

## IMMIGRANT STATUS AS A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH

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#### ABOUT APIAHF

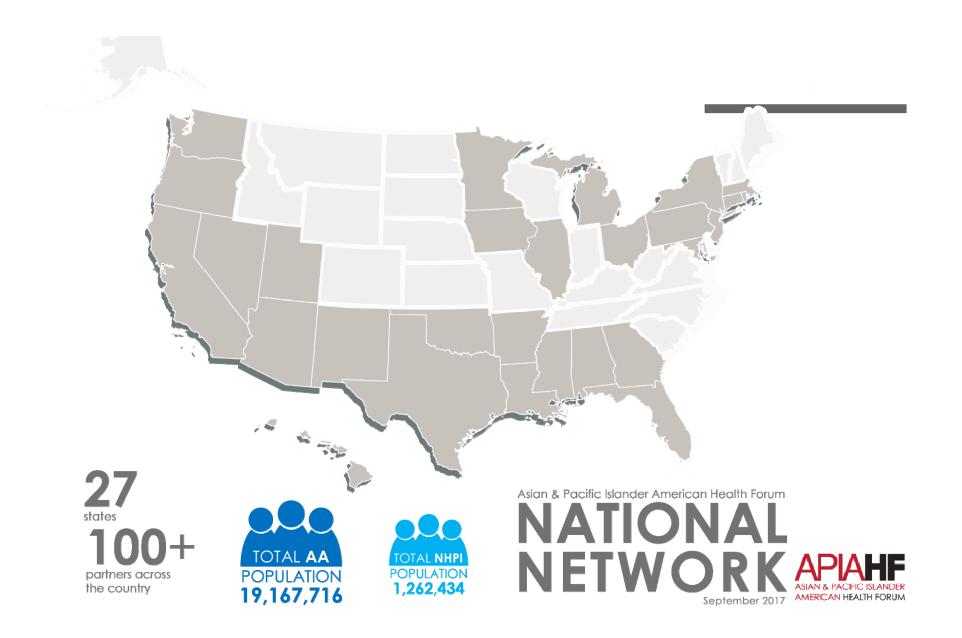
#### Advocates for Health Justice

Founded in 1986 with headquarters in Oakland and an office in Washington DC, APIAHF is the oldest and largest health advocacy organization working with AA and NHPI communities across the nation, in the US Territories, and with the US-affiliated Pacific jurisdictions.

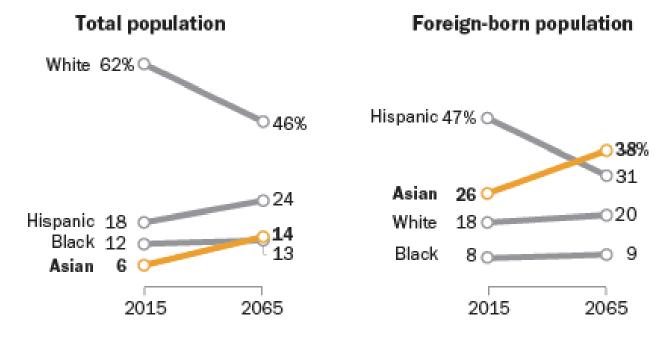
#### Mission

APIAHF influences policy, mobilizes communities, and strengthens programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.





#### By 2065, No Racial or Ethnic Group Will Be a Majority



Note: Whites, blacks and Asians include only single-race non-Hispanics. Asians include Pacific Islanders. Hispanics are of any race. Other races included in totals but not shown.

