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# Asian American Population

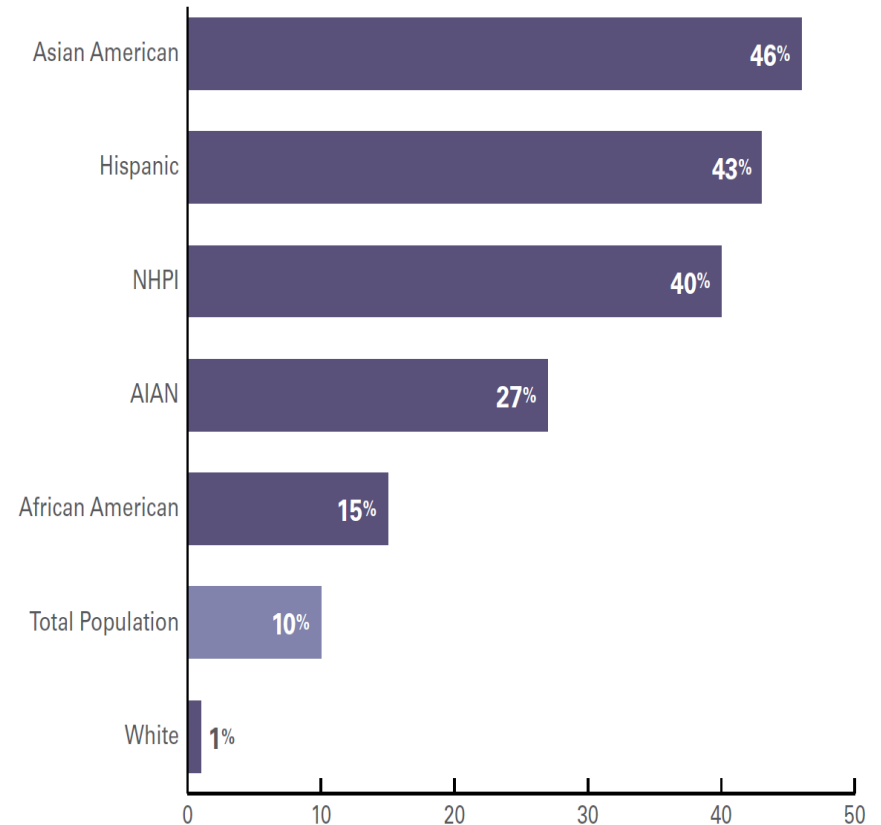
## Population

by Race and Hispanic Origin, United States 2010

Race and Hispanic Origin	Number	Percent
White	196,817,552	64%
Hispanic	50,477,594	16%
African American	42,020,743	14%
Asian American (AA)	17,320,856	6%
AIAN	5,220,579	2%
NHPI	1,225,195	0.40%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>308,745,538</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Percent Population Growth

by Race and Hispanic Origin, United States 2000 to 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Censuses.

