland government.



In addition, GOCI coordinates outreach to ethnic communities across Maryland, overseeing the Governor's Office and Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs, the Maryland Commission on African Affairs, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, the Maryland Commission on New Americans, and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture.

I would like to congratulate the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and each of the Commissioners that serve as representatives for Governor Hogan and your respected communities. Congratulations to Lisa Savoy during her term as Chair, supported by the Administrative Director, E. Keith Colston. Communication will continue to be a vital key in moving forward and growth in the State. Your steadfast commitment and leadership has created a more involved and fruitful Maryland that engages every individual.

With your continued perseverance of volunteerism and leadership, the Commission will continue to meet its goals and directives for 2016.

Thank you.

Steven McAdams
Executive Director
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

State of Maryland
Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs

**A Message from Lisa A. Savoy (Piscataway Conoy Tribe)
Commission Chair, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2016 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. This report provides insight on the accomplishments, challenges, and activities of the Commission throughout this year.

The MCIA is fully committed to helping the American Indian groups residing in Maryland. We are persistent with our work with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, state agencies, and American Indian groups in order to address the needs of the various communities. MCIA encourages partnering with American Indian organizations and those that service American Indians. This past year, we have focused on building individual committees by reaching out to key individuals in an effort to develop stronger alliances in education, archaeology, business, and health as well as economic and social welfare. The Commission looks forward to working with Governor Larry Hogan and his administration concerning opportunity, fiscal responsibility, and customer service to all Marylanders.



This report allows MCIA to recount the initiatives and express our appreciation to all who have stepped forth to assist. The Commission wishes to express its gratitude to Governor Larry Hogan and his administration for its support, as we continue to move forward in our endeavors to serve our communities providing the best service possible.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Savoy
MCIA Chair

Administrative Summary

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) began 2016 with a list of goals and initiatives that would reflect growth and opportunity for not only members of Maryland's native community but also the community at large. Each initiative and goal set forth by the commission became a measurable result with lasting impact.

2016 was an especially significant year for MCIA as the commission celebrated its 40th year. To commemorate the occasion, MCIA held a celebration with First Lady Yumi Hogan adopting the theme of "Service, Support, and Success."



Provided below are some of the major highlights and events from 2016:







- **Legislative Night** – On February 17, 2016 the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs hosted a reception in Annapolis for American Indian/Indigenous constituents to meet and greet with their local and state elected officials. The program highlighted Governor Hogan's legislative priorities and provided an opportunity for Tribal communities to interact with Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford.
- **Governor Hogan Meeting with PCT and PIN** – On February 27, 2016, tribal leaders from the Piscataway Conoy Tribe (PCT) and Piscataway Indian Nation (PIN) met with Governor Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan. During this historic event, Governor Hogan, First Lady Yumi Hogan, and meeting participants also met with St. Mary's College students working on data collection and documentation of historic sites of the Piscataway People of Maryland.
- **Strategic Planning Session** – On March 5, 2016, MCIA met to discuss and outline a plan of action to achieve outlined goals, strengthen policies and procedures, and introduce initiatives to highlight youth and adults from Indigenous communities.
- **Panel Discussion: Opportunities Through Recognition** – On May 4, 2016, a panel discussion titled "*Opportunities through Recognition*" was held. The event engaged the Native American community and provided insight on the Maryland Indian Status process, federal recognition process, and opportunities that emerge from recognition. The discussion also allowed for questions from audience to panelists invited to speak.
- **3rd Annual American Indian Heritage Month Kickoff Commemorative Celebration** – On November 1, 2016, MCIA held a kick-off ceremony, officially marking the beginning of the 2016 American Indian Heritage Month celebration in Maryland. Maryland's American Indian Heritage Month takes place in conjunction with the National Native American Heritage Month.

