

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2011

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.

52,597

The number of Iowa residents in the 2010 Census 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.

2,003

The number Iowa residents who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone in 2010. This group comprises 0.1 percent of Iowa's total population.

115,150

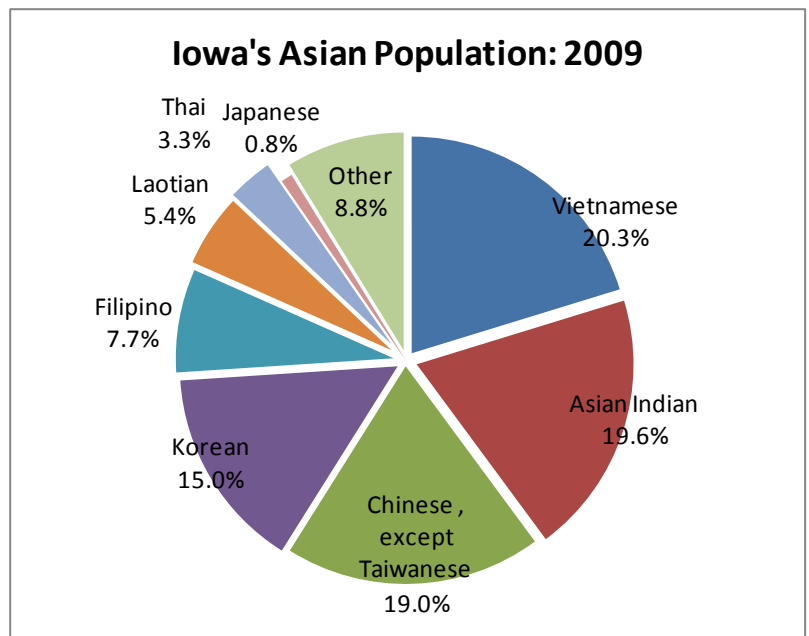
The projected number of Iowa residents who will identify themselves as either Asian or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander in 2040 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.

15,528

The numeric change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2010. This is a 41.3 percent increase for the period.

857

The numeric change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders from 2000 to 2010. This is a 74.8 percent increase for the period.



Coming to America

35,228

The number of Iowa residents in 2009 who were born in Asia. Asian-born residents comprise 33.8 percent of the state's total foreign-born population.

65.2%

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

50.8%

The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born in 2009 from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the foreign-born population as a whole is 32.5 percent.

7,967

The estimated number of foreign-born people from Vietnam in 2009. 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

10,305

The number Asians enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2009-2010 school year.

27.4%

Percent increase in Asian enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2009-2010.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

47.8

The percentage of Asians in 2009, 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 25.1 percent.

80.4%

The percentage of Asians in 2009, age 25 and over, who are high school graduates. The corresponding rate for all lowans in this age group is 90.4 percent.

23.0%

The percentage of Asians in 2009, 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.

Serving Our Nation

715

The number of Asian-American military veterans in 2009.

Families

11,518

The number of families with householders who reported their race as Asian in 2009.

4,390

The numeric change in families with householders who reported their race as Asian between 2000-2009. This is a 61.6 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

8,074

The number of people who speak Chinese at home in 2009. Chinese is the most widely spoken Asian language in the state. Also among the top 10 most frequently spoken languages are: Vietnamese (7,754), Laotian (2,279); Tagalog (2,360); and Korean (1,961).

Age Distribution

24.0%

The percentage of the native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander population that are under 18 in 2009; 3.3 percent are 65 or over. Meanwhile, 23.5 percent of people identifying themselves as Asian are under 18; 4.3 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

\$48,609

The median income of households in 2009 whose householders reported their race as Asian. The median household income for all lowans is \$48,044.

\$34,250

The median income of households whose

householders reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders according to the Source: 2005-2009 American Community Survey

9.1%

The poverty rate in 2009 for those who reported their race as Asian. The corresponding rate for Iowa as a whole is 11.8 percent.

COUNTIES AND CITIES

15,220

The number of Asians in Polk county in 2010, which has the largest population of this race of any Iowa county. Polk county has both the largest population and the largest numerical increase (4,938) of people in this group between 2000 and 2009.

Jefferson county is where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (8.5 percent).

288

The number of native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders in Dubuque county in 2010, which leads all counties in Iowa.

Buena Vista county is where native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders make up the largest proportion (0.5 percent) of the total population.

