



# Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Asian Pacific Americans in New York

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# Asian Americans in U.S.

- **17.3 MILLION** U.S. residents are of Asian descent.
- **10.2 MILLION** (60%) Asian Americans are foreign-born.
- **46% growth** in the Asian American population between 2000 and 2010 census
- **15%** of people identifying themselves as Asian in combination with one or more other races.
- **24%** of the Asian population is under the age of 18 years, while **10%** is over 65 years.
- **DIVERSE COMMUNITY** comprising over 32 countries of origin, cultures, religions, time in the U.S., age, English proficiency, and socioeconomic status.

Source: U.S. Census, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: May 2011, CB11-FF.06 April 29, 2011

# Asian Americans in New York City

The Asian American population is 1.6M (8%) of New York State and 1.1M (14%) of New York City.

7 out of 10 are foreign-born

1 out of 2 Asian Americans speak English less than “very well”



1 out of 8 does not have health insurance

1 out of 4 is live in poverty

# Asian Americans in NYS

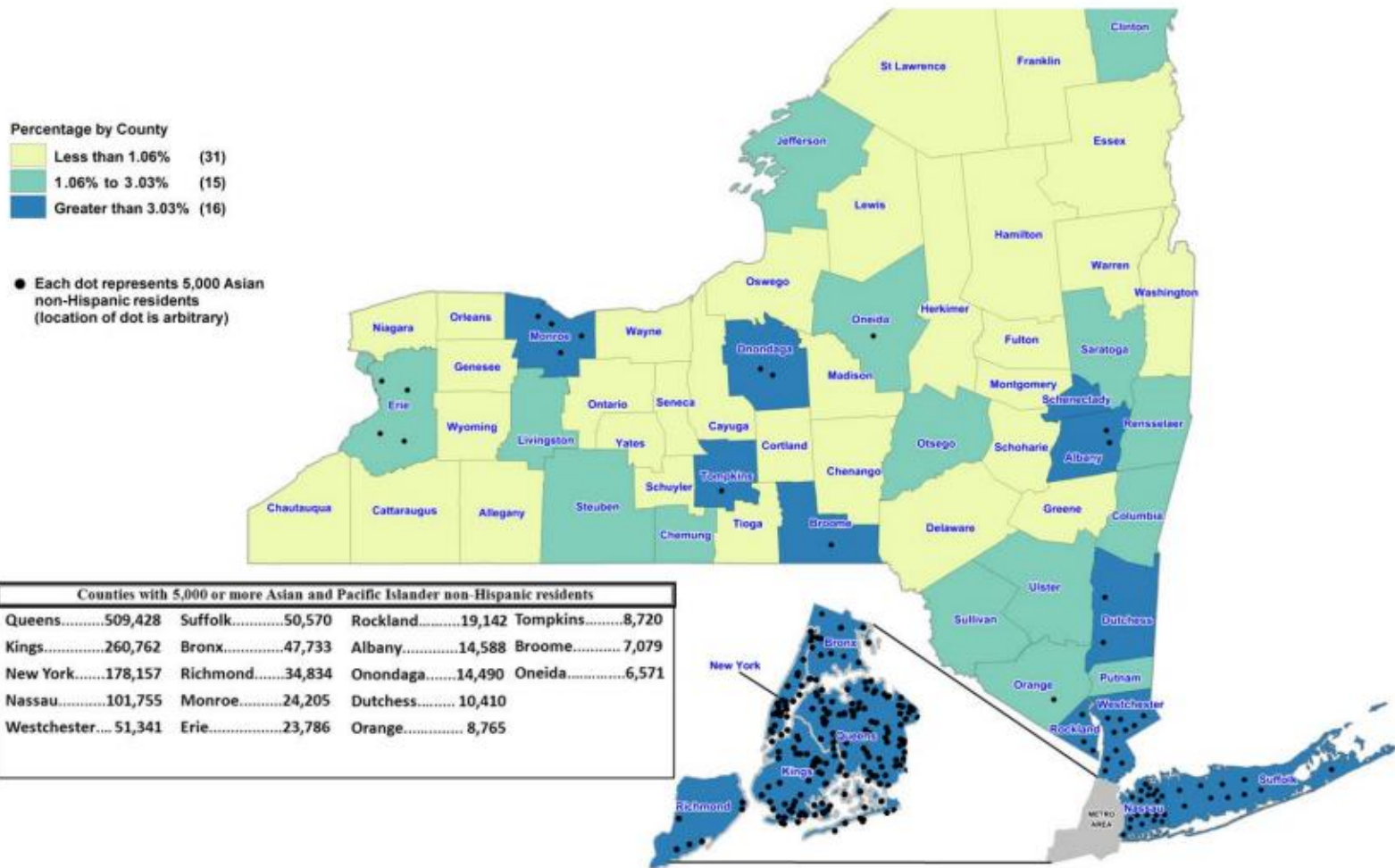
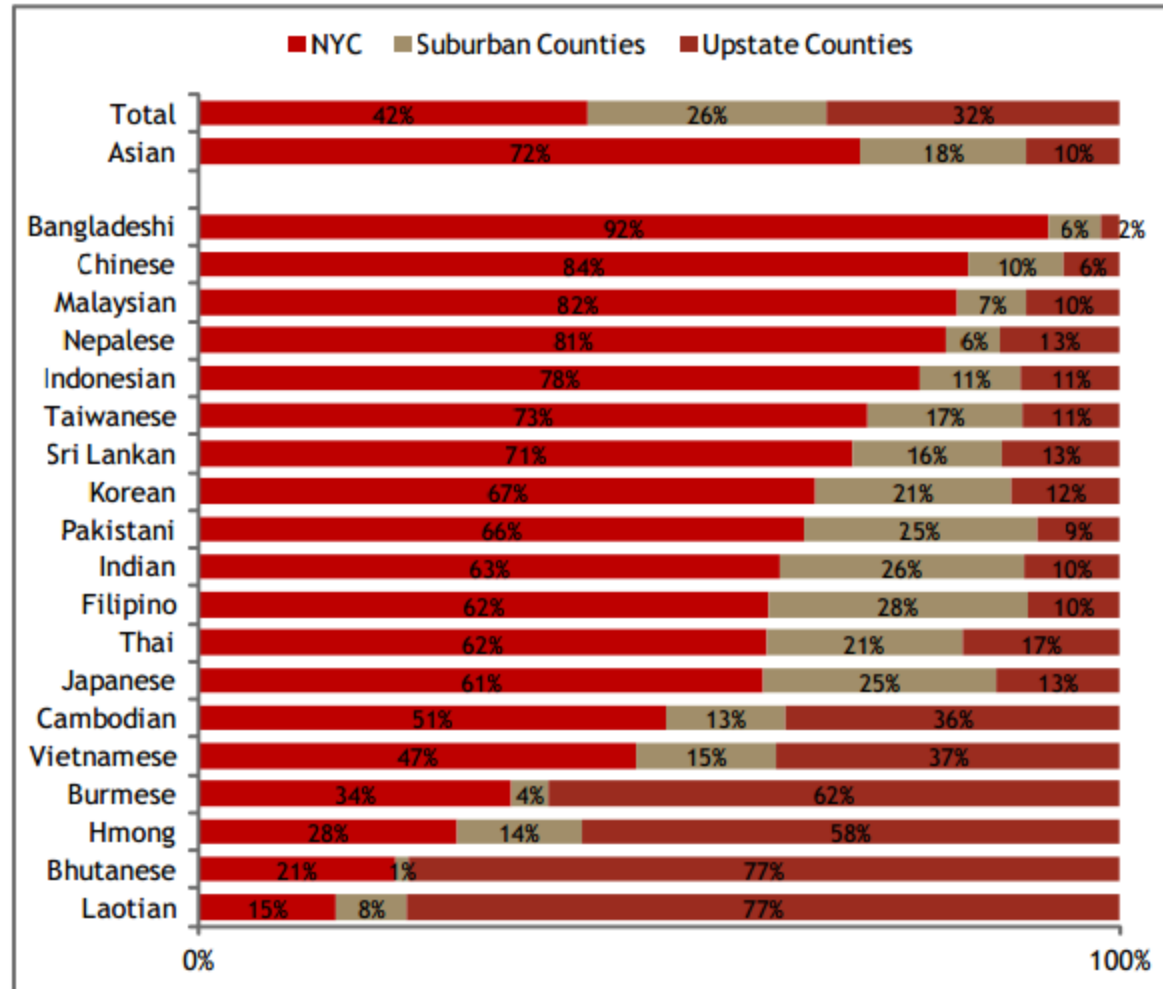


