



At a Glance: AAPIs in California

- ✓ California has the 2nd highest percentage (14%) of Asian Americans in the nation, and also has the 2nd largest population of Pacific Islanders, numbering 251,736 to Hawaii's PI population of 279,651.
- ✓ Over 3.8 million AAPIs are eligible voters, and out of 40 counties in California, 29 counties have at least a 4% AAPI population
- ✓ 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

- ✓ In 2006, the Asian American population grew by approximately 20,000 voters, from 3.72 million voters to 3.74 million voters.
- ✓ 76.5% of AAPIs in California are citizens, among the citizens, it is fairly split in half between native-born and naturalized.
- ✓ 60.3% of AAPIs are foreign born, and 23.5% of AAPIs have yet to become citizens.

Samoans, 20%, and among Pakistani and Vietnamese, and Tongan, 18%.

Income & Households Disparities

- ✓ While California AAPIs have above average income, AAPIs still earn about \$10,000 less than non-hispanic whites.

Counties with Highest AAPI Population

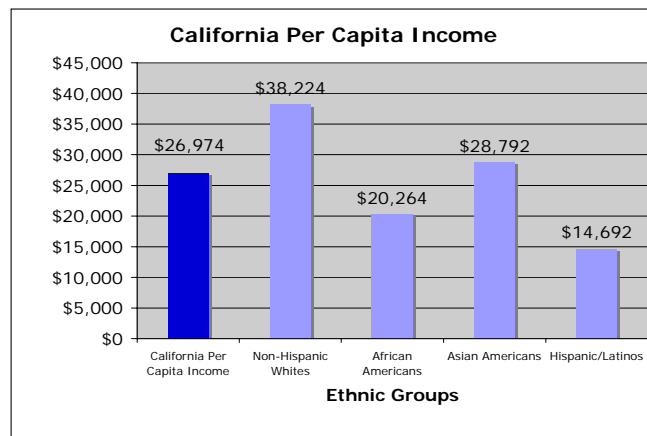
County	% of AAPI in County	Number of AAPI of Voting Age
Alameda	25%	283,970
San Mateo	25%	138,343
Sacramento	14%	148,277
Los Angeles	13%	1,064,602
San Diego	11%	249,353

Counties with Highest Asian American Population

County	% of Asian Americans in County	Number of Asian Americans of Voting Age
San Francisco	32%	200,036
Santa Clara	30%	393,791
Orange	16%	378,736
Solano	14%	45,910
San Joaquin	14%	69,844

Poverty Among AAPIs

- ✓ A large number of Southeast Asians and Pacific Islanders have alarmingly high poverty rates. Among Hmongs, the poverty rate is 55%, among Cambodians, 40%; among Laotians, 32%, among



Language Access Challenges Due to Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- ✓ 29% of AAPI households are linguistically isolated.

California Rates of Household Overcrowding

Racial Group	Rate of Overcrowding
Nonhispanic Whites	1.63%
African Americans	4.99%
Asian Americans	8.04%
Native Hawaiians & Pacific Islanders	15.3%
Hispanics/Latinos	21.14%

¹2006 American Community Survey; all other data from *A Community of Contrasts*, Asian American Justice Center & Asian Pacific American Legal Center