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ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

2024 NATIONAL OVERVIEW

KEY FACTS
AT-A-GLANCE

Disaggregated data, or detailed origin data, reveal significant community needs that are often hidden or masked by averaged racial data for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AA and NHPIs).

EDUCATION

➤ There are stark differences in educational attainment among AA and NHPI communities. The following groups are among those least likely to have completed an associate's degree or higher: Marshallese, Bhutanese, Samoan, Burmese, Laotian, Tongan, Native Hawaiian, Cambodian, Fijian, Chamorro, Hmong, and Vietnamese.

POVERTY

➤ One in 10 Asian Americans lives in poverty, and 12.3% live below 200% of the federal poverty line, making them eligible for many state programs.

➤ Poverty is high among Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (16.3%), and among Burmese, Bangladeshi, Mongolian, and Nepalese Americans.

LANGUAGE ACCESS

➤ Asian Americans have among the highest language access needs of any racial group (27.9%). This is related to their high rates of immigration (74.6% are foreign-born, and most foreign-born persons have arrived after 2000).B

➤ Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders also have significant language access needs, as 11.8% are limited English proficient, meaning that they speak English less than "very well."

HOUSING

➤ Many detailed Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander groups have homeownership rates below the U.S. average.

➤ Asian American and NHPI individuals are more likely than the U.S. average to live in multi-generational households.

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1. POPULATION COUNTS AND ESTIMATES

	Share of U.S. Pop. (2020)	Population Count (2020)	Population Count (2010)	Population Growth Rate (2010-20)	Population Estimate (2022)
Asian American	7.24%	24,000,998	17,320,856	39%	24,207,047
Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander	0.48%	1,586,463	1,225,195	29%	1,631,578

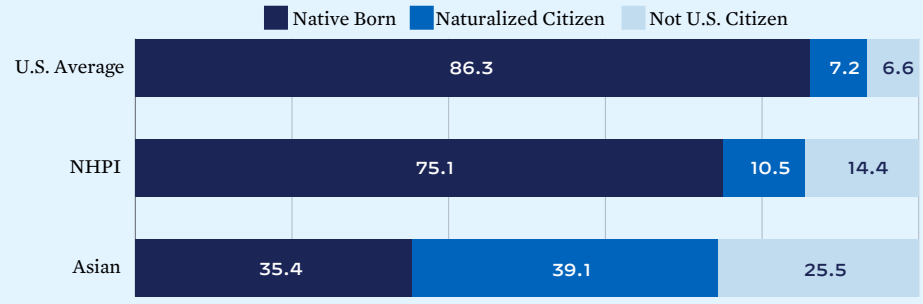
Data Sources: AAPI Data's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau. 2020 data from the 2020 Census; AAPI Data's analysis of 2022 data from the American Community Survey (ACS), 2022 Five-Year Population Estimate. Includes race alone and race in combination with other races.

2. LARGEST ETHNIC GROUPS

ASIAN AMERICAN		NATIVE HAWAIIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER	
Chinese	5,205,461	Native Hawaiian	680,442
Asian Indian	4,768,846	Samoan	256,997
Filipino	4,436,992	Chamorro	143,947
Vietnamese	2,293,392	Tongan	78,871
Korean	1,989,519	Fijian	54,006
Japanese	1,586,652	Marshallese	52,624
Pakistani	687,942	Other Micronesian	45,364
Cambodian	364,006	Guamanian	24,279
Hmong	335,919	Chuukese	12,464
Taiwanese	333,289	Palauan	12,202

Data Source: AAPI Data's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). 2020 Decennial Census, DEC Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A. Includes detailed group alone and detailed group in combination with other groups.

3. CITIZENSHIP



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AA & NHPI COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S.

4. YEAR OF MIGRATION

Among AA and NHPI residents who are foreign-born

	Total	Share of Foreign-Born
Before 1990	3,701,070	27.0%
1990-1999	2,572,929	18.8%
2000-2009	3,125,348	22.8%
2010-2019	3,975,224	29.0%
2020-Present	333,096	2.4%

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5. LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP)

Among U.S. residents ages 5 and older

	Total LEP	% Share off Population 5 Years+
Asian	4,962,181	27.9%
Hispanic/Latino	12,836,708	22.6%
NHPI	60,019	11.8%
DETAILED ORIGIN GROUPS (BY SHARE %)		
Bhutanese	13,889	63.7%
Burmese	106,937	59.8%
Vietnamese	862,293	47.7%
Bangladeshi	92,601	44.2%
Chinese, except Taiwanese	1,691,918	41.7%

Data Source: AAPI Data's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). American Community Survey (ACS), 2022 Five-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS). Includes race alone and detailed group alone. LEP are those who speak English less than "very well."

