

# Ohio Asian Americans

Ohio's Asian American community is comprised of more than 238,000 people, accounting for 2.1 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2010 Census by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's Asian population grew by 49 percent since 2000 and more than quadrupled since 1980. For the United States, taken as a whole, the Asian population is nearly 17.3 million, or 5.6 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Asian Americans in the U.S. has increased by more than 5.4 million people, or 45.6 percent.

## OVERVIEW

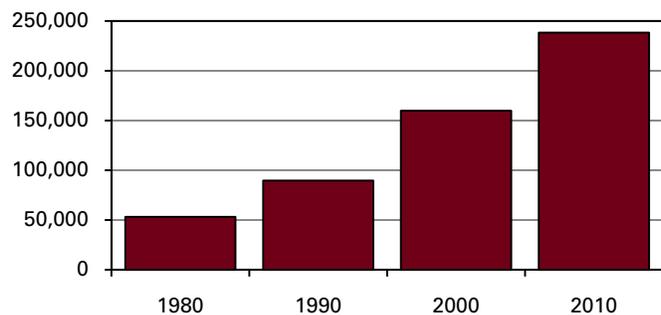
- 238,292 people – 2.1 percent of Ohio's total population
- 49 percent increase in population since 2000
- 128,604 were born outside the U.S.
- 33 percent are of Asian Indian ancestry
- Median age of 32.5 years compared to 38.8 years for Ohioans as a whole
- 28,500 enrolled in public schools
- Median household income: \$64,317
- 18,000+ businesses with \$6.2 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.

**Ohio's Asian Population: 238,292**

The Asian American community accounts for 2.1 percent of Ohio's total population with significant growth occurring over the last

three decades. Since 2000 the number of Asian Ohioans has increased by 49 percent. In 1980 there were approximately 50,000 Asians in Ohio, comprising 0.5 percent of the state's total population.



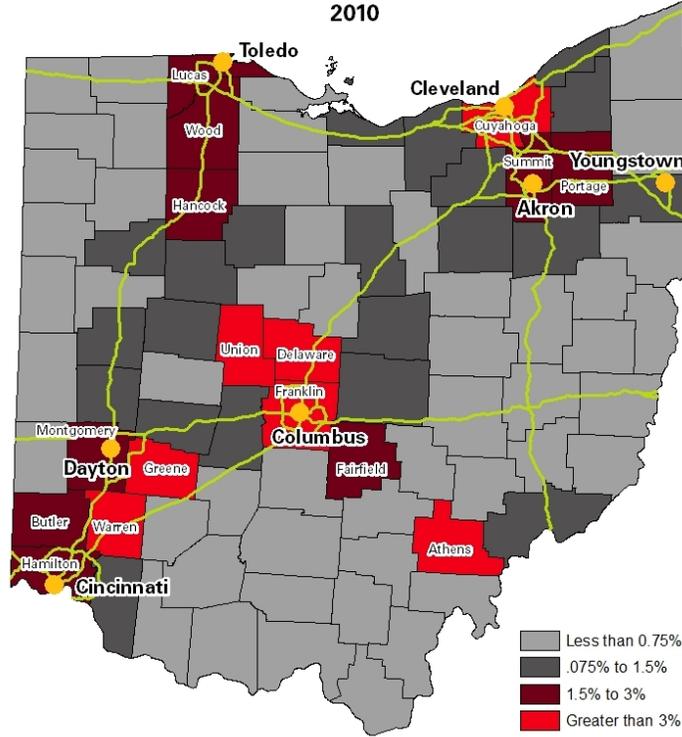
**Asian Population**

A majority of Asian American Ohioans live in the state's metropolitan areas and counties with

Total Asian American Population		Percent of County Population	
Franklin	53,189	Delaware	5.0%
Cuyahoga	39,136	Franklin	4.6%
Hamilton	20,016	Warren	4.5%
Summit	14,311	Greene	3.7%
Montgomery	12,254	Athens	3.2%
Butler	10,555	Union	3.2%
Warren	9,550	Cuyahoga	3.1%
Lucas	8,801	Butler	2.9%
Delaware	8,690	Summit	2.6%
Greene	5,967	Hamilton	2.5%
Lorain	3,976	Montgomery	2.3%
Stark	3,754	Hancock	2.0%

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. Nearly 32,000, or 13 percent, of Ohio's Asian population live in Columbus. There are another 25,000 Asian American Ohioans living in the Columbus metropolitan area. The Cleveland-Akron metropolitan area has more than 40,000 Asian Americans residents.

