

Examining the Geographies of Asian Immigrant Female Sex Work in Los Angeles and New York City

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Background

- Sex work in Los Angeles and New York City has increasingly moved from the streets into indoor venues, such as massage parlors, hotels and bars, and private residences – because of:
 - Heightened enforcement of anti-prostitution ordinances
 - made highly visible sex work more difficult
 - The internet
 - made finding sex workers and the venues in which they work easier

Background

- Female sex workers are at high risk for sexually transmitted infections, such as HIV, and vulnerable to violence and exploitation:
 - coercion from clients, financial incentives and condom use policies at venues.
- A substantial portion of female sex workers are Asian immigrants:
 - paying off migration debts
 - ensuring subsistence when lacking other employment alternatives

Research Questions

- What role do Asian immigrant massage parlors play in cities' informal economies?
- How does massage parlor work facilitate or impede Asian immigrant women's economic empowerment?
- To what degree are the women at high risk for HIV, other STDs and other health problems?

Research Questions

- How does the regulatory environment affect patterns of massage parlor establishment and industry practices?
- How can an understanding of spatial patterns of massage parlor establishment and network ties between massage parlors inform the development of systems-level HIV education and risk-reduction interventions?

Methods

- Identified popular websites for rating massage parlors and massage parlor workers
- Selected one site for preliminary analysis (rubmaps.com)
- Extracted data concerning massage parlor workers and venues:
 - Limited data collection to include massage parlors that had user reviews within a one year period: 8/11/12 to 8/11/13
 - Used the following filters to search for venues: Chinese, Korean, Asian
 - Site organized its data by a list of regions and cities within US: data were extracted from all regions/cities identified within LA County and the 5 boroughs of NYC



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Rubmaps » Massage parlors Brooklyn NY

Massage parlor reviews Brooklyn, happy ending erotic massages Brooklyn

Massage Parlors Brooklyn

Erotic massage near Brooklyn

- [Manhattan](#) (34) Massage Parlors
- [New York City](#) (345) Massage Parlors
- [Middle Village](#) (3) Massage Parlors
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- [Maspeth](#) (2) Massage Parlors
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- [Jackson Heights](#) (2) Massage Parlors

Brooklyn erotic massage parlors with reviews found 124

Add message parlor

1 2 3 4 5 6 » Photos only: Sort by: Newest review ▼

	<p>Shi Zhou Bodywork 718-858-1689 88 Court St Brooklyn, NY, 11201 14 reviews ★★★★☆</p>	<p>\$ 50 per hour</p>	<p>Chinese massage</p>	<p>Visa, Other</p>	<p>Newest Review Yesterday</p>
	<p>1 Above Spa 718-676-7171 1891 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn, NY, 11230 20 reviews ★★★★☆</p>	<p>\$ 60 per hour</p>	<p>Korean massage</p>	<p>Cash Only</p>	<p>Newest Review 4 days ago</p>
	<p>Best Asian Massage 917-775-1023 & 347-206-2937 8614 18th Ave Brooklyn, NY, 11214 19 reviews ★★★★☆</p>	<p>\$ 55 per hour</p>	<p>Asian massage</p>	<p>Cash Only</p>	<p>Newest Review 1 week ago</p>



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Rubmaps » Massage parlors Brooklyn NY » Oasis Spa

Other locations

Brooklyn massage parlors:

- Jannas Plays
Blue Sky Spa
Crystal Clear Spa
Heaven Town
Moonlight Spa
Chinese Massage
Cherry Spa
Beauty Connection Day Spa
Spa 76
Sunshine Hot Stone Massage
City Style
Spa 74
Royal Day Spa
Kammie Spa 86
Ja Mei Bodywork
Russian Style Massage
Health Spa
Lucky Korean Bodywork
Sunny Jade
Rosa Spa

All Brooklyn massage parlors -Select-

Oasis Spa in Brooklyn, New York

Distance to this massage parlor center: 16

18 reviews



LEAVE A REVIEW button

ADD TO FAVORITES button

Masseuse Style:

Asian

Hours of Operation:

