Placing the Second Generation: A Case Study of Toronto

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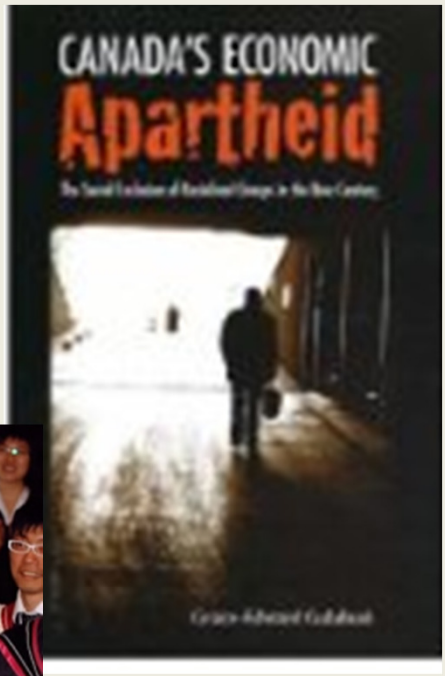
Children of Immigrants

- Straight-line assimilation

- Segmented assimilation
  - Triumph
  - Decline



Purpose

- A comparative analysis of the residential segregation of the children of immigrants in Toronto:

  1. 1ST, 2ND, 3+ generations
  2. Ethno-racial groups within 2nd generation
  3. Evolving segregation of ethno-racial groups
  4. Impacts on social contacts and neighbourhood characteristics

Impacts of Segregation

PRO

- Ethnic economy
- Attachment to parents' culture and language

CON

- Isolates
  - Reduces scope and diversity of social contacts
  - Reduces access to job information
  - Reduces incentive to learn official languages
- ***Poverty***
- ***Stigmatization***

Empirical Analysis

- Second generation
- 25-44 years of age
- Five ethno-racial groups:
  - NW European
  - Southern Europeans
  - Blacks
  - Chinese
  - South Asian
- 2006 Census

https://www1.toronto.ca/city_of_toronto/city_clerks/toronto_archives/files/images/father_with_children.jpg

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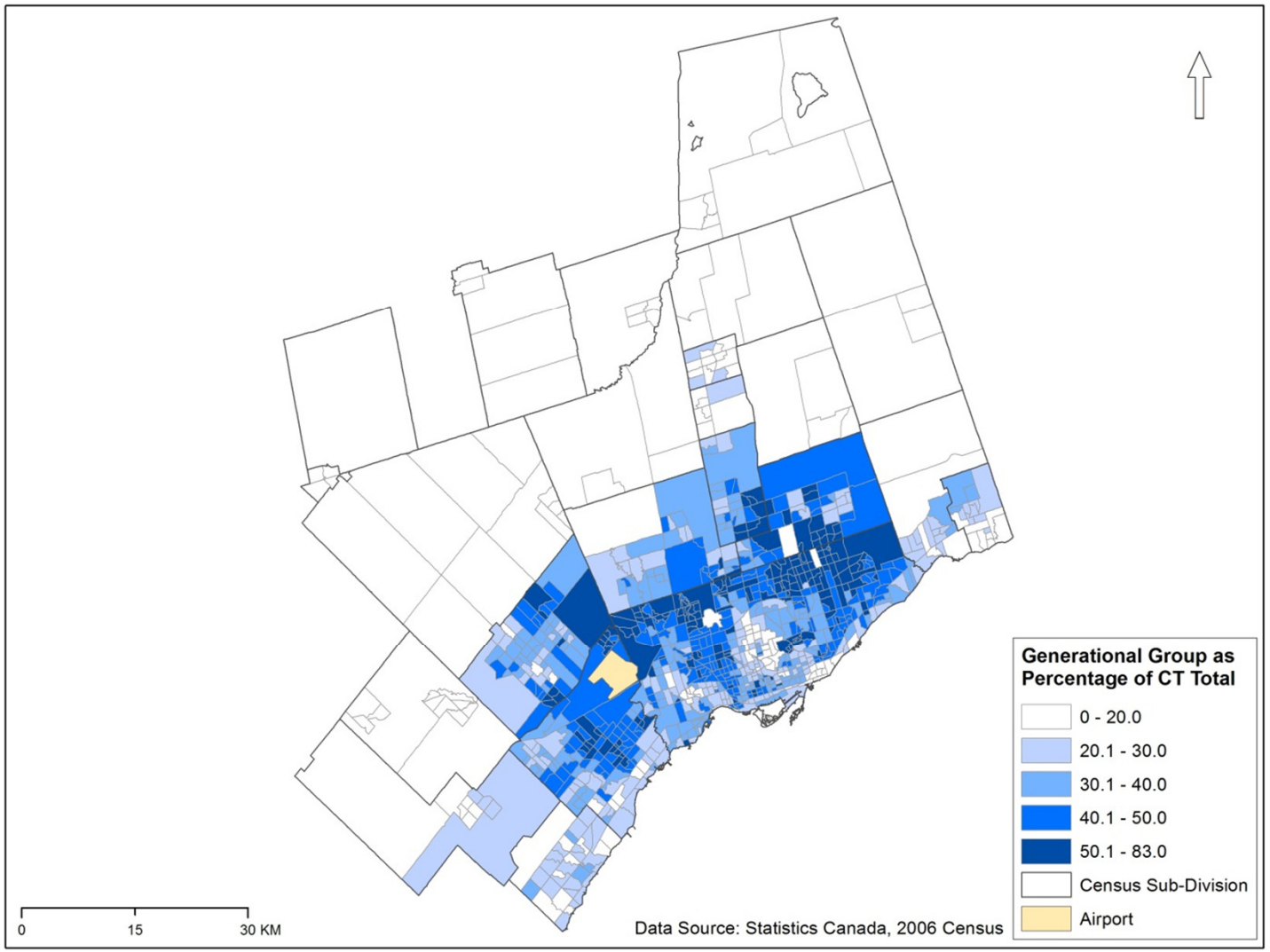

