

# WASHINGTON TRIBES

There are 29 federally-recognized Native American tribes located on reservations throughout Washington state.

Each tribe has a body of elected officials that oversees its governmental programs. They provide services including health care, education, housing, public safety, courts, transportation, natural resources, environment, culture and economic development.

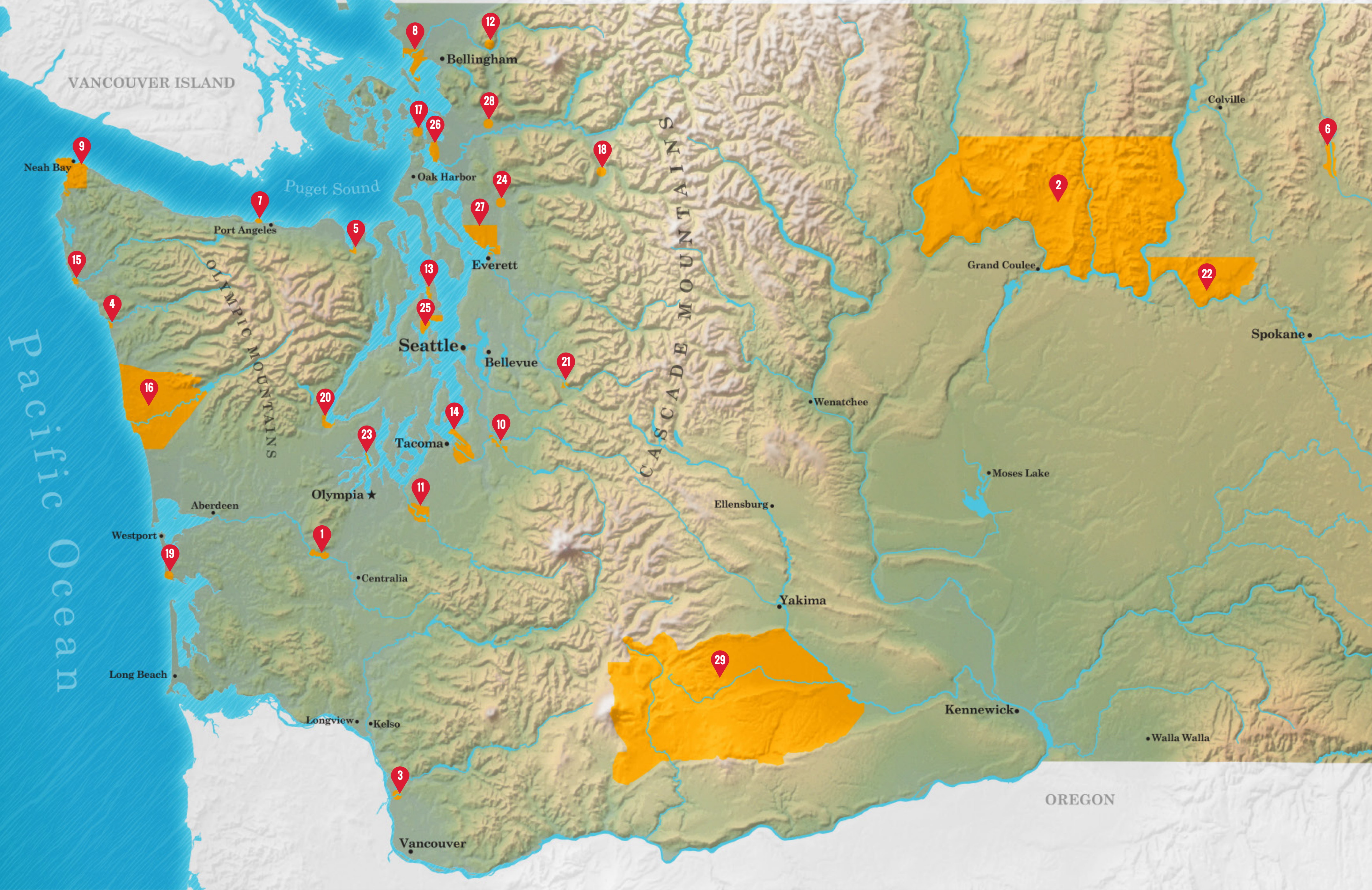
Gaming revenue is a major source of funding to pay for tribal government services.

Tribes are investing in new initiatives to diversify their economic base. Investments range from hotels to golf courses to shopping centers.

Tribes employ more than 30,000 people statewide and pay more than \$1.5 billion annually in wages and benefits. Capital spending, and the purchase of goods and services from private companies, adds hundreds of millions more dollars to the state's economy each year. Tribal economic activities generate millions of dollars in federal, state and local taxes.

