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# Asian American Glossary of Terms

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- AA:** abbreviation for Asian American.  
**APA:** abbreviation for Asian Pacific American.  
**APIA:** abbreviation for Asian Pacific Islander American.  
**AAPI:** abbreviation for Asian American and Pacific Islander.

**Asian American** is a political term that is used to more accurately describe the entire community of Asians living in America. Historically, during the era of Western Colonialism, the term “Oriental” was used. Many Asian Americans find the term “Oriental” offensive because of the following reasons: the term refers to an “exotic” or “foreign” region and is non-specific; the term is more appropriately used for inanimate objects; the term was used negatively during oppressive chapters in American history; and this term is often used while sexually objectifying Asian and Asian American women.

**East Asian** refers to people whose ethnic descent is from the region that comprises Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, People’s Republic of China, Singapore, and Taiwan.

**Pacific Islanders** refers to a people whose ethnic descent is from the region which comprises the Cook Islands, Fiji Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

**South Asian** refers to people whose ethnic descent is from the region that comprises Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

**Southeast Asian** refers to the people whose ethnic descent is from the region that comprises Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**1st Generation** commonly used to describe the first members of a family that immigrated to the U.S.

**1.5 Generation** describes those who immigrated to the U.S. before or during their early teens. This generation grows up with a combination of the culture of their home country and American culture, and faces the challenge of successfully acculturating in mainstream society while maintaining the values instilled by their parents.

**“Model Minority” Myth** The model minority myth is the general characterization of all Asian Americans as smart, achievement-oriented, hardworking, respectful, and successful. This myth homogenizes the community and sanitizes the experiences of Asian Americans: no distinctions are made regarding language, culture, religion, socioeconomic status, generation, and education within this diverse population. Prejudice, discrimination, hate crimes, violence, abuse, and other real-life experiences of Asian Americans are masked under the guise of the “model minority.”

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# Who are Asian Americans?

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**A**sian Americans and Pacific Islanders (APIs) are one of the fastest growing populations in the United States. According to the 2010 Census, 668,694\* individuals identified themselves as Asian and 13,546\* identified themselves as Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) in Illinois. Many of the Asian American and Pacific Islander ethnic groups are represented in the Chicagoland API community. They encompass a wide range of backgrounds, from new immigrants to U.S. born citizens. Some of the ethnic groups represented in the Chicagoland area are Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Filipino, Cambodian, Bangladeshi, Thai, Vietnamese, Indian, Polynesian, Native Hawaiian, Pakistani, and Lao. It is important to understand that each API ethnic group has its own history, language, and traditions; many distinct cultures comprise the larger API community.

## **Ethnic Breakdowns**

As part of the 2000 census, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders were separated from Asians and given their own race categorization as a way to better represent the diversity of the API population in the United States. Additionally, the 2000 census allowed respondents the option to select one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities. Although individuals were given the option to indicate more than one race on the 2000 Census, the data provided in this section represents the population that identified themselves as only one race to prevent the double counting of individuals unless noted otherwise.

The 2008 data is provided by the 2006-2008 American Community Survey (ACS) three-year population estimates. The American Community Survey (ACS) is a national statistic survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, which began in 2005. The annual ACS replaced the decennial long-form, and gives communities more accurate and up to date information about the ways they are changing. Every month, approximately 250,000 surveys are sent out to collect information such as age, race, and income, from a sampling of households. The responses are then used to estimate population totals. The 2008 data provided in this section is an estimate based on figures collected during the thirty-six months starting from 2006 to the end of 2008. The three-year estimates are produced for geographic entities with populations of at least 20,000; therefore, some information is unavailable as it does not meet this requirement. Over time, adjustments are made to ACS estimates to correct for sampling and non-sampling errors. Thus, the numbers presented here may change as the Census Bureau makes adjustments.

## AAPIs in the Six Northeastern Counties

Six County Area	Asians (Inclusive)*		% of Total Population	Asian Population	County Total		
	2000	2010	2010	% Change	2000	2010	% Change
Cook County	287,551	362,929	6.99%	26.21%	5,376,741	5,194,675	-3.39%
Suburban Cook**	147,034	196,159	7.85%	33.41%	2,480,725	2,499,077	0.74%
Chicago	140,517	166,770	6.19%	18.68%	2,896,016	2,695,598	-6.92%
DuPage County	76,941	101,542	11.07%	31.97%	904,161	916,924	1.41%
Kane County	8,745	21,080	4.09%	141.05%	404,119	515,269	27.50%
Lake County	28,615	50,622	7.20%	76.91%	644,356	703,462	9.17%
McHenry County	4,550	9,552	3.09%	109.93%	260,077	308,760	18.72%
Will County	13,008	35,379	5.22%	171.98%	502,266	677,560	34.90%
Illinois	473,649	668,694	5.21%	41.18%	12,419,293	12,830,632	3.31%

Figure 1.1: AAPIs in the Six Northeastern Counties. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census

The Asian American population has increased in all six northeastern counties, as well as the entire state.

Asians grew from 3.8 percent to 5.2 percent of the state's population from 2000 to 2010—an increase of nearly 200,000 Asians.

The rate of Asian population growth outpaced overall population growth, especially in Cook County's case where the overall population decreased and the Asian population grew.

The Asian American population in Illinois grew by nearly 200,000 people; that is over a 40 percent increase.

Around 87 percent of Illinois' Asian American population live in the six county area.

581,104 Asian Americans live in the six county area; this is a 39 percent growth since 2000

Around 54 percent of Illinois' Asian American population live in Cook County.

Six County Area	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander*		% of Area's Population	Pacific Islander Population	County Total Population
	2000	2010	2010	% Change	% Change
Cook County	6,700	6,393	0.12%	-4.58%	-3.39%
Suburban Cook**	2,085	2,623	0.10%	25.80%	0.74%
Chicago	4,615	3,770	0.14%	-18.31%	-6.92%
DuPage County	735	958	0.10%	30.34%	1.41%
Kane County	332	481	0.09%	44.88%	27.50%
Lake County	848	1,056	0.15%	24.53%	9.17%
McHenry County	145	244	0.08%	68.28%	18.72%
Will County	380	529	0.08%	39.21%	34.90%
Illinois	11,848	13,546	0.11%	14.33%	3.31%

Figure 1.2: Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander in the Six Northeastern Counties. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census

While there are relatively few Pacific Islanders, they grew at a faster a rate than the overall population in the six county area, with the exception of the Chicago area.

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\*\* Suburban Cook County is defined as areas of Cook County that do not fall within the border of Chicago.

## Asian American Population from 2000-2010 in Illinois, Chicago, and the Suburban Six County Area

The 2010 Census counted 668,694 Asians living in Illinois—a 41.2% increase since 2000.

Ethnicity	Illinois		Chicago		Suburban Six County Area**				
	2000	2010	% Change	2000	2010	% Change	2000	2010	% Change
Asian Indian	133,978	203,669	52.0%	27,889	33,528	20.2%	93,735	146,670	56.5%
Bangladeshi	825	2,088	153.1%	376	679	80.6%	319	1,126	253.0%
Cambodian	3,516	4,366	24.2%	1,751	1,404	-19.8%	1,531	2,534	65.5%
Chinese	85,840	112,951	31.6%	34,329	46,446	35.3%	38,180	51,092	33.8%
Filipino	100,338	139,090	38.6%	32,266	35,188	9.1%	60,197	90,046	49.6%
Hmong	604	651	7.8%	173	97	-43.9%	298	402	34.9%
Indonesian	1,201	1,665	38.6%	359	430	19.8%	531	837	57.6%
Japanese	27,702	28,623	3.3%	7,114	7,044	-1.0%	16,117	16,724	3.8%
Korean	56,021	70,263	25.4%	12,867	13,418	4.3%	35,540	45,753	28.7%
Laotian	5,973	7,102	18.9%	517	529	2.3%	3,404	4,023	18.2%
Malaysian	711	939	32.1%	186	165	-11.3%	296	497	67.9%
Pakistani	18,881	33,000	74.8%	7,606	7,926	4.2%	10,302	22,840	121.7%
Sri Lankan	646	1,320	104.3%	144	376	161.1%	371	694	87.1%
Taiwanese	4,176	6,705	60.6%	669	1,319	97.2%	2,666	4,064	52.4%
Thai	7,231	9,800	35.5%	2,385	3,168	32.8%	3,515	4,731	34.6%
Vietnamese	21,212	29,101	37.2%	8,925	10,118	13.4%	8,344	13,262	58.9%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>473,649</b>	<b>668,694</b>	<b>41.2%</b>	<b>140,571</b>	<b>166,770</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>278,853</b>	<b>414,334</b>	<b>48.6%</b>

