



POPULATION NOTES

Asians in Minnesota, 2000

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Minnesota’s Asian population nearly doubled and grew faster than the U.S. Asian population from 1990 to 2000. Southeast Asians are the largest Asian group in Minnesota whereas in the U.S., Chinese except Taiwanese and Filipinos predominate. The rapid increase in Minnesota’s Hmong population from 1990 to 2000 has attracted media attention. Less noticed has been the rapid growth of other Asian groups, such as Vietnamese, Asian Indians and Chinese except Taiwanese. Asian groups are concentrated in the metropolitan areas of the state, particularly the seven-county Twin Cities region, with enclaves scattered throughout the state. Changes in the way race was reported in Census 2000 provide a range of numbers for each Asian group, rather than an exact number. This working paper will

explore Census 2000 results with regard to the unique blend of Asian groups in Minnesota.

Changes in the Census questionnaire

Several changes in the Census questionnaire since 1990 limit comparison of data between Censuses. In Census 2000, respondents could identify as belonging to a single race or more than one race. In addition, Asians could identify with up to 18 Asian groups, resulting in millions of possible race and Asian group combinations. (See table for examples of possible race and group combinations.) An exact number can no longer be calculated for any detailed race or group. For this reason, numbers and percentages in this paper are usually reported as a range.

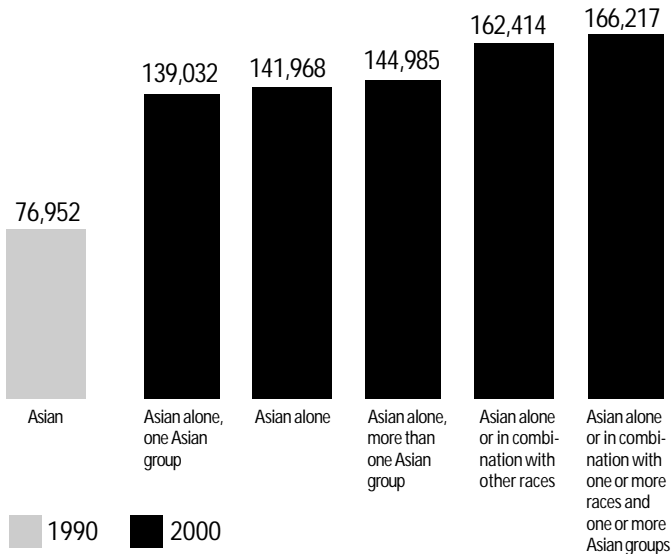
Changes in race categories also make comparisons between 1990 and 2000 problematic. In the 1990 Census, the Asian and Pacific Islander population were grouped as were the Chinese and Taiwanese populations; however these populations were separate in Census 2000. In 1990, Hmong was listed with a checkbox

RACE AND GROUP COMBINATIONS	
Race and group	Example
Asian alone	Checked Asian alone, no specific group
Asian alone, single Asian group	Checked Asian alone, Asian Indian
Asian alone, more than one Asian group	Checked Asian alone, Chinese and Vietnamese
Asian alone or in combination with more than one race	Checked Asian and black, no specific group
Asian alone or in combination with more than one race for selected groups	Checked Asian and white, Japanese and Korean

Source: Census 2000 SF1 100 Percent Data

How many Asians live in Minnesota?

Alternative definitions of Minnesota's Asian Population 2000



Source: Census 1990 SF1 100 Percent data
Census 2000 data

under Other Asian and Pacific Islander; in 2000, Hmong was not listed with a checkbox and had to be handwritten in the Other Asian space.

How many Asians live in Minnesota?

Using the Asian alone and one group designation, Minnesota's Asian population nearly doubled from 1990 to 2000, increasing from 76,952 to 139,032. The national Asian population grew by nearly 1.5 times during the period, rising from 6,908,638 to 10,019,410. Although the Asian population in Minnesota grew faster than the nation's, only 2.8 percent of the state's population is Asian, lower than the national average of 3.6 percent (single race, one Asian group).