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Native Hawaiian and/or Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 2010

Dubuque	288	14.4%
Polk	254	12.3%
Black Hawk	201	10.0%
Woodbury	106	5.2%
Jackson	89	4.4%

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

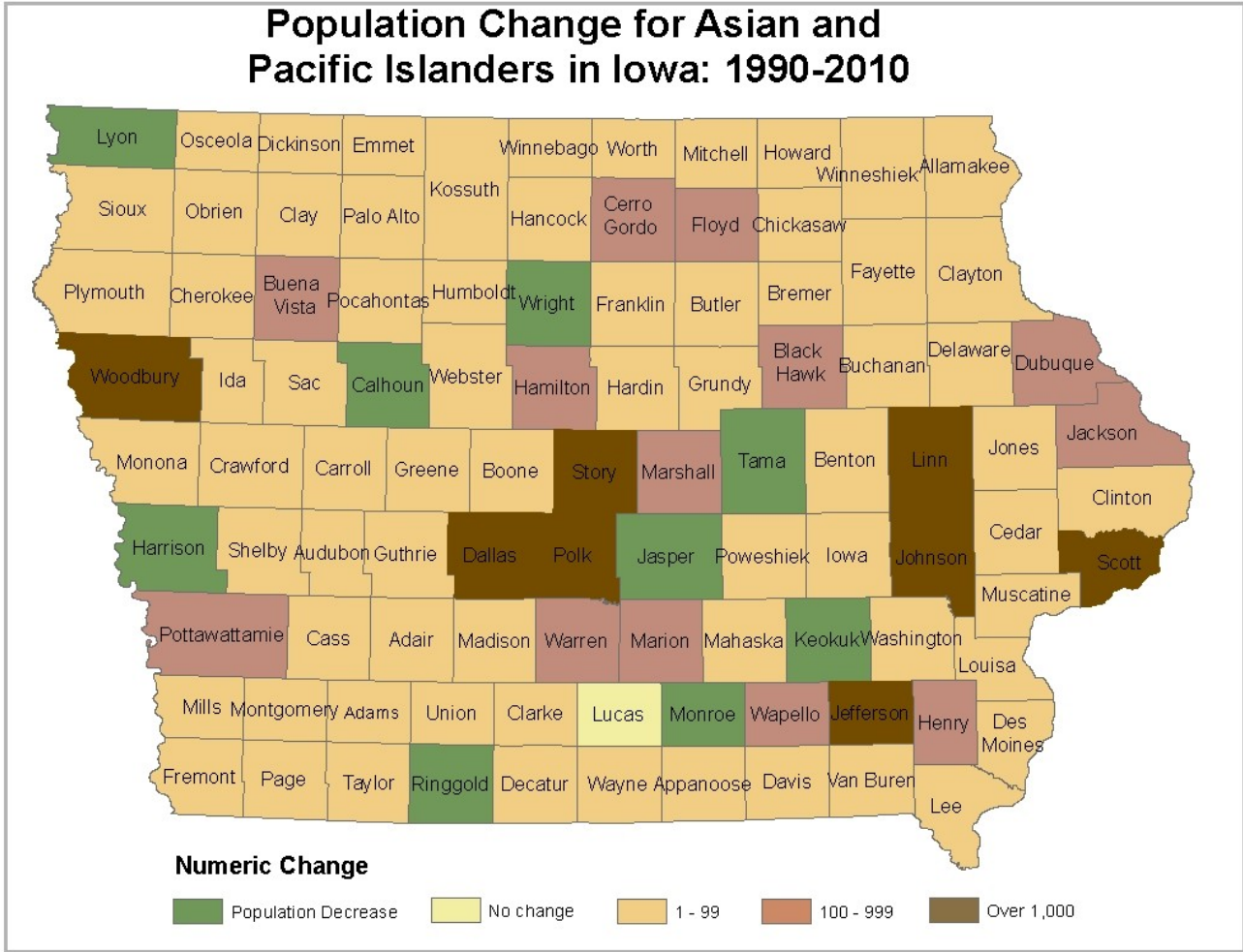
Dubuque	13.4%
Waterloo	9.8%
Des Moines	7.4%
Cedar Rapids	7.3%
Sioux City	5.1%

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Asians in Iowa: 2010

Polk	15,220	28.9%
Johnson	8,819	16.7%
Story	5,383	10.2%
Linn	3,806	7.2%
Scott	3,232	6.1%

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%



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EMPLOYMENT

3.3 %

The unemployment rate in 2009 for those who reported their race as Asian. The unemployment rate for all Iowans is 6.0%.

3.7 %

The unemployment rate in 2009 for those who reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

Source: 2005 - 2009 American Census Survey

Occupation

44.0 %

The percent of Asians in 2009 in the management, professional, and related occupations field.

Business

2,862

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

188

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

75.2%

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

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.

54.6 %

The percentage of those householders in 2009 who reported their race as Asian who own their home. The corresponding percentage for the state is 72.1%.

Occupations by Percent of Population: 2009

