

Ohio Asian Americans

Snapshot from the 2022 American
Community Survey

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Asian Ohioans

Ohio’s Asian community is comprised of almost 377,000 people that claim at least partial Asian heritage, accounting for 3.2 percent of the state’s total population. According to the 2022 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio’s Asian population more than doubled since 2000 and is six times the 1980 count. For the United States, the Asian population is more than 24.2 million, or 7.3 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 million people.

Overview

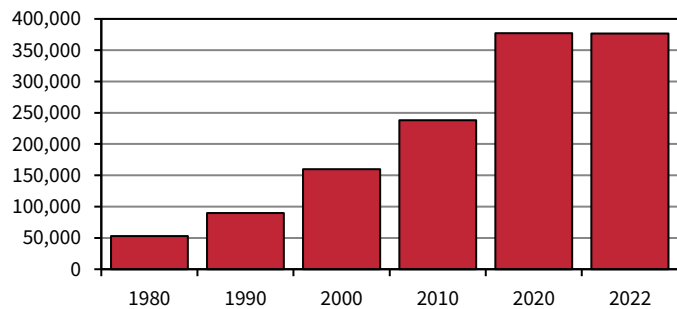
- 377,000 people – 3.2 percent of Ohio’s total population.
- The Asian population has more than doubled since 2000.
- 209,000 were born outside the U.S.
- 35 percent are of Asian Indian ancestry.
- Median age of 35.0 years compared to 39.9 years for all Ohioans.
- 48,500 enrolled in elementary and secondary schools.
- Median household income: \$90,400.
- 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.

Ohio’s Asian Population: 377,000

The Asian American community accounts for 3.2 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.



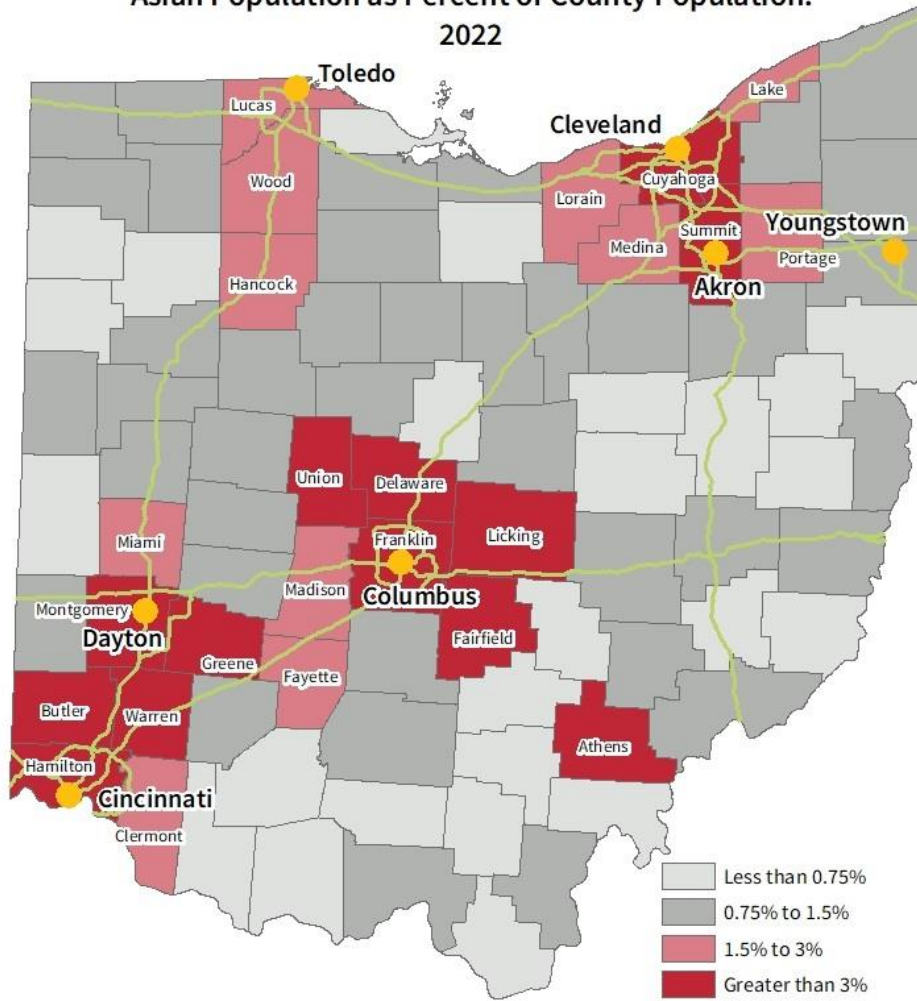
Asian Population

Asian Population by County: 2022			
Largest Total Asian Population		Largest Percent of County Population	
Franklin	91,376	Delaware	9.9%
Cuyahoga	51,979	Warren	8.2%
Hamilton	30,086	Franklin	6.9%
Summit	27,569	Union	6.6%
Delaware	22,347	Butler	5.4%
Butler	20,790	Summit	5.1%
Warren	20,441	Licking	4.4%
Montgomery	17,552	Greene	4.2%
Lucas	10,479	Cuyahoga	4.2%
Licking	7,954	Hamilton	3.6%
Greene	7,125	Athens	3.5%
Lorain	6,367	Fairfield	3.5%

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 66,000, or 18 percent, of Ohio’s Asian population live in Columbus city. There are another 61,000 Asian American Ohioans living in the remaining portion of the Columbus metropolitan area. The combination of the Cleveland/Akron

metropolitan areas has 98,000 Asian Americans.