Figure 1.1: Regional Distribution of Asian Ethnic Groups





# Asian American Children in NYC

1 in 8 children (229,587) in NYC are Asian Americans

AA children only racial group that saw an increase in population in last Census (16%)

Population growth mostly among US-born Asian children

Increase mostly from: Chinese, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, and Japanese children



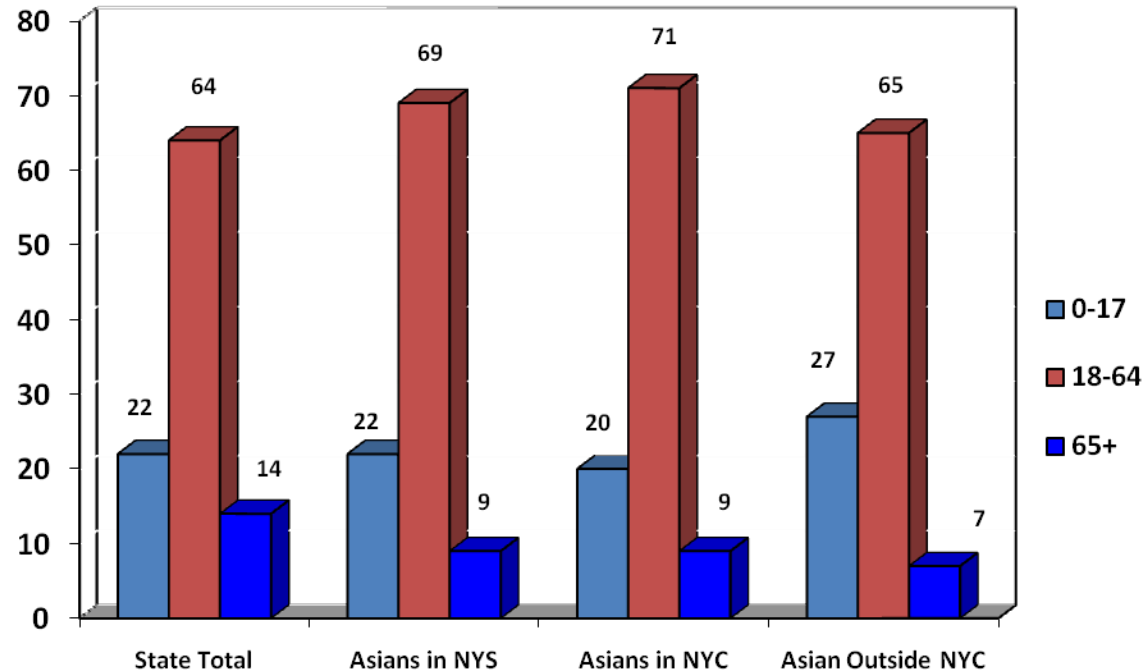
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AA child population grew by 53% in upstate counties and 43% in suburban counties.

AA children make up 22% of upstate and 28% of suburban AA population.

Increase in number of refugees from Myanmar and Bhutan settling in several cities in New York such as Buffalo, Utica, and Syracuse.

Without growth of Asian population, NYS would have had an overall decline in the population in last decade.



# Asian-Owned Small Businesses

- NY had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest state (196,852)
  - Among cities, **NYC having the largest number of Asian-owned business** (153,885)
  - Among counties, **Queens County** was 2<sup>nd</sup> (68,606) behind Los Angeles County
- NYC Asian-owned business contributed **\$38B in sales and employed 160K in 2007**
- Highest # of firms were among **Chinese** (71,613), **Indians** (34,227), and **Koreans** (17,954)
- Overrepresented in accommodation & food services, transportation and warehousing, and wholesale trade



