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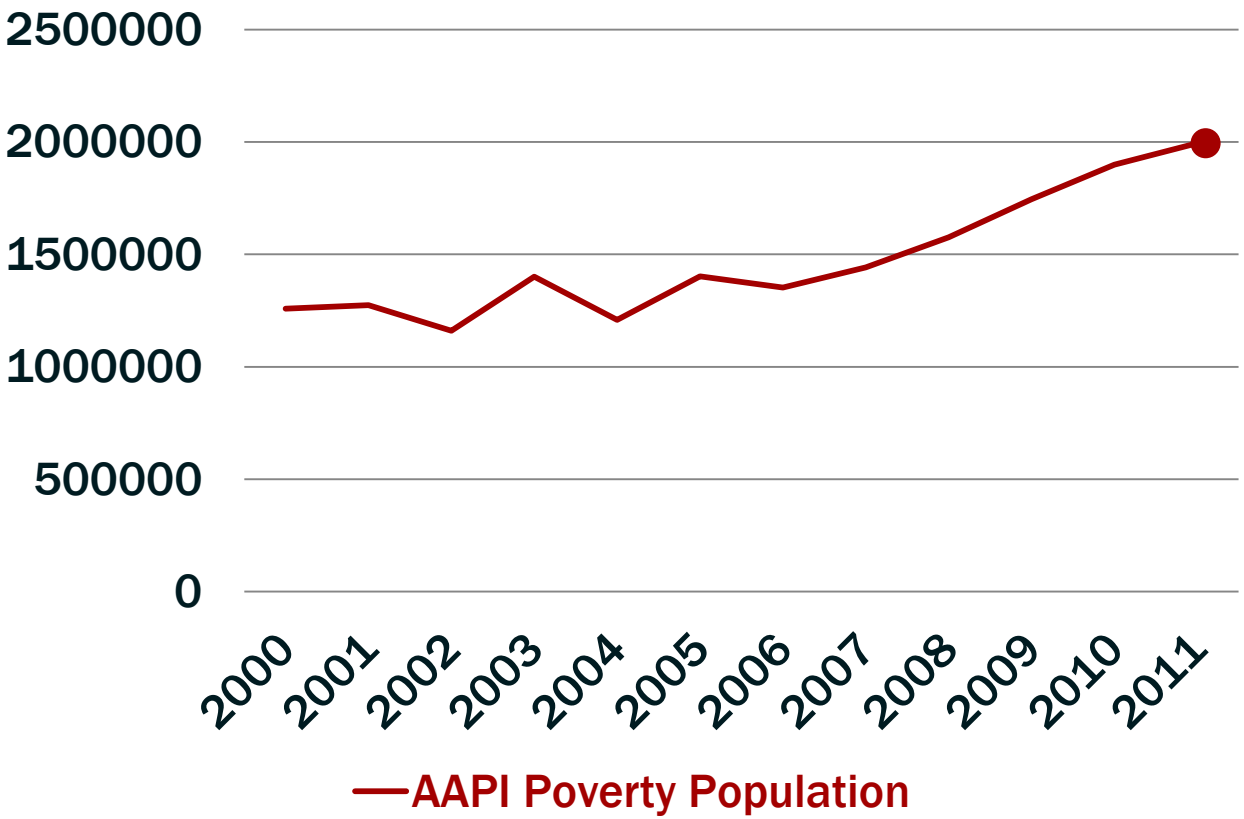
SPOTLIGHT:

Asian American & Pacific Islander Poverty

In the wake of the recession, AAPIs were one of the Fastest
Growing Poor Populations, reaching TWO MILLION

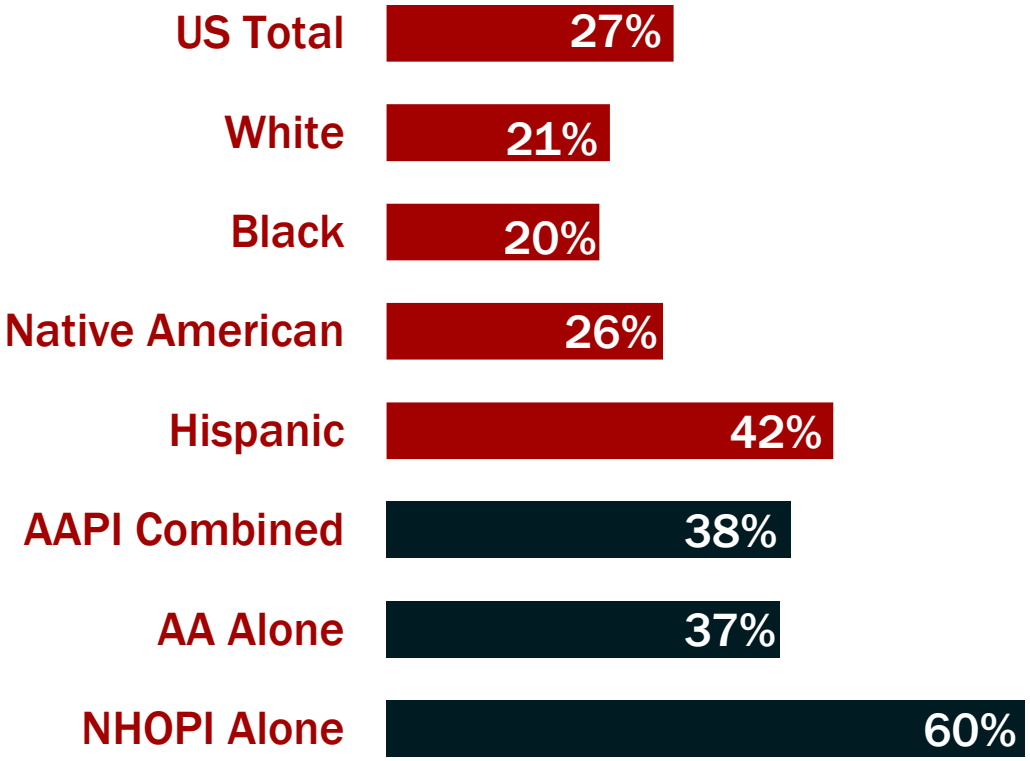
AAPI Poverty Population Growth



The AAPI Poor Population grew by over half a million to <u>TWO MILLION</u> between 2007 and 2011.

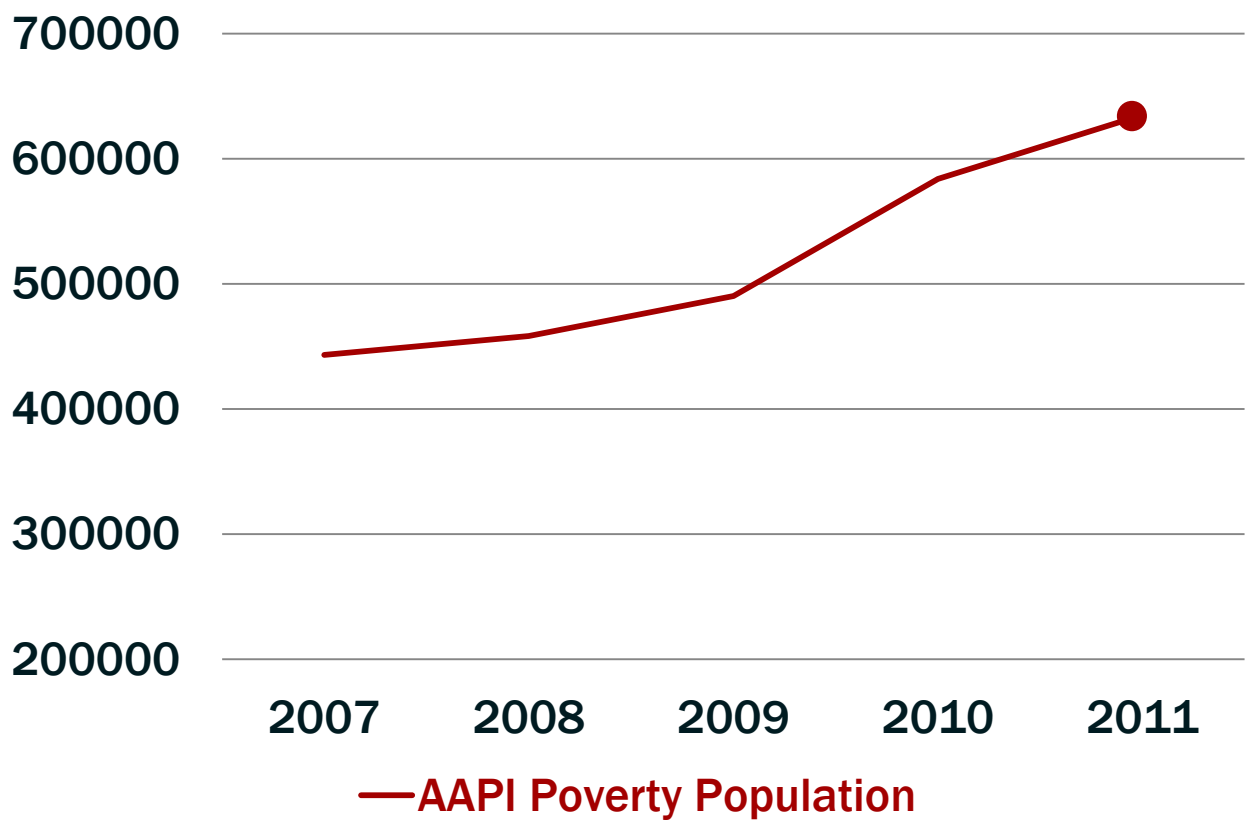
Growing AAPI Poor (2007-2011)

Comparing the Poverty Population Growth Rates



There was an increase of 0.55 Million (38%) of AAPI Poor between 2007 and 2011, making the AAPI Poverty Population the 2nd fastest growing Poverty Population.

California AAPI Poverty Population Growth



The CA AAPI Poor Population grew by over 43% between 2007 and 2011, to a total of approximately 635,000.

