

01 BRIEFING Hindu Americans at a Glance

A young, highly educated, and civically engaged American community.

1%

of U.S. adults identify as Hindu.

Not included: those who follow Hinduism but have not declared their faith.

70%

hold at least a bachelor's degree.

57%

report household income of \$100,000 or more.

73%

are under age 50.

77%

are foreign-born; 23% are U.S.-born.

67%

of Indian American adults identify as Hindu or affiliate with Hinduism.

Diverse Origins: Hindu Americans have roots in India, Nepal, the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, Europe, and other regions, alongside American-born generations.

Major languages spoken: English, Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Bengali, Marathi, Punjabi, Nepali.

NATIONAL PRESENCE More than 1,000 Hindu temples and religious centers operate across the United States.

Values That Shape Community Life & Professional Success

Achievement and responsibility: Many Hindu American families emphasize education, high achievement, disciplined work, professional responsibility, family stability, and self-reliance.

Service orientation: Hindu Americans practice seva (selfless service) across all faiths and communities, reflecting Hindu teachings that emphasize seeing the Divine in all beings.

Broader Identity: Hindu identity may be religious, cultural, philosophical, or familial. Some people with Hindu beliefs or family roots may understand their identity culturally or philosophically without using a formal religious label.

Respect for Diversity: Hindu teachings about pluralism and the dignity of all beings inform many Hindu Americans' approach to diversity in public and professional life.

79% of Hindu adults say religious diversity strengthens American society.

FOR PUBLIC LEADERS Hindu temples and community organizations are natural partners for outreach, service, and civic engagement.