

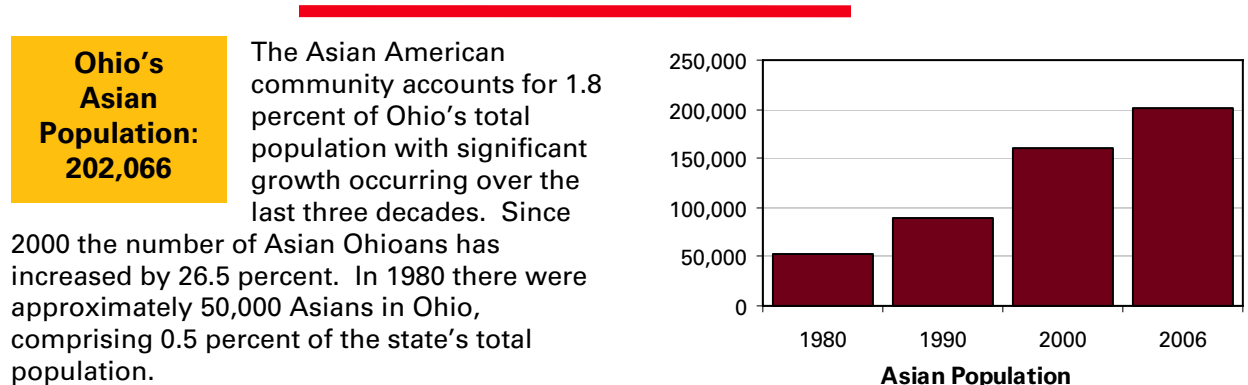
# Ohio Asian Americans

Ohio's Asian American community is comprised of more than 200,000 people, accounting for 1.8 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2006 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's Asian population grew by 26.5 percent since 2000 and quadrupled since 1980. For the United States, taken as a whole, the Asian population is nearly 14.7 million, or 4.9 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Asian Americans in the U.S. has increased by more than 2.8 million people, or 23.2 percent.

## OVERVIEW

- 202,066 people - 1.8 percent of Ohio's total population
- 26.5 percent increase in population since 2000
- 125,333 were born outside the U.S.
- 33 percent are of Asian Indian ancestry
- Median age of 33 years compared to 38 years for Ohioans as a whole
- 24,700 enrolled in public schools
- Median household income: \$54,300
- 13,700+ businesses with \$5.1 billion in receipts

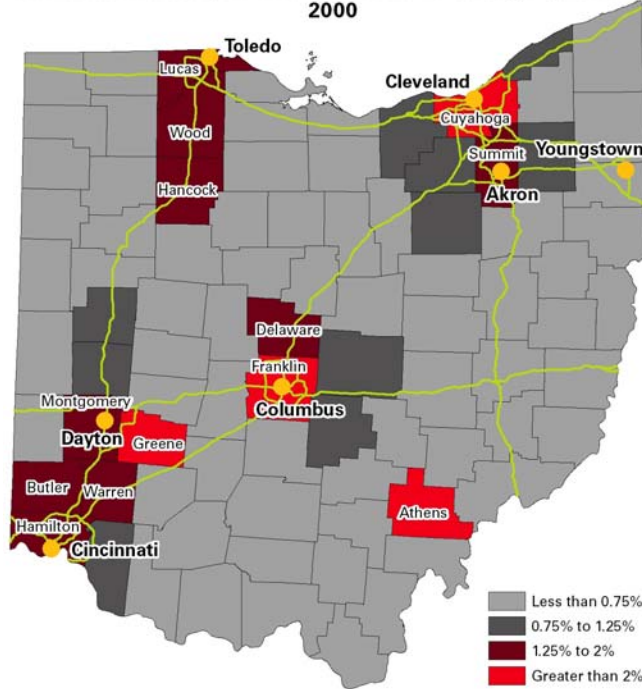
Note: Asian refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. A person reporting their race as Asian alone or in combination with one or more other race is used for total population counts only. A person reporting their race as Asian alone is used for the other population characteristics. The recording of specific, multiple races was not done prior to 2000.



