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Table 7. Nativity and Citizenship for Selected Asian Groups by Adulthood, 2000

New York

	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	87,321	4,921	27,069	5,700
% Native	74.1%	51.2%	58.8%	62.9%
% Foreign born	25.9%	48.8%	41.2%	37.1%
18 years and over:	337,424	32,673	93,706	17,476
% Native	12.0%	15.9%	9.3%	6.3%
% Foreign born	88.0%	84.1%	90.7%	93.7%
Foreign born:	296,915	27,487	85,020	16,376
% Naturalized citizen	50.5%	11.7%	41.3%	58.2%
% Not a citizen	49.5%	88.4%	58.7%	41.8%

Hawaii

	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	8,169	20,058	3,610	2,116
% Native	84.6%	96.1%	70.8%	71.0%
% Foreign born	15.4%	3.9%	29.2%	29.0%
18 years and over:	48,378	180,306	20,098	6,229
% Native	54.1%	89.5%	22.4%	7.0%
% Foreign born	45.9%	10.5%	77.6%	93.0%
Foreign born:	22,223	18,871	15,602	5,791
% Naturalized citizen	71.3%	43.2%	62.7%	73.4%
% Not a citizen	28.7%	56.8%	37.3%	26.6%

New Jersey

	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	25,528	2,620	26,766	3,985
% Native	80.4%	49.1%	57.3%	77.1%
% Foreign born	19.6%	50.9%	42.7%	22.9%
18 years and over:	74,767	11,160	71,388	10,994
% Native	13.0%	17.7%	6.1%	4.7%
% Foreign born	87.0%	82.3%	93.9%	95.3%
Foreign born:	65,020	9,184	67,059	10,473
% Naturalized citizen	57.2%	16.9%	43.9%	57.4%
% Not a citizen	42.8%	83.1%	56.1%	42.6%

Highlights:

- 1) In all three states, while the great majority of Koreans under 18 are U.S. born, an overwhelming majority of adults are foreign born. The Chinese and Vietnamese display similar trends.
- 2) The Japanese in Hawaii tend to be native born regardless of age.
- 3) Compared among these Asian groups, the foreign born Vietnamese 18 years and older show the highest rate of naturalization. The Chinese has the next highest rate for all three states.

Source: Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000*, SF4

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