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\*\* Contains the sum of the Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will County populations minus Chicago's population

**Figure 1.3: Asian Population from 2000-2010 in Illinois, Chicago, and the Suburban Six County Area**  
Source

U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census

# Where are Asian Americans?

## Top 10 Counties with the most Asian Americans\* in Illinois, 2010

County	2000	2010	% Change
Cook	287,551	362,929	26.2%
DuPage	76,941	101,542	32.0%
Lake	28,615	50,622	76.9%
Will	13,008	35,379	172.0%
Kane	8,745	21,080	141.1%
Champaign	12,749	19,990	56.8%
McHenry	4,550	9,552	109.9%
Winnebago	5,628	8,289	47.3%
McLean	3,527	8,232	133.4%
Peoria	3,499	6,762	93.3%

Figure 2.1: Top 10 Counties with the most Asian Americans in Illinois, 2010. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census

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### Asian American Population from 2000-2010 in Illinois, Chicago, and the Suburban Six County Area

In Illinois, the three largest Asian ethnic groups are Asian Indian, Filipino, and Chinese, respectively. In Chicago, Chinese Americans remain the largest Asian ethnic group.

The Asian Indian population grew by almost 70,000 in Illinois, which is around a 52% increase since 2000. This is the largest absolute growth among the Asian ethnic community.

Asian Indians and Filipinos are the two largest Asian groups and together make up more than half of the Asian population in Illinois.

In Illinois, the Pakistani have risen from the seventh largest Asian group in 2000 to fifth largest in 2010.

With the Asian population growing 141 percent, Kane County went from the sixth most Asian populated county in 2000 to fifth in 2010.

The Asian population more than doubled in half of the six northeastern counties of Illinois, specifically Will, Kane, and McHenry counties.

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## Asian American Population from 2000-2010 in DuPage and Lake County

Ethnicity	DuPage County			Lake County		
	2000	2010	% Change	2000	2010	% Change
Asian Indian	32,150	44,823	39.4%	5,913	13,629	56.6%
Bangladeshi	76	270	255.3%	24	114	78.9%
Cambodian	540	622	15.2%	223	481	53.6%
Chinese	11,680	13,459	15.2%	5,256	8,948	41.3%
Filipino	15,238	18,004	18.2%	8,420	12,928	34.9%
Hmong	84	87	3.6%	22	83	73.5%
Indonesian	123	189	53.7%	52	107	51.4%
Japanese	2,251	2,400	6.6%	2,151	2,487	13.5%
Korean	4,940	5,481	11.0%	4,451	8,102	45.1%
Laotian	214	277	29.4%	34	76	55.3%
Malaysian	72	118	63.9%	34	83	59.0%
Pakistani	3,867	7,180	85.7%	484	1,157	58.2%
Sri Lankan	120	236	96.7%	39	113	65.5%
Taiwanese	1,165	1,575	35.2%	271	418	35.2%
Thai	685	775	13.1%	308	459	32.9%
Vietnamese	3,142	4,089	30.1%	696	1,112	37.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,941</b>	<b>101,542</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>28,615</b>	<b>50,622</b>	<b>76.9%</b>

Figure 2.2: Asian American Population from 2000-2010 in DuPage and Lake County. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census

Asian Indians and Filipinos are the two largest Asian groups in DuPage County and together, make up more than 60 percent of the Asian population in the county.

Asian Indians, Filipinos, Chinese, and Koreans are the four largest Asian groups in Lake County; together, they make up 86 percent of the Asian population in the county.

# Language Profile

## Language Profile for Illinois Asian Americans 5 years and older

	2000	% of total	2008	% of total
Total Asian population 5 years and older	394,950	100.0%	507,575	100.0%
Speaks only English	69,142	17.5%	101,894	20.1%
Speaks other languages	325,808	82.5%	405,681	79.9%
Speaks English well or better	273,529	69.3%	241,707	47.6%
Speaks English less than well	52,279	13.2%	163,974	32.3%

**Figure 3.1: Language Profile for Illinois Asian Americans 5 years and older**  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

About 80 percent of Asian Americans over 5 years old speak languages other than English.

There was over a 110,000 increase in the number of Asians who speak English less than well, which is an increase of 214 percent.

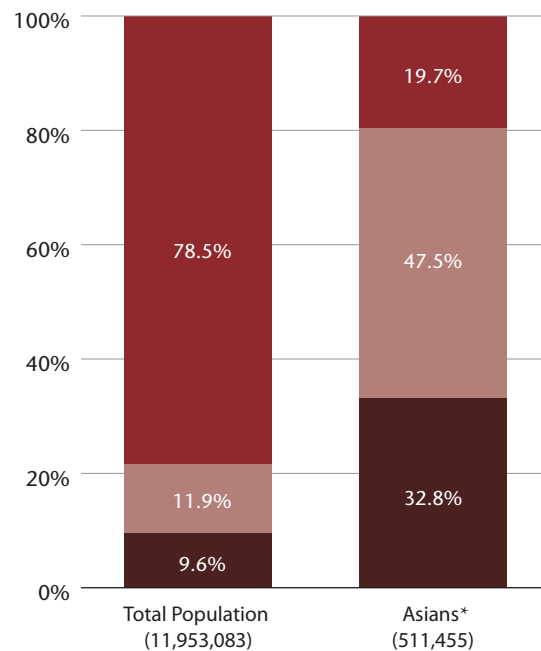
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

### Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English

for Illinois Population 5 years and over

- Speaks only English
- Speaks English and another language
- Speaks English less than "very well"

Eighty percent of the Asian population speaks a language other than English, which is much higher compared to the total population (20 percent).



**Figure 3.2: Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-2009

\* Represents single race category

## Nativity of Asian Illinoisans who speak another language and are 5 years or older

	2000	% of total	2008	% of total
<b>Native:</b>	<b>42,573</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>69,555</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
who speak English well or better	39,386	92.5%	58,138	83.6%
who speak English less than well	3,187	7.5%	11,417	16.4%
<b>Foreign born:</b>	<b>206,227</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>336,126</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
who speak English well or better	165,497	80.2%	183,569	54.6%
who speak English less than well	40,730	19.8%	152,557	45.4%

Figure 3.3: Nativity of Asian Illinoisans who speak another language and are 5 years or older  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

### Illinois Asians' Ability to Speak English by Nativity

for those older than 5 years

- Speaks no English
- Speaks English "not well"
- Speaks English "well"
- Speaks English "very well"
- Speaks only English