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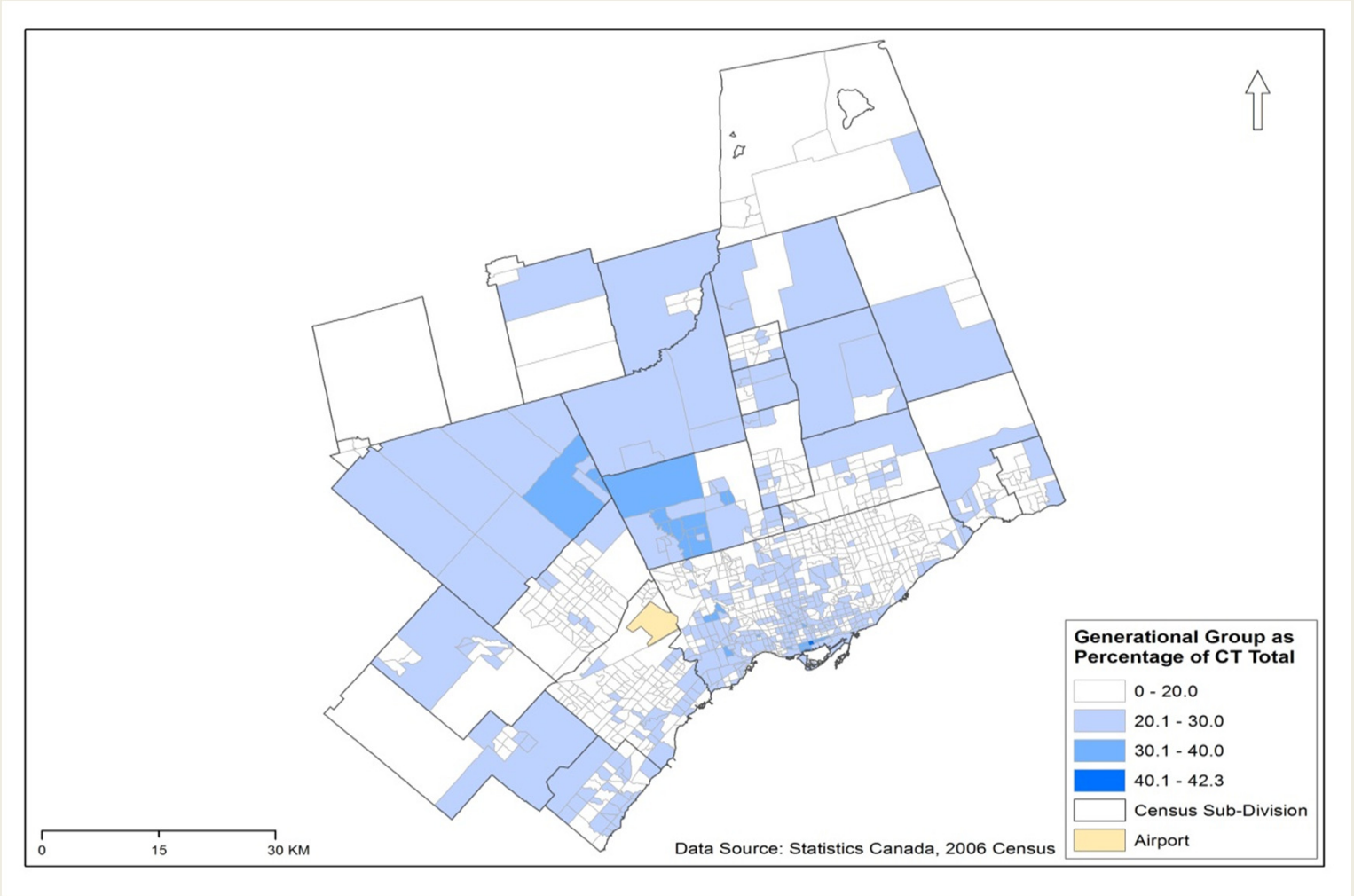

