

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2010

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.

55,965

The number of Iowa residents in 2008 who say they are Asian or Asian in combination with one or more other races. This group comprises 1.9 percent of Iowa's total population. The number Iowa residents who say they are Asian alone was 47,486.

1,523

The number Iowa residents who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone. This group comprises 0.1 percent of Iowa's total population.

115,150

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.

9,920

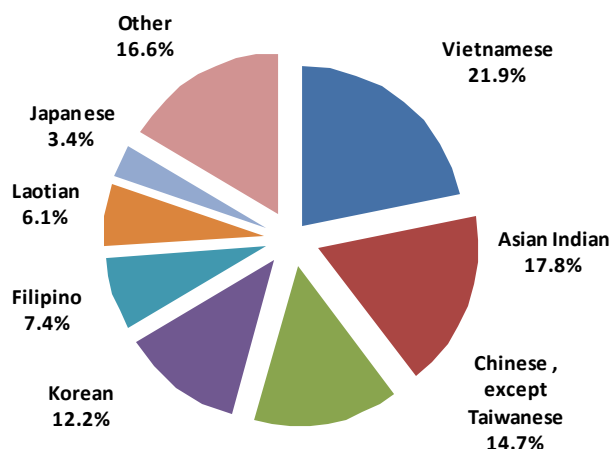
The numeric change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2008. This is a 26.4 percent increase for the period.

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The numeric change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders from 2000 to 2008. This is a 32.9 percent increase for the period.



Iowa's Asian Population: 2008



Coming to America

37,430

The number of Iowa residents in 2008 who were born in Asia. Asian-born residents comprise 33.3 percent of the state's total foreign-born population.

72.3%

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

43.4%

The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born in 2008 from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the foreign-born population as a whole is 36.0 percent.

8,641

The estimated number of foreign-born people from Vietnam in 2008. After 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 India, China, Korea, and the Philippines.

EDUCATION

11,393

The number Asians enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2008-2009 school year.

40.9%

Percent increase in Asian enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2008-2009.

49.3

The percentage of Asians in 2008, 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 24.3 percent.

83.2%

The percentage of Asians in 2008, age 25 and over, who are high school graduates. The corresponding rate for all Iowans in this age group is 90.3 percent.

26.1%

The percentage of Asians in 2008, 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 7.3 percent.

Serving Our Nation

413

The number of Asian-American military veterans in 2008.

Families

9,527

The number of families with householders who reported their race as Asian in 2008.

2,399

The numeric change in families with householders who reported their race as Asian between 2000-2008. This is a 33.7 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

7,498

The number of people who speak Vietnamese at home in 2008. Vietnamese is the most widely spoken Asian language in the state. Also among the top 10 most frequently spoken languages are: Chinese (6,868), Laotian (3,331); Korean (2,692), and Japanese (1,741).

Age Distribution

23.9%

The percentage of the native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander population that are under 18 in 2008; 3.3 percent are 65 or over. Meanwhile, 21.1 percent of people identifying themselves as Asian are under 18; 4.2 percent are 65 or over.

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

\$53,431

The median income of households in 2008 whose householders reported their race as Asian. The median household income for all Iowans is \$48,585.

\$24,105

The median income of households in 2008

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

14.2%

The poverty rate in 2008 for those who reported their race as Asian. The corresponding rate for Iowa as a whole is 11.5 percent.

COUNTIES AND CITIES

13,036

The number of Asians in Polk county in 2008, which has the largest population of this race of any Iowa county. Polk county has both the largest population and the largest numerical increase (2,754) of people in this group between 2000 and 2008.

Story county is where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (5.7 percent).

413

The number of native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders in Polk county in 2008, 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.

