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Ohio Asian Americans

Snapshot from the 2021 American Community Survey



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Ohio's Asian American community is comprised of more than 368,000 people that claim at least partial Asian heritage, accounting for 3.1 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2021 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 23.5 million, or 7.1 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Asian Americans in the U.S. has increased by nearly 12 million people, or 98 percent.

OVERVIEW

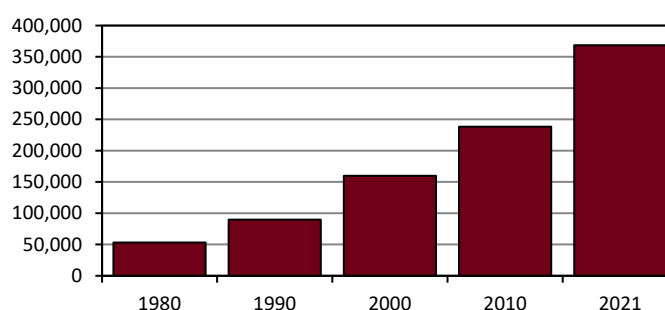
- 368,000 people – 3.1 percent of Ohio's total population
- The Asian population has more than doubled since 2000
- 199,000 were born outside the U.S.
- 32 percent are of Asian Indian ancestry
- Median age of 35.3 years compared to 39.6 years for all Ohioans
- 44,000 enrolled in elementary and secondary schools
- Median household income: \$83,100
- 8,300 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:
368,000

The Asian American community accounts for 3.1 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.

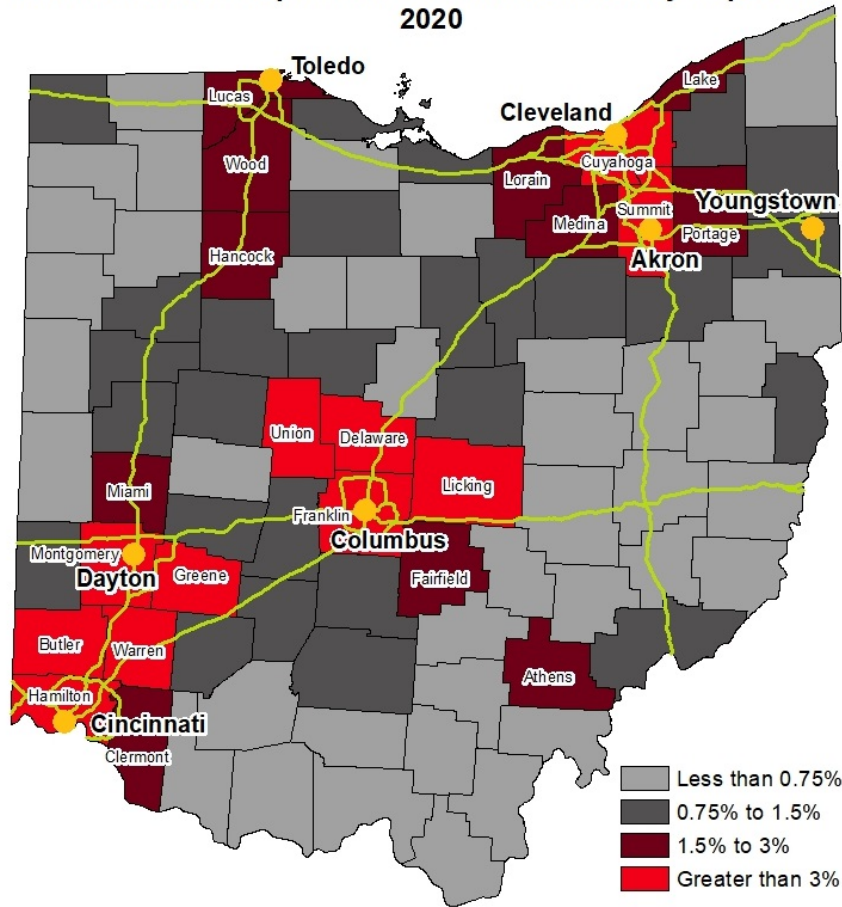


Asian Population

Asian American Population by County: 2020			
Total Asian American Population		Percent of County Population	
Franklin	88,712	Delaware	9.7%
Cuyahoga	53,731	Warren	8.2%
Hamilton	32,240	Union	7.3%
Summit	26,507	Franklin	6.7%
Delaware	20,672	Summit	4.9%
Warren	19,959	Butler	4.8%
Butler	18,914	Greene	4.7%
Montgomery	17,600	Cuyahoga	4.2%
Lucas	9,919	Hamilton	3.9%
Greene	7,851	Licking	3.4%
Licking	6,095	Montgomery	3.3%
Lorain	5,471	Wood	2.8%

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 63,000, or 18 percent, of Ohio's Asian population live in Columbus city. There are another 62,000 Asian American Ohioans living in the remaining portion of the Columbus metropolitan area. The combination of the Cleveland/Akron metropolitan areas has 97,000 Asian Americans.

