Health and Health Care for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (NHOPIs) in the United States

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Figure 1

Nearly **18.2 million individuals** self-identify as Asian or NHOPI.

Asians and NHOPIs account for **6%** of the total United States population.

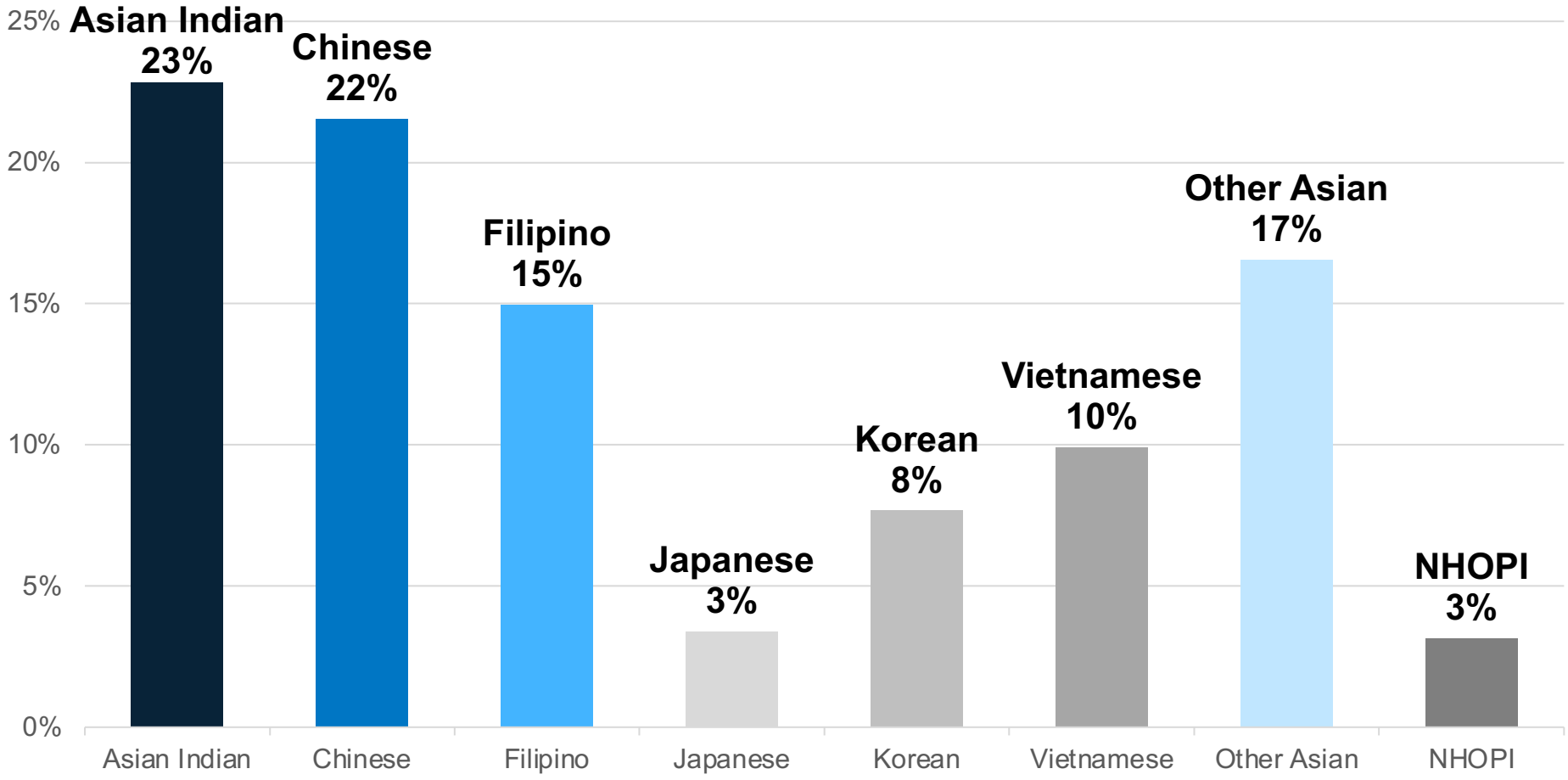
Note: Asians and NHOPIs are non-Hispanic.
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of 2017 American Community Survey (ACS), 1-Year Estimates.