10am - 1am

Cards Accepted:

Cash Only

Table Shower: Yes

Sauna: No

Jacuzzi: No

Semi-Truck Parking: No

60 min: \$60



Address:

286 Flatbush Ave
Brooklyn, New York 11201

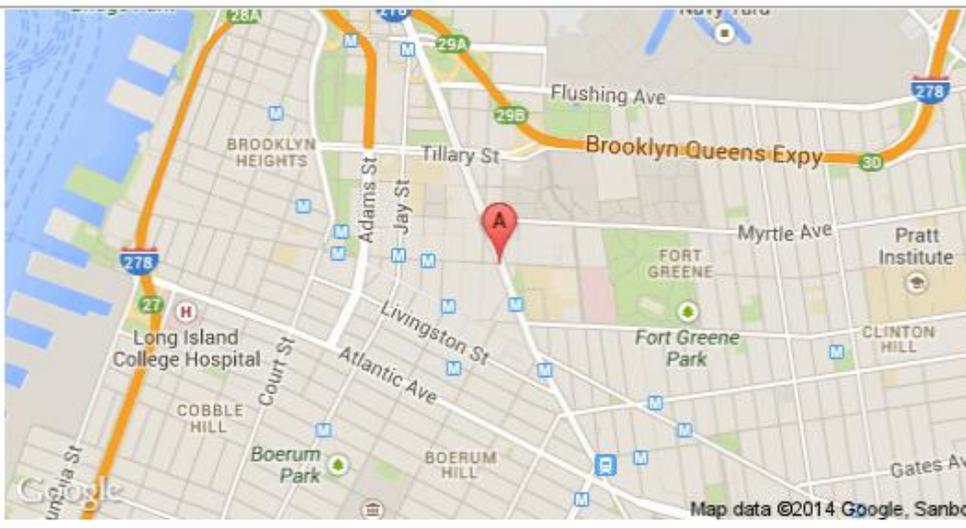
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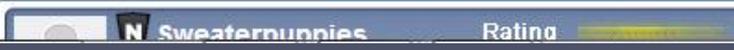
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Message parlor reviews (18)

Message parlor comments

Order: Review Date



Sweaterpuppies Rating ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
 **Yumi** #127136 03.31 2014 Close Review

MP Review					
Visit Date	March 2014	Private Location	X	Time of visit	Afternoon
Recommend	✓	Parlor type	Store Front	Paid to House	\$60

Message Parlor Details:

It's clean inside, girls seems to be nice.

Provider's name: Yumi

Provider Details:

Recommend?	✓	Eye color	Brown	Build	Thin
Provider Rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆	Hair color	Black	Rate Ass	Nice & Round
Ethnicity	Asian	Hair Length	Shoulder Length	Kitty	?
Age	36-40	Breast Size	B	Tattoos	X
Height	5'0"-5'5"	Implants	X		

Services:

Service Rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆	Lick The Pussy	X	Massage Rating	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
Finger The Pussy	X	FS	X	Ass-Play?	✓
Kissing	X	Breast-Play?	X	Handjob	✓
Tipping Issue?	X	Blowjob	X	Extra Tip	\$40

More Details:

From the outside this place looks chatsky, but the inside is an oasis. Yumi was the one available for me. There was another girl there, Yumi said her name was Lisa. The girls here are taught well by the mamasan. She really tried to make me feel at ease, didn't have any negative sales approach and the customer service is top notch. All done with a pretty good massage. They did get something right.

