

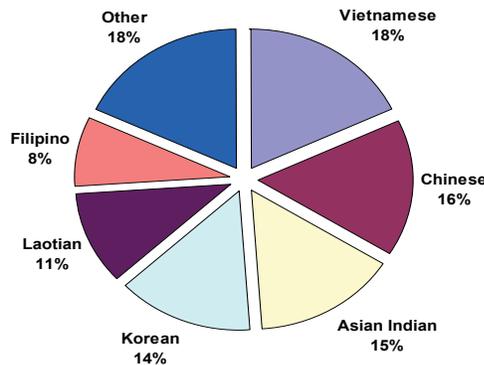
# ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICANS IN IOWA MAY 2006

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important anniversaries: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (May 10, 1869). In 1992, Congress expanded the 10-day observance to a month-long celebration.

## 43,119

The number of Iowa residents in 2000 who say they are Asian or Asian in combination with one or more other races. This group comprises 1.5 percent of the total population. The number Iowa residents who say they are Asian alone was 36,635.

Asian American Population



## Age Distribution

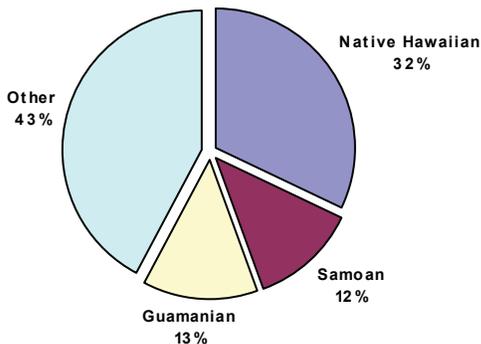
### 29.9%

The percentage of the native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander population that is under 18; 4.6 percent is 65 or over. Meanwhile, 27.7 percent of people identifying themselves as either Asian or Asian in combination with one or more other races are under 18; 4 percent is 65 or over.

## 2,196

The number of Iowa residents in 2000 who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander or native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander in combination with one or more other races. This group comprises 0.1 percent of the total population. The number of Iowa residents who say they are Pacific Islander or native Hawaiian alone was 1,009.

Pacific Islander American Population



## 4,812

The numeric change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2004. This is a 12.8 percent increase for the period.

## 129

The numeric change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders from 2000 to 2004. This is a 11.3 percent increase for the period.

## 125,360

The projected number of Iowa residents who will identify themselves as either Asian or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander in 2030 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.

## Coming to America

### 30,162

The number of Iowa residents who were born in Asia. Asian-born residents comprise 33.1 percent of the state's total foreign-born population.

### 43.0%

The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the foreign-born population as a whole is 32.9 percent.

### 6,412

The estimated number of foreign-born people from Vietnam (Table: PCT019). Next to Mexico, Vietnam is the leading country of birth for the state's foreign-born. Also among the top 10 countries of birth for Iowa's foreign-born population are Korea, India, Laos and China.

## EDUCATION

**9,655**

The number Asians enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2004-2005 school year.

**34.0%**

Percent increase in Asian enrollment between the 1991-1992 school year and 2004-2005.

**42.9%**

The percentage of Asians, age 25 and over, who have a bachelor's degree or higher level of

education. Asians have the highest proportion of college graduates of any race or ethnic group in the state. The corresponding rate for all lowans in this age group is 21.2 percent.



**21.2%**

The percentage of native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, age 25 and older, who have at least a bachelor's degree.

**74.3%**

The percentage of Asians, age 25 and over, who are high school graduates. The corresponding rate for all lowans in this age group is 86.1 percent.

**78.6%**

The percentage of native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, age 25 and older, who are high school graduates.

**9%**

The percentage of Asians, age 25 and over, who have an advanced degree (e.g., master's, Ph.D., M.D. or J.D.). The corresponding rate for all adults in the age group is 6.5 percent.

**2.7%**

The percentage of native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, age 25 and older, who have an advanced degree (e.g.,

## LANGUAGES

**6,180**

The number of people who speak Vietnamese at home (2003 American Community Survey, Table: P034). Next to Spanish, Vietnamese is the most widely spoken non-English language in the state. Also among the top 10 most frequently spo-

ken languages are: Chinese (4,295); Laotian (3,940); and Korean (2,495).

