In the US the combined category of Asian, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders is only 4.7%. There are substantial variations across the nation with Alaska and Hawaii obviously having higher figures. In the mainland 48 states California and the West, as well as Megalopolis, have a higher proportion than the national average. In Megalopolis the category primarily refers to Asians.

Two distinct clusters can be identified. First, the New York metro areas stands out with counties such as Queens with 17% (288.7% above the national mean [NM]) Asian population representing an absolute amount of 391,500 making it a significant Asian community. The suburban areas of this region also contain significant proportions of Asians, such as Middlesex NJ with 13% (203.2% above NM) or 104,212. Asians are spread through the suburban as well the central city areas of selected metropolitan areas. A second concentration can be found around Washington DC. Fairfax VA, for example, has 12% (170% above NM), a total of 126,038. The central city area of Washington DC has relatively small percentage; it is the expanding suburban areas that attract proportionately more Asians. A thirds relatively smaller concentration can be found in the Boston metro area.

The Asian population is highly concentrated in these metro areas. Away from them the populating is small: Putnam NY for example has only 1.2% Asian (69.7% below NM), or little more than a 1000 people.