

# The Asian Population: 2000

## Percent of Population for One or More Races

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This table shows the difference between the population by race in 1990 and the population by race in 2000. Because individuals could report only one race in 1990 and could report more than one race in 2000 and because of other changes in the census questionnaire, the race data for 1990 and 2000 are not directly comparable. Thus, the difference in population by race between 1990 and 2000 is due both to these changes in the census questionnaire and to real change in the population.

The difference in population for a race between 1990 and 2000 using race alone in 2000 (column 5) and the difference in population between 1990 and 2000 using race alone or in combination in 2000 (column 7) provide a "minimum-maximum" range for the change in population of that race between 1990 and 2000.

### Difference in Population by Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin for the United States: 1990 to 2000

Subject	1990 census		Census 2000		Difference between 1990 and 2000			
	Number	Percent of total population	Race alone <sup>1</sup>	Race alone or in combination <sup>2</sup>	Using race alone for Census 2000		Using race alone or in combination for Census 2000	
					Numerical difference (2000 minus 1990)	Percent difference (based on 1990)	Numerical difference (2000 minus 1990)	Percent difference (based on 1990)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<b>RACE</b>								
<b>Total population<sup>3</sup></b> .....	<b>248 709 873</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>281 421 906</b>	<b>281 421 906</b>	<b>32 712 033</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>32 712 033</b>	<b>13.2</b>
White .....	199 686 070	80.3	211 460 626	216 930 975	11 774 556	5.9	17 244 905	8.6
Black or African American .....	29 986 060	12.1	34 658 190	36 419 434	4 672 130	15.6	6 433 374	21.5
American Indian and Alaska Native .....	1 959 234	0.8	2 475 956	4 119 301	516 722	26.4	2 160 067	110.3
Asian .....	6 908 638	2.8	10 242 998	11 898 828	3 334 360	48.3	4 990 190	72.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander .....	365 024	0.1	398 835	874 414	33 811	9.3	509 390	139.5
Some other race .....	9 804 847	3.9	15 359 073	18 521 486	5 554 226	56.6	8 716 639	88.9
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>								
<b>Total population<sup>3</sup></b> .....	<b>248 709 873</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>281 421 906</b>	<b>281 421 906</b>	<b>32 712 033</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>32 712 033</b>	<b>13.2</b>
Hispanic or Latino (of any race) <sup>3</sup> .....	22 354 059	9.0	35 305 818	35 305 818	12 951 759	57.9	12 951 759	57.9
Not Hispanic or Latino <sup>3</sup> .....	226 355 814	91.0	246 116 088	246 116 088	19 760 274	8.7	19 760 274	8.7
White .....	188 128 296	75.6	194 552 774	198 177 900	6 424 478	3.4	10 049 604	5.3
Black or African American .....	29 216 293	11.7	33 947 837	35 383 751	4 731 544	16.2	6 167 458	21.1
American Indian and Alaska Native .....	1 793 773	0.7	2 068 883	3 444 700	275 110	15.3	1 650 927	92.0
Asian .....	6 642 481	2.7	10 123 169	11 579 494	3 480 688	52.4	4 937 013	74.3
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ...	325 878	0.1	353 509	748 149	27 631	8.5	422 271	129.6
Some other race .....	249 093	0.1	467 770	1 770 645	218 677	87.8	1 521 552	610.8

Census 2000 showed that the United States population on April 1, 2000, was 281.4 million. Of the total, 11.9 million, or 4.2 percent, reported<sup>1</sup> Asian. This number includes 10.2 million people, or 3.6 percent, who reported only Asian in addition to 1.7 million people, or 0.6 percent, who reported Asian as well as one or more other races. Census 2000 asked separate questions on race and Hispanic or Latino origin. Hispanics who reported their race as Asian, either alone or in combination with one or more other races, are included in the numbers for Asians.

The term "Asian" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, for example Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. Asian groups are not limited to nationalities, but include declarations such as Hmong, Ceram, etc.

<sup>1</sup> The term "reported" is used to refer to the answers provided by respondents, as well as responses assigned during the editing and imputation processes.

<sup>1</sup> One of the following six races: (1) White, (2) Black or African American, (3) American Indian and Alaska Native, (4) Asian, (5) Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, (6) Some other race.

<sup>2</sup> Alone or in combination with one or more of the other five races listed. Numbers for the six race groups may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may indicate more than one race. For example, a person indicating "American Indian and Alaska Native and Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander" is included with American Indian and Alaska Native, with Asian, and with Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.

<sup>3</sup> The differences between 1990 and 2000 for the total population, the Hispanic or Latino Population, and the Not Hispanic or Latino population are not affected by whether data on race are for race alone or for race alone or in combination. The Hispanic or Latino population may be of any race.

