

# **The Asian Population in the United States: Results from the 2010 Census**

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# Topics Presented

- Asian population size and growth
- Information on detailed Asian groups
- Geographic distribution of the Asian population

# POPULATION SIZE AND GROWTH

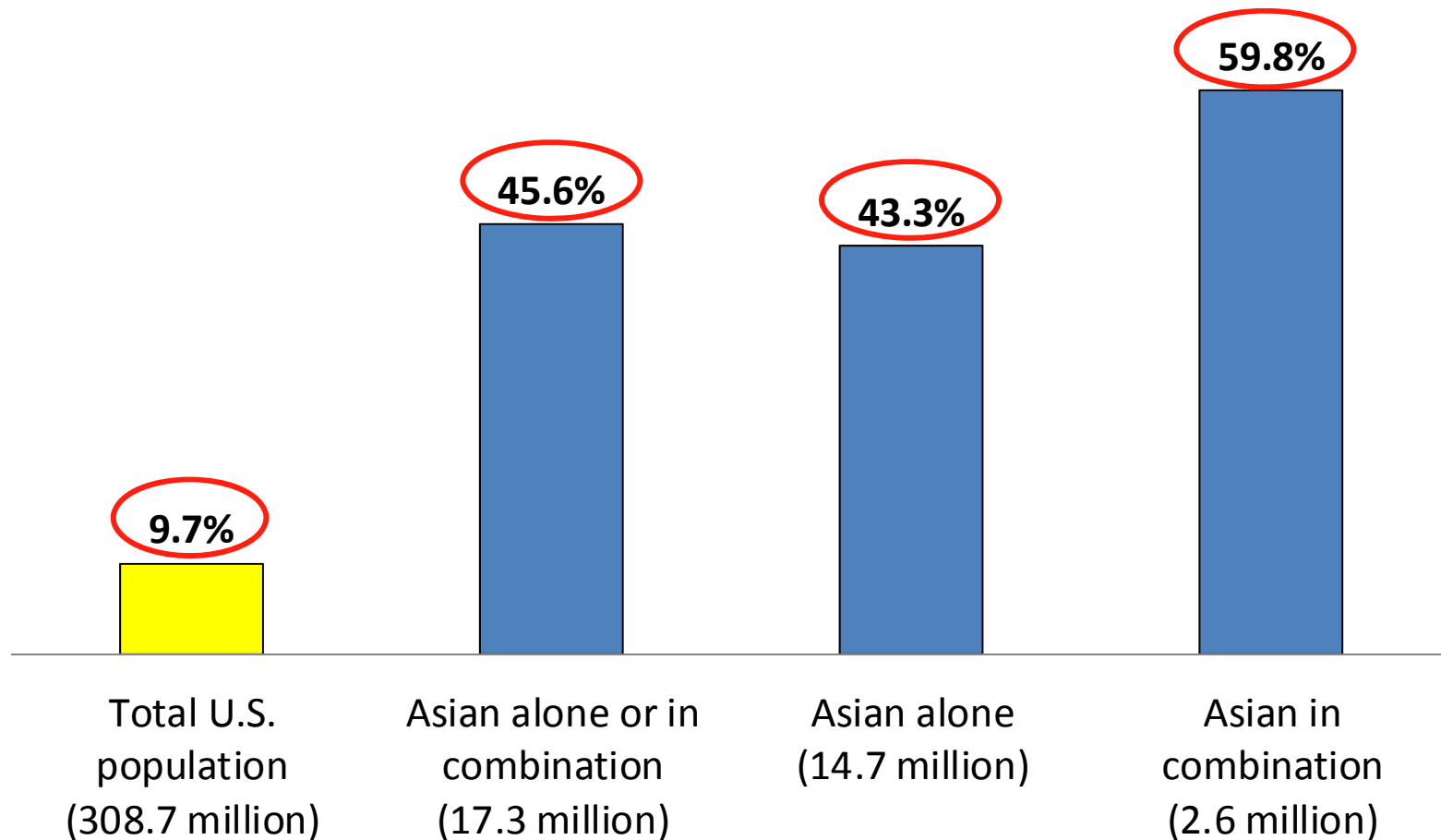
# Asian Population: 2000 and 2010

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Asian in combination	1,655,830	2,646,604	990,774