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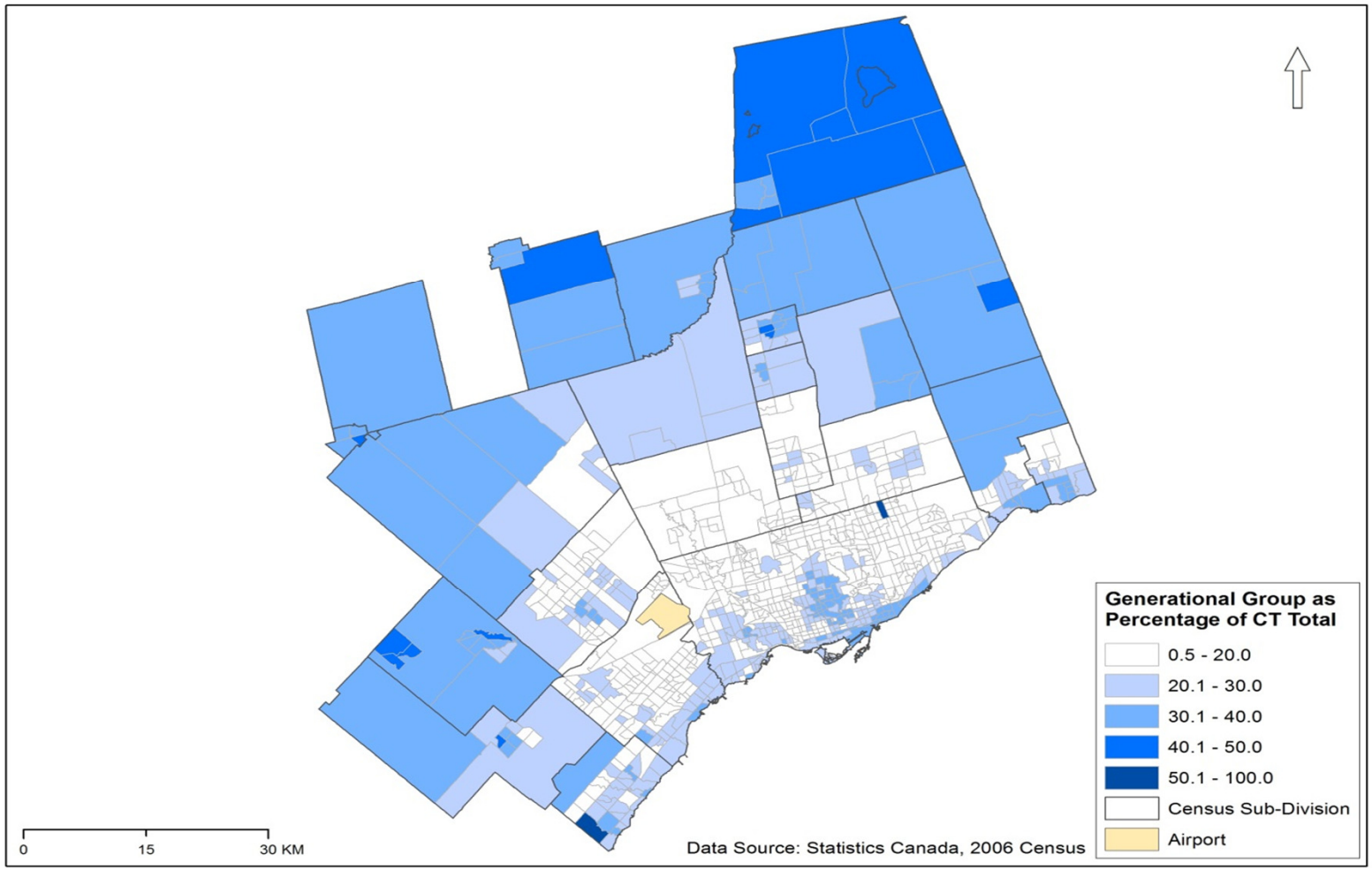

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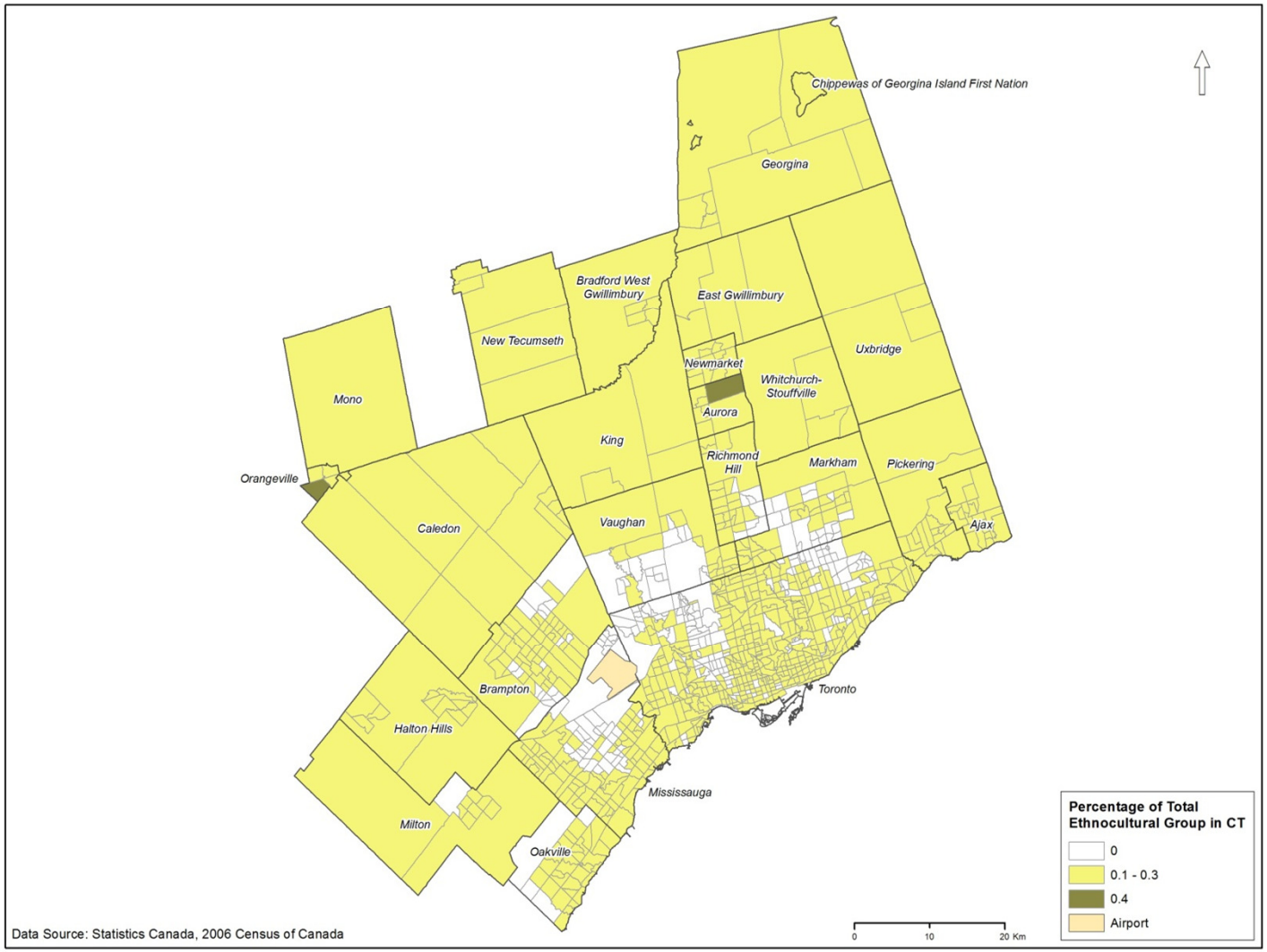