The make-up of Minnesota's Asian population is different than the nation's in 2000. In the United States, the three

largest groups are Chinese except Taiwanese, Filipino and Asian Indian, representing 58 percent of the Asian population. In Minnesota, these three groups represent only 28 percent of the Asian population, using the single

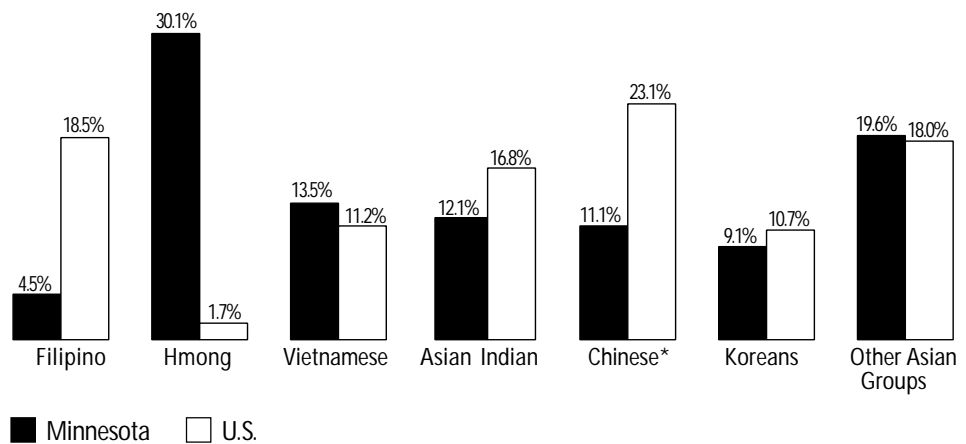
race and group designation. More than half of Minnesota's Asian population (77,140) are Southeast Asians, which includes Cambodians, Hmong, Laotians, Thais and Vietnamese.

The range of numbers includes the single and multiple race or group identifications. The lower number represents Asian alone and one Asian group and the higher number includes multiple race and/or multiple Asian groups. In Census 2000, the largest Asian populations in Minnesota were Hmong (41,800 to 45,443), Vietnamese (18,824 to 20,570), Asian Indians (16,887 to 19,963) and Chinese except Taiwanese (15,484 to 18,622). Cambodians (5,530 to 6,533) and Laotians (9,940 to 11,516) also displayed rapid growth from 1990 to 2000. Minnesota ranked second among the states in the number of Hmong, third in the number of Laotians and sixth in the number of Cambodians in 2000, using the single race and category designation.

Minnesota's Asian population experienced rapid growth in the 1990s

Total Asian population in Minnesota ranged from 139,032 to 166,217 in 2000, and grew between 81 percent and 116 percent from 1990 to 2000. Chinese except Taiwanese and Taiwanese were combined in this report to form a single Chinese category to calculate percentage increases. For Minnesota and the U.S., the decade witnessed a rapid increase in the Asian Indian population and slower growth in the Japanese population. The fastest growing groups in Minnesota were Hmong (148% to 170%), Asian Indian (105% to 142%), and Vietnamese (101% to 119%). Koreans increased by 9 percent to 32 percent, the slowest growth among the major groups. The Hmong share of Minnesota's Asian population increased from 21.9 percent to 30.1 percent from 1990 to 2000, while the Korean proportion decreased from 15 percent to 9.1 percent of the Asian population.

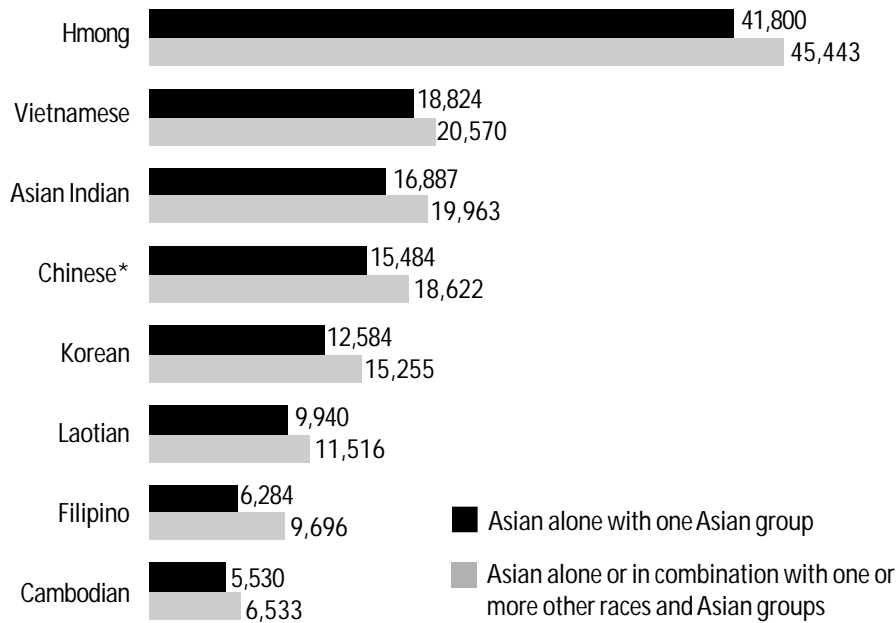
Minnesota's Asian population compared to the U.S.



