

Kentucky

POPULATION FACTS

- Largest Asian American ethnic groups in Kentucky include: Asian Indian (19,721), Chinese, except Taiwanese (12,715), Filipino (11,490), Korean (8,777), Japanese (7,452) and Vietnamese (7,056)
- Largest NHPI ethnic groups in Kentucky include: Native Hawaiian (1,162), Other Micronesian (872) and Guamanian or Chamorro (858)
- From 2010 to 2020, the number of eligible AAPI voters in Kentucky grew by 74%
 - This compares to a 5% change for the statewide eligible voting population over the same period.
- AAPI youth (ages 18-29) comprise 30% of the AAPI Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) in Kentucky
- AAPIs age 50 and up comprise 32% of the AAPI CVAP.

40,794
 ELIGIBLE AAPI VOTERS
 (INCLUDES MULTI-RACIAL
 POPULATION)

1.2%
 AAPI SHARE OF ELECTORATE
 IN THE STATE

104,921
 AAPI POPULATION SIZE
 (INCLUDES MULTI-RACIAL
 POPULATION)

COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST AAPI POPULATIONS (INCLUDES MULTI-RACIAL POPULATION)

	% of AAPIs in County	Size of AAPI Population	% of AAPI CVAP in County	Size of AAPI CVAP
Jefferson	4%	28,344	2%	13,070
Fayette	5%	15,616	3%	6,355
Warren	5%	6,617	2%	1,493

165%
 AAPI POPULATION GROWTH
 RATE SINCE 2000

58%
 AAPI POPULATION GROWTH
 RATE SINCE 2010

3 KEY THINGS TO KNOW:

- Growth of AAPI residents 2010-2020: 58%
- Growth of eligible AAPI voters 2010-2020: 74%
- Share of Asian American adults who are Limited English Proficient: 37%

VOTER ENGAGEMENT AND IDENTIFICATION (NATIONAL-LEVEL DATA)

- Voter contact continues to be an unmet need for AAPIs. In the 2022 Asian American Voter Survey, 56% of Asian Americans received no contact or were unsure if they received contact about the election from the Democratic party and 66% reported the same from the GOP.
- Among contacted Asian American registered voters, 44% reported contact by the Democratic Party from the same survey, 35% by the Republican Party, and 39% by community organizations. In comparison, the 2016 National Asian American Post-Election Survey shows 48% of AAPI voters reported contact from the Democratic party and 16% by the Republican party.
- There is also an opportunity for voter education through contact. In the 2022 survey of registered voters, 37% of Asian Americans did not declare an identification with either political party.

IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS*

- 80% of Asian American adults in Kentucky speak a language other than English at home, and 37% are Limited English Proficient (speak English less than "very well")
- The top 5 Asian languages spoken in Kentucky are Chinese (8,248), Vietnamese (5,056), Nepali (4,999), Tagalog (4,139) and Japanese (3,756)
- In the 2022 Asian American Voter Survey, among Asian Americans that spoke a language other than English at home, 11% said that language has been a barrier in voting in previous elections and 42% said they would make use of voting assistance in their language (national-level data)
- The only NHPI language with more than 100 estimated speakers in Kentucky is Chamorro (105)

SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES*

- About 5,352 Asian Americans in Kentucky (8%) lack health insurance
- About 9,761 Asian Americans in Kentucky (15%) live in poverty
- About 2,637 Asian Americans in Kentucky (4%) lack broadband access
- About 527 NHPIs in Kentucky (18%) lack health insurance
- About 541 NHPIs in Kentucky (19%) live in poverty
- About 554 NHPIs in Kentucky (25%) lack broadband access.

MULTILINGUAL VOTER HOTLINE

- If you, or anyone you know, has difficulty with language access or needs any other type of voting assistance (including questions about polling locations or voting procedures), please call the National Asian American Voter Hotline at 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683).



For more information or questions, please email info@apiavote.org or info@aapidata.com.

* Data on language access and socioeconomic challenges are presented for the mono-racial populations.