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Figure 2

Asian and NHOPI populations are made up of diverse groups.

DISTRIBUTION OF NONELDERLY ASIAN & NHOPI POPULATIONS, 2017



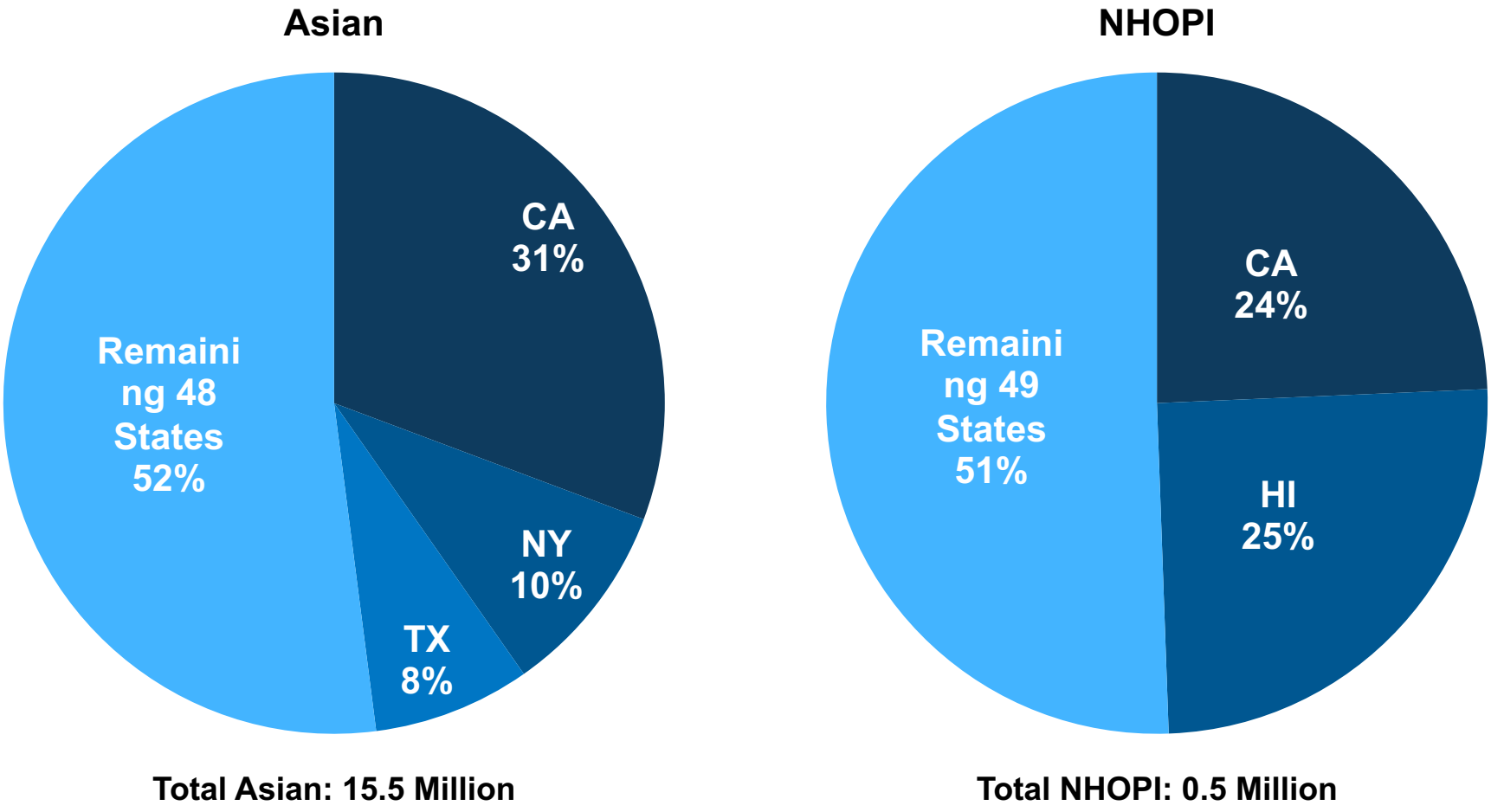
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Figure 3

