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The Community Advocacy & Services Division in the Iowa Department of Human Rights, in a partnership with the [Iowa International Center](#), celebrated Immigrant Heritage Month on June 25th on the Lucas Lawn located at the State of Iowa Capitol Complex. The event featured immigrants and refugees who shared their migration journeys to the United States and Iowa.

These storytellers spanned the globe - Nigeria, Sudan, Vietnam, Bosnia and Bolivia - and work in the field of education, serve in the US military and advocate for foreign-born Iowans & civil rights. Commissioner Tim Perkins of the Iowa Commission of Native American Affairs provided welcoming remarks. Mr. Ahmadu Baba-Singhri, Ph.D., Commissioner and Chair of the Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans, shared his thoughts on ways immigrants and refugees can contribute toward the betterment of Iowa and become civically engaged.

Dance performances by Karen Burmese and South Asian Indian dancers delighted the audience. A diverse array of multicultural food trucks were also onsite during this lunchtime public outreach event. [\[Event program\]](#)

CENSUS: Languages Second to ENG & SPA

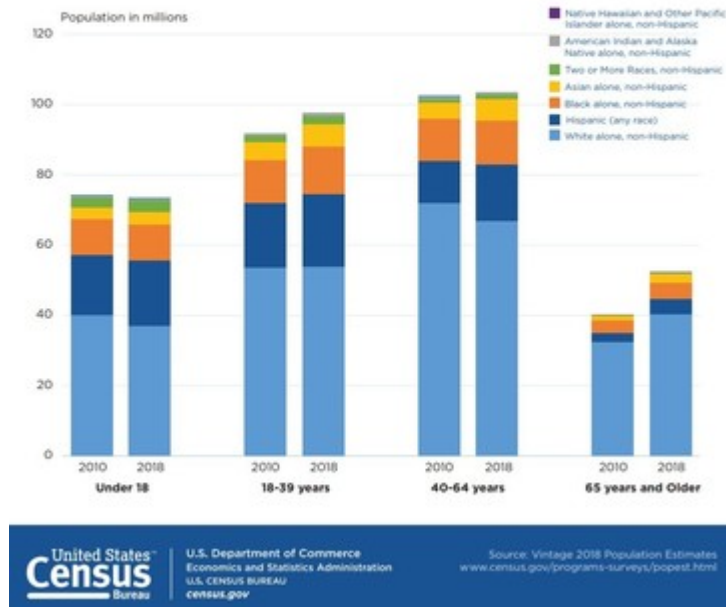
Americans speak a ton of languages, and this map shows which languages other than English and Spanish are the most common in each state and Washington, D.C.

The US Census Bureau's American Community Survey annually asks more than 1 million Americans questions about their lives, families, and backgrounds. One question asks respondents what language they mainly speak in their homes.

Source: [Business Insider](#)

A More Diverse Nation

Distribution of Race and Hispanic Origin by Age Groups



ELDERCARE - Elder Abuse Prevention

Prevention guides and materials available in Chinese, Korean, Spanish and English:

- 12 Things Everyone Can Do to Prevent Elder Abuse
- 5 Things Everyone Can Do to Prevent Elder Abuse
- Red Flags of Abuse
- Signs of Elder Abuse
- The Facts of Elder Abuse
- The Facts of Elder Abuse Elevator Flyer

Source: [University of Southern California \(USC\) Center on Elder Mistreatment](#)

HEALTHCARE – Cancer Resources in Various World Languages

The American Cancer Society offers information about cancer including prevention, early detection, treatment and managing side effects in 12 languages in addition to English.

