

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, inhabiting this state for thousands of years, Native American Indians shared their knowledge of the land and its resources with the first immigrants to our country and have played a vital role in the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of the Palmetto State and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indian culture and society are at the roots of agricultural development, medicinal discoveries, environmental preservation, geography, governmental institutions and structure, commerce, and many other facets of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, many of our state's residents are of Native American Indian heritage from various tribes that were indigenous to our state or as descendants of Native American Indians throughout the western hemisphere who relocated in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Catawba Indian Nation is a federally recognized tribe, while the State of South Carolina has recognized nine tribes, the Beaver Creek Indians, the Edisto-Natchez-Kusso Tribe of SC, the Piedmont American Indian Association - Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of SC, the Pee Dee Nation of Upper SC, the Pee Dee Indian Tribe of SC, the Santee Indian Organization, the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians, the Waccamaw Indian People, and the Wassamasaw Tribe of Vamertown Indians; four groups, the Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People, the Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of SC, the Natchez Indian Tribe, and the Pee Dee Indian Tribe of Beaver Creek; and two special interest organizations, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Little Horse Creek American Indian Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Chief Floyd William "Bill" Harris of the Catawba Indian Nation was appointed to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs as the Governor's Representative Designee to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with tribes;

WHEREAS, continuing to maintain their history, culture, lifestyles, and unique heritage, Native American Indians have served with valor and distinction in wartime, and their artistic, entrepreneurial, and other skills have truly enriched our heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember the many contributions made by Native American Indians in the Palmetto State and across the nation throughout the month with November 18<sup>th</sup> being South Carolina's Native American Heritage Day, and to honor the unique heritage of our continent's first inhabitants.



HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



# 2019 NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



November 2 & 3 | 11:00am

[Waccamaw Indian People Pauwau](#)

Waccamaw Tribal Grounds  
591 Bluewater Rd., Aynor

November 8, 9, 29 & 30 | 10am to 5pm

December 5 & 6 | 10am to 5pm

[Artist-in-Residence, Nancy Basket](#)

Native American Studies Center  
119 S Main St., Lancaster

November 9 | 11am to 3pm

[A Celebration of Native American Culture](#)

Sumter County Museum  
122 N Washington St., Sumter

November 11 | 9:30am to 1pm

[Native American Unit for Veteran's Day Parade](#)

Position # 63, Main and Calhoun Streets  
Downtown Columbia

November 16 | 10am to 1pm

[Annual Cherokee Walk 2019](#)

Ninety Six National Historic Site  
1103 Highway 248 S. Ninety Six

November 16 | 1pm to 3pm

[Charleston Southern Expo](#)

CSU Front Field  
9200 University Blvd., Charleston

November 22 | 12pm to 1pm

[InDigitizing Stories of the Cherokee](#)

Native American Studies Center  
119 S Main St., Lancaster

November 23 | 10am to 3pm

[Catawba Fall Harvest Fest](#)

Catawba Indian Nation  
996 Avenue of the Nations, Rock Hill

November 7 | 7pm to 9pm

[Native American Documentary](#)

DiGiorgio Campus Center  
2020 Alumni Dr., Rock Hill

November 9

[Native American/Veteran's/Active Duty](#)

Honor Dinner

Catawba Indian Nation  
996 Avenue of the Nations, Rock Hill

November 9 | 1pm to 3pm

[Native American Heritage Celebration](#)

Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage  
10782 S. Jacob Smart Blvd., Ridgeland

November 15 | 6:30pm to 8pm

[The Cherokee Path](#)

Hagood Mill Historic Site  
138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens

November 16 | 10am to 4pm

[Native American Celebration -Selugadu](#)

Hagood Mill Historic Site  
138 Hagood Mill Rd., Pickens

November 20 | 8pm to 10pm

[DSU Presents: Native Pride](#)

DiGiorgio Campus Center  
2020 Alumni Dr., Rock Hill

November 23 | 1pm to 5pm

[Sisters Are Sacred](#) Native American Women of  
SC Art Exhibit

Nickelodeon Theatre, Columbia

December 7 | 9am to 4pm

[Winter Native American Art and Craft](#)

Native American Studies Center  
119 S Main St., Lancaster

## Native American Affairs Division | SC Commission for Minority Affairs

This list was compiled by the Native American Affairs Division of the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs ([cma.sc.gov](http://cma.sc.gov)). Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and includes information that has been compiled by the SC Commission for Minority Affairs or was provided to the agency as of 10/28/2019. For more information or to have your event included, please contact Marcy Hayden at 803-832-8165 or [mhayden@cfma.sc.gov](mailto:mhayden@cfma.sc.gov).





## South Carolina Native American Indian Statistical Data Profile

### Population

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**45,999**

South Carolina residents identified as American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races. This figure comprised 0.94% of South Carolina's 4,893,444 citizens.

**40**

The median age of South Carolinians identifying as American Indian and Alaska Native is 40 years. The overall median age in South Carolina is 39 years.

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The four counties with the highest populations by percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native (one race, alone) are Marlboro (3.9%), Dillon (2.5%), Colleton (0.8%) and York (0.6%).

### Families

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**3,792**

The number of American Indian and Alaska Native (one race, alone) households in South Carolina.

**64.4%**

The percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native (one race, alone) of the households are married-couple family households.

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**Source:** American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, SC Department of Education, SC Commission on Higher Education and Kaiser Family Foundation Estimates.

**Note:** Statistics were gathered by Dr. Caddy Carter, Director of Research and Planning and Marcy L. Hayden, Native American Affairs Division Manager, SC Commission for Minority Affairs. 2019.



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### Education

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**76.2%**

The percentage of American Indian or Alaska Natives alone age 25 or older who had at least a high school diploma or equivalent credential.

**11.5%**

The percentage of American Indian or Alaska Natives alone age 25 or older who had Bachelor's or graduate degrees.

**0.6%**

The percentage of the total number of enrolled undergraduates who identify as American Indian or Alaska Natives alone in South Carolina higher education institutes for Fall Semester 2017.

**4.9**

SC student high school drop-out rate for American Indian or Alaska Natives for 2016-2017 compared to only 2.4 for all other students.

**9**

Number of South Carolina Public Schools with Indian Mascots.

### Business and Employment

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**2,400**

The estimated number of American Indian and Alaskan Native owned business firms in South Carolina.

**2.7%**

The percentage of Native Americans between ages 16 and 64 in the labor force were employed by some branch of the armed forces.

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**1.4%**

The percentage of Native Americans in South Carolina who are in the armed forces when including all citizens between 16 and 64.

**12.1%**

The percentage of American Indian or Alaska Native alone between the ages of 16 and 64 who were classified as unemployed.

### Income and Poverty

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**22.2%**

The percentage of the estimated residents identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native alone in South Carolina that are below the poverty level. Of non-White groups, they trail only Hispanic-Latinos (28.6%) and African Americans (26.7%) with only 13 % of all other South Carolinians living below the poverty level. It could also be stated that 2 out of every 10 Native Americans is below poverty.

**31.4%**

The percentage of children (ages 0-17) identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native alone are below poverty level. In other words, 3 out of 10 American Indian or Alaska Native children in South Carolina live below poverty.

**\$37,486**

The median income for South Carolinians identifying as American Indian and Alaska Native alone. The median household income for all other South Carolinians was \$48,700.

**67 cents**

The amount Native Americans in South Carolina make for every household dollar made by South Carolina's majority population.

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