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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.² 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.³ Where possible, depending on sample sizes, CARA also estimated these percentages for each group within USCCB regions and U.S. Census regions.⁴ 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.⁵

¹ This is a revised edition of the report released in October 2013. It corrects for errors in numeric sorting by USCCB region Roman numeral. It removes any double-counting of Asian population totals for those who specify two or more Asian sub-group identities. It also includes additional Catholic affiliation estimators for “outlier” Catholic areas where regional affiliation percentages are too low or too high (e.g., Archdiocese of New Orleans).

² The U.S. Census does not ask questions about religious affiliation.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

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 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.⁶ 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.⁷ 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.⁸ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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.

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 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.⁹ 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

⁹ 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.¹⁰ 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.

¹⁰ 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%
<i>Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean</i>	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>329,950</i>	<i>26.4%</i>
Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander¹¹	15,214,265	2,905,925	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>483,006</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>199,698</i>	<i>11.7%</i>
<i>Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander</i>	<i>540,013</i>	<i>147,424</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	29,731,302	58.9%
<i>Native-born</i>	<i>29,912,486</i>	<i>16,033,093</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	536,601	18.3%

Approximately 42.5 million U.S. residents who self-identify as non-Hispanic white are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 21.6 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 58.9 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.

¹¹ Due to significant numbers of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans having *multiple* racial, ethnic, and ancestral identities, totals for sub-groups do not add to the total Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander group population number. For example, the Census Bureau estimated the population of those self-identifying as Filipino alone in 2010 was 2.6 million. However, once one also includes those self-identifying as Filipino in combination with some other identity this population totals 3.4 million.

About 2.9 million U.S. residents who self-identify as Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 19.1 percent of the 15.2 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, 199,700 Korean Catholics, 147,400 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Catholics, 146,400 Indian Catholics, and 56,000 Japanese Catholics.¹² Some 76 percent of Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics are estimated to self-identify as Filipino (alone and in combination with other identities).

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 7.5 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 5.6 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 26.4 percent of the 1.2 million U.S. residents reporting a place of birth in this region.¹³

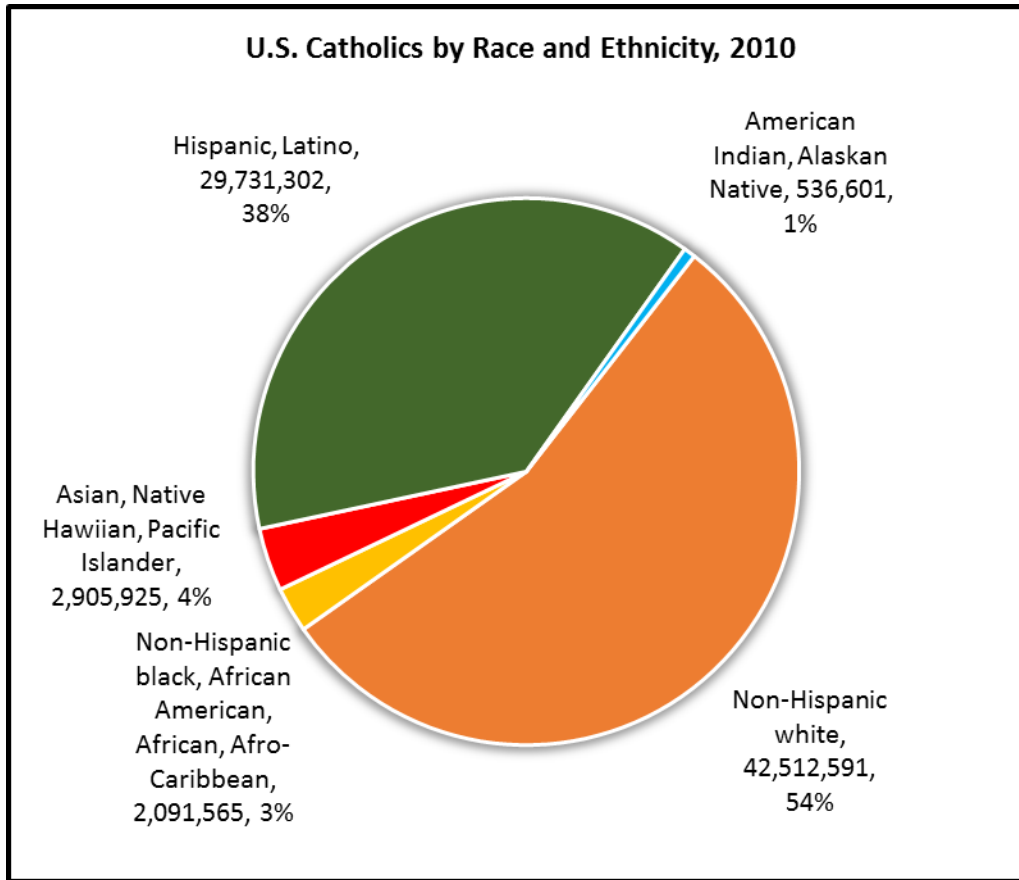
Some 536,600 U.S. residents who self-identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native are estimated to be Catholic, representing about 18.3 percent of the 2.9 million people of this race and ethnicity in the country.¹⁴

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

¹² Some of these individuals identify with more than one Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander group. Adding these totals would double count some individuals. Thus the total population of Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander is *smaller* than the sum of these sub-groups.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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 316,252,750.¹⁵ 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 the overall population growth percentage.

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

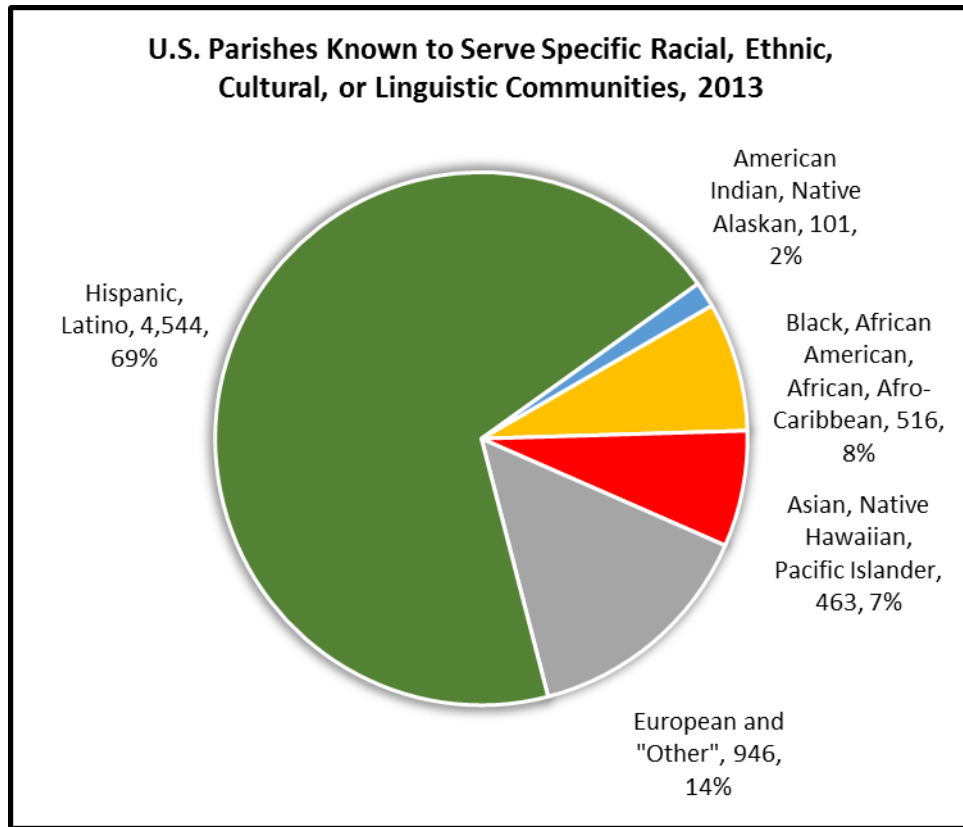
	Population	Catholic Population
White (non-Hispanic)	201,603,212	43,546,293
Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean	39,875,893	2,990,692
<i>Black, African American, African, Afro-Caribbean (non-Hispanic)</i>	<i>38,602,187</i>	<i>2,142,422</i>
<i>Born in Africa</i>	<i>1,280,200</i>	<i>337,973</i>
Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander¹⁶	15,584,203	2,976,583
<i>Filipino</i>	<i>3,499,921</i>	<i>2,267,949</i>
<i>Vietnamese</i>	<i>1,779,679</i>	<i>494,750</i>
<i>Chinese</i>	<i>4,107,621</i>	<i>349,148</i>
<i>Korean</i>	<i>1,748,324</i>	<i>204,554</i>
<i>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</i>	<i>553,144</i>	<i>151,009</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	30,454,225
<i>Native-born</i>	<i>30,639,814</i>	<i>16,422,941</i>
<i>Foreign-born</i>	<i>21,065,153</i>	<i>14,029,392</i>
American Indian, Alaskan Native	3,003,546	549,649