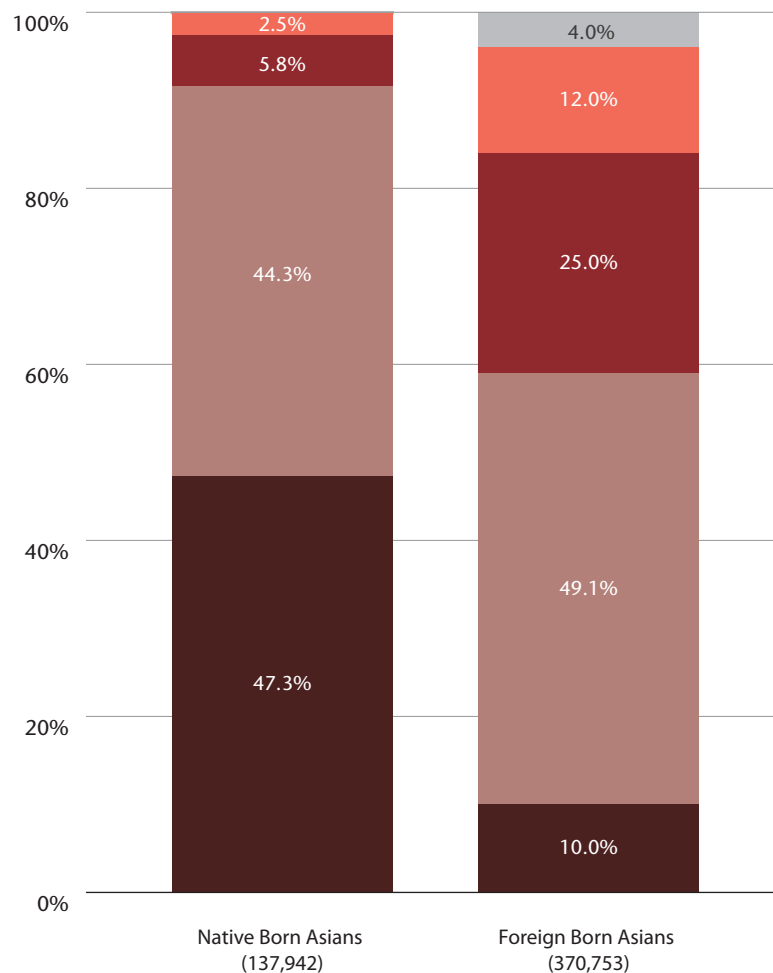
Almost half of all native born Asians speak only English.

Ninety percent of all foreign born Asians speak a language other than English.

Around one in six foreign born Asians speak English "not well" or "not at all."

Figure 3.4: Illinois Asians' Ability to Speak English by Nativity

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, DataFerrett, American Community Survey 2007-2009



## Population by Languages Spoken

5 County**	5 County	Chicago
Population 5 and Over	7,493,062	2,522,156
Speak English Only	5,442,229	1,612,050
Speak a language other than English	2,342,951	910,106
Chinese	67,284	33,746
Gujarati	32,713	3,274
Hindi	28,116	6,182
Hmong	78	54
Japanese	10,297	2,455
Korean	41,155	7,911
Laotian	3,463	975
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2,480	506
Tagalog	68,863	21,419
Thai	3,976	1,029
Urdu	37,914	9,394
Vietnamese	16,240	7,975
Other Asian languages	35,704	5,181
Other Pacific Island languages	4,015	987

Figure 3.5: Population by Language Spoken. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

\*\* 5 County region consist of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties. McHenry County could not be included as the sample size was too small.

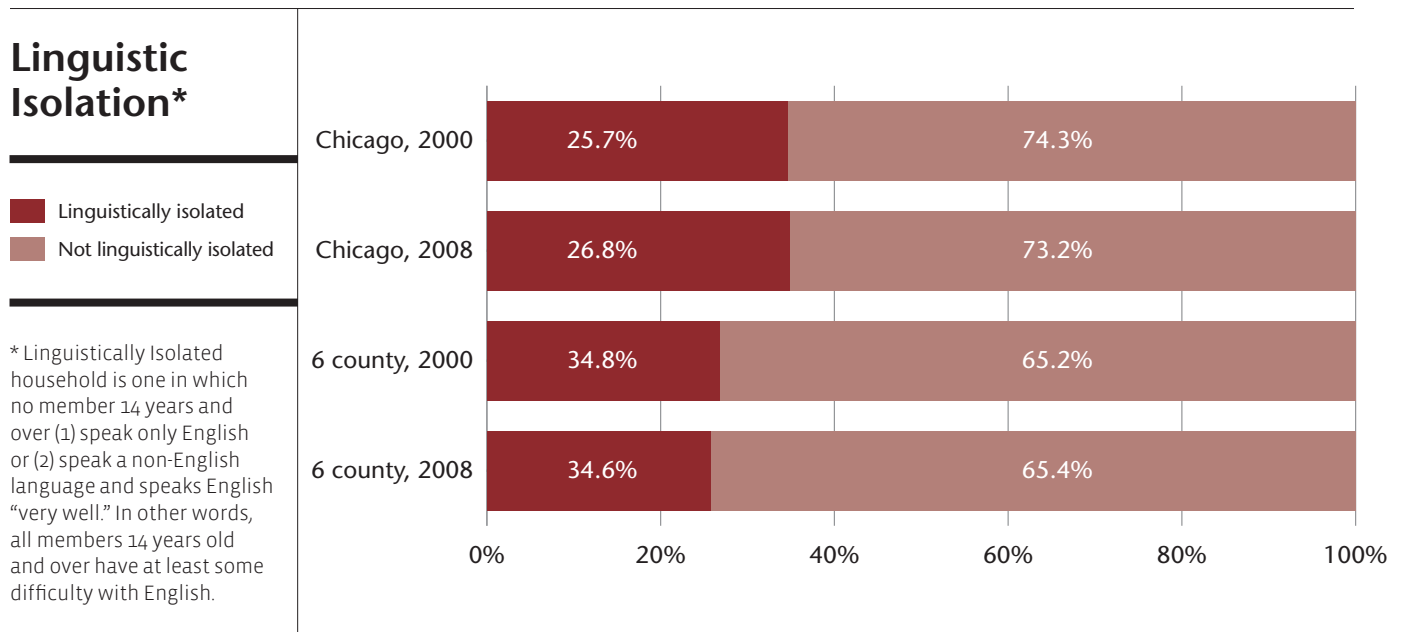


Figure 3.6: Linguistic Isolation. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

# Education Profile

## Educational Attainment for Illinois Asian Americans over 25 years old

	2000				2008 Estimate			
	Asians Population		Illinois Total Population		Asians Population		Illinois Total Population	
	Total	% Total	Total	% Total	Total	% Total	Total	% Total
Less than high school diploma	36,291	13.1%	1,480,443	18.6%	34,619	9.4%	1,203,202	14.4%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	32,813	11.9%	2,212,291	27.7%	43,619	11.9%	2,364,161	28.4%
Some college or associate's degree	48,011	17.4%	2,202,888	27.6%	63,936	17.4%	2,307,832	27.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	159,582	57.7%	2,078,049	26.1%	225,652	61.3%	2,461,724	29.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>276,697</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,973,671</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>367,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,336,919</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 4.1: Educational Attainment for Illinois Asian Americans over 25 years old  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

The Illinois Asian population with less than a high school diploma decreased by around 4.5 percent.

In Illinois, 41.3 percent of all Asian Americans have at least a bachelor's degree.

