

Nevada's Asian Population: 2010

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This report details the growth of Nevada's Asian population from the 2000 Census to the 2010 Census. Nationally, Asians were the fastest growing racial group in the U.S. during this decade (Hoeffel, 2012). In Nevada, the population identifying as Asian alone or Asian in combination with another race increased by 116% from 2000 to 2010. Nationally, this population increased by 46% over the same time period (Hoeffel, 2012).

The concentration and number of Asians in each Nevada county is the first topic presented here, followed by the growth of the population in each county. Then the composition of the multi-racial Asian population is detailed. Finally, the Asian population is separated into ethnic and national origin groups. The growth rates of the most prevalent groups in Nevada are presented.

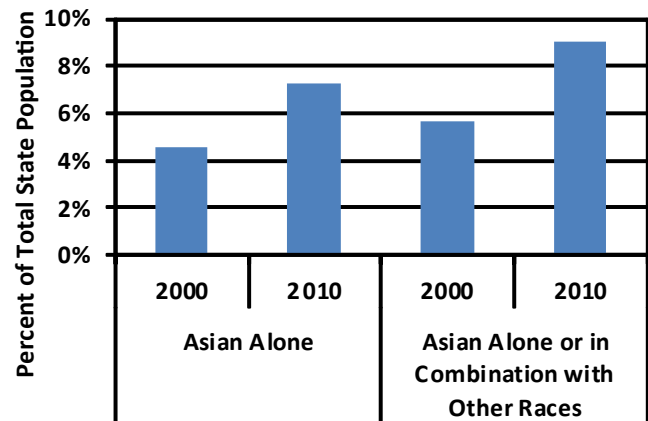
For each topic, data is presented for the Asian alone, Asian in combination, and the larger Asian alone or in combination populations. Members of the Asian alone population self-identified as exclusively Asian on the Census. The Asian in combination population, identified as both Asian and one or more other races.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census. Summary File 2 Table PCT1, & P. L. 94-171 Summary File. Census 2000 Summary File 2 PCT 001, and Summary File 1 QTP5.

About this report

After the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau issued a number of reports, 2010 Census Briefs, that discuss in detail national findings about various topics, how the data on the topics was gathered, and the use of the data at the national level. This report serves as a Nevada supplement to the Census Brief on this topic. It presents information specific to Nevada's counties and communities where appropriate. The reader is encouraged to look at the Census Brief on this topic, for the methodology used to gather this data, and detailed definitions of key concepts.

Chart 1: Nevada's Asian Population



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Chart 1 shows the Asian population as a percentage of the total state population for both 2000 and 2010. The Asian alone population comprised 4.5% of the Nevada state population in 2000 and 7.2% of the state population in 2010. The Asian alone or in combination with another race population was 5.4% of the state population in 2000 and 9% in 2010. The share of the total population for both these groups grew by 60%.

In 2010, the Asian population in Nevada exceeded the national average for both single and multi-racial Asians. The Asian alone population was 7.2% of the state population and 4.8% of the national population (Hoeffel, 2012). The Asian alone or in combination with another race population was 9% of the state population and 5.6% of the national population (Hoeffel, 2012).

The Asian population is highly concentrated in the Western states of Hawaii and California, and moderately concentrated in Washington State, Nevada, and Arizona (Hoeffel, 2012). Nevada's Asian populations were below the averages for Western states of 9.3% for Asians alone, and 11.1% for Asians alone or in combination (Hoeffel, 2012). The state average was influenced by population concentrations in Clark and Washoe Counties. The population shares of all other counties were below the national averages.

Charts 2 and 3 show the concentration of Asians in each Nevada county as a percentage of the total county population. Chart 2 shows the population who identified as exclusively Asian. Chart 3 shows the broader Asian alone or in combination with another race population.

