



At a Glance: AAPIs in Washington

- ✓ Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, along with Latinos, are the fastest growing major racial or ethnic groups in King County.
- ✓ AAPIs make up 7% of the total population in Washington.
- ✓ 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

- ✓ AAPIs are the largest minority group in both King and Snohomish counties, making up 14% and 7% of the population respectively.
- ✓ In Pierce County, AAPIs are the second largest minority group at 7% of the population.
- ✓ From 1990 to 2000, AAPI groups grew by 90% or more, while the total population of the county grew by 15%.

From Immigration into Citizenship

- ✓ AAPI foreign-born have above average rates of becoming naturalized citizens in King County.
- ✓ Vietnamese and Filipinos have the highest naturalization rates, both 60% or higher.

Income Disparities

- ✓ The Pacific Islander per capita income of \$15,246 is the lowest per capita income among major racial and ethnic groups in King County.
- ✓ All AAPI groups have per capita incomes below that of King County overall. While the White per capita income is \$33,334, not a single AAPI group has a per capita income above \$29,000.

Considerable Economic Contributions

- ✓ AAPI-owned businesses make up nearly 8% of all businesses in Seattle.
- ✓ AAPI-owned businesses employed 31,759 in 1997.

Disparities in Educational Attainment

- ✓ 19% of Pacific Islander and 18% of Asian American adults do not have a high school degree, compared to 10% of King County residents overall.
- ✓ 41% of AAPIs have a college degree, below the 43% rate for Whites.

Rates of Household Overcrowding

Racial Group	Rate of Overcrowding
Statewide	1%
Nonhispanic Whites	1.2%
African Americans	4.2%
Asian Americans	3.9%
Native Hawaiians & Pacific Islanders	15.9%
Hispanics/Latinos	15.1%

Electoral Information

- ✓ In Washington 7% is AAPI, with 333,356 Asian-American eligible voters.
- ✓ The largest county, King County has 14% of Asian-Americans with over 190,000 Asian-Americans of voting age.

Counties with Highest AAPI Population

	% of AAPIs in County	# of AAPIs of Voting Age
King County	14%	196,357
Pierce County	7%	39,889
Snohomish County	7%	41,385
Thurston County	6%	9,997
Kitsap County	5%	9,356

¹2006 American Community Survey; all other data from *A Community of Contrasts*, Asian American Justice Center, 2006.