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Introduction, Methodology, and Background

In February 2013 The Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) commissioned the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University to estimate the size and distribution of Black or African American, Asian American or Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino, and American Indian or Alaskan Native Catholic populations in the United States, as well as the locations of Catholic parishes known to serve these communities.

Identifying Populations

CARA utilized county-level U.S. Census data for 2010 to estimate total population sizes for these racial and ethnic groups of any religious affiliation.¹ These data were then aggregated within the boundaries of U.S. Catholic dioceses as well as USCCB regions (I through XIV). Survey-based estimates for the Catholic affiliation percentage for each racial and ethnic group were then collected from recent and publicly available surveys.² Where possible, depending on sample sizes, CARA also estimated these percentages for each group within USCCB regions and U.S. Census regions.³ These estimates were averaged to create a national as well as specific regional Catholic percentage estimators for each group studied (available in the Appendix). These estimators were then applied to the population totals within each county, diocese, and region to produce a comprehensive set of Catholic population estimates by race and ethnicity.⁴

CARA utilized its own CARA Catholic Polls (CCP), national surveys of random samples of self-identified adult Catholics, for comparisons to estimates produced by the methodology

¹ The U.S. Census does not ask questions about religious affiliation.

² Including surveys from the General Social Survey (GSS), Gallup, the Pew Research Center, and the World Values Study. USCCB regional estimates are drawn from Pew's 2007 Religious Landscape Survey. Pew's 2012 Asian-American Survey was used to estimate Catholic religious affiliation percentages for sub-groups of Asian or Pacific Islanders. Aggregated GSS surveys from 2000 to 2012 were also utilized for estimating religious affiliation for American Indians and Alaskan Natives. All groups had a minimum of two survey estimates of Catholic affiliation—most of which were very consistent across surveys. Pew's study of Global Christianity, the World Values Survey, the *Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae*, and the CIA World Factbook were also consulted for estimates of Catholic affiliation in country of origin populations for comparison.

³ A minimum of 100 respondents per race or ethnicity group in a region was required to calculate an estimate. The **Northeast** region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

The **Midwest** region includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

The **South** region includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The **West** region includes Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

⁴ Researchers for the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life generously provided the county FIPs codes for respondents in the Religious Landscape Survey, which made it possible for CARA to group respondents within dioceses and USCCB regions.

described above. More than 20 CCPs have been conducted by CARA since 2000. Results for a recent CCP are shown below representing CARA’s national estimates for the race and ethnicity of U.S. adult Catholics. Because people of Hispanic or Latino origin can be of any race, respondents who answer “yes” to a question regarding Hispanic origin are designated as Hispanic or Latino regardless of their response for a question regarding race. In the CCP estimate shown below, 58 percent of adult Catholic respondents self-identified as non-Hispanic white and just more than a third identified as Hispanic or Latino. Fewer Catholics self-identified as black or African American, Asian, American Indian or Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

Race and Ethnicity of U.S. Adult Catholics CARA Catholic Poll (CCP) Estimates	
Non-Hispanic white	58%
Hispanic/Latino	34
Black/African American	3
Asian	3
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
N=1,091, ±3.0 percentage points	

Identifying Parishes

CARA identified parishes that self-identify as serving or are known to serve racial, ethnic, cultural, and/or linguistic groups in the United States.⁵ CARA combined a dozen databases of parish addresses and information, including some provided by the Secretariat. CARA then cleaned the database of duplicates and updated any missing or incorrect information.⁶ This database of parishes is described and used here to identify how well the Church is serving communities in counties with significant numbers of Catholics who are of different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic communities and traditions.

In 2011, CARA and the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership project produced a national study of parish life which can be used for comparisons to the results of this project. The Emerging Models study was based on a survey of pastors in a stratified random sample of 5,549 U.S. parishes.⁷ Respondents from 846 of these parishes completed the survey for a response rate of 15.3 percent, resulting in a margin of sampling error of ±3.3 percentage points.

A total of 323 parishes from the 846 were identified as “multicultural parishes” in that study. This means that these parishes met at least one of three following criteria: 1) regularly

⁵ A few of these sites are not canonical parishes and instead are missions or Catholic faith communities meeting in places other than a Catholic parish.

⁶ These included lists of parishes cited in *The Official Catholic Directory* (OCD) as serving a particular ethnic community as well as parishes known to provide foreign language Masses from other CARA parish databases.

⁷ These were followed by surveys of parish staff and volunteers and eventually parishioners, polled while in the pews at Mass. Pastors’ observations of the racial and ethnic composition of their parish were later largely confirmed by the parishioners’ self-identified race and ethnicity.

celebrating Mass in a language other than English or Latin; 2) the percentage of parishioners who are non-Hispanic white is less than 40 percent; and/or 3) the parishioner diversity index is 33 percent or higher.⁸ In many cases the parishes identified as multicultural met more than one of these criteria. These parishes represented 38 percent of those surveyed. Based on these results, CARA estimates there are approximately 6,700 parishes in the United States that are multicultural.

CARA's analysis of the Emerging Models parish data revealed that multicultural parishes are concentrated in the South and West with nearly two-thirds located in these regions (32 percent each in the West and South).

Census Region of U.S. Catholic Parishes Emerging Models Study Estimates		
	All Parishes	Multicultural Parishes
Northeast	24%	19%
Midwest	37	17
South	22	32
West	17	32

The average number of registered households in U.S. parishes overall is estimated to be 1,168 (median of 761). Multicultural parishes are generally larger with an average of 1,445 registered households (median of 983).

Number of registered families/households: Emerging Models Study Estimates		
	All Parishes	Multicultural Parishes
200 or fewer	15%	9%
201 to 549	24	21
550 to 1,200	28	31
1,201 or more	33	39
Average:	1,168	1,445
Median:	761	983

⁸ The diversity index measures the probability that two randomly selected parishioners would self-identify as a different race or ethnicity.

About three in ten U.S. parishes (29 percent) indicate that they celebrate at least one Mass a month in a language other than English. This is equivalent to more than 5,000 parishes. Four percent of all parishes celebrate Masses in three or more different languages (including English) at least once a month. Most of the Masses celebrated in a language other than English are in Spanish (81 percent). CARA's analyses of the Emerging Models data revealed that about 6 percent of all Masses (weekend and weekday) in the United States are celebrated in Spanish. The racial and ethnic composition of parishioners in parishes regularly celebrating Mass in languages other than English is very similar to the race and ethnicity percentages found in CARA's national surveys of self-identified adult Catholics.

Race and Ethnicity of Parishioners		
Averages; Emerging Models Study Estimates		
	Only English Masses	Multi-lingual Masses
White	88.2%	55.7%
Hispanic or Latino(a)	3.7	34.4
Black, African American, or African	4.3	3.5
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Other Pacific Islander	2.4	5.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.9	0.3
Other	0.5	1.4

Parishes that only celebrate Mass in English are significantly less racially and ethnically diverse than other parishes. On average, 88 percent of parishioners in these parishes are non-Hispanic white and no other average for any other race or ethnicity group attains 5 percent.

The Emerging Models study asked pastors about changes in their parish from 2005 to 2010. On average nationally, parishes reported fewer non-Hispanic white parishioners in 2010 than they had in 2005. The percentage of parishioners who are non-Hispanic white declined by 1.5 percentage points during this five year period in parishes nationally. On average, pastors reported growth in the number of Hispanic or Latino parishioners (1.3 percentage points) and Asian, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander parishioners (0.5 percentage points) during this period.⁹ These trends are even more evident in multicultural parishes. Taking in to account differences in parish size and the racial and ethnic changes reported by pastors, 40 percent of all growth in parishioners in U.S. parishes from 2005 to 2010 was among Hispanics and Latinos.

⁹ No significant changes were reported in black, African American, or African parishioners or American Indian or Native Alaskan parishioners

National-level Population Results

The table below shows U.S. Census population data for race, ethnicity, and country of origin from Census 2010 for 16 different sub-groups. The table also shows the estimated Catholic affiliation percentage and estimated Catholic population totals for each of these groups.

**U.S. Catholic Population:
Race, Ethnicity, & Birthplace Group Estimates, 2010**

	Population	Catholic Population	Catholic Affiliation %
White (non-Hispanic)	196,817,552	42,512,591	21.6%
Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean	38,929,319	2,919,699	7.5%
Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean (non-Hispanic)	37,685,848	2,091,565	5.6%
<i>Born in Africa</i>	<i>1,249,811</i>	<i>329,325</i>	<i>26.4%</i>
Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	17,320,856	3,588,983	19.1%
<i>Filipino</i>	<i>3,416,840</i>	<i>2,214,112</i>	<i>64.8%</i>
<i>Vietnamese</i>	<i>1,737,433</i>	<i>483,651</i>	<i>27.8%</i>
<i>Chinese</i>	<i>4,010,114</i>	<i>340,860</i>	<i>8.5%</i>
<i>Korean</i>	<i>1,706,822</i>	<i>200,333</i>	<i>11.7%</i>
<i>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</i>	<i>540,013</i>	<i>147,522</i>	<i>27.3%</i>
<i>Indian</i>	<i>3,183,063</i>	<i>146,421</i>	<i>4.6%</i>
<i>Japanese</i>	<i>1,304,286</i>	<i>56,084</i>	<i>4.3%</i>
Hispanic, Latino	50,477,594	29,743,304	58.9%
<i>Native-born</i>	<i>29,912,486</i>	<i>16,046,942</i>	<i>53.6%</i>
<i>Foreign-born</i>	<i>20,565,108</i>	<i>13,696,362</i>	<i>66.6%</i>
American Indian, Alaskan Native	2,932,248	535,511	18.3%

Approximately 42.5 million U.S. residents who self-identify as non-Hispanic white are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 22 percent of the 196.8 million people of this race and ethnicity in the country. This represents the single largest racial or ethnic group among Catholics in the United States.