Chart 2: Nevada's Asian Alone Population as a Percentage of Total County Population, 2010

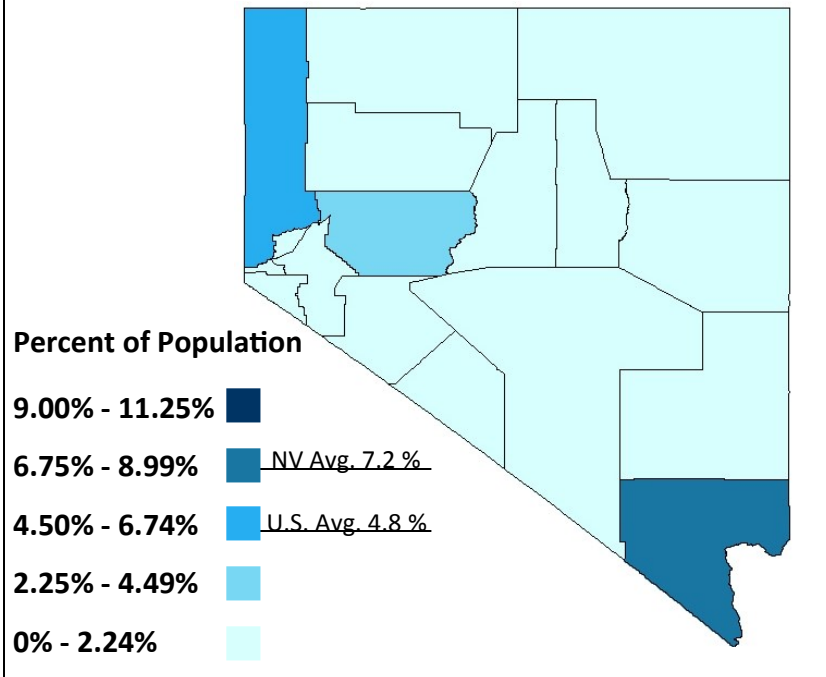
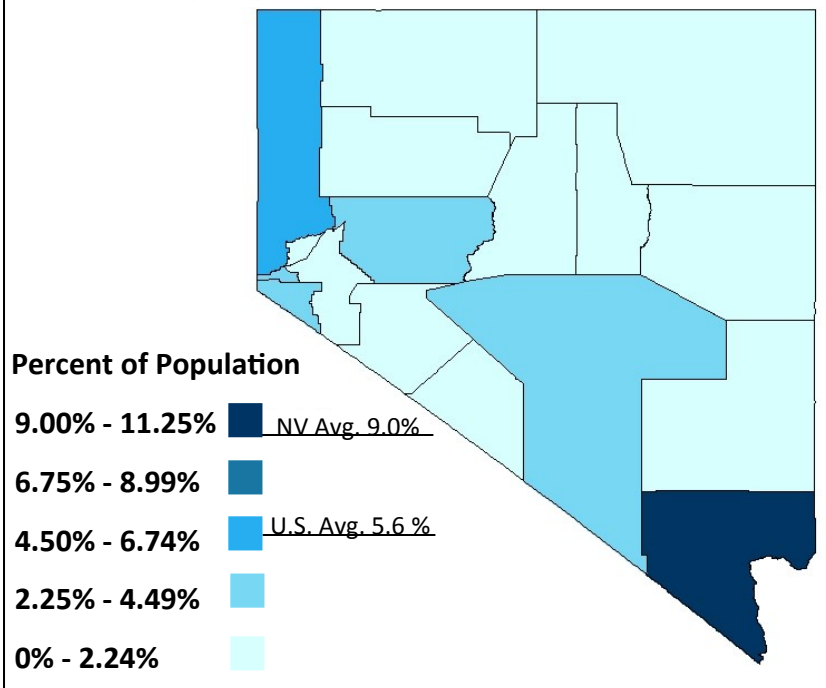


Chart 3: Nevada's Asian Alone or in Combination with Another Race Population as a Percentage of Total County Population, 2010



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census. Summary File 2 Table PCT1, & P. L. 94-171 Summary File. Census 2000 Summary File 2 PCT 001, & Summary File 1 QTP5.

Table 1 presents the 2010 Census counts of Asians in each Nevada county. These counts are then shown as a percentage of the total population of the county. Percentages of the population can be helpful in comparing the concentration of racial groups between small and large counties. In the 2010 Census, 242,915 Nevadans identified themselves as Asian, either alone or in combination with another race.

Clark County had an Asian alone population of 8.7% of the total county population. The Asian alone or in combination population was 10.7% of the Clark County population. The Asian alone population in Washoe County was 5.2% of the county population; while the Asian alone or in combination population was 6.6% of the county population. Both these counties had population concentrations above the national average and lower than the average for Western states (Hoeffel, 2012). All other counties had population concentrations below the national average. After Clark and Washoe Counties, Churchill County had the third highest share of Asians as a percentage of the total county population. Asians alone or in combination were 4.2% of the county population, while Asians alone were 2.7% of the Churchill County population.

