



## At a Glance: Asian Americans in Massachusetts

- ✓ There are almost 340,000 Asian Americans in Massachusetts, comprising 5% of the state's population.
- ✓ Massachusetts' Asian American voting population almost doubled from about 130,000 to 234,000 from 2004 to 2006. In Middlesex County, there are 94,565 Asian American voters, making up 8% 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 Massachusetts, Asian Americans are 5% of the state's population, and 252,555 Asian Americans are of voting age.
- ✓ Asian Americans are a significant population in two-thirds of counties in Massachusetts.
- ✓ 67% of Asian Americans are citizens. Foreign born Asian Americans comprise 63.1% of the total Asian American population.
- ✓ 47.7% of Asian American citizens are naturalized, and 32.9% of Asian American Illinois residents have yet to become citizens.

### Counties with Highest Asian American Population

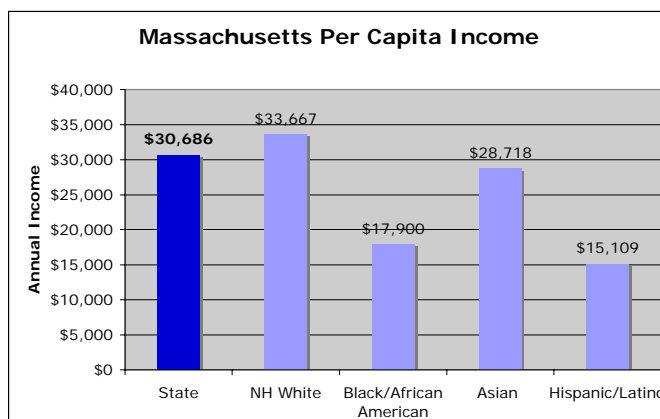
County	% of Asian Americans in County	Number of Asian Americans of Voting Age
Middlesex County	8%	94,565
Norfolk County	8%	38,621
Suffolk County	7%	42,056
Worcester County	4%	22,107
Essex County	3%	15,766

### Language Access Challenges Due to Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- ✓ 32.7% of Asian American households in Massachusetts are linguistically isolated, meaning that access to basic social services and civic participation for these households are very limited.

### Income & Households Disparities

- ✓ Asian Americans in Massachusetts earn about 2,000 less than the state's per capita income, and earn about \$5,000 less than non-Hispanic Whites.



### Massachusetts Rates of Household Overcrowding

- ✓ Asian Americans have a 5.71% rate of overcrowding, and Pacific Islanders have a 28% rate in their households, a significantly higher number than overcrowding in non-Hispanic white households at only .73%.

Racial Group	Rate of Overcrowding
Non Hispanic Whites	.73%
African Americans	3.93%
<b>Asian Americans</b>	<b>5.71%</b>
Hispanics/Latinos	5.56%
Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders	28%

<sup>1</sup>2006 American Community Survey; all other data from *A Community of Contrasts*, Asian American Justice Center and Asian Pacific American Legal Center