Some 29.7 million U.S. residents who self-identify as Hispanic or Latino are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 59 percent of the 50.5 million people of this race and ethnicity in the country. About 16.0 million of the nation's Hispanic or Latino Catholics are estimated to be born in the United States. Some 13.7 million are foreign-born.

About 3.6 million U.S. residents who self-identify as Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 20 percent of the 17.3 million people of this race and ethnicity in the country. This includes an estimated 2.2 million Filipino Catholics, 483,600 Vietnamese Catholics, 340,900 Chinese Catholics, 200,300 Korean Catholics, 147,500 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Catholics, 146,000 Indian Catholics, and 56,000 Japanese Catholics. Some 62 percent of Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics are

estimated to self-identify as Filipino. Overall, 79 percent of Catholic Asian or Pacific Islanders are foreign-born.¹⁰

Approximately 2.9 million U.S. residents who self-identify as black, African American, African, or Afro-Caribbean are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 8 percent of the 38.9 million people of this race and ethnicity in the country. However, about 28 percent of this Catholic population group *also* self-identifies as Hispanic or Latino (e.g., most often among Afro-Caribbean Catholic populations). The *non-Hispanic* African American, African, or Afro-Caribbean Catholic population is estimated to include 2.1 million people, representing about 6 percent of the 37.7 million people of this race and ethnicity. There are an estimated 330,000 Catholics who indicate they were born in a Sub-Saharan African country, representing about 26 percent of the 1.2 million U.S. residents reporting a place of birth in this region.¹¹

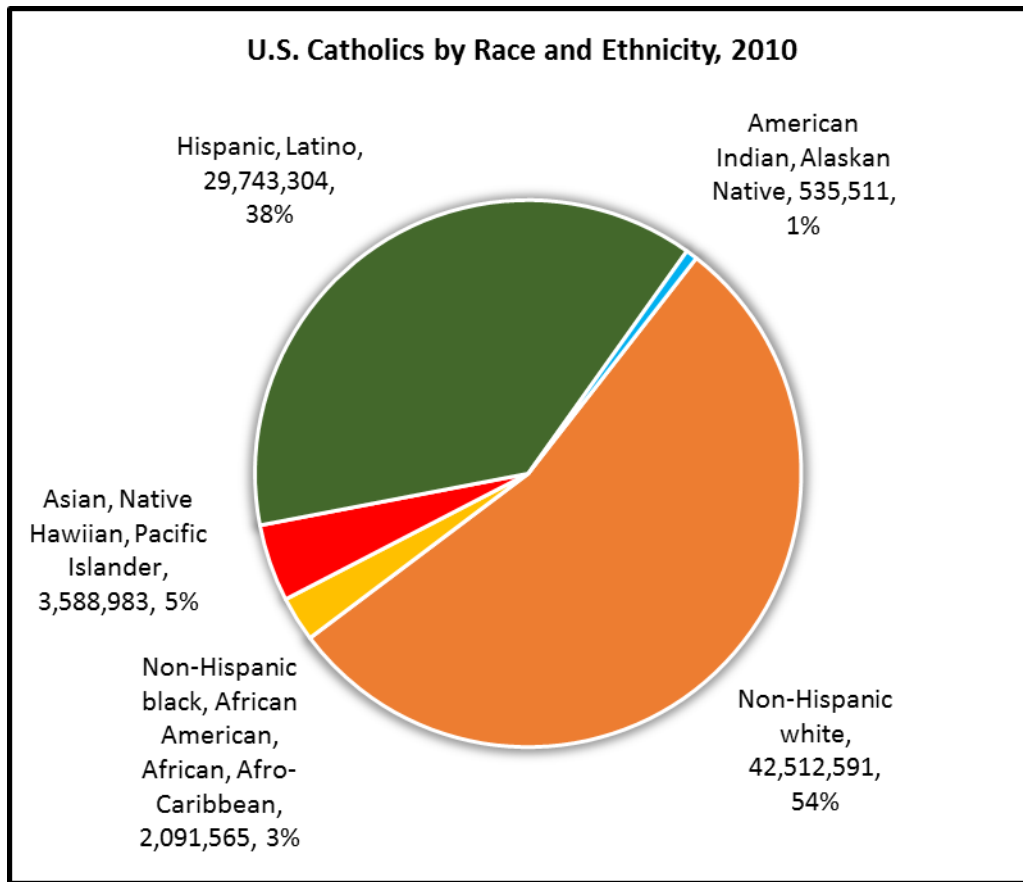
Some 535,500 U.S. residents who self-identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 18 percent of the 2.9 million people of this race and ethnicity in the country.¹²

The figure on the next page aggregates these data into a Catholic population pie chart.

¹⁰ Estimates of foreign-born Catholics include: 1,755,791 Filipinos (79 percent of all Catholic Filipinos), 393,209 Vietnamese (81 percent), 278,482 Chinese (82 percent), 172,086 Koreans (86 percent), 111,426 Indians (76 percent), and 19,013 Japanese (34 percent).

¹¹ Sub-Saharan Africa includes any country in Africa with the exception of Morocco, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, and Egypt. It is not possible to remove people self-identifying their race and ethnicity as something *other* than black, African, or African American from those in this sub-group based on country of birth.

¹² Using seven waves of the General Social Survey (GSS) conducted from 2000 to 2012, CARA estimates that 18.3 percent of Native Americans self-identify as Catholic. This is based on the religious affiliation of respondents indicating that they are “American Indian or Alaskan Native” on the *first* of three race and ethnicity inquiries made in a survey interview. If one were to use all three references, Catholic affiliation falls to 11.9 percent. However, this broader group likely includes many who would *not* self-identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native on their Census form. If the 11.9 percent affiliation is used as an estimator, the number of American Indian or Alaskan Native Catholics is 348,938.



The data in this figure is consistent with aforementioned survey-based estimates of the self-identified race and ethnicity of U.S. adult Catholics in CCPs as well as other national surveys that included English and Spanish language interviewing. The results are within the CCP estimates margins of error, as reported in the introductory section.

The Census Bureau's estimate for the total U.S. population on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538. The Census mid-year 2013 estimate of the population was 316,252,750.¹³ Thus, the U.S. population is estimated to have grown by 2.4 percent or 7,507,212 from April 1, 2010 to July 15, 2013. There are no available estimates at this time that would allow one to gauge how much of this growth occurred among any racial, ethnic, or national sub-group. The estimated 2013 figures in the table below are calculated by inflating the 2010 counts by overall population growth percentage.

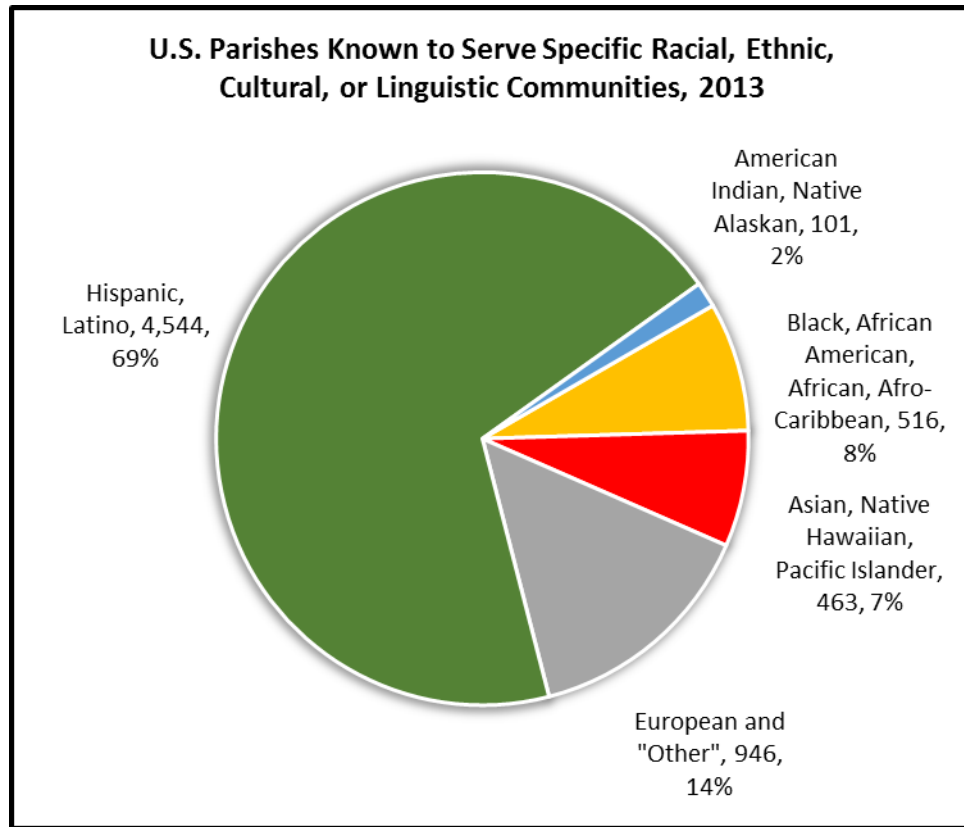
**U.S. Catholic Population:
Race, Ethnicity, & Birthplace Group Estimates, 2013 Estimates**