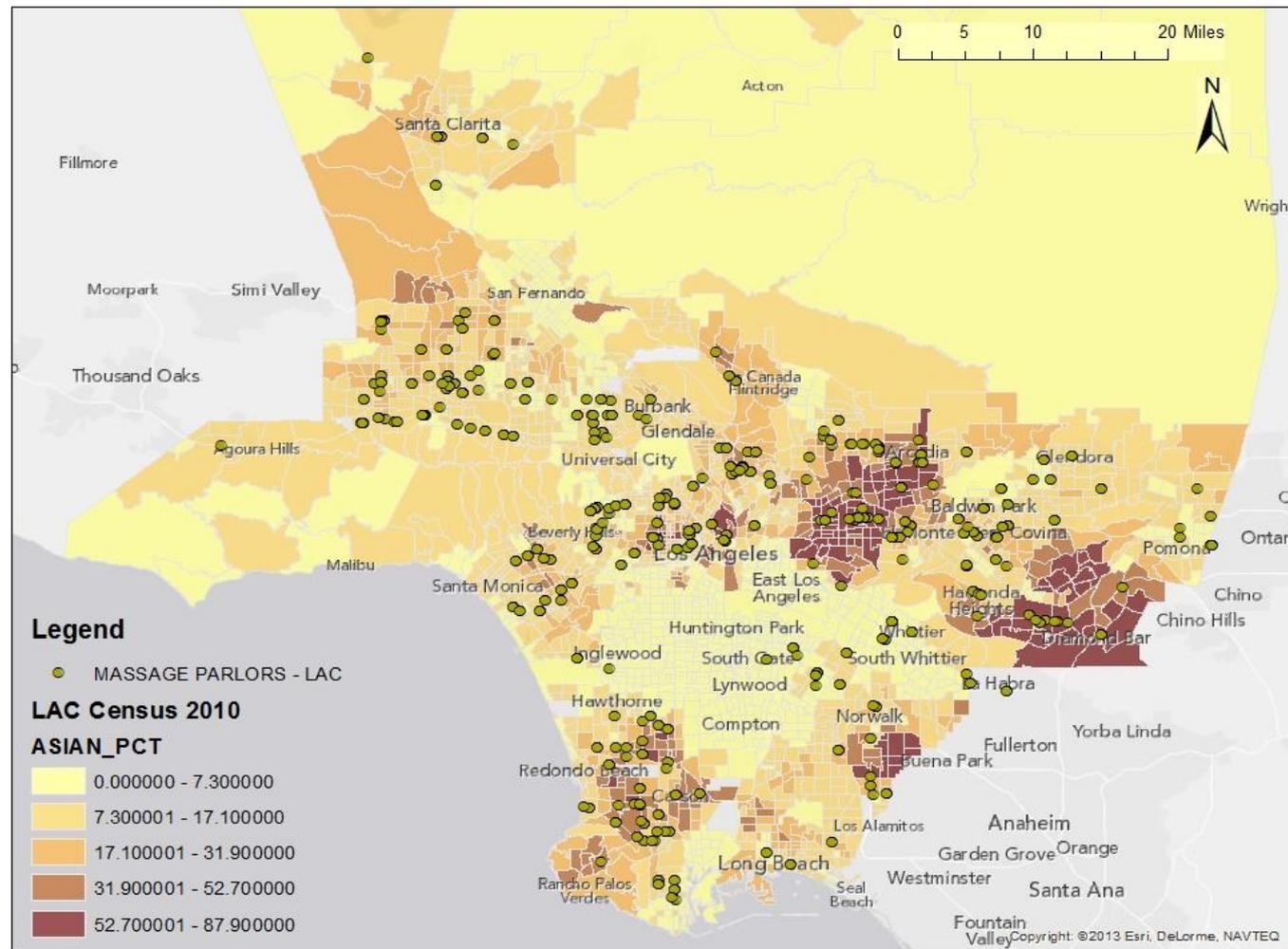
Methods - Limitations

- While the site provided a unique opportunity to identify and map the locations of venue-based sex work, there are several limitations:
 - All data are posted by website members and are not confirmed in terms of actual female sex worker characteristics
 - Female sex workers identified on the sites almost always use fictitious names, so it is unclear whether ratings of workers with different names are actually different women

