



At a Glance: AAPIs in Minneapolis – St. Paul, MN

- ✓ There are 39,000 Asian Americans in St. Paul, making up 13% of the city's population.
- ✓ AAPIs make up 7% of the Minneapolis population.
- ✓ AAPI voters can make a significant impact in local and national elections, and the number of AAPI elected officials is on the rise.

A Large AAPI Population with Growing Clout

- ✓ There are more than 160,000 Asian Americans and 5,000 Pacific Islanders in the Minneapolis-St. Paul, or Twin Cities area.
- ✓ The Hmong are the largest (about 1/3) AAPI ethnic sub-group in the Twin Cities area, while only comprising 2% of the AAPI population nationally.
- ✓ Among AAPI groups of 1,000 or more persons, Thai and Hmong had the highest growth rate, growing as much as to 168% from 1990 to 2000.

From Immigration into Citizenship

- ✓ Foreign-born Asian Americans are more likely than other immigrants to become naturalized citizens.
- ✓ More than half of Korean, Filipino, and Vietnamese foreign-born in the area have become naturalized citizens.

Income & Households Disparities

- ✓ Twenty-nine percent of Asian Americans and 26% of Pacific Islanders live in overcrowded housing, compared to 4% of Twin Cities area residents overall.
- ✓ Nearly one out of five Asian Americans is living below the federal poverty line, a rate far higher than the Twin Cities area overall poverty rate of 7%.
- ✓ The Asian American and Pacific Islander per capita income of \$15,536 or less is far below that of the Twin Cities area overall of \$26,219.
- ✓ The Hmong per capita income of \$7,147 is the lowest in the area.

Considerable Economic Contributions

- ✓ Asian American- and Pacific Islander-owned businesses make up nearly 2% of all businesses in Minneapolis-St. Paul.
- ✓ AAPI-owned businesses employed 14,176 in 1997.

Disparities in Educational Attainment

- ✓ Nearly a quarter of Pacific Islander and 28% of Asian American adults age 25 years and older did not complete high school, compared to 9% of Twin Cities area residents overall.
- ✓ Eleven percent or less of Cambodian, Laotian, and Hmong adults have a college degree.

Electoral Information

- ✓ In Minnesota, 4% of the state's population is Asian American, with 128,919 Asian American eligible voters.
- ✓ Two-thirds of Minnesota's counties have at least 4% of Asian Americans.
- ✓ The largest county, Hennepin County, has 5% of Asian Americans with over 43,000 Asian Americans of voting age.

Counties with Highest AAPI Population		
	% of AAPI	# of AAPIs of Voting Age
Ramsey County	9%	24,553
Scott County	6%	4,766
Hennepin County	5%	43,812
Olmsted County	5%	4,857
Washington County	4%	7,446

¹Census Profile: New York City's Asian American Population, Asian American Federation of New York, 2004

²Economic Characteristics of Asian Americans in the New York Metropolitan Area, Asian American Federation of New York, 2005

³A Community of Contrasts, Asian American Justice Center and Asian Pacific American Legal Center, 2006