Note: Data not adjusted based on the Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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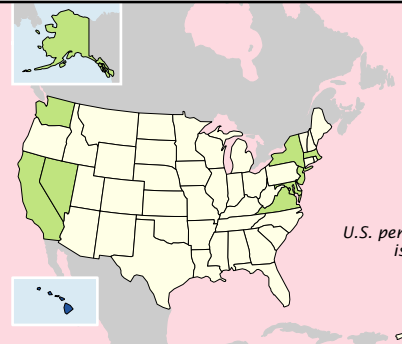
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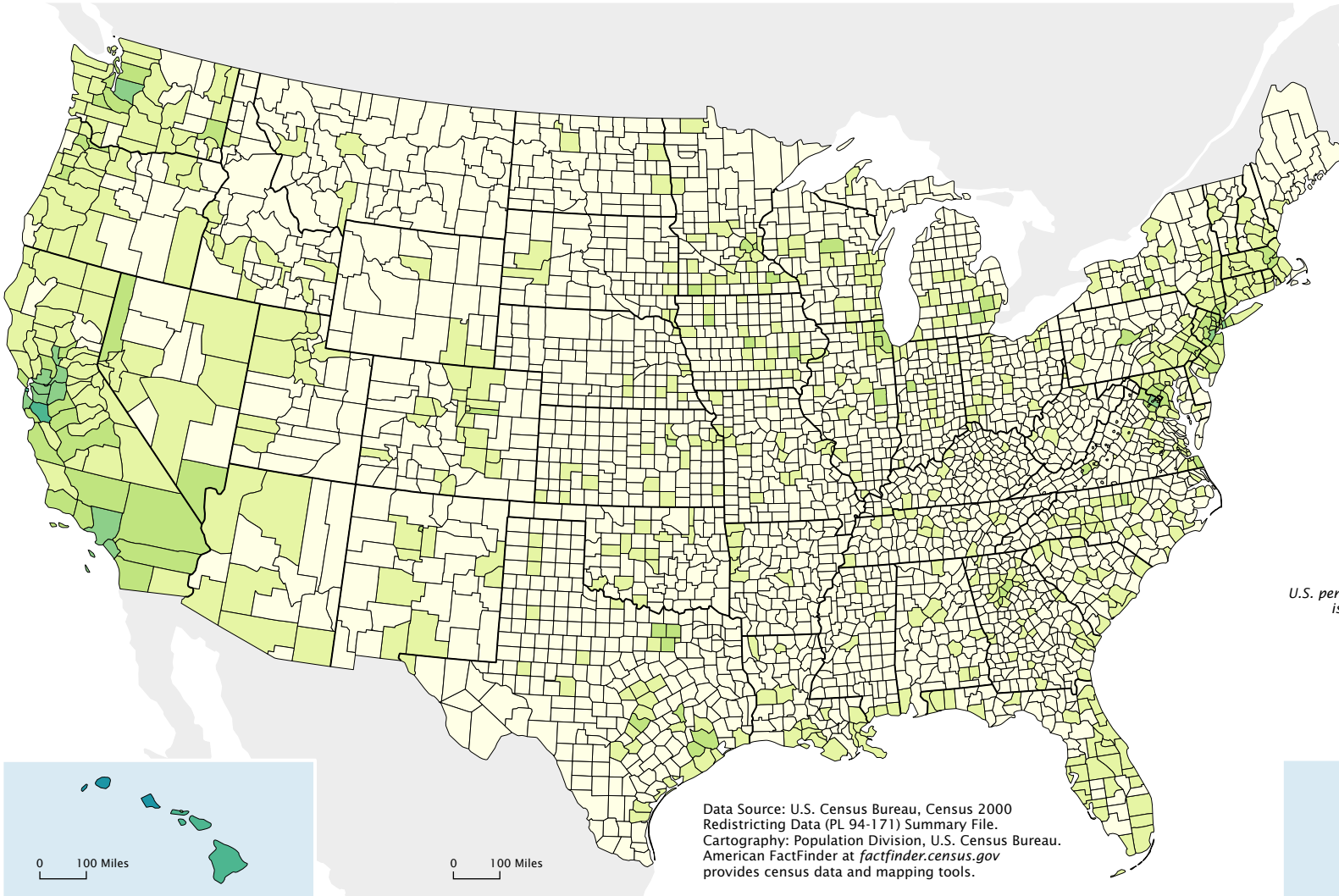
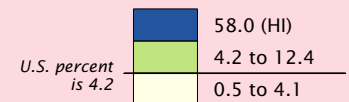
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# Percent of Population, 2000 One or More Races Including Asian

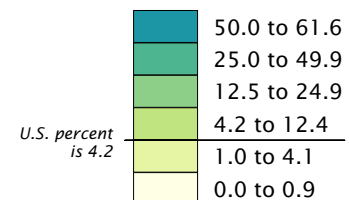


People indicating one or more races including Asian as a percent of total population by state



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People indicating one or more races including Asian as a percent of total population by county



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (PL 94-171) Summary File.  
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