**Asian American Population as Percent of County Population:  
2010**

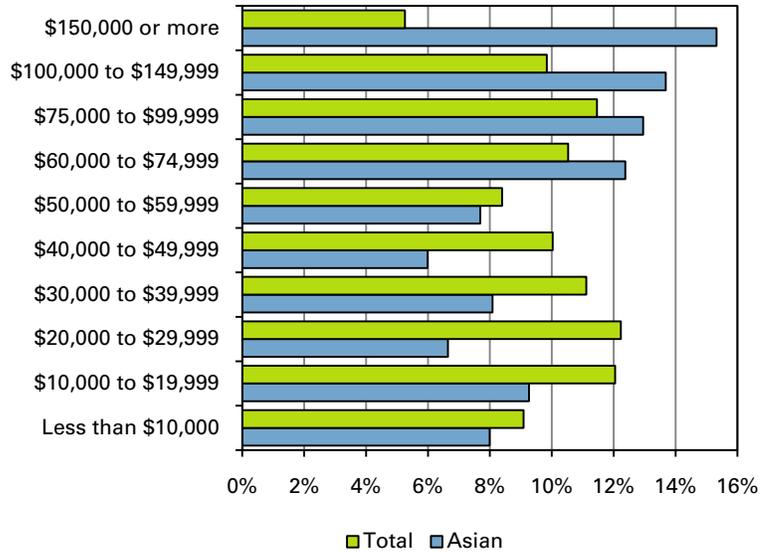


**Median Household Income: \$64,317**

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 \$64,300. For all Ohio

households, the figure is nearly \$45,400. The income of foreign-born persons from Asia was slightly lower than that of Ohio's Asian population taken as a whole.

Eleven percent of Asian American Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 43,000 Asian American family households, 9 percent live in poverty. Of these, just more than one-fifth have children younger than 5 years of age. Less than 5 percent of Asian American households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.



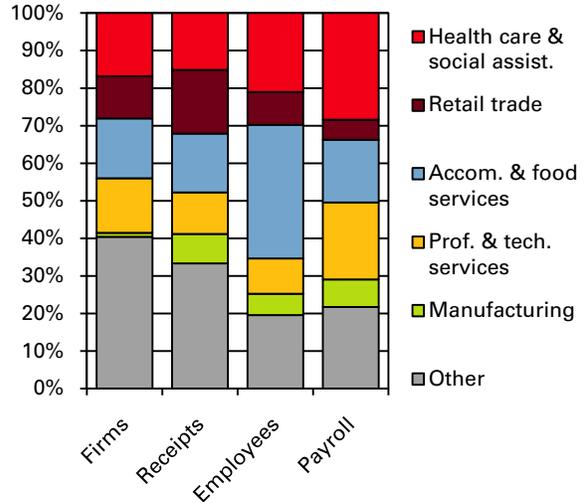
**Household Income Distribution**

**Business Receipts:  
\$6.2 billion**

There are more than 18,000 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 over 6,000 and, combined, employ more than 51,000 workers with an

annual payroll of nearly \$1.4 billion. Receipts for those businesses approached \$6.2 billion with receipts for all Asian American-owned businesses nearly \$6.8 billion.

With respect to business sectors, health care/social assistance and accommodation/food services each account for 16 percent of Asian American-owned firms. These sectors account for only 9 and 3 percent of all businesses in Ohio respectively. 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. Between 15 and 17 percent of receipts come each from the health care/social assistance, retail trade, and accommodation/food service sector. For all Ohio businesses, manufacturing is the largest sector and brings in more than one-fourth of the receipts; wholesale trade accounts for 21 percent. Accommodation represents less than 2 percent of receipts.

**Unemployment  
Rate: 6.7 %**

The number of Asian American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is over 95,000. Asian Americans in Ohio have an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent. Asian Americans between the ages of 25 and 64 have an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent while Asian Americans between the ages of 20 and 24 have a rate of 6.1 percent.