Asians and NHOPIs live across the U.S., but make up a greater share of the population in a few states.

DISTRIBUTION OF NONELDERLY ASIAN & NHOPI POPULATIONS BY STATE, 2017

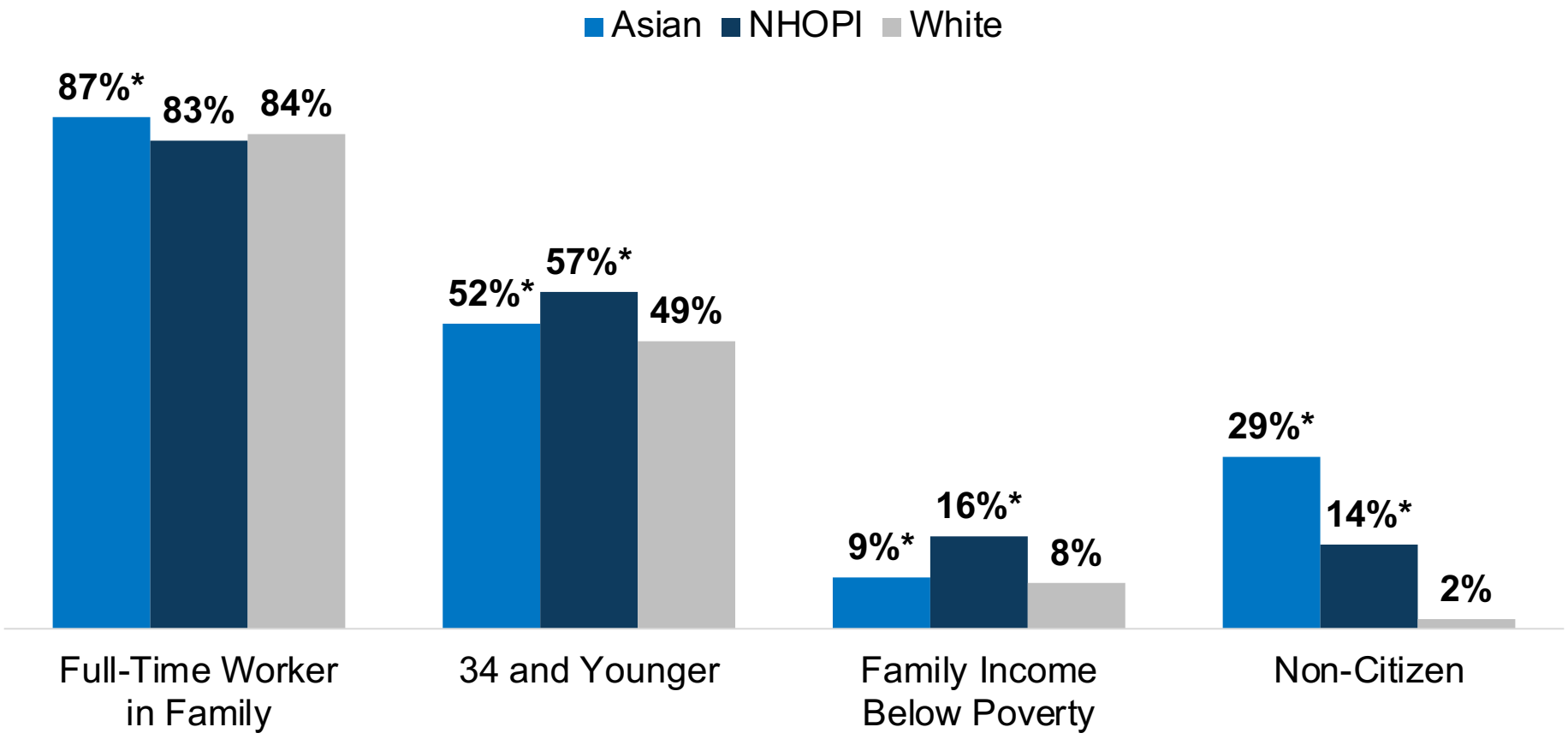


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Figure 4

Most Asians and NHOPIs have a worker in the family and they are more likely to be poor, younger, and non-citizens than Whites.