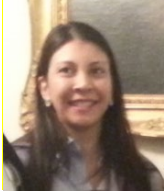
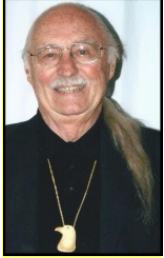

- **40th Anniversary of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs** – On December 13th, 2016, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) celebrated the 40th year anniversary of its inception. The commission began in 1976 as part of the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture. MCIA has been adopted by multiple agencies throughout its existence, and finally found its permanent home in the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives in 2008.

The work of the commission is not only limited to the major events outlined in this report, but also includes partnerships with other entities developed through the commission's Administrative Director and commission's committees. Committee members are selected on their expertise and willingness to attend conference calls, meetings and events. Recommendations are made and forwarded to the commission to discuss and vote.

The information and photos displayed in this annual report provide a snapshot of the hard work that unfolded throughout the year. I hope that you will be encouraged and inspired by the events portrayed in our 2016 Annual Report.

E. Keith Colston
Administrative Director, MCIA

<u>2016 Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Commissioners</u>			
<u>Name:</u>	<u>Photo:</u>	<u>Tribe:</u>	<u>County</u>
Lisa Savoy <i>Chair</i>		Piscataway Conoy Tribe	Charles County
Ashley Minner <i>Vice Chair</i>		Lumbee Indian Tribe	Baltimore County
Virginia R. Busby Ph.D.		Historian/Archeologist	Harford County
Rico Newman		Piscataway Conoy Tribe	Prince George's County
Leanora Winters		Piscataway Indian Nation	Calvert County
Robert Killen <i>Chair</i>		Pocomoke-Indian Tribe, Inc.	Prince George's County

<u>2016 Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Commissioners</u>			
<u>Name:</u>	<u>Photo:</u>	<u>Tribe:</u>	<u>County</u>
Rebecca Stone		Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma	Howard County
Robert Gajdys		Mohawk Tribe	Calvert County
Donna Abbott		Nause-Waiwash	Dorchester County

Annual Legislative Night for Indigenous Communities

This year, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs hosted their annual Legislative Night in the Low House Office Building in Annapolis, Maryland. This event brought together the American Indian/Indigenous constituents to hear Governor Hogan’s legislative and administrative priorities and provided an opportunity for community leaders to meet with elected officials.

The program began at 6:00 pm with greetings and a history of the commission by Administrative Director E. Keith Colston followed by remarks from Steven McAdams, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives. Mr. McAdams’ comments included the four pillars of the current administration—opportunity, fiscal responsibility, government efficiency, and customer service. He concluded with a message of enhanced and improved opportunities for all Maryland residents, including American Indian and indigenous constituents. Keiffer Mitchell, a representative from the Governor’s Legislative Office further detailed the administration’s plan for employing the four pillars through legislation during the legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly. Additionally, Commission chair, Lisa Savoy acknowledged tribal leaders present and gave insight to the work ahead for the Commission.

Delegate Christopher T. Adams, District 37B (Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot & Wicomico Counties) assisted in securing and reserving the room utilized.

The night would continue with one on one discussion with respected legislators and community members.



Governor Hogan's Meeting with Piscataway Tribal Leadership and St. Mary's College Students

An historic event between Governor Larry Hogan and the simultaneous meeting of the two state recognized groups, Piscataway Indian Nation (PIN) and Piscataway Conoy Tribe (PCT), took place on February 27.

St. Mary's College received a generous grant from the National Park Service to document five archaeological sites especially significant to Piscataway Indian history and culture. The grant, provided by the National Park Service's Under-Represented Communities Program, is only one of eleven such grants made throughout the country. As explained by Dr. Julia A. King, Professor at St. Mary's College the grant seeks to address the growing concern of the many historic places that are important to the nation's history being left out. The sites explored include regions in Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties, territories of the Piscataway People.

