

ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2018

MAY 2018

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.

78,735

The number of Iowa residents in 2016 who say they are Asian. This group comprises 2.5 percent of Iowa's total population.

114.9%

The percent change in the Asian population from 2000 to 2016. This is a 42,100 numeric increase for the period.

131,434

The projected number of Iowa residents who will identify themselves as either Asian or native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander in 2050 according to Woods & Poole Economics, Inc.

3,592

The number Iowa residents who say they are native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone or in combination with one or more races in 2016. This group comprises 0.1% of Iowa's total population.

256%

The percent change in population for native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders alone from 2000 to 2016. This is a numeric increase of 2,583 for the period.

Coming to America

36.2%

The percent of Iowa's foreign born population in 2016 who were born in Asia.

80.6%

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

41.7%

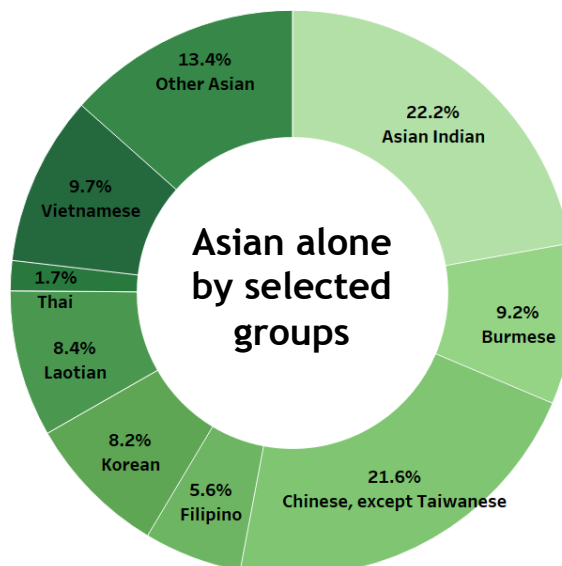
The percentage of Iowa's foreign-born in 2016 from Asia who are naturalized citizens. The corresponding rate for the Iowa foreign-born population as a whole is 38.7 percent.

11,308

The estimated number of foreign-born people from India in 2016. 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 (10,611), Burma (5,233), Korea (5,224), Vietnam (5,131), and the Philippines (4,371).

3.49

The average family size for those who reported their race as Asian. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.99.



Counties and cities

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Asians in Iowa: 2016

Polk	22,077	28.0%
Johnson	9,629	12.2%
Story	7,979	10.1%
Linn	5,327	6.8%
Scott	4,899	6.2%

Top 5 Counties of Residence for all Native Hawaiians and/or Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 2016

Dubuque	384	10.7%
Black Hawk	383	10.7%
Polk	373	10.4%
Buena Vista	301	8.4%
Linn	250	7.0%

Top 5 Cities of Residence for all Native Hawaiians and/or Other Pacific Islanders in Iowa: 2010

Dubuque	268	13.4%
Waterloo	197	9.8%
Des Moines	149	7.4%
Cedar Rapids	147	7.3%
Sioux City	102	5.1%

Top 5 Cities of Residence for all Asians in Iowa: 2000

Des Moines	8,990	16.9%
Ames	5,175	9.7%
Iowa City	4,680	8.8%
Cedar Rapids	2,796	5.3%
West Des Moines	2,709	5.1%

22,077

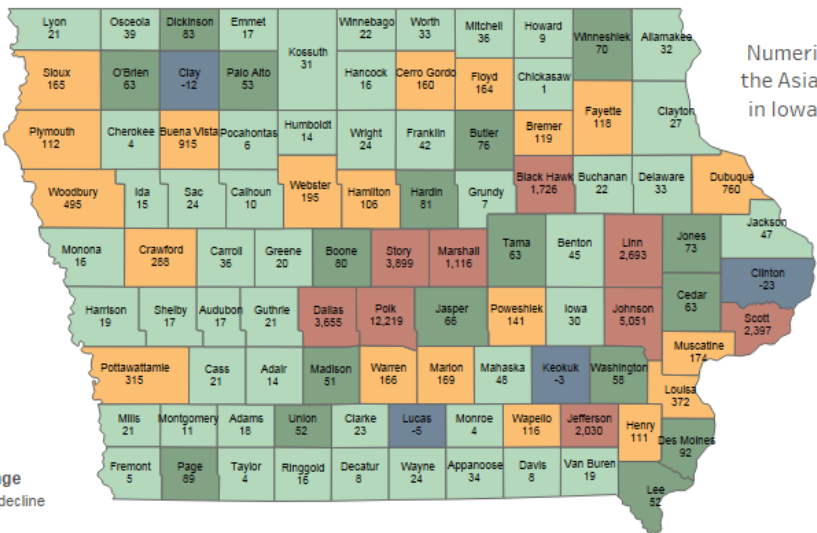
The number of Asians in Polk county in 2016, which has the largest population of this race of any Iowa county. Polk county has both the largest population and the largest numerical increase (12,219) of people in this group between 2000 and 2016.

