

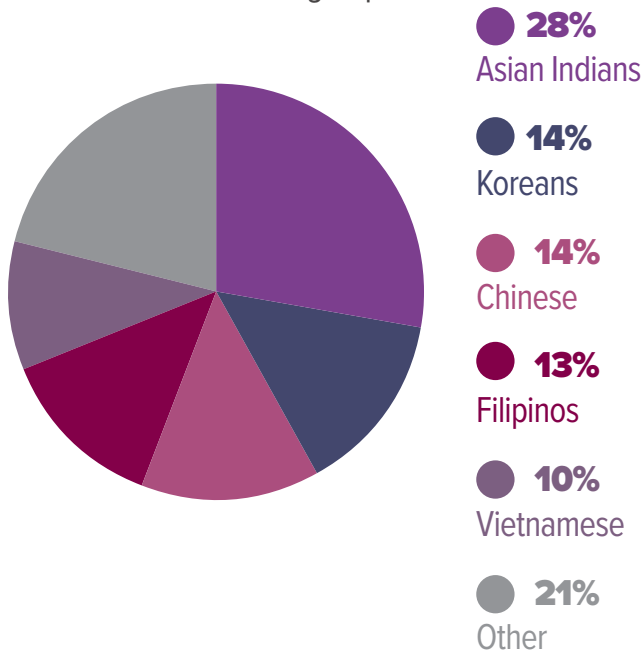


VIRGINIA'S HARD TO COUNT COMMUNITIES

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI)

AAPI POPULATION IN VIRGINIA

The Asian American and Pacific Islander population is heterogeneous, comprised of more than thirty different nationalities and ethnic groups. ⁽²⁾



FACTORS IN UNDERCOUNTING OF AAPI'S



Language Proficiency: “About one in five Asian households is linguistically isolated—that is, no one in the household older than 13 can speak English exclusively or “very well,” which the Census defines as the highest level of English proficiency.” ⁽³⁾

Historically, areas with low rates of English proficiency have been undercounted. ⁽³⁾



Misconception: There is a misconception where AAPIs are perceived as doing very well, and thus data collection is not needed. This also leads to the misconception that they are a single group when in reality, are a diverse group of people who encompass a wide range of migration pathways, socio-political histories, languages, and cultures. ⁽³⁾



Housing Insecurity: Irregular housing is considered a factor that can hinder enumeration. Almost half of AAPI's who are low-income live in locations with the highest housing costs in the country, often leading to greater challenges in finding stable and affordable housing. ⁽³⁾

UNDOCUMENTED POPULATION OF AAPI'S IN VIRGINIA (Based on 2015 Data)

There are nearly

 **58,000**

undocumented AAPI's in the Commonwealth. ⁽⁵⁾

This population accounts for

 **7%**

of all Virginians. ⁽²⁾

They represent



ONE IN FOUR

of the undocumented population in Virginia. ⁽⁵⁾

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