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**1. Chehalis** The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation has more than 800 members and a reservation of approximately 4,400 acres in southwest Washington. The Chehalis tribe is one of the region's largest employers operating a water slide park and hotel, casino/hotel resort, convenience stores, an RV park and a construction company. [www.chehalistribe.org](http://www.chehalistribe.org)



The tribe's economic enterprise is the Colville Tribal Federal Corporation, which employs more than 800 people and generates more than \$120 million a year in revenue making it an economic leader in Central Washington. Its diverse enterprises include gaming, hotel, recreation and tourism, retail, construction and wood products. [www.colvilletribes.com](http://www.colvilletribes.com)

**3. Cowlitz** The Cowlitz Indian Tribe has been a federally recognized tribe since 2000 and received their first Reservation in March 2015. Cowlitz operates a multi-million dollar health clinic in Longview and have completed construction on new senior and affordable housing projects. [www.cowlitz.org](http://www.cowlitz.org)

**4. Hoh** The Hoh Tribe has 447 acres of reservation land on the Pacific coast at the mouth of the Hoh River. The Hoh Tribe's livelihood depends primarily on fishing, and the tribe manages resources for the environmental, cultural, and economic benefit of the tribe and neighbors in the Hoh River watershed. [www.hohtribe-rsn.org](http://www.hohtribe-rsn.org)

**5. Jamestown S'Klallam** The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is located on 13.5 acres along Sequim Bay. Jamestown also has land held in trust outside the reservation and owns land in fee. The tribal government operates diverse business enterprises including a casino, convenience store, golf course, self-storage, art gallery, construction services and telecommunications services. [www.jamestowntribe.org](http://www.jamestowntribe.org)

**6. Kalispel** The Kalispel Tribe of Indians has 4,557 acres along the Pend Oreille River north of Spokane and approximately 40 acres of trust land in Airway Heights on which its casino/hotel resort is located. The tribe, with 400 members, is a self-sufficient entity with its own business enterprises, education and health care programs, and strong alliances in the broader community. [www.kalispeltribe.com](http://www.kalispeltribe.com)

**7. Lower Elwha Klallam** The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe is located on roughly 1,000 acres in the northern Olympic Peninsula. The Tribe's enterprises include a casino and its programs include a full range of government services including health care, education and natural resources. [www.elwha.org](http://www.elwha.org)



**8. Lummi** The Lummi Nation is the third largest tribe in Washington with more than 5,000 members and a 13,000 acre reservation. Northwest Indian College is located on the Lummi Reservation. Lummi operates a 105-room hotel with convention and meeting space, a casino, and retail outlets. [www.lummi-rsn.org](http://www.lummi-rsn.org)

**9. Makah** The Makah Indian Tribe Reservation is located at Neah Bay at the most northwest point of the continental United States. The Makah people rely heavily on the ocean and the forest so many of its members are skilled woodworkers and mariners, and they invest in education programs to provide opportunities for their youth. [www.makah.com](http://www.makah.com)



**10. Muckleshoot** The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, with more than 3,000 members, has a reservation in southeast King County. The Tribe operates major enterprises including Muckleshoot Seafood Products, the White River Amphitheatre, Emerald Downs, and Muckleshoot Casino. [www.muckleshoot-rsn.us](http://www.muckleshoot-rsn.us)

**11. Nisqually** The Nisqually Indian Tribe has more than 650 enrolled members, a majority of whom live on or near the reservation. The tribe, which operates a casino and numerous retail outlets, is one of the largest employers in Thurston County. It also manages programs to restore and enhance habitat, including the Nisqually Delta. [www.nisqually-rsn.gov](http://www.nisqually-rsn.gov)

**12. Nooksack** The Nooksack Indian Tribe, with approximately 2,000 members, has a 444-acre reservation located near Deming. Fishing in the Nooksack River and salt water areas is an important source of income and food for many families, as well as being a source of cultural pride and identity. The tribal fisheries program regulates fishing and works to enhance fish runs and protect the environment. The Tribes work closely with local, State, and Federal agencies to review proposed developments, timber harvests and other environmental disturbances, and evaluate their impact on water quality, fisheries, and cultural sites. [www.nooksacktribe.org](http://www.nooksacktribe.org)



**13. Port Gamble S'Klallam** The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe has over 1,200 members and a reservation along Port Gamble Bay near Hood Canal. The Nook-Kay Development Corporation is an agency of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and is responsible for economic development and established economic enterprises. Nook-Kay's mission is to advance the long-term economic interest of the tribal community. [www.pgst-rsn.us](http://www.pgst-rsn.us)

**14. Puyallup** The Puyallup Tribe of Indians has more than 4,000 members and is considered one of the most urban Indian reservations in the U.S. The tribe's economic development initiatives include gaming facilities and retail outlets. Puyallup provides a full range of government services and collaborates with local governments on projects, including transportation improvements. [www.puyallup-tribe.com](http://www.puyallup-tribe.com)

