

Ohio Asian Americans

Snapshot from the 2023 American
Community Survey

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Asian Ohioans

Ohio’s Asian community is comprised of almost 398,000 people that claim at least partial Asian heritage, accounting for 3.4 percent of the state’s total population. According to the 2023 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio’s Asian population more than doubled since 2000 and is seven times the 1980 count. For the United States, the Asian population is more than 24.8 million, or 7.4 percent of the nation’s total population. Since 2000, the number of Asian Americans in the U.S. have more than doubled, increasing by 12.9 million people.

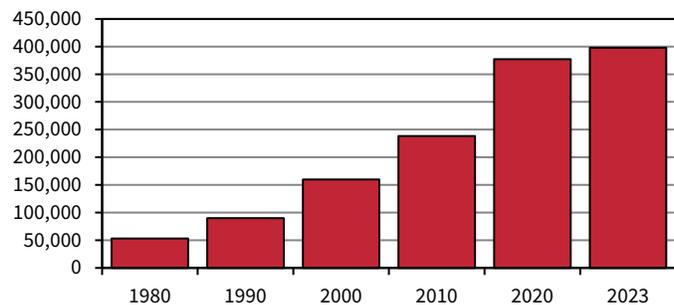
Overview

- 398,000 people – 3.4 percent of Ohio’s total population.
- The Asian population has more than doubled since 2000.
- 212,000 were born outside the U.S.
- 33 percent are of Asian Indian ancestry.
- Median age of 35.9 years compared to 39.9 years for all Ohioans.
- 50,600 enrolled in elementary and secondary schools.
- Median household income: \$95,200.
- 9,500 Asian-owned businesses with paid employees.

Note: Asian refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. A person reporting their race as Asian alone or in combination with one or more other race is used for total population counts only. A person reporting their race as Asian alone is used for the other population characteristics. The recording of specific, multiple races was not done prior to 2000.

Population Distribution

The Asian American community accounts for 3.4 percent of Ohio’s total population with significant growth occurring over the last three decades. Since 2000 the number of Asian Ohioans has more than doubled. In 1980 there were approximately 50,000 Asians in Ohio, comprising 0.5 percent of the state’s total population.