Source: Census 2000 SF1 100 Percent data, *Except Taiwanese

Major Asian groups in Minnesota

Reported as range



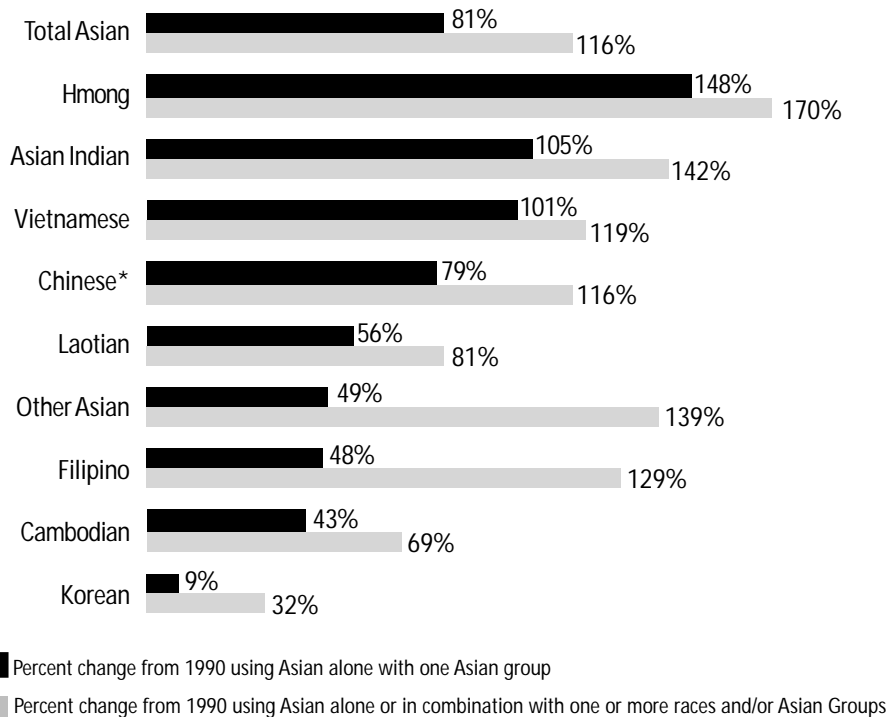
Source: Census 2000 SF1 100 Percent data, Largest Asian Groups, *Except Taiwanese

Asians are concentrated in metropolitan counties and cities

In general, Asian groups are concentrated in the seven-county Twin Cities region and Olmsted County. Hennepin County has the largest total Asian population at between 52,457 and 61,923. Over half of the Asian population in Minnesota lives in five cities in the Twin Cities region: St. Paul (34,666 to 39,586), Minneapolis (22,963 to 27,217), Brooklyn Park (6,093 to 6,893), Bloomington (4,234 to 4,983) and Eagan (3,310 to 3,841). Hmong are most heavily concentrated in cities in the seven-county region, while Korean and Filipino populations are more widely dispersed throughout the state.

Hmong were the fastest growing Asian Group in Minnesota

Percent change 1990 to 2000 using two different definitions

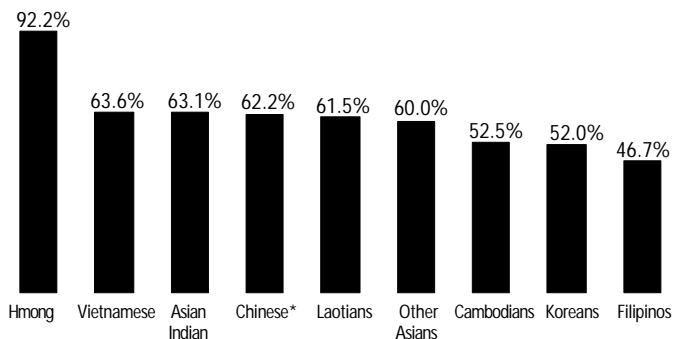


Source: Census 2000 SF1 100 Percent data, Largest Asian Groups, *Includes Taiwanese

Hmong are the largest Asian group in Minnesota; more than 92 percent live in Hennepin and Ramsey counties. St. Paul has the largest concentration of Hmong of any city in the U.S. at 24,389 to 26,509. Minneapolis has 9,595 to 10,489 Hmong, the second largest concentration of Hmong of any city in the state. Outside the Twin Cities area, large Hmong populations live in Lyon (222 to 242), and Olmsted (215 to 234) counties.