	Population	Catholic Population
White (non-Hispanic)	201,603,212	43,546,294
Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean	39,875,893	2,990,692
<i>Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean (non-Hispanic)</i>	<i>38,602,187</i>	<i>2,142,421</i>
<i>Born in Africa</i>	<i>1,280,200</i>	<i>337,333</i>
Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	17,742,016	3,676,250
<i>Filipino</i>	<i>3,499,921</i>	<i>2,267,949</i>
<i>Vietnamese</i>	<i>1,779,679</i>	<i>495,412</i>
<i>Chinese</i>	<i>4,107,621</i>	<i>349,148</i>
<i>Korean</i>	<i>1,748,324</i>	<i>205,204</i>
<i>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</i>	<i>553,144</i>	<i>151,109</i>
<i>Indian</i>	<i>3,260,460</i>	<i>149,981</i>
<i>Japanese</i>	<i>1,336,000</i>	<i>57,448</i>
Hispanic, Latino	51,704,967	30,466,518
<i>Native-born</i>	<i>30,639,814</i>	<i>16,437,126</i>
<i>Foreign-born</i>	<i>21,065,153</i>	<i>14,029,392</i>
American Indian, Alaskan Native	3,003,546	548,532

¹³ Source: <http://www.census.gov/popclock/>

U.S. Parishes Known to Serve Specific Racial, Ethnic, Cultural, or Linguistic Communities

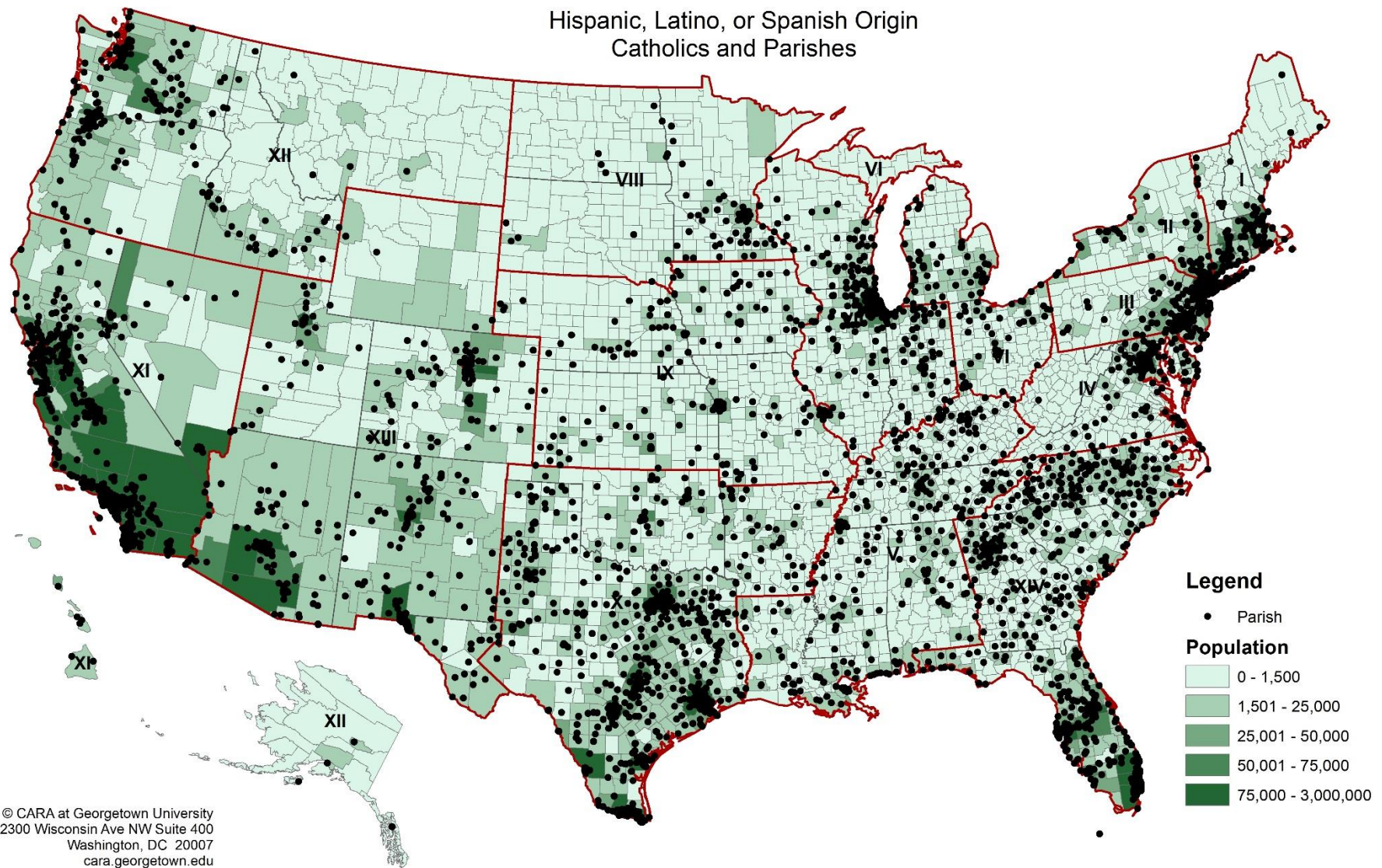
CARA identified a total of 6,332 parishes that are known to serve a particular racial, ethnic, cultural, and/or linguistic community (35.9 percent of all U.S. parishes).¹⁴ Some of these parishes serve two or three of these communities.¹⁵ Accounting for this, a total of 6,570 communities were identified (as shown in the figure below).



The largest number of these parishes, a total of 4,544, serve Hispanic or Latino Catholic communities. A total of 946 serve a European Catholic community or another Catholic group not included in the other categories of the figure above. A total of 871 of these parishes (13.9 percent) are known *only* to serve a European community such as Italian, Polish, or Ukrainian Catholics and no other specific type of racial, ethnic, cultural, or linguistic community. A total of 516 parishes were identified as serving black, African American, African, or Afro-Caribbean Catholics. Some 463 serve Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics. A total of 101 parishes were identified as serving American Indian or Alaskan Native Catholics. Maps on the following pages geocode the location of the non-European/other parishes and populations.¹⁶

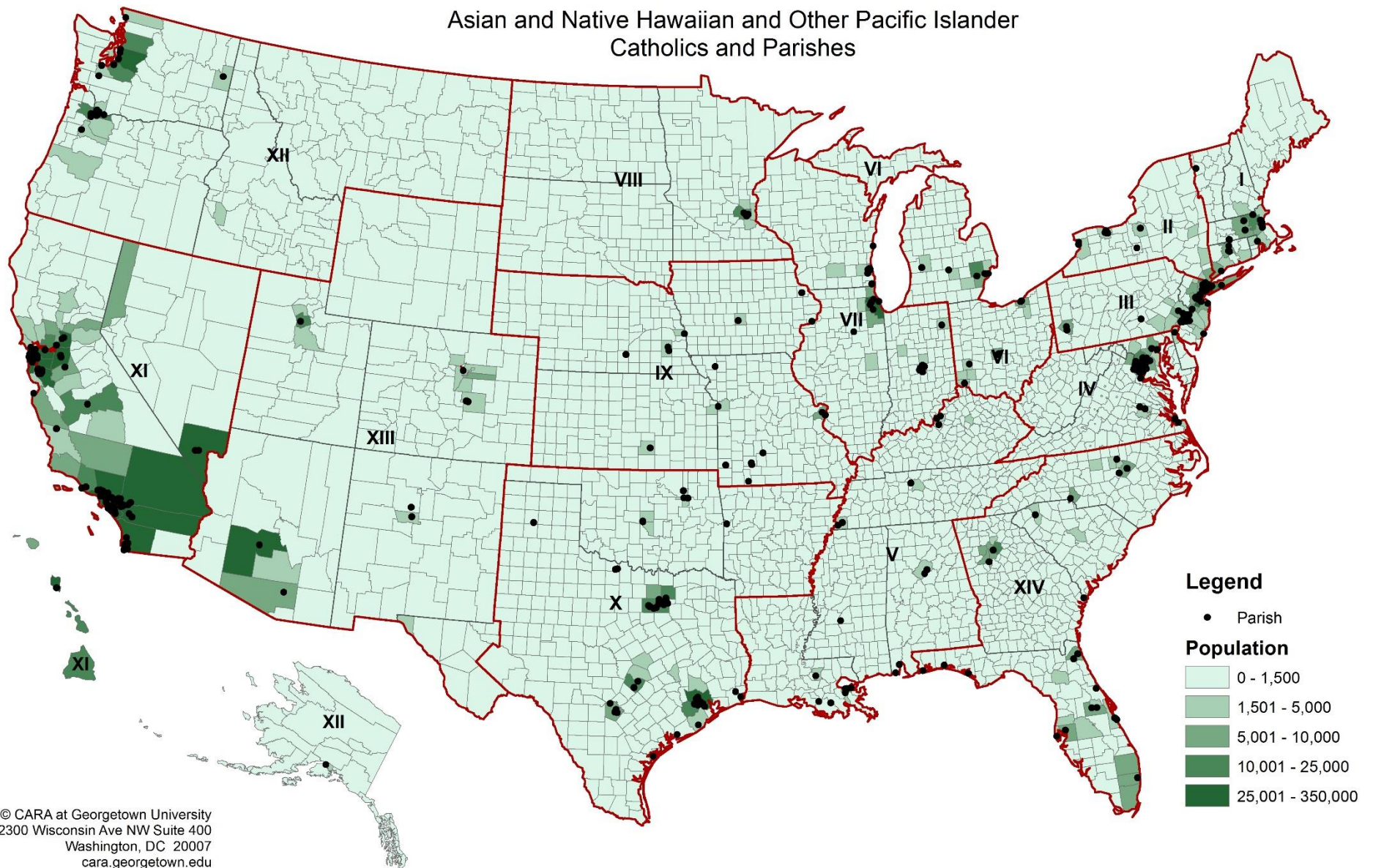
¹⁴ As noted previously, CARA and the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project estimated that there are approximately 6,700 multicultural parishes in the United States. It is important to note again that some of these sites are not canonical parishes and instead are missions or Catholic faith communities meeting in places other than a Catholic parish.

