

# Ohio Asian Americans

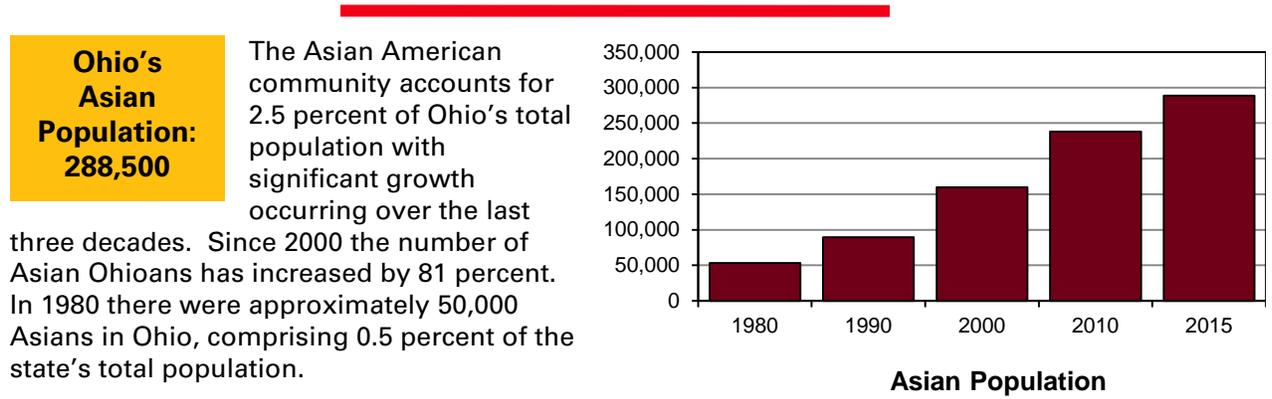


Ohio's Asian American community is comprised of more than 288,500 people, accounting for 2.5 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2015 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's Asian population grew 81 percent since 2000 and is almost six times the 1980 count. For the United States, taken as a whole, the Asian population is over 21.1 million, or 6.6 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Asian Americans in the U.S. has increased by over 9.2 million people, or 77 percent.

## OVERVIEW

- 288,581 people – 2.5 percent of Ohio's total population
- 81 percent increase in population since 2000
- 168,917 were born outside the U.S.
- 34 percent are of Asian Indian ancestry
- Median age of 33.0 years compared to 39.3 years for Ohioans as a whole
- 36,000 enrolled in public schools
- Median household income: \$65,057
- 21,000+ businesses with \$10.8 billion in receipts

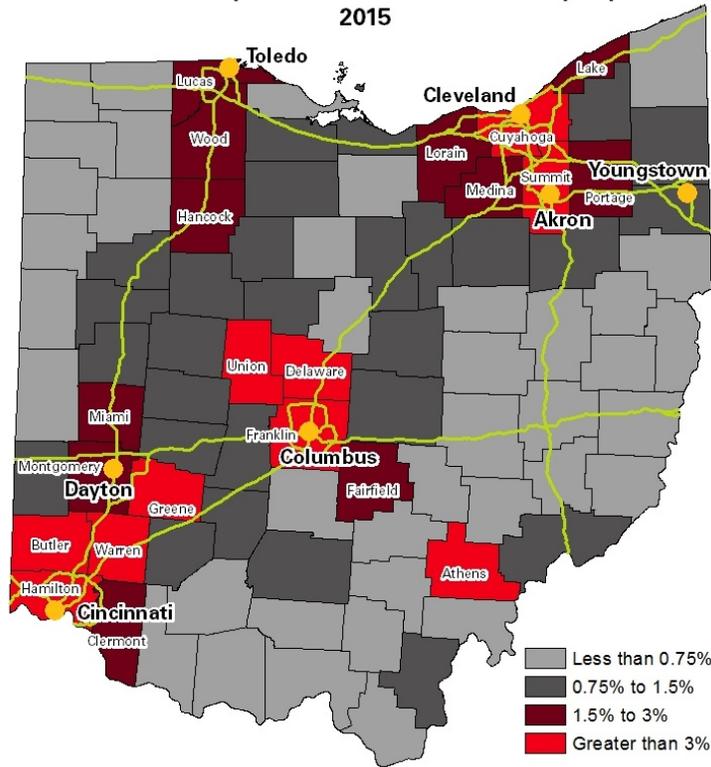
Note: Asian refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. A person reporting their race as Asian alone or in combination with one or more other race is used for total population counts only. A person reporting their race as Asian alone is used for the other population characteristics. The recording of specific, multiple races was not done prior to 2000.