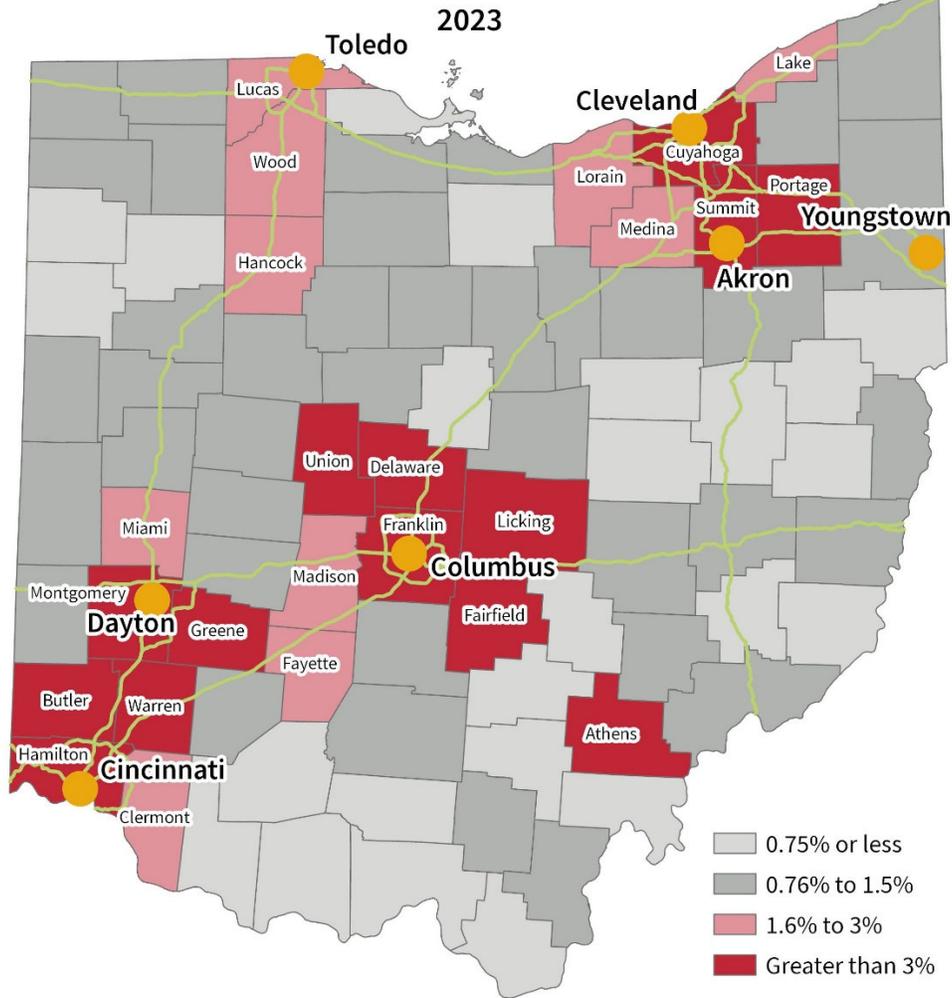


Asian Population

Most Asian American Ohioans live in the state’s metropolitan areas. Generally, Asian Americans in Ohio are more likely to live in the suburbs than the central city, but Columbus is an exception with more Asian Americans living in the city because of the influence of The Ohio State University. More than 16 percent, or 63,900, of Ohio’s Asian population live in Columbus city. The 10-county Columbus metropolitan area accounts for 34 percent of the Asian population. The combination of the Cleveland/Akron metropolitan areas has 26 percent of the Asian Americans.

Asian Population by County: 2023			
Largest Total Asian Population		Largest Percent of County Population	
Franklin	90,774	Delaware	10.5%
Cuyahoga	52,355	Warren	8.4%
Hamilton	29,878	Union	7.3%
Summit	28,435	Franklin	6.8%
Delaware	24,332	Butler	5.7%
Butler	22,438	Summit	5.3%
Warren	21,284	Licking	4.9%
Montgomery	17,841	Greene	4.3%
Lucas	10,497	Cuyahoga	4.2%
Licking	9,037	Fairfield	3.9%
Greene	7,316	Athens	3.7%
Lorain	6,757	Hamilton	3.6%

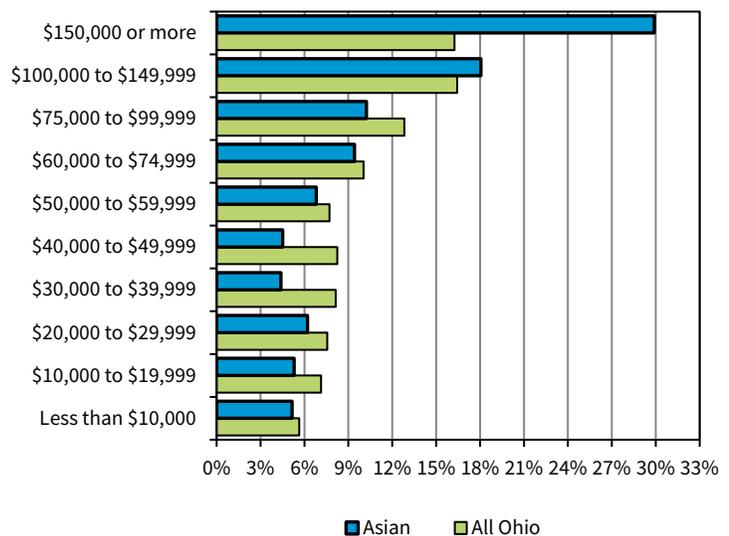
Asian Population as Percent of County Population



Income

The income of Asian Americans in the state tends to be higher than that of an average Ohioan. The median household income for Asian Americans living in Ohio is more than \$95,200. For all Ohio households, the figure is more than \$67,800. The median income of foreign-born persons from Asia was only slightly lower than all of Ohio's Asian population which seems to indicate that recent immigrants have well-paying jobs.

Twelve percent of Asian American Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 73,500 Asian American family households, eight percent are living in poverty.

