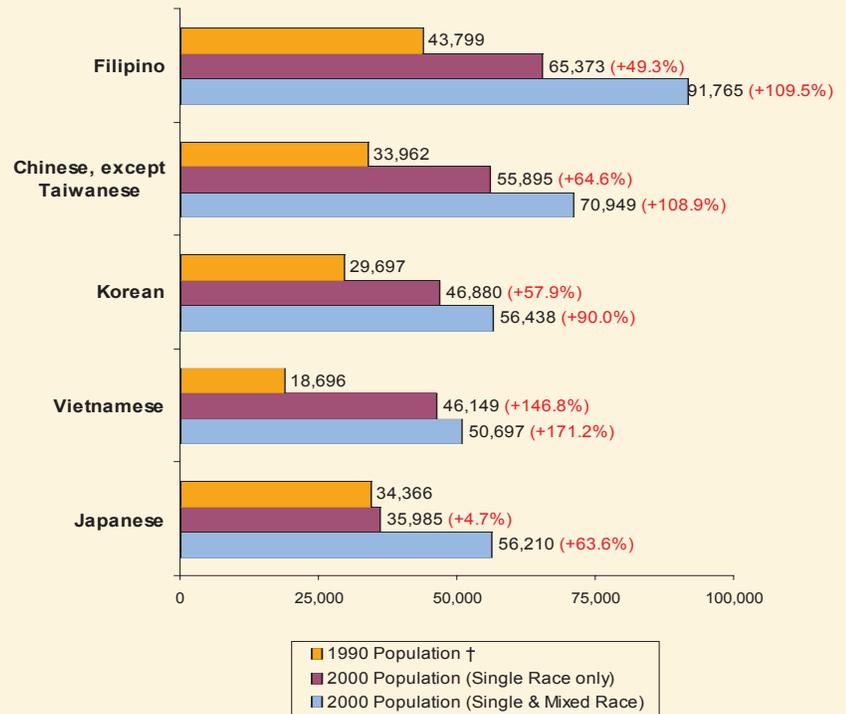


## WASHINGTON: ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS & PACIFIC ISLANDERS

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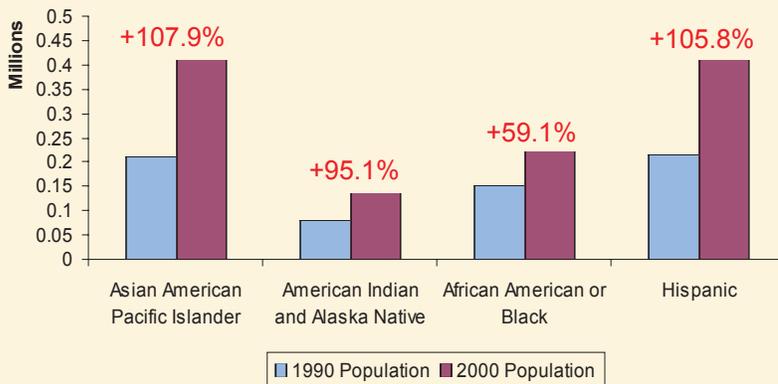
- ♦ Washington has 346,288 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents, making up 6% of the state's total population.
- ♦ During the past decade, Washington's AAPI population grew 64% from approximately 211,000 to 346,000. Its Asian population\*\* grew 109%, and its Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI) population\*\* grew 191%.
- ♦ Washington's largest AAPI ethnic group is Filipino, followed by Chinese†† and Korean (see table right).
- ♦ The AAPI populations in Washington with the fastest growth rates are Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Pacific Islander†††, Hmong, and Chinese††.
- ♦ International Community Health Services, located in Seattle, is one of AAPCHO's 19 member community health centers serving over 9,600 AAPI patients annually (2003 UDS).
- ♦ 614,000 of Washington's residents were foreign-born, 216,000 or 35% of which are from Asia. The Philippines, Vietnam, China, Korea, and Japan were among the countries with the most migrants.

### WASHINGTON'S TOP AAPI POPULATIONS RANKED BY 2000 SINGLE RACE POPULATION (Census 2000)



### WASHINGTON'S MINORITY POPULATIONS (Single Race Data, Census 1990, 2000)

Total Washington State Population in 2000: 5,894,121



AAPIs\*\* are the fastest growing minority population in Washington, increasing 108% in the last decade. Among AAPI groups, Asian Indians and Pacific Islanders††† have the highest growth rates, increasing 249% and 215%, respectively.