¹⁵ Source: <http://www.census.gov/popclock/>

¹⁶ Due to significant numbers of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Americans having *multiple* racial, ethnic, and ancestral identities, totals for sub-groups do not add to the total Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander group population number.

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).¹⁷ Some of these parishes serve two or three of these communities.¹⁸ Accounting for this, a total of 6,570 communities were identified (as shown in the figure below).

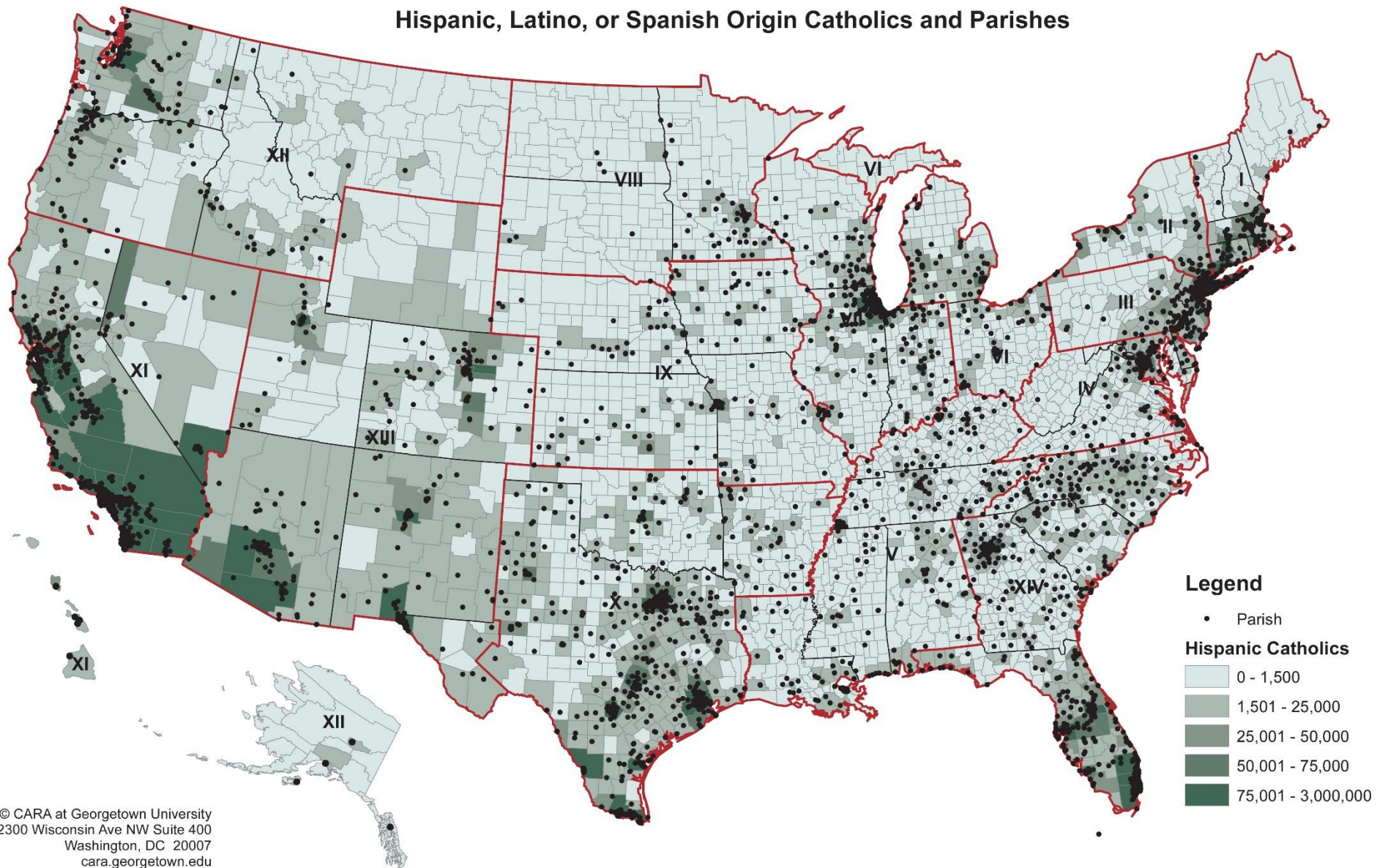


The largest number of these parishes, a total of 4,544, serve Hispanic or Latino Catholic communities. A total of 946 serve a European Catholic community or another Catholic group not included in the other categories of the figure above. A total of 871 of these parishes (13.9 percent) are known *only* 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

¹⁷ 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.