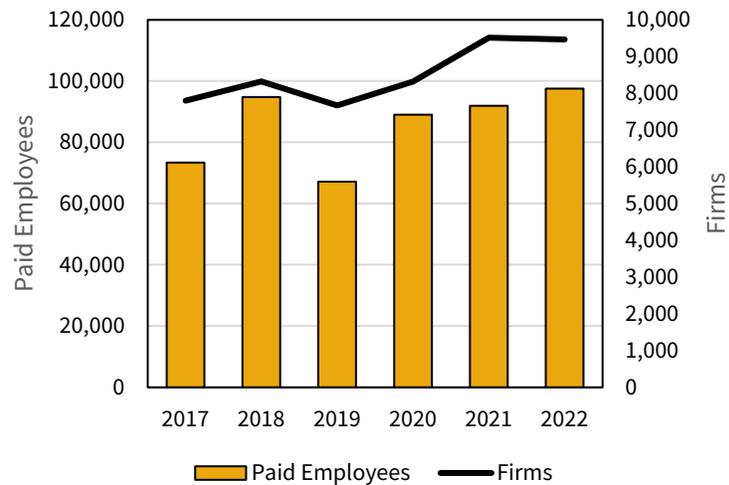


Household Income Distribution

Of these, seventy-three percent have related children at home. Approximately eight percent of Asian Americans in households received food stamps within the last 12 months.

Businesses

There are 9,500 Asian American-owned businesses with paid employees in Ohio, according to the 2022 Annual Business Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. These businesses employ nearly 97,600 with an annual payroll of \$3.3 billion. Thirty-one percent of the businesses with payroll are in the accommodation and food service sector and these businesses account for 33 percent of the payroll employees. For the state, this sector accounts for 10 percent of the businesses and 10 percent of payroll employees.



More than 1,900 Asian-owned businesses with payrolls have existed 16 or more years. This accounts for 20 percent of Asian businesses. For the state, 43 percent of the businesses have been around 16 or more years. Thirty-four percent have \$1 million or more in sales or revenues compared to 36 percent for Ohio. Asian-owned businesses with a payroll tend to be smaller with 49 percent having less than five employees. The states' comparable figure is 44 percent.

In addition to businesses with payrolls, there were approximately 29,500 non employer Asian-owned businesses according to the 2021 Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics of the Annual Business Survey. Twenty-three percent of these businesses are in the transportation and warehousing sector.

Employment and Occupation

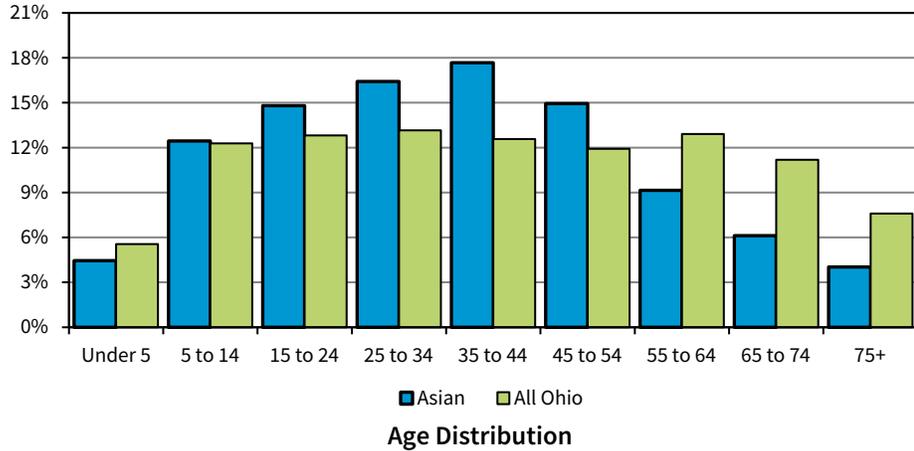
The number of Asian American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is 167,700 and accounts for 2.8 percent of the Ohio civilian labor force. Asian Americans in Ohio have an unemployment rate of 3.1 percent. All Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 4 percent.

Employed Asian Americans are highly represented in professional occupations, compared to all Ohioans. Of the nearly 162,500 employed Asian Americans, nearly 48 percent are in occupations of computer/engineering/science (19%), management (16%), and healthcare (13%). There is also a significant number in educational occupations.

