



## Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs



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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to join the staff and members of the Commission to present the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs 2013 Annual Report.

Diversity is one of Maryland's greatest strengths. For this reason, I believe it is important to recognize the rapidly growing South Asian American population which plays a vital role in moving our State forward. By identifying and addressing issues in the South Asian American community, I am confident that this Commission will help strengthen and grow our One Maryland.

As we make real and steady progress in our One Maryland, I will rely on the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives and the Commission on South Asian American Affairs to continue the work of expanding opportunities for the South Asian American community in the areas of health, education, and economic development.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

The Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) coordinates community and volunteer activities statewide and advises the Governor on policies to enhance and improve community programs. This office also oversees the work of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, Volunteer Maryland and community affairs services within the Executive Branch of Maryland government. Additionally, GOCI coordinates outreach to ethnic communities across Maryland, overseeing the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, the Governor's Commission on African Affairs, the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs, and the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs.

As a Governor's Coordinating Office, GOCI is able to engage the resources of multiple State agencies and coordinate policy and activities related to community initiatives. By creating the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs and placing it under the auspices of GOCI, Governor O'Malley has affirmed his strong commitment to the South Asian American community.

Under the leadership of Administrative Director Yi Shen, the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs has already become an integral part of the GOCI. Together, we expect to make great strides toward ensuring greater access and opportunities for South Asian Americans living in Maryland. In order to achieve this goal, we will continue to reach out to the community, engage key stakeholders, and mobilize participation in and support of community initiatives.

I look forward to working with the community to improve and enrich the lives of all Marylanders.

Israel C. "Izzy" Patoka  
Executive Director  
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives





## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR

On behalf of the Commission on South Asian American Affairs, I am pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report.

According to the 2010 Census, there are more than 110,000 South Asian Americans living in the State of Maryland. That is one third of the total Asian American population of the State. The Commission was formed in 2012 to give a wider voice in State government to reflect the increasing population of the South Asian American community in Maryland. Previously, South Asians Commissioners had been represented on the Governor's Asian Pacific American Commission.

Over the past year, the Commission continued to focus on economic development for the Asian American community by jointly hosting the 2013 Asian American Business Conference (AABC) with the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (GCAPA). This was the first year that the AABC was officially moved into the Governor's Office of Community Initiative. The conference saw an increase in participants at both the networking dinner and at the actual conference.

The Commission also jointly hosted a Pan Asian Community Summit and Legislative Night with GCAPA. The Summit and Legislative Night attracted about 350 community leaders and was considered a great success. From the Summit, the Commission was able to gather feedback on government services and disseminate information to the community.

The Commission meets once every two months, during which the Commissioners hear testimony from community leaders, government officials, and subject-matter experts on a wide variety of issues which concern the South Asian American community. We would like to extend our appreciation to those who gave testimony and shared information with the Commission in 2013.

This report summarizes the Commission's activity and findings in Economic Development, Community Development, and Legislative Review. This report also provides important community resources and demographic data regarding the South Asian American population in Maryland.

We thank Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown for their vision, leadership and continued support for the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs.

Jesse Singh, Chair  
Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs

**COMMISSIONERS** (ETHNICITY AND COUNTY OF RESIDENCE IN PARENTHESES):**Chanhok Jasdip “Jesse” Singh, Chair (Indian, Anne Arundel County)**

- President of Maximum Assisted Living, LLC
- Former President of the Sikh Association of Baltimore

**Amjad Riar, Vice-Chair (Pakistani, Montgomery County)**

- Director of the Inpatient Hospital Pain and Palliative Care Consultation Service
- Member of the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board
- Member of the Wellness and Prevention WG for Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Anis Ahmed (Bangladeshi, Montgomery County)**

- Coordinator of the Office of Human Rights at Montgomery County
- Secretary of the Montgomery County Muslim Council

**Arthur Pavan Bezwada (Indian, Montgomery County)**

- Assistant Registrar at University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Director, and past Vice President of the National Council of Asian Indian Associations, Inc.

**Ishani Chowdhury (Indian, Montgomery County)**

- Senior IT Project Manager at the US Food and Drug Administration

**Rani David (Indian, Prince George's County)**

- Indian Dance Instructor at the Bharatanatyam Dance Academy

**Sharad Doshi (Indian, Frederick County)**

- Franchisee of 6 Subway restaurants in Maryland
- Owner of an investment company and a gas station
- President of the Indian Association of Frederick

**Kamala Edwards (Indian, Montgomery County)**

- President of Indian American Leadership Council
- Vice President, Maryland Homeowners Association

**Mohan Grover (Indian, Anne Arundel County)**

- Owner of Renno's Market
- Commissioner of Human Relations Commission of Anne Arundel County

**Suresh C. Gupta (Indian, Montgomery County)**

- Self employed solo physician
- Vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees at Durga Temple

**Irma Hafeez (Pakistani, Montgomery County)**

- Chair of the Montgomery County Muslim Council
- Executive/Charter member - USPak Foundation
- Board Member of the Committee for Montgomery

**Tahira Hussain (Pakistani, Howard County)**

- Representative for Women's Lawyer's Association at the United Nations in New York
- Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Howard County

**Seema Iyer (Indian, Baltimore City)**

- Associate Director & Research Assistant Professor at Jacob France Institute at the Merrick School of Business, University of Baltimore

