



# CALIFORNIA FACT SHEET



ALZHEIMER'S AND ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN CALIFORNIA

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## PREVALENCE



### 15-31%

A 2016 study by Kaiser Permanente forecast that 15% -31% of its Pacific Islander members and 27%-29% of its Asian American members who are dementia free at age 65 would be diagnosed with dementia over the next 25 years.

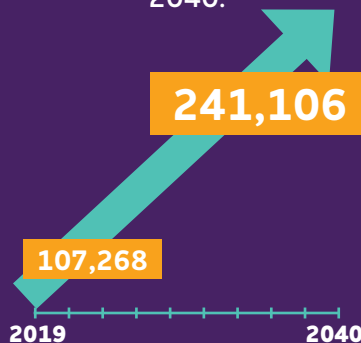
Studies have shown that Asian American/Pacific Islanders may not report symptoms of dementia to a medical professional unless family caregivers require medical assistance with behavioral issues.



### 15%

In 2019, 15% of Californians living with Alzheimer's were Asian American/Pacific Islander.

Alzheimer's will more than double among Asian American/Pacific Islander Californians by 2040.



The poverty rate for Asian American/Pacific Islanders aged 65 and older is 11% compared to 9% for all Americans aged 65 and older.



### 11% 9%



Current **scientific knowledge** suggests socioeconomic factors differ on average between subgroups of Asian American/Pacific Islanders, which may impact dementia risk differently.

## MORTALITY



Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders had the greatest increase in deaths reported from Alzheimer's, **GROWING ALMOST TEN-FOLD** between 2000 and 2018.



## CAREGIVING

Asian American/Pacific Islanders are more likely to assume caregiving roles to an older adult compared to the general population. They are also more likely to have multiple family members involved in care or decision-making, rather than just a single person.



Data comes from the California Department of Public Health Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Facts and Figures in California: Current Status and Future Projections report.