¹⁵ A total of 230 parishes serve two and eight parishes serve three.

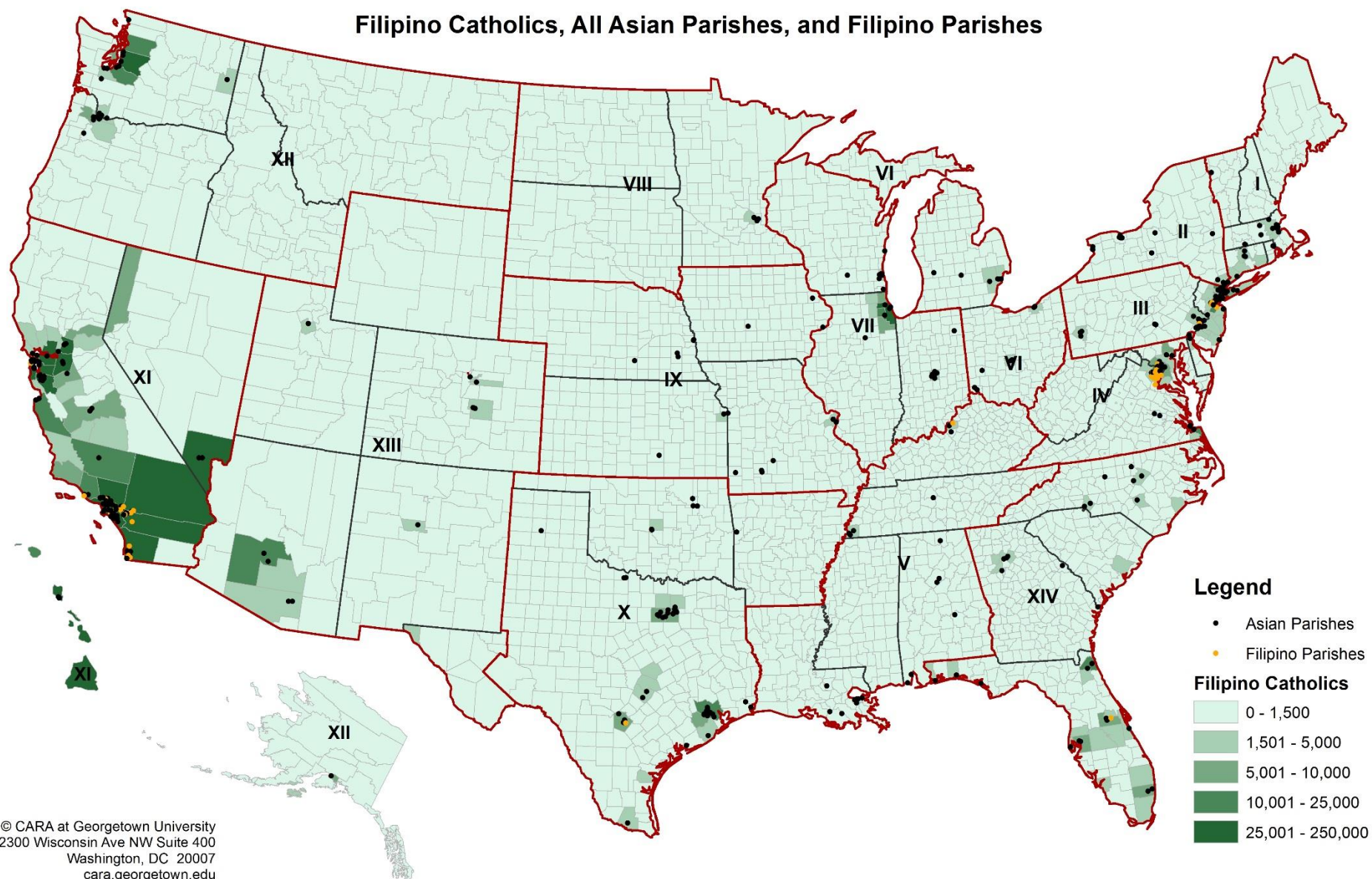


¹⁶ Green shading indicates the size range of the Catholic sub-group population within each county. Black dots indicate the location of a parish serving that community. Red lines indicate USCCB region boundaries.

Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Catholics and Parishes

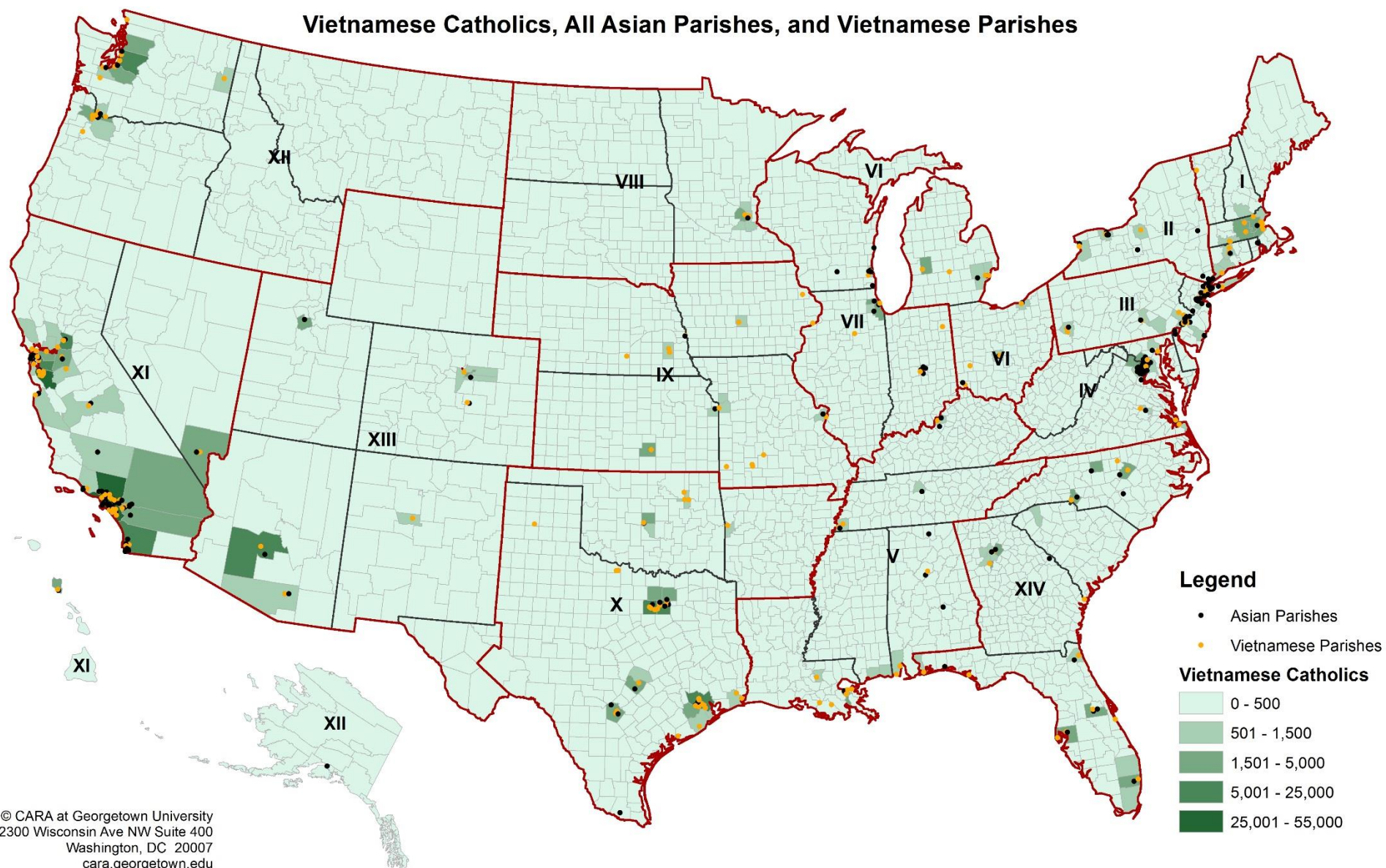


Filipino Catholics, All Asian Parishes, and Filipino Parishes

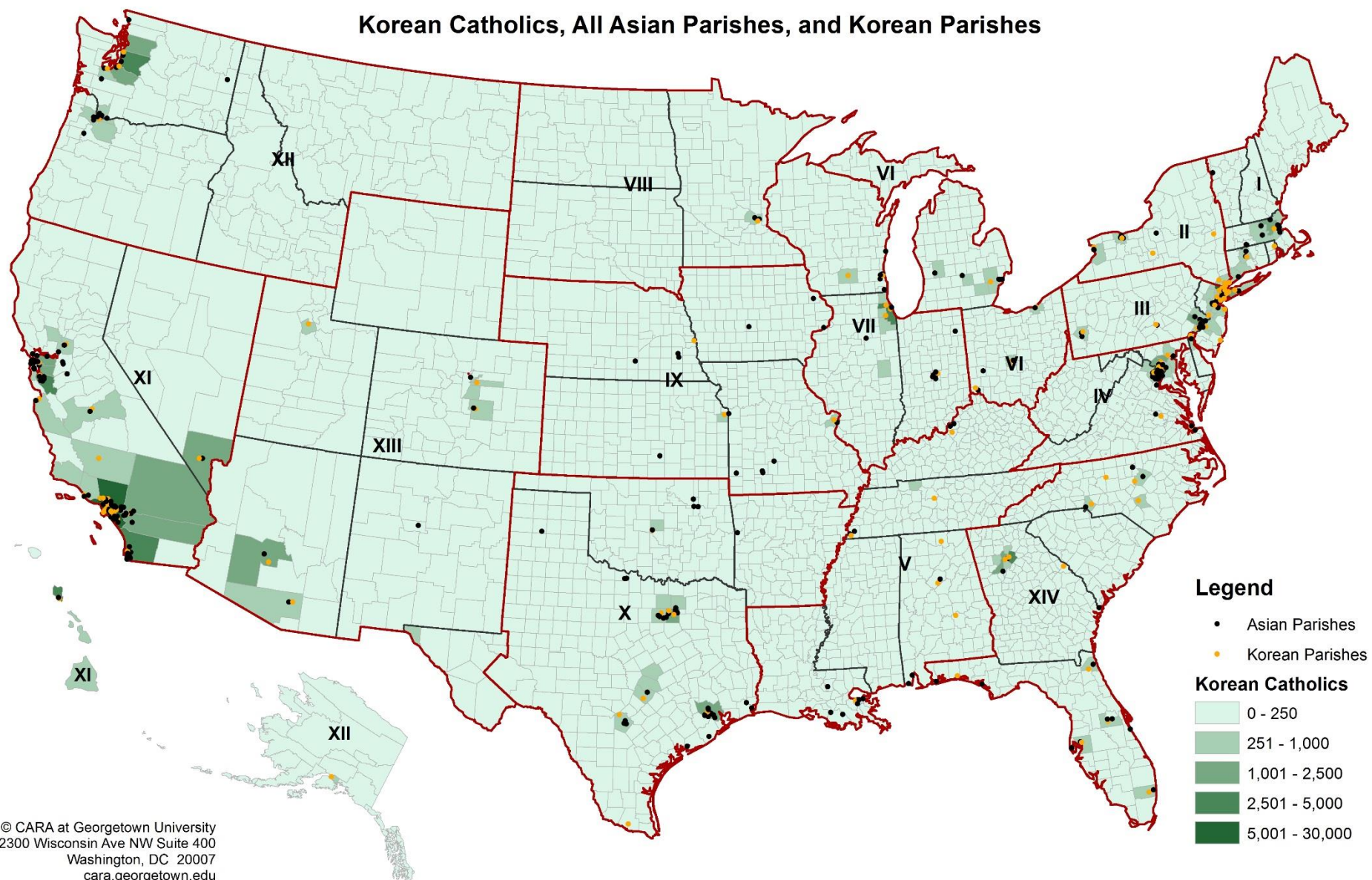


Note: Maps for Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander sub-groups include **black** markers for all parishes identified as ministering to this population generally. Additionally, those parishes indicating ministry to the *specific* sub-group of the population mapped are identified as **gold** markers. This is done as many of the parishes serving Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander are not identified by the specific communities they may serve.

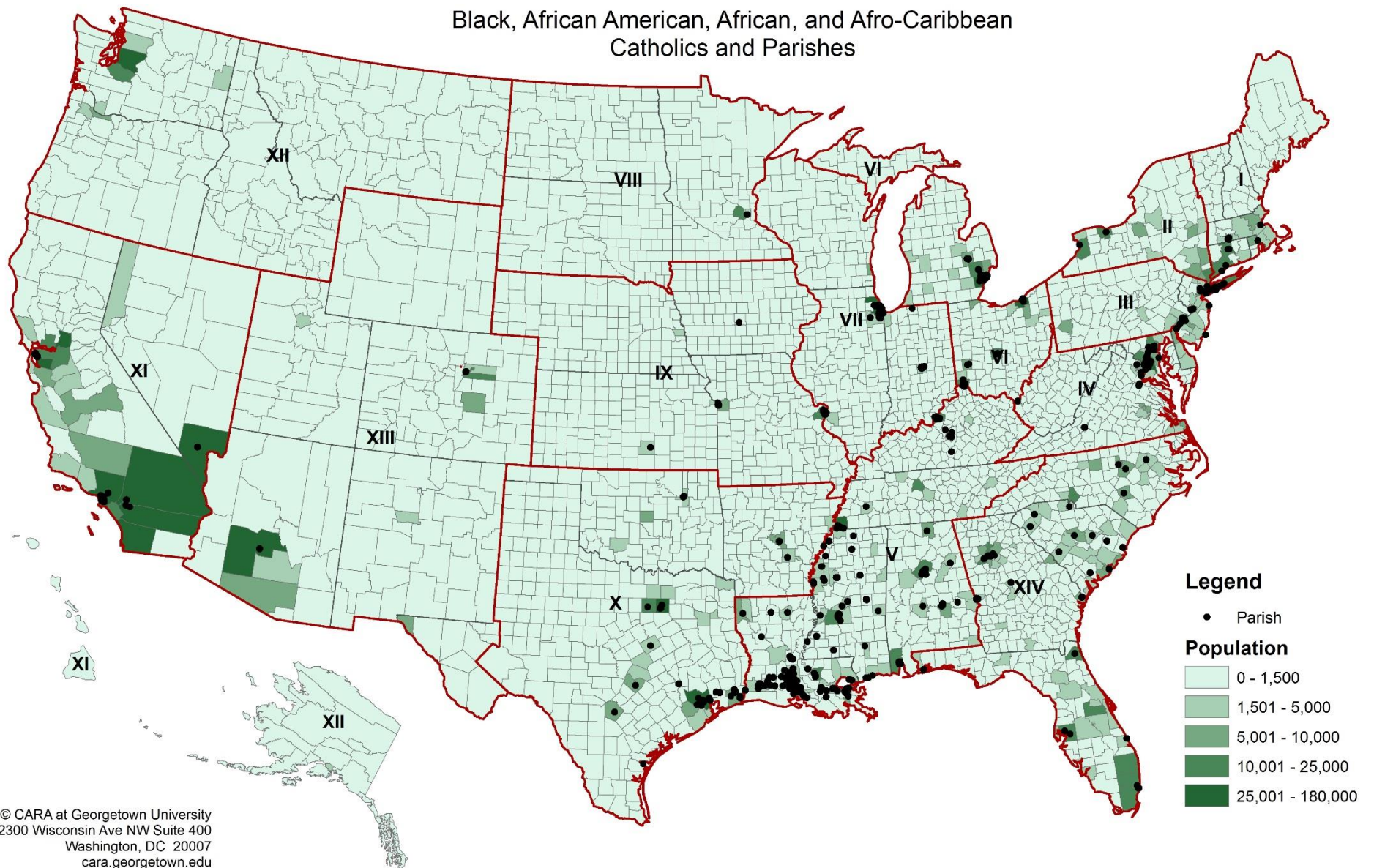
Vietnamese Catholics, All Asian Parishes, and Vietnamese Parishes



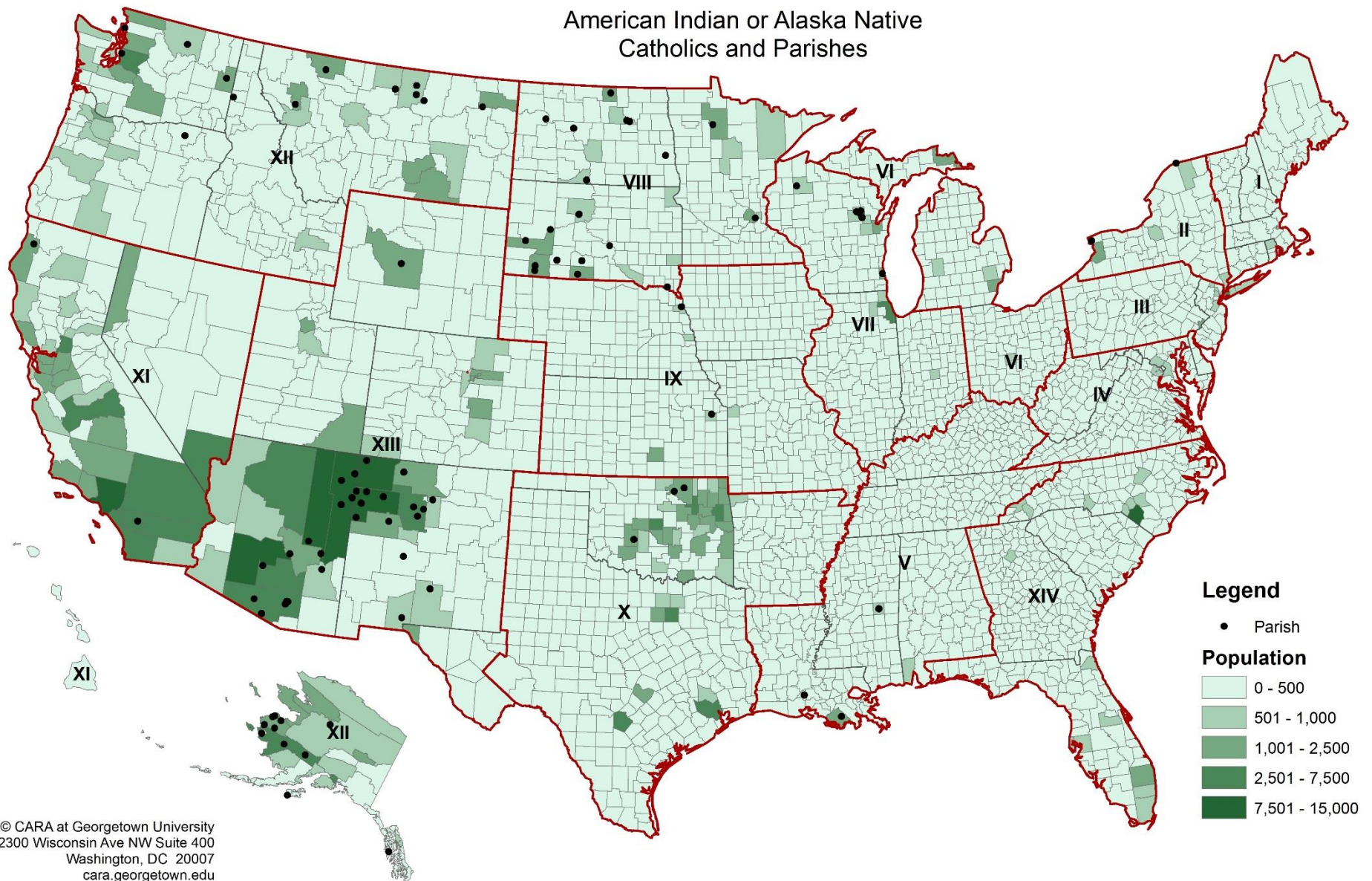
Korean Catholics, All Asian Parishes, and Korean Parishes