The event was held in partnership with the Calvert County government and the Piscataway community, and provided an opportunity for Governor Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan to witness the work of St. Mary's college students and receive words and traditional gifts from Tribal Chair Francis Gray of the PCT tribal council and Leanora Winters of the PIN on behalf of each respective group. Specific topics pointed out during the event included the history of a ring thought to be given by Governor Charles Calvert to the Piscataway Indians at Zekiah Fort in the 1680s, which is engraved by Charles Calvert's initials of "CC."

Administrative Director for MCIA provided introductions of tribal leaders as they offered words oral history and representation of their tribes. Welcoming remarks were given by St. Mary's College of Maryland President, Tuajuanda C. Jordan and additional remarks followed by Dr. Julia King. Governor Hogan expressed appreciation to all in attendance and for the specific gifts received.

Time was provided for photographs that would become part of historical record of interaction with state government and Indigenous Peoples of Maryland.

MCIA Strategic Planning Session

In 2016, MCIA held two “strategic planning” sessions to review and align the mission and vision of the commission. The mission is derived from mandates required by the statute establishing the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and the vision is two-fold: confront current issues and parallel the current administration’s priorities. With a clear mission and vision, MCIA utilized the commission’s committees to introduce events and initiatives to educate and provide resources for Marylanders of all ages and backgrounds.

MCIA Initiatives:

MCIA determined a need to review, revise, and enhancement of the “Maryland Indian Status” process to amend aspects of the process by which a tribe/band/clan/group is recognized by the State. One specific change identified is aligning the date range with the federal recognition process, changing the date from 1790 to 1900. Other aspects of the current Maryland Indian Status application are modeled after the federal process. This goal is on-going process led by a 2-member team of commissioners.

MCIA also examined the creation of a Native American Speaker’s Bureau. The Native American Speaker’s Bureau would act as another resource to help educate Marylanders on Native American culture and history and would be made available for events held by universities, religious foundations, state and government agencies, private entities, and other interested parties.

A key to great support is first finding opportunities of partnering with a wide variety of individuals and groups to encourage donations and volunteerism to Indigenous communities. MCIA continued to partner with state agencies like the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Department of Tourism, and Maryland Historical Trust, among others to engage in outreach initiatives. MCIA also met with businesses like Camp Puh’Tok and began discussions for new initiatives with Port Discovery. These types of partnerships are designed to assist youth, as well as develop internships and employment.

This year’s American Indian Heritage Month kick-off celebration included the addition of three awards presentations: Youth of the Year, Adult of the Year, and Youth Artist of the Year. Youth and Adult awards nominations were submitted on a voluntary basis by each Indigenous community. Individuals selected by their community were provided honors.

The Youth Artist of the Year was selected from a group of Indigenous students that submitted their art work. The winning piece is featured on the cover page of this annual report.

MCIA will continue to build from the momentum of initiatives introduced in 2016 as the 2017 strategic planning session convenes in January.

Panel Discussion: Opportunities through Recognition

On May 4, a panel discussion titled, *“Opportunities through Recognition,”* was held to engage the Native American community, provide insight on the Maryland Indian Status process, and share information on the opportunities that state and federal recognition provides. The event was held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Lowe House Building in Annapolis, Maryland.

Auriel Fenwick served as moderator for evening, and remarks were provided by Steven McAdams and Ashely Minner. Panelists from Washington, D.C., Virginia, and North Carolina provided information relating to policy, regulations, and strategies from a historic, geographic, strategic, and opportunity driven perspective. Through the panel discussion, MCIA addressed the goal of improving the quality of life for American Indians/Indigenous peoples in the state who seek and receive recognition and aided non-profit organizations that qualify for funding.

Panelist included Liz A. Walker, Troy Adkins, and Gregory Richardson. Each speaker has had direct experience with state and federal recognition processes and the applications for grant funding.