# Percent Growth of the Asian Population: 2000 to 2010



# INFORMATION ON DETAILED ASIAN GROUPS

# 2010 Summary File 1

**Asian Indian**

**Bangladeshi**

**Bhutanese**

**Burmese**

**Cambodian**

**Chinese, except Taiwanese**

**Filipino**

**Hmong**

**Indonesian**

**Japanese**

**Korean**

**Laotian**

**Malaysian**

**Nepalese**

**Pakistani**

**Sri Lankan**

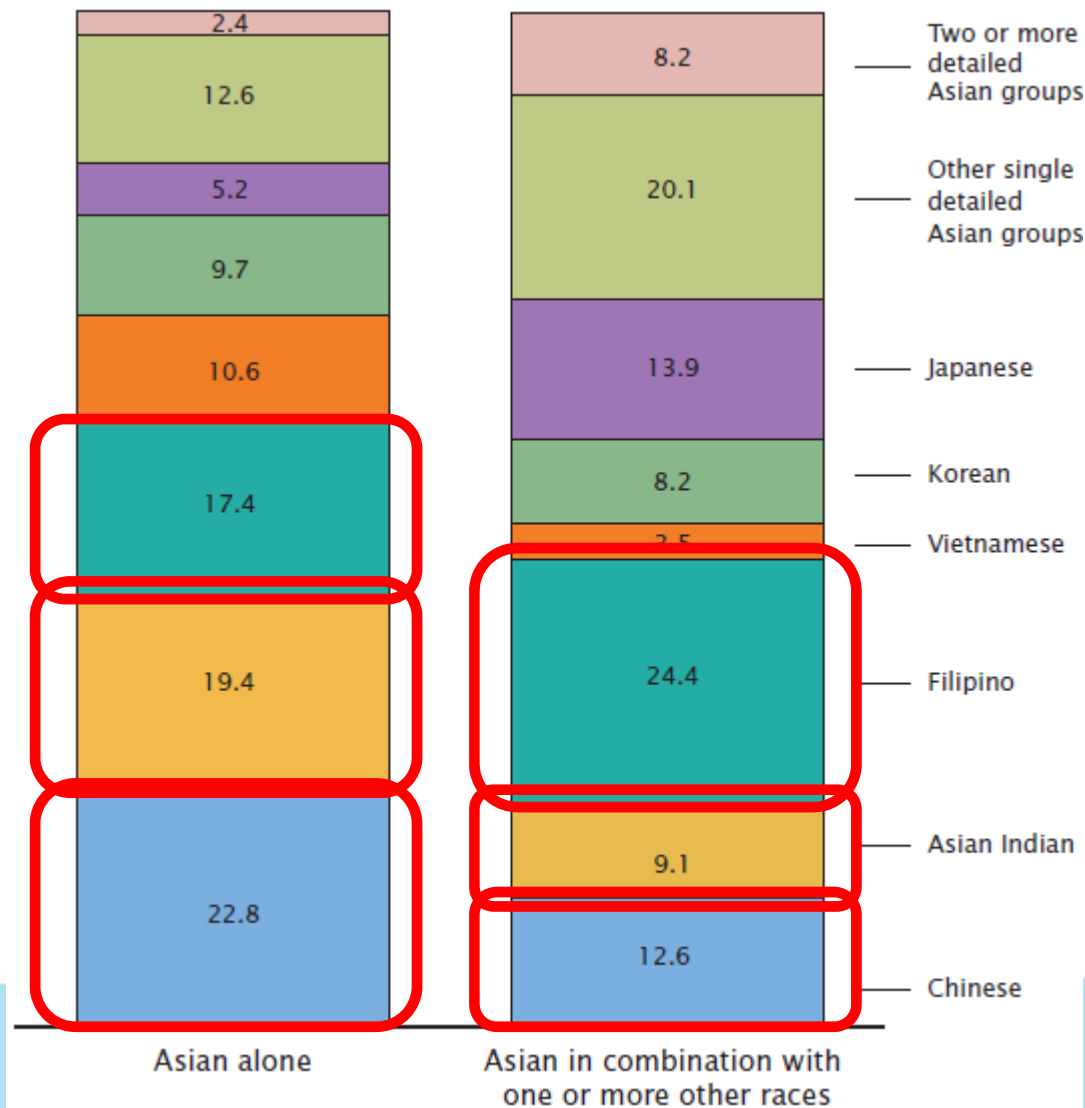