**Sheila Khatri (Indian, Montgomery County)**

- Founder and President of Moti International, LLC
- Member and Legal Advisor of the Global Alliance of Indian Biomedical Professionals



***Nirmal Pahadi (Nepali, Prince George's County)***

- Adjunct Faculty at Prince George's Community College

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***Shailesh "Sly" Patel (Indian, Baltimore County)***

- President of Tulsi Management, Inc.
- Vice President of Holiday Inn King Express, LLC
- Vice President of North Star Travel Plaza, Best Western
- Vice President of Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

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***Asoka Ranaweera (Sri Lankan, Montgomery County)***

- Managing Partner of Grid2Grid, LLC

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***Kia Scherr (White, Baltimore City)***

- President and Co-Founder of One Life Alliance International

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***Devang Shah (Indian, Montgomery County)***

- Partner at the Law Offices of Shah and Kishore

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***Rana Shaikh (Pakistan/Kashmir, Baltimore County)***

- Vice President at Bank of America

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***Baljinder Singh (Indian, Baltimore County)***

- Assistant HIPPA Privacy Officer at Baltimore County Government
- Board Member of the Sikh Association of Baltimore

## **STAFF**

*Yi Shen*

Administrative Director

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Project Coordinator

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

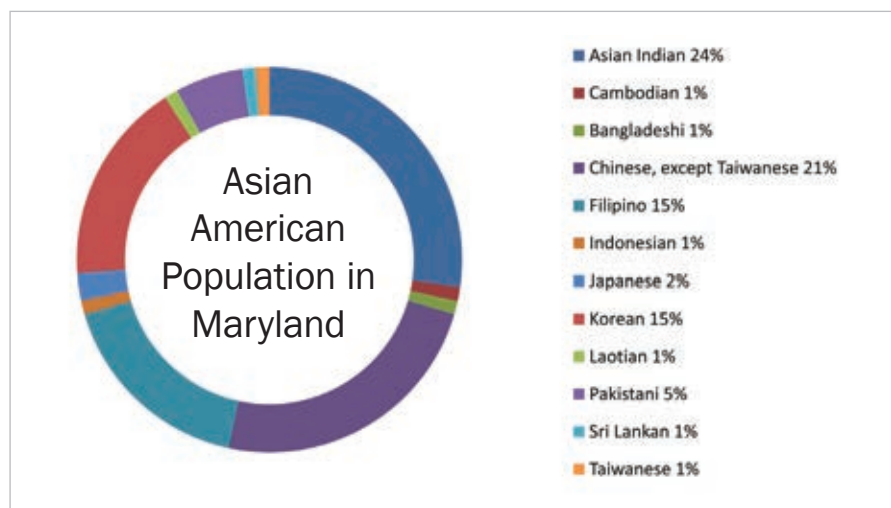
In 2013, the Asian Pacific American (APA) community in Maryland was estimated at approximately 310,000 or 5.5% of the State's population according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The APA community is one of the fastest growing population in Maryland. There are about 78,000 Asian Indians, 4,500 Bangladeshi, 15,116 Pakistani, 2,000 Sri Lankan, and other South Asian populations in Maryland which represents about 1/3 of all Asian American population in Maryland. It is estimated that the APA community will continue to grow at a fast pace in Maryland in years to come.

The most significant accomplishments of the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs in 2013 were the convening of the 2013 Pan Asian Community Summit and Legislative Reception and also the 2013 Asian American Business Conference. Both events were well attended by respective community and business members. The Summit brought together key leaders and advocates from non-profit, faith-based and community organizations; social service providers; researchers and educators; and high level federal, state and local government officials to discuss issues and concerns of importance to the Asian American community. In four breakout sessions, participants discussed a wide range of subject matter areas from resources for limited English proficiency individuals, civil rights, job creation, health and senior care. The Commission was able to gather and disseminate a lot of information.

The Asian American Business Conference drew in around 300 participants for the Networking Dinner and about 330 participants for the actual conference. The participants included small business owners, representatives from large companies, contractors, members of state economic development agencies, and representatives from Asian embassies. Participants were able to network and learn about the opportunities available for them in Maryland and from the federal government in eight workshops.

In addition to the summit and the conference, the Commission held meetings in different Maryland counties to hear briefing and testimonies from the public. The Commission heard testimonies from local officials in Baltimore City, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's County. The Commissioners were also briefed on the various legislations that affected the Asian American community by the Asian American Delegates in Annapolis.

The Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs looks forward to continuing serving the community and furthering the economic, educational, health, political and social well-being of the South Asian American community of Maryland in 2014.





## COMMISSION GOALS

### Full Commission

- Create a resource guide for the South Asian American community and disseminate to the community
- Create a partnership with the community
- Promote community organization events
- Promote cultural awareness and religious tolerance of the South Asian American community
- Assist with the Pan Asian Community Summit
- Assist with the Asian American Business Conference

### Health Care Committee

*(Members: Ishani Chowdhury [Chair], Sharad Doshi [Vice Chair], Tahira Hussain, Suresh C. Gupta)*

- Identify State Policy on health care regarding the South Asian American community
- Assist with the Joint Commission "Data Collection by Country of Origin" Initiative
- Identify health issues in the South Asian American community
- Attempt to have language access for hospital and health care providers
- Disseminate "End of Term/End of Life" information to the South Asian American senior citizens
- Provide religious contact information for hospital and health care providers
- Provide health care information for the community in both digital and print format