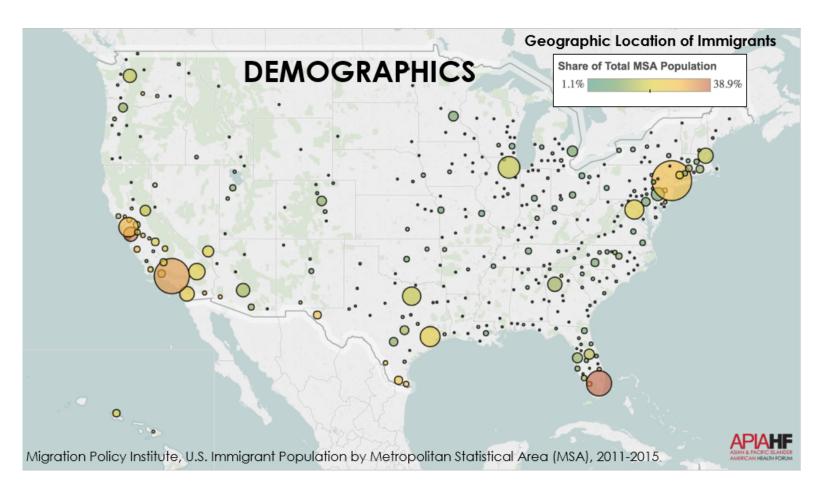
Source: Pew Research Center projections

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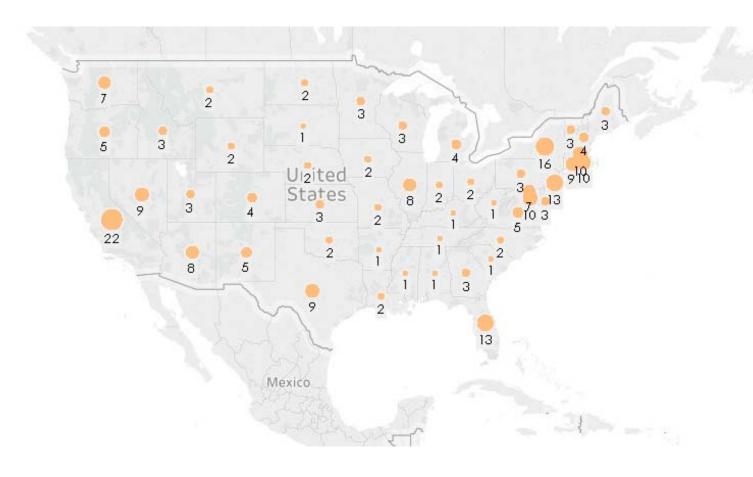


### FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION

(Percent by State, 1990)

California	22
New York	16
Hawaii	15
Florida	13
New Jersey	13

Source: 1990 U.S. Census Data



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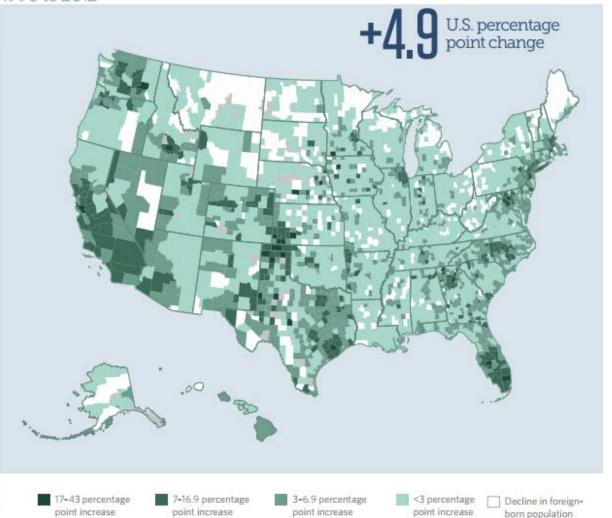
(Percent by State, 2016)

California	27
New York	23
New Jersey	23
Florida	21
Nevada	20

Source: 2016 American Community Survey Data



Change in foreign-born adults as a share of total adult county population from 1990 to 2012



# AS A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF COVERAGE



Sources: Pew's analysis of the 1990 decennial census and 2008-2012 American Community Survey

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### Sample of Immigration Statuses

Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders)

Humanitarian Visas (Asylees, Refugees, Temporary Protection Status, and Deferred Action and others)

Survivors of crimes, including Domestic Violence and Trafficking

Nonimmigrant Visas (Tourists, Workers, others)

Citizens of Compact of Free Association (COFA) nations

Undocumented



### Health Insurance Restrictions for Some Immigrant Populations

Bar from Medicaid and CHIP for Immigrants who have held lawful status for less than five years

Restriction on Medicaid for Immigrants Who Are Not "Qualified"

Restriction on Those Not Considered Lawfully Present for ACA and Non-Emergency Medicaid



HEALTH CARE IS A
HUMAN RIGHT AND
PROVIDING HEALTH
COVERAGE TO
EVERYONE —
REGARDLESS OF
IMMIGRATION
STATUS — IS THE
RIGHT THING TO DO.





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### **Two Decades of Restricting Access...**

- 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconcilation Act
- 2010 Affordable Care Act (expansion for lawfully present + restrictions on undocumented)
- 2013 Comprehensive Immigration Reform proposals
- 2017 ACA repeal bills



#### **IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO CARE**

### Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Healthcare

"compelling evidence exists that patients with limited English-language proficiency encounter... decreased likelihood of having a usual source of care, increased probability of receiving unnecessary diagnostic tests, more serious adverse outcomes from medical errors, and drug complications"

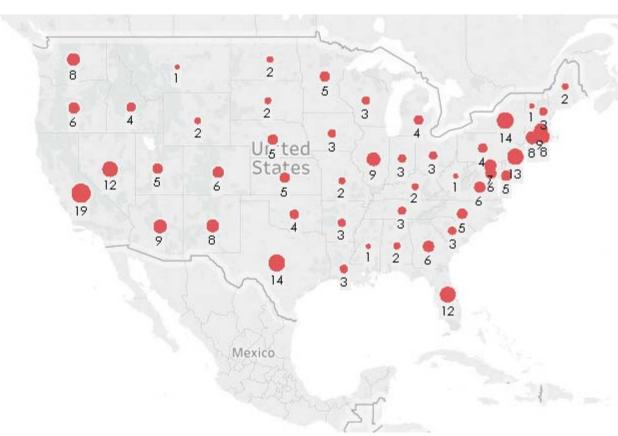
-Institute of Medicine, Race, Ethnicity, and Language Data: Standardization for Health Care Quality Improvement



### LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT POPULATION (Percent by State, 2016)

California	19
Texas	14
New York	14
New Jersey	13
Hawaii	12
Florida	12
Nevada	12

Source: 2016 American Community Survey Data



### WHAT GETS MEASURED GETS DONE

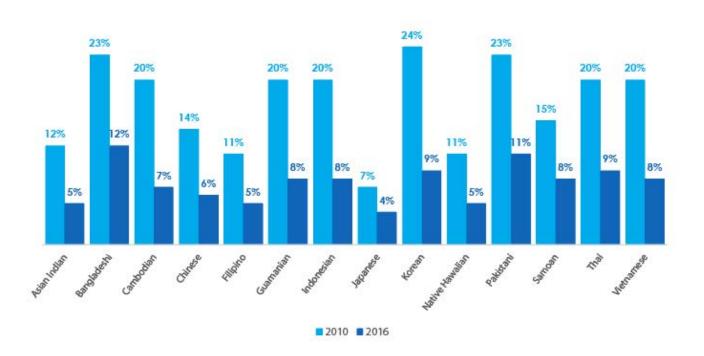
### Disaggregated Data Allows Us to See Disparities

- Immigrants are not a racial, ethnic, or geographic monolith
- Disaggregated data tell us who experience disparities and what interventions are most effective
- Providers can use disaggregated data to determine percentage of LEP, most common languages spoken, and who is eligible to be served in their areas



### DATA ALLOWS US TO SEE DISPARITIES

### Disparities in who is uninsured differ, but all groups have benefited from the ACA





### **ACTION FOR HEALTH JUSTICE**



### **HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES**

FOR ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER PARTNER STATES

**HEALTH INSURANCE** MARKETPLACES

STATE-BASED

PARTNERSHIP

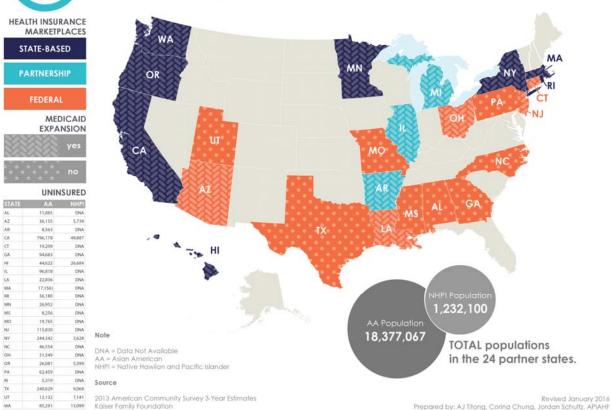
FEDERAL

MEDICAID **EXPANSION** 



#### UNINSURED

STATE	AA	
AL	11,885	DNA
AZ	36,155	5,739
AR	8,563	DNA
CA	796,178	49,887
CT	19,209	DNA
GA	94,683	DNA
н	44,622	26,684
H.	96,818	DNA
LA .	22,836	DNA
MA	17,156)	DNA
MI	36,180	DNA
MN	26,952	DNA
MS	8,256	DNA
MO	19,765	DNA
NJ	115,830	DNA
NY	244,342	3,628
NC	46,554	DNA
OH	31,549	DNA
OR	26,081	5,399
PA	62,459	DNA
RI	5,319	DNA
TX	240,629	9,068
UT	12,132	7,14

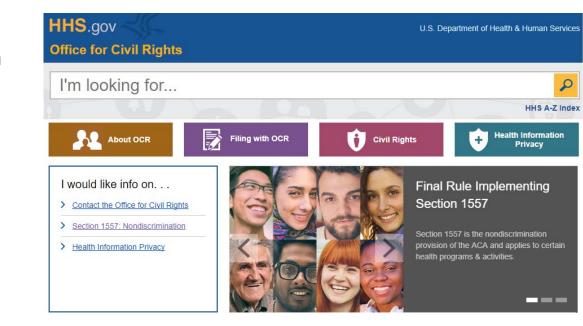




### SECTION 1557

Section 1557 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in certain health programs and activities.

- •Language assistance services
- •Notice of right to communications assistance
- •Taglines with top 15 languages in the state
- •Definitions for qualified translation and interpretation services
- •Develop language access plans for meaningful access





### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDERS

How can stakeholders partner to improve immigrant health?





### Listen to the Community

- Community-driven solutions can best address population needs
- Involving the voices of community leaders, as well as members, lead to not just, better policy outcomes, but greater buy-in and trust





### **Research and Metrics**

- Data identifies disparities
- Economic impact research
- Messaging
- Measuring language and health
- Impact of anti-immigrant policies





### **Delivery System for Funders**

- A voice at the cost and quality table
- How are systems serving the remaining uninsured?
- Funding models that center immigrant health





### **Support Policy Change**

- Federal protections
- Highlighting the good and fighting the bad in states
- Working with sanctuary cities
- Funding campaign infrastructure







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