

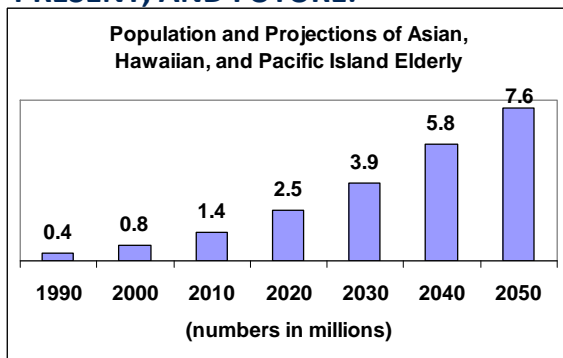


A Statistical Profile of Asian Older Americans Aged 65+

INTRODUCTION

Almost 39.6 million Americans were aged 65 and over in 2009. Three in five people in this age group are women. Over the next forty years, the number of people aged 65 and older is expected to double and the number of people aged 85 and older is expected to triple. Along with general trends for America's population, the Asian, Hawaiian, and Pacific Island population is living longer.

THE OLDER ASIAN, HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLAND POPULATION: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE:



The Asian, Hawaiian and Pacific Island older population was 1.4 million in 2009 (3.4% of the older population) and is projected to grow to over 7.6 million by 2050. By 2050, the percentage of the older population that is Asian, Hawaiian projected to account for 8.6 percent of the older population.

RESIDENCE

In 2009, over 60% of Asian, Hawaiian and Pacific Island elderly lived in just four states: California (39.6%); New York (9.2%); Hawaii(9.1%); and Texas (4.4%).

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL

The past four decades have seen a significant increase in educational attainment among older Americans, including Asian older Americans. In 2009, 72% of the older Asian population aged 65 and older had finished high school. Also in 2009, almost 31% of Asian older persons had a bachelor's degree or higher.

The percent of high school graduates among older Asians is almost as high as the percent among all older persons (78%). However, the percent of older Asians in 2009 who had a bachelor's degree or higher (31%) was over 40% higher than for the overall older population. Furthermore, the percent of male Asians who had a bachelor's degree or higher (43%) was over 50% higher than for the overall older population (28%).

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

In 2008, 84% of older Asian men lived with their spouses, 6% lived with other relatives, 2% lived with non-relatives, and 8% lived alone. For older Asian women, 47% lived with their spouses, 30% lived with other relatives, 3% lived with non-relatives,

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and 20% lived alone.

INCOME AND POVERTY

Households containing families headed by Asian persons aged 65+ reported a median income in 2009 of \$47,319. The comparable figure for all older households was \$43,702. The median personal income for Asian men was \$21,672 and \$11,704 for Asian women. The comparable figures for all elderly were \$25,877 for men and \$15,282 for women.

The poverty rate in 2009 for Asian elderly (65 and older) was 15.8% while the rate for all elderly was 8.9%. The rate for Asian men was 16.3% and the rate for Asian women was 15.4%. For the overall population, the poverty rate among the elderly was 6.6% for men and 10.7% for women.

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