Age and Household Structure

The median age of Asian Americans in Ohio is 35.9 years. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans overall is 39.9 years. A very high proportion of Asian Americans between the ages of 25 and 44 and slightly lower proportions in the older age groups kept the median age lower than that of Ohio's total population.

In Ohio, greater than 62,000 marriages include at least one Asian spouse. Of these families, fifty-nine percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, approximately 38 percent have children at home. Twelve percent of Asian American families with children consist of single parents.

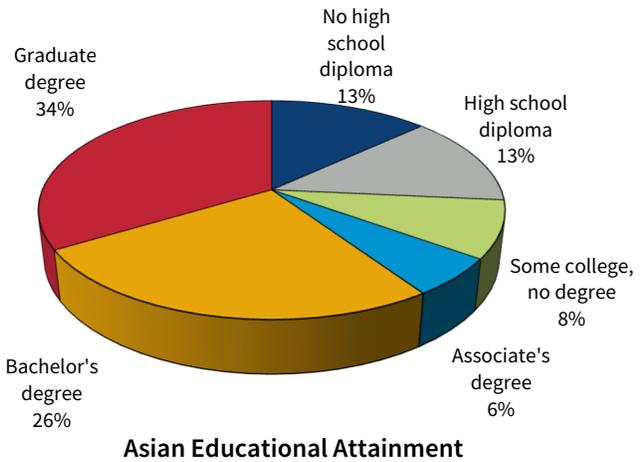


Education

There are nearly 50,600 Asian American students enrolled in Ohio’s elementary and secondary schools, making up 2.7 percent of Ohio’s total student body.

More than 36,600 Asian Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school. This accounts for over 15 percent of Asian Americans older than 17.

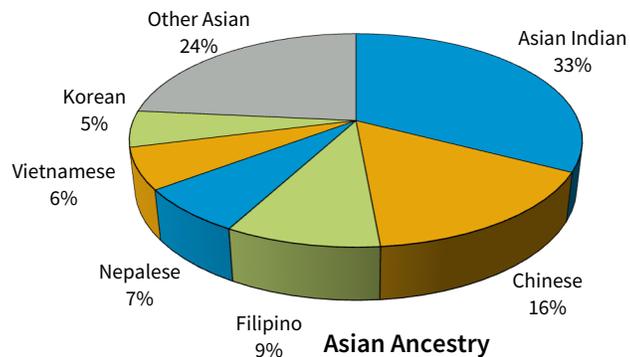
The educational attainment of the Asian American community exceeds the total state population. More than one-third of Asian Americans, older than 24 years, have at least a graduate degree with another 26 percent having a bachelor’s degree. For the state, 13 percent of Ohioans have at least a graduate degree, while 19 percent have a bachelor’s degree.



Place of Birth

More than 98,700 of the Asians in Ohio are of Indian descent. The Indian community is growing quickly and has increased 54 percent since 2010. More than half of the foreign-born Indians emigrated from India since 2010.

Chinese American, the second largest group behind Indian, accounts for 16 percent of Asians in Ohio.



The Chinese community is also growing quickly, increasing approximately 21,000 people, since 2000. Approximately three-fourths of this growth is due to international migration.

The Ohio Nepalese community, while smaller, is experiencing significant growth. Since 2010 it has grown from nearly 1,000 to approximately 21,000 people. The size of the Vietnamese community has seen some significant growth over the past two decades nearly doubling to approximately 18,900 people. The Filipino population is growing but at a slightly slower pace.

Roughly three out of four Asian Ohioans speak a language other than English at home. How proficient they are at English depends, to some extent, on their or their family's country of origin. About nine out of ten foreign-born Asians in Ohio with ties to South Central Asia, mainly India, speaks a language other than English at home. Of these, around two-thirds report speaking English "very well". Around 55 percent of Asian Americans who speak Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at home report speaking English "very well." One-fifth from these three groups reports speaking English at home.

The statistical source of this profile is the 2020 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2023 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2022 Annual Business Survey and the 2021 Nonemployers Statistics by Demographics. Although the census is the most comprehensive set of socio-economic data available, the estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error that may result in some over- or under-estimation of actual population characteristics.

