



# National Study of Asian & Pacific Island Catholics: A Demographic Primer

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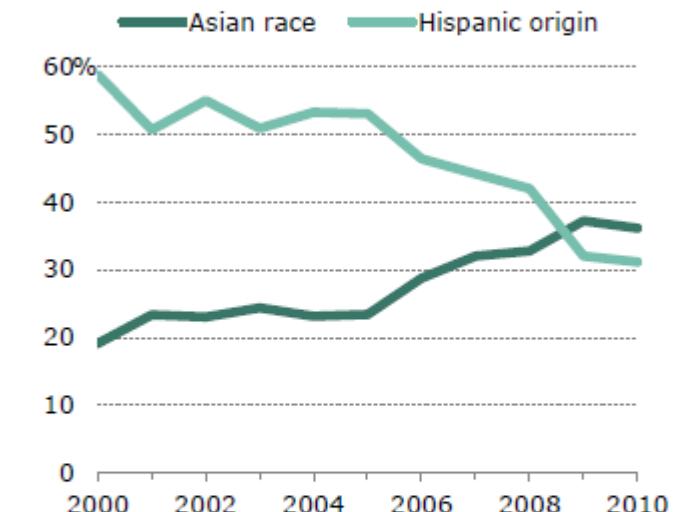
Asian and Pacific Island (API) Americans are the **fastest-growing** racial group in the United States.

Nearly three-quarters of all API-American adults were **born abroad**. Half say they **speak English** very well.

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#### Meet the New Immigrants: Asians Overtake Hispanics

*% of immigrants, by year of arrival, 2000-2010*

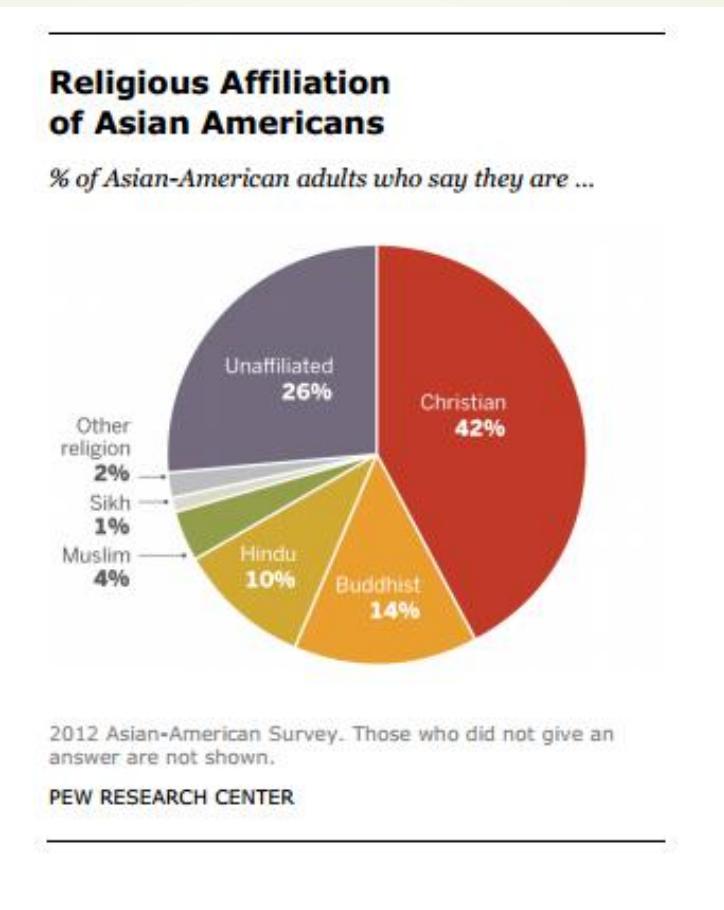


**Note:** Based on total foreign-born population, including adults and children. Asians include mixed-race Asian population, regardless of Hispanic origin. Hispanics are of any race. The 2010 ACS includes only partial-year arrivals for 2010; arrivals for 2010 adjusted to full-year totals based on analysis of 2005-2009 ACS data on partial-year arrivals.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2010 American Community Survey, Integrated Public Use Microdata Sample (IPUMS) files

