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### General Demographics

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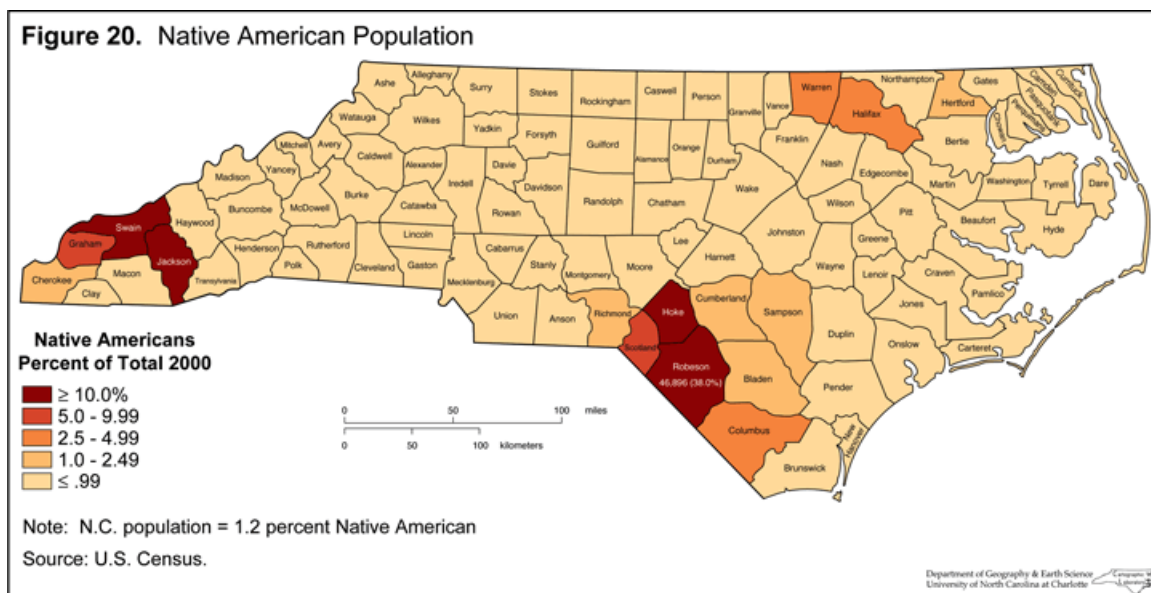
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Native Americans are concentrated largely in two areas in North Carolina (Figure 20). The largest cluster is in and around [Robeson County](#)<sup>[8]</sup>, home of the [Lumbee Indians](#)<sup>[9]</sup>. That county alone accounts for 38 percent of the state's Native American population. [Swain](#)<sup>[10]</sup> and [Jackson](#)<sup>[11]</sup> counties contain a smaller concentration of mostly [Cherokees](#)<sup>[12]</sup> while few other counties have as many as one percent Native Americans in their populations. The origins of the Lumbees is somewhat uncertain while the western Cherokees are descendants of escapes from the mid-19th century forced removal of Native Americans also referred to as [The Trail of Tears](#)<sup>[13]</sup>.

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