

Asian American Demographics  
(From the 2000 Census)

**Asian American population: 10.2 million**

Population breakdown:

49% live in the West

20% live in the Northeast

19% live in the South

12% live in the Midwest

Percentage of the region:

9.3% of the West identifies as Asian American

4.4% of the Northeast identifies as Asian American

2.3% of the South identifies as Asian American

2.2% of the Midwest identifies as Asian American

Over half (51%) of all Asian Americans live in California, New York, and Hawaii.

**Top 10 states with Asian American populations**

California

New York

Hawaii

Texas

New Jersey

Illinois

Washington

Florida

Virginia

Massachusetts

Over three-quarters (75%) of all Asian Americans live in these states.

**Top 10 cities with Asian American populations**

New York City, NY

Los Angeles, CA

San Jose, CA

San Francisco, CA

Honolulu, HI

San Diego, CA

Chicago, IL

Houston, TX

Fremont, CA

Seattle, CA

### **Top 10 places of 100,000 or more with the highest percentage of Asian Americans**

Honolulu, HI	67.7%
Daly City, CA	53.6%
Fremont, CA	39.8%
Sunnyvale, CA	34.2%
San Francisco, CA	32.6%
Irvine, CA	32.3%
Garden Grove, CA	32.2%
Santa Clara, CA	31.4%
Torrance, CA	31.1%
San Jose, CA	28.8%

More than two-thirds of Asians were U.S. citizens, either through birth (about 33 percent) or naturalization (about 37 percent).

In 2004, 62% of all Asian Americans 15 and over were married (compared to 57% of non-Hispanic Whites).

More than 60% of Asian Americans in most states were foreign-born.

About half of the foreign-born Asian Americans in the U.S. arrived since 1990.

The majority of Asian Americans speaks only English in the home or speaks English very well.

Almost half of all Asian Americans have a bachelor's degree or more education.

Close to half of all Asian Americans work in management, professional, or relation occupations. In 2004 they were less likely to work in sales and office occupations; fishing, farming, and forestry occupations, construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations; or production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

In 2004, the median income of Asian households in the 12 months prior to being surveyed was about \$56,200. This was about \$8,000 higher than the median income of non-Hispanic White households, which was about \$48,800.

Among the specific Asian groups shown, median incomes of Asian Indian households and Filipino households were about \$10,000 higher than the median income of all Asian households.

In 2004, the poverty rate for Asian Americans was higher (12 percent) than that for non-Hispanic Whites (9 percent).

More than half of Asian Americans live in owner-occupied homes and the median value of Asian owner-occupied homes was about \$306,000. This was about twice the median value of non-Hispanic White owner-occupied homes (about \$154,000).