



## At a Glance: AAPIs in DC Metropolitan Area

- ✓ AAPIs make up 8.5% (450,392) of the Washington DC Metro Area (MD, VA, DC).
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Generation AAPIs have above average rates of becoming citizens in the Washington DC Metro Area.
- ✓ AAPI voters can make a significant impact in local and national elections, and the number of AAPI elected officials is on the rise.

### A Large AAPI Population with Growing Clout

- ✓ AAPIs make up 3% of the population in Washington DC, 4% of Maryland and 5% of Virginia.
- ✓ Maryland has the 7<sup>th</sup> highest and Virginia has the 8<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of Asian-Americans in the U.S.
- ✓ Maryland and Virginia are tied for the 9<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of Pacific Islanders.

### Electoral Information

- ✓ In the DC Metro Area, the AAPI population is 8.5% with 522,782 AAPI eligible voters.
- ✓ Virginia has the highest percentage of AAPIs (5%) with over a quarter-of-a-million eligible voters.

### Income & Households Disparities

- ✓ The per capita income for AAPIs is \$34,040 versus \$38,635, which is the average for the DC Metro Area.
- ✓ Married-couple families experience poverty at twice the rate of the total population.
- ✓ Elderly AAPIs experience above-average rates of poverty compared to the total population.
- ✓ AAPIs experience almost twice as much household overcrowding than the total population.

### From Immigration into Citizenship

- ✓ 3 out of 4 AAPIs are foreign-born while over 40% have become citizens, a rate higher than normal.

AAPI Eligible Voters in DC Metro Area		
	% AAPIs in State	# of Voting Age Population
Virginia	5%	284,861
Maryland	4%	211,709
Washington D.C.	3%	17,567

### Language Access Challenges Due to Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- ✓ AAPIs have above average rates of not being proficient in English
- ✓ More than 1 out of 3 AAPIs are considered linguistically isolated.

<sup>1</sup>2006 American Community Survey; all other data from AREAA/UCLA *Basic Facts about the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community, 2006.*

\*Metropolitan Statistical Area for the Greater Washington DC includes West Virginia, but not enough data is available for analysis.