

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2008

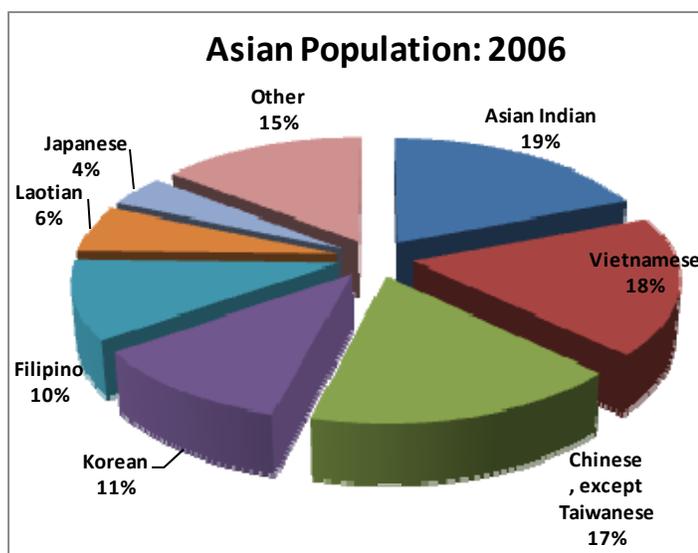
In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important anniversaries: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and the completion of the transcontinental railroad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

51,992

The number of Iowa residents in 2006 who say they are Asian or Asian in combination with one or more other races. This group comprises 1.7 percent of Iowa's total population. The number Iowa residents who say they are Asian alone was 46,553.

1,400

The number Iowa residents who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone. This group comprises .05 percent of Iowa's total population.



8,987

The numeric change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2006. This is a 23.9 percent increase for the period.

254

The numeric change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders from 2000 to 2006. This is a 22.2 percent increase for the period.

Age Distribution

26.3%

The percentage of the native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander population that are under 18 in 2006; 4.3 percent are 65 or over. Meanwhile, 25.5 percent of people identifying themselves as Asian are under 18; 4.7 percent are 65 or over.

97,850

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

36,433

The number of Iowa residents in 2006 who were born in Asia. Asian-born residents comprise 32.4 percent of the state's total foreign-born population.

49.1%

The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born in 2006 from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the foreign-born population as a whole is 36.5 percent.

6,854

The estimated number of foreign-born people from Vietnam in 2006. 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, China, and the Philippines.

EDUCATION

10,901

The number Asians enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2007-2008 school year.

21.8%

Percent increase in Asian enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2007-2008.

50.0%

The percentage of Asians in 2006, age 25 and over, who have a bachelor's or higher degree education.

Asians have the highest proportion of college graduates of any race or ethnic group in the state. The corresponding rate



for all Iowans in this age group is 24.0 percent.

84.6%

The percentage of Asians in 2006, age 25 and over, who are high school graduates. The corresponding rate for all Iowans in this age group is 88.9 percent.

28.8%

The percentage of Asians in 2006, age 25 and over, who have a graduate degree (e.g., master's, Ph.D., M.D. or J.D.). The corresponding rate for all adults in the age group is 7.4 percent.

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871

The number of Asian-American military veterans in 2006.

Families

10,968

The number of families with householders who reported their race as Asian in 2006.

3,642

The numeric change in families with householders who reported their race as Asian between 2000-2006. This is a 49.7 percent increase for the period.

10.1 %

The percentage of Asian families with children under 18 headed by a single parent in 2000. 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 in 2000.

LANGUAGES

7,064

The number of people who speak Chinese at home in 2006. Chinese is the most widely spoken Asian language in the state. Also among the top 10 most frequently spoken languages are: Vietnamese (6,398) Laotian (2,810); and Korean (2,177).

2,422

The number of people who speak Tagalog at home in 2006.

740

The number of Vietnamese-speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public and

non-public schools during the 2006-2007 school year. The number of Laotian-speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public and non-public schools during the 2006-2007 school year was 457 and the number of Tagalog-speaking English Language Learners was 54.

3.5

The average family size for those who reported their race as Asian in 2000. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 3.0.

INCOME AND POVERTY

\$50,610

The median income of households in 2006 whose householders reported their race as Asian. The median household income for all Iowans is \$44,491.

\$31,237

The median income of households in 2005

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

15.6%

The poverty rate in 2006 for those who reported their race as Asian. The corresponding rate for Iowa as a whole is 11.0 percent.

COUNTIES AND CITIES

12,615

The number of Asians in Polk county in 2006, which has the largest population of this race of any Iowa county. Polk county has both the largest population and the largest numerical increase (2,495) of people in this group between 2000 and 2006.

Story county is where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (6.1 percent).

336

The number of native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders in Polk county in 2006, which leads all counties in Iowa.