TOP 15 LANGUAGES

Among U.S. residents who are limited English proficient, or speak English less than "very well"

Chinese	1,125,519
Vietnamese	883,222
Korean	556,637
Filipino/Tagalog	520,984
Mandarin	349,921
Cantonese	294,208
Japanese	179,101
Bengali	160,480
Hindi	156,112
Urdu	143,660
Gujarati	143,653
Punjabi	126,264
Nepali	105,575
Khmer	101,952
Hmong	94,373

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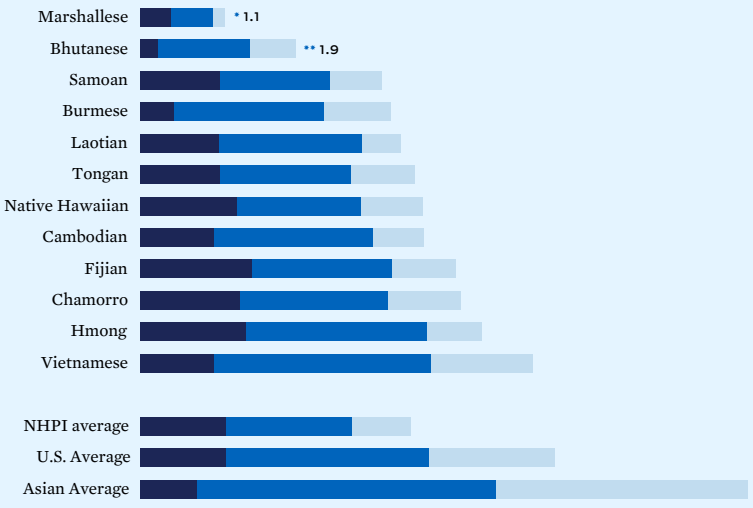
6. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



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7. POVERTY RATE

Share of population in relation to Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

ALL AGES	Below FPL	100-199% FPL
U.S. Average	12.6%	16.3%
NHPI	16.3%	19.9%
Asian	10.0%	12.3%
DETAILED ORIGIN GROUPS		
Marshallese	27.0%	35.6%
Burmese	21.9%	33.2%
Mongolian	20.3%	18.9%
Bangladeshi	17.1%	25.9%
Samoan	17.0%	17.8%

65 & OLDER	Below FPL	100-199% FPL
U.S. Average	9.9%	17.4%
NHPI	13.7%	15.8%
Asian	12.8%	15.4%
DETAILED ORIGIN GROUPS		
Marshallese	26.9%	46.9%
Burmese	21.9%	22.2%
Mongolian	18.4%	21.0%
Bangladeshi	18.3%	24.7%
Samoan	18.3%	17.2%

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8. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

ALL AGES	With Public Insurance	No Health Insurance
U.S. Average	36.2%	9.0%
Asian	26.9%	6.1%
NHPI	37.1%	11.4%
HIGHEST GROUPS WITHOUT COVERAGE		
Mongolian	28.2%	24.6%
Marshallese	37.2%	23.3%
Tongan	34.3%	13.6%
Burmese	51.0%	11.1%
Nepalese	32.7%	10.8%

65 & OLDER	With Public Insurance	No Health Insurance
U.S. Average	95.7%	0.8%
Asian	90.7%	2.5%
NHPI	90.6%	3.0%
HIGHEST GROUPS WITHOUT COVERAGE		
Nepalese	74.9%	15.3%
Marshallese	84.5%	7.8%
Pakistani	83.0%	6.9%
Burmese	87.5%	6.8%
Sri Lankan	83.8%	5.8%

Data Source: AAPI Data's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). American Community Survey (ACS), 2022 Five-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS). Includes race alone and detailed group alone.

9. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

	Unemployment Rate in 2023	Average Unemployment Duration (Weeks)
U.S. Average	3.5%	20.1
NHPI	3.0%	21.6
Asian	5.0%	21.6

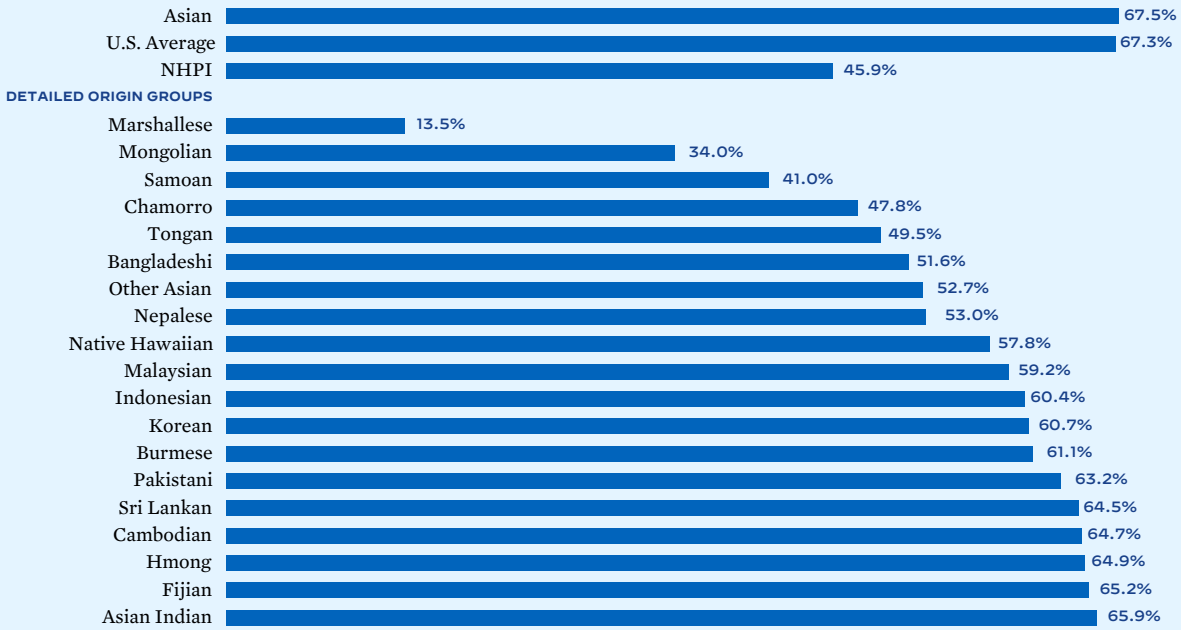
Data Sources: AAPI Data's analysis of unemployment rate and unemployment duration data from Current Population Survey, 2023 Merged Outgoing Rotation Group Earnings Data, available at National Bureau of Economic Research; AAPI Data's analysis of unemployment rate for Asian detailed origin groups from U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2023). "Time series for all detailed Asian groups: Unemployment rate." Includes race alone and detailed origin alone.

Note: Due to sample size limitations, detailed origin is available only for the six largest Asian groups, and is not available for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander groups.

The NBER data do not contain information on detailed Asian groups.

GO DEEPER	Unemployment Rate in 2022	Unemployment Rate in 2023
Asian Indian	2.7%	3.4%
Chinese	2.7%	2.6%
Filipino	3.2%	2.8%
Japanese	1.8%	2.1%
Korean	2.9%	1.8%
Vietnamese	2.7%	2.8%

10. HOME OWNERSHIP RATES



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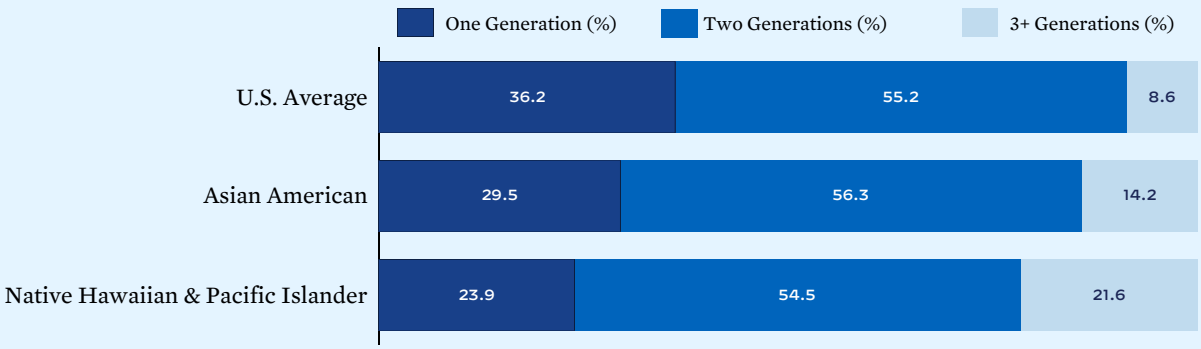
11. GENERATIONS IN HOUSEHOLD



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12. BUSINESS OWNERSHIP

	ASIAN AMERICAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER
Number of AA & NHPI-Owned Businesses in 2021	642,950	8,324
Estimated Number of Employees in 2021	4.96 million	53,277
Estimated Annual Payroll in 2021	$222.5 billion	$2.5 billion
Estimated Receipts in 2021	$1.05 trillion	$10.5 billion

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AA & NHPI COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S.