Finding: AAPI Poverty is Growing

Recommendation: More Resources/Efforts to Address AAPI Economic Need

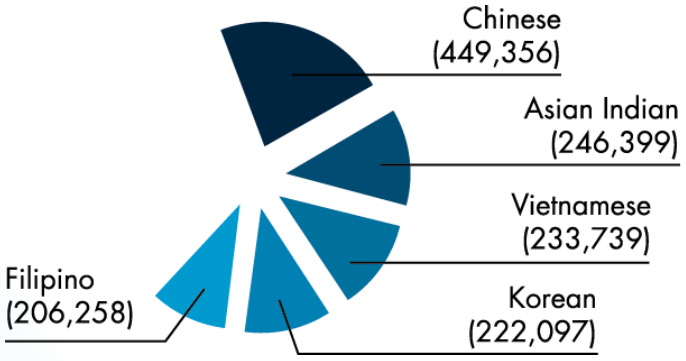
AAPI Poor are Ethnically Diverse

Tagalog हिन्दी
中文 한국어
Tiếng Việt
日本語 বাংলা

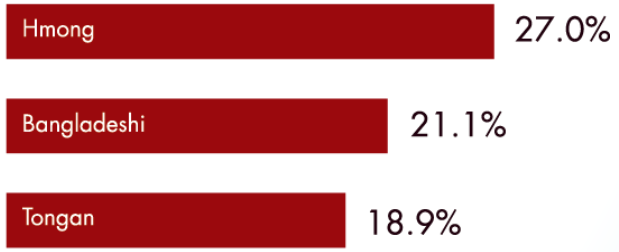
There are over 22 Ethnic Categories that were tracked from 2000 to 2010:

- 17 Asian Ethnicities
- 5 Pacific Islander Ethnicities

Largest Poverty Groups



Highest Poverty Rates

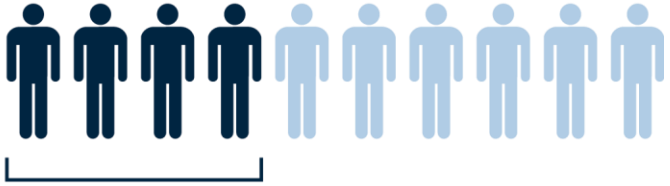


AAPIs have high rates of households with Limited English Proficiency

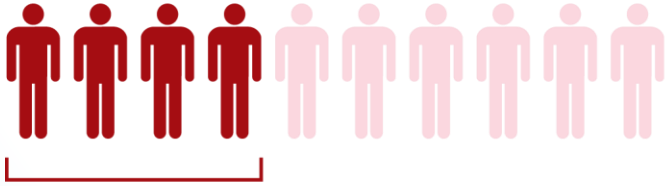
18% of US Total Population
speak a language other than English at Home

8% of US Total Population
speak English "less than very well"

79% of AAs
speak a language other than English at Home



40% of AAs
speak English "less than very well"



44% of NHOPIs
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15% NHOPIs
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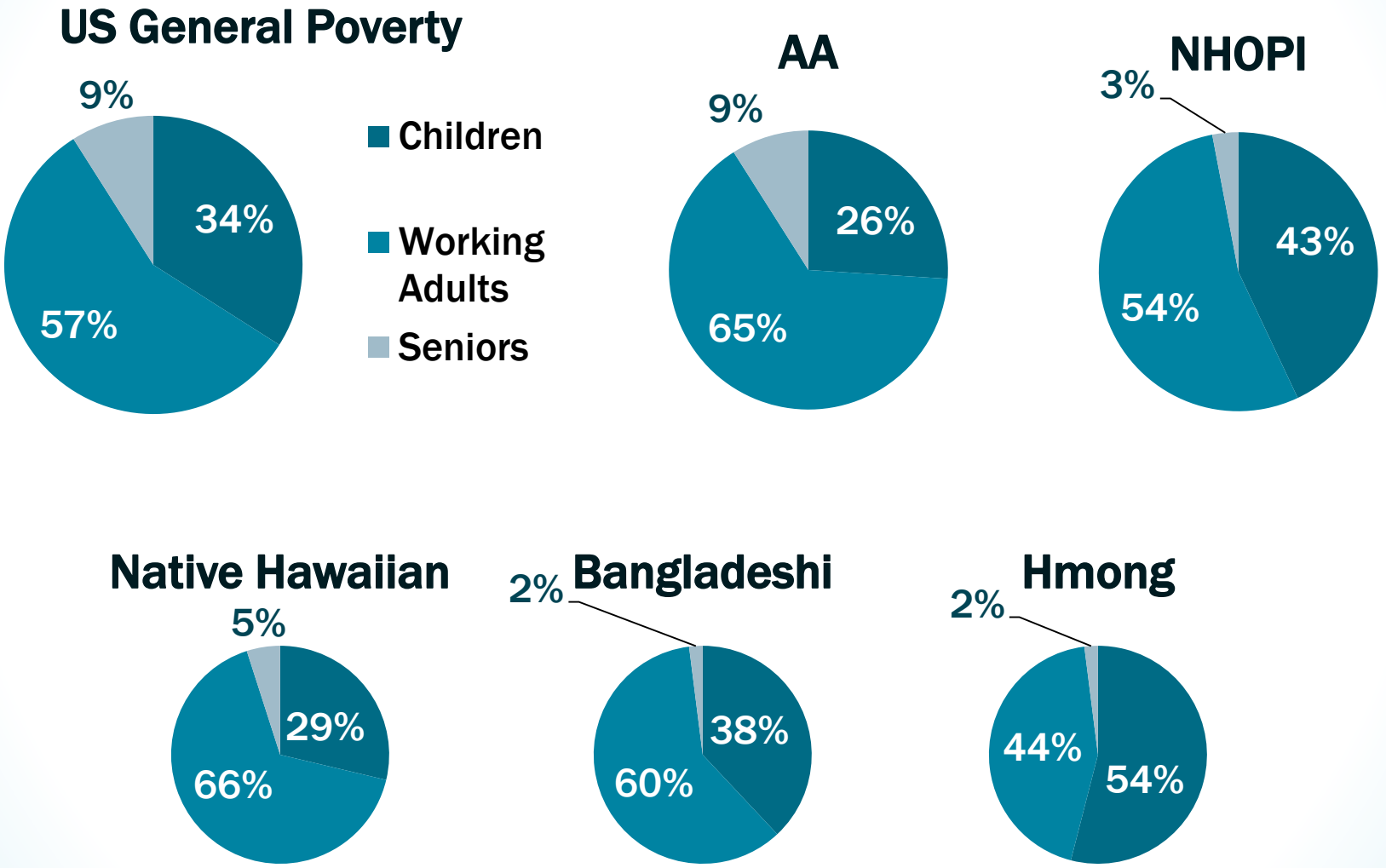
AAPI Poor Age Profile



CA AAPI Poverty by Ethnicity

1.	Chinese (non-Taiwanese)	130,453
2.	Vietnamese	83,512
3.	Filipino	65,362
4.	Korean	58,843
5.	Asian Indian	29,819
6.	Hmong	27,586
7.	Japanese	24,855
8.	Cambodian	22,273
9.	Laotian	10,156
10.	Thai	7,410
11.	Samoan	4,925
12.	Pakistani	4,827
13.	Taiwanese	4,755
14.	Tongan	3,646
15.	Indonesian	3,158
16.	Guamanian or Chamorro	2,938
17.	Mongolian	1,559
18.	Burmese	1,297

Asian Indian Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

<u>1 of 3</u>

1. New York, NY-NJ-PA MSA
2. Chicago, IL-IN-WI MSA
3. Los Angeles, CA MSA

Bangladeshi Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

<u>1 of 4</u>

1. New York, NY-NJ-PA MSA
2. Detroit, MI MSA
3. Atlanta, GA MSA
4. Los Angeles, CA MSA

Burmese Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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1. Dallas, TX MSA
2. San Francisco, CA MSA
3. Los Angeles, CA MSA

Cambodian Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

3 of 5

1. Los Angeles, CA MSA
2. Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD MSA
3. Stockton, CA MSA
4. Boston, MA-NH
5. San Francisco, CA MSA

Chinese (Non-Taiwanese) Poverty Top Population Centers by MSA

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Fijian Poverty
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Filipino Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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1. Los Angeles, CA MSA
2. San Francisco, CA MSA
3. New York, NY-NJ-PA MSA
4. San Diego, CA MSA

Guamanian/Chamorro Poverty Top Population Centers by MSA

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1. Seattle, WA MSA
2. San Diego, CA MSA
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Hmong Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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1. Minneapolis, MN-WI MSA
2. Fresno, CA MSA
3. Sacramento, CA MSA
4. Stockton, CA MSA
5. Merced, CA MSA

Indonesian Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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Japanese Poverty
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2. Honolulu, HI MSA
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Korean Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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1. **Los Angeles, CA MSA**

Laotian Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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4. Minneapolis, MN-WI MSA
5. Stockton, CA MSA

Malaysian Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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Mongolian Poverty
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3. Washington, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA
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Native Hawaiian Poverty
Top Population Centers by MSA

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1. Honolulu, HI MSA
2. Hilo, HI μSA
3. Las Vegas, NV MSA
4. Los Angeles, CA MSA

Samoan Poverty
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Taiwanese Poverty
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Vietnamese Poverty
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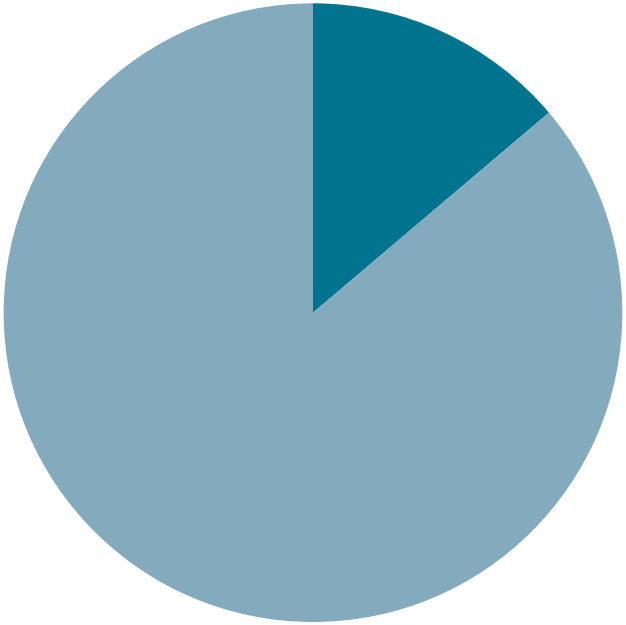
Finding: The AAPI Poverty Population is Diverse