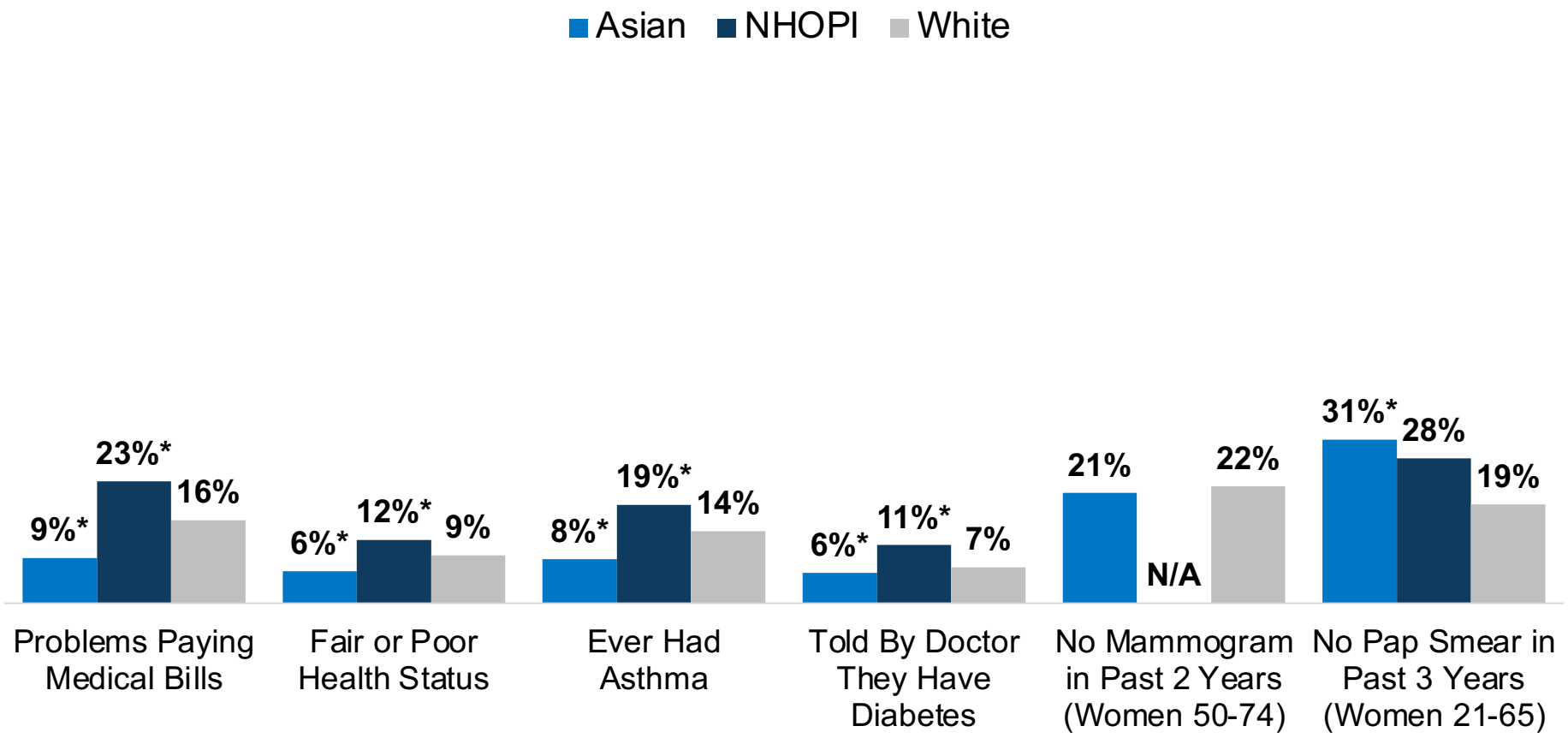


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Figure 5

NHOPIs fare worse than Whites on many health measures. Asians often fare better than Whites, but…



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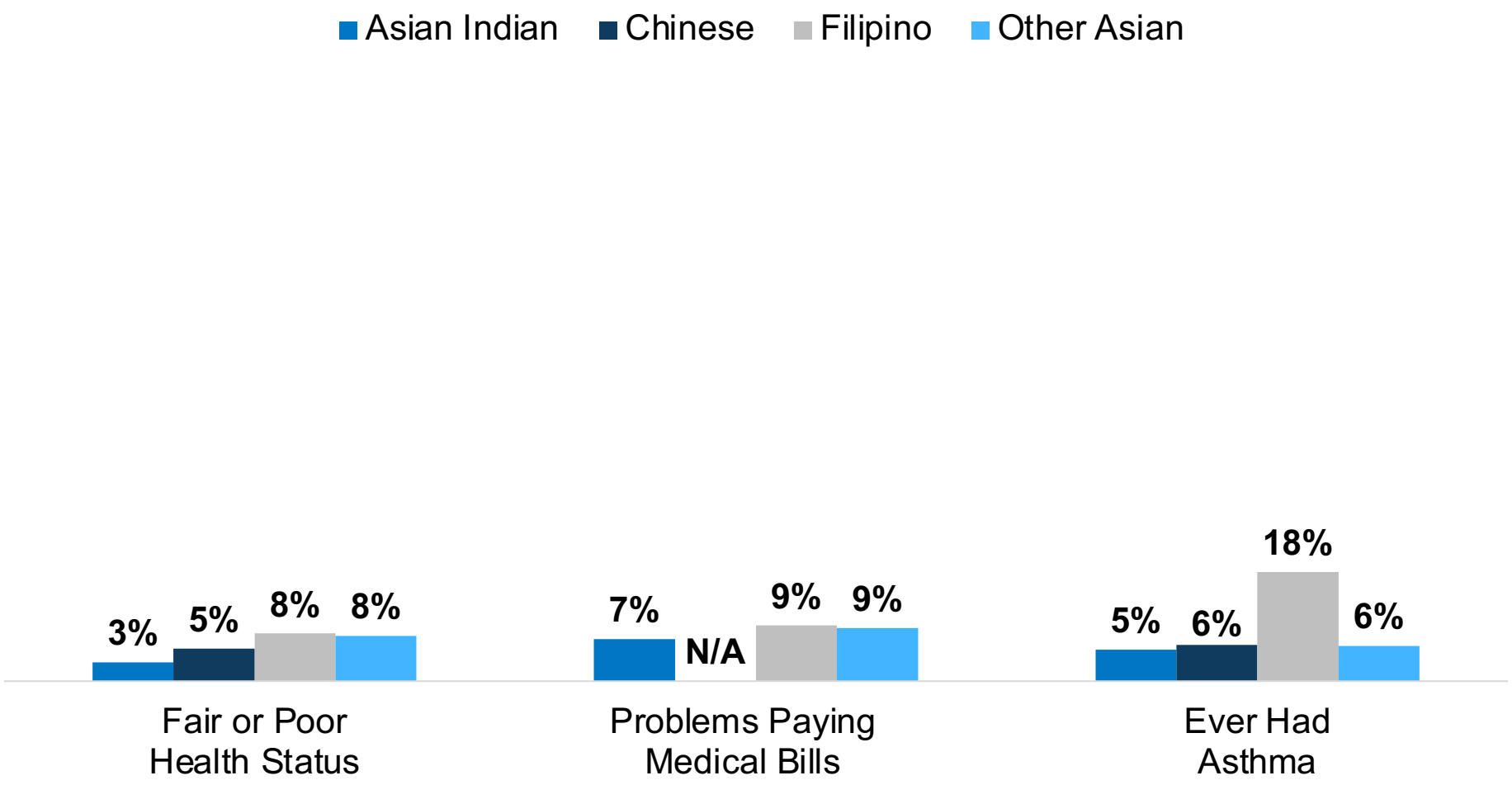
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Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of 2014 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) and 2016 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). NHOPI values for Fair/Poor Health Status, Ever Had Asthma, and Problems Paying Medical Bills come from the 2014 NHPI NHIS.