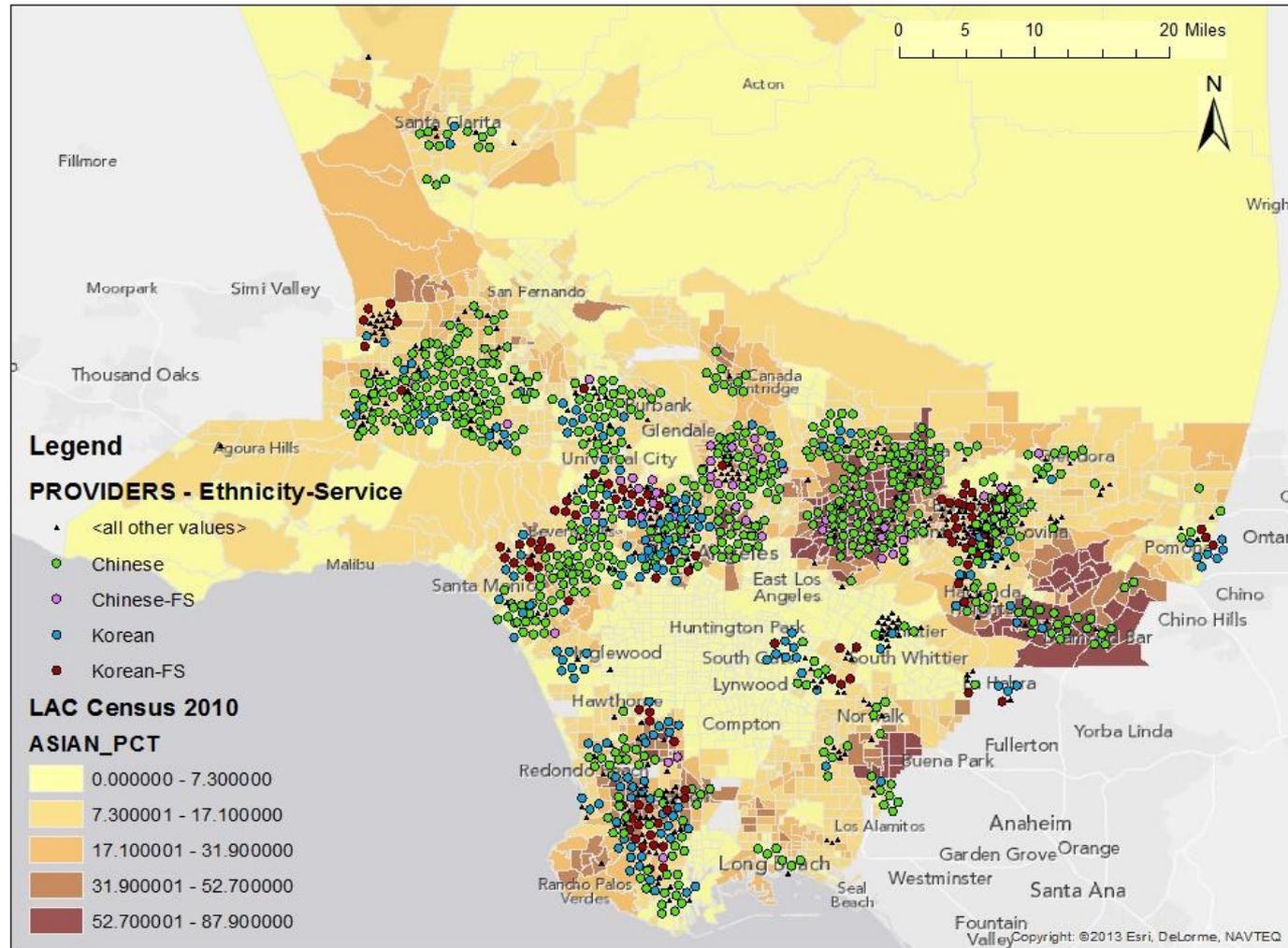
Methods

- Sample for mapping
 - Los Angeles (LA) County:
 - 397 Chinese, Korean or Asian massage parlor venues (441 identified)
 - 1297 female Asian workers (Chinese, Korean, or Asian)
 - New York City (NYC):
 - 413 massage parlor venues (475 identified)
 - 1238 female Asian workers (Chinese, Korean, or Asian)
- Chinese, Korean and Asian massage parlor venues made up:
 - 84% of venues in LA County
 - 90% of venues in NYC
- Maps created using ArcGIS software

