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## Estimated Population in the U.S. (Source: 2000 Census, July 2003 update)

Persons claiming primary and secondary Iranian ancestry: 338,266 *
* The Iranian-American community believes there may be serious underestimation of the actual population due to adverse perceptions of Iranian-Americans on claiming Iranian ancestry. Higher bound of the uncertainty range is estimated at 540,000 people.

## Educational Attainment (Source: 1990 Census, 2000 Census data not yet available)

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| High School Diploma and Higher | 90.8% | (Second highest among 67 ancestry groups) |
| Bachelor's Degree or Higher | 56.2% | (Second highest among 67 ancestry groups) |
| Master's Degree of Higher | 26.2% | (Highest among 67 ancestry groups) |

## Income Levels (1990 Census data, 2000 data not available)

Median household income: $36, 800 (20% more than National average)
Median family income:     $42,000  (20% more than National average)

## Iranian-Americans and the U.S. Economy

Iranian-Americans have founded and served in senior leadership positions of many major U.S. companies, many of them in the Fortune 500. The following ten Iranian-Americans have been engaged in the senior leadership of companies worth over $1000 Billion.

| Name | Position | Company | Company Value (in US$ billion) | 2002 Fortune 500 Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golnar Motaharipour | VP for LD | General Electric | 284.2 | 2 |
| Shaygan Kheradpir | CIO | Verizon | 90.9 | 4 |
| Hossein Eslambolchi | CTO | AT&T | 200.2 | 8 |
| Nasser Greyeli | VP for Technology | INTEL | 202.2 | 18 |
| Ali Sajassi | Chief Architect | CISCO | 139.2 | 35 |
| Behrooz Abdi | VP& GM for SPS | Motorola | 31.7 | 43 |
| Bahram Mahbod | VP for e-services | Oracle Corporations | 67.2 | 88 |
| Farhad Shakib | VP & GM | Nortel Networks | 17.8 | 95 |
| Behrooz Zarrabi | Manager | Lucent Technologies | 12.7 | 133 |
| Pierre Omidyar | Founder and CEO | Ebay | 5.2 | 445 |

Source: Corporate Governance Websites and Reuter company value estimates 2003

## Iranian-Americans and the U.S. Academia

Hundreds of Iranian-American tenured and tenure-track academics are teaching and doing research at top-ranking universities in the U.S. According to a preliminary list compiled by the MIT Iranian Studies Group Research Team, there are over 500 Iranian-American academics teaching at Universities such as MIT, Harvard, Carnegie Melon, Yale, Princeton, University of California System (Los Angles, Berkeley, Irvine, San Diego), Stanford, USC, Georgia Tech, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, California Institute of Technology, Boston University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, and hundreds of other universities and colleges throughout the United States.

*The Iranian Studies Group at MIT is currently undertaking a research project aimed at a comprehensive overview of the role of Iranian-Americans in the American Society. For more information on theIranian Studies Group, please contact: Ali Mostashari amostash@mit.edu and visit our website at http://web.mit.edu/isg*