

2007 Statistical Portrait of the Nation's Asian Populations

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center, as an official U.S. Census Information Center (as a co-partner with National Coalition for Asian Pacific Community Development), is pleased to provide this 2007 statistical portrait of the Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations produced by the US Census Bureau for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, which will take place in May, 2007. The portrait provides current census data, population projections, and internet links that should be useful for research, planning, writing and general educational purposes.



Seated from left to right: Commissioner Martha Cruz Ruth, Commissioner Nina Nguyen Collier, Commission Chair Betty Wu, Commissioner Vellie Dietrich-Hall

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2005 Census

In Floirda	2000	2005	% increase
Asian	266,256	371,385	39%
Asian Indian	70,740	95,043	34%
Chinese	46,368	55,508	20%
Filipino	54,310	80,660	48%
Japanese	10,897	14,624	34%
Korean	19,139	21,975	14%
Vietnamese	33,190	55,555	67%
Other Asian	31,612	48,020	50%

Source: 2005 American Community Survey

Asians

14.4 million

The estimated number of U.S. residents in July 2005 who said they were Asian or Asian in combination with one or more other races. This group comprised about 5 percent of the total population. California had the largest population (4.9 million) of people of this group.

3%

Percentage growth of the Asian population between 2004 and 2005, the highest of any race group during that time period. The

increase in the Asian population over the period totaled 421,000.

3.3 million

Number of Asians of Chinese descent. Chinese-Americans are the largest Asian detailed group, followed by Filipinos (2.8 million), Asian Indians (2.5 million), Vietnamese (1.5 million), Koreans (1.4 million) and Japanese (1.2 million). These estimates represent the number of people who are either of a particular detailed group only or are of that group in combination with one or more other Asian detailed groups or races. (Source: 2005 American Community Survey)

Education

49%

The percentage of single-race Asians 25 and older who have a bachelor's degree or higher level of education. This compares to 27 percent for all people 25 and older. (Source: 2005 American Community Survey)

86%

The percentage of single-race Asians 25 and older who have at least a high school diploma. This compares to 84 percent for all people 25 and older. (Source: 2005 American Community Survey)

20%

The percentage of single-race Asians 25 and older who have a graduate or professional degree (e.g., master's or doctorate). This compares with 10 percent for all people

25 and older. (Source: 2005 American Community Survey)

Businesses

1.1 million

Number of businesses owned by Asian-Americans in 2002, up 24 percent from 1997. The rate of increase in the number of Asian-owned businesses was about twice that of the national average for all businesses.

Languages

2.3 million

The number of people 5 and older who speak Chinese at home. After Spanish, Chinese is the most widely spoken non-English language in the country. Tagalog and Vietnamese have more than 1 million speakers each. (Source: 2005 American Community Survey)

The Future

33.4 million

The projected number of U.S. residents in 2050 who will identify themselves as single-race Asians. They would comprise 8 percent of the total population by that year.

213%

The projected percentage increase between 2000 and 2050 in the population of people who identify themselves as single-race Asian. This compares with a 49 percent increase in the population as a whole over the same period of time.