St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

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Location: Barron, Polk and Burnett Counties, Northwest Wisconsin

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Tribal Statistics

There are currently 1,054 St. Croix tribal members.

The St. Croix Reservation, located mostly in Burnett County, totals 4,689 acres.

- 2,126 acres are tribally owned
- 2,563 acres are considered fee land
- St. Croix has trust land located in Barron, Burnett, and Polk Counties.
- Approximately 735 tribal members live on or near reservation, trust, or fee land

St. Croix is the largest employer in Burnett County and the 2nd largest employer in Barron County (*Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development).* They employ approximately 2,500 people.

Tribal Government

St. Croix is governed by a five person council.

- The council meets monthly
- Decisions are made by a majority rule
- Elections are held every two years

Brief History

The St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin were federally recognized in 1938. They have lived in what is present-day Wisconsin for centuries.

Tribal Services

Law Enforcement

- 22 officers
- Some officers participate in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Burnett County Sheriff's Department and the Barron County Sheriff's Department
- Funded primarily with tribal funds, some discretionary federal grants, and Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance funds

Court System

- 2 judges
- The St. Croix court system handles cases such as tribal ordinances/commercial contract cases, housing evictions, Indian Child Welfare Act cases, and on/off reservation natural resource, fish and wildlife citations
- Funded by U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and tribal funds

Education

St. Croix youth are educated in four primary school districts. These districts are:

- Siren School District (102 students/20% of the student body)
- Webster School District (126/16.8%)
- Unity School District (82/7.4%)
- Cumberland School District (58/4.9%)

(*Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction)*

St. Croix operates a Head Start Program for Native American and non-Native American children ages 3 to 5. Funding comes from the federal Head Start Bureau with a 20% tribal match.

Healthcare

- Clinic services include: general health care, pharmacy, dental, optometry, podiatry, mental health, community health, maternal child health; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) programs; Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) programs, and transportation services.

Social Services

- Elders Advocate program
- Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion
- Tribal Historic Preservation
- Traditions Respecting American Indian Lifestyles (TRAILS)
- Child care program
- Head Start program
- Youth center program
- Indian Child Welfare Act program
- Family resources
- Alternatives to Violence
- AODA
- Food distribution
- Funded through a variety of tribal, state and federal monies

Economic Enterprises

- St. Croix employs approximately 2,500 people
- Government employment is 56% Native American and 44% non-Native American
- Enterprise employment is 25% Native American and 75% non-Native American

Business	Type of Business
St. Croix Casino and Hotel Turtle Lake, WI	Gaming/lodging/meeting facility
St. Croix Casino Danbury, WI	Gaming/lodging facility
Little Turtle Hertel Express Hertel, WI	Gas station/convenience store
St. Croix Waters Fishery Danbury, WI	Aquaculture facility, commercial fishery

Chippewa Check Services Siren, WI	Cash access business
Four Winds Market Siren, WI	Grocery store
Southwinds Professional Center Siren, WI	Office space complex
Rez Wear ™ Webster, WI	Clothing/Embroidery/Silk Screening
St. Croix Construction Co. Hertel, WI	Construction company
St. Croix Tribal Health Clinic Hertel, WI	Health services
SCT Travel Agency Siren, WI	Travel agency
Eagles Landing Campground Danbury, WI	Campground
Many Nations Recovery Home Pensacola, FL	Drug and Alcohol halfway home
St. Croix Tribal Smokeshop Four Locations	Tobacco products and gifts
Emerald Systems, Inc.	Information Technology Software Company