Jefferson county is where Asians make up the highest proportion of the total population (12.7 percent).

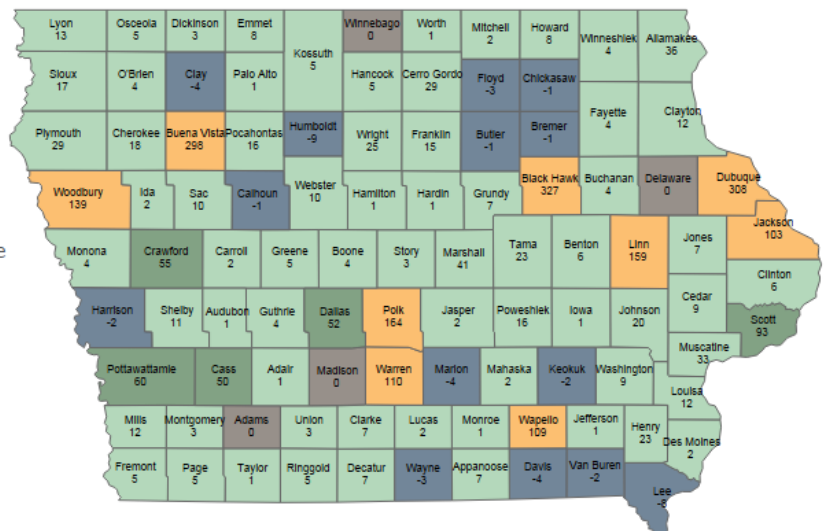
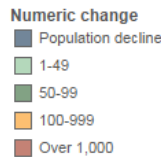
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The number of native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders in Dubuque county in 2016, which leads all counties in Iowa.

Buena Vista county is where native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders make up the largest proportion (1.5 percent) of the total population.



Numeric change for the Asian population in Iowa: 2000-2016



Numeric change for the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population in Iowa: 2000-2016

Education

14,403

The number Asian and Pacific Islanders enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2017-2018 school year.

61.0%

Percent increase in enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2017-2018.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

52.6%

The percentage of Asians in 2016, age 25 and over, who have a bachelor's or higher degree education. Asians have the highest proportion of college graduates of any race or ethnic group in the state. The corresponding rate for all lowans in this age group is 28.4 percent.

82.8%

The percentage of Asians in 2016, age 25 and over, who are high school graduates. The corresponding rate for all lowans is 91.8percent.

29.9%

The percentage of Asians in 2016, age 25 and over, who have a graduate degree (e.g., master's, Ph.D., M.D. or J.D.). The corresponding rate for all adults in the age group is 9.3 percent.

74.6%

The percentage of Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders, age 25 and over in 2016, who are high school graduates.

12.4%

The percentage of Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders, age 25 and over in 2016, who have a bachelor's or higher degree education.

Languages

12,413

The number of people who speak Chinese at home in 2016. Chinese is the most widely spoken Asian language in the state. Also among the most frequently spoken languages are: Vietnamese (5,431), Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai (5,580); Korean (2,549); and Tagalog (2,756).

Age

35.2%

The percentage of the native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander population that are under 18 in 2016; 3.6 percent are 65 or over.

26.8

The median age of Iowa's native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander population in 2016.

24.9%

The percentage of people identifying themselves as Asian that are under 18; 5.4 percent are 65 or over.

