

APPENDIX

Survey of Asians in Low-Income Communities (SALIC)

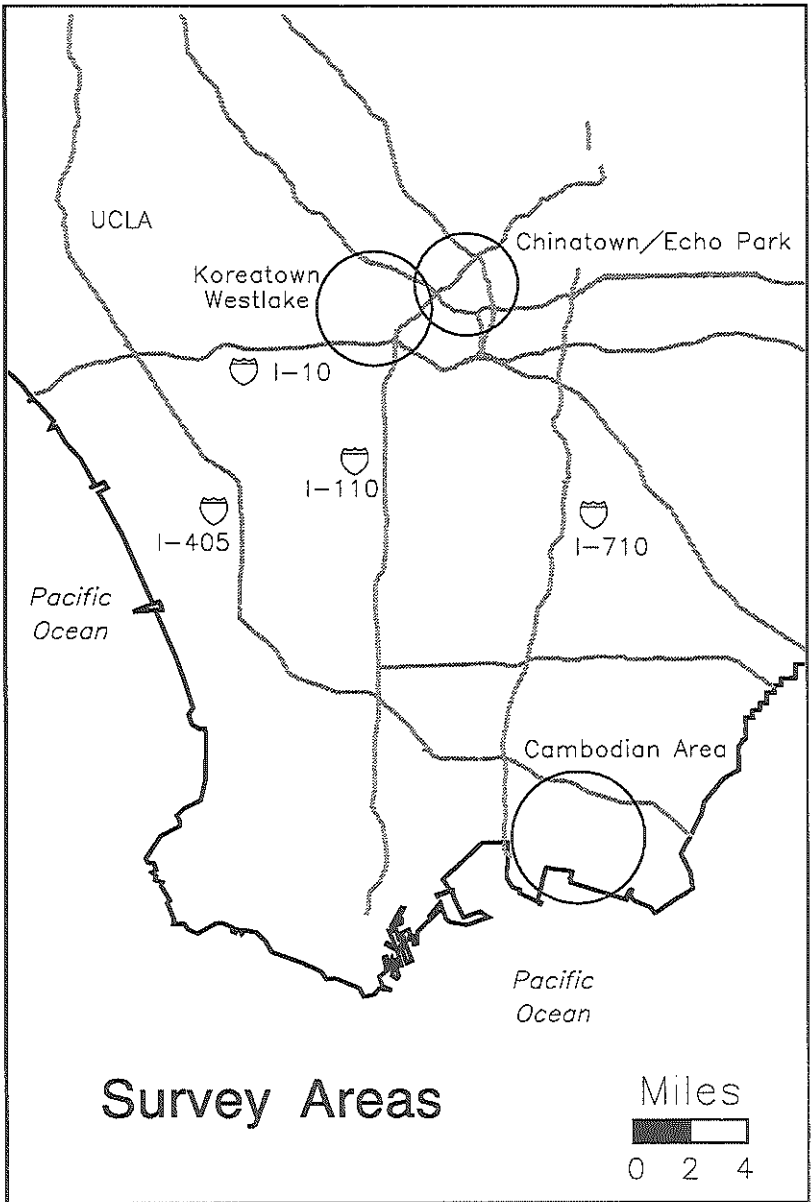
The purpose of this survey is to gather information that would supplement the Census data. Although the 1990 Census provides an extensive amount of demographic and economic statistics, information on Asian Americans is often reported for geographic units that are larger than what we consider to be a neighborhood. Moreover, the Census does not collect data on the employment history of workers, the ethnic characteristics of their workplace, and experience with training programs. SALIC is designed to provide these crucial data.

Initially three communities were selected for the survey: Chinatown/Echo Park, Koreatown/Westlake, and the Cambodian community in Long Beach. The goal was to have 100 completed interviews per community. During the survey, we expanded the number of interviews in the Filipinotown area of Westlake so we could have a larger number of Filipino respondents.

The sample was created in three steps. The first step was identifying the clusters of census tracts that are located in the three geographic areas and that have a population which is at least 15 percent Asian American according to the 1990 Census. These clusters were then divided into census blocks that were assigned a number by a random number generator, and at least a dozen blocks were randomly selected for surveying. Maps for the second step, and for guiding the interviewers during the survey, were constructed from the TIGER/Line files from the U.S. Census. The third step was to determine what proportion of the households should be interviewed so we can reach the desired number of completed surveys and maintain geographically diversity among the respondents. It was determined that every other household would be approach. Only Asian American households were interviewed.

