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WHEREAS, on May 18th and 19th on East 27th and Payne Avenue, the 15th annual Cleveland Asian Festival will be held in the heart of Cleveland's AsiaTown; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Asian Festival will host feature foods and merchandise vendors as well as performing artists, marital arts demonstrations, games, and activities; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Cleveland media outlets have called it "Best Festival," "Best New Ethnic Festival," "a must attend festival," "a display in excellent neighborhood marketing;" and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Asian Festival hopes to strengthen the identity of AsiaTown, support AsiaTown's economic growth, educate and promote Asian culture, celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and unite Cleveland's Asian Community.

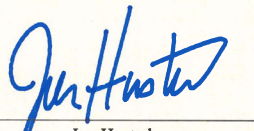
NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the

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Cleveland Asian Festival

Strengthening the identity and Supporting Economic Growth of AsiaTown
Educating and promoting Asian culture and traditions - Celebrating Asian Heritage Month

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We are excited to come together for another weekend in AsiaTown to enjoy the Cleveland Asian Festival! Our hope is that the Cleveland Asian Festival introduces Northeast Ohio to the diverse Asian cultures and helps foster a kinder community. Through education, we foster an environment where there is no place for hate, violence, harassment, discrimination, shunning or bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other communities of color. The Asian community in Cleveland is grateful for your support and friendship.

Creating CAF has been a truly rewarding experience that has united the Asian community and provided us with a vehicle to collectively voice our opinions. We are proud of the Asian community's growing engagement and will continue to look after the interests of AsiaTown and its people and to work collaboratively with all interested parties to create a brighter Cleveland future.

Enjoy the sounds and sights of the Asian performers, the aroma and sampling of Asian cuisine and the world marketplace booths. Most importantly learn about, talk with and engage the Asian community and its people, not just this weekend, but year-round.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful sponsors, vendors, performers, volunteers, and supporters who have helped make this event possible. We could not have done this without you.

Enjoy the 2024 Cleveland Asian Festival!

CAF Executive Committee

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- **Strengthening the identity of AsiaTown and supporting its economic growth**
 - **Educating and promoting Asian culture and traditions**
- **Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Cleveland's Diversity**
 - **Uniting Cleveland's Asian Community**

The **Cleveland Asian Festival (CAF)** is the **fastest growing festival** in Ohio!

- 10,000 people attended the 1st Annual CAF in 2010 (one day)
- 31,060 people attended in 2011
- 42,240 people attended in 2012
- 38,380 people attended in 2013
- 38,000 people attended in 2014
- 45,000 people attended in 2015
- 48,800 people attended in 2016, over \$2 million spent
- 38,000 people attended in 2017
- 32,000 people attended in 2018
- 42,000 people attended in 2019
- 2020 was cancelled due to Covid-19
- 2021 was virtual
- 30,000+ people attended in 2022
- 40,000+ people attended in 2023

- o 95% were very satisfied with the overall experience
- o 96% vendors of all kind had generated high sales volume
- o 95% would visit AsiaTown in the near future, 1% increase
- o 94% believed the festival would benefit Cleveland

About 2024 Cleveland Asian Festival

Welcome to the Fifteenth Annual Cleveland Asian Festival! The Cleveland Asian Festival fosters economic growth in the AsiaTown neighborhood while highlighting Cleveland's diverse Asian culture and celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Cleveland Asian Festival is a landmark undertaking that strives to unite the community through recognition of its culture, diversity, and people. The festival is a collaborative community organized event with participation from many ethnic groups including: Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Japanese, Filipino, Indian, Vietnamese, Laotians, Indonesian, Malaysian, Thai, and others. In addition, committed organizations such as the OCA Greater Cleveland, Friendship Foundation of America, Federation of India Community Association, Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland, MotivAsians for Cleveland, Asian Services in Action, Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association, Cleveland Chinese Women Association, Midtown Cleveland, Korean American Association, Japanese Americans Citizens League, Cleveland Chinese Benevolent Association, Filipino Association, St. Clair Superior Development Corp., Asia Plaza Inc., and AsiaTown Neighborhood Merchant organizations have enthusiastically committed to this festival.

The Festival features food and merchandise vendors, local and national performing artists, activities, games, Asian Pop Dance Competition, Trivia and a health pavilion that focuses on diseases and medical conditions that affect Asian Americans. The festival is the first to bring recognition and economic growth to the AsiaTown neighborhood by introducing this ethnic neighborhood to tens of thousands of Clevelanders each year.



Cover Design by Dorothy Ly, with photos taken by volunteers at previous Cleveland Asian Festivals

United States Senate

Senator JD Vance

State of Ohio

Does hereby recognize the

CLEVELAND ASIAN FESTIVAL

I am proud to recognize the 15th annual Cleveland Asian Festival. With tens of thousands of attendees each year, this event has become a highlight for residents and visitors throughout Northeast Ohio.