28.5

The median age of Iowa's Asian population in 2016. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.0

Source: 2016 Population estimates

Families

14,044

The number of families with householders who reported their race as Asian in 2016.

6,916

The numeric change in families with householders who reported their race as Asian between 2000-2016. This is a 97.0 percent increase for the period.

Income and poverty

\$53,565

The median income of households in 2016 whose householders reported their race as Asian. The median household income for all lowans is \$56,247.

\$47,488

The median income of households whose householders reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders in 2015.

13.9%

The poverty rate in 2016 for those who reported their race as Asian. The poverty rate for those reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islander was 32.1% The corresponding rate for Iowa as a whole is 11.8 percent.

Serving Our Nation

627

The number of Asian-American military veterans in 2016.



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Employment

Business

4,310

The number of Asian-owned firms in Iowa in 2012.

101

The number of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms in Iowa in 2012.

153.4%

The percent increase in Asian and of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms between 1997 and 2012.

Source: 2012 & 1997 Survey of Business Owners Survey SBO is conducted every 5 years, with 2012 being the most current dataset available.

6.8%

The unemployment rate in 2016 for those who reported their race as Asian. The unemployment rate for all Iowans is 3.9%.

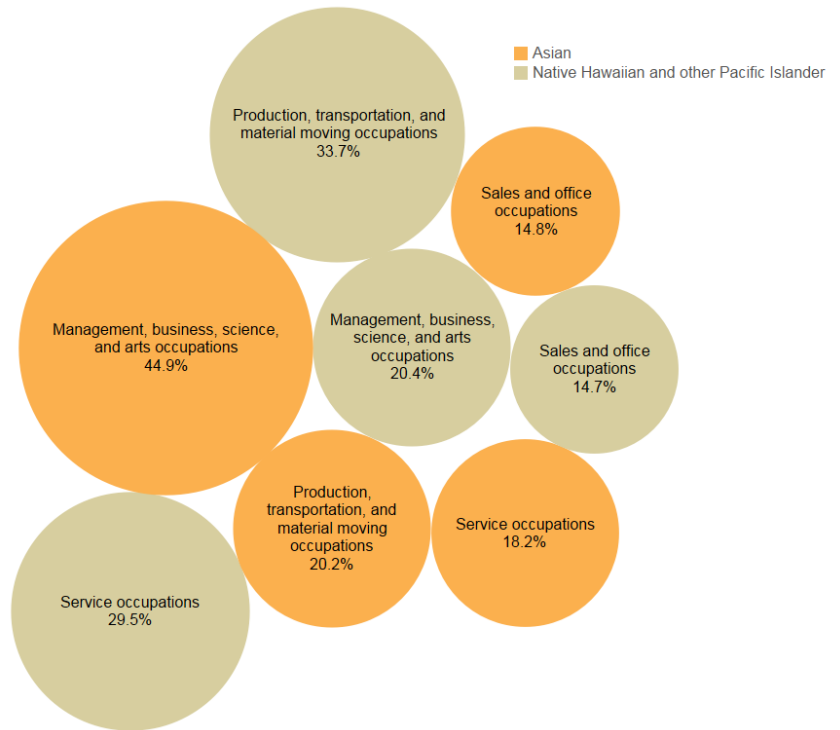
Source: 2016 American Community Survey

9.7%

The unemployment rate in for those who reported their race as native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

Source: 2012- 2016 American Community Survey

Occupation for Asian and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders in Iowa



Vital Statistics

16.6

The Asian/Pacific Islander birth rate per 1,000 population in 2016. The birth rate per 1,000 for the state was 12.5.

198.0

The Asian/Pacific Islander rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births in 2016. The rate of out-of-wedlock births per 1,000 live births for the state was 351.8

27.2

The Asian/Pacific Islander rate of births for mothers under age 20 per 1,000 live births in 2016. The rate for the state was 46.3.

1.9

The Asian/Pacific Islander death rate per 1,000 population in 2016. The death rate per 1,000 for the state was 9.4.

Data provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health publication, "Vital Statistics of Iowa 2016"

Data Source (unless otherwise noted) :
U.S. Census Bureau,
2016 American Community Survey
U.S. Decennial Census 1990,
2000 and 2010
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