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**HIGHER POVERTY, LOWER INCOMES, LESS ENGLISH ABILITY AND LARGER HOUSEHOLDS
DISTINGUISHED PAKISTANI AMERICANS FROM TOTAL NEW YORK CITY POPULATION IN 2000,
ASIAN AMERICAN FEDERATION CENSUS ANALYSIS SHOWS**

NEW YORK – New York City’s Pakistani Americans tended to experience greater poverty, earn less, speak less English and live in larger households than city residents as a whole in 2000, a census analysis by the Asian American Federation of New York reveals.

The Asian American Federation, a nonprofit leadership organization, released results of its evaluation today in the latest in a series of ethnic and geographic profiles to deepen understanding of Asian American populations in the New York metropolitan area. The Federation’s Census Information Center (CIC), a source of census data and analysis affiliated with the U.S. Census Bureau, is preparing the demographic portraits with support from the Citigroup and C.J. Huang foundations. The Pakistani American profile is available at www.aafny.org.

“Our profile of New York City’s Pakistani American population provides an important snapshot of an immigrant group facing severe poverty and language challenges,” said Cao K. O, executive director of the Asian American Federation. “The very high child-poverty rate and the limited English skills of senior citizens require particular attention from community service planners and policy-makers. This information is especially significant in a post-September 11th context, as this community has suffered hardship stemming from hate crimes, employment discrimination and government policies.”

Key profile statistics (involving 2000 census data unless stated otherwise) include the following:

- From 1990 to 2000, New York City’s Pakistani American population grew from 13,501 to 34,310, or 154 percent – surpassing increases of 9 percent for the city overall and 71 percent for all Asian New Yorkers.
- More than one-third (34 percent) of Pakistani American children and more than one-fourth (28 percent) of all Pakistanis in New York City lived in poverty – exceeding 30 percent of all children and 21 percent of all residents in the city.
- Pakistani New Yorkers’ per capita income was \$11,992 – about half of the city-wide figure (\$22,402).
- Two out of 3 elderly Pakistani Americans (67 percent) and nearly half (48 percent) of all Pakistani adults in New York City had “Limited English Proficiency” – markedly surpassing 27 percent of all elderly New Yorkers and 24 percent of all city adults.
- New York City’s Pakistani American households averaged 4.1 occupants – far more than 2.6 city-wide.
- Almost one-third (32 percent) of Pakistani American adults in New York City had not finished high school – compared with 28 percent of all adult New Yorkers.
- With a 79 percent foreign-born population, New York City’s Pakistani Americans were more than twice as likely to be immigrants as city residents overall, of whom 36 percent were born outside the United States.
- Most Pakistani Americans in the city lived in Queens, with 45 percent of Pakistani New Yorkers (15,604 people), or Brooklyn, with 41 percent (14,221). The rest of the city’s Pakistani population was distributed about evenly among the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island.

The Asian American Federation of New York is a nonprofit leadership organization that works collaboratively to meet the critical needs of Asian Americans in the New York metropolitan area. Operating since 1990, the Federation strengthens community-based health and social services capacity by supporting its 36 member agencies and other grassroots organizations; amplifies the Asian American civic voice by defining, analyzing, and advocating for policies to address key community issues; and encourages strategic, high-impact philanthropy within the Asian American community by increasing opportunities for connecting time, talent and financial resources with pressing community needs.

The Federation’s Census Information Center (CIC) is the only such U.S. Census Bureau-designated center in the Northeast that focuses on serving Asian Americans. Established in 2000, the center provides census information, conducts data and policy analysis, and promotes census participation.

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