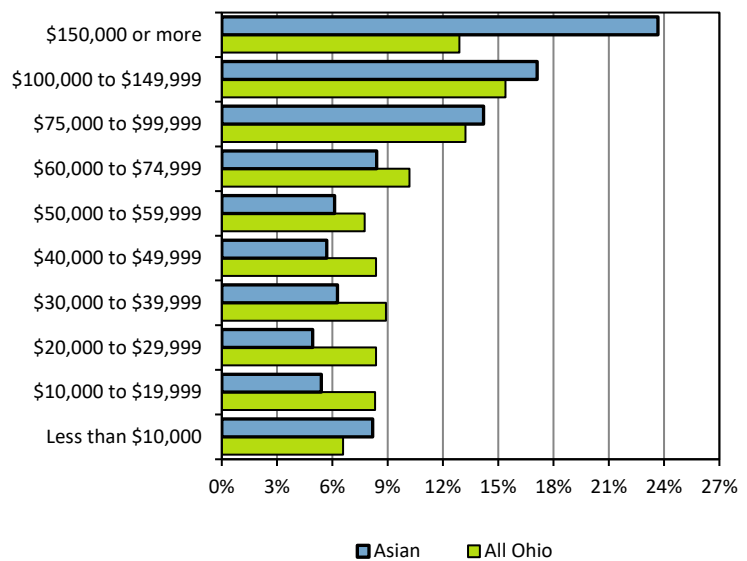
Asian American Population as Percent of County Population: 2020



**Median
Household
Income:
\$83,100**

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 \$83,100. For all Ohio households, the figure is nearly \$62,300. 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.

Eleven percent of Asian American Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 69,000 Asian American family households, eight percent are in poverty. Of these, two-thirds have related children at home. Approximately 9 percent of Asian Americans in households received food stamps within the last 12 months.



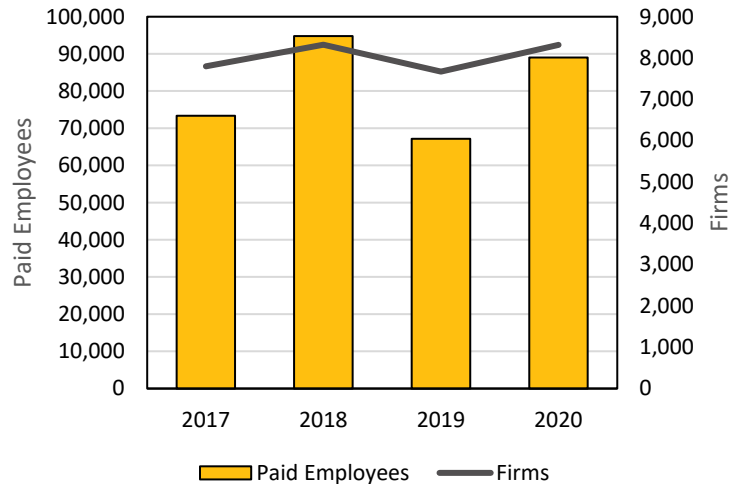
Household Income Distribution

**Businesses With
Paid Employees:
8,300**

There are 8,300 Asian American-owned businesses with paid employees in Ohio, according to the 2020 Annual Business Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. These businesses employ over 89,000 with an annual payroll of \$2.9 billion. Thirty-one percent of the businesses with a 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 9 percent of payroll employees.

Nearly 1,900 Asian-owned businesses with payrolls have existed 16 or more years. This accounts for 19 percent of Asian businesses. For the state, 44 percent of the businesses have been around 16 or more years. Twenty-nine percent have \$1 million or more in sales or revenues compared to 32 percent for Ohio. Asian-owned businesses with a payroll tend to be smaller with 59 percent having less than five employees. The states comparable figure is 54 percent.



In addition to businesses with payrolls, there were approximately 21,500 non employer Asian-owned businesses according to the 2018 Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics of the Annual Business Survey. Fifteen percent of these businesses are in the professional/scientific/technical services sector.

