



## New Jersey's Asian Population by Asian Group: 2010

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According to data from the 2010 Census, New Jersey's Asian population grew by more than 1,400 percent since 1970, when just under 48,000 Asians called New Jersey home, to more than 725,000 residents in 2010. Although the 52.8 percent growth rate in the decade between 2000 and 2010 was slower than in previous decades, the increase of 250,898 persons was the largest on record.

Major Asian groups in New Jersey include Asian Indian (292,256), Chinese (134,442), Filipino (110,650), Korean (93,679), Pakistani (26,006), Vietnamese (20,628) and Japanese (13,146). The overwhelming majority of the state's Asian residents were immigrants, or those not born in the U.S. The largest population increase was in the number of South Asians — Asian Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshi and Sri Lankans accounted for 57.2 percent of the state's gain in Asian population between 2000 and 2010.

### Asian Indian the Garden State's Largest Asian Group

Beginning in the 1970s, New Jersey attracted large numbers of Asian Indian residents. By the 1980 Census, Asian

Indian had become New Jersey's most populous Asian group — surpassing Chinese.

With a hefty 72.7 percent growth rate over the past decade, the state's Asian Indian population reached 292,256 in 2010, accounting for 40.3 percent of the total Asian population. The county with the largest Asian Indian population was Middlesex (104,705). Hudson County had the second largest Asian Indian population (37,236) followed by Bergen (24,973) and Somerset (21,625) counties. Together, these four counties were home to 64.5 percent of the state's Asian Indian population. At the municipal level, therefore, it is not surprising that four of the five municipalities with the largest Asian Indian populations were in Middlesex County: Edison (28,286), Woodbridge (15,827), South Brunswick (11,040), and Piscataway (10,662) townships. Jersey City in Hudson County had the second largest Asian Indian population (27,111). Only 41 municipalities did not have any Asian Indian residents.

*Data from the decennial census show that New Jersey's Asian population reached 725,000 in 2010.*

### Middlesex County Home to the Most Chinese Residents

According to the 2010 Census, about 18.5 percent of New Jersey's Asian population was Chinese. Between 2000 and 2010, the state's Chinese population increased by 34 percent to 134,442, the second largest group among New Jersey's Asian population. Middlesex County had the most Chinese residents (28,492), followed by Bergen (17,236) and Somerset (12,955). Three other counties — Morris, Hudson and

Asian Population in New Jersey: 1970 to 2010			
Census Year	Asian Population	Decennial Changes	
		Number	Percent
1970	47,964	N.A.	N.A.
1980	102,890	54,926	114.5%
1990	270,839	167,949	163.2%
2000	474,828	203,989	75.3%
2010	725,726	250,898	52.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 & 2010 Census of Population and Housing.  
 Note: Asian was not a race category in 1970 or 1980 Census. The 1970 figure in the table is the total of "other races". The 1980 figure is the sum of 6 listed Asian groups.

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