## Educational Attainment

for Illinois Asian Americans over 25 Years Old

- Less than high school diploma
- High school graduate, GED, or alternative
- Some college or associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree or higher

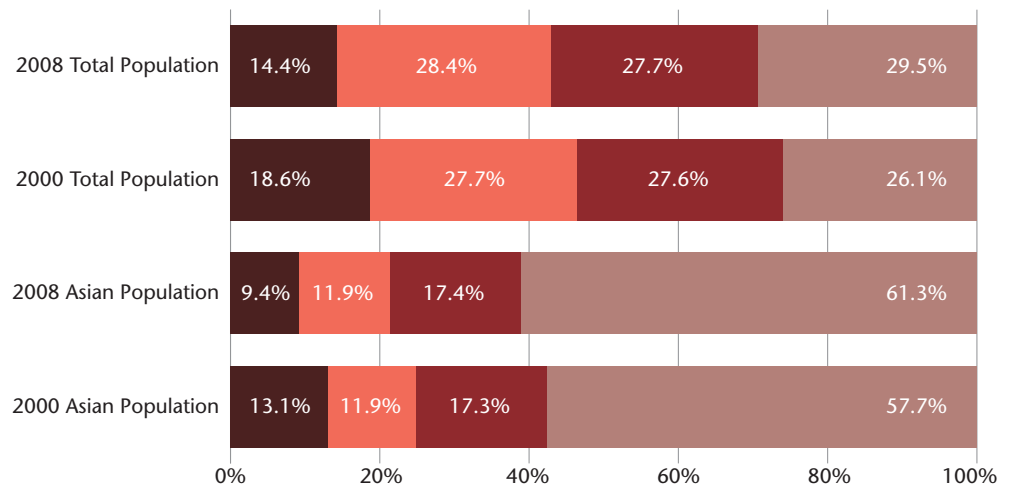
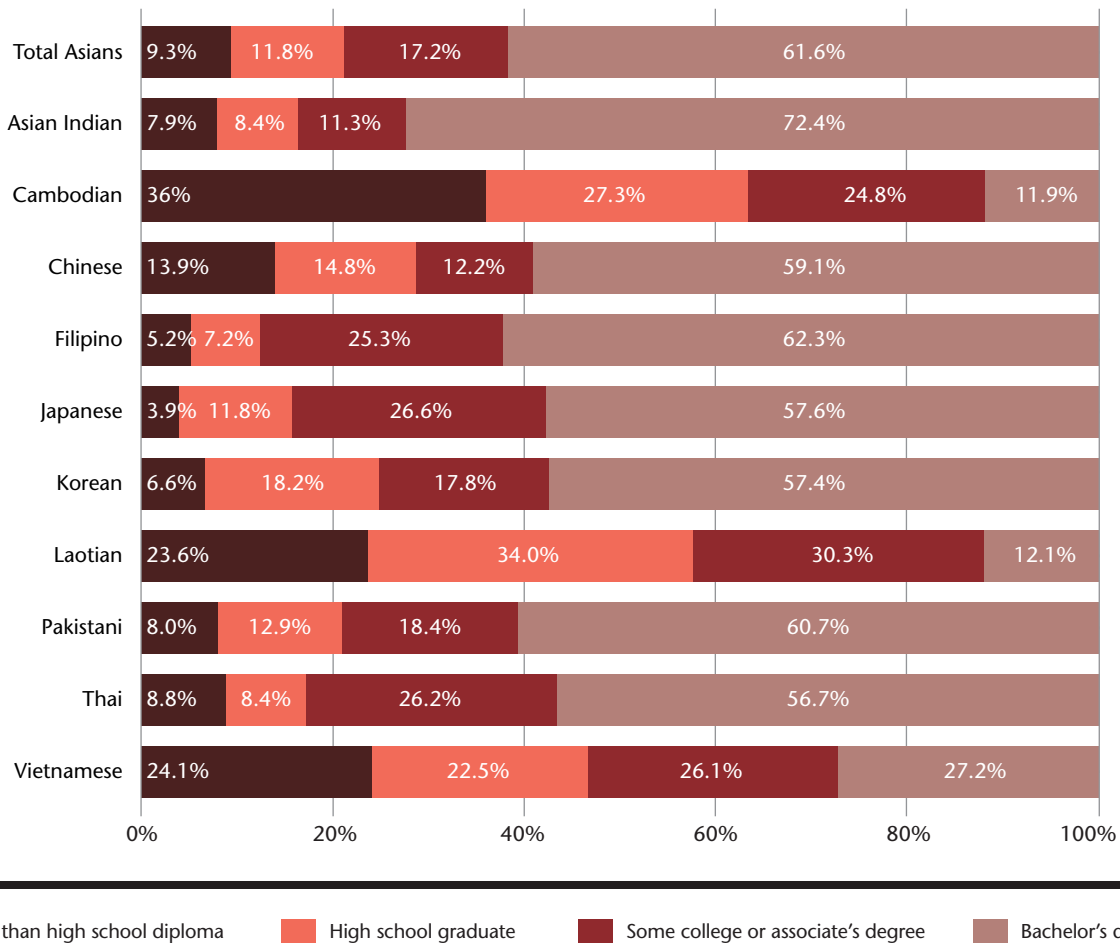


Figure 4.2: Educational Attainment for Illinois Asian Americans over 25 Years Old  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

## Educational Attainment

by ethnicities for Illinois Asians over 25 years old



**Figure 4.3: Educational Attainment by ethnicity for Illinois Asians over 25 years old**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, DataFerrett, American Community Survey 2007-2009

Note: All categories are single race and/or single ethnic category.

Caution on Usage: For smaller populations, such as the Cambodian and Laotian community, the sample size used to calculate the estimates are much smaller. Thus, the estimates are subject to a larger margin of error and are, therefore, less precise.

Although educational attainment is generally high for Asians, Southeast Asian groups – Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian – have educational levels far below the average for all Illinoisans

## Educational Attainment for Chicago Asian Americans over 25 years old

	2000				2008 Estimate			
	Asians Population		Chicago Total Population		Asians Population		Chicago Total Population	
	Total	% Total	Total	% Total	Total	% Total	Total	% Total
Less than high school diploma	17,718	20.3%	511,774	28.2%	16,033	16.6%	386,313	21.9%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	12,453	14.2%	418,113	23.0%	14,928	15.5%	442,099	25.0%
Some college or associate's degree	15,111	17.3%	423,226	23.3%	15,896	16.5%	403,401	22.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42,187	48.2%	462,783	25.5%	49,561	51.4%	533,123	30.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,469</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,815,896</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>96,418</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,764,936</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 4.4: Educational Attainment for Chicago Asian Americans over 25 years old  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

In Chicago, over 51 percent of Asian Americans over 25 have at least a bachelor's degree.

Chicago continues to account for nearly half of the Asians with less than a high school diploma in Illinois.

## Educational Attainment

for Chicago Asian Americans over 25 Years Old

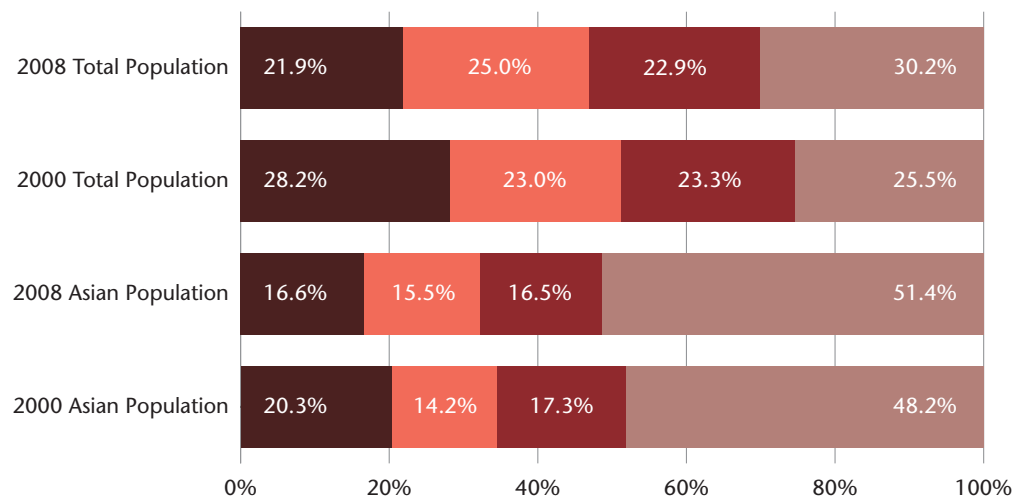
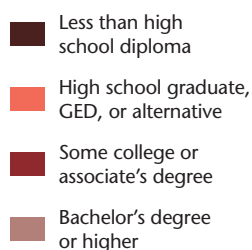