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### Religious Composition of Asian Americans

	U.S. Asians	General public
	%	%
<b>Christian</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>75</b>
Protestant	22	50
Catholic	19	23
Other Christian	1	2
<b>Buddhist<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.0-1.3</b>
<b>Hindu<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.5-0.8</b>
<b>Muslim<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Sikh (vol.)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Jain (vol.)</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Other religion</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>
Atheist/Agnostic	8	5
Nothing in particular	17	13
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	100	100

2012 Asian-American Survey. Q30. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding. General public numbers are based on aggregated data from surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press in 2011, except where noted.

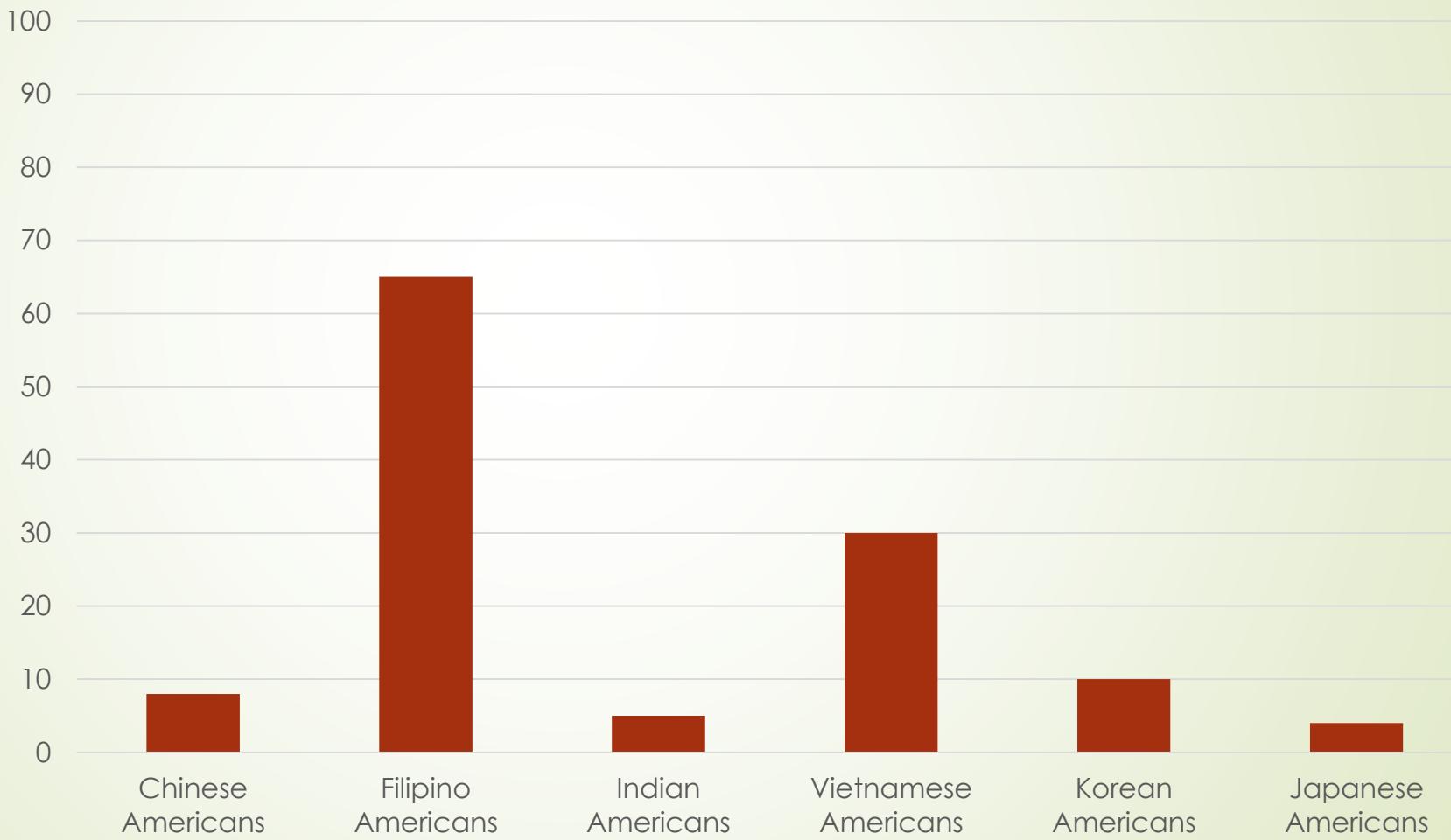
<sup>^</sup> Figures for U.S. Buddhists and U.S. Hindus are Pew Forum estimates. Figures for U.S. Muslims are Pew Research estimates.