**Unemployment Rate:
3.8%**

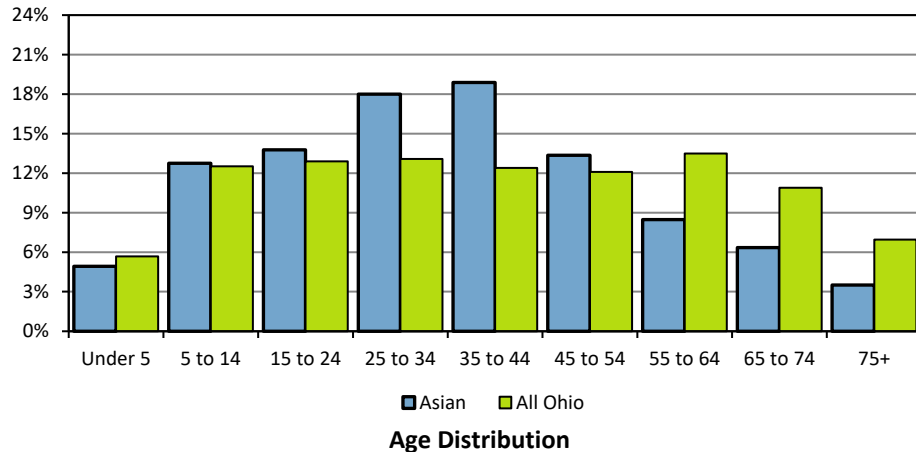
The number of Asian American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is 154,400 and accounts for 2.6 percent of the Ohio civilian labor force. Asian Americans in Ohio have an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent. All Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 5.4 percent.

Employed Asian Americans are highly represented in professional occupations, compared to all Ohioans. Of the roughly 148,500 employed Asian Americans, nearly 48 percent are in occupations of computer/engineering/science (20%), management (17%), and healthcare (11%). There is also a significant number in education occupations.

**Median Age:
35.3 years**

The median age of Asian Americans in Ohio is 35.3 years. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans overall is 39.6 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, nearly 58,000 marriages include at least one Asian American spouse. Of these families, fifty-eight percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, approximately 38 percent have children at home. Ten percent of Asian American families with children consist of single mothers.

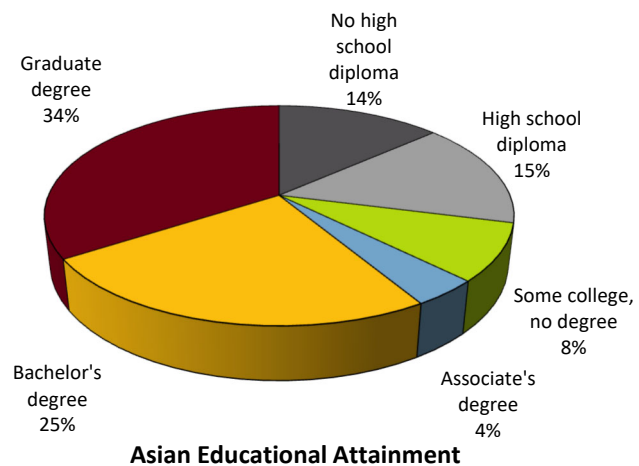


School Enrollment:
44,000

There are more than 44,000 Asian American students enrolled in Ohio's elementary and secondary schools, making up 2.3 percent of Ohio's total student body.

More than 33,000 Asian American 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 25 percent having a bachelor's degree. For the state, 12 percent of Ohioans have at least a graduate degree, while 19 percent have a bachelor's degree.

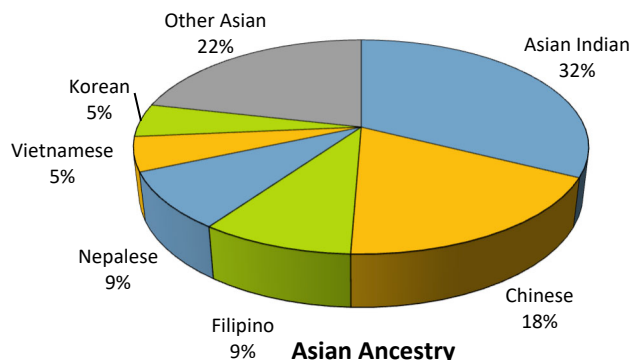


Foreign Born:
199,000

More than 100,000 of the Asian Americans in Ohio are of Indian descent. The Indian community is growing quickly and has increased 40 percent since 2010. Roughly half of the foreign-born Indians emigrated from India since 2010.

Chinese American, the second largest group behind Indian, accounts for nearly one-fifth 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 18,000 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 American 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". About half of Asian Americans that speak Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at home report speaking English "very well." Less than one-quarter from these three groups reports speaking English at home.

The statistical source of this profile is the 2010 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2019 Annual Business Survey and the 2017 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.