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Fact Sheet: AANHPIs in California

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In May 2025, the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA) and AAPI Data partnered to create a fact sheet on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in California featuring up-to-date analysis of demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau.

With the Census Bureau's October 29, 2026 release of the American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate Detailed Tables, we are pleased to provide updated numbers on AA and NHPI communities, which remain among the fastest growing populations in the state. With education equity as a high priority for the Commission, we are also pleased to provide additional detailed tables on the educational attainment of AA and NHPI communities.

Table 1.1 Population Change for Major Racial and Ethnic Groups in California

Race / Ethnicity	2010	2020	2025	Change: 2010-20 (%)	Change: 2020-25 (%)
White	22,953,374	21,597,610	22,033,346	-5.9	2.0
Hispanic or Latino	14,013,719	15,579,652	16,205,849	11.2	4.0
Asian American	5,556,592	7,045,163	7,640,630	26.8	8.5
Black	2,683,914	2,825,293	2,786,865	5.3	-1.4
Native American	723,225	1,409,609	1,435,351	94.9	1.8
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	286,145	337,617	343,001	18.0	1.6

Note: Racial categories include multiracial populations (race alone or in combination with other racial groups)
Source: AAPI Data's analysis of US Census Bureau 2010 SF1 file, 2020 DHC file, 2025 ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables

ABOUT CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON APIA AFFAIRS

The California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA) is a state agency dedicated to elevating the political, economic, and social issues of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. CAPIAA advises the Governor, Legislature, other state agencies and departments on issues relating to APIA communities, and works to foster understanding, inclusivity, and collaboration across the state. Learn more at **capiaa.ca.gov.**

ABOUT AAPI DATA

AAPI Data is a leading research and policy organization producing accurate data to shift narratives and drive action toward enduring solutions for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. AAPI Data aspires to transform public and private systems to ensure that all AA and NHPI communities are recognized, valued and prioritized. Learn more at: **aapidata.com.**

Table 1.2 Population Change for Asian Detailed Origin Groups, California

Race/Ethnicity	2020	2025	Change (N)	Change (%)
Chinese	1,789,648	1,995,599	205,951	11.5
Filipino	1,741,613	1,847,251	105,638	6.1
Asian Indian	902,621	1,101,727	199,106	22.1
Vietnamese	798,624	821,099	22,475	2.8
Korean	564,015	606,902	42,887	7.6
Japanese	469,915	502,311	32,396	6.9
Taiwanese	147,923	153,398	5,475	3.7
Cambodian	123,949	137,798	13,849	11.2
Hmong	107,458	119,573	12,115	11.3
Pakistani	85,907	87,903	1,996	2.3
Thai	83,172	84,529	1,357	1.6
Afghan	75,583	127,039	51,456	68.1
Laotian	63,384	70,868	7,484	11.8
Indonesian	56,872	51,419	-5,453	-9.6
Burmese	25,100	30,122	5,022	20
Nepalese	19,677	31,116	11,439	58.1
Sri Lankan	18,794	15,844	-2,950	-15.7
Bangladeshi	18,486	23,596	5,110	27.6
Mongolian	10,251	10,516	265	2.6
Malaysian	9,160	10,948	1,788	19.5
Singaporean	3,619	3,414	-205	-5.7