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# Racial Composition

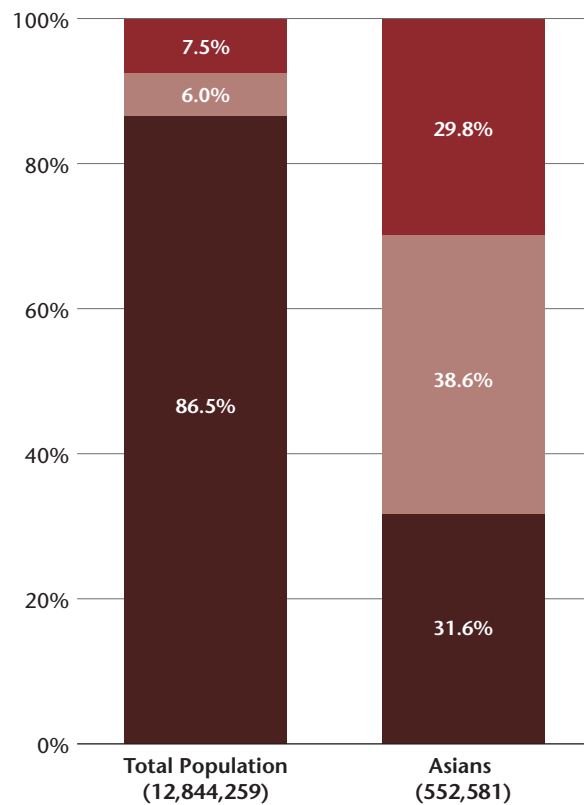
## Nativity of Illinoisans

for the total population and Asian\* population

- Not a U.S. Citizen
- Naturalized U.S. Citizen
- Native U.S. Citizen

**Around 70 percent of the Asian population of Illinois is foreign born.**

**Figure 5.1: Nativity of Illinoisans**  
 \* Represents single race category  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-2009



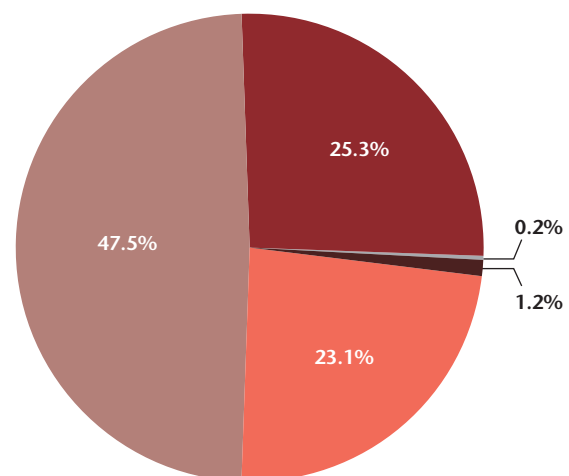
## Place of Birth for Foreign Born Population of Illinois

Total Foreign born population: 1,737,709

- Latin American
- Asia
- Europe
- Northern America
- Oceania

**One out of every four foreign born Illinoisans were born in Asia.**

**Figure 5.2: Place of Birth for Foreign born Population of Illinois**  
 Note: Excludes those born at sea  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-2009



## Race Comparisons in Chicago

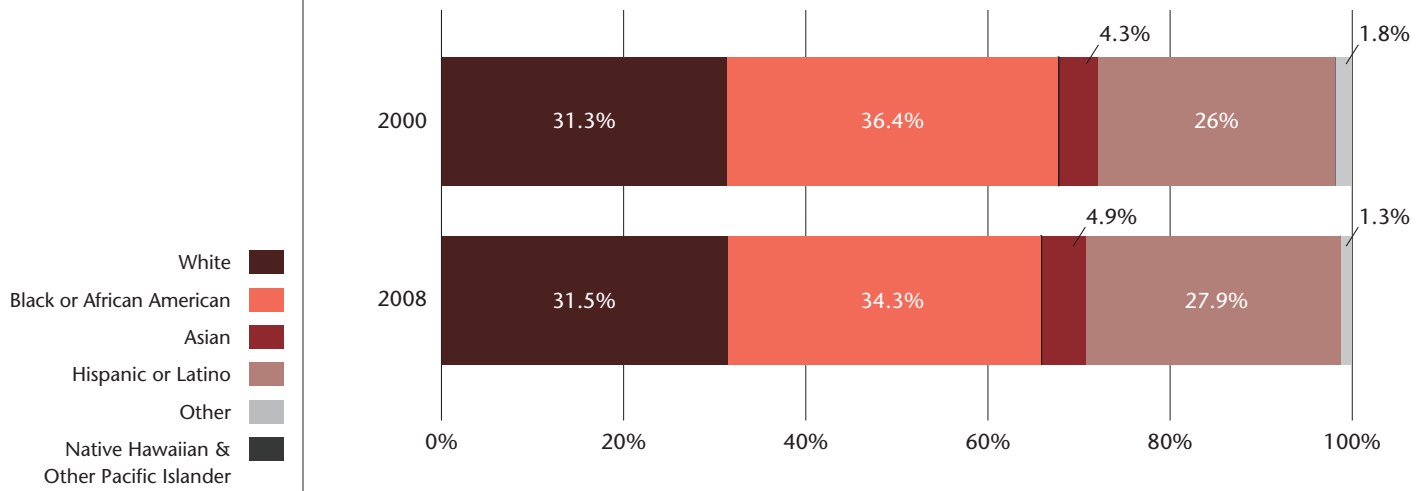
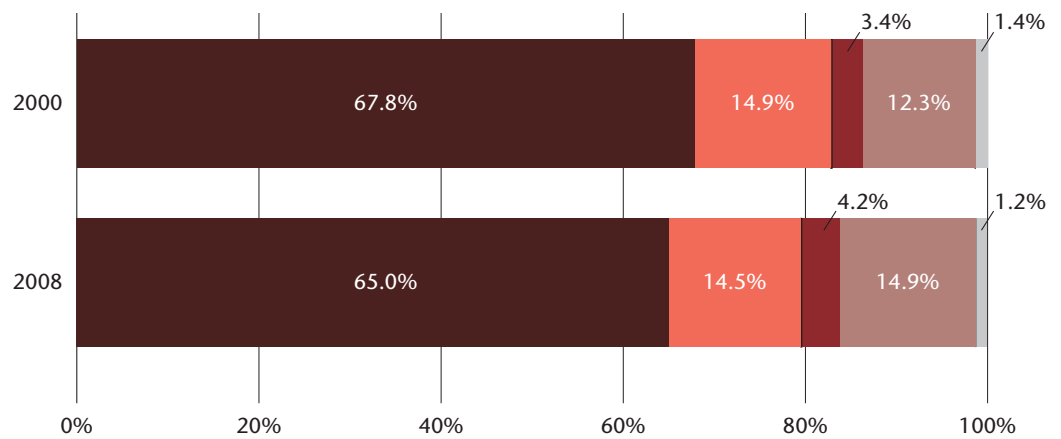


Figure 5.3: Race Comparisons in Chicago

## Race Comparisons in Illinois



The racial compositions of Illinois and Chicago have remained nearly the same.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