**Taiwanese**

**Thai**

**Vietnamese**

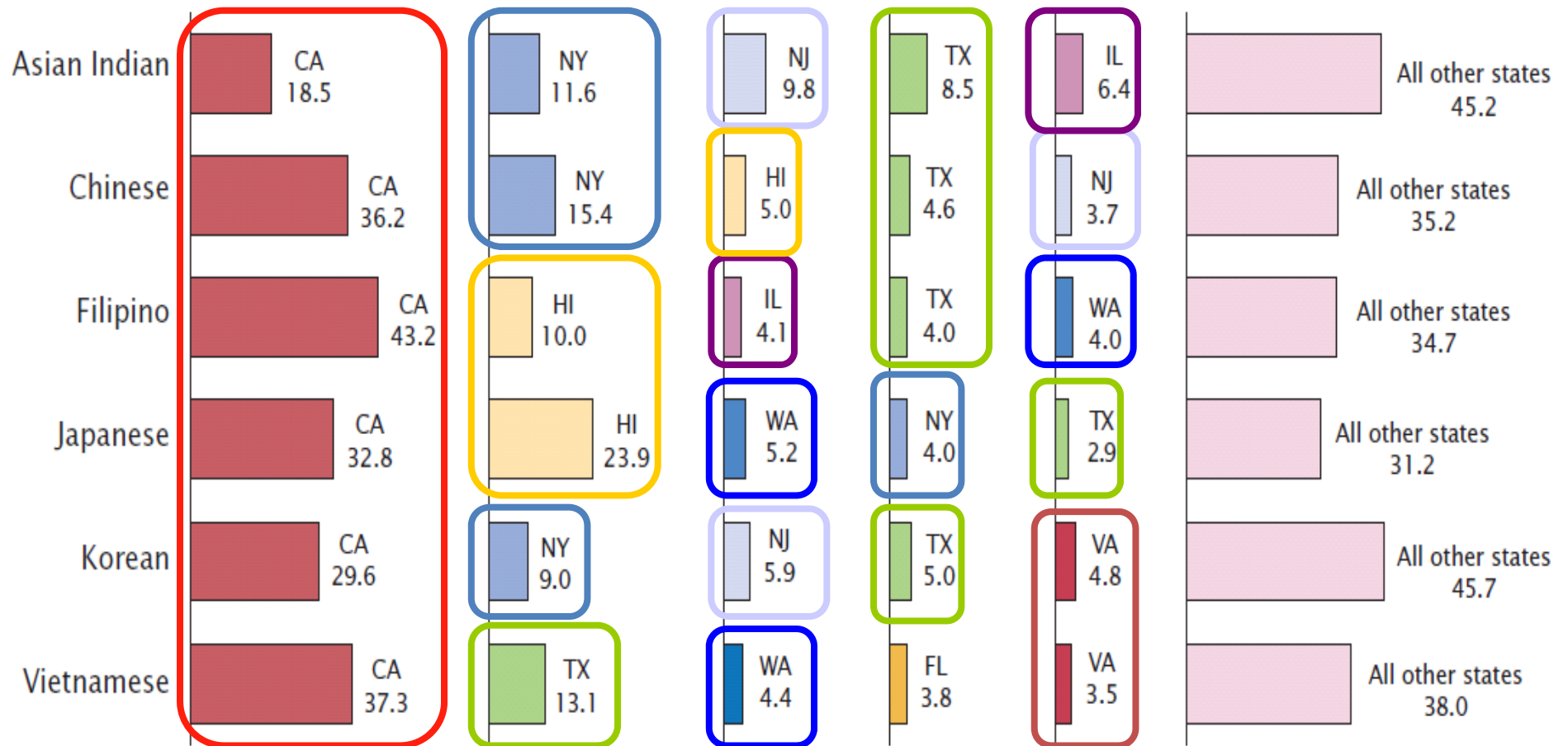


# Percentage Distribution of the Asian Population by Detailed Group: 2010

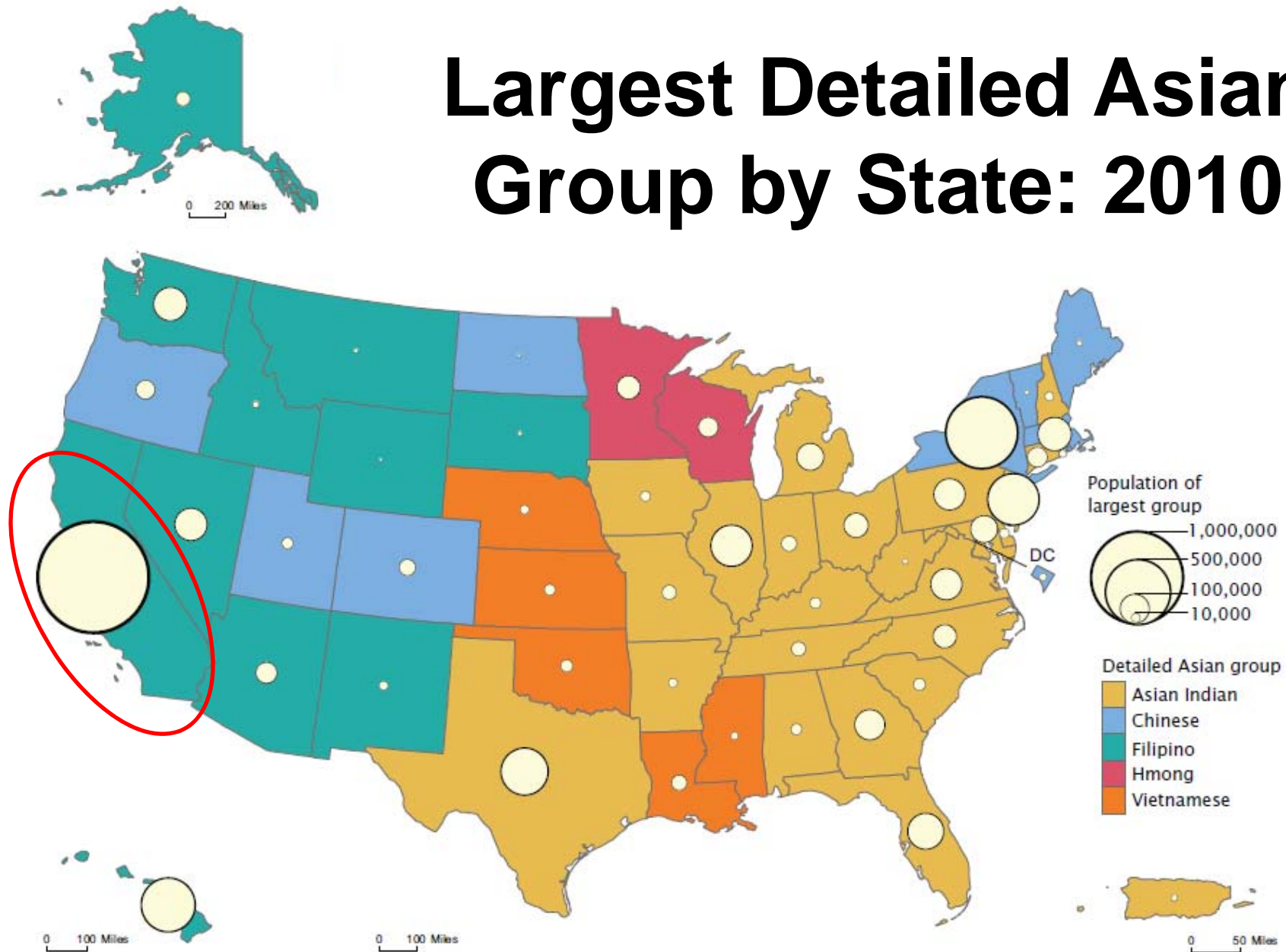


# **GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASIAN POPULATION**

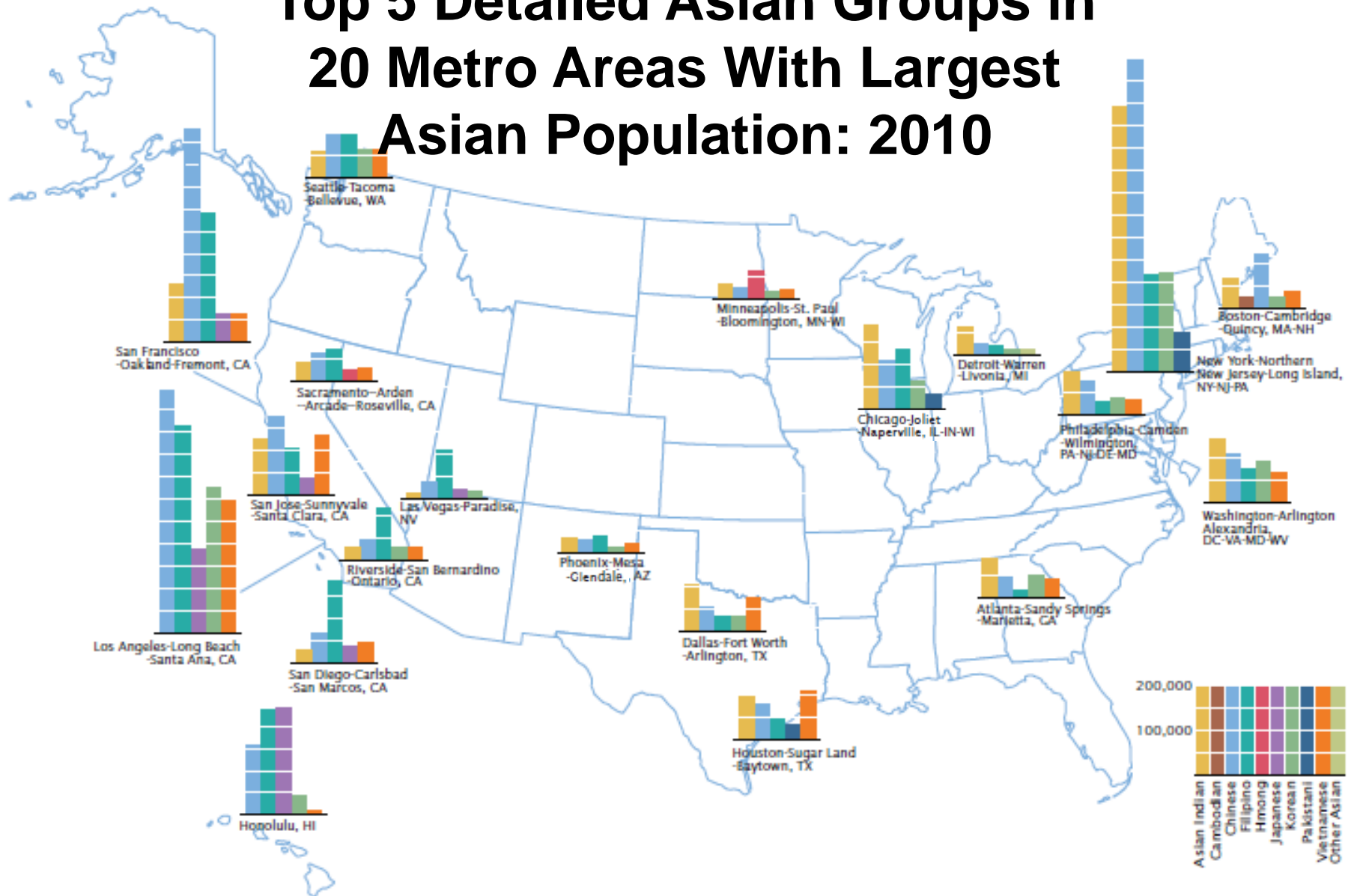
# State Distribution of Largest Detailed Asian Groups: 2010



