Census Data on Asian American Seniors

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Asian Seniors in New York State

• Total Population
  – Census 2000
    • 77,952 Asians age 65 or older
    • 75,480 Asians age 65 or older living in households
  – 2005 American Community Survey
    • 105,149 Asians age 65 or older living in households (39% increase since 2000)
    • In New York State, most Asian seniors live in New York City (82,554, or 78.5%)
Poverty

- For New York State, 21.8 percent of Asian seniors were living in poverty compared to 12.7% for seniors in general. (2005 American Community Survey)
Social Security

• In New York State, only 32% of Asian seniors collected Social Security compared to 15% of seniors in general (2003-2006 Current Population Survey)
Employment

• While roughly the same percentage of Asian seniors and seniors in general were in the labor force (16% and 14% respectively)
  – 17% of Asian seniors were unemployed
  – 5% of seniors in general were unemployed

(Source: 2005 American Community Survey)
Medicare

• In New York State, about 12% of Asian seniors do not have Medicare coverage compared to 6% of all seniors (2003-2006 Current Population Survey)
Disability

• In New York State, 32.9 percent of Asian seniors reported some disability compared to 38.8 percent of seniors in general (2005 American Community Survey).