Figure 5.4: Race Comparisons in Illinois

# Income

## Asian Poverty Status\*

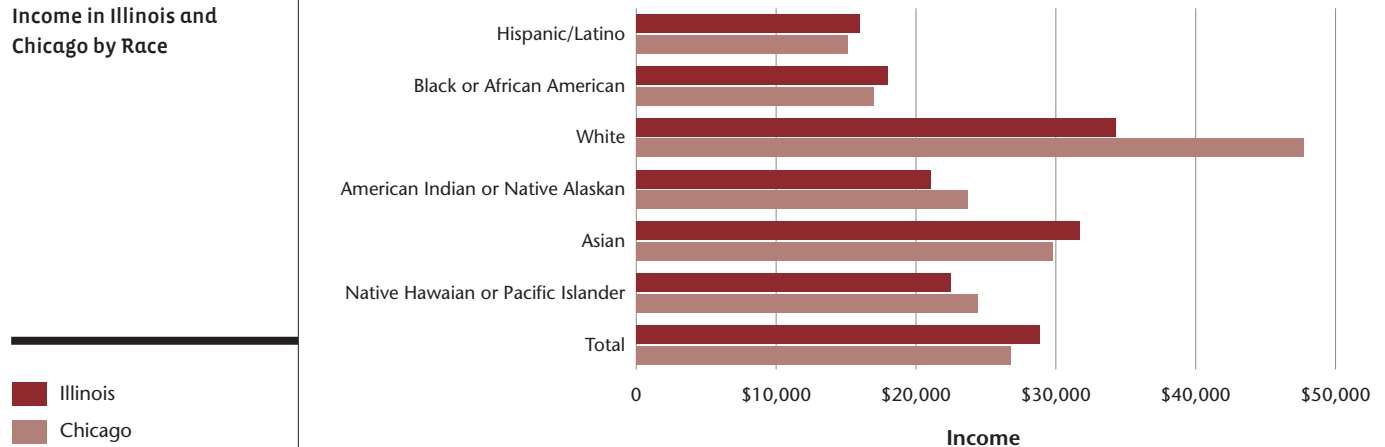
	2000			2008		
	Population with Income below poverty level	Total Population	% of population	Population with Income below poverty level	Total Population	% of population
Chicago	22,160	123,370	18.0%	19,854	132,079	15.0%
Illinois	39,930	413,360	9.7%	49,592	535,332	9.3%

Figure 6.1: Asian Poverty Status. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

\*Asian population for whom poverty status is determined

## Per Capita Income in Illinois and Chicago by Race

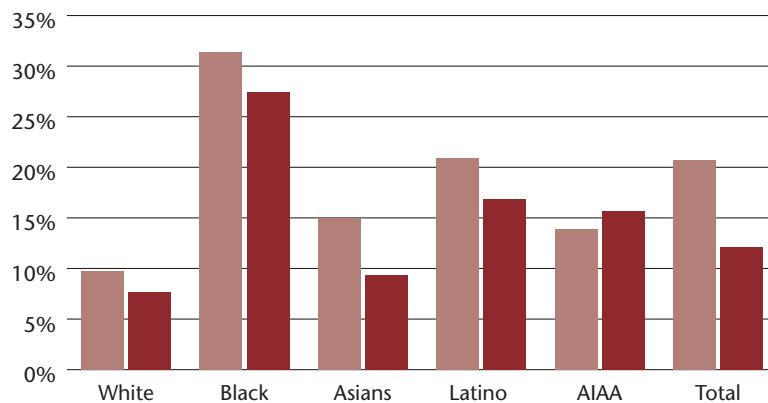
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

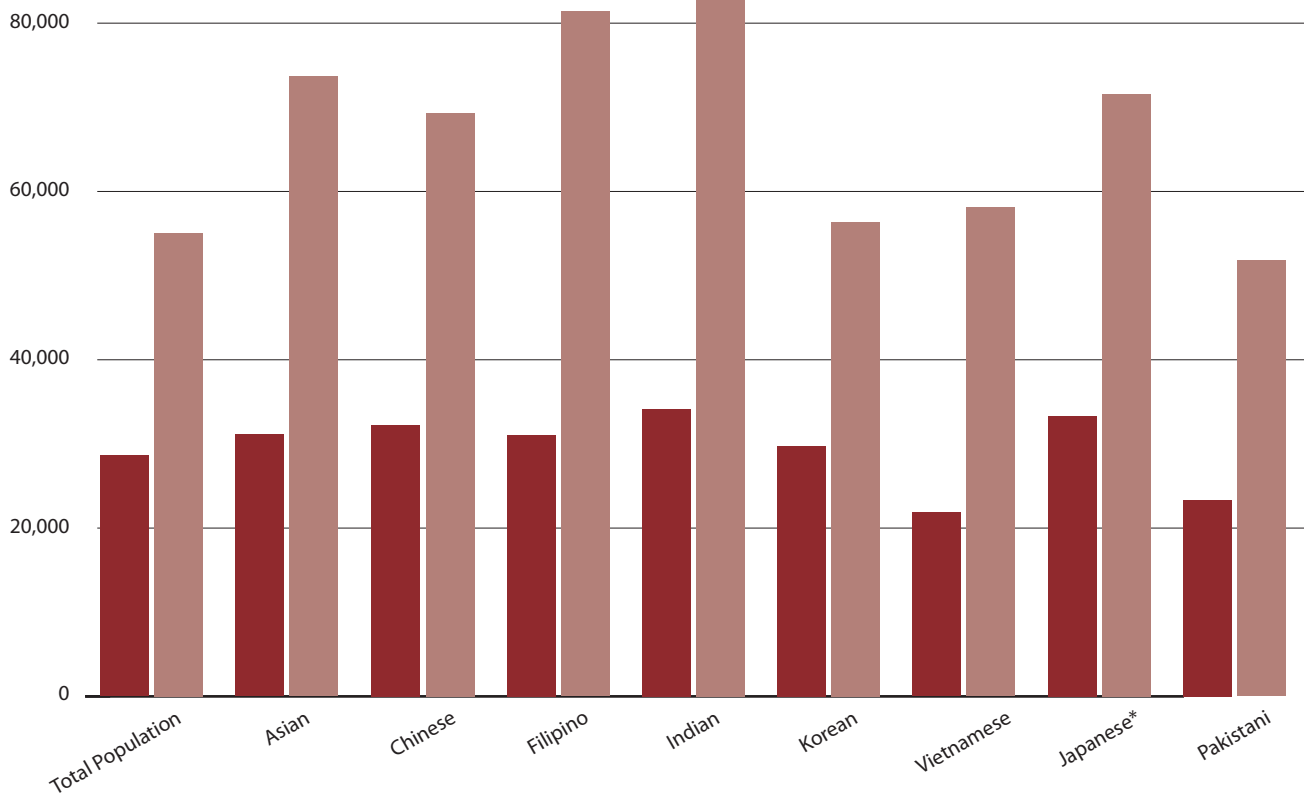
## Proportion of Respective Population Below Poverty Level

Figure 6.3: Proportion of Respective Population Below Poverty Level



## Income in Illinois for Select Populations for the Past 12 Months

in 2009 Inflation-adjusted dollars



■ Per Capita  
■ Median Household

**Figure 6.4: Income in Illinois for Select Populations for the Past 12 Months**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-2009

\* Alone or in combination. This category was used to achieve the necessary sample size for the U.S. Census Bureau to produce an accurate estimate.

### Definitions

**Household** - A household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence.

**Per capita income** is the income available per individual in a population, rather than for an entire household.

Because Asian households are larger on average, per capita income is a better measure of an ethnic group's overall well-being.

The average Illinois household size for Asians living in owner occupied units is 3.35 people, which is larger than the average size for the total population (2.74).

Although Asians have higher than average median household income, Asians have close to average per capita incomes.

