To celebrate [Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian\_Pacific\_American\_Heritage\_Month), PSRC staff dove into American Community Survey data about Asian and Pacific Islander people living in our region.



From 2010 to 2019, the Asian population in the region increased 46% from 408,000 to 596,000. The Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population increased 10%. In comparison, the Black or African American population increased 26%, and the white population only increased 5%. The increase in the Asian population is much higher than in the US as a whole.

According to a [Social Explorer analysis](https://www.socialexplorer.com/blog/post/asians-likely-remained-nation-s-fastest-growing-racial-group-during-last-decade-11358?utm\_source=email&utm\_medium=newsletter&utm\_campaign=newsletterApril2021&sslid=M7M0tzAwMTCwMDE1BAA&sseid=MzIyMDQ2sjQzMwcA&jobid=7dd7ea32-7fad-46c2-9be9-fc3c709ff19c) of American Community Survey data,

*"the Asian population has grown roughly 26 percent since 2010 – faster than the Hispanic population (22.5 percent); more than three times faster than the Black population (7.7 percent); and almost 80 times faster than the White population (0.3 percent)."*

Although the Asian population in the US grew rapidly, the Asian population in the Puget Sound Region grew at nearly double the rate.

In 2019, over 596,000(14%) people in our region identify their race as Asian Alone, and 35,000 people(1%) identify their race as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Regionally, the highest share of Asian people lives in King County of the four-county region at 19%. The highest share of Total Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander people live in Pierce County (1.4%).

However, the greatest growth by County in Asian alone population has occurred in Snohomish County, where the Asian alone population has increased 56%. The greatest growth in the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population was also in Snohomish County at 15%.

The number of people who speak Chinese increased from 67,000 in 2010 to 117,000 in 2019, a 74% increase.

Median income?

37,000 to 47,000 asian alone people in poverty

4900 to 4500

OTHER ideas

Maps 2019 Asian Pacific Islanders by Tract (1,3 or 5 year depending on granularity)

Median Age by Race by County?

Family Composition by Race by County

Education by Race by county

Median Income by Race by county

mode shares to work

What else?

1. 2019 ACS Estimate, table B02001 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)