Black, African American, African, and Afro-Caribbean Catholics and Parishes



American Indian or Alaska Native Catholics and Parishes



The preceding maps identify several counties where a specific population is estimated to have significant numbers (1,000 to 1,500 individuals or more) but lacks a parish that is known to be serving this community.¹⁷ These counties include:

Hispanic/Latino Catholics

- Chemung and Tompkins counties, NY
- Westmoreland County, PA
- Spotsylvania County, VA
- Warren County, OH
- McLean County, IL
- St. Louis County, MN
- Pulaski County, MO
- Garza County, TX
- Blaine County, OK
- Cascade and Missoula counties, MT
- Campbell, Natrona, Sweetwater, Carbon, and Albany counties, WY
- Logan and Fremont counties, CO
- Quay County, NM
- Greenlee County, AZ
- Carbon County, UT

Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Catholics

- Hillsborough County, NH
- Albany, Dutchess, Westchester and Rockland counties, NY
- Lehigh and Lancaster counties, PA
- Frederick County, MD
- Guilford County, NC
- Richland County, SC
- Alachua, Pasco, Polk, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade counties, FL
- Summit and Warren counties, OH
- Tippecanoe County, IN
- Scott County, KY
- Champaign County, IL
- Jefferson County, WI
- Montgomery, Brazos, Bell, and El Paso counties, TX
- Douglas, Boulder, and Arapahoe counties, CO
- Utah and Davis counties, UT
- Pinal County, AZ
- Kern, Santa Barbara, Tulare, Merced, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Butte, Sonoma, and Napa counties, CA
- Lane County, OR
- Snohomish County, WA

¹⁷ This does not mean there is no parish serving these communities. More likely it means that this parish is not self-identifying as such.

Black/African American/African/Afro-Caribbean Catholics

- Essex, Plymouth, and Worcester counties, MA
- New London, CT
- Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Schenectady, Albany, Rensselaer, Oneida, Onondaga, and Niagara counties, NY
- Cumberland County, NJ
- Dauphin and Allegheny counties, PA
- Kent and Sussex counties, DE
- Chesterfield and Henrico counties, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach, VA
- Forsyth, Guilford, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Robeson, Pitt, and Wayne counties, NC
- Spartanburg, Orangeburg, Dorchester, Berkeley, Florence, and Horry counties, SC
- Richmond, Lowndes, Dougherty, Houston, Clarke, Newton counties, GA
- Leon, Alachua, Marion, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Palm Beach, and Lee counties, FL
- Houston and Tuscaloosa counties, AL
- Jackson, Lowndes, and Lee counties, MS
- Rapides County, LA
- Crittenden County, AK
- Montgomery, Davidson, Rutherford, Hamilton, and Knox counties, TN
- Fayette County, KY
- Mahoning, Stark, Summit, Lorain, and Lucas counties, OH
- Muskegon, Kent, Berrien, Kalamazoo, Ingham, Washtenaw, Macomb, and Saginaw counties, MI
- Milwaukee County, WI
- Douglas County, NE
- Oklahoma and Comanche counties, OK
- Bowie, Greg, Smith, Denton, Collin, El Paso, Bell, and Williamson counties, TX
- Bernalillo County, NM
- El Paso County, CO
- Salt Lake County, UT
- Spokane, Snohomish, King, Pierce, and Clark counties, WA
- Washington and Multnomah, OR
- Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Monterey, Kern, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange, and San Diego counties
- Pinal and Pima counties, AZ

American Indian/Alaskan Native Catholics

- Robeson County, NC
- Palm Beach County, FL
- Wayne and Chippewa counties, MI
- Cook County, IL
- Brown County, WI

- Harris, Bexar, Travis, El Paso, Tarrant, and Dallas counties, TX
- Bryan, Le Flore, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Comanche, Canadian, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Ottawa, Delaware, Adair, Sequoyah, Mayes, Rogers, Tulsa, Creek, Okmulgee, Muskogee, and Wagoner counties, OK
- Sedgwick County, KS
- Adams and El Paso counties, CO
- Big Horn and Yellowstone counties, MT
- Coconino County, AZ
- San Juan and Salt Lake counties, UT
- Whatcom, Snohomish, Pierce, and Yakima counties, WA
- Multnomah County, OR
- Washoe and Clark counties, NV
- Sacramento, Sonoma, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties, CA
- Anchorage, Fairbanks, Northwest Arctic, and Nome counties, AK

Regional-level Results

This section of the report provides 2010 estimates for sub-group populations as well as the parishes serving these communities in each USCCB region, where information is available.¹⁸

Black, African American, African, or Afro-Caribbean Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	103,693	9	11,521
II	522,546	17	30,738
III	154,951	20	7,748
IV	228,706	70	3,267
V	52,698	173	305
VI	363,785	48	7,579
VII	196,563	52	3,780
VIII	56,339	1	56,339
IX	23,406	18	1,300
X	257,647	33	7,807
XI	505,146	33	15,307
XII	74,118	--	--
XIII	120,653	4	30,163
XIV	464,480	37	12,554

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	90,758	16	5,672
II	227,213	18	5,042
III	171,960	43	2,111
IV	140,443	35	2,593
V	47,079	19	4,777
VI	51,036	12	7,563
VII	78,241	21	4,322
VIII	148,009	4	22,690
IX	41,461	17	5,339
X	183,874	49	1,852
XI	1,469,550	105	864
XII	168,013	19	4,777
XIII	102,365	13	6,981
XIV	180,103	21	4,322

¹⁸ Regional totals do not add up exactly to the national-level estimates. However, these are very similar. The national totals are based on national-level affiliation estimators. Regional totals are based on regional estimators, where possible. Affiliation estimators are available in the Appendix of this report.

Hispanic or Latino Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	772,344	171	4,517
II	2,289,338	303	2,549
III	1,319,386	241	3,205
IV	671,445	162	4,768
V	473,101	283	2,729
VI	520,697	113	6,835
VII	348,054	380	2,032
VIII	1,566,651	67	11,528
IX	182,940	168	4,597
X	5,292,946	832	928
XI	9,207,658	706	1,094
XII	913,227	203	3,805
XIII	2,893,572	363	2,128
XIV	3,240,047	552	1,399

American Indian or Alaskan Native Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	9,166	--	--
II	19,564	2	4,583
III	10,224	--	--
IV	10,924	--	--
V	15,562	3	3,055
VI	19,021	--	--
VII	15,976	6	1,528
VIII	21,402	23	399
IX	30,986	3	3,055
X	93,041	3	3,055
XI	73,022	2	4,583
XII	63,307	25	367
XIII	109,528	34	270
XIV	44,879	--	--

Born in Africa Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	27,257	-- ¹⁹	--
II	32,445	--	--
III	24,593	--	--
IV	49,693	--	--
V	9,448	--	--
VI	9,175	--	--
VII	15,637	--	--
VIII	15,290	--	--
IX	19,102	--	--
X	31,862	--	--
XI	31,682	--	--
XII	12,926	--	--
XIII	11,914	--	--
XIV	38,926	--	--

Filipino Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community²⁰	Population per Parish
I	30,141	16	1,884
II	81,732	18	4,541
III	103,559	43	2,408
IV	102,882	35	2,939
V	24,644	19	1,297
VI	30,402	12	2,534
VII	38,870	21	1,851
VIII	109,665	4	27,416
IX	12,460	17	733
X	98,367	49	2,007
XI	1,257,569	105	11,977
XII	130,020	19	6,843
XIII	66,949	13	5,150
XIV	126,853	21	6,041

¹⁹ An insufficient number of parishes are *specifically* known to be serving *foreign-born* black, African, or African American communities for regional analysis.

