

2026 AAPI Voter Demographics | TENNESSEE



213,191
AAPI POPULATION SIZE

41,921
FOREIGN BORN NONCITIZEN

61,086
FOREIGN BORN CITIZEN

110,184
NATIVE BORN CITIZEN

LARGEST ASIAN AMERICAN ETHNIC GROUPS IN TENNESSEE

Asian Indian (43,949)	Filipino (29,996)	Chinese, except Taiwanese (28,056)	Korean (18,498)	Vietnamese (16,673)	Japanese (11,681)
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LARGEST NHPI ETHNIC GROUPS IN TENNESSEE

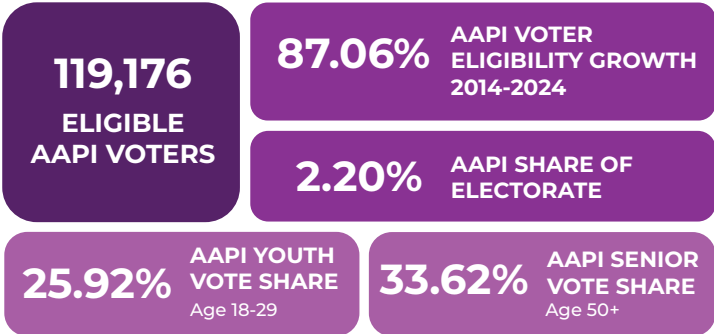
Native Hawaiian (4,468)	Samoan (2,620)	Chamorro (1,533)
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VOTER TRENDS

(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)



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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 Tennessee:

50.75% *Speak a language outside of English at home*

20.62% *Are limited English-proficient (speak English less than “very well”)*

Top Asian Languages

Chinese (14,262)
Vietnamese (10,706)
Tagalog (9,134)
Hindi (8,740)
Korean (7,425)

Top NHPI Languages

Chuukese (322)
Other Eastern Malayo-Polynesian languages (259)
Chamorro (185)

SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN TENNESSEE



About 9.95% Asian Americans and 24.87% NHPIs in Tennessee live in poverty.



About 7.57% Asian Americans and 9.11% NHPIs in Tennessee lack health insurance.



About 12.05% Asian Americans and 27.97% NHPIs in Tennessee 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
Shelby County, Tennessee	28,227	3.07%	13,876	2.15%
Davidson County, Tennessee	24,998	3.49%	13,202	2.58%
Williamson County, Tennessee	13,913	0.05%	4,933	0.03%
Rutherford County, Tennessee	13,574	0.04%	8,414	0.03%
Knox County, Tennessee	11,965	0.02%	6,426	0.02%