User Guide for AAPI Community Counts Tool
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Note: This user guide will be updated as we receive input and feedback from community partners.

Welcome to the AAPI Community Counts tool! This tool includes the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau on the detailed ethnicities of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities across the United States.

1. **User notes**
    a. Data not available (null). Indicates that the Census Bureau does not report data for the population group in the specified geographic area. It is possible that no members of the population group reside in that area, but it is also possible that the Census Bureau is not reporting the group's data in order to protect individual and household privacy given very small population sizes.

2. **Innovations in the tool**
    a. *Recalculating the Southeast Asian, East Asian, and Other Asian counts*

        We have produced columns recalculating the Southeast Asian, East Asian and Other Asian counts to correct for errors in regional classification by the U.S. Census Bureau.

        Rationale: The U.S. Census Bureau made an error in classifying Hmong as East Asian rather than Southeast Asian in their Fall 2023 data release, and they also misclassified Timorese as Other Asian rather than Southeast Asian. SEARAC and other Southeast Asian American partners, along with allied organizations such as AAPI Data and Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC, have urged the Census Bureau to correct this mistake in their published data, but the Census Bureau has indicated that such changes will not be possible for 2020 Census data. AAPI Data has provided this data correction so that communities can employ more accurate information that reflects the expertise of our community partners, and the lived experiences and identities of Hmong Americans and Timorese Americans.

3. **Data sources**
    a. We use the Census API for the following data:
        i. 2020 Asian, NHPI Detailed Origin Counts
        ii. 2010, 2000 NHPI Race Counts
    b. We use TidyCensus for the following data:
        i. Asian, NHPI Race Counts (2020, 2010, 2000)

       ii.   Asian, NHPI Detailed Origin (2010,2000)

      iii.   Asian, NHPI Metropolitan Statistical Area counts

   c. We calculated Metropolitan Statistical Area data by adding counts using County-MSA Crosswalk

4. Definitions:

   a. "Alone" indicates those individuals who selected only one race/ethnicity response.

   b. "Alone and in Combination" indicates those who selected only one race/ethnicity AND those who selected more than one race/ethnicity response.