

# The EDItorial

A Monthly Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Awareness Newsletter

## Arab American Heritage Month

Countries of origin for Arab Americans include: Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Somalia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Since last year, 2 additional governors have proclaimed April as Arab American Heritage Month, bringing the total to 32 states that recognize this important month; Washington State is absent from this list, although the city of Spokane did release its own proclamation.

### The Numbers:

- 3.7 million - Approximate population of Arab Americans in the US
- 82% - approximation of Arab American population who are US Citizens
- 13 - Washington State's rank by Arab American population
- 7 - Number of Arab Americans currently appointed to US House of Representatives (down 1 from last year)
- 0 - Number of Arab Americans currently appointed to US Senate

[Proclamations, Resolutions, and Statements Issued in Commemoration of National Arab American Heritage Month - April 2023](#)  
[List of Arab and Middle Eastern Americans in the United States Congress](#)  
[Arab American Institute: Arab Americans In Your State](#)

### Engage



- [9 Facts about Arab American History Month](#)
- [Arab Americans are a Much More Diverse Group Than Many of Their Neighbors Mistakenly Assume](#)
- [Mo\(8 Episodes, Netflix\)](#)
- [Celebrating Arab American Heritage Month](#)
- [13 Ways to Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month \(2023\)](#)
- [Palestinian Chilean singer Elyanna intends to sing entire set in Arabic at Coachella](#)

### Support



- [Cafe Munir](#)
- [Manna](#)
- [Mamnoon](#)
- [Cedars of Lebanon](#)
- [Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services ACCESS](#)
- [Arab-American Family Support Center](#)
- [Advocate for the Inclusion of the MENA Category in the US Census by Contacting your Congress Members](#)

### Participate



- [Seattle Arab Festival 2023: August 12 & 13, 2023](#)
- [Arab Film Festival \(virtual\): May 17-21, 2023](#)
- [Arab Film Series Online: JADDOLAND + Talkback: April 27-30, 2023](#)