### Education Committee

*(Members: Kamala Edwards[Chair], Seema Iyer[Vice Chair], Arthur Pavan Bezwada, Ishani Chowdhury, Nirmal Pahadi, Baljinder Singh, Tahira Hussain)*

- Identify English Second Language programs for new immigrants and seniors
- Introduce cultural education/cultural awareness in school and work place
- Promote language access and literacy
- Identify resource for parents and children for higher education

### Legislative Committee

*(Members: Devang Shah [Chair], Shailesh Patel [Vice Chair], Sheila Khatri, Anis Ahmed, Rana Shaikh, Tahira Hussain, Irma Hafeez)*

- Identify and support bills that affect the South Asian American community
- Support eligible South Asian candidate for appointed positions
- Develop relationship with elected officials
- Meet with local delegations
- Encourage and organize voter registration

## Community Development Committee

*(Members: Tahira Hussain[Chair], Sheila Khatri [Vice Chair], Rana Shaikh, Anis Ahmed, Seema Iyer, Mohan Grover, Rani David, Kia Scherr)*

- Support the development and promotion of South Asian American leadership in the government
- Promote equal opportunity and civil rights for the South Asian community
- Identify and address barriers that the South Asian community faces at all levels
- Create initiatives that deals with hate crimes
- Promote religious tolerance and awareness
- Promote cultural awareness for the Maryland population

## Economic Development Committee

*(Members: Sharad Doshi[Chair], Shailesh Patel[Vice Chair], Devang Shah, Arthur Pavan Bezwada, Irma Hafeez, Nirmal Pahadi, Asoka Ranaweera)*

- Help the business community navigate the licensing process
- Identify and rectify issues that the South Asian American businesses face
- Provide a resource guide for the South Asian business community
- Connect the business community to various government agencies for procurement, funding and financing
- Create a dialogue and connect the various South Asian trade organizations
- Collect South Asian business data







## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**GOAL:** Promote cultural awareness for the Maryland population

#### Baisakhi

On April 4, 2013, the Governor invited about 150 members of the Maryland Sikh community to celebrate Baisakhi at Government House. Notable guests included: Ambassador Nirupama Rao of India, Paul Monteiro from the White House Office of Public Engagement, Secretary Edward Chow of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, Delegate Kumar Barve, Delegate Sam Arora, Delegate Aruna Miller, and Lt. Col. Marcus Brown, Secretary of the Maryland State police.

Baisakhi, which usually falls on April 13 or April 14, celebrates one of the most significant dates in the Sikh faith. In 1699, the Sikh brotherhood was founded by Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Guru of the Sikhs. At that time, only men of high status were allowed to wear turbans. By making it a part of every Sikh man's attire and giving women the option to wear a turban, the Guru sent a strong message of the equality and dignity of every individual in contrast to the caste system which continues to have a strong hold on India.

In his speech to the audience, the Governor emphasized the importance of diversity in Maryland. He also spoke fondly about a holiday that celebrates equality between people. It is with diversity and equality in mind that the Governor appointed a record 292 Asian American leaders to various boards and commissions in the state of Maryland.



*The New Commission Posing for Picture with the Governor*

## GOAL: Promote equal opportunity and civil rights for the South Asian American community

### Voter Registration Training and Voter Registration

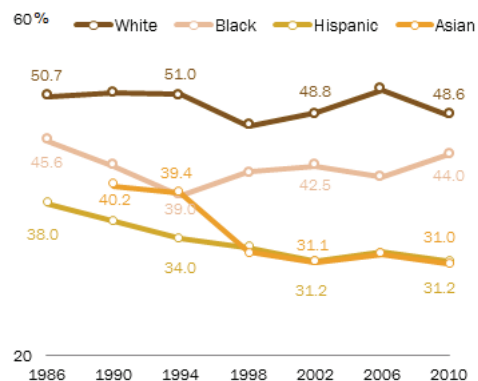
Historically, Asian Americans have a low voter turnout rate when it comes to elections. According to a Pew Research Center analysis of the Census Bureau data, Asians have one of the lowest voter turnout rates out of all the ethnicities in the United States. In 2010, Asian American turnout was 31%, which is the same as the turnout among Hispanics. Research has shown that people with higher levels of education and people with greater income are more likely to vote in elections. However, despite there being about 47% of Asian American eligible voters in 2010, Asian American voter turnout (40%) lagged behind all other ethnicities. The Pew Research Center also found a similar trend in Asian Americans with higher income. Their turnout also lagged behind all the other ethnicities.

The Community Development subcommittee, concerned with the findings of low Asian American voter turnout, worked to increase voter registration and encourage voter turnout. During June, 2013, Commissioners went through voter registration training held by members of the Montgomery County Board of Elections. Since then, commissioners have set up voter registration booths at numerous functions in the South Asian community to help register voters. Commissioners were very helpful in answering questions that potential voters had when registering.



