Health and Health Care for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (NHOPIs) in the United States

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Nearly **16.5 million individuals** self-identify as Asian or NHOPI. Asians and NHOPIs account for about **6%** of the total United States population.

**NOTES:** Includes nonelderly individuals 0-64 years of age. Asians and NHOPI are non-Hispanic.

The Asian and NHOPI populations are made up of diverse groups.

Distribution of Nonelderly, 2015

- Asian Indian: 23%
- Chinese: 21%
- Filipino: 13%
- Japanese: 4%
- Korean: 8%
- Vietnamese: 9%
- Other Asian: 17%
- NHOPI: 5%

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Figure 3

Asians and NHOPIs live across the country, but are concentrated in a small number of states.

Distribution of Nonelderly, 2015

Most Asians and NHOPIs have a worker in the family, over half are young, and just over one in ten are poor. Larger shares of Asians and NHOPIs are non-citizens than Whites.

*Indicates statistically significant difference from the White population at the p<0.05 level.

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NHOPIs fare worse than Whites on many health measures. Asians often fare better than Whites...

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NOTE: All racial groups are non-Hispanic.

Figure 6

...but health experiences vary among subgroups of Asians.

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Nonelderly Adults (18-64)

NOTES: All groups are non-Hispanic
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2014
The uninsured rate for Asians NHOPIs declined after the ACA coverage expansions.

Uninsured Rate Among Nonelderly Individuals, 2013-2015

Note: Includes nonelderly individuals 0-64 years of age. All racial groups are non-Hispanic.
However, uninsured rates vary among subgroups of Asians.

Uninsured Rate Among Nonelderly Individuals, 2015

- **Asian Indian**: 6%
- **Korean**: 12%
- **Chinese**: 9%
- **Filipino**: 6%
- **Japanese**: 7%
- **Vietnamese**: 8%
- **Other Asian**: 10%

Note: Includes nonelderly individuals 0-64 years of age. All racial groups are non-Hispanic.