A majority of Asian American Ohioans live in the state's metropolitan areas and counties with large universities. Generally, Asian Americans in Ohio are as likely to live in the suburbs as the central city. The city of Columbus is an exception with more Asian Americans living in the city because of the influence of The Ohio State University. More than 33,000, or 16 percent, of Ohio's Asian population live in Columbus. There are another 26,700 Asian American Ohioans living in the Columbus metropolitan area. The Cleveland-Akron metropolitan area has more than 57,000 Asian Americans residents.

Total Asian American Population		Percent of County Population	
Franklin	37,623	Franklin	3.5%
Cuyahoga	29,609	Greene	2.5%
Hamilton	15,823	Athens	2.2%
Montgomery	9,258	Cuyahoga	2.1%
Summit	8,992	Hamilton	1.9%
Lucas	6,924	Delaware	1.8%
Butler	5,961	Butler	1.8%
Greene	3,662	Summit	1.7%
Stark	2,707	Montgomery	1.7%
Lake	2,511	Lucas	1.5%
Warren	2,389	Warren	1.5%
Lorain	2,354	Hancock	1.4%

Asian American Population as Percent of County Population: 2000

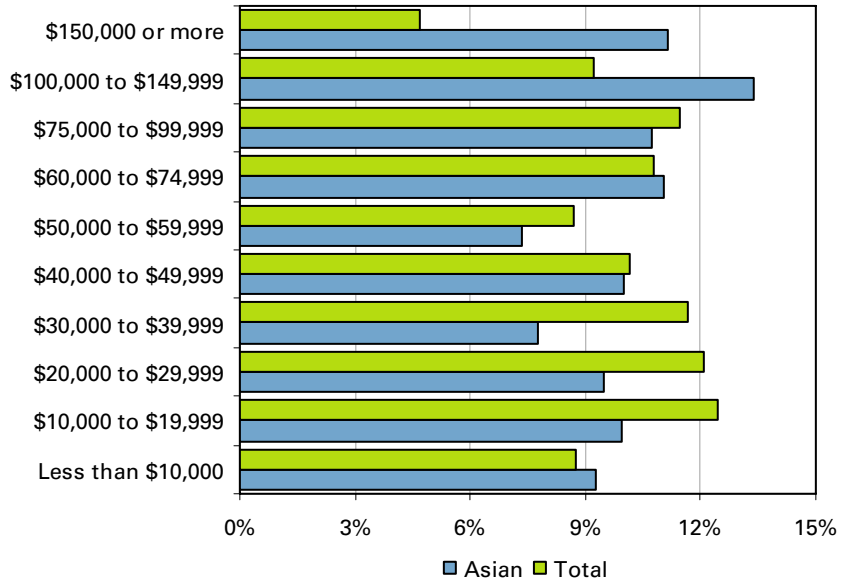


**Median Household Income: \$54,313**

The income of Asian Americans in the state tends to be higher than that of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median household income for Asian Americans living in Ohio is more than \$54,300. For all Ohio households, the figure is \$44,500.

The income of foreign-born persons from Asia was slightly higher than that of Ohio's Asian population taken as a whole.

Thirteen percent of Asian American Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 42,500 Asian American family households, 9 percent live in poverty. Of these, just more than one-third have children younger than 5 years of age. Less than 5 percent of Asian American households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.

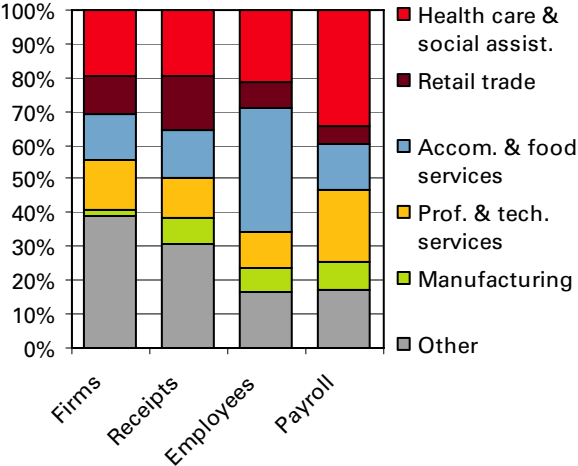


Household Income Distribution

**Business Receipts:  
\$5.1 billion**

There are more than 13,700 Asian American-owned businesses in Ohio, according to the most recent Survey of Business Owners conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Of that number, businesses with a payroll total almost 5,500 and, combined, employ nearly 43,000 workers with an annual payroll of more than \$1.2 billion. Receipts for those businesses approached \$4.7 billion with receipts for all Asian American-owned businesses exceeding \$5.1 billion.

