

Asian American Experiences:

Focus on High-Need Issues

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Workshop Goals

- **Quick facts on high-need issues** (5 min.)
- **Free writing and small group discussions** (20 min.):
 - Sharing experiences with high-need issues
 - Community survey input: Whom should we survey? What kinds of resources do you want to know about?
- **Reporting out and general discussion** (20 min.)

Academic Achievement

- Asian American and NHPI adults in Orange County age 25 and older are less likely than Whites and African Americans to have a **high school diploma or GED**.
 - Asian American 87%
 - NHPI 90%
 - White 96%
 - African American 92%
- Cambodian (25%) and Vietnamese (28%) Americans are among those least likely to have a **college degree**.

Mental Health

- From 2000-10, **suicide** was the 8th leading cause of death among Asian Americans overall (compared to 10th among whites).
- Asian American adolescent girls (G5-12) have the highest rate of **depression** across race and gender.
- Approximately 23% of Asian American adults in OC have a physical, mental, or emotional **disability**.
- Asian Americans exhibit the lowest rates across gender, age, and geographic location of **utilization of mental health services** compared to other ethnic populations.
- Over 87,000 Asian Americans in OC do not have **health insurance**. Nearly 3 in 10 Korean American are uninsured.

Immigration

- Orange County has the **fourth largest** number of Asian American immigrants (62%) among counties nationwide.
- Nearly all Asian American **ethnic groups** have populations that are majority foreign born: Taiwanese (72%); Korean (69%); Vietnamese (69%).
- Japanese Americans are the only Asian American ethnic group in OC that is majority **native-born** (72%).
- Approximately 14% of Asian American **youth** are immigrants, with Korean American youth most likely to be foreign-born (21%).
- There are no official estimates of the number of **undocumented** Asian American immigrants in OC, however some estimate a minimum of 52,000 from a national average of 1.3 million.

Family Issues

- Over $\frac{3}{4}$ (76%) of Asian Americans speak a language **other than English**, a rate second only to Latinos (80%).
- One in four Asian American households in OC (25%) are **linguistically isolated** (every member 14 years or older is LEP). This rate has increased 21% since 2000.
- Vietnamese Americans (160%) and Japanese Americans (146%) had the greatest increases in the number of **unemployed** between 2007-2012.
- In OC, 1 in 10 Asian Americans live in **poverty** and nearly a quarter are low-income.

Free Writing & Small Group Discussion

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- Community Survey: Inventory of Language-Related Resources
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 - **Other** survey questions?

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