Since its inception, the Cleveland Asian Festival has continued to grow and thrive thanks to the enthusiastic participation of people from all walks of life and backgrounds, and I extend my deepest gratitude to all those who have supported the Cleveland Asian Festival over the years for your hard work and commitment to its success.

Best wishes for another enjoyable Cleveland Asian Festival.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this eighteenth day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

A blue ink signature of JD Vance.

JD Vance
United States Senator



Cuyahoga County Council

The Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio,
takes profound pride and deep personal pleasure in recognizing the

15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival

May 18-19, 2024

WHEREAS, *Asian & Pacific Islander (API) individuals play an integral role in the enhancement of culture, economic, and civic life in Northeast Ohio. The 2024 Cleveland Asian Festival celebrates and recognizes their contributions from May 18th to May 19th, 2024. The festival will bring an enhanced understanding of API culture, history, and people to the residents of our region and has heightened awareness of the culture and traditions of Ohio's API Community and individuals of API descent; and*

WHEREAS, *the 15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival is a significant milestone in the growth of the Asian Cleveland community. Never in the history of Cleveland have so many different Asian organizations come together to work side by side toward such a goal. The Cleveland Asian Festival is the fastest-growing festival in Northeast Ohio; bringing over \$2 million of economic growth to the AsiaTown neighborhood and attracting between 30,000 and 50,000 attendees; and*

WHEREAS, *the 15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival activities include cultural and educational presentations, traditional dance, martial arts demonstrations, games, children's activities, vendors, entertainment, and a health fair that focuses on diseases and medical conditions that affect Asian Americans; and*

WHEREAS, *the 15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival is a grassroots festival that highlights Cleveland's AsiaTown, diversity, and Asian culture in Northeast Ohio. Organized by the community, for the community to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May. The annual festival offers free admission, free parking, and live entertainment including cultural performances and martial arts demonstrations on two outdoor stages.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that District 7 Councilwoman Yvonne M. Conwell, on behalf of the Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby recognizes the 15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival on May 18-19, 2024, in Cuyahoga County, and extends best wishes for a most successful event.



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Yvonne M. Conwell, District 7
Cuyahoga County Council

Duly adopted this 18th day of May 2024



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On behalf of all who reside in the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, I am thrilled to recognize and celebrate the 15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival!

For 15 years, the Cleveland Asian Festival has been a champion of preserving and promoting the Asian American and Pacific Islander culture and heritage. Through their unwavering dedication to strengthening the identity of Asia Town, they have brought about economic growth, education, and a deep appreciation of Asian culture and traditions. Their efforts to ensure that the Asia Town neighborhood remains culturally vibrant and diverse are truly commendable, and we are grateful for their contributions to our community.

As we celebrate Asian Heritage Month, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the organizers and volunteers of the Cleveland Asian Festival on this momentous occasion. May the festival continue to grow and thrive, and may our community continue to embrace and celebrate the rich diversity of our Asian American residents.

March 26, 2024

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SHONTEL M. BROWN
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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May 18-19, 2024

Dear Friends:

Congratulations as you celebrate the 15th annual Cleveland Asian Festival.

For fifteen years, this festival has brought a taste of Asia to Northeast Ohio, reminding us all how Asian-American culture enriches our state and our country.

This annual celebration strengthens the bonds of community, supports economic growth and service programs, and allows those in the Cleveland area to experience the richness of Asian culture.

Again, congratulations on celebrating another successful event. I wish you all the best in the years to come.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation



WHEREAS: The 2024 Cleveland Asian Festival will take place on May 18-19; and

WHEREAS: the celebration supports economic growth, educates and promotes Asian culture and traditions, honors Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and unites Northeastern Ohio's Asian American Community; and

WHEREAS: the grassroots festival highlights the growing identity of Cleveland's Asia Town; and

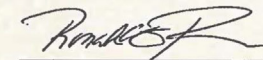
WHEREAS: when the volunteer founders of the Cleveland Asian Festival created the event in 2010, their main goals were to showcase Asian culture and promote the Asia Town neighborhood of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS: today, the Cleveland Asian Festival is having its 15th celebration to fulfill those goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Falconi, the 12th Mayor of the City of Brunswick, on behalf of City Council and all the citizens, and as the first Filipino-American Mayor in the State of Ohio, do hereby give my highest commendation to the members and volunteers of the Cleveland Asian Festival for a positive and successful festival in 2024.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Brunswick to be affixed this 18th day of May, in the year of the Lord, twenty-four.



