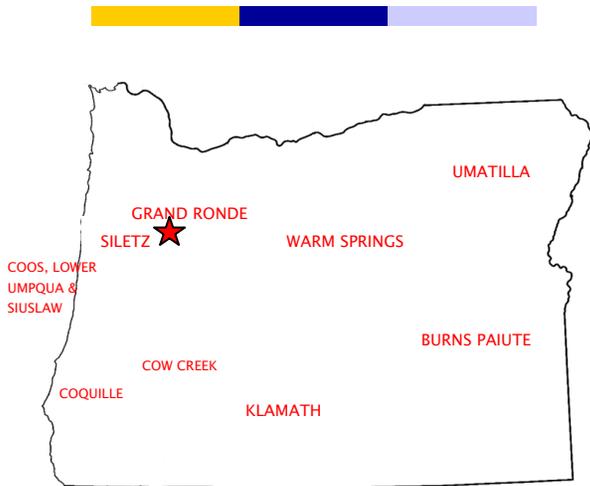


## Oregon's Federally Recognized Tribes



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## Oregon Tribes on the Web

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**Website:** <http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis>

- Tribal & State Agency contact information
- Latest Tribal News and Events
- OR Directory of American Indian Resources

### Oregon Federally Recognized Tribes' Websites

- Burns Paiute: [www.burnspaiute-nsn.gov](http://www.burnspaiute-nsn.gov)
- Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw: [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)
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- Siletz: <http://ctsi.nsn.us>
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- Warm Springs: [www.warmsprings.com](http://www.warmsprings.com)
- Coquille: [www.coquilletribe.org](http://www.coquilletribe.org)
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# About Indians in Oregon

- ❖ There are around 50,000 Indians in Oregon; about 1.6% of the total state population. There are Indians in all of Oregon's 36 counties
- ❖ All Indians residing in Oregon are Oregon citizens and U.S. citizens
- ❖ Around 25,000 Indians in Oregon are also citizens or "enrolled members" of one of Oregon's nine federally-recognized tribal governments
- ❖ The largest number of Indians in Oregon resides in the Portland Urban area. Over 200 tribes and bands across the U.S. have members living in the Portland urban area.
- ❖ About 875,000 acres, or 1.4% of land within Oregon's boundaries, are held in trust by the federal government or are reservation lands for the use of specific Indian tribes and tribal members
- ❖ Specific Oregon Tribes have ceded lands and areas of interest that are far beyond present day reservation boundaries

*Tribes have inherent sovereignty — they existed as governments before the U.S. existed and before the State of Oregon existed. The federal government did not create tribes or tribal sovereignty.*

## WHAT IS TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY?

*Tribes' right to govern their territory and their internal affairs as "domestic" (i.e., "not foreign") "dependent nations" (i.e., having a special relationship with the federal government) is upheld by treaties, the U.S. Constitution, Supreme Court decisions and federal statutes. Only Congress can override this authority; states cannot.*

*Just as there are 50 states, there are over 550 Tribes in the U.S. that differ from each other in location, size, culture, history, population and resources.*

## TRIBAL What does it mean to be a GOVERNMENT

- ✚ Tribal governments, like other governments, are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of their citizens or "members."
- ✚ Tribal governments are separate and distinct from each other—just as the U.S. is separate from Canada and Oregon is separate from Washington
- ✚ Tribal governments do not pay taxes, just as federal, state, county and local governments do not pay taxes.
- ✚ Individual Indians in Oregon (with the very limited exception of those who live and work on a reservation) pay state taxes except for money earned from trust land.
- ✚ Tribes have elected, governing councils that adopt laws and ordinances (often called resolutions), and court systems and departments dealing with governmental services and programs: natural resources, cultural resources, education, health and human services, public safety, economic development and administration