Liz A. Walker is an experienced attorney who advocates on behalf of Native Tribal Governments and Corporations on issues of Energy/Oil and Gas, Tribal Transportation, Federal Budget, Lands into Trust, Grants, Economic Development, and Gaming. Her experience with administrative appeals before Federal Agencies would include Department of the Interior, SBA, Health and Human Services and Veterans Administration.

Troy Adkins is an enrolled member and tribal council member of the Chickahominy Indian Tribe of Virginia and serves as an employee in the Virginia House of Delegates. His unique position provides Mr. Adkins the opportunity to serve as both an advocate and a source of information.

Gregory Richardson has served as Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, an advocacy agency within the NC Department of Administration since his appointment by the membership of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs (NCCIA) to the position in 1995. He currently manages a staff of 18 employees and a budget of 4.5 million dollars, which consists of State appropriations and federal grant funding. Mr. Richardson has previously served as Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). His tribal affiliation is the Haliwa-Saponi of North Carolina.

The combined years of experience and involvement of the panelist encouraged an environment for constructive education. Each speaker closed with a personal testimony of the impact state/federal recognition provides. Question and answer period followed by one on one discussion.

MCIA along with staff representing GOCI presented each panelist with certificates of appreciation.

The mission of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs is to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information, to identify unmet social and economic needs in the Native community, to support government education programs for American Indian Youth, to provide support in the process of obtaining Recognition of State and Federal Indian Status and to promote the awareness and understanding of historical and contemporary American Indian contributions in Maryland.

3rd Annual American Indian Heritage Month kick-off Commemorative Celebration 2016

This year's American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebration was held at Salisbury University. Each year, the kick-off ceremony officially marks the beginning of American Indian Heritage Month celebration in Maryland, which is observed in conjunction with the National Native American Heritage Month. Since 2007, MCIA has organized an American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebration in Maryland on November 1, and in 2014 legislation was passed to officially declare November as American Indian Heritage Month in Maryland.

The 2016 celebration began with the presentation of tribal flags, representing communities including the Pocomoke Indian Nation, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, and the Accohannock Tribe. The Indigenous Peoples of Maryland paid respects while Commissioner Rico Newman provided an invocation in native tongue. Steven McAdams and MCIA Chair Lisa Savoy greeted the audience with opening remarks.

This year's guest speaker was Chief Natosha Norwood Carmine, the first female chief of the Nanticoke Tribe of Delaware. Chief Natosha Norwood Carmine was born and raised in Millsboro, Delaware and has served as a tribal council member from January, 2012 to December, 2015. She was installed as Chief in January, 2016.

Commissioner Leanora Winters, veteran and representative of the Piscataway Indian Nation, read the 2016 Proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month in Maryland and a veteran honoring song was sung to honor veterans.

The 2016 American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebration was historic with the launch of the Youth of the Year, Adult of the Year, and Youth Art Contest Awards. During the celebration, one (1) youth and one (1) adult selected from each tribal community was selected by the community tribal leadership/councils to be honored for their contributions. The Commission also honored one (1) youth for an art contest, and a piece from the winning artist is featured on the cover of this report.

Mr. Dean "Tonto" Cox, Jr. was honored at three different events that included the kick-off, the Baltimore American Indian Center annual powwow and the 40th Anniversary Celebration of MCIA. A list of Youth and Adults awardees along with visual presenter's names listed below.

The event concluded with closing remarks by Keith Colston and cultural dances and songs by visiting artists and the Piscataway Singers and Dancers. Authentic Native American foods served to all.