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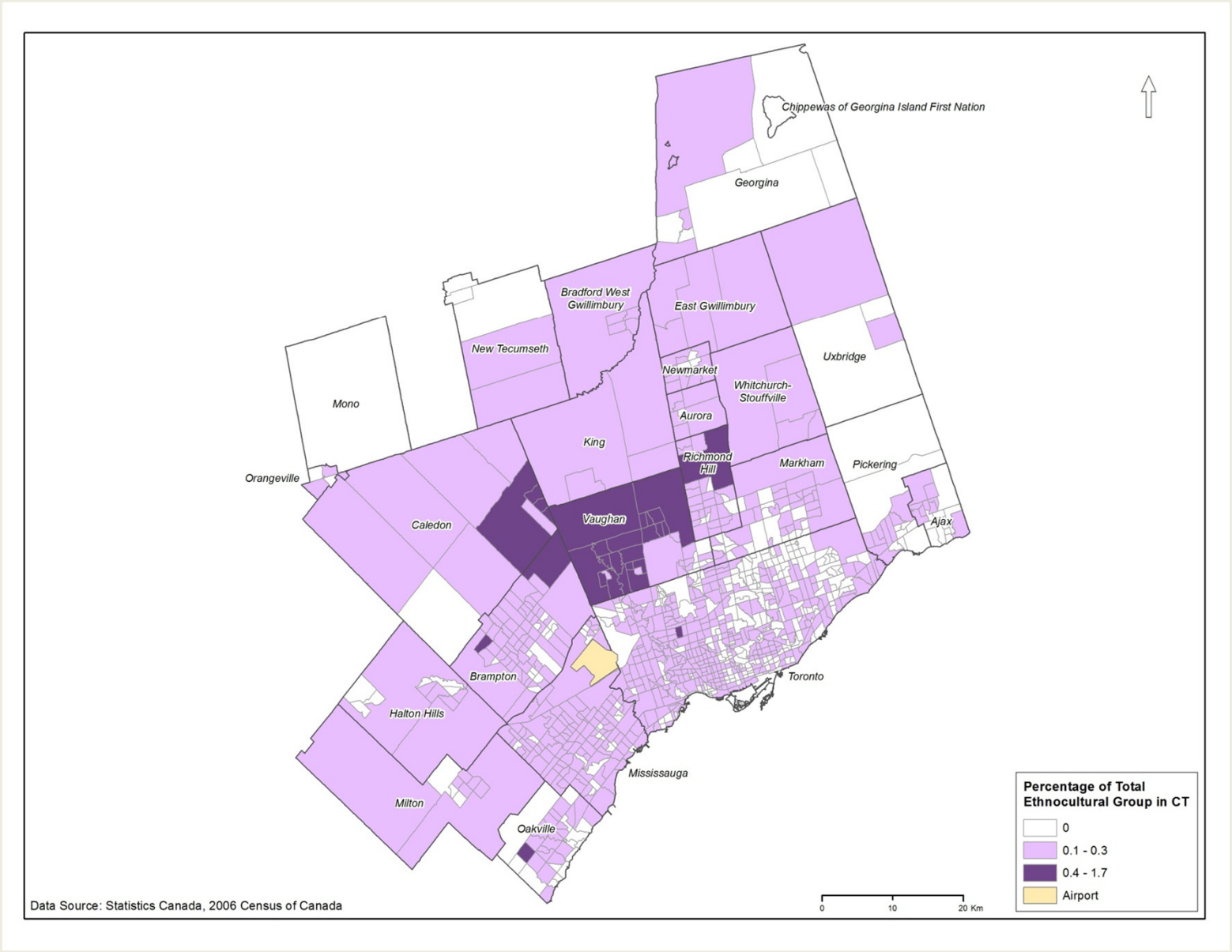

