



Data and Information on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

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Collecting Information via Surveys

- **Oral Traditions**— Administering surveys orally is an effective method to obtaining accurate, complete information to avoid confusion in reading comprehension and address literacy issues that remain prevalent in limited-/non- English proficient communities.
- **Simple Solution**— The language should be simple and direct—if need be, questions can be broken into two to make it easier to understand.
- **Trusted Administration**— One of the keys to a successful survey is maintaining trust between the surveyor and surveyee. This trust is what will increase your response rate.
- **Focus**—In developing surveys a good idea would be to first administer it to a focus group and see how individuals from various communities may react to and answer the survey.
- **Buck the Trend** — look at national research and trends to hypothesize your results so you have a comparison - this will also help in identifying resources that you may pull from the national level if you have similar results.

Collecting Information on Existing Forms

- **Language Preference** — collecting information on race and ethnicity can be confusing to many AAPIs, a practical method is to collect is language preferred. This captures one part of the need by the client.
- **Options are always Good** — when collecting information having multiple choices questions are easier for individuals to answer. Be mindful to research the appropriate options and not to stereotype or word them complexly.
- **Paper not Plastic** — include the option of a hardcopy, this will broaden the amount of information you are able to collect, specifically those who are not technology savvy.

Data on AAAPIs



General

- Census: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race/api.html>
- National Asian American Survey: <http://www.naasurvey.com/>
- University of Maryland Asian American Studies Program: <http://www.aast.umd.edu/APACIC.html>

Health

- Center for Disease Control, FastStats: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/asian_health.htm
- Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health: <http://www.omhrc.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlid=53>
- Maryland Asian American Health Solutions: http://www.aahiinfo.org/english/pdf/needsAssessment/AAHI_FocusG_N_YAdult.pdf

Mental Health

- Asian American Mental Health: <http://www.aafny.org/research/mh/default.asp>

Education

- Southeast Asia Resource Action Center : http://www.searac.org/educfactsheet9_02.pdf

Updated resources and data can be found at www.apia.dc.gov in the Resource Library. In addition to data, there are reports and newspaper articles on the API community under the Language Access link at www.apia.dc.gov.