

Asian-Americans

Labor Force

- In 2009:
 - Number of Asian-Americans in the labor force: 7,156,000¹
 - Percentage of labor force: 4.6%¹
 - Percentage of Asian-Americans who participated in the labor force: 66.0%¹
 - Number of Asian-Americans employed in management, professional, and related occupations: 3,240,000 (6.2% of all people employed in management, professional, and related occupations)²
- In 1998:
 - Number of Asian-Americans in the labor force: 6,278,000³
 - Percentage of labor force: 4.6% of labor force³
- Projections for 2018:
 - Number of Asian-Americans in the labor force: 9,345,000³
 - Percentage of labor force: 5.6%³
 - Increase of Asian-Americans in the labor force between 1998 and 2018: 48.9%³
- In 2006, Asian-American women held 0.4% of *Fortune* 100 board seats, and Asian-American men held 1.2%.⁴

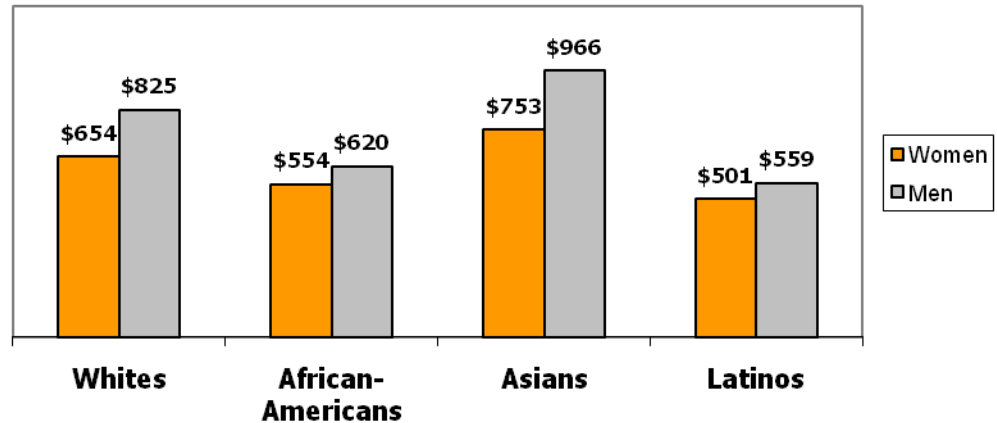
Educational Achievement*

- Number of Asian-Americans getting bachelor's degrees in 2006-07: 105,297 (6.9% of those getting bachelor's).⁵
- Number of Asian-Americans getting master's degrees in 2006-07: 36,134 (6.0% of those getting master's).⁵
- Number of Asian-Americans getting doctoral degrees in 2006-07: 3,541 (5.8% of those getting PhD's).⁵

Income

- Among full-time wage and salary workers in 2008, Asian-American women's median weekly earnings were \$753, compared to \$966 for Asian-American men.⁶

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Buying Power

- Asian-American buying power has increased from \$116.5 billion in 1990 to \$508.6 billion in 2009 and is projected to climb to \$696.5 billion in 2014. The percentage change in Asian-Americans' buying power between 1990 and 2014 is 497.9%, the second highest of all race/ethnic groups. Asian-Americans' share of the consumer market was 5.3% in 2009.⁷

*Asian/Pacific Islander

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