With respect to business sectors, health care and social assistance businesses represent the largest portion of Asian American-owned firms at 20 percent. This sector accounts for only 9 percent of all businesses in Ohio. There is a high concentration of Asian American-owned businesses in the accommodation/food service sector. Firms in this sector account for 14 percent of Asian American businesses in Ohio. For all Ohio businesses, this sector represented only 3 percent. Eight percent of all accommodation/food service firms in the state are owned by Asian Americans.



The distribution of receipts for Asian American-owned firms by sector varies greatly from that of the state taken as a whole. Nearly 20 percent of receipts, the largest share, come from the health care/social assistance sector. Retail trade, wholesale trade, and accommodation/food service were next, accounting for 14 percent to 16 percent each. For all Ohio businesses, manufacturing is the largest sector and brings in more than one-fourth of the receipts; wholesale trade accounts for 19 percent. Accommodation represents less than 2 percent of receipts.

**Unemployment  
Rate: 3.6 %**

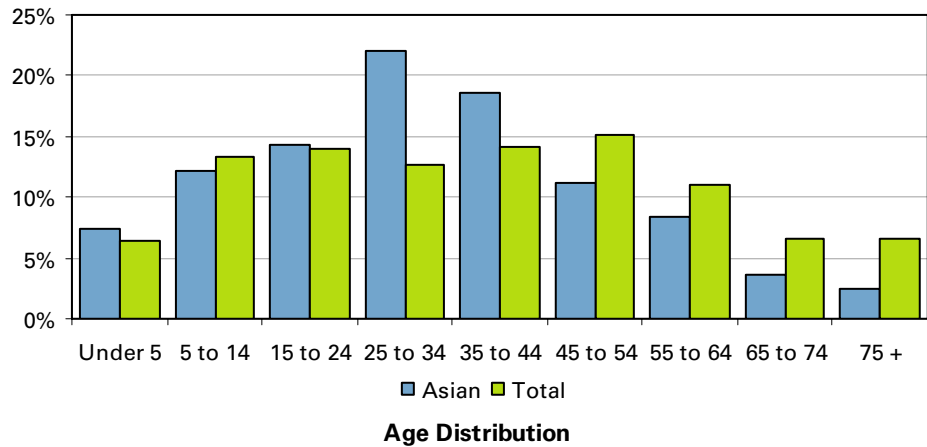
The number of Asian American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is nearly 94,000. Asian Americans in Ohio have an unemployment rate of 3.6 percent. Asian Americans between the ages of 25 and 64 have an unemployment rate of 3.0 percent while Asian Americans between the ages of 20 and 24 have a rate of 5.9 percent.

Employed Asian Americans are highly represented in professional occupations, compared to Ohioans as a whole, with sales/office occupations a distant second. Of the roughly 90,500 employed Asian Americans, 42 percent are in professional and related occupations with 9,500 in computer and mathematical occupations and another 8,900 in healthcare. Sales and office occupations account for 17 percent with 8,700 working in office and administrative support services.

**Median Age:  
32.5 years**

The median age of Asian Americans in Ohio is 32.5 years. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans overall is 37.6 years. A very high proportion of Asian Americans between the ages of 25 and 34 and slightly lower proportions in the older age groups kept the median age lower than that of Ohio's total population.

In Ohio, 35,800 marriages include at least one Asian American spouse. Of these families, more than 60 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, 41 percent have children at home. Eight percent of Asian American families consist of single mothers. Only 6 percent of Asian adults are divorced or separated.

