



# ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE

## Factsheet: 2021 New Section 203 Coverage and Asian Americans

On December 8, 2021, the Census Bureau updated the Section 203 determinations based on 2015-2019 American Community Survey Data. Part of the federal Voting Rights Act, Section 203 requires jurisdictions designated in the determinations to provide bilingual voting assistance to Asian Americans, Latinos, American Indians and Alaskan Natives. Section 203 determinations, starting with the last one released in 2016, are made every five years based on decennial census data based on American Community Survey data. The American Community Survey data is an ongoing survey that the Census Bureau conducts to collect data on the American population every year.

Under the new Section 203 determinations, jurisdictions within fourteen states are covered for Asian American language groups, which includes two additional states (MN and PA) not previously covered for Asian American language groups:

<b>States with covered jurisdictions under 2016 Section 203 determinations</b>	<b>States with covered jurisdictions under new 2021 Section 203 determinations</b>
Alaska	Alaska
California	California
Hawaii	Hawaii
Illinois	Illinois
Massachusetts	Massachusetts
Michigan	Michigan
Nevada	Minnesota*
New Jersey	Nevada
New York	New Jersey
Texas	New York
Virginia	Pennsylvania*
Washington	Texas
	Virginia
	Washington

\* States that did not have previous Section 203 coverage for Asian American language groups.

Section 203 now covers 53 Asian American populations located in 32 counties, boroughs, census areas or cities, including 9 new Asian American populations that have been added to Section 203 coverage since the last list was released in 2016 (*see chart at end of factsheet*).

There are currently eight Asian American language groups covered by Section 203, including the addition of Hmong (as indicated by an asterisk) with the 2021 determinations:

Covered language group	Number of political subdivisions covered for language group in 2016	Number of political subdivisions covered for language group in 2021
Asian Indian	3	3
Bangladeshi	1	2
Cambodian	2	2
Chinese	18	19
Filipino	8	10
Hmong*	—	1
Korean	4	4
Vietnamese	9	12

\* Language added since 2016 Section 203 Determinations.

Coverage for these eight language groups are as follows:

<u>Language group</u>	<u>Political subdivision and state covered by Section 203 in 2021</u>
<b>Asian Indian</b>	Cook County, Illinois (Chicago) Middlesex, New Jersey Queens County, New York
<b>Bangladeshi</b>	Hamtramck City, Michigan Queens County, New York*
<b>Cambodian</b>	Lowell City, Massachusetts
<b>Chinese</b>	Los Angeles County, California Alameda County, California Contra Costa County, California Los Angeles County, California Orange County, California Sacramento County, California San Diego County, California San Francisco County, California San Mateo County, California Santa Clara County, California Honolulu County, Hawaii Cook County, Illinois (Chicago) Malden City, Massachusetts Quincy City, Massachusetts

<b>Filipino</b>	Kings County, New York (Brooklyn)
	New York County, New York (Manhattan)
	Queens County, New York (Queens)
	Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania*
	Harris County, Texas (Houston)
	King County, Washington (Seattle)
	Aleutians West Census Area, Alaska
	Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska*
	Alameda County, California
	Los Angeles County, California
	San Diego County, California
	San Mateo County, California*
	Santa Clara County, California
	Honolulu County, Hawaii
Maui County, Hawaii*	
<b>Hmong</b>	Clark County, Nevada
	Ramsey County, Minnesota*
<b>Korean</b>	Los Angeles County, California
	Orange County, California
<b>Vietnamese</b>	Bergen County, New Jersey
	Queens County, New York (Queens)
	Alameda County, California
	Los Angeles County, California
	Orange County, California
	Sacramento County, California*
	San Diego County, California
	Santa Clara County, California
	Randolph Town City, Massachusetts*
	Dallas County, Texas*
Harris County, Texas (Houston)	
Tarrant County, Texas	
Fairfax County, Virginia	
King County, Washington (Seattle)	

\* Newly covered language group under Section 203.

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Jurisdiction	Covered Asian American Language Group
Alaska <sup>+</sup> :	
Aleutians West Census Area	Filipino
<b>Kodiak Island Borough</b>	<b>Filipino</b>
California:	
Alameda County	Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese
Contra Costa County	Chinese (including Taiwanese)
Los Angeles County	Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese
Orange County	Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese
Sacramento County	Chinese, <b>Vietnamese</b>
San Diego County	Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese
San Francisco County	Chinese
San Mateo County	Chinese, <b>Filipino</b>
Santa Clara County	Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese
Hawaii:	
Honolulu County	Chinese, Filipino
<b>Maui County</b>	<b>Filipino</b>
Illinois:	
Cook County	Asian Indian, Chinese
Massachusetts:	
Lowell City	Cambodian
Malden City	Chinese
Quincy City	Chinese
<b>Randolph Town city</b>	<b>Vietnamese</b>
Michigan:	
Hamtramck City	Bangladeshi
<b>Minnesota:</b>	
<b>Ramsey County</b>	<b>Hmong*</b>
Nevada:	
Clark County	Filipino
New Jersey:	
Bergen County	Korean
Middlesex	Asian Indian

New York:

Kings County  
New York County  
Queens County

Chinese  
Chinese  
Asian Indian, **Bangladeshi**, Chinese, Korean

**Pennsylvania**

**Philadelphia County**

**Chinese**

Texas:

**Dallas County**  
Harris County  
Tarrant County

**Vietnamese**  
Chinese, Vietnamese  
Vietnamese

Virginia:

Fairfax County

Vietnamese

Washington:

King County

Chinese, Vietnamese

**Bolded** jurisdictions and/or languages are newly covered under the 2021 Section 203 determinations.

\* Asian American language groups marked with an asterisk are newly covered under Section 203.

+ Filipino is no longer covered in Aleutians East Borough.