
Oakland

6 million

The number of Californians of Asian descent

25%

California's Asian population grew by 25% in the past decade, the fastest growing ethnic group in the state.

32%

Of Alameda county's population is AAPI.

Executive Summary

California is home to almost one-third of the United States' AAPI population and some of the most established Asian American communities in the nation. In Alameda county, AAPIs comprise over 32% of the population, the largest ethnic group in both Alameda and its neighboring Santa Clara county. Over 300,500 residents of Alameda county speak an AAPI language at home

San Francisco and Oakland's Chinatowns date back to the 1850s. Although a hub of economic activity and culture, Chinatowns were also born out of discrimination and limited economic opportunities available to Asian Americans. That legacy lives on with nearly a third of Oakland's Chinatown residents living below the poverty line.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, anti-AAPI hate crimes rose dramatically, with almost 40% of all incidents occurring in California as of June 2021. The majority of hate incidents occurred in the Bay Area: 292 in San Francisco, 58 in San Jose, and 55 in Oakland as of February 2021.

In response to the rise in anti-AAPI incidents, there have been a number of public safety, legal, and community-based interventions addressing anti-Asian hate and providing support to impacted communities. These continue the Bay Area's long history as a center for social justice movements.

Safety

43→89

anti-Asian hate crimes reported in 2019 to the California DOJ vs 2020

708

Hate incidents reported in the Bay Area since the pandemic began to Stop AAPI Hate, as of February 2021. 55 were in Oakland.

Initiatives

Community-based and law enforcement responses to anti-Asian hate.

[New Oakland Chinatown Foot Patrol Forms to Protect Asian American Community](#)

A program of the The East Bay Toishan Association.

[Compassion in Oakland](#)

Volunteer escort services in Oakland's Chinatown

[Oakland Chinatown Victims Fund](#)

For Individuals and families impacted by hate crimes, fiscally sponsored by Asian Health Services

[Asian Organizations Across the Bay Area Join Forces to Demand Action Against Violence](#)

Joint letter signed by 93 organizations calling for long-term community centered solutions and cross-racial healing.

[FBI San Francisco Division Targets Hate Crime Surge With More Resources, Public Outreach](#)

The agency would include directing new resources and personnel toward hate crime investigations, increasing coordination and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, community outreach, and public awareness.

[Mayor Schaaf and Police Chief Armstrong Announce New Liaisons to Non-English Speaking Communities to Increase Safety](#)

Schaaf and Armstrong announced the creation of dedicated Police Liaisons to the two largest non-English speaking communities in Oakland.

Belonging

1850s

Chinese immigrants began settling in Oakland in the 1850s.

“In the interest of the public health and good morals, the Chinese should be restricted to that portion of our city already occupied by them.”

—Louis Shaffer, former chief of police (1906)

2020

AAPIs are the largest ethnic group in Alameda county.

Initiatives and Organizations

Promoting AAPI visibility and belonging

[Governor Newsom Signs API Equity Budget](#)

The \$156.5 million API Equity Budget is sponsored by the API Legislative Caucus. The majority of funding will go to victim services, with additional funding to track hate incidents, data equity, restorative justice in schools, and ethnic media outlets.

[Good Good Eatz \(previously Chinatown Improvement\)](#)

Connecting ethnic food districts across Oakland.

[Open E.A.R.S. for Change](#)

An initiative of the Oakland Asian Cultural Center to promote cross racial allyship between AAPI and Black communities in Oakland.

Prosperity

*A broad coalition of nonprofit organizations in Chinatown and throughout Oakland have been working deep in community **before, during, and will be long after this current crisis.***

–Asian Health
Services

Organizations

Promoting the economic, health, and cultural prosperity of AAPIs in Oakland/East Bay.

[Asian Health Services](#)

Provides health (medical, dental, and mental health), social, and advocacy services to more than 50,000 patients in English and over 14 Asian languages.

[Asian Pacific Environmental Network](#)

An environmental justice organization working with Asian immigrants and refugees in Oakland and Richmond

[Banteay Srei](#)

Promotes sexual health education, community building activities, and leadership development for Southeast and Asian women at-risk of or suffering from sexual exploitation.

[East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation](#)

Community development and property management

[Family Bridges, Inc.](#)

Serves ~10,000 moderate-to-low income Asian East Bay residents through adult and senior centers, social services, child care, community health programs, and community ambassadors.

[Oakland Asian Cultural Center](#)

API arts and cultural programs that foster intergenerational and cross-cultural dialogue and understanding, collaboration, and social justice.

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