# Asian American Diversity

## Asian American Ethnic Groups

United States 2010, Ranked in Order of Population

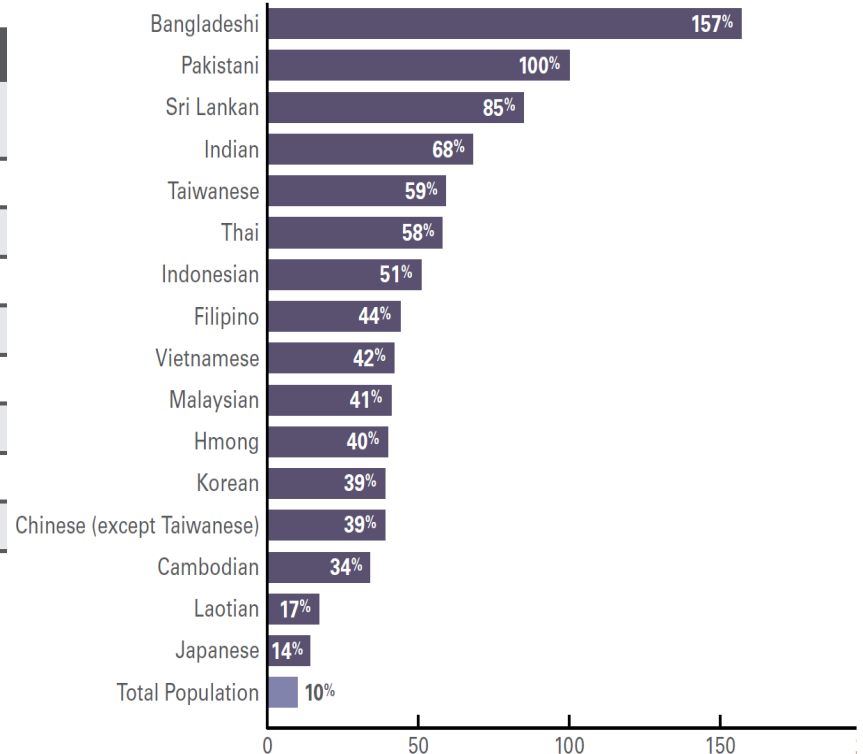
Ethnic Group	Number
Chinese (except Taiwanese)	3,794,673
Filipino	3,416,840
Indian	3,183,063
Vietnamese	1,737,433
Korean	1,706,822
Japanese	1,304,286
Pakistani	409,163
Cambodian	276,667
Hmong	260,073
Thai	237,583

Ethnic Group	Number
Laotian	232,130
Taiwanese	230,382
Bangladeshi	147,300
Burmese	100,200
Indonesian	95,270
Nepalese	59,490
Sri Lankan	45,381
Malaysian	26,179
Bhutanese	19,439

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

## Population Growth

by Ethnic Group, United States 2000 to 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Censuses.

Note: Population growth percentages for Burmese, Nepalese, and Bhutanese excluded because these groups did not meet 2000 Census population thresholds to be counted as an ethnic category.

# Geographic Diversity & Dispersion

## States With Highest Number of Asian Americans

United States 2010

U.S. States	Number	%
California	5,556,592	14.9%
New York	1,549,494	8.2%
Texas	1,110,666	4.4%
New Jersey	795,163	9.0%
Hawaii	780,968	57.4%
Illinois	668,694	5.2%
Washington	604,251	9.0%
Florida	573,083	3.0%
Virginia	522,199	6.5%
Pennsylvania	402,587	3.2%
Massachusetts	394,211	6.0%
Maryland	370,044	6.4%
Georgia	365,497	3.8%
Michigan	289,607	2.9%
North Carolina	252,585	2.6%

## States With Highest Growth of Asian Americans

United States 2000 to 2010

U.S. States	% Growth
Nevada	116%
Arizona	95%
North Carolina	85%
Georgia	83%
New Hampshire	80%
Delaware	78%
North Dakota	85%
Arkansas	77%
Indiana	74%
Texas	72%
Florida	72%
Virginia	71%
Idaho	71%
South Dakota	70%
Alabama	70%

