



At a Glance: Asian Americans in New Jersey

- ✓ There are almost 520,000 Asian Americans in New Jersey, comprising 8% of the state's population.
- ✓ New Jersey's Asian American voting population more than doubled from about 194,000 to over 500,000 from 2004 to 2006. In Middlesex County, there are 107,462 Asian American voters—18% 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 New Jersey, Asian Americans are 8% of the state's population, and 513,075 Asian Americans are of voting age.
- ✓ Middlesex County has the highest population and percentage of voting age Asian Americans at 18%.
- ✓ Two thirds of New Jersey's counties have at least a 2% Asian American population.
- ✓ 67% of Asian Americans are citizens. Foreign born Asian Americans make up 70.8% of the Asian American population.
- ✓ 56.8% of Asian American citizens are naturalized, and 32.6% of 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	18%	107,462
Bergen County	14%	96,316
Somerset County	13%	29,551
Hudson County	11%	54,150
Morris County	9%	31,990

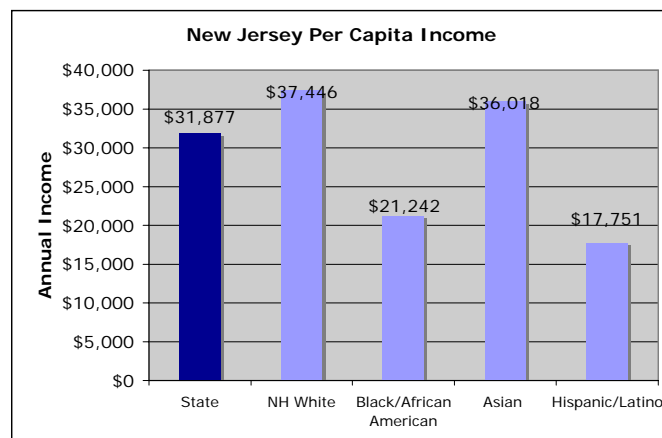
Language Access Challenges Due to Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- ✓ 23% of Asian American households in New Jersey are linguistically isolated, meaning that access to basic social services and civic participation for these households are very limited.

Income & Households Disparities

- ✓ While the per capita income of Asian Americans is above the state's average of \$31,877, they still earn about \$1,500 less than non-Hispanic Whites.

New Jersey Rates of Household Overcrowding



- ✓ Asian Americans have a 5.93% rate of overcrowding, and Pacific Islanders have a 16.6% rate in their households, a significantly higher number than overcrowding in non-Hispanic white households at only .72%.

Racial Group	Rate of Overcrowding
Non Hispanic Whites	.72%
African Americans	3.55%
Asian Americans	5.93%
Hispanics/Latinos	9.09%
Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders	16.63%

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