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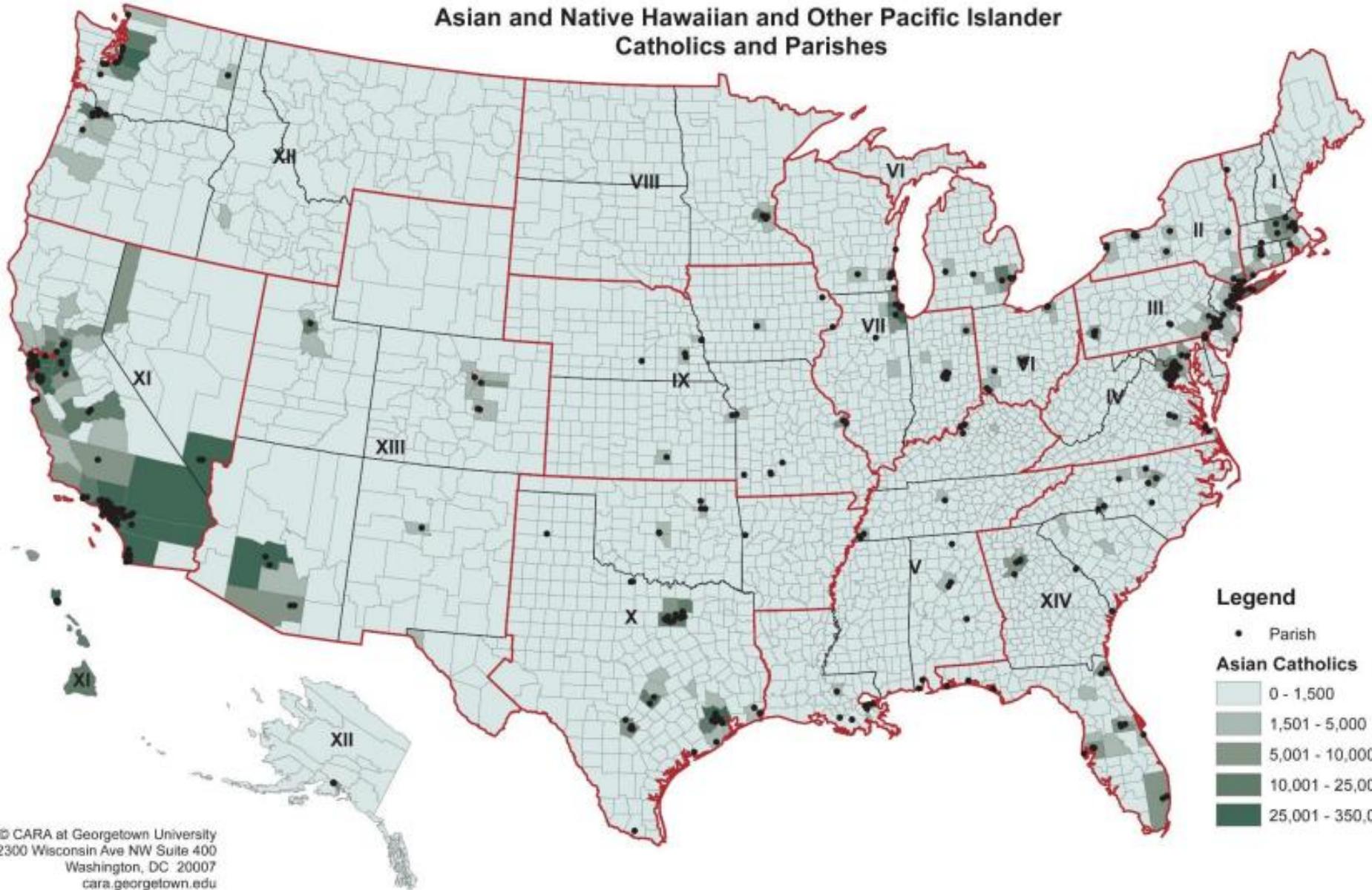
A plurality of API Americans (42%) are **Christian**.