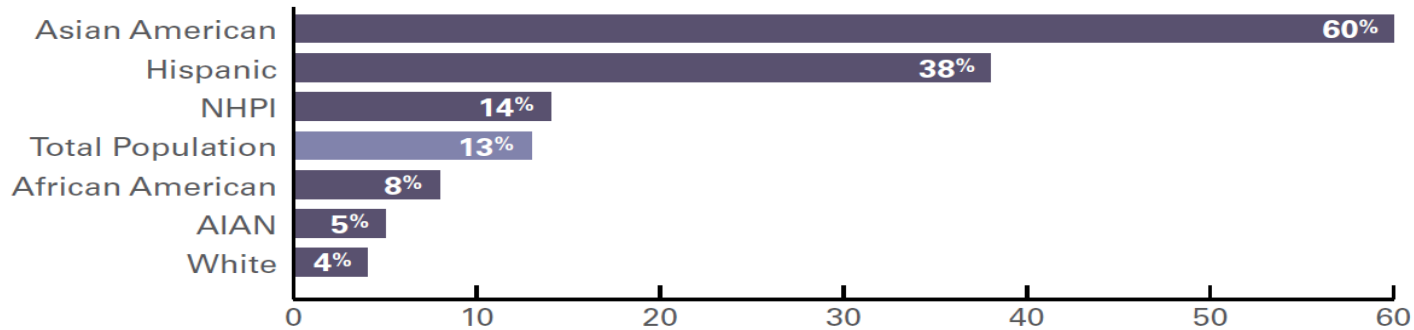


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

# Immigration and Naturalization: Overall

## Percent of Population Who Are Foreign-Born

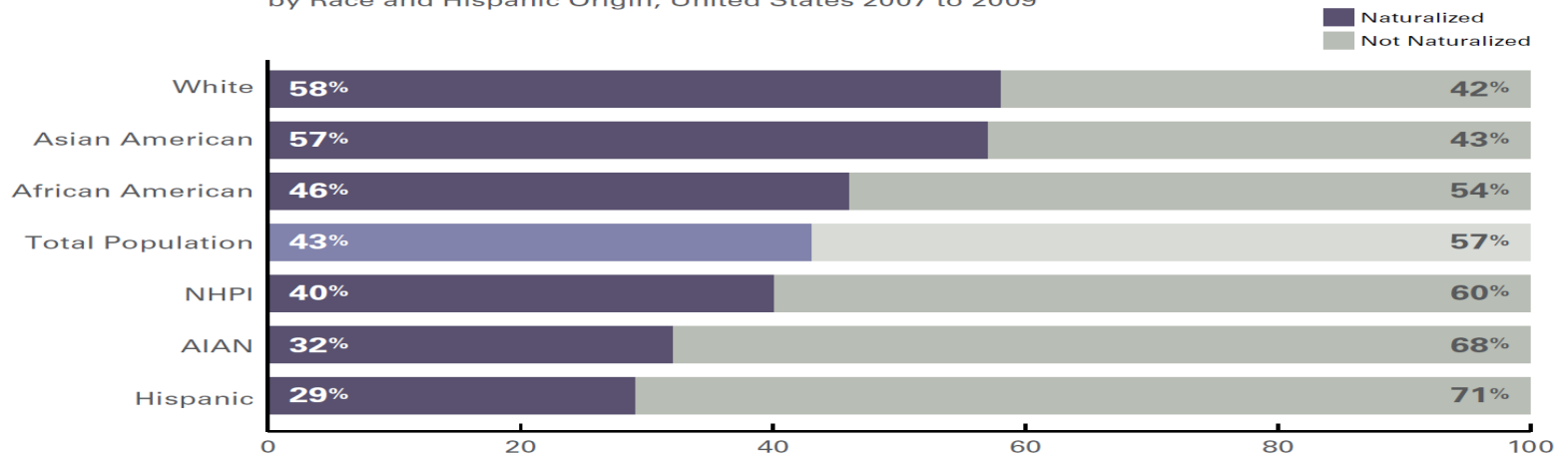
by Race and Hispanic Origin, United States 2007 to 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007–2009 American Community Survey, 3-Year Estimates.

## Percent of Foreign-Born Population Who Have Naturalized

by Race and Hispanic Origin, United States 2007 to 2009



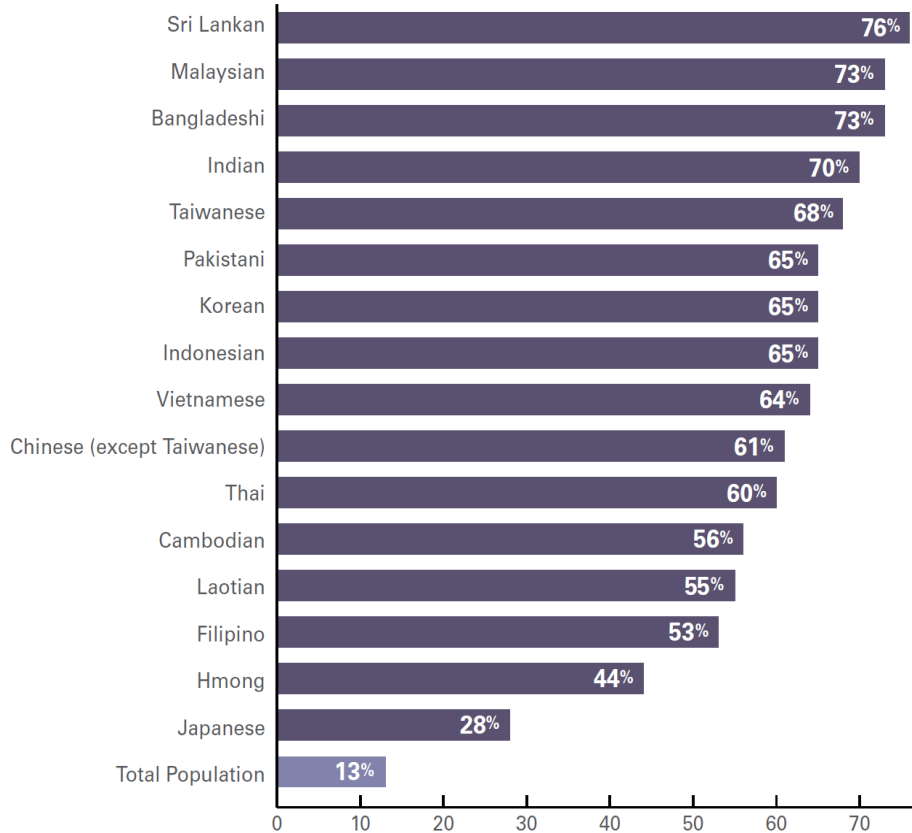
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Note: The foreign-born population includes both those eligible and ineligible to naturalize.

