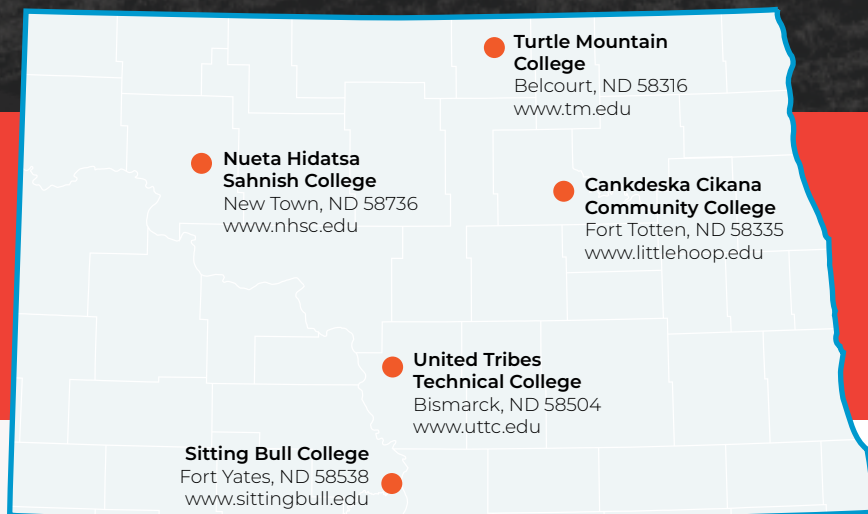


NORTH DAKOTA TRIBAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (NDTCS)



There are Five Tribal Colleges in North Dakota

Tribal Colleges...

- Tribal colleges are public, non-profit post-secondary institutions accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the same as state post-secondary institutions.
- Tribal colleges are chartered by federally-recognized Tribal governments to teach and preserve culture and language as a component of the majority of academic programs offered.
- Tribal colleges proactively collaborate with the North Dakota University System and the other organizations to enhance students' academic experience, retention, persistence, and seamless transfer.
- Tribal colleges are land grant institutions known as 1994's (the year of legislation).
- Tribal colleges are affordable and accessible to Native and non-Native students.
- Tribal colleges in North Dakota are stable institutions established in the early 1970's.
- Tribal colleges are a sound investment for building and sustaining of North Dakota's workforce.

Economic Contribution of North Dakota's Five Tribal Colleges Exceeds \$169.5 Million

Category	2022-23 Impacts
Operations Spending	\$ 57.1 million
Student Spending	\$ 3.5 million
Alumni Impact	\$ 104.4 million
Construction Spending	\$ 3.1 million
Visitor Spending	\$ 1 million
Volunteerism	\$ 100,000
Total Impact	\$ 169.5 million

(2024 Economic Impact Study for NDTCS, conducted by Lightcast)

Tribal Colleges Fall 2024 Enrollment:
(full + part-time students)

2,272

Tribal Colleges 2023-2024 Graduates:

458

AN INVESTMENT WORTH MAKING

For every \$1 invested:

Students gain **\$6.70** in lifetime earnings.

Taxpayers gain **\$1.30** in added tax revenue and public sector savings.

Society gains **\$4.20** in added income and social savings.

North Dakota Native Americans: Facts and Figures

- There are five reservations in ND which encompass over 3.8 million acres of land.
- Tribes include Lakota, Dakota, Chippewa, Mandan, Arikara, and Hidatsa.
- Native Americans are the largest minority population in North Dakota representing 5.25% of the State's population.
- 55% of this population live on a reservation. The median age is 26.9, a full eight years younger than North Dakota's overall median age of 35.1.
- Native American students account for 10.9% of the K-12 student population.
- The Native American high school graduation rate averages 67.3% compared to 88% statewide.
- Poverty average rates for Benson, Rolette and Sioux Counties are more than double the U.S. Poverty Rate of 14%.
- Native Americans serve in the Armed Forces at five times the national average and have served with distinction in every major conflict for over 200 years.

Native Americans are Tri-Citizens

Although Native Americans are the first Americans, they were not recognized as U.S. citizens until the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. Furthermore, Native Americans are citizens of their tribal nation, as well as the state in which they reside.



Spirit Lake
Tribe



Standing Rock
Sioux Tribe



MHA Nation
Tribe



Turtle Mountain Band
of Chippewa Tribe



North Dakota



United States