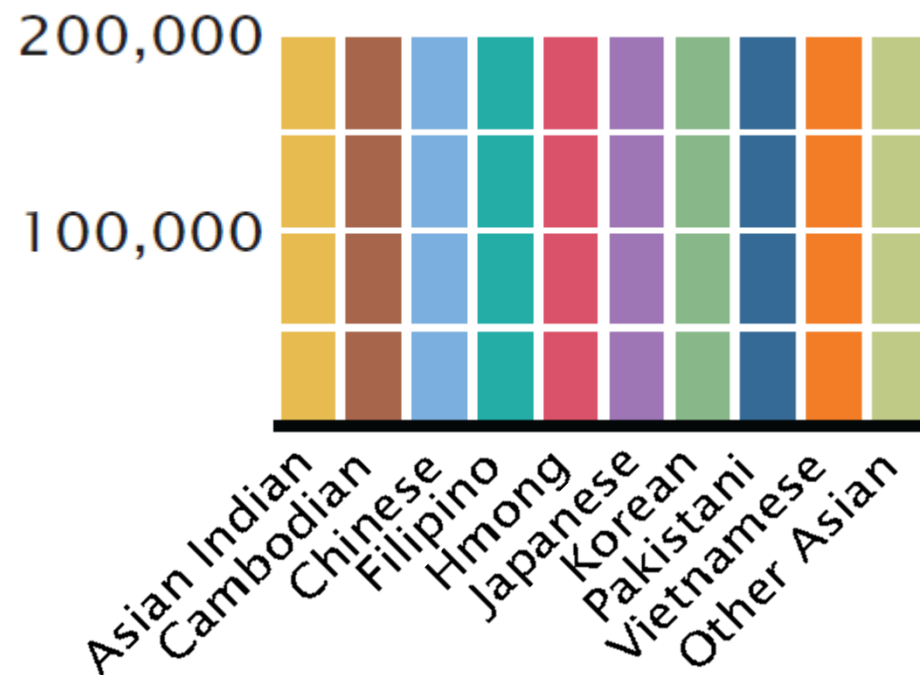
# Largest Detailed Asian Group by State: 2010



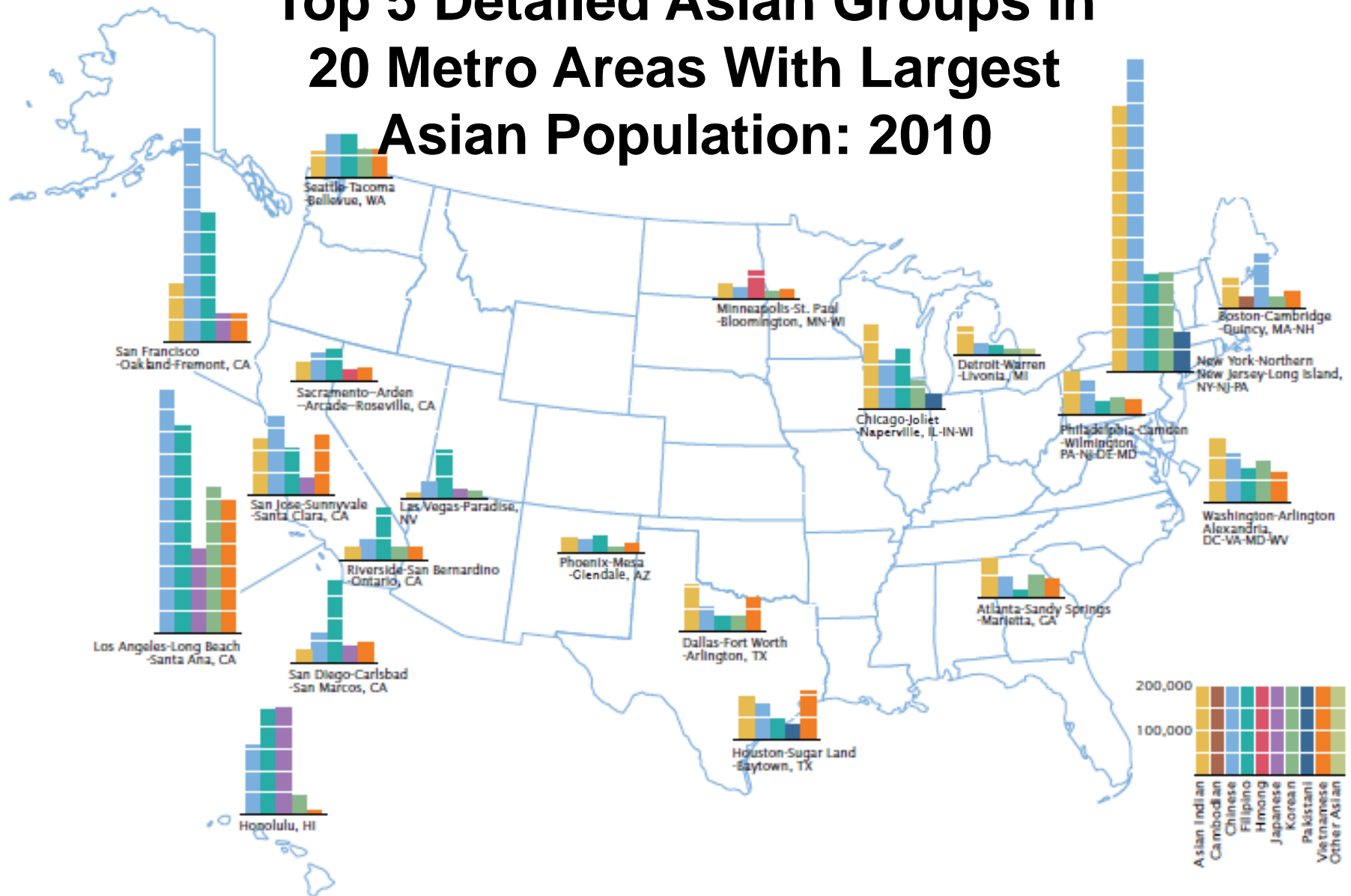
# Top 5 Detailed Asian Groups in 20 Metro Areas With Largest Asian Population: 2010