Asian American Population by County: 2015			
Total Asian American Population		Percent of County Population	
Franklin	69,356	Delaware	6.5%
Cuyahoga	45,628	Warren	5.7%
Hamilton	24,340	Franklin	5.5%
Summit	19,145	Greene	4.1%
Montgomery	14,856	Athens	4.1%
Butler	13,279	Union	3.8%
Warren	12,706	Cuyahoga	3.6%
Delaware	12,507	Summit	3.5%
Lucas	9,785	Butler	3.5%
Greene	6,716	Hamilton	3.0%
Lorain	5,078	Montgomery	2.8%
Stark	4,613	Portage	2.5%

A majority of Asian American Ohioans live in the state's metropolitan areas. Generally, Asian Americans in Ohio are more likely to live in the suburbs than the central city but Columbus is an exception with more Asian Americans living in the city because of the influence of The Ohio State University. Nearly 49,000, or 17 percent, of Ohio's Asian population live in Columbus. There are another 39,000 Asian American Ohioans living in the Columbus metropolitan area. The combination of the Cleveland/Akron metropolitan areas has nearly 79,000 Asian Americans.

**Asian American Population as Percent of County Population:  
2015**

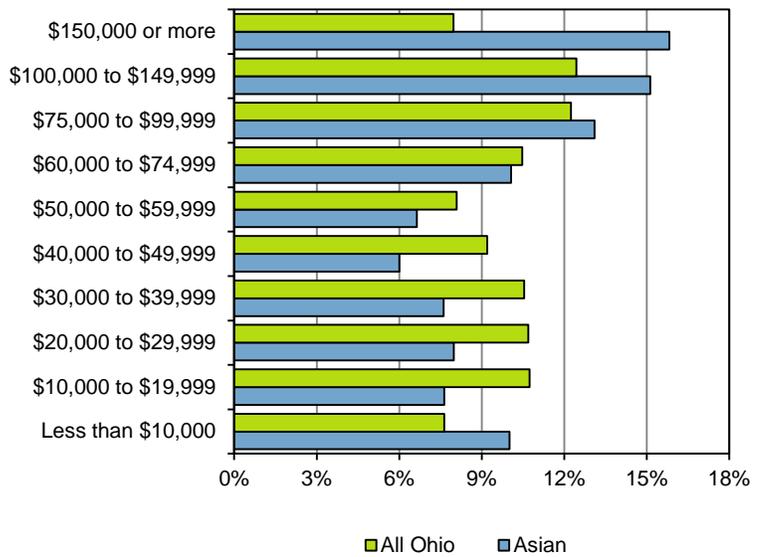


**Median Household Income: \$65,057**

The income of Asian Americans in the state tends to be higher than that of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median household income for Asian Americans living in Ohio is more than \$65,000. For all Ohio

households, the figure is more than \$51,000. The median income of foreign-born persons from Asia was over \$4,000 lower than that of Ohio's Asian population taken as a whole.

Fourteen percent of Asian American Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's nearly 51,400 Asian American family households, 8 percent are in poverty. Of these, nearly three-quarters have related children at home. Approximately 9 percent of Asian Americans in households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.

