

Spotlight on Asian New Yorkers: Experiences of Poverty, Disadvantage, and Discrimination

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Background - about Asian Americans



- Fastest growing racial and ethnic group in NYC and the U.S.
- Among the most understudied racial and ethnic groups
- Underrepresented in many data sources, including those that collect information on poverty and economic disadvantage
- “Model minority” myth
- Incredibly diverse

*It's important to have accurate and timely data
on poverty and disadvantage among Asian New Yorkers.*

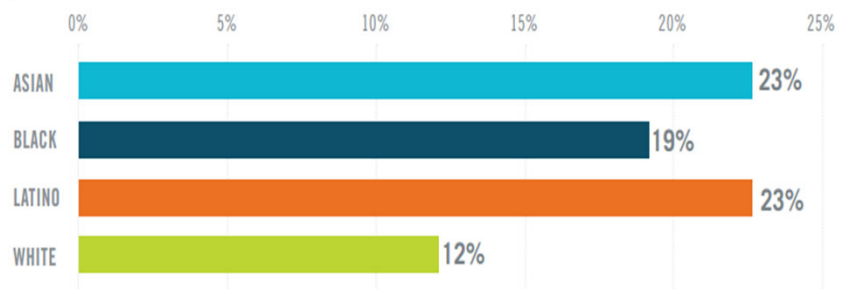
Poverty Tracker's Oversample of Asian New Yorkers

- In 2020, PT began to survey in Mandarin and recruited an over-sample of Asian New Yorkers
- Increased the representativeness of Asian New Yorkers
- The only source of longitudinal information on poverty (SPM) and other forms of disadvantages among Asian New Yorkers
- Language limitation: Asian New Yorkers being interviewed in English, Mandarin, or Spanish

Poverty

- 1-in-4 lived in poverty
- 8% higher than city level
- Similar to Black and Latino New Yorkers
- Double % of white New Yorkers

Poverty rates among adult New Yorkers by race and ethnicity, 2020

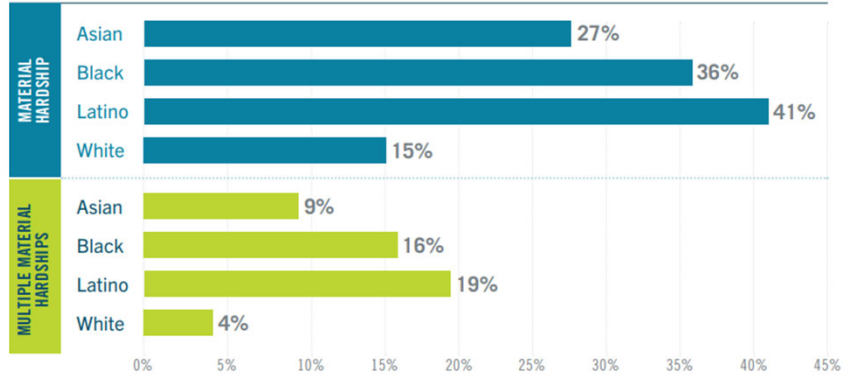


Source: Annual Poverty Tracker survey data; second, third, and fourth cohorts. Results based on three-year average.

Material Hardship

- More than ¼ faced material hardship
- In-line with city level
- Double % of White New Yorkers
- Lower than what might be expected >> additional research is needed

Rates of material hardship among adult New Yorkers by race and ethnicity, 2020

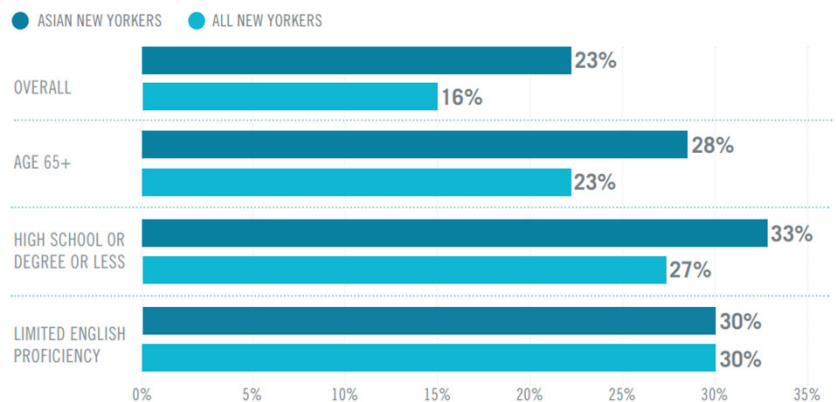


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Vulnerable Subgroups

- Aged 65 or older
- with a high school degree or less
- with limited English proficiency

Poverty rates among subgroups of Asian New Yorkers, compared to citywide averages, 2020

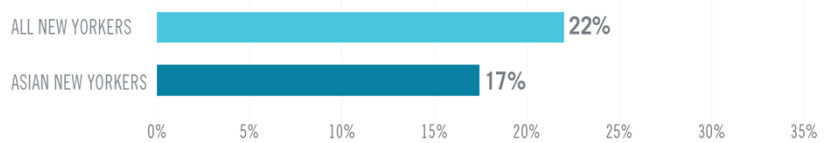


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Health & Well-being

- Less health problems
- Higher serious psychological distress
- Lowest life rating

Prevalence of health problems among Asian New Yorkers compared to citywide average, 2020



Source: Annual Poverty Tracker survey data; second, third, and fourth cohort.

Prevalence of serious psychological distress and average life rating overall and among Asian New Yorkers, 2020

	PREVALENCE OF SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS	AVERAGE LIFE SATISFACTION RATING
All New Yorkers	11%	6.58
Asian New Yorkers	14%	6.07

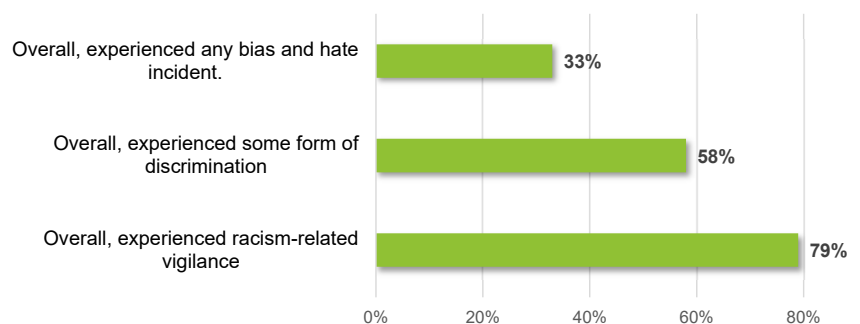
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Discrimination

- 1-in-3 encountered bias and hate incident
- Over half experienced discrimination
- Majority endured racism-related vigilance



Bias and hate incident, Discrimination, and racism-related vigilance of Chinese New Yorkers, 2020



Source: Poverty Tracker 2020 survey data. (N=423)



Implications

- Greater attention to the experiences of Asian New Yorkers facing economic disadvantage
- “Double pandemic” is likely to have serious negative impacts
- Policies and culturally/linguistically supportive programs serving these vulnerable populations are essential
- Asian Americans need to be sufficiently represented in all data sources used to make policy-related decisions

Thank you

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Links to relevant reports:

- [The State of Poverty and Disadvantage in New York City](#)
- [Double Pandemic: Discrimination Experiences of New Yorkers of Chinese Descent During COVID-19](#)

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