²⁰ *Including* all parishes known to be serving Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics. More than six in ten Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics are estimated to self-identify as Filipino. Many of the parishes serving this broader community are likely to be serving Filipino Catholics.

Vietnamese Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community²¹	Population per Parish
I	18,442	15	1,229
II	9,594	8	1,199
III	18,943	18	1,052
IV	25,364	7	3,623
V	14,129	16	883
VI	17,674	8	2,209
VII	9,756	10	976
VIII	12,084	3	4,028
IX	8,028	16	502
X	69,959	36	1,943
XI	187,155	57	3,283
XII	30,416	14	2,173
XIII	18,778	10	1,878
XIV	42,684	17	2,511

Korean Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community²²	Population per Parish
I	5,775	1	5,775
II	17,972	9	1,997
III	17,288	11	1,572
IV	16,932	5	3,386
V	3,701	2	1,851
VI	4,468	3	1,489
VII	6,025	6	1,004
VIII	11,103	1	11,103
IX	2,704	2	1,352
X	11,115	7	1,588
XI	66,976	11	6,089
XII	13,006	3	4,335
XIII	7,535	2	3,768
XIV	15,098	3	5,033

²¹ *Excluding* parishes more generally reporting known to be serving Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics *without* specific reference to Vietnamese Catholics. *Including* parishes serving Hmong communities.

²² *Excluding* parishes more generally reporting known to be serving Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics *without* specific reference to Korean Catholics.

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	1,390	-- ²³	--
II	2,393	--	--
III	1,828	--	--
IV	2,803	--	--
V	3,216	--	--
VI	3,372	--	--
VII	1,821	--	--
VIII	2,245	--	--
IX	784	--	--
X	8,429	--	--
XI	80,993	--	--
XII	17,547	--	--
XIII	12,851	--	--
XIV	7,752	--	--

Foreign-born Hispanic or Latino Catholics

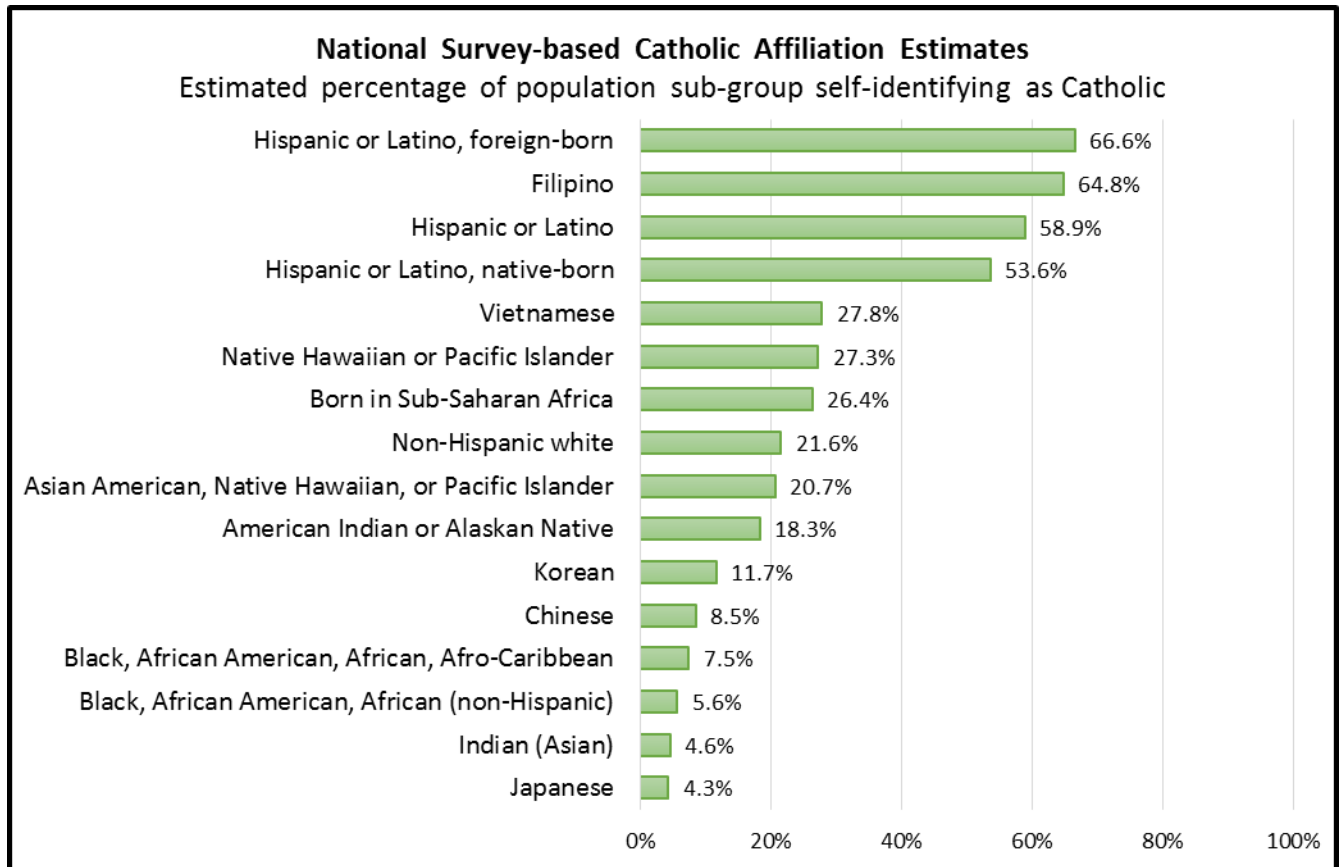
USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	399,834	-- ²⁴	--
II	1,380,393	--	--
III	668,916	--	--
IV	451,293	--	--
V	188,092	--	--
VI	262,453	--	--
VII	139,555	--	--
VIII	717,563	--	--
IX	72,282	--	--
X	1,902,783	--	--
XI	3,819,974	--	--
XII	337,535	--	--
XIII	917,579	--	--
XIV	2,438,111	--	--

²³ An insufficient number of parishes are *specifically* known to be serving Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander communities for regional analysis.

²⁴ An insufficient number of parishes are *specifically* known to be serving *foreign-born* Hispanic or Latino communities for regional analysis.

Appendix A: Catholic Affiliation Estimators

Catholic affiliation estimates for each population sub-group are based on the affiliation averages derived from multiple surveys. The resulting specific national-level estimators are shown in the figure below.



Where possible, regional-level estimates of Catholic affiliation among three of the primary sub-groups are used.²⁵ These are also based on survey estimates. The estimators for U.S. Census regions are shown in the table below.

Census Region-4 Catholic Affiliation Estimates			
Estimated percentage of regional population sub-group self-identifying as Catholic			
	Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean	Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	Hispanic or Latino
<i>Northeast</i>	11.6%	15.9%	59.4%
<i>Midwest</i>	5.1%	17.9%	56.9%
<i>South</i>	6.0%	16.9%	53.6%
<i>West</i>	21.4%	22.4%	61.4%

²⁵ There are too few American Indian or Alaskan Native respondents in any national survey to produce regional affiliation estimates.

The table below shows the Catholic affiliation estimators used within USCCB regions for the three primary sub-groups.²⁶

USCCB Region Catholic Affiliation Estimates			
Estimated percentage of regional population sub-group self-identifying as Catholic			
	Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean	Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	Hispanic or Latino
<i>I</i>	11.6%	15.9%	59.4%
<i>II</i>	16.7%	15.9%	66.8%
<i>III</i>	5.9%	15.9%	57.9%
<i>IV</i>	5.7%	16.9%	53.6%
<i>V</i>	6.5%	16.9%	59.1%
<i>VI</i>	6.6%	17.9%	43.7%
<i>VII</i>	1.9%	17.9%	56.9%
<i>VIII</i>	7.6%	17.9%	64.0%
<i>IX</i>	5.1%	17.9%	56.9%
<i>X</i>	6.9%	16.9%	57.4%
<i>XI</i>	19.9%	24.7%	61.6%
<i>XII</i>	21.4%	22.4%	63.0%
<i>XIII</i>	21.4%	22.4%	58.3%
<i>XIV</i>	5.4%	16.9%	52.6%
<i>Hawaii</i>	<u>7.5%</u>	22.4%	61.4%
<i>Alaska</i>	21.4%	22.4%	61.4%

Notes: Hawaii and Alaska have their own specific estimators apart from those used in the continental states regions. In any region with too few survey respondents for a reliable estimate either the *national* or *Census region* estimator is used with a preference for the Census region, where possible.

²⁶ There are too few American Indian or Alaskan Native respondents in any national survey to produce regional affiliation estimates.