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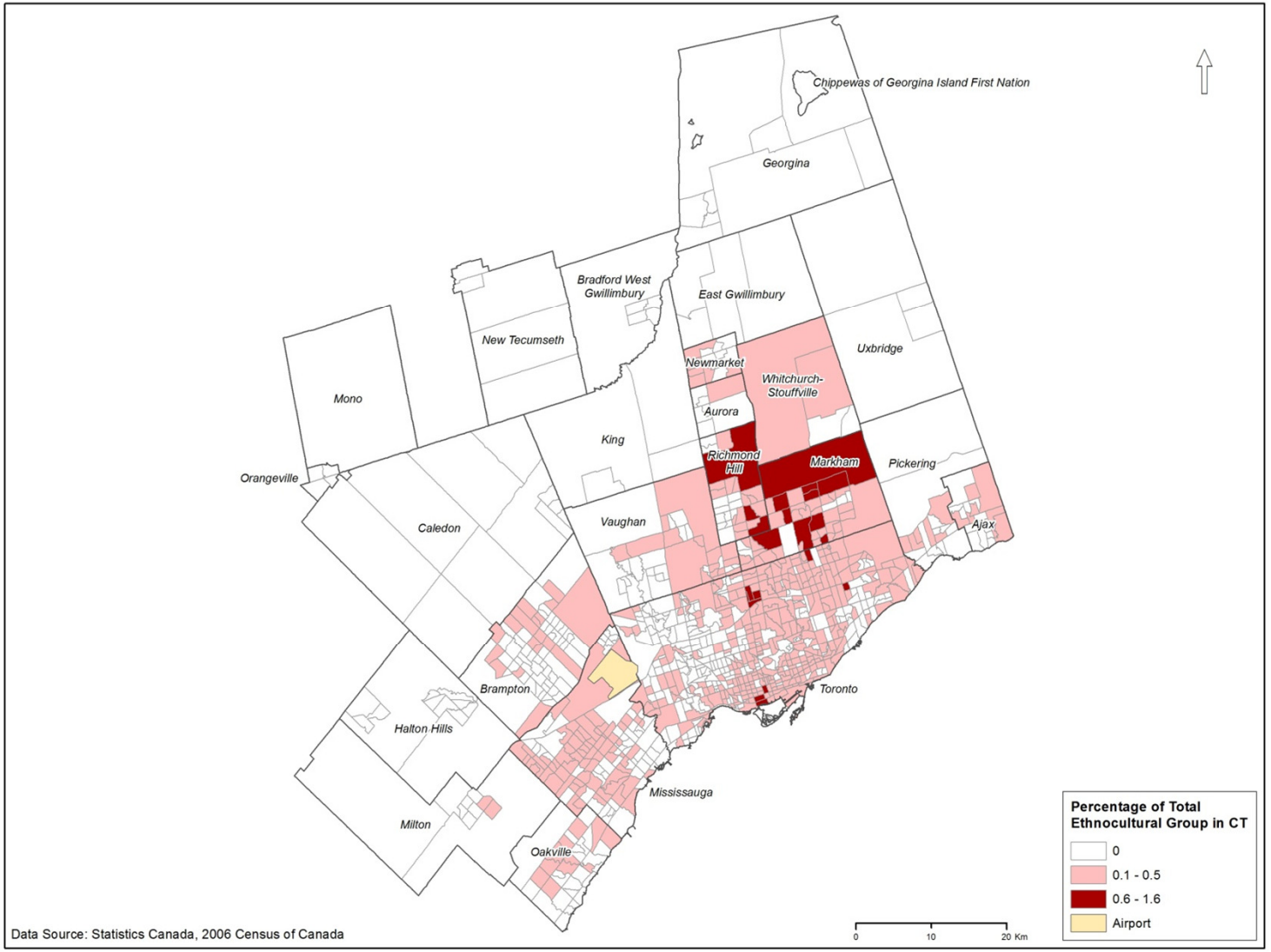

