

Asian/Pacific Americans in Iowa: 2023

May 2023

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.

88,093

The population of who will identify themselves as Asian alone in Iowa according to the 2021 Annual population estimates. This group comprises 2.8% of Iowa's total population.

140.5%

The percent change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2021. This is a 51,458 numeric increase for the period.

195,869

The projected number of Iowa residents who will identify themselves as either Asian or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander in 2060 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc. That will be 5.6% of the total state population.

6,324

The number Iowa residents who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander in 2021. This group comprises 0.2% of Iowa's total population.

526.8%

The percent change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders alone from 2000 to 2021. This is a numeric increase of 5,315 for that period.

Coming to America

36.1%

The percent of Iowa's foreign born population in 2021 who were born in Asia. The total foreign-born population in Iowa was 173,021

82.5%

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

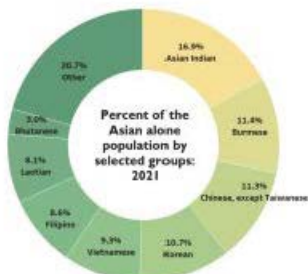
56.1%

The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born in 2021 from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the Iowa foreign-born population as a whole is 48.1 percent.

32.1

The median age of Iowa's Asian population in 2021.

The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.5



11,054

The estimated number of foreign-born people in Iowa from India according to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey. After Mexico, India is the second 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 China (9,630), Vietnam (7,886), Bosnia and Herzegovina (5,758), Korea (5,072), the Philippines (4,489), and Burma (4,386).