Mayor Ron Falconi
City of Brunswick, Ohio



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Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Cleveland Asian Festival will be held on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, 2024 in Asia Town, Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS: The Cleveland Asian Festival is proudly celebrating 15 years after originating in 2010 by volunteer community founders to celebrate Asian culture and Asian Pacific American Heritage by uniting Northeast Ohio's Asian American Community; and

WHEREAS: The Cleveland Asian Festival continues to strengthen the identity of Asia Town by supporting its economic growth, educating and promoting Asian culture and traditions, including celebrating Cleveland's diversity while recognizing the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month of May; and

WHEREAS: The annual festival kicks off summer with free admission and shuttle bus rides to and from the festival. It hosts live entertainment that includes martial arts demonstrations, cultural performances, a world market of over 100 vendors and exhibitors, over 25 local restaurants offering authentic Asian cuisines, health screenings at the pavilion, free activities, and games, including Asian Pop Dance Competition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew A. Burke, Mayor of the City of Garfield Heights, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 18, 2024 and Sunday, May 19, 2024 as a two day celebration of the 15th Annual **CLEVELAND ASIAN FESTIVAL** throughout the City of Garfield Heights and encourage the community to experience the Asian traditions and culture by attending this festival.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Garfield Heights to be affixed this 31st day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



Matthew A. Burke, Mayor
City of Garfield Heights, Ohio





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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR JUSTIN M. BIBB

City of Cleveland, Ohio

In recognition of

15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival

May 18th - 19th, 2024

Whereas, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation in recognition of the 15th Annual Asian Festival being held in Cleveland; and,

Whereas, The Cleveland Asian Festival is a grassroots festival that highlights Cleveland's AsiaTown, diversity, and Asian culture in Northeast Ohio. Organized by the community, for the community to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May; and,

Whereas, the 15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival will take place on May 18 and 19, 2024, and celebrate the contributions and culture of Asian Americans by including live entertainment, cultural performances and martial art demonstrations on two outdoor stages, a World Marketplace of 100+ vendors and exhibitors, 25+ local restaurants offering authentic Asian cuisines, health screenings at the Health Pavilion inside Asia Plaza, free activities, free games, a Trivia Challenge and an Asian Pop Dance Competition. The annual festival offers free admission, free parking with free shuttle bus rides to and from the festival; and,

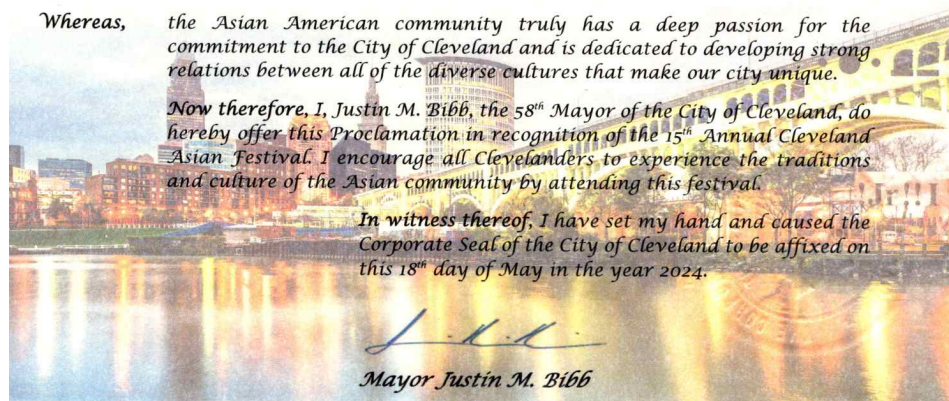
Whereas, the festival has also brought an enhanced understanding of the Asian culture, history and people to the residence of our region and has heightened the awareness of the culture and traditions of Cleveland's Asian community; and,

Whereas, the Asian American community truly has a deep passion for the commitment to the City of Cleveland and is dedicated to developing strong relations between all of the diverse cultures that make our city unique.

Now therefore, I, Justin M. Bibb, the 58th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation in recognition of the 15th Annual Cleveland Asian Festival. I encourage all Clevelanders to experience the traditions and culture of the Asian community by attending this festival.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 18th day of May in the year 2024.

Mayor Justin M. Bibb



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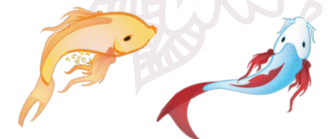
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Special thanks to Asia Plaza, Li Wah, Ed Hom, Kwan Lion Dance, OCA Greater Cleveland Dragon Dance team, Cleveland Glory Drum Team, Cleveland Phoenix Club, and the following volunteers:



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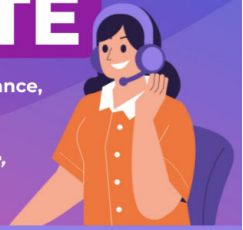
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Lead MC Wayne Wong is the Chief of the Thermal Energy Conversion Branch, Power Division, at the NASA Glenn Research Center where he is helping to develop high-efficiency space power systems and was awarded the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal for his work. He is the recipient of the Asian American Engineer of the Year Award. Wayne is also an artist, actor, and scriptwriter, having pursued comic book illustration in the past and more recently wrote and acted in several films including a short film he produced and directed through his company Red Dragon Media. He is the OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates, Greater Cleveland Chapter V.P. of Administration, and leads the OCA Dragon Dance Team. Having grown up in AsiaTown, Wayne enthusiastically volunteers his time and energy to further the goals of the Cleveland Asian Festival as Executive Committee member, Performance Chair, and Lead MC.

