

Cuyahoga County

AAPI population: 47,511

Summit County AAPI population: 22, 473

Of the roughly 130,000 employed Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) in Ohio, nearly 48 percent are in occupations of computer/engineering/science (22%), management (15%), and healthcare (11%). There are also a significant number in education occupations.

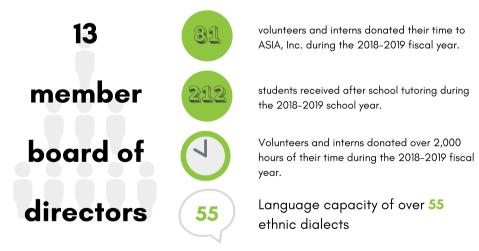


324,372 Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) reside in Ohio as of data in 2017. Ohio's Asian population has more than doubled since 2000 and is six times the 1980 count. For the United States, the Asian population is over 21.6 million, or 6.6 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Asian Americans in the U.S. has increased by nearly 10 million people, or 82 percent.



Over 58,000 clients served annually

Asian Services In Action (ASIA), Inc. was founded in 1995 by four women who sought to improve the quality of life for Asians in Northeast Ohio. Today, the organization is the only Asian American and Pacific Islander focused health and social services 501(c)(3) organization in the State of Ohio. ASIA has taken on the most challenging tasks to help the underserved, low-income, and immigrant communities across the state. ASIA is a respected nonprofit organization providing services for over 58,000 individuals annually coordinated out of offices located in Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. ASIA provides culturally and linguistically appropriate resources to ensure effective programming that addresses the needs of the AAPI and new American communities in Northeast Ohio.



At ASIA, Inc., we strive to empower and advocate for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs), and to provide AAPIs and other communities access to quality, culturally, and linguistically appropriate information, health, and social services. For more information visit: www.asiaohio.org

SOCIAL SERVICES

Akron Office

370 East Market St. Akron, OH 44304 P 330-535-3263 F 330-535-3338

Cleveland Office

3631 Perkins Ave. Ste. 2A-W Cleveland, OH 44114 P 216-881-0330 F 216-881-6920

HEALTH CENTER (ASIA-ICHC)

Akron Office

370 East Market St. Akron, OH 44304 P 234-312-3607 F 234-312-3609

Cleveland Office

2999 Payne Avenue Ste. 140 Cleveland, OH 44114 P 216-361-1223 F 216-361-1568

Programs and Services

AGING & ADULT SERVICES

Our Aging and Adult Services are aimed at promoting health, socialization, and the well being of AAPIs who are eighteen years old to sixty-four years old and older, with particular attention to those with limited English proficiency. Our staff provide a wide range of services for clients such as nutrition and safety education, emergency food support, and community resources. We strive to provide support to those who need it most. Our caseworkers provide homebound services to seniors with limited mobility.

AHIMSA

Ahimsa is an initiative that advocates for self-love and empowerment for everyone. It involves developing the confidence and strength to set realistic goals and fulfill one's true potential. Everyone has strengths, weaknesses, and skills that are used in everyday situations, but all too often people remain unaware of, or undervalue, their true abilities. We are community educators and advocates to encourage healthy relationships that increase self-love, empowerment, confidence, and peace.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY SERVICES

Our Children, Youth, & Family Services provides programming for children in pre-K through 12th-grade. We provide culturally competent services that support educational development and academic assistance, acculturation and enrichment for immigrant and refugee youth. Additionally our services include language-specific peer support groups for women and for men, and parenting education that strengthen families to thrive in their communities.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (ASIA-ICHC)



ASIA-ICHC delivers comprehensive culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare on a sliding scale to all community members, especially those who face economic or language barriers to care. Services include but are not limited to refugee-centered services including health screening for newly-arriving refugees, health check-ups for youth through our School Based Health Program, and more, that reflect the health needs and the cultural, linguistic, and experiential backgrounds of all patients. We provide team-based, patient-focused medical and behavioral care focused on treating the patients' symptoms so they live full, healthy lives.

LEGAL SERVICES

ASIA, Inc. is committed to providing comprehensive legal services to low- and moderate-income immigrants and refugees across Northeast Ohio. We work on immigration issues and provide support on the path towards U.S. citizenship through a variety of citizenship preparation services at little to no cost. Additionally, ASIA, Inc. provides free* legal services for victims of crime other than domestic violence and sexual assault including Marsy's Law representation, victims' compensation applications, and protection orders. Our services are CONFIDENTIAL and PRIVILEGED. By law, we do not disclose any information under our Legal Services Program without your permission.

• Certain services may require filing fees or other costs paid for by the client.

APEX FUND FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES (AFEO)



AFEO helps to promote small business startups in the immigrant and refugee communities across Northeast Ohio. Our micro-enterprise program provides critical asset building and financial inclusion strategies that empower immigrant and refugee entrepreneurs to become self-sufficient, as well as stimulate economic growth by providing employment opportunities. Our bilingual staff provides language assistance and culture competence from the beginning of the loan process to post loan technical support.

SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

Our Sustainability Services team empowers vulnerable new American families to become self-sufficient through benefits access, economic development, and financial planning, all while providing opportunities for community engagement. Our trained, bilingual staff provide linguistically and culturally accessible professional case management services across Northeast Ohio that are confidential and free. Such services include job search and employment assistance, job readiness and vocational ESL classes, emergency food assistance, government benefits enrollment of all types, income tax preparation, housing education and assistance, and financial literacy.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS

ASIA, Inc.'s Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking Program utilizes the trauma-informed care model to provide culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services. These services are specifically tailored towards assisting immigrant and refugee survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking. ASIA, Inc. is the only linguistically and culturally specific organization in the region. These unique qualities allow ASIA to provide services that range from direct advocacy to legal representation. Our services are confidential and free.*

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INTERPRETING & TRANSLATION SERVICES

ASIA, Inc.'s Interpreting and Translation Services bridge the cultural and linguistic divide between the English Language Learner and service providers. We offer professional interpreting and translation services for every field including medical, legal, education, family, business and more. In addition, we provide editing and proofreading services for other languages. Our translators and interpreters work exclusively in their native tongue and in their area of specialization to meet local and global needs.

POLICY-ADVOCACY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS



Our Civic Engagement Programs is a statewide effort aimed at promoting year-round, integrated participation and engagement on issues critical to the well-being of AAPIs, immigrants, refugees, and other new American communities. Our team serves as the central hub for policy-research for AAPI communities and is committed to promoting and protecting human and civil rights for all through democracy.

Join our mailing list to receive periodic news about upcoming events, volunteering opportunities, and more. Go to www.asiaohio.org/signup.



Want to volunteer? Volunteers at ASIA, Inc. play an important role to empower and advocate for the AAPI, immigrant, refugee, and other communities across Northeast Ohio. Become a volunteer today. Sign up at www.asiaohio.org/volunteer.