Youths of the Year

Adults of the Year

Visual Performers

Duncan Munson
Elyse Sparks-Jackson
Natalia Jackson
Cameron Jackson
Mardella Sunshine Costanzo

The State of Maryland
Proclamation
From the Governor of the State of Maryland
AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2016

- WHEREAS,** the agglomeration of the American Indian in the State of Maryland is immense, stretching from the beautiful mountains to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** many of our islands, towns, forest, trails, rivers, streams and historical landmarks bear ties to our Indigenous Tribes/Clans/Bands/Groups of Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** since the year 1976, the humbled members of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs have demonstrated a steadfast commitment in their endeavors to edify the public with infallible facts and spirit of the American Indian people of the State of Maryland, and worked faithfully to assist with the historic recognition of the Piscataway People
- WHEREAS,** Maryland is pleased to recognize the month of November as American Indian Heritage Month as we celebrate the legislation, that designates November as one of the commemorative months in the State of Maryland.
- WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and all Marylanders are encouraged to acknowledge and join in this grand achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY HOGAN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH in Maryland and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
This 1st day of November
Two Thousand and Sixteen

List of Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Public Meetings

February 1 st , 2016	Annapolis, Maryland	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
April 4 th , 2016	Annapolis, Maryland	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
June 6, 2016	Annapolis, Maryland	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
August 1, 2016	Annapolis, Maryland	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
October 24, 2016	Annapolis, Maryland	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
December 5, 2016	Annapolis, Maryland	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs would like to thank the Secretary of State's Office for hosting our February 1st meeting. All of our regularly scheduled public meetings were held at the Department of Budget and Management located at 45 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland. A special thanks to all of our guest speakers and presenters who share valuable information with our commissioners and visiting audience. We are especially thankful to each Marylander for taking your time to witness the business of the Commission.



40th Anniversary of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Theme: “SERVICE, SUPPORT and SUCCESS”

2016 was a special year for MCIA, as the Commission celebrated 40 years as being the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. The momentous occasion was commemorated with a celebration on December 13, 2016 at the Banneker – Douglass Museum.

Established in 1974, the commission began as part of the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture. In 1976, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs became a separate agency within the Department of Economic and Community Development, eventually moving to the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987. In 2006, MCIA was transferred to the Department of Human Resources and finally found a permanent home in the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives in 2008. With each change of location and agency, MCIA developed further identifying resources and addressing the needs of the community.

In observing the 40th year of MCIA, the commission recalled its beginnings, hosting the commemoration at the Banneker-Douglass museum (the state of Maryland’s official museum of African American History and Culture) and inviting members of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture to join in celebration. The theme of the evening was “Service, Support, and Success,” which was reflected in the art exhibit, power-point presentation, and evening’s remarks.

To honor the achievements of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, First Lady Yumi Hogan presented special remarks and introduced the Youth Artist of the Year, Dean “Tonto” Cox, Jr. The artistic work of Dean “Tonto” Cox, Jr. was displayed and complimented by First Lady Hogan. Tribal leaders such as Francis Gray of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe and others gathered for photographs and discussion throughout the evening. American Indian cuisine was provided by Mr. Clark Oxedine who catered the celebration.