### Voter Turnout Rates in Midterm Elections

% of eligible voters

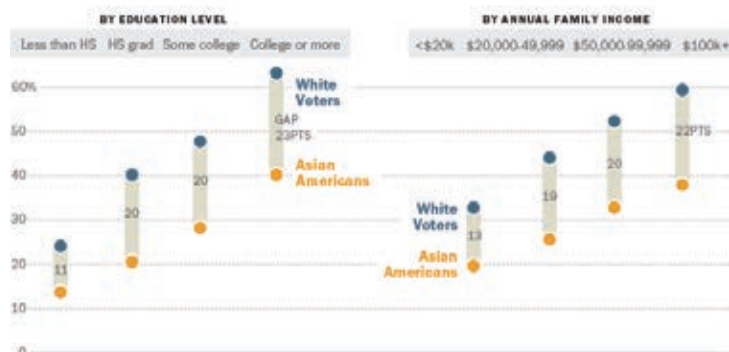


Note: Blacks, whites and Asians include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race. Eligible voters are U.S. citizens ages 18 or older.

Sources: Pew Research Center tabulations from the CPS November supplements

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### Voter Turnout Rate Gap Between Whites and Asian Americans by Education and Income, 2010



Note: Eligible voters are U.S. citizens ages 18 or older. Some college includes two-year degrees. White and Asian populations include only non-Hispanics who reported a single race. Family income not adjusted for inflation.

Sources: Pew Research Center tabulations from the Current Population Survey, 2010 November supplement

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**GOAL:** Create a Pan Asian Summit to help promote Pan Asian unity and cooperation in the State of Maryland

### **Pan Asian Community Summit and Legislative Reception**

On January 28, 2013, the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs along with the newly formed Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs jointly hosted the first annual Pan Asian Community Summit and Legislative Reception. The goal of the summit was to provide an opportunity for participants to voice their needs and concerns in various topics that affect the community. The Summit also provided attendees the opportunity to enhance relationships among the various Asian communities as well as different levels of Government. The legislative reception immediately after the summit is meant to let the community meet with their legislators and also to expose the legislators to the size of the Asian American community. The summit and legislative reception was extremely well attended with around 350 community leaders, government officials, legislators, and students in attendance throughout the day.

During the opening ceremony held in the West Wing of the Miller Senate Office building, many leaders of the Asian American community and elected officials spoke on unity in the Pan Asian community. Elected officials that spoke at the summit included: Secretary Chow, Senator Karen Montgomery, and Mrs. Courtney Chappell from the White House initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders. The overall message from all the speakers was that the Asian American communities should work together as one.

Dr. Janelle Wong, Director of the University of Maryland Asian American Studies Program, was the keynote speaker for the day. Dr. Wong stated that unity is possible with all the Asian American ethnic groups. The Asian American community will have to work hard to achieve results because unity will not happen naturally. Perhaps in a few generations, the community can see a diverse Maryland where Asian Americans are not held back by their ethnic background and will help each other.

After the opening ceremony, community members were sent to smaller workshop meetings to learn about the issues affecting the community and give feedback. The topics of the workshops were:

- Resources for Limited English Proficiency Individuals in Maryland
- Civil Rights, Equality, and Handling Cultural Sensitivity
- Addressing Health and Senior Care in the Asian Community
- Job Creation and Career Development



## Resources for Limited English Proficiency Individuals in Maryland

Language Access in Maryland is an ongoing issue and one which greatly affects the Asian American community. According to the 2010 census, there are about 237,000 (about 70%) Asian Americans in Maryland that are foreign born. Of the foreign born population, there are about 92,000 Asian Americans that speak English less than "very well." That is almost 1/3 of the total Asian American population in Maryland.

The Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR), is working with the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives to improve language access in Maryland. DHR has already distributed useful guides and created new tools in order to better serve Marylanders who are Limited English Proficient.

Maryland uses a language line service. Translation services can be requested at 1-800-752-6096.

	Maryland	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	331,320	+/-2,893
Born in state of residence	54,002	+/-2,024
Born in other state in the United States	35,480	+/-1,974
Native; born outside the United States	4,756	+/-690
Foreign born	237,082	+/-2,987

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2012 American Community Survey

	Maryland	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	310,533	+/-2,450
Native:	75,380	+/-2,340
Speak only English	35,015	+/-1,927
Speak another language	40,365	+/-2,028
Speak English "very well"	33,582	+/-1,878
Speak English less than "very well"	6,783	+/-746
Foreign born:	235,153	+/-2,918
Speak only English	30,178	+/-1,655
Speak another language	204,975	+/-3,035
Speak English "very well"	112,391	+/-3,107
Speak English less than "very well"	92,584	+/-3,066

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2012 American Community Survey

## Civil Rights, Equality, and Cultural Sensitivity

Asian Americans face discrimination, whether it's hitting the glass ceiling at work places or bullied at schools. This workshop was an informational workshop to let community leaders know about the resources available to their community.

According to a study out of California, 54% of Asian American students are bullied in schools. However, according to the American Psychological Association (APA), the 54% is actually referring to the location where bullying occurred. According to APA, only 18% of Asian American students report being bullied. (source: <http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/ethnicity-health/asian-american/bullying-and-victimization.aspx>)

The workshop provided resources to the audience on where to file grievances if the audience believed that they were discriminated on because of their ethnicity.



## Addressing Health and Senior Care in the Asian Community

According to census data, there are around 31,000 Asian American senior citizens (65 years and above) in Maryland. With about 35,000 Asian Americans who will become senior citizens within the next 10 years. Data also show that within these 31,000 senior citizens, there are about 8,000 with disabilities.

As discussed earlier, majority of the Asian American population in Maryland are foreign born and about a third of all Asian Americans in Maryland does not have mastery of the English language. This makes competent, culturally sensitive senior care extremely important and a necessity in Maryland.