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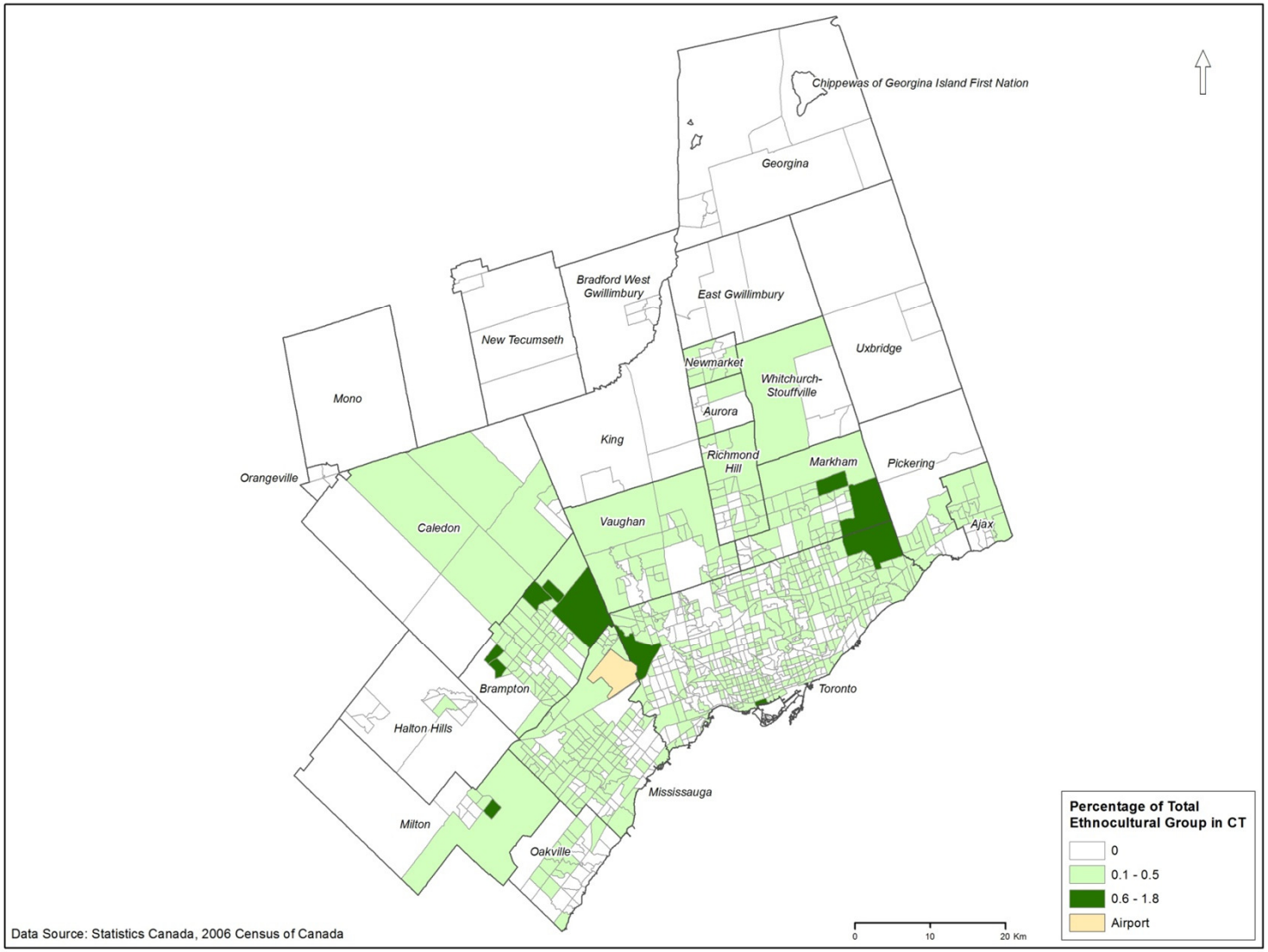

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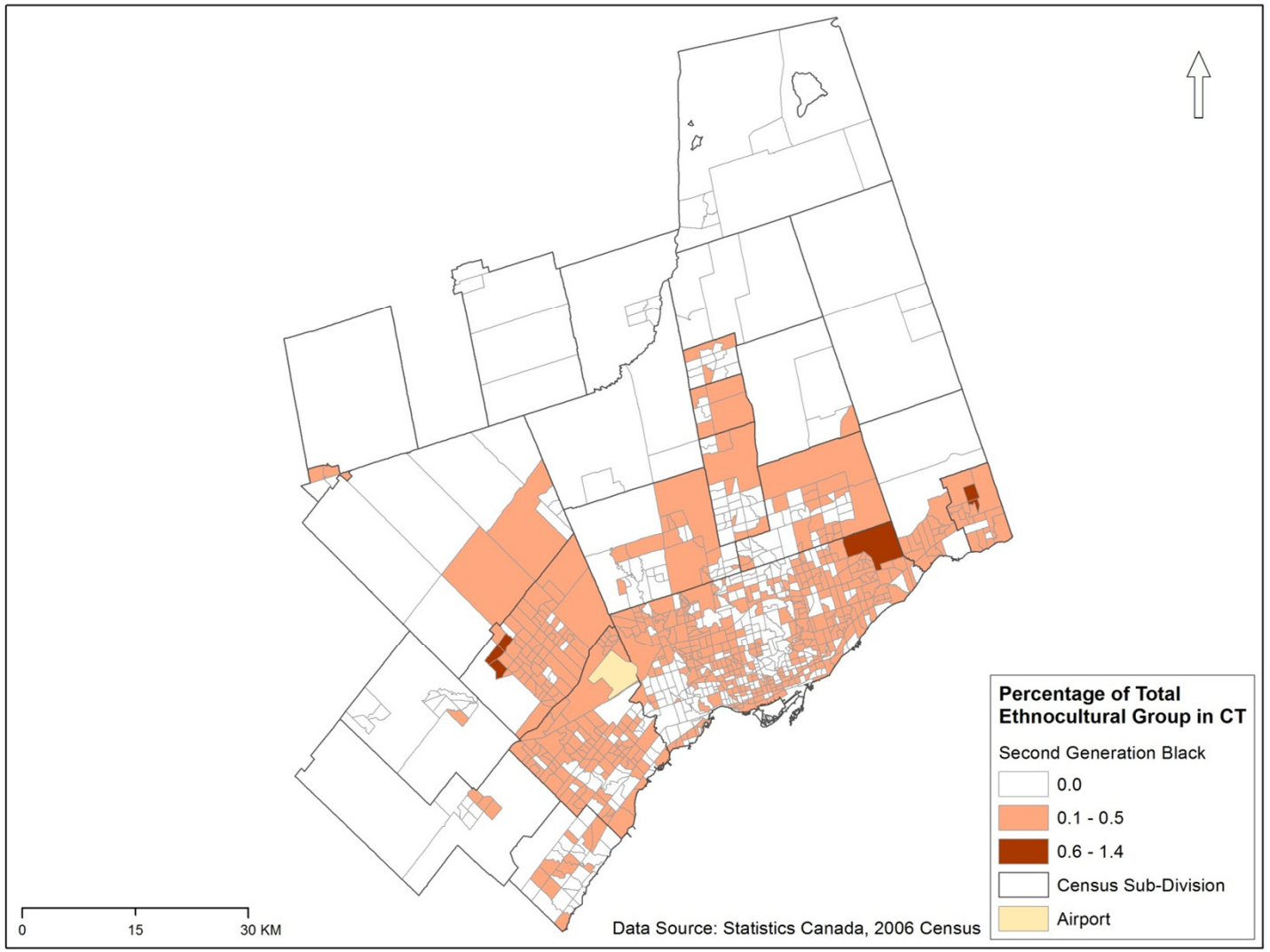