Lynna Lai



Lynna Lai joined 3News in April 2012, and anchors the weekday editions of 3News at 5 p.m. and the Sunday edition of 3News at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. She is also the Weekend Evening Managing Editor and is an investigative reporter on the 3News Investigates team. Lynna brings to the job her broadcasting experience in major markets across the country. Recognized for her energetic personality and storytelling abilities, Lynna has won 5 Emmy Awards for Best Spot News Reporting, and for her anchoring and reporting roles on 3News, along with earning an Emmy nomination for her investigative reporting. She has also received two Associated Press awards for Best News Writing and Feature Reporting. Lynna has been a supporter of the Cleveland Asian Festival and guest EmCee for many years. Contact Lynna Lai at llai@wkyc.com and follow her on Facebook, X and Instagram.

Gabriel Kramer



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Following the success of 2017’s Cleveland Asian Festival K-Pop Cover Dance competition, and the 2018 Asian Pop Cover Dance competition, the community has called for its return. Dancers from throughout the region submitted video dance entries in the categories of Bollywood, C-Pop, J-Pop, K-Pop, and Nepali Pop.

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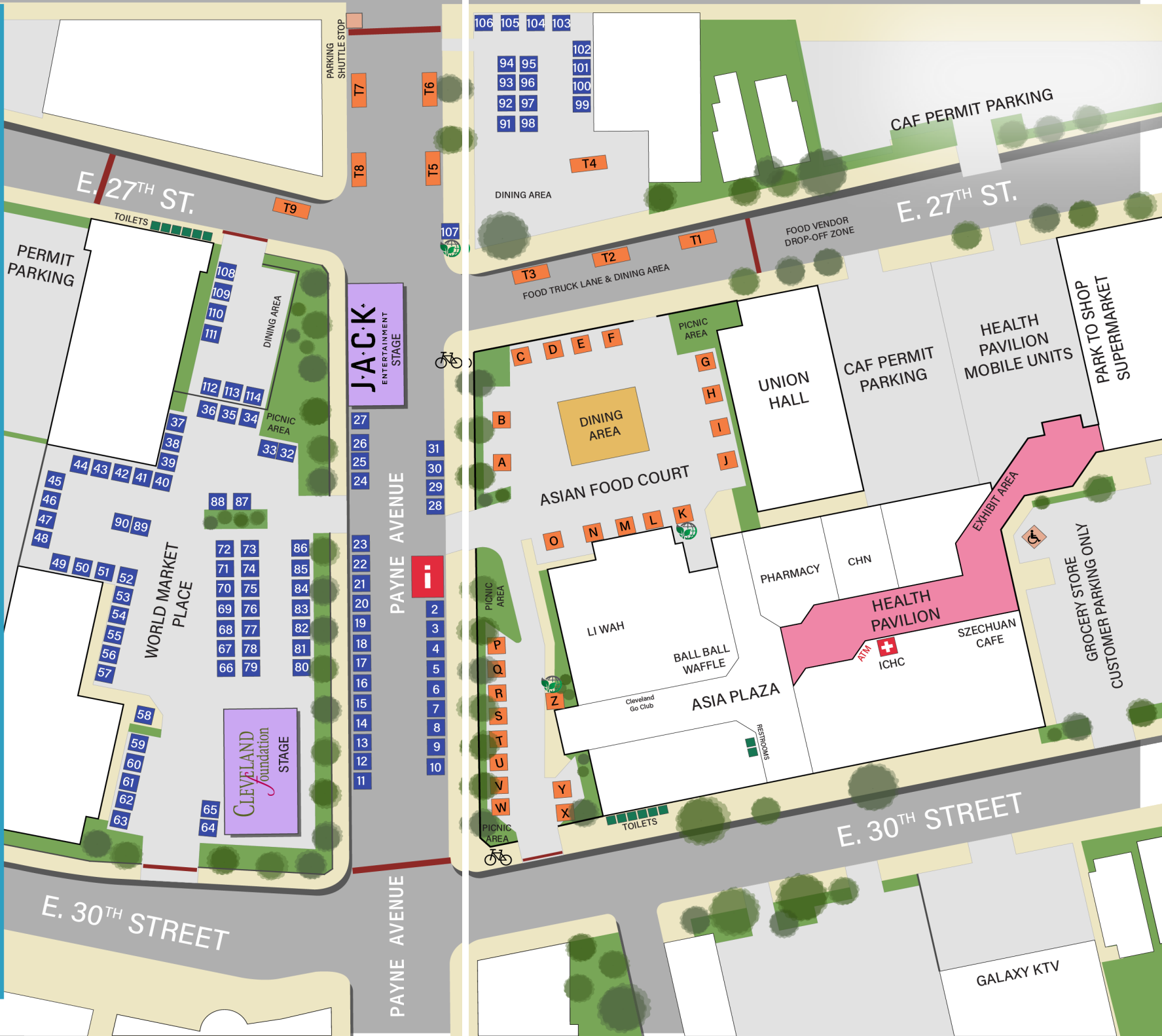
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11:30 AM	Kwan Family Lion Dance Cleveland's traditional Lion Dance Team (Chinese)	Cleveland Foundation Stage sponsored by 	JACK Stage sponsored by 	Scan QR Code for Updated Schedule 	11:30 AM
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Noon	CAF Welcome & Kickoff VIP greetings, Overview, CAF leadership	Go to Other Stage	Fei-Yang Dance Group (Chinese)	Kyofuzen Meditations Shakuhachi Flute (Japan)	Noon
12:15 PM			CAF Welcome	Glory Drum Team of Cleveland (Chinese)	12:15 PM
12:30 PM	Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy Dance & acrobatic performances (Chinese)	Sifu John Cosma Taijiquan / Tai Chi Chuan (Martial Arts)	Cleveland Asian Festival Food Award	Nartanam Dance Academy Kuchipudi & Bharatnatyam (Indian)	12:30 PM
12:45 PM		Bharathanatyam Nrithya (Indian)	Five Lakes Chinese Music Ensemble Traditional Musical Instruments (Chinese - Taiwanese)	Cleveland Phoenix Club Dance (Chinese)	12:45 PM
1:00 PM		Wu Tang Center (Chinese Martial Arts)	Sho-Jo-Ji Japanese Dancers Traditional dance & instruction (Japanese)	Great Wall Kung Fu Center (Martial Arts)	1:00 PM
1:15 PM	SANSKAR (Sandhyadipa Kar) Odissi - Classic Dance Style (Indian)	Happy Every Day Traditional Bamboo Flutes (Chinese)			1:15 PM
1:30 PM		The Ohio Samul Nori Korean percussions & Arirang dance (Korean)	Janice Liu Erhu Studio (Taiwanese)	Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy Dance & acrobatic performances (Chinese)	1:30 PM