Maryland Secretary of Aging, Gloria Lawlah, was a speaker at the workshop and was able to inform the community on what resources there are in Maryland. Secretary Lawlah was also made aware of many of the needs that the aging Asian American senior community needed.

	Maryland	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	331,320	+/-2,893
Male:	157,217	+/-1,572
Under 5 years	11,149	+/-470
5 to 9 years	10,049	+/-794
10 to 14 years	10,320	+/-691
15 to 17 years	5,787	+/-368
18 and 19 years	4,204	+/-314
20 to 24 years	11,311	+/-404
25 to 29 years	12,072	+/-399
30 to 34 years	12,923	+/-432
35 to 44 years	26,741	+/-541
45 to 54 years	22,157	+/-406
55 to 64 years	16,354	+/-326
65 to 74 years	9,300	+/-278
75 to 84 years	3,766	+/-382
85 years and over	1,084	+/-305
Female:	174,103	+/-1,702
Under 5 years	9,638	+/-530
5 to 9 years	10,506	+/-712
10 to 14 years	10,694	+/-737
15 to 17 years	5,248	+/-279
18 and 19 years	3,883	+/-345
20 to 24 years	10,663	+/-465
25 to 29 years	14,045	+/-414
30 to 34 years	15,800	+/-459
35 to 44 years	31,039	+/-545
45 to 54 years	25,578	+/-406
55 to 64 years	19,586	+/-267
65 to 74 years	10,924	+/-266
75 to 84 years	4,748	+/-396
85 years and over	1,751	+/-340

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2012 American Community Survey

	Maryland	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	329,311	+/-2,984
Under 18 years:	73,353	+/-1,726
With a disability	1,408	+/-340
No disability	71,945	+/-1,648
18 to 64 years:	224,740	+/-1,788
With a disability	8,131	+/-797
No disability	216,609	+/-1,799
65 years and over:	31,218	+/-484
With a disability	8,231	+/-767
No disability	22,987	+/-777

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2012 American Community Survey

## Job Creation and Career Development

According to the 2010 census, there are about 266,000 Asian Americans in the work place in Maryland. There are about 140,000 Asian Americans with a Bachelor's degree or higher. This means that about 45% of the total Asian American population has a college degree. This translates into a well educated workforce.

Mr. Rodrigue Vitale from the New Americans program spoke on job and job training opportunities for job seekers with Limited English Proficiency. Details can be found <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/newamerwrkforce.shtml>



	Maryland	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	227,868	+/-1,594
Male:	104,397	+/-990
Less than 9th grade	4,210	+/-654
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,922	+/-513
Regular high school diploma	10,286	+/-958
GED or alternative credential	877	+/-307
Some college, no degree	12,556	+/-1,015
Associate's degree	4,791	+/-580
Bachelor's degree	28,748	+/-1,341
Graduate degree	39,007	+/-1,408
Female:	123,471	+/-1,077
Less than 9th grade	8,336	+/-897
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,824	+/-613
Regular high school diploma	15,965	+/-1,154
GED or alternative credential	1,281	+/-297
Some college, no degree	12,019	+/-1,043
Associate's degree	7,515	+/-748
Bachelor's degree	38,424	+/-1,628
Graduate degree	34,107	+/-1,421

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2012 American Community Survey





## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**GOAL:** Help promote and grow the Asian American Business Conference

### Asian American Business Conference

The 2013 Asian American Business Conference (AABC) took place on October 28 – 29, 2013 at the Greenbelt Marriott. Over 300 business professionals from all parts of the State attended the Networking Dinner on October 28, 2013 and around 330 business professionals attended the Conference on October 29, 2013. The 2014 AABC has the highest attendance recorded for both the Networking Dinner and the actual Conference. This is the first year where the AABC has been adopted by the Governor's Office on Community Initiatives and hosted jointly by the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs and the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs.



The AABC is the only Asian American business conference in Maryland. Its main goal is to promote and support Asian American businesses by offering seminars and a trade show. This year's AABC had parallel workshops devoted to growing domestic businesses and also helping businesses to expand overseas in Asia.

Over 24 sponsors supported the conference, including Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulations, Bank of America, Montgomery County Department of Economic Development, State Farm, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of General Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, M&T Bank, Ho Brothers Development, ClearAvenue, and MGM at National Harbor.

Lt. Governor Anthony Brown attended the conference to give statistics on Asian American Businesses from 2012:

- Maryland has chosen to award a total of \$880 million to Asian American firms since 2008 Fiscal Year
- In Fiscal Year 2012, Maryland awarded \$155 million to Asian American firms.
- The MBE award numbers for Fiscal Year 2012 were as follows:

◇ \$44,763,171	Asian American Prime Awards
\$12,632,798	Asian American Woman Prime Awards
◇ \$92,343,657	Asian American Subcontract Awards
\$5,607,727	Asian American Women Subcontract Awards
◇ \$137,106,827	Asian American Total Contract Awards
\$18,240,525	Asian American Women Total Contract Awards
◇ 7.11%	Asian American % of Total MBE Procurement
0.95%	Asian American Women % of Total MBE Procurement

Under Governor O'Malley's leadership, the State of Maryland has a strong commitment to ensure the prosperity and further expansion of all Maryland-based companies, with a special focus on minority, women-owned, and disadvantaged enterprises.