County	Asian Alone	Percent of Total County Population	In Combination with Other Races	Percent of Total County Population	Alone or in Combination with Other Races	Percent of Total County Population
Carson City	1,181	2.14 %	460	0.83 %	1,641	2.97 %
Churchill	665	2.67 %	374	1.50 %	1,039	4.18 %
Clark	168,831	8.65 %	38,944	2.00 %	207,775	10.65 %
Douglas	725	1.54 %	451	0.96 %	1,176	2.50 %
Elko	442	0.91 %	275	0.56 %	717	1.47 %
Esmeralda	3	0.38 %	3	0.38 %	6	0.77 %
Eureka	18	0.91 %	13	0.65 %	31	1.56 %
Humboldt	120	0.73 %	62	0.38 %	182	1.10 %
Lander	21	0.36 %	11	0.19 %	32	0.55 %
Lincoln	40	0.75 %	19	0.36 %	59	1.10 %
Lyon	725	1.39 %	419	0.81 %	1,144	2.20 %
Mineral	53	1.11 %	32	0.67 %	85	1.78 %
Nye	572	1.30 %	416	0.95 %	988	2.25 %
Pershing	87	1.29 %	30	0.44 %	117	1.73 %
Storey	66	1.65 %	24	0.60 %	90	2.24 %
Washoe	21,790	5.17 %	5,916	1.40 %	27,706	6.57 %
White Pine	97	0.97 %	30	0.30 %	127	1.27 %
Nevada	195,436	7.24 %	47,479	1.76 %	242,915	9.00 %

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census. Summary File 2 Table PCT1, & P. L. 94-171 Summary File.

In the 2010 Census, Lander and Esmeralda Counties had the lowest percentage of Asians alone as a percentage of total county population in Nevada. Asians alone made up 0.4% of the population in Lander and Esmeralda Counties. Asians alone or in combination were less than 1% of the population of Lander and Esmeralda Counties. In 2010, Asians alone consisted of less than 1% of the populations of Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties.

Table 2 shows the Asian population by county at from the 2000 Census. The Asian alone or in combination population, increased in both absolute number of people and as a percentage of the population, in each Nevada county, from 2000 to 2010. The counties with the largest Asian populations in 2010, Clark, Washoe, and Churchill, were also the counties with the largest Asian populations in 2000. In 2000, Asians alone or in combination were less than 1% of the population in six counties, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, and Pershing.

From 2000 to 2010, Asians were the fastest growing population by race in the U.S. (Hoeffel, 2012). Nationally, the Asian alone population increased by 43%, while the Asian alone or in combination with another race population increased by 46%. In Nevada, the Asian population grew at a faster rate than in any other state.

County	Asian Alone	Percent of Total County Population	In Combination with Other Races	Percent of Total County Population	Alone or in Combination with Other Races	Percent of Total County Population
Carson City	930	1.77 %	224	0.43 %	1154	2.20 %
Churchill	649	2.71 %	242	1.01 %	891	3.72 %
Clark	72547	5.27 %	17,721	1.29 %	90268	6.56 %
Douglas	517	1.25 %	272	0.66 %	789	1.91 %
Elko	306	0.68 %	148	0.33 %	454	1.00 %
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	13	0.79 %	1	0.06 %	14	0.85 %
Humboldt	92	0.57 %	61	0.38 %	153	0.95 %
Lander	20	0.35 %	5	0.09 %	25	0.43 %
Lincoln	10	0.24 %	4	0.10 %	14	0.34 %
Lyon	210	0.61 %	157	0.46 %	367	1.06 %
Mineral	41	0.81 %	11	0.22 %	52	1.03 %
Nye	253	0.78 %	138	0.42 %	391	1.20 %
Pershing	42	0.63 %	20	0.30 %	62	0.93 %
Storey	34	1.00 %	14	0.41 %	48	1.41 %
Washoe	14526	4.28 %	3,134	0.92 %	17660	5.20 %
White Pine	72	0.78 %	32	0.35 %	104	1.13 %
Nevada	90,262	4.52 %	22,184	1.11 %	112,446	5.63 %

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 2 PCT 001, & Summary File 1 QTP5.