1:45 PM	Blooming Flower Hmong Dance Group Paj Tawg Tshiab (Hmong)	AsiaTown Square Dance Team (Chinese)	PoonamDance India Dance Group from Toledo, OH (Indian)		1:45 PM
2:00 PM		Pacific Paradise Entertainment Hawaiin, Tahitian, and Polynesian performances (Polynesian / Hawaiian)	Cleveland Asian Festival Trivia Challenge Nine teams compete to be Festival Trivia Champion!	Pacific Paradise Entertainment Hawaiin, Tahitian, and Polynesian performances (Polynesian / Hawaiian)	2:00 PM
2:15 PM	Lingyun Rising Star Gymnastics Dance School Dance & acrobatic performances (Chinese)	Westlake Chinese School Cultural performances & Kung Fu (Chinese)	Sans Dance Vibes Bollywood Dance (Indian)	Coiling Dragon Chinese Kung Fu School (Martial Arts)	2:15 PM
2:30 PM		Natyanjali Odissi - Dance (Indian)	Lingyun Rising Star Gymnastics Dance School (Chinese)	Kecheng Liu & Musicians/Vocalists Traditional Instruments (Chinese)	2:30 PM
2:45 PM		Chinese Women Assoc. - Dance/Music (Chinese)		The Real Cleveland Indians Hindi Band (Indian)	2:45 PM
3:00 PM	Unbyul Vocalist (Korean-American)	Shaolin Kung Fu Institute (Martial Arts)	Asian-Pop Dance Encore & Invitational Performances Featuring: Winners from the CAF Asian-Pop contest plus Invitational Dancer Groups	Larry Liou of the F.E.W. Project (Fusion of East & West, Guitar & Vocal) (Chinese-American)	3:00 PM
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3:30 PM	Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association Various cultural performances (P.R. of China)	Hanaka - Kabuki - Dance (Japanese)		Roses in Venus Band Duo - Original Music (Indian/ Filipino)	3:30 PM
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4:00 PM	Sreemayuri dance academy South Indian dance Kuchipudi (Indian)				4:00 PM
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5:00 PM	CAF Asian-Pop Dance Competition A-Pop, K-Pop, J-Pop, All-Pop Video Submission Finalists Compete Live: 1st = \$1000 2nd = \$500 3rd = \$250 Finalists: 5K, Debt, Florecer, Nabi Nation, Top Aces				5:00 PM
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6:30 PM	Cleveland Asian Festival Performances Sponsored by OCA Greater Cleveland Asian Pacific American Advocates through a grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture	 			6:30 PM
6:45 PM			The Schedule is subject to change - Updated Schedule Available at: ClevelandAsianFestival.org		6:45 PM
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A 2136 Rockwell Avenue, Historic Chinatown

Historic Chinatown became the home for Chinese immigrants in 1931, after their original neighborhood on W. 3rd and Ontario Streets was razed. This remains the home to the On Leong Association and Temple, and Emperor's Palace Restaurant, in the place of the historic Shanghai Restaurant.

