



Victimization of Asian and Pacific Islander Populations: The Facts

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Who is considered Asian and Pacific Islander?

Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) include all individuals of Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander ancestry who trace their origin to countries, states, and other communities within geographic regions, such as China, Japan, Korea, Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Sri Lanka, India, Iran, Lebanon, Armenia, among others. [1]

Have you Heard?

- Approximately 58% of homicides against API women were related to intimate partner violence [2]
- Native Hawaiian accounted for 77% of sex trafficking victims[3]
- Roughly 8% of API men report experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime [4]
- Approximately 68% of Filipinas and 50% of Indian and Pakistani women have been stalked by an intimate partner [5]
- 16 to 55% of API women experience physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner [6]

Barriers to Help-Seeking

Common difficulties with help-seeking among API populations include language barriers, unavailable services, immigration status, resources (e.g., transportation), mental health, and LGBTQ+ discrimination. [7] Among Filipina, Indian, and Pakistani women, fear of consequences or their safety, lack of knowledge of services, and mistrust in the criminal justice system hinder seeking assistance. [5] Additionally, many survivors, specifically mothers, note that they stayed in abusive situations because of their children, afraid of being alone, shame, and belief that things will change. [8]

How to Support API Survivors

- Provide culturally and linguistically specific services for the API community
- Empower and support survivors
- Encourage survivors to seek help

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Texas

- DAYA Houston--<https://www.dayahouston.org> (713) 981-7645
- Asian Family Support Services of Austin [https://www.afssaustin.org--\(877\)-281-8371](https://www.afssaustin.org--(877)-281-8371)
- Asians Against Domestic Abuse--<https://www.aadainc.org> (713) 339-8300

National

- Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence-- [https://www.api-gbv.org--\(415\)-568-3315](https://www.api-gbv.org--(415)-568-3315)
- Stop AAPI Hate--<https://www.stopaapihate.org/>

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Resources

- Texas Abuse Hotline (suspicions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65 + <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/>
800-252-5400
- Texas Council on Family Violence <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault <https://taasa.org/get-help/>
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888
- Aging and Disability Resource Center 855-937-2372
- Victim Connect Resource Center 855-484-2846
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988