Recommendation: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Solutions

Metropolitan Analysis



153 MSA/μSAs with over 1,000 AAPIs in Poverty (of 955 total MSA/μSAs)

AAPI Poor are Concentrated in Metropolitan Areas

The Top 10 MSAs for AA and NHOPI Poverty

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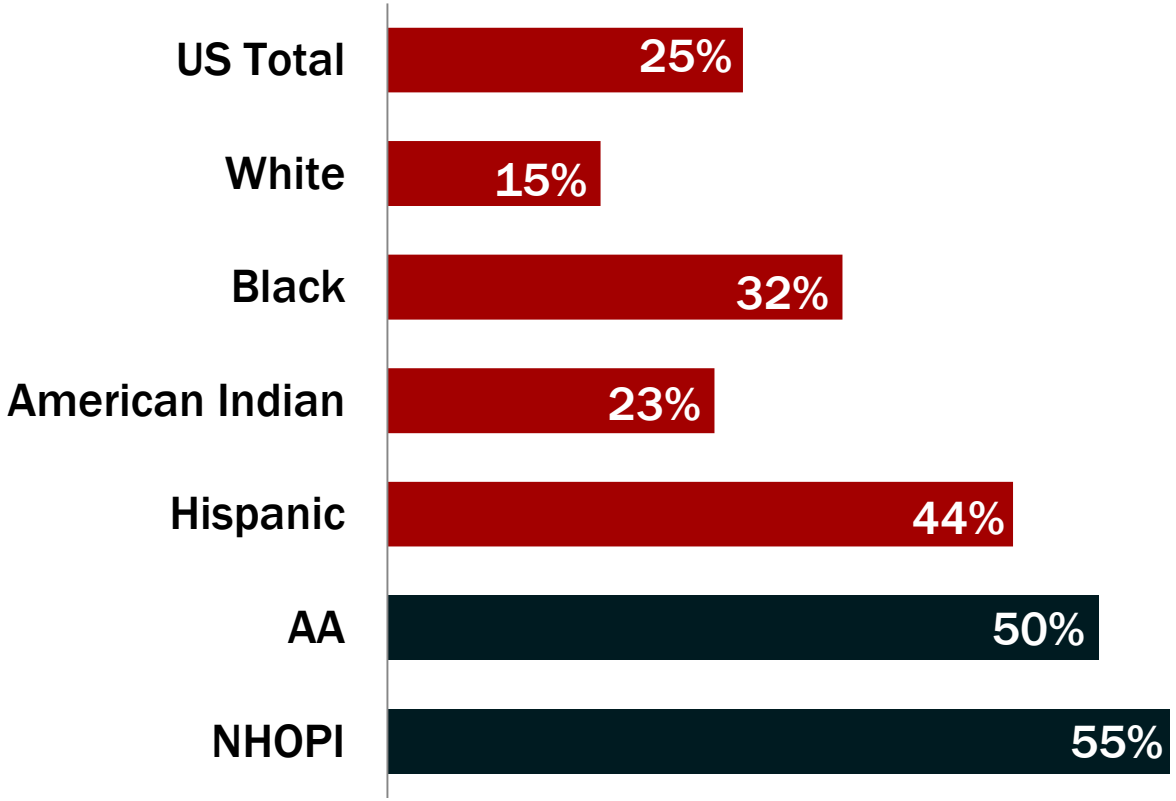
Some California MSAs

National Rank/MSA	# of Poor AAPIs
2. Los Angeles MSA	205,238
3. San Francisco MSA	87,052
7. San Jose MSA	39,863
9. Sacramento MSA	39,321
13. San Diego MSA	33,380
16. Riverside MSA	26,406
18. Fresno MSA	18,992
21. Stockton MSA	15,739

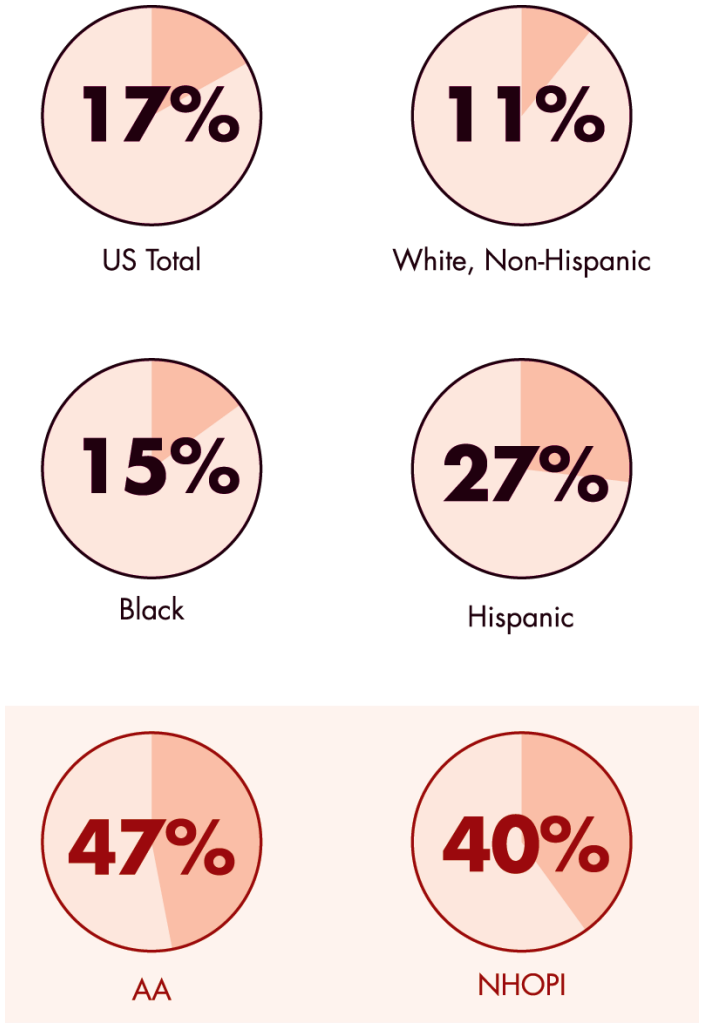
AAPI Poor are more Concentrated in Metropolitan Areas

Percentage of total Poverty Population in top 10 Poverty MSAs



AAPI Poor Disproportionately Concentrated in High Housing Cost Regions

Percentage of total Poor Population living in High Housing Cost Regions

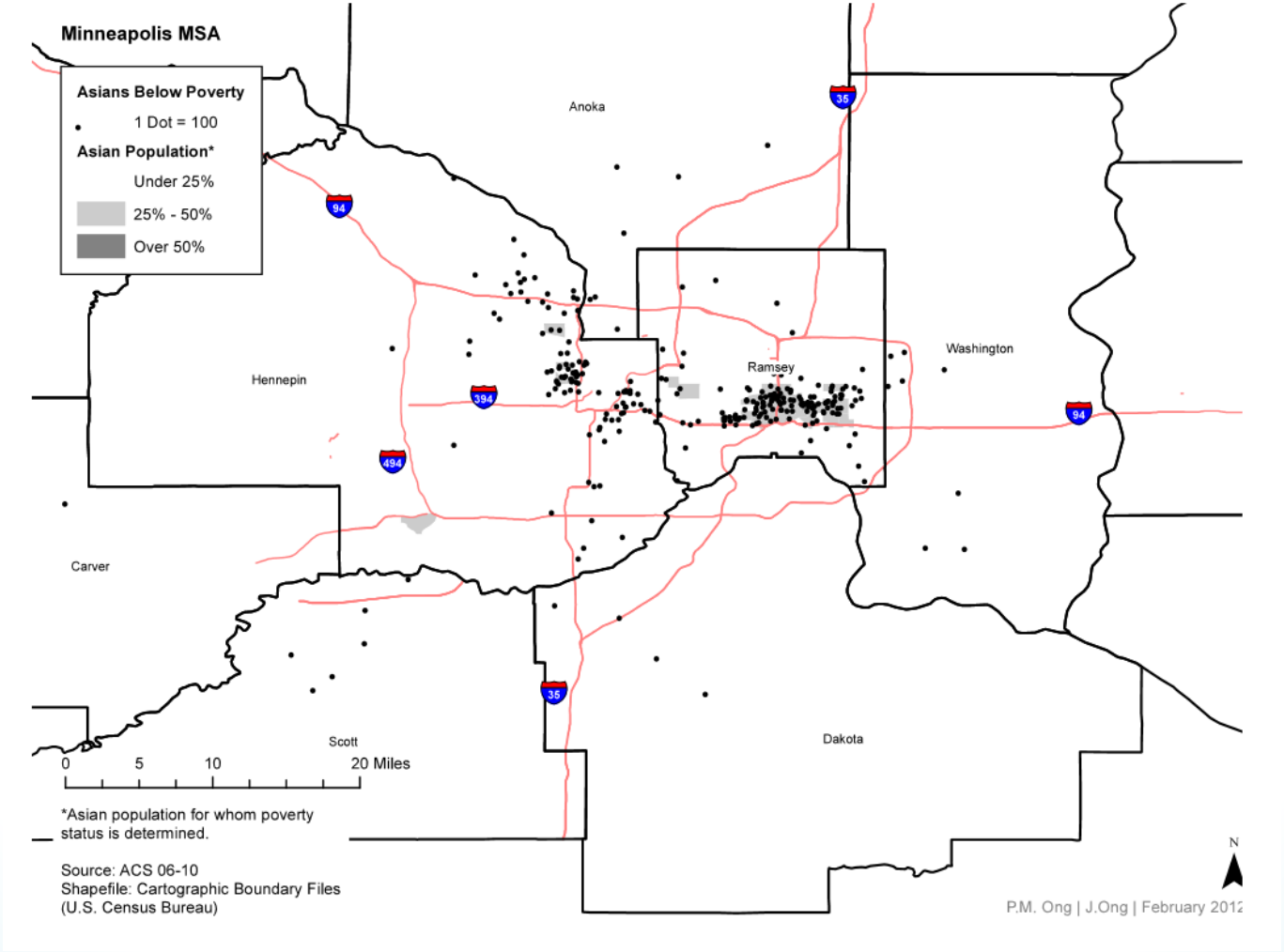


Housing Prices per National Association of Realtors, 2013.

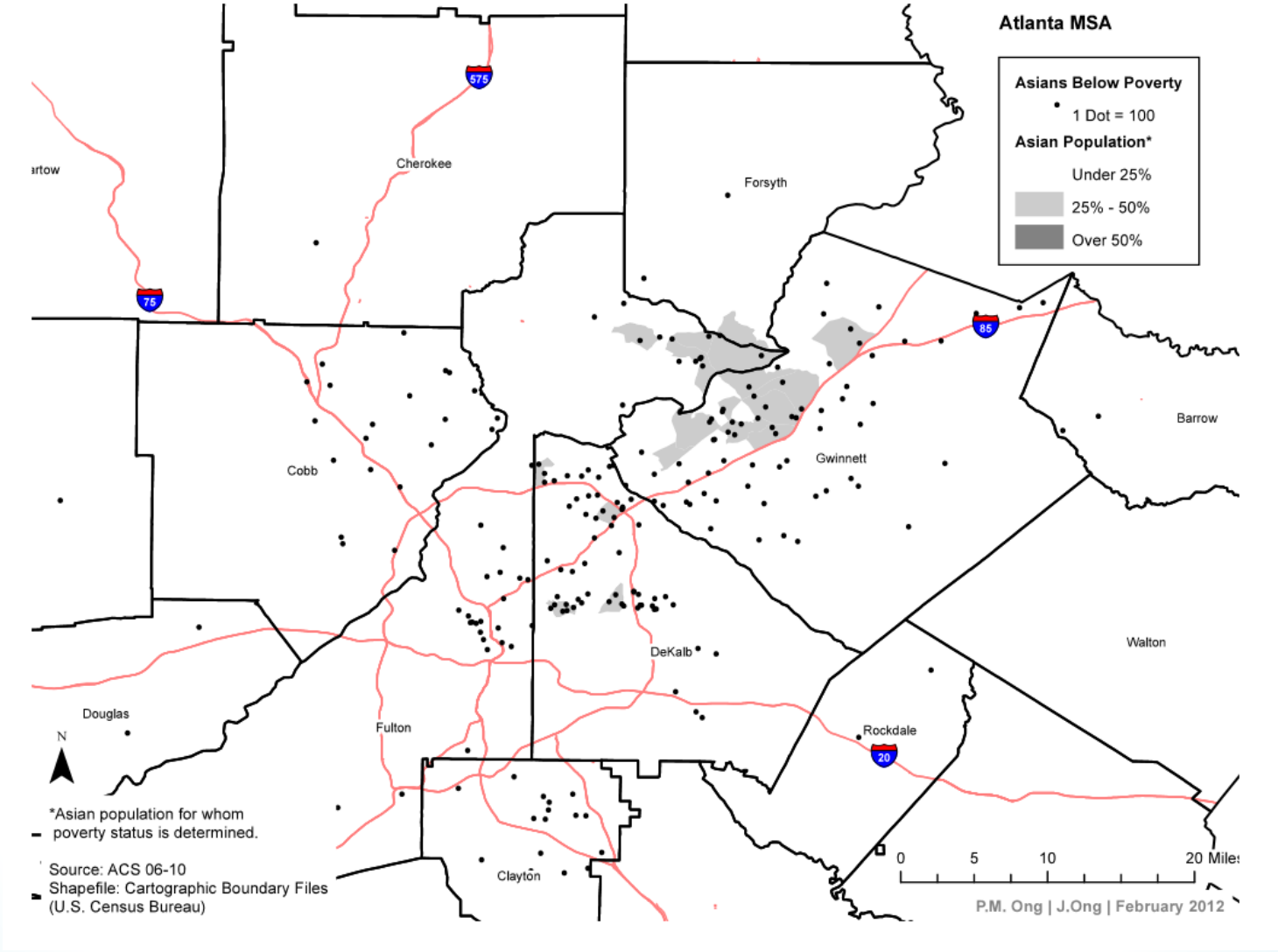
Finding: AAPI Poor Disproportionately in High Housing Cost Areas