# Legend for Largest Detailed Asian Groups in Top 20 Metro Areas With Largest Asian Populations: 2010



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# Cambodian Population

(Reflects where the Cambodian population was one of the top five detailed Asian groups within the 20 metros with the largest Asian alone-or-in-combination population)





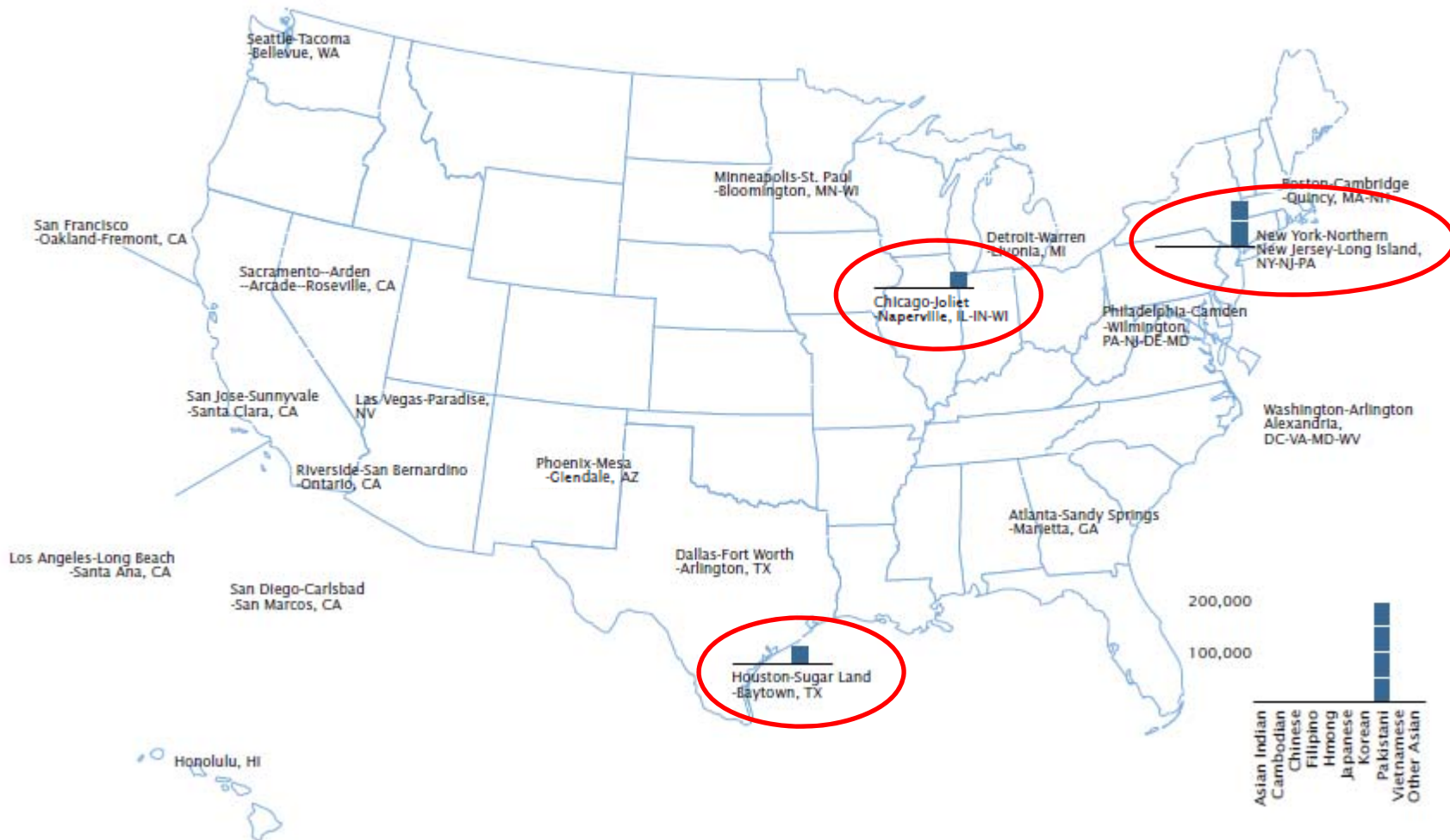
# Hmong Population

(Reflects where the Hmong population was one of the top five detailed Asian groups within the 20 metros with the largest Asian alone-or-in-combination population)



# Pakistani Population

(Reflects where the Pakistani population was one of the top five detailed Asian groups within the 20 metros with the largest Asian alone-or-in-combination population)



# Japanese Population

(Reflects where the Japanese population was one of the top five detailed Asian groups within the 20 metros with the largest Asian alone-or-in-combination population)