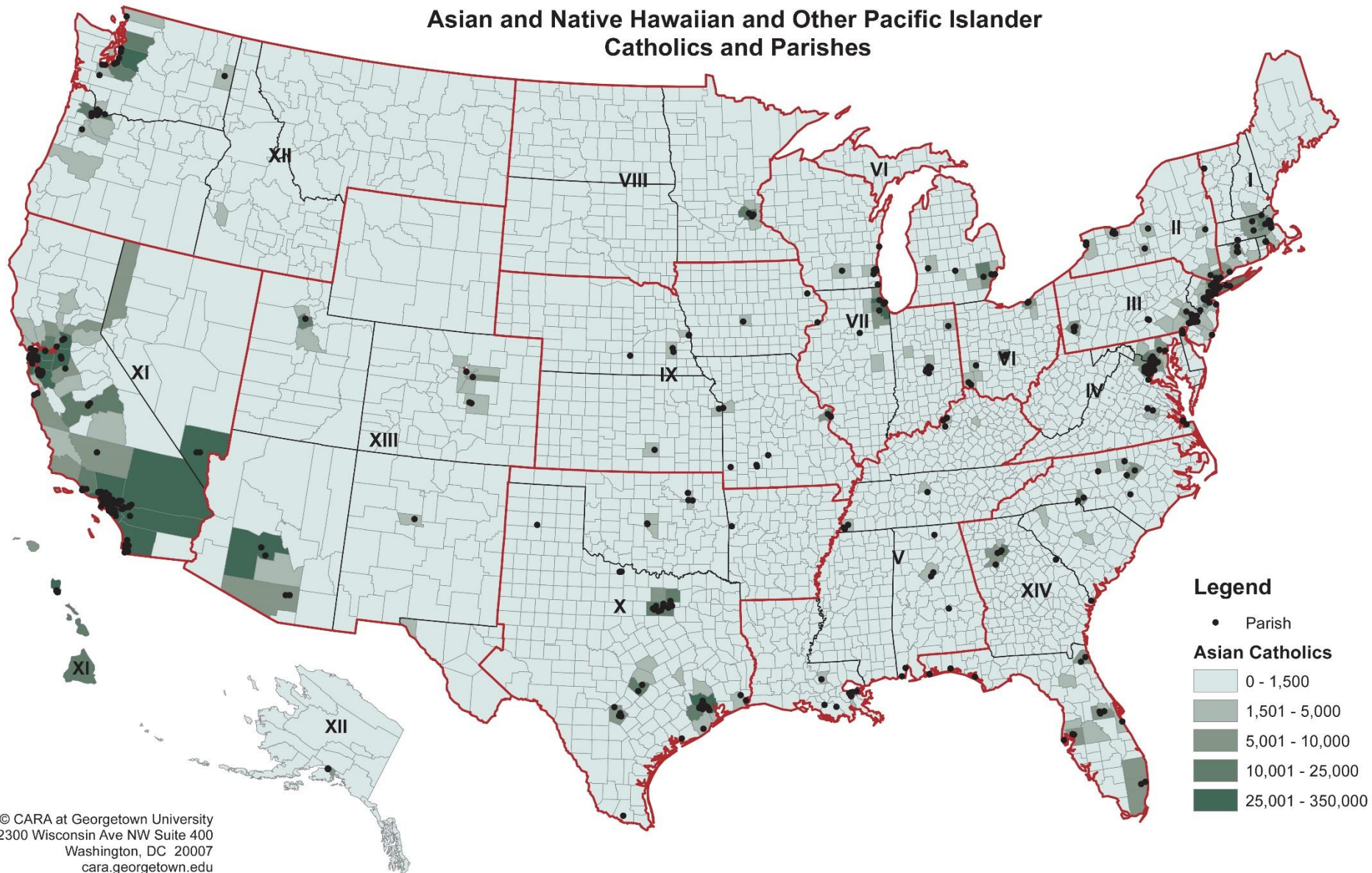
¹⁸ A total of 230 parishes serve two and eight parishes serve three.

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin Catholics and Parishes

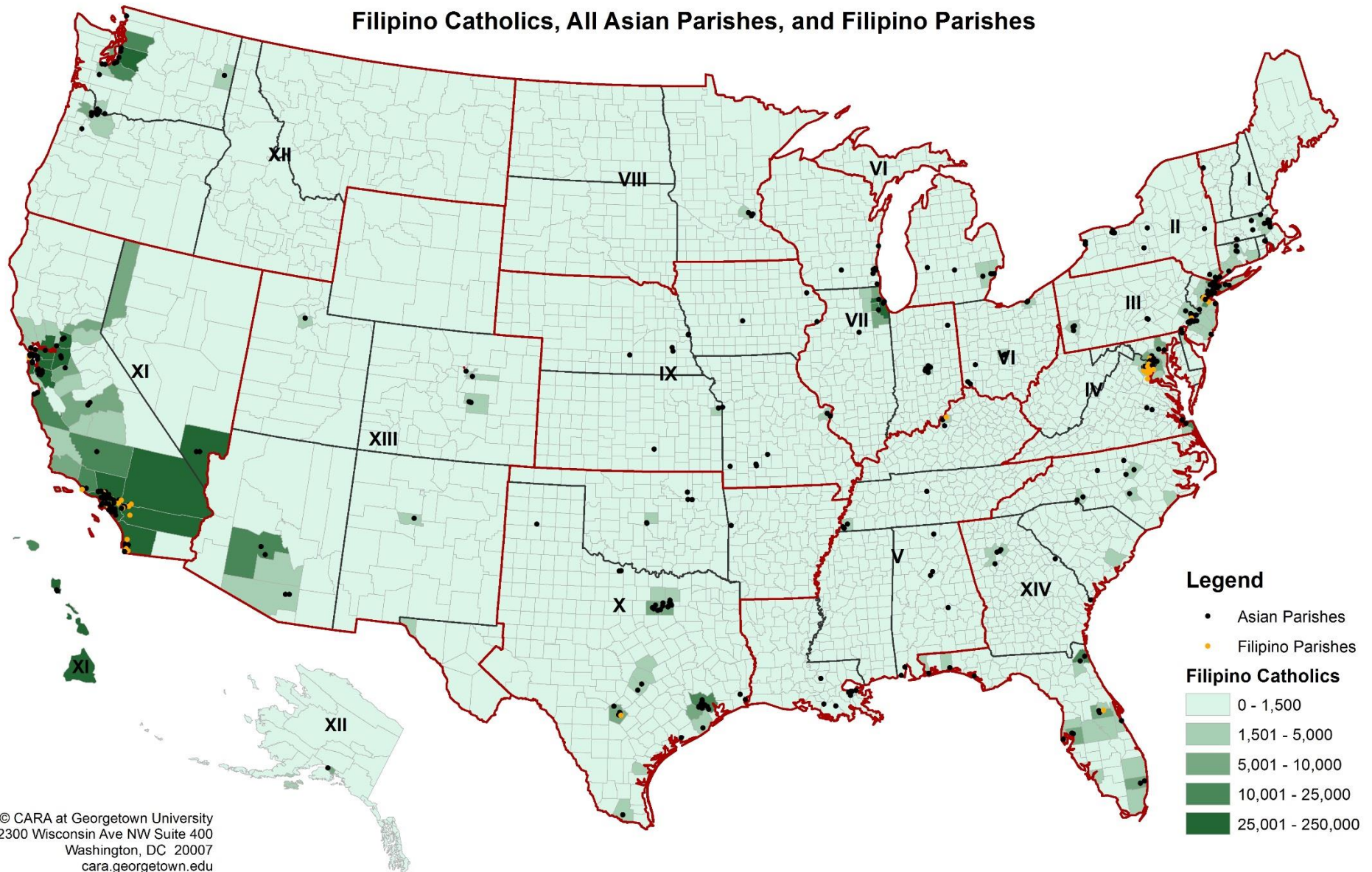


¹⁹ Green shading indicates the size range of the Catholic sub-group population within each county. Black dots indicate the location of a parish serving that community. Red lines indicate USCCB region boundaries.

Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Catholics and Parishes

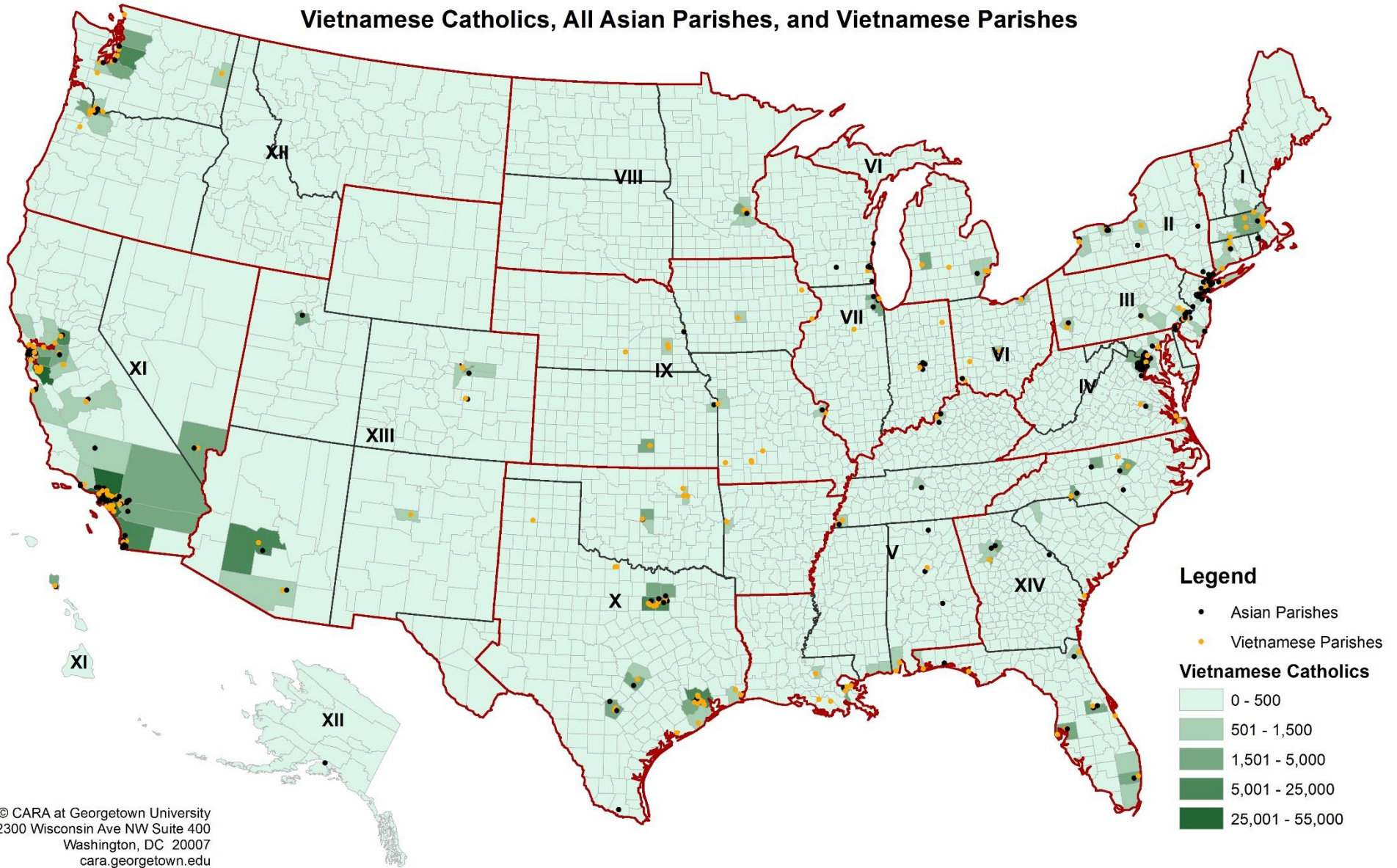


Filipino Catholics, All Asian Parishes, and Filipino Parishes

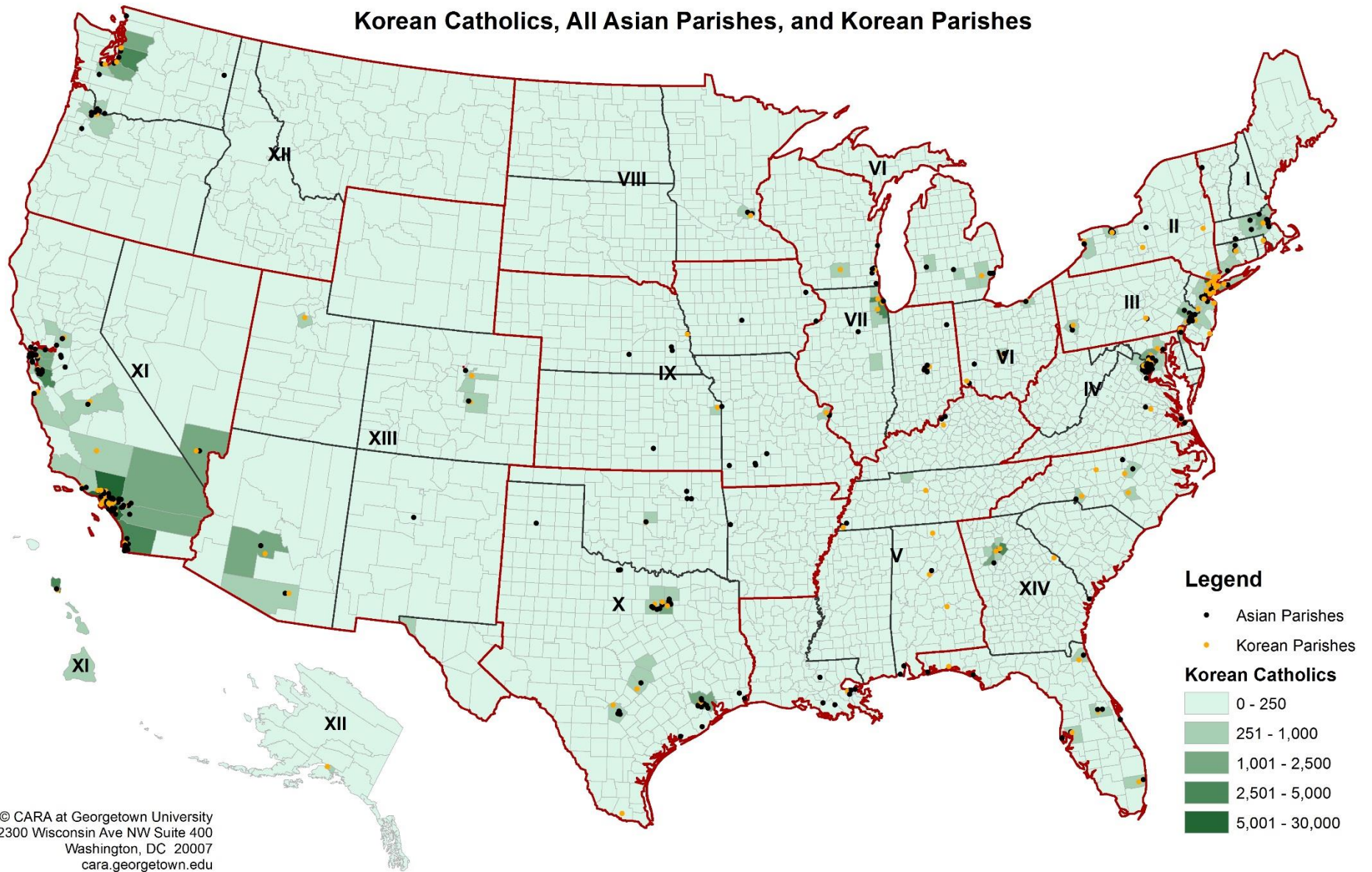


Note: Maps for Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander sub-groups include **black** markers for all parishes identified as ministering to this population generally. Additionally, those parishes indicating ministry to the *specific* sub-group of the population mapped are identified as **gold** 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.