Recommendation: Housing-based Strategies Particularly Important

Majority of MSA's AA Clustered – Minneapolis MSA



AA Poor Diffuse – Atlanta MSA



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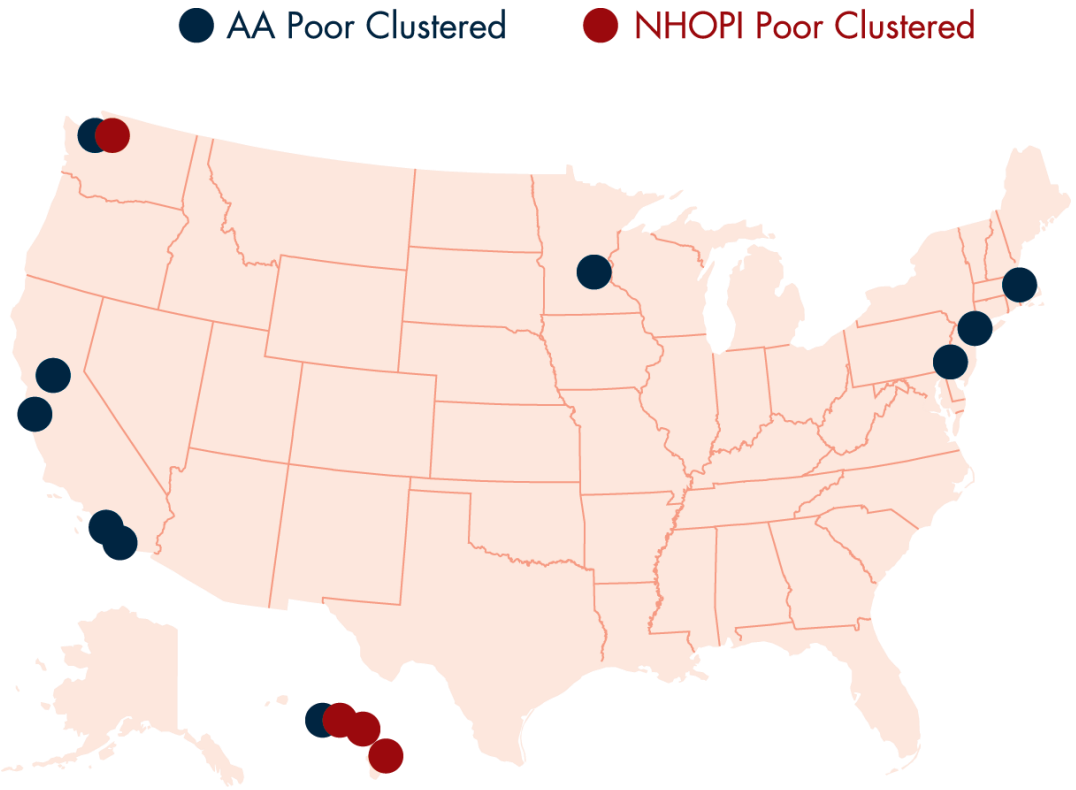
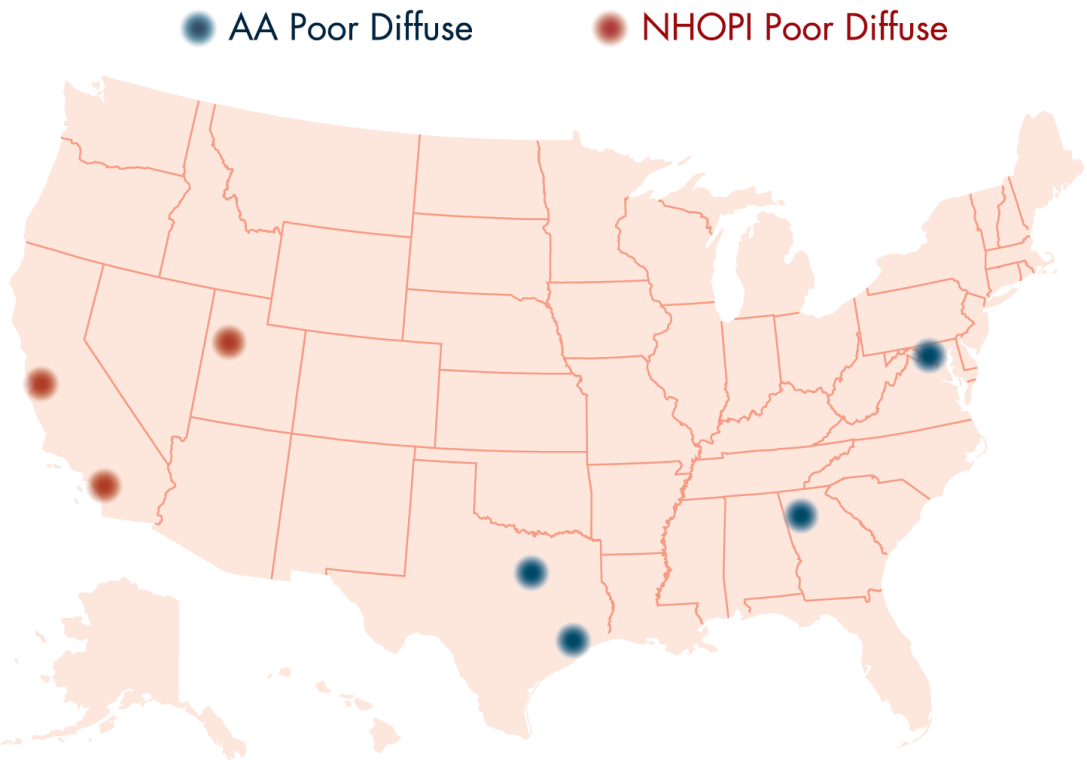


71% of AA Poor live in MSAs where Majority of Poor AAs are clustered

56% of NHOPI Poor live in MSAs where Majority of Poor NHOPIs are clustered

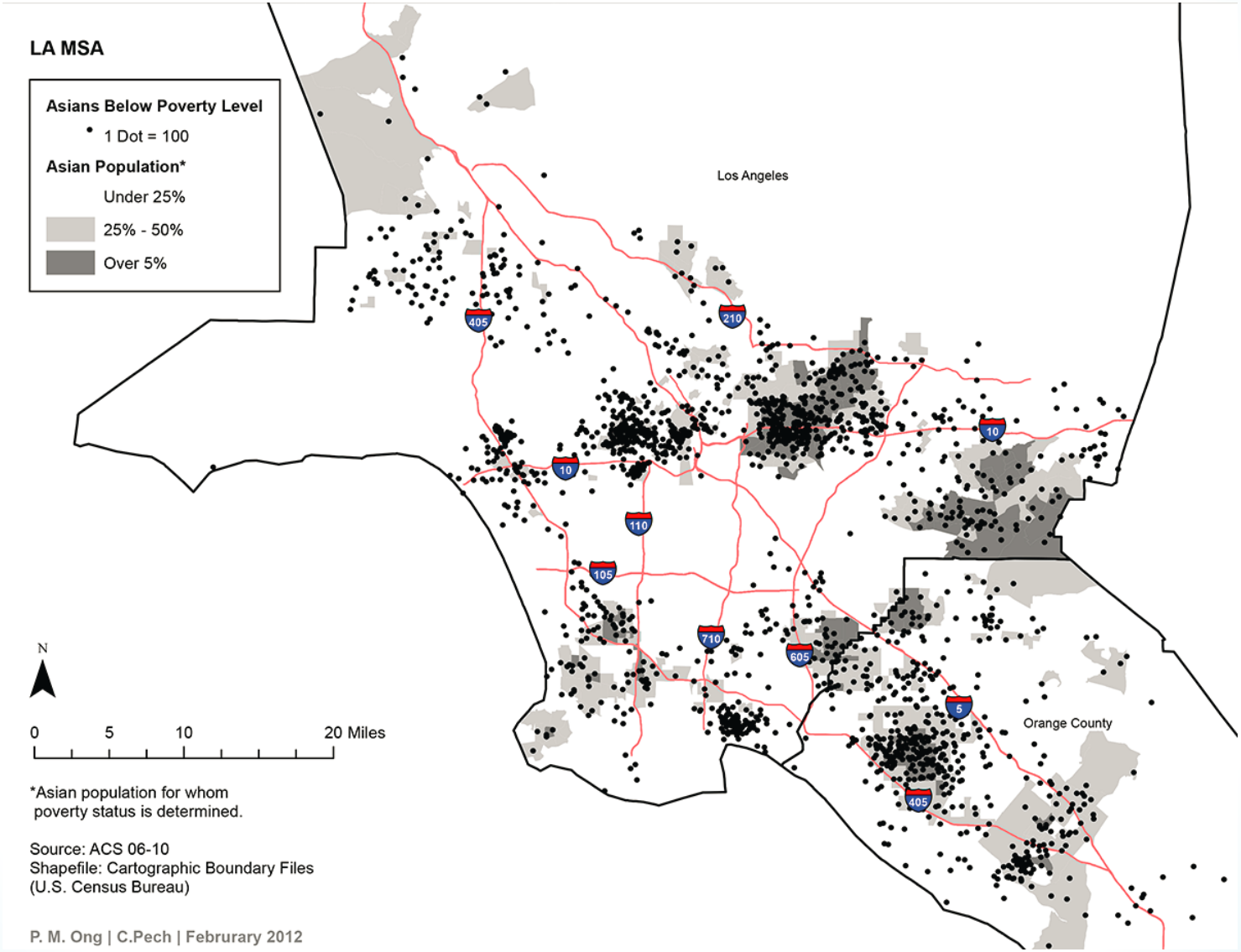
AAPI Poor Population is Diffuse in Some Areas



