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## Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: May 2022

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad completed May 10, 1869.

In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration that is now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Per a 1997 U.S. Office of Management and Budget directive, the Asian or Pacific Islander racial category was separated into two categories: one being Asian and the other Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Thus, this Facts for Features contains a section for each.

The following facts are possible thanks to the invaluable responses to U.S. Census Bureau surveys. We appreciate the public's cooperation as we continuously measure America's people, places and economy.

### Did You Know?

#### 24.0 million

The estimated number of people who identified as Asian alone or in combination in the United States in 2020.

#### 2.5%

The estimated percentage of Asian alone or in combination who are military veterans in 2019.

#### 11.4 million

The number of the Asian alone population 25 years and older who had at least a high school diploma or equivalency.

#### 581,200

The estimated number of Asian-owned employer firms in the United States in 2019.

[Click here for more data!](#)

### The 2022 Back to Data Basics Webinar Series

If you are looking to improve your data skills, Back to Data Basics is a great opportunity to learn from our experts about how to access and utilize a variety of Census Bureau data products, tools, and resources.

[Click here to view upcoming courses and previous recordings.](#)

### Upcoming

#### School Pulse Panel

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun collecting data from schools for the new School Pulse Panel (SPP) as part of efforts to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and staff in U.S. public schools. The SPP is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics and collects data on instructional modes offered, enrollment counts, learning loss mitigation strategies, safety and health strategies, use of technology and more. To learn more, visit the [School Pulse Panel](#) page.

#### Household Pulse Survey

The experimental Household Pulse Survey is an effort by the U.S. Census Bureau and other federal statistical agencies to document temporal trends in how individuals are experiencing business curtailment and closures, stay-at-home orders, school closures, changes in spending patterns, and other abrupt and significant changes to American life.

#### National Advisory Committee 2022 Spring Meeting — May 5-6

The Census Bureau will host the National Advisory Committee Spring Virtual Meeting — May 5-6. The Committee will address policy, research and technical topics relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including the decennial census, demographic and economic statistical programs, field operations, and information technology. For more information visit [www.census.gov/about/cac/nac/meetings/2022-05-meeting.html](http://www.census.gov/about/cac/nac/meetings/2022-05-meeting.html).

#### AAPOR Research Conference

U.S. Census Bureau researchers and other survey research professionals across the nation will present findings at the **77th Annual American Association for Public Opinion Research Conference**. This year's conference is a forum for Census Bureau staffers to present and discuss their research on a spectrum of topics. (Scheduled for May 11-14.)

#### Collection of Post-2020 Census Redistricting Plans (Phase 4)

The Census Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office has invited designated state liaisons from the 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to provide newly adopted congressional and legislative district boundary plans. [Click here](#) for more information.

### 2022 Product and Event Calendar

The U.S. Census Bureau has posted anticipated release dates for each regular and recurring statistical product scheduled for release in 2022.

These products are listed in the Census Bureau's online product calendar, which is updated as needed.