Nevada's Asian alone population grew 116.5% over the decade. The Asian alone or in combination population grew 116%. In the West census region, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, the Asian alone population increased by 33.3%. The Asian alone or in combination population increased by 53.7% in the West (Hoeffel, 2012).

In Clark County, the county with both the largest Asian population and the highest concentration of Asians, the Asian alone population grew 132.7%, while the Asian alone or in combination population grew by 130.2%. In Washoe County, the Asian alone population increased by 50%; the Asian alone or in combination population increased by 56.9%. Five counties had population growth rates lower than the national average: Carson City, Churchill, Humboldt, Lander, and White Pine. The Asian alone or in combination population grew at its' lowest rate of 16.6% in Churchill County, the county with the third highest percentage of Asians in the total population. This population had its next lowest increase at 19% in Humboldt County.

Table 3: Nevada's Asian Population Change by County from 2000 to 2010

County	Asian Alone		Asian In Combination with Other Races		Alone or in Combination with Other Races	
	Change in County Population Count	Percent Change in County Population	Change in County Population Count	Percent Change in County Population	Change in County Population Count	Percent Change in County Population
Carson City	251	26.99 %	236	105.36 %	487	42.20 %
Churchill	16	2.47 %	132	54.55 %	148	16.61 %
Clark	96,284	132.72 %	21,223	119.76 %	117,507	130.18 %
Douglas	208	40.23 %	179	65.81 %	387	49.05 %
Elko	136	44.44 %	127	85.81 %	263	57.93 %
Esmeralda	3	NC	3	NC	6	NC
Eureka	5	38.46 %	12	1200.00 %	17	121.43 %
Humboldt	28	30.43 %	1	1.64 %	29	18.95 %
Lander	1	5.00 %	6	120.00 %	7	28.00 %
Lincoln	30	300.00 %	15	375.00 %	45	321.43 %
Lyon	515	245.24 %	262	166.88 %	777	211.72 %
Mineral	12	29.27 %	21	190.91 %	33	63.46 %
Nye	319	126.09 %	278	201.45 %	597	152.69 %
Pershing	45	107.14 %	10	50.00 %	55	88.71 %
Storey	32	94.12 %	10	71.43 %	42	87.50 %
Washoe	7,264	50.01 %	2,782	88.77 %	10,046	56.89 %
White Pine	25	34.72 %	-2	-6.25 %	23	22.12 %
Nevada	105,174	116.52 %	25,295	114.02 %	130,469	116.03 %

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census. Summary File 2 Table PCT1, & P. L. 94-171 Summary File. Census 2000 Summary File 2 & Summary File 1 QTP5.

White Pine County was the only county with a decrease in an Asian population; in which the Asian in combination with another race population decreased by 6.3%. However, a 34.7% increase in the Asian alone population, resulted in a 22% increase in White Pine County for the overall Asian alone or in combination population.

Growth rates do not tell the whole story and sometimes it is best to show the actual numbers. From 2000 to 2010, the Asian alone or in combination with another race population increased by 6 people in Esmeralda County. In Lincoln County, which shows growth rates of over 300%, the total number of people who identified as Asian alone or in combination increased from 14 to 59 people.

The 2010 Census allowed respondents to choose multiple races. Racial options were: Asian, Black or African American, Native American or Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, some other race, and White. Hispanic origin was reported in a separate category for ethnicity.

In Nevada, 66% of the total Asian population identified as Asian alone, while 34% of the population identified as both Asian and at least one other race. Nationally, only 15% of Asians identified as multi-racial (Hoeffel, 2012). However, the Census reported that multi-racial Asians were more common in both Western states and areas with larger Asian populations.

Chart 5 and Table 4 detail the race combinations of multi-racial Asians. Both nationally and in Nevada, the most common combination was Asian and White. In Nevada, 27,142 people identified with this combination. Asian and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander was the second most common group with 4,869 people. Other Asian racial combinations with populations greater than 1,000 people were: Asian and Black, Asian and White and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Asian and some other race, and Asian and White and Black.