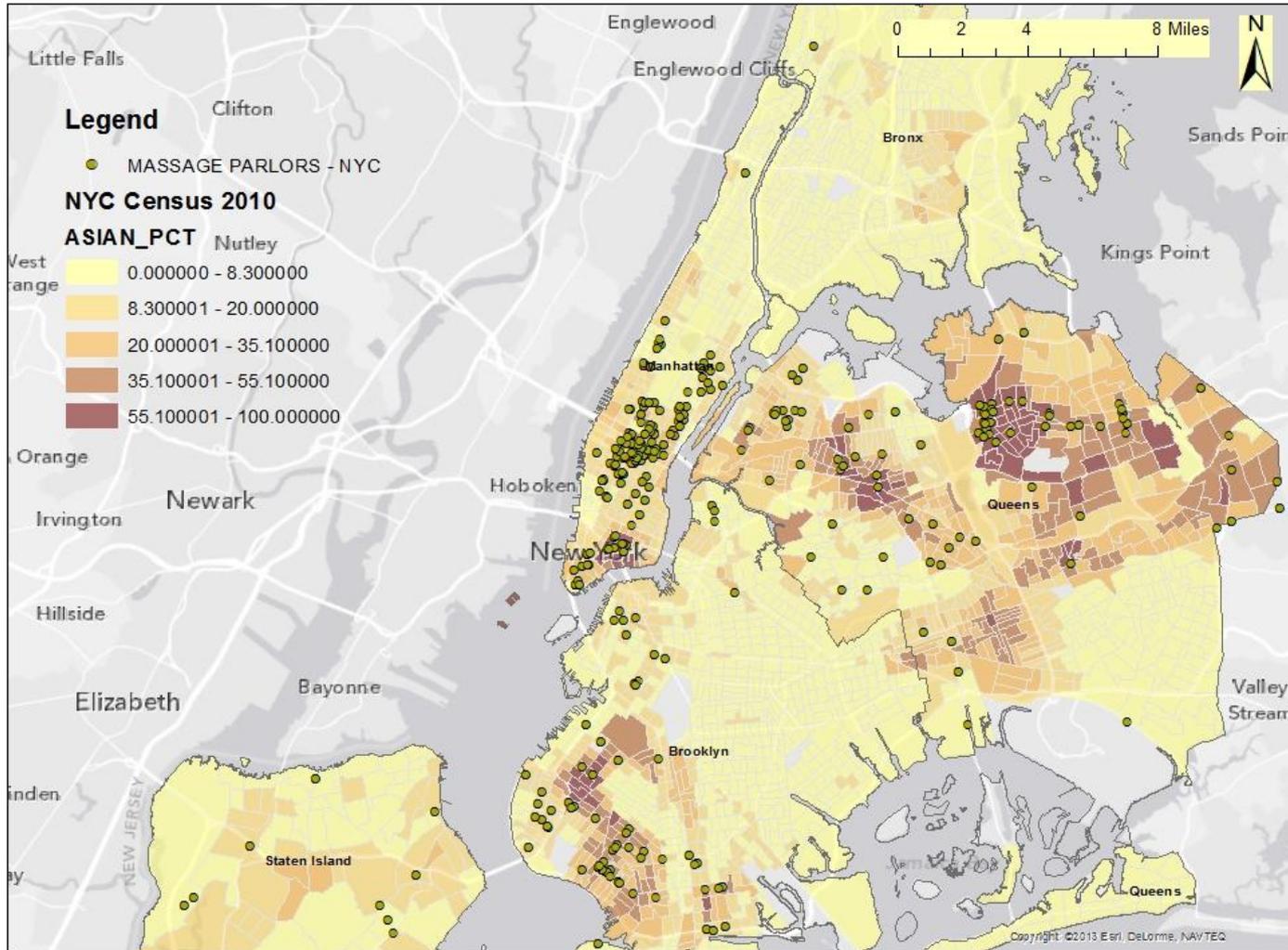
LA County: venue locations



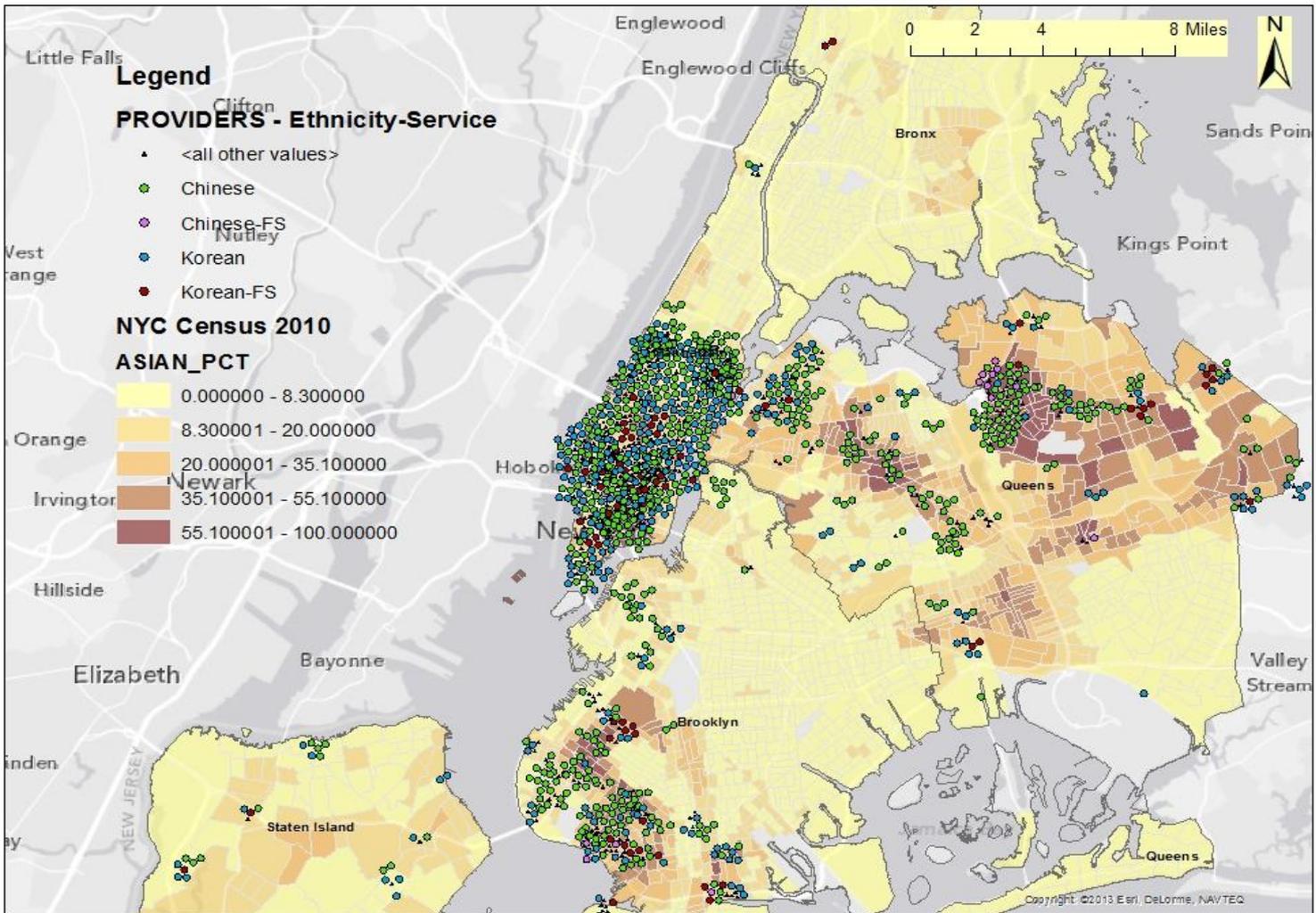
LA County: sex workers by venue



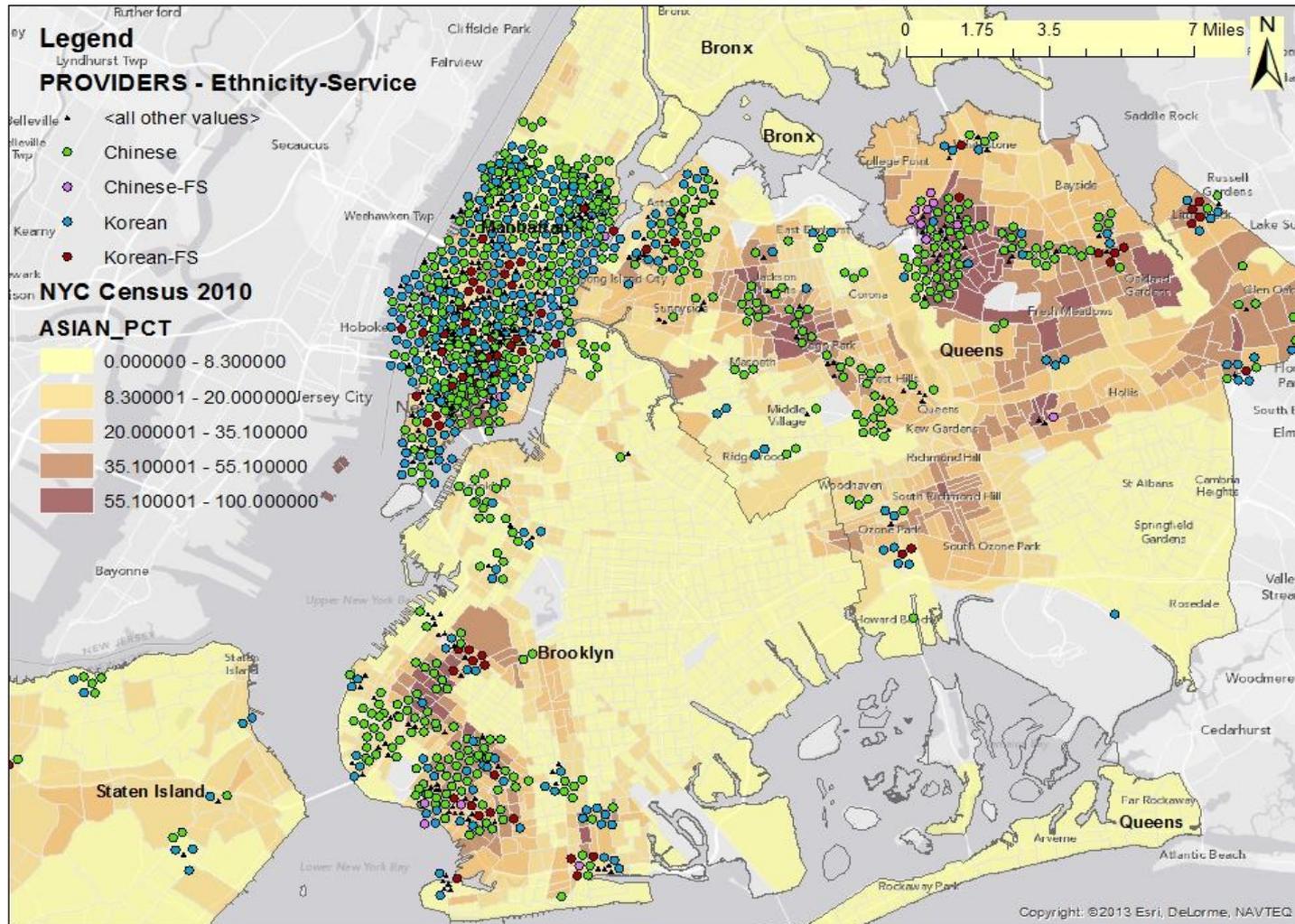
NYC: venue locations



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Next Steps

- Interviews with 60 women in LA and 60 women in NYC
- Interviews will cover:
 - initiation into sex work
 - massage parlor practices
 - experiences with law enforcement
 - health risks

Next Steps

- Interviews with government officials and sex worker advocacy and support organizations
- Development of systems-level HIV prevention strategies that take advantage of spatial clustering of massage parlors and network ties between them

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