**50**

The number of people who speak Hawaiian at home.

**603**

The number of Vietnamese speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public and non-public schools during the 2004-2005 school year.

*Serving Our Nation*  
**681**

*The number of Asian-American military veterans (Table: PCT066D). There are 73 veterans who are of native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander heritage (Table PCT066E).*

## INCOME AND POVERTY

**\$40,348**

The median income of households whose householders reported their race as Asian. The median household income for all lowans is \$39,469.

households whose householders reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

**14.2%**

The poverty rate for those who reported their race as Asian. The corresponding rate for Iowa as

a whole is 9.1 percent.

**19.5%**

The poverty rate for those who reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

**\$35,568**

The median income of

## EMPLOYMENT

### 5.2 %

The unemployment rate for those who reported their race as Asian. The unemployment rate for all Iowans is 4.2%.

### 19 %

The unemployment rate for those who reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

### Industry

### 29.5 %

The percent of Asian and other Pacific Islanders in the educational, health, and social services industry.

### Occupation

### 40.8 %

The percent of Asian and/or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders in the management, professional, and related occupations field.

Figure 1- Industry by Percent of Population

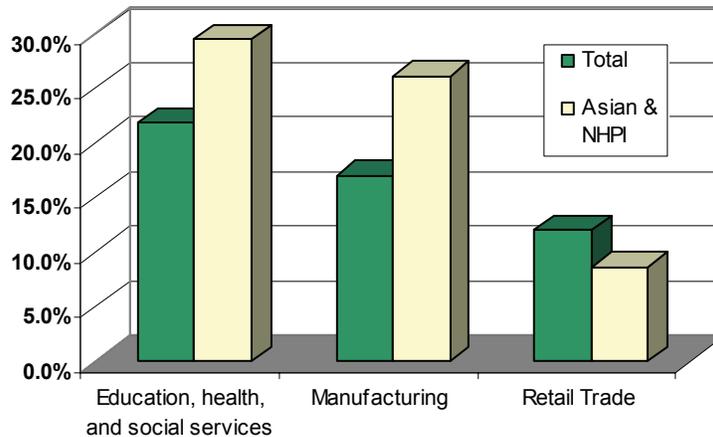
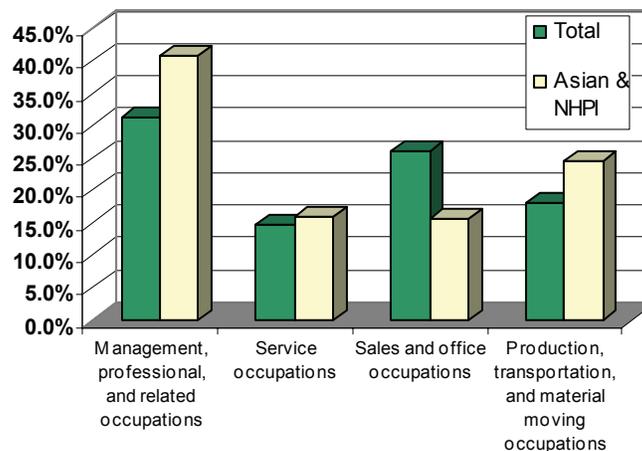


Figure 1 shows the percent of the Asian and/or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander population in the top Industries in Iowa. Figure 2 shows the percent of the Asian and/or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander population by occupation in comparison to the state.

Figure 2 - Occupations by Percent of Population



## HOUSING

### \$95,600

The median home value for those who reported their race as Asian. The corresponding value for the state is \$82,500.

### \$77,100

The median home value for those who reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islander.

### 45.8 %

The percentage of those householders who reported their race as Asian who own their home. The corresponding percentage for the state is 72.9%.

### 37 %

The percent of those householders who reported their race as native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islander who own their home.

## FAMILIES

### 7,326

The number of families with a householder who reported their race as Asian. 4,379 families had children under 18.

### 181

The number of families with a householder who reported their race as

native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islander. 111 families had children under 18.

