

Native Americans in New Jersey (Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribe): Facts

- The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape tribe was formally recognized by the State of New Jersey in 1982. More than 3,000 persons are tribal members, with about 90% residing in Cumberland and Salem counties.
- The United States has formally recognized 596 Indian nations; 245 are still awaiting federal recognition.
- Of Native Americans age 18-24 years, only 63% have graduated from high school, compared to 76.5% of the total U.S. population. Of Native Americans 25 years or older, only 9.4% have four or more years of college, compared to 20.3 % of the total U.S. population.
- Native Americans are 670% more likely to die from alcoholism, and 318% more likely to die from diabetes than the total U.S. population. Only 60% of the Native American population qualifies for Indian Health Services; only 28% have private health insurance through employers.
- Nationally, Native Americans make up less than 2% of the U.S. population. Their 1990 median family income was \$20,000, or less than two-thirds the median family income for the total U.S. population (over \$35,000). Native Americans are more likely to live in poverty than any other U.S. ethnic group.

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