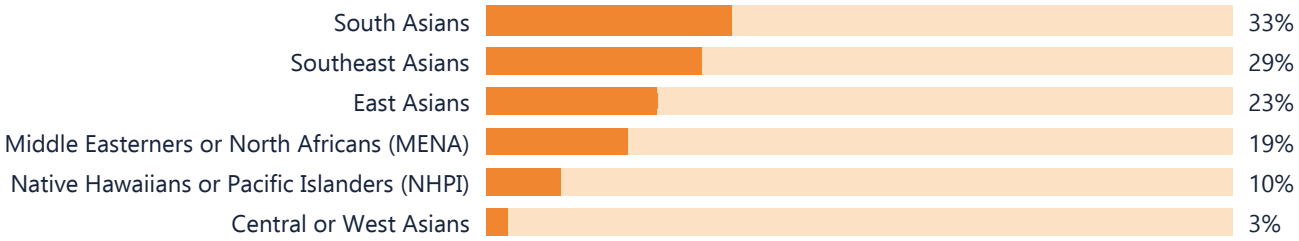
AANHPI & MENA Gender-Based Violence Services: A Data Snapshot

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The Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence (API-GBV) maintains an online Directory of **150** community-based programs providing culturally-specific services to Asian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) and Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) survivors of gender-based violence in the U.S. and territories. While the Directory's primary purpose is to help those experiencing gender-based violence find culturally responsive, linguistically appropriate support, the information it captures paints an impressive picture of the expansive approach agencies take to respond to violence in their communities:[1]

Communities served

While agencies serve all survivors, regardless of background, agencies indicated when they provide culturally-services to, or frequently serve, survivors from these communities[2]:



43%
serve **at least 5** AANHPI or MENA ethnicities/communities

25%
serve **at least 10** AANHPI or MENA ethnicities/communities

Language services

Linguistically appropriate services are a key component of survivor-centered advocacy:

52%
offer services in **at least 5** AANHPI or MENA languages

31%
offer services in **at least 10** AANHPI or MENA languages

15%
offer services in **at least 15** AANHPI or MENA languages

7%
offer services in **at least 20** AANHPI or MENA languages

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[1] In 2017, API-GBV described this "do-everything-it-takes approach" in the A-Z Advocacy Model report on culturally-specific programming. In the report, see Appendix 2 for a list of AANHPI/MENA ethnic groups, and see Appendix 3 for a list of AANHPI/MENA languages. Please contact info@api-gbv.org for access to the report.

[2] Agencies are included when they indicated providing culturally-specific services to, or frequently serving, three or more specific ethnic communities within a group (ex: Marked East Asians if they serve Chinese, Korean, and Taiwanese survivors)

Services

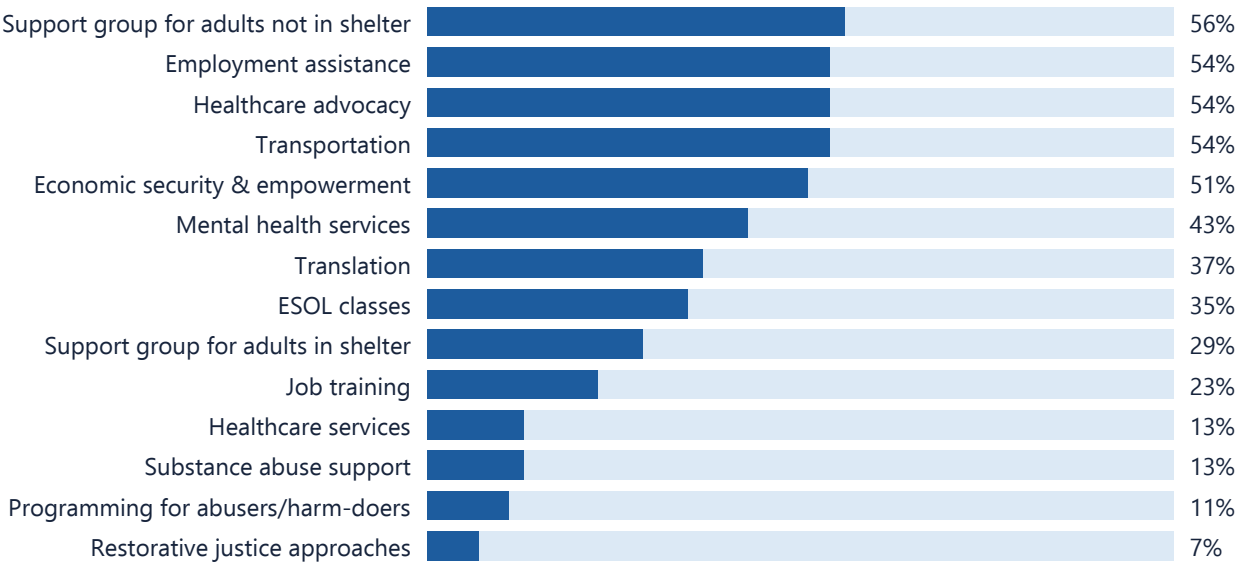
Agencies offer a wide array of services, from crisis intervention to long-term healing and wellbeing:

<u>Support services:</u> 79% of agencies offer at least 5 support services; 48% offer at least 10.