Chart 4: Racial Composition of Nevada's Asian Population: 2010

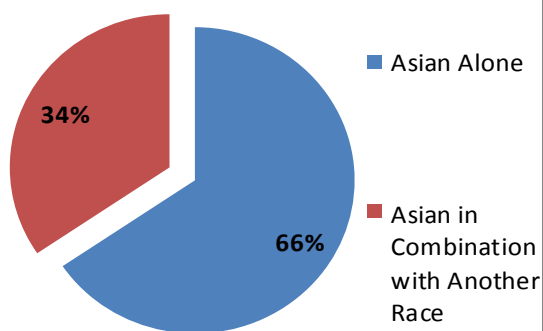
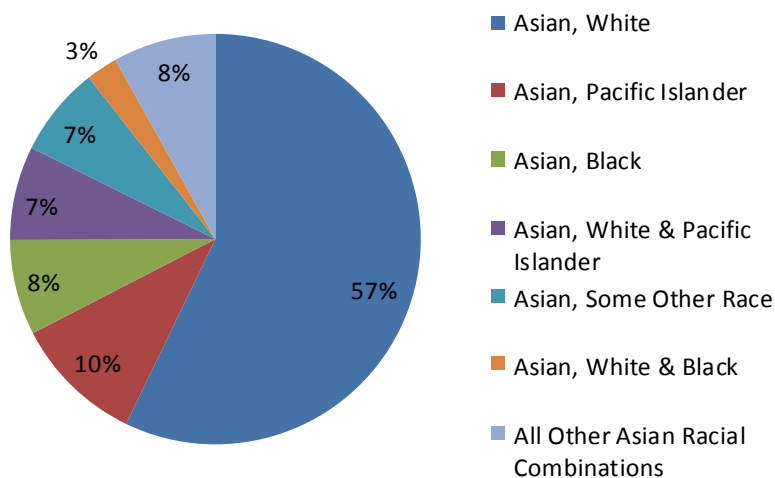


Chart 5: Percentage Distribution of the Asian in Combination with Another Race Population, 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Table 4: Nevada's Asian Population Racial Combinations: 2010				
Racial Combination	Clark	Washoe	All Other Counties	Total
Asian Alone	72,547	14,526	3,189	90,262
Asian in Combination	38,944	5,916	2,619	47,479
White	21,436	3,990	1,716	27,142
Pacific Islander	4,290	404	175	4,869
Black	3,297	203	69	3,569
White & Pacific Islander	3,049	319	141	3,509
Some Other Race	2,797	422	151	3,370
White & Black	1,001	121	55	1,177
White & American Indian	500	138	78	716
American Indian	520	94	86	700
White & Some Other	564	64	46	674
White, Black, & American Indian	239	32	12	283
Black & Pacific Islander	195	20	11	226
White, American Indian, & Pacific Islander	172	17	32	221
Black & American Indian	137	15	8	160
White, Black, & Pacific Islander	126	7	6	139
Pacific Islander & Some Other	116	12	2	130
Black & Some Other	101	11	4	116
White, Black, American Indian, & Pacific Islander	87	17	12	116
White, Pacific Islander, & Some Other	85	2	4	91
American Indian & Pacific Islander	73	14	1	88
American Indian & Some Other	33	8	7	48
White, Black, & Some Other	38	3	0	41
White, American Indian, & Some Other	26	0	3	29
Black, American Indian, & Pacific Islander	21	1	0	22
White, Black, American Indian, & Some Other	15	0	0	15
White, Black, American Indian, Pacific Islander, & Some Other	6	1	0	7
White, American Indian, Pacific Islander, & Some Other	6	0	0	6
Black, Pacific Islander, & Some Other	5	0	0	5
Black, American Indian, & Some Other	3	1	0	4
Black, American Indian, Pacific Islander, & Some Other	3	0	0	3
American Indian, Pacific Islander, & Some Other	2	0	0	2
White, Black, Pacific Islander, & Some Other	1	0	1	2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2, PCT1.

In the 2010 Census Hispanic or Latino origin is considered to be an ethnic classification. In this Census 5% of Nevada's Asian population also identified as Hispanic or Latino. Only 2% of the Asian alone population also identified as Hispanic. Many of these respondents indicate origins from the Philippines. Of Nevada's Multi-racial Asian population 17% also identified as Hispanic. In the 2010 Census, there were 12,231 Nevadans who identified themselves as both Asian and Hispanic or Latino.