# Limited English Proficiency Rates of Asian Americans in NYC (Ages 5 - 17 years)

Language Spoken at Home	2000			2006-2010			Percent Change in LEP Speakers
	Speakers	LEP Speakers	LEP Rate	Speakers	LEP Speakers	LEP Rate	
Chinese	51,381	24,073	47%	55,996	19,271	34%	-20%
Bengali	9,513	3,333	35%	15,703	3,485	22%	5%
Urdu	10,097	3,523	35%	9,713	2,190	23%	-38%
Korean	11,085	4,376	39%	8,472	1,931	23%	-56%
Punjabi	4,577	1,768	39%	5,357	828	15%	-53%
Tagalog	4,541	1,209	27%	3,822	890	23%	-26%
Hindi	3,013	882	29%	3,425	471	14%	-47%
Other Asian languages	2,392	968	40%	2,832	1,144	40%	18%
Other South Asian languages	2,591	733	28%	2,001	421	21%	-43%
Vietnamese	1,528	1,000	65%	1,712	541	32%	-46%
Japanese	734	245	33%	1,619	367	23%	50%
Gujarati	1,355	385	28%	1,473	308	21%	-20%
Malayalam	1,215	425	35%	1,252	343	27%	-19%
Nepali	83	65	78%	817	268	33%	312%

# Public School Enrollment

Household Income	Asian Alone or in Combination	Black Alone or in Combination	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White	All Population Groups
Loss or No Income	86%	94%	95%	60%	91%
\$1 to \$24,999	95%	94%	95%	45%	89%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	94%	92%	92%	53%	87%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	90%	86%	87%	55%	79%
\$100,000 to \$149,000	84%	79%	75%	55%	70%
\$150,000 to \$249,999	80%	78%	67%	50%	64%
\$250,000 or more	56%	61%	60%	30%	38%

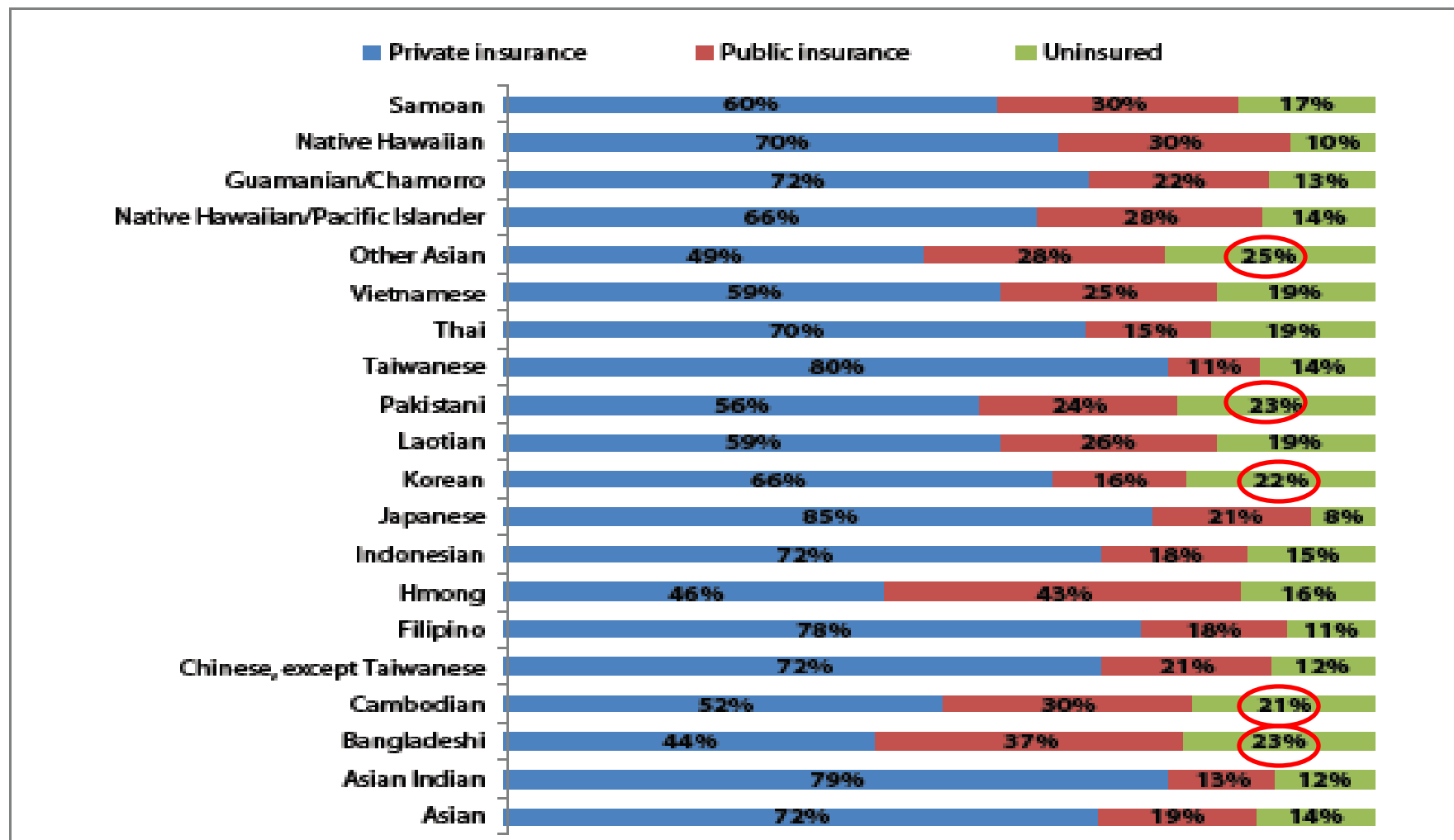
Source: Asian American Federation (2012). Asian Americans in New York City: A Decade of Dynamic Change 2000-2010. Findings based on U.S. Census 2000 and 2010.