# Immigration and Naturalization: Detailed Groups

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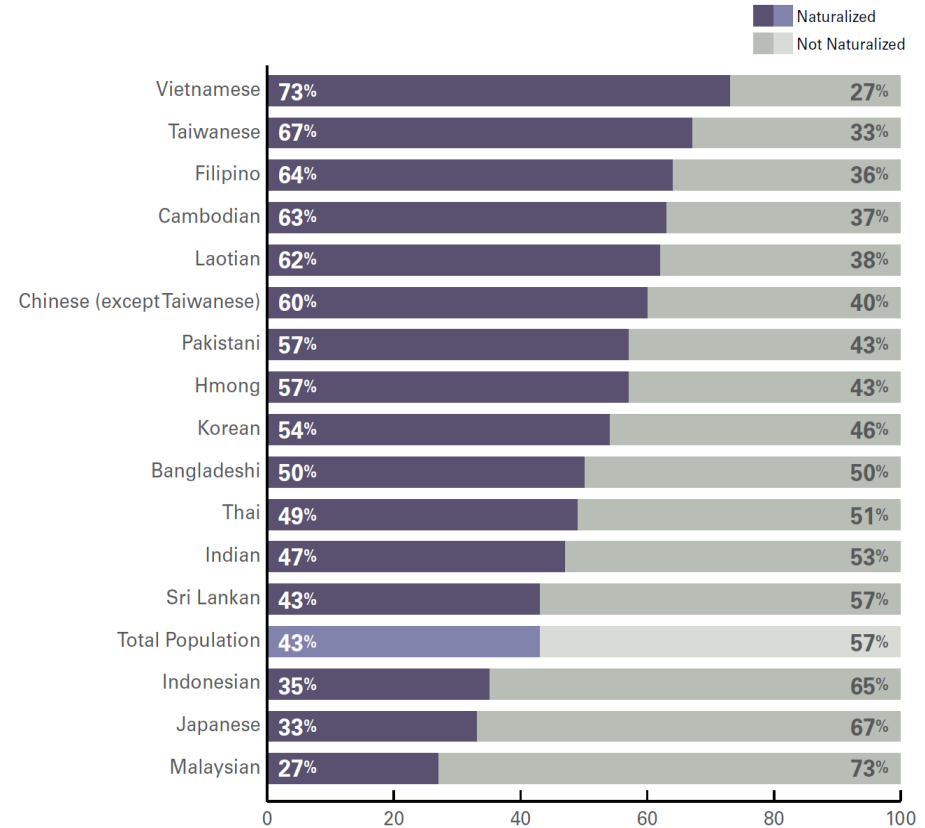
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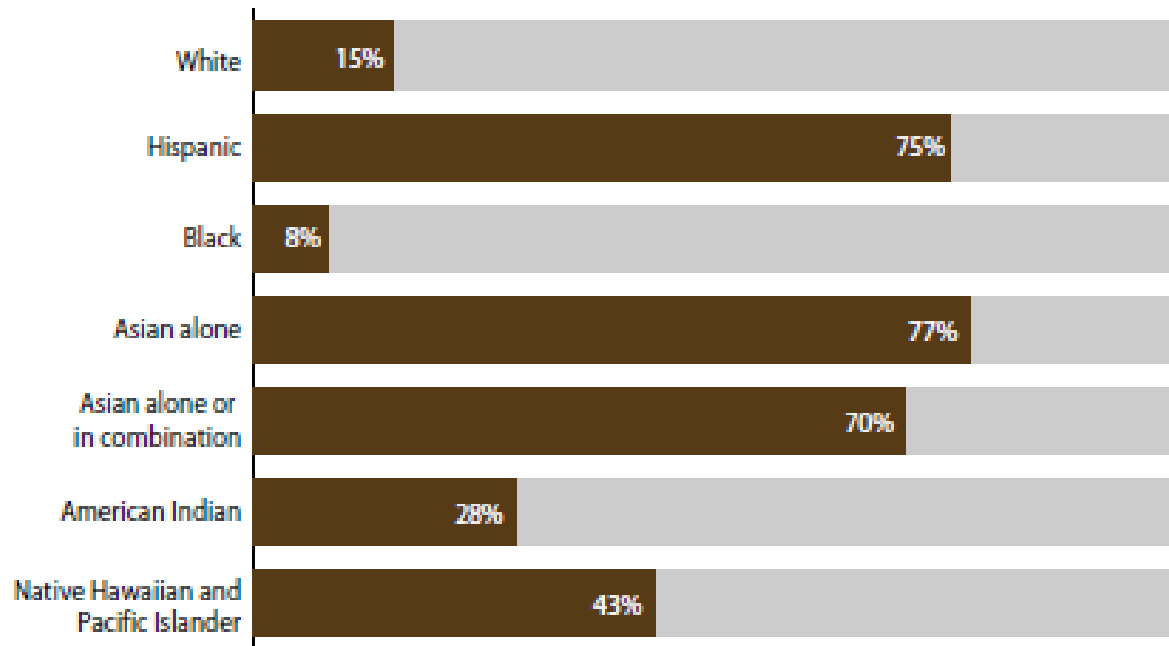