Most-offered services:

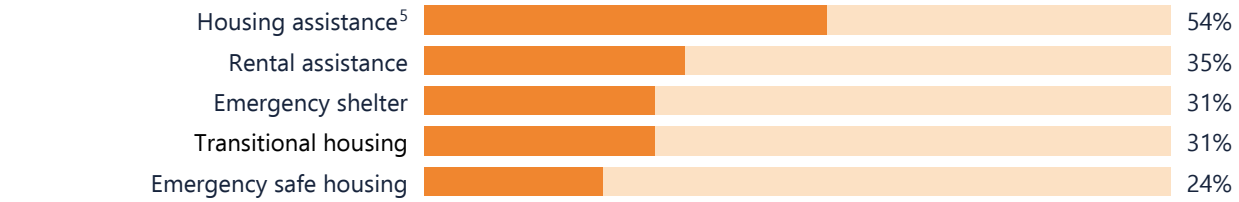


Other services:



35% of agencies offer some services remotely, such as via Zoom or Skype.

<u>Housing services:</u> 67% of agencies offer at least 1 form of housing-related service.

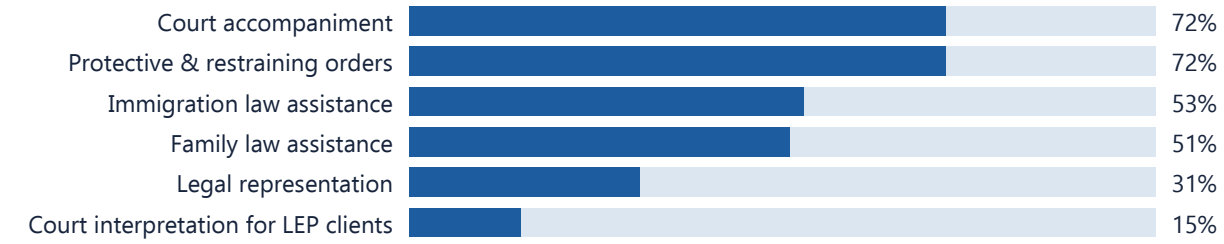


[3] All programs commit to providing linguistically accessible services to survivors. When staff capacity exists, services may directly be provided in a non-English language, or they may use an in-house interpreter/translator. When in-house capacity does not exist, agencies may contract with a language line, interpretation/translation service, or partner with another agency.

[4] Refers to services addressing immediate crisis. These are typically short-term, in comparison to "counseling," above, which captures services provided to address medium- and long-term well-being after the crisis situation has stabilized.

[5] Includes help finding or applying for housing or financial assistance for housing.

Legal assistance: 85% offer at least 1 form of legal assistance; 59% offer at least 3.



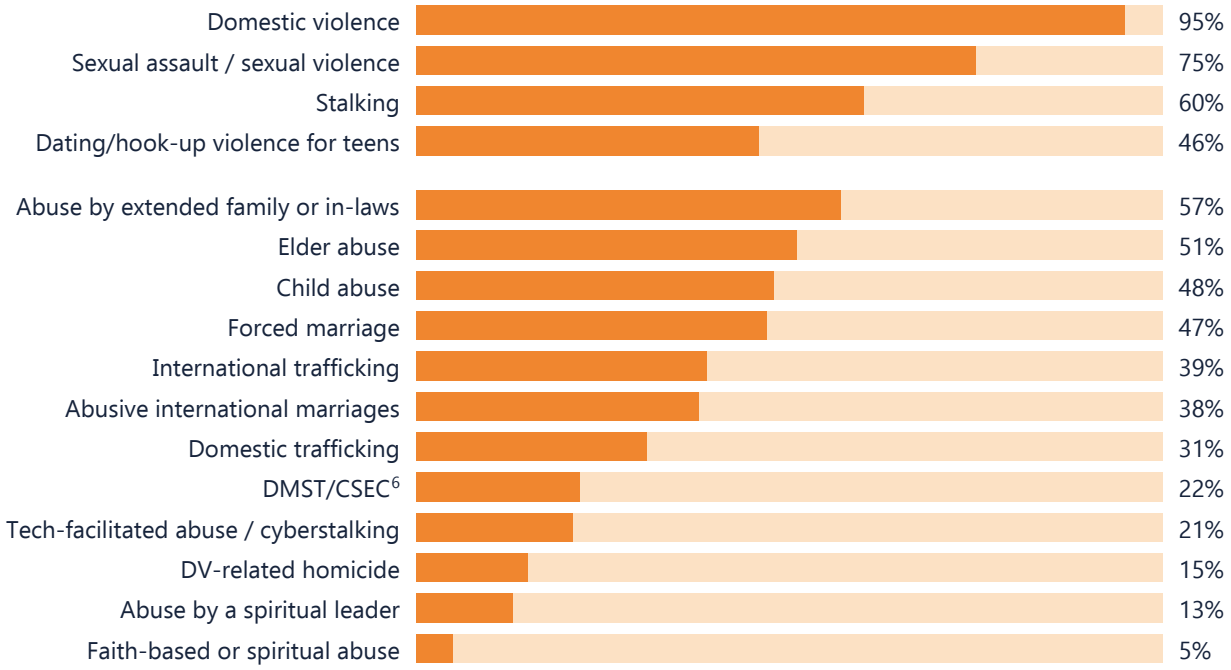
Additional offerings: Agencies do "whatever it takes" to support survivors. Other self-reported services include:

