Megalopolis is relatively close to the national mean of the percentage of residents who are classified as white by the Census. The U.S. mean is 75.1% while the fireguard for Megalopolis is 81.2%. In other words four out of every five people in this region are white compared to 9 out of 10 in Montana.

The most striking feature of the map is how the central core of the region from Washington through Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York has fewer whites and the surrounding areas have relatively more whites. In Prince George’s County in Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C. only 27% (64% below the national mean [NM]) are white while in rural Androscoggin County in Maine and Perry County in Pennsylvania are respectively 97% (29.2% above the NM) and 98.5% (31.2% above the NM) white. The map reveals the relatively lower numbers of whites in large central cities and their greater representation in suburban and more rural counties of the region. Over the past fifty years there has been a white flight away from the cities as well as greater migration into cities of racial minorities. Many rural counties have not been economically buoyant enough to attract racial minorities and so their population remains overwhelmingly white. The net result is for proportionately more whites to be located in rural and suburban areas than central city areas.