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# Language

FIGURE 3.1

## Percent who speak a language other than English at home



Note: Among ages 5 and older.

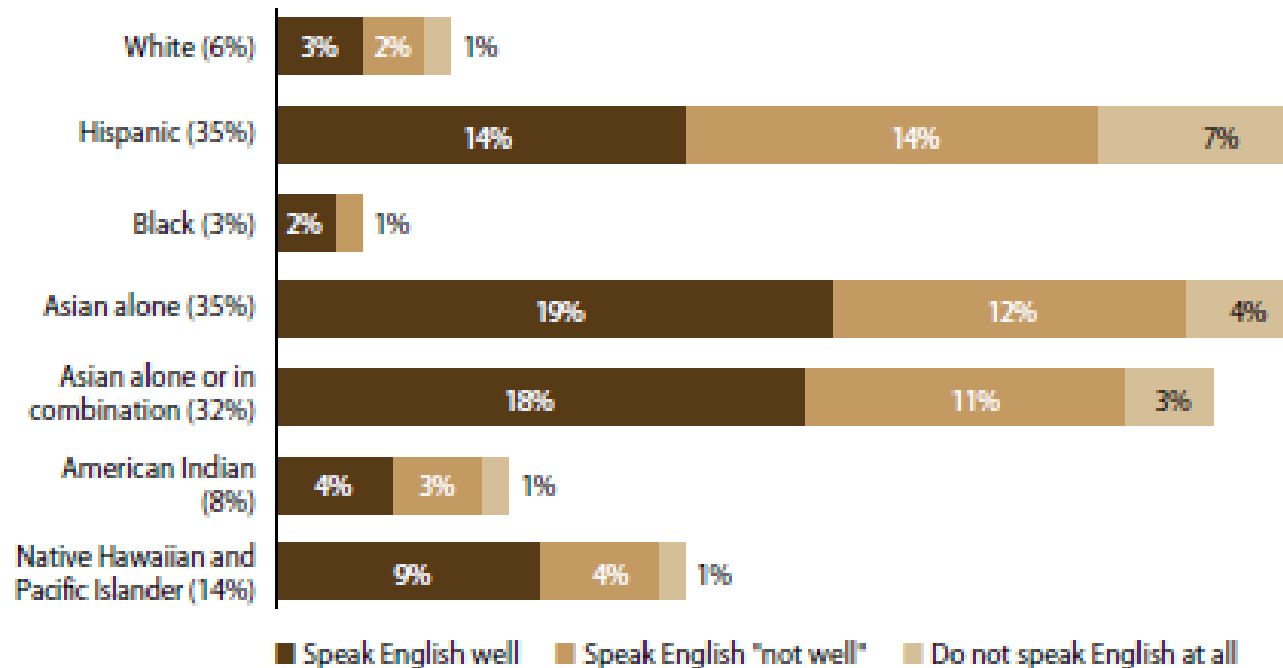
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# Language Proficiency

