



ASIAN AMERICAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) *FAST FACTS*

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HUNGER & POVERTY FACTS

Includes Most Recent Data Available as of May 1st

FOOD ACCESS

Source: AA & NH/PI Health Central. NYC COVID-19 Community Health Resources and Needs Assessment (CHRNA). 2021.

https://aanhpihealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Asian-American_NYC-COVID-CHRNA_Advance-Findings.pdf

NYC

Based on a study by *The New York City COVID-19 Community Health Resources and Needs Assessment (CHRNA)*:

- **51 percent** of Asian American adults needed help getting food during the pandemic.
- **85 percent** of Asian Americans reported changing their food habits due to the pandemic.

Among the Asian Americans who changed their food habits due to the pandemic:

- **19 percent** reported utilizing food pantries and food banks.
- **6 percent** reported utilizing city or community based organization food delivery programs such as Meals on Wheels.
- **8 percent** reported rationing or skipping meals altogether.

POVERTY

Source: 2023 American Community Survey. U.S. Census Bureau. 2024.

The U.S. poverty threshold is approximately \$21,960 annually for a household of three.

U.S

- An estimated **10.8 percent, or more than 2.0 million (2,017,333)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in the U.S. are considered living below the federal poverty level. The national Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is nearly **16 percent lower** than the national poverty rate of 12.8 percent.
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NYS

- An estimated **14.4 percent, or nearly 238,000 (237,670)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in New York State are considered living below the federal poverty level. New York State's Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is **6 percent higher** than New York State's poverty rate of 13.6 percent.

NYC

- An estimated **15.8 percent, or more than 187,000 (187,321)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in New York City are considered living below the federal poverty level. New York City's Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is **9 percent lower** than New York City's poverty rate of 17.3 percent.

BRONX

- An estimated **21.6 percent, or more than 12,000 (12,154)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in the Bronx are considered living below the federal poverty level. The Bronx' Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is **20 percent lower** than Bronx' poverty rate of 27.0 percent.

BROOKLYN

- An estimated **18.9 percent, or nearly 58,000 (57,584)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in Brooklyn are considered living below the federal poverty level. Brooklyn's Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is nearly **2 percent lower** than Brooklyn's poverty rate of 19.2 percent.

MANHATTAN

- An estimated **17.8 percent, or more than 34,000 (34,011)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in Manhattan are considered living below the federal poverty level. Manhattan's Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is **14 percent higher** than Manhattan's poverty rate of 15.6 percent.
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QUEENS

- An estimated **13.4 percent, or nearly 79,000 (78,886)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in Queens are considered living below the federal poverty level. Queens' Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is nearly **16 percent higher** than Queens' poverty rate of 11.6 percent.

STATEN ISLAND

- An estimated **9.9 percent, or nearly 5,000 (4,686)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders in Staten Island are considered living below the federal poverty level. Staten Island's Asian American/Pacific Islander poverty rate is **8 percent lower** than Staten Island's poverty rate of 10.8 percent.

UNDOCUMENTED ASIANS IN NYC

NEW YORK CITY

Source: Migration Policy Institute. Unauthorized Immigrant Populations by Country and Region. 2019.

There is an estimated 160,000 unauthorized Asian in New York City. Undocumented status and lack of English language skills make it more difficult for individuals to hear about resources and impede them from accessing the resources that are available.

This makes the estimated 160,000 unauthorized Asian ineligible for federal food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ([SNAP](#)) and the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children ([WIC](#)), and also excluded them from participating in the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer ([P-EBT](#)), an initiative that gave emergency nutrition benefits to the parents of children who would normally qualify for free or reduced-price meals under the [National School Lunch Act](#).

A borough breakdown looks like this:

- **86,000 unauthorized immigrants** in Queens County are Asians, making up **36 percent** of the total unauthorized immigrant population in Queens County.
 - **41,000 unauthorized immigrants** in Kings County are Asians, making up **26 percent** of the total unauthorized immigrant population in Kings County.
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- **25,000 unauthorized immigrants** in New York County are Asians, making up **30 percent** of the total unauthorized immigrant population in New York County.
 - **4,000 unauthorized immigrants** in Bronx County are Asians, making up **3 percent** of the total unauthorized immigrant population in Bronx County.
 - **4,000 unauthorized immigrants** in Richmond County are Asians, making up **27 percent** of the total unauthorized immigrant population in Richmond County.
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**SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (SNAP)**

Source: 2023 American
Community Survey.
U.S. Census Bureau.
2024.

U.S.

- **3.2 percent**, or more than **453 thousand (453,322)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in the United States rely on SNAP.

NYS

- **6.7 percent**, or more than **71 thousand (71,113)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in New York State rely on SNAP.

NYC

- **9.9 percent**, or more than **60 thousand (60,345)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in New York City rely on SNAP.

BRONX

- **2.0 percent**, or nearly **4 thousand (3,575)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in the Bronx rely on SNAP.

BROOKLYN

- **9.2 percent**, or more than **19 thousand (19,427)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in Brooklyn rely on SNAP.

MANHATTAN

- **14.2 percent**, or nearly **14 thousand (13,874)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in Manhattan rely on SNAP.
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QUEENS

- **21.7 percent**, or nearly **22 thousand (21,546)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in Queens rely on SNAP.

STATEN ISLAND

- **10.1 percent**, or nearly **2 thousand (1,923)** Asian American/Pacific Islander households in Staten Island rely on SNAP.

POPULATION

Source: 2023
American Community
Survey. U.S. Census
Bureau. 2024.

U.S.

- **More than 19.0 million (19,033,041)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in the U.S., or 6 percent of the total population.

NYS

- **Nearly 1.7 million (1,683,592)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in New York State, or 9 percent of New York State residents.

NYC

- **More than 1.2 million (1,202,544)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in New York City, or 14 percent of New York City residents.

BRONX

- More than **57,000 (57,148)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in the Bronx, or 4 percent of Bronx residents.

BROOKLYN

- More than **308,000 (308,175)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in Brooklyn, or 12 percent of Brooklyn residents.

MANHATTAN

- More than **199,000 (199,450)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in Manhattan, or 12 percent of Manhattan residents.

QUEENS

- More than **590,000 (590,025)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in Queens, or 26 percent of Queens' residents.
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STATEN ISLAND

- Nearly **48,000 (47,746)** Asian American/Pacific Islanders are living in Staten Island, or 10 percent of Staten Island residents.
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