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Figure 6

…health experiences vary among subgroups of Asians.



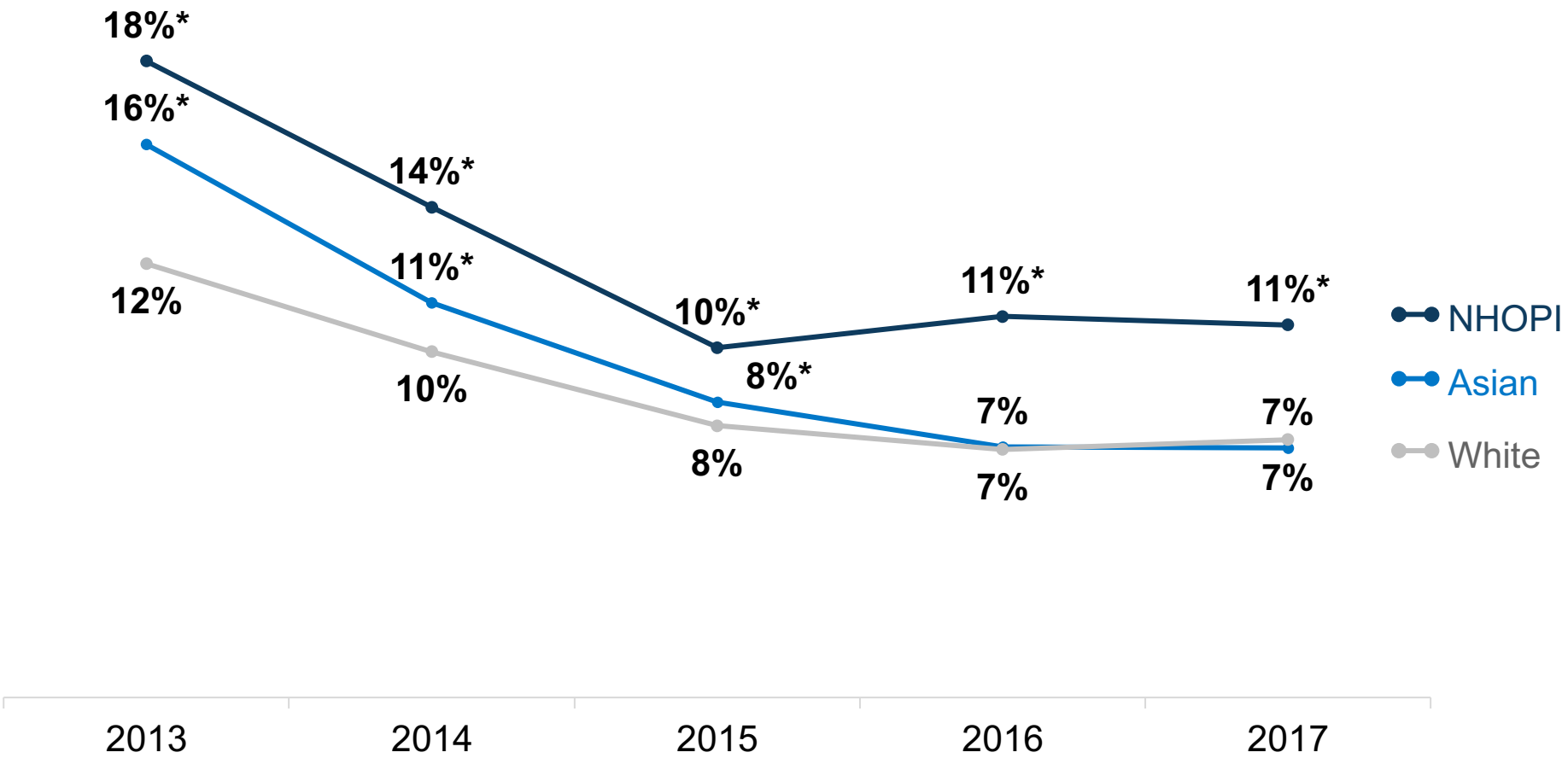
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Figure 7