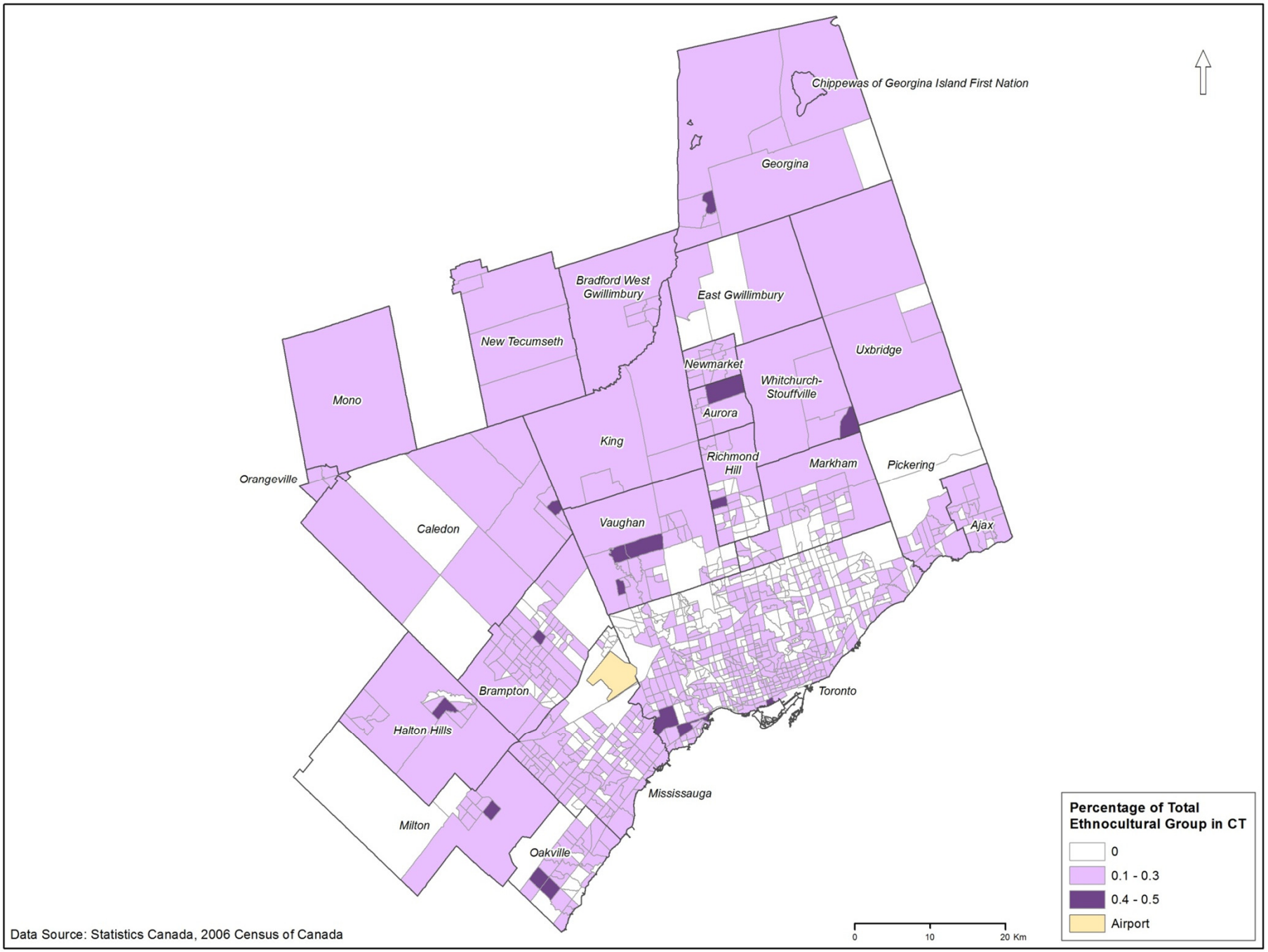
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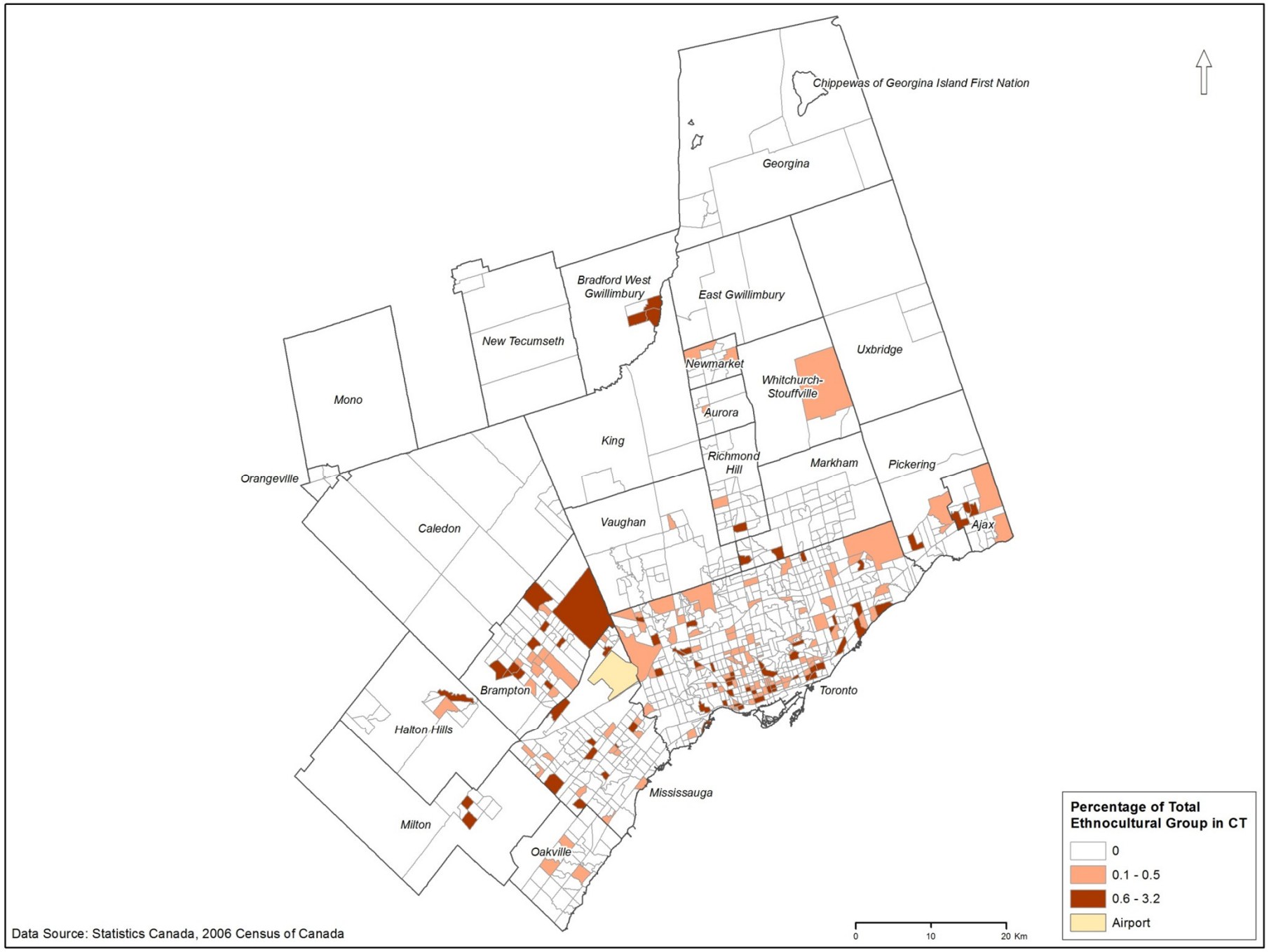
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P* Index: 1st Generation

