



Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Health in the United States and U.S. Territories

Welcome to “Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Health in the United States and U.S. Territories: A Pathfinder to Resources” from the Office of Minority Health (OMH) Knowledge Center. This pathfinder walks users through some key articles, reports, and other resources that touch upon diseases, social determinants of health, racial justice, and other important topics. Please see the additional pathfinders that directly relate to other racial minority groups.

These selections may be helpful to:

- Researchers
- Clinicians
- Public health practitioners
- Advocates
- Instructors
- Students
- Others working to improve the health of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders

This pathfinder can be used to support research or instructional activities in classrooms, libraries, health fairs, and community health worker programs.

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Journals

- Asia Pacific Family Medicine
- Asian American Journal of Psychology
- Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention
- Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health
- Californian Journal of Health Promotion
- Hawai'i Journal of Health and Social Welfare
- Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
- Journal of Transcultural Nursing
- Pacific Health Dialog
- Western Journal of Nursing Research

A Sampling of Resources

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Overviews

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Addressing Health Disparities: Opportunities for Building a Healthier America. Washington, DC: President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, 2003.

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Access to Care

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Effect of US Health Policies on Health Care Access for Marshallese Migrants. McElfish, P. A., et al. *American Journal of Public Health*, v. 105, #4 (April), p. 637-643, 2015 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25713965>

Improving the Public Health Infrastructure Capacity in the U.S. Pacific Territories / Dopson, S. A. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, v. 27, #4 (Nov/Dec), p. 1632-1637, 2016 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27818427>

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Chronic Conditions

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A Systematic Review of Overweight, Obesity, and Type 2 Diabetes among Asian American Subgroups. Staimetz, L. R., et al. Current Diabetes Reviews, v. 9, #4 (July), p. 312-331, 2013. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23590534>

Children & Families

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<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24570381>

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The Impact of Sexuality and Race/Ethnicity on HIV/AIDS Risk Among Asian and Pacific Islander American (A/PIA) Gay and Bisexual Men in Hawai'i. Kanuha, V, K. AIDS Educ Prev, 2000. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/11220503/>

Mental Health

Access and Utilization of Mental Health Services Among Pacific Islanders. Kwan, P. P.; Soniega-Sherwood, J.; Esmundo, S.; Watts, J.; Pike, J., et al. Asian American Journal of Psychology, v. 11, #2 (June), p. 69-78, 2020. 57422 <https://doi.org/10.1037/aap0000172> DOI: 10.1037/aap0000172

Asian American Health Initiative's Mental Health Toolkit 2: Getting the Care You Need. Asian American Health Initiative, 2018. <https://aahiinfo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Getting-the-Care-You-Need-Complete-Toolkit.pdf>

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Statistical Reports

Assessment of Major Federal Data Sets for Analyses of Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander Subgroups and Native Americans. Task 3 Report: Extending the Utility of Federal Databases. Rockville, MD: HHS Assistant Secretary for Policy Evaluation (ASPE), 2000. http://archive.org/details/assessmentofmajo00west_0

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The Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population: 2010. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012. <https://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-12.pdf>

Recent Population Trends for the U.S. Island Areas: 2000 to 2010. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Commerce, 2015. <http://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2015/demo/p23-213.pdf>

The Internet Archive

Explore the Office of Minority Health Resource Center on the Internet Archive website at <https://archive.org/details/minorityhealth>

This online library collection features free, full-text access to a variety of unique and historic reports. For information on Asian American/Pacific Islander health, consider the following items:

- **Assessment of Major Federal Data Sets for Analyses of Hispanic and Asian or Pacific Islander Subgroups and Native Americans.** Extending the Utility of Federal Databases. Rockville, MD: Assistant Secretary for Policy Evaluation, 2000. http://archive.org/details/assessmentofmajo00west_0
- **CSAP Substance Abuse Resource Guide: Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.** Rockville, MD: CSAP, 1996. <https://archive.org/details/csapsubstancea00cent>
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- **Policy Recommendations on HIV/AIDS Services and Care for Asian and Pacific Islanders.** Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Health Resources and Services Administration, 1996. <https://archive.org/details/policyrecommenda00lews>

Additional Resources for Asian Americans

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders Profile (Office of Minority Health)
<https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=65>

Centers for Disease Control – Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) National Health Interview Survey
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhpi.html>

National Institutes of Health National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: Sickle Cell Disease
<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/sickle-cell-disease>

National Library of Medicine
<https://medlineplus.gov/nativehawaiianandpacificislanderhealth.html>

U.S. Census Bureau – Asian American Data Links

<https://www.census.gov/about/partners/cic/resources/data-links/asian.html>

National Organizations for Asian Americans

Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)

<http://www.advancingjustice.org>

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)

<http://www.aaci.org>

Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Inc. (APIAHF)

<http://www.apiahf.org>

Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence (APIIDV)

<http://www.apiidv.org>

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

<http://www.aapcho.org>

Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research. University of Hawaii

<http://www2.jabsom.hawaii.edu/native>

Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC)

<https://capac-chu.house.gov>

National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association (NAAPIMHA)

<http://naapimha.org>

National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)

<http://www.ncapaonline.org>

NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health (CSAAH)

<http://asian-health.med.nyu.edu>

UCLA Asian American Studies Center

<http://www.aasc.ucla.edu/>

University of Michigan, Pacific Research and Discourse Project

<https://prd.psc.isr.umich.edu/about.html>

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