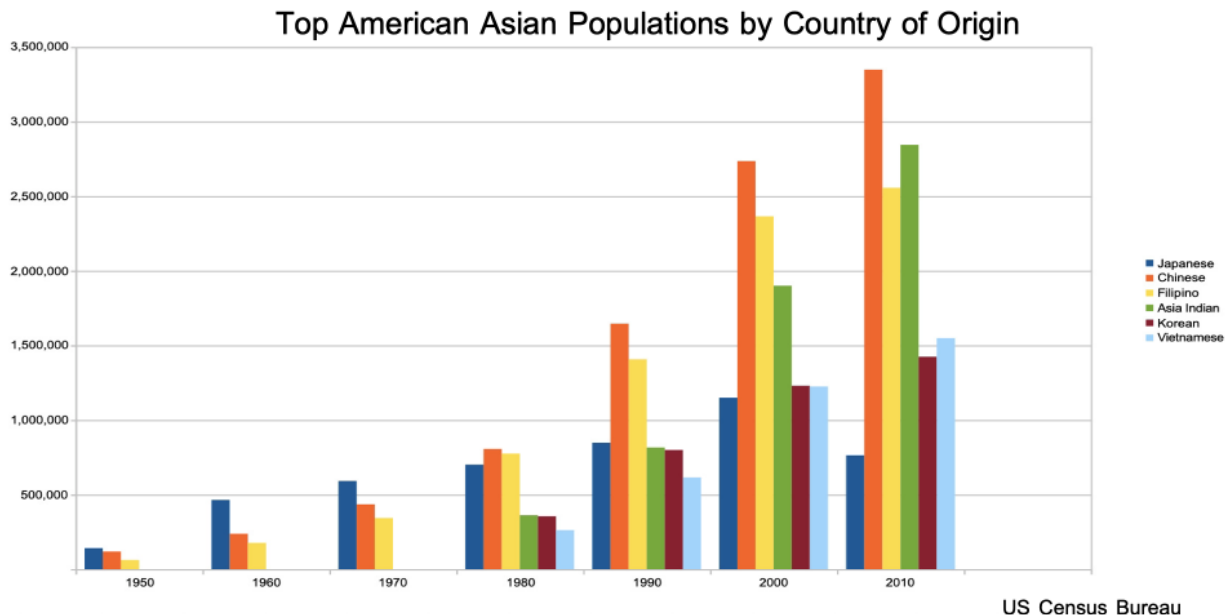


Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI)

In the US, the AAPI community comprises approximately 50 ethnic groups who speak over 100 languages, including Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, and Hawaiian.



Timeline

["Asian American Milestones"](#); History.com, 4/28/21;

Local History

[The Promise of Gold Mountain](#) - a brief Historical Perspective of Chinese immigrants in Tucson; University of Arizona 2021

["One time internment camp in Catalina Mountains offers lesson in history"](#); Tucson.com, Updated 2/19/20;

Local Resources:

- Methodist Federation for Social Action (Web & Facebook): <http://www.mfsaweb.org/>
- Tucson Chinese Cultural Center: <http://www.tucsonchinese.org/>
- Pan Asian Community Alliance: <http://www.panasiancommunityalliance.org/>
- India Society of Southern Arizona: <https://issaaz.net/>
- Arizona Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander for Equity Coalition (AZ AANHPI): <http://aanhpi.org/>

Current Issues

[74% of Asian American, Pacific Islander women experienced racism in past year](#); NBC 3/3/2022

Personal Stories

["I am not your Asian stereotype"](#); YouTube/Ted Talk, 4/29/16; 10 minutes:

George Takei ["Why I love a country that once betrayed me"](#); Ted Talk, June 2014, 15 minutes:

UMC [AAPI Panel Discussion - Desert Southwest Conference-May 18, 2021](#); YouTube, approximately 90 minutes

Churches' Role

["Enough is enough: church must break its silence on racial violence"](#); ResourceUMC 2021:

"A Perspective on Racism Against Asian Americans"; <https://umcstmarks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/06-02-21-Rev-Paul-Cho-Interview.pdf>; St. Mark's UMC Messenger, 6/2/21

[Asian American Leaders on Atlanta Murders: "I Want You to Step In"](#); Christianity Today, 3/17/21

Digging Deeper – books, videos, podcasts, experiences

[UMC Resources for dismantling AAPI racism](#):

Includes links to articles, video, podcasts and books for sale, for example:

- [10 Things to Know about Asian Americans](#) (North Texas Conference)
- [10 Honorable Traits of Pacific Islander Cultures](#) (North Texas Conference)
- [18 Asian Female Theologians You Should Know About](#) (The Global Church Project)
- [Asian Americans](#) (PBS documentary)
- [National Emergency Town Hall: Responding to Anti-Asian Hate](#) (Dallas Truth, Racial Healing, & Transformation)

[Nine Famous Asian and Pacific Islander Immigrants](#)

Book: **"Racial Conflict and Healing: An Asian-American Theological Perspective"** by Andrew Sung Park, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 1996

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