**19% are Catholic** (slightly less than the general public).

# Percentage **Catholic** in Major API-American Subgroups



## Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Catholics and Parishes



# API Catholics are concentrated especially on the **West Coast**.

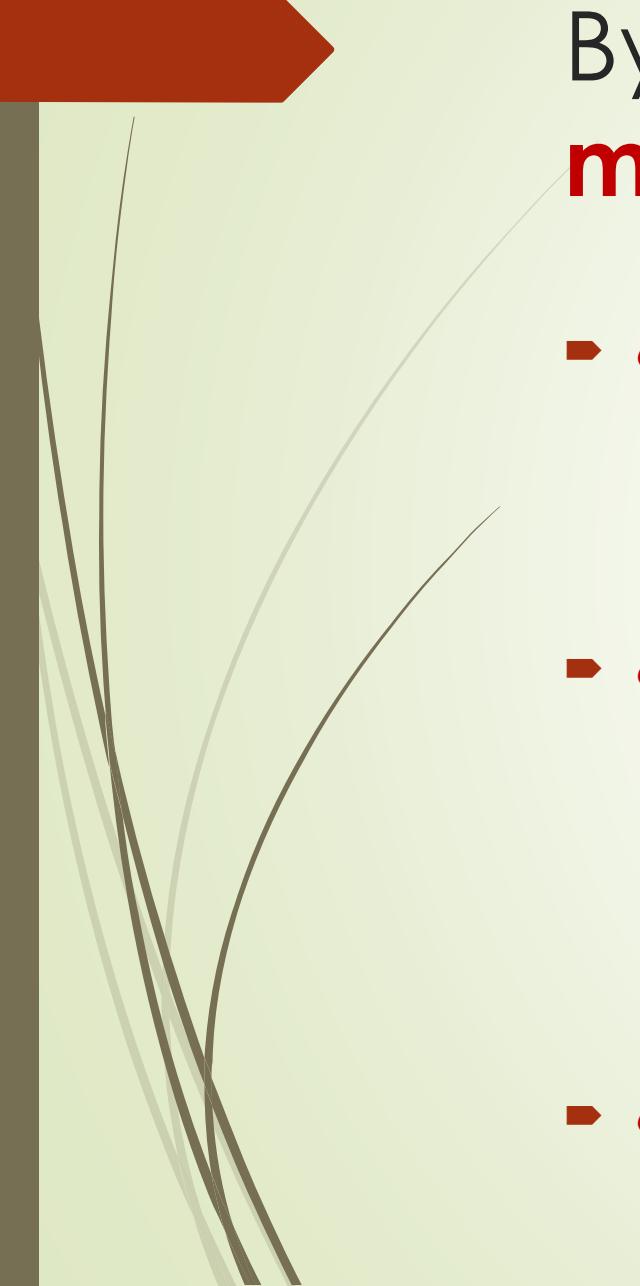
Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community <sup>21</sup>	Population per Parish
I	90,758	16	5,672
II	284,373	18	15,799
III	125,319	42	2,984
IV	140,443	34	4,131
V	51,036	19	2,686
VI	78,241	12	6,520
VII	148,009	21	7,048
VIII	41,461	4	10,365
IX	47,079	17	2,769
X	207,312	49	4,231
XI	1,430,779	105	13,627
XII	168,013	19	8,843
XIII	102,597	13	7,874
XIV	180,103	21	8,576



Fifteen(arch)dioceses with the most API Catholics contain **63%** of the total APIC population.