B 2999 Payne Avenue and Stanley Eng Way

Asia Plaza was created in 1988 by John Louie, then expanded by the Hom family in 1991. Explore restaurants and shops, including grocery store, dim sum restaurant, bakery, holistic health care purveyors, and gift shops. It is the home for the Cleveland Asian Festival, CHN Housing Partners, and Asian Services In Action's International Community Health Center. In December 2019, E. 30th Street was re-named Stanley Eng Way 伍灼培路 after a neighborhood leader.

C Payne Avenue Artwork

Look out for murals along Payne Avenue between E. 30th and E. 40th Streets. This artwork features local and national artists: Jordan Wong, Mitzi Lai, Dayzwhun, Kathleen Marcotte, Julia Kuo, Jet Martinez, Bob Peck, and Fade Resistant.

D 3843 Payne Avenue

Asian Evergreen is home to beloved Chinese and Korean elderly residents. The Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association sponsors gatherings and activities, including calligraphy lessons, Bible studies, and a lunch program for seniors. Asian Evergreen incorporates feng shui elements for peace and harmony into its architecture and design.

E 3820 Superior Avenue

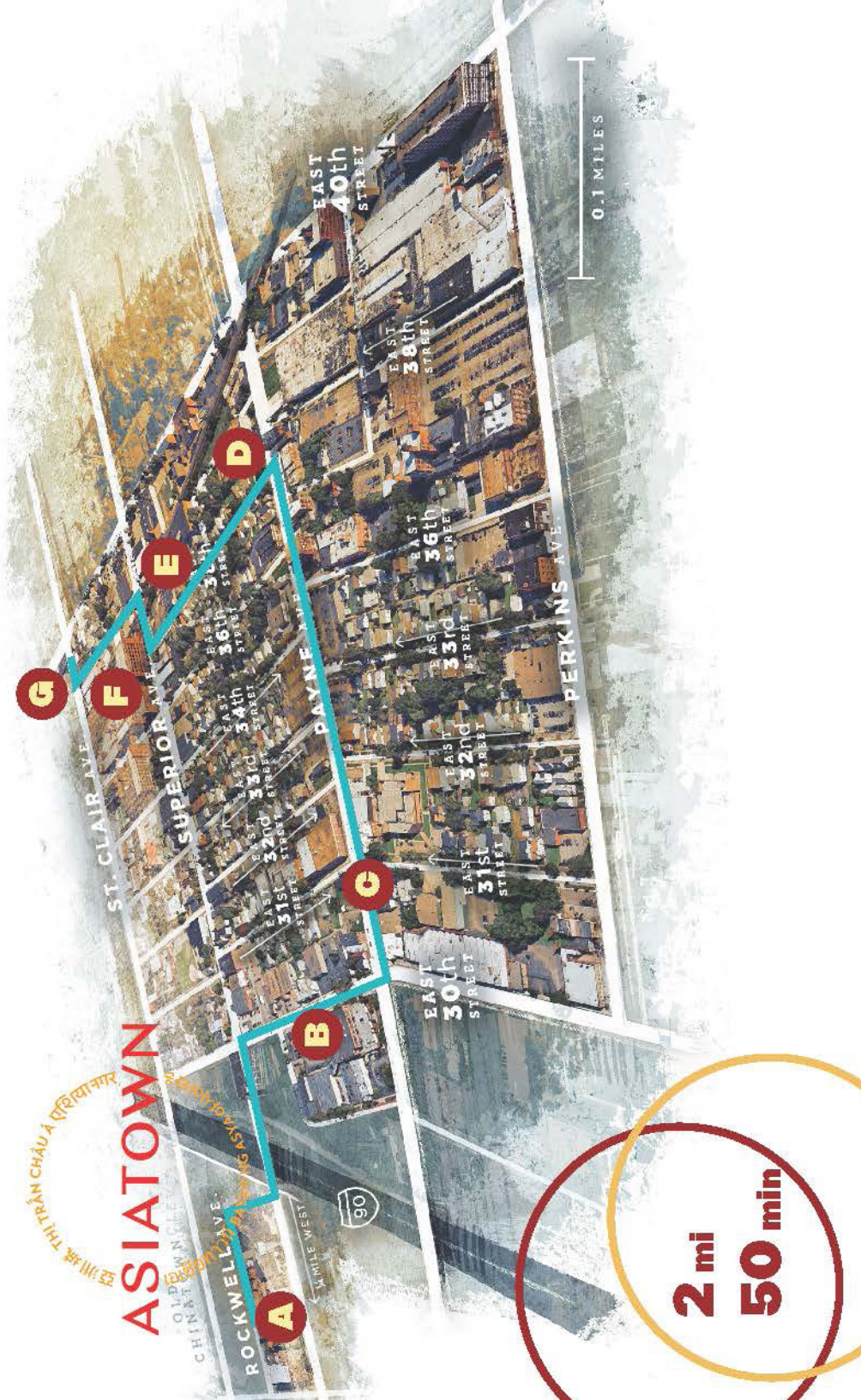
Asian Town Center is an indoor shopping center home to Asia Food Company grocery store, Negative Space Gallery, Viva Dance Studio, as well as a variety of restaurants. The building opened in 2008, transforming an old lighting factory into the arts and culture center it is today. Don't miss interactive art pieces - SUPER MEGA WONDER 1999 and Grand Piano Pursuit.