	ASIAN AMERICAN	Share of Total Population	Growth Rate (2010-2020)	NHPI	Share of Total Population	Growth Rate (2010-2020)
Alabama	102,777	2.0%	53%	7,479	0.1%	26%
Alaska	61,460	8.4%	22%	18,668	2.5%	67%
Arizona	351,132	4.9%	52%	37,212	0.5%	48%
Arkansas	68,558	2.3%	53%	17,874	0.6%	128%
California	7,045,163	17.8%	27%	337,617	0.9%	18%
Colorado	285,784	4.9%	54%	24,714	0.4%	63%
Connecticut	205,693	5.7%	31%	5,971	0.2%	11%
Delaware	50,969	5.1%	51%	1,547	0.2%	27%
District of Columbia	45,465	7.9%	69%	1,494	0.3%	13%
Florida	843,005	3.9%	47%	44,454	0.2%	11%
Georgia	565,644	5.3%	55%	19,020	0.2%	22%
Hawaii	824,143	56.6%	6%	394,102	27.1%	11%
Idaho	47,513	2.6%	60%	9,293	0.5%	82%
Illinois	875,488	6.8%	31%	16,842	0.1%	24%
Indiana	212,649	3.1%	68%	12,015	0.2%	88%
Iowa	96,861	3.0%	50%	10,073	0.3%	162%
Kansas	112,195	3.8%	34%	7,890	0.3%	60%
Kentucky	98,763	2.2%	59%	8,449	0.2%	65%
Louisiana	111,836	2.4%	33%	6,100	0.1%	25%
Maine	25,473	1.9%	39%	1,619	0.1%	64%
Maryland	502,173	8.1%	36%	11,440	0.2%	16%
Massachusetts	582,484	8.3%	48%	10,436	0.1%	2%
Michigan	411,928	4.1%	42%	11,255	0.1%	20%
Minnesota	357,704	6.3%	45%	9,387	0.2%	51%
Mississippi	44,931	1.5%	38%	3,235	0.1%	17%
Missouri	179,336	2.9%	45%	17,870	0.3%	58%
Montana	16,889	1.6%	61%	3,101	0.3%	79%
Nebraska	69,006	3.5%	70%	4,069	0.2%	44%
Nevada	353,593	11.4%	46%	52,532	1.7%	60%
New Hampshire	46,861	3.4%	36%	1,792	0.1%	54%
New Jersey	1,046,732	11.3%	32%	14,621	0.2%	12%
New Mexico	55,997	2.6%	38%	6,012	0.3%	28%
New York	2,173,719	10.8%	38%	40,578	0.2%	11%
North Carolina	425,449	4.1%	68%	20,957	0.2%	42%
North Dakota	18,675	2.4%	103%	2,086	0.3%	167%
Ohio	377,303	3.2%	58%	15,181	0.1%	44%
Oklahoma	123,614	3.1%	47%	15,026	0.4%	83%
Oregon	275,296	6.5%	48%	39,709	0.9%	54%
Pennsylvania	603,726	4.6%	50%	16,532	0.1%	33%
Rhode Island	48,450	4.4%	32%	2,331	0.2%	3%
South Carolina	123,666	2.4%	63%	8,737	0.2%	49%
South Dakota	18,489	2.1%	81%	1,642	0.2%	78%
Tennessee	178,683	2.6%	58%	11,008	0.2%	41%
Texas	1,849,226	6.3%	67%	77,196	0.3%	62%
Utah	125,088	3.8%	61%	59,247	1.8%	61%
Vermont	16,182	2.5%	55%	725	0.1%	56%
Virginia	757,282	8.8%	45%	22,226	0.3%	44%
Washington	939,846	12.2%	56%	114,189	1.5%	62%
West Virginia	22,281	1.2%	35%	1,726	0.1%	38%
Wisconsin	216,345	3.7%	43%	7,470	0.1%	46%
Wyoming	9,473	1.6%	41%	1,714	0.3%	61%

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