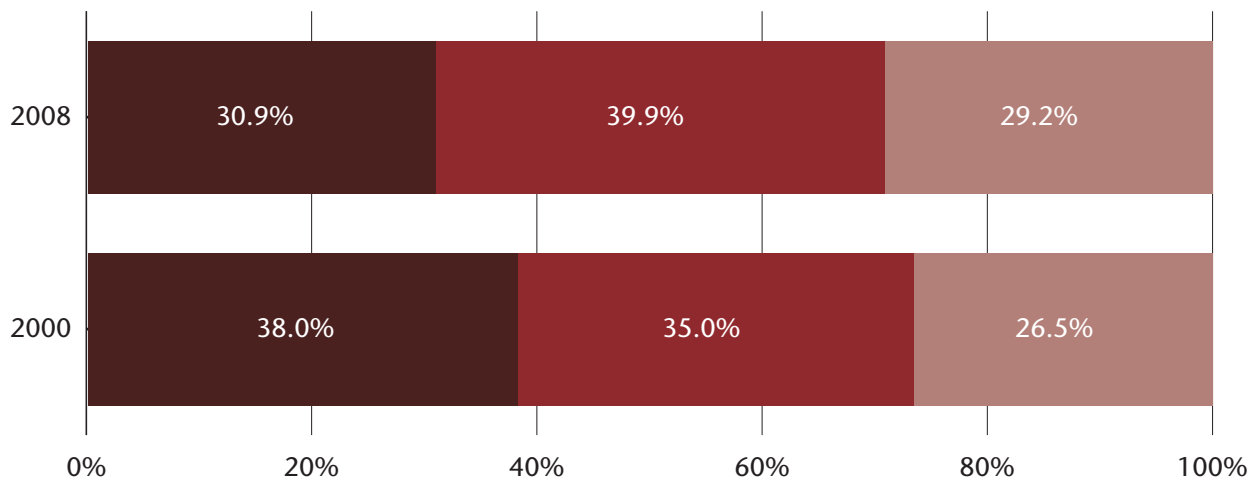
# Citizenship Status

## Changes in Asian American Citizenship Statuses in Chicago

	2000	% of Total	2008	% of Total
Native	33,617	26.5%	39,386	29.2%
Foreign born:	93,435	73.5%	95,350	70.8%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	44,502	35.0%	53,768	39.9%
Not a U.S. citizen	48,933	38.5%	41,582	30.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>134,736</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Figure 7.1: Changes in Asian American Citizenship Statuses in Chicago**  
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

## Chicago Asian Citizenship Status



- Not a U.S. Citizen
- Foreign born, Naturalized U.S. Citizen
- Native, U.S. Citizen

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

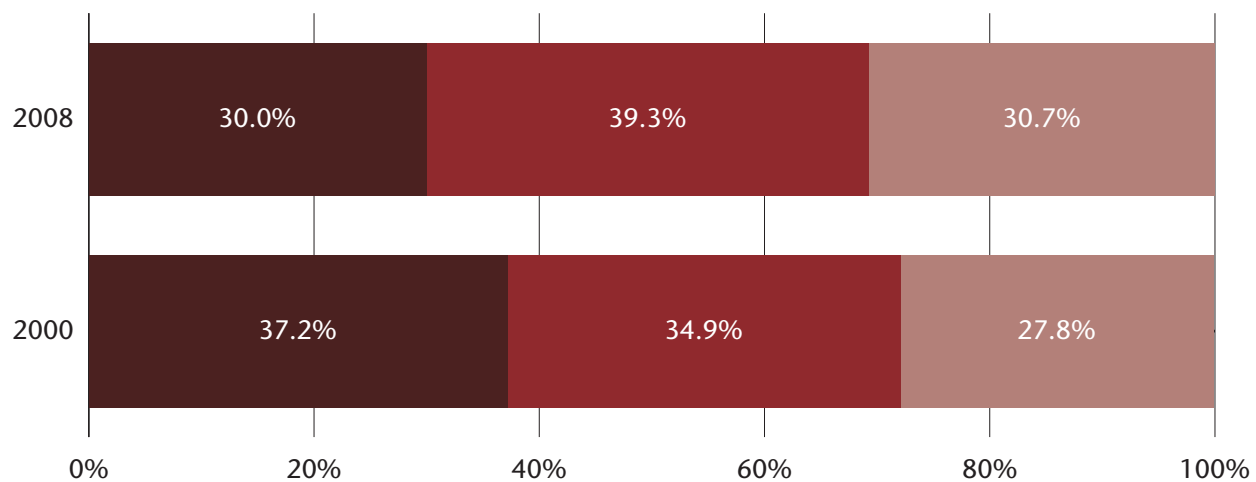
## Changes in Asian American Citizenship Statuses in Illinois

	2000	% of Total	2008	% of Total
Native	117,877	27.8%	167,537	30.7%
Foreign born:	305,563	72.2%	378,243	69.3%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	147,868	34.9%	214,240	39.3%
Not a U.S. citizen	157,695	37.2%	164,003	30.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>423,440</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>545,780</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 7.3: Changes in Asian American Citizenship Statuses in Illinois

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census and 2006-2008 American Community Survey

## Illinois Asian Citizenship Status



- Not a U.S. Citizen
- Foreign born, Naturalized U.S. Citizen
- Native, U.S. Citizen

Figure 7.4: Illinois Asian Citizenship Status

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

In Illinois, 381,777 Asian Americans are U.S. citizens either by birth or naturalization. This represents 70 percent of the community.

The native-born Asian population grew by around 50,000, which is a 42 percent population increase.

The foreign-born, Asian US citizen population grew by around 66,000, which is around a 45 percent population increase.

# Voter Eligibility

## Voter Eligibility in Illinois

Area	Total Eligible Voters*	Total Population	% of Total Population	Eligible Asian Voters	Total Asian Population	% of Asian Population
Chicago	1,745,750	2,725,206	64.1%	73,252	134,736	54.4%
Cook County	3,406,623	5,278,738	64.5%	155,909	300,883	51.8%
DuPage County	620,908	927,410	67.0%	46,293	91,034	50.9%
Kane County	296,570	497,667	59.6%	7,645	15,270	50.1%
Lake County	441,884	706,864	62.5%	20,482	40,558	50.5%
McHenry County	212,718	314,112	67.7%	4,809	8,287	58.0%
Will County	440,768	669,317	65.9%	12,305	25,494	48.3%
Illinois	8,759,430	12,829,014	68.3%	276,679	545,780	50.7%

**Figure 8.1: Voter Eligibility in Illinois.** Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

\*Eligible voters are those who are 18 years or older and are U.S. citizens

# Multiracial Asians

## Growth of Multiracial Asians in Illinois

Geography	Multiracial Asians*			Asian Alone**		
	2000	2010	% Change	2000	2010	% Change
Cook County	27,381	40,257	47.03%	260,130	322,672	24.0%
Suburban Cook***	12,838	20,651	60.86%	134,156	175,508	30.8%
Chicago	14,543	19,606	34.81%	125,974	147,164	16.8%
DuPage County	5,689	9,238	62.38%	71,252	92,304	29.5%
Kane County	1,449	3,185	119.81%	7,296	17,895	145.3%
Lake County	3,510	6,264	78.46%	25,105	44,358	76.7%
McHenry County	768	1,745	127.21%	3,782	7,807	106.4%
Will County	1,883	4,546	141.42%	11,125	30,833	177.2%
Illinois	50,046	81,760	63.37%	423,603	586,934	38.6%

Figure 9.1: Growth of Multiracial Asians in Illinois. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

\* This category represents Asians who reported a race in combination with one or more of the other race groups besides Asian (e.g., Black and Asian)

\*\* This column represents people who reported Asian as a single race category

\*\*\* Represent areas of Cook County that do not fall within the city of Chicago

## Place of Birth and Citizenship Status for Multiracial Asians in Illinois

- Native
- Foreign born; Naturalized U.S. Citizen
- Foreign born; Not a U.S. Citizen

The multiracial Asian population is mostly composed of native born U.S. Citizens; a much greater proportion of their population is native born compared to Asians of a single race category -- 88 percent compared to 32 percent.

A majority of multiracial Asians are U.S. citizens; 96 percent of multiracial Asians are U.S citizens compared to 70 percent of Asians of a single race category.

