

Asian Americans & Immigration

WHAT THE DATA TELLS US

The Asian Americans represent the fastest growing racial category in the United States
—increasing 72% between 2000 and 2015
(from 11.9 million to 20.4 million)—
largely due to the increasing immigration from the Asia-Pacific region.

Asians received 40% of immigrant visas issued in 2016.

Asians are the largest racial group of
lawful permanent residents (green card holders).

82% of legal immigration from Asia was family-based in 2016.

Asians received 41% of the worldwide family immigration visas.

Asians are most likely to be caught up in the visa backlog.

Unauthorized or undocumented Asian immigrants
constitute 13% of the 11.1 million
unauthorized immigrants who live in the United States.

Among the top 15 origin groups
of unauthorized immigrants are
India, China, the Philippines, and Korea.

California (17.8%) and New York (20.7%)
are the top two states with the largest
Asian undocumented population.

The Asian undocumented population has more than tripled within the last 15 years.

1 out of every 7 Asian immigrants is undocumented.

Children in immigrant families
—kids who are immigrants or who reside with one foreign-born parent—
make up one in four children in the United States.

The majority (84%) of these 18 million children
in immigrant families are children of color.

17% of these children are Asian or Pacific Islander.

In 2018, Project by Project (PbP) will join American philanthropic organizations, educational institutions, community leaders, public officials, business leaders, the faith community, and the American public in the urgent imperative to stand up for immigration and immigrants at a time when ongoing anti-immigrant rhetoric and policy changes has left our communities in a state of fear, uncertainty, and confusion.