

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2015

MAY 2015

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.

Coming to America

35.0%

The percent of Iowa's foreign born population in 2013 who were born in Asia.

76.7%

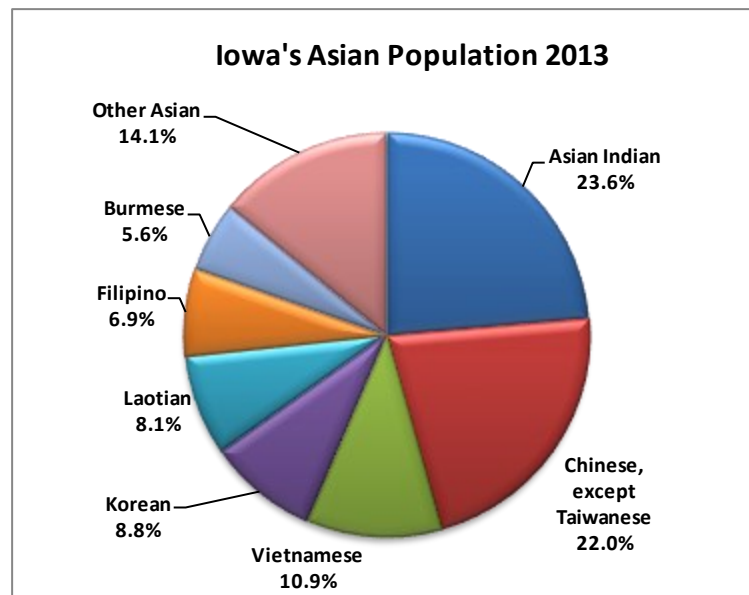
The percentage of Iowa's Asian foreign-born who entered the United States since 1990.

36.5%

The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born in 2013 from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the foreign-born population as a whole is 37.0 percent.

11,252

The estimated number of foreign-born people from India in 2013. After Mexico, India 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 China, Korea, Vietnam, and the Philippines.



3.48

The average family size for those who reported their race as Asian. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.99.

63,291

The number of Iowa residents in 2013 who say they are Asian. This group comprises 2.0 percent of Iowa's total population.

72.8%

The percent change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2013. This is a 26,656 numeric increase for the period.

106,905

The projected number of Iowa residents who will identify themselves as either Asian or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander in 2040 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.

2,753

The number Iowa residents who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone or in combination with one or more races in 2013. This group comprises 0.09 percent of Iowa's total population.

172.8%

The percent change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders alone from 2000 to 2013. This is a numeric increase of 1,744 for the period.

Counties and cities

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Asians in Iowa: 2013

Polk	17,714	28.0%
Johnson	7,640	12.1%
Story	6,010	9.5%
Linn	4,398	6.9%
Scott	4,012	6.3%

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Native Hawaiians and/or Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 2013

Polk	304	11.0%
Dubuque	300	10.9%
Black Hawk	277	10.1%
Linn	222	8.1%
Woodbury	186	6.8%

Percentage of all Native Hawaiian /Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: Top 5 Cities of Residence: 2010

Dubuque	13.4%
Waterloo	9.8%
Des Moines	7.4%
Cedar Rapids	7.3%
Sioux City	5.1%

Percentage of all Asians in Iowa: Top 5 Cities of Residence: 2010

Des Moines	16.9%
Ames	9.7%
Iowa City	8.8%
Cedar Rapids	5.3%
West Des Moines	5.1%

17,714

The number of Asians in Polk county in 2013, which has the largest population of this race of any Iowa county. Polk county has both the largest population and the largest numerical increase (7,856) of people in this group between 2000 and 2012

Jefferson county is where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (8.7 percent).

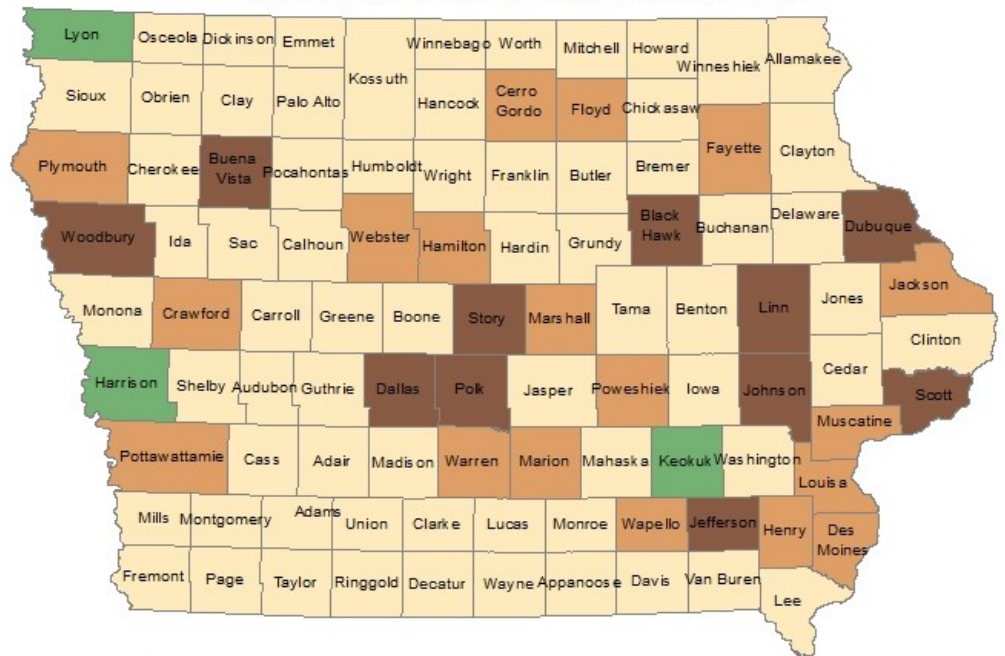
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The number of native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders in Polk county in 2013, which leads all counties in Iowa.