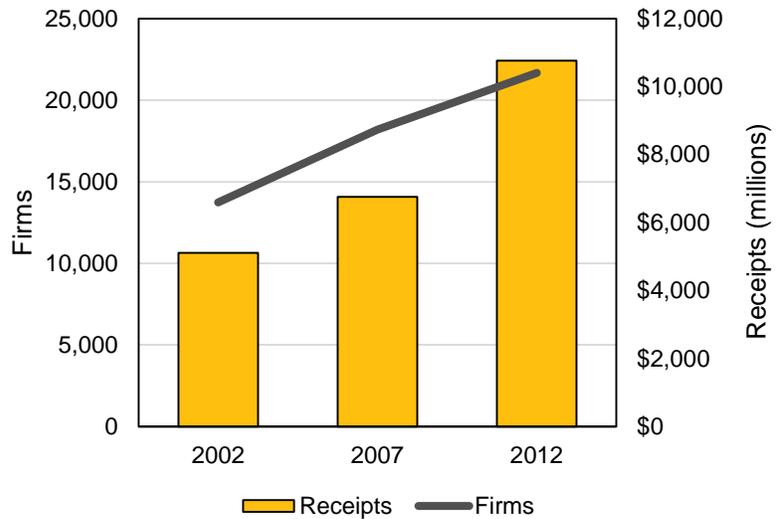


**Household Income Distribution**

**Receipts:  
\$10.8 billion**

There are more than 21,000 Asian American-owned businesses in Ohio, according to the most recent Survey of Business Owners conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Of that number, businesses with a payroll total over 7,000 and, combined, employ more than 64,000 workers with an annual payroll of nearly \$1.8 billion. Receipts for those businesses approached \$9.9 billion with receipts for all Asian American-owned businesses nearly \$10.8 billion.

With respect to business sectors, professional/scientific/technical services and health care/social assistance account for 15 percent and 14 percent respectively, of Asian American-owned firms. These sectors account for 13 and 10 percent of all businesses in Ohio respectively. Eleven percent of all accommodation/food service firms in the state are owned by Asian Americans.



The distribution of receipts for Asian American-owned firms by sector varies somewhat from that of the state taken as a whole. Twenty-one percent of sales came from wholesale trade while 19 percent came from retail trade and 14 percent in accommodations/food services. For all Ohio businesses, manufacturing is the largest sector and brings in more than one-fourth of the receipts; wholesale trade accounts for 21 percent. Retail represents 13 percent of receipts while accommodation represents less than 2 percent of receipts.

**Unemployment  
Rate: 4.5%**

The number of Asian American Ohioans in the civilian labor force is 119,100 and accounts for 2.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Asian Americans in Ohio have an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent. Ohioans as a whole have an unemployment rate of 6.4 percent.

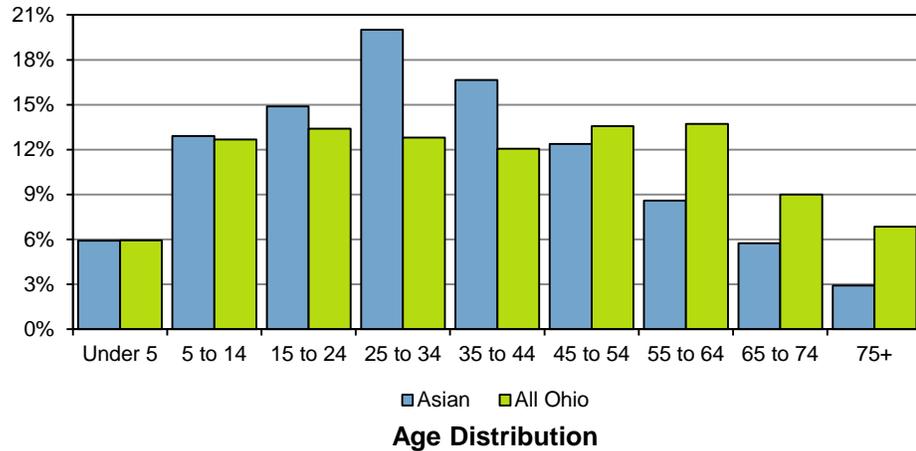
Employed Asian Americans are highly represented in professional occupations, compared to Ohioans as a whole. Of the roughly 113,700 employed Asian Americans, nearly 44 percent are in occupations of computer/engineering/science (21%), education/legal (13%), and healthcare (10%). There also a significant number in management occupations.

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**Median Age:  
33.0 years**

The median age of Asian Americans in Ohio is 33.0 years. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans overall is 39.3 years. A very high proportion of Asian Americans between the ages of 25 and 44 and slightly lower proportions in the older age groups kept the median age lower than that of Ohio's total population.

