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***New National Demographic Profile Shows
Increasing Diversity of Asian Americans***

*National Indian and Vietnamese American population growth significantly
greater than average for all Asian Americans*

May 15... New Census 2000 results show that the Chinese and Filipino American communities remain the first and second largest Asian subgroups in the U.S., respectively. However, unparalleled growth in the Indian and Vietnamese American communities between 1990 and 2000 has added to the increasing diversity of the Asian American communities of the U.S. This analysis, conducted by the Asian American Federation Census Information Center (Federation CIC), is based upon a Census 2000 profile, released today by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

TABLE 1: ASIAN SUBGROUP POPULATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES (1990 – 2000)

	1990		2000		1990 – 2000	
	Total	% of Asian	Total	% of Asian	Total	% Change
Asian Indian	815,447	11.8%	1,678,765	16.4%	863,318	105.9%
Chinese	1,645,472	23.8%	2,432,585	23.7%	787,113	47.8%
Filipino	1,406,770	20.4%	1,850,314	18.1%	443,544	31.5%
Japanese	847,562	12.3%	796,700	7.8%	(50,862)	-6.0%
Korean	798,849	11.6%	1,076,872	10.5%	278,023	34.8%
Vietnamese	614,547	8.9%	1,122,528	11.0%	507,981	82.7%
Other Asian	779,991	11.3%	1,285,234	12.5%	505,243	64.8%
Total Asian	6,908,638		10,242,998		3,334,360	48.3%

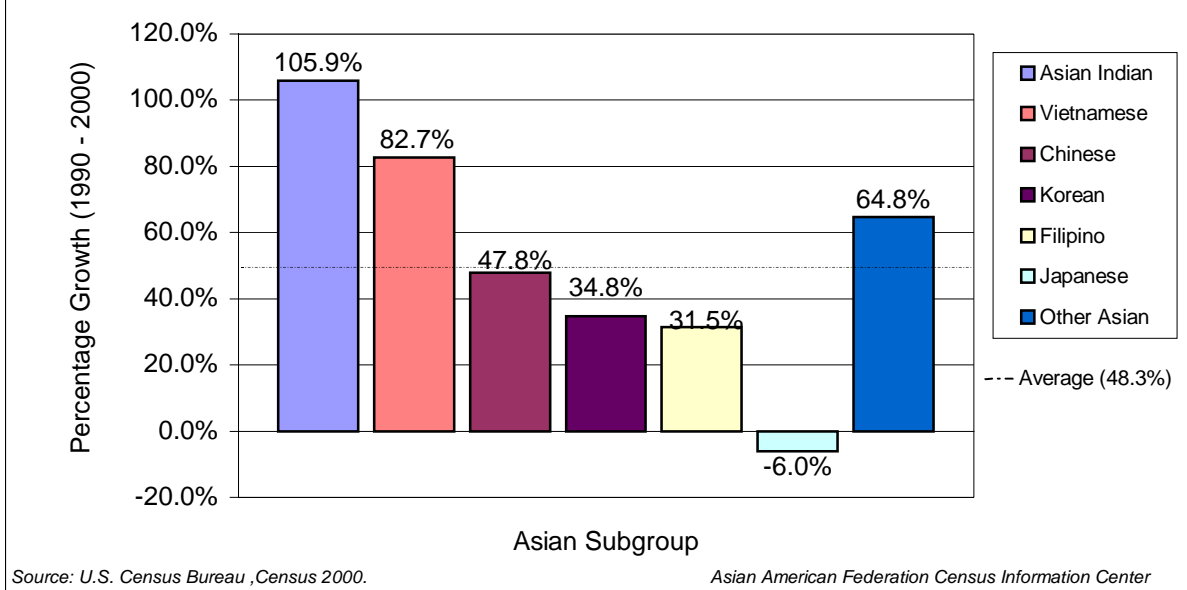
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

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As illustrated in Table 1, while Chinese Americans still constitute the largest Asian subgroup in the U.S., with the population growing 48% from 1.6 million in 1990 to nearly 2.5 million and Filipino Americans second with close to 1.9 million in 2000, the growth rate in the Indian and Vietnamese American communities between 1990 and 2000 is substantially greater, at 106% and 83% respectively. The Indian American community grew from 815,447 in 1990 to 1,678,765 in 2000, while Vietnamese Americans went from 614,547 in 1990 to 1,122,528 in 2000. The Korean American community grew from 798,849 to 1.1 million nationally, a growth rate of 35% over the same period. The Japanese American community is the only major Asian subgroup that showed a decline in population, now numbering 796,700, down 6% from 847,562 in 1990.

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FIGURE 1: ASIAN SUBGROUP PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN U.S. (1990 - 2000)



“Other Asians”, which includes other Asian subgroups, such as Bangladeshi, Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Pakistani, and Thai, increased by 65% over the past ten years. The data for these specific groups will be available with the next round of Census releases, including data from the Census Short Form, which is scheduled between June and September 2001.

The Census Bureau will release similar profiles with the six Asian subgroups – which correspond to the groups that had a specific checkbox on the Census 2000 survey form – for each state, county, and city in the U.S. over the next month. The Federation CIC will analyze the data as it is released. The data that is being released by the Census Bureau has **not** been adjusted for any undercount of the population. For more information, visit the Census Bureau website at www.census.gov.

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The Asian American Federation of New York is a not-for-profit leadership organization with 36 member agencies that serve the city’s diverse Asian American communities. The Federation spearheaded the Asian American Task Force on Census 2000, a coalition of sixty-five organizations that worked to ensure an accurate count of Asian Americans in Census 2000. In August of last year, the Asian American Federation established the Asian American Federation Census Information Center (Federation CIC) to conduct data and policy analysis. For more information, visit our website: www.aafny.org.

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