

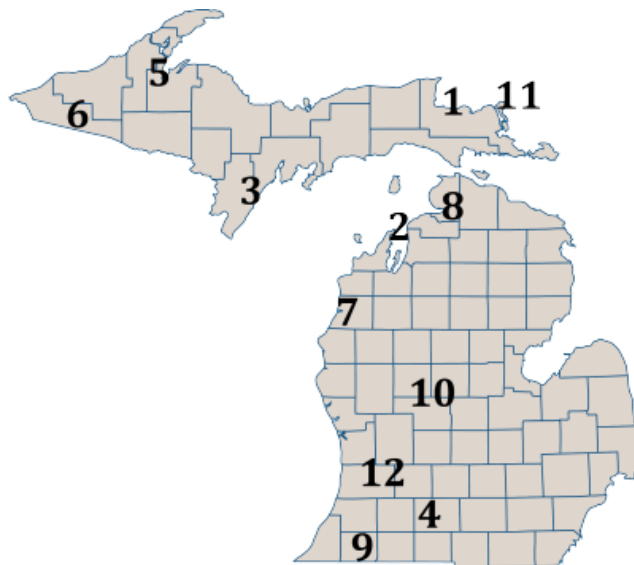
Native American Tribal Courts in Michigan

There are 12 federally recognized Native American tribes in Michigan. Tribes are culturally related but are entirely separate, each having sovereignty – the authority to self-govern.

Each tribal government follows a written constitution, and each has a tribal court that interprets and applies laws in its jurisdiction to resolve civil, criminal, and other legal matters.

Some tribal courts resemble federal and state courts. Others use traditional means such as peacemaking, elders councils, and/or sentencing circles. Some have both types of courts.

Below is a map showing federally recognized tribes/tribal courts in Michigan:



1. Bay Mills Indian Community
2. The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
3. Hannahville Indian Community
4. Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi
5. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
6. Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
7. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
8. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
9. Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
10. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
11. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
12. Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe)

Source: Michigan Judicial Institute, the education division of the Michigan Supreme Court