**15. Quileute** The Quileute Tribe is located in La Push on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. The reservation's remote location makes it a top destination for beachgoers and recreational fishers. The tribe actively supports tourism and operates cabins, motel rooms and RV sites at its OceanSide Resort. [www.quileutenation.org](http://www.quileutenation.org)

**16. Quinalt** The Quinalt Indian Nation Reservation has over 208,150 acres located at the southwest corner of the Olympic Peninsula, and has over 2,500 members. Nearly 700 people are employed by the Quinalt Indian Nation and its enterprises, making it one of the largest employers in Grays Harbor County. [www.quinaltindianation.com](http://www.quinaltindianation.com)

**17. Samish** The Samish Indian Nation is located near Anacortes. The tribe operates a resort along the bay with cabins and RV spots. One of the newest Washington State ferries is named after the Samish Tribe. [www.samishtribe-rsn.us](http://www.samishtribe-rsn.us)



**18. Sauk-Suiattle** The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe is located near Darrington and has approximately 200 members on its 34 acre reservation. After being re-recognized in 1973, the tribe has grown steadily, acquired land, developed new infrastructure, and continues investing in local business. [www.sauk-suiattle.com](http://www.sauk-suiattle.com)

**19. Shoalwater Bay** The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe is a major employer in the area operating a gaming facility, motel, restaurant, and retail services. [www.shoalwaterbay-rsn.gov](http://www.shoalwaterbay-rsn.gov)

**20. Skokomish** The Skokomish Indian Tribe is located on a nearly 5,000 acre reservation on Hood Canal at the delta of the Skokomish River. The tribe operates a gaming facility, motel and retail outlets. Skokomish and its partners have developed a wastewater treatment plant to help improve Hood Canal water quality. The tribe is also leading an effort to restore the Skokomish Delta. [www.skokomish.org](http://www.skokomish.org)



**21. Snoqualmie** The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe has approximately 650 members and is located in the Snoqualmie Valley. In addition to funding tribal government programs, revenue from the tribe's casino supports organizations with charitable donations totaling more than \$4 million in donations since 2010. [www.snoqualmie-tribe.us](http://www.snoqualmie-tribe.us)

**22. Spokane** The Spokane Tribe of Indians' reservation is 159,000 acres located in Eastern Washington. The tribe has approximately 2,700 members. [www.spokane-tribe.com](http://www.spokane-tribe.com)

**23. Squaxin Island** The Squaxin Island Tribe is located at the south end of Puget Sound. The tribe has approximately 930 members and their reservation includes Squaxin Island and six acres of land at Kamilleche. The tribe operates a casino, hotel and retail services. [www.squaxinland.org](http://www.squaxinland.org)

**24. Stillaguamish** The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians has over 230 members in Snohomish County. The tribe invests significant resources in maintaining natural resources, including management of a fish hatchery that restores Chinook and Coho salmon runs, and the tribe's Marine Stewardship and Shellfish Program. Tribal enterprises include a casino, hotel and retail services. [www.stillaguamish.com](http://www.stillaguamish.com)

**25. Suquamish** The Suquamish Tribe is located on the Port Madison Indian Reservation in North Kitsap County. The tribe's economic development agency, Port Madison Enterprises, is the second-largest private sector employer in Kitsap County with over 750 employees. [www.suquamish-rsn.us](http://www.suquamish-rsn.us)



**26. Swinomish** The Swinomish Indian Tribe is one of the five largest employers in Skagit County with over 250 employees in tribal government and approximately 300 employees in its casino/resort and other economic enterprises. [www.swinomish.org](http://www.swinomish.org)

**27. Tulalip** The Tulalip Tribes of Washington is located on the Tulalip Reservation near Everett. The Tulalip Reservation is 22,000 acres, where over half of its 4,000 members live. They operate many enterprises such as Tulalip Resort Casino and Quil Ceda Village. [www.tulaliptribes-rsn.gov](http://www.tulaliptribes-rsn.gov)

**28. Upper Skagit** The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe descends from tribes that inhabited 10 villages on the Skagit and Sauk rivers in western Washington. The Upper Skagit Reservation has a total land area of 110 acres in Western Skagit County and has approximately 200 members. [www.goia.wa.gov/tribal-information/Tribes/upperskagit.htm](http://www.goia.wa.gov/tribal-information/Tribes/upperskagit.htm)

**29. Yakama** The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation have a reservation with over one million acres located in Central Washington. The tribes' many enterprises provide services to and employ hundreds of Yakama citizens in gaming, tourism, forestry management, telecommunications, agriculture and utilities. [www.yakamanation-rsn.gov](http://www.yakamanation-rsn.gov)

