

2026 AAPI Voter Demographics | ILLINOIS



990,300

AAPI POPULATION SIZE

219,293

FOREIGN BORN NONCITIZEN

337,459

FOREIGN BORN CITIZEN

433,548

NATIVE BORN CITIZEN

LARGEST ASIAN AMERICAN ETHNIC GROUPS IN ILLINOIS

Asian Indian (280,737)	Filipino (182,728)	Chinese, except Taiwanese (158,531)	Korean (75,724)	Pakistani (50,350)	Vietnamese (37,165)
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LARGEST NHPI ETHNIC GROUPS IN ILLINOIS

Native Hawaiian (6,136)	Samoan (2,353)	Chamorro (1,483)
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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)

564,514
ELIGIBLE
AAPI VOTERS

39.08% AAPI VOTER
ELIGIBILITY GROWTH
2014-2024

6.16% AAPI SHARE OF
ELECTORATE

23.30% AAPI YOUTH
VOTE SHARE
Age 18-29

40.71% 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 Illinois:

60.83% *Speak a language outside of English at home*

22.65% *Are limited English-proficient (speak English less than "very well")*

Top Asian Languages

Chinese (104,242)

Tagalog (83,236)

Urdu (58,334)

Gujarati (49,729)

Hindi (43,922)

Top NHPI Languages

Hawaiian (339)

Samoan (193)

Tongan (153)

SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN ILLINOIS



About 9.36% Asian Americans and 15.13% NHPs in Illinois live in poverty.



About 5.13% Asian Americans and 11.17% NHPs in Illinois lack health insurance.



About 13.13% Asian Americans and 11.67% NHPs in Illinois 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
Cook County, Illinois	413,555	7.98%	244,226	6.80%
DuPage County, Illinois	121,594	13.07%	69,998	10.74%
Lake County, Illinois	62,411	0.09%	32,869	0.07%
Will County, Illinois	44,372	0.06%	26,789	0.05%
Champaign County, Illinois	23,927	0.11%	9,944	0.07%