

AAPI Language Lines

a newsletter on aapi and language access resources

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FEATURE

Quick Stats on Asian Populations

Here are some quick stats from the latest release of data using the 2012 American Community Survey 1-year estimates:

The Asian population is 29,132 or 4.6% of DC's population, it grew by 6% from 2011 to 2012.

Over the past 5 years the Asian population had a growth rate of 33% compared to the District's population which grew by 7.5% over the past 5 years.

The Asian Indian population grew by 12% from 2011 to 2012 and 43% over the past 5 years.

The top ethnic groups by size in 2012 were: Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, and Vietnamese.

OAPIA Volunteer Interpreter and Translator Language Bank

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs' new initiative is a Language Bank that will connect volunteers with Asian language abilities with District Agencies. The purpose of this Language Bank is to supplement the efforts of Agencies in providing language services. When and while professional services are being procured there are often language services that need to still be addressed. The Language Bank is one way this



Language Access Program at OAPIA

Providing Technical Assistance to all District agencies

The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs' Language Access Program is working towards building a global city where District programs and government services are delivered at a high level. The mission of OAPIA's Language Access Program is to help ensure District Agencies provide programs

gap can be fulfilled.

ABOUT THE BANK

The purpose of the Language Bank is to provide District Agencies a connection to volunteer community interpreters and translators to supplement their efforts to provide in-language programming. OAPIA will maintain a database of interpreters and translators. The database includes information on interpreters and translators:

- * Names and contact information
- * Languages spoken and written
- * Education
- * Specific training in interpretation and/or translation
- * Previous experience as an interpreter or translator

More information on OAPIA's Language Bank can be found here: <http://apia.dc.gov/node/669512>

Language Access Articles

Reports, articles, resources on Language Access

Below is a list of articles on language and language access related issues and programs from across the country. These articles can serve as references for you to help develop your Agency's language access programs.



There isn't a word for depression: immigrants and mental health

N.Y. AG reaches agreement with police department over language access

Asian American and Pacific Islander Articles

Reports, articles, resources on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Below is a list of articles on Asian American and Pacific Islander issues and programs from across the country. These articles can serve as references for you to help develop your Agency's programs and services.



Census data mask poverty suffered by some Asian American groups

Cancer Rates Rising for Indian and Pakistani Americans

and services to DC's limited and non-English proficient (LEP/NEP) Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents and merchants at a high level through technical assistance, policy guidance, and education.

ASIAN AMERICAN FACT

The Asian population in 2012 was 29,132 or 4.6% of the District population.*

*2012 1-year estimates American Community Survey.



For more information about OAPIA's Language Access Program please visit <http://apia.dc.gov/service/aapi-language-access> or contact Neel Saxena at neel.saxena@dc.gov

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New Report Finds**

**The Asian American Supermarket: More Than Just a
Grocery Store**

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