Community leaders provided input during the initial development of the questionnaire, which was then reviewed by experts in the area of survey research. When possible, questions were worded in the form used by the census so our results could be compared to existing statistics. A pilot test was done to identify any potential problems, resulting in several modifications to the original questionnaire. The final instrument was translated into six languages (Chinese, Laotian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, and Korean), and each translation was reviewed for accuracy by a person other than the translators.

Interviews were conducted by undergraduate and graduate students from UCLA during the months of February and March of 1993. The interviewers participated in three four-hour long training sessions that covered issues of conduct and personal presentation, administering the questionnaire, handling difficult situations, and safety. Each interviewer was required to gain experience through role playing during the sessions. When possible, students who spoke an Asian language were assigned to communities according to their language abilities. The survey also used paid translators referred to the project by community-based organizations.



UCLA ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY SURVEY

This is a UCLA survey of Asian and Pacific Islander communities. The survey contains questions about housing and employment. It will be used to help community organizations develop new programs and improve their services. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential and your name and address will not be used. If you are 16 or older, would you be willing to answer the following questions? This survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

I. PRELIMINARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Male Female
2. Are you the head of the household
 spouse of head of household
 other
3. What year were you born? _____
4. What is your ethnic background?

<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian
<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Laotian
<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Thai
<input type="checkbox"/> Tongan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
5. Were you born in the United States? Yes No

If No: In what country were you born? _____

What year did you move to the United States permanently?

What was your occupation prior to coming to the United States? _____

6. How well do you speak English? Please rank.

Not at all Not Well Well Very Well

7. How much school have you completed? (Include school in other countries)

- Less than 9th grade
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma
- High School Graduate, or equivalent
- Some College, no degree
- Associate Degree (AA)
- Bachelor's Degree (BA or BS)
- Graduate or Professional School

II. HOUSEHOLD:

8. Do you own or rent this residence? Own Rent.

9. If rented, what is the monthly rent? _____

If owned, what is the monthly mortgage? _____

10. Do you have a living room? _____

11. Not counting the living room, how many bedrooms does this apartment/house have? _____

12. How many people live in this residence, including yourself? _____

13. Including yourself, what is the total monthly income of all members of this residence before taxes? _____

III. EMPLOYMENT:

14. Are you currently employed? (Not including self-employment)
 Yes No

15. How many separate jobs do you have? _____

16. In a typical week, how many hours do you work? _____

17. What is your occupation(s)?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

18. What is the hourly wage of your current job(s)?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

19. How many years have you been at your job(s)?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

20. In a typical month, what is your take home income after taxes?
(including tips and gratuities)

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

21. Is your work place within 5 miles of your home?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

22. Does your employer pay for all or most of your medical insurance?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

23. How did you find your current job(s)?

Job 1: _____

Job 2: _____

Job 3: _____

24. What ethnicity is your supervisor?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

25. If applicable, what is the ethnicity of the business owner where you work?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

26. How many employees are there where you work?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

27. How many employees are the same ethnicity as you?

_____ Job 1 _____ Job 2 _____ Job 3

28. Are you self-employed? ___Yes ___No

If No, skip to 34.

29. What type of business do you own? _____

30. What is your personal net income per month from your business?

31. Not including family members, how many employees work for you? _____

32. In a typical week, how many hours do you work? _____

33. What year did you start your business? _____

34. Last week, were you actively looking for a job? _____

35. In your previous job, what was your occupation? _____

36. In your previous job, what was your hourly wage? _____

37. In your previous job, what was your typical monthly take home pay after taxes? (including tips and gratuities)? _____

38. Have you ever attended a job training program or taken classes to enhance your skills? ___Yes ___No

If yes, what institution or organization provided this program?

39. Have you ever taken English as a Second Language (ESL) classes?
___Yes ___No

If yes, what institution or organization provided this program?

Thank you for your cooperation. Would you be willing to participate in a more extensive interview? Your name and address will be kept strictly confidential. If yes, please fill in the information below.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____