27% of AA Poor live in MSAs where Majority of Poor AAs diffuse

32% of NHOPI Poor live in MSAs where Majority of Poor NHOPIs diffuse

Los Angeles MSA



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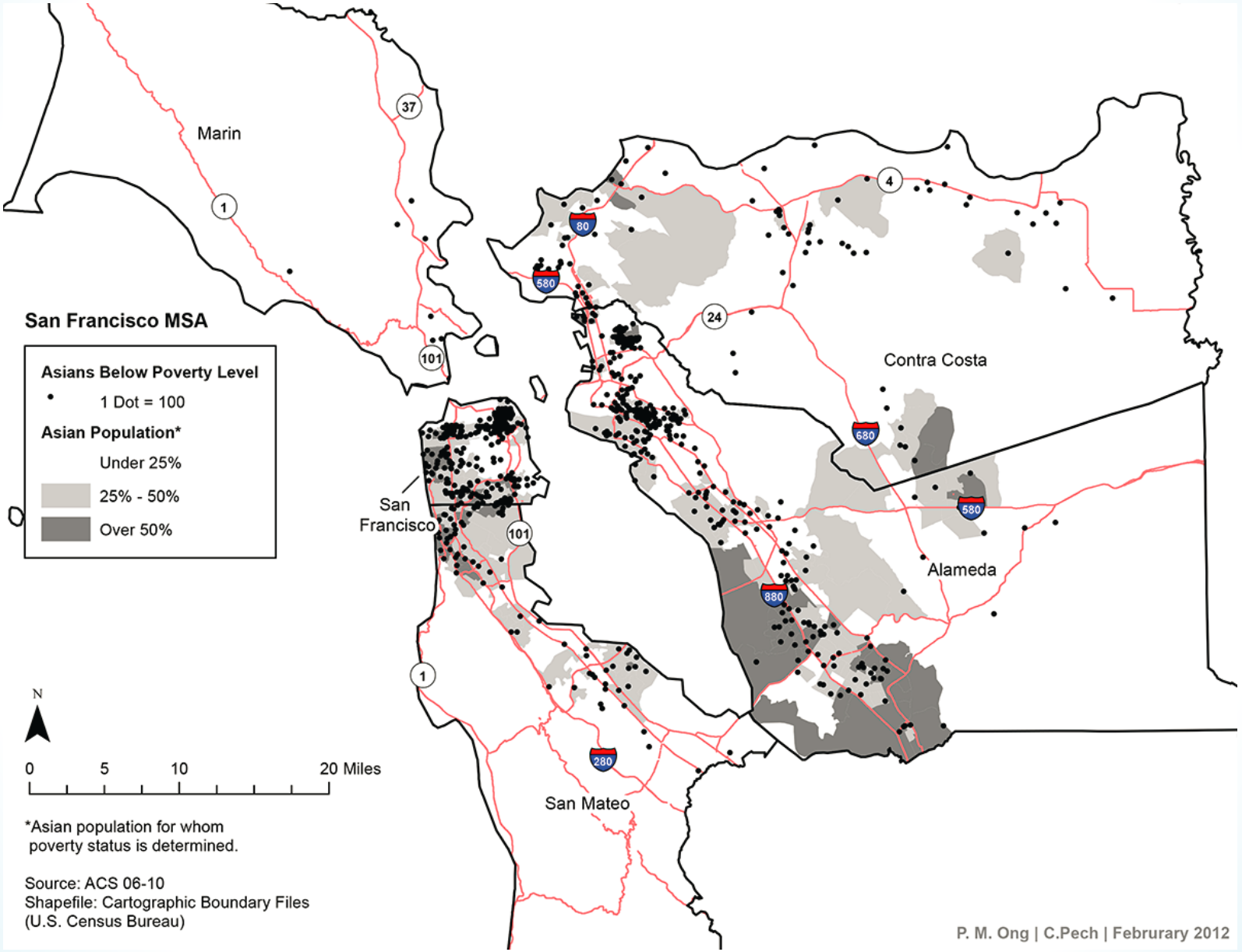

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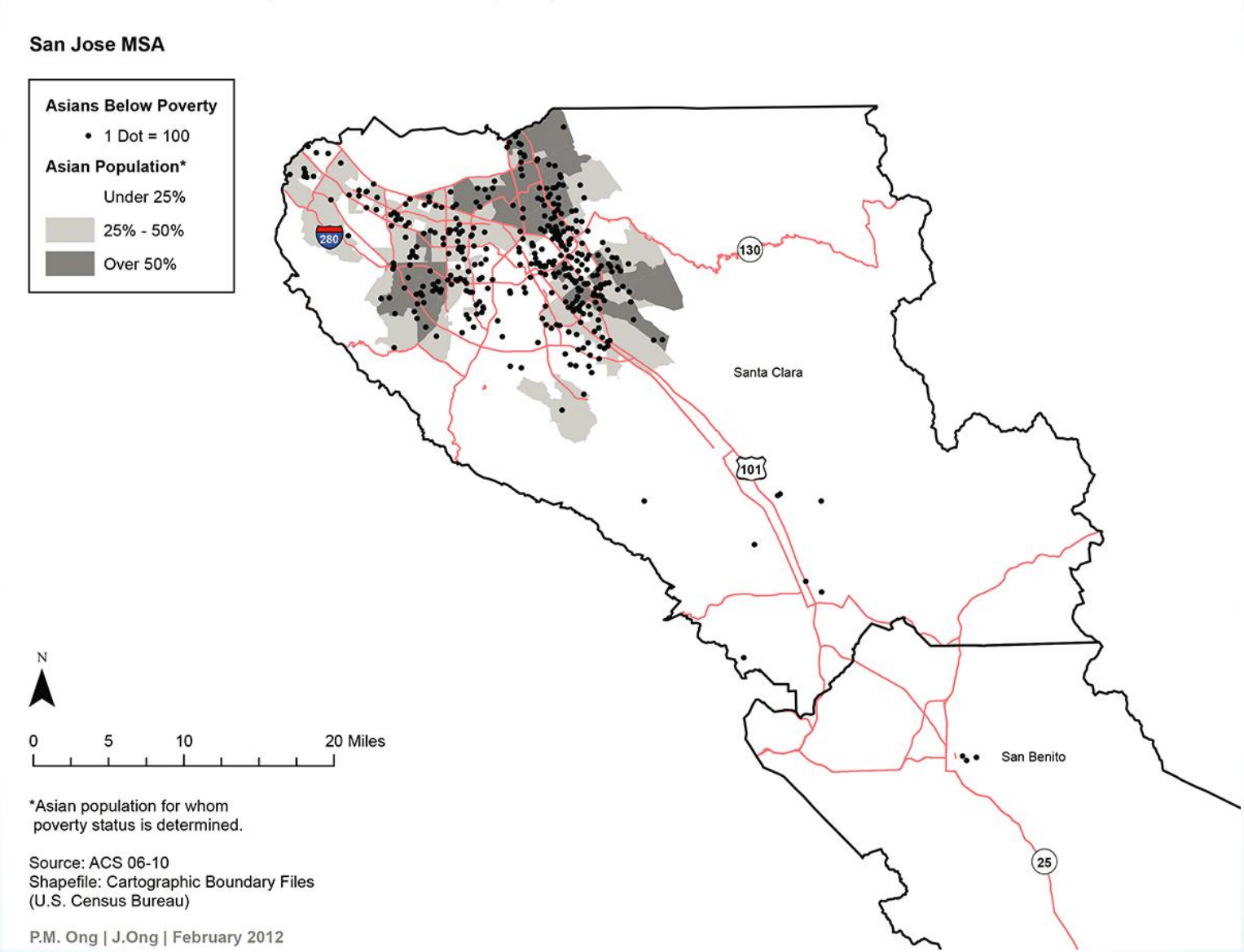
San Jose MSA
Asians Below Poverty
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Asian Population*
Under 25%
25% - 50%
Over 50%
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San Benito
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20 Miles
*Asian population for whom poverty status is determined.
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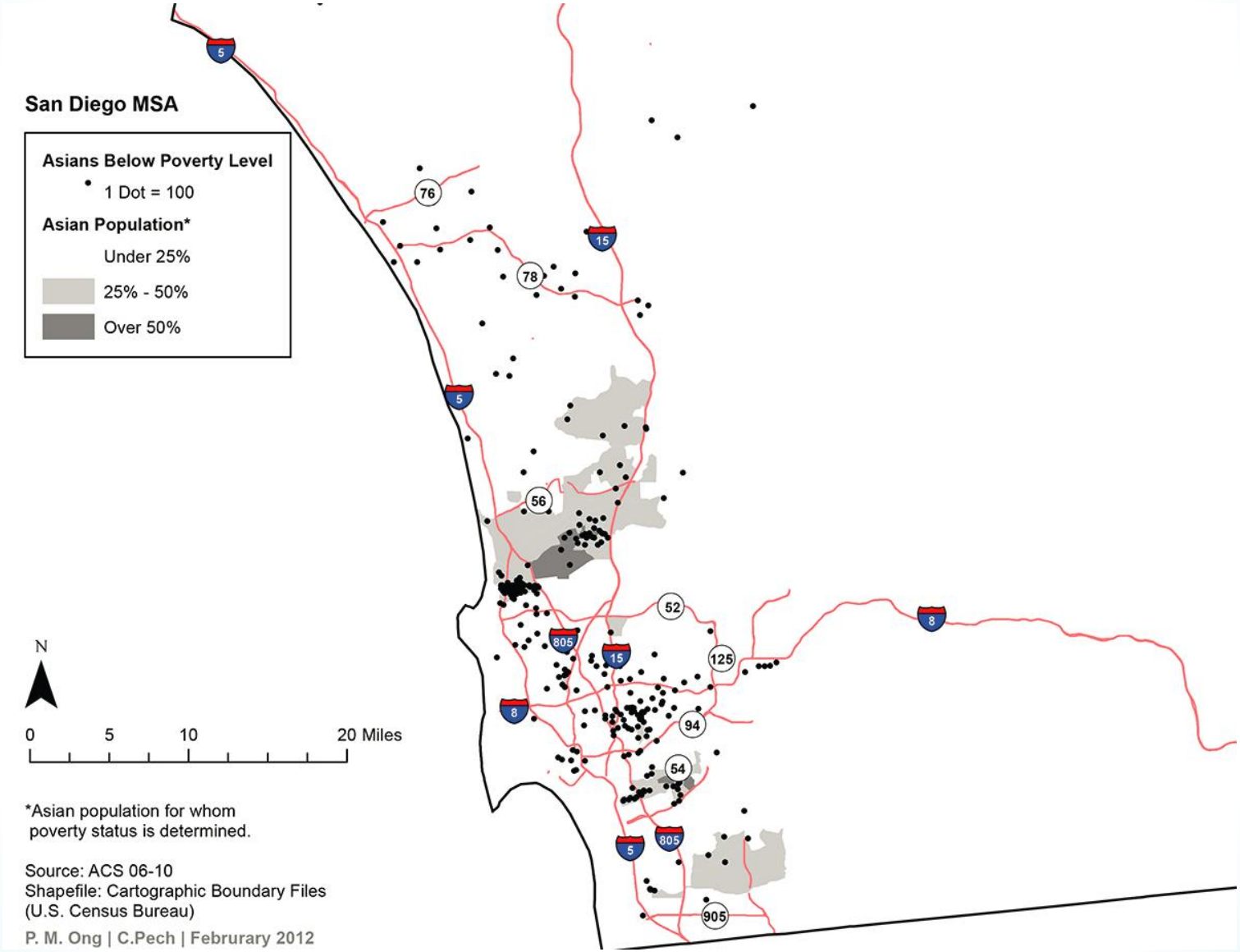