### WASHINGTON'S 1990-2000 POPULATION CHANGE BY COUNTY Ranked by 2000 AAPI Alone Population (Census 1990, 2000)

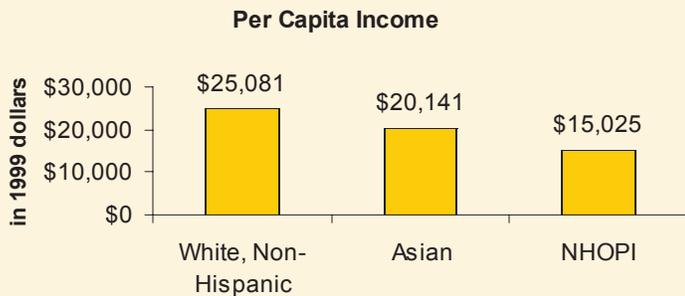
| County    | 1990 Single Race Population † | 2000 Single Race Population* | Change (1990-2000)* | 2000 Single & Mixed Race Population** | Change (1990-2000)** |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| King      | 118,784                       | 196,758                      | 65.6%               | 232,955                               | 96.1%                |
| Pierce    | 29,035                        | 41,505                       | 42.9%               | 58,384                                | 101.1%               |
| Snohomish | 16,467                        | 36,735                       | 123.1%              | 46,203                                | 180.6%               |
| Clark     | 5,670                         | 12,369                       | 118.1%              | 16,677                                | 194.1%               |
| Kitsap    | 8,282                         | 11,997                       | 44.9%               | 17,685                                | 113.5%               |
| Thurston  | 6,101                         | 10,223                       | 67.6%               | 13,888                                | 127.6%               |
| Spokane   | 6,569                         | 8,536                        | 29.9%               | 12,446                                | 89.5%                |
| Whatcom   | 2,363                         | 4,872                        | 106.2%              | 6,650                                 | 181.4%               |
| Island    | 2,553                         | 3,315                        | 29.8%               | 4,697                                 | 84.0%                |
| Benton    | 2,246                         | 3,297                        | 46.8%               | 4,292                                 | 91.1%                |

\* Single Race. \*\*In combination with one or more races and/or detailed race group.  
 † 1990 Census did not distinguish between single and mixed race categories. †† Except Taiwanese.  
 ††† Pacific Islander category does not include Native Hawaiians.  
 Population information is based on U.S. Bureau of the Census. (www.census.gov)

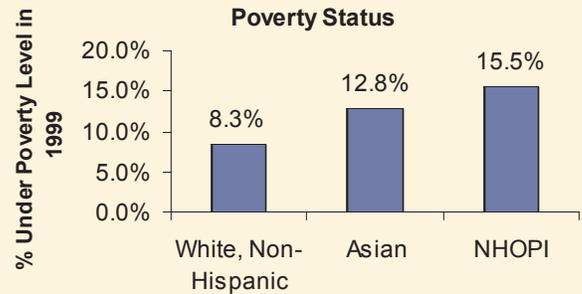
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**SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

SOURCE: CENSUS 2000 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)



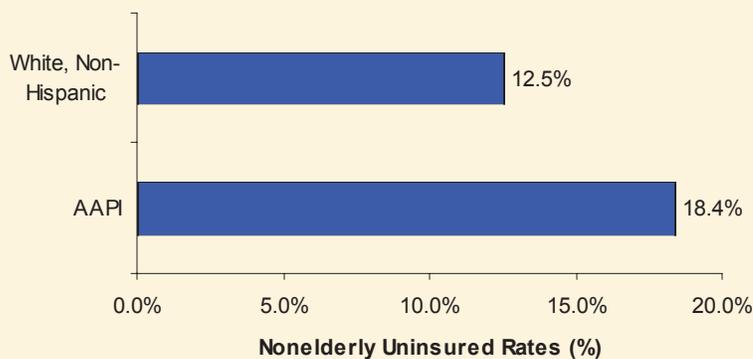
Per capita income for AAPIs is lower than Non-Hispanic Whites in Washington. However, income varies significantly by AAPI ethnic group, with Hmong and Samoans having the lowest income at \$6,445 and \$10,280, respectively.



A larger proportion of AAPIs compared to Non-Hispanic Whites were in poverty in Washington. However, poverty rates vary significantly by AAPI ethnic group, with Hmong and Indonesian having the highest poverty rates at 46% and 26%, respectively.

**UNINSURED RATES**

(Current Population Survey, 2002)



The uninsured rate is 6% higher for AAPIs compared to Non-Hispanic Whites in Washington. The insurance disparity may be explained, in part, by differences in income, employment, and access to insurance programs.

**LINGUISTIC ISOLATION**

73% of AAPIs in Washington age 5 and older speak a language other than English at home. Of these, 52% rated their ability to speak English as less than “very well.”

**HEALTH STATUS INDICATORS**

(CDC National Center for Health Statistics, 2000)

The leading cause of death for AAPIs in Washington is cancer with an age-adjusted mortality rate of 79.8 per 100,000. For AAPI men, the average age-adjusted mortality rate for prostate cancer deaths in Washington is greater at 15.7 per 100,000 compared to 13.9 for AAPI men nationally.

**TERMINOLOGY**

“Asian” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Asian Indian, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai, and others. “NHOPI” refers to Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders

People having origins in any of the original peoples of Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands are referred to as “Pacific Islander,” including Polynesian, Samoan, Tongan, Micronesian, Guamanian or Charmorro, Melanesian, Fijian, and Other Pacific Islander not specified. Those persons having origins in the original peoples of Hawaii are referred to as “Native Hawaiian.” Unless indicated, “Pacific Islander” includes Native Hawaiians.

“White” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

The data for different censuses are not directly comparable due to changes made to each census; thus caution must be used when interpreting changes in racial composition over time. For instance, the 2000 Census incorporated more race categories, modified existing categories, and offered respondents the option to mark one or more races. For more information, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).