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Native Hawaiians and/or Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 2008

Polk	413	27.1%
Linn	141	9.3%
Dubuque	87	5.7%
Woodbury	86	5.6%
Black Hawk	74	4.9%

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

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

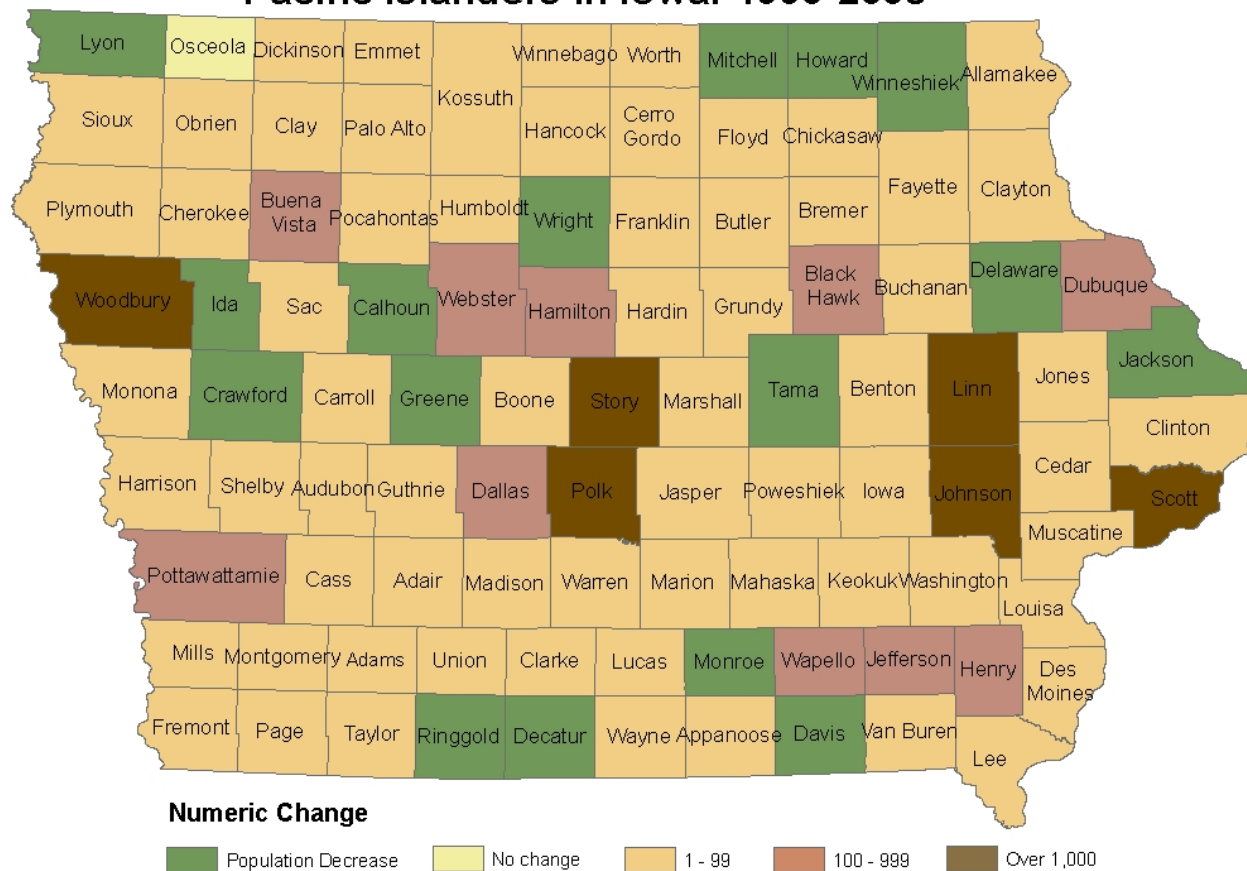
Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Asians in Iowa: 2008

Polk	13,036	27.5%
Johnson	5,900	12.4%
Story	4,961	10.4%
Linn	4,102	8.6%
Scott	3,420	7.2%

Percentage of all Native Hawaiian /Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: Top 5 Cities of Residence: 2000

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

Population Change for Asian and Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 1990-2008



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EMPLOYMENT

3.9 %

The unemployment rate in 2008 for those who reported their race as Asian. The unemployment rate for all Iowans is 4.5%.

19 %

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

Occupation

45.0 %

The percent of Asians in 2008 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.

52.0 %

The percentage of those householders in 2007 who reported their race as Asian who own their home. The corresponding percentage for the state is 73.7%.

Occupations by Percent of Population: 2008