# Korean Population

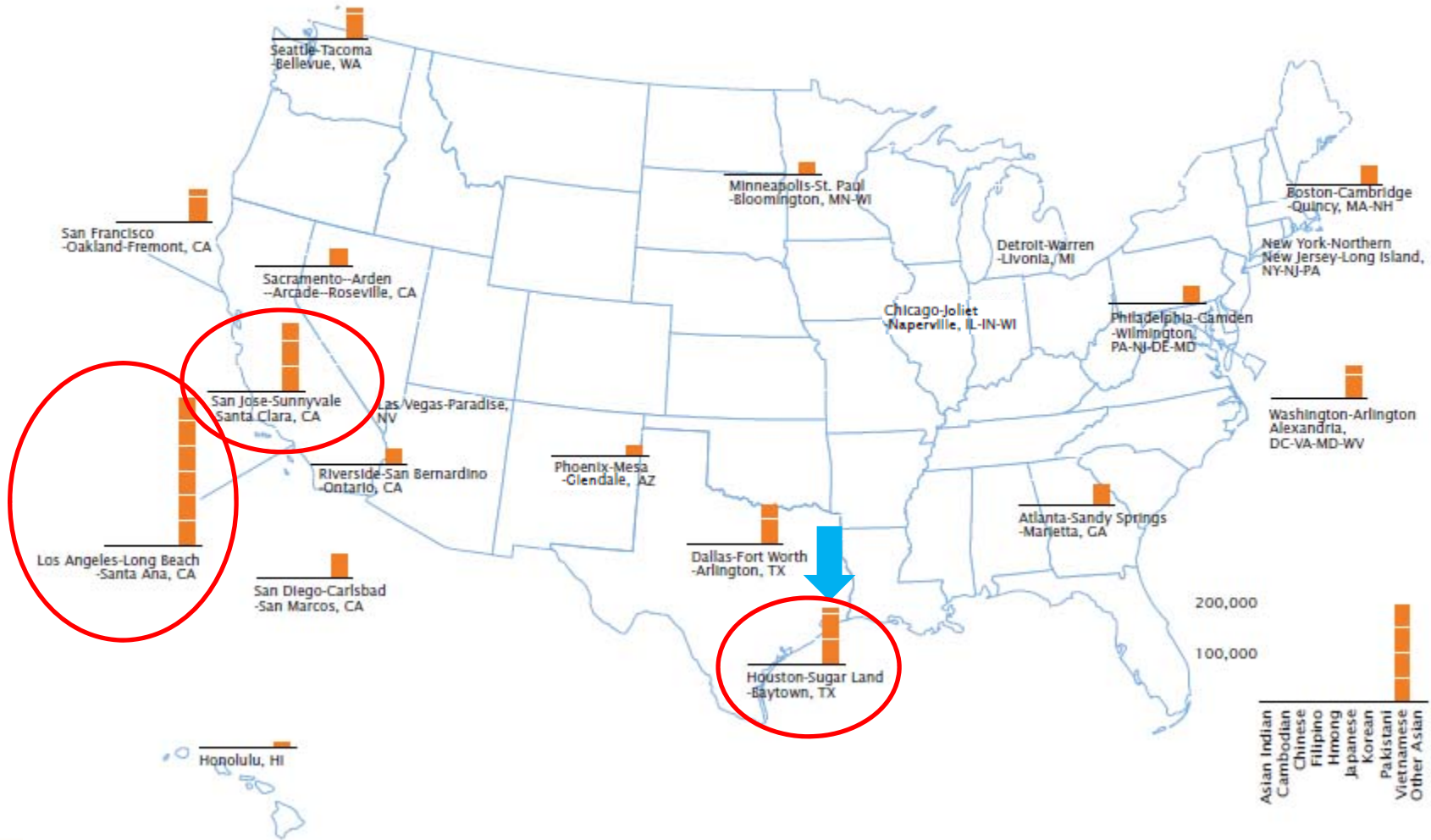
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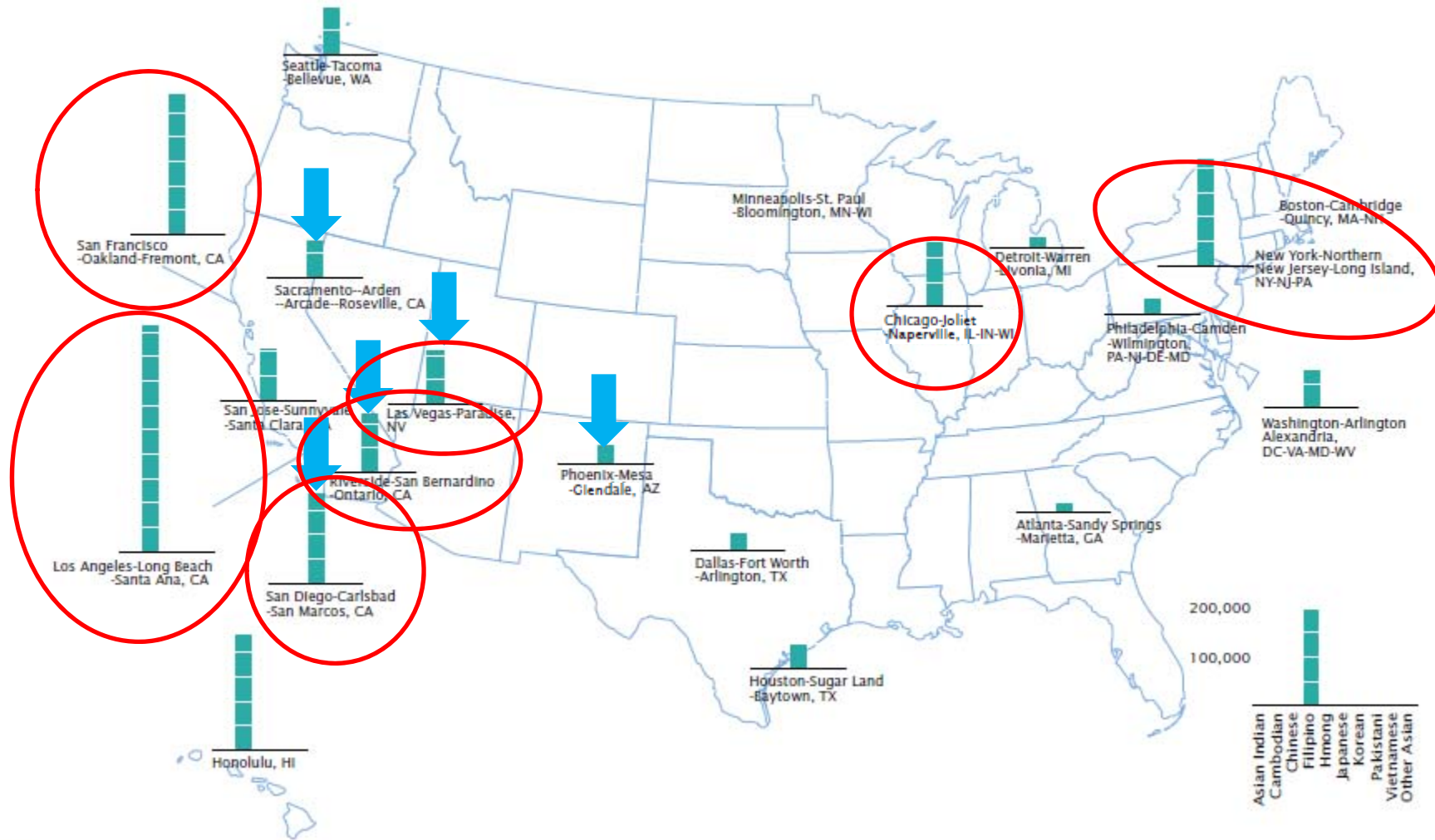
# Vietnamese Population