F 3615 Superior Avenue

Tyler Village today houses over 50 businesses and organizations, including a Breakthrough School, Gotta Groove Records, Fount, and The Roaming Biscuit. Historically, this complex was home to Cleveland Wire Works and Tyler Elevator Products starting in 1913.

G E. 40th and St. Clair Avenue

Bo Loong was one of the first restaurants in today's AsiaTown and sits across the street from Siam Cafe, another mainstay in the neighborhood. Travel north on E. 40th Street to Ariel International Center, a converted historic building, wedding venue, and center for business development.





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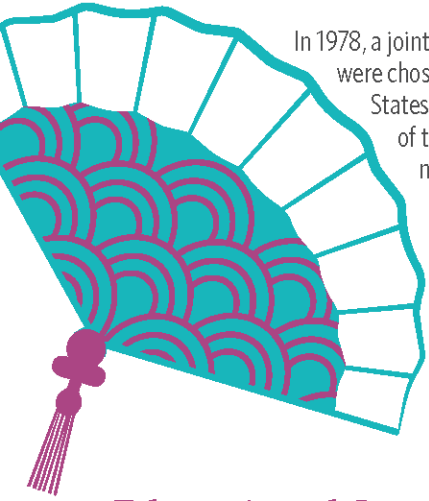


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Fun Facts: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The Start of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869. In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration that is now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



Total Asian Population

About 7% or 22 million – The number of Asians in the United States in 2019. These states have among the highest and lowest percentages of Asian residents:

17% California had the largest Asian population.



2% Wyoming had the lowest Asian population.



What's the Age?

Roughly 35 – Median age of the Asian population in 2019.

Asian-Owned Businesses

555,262 or (9.9%) or **or About 1 out of 10** – The estimated number of Asian-owned businesses in the United States. (This number only represents employer businesses.)

Birthplace Populations of Famous Asian Americans

- **Lucy Liu** – Queens, New York (Pop. – **2,253,858**)
Award winning TV and film actress of Chinese descent.
- **Bruce Lee** – San Francisco, California (Pop. – **881,549**)
Famous martial artist, actor, and producer of Chinese descent.
- **Michelle Kwan** – Torrance, California (Pop. – **143,589**)
Professional U.S. women's figure skater and two-time Olympic medalist of Chinese descent.
- **Mindy Kaling** – Cambridge, Massachusetts (Pop. – **118,925**)
Actress, comedian, writer, producer, and director of Asian Indian American descent.
- **Patsy Mink** – Paia, Hawaii (Pop. – **2,249**)
First Asian American woman of Japanese descent elected to the U.S. Congress in 1964 and to seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972.
- **Ellison Onizuka** – Kealahou, Kona, Hawaii (Pop. – **1,923**)
First Asian American of Japanese descent to fly in space.

Educational Attainment

Of Asians 25 years and older, approximately...

- **About 1 out of 10** (12%) have less than a high school diploma.
- **About 2 out of 10** (15%) are high school graduates. (includes equivalency)
- **About 2 out of 10** (19%) have some college or associate's degree.
- **About 3 out of 10** (23%) have a bachelor's degree.
- **About 2 out of 10** (24%) have a graduate or professional degree.



Occupations

Held by the Asian population 16 years and older:

- **About 5 out of 10** (54%) work in management, business, science, and arts occupations.
- **About 2 out of 10** (17%) work in sales and office occupations.
- **About 2 out of 10** (17%) work in service occupations.
- **About 1 out of 10** (10%) work in production, transportation, and material moving occupations.
- **About 1 out of 10** (3%) work in natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.



Notes: All of the data on this page, except the business data and birthplace populations, is for Asian alone or in combination with other races. Data is rounded for educational attainment and occupations and may not equal 100%. Sources: Census Bureau QuickFacts; 2019 ACS 1-Year Estimates; 2016 Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs; <https://www.biography.com/>; <https://www.britannica.com/>; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; <https://brucelee.com/>; and the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Origins of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

This is a national celebration established in 1977 with the participation of civil rights organizations such as the Japanese American Citizens League and Organization of Chinese Americans.