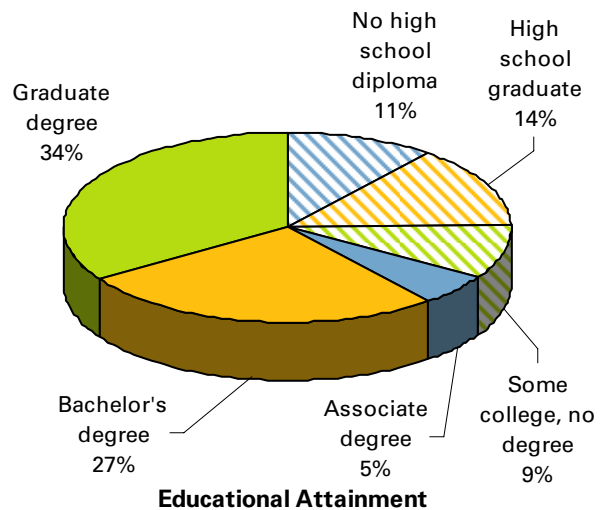


**Public School Enrollment: 24,700**

During the 2006-2007 school year, there were more than 24,700 Asian American students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, making up 1.4 percent of Ohio's total student body. For the 2000-2001 school year, the figure was 1.1 percent.

Nearly 28,300 Asian American Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school. This accounts for 20 percent of Asian Americans older than 14 years. Around 20,000 of these are foreign born.

The educational attainment of the Asian American community exceeds the state as a whole. One-third of Asian Americans, older than 24 years, have a graduate degree with another 27 percent having a bachelor's degree. For the state, as a whole, 8 percent of Ohioans have a graduate degree, while 15 percent have a bachelor's degree. Foreign-born Asian American Ohioans, which make up a large portion of the Asian American community, have a similar educational attainment profile as those born in the United States.



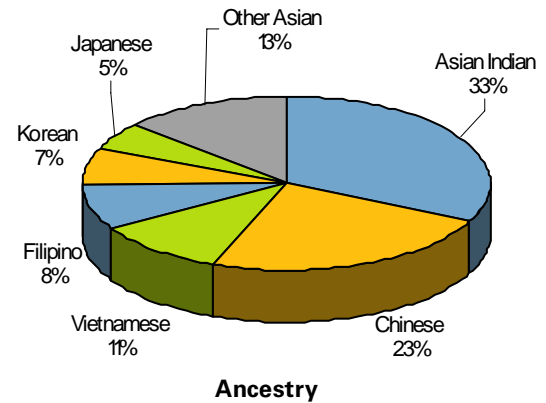
**Foreign Born: 125,333**

More than 60,000 of the 202,000 Asian Americans in Ohio are of Indian descent. The Indian community is growing quickly and has expanded by half since 2000. About 13,000 people, more than half the growth, emigrated from India in the past 6 years.

Chinese American, the second largest group behind Indian, accounts for one-quarter of Asians in Ohio. The Chinese community is growing quickly, increasing by nearly 50 percent, or around 15,000 people, since 2000. Much of this growth is due to international migration.

The Ohio Vietnamese community, while smaller, is experiencing significant growth. Since 1990 it has more than tripled to around 20,000 people. The Filipino population also is growing but at a slower pace. The sizes of the Korean and Japanese communities have not changed significantly since 1990.

Roughly half of Asian American Ohioans speak a language other than English at home. How proficient they are at English depends, to some extent, on their or their family's country of origin. About half of the Asian population in Ohio with ties to South Central Asia, mainly India, speaks a language other than English at home. Of these, around three-quarters that speak an Indic language report speaking English "very well". About half of Asian Americans that speak Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at home report speaking English "very well." Only about one-third from these three groups reports speaking English at home.



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The statistical source of this profile is the 2000 Census of Population and Housing, with post-2000 data coming from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2002 Survey of Business Owners. Although the census is the most comprehensive set of socio-economic data available, the estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error that may result in some over- or under-estimation of actual population characteristics. The source of public school enrollment was the Ohio Department of Education.