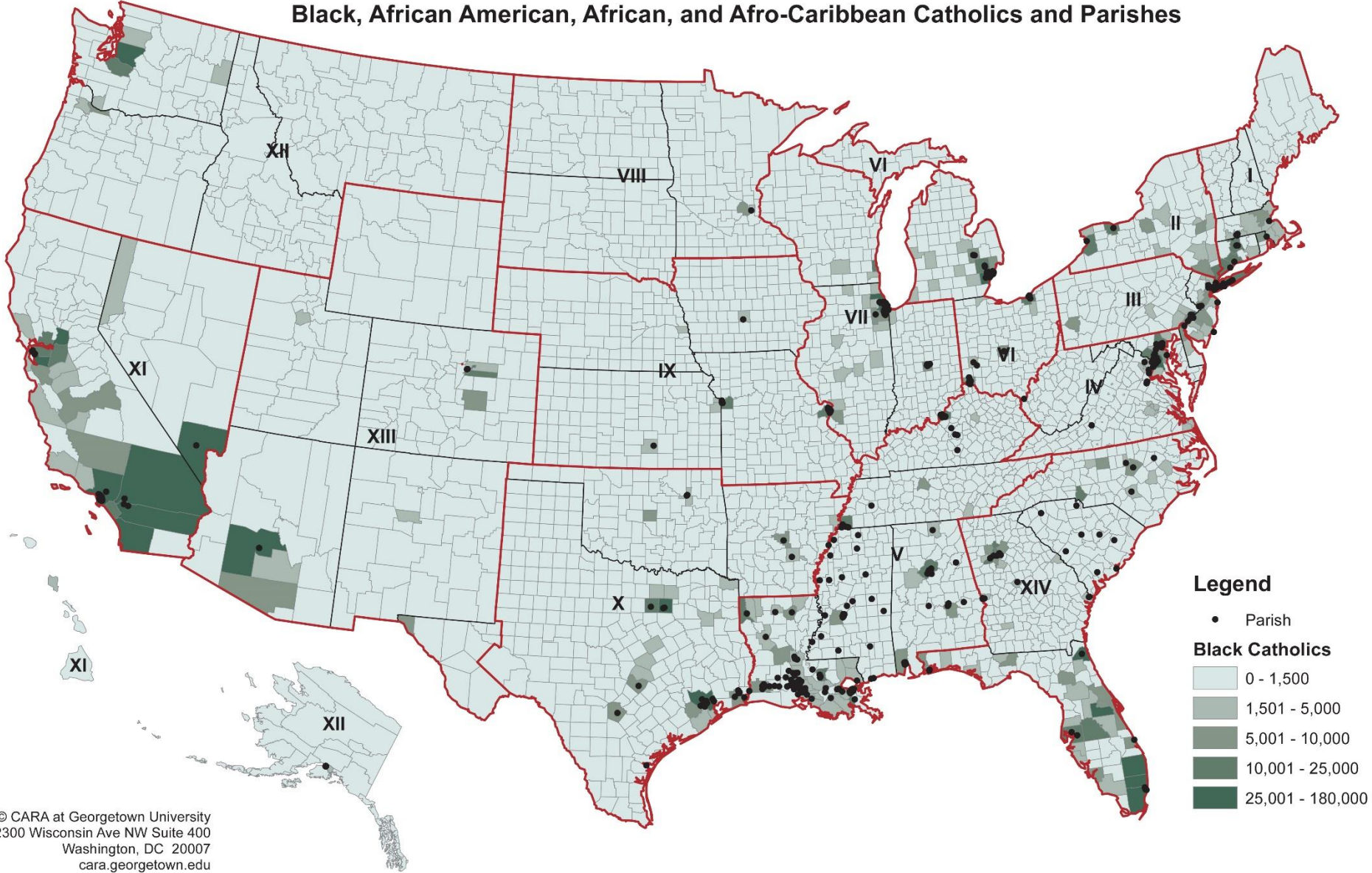
Vietnamese Catholics, All Asian Parishes, and Vietnamese Parishes



Korean Catholics, All Asian Parishes, and Korean Parishes



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



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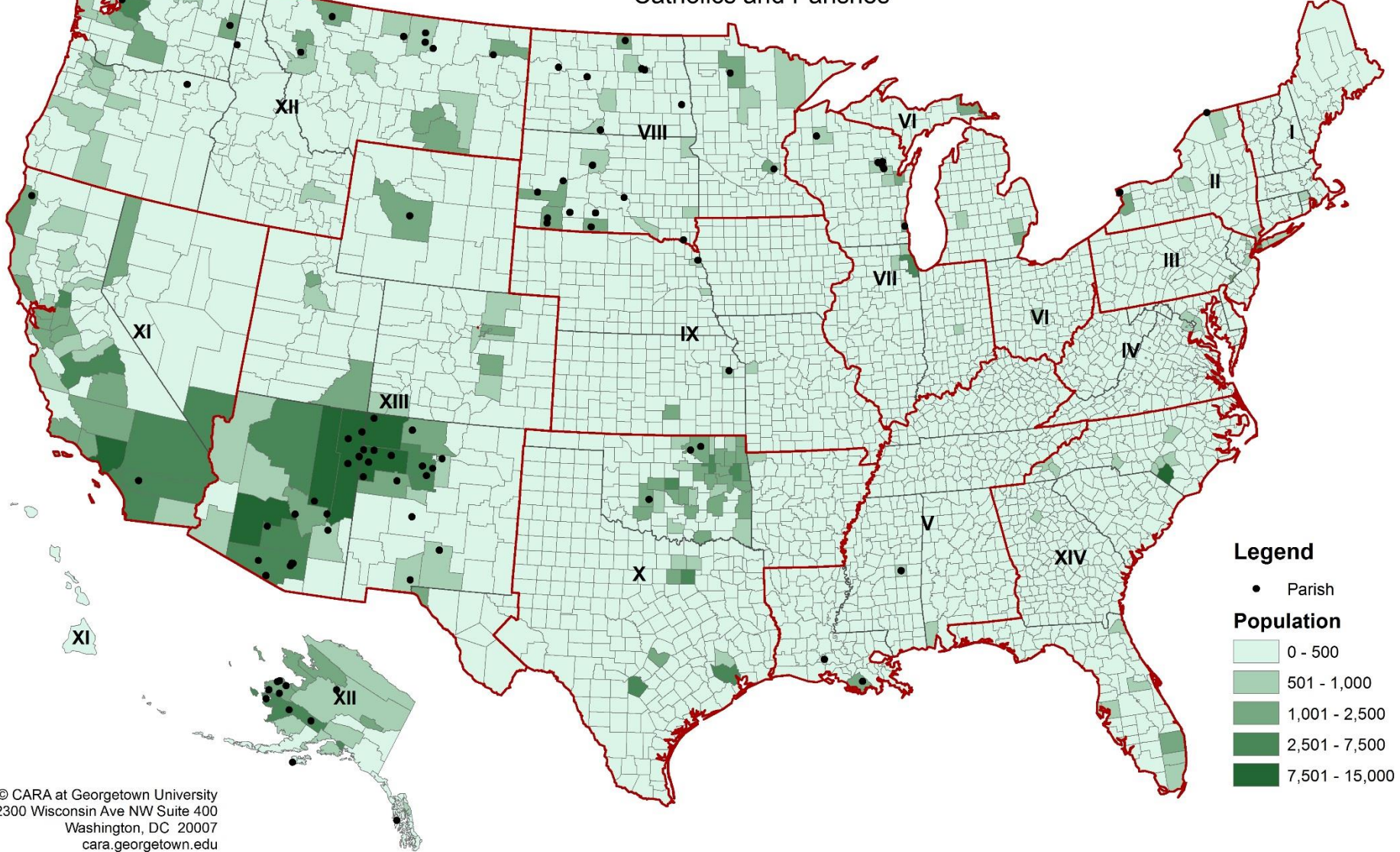
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Black Catholics

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- 1,501 - 5,000
- 5,001 - 10,000
- 10,001 - 25,000
- 25,001 - 180,000

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American Indian or Alaska Native Catholics and Parishes



Regional-level Results

This section of the report provides estimates for sub-group populations as well as the parishes serving these communities in each USCCB region, where information is available.²⁰

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

<i>USCCB Region</i>	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
<i>I</i>	103,693	10	10,369
<i>II</i>	513,325	17	30,196
<i>III</i>	174,055	20	8,703
<i>IV</i>	191,492	70	2,736
<i>V</i>	322,732	173	1,866
<i>VI</i>	151,444	48	3,155
<i>VII</i>	221,164	52	4,253
<i>VIII</i>	14,922	1	14,922
<i>IX</i>	67,164	18	3,731
<i>X</i>	253,966	33	7,696
<i>XI</i>	505,285	33	15,312
<i>XII</i>	74,118	--	--
<i>XIII</i>	120,653	4	30,163
<i>XIV</i>	528,230	37	14,277

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics

<i>USCCB Region</i>	Population	Parishes Serving Community²¹	Population per Parish
<i>I</i>	90,758	16	5,672
<i>II</i>	284,373	18	15,799
<i>III</i>	125,319	42	2,984
<i>IV</i>	140,443	34	4,131
<i>V</i>	51,036	19	2,686
<i>VI</i>	78,241	12	6,520
<i>VII</i>	148,009	21	7,048
<i>VIII</i>	41,461	4	10,365
<i>IX</i>	47,079	17	2,769
<i>X</i>	207,312	49	4,231
<i>XI</i>	1,430,779	105	13,627
<i>XII</i>	168,013	19	8,843
<i>XIII</i>	102,597	13	7,874
<i>XIV</i>	180,103	21	8,576

²⁰ Regional totals do not add up exactly to the national-level estimates. However, these are very similar. 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.

