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Immigrant Communities of Philadelphia: Spatial Patterns and Revitalization

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Largest Racial Group By Census Tract

This map shows the same demographics as the previous page but identifies which racial group is the largest in each tract. You will note that the distribution of White people can be as low as 28% while still being the majority, and can get as high as 100%. Similarly, predominantly Black tracts can range from 30% - 100%. Latinos, who make up a relatively small part of the population can occupy tracts where up to 92% of respondents identify as Latino. As we saw in the previous map, Asians live in many parts of the city but are only in high enough numbers to be the largest racial group in four census tracts.

My interest here is to look at segregation, voluntary or otherwise. Low percentages indicate that more than one group is present while a very high percentage indicates high racial homogeneity. This distribution likely reflects many intersecting factors such as proximity to shared cultural amenities, discriminatory housing practices, and housing affordability, and are likely to influence where immigrant groups of similar racial identity are likely to settle.

