

# THE STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA

LATINOS

BLACKS

ASIAN AMERICANS  
NATIVE HAWAIIANS  
PACIFIC ISLANDERS

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Asian Americans and NHPI are the **fastest growing** communities in California

Total population:  
6,691,142

(NHPI: 347,501  
Asian Americans: 6,343,641)

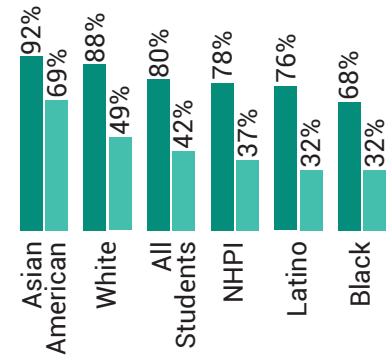


One in seven Californians is Asian American or Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI)

## PREPARATION

Only 37% of NHPI students are eligible for admission to the UC or the CSU

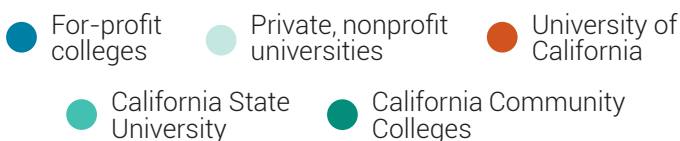
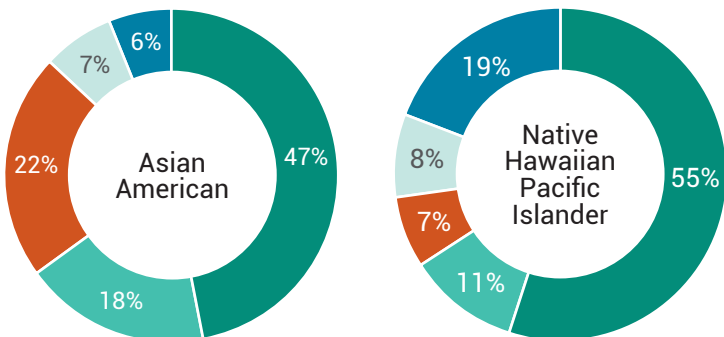
California high school graduation and A-G completion rates, 2012-13



## ENROLLMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

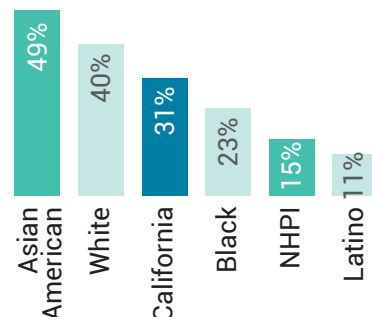
Nearly half of all Asian Americans and a majority of NHPI students start their college journey at a California community college

Distribution of first-time freshmen in California by sector and race/ethnicity, fall 2013



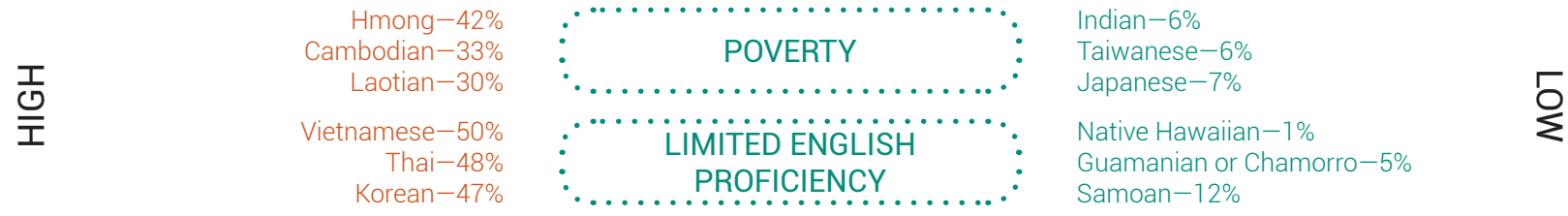
Nearly 50% of Asian American adults have a bachelor's degree or higher

Percent of population 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or higher, 2011-2013

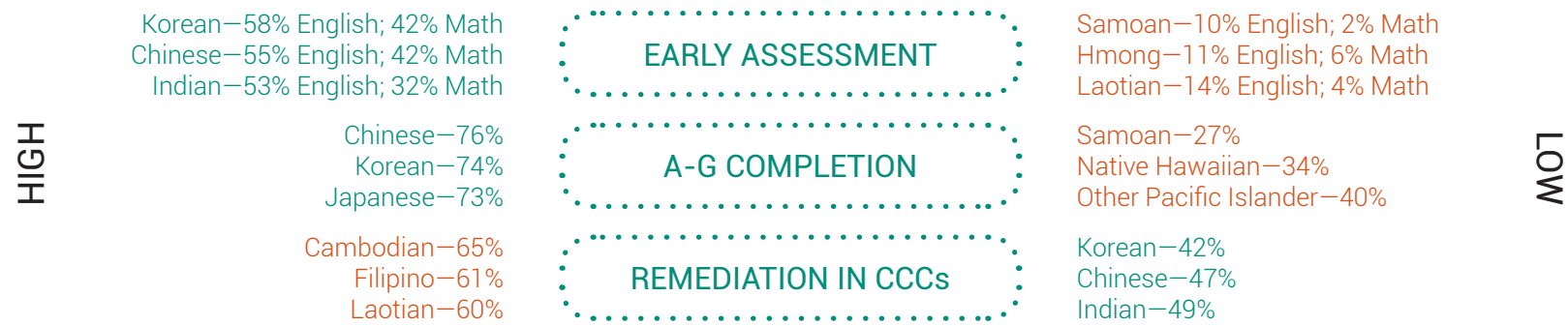


# DIVERSITY WITHIN ASIAN AMERICANS/NHPIs

## BARRIERS TO ACCESS AND SUCCESS



## ACADEMIC PREPARATION



## COLLEGE COMPLETION



## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Create a statewide plan for higher education.
2. Ensure colleges successfully move students through pre-college level courses, quickly and with improved retention rates.
3. Provide clear transfer pathways to four-year degrees.
4. Expand college knowledge in middle and high school and invest in support services students need to succeed.
5. Grow state funding to expand enrollment capacity so all California eligible students have a spot in our public higher education system.
6. Strengthen financial support options for low- to moderate-income college students.
7. Use disaggregated data to improve educational outcomes for Asian American and NHPI students.
8. Ensure federal funding for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander serving institutions is focused on student support and improving student outcomes for those students.