²¹ Many parishes serving Asian Catholics serve *more* than one group (390 parishes minister to 463 communities).

Hispanic or Latino Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
<i>I</i>	772,344	171	4,517
<i>II</i>	2,289,338	303	7,556
<i>III</i>	1,319,386	241	5,475
<i>IV</i>	671,445	162	4,145
<i>V</i>	520,697	283	1,840
<i>VI</i>	348,054	113	3,080
<i>VII</i>	1,566,651	380	4,123
<i>VIII</i>	182,940	67	2,731
<i>IX</i>	473,101	168	2,816
<i>X</i>	5,292,946	832	6,362
<i>XI</i>	9,207,658	706	13,042
<i>XII</i>	913,227	203	4,499
<i>XIII</i>	2,893,572	363	7,971
<i>XIV</i>	3,240,047	552	5,870

American Indian or Alaskan Native Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
<i>I</i>	9,166	--	--
<i>II</i>	19,564	2	9,782
<i>III</i>	10,224	--	--
<i>IV</i>	10,924	--	--
<i>V</i>	19,021	3	6,340
<i>VI</i>	15,976	--	--
<i>VII</i>	21,402	6	3,567
<i>VIII</i>	30,986	23	1,347
<i>IX</i>	15,562	3	5,187
<i>X</i>	93,041	3	31,014
<i>XI</i>	73,022	2	36,511
<i>XII</i>	63,307	25	2,532
<i>XIII</i>	109,528	34	3,221
<i>XIV</i>	44,879	--	--

Born in Africa Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
I	27,257	-- ²²	--
II	32,445	--	--
III	24,593	--	--
IV	49,693	--	--
V	9,175	--	--
VI	15,637	--	--
VII	15,290	--	--
VIII	19,102	--	--
IX	9,448	--	--
X	31,862	--	--
XI	31,682	--	--
XII	12,926	--	--
XIII	11,914	--	--
XIV	38,926	--	--

Filipino Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community²³	Population per Parish
I	30,141	16	1,884
II	81,732	18	4,541
III	103,559	42	2,466
IV	102,882	34	3,026
V	30,402	19	1,600
VI	38,870	12	3,239
VII	109,665	21	5,222
VIII	12,460	4	3,115
IX	24,644	17	1,450
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

²² An insufficient number of parishes are *specifically* known to be serving *foreign-born* black, African, or African American communities for regional analysis.

²³ *Including* all parishes known to be serving Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander Catholics. Three-quarters of 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 Community²⁴	Population per Parish
I	18,442	14	1,317
II	9,594	8	1,199
III	18,943	18	1,052
IV	25,364	7	3,623
V	17,674	16	1,105
VI	9,756	8	1,220
VII	12,084	6	2,014
VIII	8,028	5	1,606
IX	14,129	16	883
X	69,959	36	1,943
XI	187,155	58	3,227
XII	30,416	14	2,173
XIII	18,778	9	2,086
XIV	42,684	17	2,511

Korean Catholics

USCCB Region	Population	Parishes Serving Community²⁵	Population per Parish
I	5,775	4	1,444
II	17,972	18	998
III	17,288	14	1,235
IV	16,932	8	2,117
V	4,468	7	638
VI	6,025	4	1,506
VII	11,103	6	1,851
VIII	2,704	5	541
IX	3,701	4	925
X	11,115	9	1,235
XI	66,976	29	2,310
XII	13,006	4	3,252
XIII	7,535	5	1,507
XIV	15,098	13	1,161

²⁴ *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.

²⁵ *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

<i>USCCB Region</i>	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
<i>I</i>	1,390	-- ²⁶	--
<i>II</i>	2,393	--	--
<i>III</i>	1,828	--	--
<i>IV</i>	2,803	--	--
<i>V</i>	3,372	--	--
<i>VI</i>	1,821	--	--
<i>VII</i>	2,245	--	--
<i>VIII</i>	784	--	--
<i>IX</i>	3,216	--	--
<i>X</i>	8,429	--	--
<i>XI</i>	80,993	--	--
<i>XII</i>	17,547	--	--
<i>XIII</i>	12,851	--	--
<i>XIV</i>	7,752	--	--

Foreign-born Hispanic or Latino Catholics

<i>USCCB Region</i>	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
<i>I</i>	399,834	-- ²⁷	--
<i>II</i>	1,380,393	--	--
<i>III</i>	668,916	--	--
<i>IV</i>	451,293	--	--
<i>V</i>	262,453	--	--
<i>VI</i>	139,555	--	--
<i>VII</i>	717,563	--	--
<i>VIII</i>	72,282	--	--
<i>IX</i>	188,092	--	--
<i>X</i>	1,902,783	--	--
<i>XI</i>	3,819,974	--	--
<i>XII</i>	337,535	--	--
<i>XIII</i>	917,579	--	--
<i>XIV</i>	2,438,111	--	--

²⁶ An insufficient number of parishes are *specifically* known to be serving Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander communities for regional analysis.

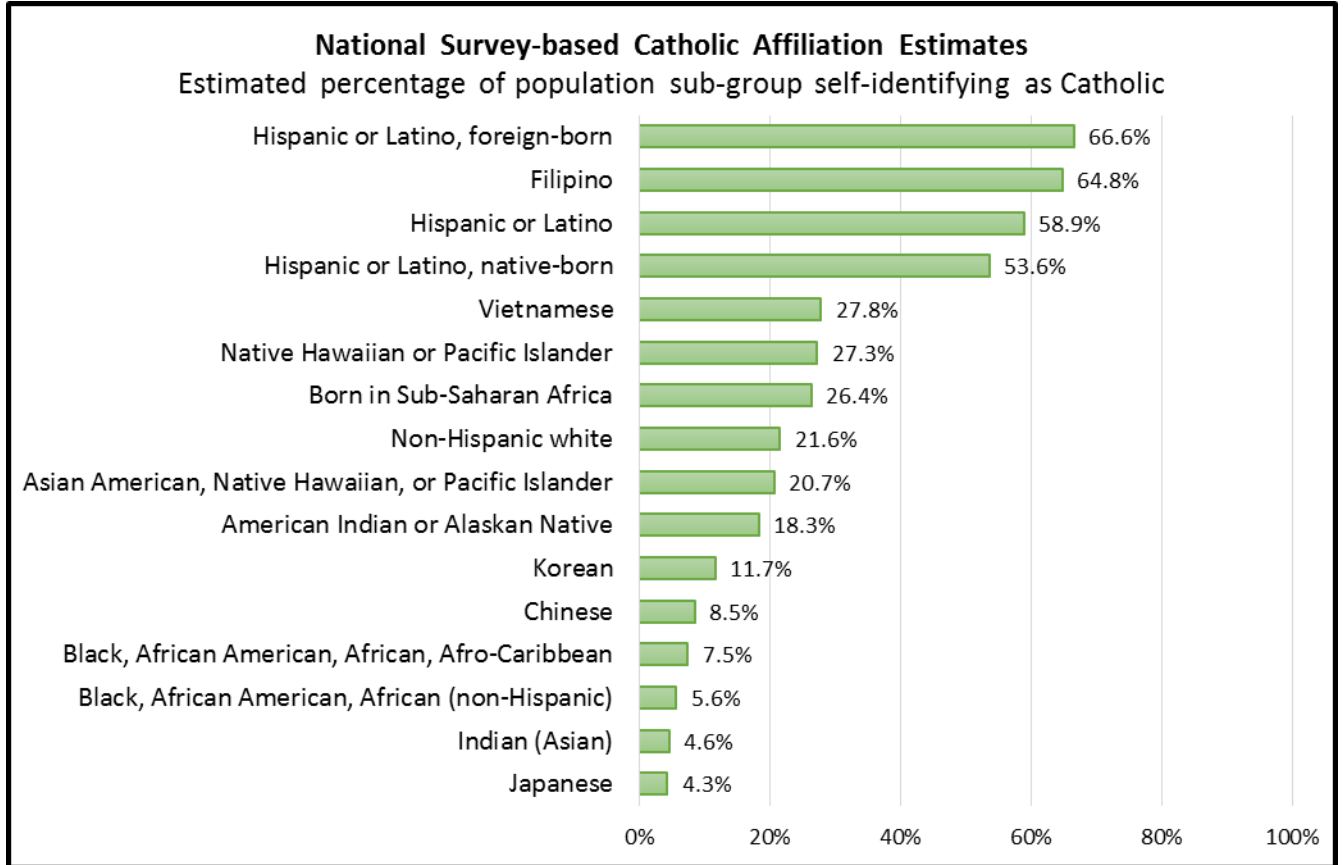
²⁷ An insufficient number of parishes are *specifically* known to be serving *foreign-born* Hispanic or Latino communities for regional analysis.