FIGURE 3.2

## Limited English Proficient (LEP) population by English-speaking ability



Note: Among ages 5 and older. Figures add up to the total limited English proficient population (those who speak English less than "very well")  
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# Linguistic Isolation: Overall

**TABLE 3.2**  
**Proportion of households**  
**that are linguistically isolated**

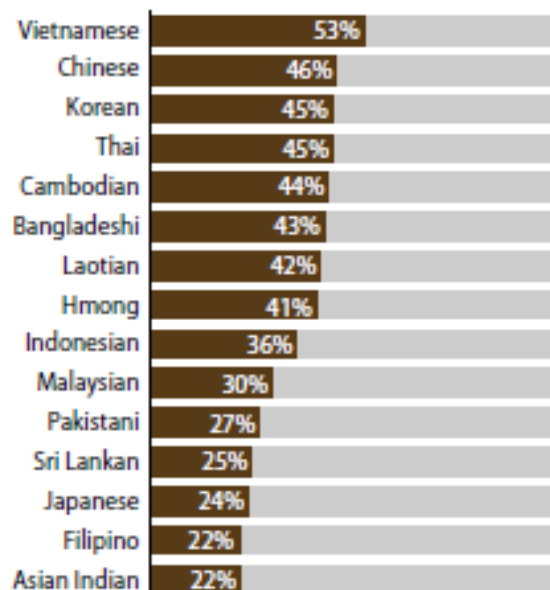
White	4%
Hispanic	21%
Black	2%
Asian alone	20%
Asian alone or in combination	18%
American Indian	4%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	6%

Source: Authors' analysis of Public Use Microdata Sample from Bureau of the Census, "American Community Survey 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates," available at [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/pums\\_data/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/pums_data/) (last accessed May 2014).

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# Linguistic Isolation: Detailed Groups

**FIGURE 3.3a**  
**Group differences in limited English proficiency (Asian American)**



Note: Data are provided for those identifying with one national origin group and ages 5 and older.

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**TABLE 3.3**  
**Proportion of households that are linguistically isolated by subgroup**

