

2026 AAPI Voter Demographics | CALIFORNIA



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21.56%

AAPI POPULATION
GROWTH 2014-2024

7,736,674

AAPI POPULATION SIZE

1,302,153

FOREIGN BORN NONCITIZEN

2,703,296

FOREIGN BORN CITIZEN

3,731,225

NATIVE BORN CITIZEN

LARGEST ASIAN AMERICAN ETHNIC GROUPS IN CALIFORNIA

Chinese, except
Taiwanese
(1,903,736)

Filipino
(1,734,080)

Asian Indian
(967,504)

Vietnamese
(823,217)

Korean
(571,134)

Japanese
(489,965)

LARGEST NHPI ETHNIC GROUPS IN CALIFORNIA

Native Hawaiian (92,897)

Samoan (63,447)

Chamorro (41,829)

VOTER TRENDS

(National Level Data, 2024)

- According to the 2024 Asian American Voter Survey (AAVS), 90% of Asian American voters say they plan to vote for President, Congress and other offices in November (compared to 93% in 2020 and 94% in 2016). Over two-thirds (68%) say they are absolutely certain they will vote in 2024.
- Nearly half of Asian American voters (46%) prefer voting by mail or dropping their ballot off, instead of voting in-person.
- 42% of Asian American voters say they have not been contacted by either of the two major political parties in the 2024 election season, including half (50%) who say they have not been contacted by the Democratic Party and 57% indicating not being contacted by the Republican Party.

(Current Data)

4,872,823

ELIGIBLE
AAPI VOTERS

28.33%

AAPI VOTER
ELIGIBILITY GROWTH
2014-2024

18.47%

AAPI SHARE OF
ELECTORATE

19.58%

AAPI YOUTH
VOTE SHARE
Age 18-29

45.19%

AAPI SENIOR
VOTE SHARE
Age 50+

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LANGUAGE DIVERSITY

Per the 2022 AAVS of Asian Americans speaking non-English languages at home, 11% reported language barriers to voting and 42% stated that in-language voter assistance would be utilized (*National level data*).

Among Asian Americans in California:

60.54% *Speak a language outside of English at home*

27.41% *Are limited English-proficient (speak English less than “very well”)*

Top Asian Languages

Chinese (1,275,687)

Tagalog (769,099)

Vietnamese (562,241)

Korean (351,902)

Hindi (193,882)

Top NHPI Languages

Samoan (15,172)

Tongan (11,569)

Other Eastern Malayo-Polynesian languages (5,171)

SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN CALIFORNIA



About 9.25% Asian Americans and 11.35% NHPs in California live in poverty.



About 3.35% Asian Americans and 5.17% NHPs in California lack health insurance.



About 12.55% Asian Americans and 16.32% NHPs in California lack broadband access.

COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST AAPI POPULATIONS

	Size of AAPI Population	AAPI Share of County Population	Number of AAPI Eligible Voters	AAPI Eligible Vote Share of County
Los Angeles County, California	1,500,755	15.30%	996,487	15.58%
Santa Clara County, California	778,815	40.95%	424,885	36.47%
Orange County, California	716,795	0.23%	474,050	0.22%
Alameda County, California	556,604	0.34%	329,098	0.30%
San Diego County, California	414,358	0.13%	275,949	0.12%