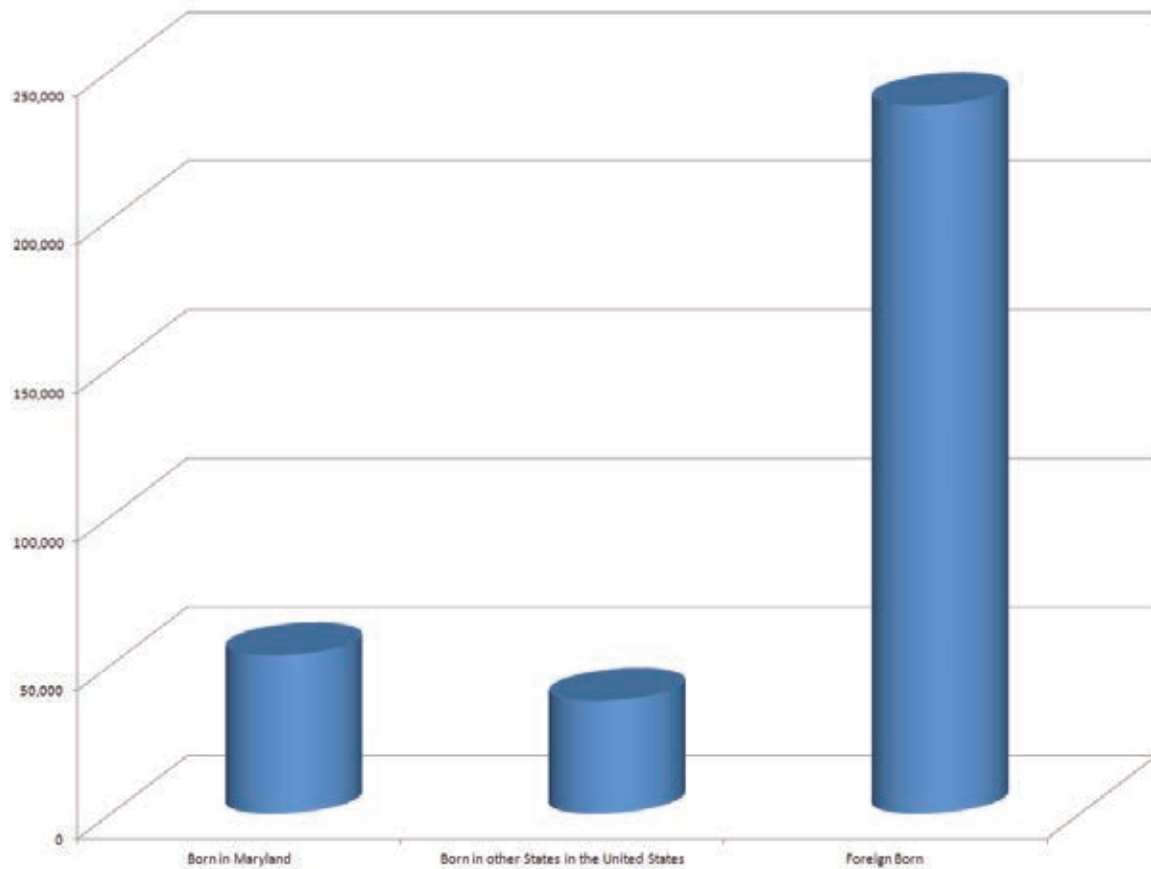
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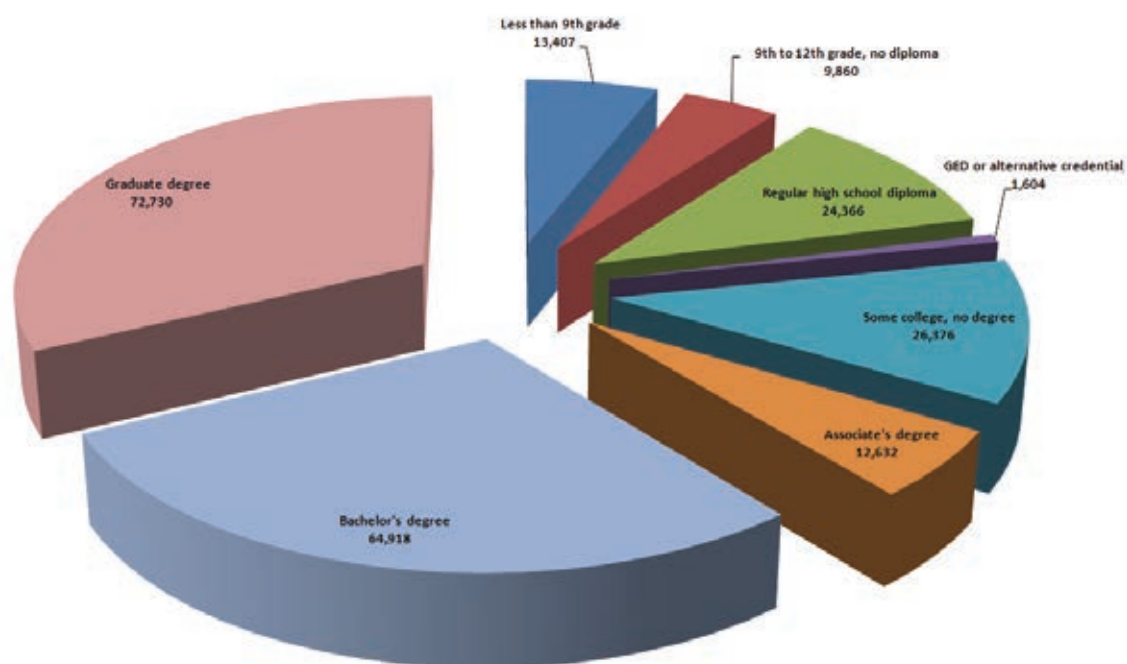


