



At a Glance: Asian Americans in Illinois

- ✓ There are almost 600,000 Asian Americans in Illinois, comprising 5% of the state's population.
- ✓ Illinois' Asian American voting population grew from about 200,000 to 440,000 from 2004 to 2006, now comprising 4.6% of Illinois' voting population.
- ✓ In Chicago's Cook County, there are 234,156 Asian American voters, making up 6% of the county's vote.
- ✓ AAPI voters can make a significant impact in local and national elections, and the number of AAPI elected officials is on the rise.

A Growing Asian American Population

- ✓ In 9 of the counties in Illinois, Asian Americans make up at least 2% of the population. In Cook County, the largest county in Illinois, over 6% of the population is Asian American with 234,156 eligible voters.
- ✓ 71% of Asian Americans in Illinois are citizens.
- ✓ 52% of Asian American citizens are naturalized, and 28.9% of Illinois residents have yet to become citizens.

- ✓ While Asian Americans have above average per capita income, AAPIs still earn about \$3,000 less than non-hispanic whites in Illinois.

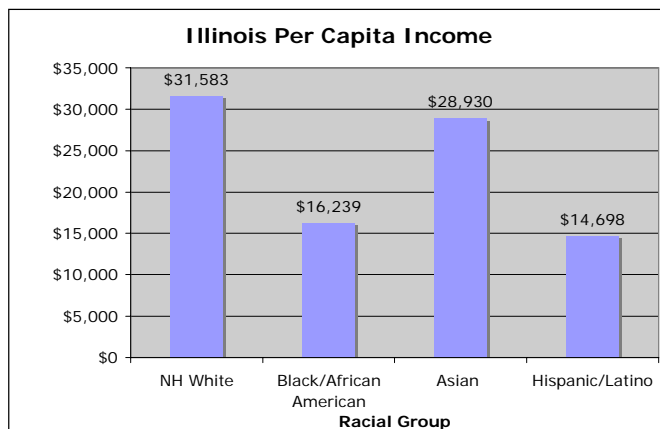
Counties with Highest Asian American Population

	% of Asian Americans in County	Number of Asian Americans of Voting Age
DuPage County	10%	69,851
Champaign County	8%	13,035
Lake County	6%	30,975
Cook County	6%	234,156
Will County	4%	20,269

Language Access Challenges Due to Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- ✓ 29% of Asian American households in Illinois are linguistically isolated, meaning that access to basic social services and civic participation for these households are very limited.

Income & Households Disparities



Illinois Rates of Household Overcrowding

- ✓ Asian Americans have a 5.41% rate of overcrowding in their households, a significantly higher number than overcrowding in non-hispanic white households at only .76%.

Racial Group	Rate of Overcrowding
Nonhispanic Whites	.76%
African Americans	3.03%
Asian Americans	5.41%
Hispanics/Latinos	12.02%

¹2006 American Community Survey; all other data from *A Community of Contrasts*, Asian American Justice Center and Asian Pacific American Legal Center.