

Table 6. Nativity and Citizenship for Selected Asian Groups by Adulthood and State, 2000

New York				
	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	87,321	4,921	27,069	5,700
% Native	74.10%	51.21%	58.76%	62.86%
% Foreign born	25.90%	48.79%	41.24%	37.14%
18 years and over:	337,424	32,673	93,706	17,476
% Native	12.01%	15.87%	9.27%	6.29%
% Foreign born	87.99%	84.13%	90.73%	93.71%
Foreign born:	296,915	27,487	85,020	16,376
% Naturalized citizen	50.47%	11.65%	41.29%	58.18%
% Not a citizen	49.53%	88.35%	58.71%	41.82%

Hawaii				
	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	8,169	20,058	3,610	2,116
% Native	84.59%	96.15%	70.83%	70.98%
% Foreign born	15.41%	3.85%	29.17%	29.02%
18 years and over:	48,378	180,306	20,098	6,229
% Native	54.06%	89.53%	22.37%	7.03%
% Foreign born	45.94%	10.47%	77.63%	92.97%
Foreign born:	22,223	18,871	15,602	5,791
% Naturalized citizen	71.30%	43.20%	62.72%	73.37%
% Not a citizen	28.70%	56.80%	37.28%	26.63%

New Jersey				
	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	25,528	2,620	26,766	3,985
% Native	80.39%	49.08%	57.28%	77.11%
% Foreign born	19.61%	50.92%	42.72%	22.89%
18 years and over:	74,767	11,160	71,388	10,994
% Native	13.04%	17.71%	6.06%	4.74%
% Foreign born	86.96%	82.29%	93.94%	95.26%
Foreign born:	65,020	9,184	67,059	10,473
% Naturalized citizen	57.16%	16.88%	43.89%	57.36%
% Not a citizen	42.84%	83.12%	56.11%	42.64%

California				
	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	202,124	34,454	77,222	118,506
% Native	81.21%	80.0%	72.44%	75.8%
% Foreign born	18.79%	20.0%	27.56%	24.2%
18 years and over:	775,489	254,701	266,520	327,969
% Native	17.99%	61.59%	9.8%	5.3%
% Foreign born	82.01%	38.41%	90.2%	94.7%
Foreign born:	636,004	97,826	240,501	310,713
% Naturalized citizen	62.75%	30.0%	50.77%	65.8%
% Not a citizen	37.25%	70.0%	49.23%	34.2%

LA County				
	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	68,603	13,018	44,619	18,756
% Native	78.37%	79.96%	76.45%	75.79%
% Foreign born	21.63%	20.04%	23.55%	24.21%
18 years and over:	257,490	99,530	149,693	59,502
% Native	17.99%	61.59%	12.95%	4.61%
% Foreign born	82.01%	38.41%	87.1%	94.74%
Foreign born:	224,576	37,743	10,499	56,278
% Naturalized citizen	62.75%	30.05%	51.03%	65.76%
% Not a citizen	37.25%	69.95%	48.97%	34.24%

Orange County				
	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Vietnamese
Under 18 years:	11,935	4,175	16,251	36,249
% Native	82.81%	83.45%	76.47%	74.62%
% Foreign born	17.19%	16.55%	23.53%	25.38%
18 years and over:	47,128	25,795	44,481	99,948
% Native	12.78%	62.08%	9.35%	1.66%
% Foreign born	87.22%	37.92%	90.65%	94.58%
Foreign born:	38,845	10,369	4,123	95,408
% Naturalized citizen	60.60%	27.47%	48.45%	69.50%
% Not a citizen	39.40%	72.53%	51.55%	30.50%

- 1) In all four 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.
- 4) The adult naturalization rate for Koreans is lower than that of the Chinese and Vietnamese in all areas.