The Asian Population in the United States: Results from the 2010 Census

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Topics Presented

• Asian population size and growth
• Information on detailed Asian groups
• Geographic distribution of the Asian population
POPULATION SIZE AND GROWTH
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Percent Growth of the Asian Population: 2000 to 2010

- Total U.S. population (308.7 million): 9.7%
- Asian alone or in combination (17.3 million): 45.6%
- Asian alone (14.7 million): 43.3%
- Asian in combination (2.6 million): 59.8%

Sources: Census 2000 and 2010 Census
INFORMATION ON DETAILED ASIAN GROUPS
2010 Summary File 1

Asian Indian
Bangladeshi
Bhutanese
Burmese
Cambodian
Chinese, except Taiwanese
Filipino
Hmong
Indonesian
Japanese
Korean
Laotian
Malaysian
Nepalese
 Pakistani
Sri Lankan
Taiwanese
Thai
Vietnamese
Percentage Distribution of the Asian Population by Detailed Group: 2010

Source: 2010 Census.
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASIAN POPULATION
State Distribution of Largest Detailed Asian Groups: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
Largest Detailed Asian Group by State: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
Top 5 Detailed Asian Groups in 20 Metro Areas With Largest Asian Population: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
Legend for Largest Detailed Asian Groups in Top 20 Metro Areas With Largest Asian Populations: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
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Source: 2010 Census
Cambodian Population

(Reflects where the Cambodian population was one of the top five detailed Asian groups within the 20 metros with the largest Asian alone-or-in-combination population)

Source: 2010 Census
Hmong Population

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Source: 2010 Census
Pakistani Population

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Source: 2010 Census
Japanese Population

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Korean Population

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Vietnamese Population

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Filipino Population

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Asian Indian Population

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Source: 2010 Census
Chinese Population

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Source: 2010 Census
Top 5 Detailed Asian Groups in 20 Metro Areas With Largest Asian Population: 2010

Source: 2010 Census
Social and Economic Information for the Asian Population from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey
American Community Survey

For social, economic, and housing information on the Asian population, please visit:

www.census.gov/acs
The Asian Population: 2010

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INTRODUCTION

According to the 2010 Census, the Asian population grew faster than any other race group in the United States between 2000 and 2010. This was observed for the population who reported Asian alone (increased 41 percent), as well as for the population who reported Asian and another race group (increased 60 percent). The Asian population continued to be concentrated in the West, and the Chinese population was the largest detailed Asian group.

This report provides a portrait of the Asian population in the United States and discusses its distribution at the national level and at lower levels of geography.1 It is part of a series that analyzes population and housing data collected from the 2010 Census.

The data for this report are based on the 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, which was the first 2010 Census data product released with data on race and Hispanic origin, including information on the Asian population, and was provided to each state for use in drawing boundaries for legislative districts.2 Data for this report also came from the 2010 Census Summary File 1, which was one of the first 2010 Census data products to provide information on selected detailed groups, such as Asian Indians, Koreans, and Filipinos.

UNDERSTANDING RACE DATA FROM THE 2010 CENSUS

The 2010 Census used federal standards to collect and present data on race.

For the 2010 Census, the question on race was asked of all individuals living in the United States (see Figure 1). An individual’s response to the race question was based upon self-identification. The U.S. Census Bureau collects information on race following the guidance of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) 1997 Revisions to the Standards for the