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NATIONAL POVERTY DATA

Share of Asian Americans in families with incomes below SPM* poverty threshold by detailed race and ethnicity (excluding multiracial and Latine Asian Americans), 2015–2019



<u>Source</u>: Urban Institute analysis of five-year (2015-19) American Community Survey public-use microdata from the US Census Bureau, downloaded from IPUMS-USA.

<u>Notes</u>: These estimates exclude people whose poverty status is not calculated in the IPUMS-USA data. Additionally, multiracial and Latine Asian Americans are excluded from this figure and shown in later figures instead. *<u>Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM)</u>: A supplemental US Census Bureau tool to measure poverty. While the official poverty measure of the US Census Bureau uses cash resources, the SPM includes noncash benefits such as tax credits, and income and payroll taxes, in addition to money spent on child support and care, work-related costs, and medical services.

Nationally, poverty rates for Asian American ethnic groups varied and were highest for Central and Southeast Asian subgroups.

Banner: Women sitting in front of Sherpa Temple in Jackson Heights, New York. Photo by Nahida Uddin.





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Share of NHPI people in families with incomes below SPM* poverty threshold by detailed race and ethnicity (excluding multiracial and Latine NHPIs), 2015–2019



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Nationally, SPM poverty rates for almost all NHPI ethnic groups were higher than for Americans overall, and more than 30% of some groups were living below the SPM poverty threshold.

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