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Asian American and Pacific Islander Affairs Division

ABOUT THE DIVISION

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AA/PI) Affairs Division examines and addresses socio-economic issues affecting the state's AA/PI communities. The division is vital in helping the Commission achieve its mission of providing constructive solutions and approaches to support the policy and socio-economic development of ethnic minority communities.

DID YOU KNOW?



POPULATION
85,717

The number of South Carolina residents that identify as either Asian alone (83,805) or Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (1,912) is 85,717. This represents a considerable decline from the 2019 number of 93,476. The total Asian and Pacific Islander population comprises 1.65% of South Carolina's total population.



POVERTY
13.9%

There are around 11,900 members of the AA/PI community in South Carolina living below the official poverty level.



INCOME
\$77,989

South Carolinian households headed by a member of the AA/PI community had median household incomes of around \$77,989. Overall, AA/PI-headed households make around \$1.16 for every dollar made by households headed by White South Carolinians.



EDUCATION
51.9%

Over half of South Carolina's AA/PI residents age 25+ count on at least a Bachelor's degree (or higher). This represents the largest share for any of the states racial and ethnic groups.



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
73.4%

Of the AA/PI population age 18 to 64, 73.4% were actively participating in the labor force.



LANGUAGES
TOP 5

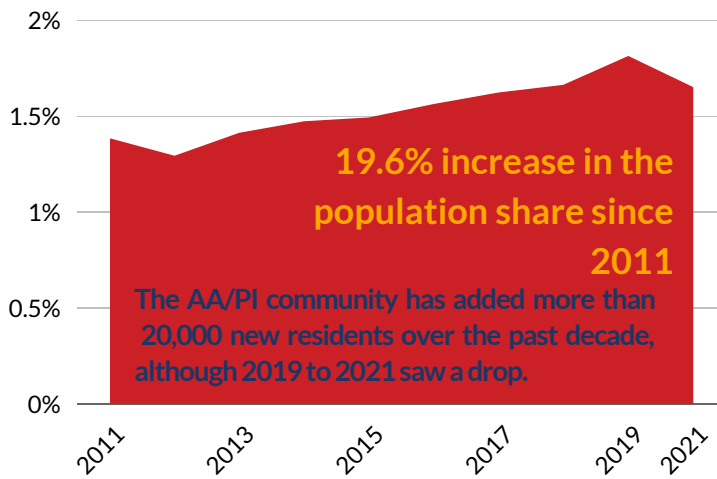
The five most spoken Asian languages in South Carolina are Chinese (0.2%), Tagalog (0.2%), Vietnamese (0.1%), Korean (0.1%) and Gujarati (0.1%). In total, that's only 0.9%



