

## **NC Commission of Indian Affairs – American Indian Data Profile**

### **Population**

#### **229,119**

The state's population of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including those of more than one race. This population group made up about 2.3 percent of the state's total population in 2015.

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#### **20,548**

The American Indian and Alaska Native population, alone or in combination, age 65 and over, on July 1, 2015.

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#### **31.2**

The median age for those in North Carolina who were American Indian and Alaska Native, alone or in combination, in 2015. This compares with a median age of 38.4 in North Carolina and 37.8 for the U.S. population as a whole.

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### **Families**

#### **65,571**

The number of North Carolina American Indian and Alaska Native households in 2015 (households with a householder who was American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination with another race). Of these, 38.7 percent were married-couple families, including those with children.

#### **6.8%**

The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives, alone or in combination with other races, age 30 and over, who were grandparents living with at least one of their grandchildren in 2015.

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### **Housing**

#### **60.5%**

The percentage of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native householders in North Carolina who owned their own home in 2015. This is compared with 63.9 percent of the overall population.

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### **Languages**

**8.0%**

The percentage of single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives age 5 and older in North Carolina who spoke a language other than English at home in 2015, compared with 11.5 percent for the state as a whole.

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**Education****78.6%**

The percentage of the North Carolina American Indian and Alaska Native population, alone or in combination, age 25 and older that had at least a high school diploma, GED certificate or alternative credential in 2014. In addition, 17.6 percent obtained a bachelor's degree or higher. In comparison, 86.6 percent of the overall population age 25 and older had a high school diploma or higher, and 29.5 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher.

**41.6%**

The percentage of single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives age 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher whose degree was in science and engineering, or science and engineering-related fields in 2015. This compares with 43.7 percent for all people age 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher in science and engineering, or science and engineering-related fields in 2015.

**12.2%**

The percentage of single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives age 25 and older who had a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree in 2015.

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**Businesses****1,173**

The estimated number of American Indian and Alaska Native-owned employer firms in North Carolina in 2014.

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**Jobs****23.5%**

The percentage of civilian-employed, single-race American Indian and Alaska Native people, age 16 and older in North Carolina who worked in management, business, science and arts occupations in 2015. In addition, 22.0 percent worked in service occupations and 18.4 percent in sales and office occupations, 18.9 percent worked in natural resources, construction and maintenance operation and 17.3% worked in production, transportation and material moving occupations.

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## **Veterans**

**5,898**

The number of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces in North Carolina in 2015.

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## **Income and Poverty**

**\$35,521**

The median household income of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native households in North Carolina in 2015. This compares with \$47,830 for the state as a whole.

**17.6%**

The percentage of single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives who were in poverty in 2015, the highest rate of any race group. For the state as a whole, the poverty rate was 11.2 percent.

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## **Health Insurance**

**17.6%**

The percentage of single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives in North Carolina who lacked health insurance coverage in 2015. For the state as a whole, the corresponding percentage was 11.2 percent.