Colorado Lotus Project

A Statewide Look at the Strengths and Barriers Facing AANHPI Coloradans

The Colorado Lotus Project is an effort to uplift the unique voices and experiences of Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (AANHPI) people living in Colorado. This groundbreaking work seeks to tear down the idea that the AANHPI community is a monolith.



A Call to Action for Colorado

The Colorado Lotus Project formed these recommendations for policymakers, service providers, advocates, philanthropic institutions, and community partners:

- Improve Data about AANHPI Communities
- Promote Meaningful Representation and Create Belonging
- Authentically Engage and Build Trust with AANHPI Communities
- Address Language and Cultural Barriers
- Increase Funding to AANHPI Communities Most in Need

How to Get Involved

Learn About Colorado's AANHPI Communities

Read and share the Colorado Lotus Project report and resources with others. Resources include fact sheets about key topic areas, interactive community maps, and a data metric inventory.





Reach out to the Colorado Health Institute to learn more.



Champion recommendations in the report.



Join or support the <u>Colorado</u> AAPI Circle.

Follow Asian Avenue Magazine for the latest news on Colorado's AANHPI communities.



Detailed Data

Explore detailed data about AANHPI communities, such as those who are:

- Bangladeshi Bhutanese Burmese
- Cambodian Chamorro Chinese
- Fijian* Filipino Hmong Indian
- Indonesian Japanese Korean
- Laotian Malaysian Marshallese*
- Mongolian
 Native Hawaiian
- Nepalese Okinawan* Pakistani
- Samoan Sri Lankan Taiwanese
- Thai Tongan* Vietnamese

Key Topic Areas

Dive into key issues impacting the lives of AANHPI people in Colorado across these areas:

Funding for the AANPHI Community

Demographics

Education

Health

Housing

Crime and Justice

Democracy

Income and Economic Opportunity



Community Voices

Hear from Colorado's AANHPI communities about their lives and solutions for change:

Advisory Group

AANHPI leaders served on an advisory group to guide this work.



Focus Group Discussions

51 community members gave their perspectives on issues and strengths of the community.

Conversations with Experts

AANHPI community leaders from university professors to community organizers shared their expertise.

Thought Exchange

107 community members participated in an online poll, sharing and rating 60 comments about their strengths and challenges as AANHPI people.



Local AANHPI artist
Nalye Lor created the
report's cover art to
represent the growth
and resilience of
Colorado's AANHPI
communities.

Storytelling

Two AANHPI writers captured five stories about:

- Denver's historic Chinatown
- The history of the Asian Pacific Development Center
- Engaging Colorado's South Asian community
- Health disparities among Pacific Islanders
- The immigrant experience in Colorado

^{*}Due to small survey sample sizes, there is limited information available about these communities