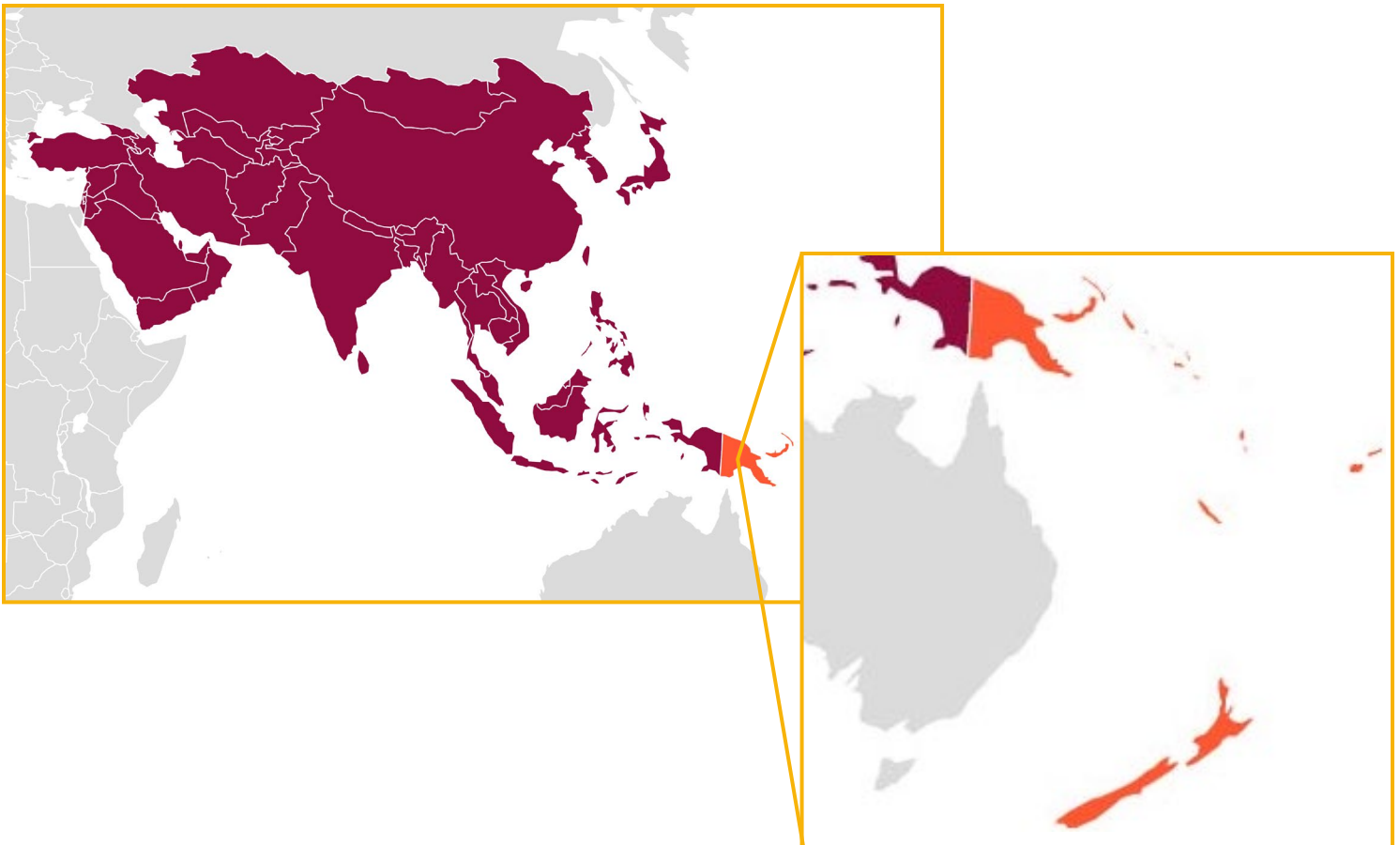


Asian and Pacific Islander Identities and Diversity

The Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence uses **Asians and Pacific Islanders** to include people of Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander ancestry who trace their origins and identities to the countries, states, or jurisdictions and/or the diasporic communities of the following geographic regions:

- **Central Asia:** Afghani, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Georgians, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Tajik, Turkmen, Uzbek.
- **East Asia:** Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Okinawan, Taiwanese, Tibetan.
- **Hawai'i and Pacific Islands:** Carolinian, Chamorro, Chuukese, Fijian, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Kosraean, Marshallese, Native Hawaiian, Niuean, Palauan, Papua New Guinean, Pohnpeian, Samoan, Tokelauan, Tongan, Yapese.
- **Southeast Asia:** Bruneian, Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino (also regarded as Pacific Islanders), Hmong, Indonesian, Laotian, Malaysian, Mien, Singaporean, Timorese, Thai, Vietnamese.
- **South Asia:** Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Indian, Maldivians, Nepali, Pakistani, Sri Lankan.
- **West Asia** is typically referred to as the Middle East. Geographically, it includes the countries of Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey (straddles Europe and Asia), United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