## Asian American Place of Birth in the State of Maryland

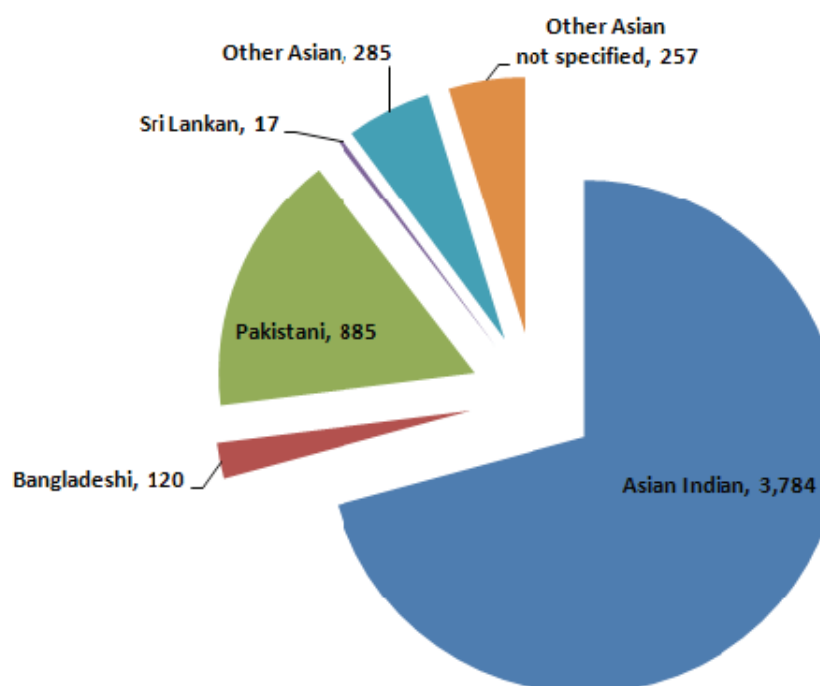
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### Asian American Education Attainment Level in the State of Maryland (Based on the 2011 American Community Survey)



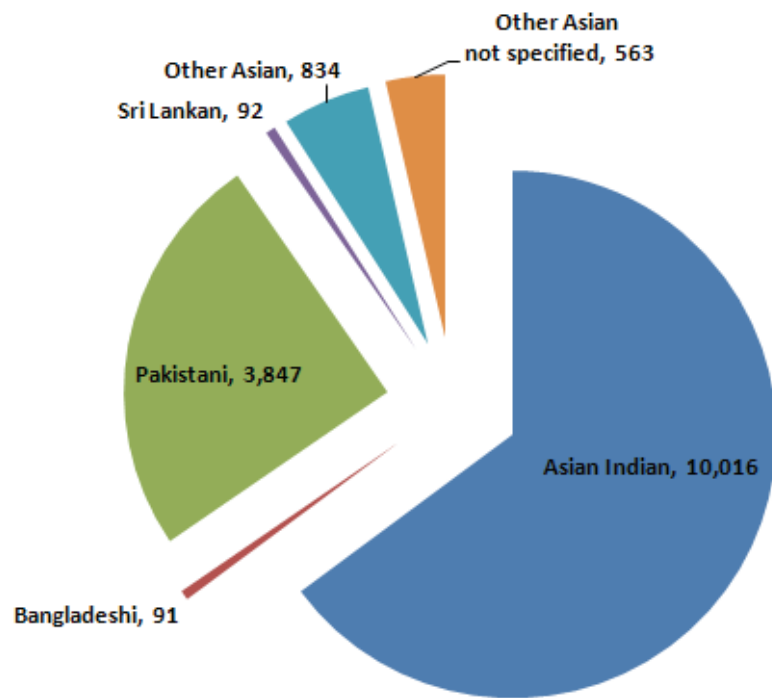
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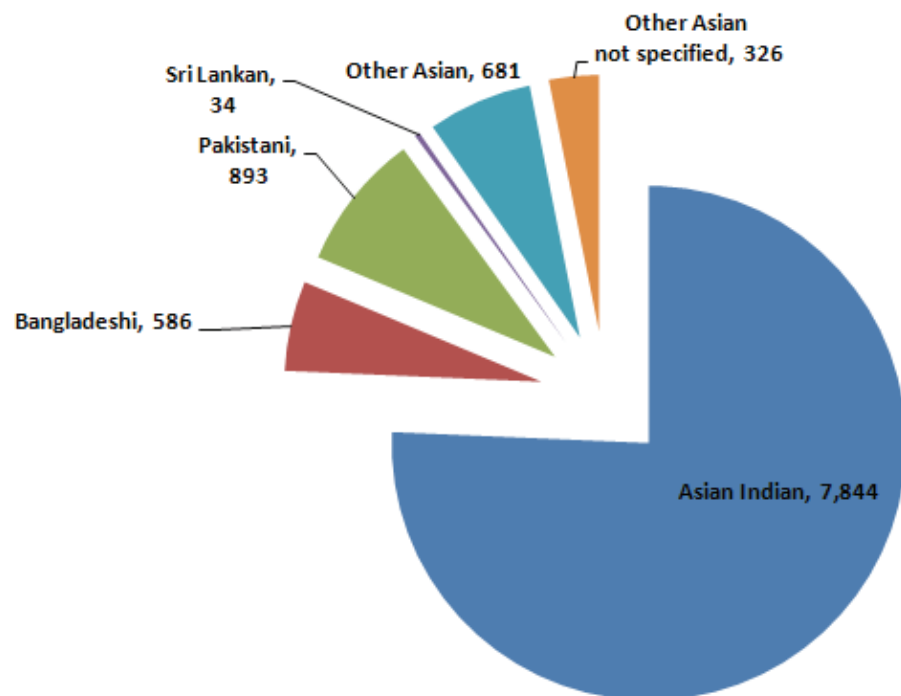