Chart 6: Hispanic Origin, Asian Alone Population, 2010

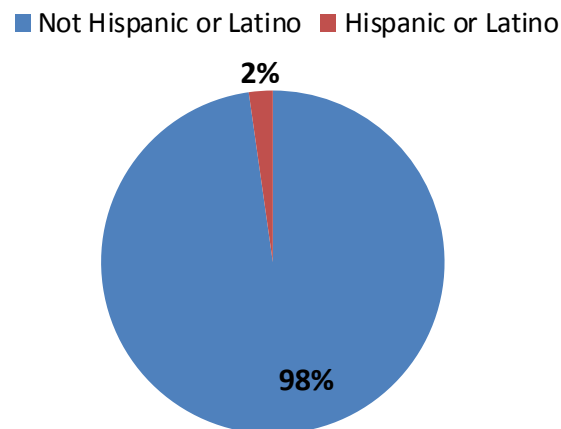


Table 5: Hispanic Ethnicity and Nevada's Asian Population: 2010

	Asian Alone			
Ethnicity	Clark	Washoe	Others	Nevada
Not Hispanic or Latino	165,121	21,288	4,638	191,047
Hispanic or Latino	3,710	502	177	4,389
	Asian in Combination with Other Race			
Ethnicity	Clark	Washoe	Others	Nevada
Not Hispanic or Latino	32,471	4,991	2,176	39,638
Hispanic or Latino	6,473	925	444	7,842
	Asian Alone or in Combination			
Ethnicity	Clark	Washoe	Others	Nevada
Not Hispanic or Latino	197,592	26,279	6,814	230,685
Hispanic or Latino	10,183	1,427	621	12,231

Chart 7: Hispanic Origin, Asian in Combination Population, 2010

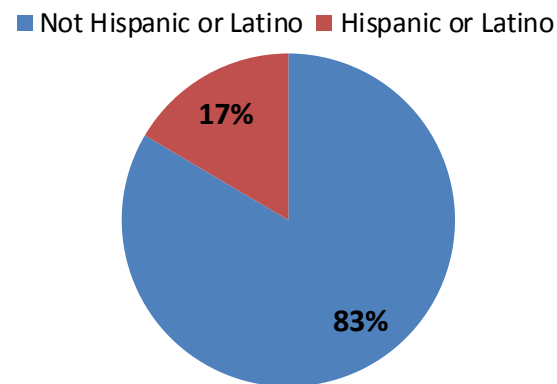
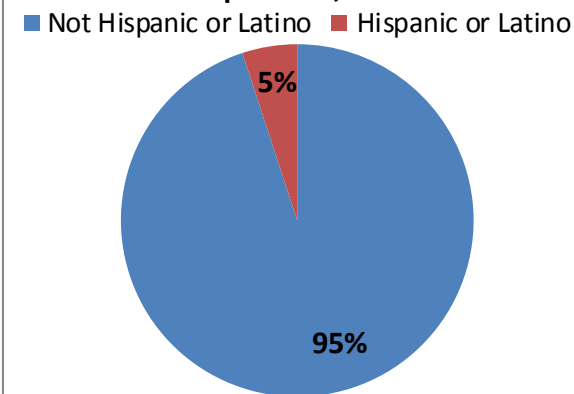


Chart 8: Hispanic Origin, Asian Alone or in Combination Population, 2010



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2, PCT1.

Chart 9 compares the population sizes of the ten largest detailed Asian origin groups in Nevada. In the 2010 Census, origin detail groups refer to a persons' ancestry, no matter how long ago their family came to the U.S.. Counts of immigrant populations are not available in the 2010 Census.