Source: [American Cancer Society](#)

HEALTHCARE – Child Well-Being

Nearly half of the nation's child population (47%) are now kids of color. At the local level, every state reported a higher proportion of non-white kids compared to three decades ago. [National and state-by-state profiles available.](#) [Click here to view the Iowa Profile.](#)

Source: [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#) - Kids Count Data Book: 2019 State Trends in Child Well-Being

EDUCATION - API Higher Ed

A new guide on Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) from the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Minority Serving Institutions (CMSI) calls for more engagement and research to understand how the institutions uplift and support Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

The guide, "Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions: A Resource Guide," aims to bring nuance to the experiences of these students and notes that AANAPISIs were created in response to the "history of invisibility among Asian American and Pacific Islander students in higher education."

Though Asian Americans are portrayed in media and popular culture as attending elective universities, approximately half are attending community colleges. Additionally, eligible AANAPISIs enroll over 40 percent of undergraduate AAPI students. The AANAPISI designation signals that AAPI students deserve greater attention in higher education and access to educational resources.

Source: [University of Pennsylvania's Center for Minority Serving Institutions \(CMSI\)](#)

Related article: [Diverse Education](#)

Asian Fest in Cedar Rapids - July 20



AsianFest is a FREE event, held in the McGrath Amphitheatre in Cedar Rapids to celebrate and recognize culture and heritage from all over Asia located right in Eastern Iowa. Dine, dance, and develop an appreciation of the Asian communities in the area. Details at <http://bit.ly/2S748yl>

Schedule to be finalized, but you can expect the return of these favorites:

- Local food vendors
 - Cultural Villages
 - Kid Zone, including a bouncy house and face painting
 - Live Performances
 - Interactive Displays
 - Annual fashion show
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Siouxland Asian Fest

The 8th Annual Siouxland Asian Fest was held Saturday, June 15 and broke previous attendance records. CAPI



Commissioner and event organizer Peggy La had this to say: "Our Asian Fest is to educate our community that there's not only one Asian ethnicity. There's tons of backgrounds of Asian races - so, today why not celebrate together in one park in one day in a few hours?"

Miss it this year? [Stay in touch and check out the event highlights via Face Book](#)

Source: [KMEG 14 \(Fox 44\)](#)

STARTING THIS WEEK:

Central Iowa Global Summer Soccer

A DHR Partnership with Genesis Youth Foundation

Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual Central Iowa Global Summer Soccer Program! This program is open to middle and high school students who want to improve their game and increase their leadership skills.

Iowa youth entering grades 6 through 12 and 2019 high school grads are invited to join the Central Iowa Global Summer Soccer League presented by Genesis Youth Foundation in partnership with The Iowa Department of Human Rights, DMPS Community Education, and Kick It Forward.

[Registration Link: Genesis Youth Foundation](#)

To cap off the soccer programming, a Summer Future Fest will be held the last day (August 3) for youth in grades 6 - 12 and recent high school grads. Youth are invited to connect with future employers, colleges, and community organizations and open their minds to the world of opportunities that are possible for their futures.

[Summer Future Fest information](#)



PRESENTS

CENTRAL IOWA GLOBAL SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE

Soccer brings cultures together! Iowa youth entering grades 7 through 12 and 2019 high school grads are invited to join the Central Iowa Global Summer Soccer League presented by Genesis Youth Foundation in partnership with The Iowa Department of Human Rights, DMPS Community Education, and Kick It Forward. Email info@genesisyouthfoundation.org for more information.

THURS & FRI NIGHTS, JULY 11 - AUG 2

6:00PM TO 8:00PM AT EAST HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER AT GENESISYOUTHFOUNDATION.ORG



DES MOINES WORLD REFUGEE DAY - 6/22/19

Des Moines has been celebrating World Refugee Day since 2015. This year, the cultural celebration of Iowa's refugees and immigrants was held at Valley Community Center in West Des Moines. A culinary feast and numerous cultural performances took place. Ethnic community-based organizations & services providers and resources hosted tables to provide information and support.

WRD is a United Nations event celebrated worldwide on & around June 20. The Des Moines celebration is organized by the members of the [Refugee Alliance of Central Iowa](#).



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