<b>Highest populated API dioceses &gt;50,000</b>		
Los Angeles	358,525	CA
Brooklyn	154,590	NY
San Jose	142,663	CA
Honolulu	142,008	HI
Oakland	139,228	CA
Orange	135,148	CA
San Francisco	117,073	CA
Seattle	110,184	WA
Sacramento	92,447	CA
San Diego	87,546	CA
Galveston-Houston	75,910	TX
New York	72,425	NY
San Bernadino	67,385	CA
Chicago	66,060	IL
Arlington	53,477	VA
Total	1,814,669	<b>62.447207</b>
All APIC est	2905925	



# By several measures, API Catholics are **more religious** than others.

- ▶ 64% of U.S. API Catholics say that **religion is “very important”** in their life.
  - ▶ Comparatively, 39% of API Americans overall say this.
  - ▶ 54% of white Catholics say this; 66% of Hispanic Catholics say this.
- ▶ 60% of U.S. API Catholics **attend worship services** at least once a week.
  - ▶ This is slightly **less** often than Evangelical APIs, but more often than mainline Protestant APIs.
  - ▶ This is **more** often than the general public attends worship services.
  - ▶ Just 39% of white Catholics and 47% of Hispanic Catholics attend as often.
- ▶ 61% of U.S. API Catholics **pray daily**.
  - ▶ This is **more** often than white Catholics (55%) or Hispanic Catholics (53%).



## A third of APIs have **switched** religions.

- ▶ One-third of API adults in the U.S. (32%) no longer belong to the religious group in which they were raised.
- ▶ Conversion rates are higher among Japanese, Chinese, and Korean Americans.

About one in five (22%) API Catholics say they were **raised** Catholic, compared to 19% who affiliate today (a net loss of 3%).



Among currently-Catholic U.S. APIs,  
**most (86%) were raised Catholic.**

Among API Americans **raised** Catholic,  
about seven-in-ten (72%) are **still**  
**Catholic.**

- ▶ Those who have left Catholicism are divided roughly evenly between those who say they are now Protestant (13%) and those who say they are now religiously unaffiliated (11%).

