



**Maryland**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

# Asian American and Pacific Islander *Heritage Month* 2021



Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week was established by a joint congressional resolution in 1978. The first 10 days of May were chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a month-long celebration, now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month.

Per a 1997 U.S. Office of Management and Budget directive, the Asian or Pacific Islander racial category was separated into two categories: one Asian and the other Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Following this change, the U.S. Census Bureau defined Asian as “a person having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Indonesia, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.” The U.S. Census Bureau defined Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander as “a person having origins in any of the original people of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.”

## Did You Know?

**475,000 (7.9%)**

The estimated number (percentage) of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander residents of Maryland in 2019.<sup>1</sup>

Source: 2019 American Community Survey

**119,000**

The estimated number of the Asian population of Asian Indian descent in Maryland in 2019. The Asian Indian population was the largest Asian group, followed by Chinese, with the exception of *Taiwanese (94,000)*, *Filipino (68,000)*, *Korean (51,000)*, *Vietnamese (37,000)*, and *Pakistani (21,000)*. These estimates represent the number of people who reported a specific detailed Asian group alone, as well as people who reported that detailed Asian group in combination with one or more other detailed Asian groups or another race(s).

Source: 2019 American Community Survey

**3,196**

The number of Native Hawaiian residents of Maryland in 2019.

Source: 2019 American Community Survey

**13,375**

The estimated number of Asian American-owned employer firms in Maryland in 2018.

Source: 2018 Annual Business Survey

<sup>1</sup>The data includes Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander alone-or-in-combination residents of Maryland in 2019. Maryland's Asian American population is 463,258 (7.7%) and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander is 12,039 (0.2%).

# Population by Counties

Asian Americans Residents in 2019 (15,000 or more)		Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Residents in 2019 (1,000 or more)	
Montgomery County	(180,078)	Montgomery	(2,167)
Howard County	(68,596)	Baltimore County	(2,042)
Baltimore County	(58,440)	Anne Arundel	(1,589)
Prince George's County	(45,787)	Prince George's	(1,417)
Anne Arundel	(31,000)	Baltimore City	(1,100)
Baltimore City	(19,624)		
Frederick County	(15,338)		

## Occupational Employment



## More Stats<sup>2</sup>

See a detailed profile of the Asian American (AA) and Pacific Islander (PI) population in Maryland in 2019:

- **Families:** 75.5% - 76%(AAs), 60%(PIs) of households are family households
- **Education:** 194,368 have a bachelor's degree or higher in 2019. Up from 148,396 in 2010.
  - 62% of the AAPIs aged 25 and older who received a bachelor's degree or higher level of education in 2019 - 62.3% (AA), 28.2% (PI)
  - 90% of the AAPIs aged 25 and older who received at least a high school diploma or equivalency in 2019 - 90% (AA), 85.3% (PI)
- **Jobs:** AAPI workforce: 172,605 jobs or 6.8% of Maryland's workforce<sup>3</sup>
- **Income and Poverty:**
  - Asian Americans: \$106,798 median household income in 2019, up from \$81,564 in 2010. 7.3% poverty rate in 2019, down from 8.2% in 2010
  - NHPIs: \$76,106 median household income in 2019, up from \$71,813 in 2010. 12.9% poverty rate in 2019, down from 15.5% in 2010

<sup>2</sup> While some of the data in this fact sheet includes individuals who identify as more than 1 race, these data include information on MD residents who identify as solely Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander.

<sup>3</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, 2019

## Top 10 Birth Places

Asian Americans in Maryland		Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders	
1. United States	175,586	1. United States	7,348
2. India	66,898	2. American Samoa	548
3. China	41,812	3. Bolivia	430
4. Philippines	36,741	4. Jamaica	397
5. Korea	32,712	5. Trinidad and Tobago	349
6. Vietnam	15,905	6. Philippines	267
7. Pakistan	14,285	7. Puerto Rico	192
8. Taiwan	12,447	8. Pakistan	151
9. Nepal	10,826	9. India	143
10. Thailand	6,988	10. Indonesia	113