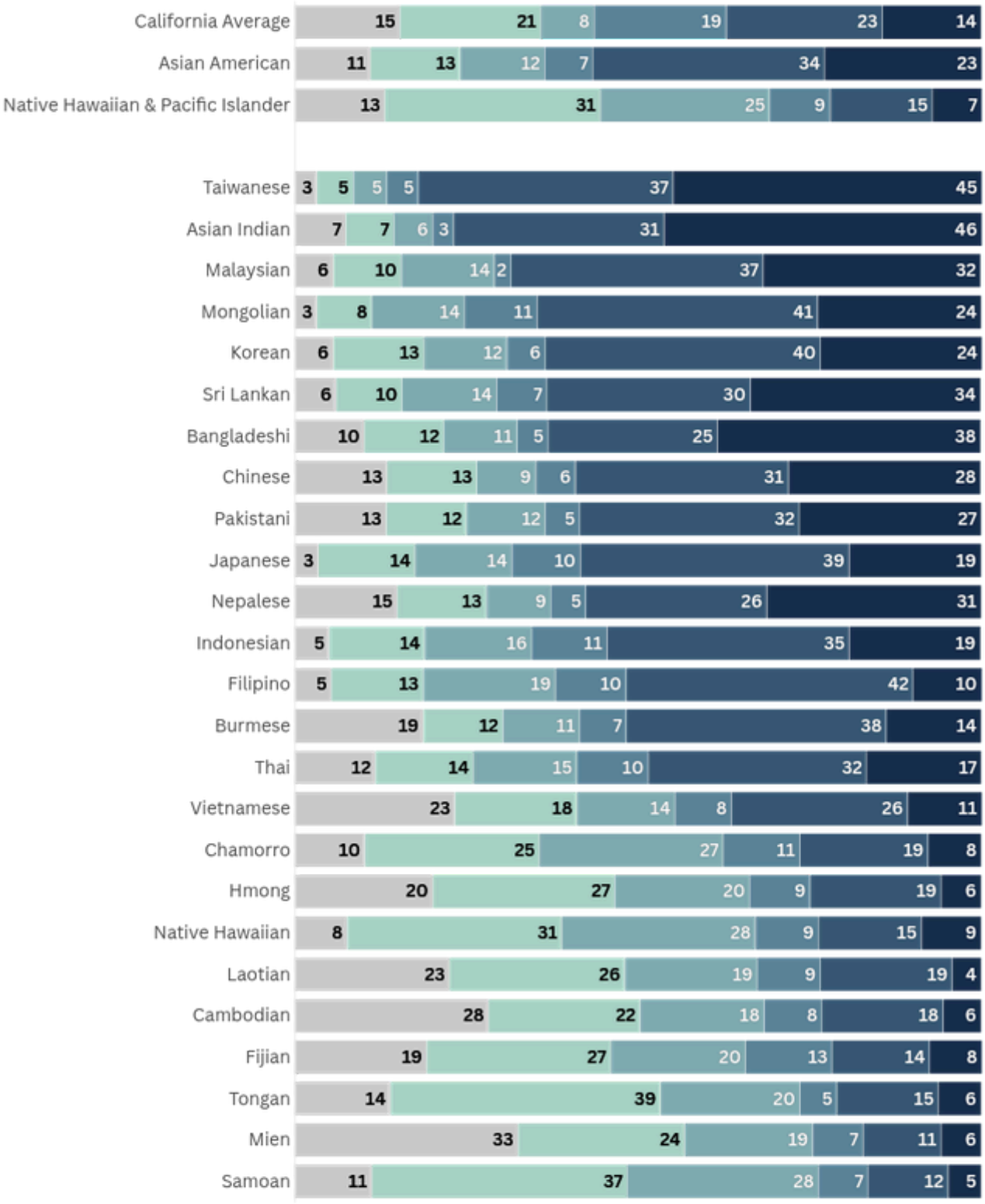
Note: Racial categories include multiracial populations (race alone or in combination with other racial groups)
Source: AAPI Data's analysis of US Census Bureau 2020 DHC file, 2025 ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables

Table 1.3 Population Change for NHPI Detailed Origin Groups, California

Race/Ethnicity	2020	2025	Change (N)	Change (%)
Native Hawaiian	95,165	95,548	383	0.4
Samoan	68,747	80,021	11,274	16.4
Chamorro	40,015	43,762	3,747	9.4
Fijian	38,170	36,545	-1,625	-4.3
Tongan	26,899	28,524	1,625	6
Guamanian	7,675	9,772	2,097	27.3
Marshallese	2,865	1,933	-932	-32.5
Palauan	1,819	Not available		
Tahitian	1,404	Not available		
Maori	1,129	Not available		

Note: Racial categories include multiracial populations (race alone or in combination with other racial groups)
Source: AAPI Data's analysis of US Census Bureau 2020 DHC file, 2025 ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables

Figure 1. Educational Attainment for AANHPIs in California



Source: AAPI Data's analysis of 2020-2024 ACS 5-year PUMS via IPUMS SDA
Note: For distributional clarity, groups where the majority of cell estimates show fewer than 25 respondents are restricted in full (e.g., Kazakh). For remaining groups, individual cells with fewer than 25 respondents are restricted, and cells with <100 respondents are flagged** and should be interpreted with caution.

Table 2. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by County in California, 2025

County	Asian Am	NHPI	County	Asian Am	NHPI
Los Angeles	1,715,240	51,851	Monterey	37,529	3,203
Santa Clara	886,579	15,738	Merced	28,553	950
Orange	855,867	22,848	Marin	27,163	927
Alameda	648,631	22,420	Tulare	26,416	2,032
San Diego	557,494	36,673	Sutter	22,520	
Sacramento	392,047	32,940	Santa Cruz	21,318	1,565
San Francisco	327,791	7,097	San Luis Obispo	18,530	1,704
Contra Costa	295,797	15,615	Butte	17,702	1,241
San Mateo	279,706	14,966	El Dorado	16,149	486
Riverside	256,246	15,347	Napa	14,342	1,671
San Bernardino	251,279	17,323	Shasta	11,225	2,431
San Joaquin	198,001	12,605	Yuba	10,030	1,899
Fresno	155,732	6,668	Kings	9,131	831
Solano	101,573	10,778	Humboldt	7,285	2,459
Ventura	87,365	5,092	Madera	6,825	783
Placer	68,153	4,221	San Benito	6,723	
Kern	66,890	3,511	Imperial	6,439	
Stanislaus	52,956	9,212	Nevada	3,976	568
Yolo	47,255	1,304	Mendocino	3,609	143
Santa Barbara	42,296	3,011	Lake	2,269	
Sonoma	38,541	4,940	Tehama	2,079	

Data Source: AAPI Data's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau 2025 ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables
Note: The 2025 ACS 1-Year Estimate tables exclude counties with populations below 65,000 residents

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