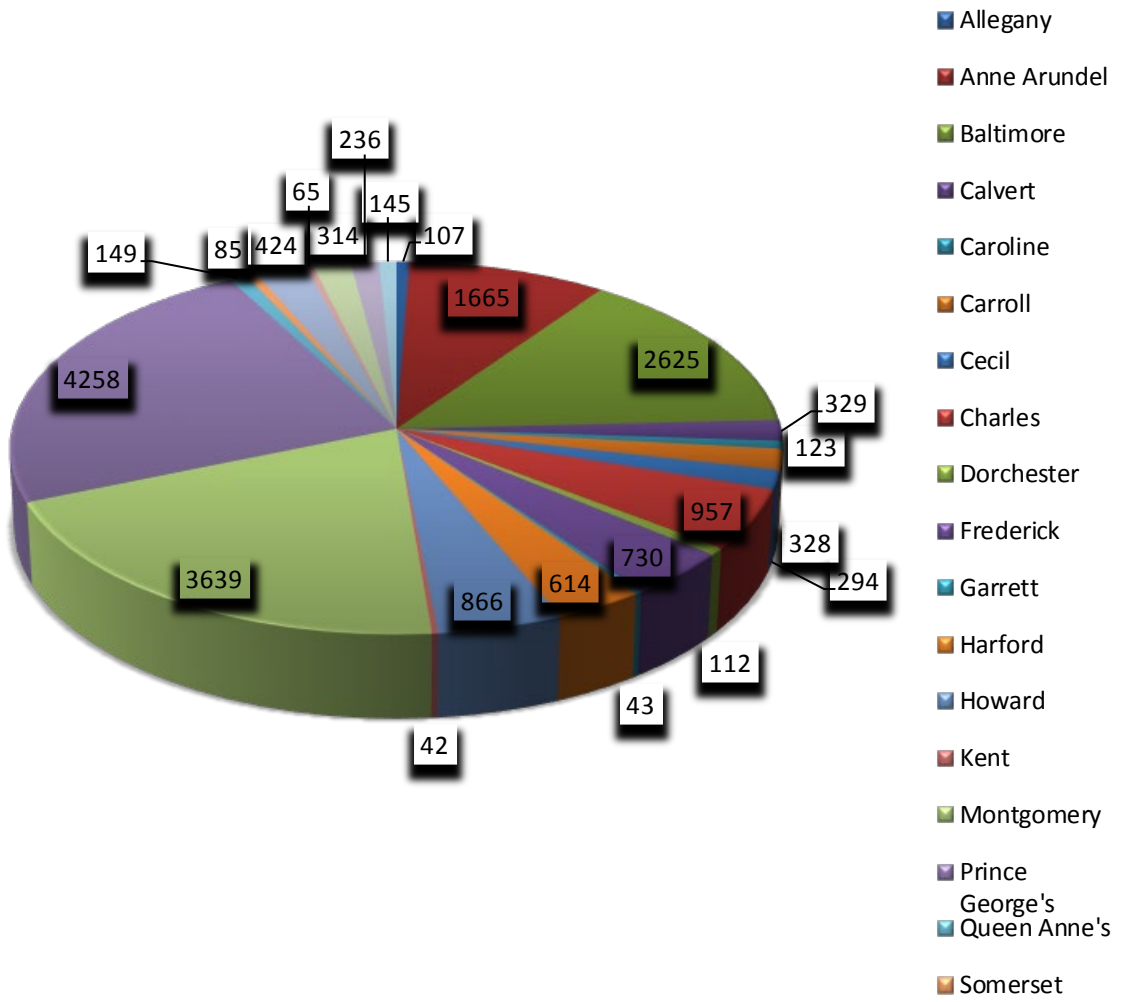


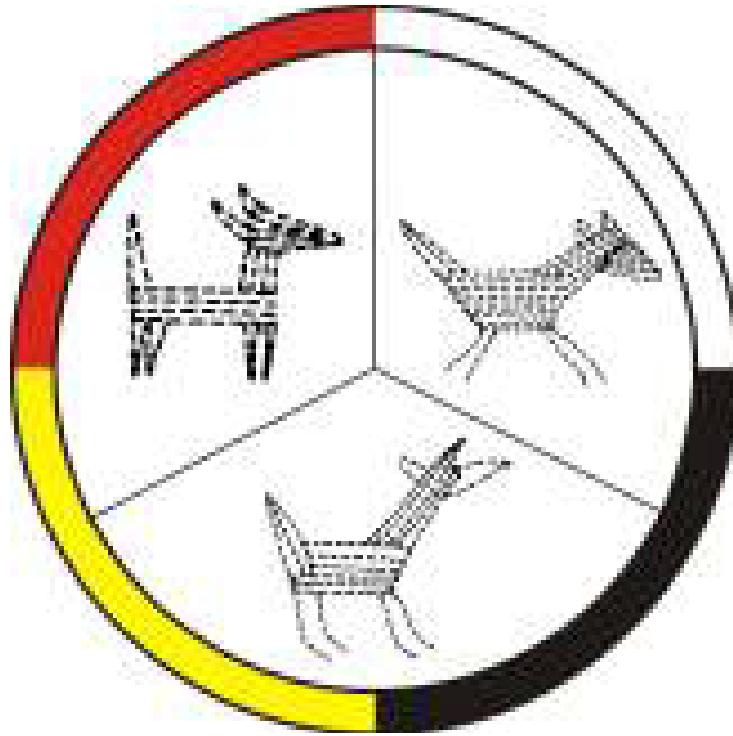
Table 17. American Indian or Alaska Native Alone or In Combination with One or More Other Races in Maryland by Jurisdiction, 2010

