

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER

HERITAGE MONTH

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 milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869. In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration that is now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

“The American dream belongs to all of us.”
Vice President Kamala Harris

Facts to Know About Asian Americans

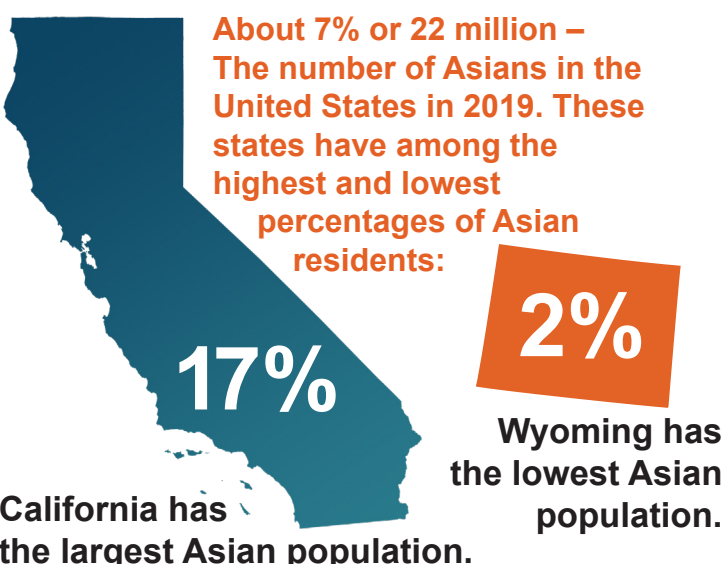
WHAT’S THE AGE?

Roughly 35 – Median age of the Asian population in 2019.

ASIAN-OWNED BUSINESSES

555,262 or (9.9%) or About 1 out of 10 – The estimated number of Asian-owned businesses in the United States. (This number only represents employer businesses.)

TOTAL ASIAN POPULATION



Educational Attainment of Asians 25 years and older, approximately...

- About 1 out of 10 (12%) have less than a high school diploma.
- About 2 out of 10 (15%) are high school graduates. (includes equivalency)
- About 2 out of 10 (19%) have some college or associate’s degree.
- About 3 out of 10 (23%) have a bachelor’s degree.
- About 2 out of 10 (24%) have a graduate or professional degree.

Occupations Held by the Asian population 16 years and older:

- About 5 out of 10 (54%) work in management, business, science, and arts occupations.
- About 2 out of 10 (17%) work in sales and office occupations.
- About 2 out of 10 (17%) work in service occupations.
- About 1 out of 10 (10%) work in production, transportation, and material moving occupations.
- About 1 out of 10 (3%) work in natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.

Facts to Know about Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders (NHPI)

WHAT’S THE AGE?

Roughly 29 – Median age of the NHPI population in 2019.

NHPI-OWNED BUSINESSES

5,157 or 0.1% or About 1 out of 100 – The estimated number of NHPI-owned businesses in the United States. (This number only represents employer businesses.)

Occupations held by the NHPI population 16 years and older:

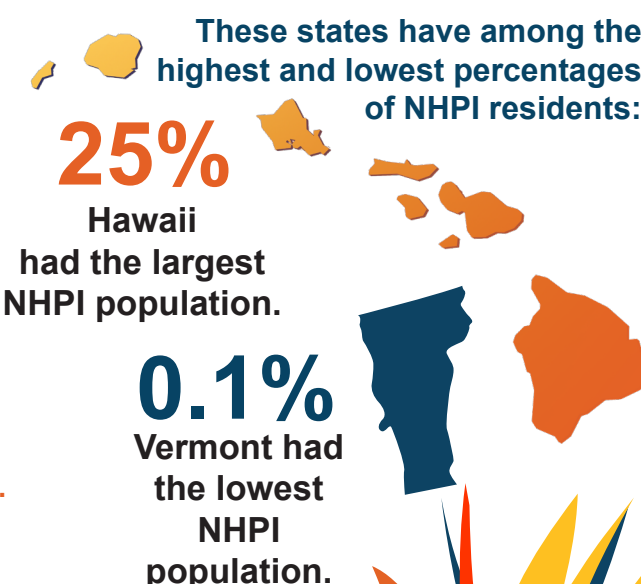
- About 3 out of 10 (32%) work in management, business, science, and arts occupations.
- About 2 out of 10 (23%) work in sales and office occupations.
- About 2 out of 10 (22%) work in service occupations.
- About 2 out of 10 (15%) work in production, transportation, and material moving occupations.
- About 1 out of 10 (8%) work in natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.

Educational Attainment of NHPI 25 years and older, approximately...

- About 1 out of 10 (11%) have less than a high school diploma.
- About 3 out of 10 (31%) are high school graduates. (includes equivalency)
- About 3 out of 10 (34%) have some college or associate’s degree.
- About 2 out of 10 (16%) have a bachelor’s degree.
- About 1 out of 10 (7%) have a graduate or professional degree.

TOTAL NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER (NHPI) POPULATION

Less than one percent or 1.4 million – The number of NHPI residents in the United States in 2019.



Note: All of the data on this page, except the business data and birthplace populations, is for NHPI alone or in combination with other races. Data is rounded for educational attainment and occupations and may not equal 100%. Sources: Census Bureau QuickFacts; 2019 ACS 1- Year Estimates; 2016 Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs; 2010 Census Guam; www.britannica.com/; www.leilani.green/bio; www.espn.com; www.dukeswaikiki.com/duke/; and the U.S. House of Representatives.