# The Case for Health Reform

- **2.3 million** Asian Americans are uninsured nationally. Highest among **Bangladeshis, Pakistanis, Koreans, and Cambodians**.
- **1 in 8** Asian Americans in NYC has been uninsured. Overwhelmingly, majority (**83%**) of uninsured AA in NYC are foreign-born.
- Nationally, while 72% of Asian Americans receive health care through their employers, many of the remaining are **self-employed**, working in **small businesses** or in **cash-based industries** that are less likely to offer health benefits.
- Healthcare access **problems are exacerbated** in Asian American communities by immigration status, language barriers, cultural stigmas regarding public benefits, and low utilization of primary and preventive care.

Sources: Kaiser Family Foundation (2008),  
NYC DOHMH, Community Health Survey (2007),  
and APIAHF (2009)

## SOURCE OF COVERAGE BY AA AND NHPI ETHNIC GROUP



Source: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

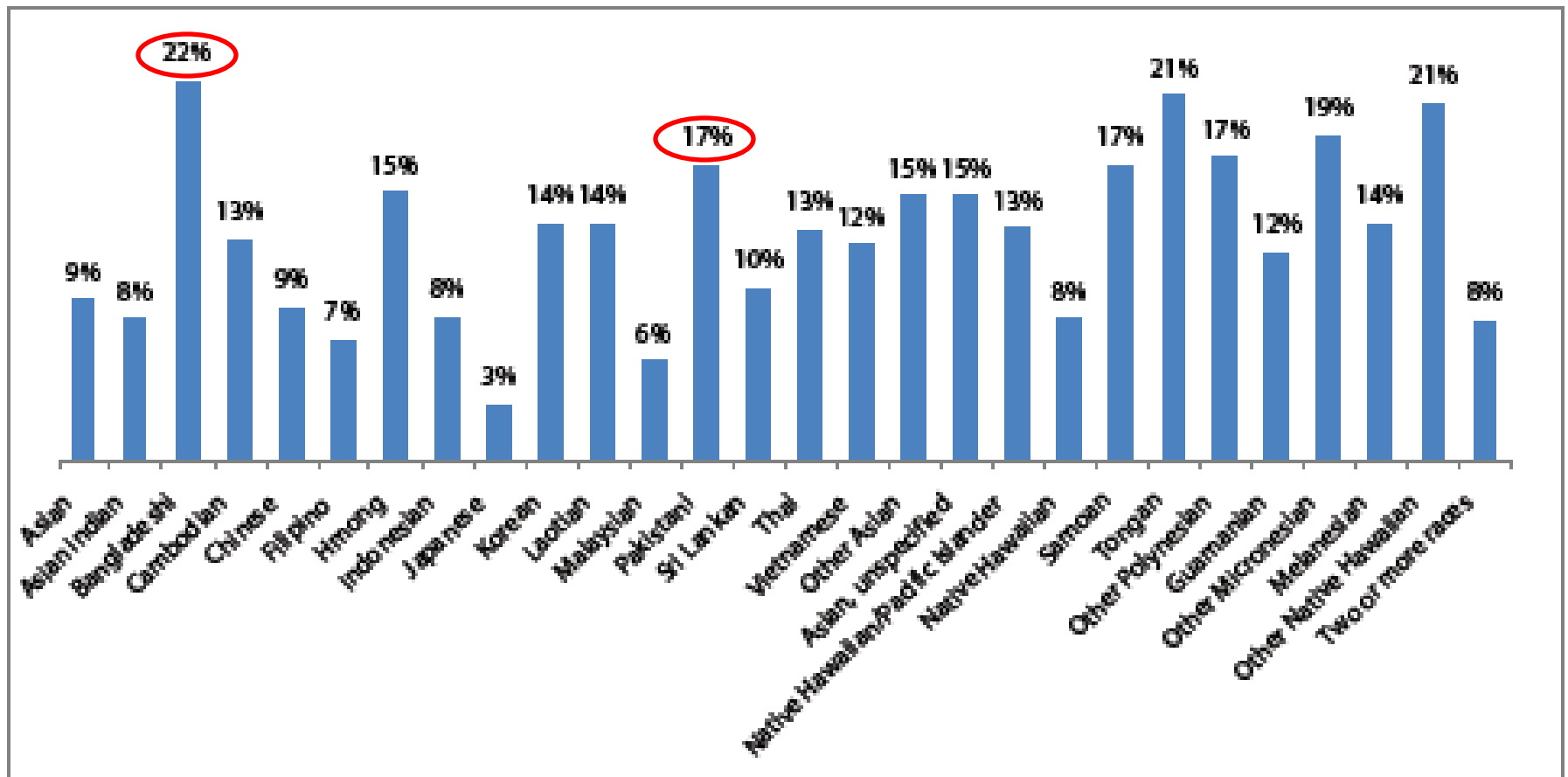
Note: Totals may exceed 100% because individuals may have both private and public insurance.