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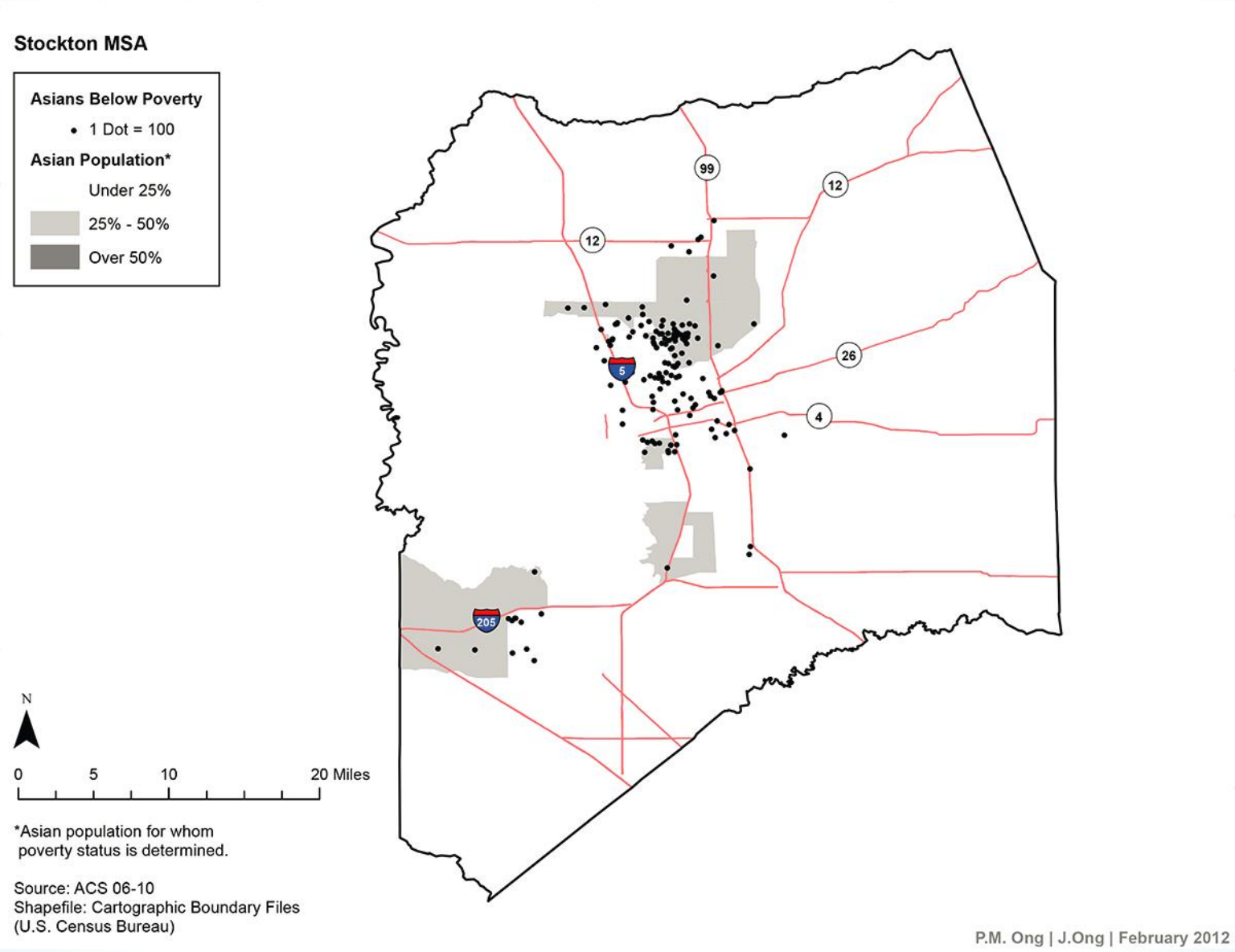

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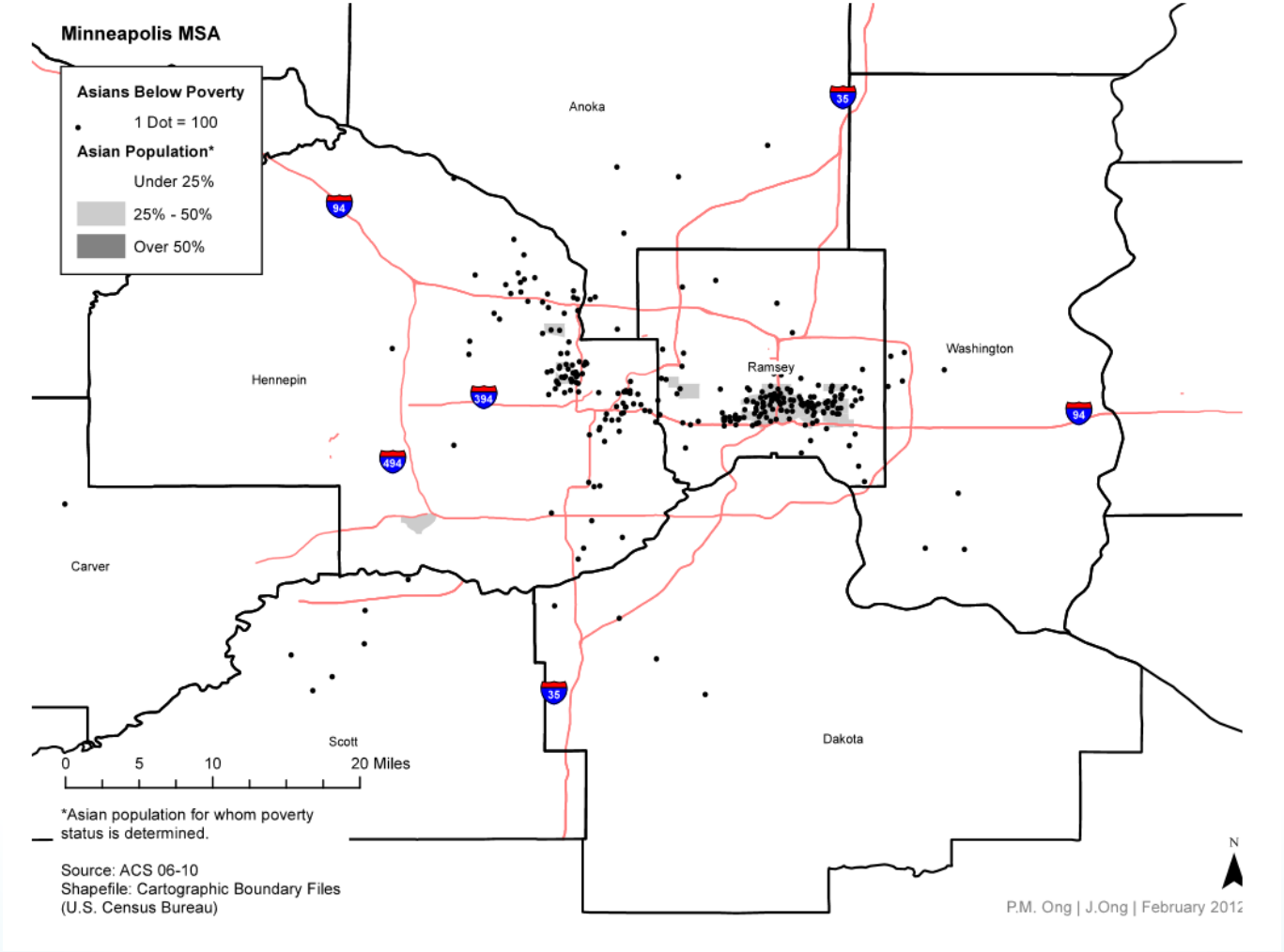

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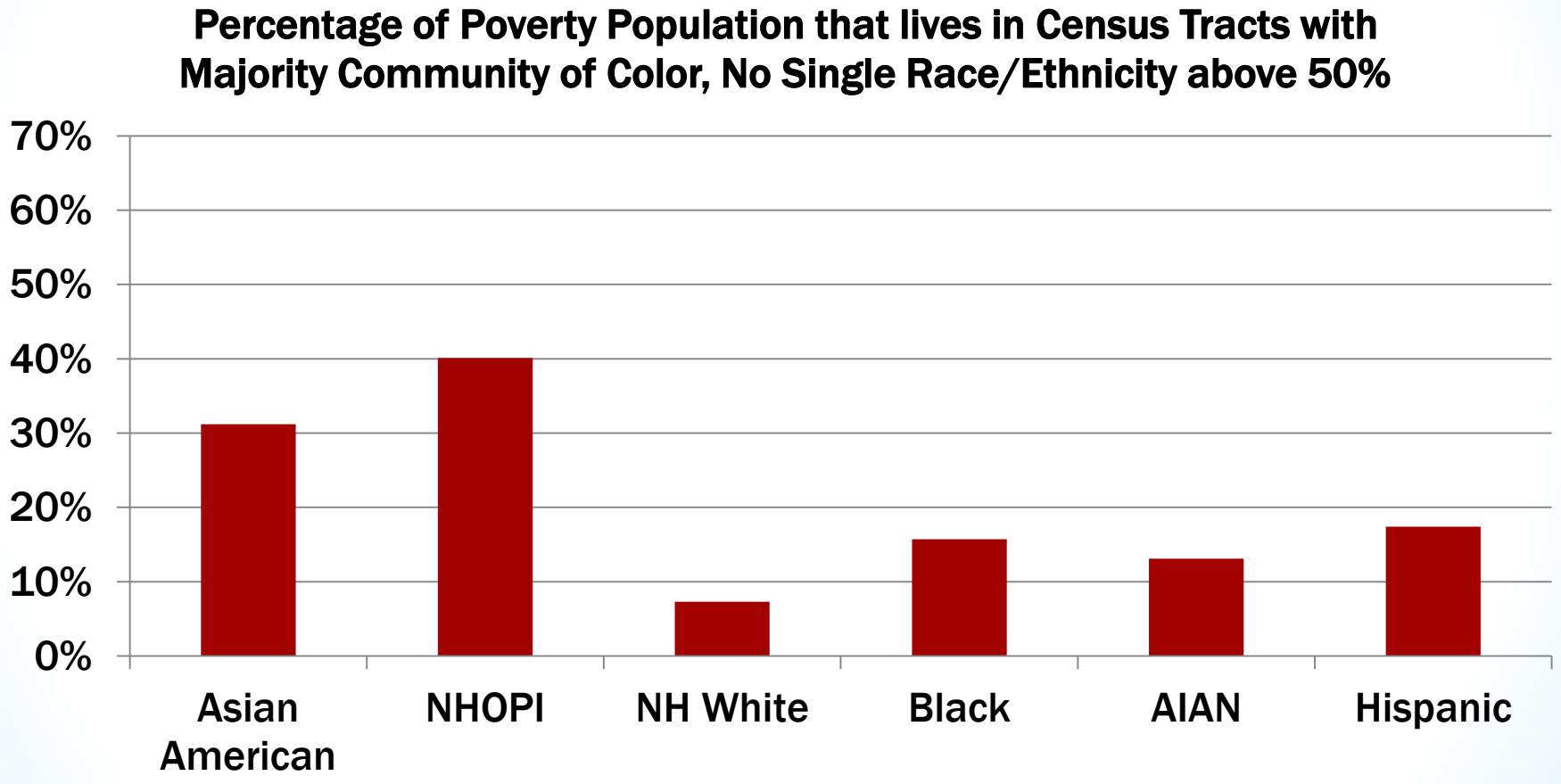

