SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES ASIAN AMERICAN PROFILES

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.

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

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

Median household income: $72,000
Poverty rate: 11%
Home ownership rate: 74%
Average persons per households: 3.64

EDUCATION, INCOME, & HOUSING

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

Growth Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2020

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

5 Largest Asian Ethnic Groups in Metro Area, 2019

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<tr>
<th>Ethnicity</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>% of AAPI Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>Hmong</td>
<td>9,674</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>Chinese</td>
<td>542</td>
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<td>Filipino</td>
<td>518</td>
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<td>Other Asian Groups</td>
<td>420</td>
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<td>Asian Indian</td>
<td>241</td>
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Citizenship Status of Asian and Pacific Islander Population, 2019

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

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

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

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<th>Group</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Median Age</th>
<th>% Ages 0-17</th>
<th>% Ages 65+</th>
<th>% Native-Born</th>
<th>% Foreign-Born: Naturalized</th>
<th>% Foreign-Born: Non-Citizen</th>
<th>% Ages 25-64: &lt;HS Diploma</th>
<th>% Ages 25-64: Bachelor’s or higher</th>
<th>% in Poverty</th>
<th>Average Persons per HH</th>
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<th>Home Ownership Rate</th>
<th>% Cost-Burdened HH</th>
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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>415,169</td>
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<td>15%</td>
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<td>Asian/Pacific Islander</td>
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<td>7%</td>
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<td>8%</td>
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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.