May is Asian Pacific American (APA) Heritage Month—a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Much like Black History and Women's History celebrations, APA Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill.

Congressional Bills Establish Celebration

In June 1977, Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed.



On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration.

APA Becomes Month-long Celebration

In May 1990, the holiday was expanded further when President George H. W. Bush designated May to be Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary

of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated with community festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities for students. This year's theme is "Lighting the Past, Present, and Future."

Asian-American History:

From Chinese laborers in the 1800s to millions of U.S. citizens today

by David Johnson

When they first arrived in the United States, Asian (usually Chinese) immigrants were welcomed, or at least tolerated. After the California gold rush brought thousands of Chinese to California, however, Asian immigrants faced restrictive laws and occasional violence.

In the late 1800s Chinese, and eventually other Asians, were excluded from citizenship. These laws were repealed during World War II, followed by further immigration-law changes, making it easier for Asians to enter the United States.

Today, Asian immigrants have a high rate of assimilation and participation in the American mosaic.



Origins of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Gold Rush Boom

The Chinese were the first Asians to arrive in large numbers. By the 1830s Chinese were selling goods in New York City and toiling in Hawaiian sugarcane fields.



Gold was discovered in California in 1848, eventually attracting thousands of Chinese miners and contract laborers. In 1850, just over 1,000 Asian immigrants entered the U.S., but ten years later, the figure had jumped to nearly 37,000, mostly Chinese.



Violent Protests

In some quarters, Chinese workers were welcomed. The Central Pacific Railroad recruited Chinese to work on the transcontinental railroad in 1865. Three years later the Chinese and the U.S. ratified the Burlingame Treaty which facilitated Chinese immigration.

However, many people feared being "overwhelmed" by the influx, which had swelled to nearly 65,000 in 1870, and over 107,000 in 1880. Some cities passed laws against Chinese and other Asians, often referred to as "Mongolians." Anti-Chinese riots erupted in Chico, California, in 1877 and in Rock Springs, Wyoming, in 1885.

Japanese Arrive

Meanwhile, increasing contact with Japan prompted Japanese to move to Hawaii and California to work in agriculture. In 1869 the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony was established in California.



Chinese workers on the Canadian Pacific Railway

Contact with the Philippines

In 1899, following the Spanish-American War, the Philippines came under U.S. control, prompting increased immigration. In 1902 the pensionado program, which allowed Filipinos to study in the U.S., was implemented.

Because most Filipinos are Roman Catholic, their integration into American life was somewhat easier than for other Asians. Though Filipinos faced the same prejudices as Chinese and Japanese laborers (as described in Carlos Bulosan's book *America is in the Heart*), Filipinos arrived with English skills, making assimilation easier.

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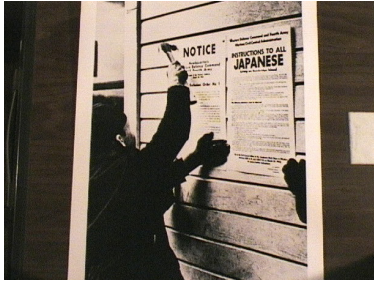
Japanese Internment

During World War II, more than 100,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were placed in internment camps. Even though many did not speak Japanese or have close ties to Japan, they were nonetheless regarded as wartime threats. Although the U.S. was also at war with Germany and Italy, Americans with ancestors from those countries did not face internment.

In 1988 Congress passed a measure giving \$20,000 to Japanese Americans who had been interned during the war. President George H.W. Bush signed it the following year.



Increasing Numbers



Although Asian immigration increased steadily through much of the 20th century, the region still contributed fewer newcomers than Europe, Latin America, and North America.

The McCarran-Walter Act of 1952 eliminated race as a barrier to immigration, and in 1965 national quotas were ended, thus facilitating Asian immigration.

A More Diverse Group

In 1979 the United States and China resumed diplomatic relations, making immigration easier for Chinese. But, new arrivals came from other Asian countries as well, including India and Pakistan. And in 1975 following the Vietnam War, more than 130,000 refugees fleeing from the Communist governments of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos arrived on U.S. shores. Millions of Asians arrived in subsequent years.



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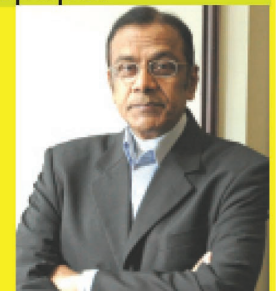
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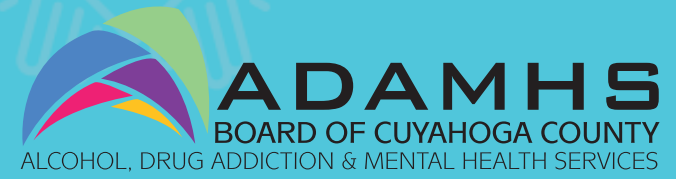
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