## RELIGIOUS DESTINATION FOR THE SECOND GENERATION

*By the religion in which they were raised*



SOURCE: PEW SURVEY OF ASIAN AMERICANS 2012



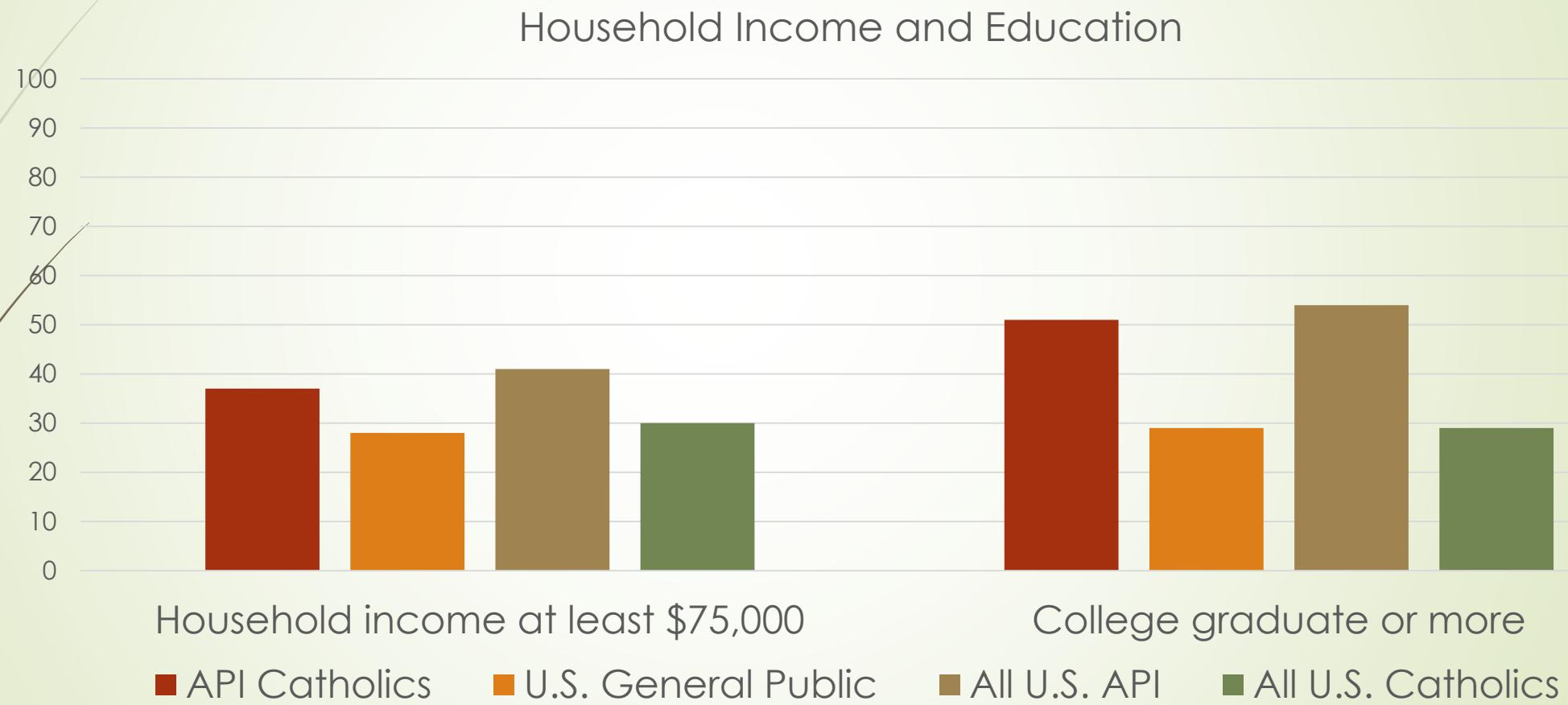
Most (59%) API Catholics are **married**.

