Using National Data to Understand the Health of the Asian American Population

Data Collection Needs, Challenges and Opportunities for Improvement

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Our Mission

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) influences policy, mobilizes communities, and strengthens programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.
Roadmap

• The Asian American Population: Demographic and Socioeconomic Profile

• Data Collection Challenges

• Role of the Federal Government

• Future Opportunities
Percent Change in the U.S.

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census
Percent of Asian Population in the U.S. by Ethnicity

Source: 2010 Census
Speak language other than English at home

70.5% Asian
77.0% Asian Indian
80.6% Bangladeshi
75.1% Cambodian
56.9% Chinese, except Taiwanese
67.4% Filipino
91.3% Hmong
67.4% Indonesian
71.2% Japanese
81.1% Korean
85.7% Laotian
65.2% Malaysian
71.9% Pakistani
81.8% Sri Lankan
66.0% Taiwanese
84.2% Thai
80.8% Vietnamese
19.8% Other Asian

Source: 2007-2009 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
### Per capita income among Asian groups, United States

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<th>Group</th>
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Source: 2007-2009 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates
Health Insurance Coverage

Source: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
Note: Totals may exceed 100% because individuals may have both private and public insurance.
Health Disparities

- Cancer (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese)
- Hepatitis B (Vietnamese, Chinese)
- Heart Disease/Stroke (Filipino, Japanese, South Asian)
- Diabetes (South Asian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Chinese)
- HIV/AIDS (Filipino)
Data Collection Challenges

AA and NHPI data collection efforts lag behind those of other groups for variety of reasons:
- cultural and linguistic barriers
- small sample size
- data not collected
- data not disaggregated by ethnic subgroup
Role of the Federal Government
Future Opportunities

Section 4302 data collection standards

Community partnerships

Standardize data formatting
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