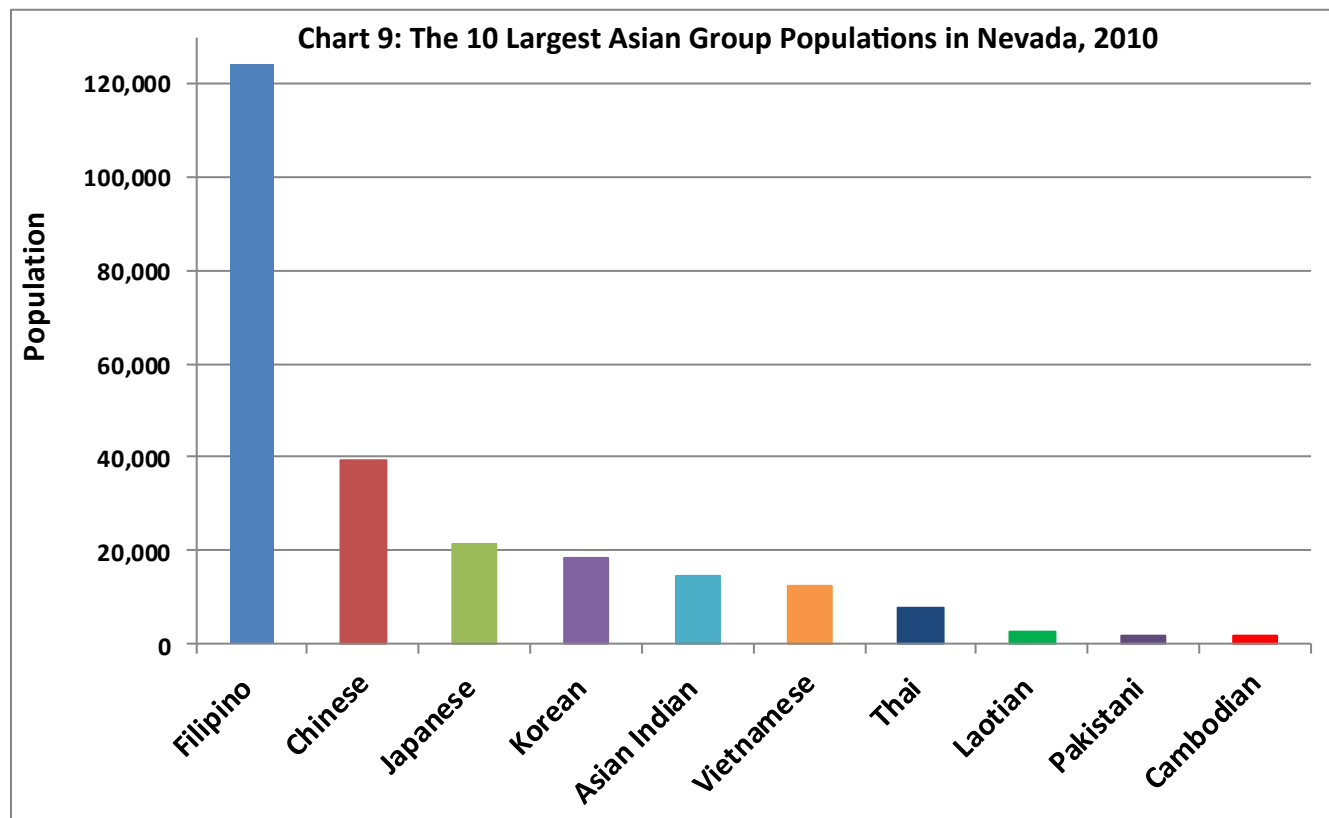
The 2010 Census allowed respondents to identify with as many origin groups as appropriate. Therefore, if a person identified Filipino origins from their mother, and Chinese origins from their father, they would be included in counts of both the Filipino and Chinese populations.

The Filipino population was by far the largest origin group in Nevada with 123,891 people. Nationally, the Filipino origin group was the second largest in the U.S. after the Chinese origin group (Hoeffel, 2012).

The Chinese population was the second largest Asian origin group in Nevada with 33,582 members, including 1,281 people who identified as Taiwanese. When Taiwanese origin is considered as a separate group, the Chinese population is still the second largest origin group with 32,423 people.

If the Asian Hispanic origin group, with 12,231 people, were compared with the Asian origin groups, this population would rank as the 7th largest, between the Vietnamese (12,366 people), and Thai (7,783 people), populations.

Each of the ten largest origin groups had populations of at least 1,000 Nevadans. No other Asian origin groups had populations over 1,000 people. The least common Asian origin groups in Nevada were Mongolian, 150 people; Bhutanese, 165 people; and Okinawan, 195 people.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2, PCT1.

Table 6 and Chart 10 show the growth of the five largest Asian origin groups in Nevada from 2000 to 2010. Growth rates are only examined for the largest groups because in very small populations, an increase of only a few people can result in a high growth rate.

While the five largest groups had very different growth rates over the decade, their rankings from largest to smallest group remained the same. Filipinos were both the largest and fastest growing Asian origin group in Nevada. The Filipino population increased by 141% from 2000 to 2010. This was much higher than the national growth rate for the Filipino population of 44.5% (Hoeffel, 2012).