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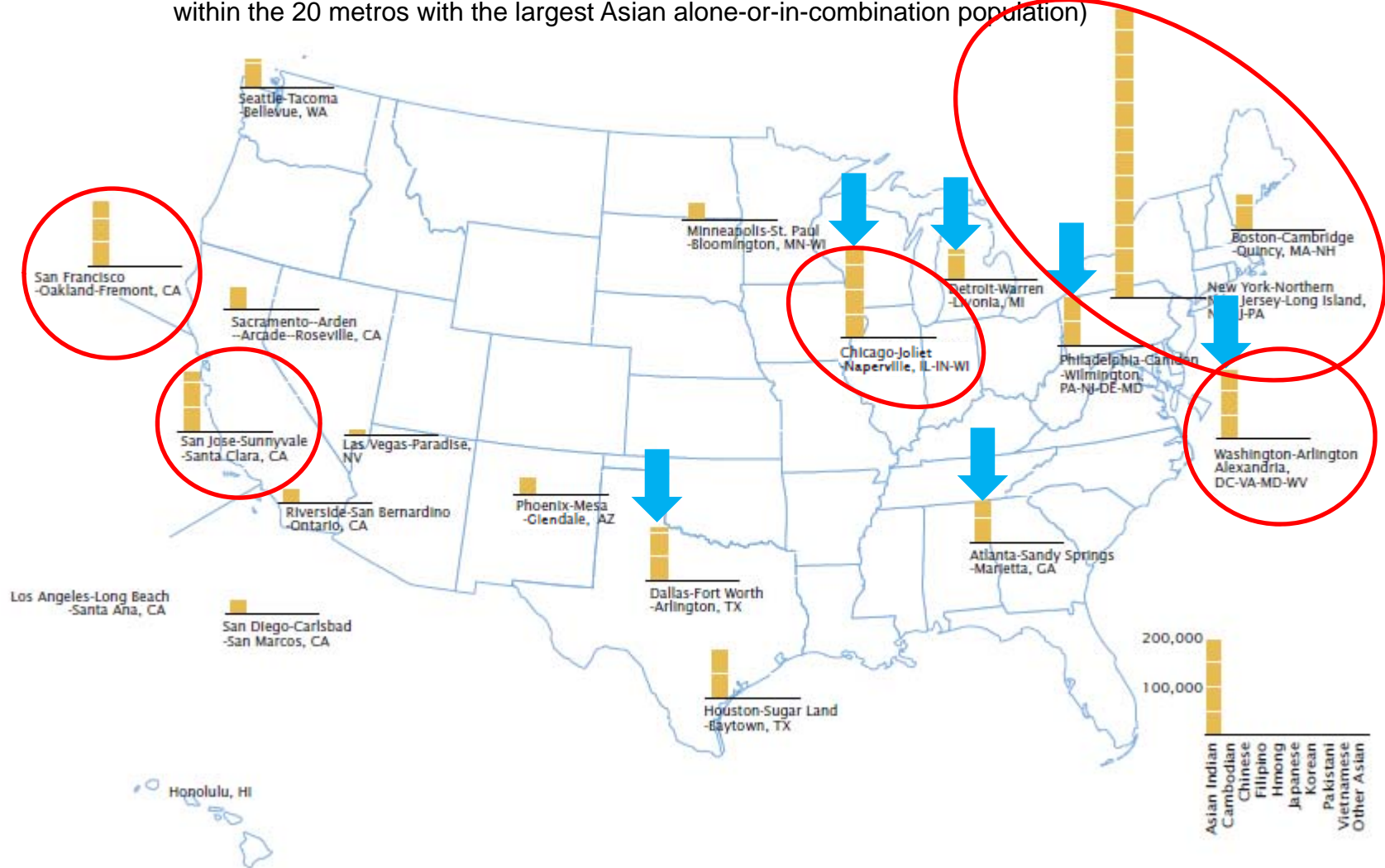
# Filipino Population

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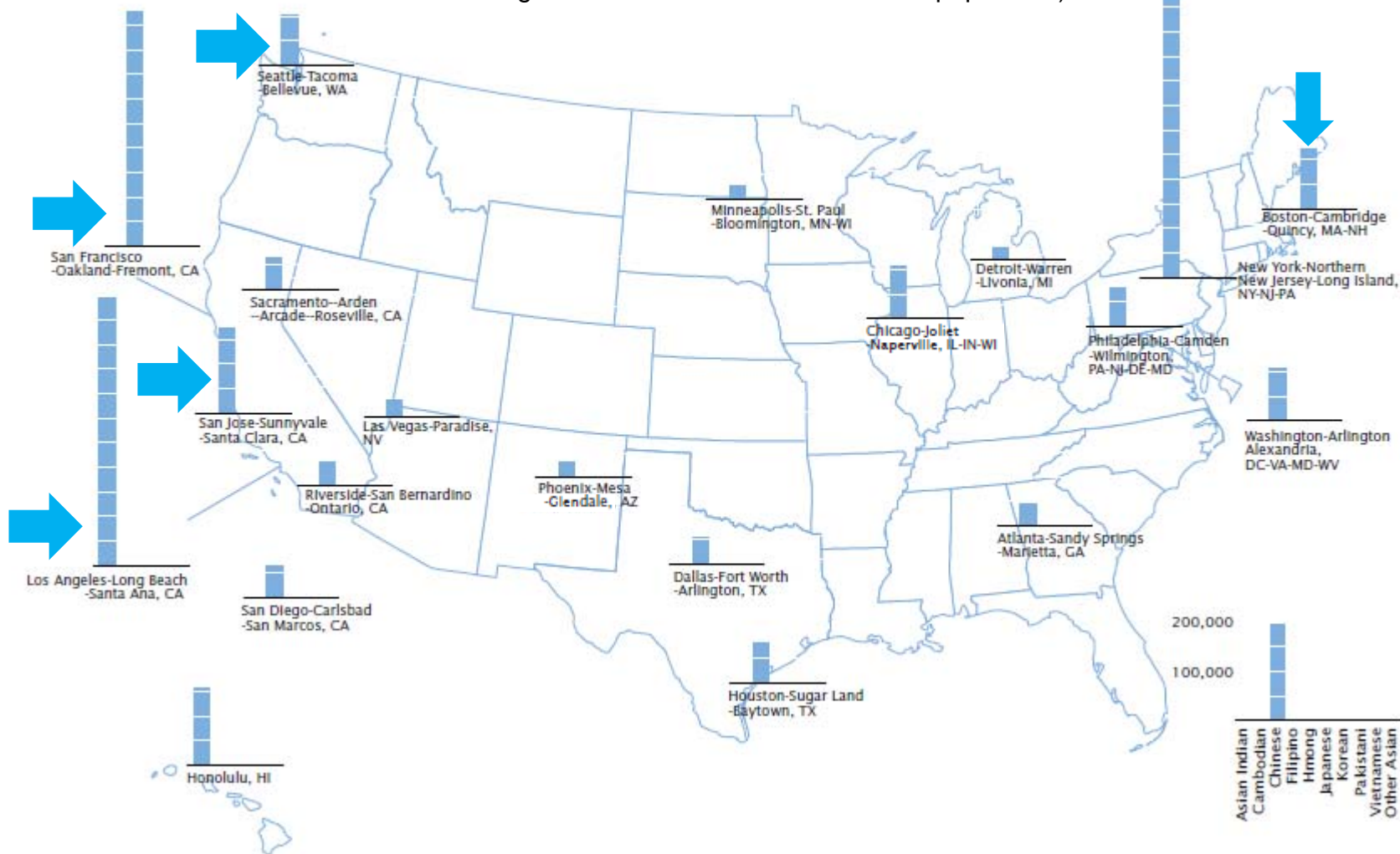
# Asian Indian Population

