2018 STATE FACTSHEET

Illinois

POPULATION FACTS

• Largest AAPI ethnic groups in Illinois include: Indian (254,319), Filipino (146,959), Chinese (146,150), Korean (67,758), Pakistani (41,295), and Japanese (36,957).

• From 2010 to 2016, the number of eligible AAPI voters in Illinois grew 22%.
  • This compares to a 2% growth rate for the statewide eligible voting population between 2010 to 2016.
  • AAPI youth (ages 18-29) comprise 22% of the AAPI CVAP population in Illinois.
  • AAPIs age 50 and up comprise 38% of the AAPI CVAP population.

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More AAPIs live in Cook County than anywhere else in Illinois, with nearly 45% of state’s population residing in and around Chicago.
VOTER ENGAGEMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

• Voter contact continues to be an unmet need for AAPIs. In the 2016 Post-Election National Asian American Survey, 74% of Native Hawaiians & Pacific Islanders and 71% of Asian Americans across the country received no contact about the election, compared to 73% of Latinos, 58% of African Americans, and 56% of whites who were not contacted.

• Among Asian American registered voters that were contacted, 48% reported contact by the Democratic Party in the Fall 2016 National Asian American Survey, 16% by the Republican Party, and 35% by both parties.

• There is also a large opportunity for voter education through contact. In the same survey of registered voters, 41% of Asian Americans and 40% of Pacific Islanders did not declare an identification with either political party.

IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS

• 78% of Asian Americans in Illinois speak a language other than English at home, and of those, more than 39% speak English less than “very well.”

• Turnout is 9% lower for Limited-English Proficient (LEP) than non-LEP registered voters according to the 2012 AAPI Post-Election Survey, and 63% say that Asian language support at polling places would be useful.

SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES

• 68,239 Asian Americans in Illinois (10.4%) lack health insurance.

• 75,733 Asian Americans in Illinois (11.8%) live in poverty.

• About 506 NHPIs in Illinois (12.6%) live in poverty.

MULTILINGUAL VOTER HOTLINE

• If you, or anyone you know, has difficulty with language access or needs any other type of voting assistance (including questions about polling locations or voting procedures), please call the National Asian American Voter Hotline at 1-888-API-VOTE (1-888-274-8683).

For more information or questions, please email info@apiavote.org or info@aapidata.com.