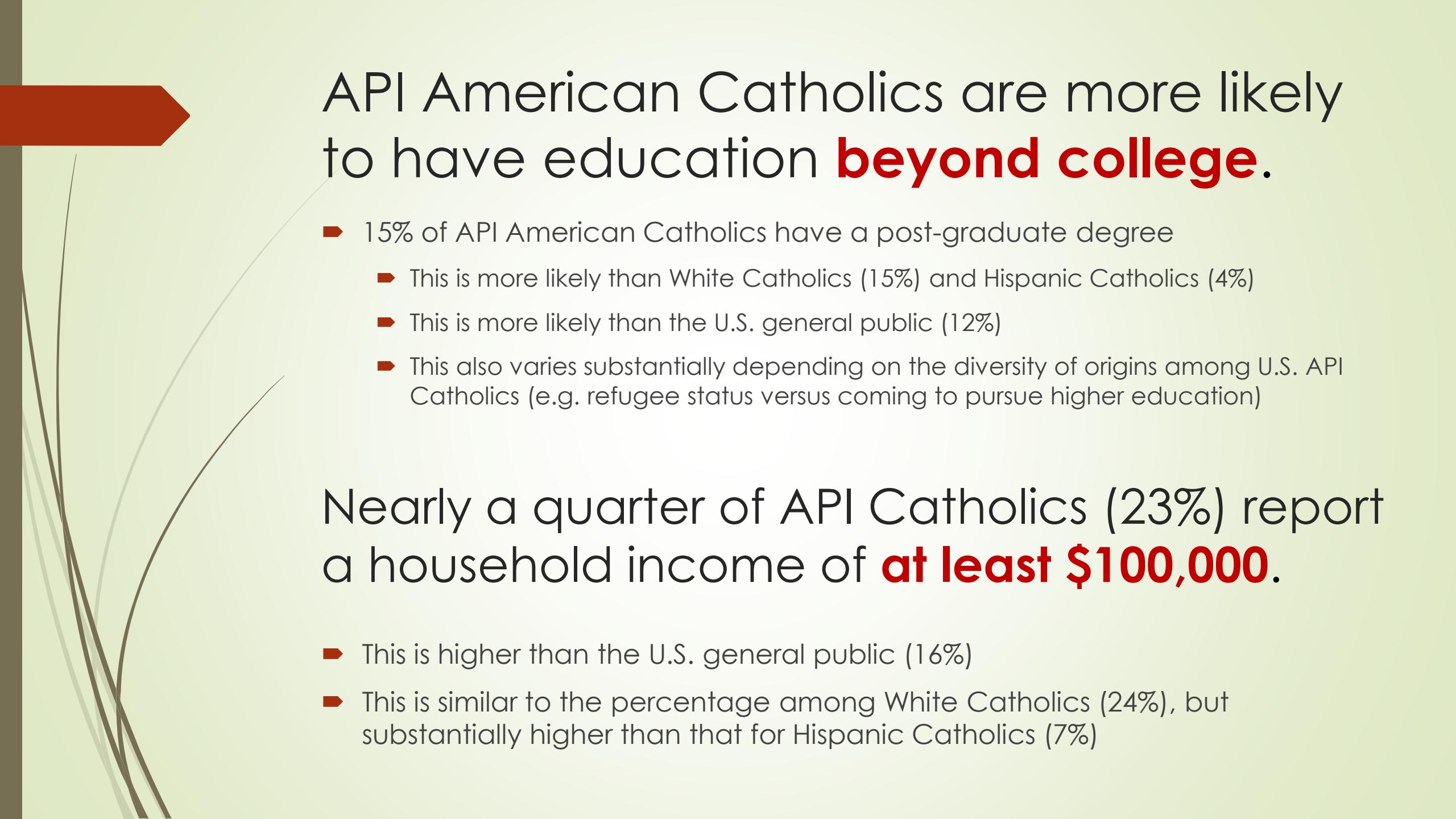
The majority of married API Catholics (81%) are **married to another Catholic**.

- ▶ This is a **higher** percentage than those in the general public whose spouse shares a religious tradition.

A third of APIC **have children** under 18.

Half of API Catholics have a **college degree**.





# API American Catholics are more likely to have education **beyond college**.

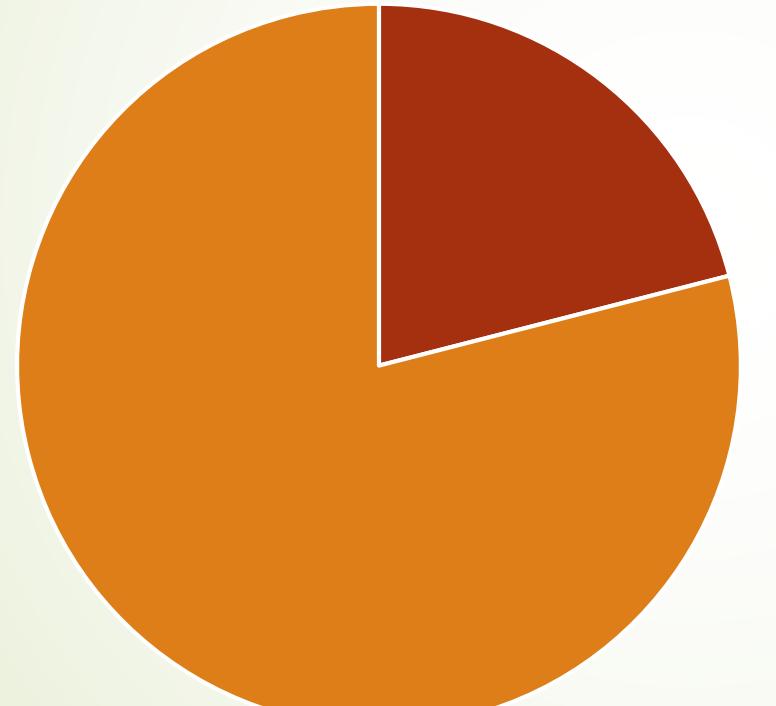
- ▶ 15% of API American Catholics have a post-graduate degree
  - ▶ This is more likely than White Catholics (15%) and Hispanic Catholics (4%)
  - ▶ This is more likely than the U.S. general public (12%)
  - ▶ This also varies substantially depending on the diversity of origins among U.S. API Catholics (e.g. refugee status versus coming to pursue higher education)