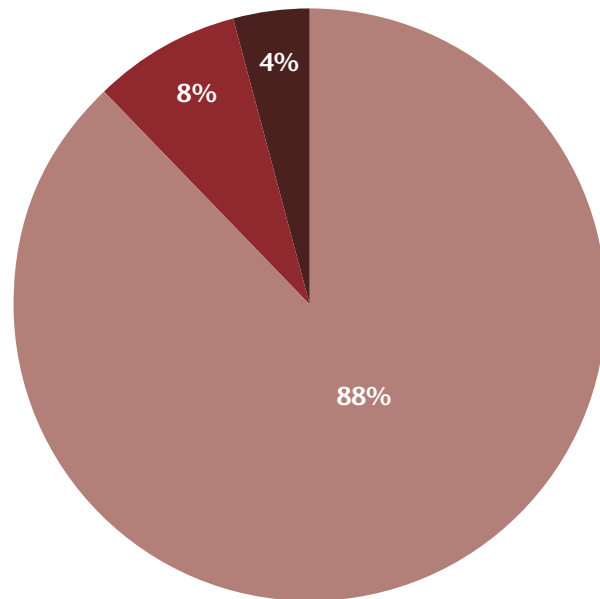


Figure 9.2: Place of Birth and Citizenship Status for Multiracial Asians in Illinois

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-2009

## Age Distribution of Asians in Illinois

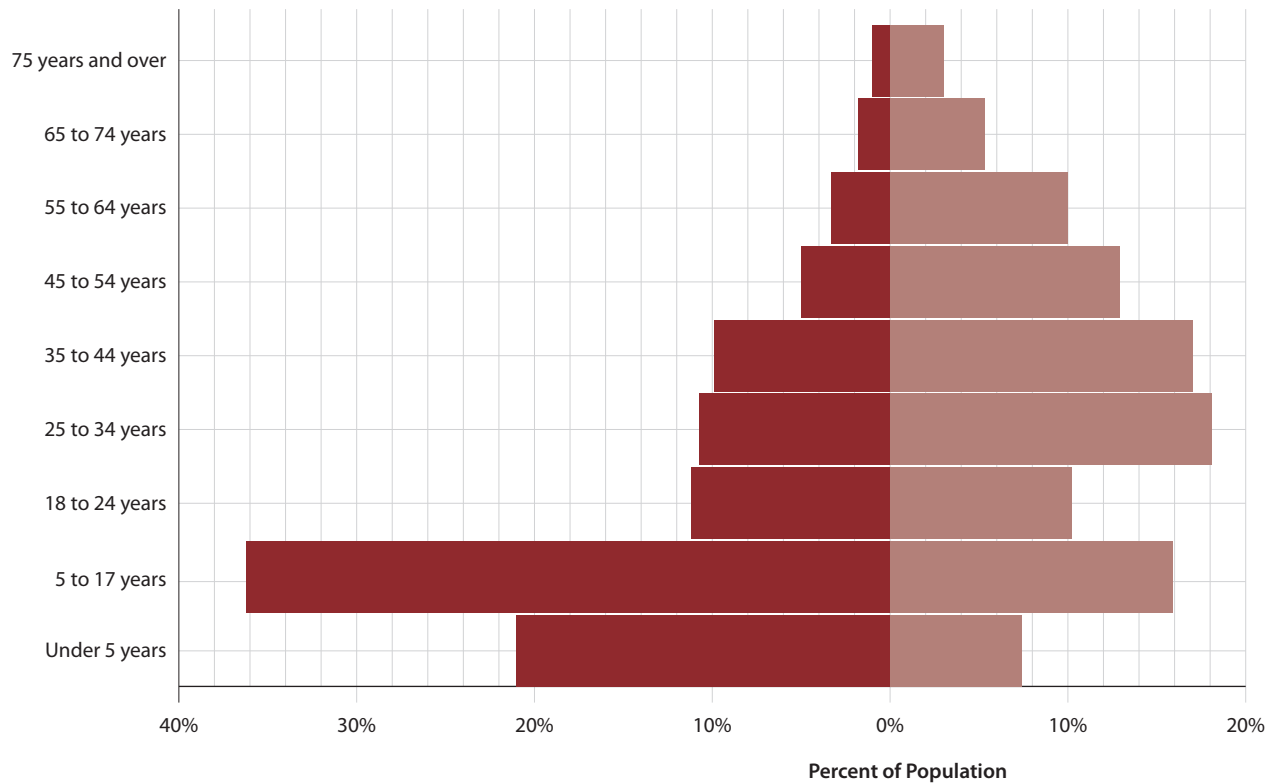


Figure 9.3: Age Distribution of Asians in Illinois

- Multiracial Asians, Median Age: 14.8 years
- Asians, Median Age: 34.1 years

Approximate 21.5 percent of all Asians age 5 years old and under are multiracial.

The median age for multiracial Asians is 14.5, which is significantly younger than the Asian population (34.1 years) and the general Illinois population (36 years).

The Asian community is trending toward a multiracial community as almost 60 percent of multiracial Asians are 17 years old or younger. Moreover, the rate of growth for multiracial Asians is faster when compared to rate for Asians of a single race category-- 63 percent for multiracial Asians and 39 for the general Asian population.

Age	Multiracial Asians	Asian Alone
Under 5 years	21.0%	7.4%
5 to 17 years	36.2%	15.9%
18 to 24 years	11.2%	10.2%
25 to 34 years	10.7%	18.1%
35 to 44 years	9.9%	17.0%
45 to 54 years	5.0%	12.9%
55 to 64 years	3.3%	10.0%
65 to 74 years	1.8%	5.3%
75 years and over	1.0%	3.0%
Total	53,464	552,581

Figure 9.4. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-2009

## Multiracial Asian Americans by Ethnicity *Illinois, 2010*

Ethnicity	Multiracial Asians*	Asians Alone**	Total Asians***	% of respective group that is multiracial
Asian Indian	15,341	188,328	203,669	7.5%
Bangladeshi	193	1,895	2,088	9.2%
Bhutanese	92	467	559	16.5%
Burmese	275	2,675	2,950	9.3%
Cambodian	840	3,526	4,366	19.2%
Chinese	14,682	98,269	112,951	13.0%
Filipino	24,366	114,724	139,090	17.5%
Hmong	79	572	651	12.1%
Indonesian	521	1,144	1,665	31.3%
Japanese	11,081	17,542	28,623	38.7%
Korean	8,794	61,469	70,263	12.5%
Laotian	1,280	5,822	7,102	18.0%
Malaysian	304	635	939	32.4%
Nepalese	182	1,277	1,459	12.5%
Pakistani	3,354	29,646	33,000	10.2%
Sri Lankan	172	1,148	1,320	13.0%
Taiwanese	1,105	5,600	6,705	16.5%
Thai	2,370	7,430	9,800	24.2%
Vietnamese	4,065	25,036	29,101	14.0%

The Japanese represent one of the most intermixed groups of Asians; around 40 percent of their population are multiethnic or multiracial or both

**Figure 9.5: Multiracial Asian Americans by Ethnicity**

\*One category alone or in combination with one or more other categories within the same race group or in combination with any other race group (e.g., Filipino, Korean, and Black; or Filipino, White, and Black). Individuals are included in each category.

\*\* One ethnic and one racial category alone (e.g., Filipino and Asian)

\*\*\* This column is the combination of footnote 1 and footnote 2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Around 48 percent of the Illinois NHPI community are multiracial.

Native Hawaiians are the state's largest Pacific Islander groups, followed closely by Guamanian/Chamorro.

## Multiracial Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Americans (NHPI) by Ethnicity *Illinois, 2010*

	Multiracial NHPI*	NHPI Alone**	Total NHPI***	% of respective group that is multiracial or multiethnic
Native Hawaiian	2,514	1,122	3,636	69.1%
Samoan	699	492	1,191	58.7%
Tongan	38	44	82	46.3%
Guamanian or Chamorro	828	1,100	1,928	42.9%
Marshallese	9	32	41	22.0%
Fijian	53	80	133	39.80%

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**Figure 9.6: Multiracial Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Americans by Ethnicity**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census



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- Assist the Commission on Human Relations in the design of educational and enforcement programs and materials for the implementation of policies to eliminate discrimination;
- Act as a liaison between city government and Asian American community to promote cooperation and access between city government, its departments and community based organizations in order to enhance services to the affected population of Chicago;
- To cooperate through the Commission on Human Relations with other advisory councils in the identification and remediation of practices and actions that have a discriminatory impact on a council's constituency and other segments of society;
- Assist the Commission on Human Relations by recommending policies and programs, review existing programs, conduct legislative research and report to the Commission its findings with regard to the specific needs of an affected community; and,
- Promote (cultural) diversity through its participation in community events, festivals, parades, and hosting of the Mayor's annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Reception.