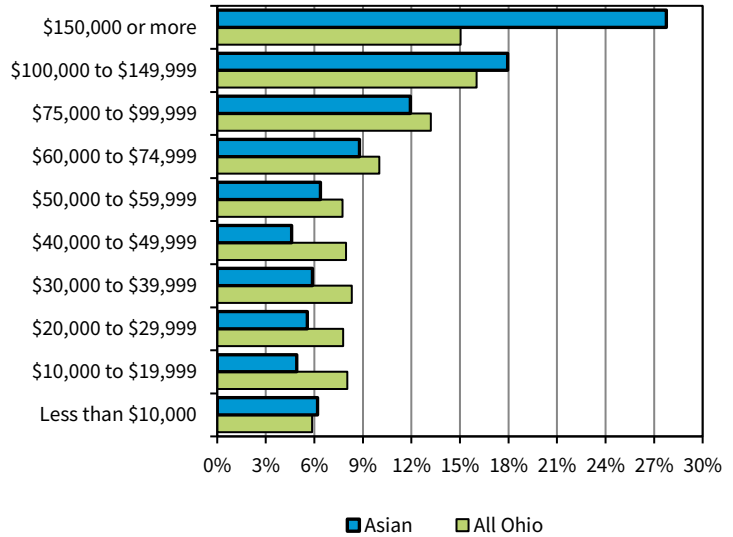
Asian Population as Percent of County Population: 2022



Median Household Income: \$90,400

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 \$90,400. For all Ohio households, the figure is more than \$65,700. The median income of foreign-born persons from Asia was only slightly lower than all of Ohio’s Asian population which seems to show that recent immigrants have well-paying jobs.

Twelve percent of Asian American Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio’s 73,000 Asian American family households, nine percent are living in poverty. Of these, two-thirds have related children at home. Approximately 10 percent of Asian Americans in households received food stamps within the last 12 months.

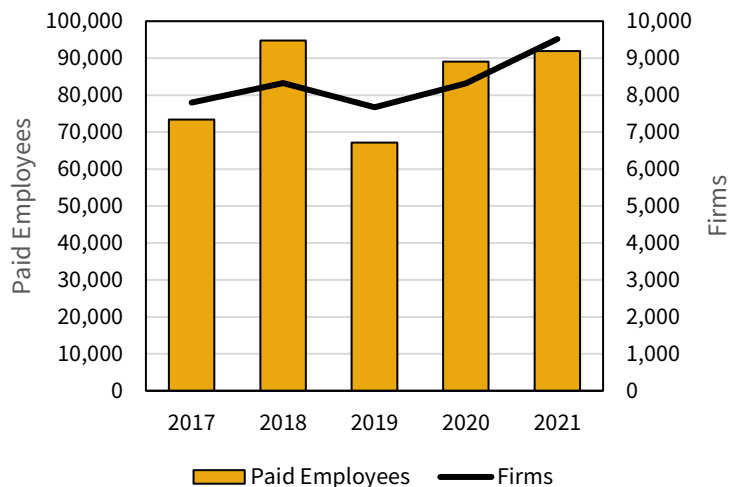


Household Income Distribution

Businesses With Paid Employees: 9,500

There are 9,500 Asian American-owned businesses with paid employees in Ohio, according to the 2021 Annual Business Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. These businesses employ nearly 92,000 with an annual payroll of \$3.3 billion. Thirty-three percent of the businesses with payroll are in the accommodation and food service sector and these businesses account for 41 percent of the payroll employees. For the state, this sector accounts for 10 percent of the businesses and 9 percent of payroll employees.

More than 2,000 Asian-owned businesses with payrolls have existed 16 or more years. This accounts for 21 percent of Asian businesses. For the state, 43 percent of the businesses have been around 16 or more years. Thirty-five percent have \$1 million or more in sales or revenues compared to 34 percent for Ohio. Asian-owned businesses with a payroll tend to be smaller with 60 percent having less than five employees. The states’ comparable figure is 55 percent.



In addition to businesses with payrolls, there were approximately 25,500 non employer Asian-owned businesses according to the 2019 Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics of the Annual Business Survey. Seventeen percent of these businesses are in the transportation and warehousing sector.

