

May Is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month with Census Bureau data about the AAPI community's population, educational attainment, and more.

Five Facts About the Asian Population

1. An estimated **24.0 million** people identified as Asian alone or in combination in the United States in 2020. Source: [2020 Census](#)
2. An estimated **5.1 million** people identified as Asian alone or in combination population of Chinese descent (except Taiwanese) in the United States in 2020. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)
3. At **5.1 million**, the Chinese (except Taiwanese) population was the largest Asian group, followed by Asian Indian (**4.5 million**), Filipino (**4.1 million**), Vietnamese (**2.2 million**), Korean (**1.9 million**) and Japanese (**1.6 million**). These estimates represent the number of people who reported a specific detailed Asian group alone, as well as people who reported that detailed Asian group in combination with one or more other detailed Asian groups or another race or races. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)
4. There were **7.2 million** people who identified as Asian alone who were 25 years and older and had a bachelor's degree or higher level of education. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)
5. There were **11.4 million** people who identified as Asian alone who were 25 years and older and had at least a high school diploma or

equivalency. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)

Five Facts About the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population

1. An estimated **1.6 million** people identified as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone or in combination in the United States in 2020. Source: [2020 Census](#)
2. An estimated **619,855** people identified as Native Hawaiians in the United States in 2020. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)
3. At **619,855**, the Native Hawaiian population was the largest detailed Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHPI) group, followed by Samoan (**211,876**) and Chamorro (**156,083**). These estimates represent the number of people who reported a specific detailed NHPI group alone, as well as people who reported that detailed NHPI group in combination with one or more other detailed NHPI groups or another race or races. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)
4. There were **71,224** people who identified as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone who were 25 years and older and had a bachelor's degree or higher level of education. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)
5. There were **337,408** people who identified as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone who were 25 years and older and had at least a high school diploma or equivalency. Source: [2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates](#)

You can find more facts about America's people, places, and economy, from the American Community Survey, at [census.gov/acs](https://www.census.gov/acs).