Non-Hispanic White Catholics

<i>USCCB Region</i>	Population	Parishes Serving Community	Population per Parish
<i>I</i>	4,780,377	--	--
<i>II</i>	4,453,873	--	--
<i>III</i>	5,629,468	--	--
<i>IV</i>	1,809,671	--	--
<i>V</i>	2,006,395	--	--
<i>VI</i>	4,292,309	--	--
<i>VII</i>	4,941,236	--	--
<i>VIII</i>	1,522,281	--	--
<i>IX</i>	2,440,136	--	--
<i>X</i>	1,648,264	--	--
<i>XI</i>	3,041,099	--	--
<i>XII</i>	1,235,275	--	--
<i>XIII</i>	1,362,773	--	--
<i>XIV</i>	3,659,743	--	--

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.²⁸ 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%

²⁸ 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.²⁹

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>	6.6%	16.9%	43.7%
<i>VI</i>	1.9%	17.9%	56.9%
<i>VII</i>	7.6%	17.9%	64.0%
<i>VIII</i>	5.1%	17.9%	56.9%
<i>IX</i>	6.5%	17.9%	59.1%
<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>	7.5%	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.

In a number of regions, there are locations where Catholic affiliation in the population deviates significantly from what is estimated at the regional level. Large national data collections including Pew’s Religious Landscape Survey (2008), The 2010 U.S. Religion Census (2012), Gallup (2013), and CARA Catholic Polls (CCP; 2010-2013) were reviewed to identify these locations as well as the sub-groups that were significantly over- or under-represented by regional estimators. Where possible, given margin of error, a state-level affiliation is substituted when it deviates significantly from the regional level. These were applied to a specific sub-group in the following states: Alabama, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

²⁹ There are too few American Indian or Alaskan Native respondents in any national survey to produce regional affiliation estimates.

Appendix B: Arch/diocesan 2010 Population Estimates

This appendix includes arch/diocesan-level estimates for five racial and ethnic groups.³⁰ These population estimates are for self-identified Catholics. This is *not* equivalent to what dioceses often report in *The Official Catholic Directory (OCD)*. In most cases, *OCD* totals represent parish-affiliated Catholics and lack those who may be attending Mass but who are not registered or those who self-identify as Catholic but are not regularly worshipping (or registering) with a parish.³¹

Estimated Select Catholic Populations by Arch/diocese

	Non-Hispanic white	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian/ Pacific Isl.	Black/ African Amer./African	Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan
Albany	448,725	36,020	6,258	13,257	576
Alexandria	87,684	4,810	569	14,598	608
Allentown	321,306	72,239	3,857	3,629	642
Altoona-Johnstown	193,951	4,029	1,641	1,018	136
Amarillo	31,433	77,131	1,661	1,410	678
Anchorage	37,157	18,665	8,427	3,865	7,653
Arlington	263,002	221,945	53,477	12,688	2,148
Atlanta	342,582	355,593	46,997	65,009	4,231
Austin	191,492	445,313	21,644	19,916	3,758
Baker	41,786	43,517	1,220	586	2,504
Baltimore	454,412	78,173	22,941	49,788	1,750
Baton Rouge	195,179	14,146	2,620	41,929	504
Beaumont	41,304	38,666	2,072	7,921	643
Belleville	227,431	14,367	1,431	10,947	431
Biloxi	39,964	12,649	1,918	6,527	556
Birmingham	123,657	58,135	5,567	28,817	2,904
Bismarck	80,253	2,978	307	128	2,910
Boise	150,052	110,818	4,790	2,099	3,924
Boston	1,399,593	238,891	45,747	38,054	1,936
Bridgeport	285,763	92,085	6,793	11,521	436
Brooklyn	594,953	741,503	154,590	214,890	5,287
Brownsville	13,148	660,938	2,056	501	808
Buffalo	502,258	40,947	5,639	25,056	2,286
Burlington	169,984	5,470	1,289	728	404
Camden	424,302	124,311	5,531	16,878	979
Charleston	248,870	123,969	10,437	9,035	3,573

³⁰ 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 and state estimators, where possible and national estimators in all other cases.

³¹ CARA estimates that, on average, the self-identified Catholic population at the state level is 51% larger than *OCD* estimates.

	Non-Hispanic white	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian/ Pacific Isl.	Black/ African Amer./African	Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan
Charlotte	245,439	167,715	18,280	32,411	5,344
Cheyenne	76,452	29,285	1,087	1,016	2,440
Chicago	886,807	931,936	66,060	126,996	4,545
Cincinnati	574,973	39,157	9,807	10,784	1,176
Cleveland	493,316	62,074	9,693	13,909	978
Colorado Springs	117,029	75,705	6,919	9,231	1,475
Columbus	497,103	42,802	10,937	8,147	1,154
Corpus Christi	23,482	200,309	1,610	1,392	645
Covington	62,340	5,673	920	990	169
Crookston	61,526	3,818	396	97	3,096
Dallas	208,370	654,487	41,577	44,605	4,941
Davenport	158,370	21,281	2,726	1,682	362
Denver	340,518	452,825	24,578	32,104	5,969
Des Moines	168,684	28,498	3,375	1,902	474
Detroit	790,282	96,316	25,353	78,630	2,674
Dodge City	30,123	39,630	521	230	313
Dubuque	211,913	20,168	2,788	1,836	612
Duluth	111,364	3,107	496	231	2,557
El Paso	15,090	402,695	1,863	5,664	1,187
Erie	251,375	6,935	919	2,021	272
Evansville	77,765	7,204	749	572	202
Fairbanks	10,217	4,160	896	1,015	9,399
Fall River	319,760	23,195	2,079	2,679	665
Fargo	109,914	4,685	987	278	3,786
Fort Wayne-South	174,735	58,685	3,462	2,490	793
Fort Worth	242,320	425,471	26,767	24,345	4,188
Fresno	177,675	895,531	42,313	26,359	8,809
Gallup	16,229	37,830	496	539	38,732
Galveston-Houston	290,344	1,227,366	75,910	72,124	7,050
Gary	88,228	66,211	1,598	4,066	458
Gaylord	131,406	4,685	414	247	1,224
Grand Island	68,762	23,528	448	193	718
Grand Rapids	300,758	58,574	4,178	7,597	1,395
Great Falls-Billings	75,509	8,481	557	490	6,846
Green Bay	268,693	26,097	3,622	928	3,856
Greensburg	199,116	2,349	658	1,055	129
Harrisburg	611,213	54,360	5,960	6,865	816
Hartford	634,470	163,386	11,416	26,865	968
Helena	113,852	9,515	993	371	4,602
Honolulu	67,127	74,439	142,008	4,263	762