Fremont county is where native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders make up the largest proportion (0.2 percent) of the total population.

6,946

The number of Asians in the city of Des Moines in 2000, 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 Pa-

cific Islander in 2000, the largest population of this race in any city in Iowa

9.1 %

The percentage of the total population of Lakeside, Iowa who reported their race as Asian in 2000. This is the largest percentage of all cities in Iowa.

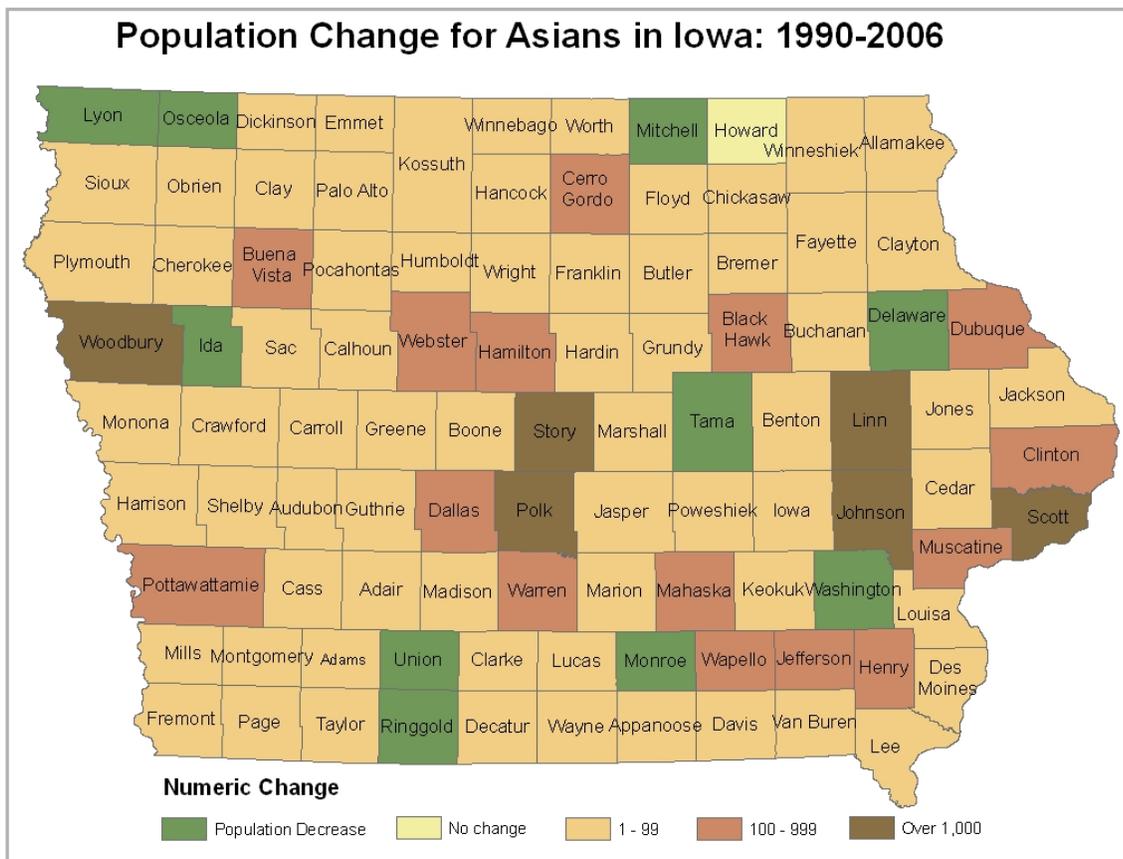
2.8 %

The percentage of the total population of Bode, Iowa who reported their race as Native Hawaiian and/or other Pacific Islander in 2000. This is the largest percentage of all cities in Iowa.

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

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

Polk	24.0%
Linn	8.4%
Dubuque	7.0%
Black Hawk	5.8%
Woodbury	4.4%



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American Community Survey (ACS) Note: Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.

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2005 American Community Survey
U.S. Decennial Census 1990 and
2000
Photos by the U.S. Census Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

5.1 %

The unemployment rate in 2006 for those who reported their race as Asian. The unemployment rate for all Iowans is 4.9%.

19 %

The unemployment rate in 2000 for those who reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

Occupation

45.2 %

The percent of Asians in 2006 in the management, professional, and related occupations field.

Business

1,786

The number of Asian-owned firms in Iowa in 2002.

30

The number of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms in Iowa in 2002.

4.3%

The percent increase in Asian and of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms between 1997 and 2002.

Source: 2002 Survey of Business Owners

HOUSING

\$95,600

The median home value for those who reported their race as Asian in 2000. 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 in 2000.

57.2 %

The percentage of those householders in 2006 who reported their race as Asian who own their home. The corresponding percentage for the state is 73.3%.

