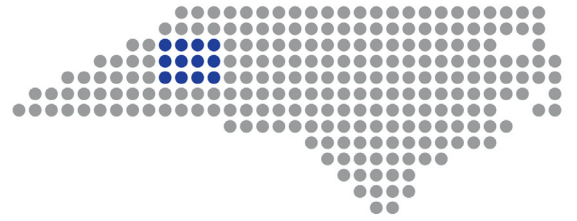


Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC



The Asian American population in the Southeastern United States is a rapidly growing community marked by growing diversity within and across states. This profile uses 2020 U.S. Census data available in 2022 for the Asian American & Pacific Islander population (AAPI). Additional disaggregation by ethnicity/national origin is available in the charts based on the 2019 American Community Survey.

POPULATION TRENDS

2020 Census:

13,131 Asian and Pacific Islander

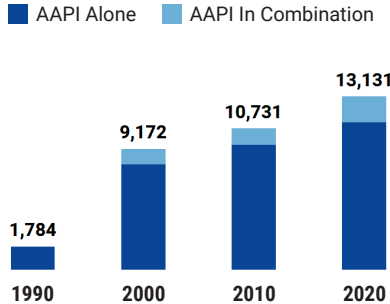
3.5% of total population

11K AAPI alone

+1.9K AAPI in combination with any other racial or ethnic group:

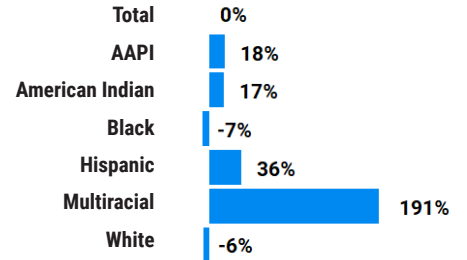
- 1.6K multiracial, non-Hispanic*
- 376 with Hispanic
- 226 multiracial, Hispanic

Asian and Pacific Islander, 1990-2020



*Note: AAPI in combination includes AAPI in combination with another racial/ethnic group.

Growth Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2020



*Note: Growth rate is for non-Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander alone.

AGE, CITIZENSHIP, & ETHNICITY

Median Age

- 31** Asian and Pacific Islander
- 29** Hmong
- 38** total population

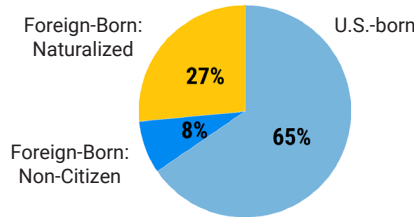
% Children 0-17

- 29%** Asian and Pacific Islander
- 32%** Hmong
- 20%** total population

% Adults 65+

- 7%** Asian and Pacific Islander
- 4%** Hmong
- 20%** total population

Citizenship Status of Asian and Pacific Islander Population, 2019



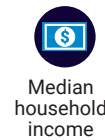
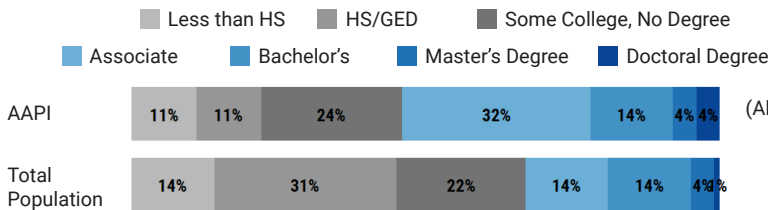
92% U.S. citizens (U.S.-born or naturalized)
94% Hmong

5 Largest Asian Ethnic Groups in Metro Area, 2019

Ethnicity	Population	% of Asian Population
Hmong	9,674	82%
Chinese	542	5%
Filipino	518	4%
Other Asian Groups	420	4%
Asian Indian	241	2%

EDUCATION, INCOME, & HOUSING

Educational Attainment - AAPI (aged 25-64), 2019



\$72,000

(All AAPI)
\$99,160 (Hmong)
\$48,900 (total population)



11%

(select AAPI)
9% (Hmong)
15% (total population)



74%

(All AAPI)
63% (Hmong)
74% (total population)



3.64

(select AAPI)
4.42 (Hmong)
2.47 (total population)

Select Characteristics of Population Groups in the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro area, 2019

Group	Total Population	Median Age	% Ages 0-17	% Ages 17-64	% Ages 65+	% Native-Born	% Foreign-Born:		% Foreign-Born: Naturalized Citizen	% Foreign-Born: Non-Citizen	% Ages 25-64:		% in Poverty	Average Persons per HH	Median HH Income	Home Ownership Rate	% Cost-Burdened HH ³	% Crowded HH ⁴
							% Born	% Naturalized			% Diploma or higher	% Bachelor's or higher						
Total Population	415,169	43	20%	20%	20%	95%	2%	3%	3%	14%	20%	15%	2.48	\$48,900	74%	20%	3.6%	
Race/Ethnicity¹																		
Asian/Pacific Islander	11,762	31	29%	7%	65%	27%	8%	11%	23%	11%	11%	11%	3.65	\$72,000	74%	6%	13.3%	
American Indian/Alaska Native	597																	
Black	27,010	38	22%	17%	97%	1%	1%	2%	9%	16%	24%	2.49	\$33,000	42%	41%	6.1%		
Hispanic	31,600	24	37%	2%	59%	11%	11%	31%	13%	45%	26%	4.09	\$50,000	55%	26%	22.3%		
Multiracial	7,724	19	41%	3%	99%	1%	0%	0%	20%	7%	27%	5.67	\$32,600	53%	30%	0.0%		
White	336,091	47	18%	22%	99%	1%	0%	0%	21%	12%	13%	2.33	\$50,000	78%	18%	2.3%		
All other races	385																	
Asian Ethnicity²																		
Hmong	9,674	29	32%	4%	68%	26%	7%	13%	18%	9%	9%	4.24	\$99,160	63%	2%	18.7%		

1 Racial groups are for individuals who identify as that specific racial group alone (e.g., Asian or Pacific Islander) and are not Hispanic. Hispanic individuals may be of any race.

2 Values for Asian ethnic groups are only reported for groups that had a sample size of at least 50 or more in the 2019 American Community Survey.

3 HUD defines cost-burdened families as those "who pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing."

4 Crowded housing is defined as when a household has more than 1 person per room.

Source: 2019 American Community Survey. Data accessed at IPUMS-USA and analyzed by Carolina Demography.