The uninsured rate for Asians and NHOPIs declined under the ACA.

UNINSURED RATE AMONG NONELDERLY INDIVIDUALS, 2013-2017



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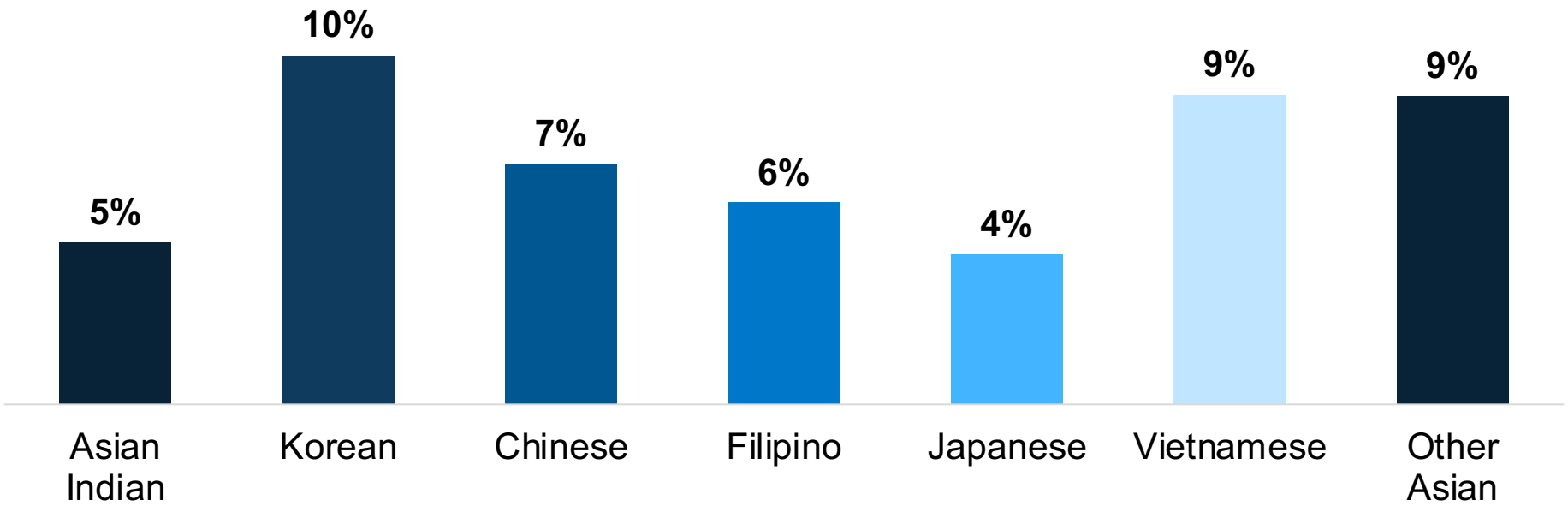
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Figure 8

However, uninsured rates vary among subgroups of Asians.

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