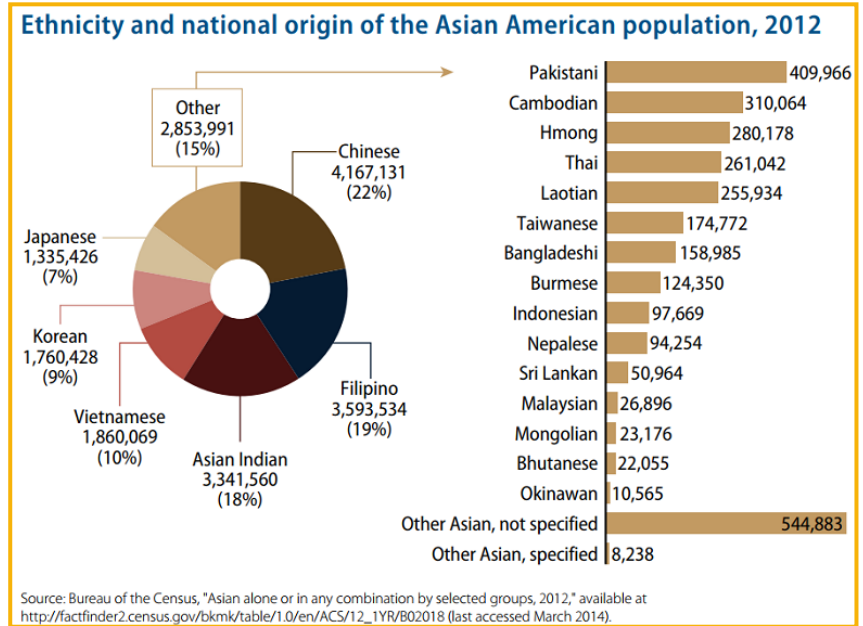


Identities overlap and occur simultaneously, not discretely or serially. Within Asian and Pacific Islander communities, identities surface many aspects including ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, languages spoken, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, family history, political history, and practices.

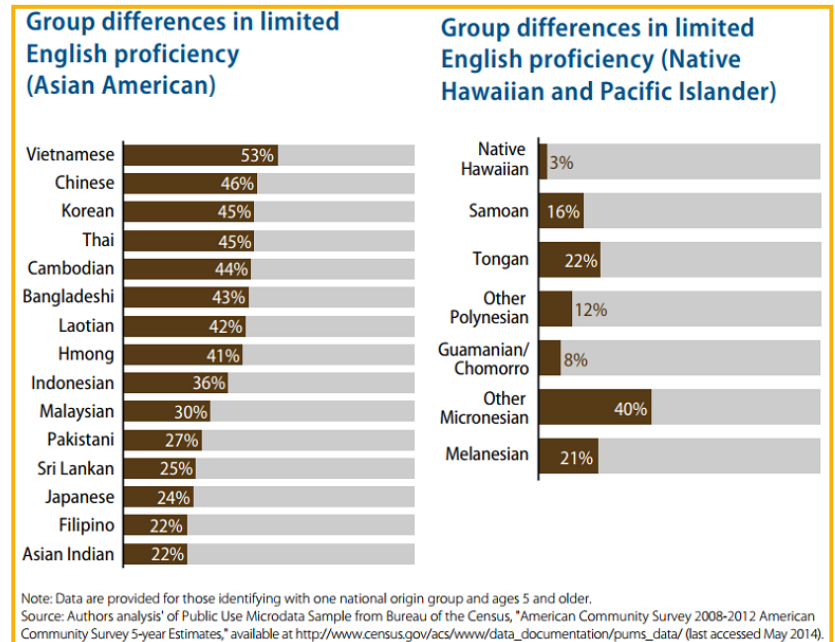
U.S. Statistics

Majority of data below is from U.S. Census reports. The Census defines **Asian Americans** as those with origins in the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, and **Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI)** as those within the U.S. jurisdictions of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

- There are over 19.4 million Asian Americans in the U.S., and it is the fastest growing ethnic group
- Chinese is the largest Asian ethnic group, while Indian is the fastest growing
- API community-based organizations report serving survivors from 56 distinct API ethnic groups



- Roughly three quarters of Asian Americans speak a language other than English at home
- Roughly one third of Asian Americans are limited English proficient
- API community-based organizations report providing services in 75 API languages



- Approximately 66% of Asian Americans are foreign born, the highest of any racial group nation wide
- 16% of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders are foreign born