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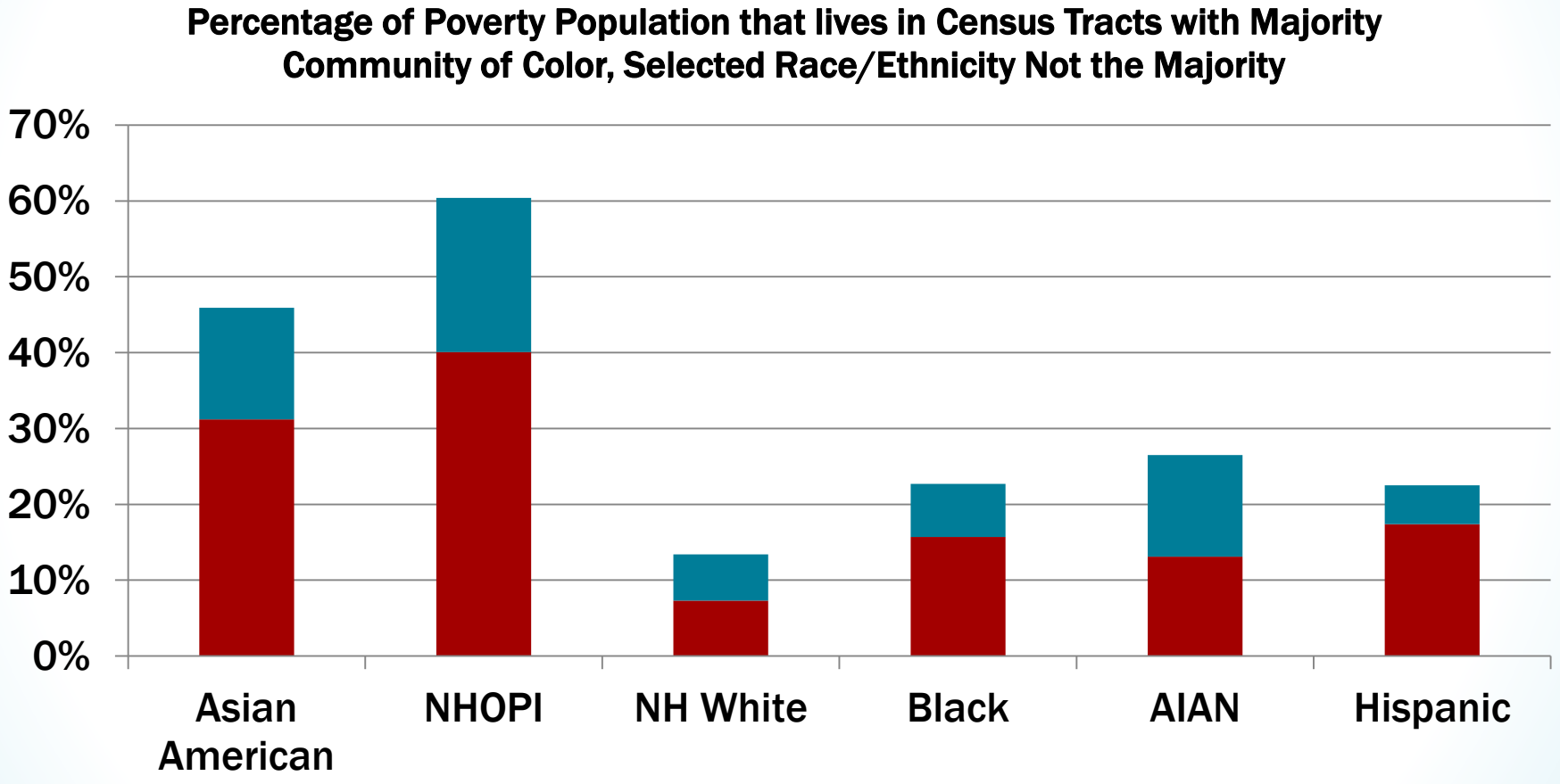

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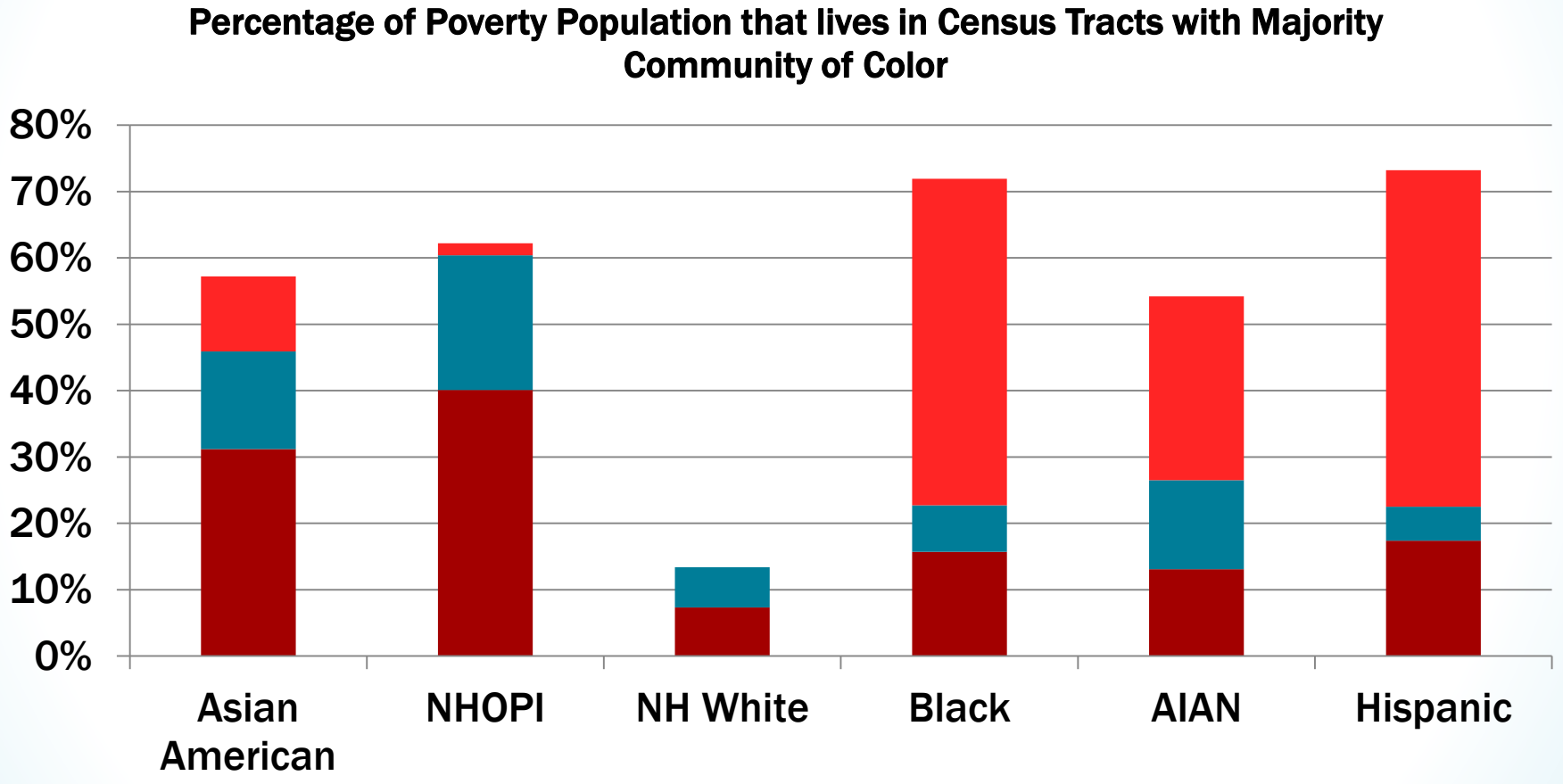