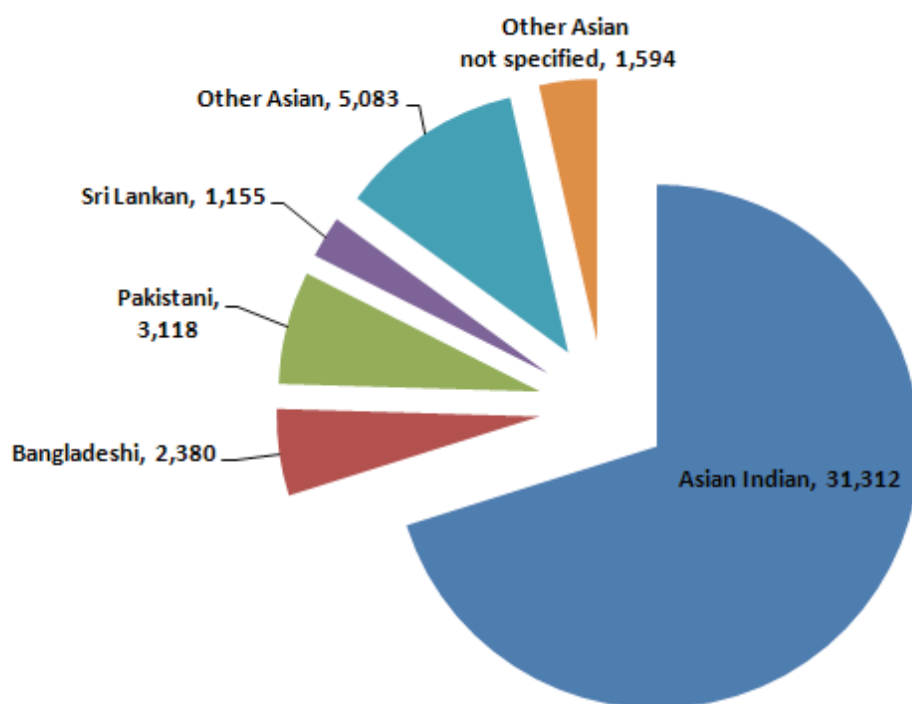
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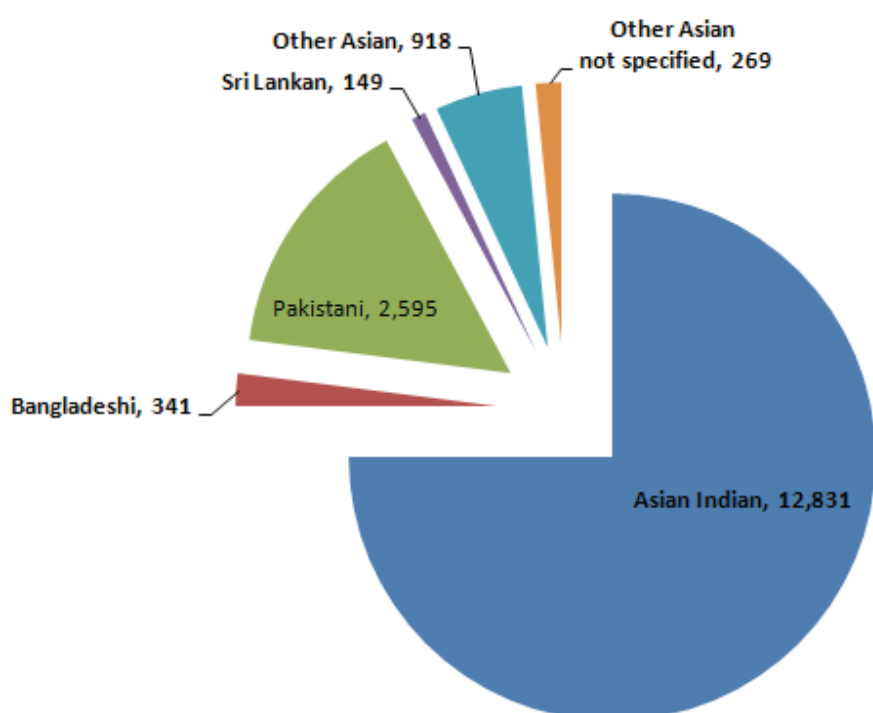
### Asian American Population in Prince George's County



### Asian American Population in Montgomery County



### Asian American Population in Howard County





## RESOURCES

### Advocacy

#### Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma

431 East Belvedere Avenue  
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