In Ohio, over 44,600 marriages include at least one Asian American spouse. Of these families, more than 61 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, approximately 39 percent have children at home. Nearly 10 percent of Asian American families with children consist of single mothers.

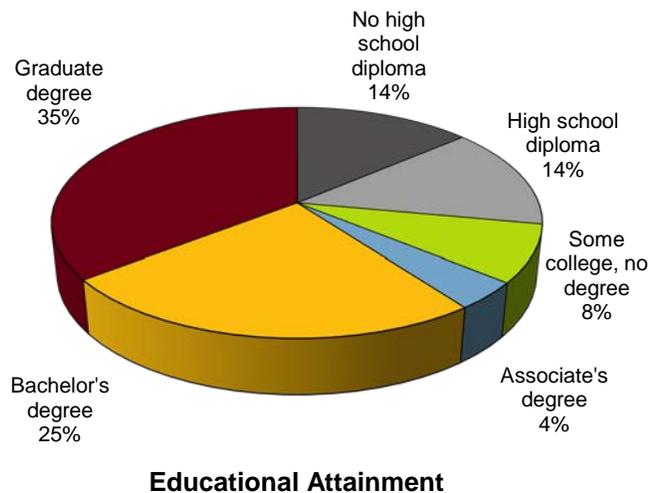


**Public School Enrollment: 36,000**

During the 2015-2016 schoolyear, there were more than 36,000 Asian American students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, making up 2.1 percent of Ohio's total student body. For the 2010-2011 schoolyear, the figure was 1.7 percent.

More than 35,000 Asian American Ohioans are enrolled in college or graduate school. This accounts for nearly 20 percent of Asian Americans older than 17.

The educational attainment of the Asian American community exceeds the state as a whole. One-third of Asian Americans, older than 24 years, have a graduate degree with another quarter having a bachelor's degree. For the state, as a whole, 10 percent of Ohioans have a graduate degree, while 17 percent have a bachelor's degree.

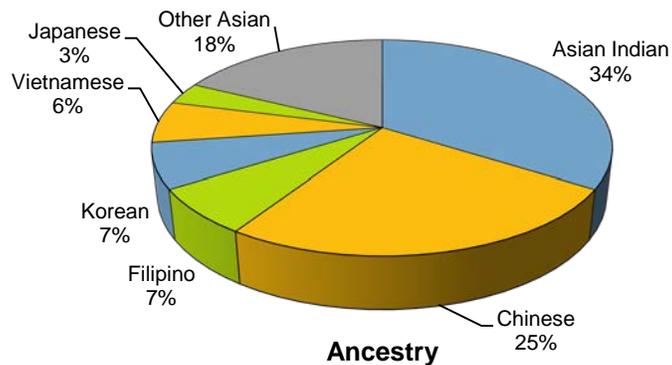


**Foreign Born: 169,000**

More than 86,000 of the over 288,000 Asian Americans in Ohio are of Indian descent. The Indian community is growing quickly and has doubled since 2000. Roughly two-thirds of the foreign-born Indians emigrated from India since 2000.

Chinese American, the second largest group behind Indian, accounts for almost one-fourth of Asians in Ohio. The Chinese community is growing quickly, more than doubling or increasing around 34,000 people, since 2000. Around two-thirds of this growth is due to international migration.

The Ohio Vietnamese community, while smaller, is experiencing significant growth. Since 2000 it has grown by more than 50 percent to around 18,000 people. The Filipino and Korean populations are also growing but at a slightly slower pace. The size of the Japanese community is about the same as in 2000.



Roughly three-of-four Asian American Ohioans speak a language other than English at home. How proficient they are at English depends, to some extent, on their or their family's country of origin. About nine out of ten foreign-born Asians in Ohio with ties to South Central Asia, mainly India, speaks a language other than English at home. Of these, around two-thirds report speaking English "very well". About half of Asian Americans that speak Chinese, Korean, or Japanese at home report speaking English "very well." Less than one-quarter from these three groups reports speaking English at home.



The statistical source of this profile is the 2010 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2012 Survey of Business Owners. Although the census is the most comprehensive set of socio-economic data available, the estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error that may result in some over- or under-estimation of actual population characteristics. The source of public school enrollment was the Ohio Department of Education.