# Children's Health Coverage

Population Group	With private health insurance	With public coverage	No health insurance
Asian Alone or in Combination	47%	46%	6%
Black Alone or in Combination	43%	51%	5%
Hispanics	30%	65%	5%
Non-Hispanic White Alone	69%	28%	3%
All Population Groups	46%	49%	5%
Chinese Alone	45%	49%	6%
Indian Alone	44%	51%	6%
Korean Alone	50%	39%	10%
Filipino Alone	68%	30%	3%
Bangladeshi Alone	27%	66%	7%
Pakistani Alone	29%	68%	3%
Japanese Alone	79%	15%	7%

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## PROJECTED MEDICAID GAINS BY AA AND NHPI ETHNIC GROUP



Source: APIA/HF analysis of 2009 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)



# Impact of ACA on Asian Americans in New York

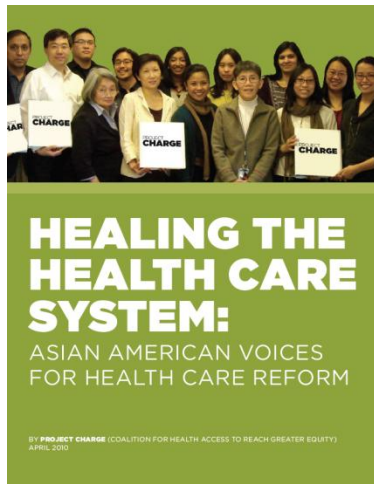
*ACA will extend coverage to 1 million in NYS,  
including **uninsured Asian Americans***

- Cultural Competent Case Management
- Language Accessible Services
- Data Improvements
- Strengthening Diverse Health Workforce
- Support for Community Health Centers

# Consideration & Recommendations

- **Mixed-status** families & **Household** make-up
- **Children's role** in health care of family
- **Gatekeepers** of family and community health
  - Parent, elder, faith leader, CBO, small business, media, elected officials
- **Monitoring and tracking** of language access and race/ethnicity
- **Benchmark data and best practices** outside health as guides

# Ensuring Access for APAs



- **Comprehensive Immigration Reform** and Health Access
- **Language Access** for Exchange
- Culturally Competent & Language Accessible **Outreach & Education**
- **Data** Collection & Reporting Improvements
- Getting a **Seat at the Table**
- Promote **Options** for “left behinds” and Protect **Safety Net**

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