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- NTGISC is the largest Native American GIS organization and the only National Native American GIS organization.
- The NTGISC organization is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that was formally organized in 2008.



NTGISC is an organization for Tribal Personnel, tribal members, faculty, and students of tribal colleges/universities and supporting organizations to share professional forward-thinking views, progressive knowledge, and continuous education within a community of active GIS users serving Tribal Communities.

What is Indian Country?

- 578 Federally Recognized Tribes
- Located in 36 States
- American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) (alone) population: 2.9 – 5.2 (mixed) million ¹

¹ U.S. Census, 2010 Census

Federally recognized tribes are domestic-dependent sovereign nations. Tribal sovereignty refers to tribes' right to govern themselves, define their own citizenship, manage tribal property, regulate tribal business, and domestic and international relations; it further recognizes the existence of a government-to-government relationship between such tribes and the US federal government.