	x P* 1st BL	1st BL P* x	x P* 1st CH	1st CH P* x	x P* 1st SA	1st SA P* x	x P* 1st NW	1st NW P* x	x P* 1st SE	1st SE P* x
1st Black			5.0	1.4	12.3	2.7	5.5	1.8	5.7	1.9
1st Chinese					8.2	6.4	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.6
1st S. Asian							4.6	6.7	4.4	6.5
1st NW Europe									4.9	5.0
1st S. Europe										

P* Index: Canadian-born by Generation

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2nd Black	3.0	1.1	5.5	0.6	11.1	0.9	5.4	0.7	5.0	0.6
2nd Chinese	1.3	0.7	15.4	2.2	7.1	0.8	4.7	0.8	4.1	0.7
2nd S. Asia	2.2	1.0	7.3	1.0	12.4	1.3	4.8	0.7	4.7	0.7
2nd NW Europe	1.3	5.0	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.2	6.4	8.3	4.6	6.0
2nd S. Europe	1.5	4.4	4.2	3.5	6.1	3.9	4.7	4.4	8.8	8.3
3rd NW Europe	1.3	9.9	3.6	8.1	4.6	8.1	6.2	15.8	4.4	11.3
3rd S. Europe	1.3	0.3	3.9	0.3	4.9	0.2	5.7	0.4	5.5	0.4

TABLE 1						
Characteristics of Census Tracts by Generation (Mean Percentage)						
	Above Median Income	Low Income	Unemployment	Labour Force Participation	High School or Less	N
1st Generation						
Concentrated	39.8	10.8	5.5	64.7	41.0	481
Scattered	56.9	4.9	3.5	70.6	35.3	519
2nd Generation						
Concentrated	56.3	5.1	3.5	70.1	35.5	542
Scattered	39.7	10.9	5.6	65.0	41.1	458
3+ Generation						
Concentrated	56.3	5.1	3.7	70.5	35.1	490
Scattered	41.3	10.2	5.2	65.1	40.9	510

Preliminary Conclusions

- Some assimilation BUT racial segregation in every generation
- Within generations, avoidance of difference and attraction between 1st and 2nd
- Segregation limits social contacts of racialised minorities in 1st and 2nd generation
- Segregation affects neighbourhood characteristics only where 1st generation is concentrated