Buena Vista county is where native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders make up the largest proportion (0.8 percent) of the total population.



Population Change for Asian and Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 1990-2013



Numeric Change
 Population Decrease No change 1 - 99 100 - 999 Over 1,000

Education

13,137

The number Asian and Pacific Islanders enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2013-2014 school year.

62.0%

Percent increase in enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2013-2014.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

52.1%

The percentage of Asians in 2013, 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 lowans in this age group is 27.4 percent.



84.2%

The percentage of Asians in 2013, age 25 and over, who are high school graduates. The corresponding rate for all lowans is 92.2 percent.

28.8%

The percentage of Asians in 2013, 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 8.3 percent.

Languages

11,906

The number of people who speak Chinese at home in 2013. Chinese is the most widely spoken Asian language in the state. Also among the top 10 most frequently spoken languages are: Vietnamese (5,197), Laotian (4,070); Hindi (2,712); and Tagalog (2,011)

Age Distribution

37.8%

The percentage of the native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander population that are under 18 in 2013; 4.0 percent are 65 or over.

29.9 percent of people identifying themselves as Asian are under 18; 4.8 percent are 65 or over.

Source: 2013 Population estimates

Families

12,865

The number of families with householders who reported their race as Asian in 2013.

5,539

The numeric change in families with householders who reported their race as Asian between 2000-2013. This is a 75.6 percent increase for the period.

Income and poverty

\$61,664

The median income of households in 2013 whose householders reported their race as Asian. The median household income for all lowans is \$52,229.

\$43,306

The median income of households whose householders reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders in 2013.

18.3%

The poverty rate in 2013 for those who reported their race as Asian. The corresponding rate for Iowa as a whole is 12.7 percent.

Serving Our

Nation

779

The number of Asian-American military veterans in 2013.

Employment

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Business

2,834

The number of Asian-owned firms in Iowa in 2007.

178

The number of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms in Iowa in 2007.

73.0%

The percent increase in Asian and of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms between 1997 and 2007.

Source: 2007 & 1997 Survey of Business Owners Survey SBO is conducted every 5 years, with 2007 being the most current dataset available.

4.9%

The unemployment rate in 2013 for those who reported their race as Asian. The unemployment rate for all Iowans is 4.8%.

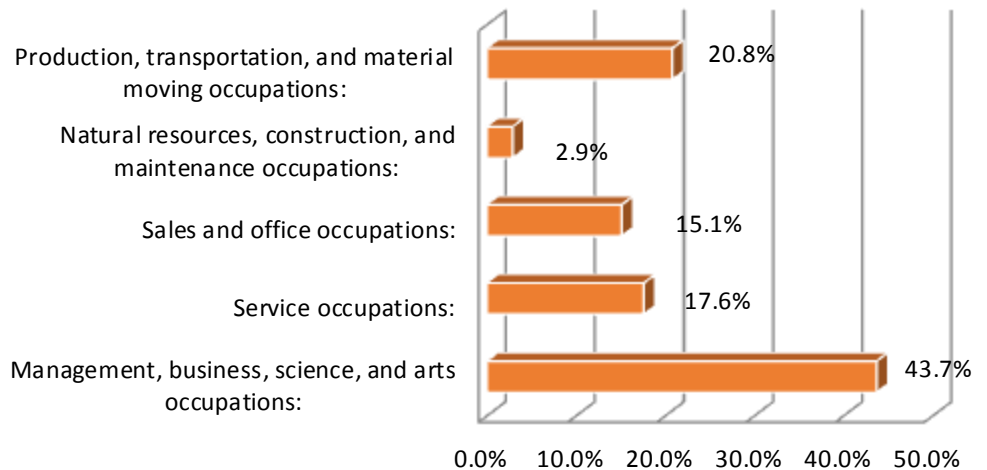
Source: 2013 American Community Survey

10.0%

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

Source: 2009- 2013 American Community Survey

Asian Occupation: 2013



Vital Statistics

20.1

The Asian/Pacific Islander birth rate per 1,000 population in 2013. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.6.

208.3

The Asian/Pacific Islander rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2013. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 344.4.

27.2

The Asian/Pacific Islander rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2013. The rate for the state was 58.9.

2.2

The Asian/Pacific Islander death rate per 1,000 population in 2013. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.3.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

Data Source (unless otherwise noted) :
U.S. Census Bureau,
2012 American Community Survey
U.S. Decennial Census 1990,
2000 and 2010
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