

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.

POPULATION TRENDS

2020 Census:

441,478 Asian and Pacific Islander

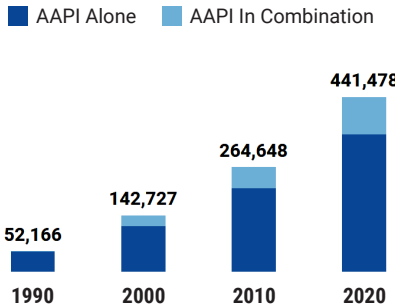
4.1% of total population

347K AAPI alone

+94K AAPI in combination with any other racial or ethnic group:

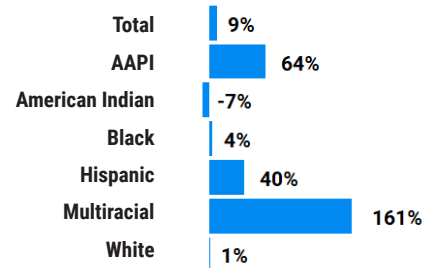
- 81K multiracial, non-Hispanic*
- 14K with Hispanic
- 9K multiracial, Hispanic

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

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

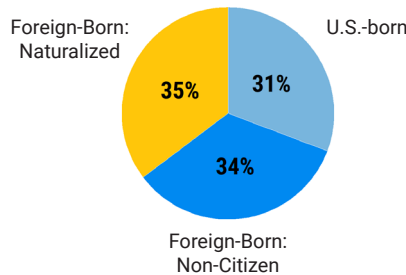
% Children 0-17

- 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

Citizenship Status of Asian and Pacific Islander Population, 2019



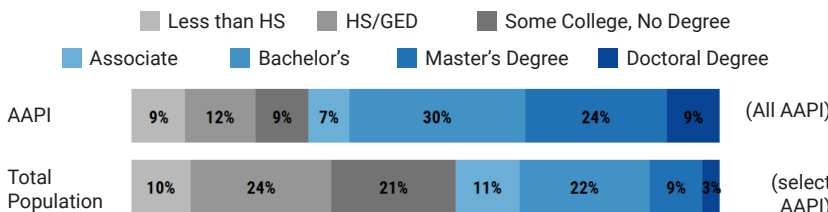
- 66%** U.S. citizens (U.S.-born or naturalized)
- 96%** Hmong
- 54%** Asian Indian

5 Largest Asian Ethnic Groups in North Carolina, 2019

Ethnicity	Population	% of Asian Population
Asian Indian	103,801	33%
Chinese	48,773	16%
Vietnamese	35,156	11%
Filipino	27,712	9%
Other Asian Groups	19,700	6%
Korean	19,308	6%

EDUCATION, INCOME, & HOUSING

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



Median household income

\$90,000

\$115,000 (Asian Indian)

\$52,010 (Korean)

\$56,500 (total population)

Poverty rate

8%

14% (Vietnamese)

2% (Japanese)

13% (total population)

Home ownership rate

66%

86% (Pakistani)

57% (Asian Indian)

65% (total population)

Average persons per households

3.08

4.02 (Hmong)

2.27 (Japanese)

2.52 (total population)



Select Characteristics of Population Groups in North Carolina, 2019

Group	Total Population	Median Age	% Ages 0-17	% Ages 65+	% Native-Born	% Foreign-Born: Naturalized	% Foreign-Born: Citizen	% Foreign-Born: Non-Citizen		% in Poverty	Average Persons per HH	Median HH Income	Home Ownership Rate	% Cost-Burdened HH ³	% Crowded HH ⁴
								% Ages 25-64	% Ages 25-64: Bachelor's or higher Diploma						
Total Population	10,488,084	39	22%	17%	92%	3%	5%	10%	34%	13%	2.52	\$56,500	65%	28%	2.3%
Race/Ethnicity¹															
Asian/Pacific Islander	308,528	35	21%	9%	31%	35%	34%	9%	62%	8%	3.08	\$90,000	66%	24%	5.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	115,700	37	24%	13%	100%	0%	0%	18%	13%	26%	2.62	\$39,000	67%	34%	2.8%
Black	2,217,065	36	23%	14%	96%	2%	2%	11%	24%	20%	2.49	\$40,000	45%	41%	3.1%
Hispanic	1,024,389	25	37%	4%	61%	10%	29%	37%	17%	21%	3.82	\$47,000	48%	34%	11.5%
Multiracial	252,269	19	45%	4%	94%	2%	3%	8%	36%	20%	3.89	\$45,700	48%	38%	4.7%
White	6,550,400	44	18%	21%	98%	1%	1%	7%	38%	9%	2.35	\$64,500	74%	22%	1.0%
All other races	19,733	25	37%	3%	76%	12%	12%	24%	30%	19%	3.16	\$44,000	44%	39%	6.8%
Asian Ethnicity²															
Asian Indian	103,801	34	23%	7%	25%	28%	46%	3%	86%	3%	2.92	\$115,000	57%	14%	6.2%
Chinese	48,773	33	19%	7%	26%	37%	37%	8%	68%	10%	2.57	\$75,600	69%	39%	0.3%
Filipino	27,712	39	16%	11%	34%	42%	23%	7%	63%	7%	4.00	\$90,000	78%	31%	0.0%
Hmong	18,300	29	31%	3%	61%	35%	4%	18%	29%	8%	4.02	\$102,200	70%	5%	12.2%
Japanese	7,795	47	15%	31%	42%	16%	42%	3%	53%	2%	2.27	\$104,600	66%	8%	3.0%
Korean	19,308	42	15%	12%	27%	50%	23%	7%	44%	9%	3.09	\$52,010	60%	37%	4.5%
Pakistani	12,132	31	28%	9%	37%	46%	17%	14%	53%	2%	3.71	\$67,300	86%	38%	9.8%
Vietnamese	35,156	40	18%	15%	28%	43%	29%	31%	25%	14%	3.65	\$56,200	82%	26%	10.4%

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.