	Non-Hispanic white	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian/ Pacific Isl.	Black/ African Amer./African	Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan
Houma-Thibodaux	52,091	3,526	328	4,168	1,656
Indianapolis	352,827	81,802	7,647	8,020	1,280
Jackson	84,041	22,958	2,633	30,818	2,194
Jefferson City	153,074	15,620	2,351	2,990	671
Joliet	439,212	175,897	23,012	13,564	900
Juneau	5,443	1,902	878	98	2,139
Kalamazoo	215,997	26,826	2,203	6,133	964
Kansas City, KS	221,829	72,271	6,491	6,089	2,300
Kansas City-St. J	222,694	52,421	4,237	12,563	1,373
Knoxville	114,644	33,604	4,149	4,107	1,359
La Crosse	249,175	12,762	3,941	633	1,080
Lafayette, IN	189,282	35,510	5,307	1,410	646
Lafayette, LA	144,927	8,489	1,406	21,875	545
Lake Charles	72,719	3,051	450	7,873	379
Lansing	392,146	42,020	9,407	15,195	1,477
Laredo	1,676	194,667	348	106	334
Las Cruces	23,322	186,830	1,112	2,425	2,060
Las Vegas	199,665	355,056	45,302	40,948	2,862
Lexington	163,279	16,883	2,537	4,626	538
Lincoln	138,521	17,595	2,095	748	622
Little Rock	78,245	106,793	7,092	31,043	4,071
Los Angeles	596,484	3,203,904	358,525	175,229	15,808
Louisville	167,320	24,898	3,892	12,577	744
Lubbock	32,323	107,240	1,286	2,153	686
Madison	261,637	34,814	4,834	2,744	721
Manchester	340,214	21,802	4,578	1,744	576
Marquette	76,187	1,924	406	547	2,606
Memphis	46,224	29,640	4,226	17,661	740
Metuchen	372,531	137,239	21,490	8,830	669
Miami	272,792	1,186,068	16,381	106,750	1,896
Milwaukee	510,280	137,240	10,594	22,814	2,139
Mobile	62,198	22,973	4,007	24,989	2,260
Monterey	90,517	247,172	12,158	4,295	2,040
Nashville	103,175	63,511	7,660	8,895	1,560
New Orleans	226,345	40,558	5,479	50,642	974
New Ulm	70,176	8,520	491	148	356
New York	1,074,345	1,081,113	72,425	177,814	6,820
Newark	584,454	480,262	26,401	44,290	2,064
Norwich	279,056	29,107	3,573	3,640	656
Oakland	181,771	366,797	139,228	57,235	2,914

	Non-Hispanic white	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian/ Pacific Isl.	Black/ African Amer./African	Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan
Ogdensburg	177,404	9,546	959	2,776	1,126
Oklahoma City	115,191	127,499	7,678	11,948	21,173
Omaha	194,651	57,813	3,466	4,447	2,032
Orange	237,801	623,991	135,148	10,098	3,318
Orlando	602,502	448,958	20,592	66,681	3,131
Owensboro	101,487	10,595	1,343	4,084	400
Palm Beach	276,831	193,983	6,778	34,484	1,609
Paterson	336,881	168,186	6,850	6,340	803
Pensacola-Tallahassee	226,579	41,517	5,234	30,767	1,691
Peoria	402,778	49,220	6,934	10,536	669
Philadelphia	811,715	126,210	34,832	52,772	2,038
Phoenix	383,762	702,634	32,809	41,794	22,526
Pittsburgh	520,646	11,351	6,182	10,980	452
Portland, ME	373,781	10,059	2,212	1,822	1,568
Portland, OR	264,811	240,022	33,426	14,224	7,232
Providence	384,161	77,609	4,931	6,982	1,109
Pueblo	70,572	98,837	1,128	1,836	2,806
Raleigh	196,465	171,536	18,151	47,486	17,002
Rapid City	36,960	4,130	305	83	9,094
Reno	97,137	86,309	7,138	2,559	3,006
Richmond	494,220	116,713	21,875	43,162	3,200
Rochester	486,824	50,123	7,802	22,882	776
Rockford	358,932	176,918	6,673	7,991	1,059
Rockville Centre	766,739	294,985	30,660	43,466	1,565
Sacramento	367,185	424,262	92,447	46,635	8,466
Saginaw	167,389	17,943	1,143	3,680	1,008
Salina	61,123	11,823	1,184	917	314
Salt Lake City	122,195	208,912	17,884	6,267	6,026
San Angelo	49,587	155,890	1,426	2,538	1,048
San Antonio	105,053	735,979	9,545	10,135	3,413
San Bernardino	276,853	1,229,784	67,385	64,159	8,491
San Diego	272,791	697,077	87,546	32,633	5,380
San Francisco	147,655	211,501	117,073	15,182	1,620
San Jose	112,217	295,193	142,663	9,239	2,372
Santa Fe	54,451	393,708	5,314	6,380	12,642
Santa Rosa	112,350	131,416	8,938	2,911	4,363
Savannah	144,671	77,228	7,297	35,305	1,653
Scranton	310,871	27,662	2,036	2,943	427
Seattle	418,039	277,413	110,184	47,455	12,845
Shreveport	159,120	9,570	1,332	37,560	930

	Non-Hispanic white	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian/ Pacific Isl.	Black/ African Amer./African	Amer. Indian/ Nat. Alaskan
Sioux City	95,796	19,616	973	375	581
Sioux Falls	105,766	8,456	1,127	438	4,048
Spokane	71,436	59,597	4,262	2,564	3,379
Springfield, IL	331,192	16,222	1,677	7,275	441
Springfield, MA	294,640	65,941	3,043	5,793	488
Springfield-Cape	232,380	25,360	2,239	2,677	1,975
St. Augustine	310,254	82,229	10,976	45,714	1,423
St. Cloud	141,018	7,021	1,091	437	701
St. Louis	313,494	32,169	9,850	26,841	990
St. Paul & Minneapolis	665,361	102,052	33,742	12,409	4,129
St. Petersburg	457,365	261,970	14,364	37,665	1,905
Steubenville	114,492	2,489	605	374	197
Stockton	103,870	305,823	32,908	13,540	2,812
Superior	122,262	4,163	469	177	2,183
Syracuse	402,625	28,268	6,040	13,184	1,129
Toledo	291,286	40,058	2,539	3,511	657
Trenton	691,105	128,838	8,962	16,434	797
Tucson	143,154	393,094	9,406	13,396	13,665
Tulsa	90,839	63,073	4,059	7,210	37,695
Tyler	114,301	110,387	1,979	14,898	1,617
Venice	335,394	197,067	4,616	16,924	1,421
Victoria	19,157	60,256	602	1,723	290
Washington	236,271	193,918	34,051	66,859	2,139
Wheeling-Charleston	110,480	11,936	2,169	3,598	693
Wichita	168,721	53,601	4,334	3,675	2,225
Wilmington	251,286	48,759	5,929	15,397	994
Winona	139,943	17,879	2,518	673	309
Worcester	298,955	44,801	5,098	3,864	362
Yakima	46,974	130,824	2,380	1,350	2,783
Youngstown	246,976	15,229	1,557	2,690	467