	All races	American Indian	% of jurisdiction that is Am-Indian	% of Maryland Am-Indian Pop that lives in the Jurisdiction
MARYLAND	5,773,552	58,657	1.02%	100.00%
NORTHWEST AREA	485,999	3,681	0.76%	6.28%
GARRETT	30,097	141	0.47%	0.24%
ALLEGANY	75,087	406	0.54%	0.69%
WASHINGTON	147,430	1,120	0.76%	1.91%
FREDERICK	233,385	2,014	0.86%	3.43%
BALTIMORE METRO AREA	2,662,691	25,131	0.94%	42.84%
BALTIMORE CITY	620,961	6,441	1.04%	10.98%
BALTIMORE	805,029	7,395	0.92%	12.61%
ANNE ARUNDEL	537,656	5,347	0.99%	9.12%
CARROLL	167,134	973	0.58%	1.66%
HOWARD	287,085	2,887	1.01%	4.92%
HARFORD	244,826	2,088	0.85%	3.56%
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA	1,835,197	21,175	1.15%	36.10%
MONTGOMERY	971,777	9,613	0.99%	16.39%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	863,420	11,562	1.34%	19.71%
SOUTHERN AREA	340,439	4,982	1.46%	8.49%
CALVERT	88,737	1,068	1.20%	1.82%
CHARLES	146,551	2,683	1.83%	4.57%
ST MARY'S	105,151	1,231	1.17%	2.10%
EASTERN SHORE AREA	449,226	3,688	0.82%	6.29%
CECIL	101,108	936	0.93%	1.60%
KENT	20,197	136	0.67%	0.23%
QUEEN ANNE'S	47,798	350	0.73%	0.60%
CAROLINE	33,066	330	1.00%	0.56%
TALBOT	37,782	213	0.56%	0.36%
DORCHESTER	32,618	315	0.97%	0.54%
WICOMICO	98,733	761	0.77%	1.30%
SOMERSET	26,470	240	0.91%	0.41%
WORCESTER	51,454	407	0.79%	0.69%

Source: 2010 Census Demographic Profiles, Department of Planning, Projections and Data Analysis/State Data Center, May 2011[1]

Maryland American Indian Population by County





The Meaning of the Logo

The symbols of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs logo are representations of historical findings, cultural ideology and unity. Three ancient drawings found in Maryland, represent the first Indigenous Peoples of the State. The four colors represent the four directions (North, South, East and West) traditional to American Indians and the “circle” that connects us all.

Mission Statement

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs works to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information; to identify unmet social and economic needs in the native community; to support government education programs for American Indian youth; to provide support in the process of obtaining Recognition of State and Federal Indian Status; and to promote the awareness and understanding of historical and contemporary American Indian contributions in Maryland.

MARYLAND INDIAN STATUS

- ✚ Piscataway Conoy Tribe (MARYLAND INDIAN STATUS –Enrolled members of the Piscataway-Conoy Tribe (PCT))
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Chief Billy “Red Wing” Tayac
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American Indian Organizations

- ✚ Maryland Indian Tourism Association (MITA)
Appointed Speaker Rico Newman – Choptico Band of Piscataway (Maryland Indian Status) Enrolled member of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe
3953 Pine Cone Circle
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- ✚ Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indian, Inc.
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