Appendix B: Arc/diocesan 2010 Population Estimates

This appendix includes arch/diocesan-level estimates for the four primary racial and ethnic groups of this study.²⁷

Estimated Select Catholic Populations by Arch/diocese, 2010

	<i>Black/African Amer./African²⁸</i>	<i>Asian/ Pacific Isl.</i>	<i>Hispanic/ Latino</i>	<i>Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan</i>
Albany	13,495	5,000	36,128	576
Alexandria	8,308	569	6,494	608
Allentown	3,691	3,857	98,817	642
Altoona-Johnstown	1,035	1,641	5,512	136
Amarillo	1,431	1,455	75,670	678
Anchorage	3,865	8,427	18,665	7,653
Arlington	21,147	53,477	221,945	2,148
Atlanta	95,602	46,997	371,724	4,231
Austin	20,204	18,953	436,882	3,758
Baker	586	1,220	43,517	2,504
Baltimore	48,971	22,941	78,173	1,750
Baton Rouge	23,862	2,620	19,099	504
Beaumont	8,036	1,814	37,934	643
Belleville	2,305	1,431	12,147	431
Biloxi	13,437	1,918	17,078	556
Birmingham	46,912	5,567	78,489	2,904
Bismarck	201	307	3,350	2,910
Boise	2,099	4,790	110,818	3,924
Boston	38,054	45,747	238,891	1,936
Bridgeport	11,521	6,793	92,085	436
Brooklyn	218,750	123,517	743,723	5,287
Brownsville	509	1,801	648,425	808
Buffalo	25,506	4,506	41,070	2,286
Burlington	728	1,289	5,470	404
Camden	13,152	9,256	107,935	979
Charleston	64,534	10,437	124,911	3,573
Charlotte	41,552	18,280	209,644	5,344
Cheyenne	1,016	1,087	29,134	2,440

²⁷ Diocesan totals do not add up exactly to the regional or national-level estimates. However, these are very similar. The national totals are based on national-level affiliation estimators. Diocesan totals are based on regional estimators, where possible and national estimators in all other cases.

²⁸ Including black, African American, African, or Afro-Caribbean individuals who may also self-identify as Hispanic or Latino. Thus, some individuals are “double-counted” in this table within dioceses as they are counted as both “black” and “Hispanic” based on their self-identification.

	<i>Black/African Amer./African</i>	<i>Asian/ Pacific Isl.</i>	<i>Hispanic/ Latino</i>	<i>Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan</i>
Chicago	26,736	66,060	787,922	4,545
Cincinnati	26,960	9,807	30,279	1,176
Cleveland	34,773	9,693	48,001	978
Colorado Springs	9,231	6,919	72,697	1,475
Columbus	20,368	10,937	33,099	1,154
Corpus Christi	1,412	1,410	196,517	645
Covington	1,050	920	7,659	169
Crookston	152	396	4,294	3,096
Dallas	45,252	36,407	642,095	4,941
Davenport	1,320	2,726	20,489	362
Denver	32,104	24,578	434,832	5,969
Des Moines	1,492	3,375	27,437	474
Detroit	68,802	25,353	74,480	2,674
Dodge City	181	521	38,155	313
Dubuque	1,440	2,788	19,417	612
Duluth	362	496	3,495	2,557
El Paso	5,664	1,631	402,002	1,187
Erie	2,055	919	9,487	272
Evansville	409	749	6,405	202
Fairbanks	1,015	896	4,160	9,399
Fall River	2,679	2,079	23,195	665
Fargo	436	987	5,269	3,786
Fort Wayne-South	1,779	3,462	52,174	793
Fort Worth	24,698	23,438	417,416	4,188
Fresno	26,491	42,827	901,346	8,809
Gallup	539	496	35,134	38,732
Galveston-Houston	73,169	66,471	1,204,128	7,050
Gary	2,904	1,598	58,866	458
Gaylord	216	414	3,623	1,224
Grand Island	151	448	22,652	718
Grand Rapids	6,647	4,178	45,294	1,395
Great Falls-Billings	490	557	8,481	6,846
Green Bay	244	3,622	23,202	3,856
Greensburg	1,072	658	3,214	129
Harrisburg	6,982	5,960	74,360	816
Hartford	26,865	11,416	163,386	968
Helena	371	993	9,515	4,602
Honolulu	1,607	165,125	74,922	762
Houma-Thibodaux	2,372	328	4,760	1,656
Indianapolis	5,729	7,647	72,727	1,280

	<i>Black/African Amer./African</i>	<i>Asian/ Pacific Isl.</i>	<i>Hispanic/ Latino</i>	<i>Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan</i>
Jackson	63,450	2,633	30,996	2,194
Jefferson City	2,346	2,351	15,038	671
Joliet	2,856	23,012	148,715	900
Juneau	98	878	1,902	2,139
Kalamazoo	5,367	2,203	20,744	964
Kansas City, KS	4,777	6,491	69,581	2,300
Kansas City-St. Joseph	9,857	4,237	50,470	1,373
Knoxville	9,913	4,149	45,370	1,359
La Crosse	166	3,941	11,346	1,080
Lafayette, IN	1,007	5,307	31,571	646
Lafayette, LA	12,449	1,406	11,461	545
Lake Charles	4,481	450	4,119	379
Lansing	13,295	9,407	32,494	1,477
Laredo	107	305	190,981	334
Las Cruces	2,425	1,112	169,580	2,060
Las Vegas	41,154	45,852	357,361	2,862
Lexington	4,906	2,537	22,795	538
Lincoln	587	2,095	16,940	622
Little Rock	31,493	7,092	106,049	4,071
Los Angeles	176,110	362,880	3,224,709	15,808
Louisville	13,339	3,892	33,615	744
Lubbock	2,184	1,126	105,209	686
Madison	722	4,834	30,952	721
Manchester	1,744	4,578	21,802	576
Marquette	478	406	1,488	2,606
Memphis	42,629	4,226	40,017	740
Metuchen	6,880	35,967	119,159	669
Miami	47,234	16,381	1,100,904	1,896
Milwaukee	6,004	10,594	122,015	2,139
Mobile	40,680	4,007	31,016	2,260
Monterey	4,317	12,306	248,777	2,040
Nashville	21,470	7,660	85,748	1,560
New Orleans	28,820	5,479	54,757	974
New Ulm	233	491	9,583	356
New York	181,008	57,867	1,084,349	6,820
Newark	34,511	44,187	416,994	2,064
Norwich	3,640	3,573	29,107	656
Oakland	57,522	140,919	369,178	2,914
Ogdensburg	2,826	766	9,574	1,126
Oklahoma City	12,121	7,678	126,611	21,173

	<i>Black/African Amer./African</i>	<i>Asian/ Pacific Isl.</i>	<i>Hispanic/ Latino</i>	<i>Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan</i>
Omaha	3,489	3,466	55,661	2,032
Orange	10,149	136,790	628,043	3,318
Orlando	29,505	20,592	416,722	3,131
Owensboro	4,331	1,343	14,305	400
Palm Beach	15,258	6,778	180,054	1,609
Paterson	4,940	11,464	146,030	803
Pensacola-Tallahassee	13,614	5,234	38,536	1,691
Peoria	2,218	6,934	41,614	669
Philadelphia	53,667	34,832	172,646	2,038
Phoenix	41,794	32,809	699,018	22,526
Pittsburgh	11,166	6,182	15,527	452
Portland, ME	1,822	2,212	10,059	1,568
Portland, OR	14,224	33,426	240,022	7,232
Providence	6,982	4,931	77,609	1,109
Pueblo	1,836	1,128	94,910	2,806
Raleigh	60,879	18,151	214,420	17,002
Rapid City	130	305	4,645	9,094
Reno	2,571	7,225	86,869	3,006
Richmond	71,937	21,875	116,713	3,200
Rochester	23,293	6,234	50,273	776
Rockford	1,682	6,673	149,579	1,059
Rockville Centre	44,246	24,497	295,868	1,565
Sacramento	46,869	93,570	427,017	8,466
Saginaw	3,220	1,143	13,875	1,008
Salina	720	1,184	11,383	314
Salt Lake City	6,267	17,884	207,837	6,026
San Angelo	2,574	1,249	152,939	1,048
San Antonio	10,282	8,358	722,045	3,413
San Bernardino	64,481	68,204	1,237,769	8,491
San Diego	32,797	88,609	701,604	5,380
San Francisco	15,259	118,495	212,874	1,620
San Jose	9,286	144,396	297,110	2,372
Santa Fe	6,380	5,314	357,357	12,642
Santa Rosa	2,926	9,047	132,269	4,363
Savannah	51,920	7,297	80,731	1,653
Scranton	2,993	2,036	37,840	427
Seattle	47,455	110,184	282,343	12,845
Shreveport	21,376	1,332	12,920	930
Sioux City	294	973	18,886	581
Sioux Falls	687	1,127	9,511	4,048

	<i>Black/African Amer./African</i>	<i>Asian/ Pacific Isl.</i>	<i>Hispanic/ Latino</i>	<i>Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan</i>
Spokane	2,564	4,262	60,656	3,379
Springfield, IL	1,532	1,677	13,715	441
Springfield, MA	5,793	3,043	65,941	488
Springfield-Cape	2,100	2,239	24,416	1,975
St. Augustine	20,227	10,976	76,325	1,423
St. Cloud	686	1,091	7,897	701
St. Louis	21,059	9,850	30,971	990
St. Paul and Minneapolis	19,465	33,742	114,786	4,129
St. Petersburg	16,666	14,364	243,160	1,905
Steubenville	936	605	1,925	197
Stockton	13,608	33,307	307,809	2,812
Superior	47	469	3,701	2,183
Syracuse	13,421	4,826	28,352	1,129
Toledo	8,777	2,539	30,976	657
Trenton	12,806	15,000	111,865	797
Tucson	13,396	9,406	391,071	13,665
Tulsa	7,314	4,059	62,633	37,695
Tyler	15,114	1,733	108,297	1,617
Venice	7,488	4,616	182,917	1,421
Victoria	1,748	527	59,115	290
Washington	66,963	34,051	193,918	2,139
Wheeling-Charleston	3,787	2,169	11,936	693
Wichita	2,883	4,334	51,605	2,225
Wilmington	15,900	5,929	48,759	994
Winona	1,056	2,518	20,110	309
Worcester	3,864	5,098	44,801	362
Yakima	1,350	2,380	133,149	2,783
Youngstown	6,725	1,557	11,776	467