

NC Asian Americans Report

6 Things to know about the Asian American Community in NC

1. How fast has the Asian American population grown in North Carolina?

From 2000 to 2010, the Asian American population in North Carolina grew 85%, which was the third fastest growth rate in the country. Today, there are over 300,000 Asian Americans who make up the 3% of the population in North Carolina.

2. Where do Asian Americans live in North Carolina?

Raleigh and Charlotte have been two major hubs for the Asian American population in North Carolina. Wake County, home to Raleigh, has an Asian American population of 72,000 while Mecklenburg County, home to Charlotte, has about 61,000 Asian American residents.

3. What are the largest ethnic groups in North Carolina?

Over 20 Asian ethnicities are represented in North Carolina. The largest is Asian Indians who make up 25% of the Asian American population, followed by Chinese (15%), Vietnamese (12%) and Filipino (12%) North Carolina is also home to large populations of Southeast Asian ethnic minority groups such as the Hmong and Montagnard-Dega.

4. What are the most commonly spoken Asian languages in North Carolina?

Chinese is the most common with over 30,000 speakers, followed by Vietnamese and Arabic.. Others include Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Tagalog, Hmong, Laotian, Gujarati and various Montagnard languages such as Rhade, Jarai, Bunong, Koho and Bahnar.

5. What is the citizenship rate among Asian Americans?

60% of Asian Americans were born outside the U.S., but 7 in 10 Asian Americans are U.S. citizens.

6. How many Asian Americans are registered to vote?

From 2006 and 2014 the number of Asian American voters has increased 130% with over 90,000 Asian Americans registered to vote in North Carolina.