Vietnamese are the second largest Asian group in Minnesota in 2000. Eighty-four percent live in the seven-county Twin Cities region (15,836 to 17,205). Hennepin County has the largest population of Vietnamese in Minnesota at 8,066 to 8,694. Among cities, St. Paul has the largest Vietnamese population in the state at 2,767 to 2,915. Rochester, Worthington, St. Cloud, Mankato, Austin, Duluth and Moorhead all have

Percent of Asian groups in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties



Source: Census 2000 SF1 100 Percent data
Based on single race/group
*Except Taiwanese

Vietnamese communities of more than 100.

The next largest group is Asian Indian. About 85 percent of the Asian Indians are found in the Twin Cities region (14,315 to 16,887). Hennepin County has nearly three times as many Asian Indians as any other county at 7,963 to 9,226. For cities, Minneapolis has the largest concentration of Asian Indians in Minnesota at 1,816

to 2,369. Outside the Twin Cities area, large numbers of Asian Indians live in Olmsted County (828 to 908), and Stearns County (263 to 298).

Chinese except Taiwanese is the fourth largest group. Sixty-two percent live in either Hennepin or Ramsey county (9,634 to 11,425). Hennepin County has the most Chinese except Taiwanese (6,350 to 7,625). For cities, Minneapolis

has the largest population of Chinese except Taiwanese at 2,369 to 2,822. Outside the Twin Cities area, there are concentrations in Olmsted County (745 to 854), and Stearns County (261 to 332).

There are 12,584 to 15,255 Koreans in Minnesota, and they are more scattered throughout the state than other Asian groups. Rochester, St. Cloud and Duluth each have Korean communities of more than 100. Hennepin County has the most Koreans at 4,527 to 5,330, and Minneapolis is home to 1,637 to 1,934 Koreans.

Half of the Laotians in Minnesota live in Hennepin County (5,014 to 5,599). Minneapolis has 2,212 to 2,522 Laotians followed by Brooklyn Park with 1,216 to 1,299. There are several other areas in the state with sizeable Laotian populations: 499 to 549 in Olmsted County, 458 to 529 in Nobles County, and 228 to 248 in Roseau County.

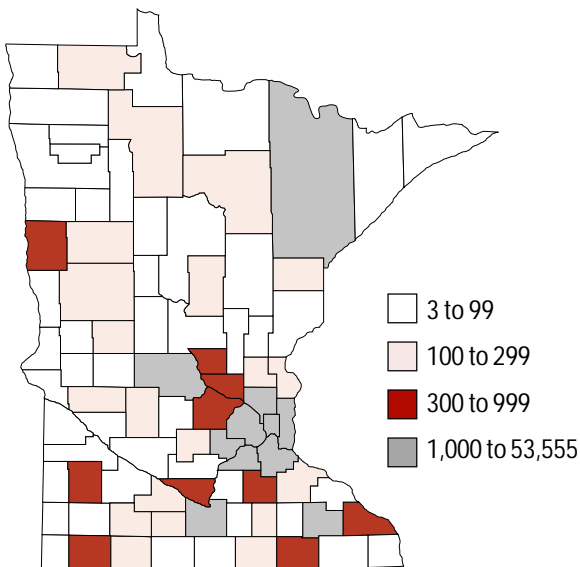
There are between 6,284 and 9,696 Filipinos in Minnesota. The largest concentrations are found in Hennepin (1,979 to 2,903), and Ramsey counties (957 to 1,400). St. Paul has the largest Filipino population in the state at 655 to 923, followed by Minneapolis at 615 to 945. There are more than 100 Filipinos found in Olmsted, St. Louis, Stearns and Swift counties.

Most Cambodians live in the seven-county Twin Cities region. Hennepin County has the highest number of Cambodians at 1,548 to 1,819, followed by Ramsey County at 1,358 to 1,611. The city of St. Paul has the largest Cambodian population at 1,138 to 1,358. Olmsted County has a sizeable number of Cambodians at 973 to 1,128, as does Dakota County at 638 to 759.

