North Carolina

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:**
- **441,478** Asian and Pacific Islander
- 4.1% of total population

**Growth Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2020**

- **Total AAPI:** 9%
- **American Indian:** 64%
- **Black:** -7%
- **Hispanic:** 4%
- **Multiracial:** 40%
- **White:** 161%  

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

**Median Age**
- **35** Asian and Pacific Islander
- **47** Japanese
- **29** Hmong
- **39** total population

**% Children 0-17**
- 21% Asian and Pacific Islander
- 31% Hmong
- 15% Korean
- 22% total population

**% Adults 65+**
- 9% Asian and Pacific Islander
- 31% Japanese
- 3% Hmong
- 17% total population

**Median household income**
- **$90,000** (All AAPI)

**$115,000** (Asian Indian)

**$52,010** (Korean)

**$56,500** (total population)

**Education, Income, & Housing**

**Educational Attainment - AAPI (aged 25-64), 2019**
- Less than HS: 9%
- HS/GED: 30%
- Some College, No Degree: 24%
- Bachelor’s: 12%
- Master’s Degree: 9%
- Doctoral Degree: 9%

**Home ownership rate**
- 66% (All AAPI)
- 86% (Asian Indian)
- 57% (Korean)
- 65% (total population)

**Average persons per households**
- 3.08 (All AAPI)
- 4.02 (Hmong)
- 2.27 (Japanese)

**5 Largest Asian Ethnic Groups in North Carolina, 2019**

- Asian Indian: 103,801
- Chinese: 48,773
- Vietnamese: 35,156
- Filipino: 27,712
- Korean: 19,700
- Other Asian Groups: 19,308

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