### 10.1 %

The percentage of Asian families with children under 18 headed by a single parent. The corresponding percentage for the state is 24%.

### 19.3 %

The percentage of native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islander families with children under 18 headed by a single parent.

### 3.5

*The average family size for those who reported their race as Asian. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 3.0.*

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**Percentage of all  
Asians in Iowa: Top 5  
Cities of Residence:  
2000**

	Asian
Des Moines	19.0%
Ames	10.7%
Iowa City	9.6%
Sioux City	6.5%
Cedar Rapids	5.8%

**Percentage of all Na-  
tive Hawaiian /Other  
Pacific Islanders in  
Iowa: Top 5 Cities of  
Residence: 2000**

	NHPI
Des Moines	9.4%
Cedar Rapids	7.7%
Dubuque	6.4%
Altoona	4.2%
Waterloo	3.4%

**COUNTIES AND CITIES**

**11,643**

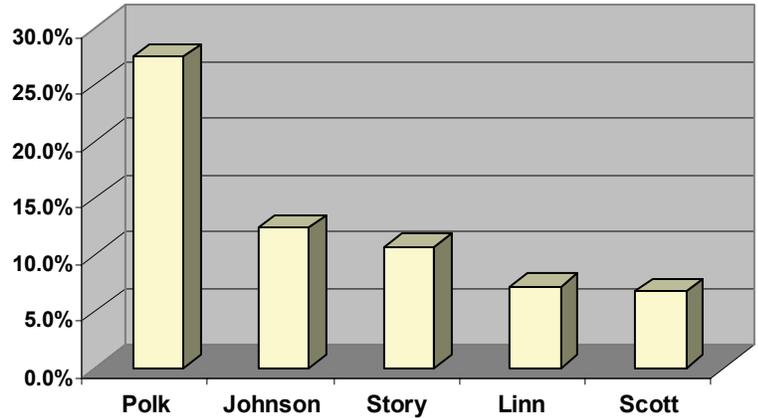
The number of Asians in Polk county in 2004, which has the largest population of this race of any Iowa county. Polk county has both the largest population and the largest numerical increase (1,785) of people in this group between 2000 and 2004.

Story county is where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (5.1 percent).

**292**

The number of native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders in Polk county, which leads all counties in Iowa.

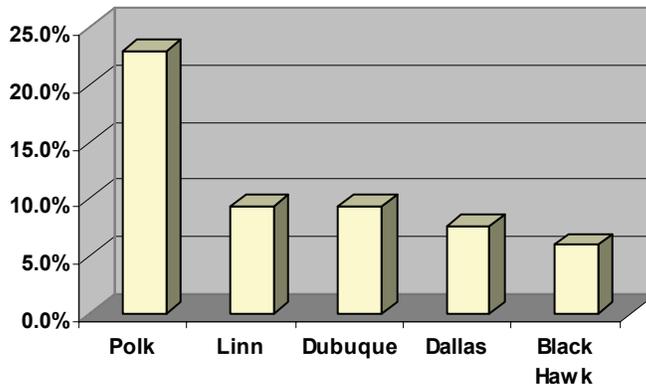
**Percentage of all Asians in Iowa: Top 5  
Counties of Residence: 2004**



Louisa county is where native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders make up the largest pro-

portion (0.25 percent) of the total population. Polk county had the largest numerical increase of native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (83) between 2000 and 2004.

**Percentage of all Native Hawaiians and/or Other  
Pacific Islanders in Iowa: Top 5 Counties of  
Residence: 2004**



**9.1 %**

The percentage of the total population of Lakeside, Iowa who reported their race as Asian. This is the largest percentage of all cities in Iowa.

**2.8 %**

The percentage of the total population of Bode, Iowa who reported their race as Native Hawaiian and/or other Pacific Islander. This is the largest percentage of all cities in Iowa.

**6,946**

The number of Asians in the city of Des Moines, which has the largest population of this race of any city in Iowa.

**95**

The number of Des Moines residents who reported their race as native Hawaiian and/or other Pacific Islander, the largest population of this race in any city in Iowa.

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000  
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