Nevada's Asian Indian population increased by 111.5%, making it the second fastest growing origin group. Nationally, the Asian Indian population grew by 45.6%, and was the third most common Asian origin group (Hoeffel, 2012). In Nevada, it was the fifth most common Asian origin group, with 14,290 members.

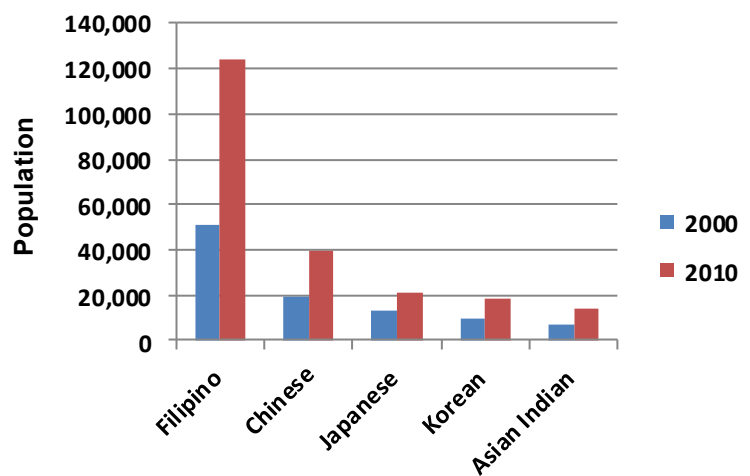
Nevada's Chinese population increased by 108% from 2000 to 2010. The U.S. Chinese population increased by 40% during this time period (Hoeffel, 2012). The Korean population in Nevada increased by 92.7%, nationally by 39% (Hoeffel, 2012). Nevada's Japanese population increased by 62.6%. Nationally the Japanese population increased by only 13.5% (Hoeffel, 2012).

Table 7 lists counts of Asians in each origin group. A single Census respondent may select as many origin groups as are applicable. Therefore, the sum of the origin group populations would be much higher than the total population of the Asian racial category. These counts are from 2010 Census Summary File 2, which does not report counts for populations of less than 100 people to protect the confidentiality of individuals. In most counties with small populations there is not a large enough origin group population to be reported. Where available, origin group counts are reported for Clark, Washoe, and all other counties combined, as well as the total count for the State of Nevada.

Table 6: Growth of Nevada's 5 Largest Asian Origin Groups: 2000 - 2010

Origin Group	2000	2010	Percent Change
Filipino	51,318	123,891	141.42 %
Chinese	18,950	39,448	108.17 %
Japanese	13,138	21,364	62.61 %
Korean	9,608	18,518	92.74 %
Asian Indian	6,756	14,290	111.52 %

Chart 10: Comparison of Nevada's 5 Largest Asian Origin Group Populations, 2000 - 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2, PCT1.

Table 7: Nevada's Detailed Asian Origin Group Populations, 2010

Origin Group	Clark	Washoe	All Other Counties	Nevada Total
Filipino	108,141	12,361	3,389	123,891
Chinese	33,582	4,879	987	39,448
Chinese (except Taiwanese)	32,423	4,725	960	38,108
Japanese	17,739	2,519	1,106	21,364
Korean	16,261	1,827	430	18,518
Asian Indian	10,591	2,950	749	14,290
Vietnamese	10,505	1,586	275	12,366
Thai	7,002	585	196	7,783
Laotian	2,502			2,581
Pakistani	1,414	359	20	1,793
Cambodian	1,506			1,630
Taiwanese	1,281	166	29	1,476
Indonesian	968	125	72	1,165
Sri Lankan	551			610
Bangladeshi	170	312	0	482
Burmese	319			349
Hmong	225			254
Nepalese	142			238
Malaysian	206			237
Okinawan	164			195
Bhutanese	163			165
Mongolian	105			150

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 2, PCT1.

In summary, as shown in this report, Nevada's Asian population has grown over the past decade from Census to Census and become more diverse as well. More information about Asian population trends in the U.S. is available from the U.S. Census Bureau at <http://factfinder2.census.gov>. The Census reports information about topics not reported here; such as family size and composition, population age and sex composition, and employment data through the American Community Survey. For reports on other segments of Nevada's population please see our website at <http://www.nvdemography.org>.

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