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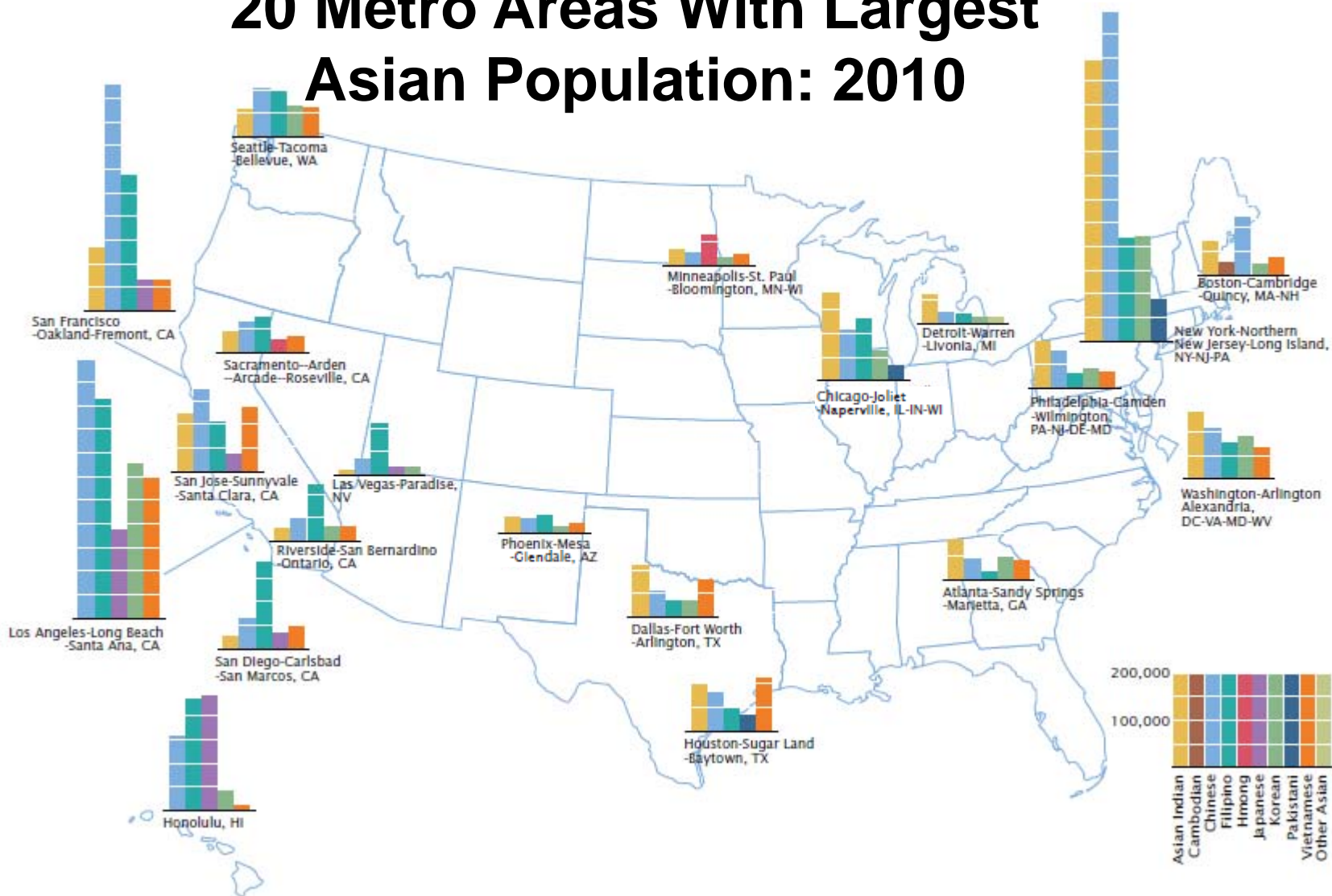
# Chinese Population

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# Top 5 Detailed Asian Groups in 20 Metro Areas With Largest Asian Population: 2010



# **Social and Economic Information for the Asian Population from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey**

# American Community Survey

For social, economic, and housing information on the Asian population, please visit:

[\*www.census.gov/acs\*](http://www.census.gov/acs)

# The Asian Population: 2010

[www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-11.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-11.pdf)

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### INTRODUCTION

According to the 2010 Census, the Asian population grew faster than any other race group in the United States between 2000 and 2010. This was observed for the population who reported Asian alone (increased 43 percent), as well as for the population who reported Asian and another race group (increased 50 percent). The Asian population continued to be concentrated in the West, and the Chinese population was the largest detailed Asian group.

This report provides a portrait of the Asian population in the United States and discusses its distribution at the national level and at lower levels of geography.<sup>1</sup> It is part of a series that analyzes population and housing data collected from the 2010 Census.

The data for this report are based on the *2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File*, which was the first 2010 Census data product released with data on race and Hispanic origin, including information on the Asian population, and was provided to each state for use in drawing boundaries for legislative districts.<sup>2</sup> Data for this report also come from the *2010 Census Summary File 1*, which was one of the first 2010 Census data products to provide information on

**Figure 1.**  
**Reproduction of the Question on Race From the 2010 Census**

6. What is this person's race? Mark *X* one or more boxes.

White

Black, African Am., or Negro

American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of exact or partial race *g*

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Asian Indian     Japanese     Native Hawaiian

Chinese         Korean         Guamanian or Chamorro

Filipino         Vietnamese    Samoan

Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Burmese, Cambodian, and so on. *g*

Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on. *g*

Some other race — Print race *g*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census questionnaire.

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selected detailed groups, such as Asian Indians, Koreans, and Filipinos.<sup>3</sup>

### UNDERSTANDING RACE DATA FROM THE 2010 CENSUS

The 2010 Census used federal standards to collect and present data on race.

For the 2010 Census, the question on race was asked of individuals living in the United States (see Figure 1). An individual's response to the race question was based upon self-identification. The U.S. Census Bureau collects information on race following the guidance of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) *1997 Revisions to the Standards for the*

<sup>1</sup> This report discusses data for the 50 states and the District of Columbia, but not Puerto Rico.

<sup>2</sup> Information on the *2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File* is available online at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/redistricting-data.php>.

<sup>3</sup> Information on the *2010 Census Summary File 1* is available online at <http://2010.census.gov/news/press-kits/summary-file-1.html>.



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