**Unemployment Rate:
3.0%**

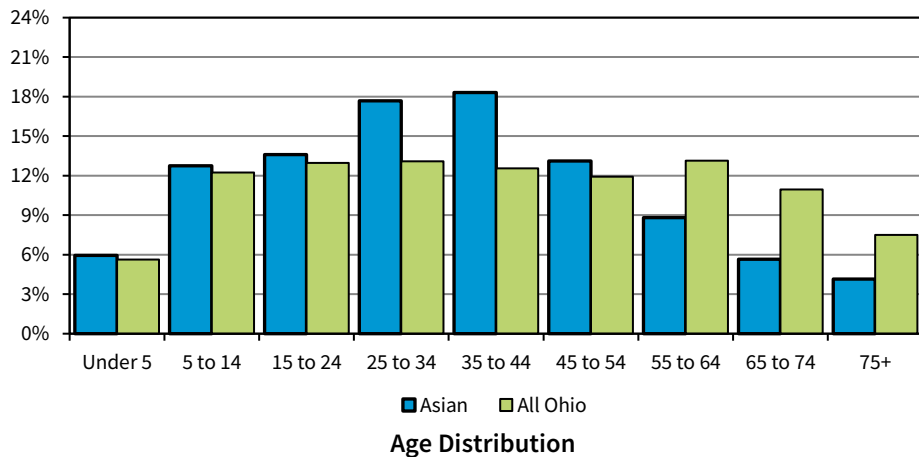
The number of Asian American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is 158,900 and accounts for 2.6 percent of the Ohio civilian labor force. Asian Americans in Ohio have an unemployment rate of 3.0 percent. All Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent.

Employed Asian Americans are highly represented in professional occupations, compared to all Ohioans. Of the roughly 154,100 employed Asian Americans, nearly 48 percent are in occupations of computer/engineering/science (21%), management (16%), and healthcare (12%). There is also a significant number in educational occupations.

**Median Age:
35.0 years**

The median age of Asian Americans in Ohio is 35.0 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 62,300 marriages include at least one Asian spouse. Of these families, sixty-four percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, approximately 38 percent have children at home. Thirteen percent of Asian American families with children consist of single parents.

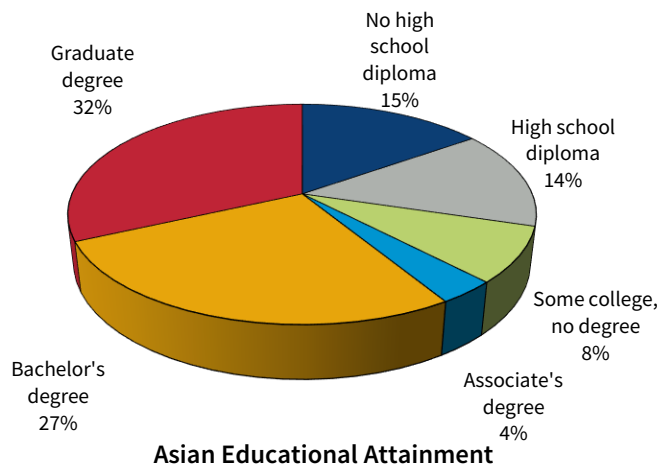


**School Enrollment:
48,500**

There are more than 48,500 Asian American students enrolled in Ohio's elementary and secondary schools, making up 4.3 percent of Ohio's total student body.

More than 32,000 Asian Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school. This accounts for over 14 percent of Asian Americans older than 17.

The educational attainment of the Asian American community exceeds the total state population. Nearly one-third of Asian Americans, older than 24 years, have at least a graduate degree with another 27 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.

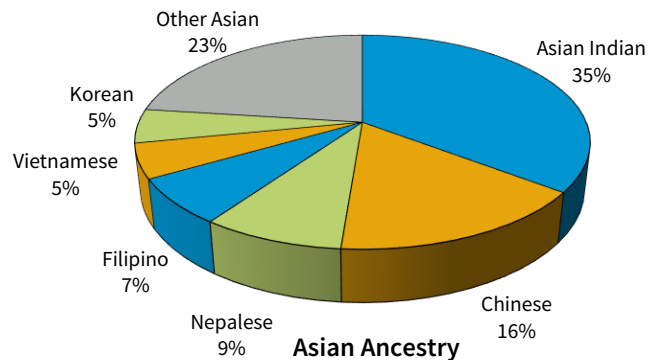


**Foreign Born:
209,000**

More than 104,000 of the Asians in Ohio are of Indian descent. The Indian community is growing quickly and has increased 60 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 growing quickly, increasing approximately 30,000 people, since 2000. Approximately two-thirds 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 25,000 people. The size of the Vietnamese community has seen some significant growth over the past two decades growing by half to approximately 15,000 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 60 percent of Asian Americans that speak Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at home report speaking English "very well." One-quarter 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 2022 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2021 Annual Business Survey and the 2019 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.