- Citizenship classes
- Parenting & relationship workshops
- Anger management classes
- Small business & micro-enterprise support
- Direct cash assistance
- Driving lessons
- Disaster relief services
- Childcare
- Foster family training & placements
- Youth empowerment & tutoring
- Supervised visitation & exchange programming
- Food pantry
- Help with basic necessities
- Faith or spiritual guidance
- Art or music-based counseling and therapy
- Refugee resettlement support

Many agencies also offer awareness events and training, such as healthy relationships workshops at local schools or community centers, cultural-competency training for mainstream agencies, and interpretation training for bi-lingual individuals.

Forms of violence addressed

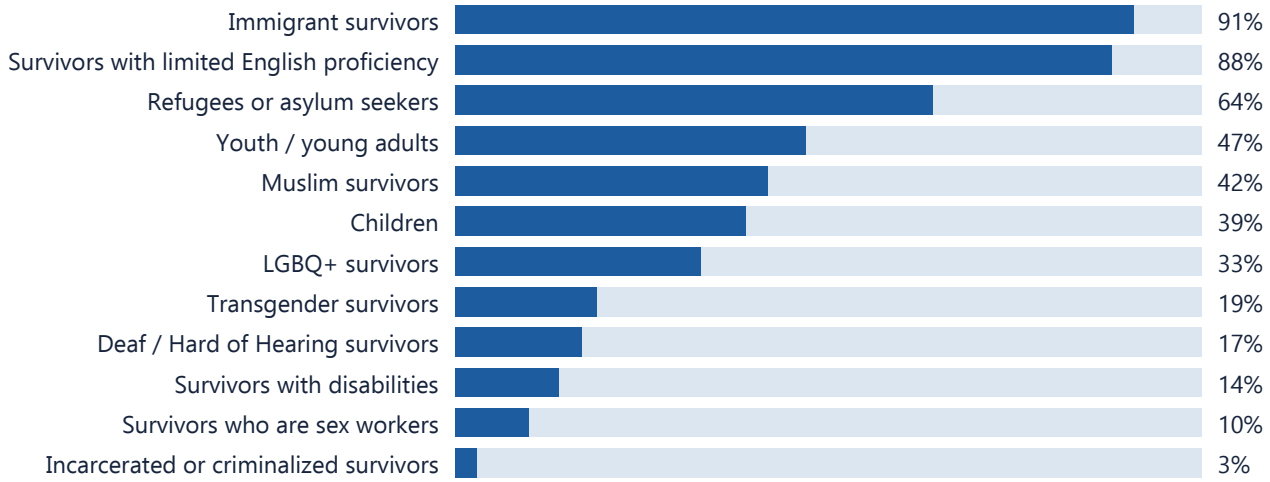
86% of agencies addressed at least 3 forms of violence. 68% address at least 5 forms of violence.



[6] Domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) or commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)

Populations with specialized services

While all Directory agencies serve all survivors, regardless of identity or background, agencies indicated that they had specialized programming designed to support certain groups of survivors:



These figures reflect data captured in October 2026 from 150 community-based programs in the Directory of AANHPI and MENA services. Data is self-reported when possible and updated as needed on an ongoing basis. Some Directory agencies also provide culturally or linguistically specific services to other communities, such as Latin@, Indigenous, or Black/African American communities, not reported in the Directory or this data snapshot.

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