## Nearly a quarter of API Catholics (23%) report a household income of **at least \$100,000**.

- ▶ This is higher than the U.S. general public (16%)
- ▶ This is similar to the percentage among White Catholics (24%), but substantially higher than that for Hispanic Catholics (7%)

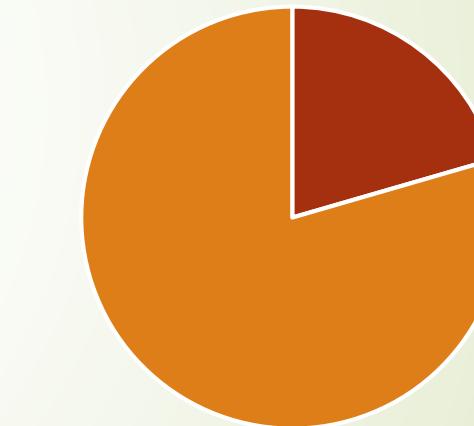


Most API Catholics were born **outside** the United States.



■ Native born

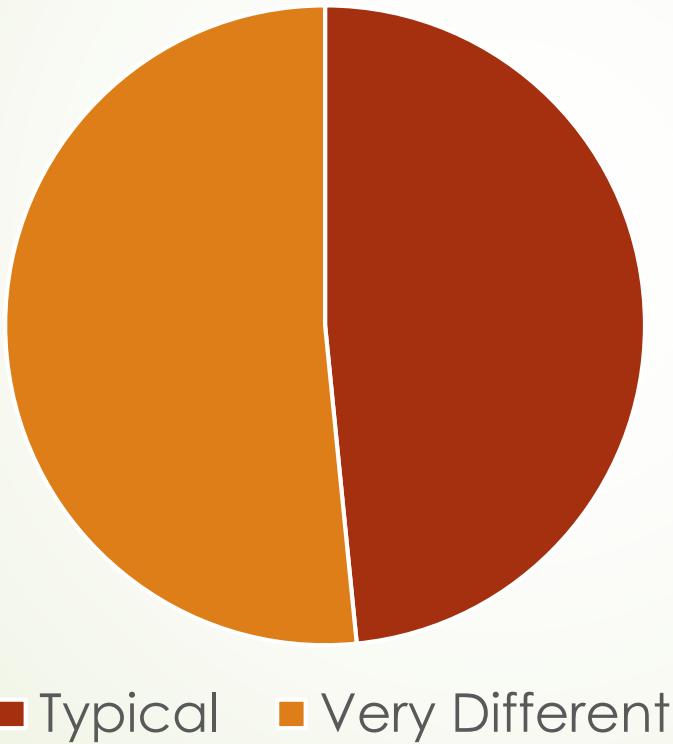
■ Foreign born



■ Arrived 2000-2012

■ Arrived before 2000

Overall, do you think of yourself to be a typical American or very different from a **typical American**?



- ▶ Foreign-born API Americans are more likely than those born in the U.S. to see themselves as “very different.”