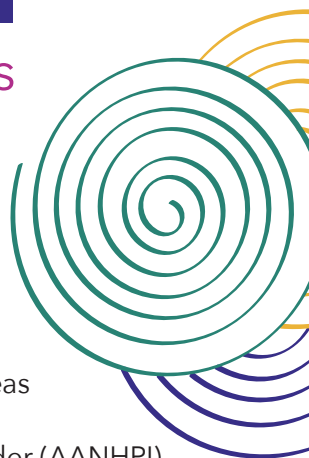


# Housing



The Colorado Lotus Project frames its work around seven areas to better understand the strengths and disparities faced by Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. These include demographics, health, housing, income and economic opportunity, education, crime and justice, and democracy.

This fact sheet highlights data and community voices related to housing opportunities for AANHPI people living in Colorado, such as access to affordable and high-quality housing.

## Spotlights



### 1. In Colorado, AANHPI communities are experiencing housing cost burden (defined as spending more than 30% of monthly income on housing costs).

In Colorado, 27.1% of Asian and 32.0% of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander people experience housing cost burden, which is close to the Colorado average of 27.6%. However, breaking apart this data shows that most identities within the AANHPI category are experiencing a much higher burden, with rates as high as 57.0% for Bangladeshi Coloradans.<sup>1</sup>

### 2. Pakistani and Burmese people in Colorado are more likely to live in low-quality housing.

The Census Bureau defines low-quality housing as a structure that is missing either complete plumbing, kitchen, or heating facilities. Data show that Pakistani people are 10 times as likely (5.1%) to live in low-quality housing as the Colorado average (0.5%) and Burmese people are 17 times as likely (8.5%).<sup>1</sup>

### 3. Immigrants and refugees may be more impacted by housing affordability and quality.

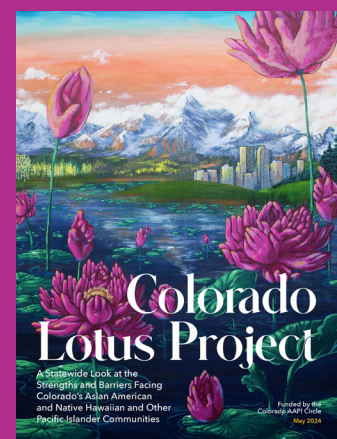
"Most [immigrants and refugees] are struggling with housing ... [They're] going to the hospital for mold [which] the landlord won't fix, [but] they can't leave the house because it's too expensive to leave."

– Former community navigator who participated in a key informant interview

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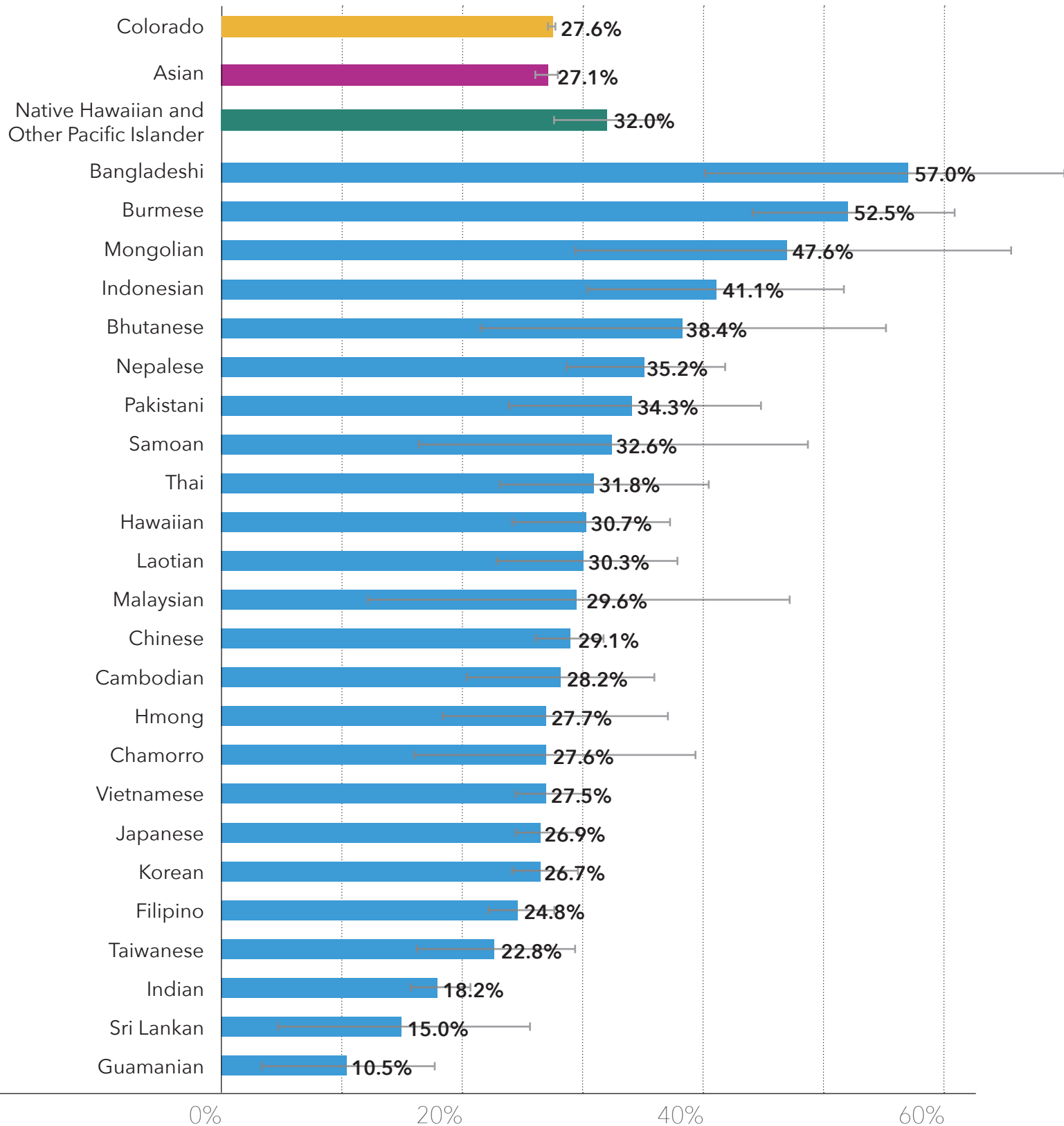
### A Statewide Look at the Strengths and Barriers Facing AANHPI Coloradans

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, and to tear down the idea that the AANHPI community is a monolith. The goal of this work is to call attention to the need for better data and to achieve a more equitable allocation of resources.



For more data, a better understanding of the experiences of the people behind the numbers, and the methodology for reporting, read the full Colorado Lotus Project report [colo.health/COlotus](https://colo.health/COlotus)

## Percentage of People in Colorado (All Ages) Experiencing Housing Cost Burden, by AANHPI Identity (2020)<sup>1</sup>



Identities not included due to small sample sizes: Fijian, Marshallese, Okinawan, Tongan.

Note: Housing cost burden is defined as spending more than 30% of monthly income on housing costs. This is a household-level metric in which all members of the household will have the same value, thus all ages are indicated. Gray lines represent confidence intervals, which show the degree of certainty of the data. There is 95% confidence that the true value lies between the range indicated by the interval.