KEY FINDINGS

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OVERVIEW – THE REPORT

- Promotes a better understanding of Asian American communities
- Data on over 20 Asian American ethnic groups, compiled for easy access
OVERVIEW – THE DATA

- U.S. Census Bureau
  2010 Census
  American Community Survey
  Survey of Business Owners
  Current Population Survey
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of State
KEY FINDINGS

- Growth
- Social and economic diversity
- Civic engagement
- Key issues
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

- Asian American entrepreneurs are contributing to the U.S. economy
### Race and Hispanic Origin of Business Owners
**United States 2007**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Race and Hispanic Origin</th>
<th>All firms (Number)</th>
<th>Revenues ($1,000)</th>
<th>Employees (Number)</th>
<th>Annual Payroll ($1,000)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>22,595,146</td>
<td>$10,240,990,714</td>
<td>52,518,201</td>
<td>$1,824,109,379</td>
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<td>Asian American</td>
<td>1,549,559</td>
<td>$506,047,751</td>
<td>2,807,771</td>
<td>$79,230,459</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>2,260,269</td>
<td>$350,661,243</td>
<td>1,908,161</td>
<td>$54,295,508</td>
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<td>African American</td>
<td>1,921,864</td>
<td>$135,739,834</td>
<td>909,552</td>
<td>$23,334,792</td>
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<td>AIAN</td>
<td>236,691</td>
<td>$34,353,842</td>
<td>185,037</td>
<td>$5,930,247</td>
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<td>NHPI</td>
<td>37,678</td>
<td>$6,319,357</td>
<td>37,081</td>
<td>$1,217,799</td>
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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>27,092,908</td>
<td>$30,031,519,910</td>
<td>117,310,118</td>
<td>$4,822,816,636</td>
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Note: Race and ethnic categories do not sum to the total population figures because “Hispanic” is treated as an ethnic category that overlaps with the racial categories.
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

- Asian American entrepreneurs are contributing to the U.S. economy
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SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

Percent of Population Who Are Limited English Proficient for Those 5 Years of Age and Older by Ethnic Group, 2007 to 2009

- Vietnamese: 51%
- Bangladeshi: 46%
- Cambodian: 43%
- Hmong: 43%
- Taiwanese: 43%
- Chinese (except Taiwanese): 42%
- Korean: 41%
- Laotian: 40%
- Thai: 36%
- Indonesian: 30%
- Pakistani: 28%
- Malaysian: 23%
- Indian: 22%
- Sri Lankan: 22%
- Filipino: 19%
- Japanese: 18%
- Total Population: 9%

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

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- One in three Asian Americans are limited English proficient
- Some Asian American ethnic groups are among our country’s poorest
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

Per Capita Income by Ethnic Group, United States 2007 to 2009

- Taiwanese: $38,312
- Asian Indian: $36,533
- Malaysian: $33,264
- Sri Lankan: $32,480
- Japanese: $31,831
- Chinese (including Taiwanese): $30,061
- Total Population: $27,100
- Korean: $26,118
- Filipino: $25,799
- Indonesian: $25,729
- Pakistani: $24,663
- Thai: $21,708
- Vietnamese: $21,542
- Bangladeshi: $16,784
- Laotian: $16,585
- Cambodian: $15,940
- Hmong: $10,949

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Among immigrants, Asian Americans have among the highest rates of citizenship
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Percent of Foreign-Born Population Who Have Naturalized
by Race and Hispanic Origin, United States 2007 to 2009

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<th>Race</th>
<th>Naturalized</th>
<th>Not Naturalized</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>58%</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<tr>
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Note: The foreign-born population includes both those eligible and ineligible to naturalize.
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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- Record numbers of Asian Americans voted in the 2008 General Election
- Yet gaps in citizenship, voter registration, and turnout mean Asian Americans have not reached their full political potential
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Citizenship, Voter Registration, and Voting
by Race and Hispanic Origin, United States—November 2008

- Percent of Voting-Age Population Who Were Citizens
- Percent of Citizens Voting Age Population Who Registered to Vote
- Percent of Registered Voters Who Voted

*Reported Voting and Registration of the Voting Age Population, by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin, for States: November 2008.*
KEY ISSUES

- Economy
KEY ISSUES – THE ECONOMY

- Hmong, Laotian, and Cambodian Americans have unemployment rates higher than the national average
Unemployment Rate for Those 16 Years of Age and Older by Ethnic Group, United States 2007 to 2009

- Hmong: 11%
- Laotian: 10%
- Cambodian: 10%
- Total Population: 8%
- Pakistani: 8%
- Vietnamese: 7%
- Bangladeshi: 7%
- Thai: 6%
- Sri Lankan: 6%
- Korean: 6%
- Indonesian: 6%
- Indian: 6%
- Filipino: 6%
- Chinese (except Taiwanese): 6%
- Taiwanese: 5%
- Japanese: 5%
- Malaysian: 4%

Note: Chart contains data for civilian labor force only.
KEY ISSUES – THE ECONOMY

- Hmong, Laotian, and Cambodian Americans have unemployment rates higher than the national average.
- Once unemployed, Asian Americans are more likely to be without work for longer periods of time.
KEY ISSUES

- Economy
- Immigration
KEY ISSUES – IMMIGRATION

- Approximately 60% of Asian Americans are foreign-born
KEY ISSUES – IMMIGRATION

Percent of Population Who Are Foreign-Born
by Race and Hispanic Origin, United States 2007 to 2009

- Asian American: 60%
- Hispanic: 38%
- NHPI: 14%
- Total Population: 13%
- African American: 8%
- AIAN: 5%
- White: 4%

KEY ISSUES – IMMIGRATION

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Immigrant Visas Issued by the United States
2001 to 2010

Year Immigrant Visa Was Issued

2010 169,380 482,053
2009 157,385 468,770
2008 156,025 470,100
2007 171,775 434,412
2006 180,769 449,103
2005 159,871 402,248
2004 150,179 379,426
2003 138,080 364,813
2002 144,465 389,529
2001 144,590 408,774

* FY2010 data are preliminary and are subject to change. Any changes would not be statistically significant. Chart includes all visas issued to both permanent and nonpermanent immigrants, and also includes replaced visas.
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- Approximately 1 million Asian Americans are undocumented
KEY ISSUES – IMMIGRATION

Undocumented Asian American Immigrant Population in the United States
by Country of Birth, 2005 to 2010

Note: Estimates of the unauthorized resident population are the remainder after estimates of the legally resident foreign-born population are subtracted from estimates of the total foreign-born population.
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