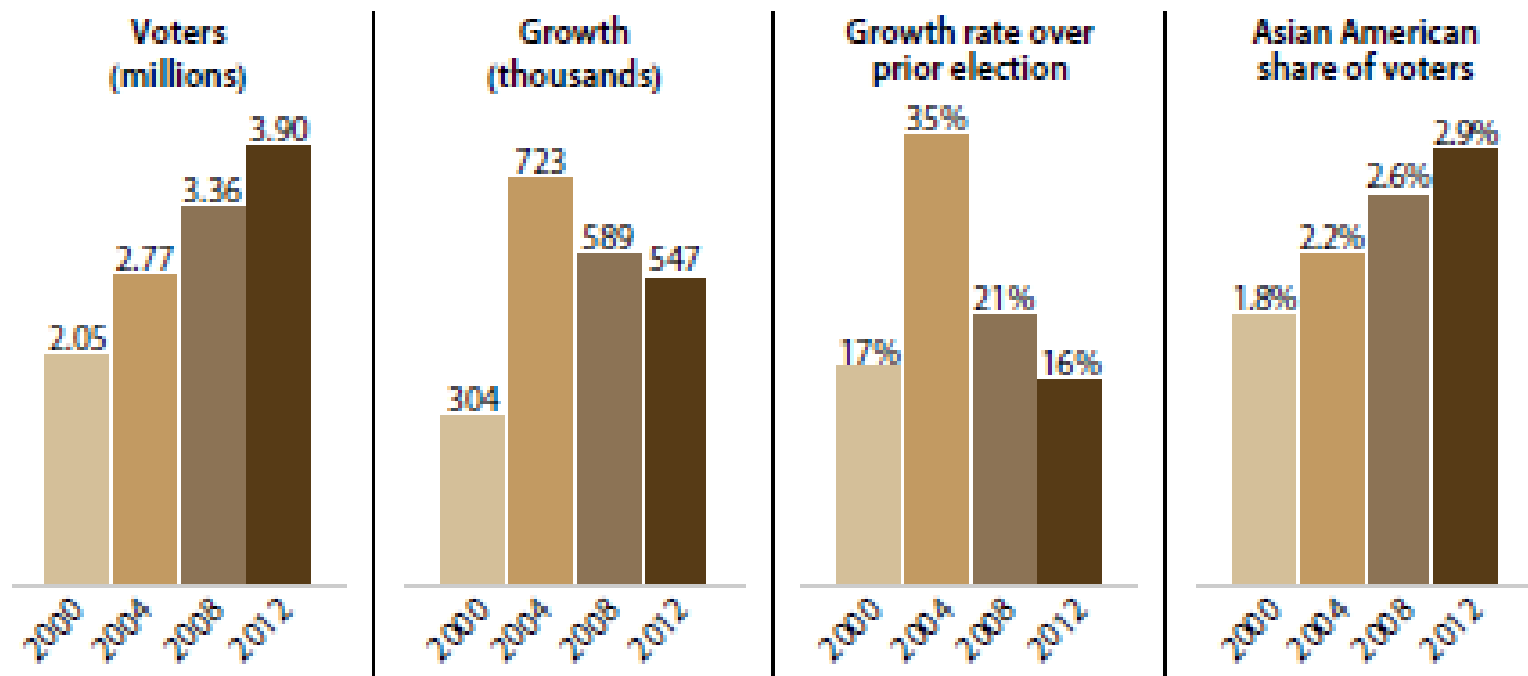
Vietnamese	34%	Pakistani	11%
Chinese	30%	Asian Indian	10%
Korean	29%	Filipino	8%
Bangladeshi	25%		
Thai	24%	Native Hawaiian	1%
Indonesian	21%	Samoan	5%
Malaysian	21%	Tongan	4%
Hmong	19%	Other Polynesian	7%
Laotian	19%	Guamanian/Chomorro	3%
Cambodian	18%	Other Micronesian	27%
Sri Lankan	16%	Melanesian	8%
Japanese	15%		

Source: Authors analysis of Public Use Microdata Sample from Bureau of the Census, "American Community Survey 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates," available at [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/pums\\_data/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/pums_data/) (last accessed May 2014).

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# Asian American Electorate

**FIGURE 6.1**  
**Growth of Asian American voters, 2000 to 2012**



Source: Thom File, "The Diversifying Electorate—Voting Rates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2012 (and Other Recent Elections)" (Bureau of the Census, 2013), available at <http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p20-568.pdf>.

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# Asian American Participation Rates

## Rates of citizenship, voter registration, and voting by race, 2016

	Citizens (among adults)	Registered (among adult citizens)	Voted (among those registered)	Voted (among adult citizens)
White	98%	74%	88%	65%
Hispanic	68%	57%	83%	48%
African American	94%	69%	86%	87%
Asian American	69%	56%	87%	49%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2016.

\* Note: data for racial groups represents respondents who reported only that racial identity.

# Challenges

- Growth in Emerging Communities
  - Lack of Infrastructure
  - Lack of government relationships
  - Distrust of government
- Lack of Knowledge re Voting Process

# Opportunities

- Election Reform
  - Online Voter Registration
  - No-Excuse/Universal Absentee Voting
  - Early Voting
  - Election Day Registration
- Voluntary Language Assistance
- Voting Rights Act of 1965