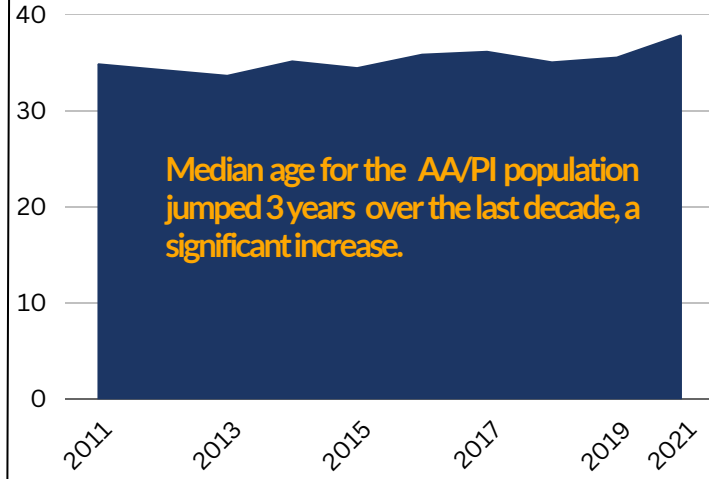
SUMMARY DATA ON SOUTH CAROLINA'S

Asian American and Pacific Islander Populations from 2011-2021

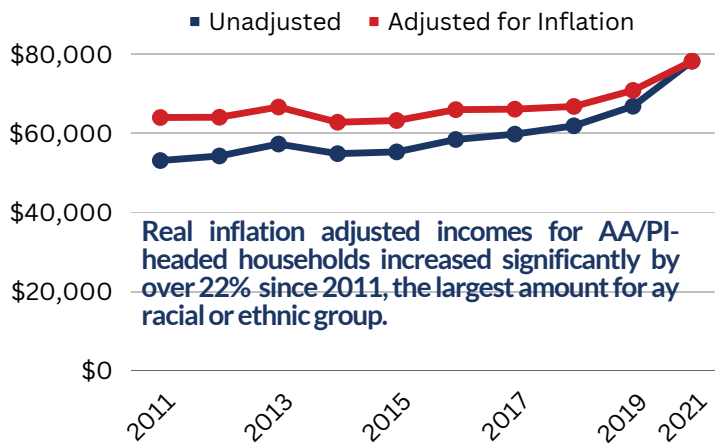
Population Share



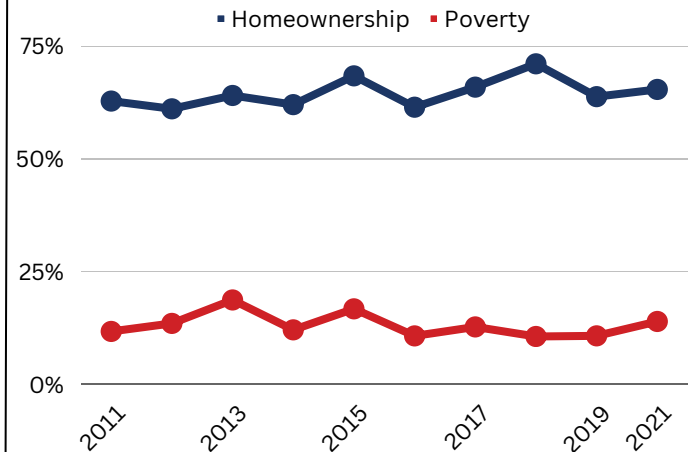
Median Age



Median Household Income

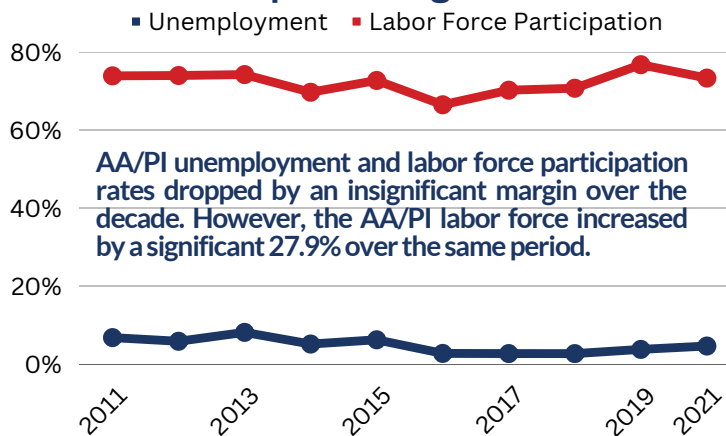


Rates for Homeownership and Poverty

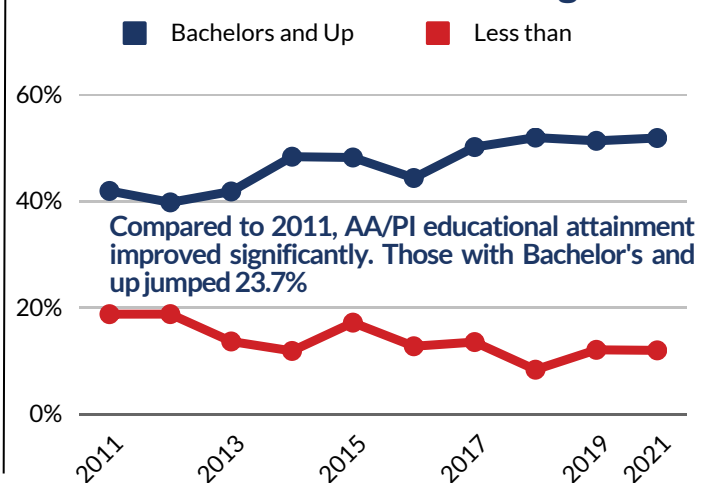


Unemployment and Labor Force

Participation (Age 18-64)



Educational Attainment (Age 25+)



Source: All data is from One-Year American Community Survey Summary Files for 2011 to 2021. Data for 2020 missing due to issues with data integrity during COVID-19 Pandemic.