Finding: AAPI Poor Likely to Live in Multi-Cultural/Multi-Racial Neighborhoods

Recommendation: Multi-Cultural/Multi-Racial Approaches/Coalition Building

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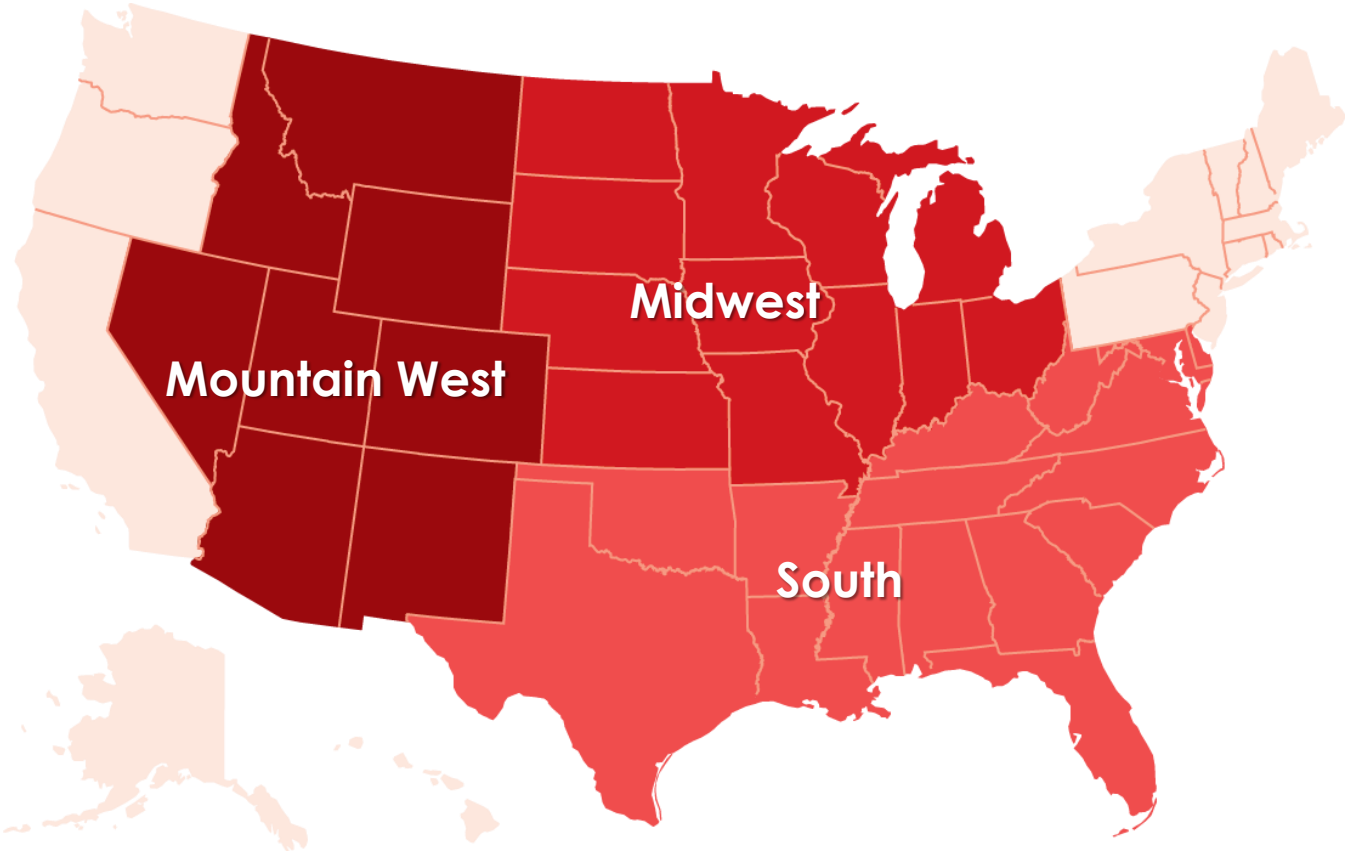
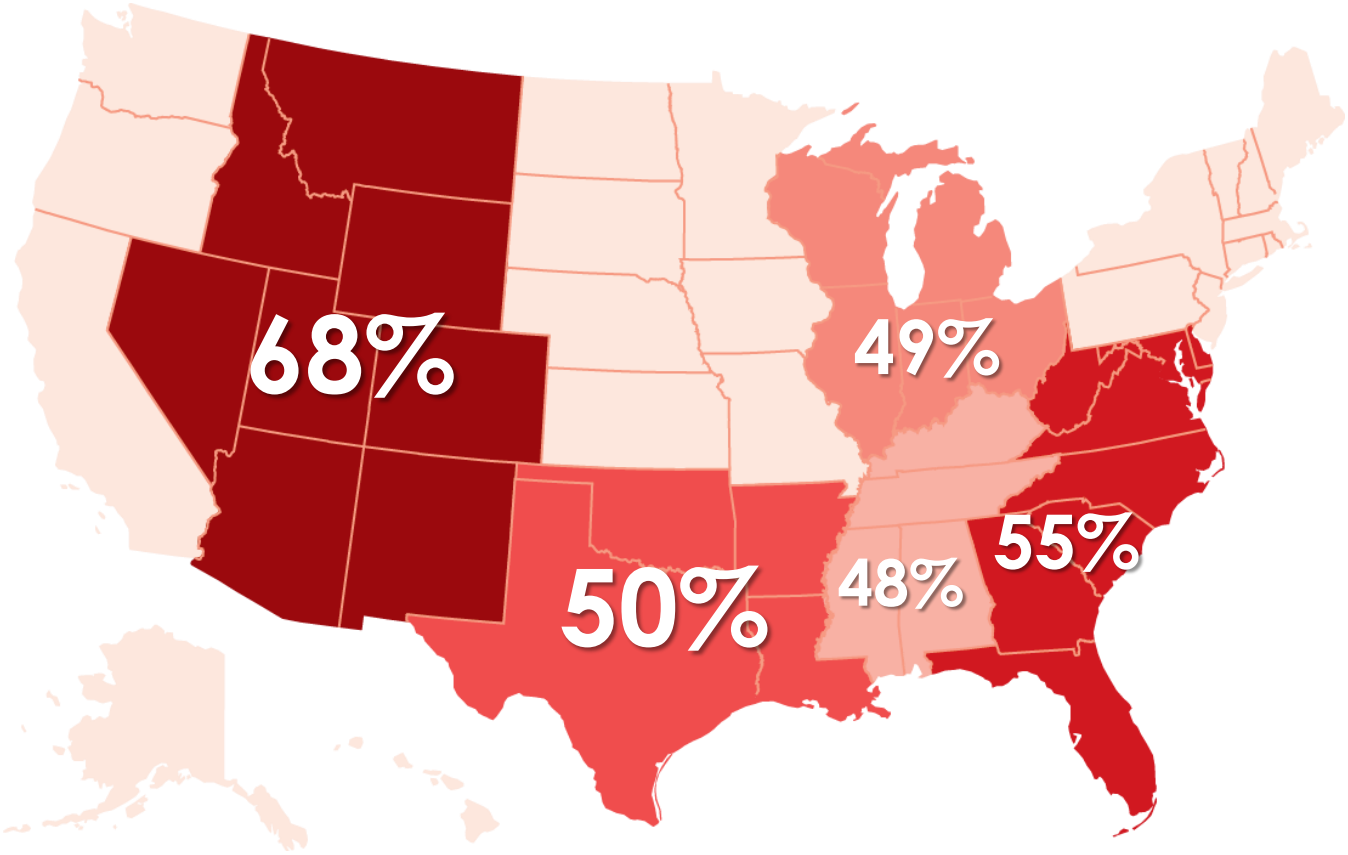


AA Poverty Population Increase by US Census Region/Division



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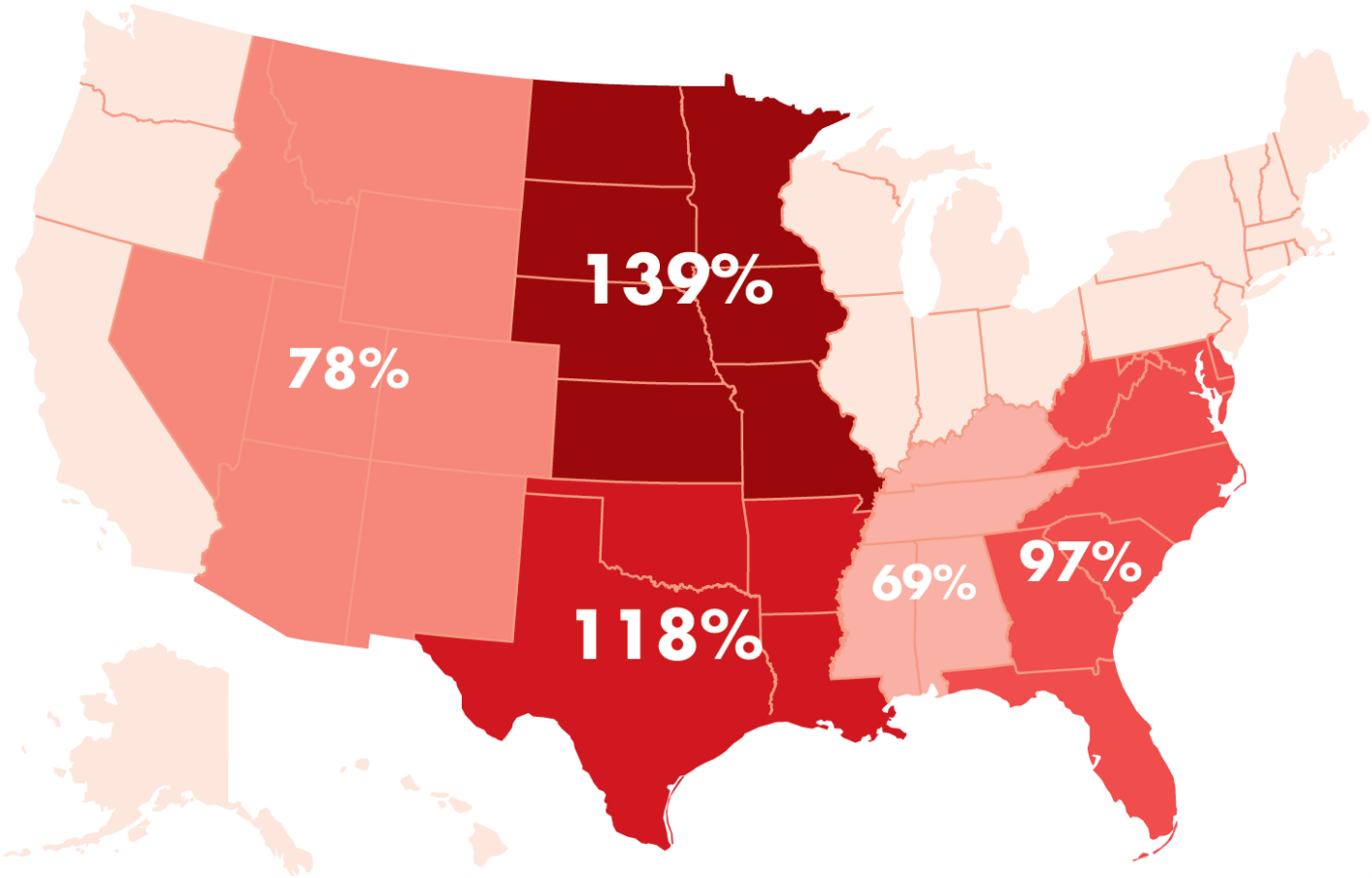

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Finding: AAPI Poor Growing Fastest in Regions with Least Established Community Infrastructure

Recommendation: Capacity Building

Major Findings and Recommendations

- AAPI Poor Population Growing Rapidly
  - More Resources, Renewed Efforts
- AAPI Poor are Diverse
  - Culturally and Linguistically Relevant Solutions
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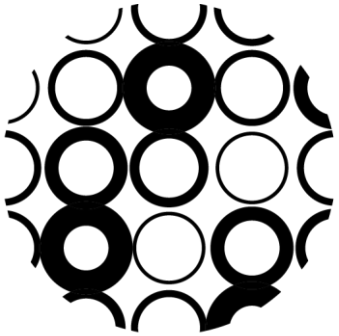

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