
New York City

1.5 million

The number of AAPI residents, double the population in 1990

17%

Of New York City's population is AAPI, the fastest growing racial group

30

Different ethnic groups, speaking 50 different languages

845,000

AAPI immigrants live in NYC

Executive Summary

New York City is home to some of the most established AAPI communities in the nation including Chinatown, Flushing, Jackson Heights, Sunset Park, Elmhurst, and Bensonhurst. AAPIs in New York City represents over 10% of the population in 26 out of 51 council districts. The city's AAPI population is incredibly diverse, with more than 30 different ethnic groups speaking more than 50 languages. While almost half of New York's AAPI population is Chinese, the size of the South and Southeast Asian population is significant with Indians, Filipinos, and Bangladeshis ranking in the top 5 AAPI groups.

The visibility of AAPI communities in NYC has also made them a target of hate during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are several places victims can report suspected anti-Asian hate incidents; all have shown increases since the pandemic. From March 2020 to June 2021, there were 1,523 incidents in NYC self reported to Stop AAPI Hate.

In response, numerous community groups have held rallies, vigils, and press conferences; raised funds; created volunteer patrols; distributed personal safety alarms; and raised awareness of anti-Asian racism. In addition, the NYPD formed the Asian Hate Crime Task Force and deployed an all-AAPI team of plain-clothes police officers. The de Blasio Administration and the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC) launched Partners Against The Hate (PATH), a community-based hate crime prevention initiative. The City Council approved \$4 million to the AAPI Community Support Initiative.

Safety

↑ **395%**

Hate crimes reported to NYPD against AAPIs are up 395% as of July 4, 2021, compared to the same period in 2020

70%

Of AAPI families decided not to send their children back for the 2021-2022 school year, many citing the rise in anti-Asian violence as a factor in their decision.

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Of AAPI immigrants are essential workers, making them particularly vulnerable to the dual pandemics of racism and COVID-19.

[Hope Against Hate Campaign](#)

The Asian American Federation campaign, which provides victim services, safety trainings, and the safety ambassador program

[Yellow Whistle Campaign](#)

A nationwide program to distribute 500,000 personal safety whistles to AAPI

[Soar Over Hate](#)

Has distributed 19,000 self-defense devices.

[Protect Chinatown](#)

Offers a volunteer chaperone service to AAPI individuals along with other AAPI safety initiatives

[Chinatown Block Watch](#)

Twice weekly volunteer patrols provide visibility, information, and informal services

[Mayor de Blasio Announces \\$3M funding to Combat Hate Crimes in New York City](#)

P.A.T.H. FORWARD will provide funding and programmatic support to six anchor organizations promote community-based approaches to reduce hate crimes and to expand hate crime reporting and services for victims.

[NYPD formed Asian Hate Crime Task Force](#)

The first-ever task force dedicated to investigating crimes targeting a single race.

[NYPD adding undercover patrols to combat anti-Asian attacks](#)

The NYPD is adding two detectives to its hate crimes task force, holding community forums in Asian neighborhoods and providing businesses and residents with posters and pamphlets.

Belonging

52%

Of AAPI immigrants live in Queens

27%–76%

The range of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) rates by immigrant ethnic group. Filipinos have the lowest share of LEP and Chinese the highest.

[Asian American Bar Association of New York Issues Joint Statement Calling for Increased Representation of AAPIs in Leadership Positions in the New York Judiciary](#)

The South Asian Bar Association of New York, Asian American Bar Association of New York, Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, and the Filipino American Lawyers Association of New York call on administrators of the New York State Unified Court System to appoint AAPI judges to fill judicial vacancies.

[Asian American Community Leaders, State Legislators, and Diverse Allies Call on Governor Cuomo to Step Up to Support Asian Americans New Yorkers](#)

“[Chinese American Planning Council] CPC joined Asian American community leaders to denounce Governor Cuomo’s March 17 statement on the tragic mass shooting in Atlanta....Asian American leaders...NY State legislators, and hundreds of Allies... from New York’s nonprofit, business, union, philanthropic, and faith sectors are calling for a \$19.5 million package for Asian American community based organizations.

[“Responses: Asian American Voices Resisting the Tides of Racism”](#)

And exhibit at the Museum of Chinese in America with a Timeline of Anti-Asian Racism in America and submissions to MOCA’s OneWorld COVID-19 Special Collection.

[Open Letter for Asian-American History Education in NYC Public Schools](#)

An open letter to Mayor De Blasio and Schools Chancellor Meisha Porter signed by 2,500 parents

Prosperity

24%

Of AAPI immigrants lives in poverty. Along with Hispanics, the highest of all immigrant groups in NYC.

+1/2

More than ½ of Japanese, Filipino, Taiwanese, and Korean immigrants are college graduates.

11%

Of AAPI immigrants are business owners.

Besides the following recent initiatives, there are numerous long-standing organizations dedicated to ensuring the economic, health, educational, and cultural prosperity of NYC's AAPI community

[NYC City Council approves \\$4M to AAPI Community Support Initiative](#)

"The funds are aimed toward a diverse group of New Yorkers facing poverty and barriers to accessing services."

[Chinatown Runners](#)

Aims to bring support, awareness, and love to protect and preserve the chinatowns and AAPI-centric neighborhoods in our cities and beyond.

[Heart of Dinner](#)

Combats food insecurity and isolation among NYC's elderly East Asian community by delivering care packages of hot lunches and fresh produce every Wednesday, paired with a handwritten and illustrated letter in their native language.

[Welcome to Chinatown](#)

A grassroots initiative to support Chinatown businesses and amplify community voices that generates much needed momentum to preserve one of New York City's most vibrant neighborhoods.

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