Outside the Twin Cities region, Rochester has the largest population of Asians at 4,747 to 5,504. Rochester has 788 to 858 Asian Indian residents, 808 to 945 Cambodians, the second largest concentration in the state, and 729 to 782 Vietnamese. Other large Asian concentrations are found in St. Cloud, with 1,807 to 2,137, Duluth with 976 to 1,268, and Worthington with 776 to 917. Worthington is home to the second largest concentration of Laotians (443 to 510) outside the Twin Cities region.

Minnesota's Asian population grew rapidly in the 1990s. Hmong, Vietnamese and Asian Indians experienced the largest increases, particularly in metropolitan areas, where jobs are plentiful, support services are available and there are established Asian communities. New combinations of race and Asian groups from Census 2000 recognize the blending of American culture.

Asian alone residents by county, 2000



Source: Census 2000 PL94-171 data

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Counties with high Asian populations*

Minnesota Census 2000

Hmong Population

County	Low	High
Ramsey	25,911	28,117
Hennepin	12,619	13,727
Washington	735	820
Anoka	677	720
Dakota	463	493
Lyon	222	242
Olmsted	215	234
Winona	201	229
St. Louis	155	166
Chisago	88	104
Total State	41,800	45,443

Vietnamese Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	8,066	8,694
Ramsey	3,914	4,170
Dakota	1,835	2,033
Anoka	1,091	1,243
Olmsted	761	827
Stearns	548	585
Washington	371	444
Scott	368	415
Mower	231	257
Carver	191	206
Total State	18,824	20,570

Asian Indian Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	7,963	9,226
Ramsey	2,689	3,414
Dakota	1,962	2,247
Olmsted	828	908
Anoka	804	972
Washington	601	686
Stearns	263	298
Scott	200	232
St. Louis	166	218
Blue Earth	155	173
Total State	16,887	19,963

Chinese except
Taiwanese Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	6,350	7,625
Ramsey	3,284	3,800
Dakota	1,425	1,717
Washington	872	1,043
Olmsted	745	854
Anoka	558	695
Scott	282	352
Stearns	261	332
St. Louis	248	310
Blue Earth	153	178
Total State	15,484	18,622

Korean Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	4,527	5,330
Ramsey	2,021	2,385
Dakota	1,242	1,499
Anoka	735	955
Washington	683	798
Olmsted	341	423
St. Louis	276	350
Scott	206	291
Carver	204	233
Stearns	191	239
Total State	12,584	15,255

Laotian Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	5,014	5,599
Ramsey	1,101	1,550
Dakota	819	911
Olmsted	499	549
Nobles	458	529
Scott	242	264
Roseau	228	248
Stearns	220	248
Benton	153	161
Cottonwood	142	200
Total State	9,940	11,516

Filipino Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	1,979	2,903
Ramsey	957	1,400
Dakota	817	1,181
Anoka	417	718
Washington	285	477
Olmsted	251	361
St. Louis	138	225
Stearns	119	178
Scott	111	178
Swift	101	154
Total State	6,284	9,696

Cambodian Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	1,548	1,819
Ramsey	1,358	1,611
Olmsted	973	1,128
Dakota	638	759
Scott	307	349
Rice	152	184
Washington	120	137
Blue Earth	95	109
Carver	93	96
Anoka	73	109
Total State	5,530	6,533

Total Asian Population

County	Low	High
Hennepin	52,457	61,923
Ramsey	43,871	50,240
Dakota	10,074	12,452
Olmsted	5,216	6,090
Anoka	4,937	6,450
Washington	4,195	5,215
Stearns	2,073	2,499
Scott	1,882	2,352
St. Louis	1,314	1,774
Carver	1,075	1,282
Total State	139,032	166,217

*Data presented as a range

Sources:

Low value: PCT5. ASIAN ALONE WITH ONE ASIAN CATEGORY FOR SELECTED GROUPS

High value: PCT7. ASIAN ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER RACES and one or more Asian categories

Data Set: Census 2000 SF1 100 Percent Data

DOWNLOAD FILES: <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/demography/DownloadFiles/Asian2000/Asian2000Data.zip>

Cities inside the Twin Cities Asian.CSV-Metro area cities with large Asian populations.

Cities outside the Twin Cities Asian.CSV-Non Metro Area cities with large Asian populations.

County Asian single group.CSV-Asian alone and one Asian group by county.

County Multirace Asian group.CSV-Asian alone or in combination with one or more races and one or more Asian groups by county.

State Asian alone one group.CSV-State population for Asian alone and one Asian group.