



Native American Lands Today

The 444,000 Californians who claim Indian heritage today comprise 1.2 percent of the total state **population**. This includes a large number of non-California Indians who have **migrated** from other states, Canada, and Latin America. The California tribes recognized by the federal government are located in 107 **reservations** and **rancherias**. The Hoopa Valley in northwest California is the largest of these, stretching approximately 144 square miles. Other large Indian lands are in Round Valley, Tule River, and along the Colorado River. Not included here are 36 other tribes that are not recognized by the federal government. Because many American Indians were forced from their ancestral lands, these existing communities are not always the same as their original territories.

The economy on most reservations specializes in fishing, forestry, **agriculture**, and recreation. In addition, many California Indians work in nearby towns and cities. In 2000, California voters approved a state initiative that allows federally recognized tribes to operate gambling casinos on Indian lands. Over 60 casinos operate throughout California today, and new ones open each year. They have quickly become an important source of tribal employment and income.

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