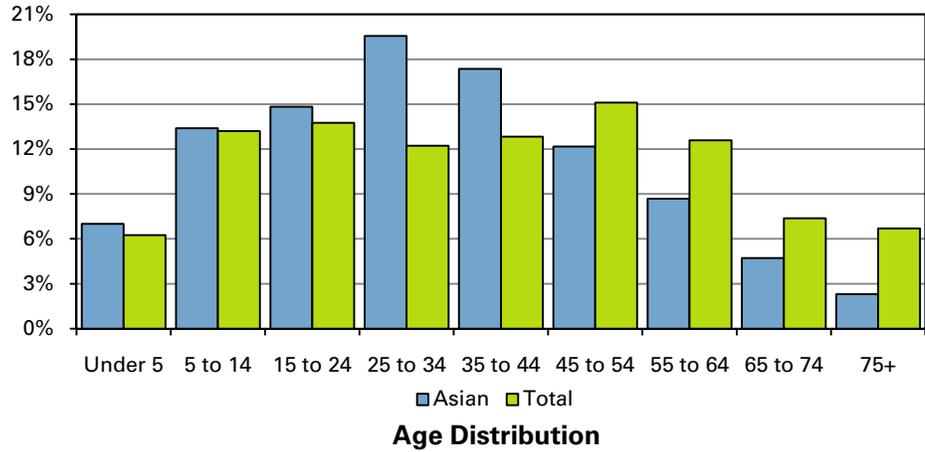
Employed Asian Americans are highly represented in professional occupations, compared to Ohioans as a whole, with sales/office occupations a distant second. Of the roughly 89,000 employed Asian Americans, 43 percent are in professional and related occupations with roughly 11,000 in each of computer/mathematical and healthcare occupations. Sales and office occupations account for 15 percent employed Asians.

**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 38.8 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, nearly 38,000 marriages include at least one Asian American spouse. Of these families, almost 57 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, 39 percent have children at home. Nine percent of Asian American families with children consist of single mothers.

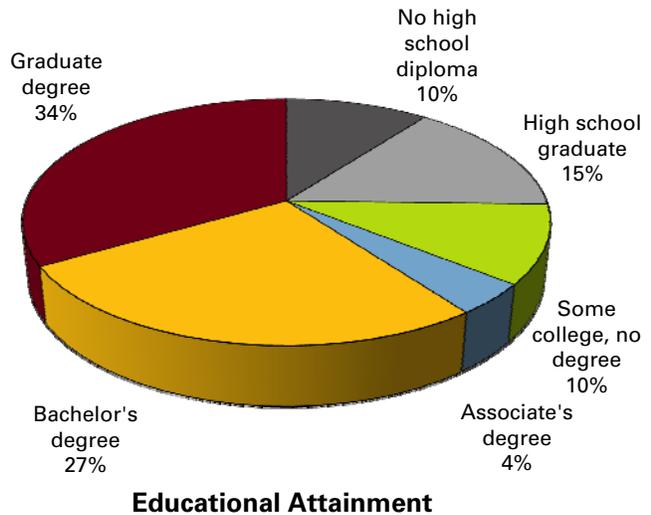


**Public School Enrollment: 28,500**

During the 2009-2010 school year, there were more than 28,500 Asian American students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, making up 1.6 percent of Ohio's total student body. For the 2000-2001 school year, the figure was 1.1 percent.

More than 24,000 Asian American Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school. This accounts for 18 percent of Asian Americans older than 17 years. Around 21,000 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.

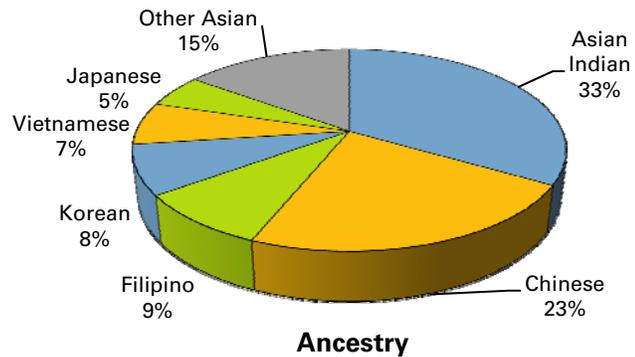


**Foreign Born: 128,604**

More than 64,000 of the 238,000 Asian Americans in Ohio are of Indian descent. The Indian community is growing quickly and has expanded by more than half since 2000. Roughly 19,000 people, more than three-quarters of the growth, emigrated from India in the past decade.

Chinese American, the second largest group behind Indian, accounts for one-quarter of Asians in Ohio. The Chinese community is growing quickly, increasing over 60 percent, or around 17,000 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 grown more than two-and-a-half times to around 13,000 people. The Filipino and Korean populations are also growing but at a slower pace. The size of the Japanese community has not changed significantly since 1990.



Roughly four-of-five 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 three-quarters 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-quarter from these three groups reports speaking English at home.



The statistical source of this profile is the 2010 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2009 American Community Survey. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2007 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.