Hmong American Socioeconomic Profile
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Summary of 2005 ACS Population Profile for Hmong Americans

- Estimated Hmong Population: 188,000
- Percent Male: 45.9%
- Median Age: 30.6
- Percent Divorce Rate: 3.3%
- (Compared to 10.2% of all Americans over age 15)
- Median Age: 18.3
- (Compared to 36.4 among all Americans over 15)
- Percent Employed in Manufacturing: 17.7%
- (Compared to 11.9% of all Employed Americans over 16)
- Median Family Income: $35,363 (Compared to $35,812 for all Americans over 16)
- Poverty Rate: 32.7%
- (Compared to 20.2% among all Americans)
- Homeownership Rate: 50.9%
- (Compared to 67.2% among all U.S. Households)

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The lawsuit was filed by the workers on behalf of themselves and other workers who the workers believe were similarly affected.

According to the lawsuit, the workers were members of the Hmong community and were subjected to a hostile work environment.

The lawsuit seeks compensatory and punitive damages, as well as attorneys’ fees and costs.

The workers are represented by the law firm of Brown & James.

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