

Asian-Owned Firms in Hawaii: 2002

As part of the 2002 Economic Census, the U.S. Census Bureau released “Asian-Owned Firms: 2002” on May 16, 2006. The data include number of firms, business receipts, employees, and annual payroll by state, county, metropolitan areas, micropolitan areas, selected places and by sector.

The following is a summary of the Hawaii data:

1. In 2002, Hawaii had 44,969 firms owned by Asians, of which 10,329 (23%) had paid employees, and 34,640 (77%) were proprietors. Hawaii had a smaller percentage of Asian-owned firms with paid employees than the U.S., with 29% of its Asian-owned firms having paid employees.
2. Asian-owned firms accounted for 45.3% of all Hawaii firms and 18.9% of all Hawaii sales and receipts.
3. By sector, the retail trade sector had the most Asian-owners at 15.1%, followed by other services sector (except public administration) (13.6%), professional, scientific and technical services (13.4%) and real estate and rental and leasing (11.4%).
4. In Hawaii, 44.1% of all Asian-owned businesses were Japanese-owned businesses; 24.3% were Chinese-owned businesses and 20.3% were Filipino-owned businesses. The Japanese-owned businesses and the Filipino-owned businesses exceeded the national percentages which were 7.9% and 11.6% respectively.
5. Of the Asian-owned firms in our state, 78.7% of them were in the City and County of Honolulu, 8.7% were in the Hawaii County, 8.4% were in Maui County, and 4.6% were in the Kauai County.
6. In Hawaii, places with over 1,000 Asian-owned firms were Honolulu CDP (22,394); Hilo CDP (1,850); Kaneohe CDP (1,179) and Kailua CDP on Oahu (1,140).
7. For firms with paid employees, Asian-owned firms in Hawaii had an average of 8.9 employees per firm, as compared with Asian-owned firms in the U.S. with an average of 6.9 employees per firm
8. In Hawaii, average annual business receipts for Asian-owned firms with paid employees was \$1,089,307 per firm which was slightly higher than the national average of \$910,774. Average annual business receipts for Asian-owned firms in Hawaii with no paid employees was \$38,580 per firm, however, lower than the U.S. figure of \$45,289.

Table 1a. Asian-Owned Firms: 2002

Geographic area	All Firms	All sales and receipts
Hawaii	44,969	12,587,869
U.S.	1,104,189	326,352,983
% of U.S.	4.1	3.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 1b. Asian-Owned Firms with Paid Employees: 2002

Geographic area	Firms	Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	Number of Employees (number)	Annual payroll (\$1,000)	Employees per firm	Receipts per firm (\$1,000)
Hawaii	10,329	11,251,449	92,218	2,417,758	8.9	1,089.307
U.S.	319,295	290,805,663	2,212,813	55,991,382	6.9	910.774
% of U.S.	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.3	(X)	(X)

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 1c. Asian-Owned Firms with No Paid Employees: 2002

Geographic area	Firms	Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	Receipts per firm (\$1,000)
Hawaii	34,640	1,336,420	38.580
U.S.	784,894	35,547,320	45.289
% of U.S.	4.4	3.8	(X)

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 2a. Asian-Owned Firms by Detailed Race Group for Hawaii: 2002 (Percent)

(Each owner had the option of selecting more than one race and therefore is included in each race selected)

Detailed race group	All Firms		Firms With Paid Employees	
	Firms (number)	Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	Firms (number)	Sales and receipts (\$1,000)
Asian Indian	1.2	1.9	(S)	(S)
Chinese	24.3	23.4	24.7	22.4
Filipino	20.3	5.1	8.0	4.2
Japanese	44.1	58.8	52.8	60.6
Korean	8.1	8.1	9.1	8.0
Vietnamese	4.3	1.5	3.0	1.3
Other Asian	1.6	0.9	(S)	(S)

S Estimates are suppressed when publication standards are not met, such as, the firm count is less than 3, or the relative standard error of the sales and receipts is 50 percent or more.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 2b. Asian-Owned Firms by Detailed Race Group for the United States: 2002 (Percent)

(Each owner had the option of selecting more than one race and therefore is included in each race selected)

Detailed race group	All Firms		Firms With Paid Employees	
	Firms (number)	Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	Firms (number)	Sales and receipts (\$1,000)
Asian Indian	20.9	27.3	26.2	27.8
Chinese	26.3	32.6	28.2	33.3
Filipino	11.6	4.5	6.3	3.9
Japanese	7.9	9.4	6.9	9.6
Korean	14.3	14.4	17.9	14.2
Vietnamese	13.3	4.8	8.0	4.0
Other Asian	6.5	6.2	6.7	6.3

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau; calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 3a. Asian-Owned Firms by County: 2002

County	All Firms	All sales and receipts	Paid Employees Firms	Paid employees sales and receipts (\$1,000)	Employees (number)	Annual payroll (\$1,000)
Hawaii	3,917	1,272,242	1,015	1,203,317	9,333	241,256
Honolulu	35,376	9,800,723	8,218	8,657,737	71,974	1,912,190
Kauai	2,049	422,403	391	387,588	3,169	73,597
Maui	3,782	1,092,501	860	1,002,806	7,743	190,714
State total	44,969	12,587,869	10,329	11,251,449	92,218	2,417,758

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 3b. Asian-Owned Firms by County: 2002 (Percent)

County	All Firms	All sales and receipts	Paid Employees Firms	Paid employees sales and receipts (\$1,000)	Employees (number)	Annual payroll (\$1,000)
Hawaii	8.7	10.1	9.8	10.7	10.1	10.0
Honolulu	78.7	77.9	79.6	76.9	78.0	79.1
Kauai	4.6	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.0
Maui	8.4	8.7	8.3	8.9	8.4	7.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.