



At a Glance: AAPIs in New York City, NY

- ✓ Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are the fastest growing ethnic group in New York City.
- ✓ New York City is home to more AAPIs than any other city in the United States (981,000 Asian Americans and 26,000 Pacific Islanders).
- ✓ In New York, Asian Americans are 7% of the 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

- ✓ Asian Americans make up 12% and Pacific Islanders make up less than 1% of New York City's population.
- ✓ 75% of the AAPI population lives in the city.
- ✓ From 1990 to 2000, Bangladeshis, Hmong, Sri Lankans, Malaysians, Pakistanis and Indians had growth rates of more than 100%. Chinese and Asian Indians experienced the greatest numerical increases adding 141, 413 and 11, 638 respectively.

Largest AAPI Groups in New York City	
AAPI Group	Number
Chinese	379,809
Asian Indian	206,228
Korean	90,208
Filipino	62,058
Pakistani	34,310
Bangladeshi	28,269
Japanese	26,419

Disparities in Educational Attainment

- ✓ Both Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are two times less likely than non-Hispanic Whites to hold a high school degree.
- ✓ Approximately 53% of Cambodians, 44% of Malaysians, 42% of Chinese, and 42% of Vietnamese 25 years or older have less than a high school degree.

From Immigration into Citizenship

- ✓ At 76% (664,750), immigrants comprise the majority of the AAPI population, compared with 36% of all city residents
- ✓ 34% of foreign-born Asian New Yorkers became citizens within 20 years, exceeding the city-wide foreign-born residents' rate (31%).
- ✓ 43% (286,496) are naturalized citizens, compared with 45% of all New York City immigrants

Poverty Among AAPIs

- ✓ The Bangladeshi population shares the city's highest poverty rate (31%) with Latinos.
- ✓ Approximately 30% of Cambodians and Samoans and 28% of Pakistani and Vietnamese living in New York City are poor.

Electoral Information

- ✓ Over 1 million Asian Americans are eligible to vote.
- ✓ 15 counties in New York have at least 3% of Asian Americans.

Counties with Highest Asian American Population		
	% of AAPIs	# AAPIs of Voting Age
Queens County	21%	370,298
New York County	11%	153,891
Kings County	9%	172,219
Richmond County	7%	27,883
Nassau County	7%	71,562

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