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The Changing Face of Houston and America:

Tracking Responses to the Economic and Demographic Transformations through 35 Years of Houston Surveys

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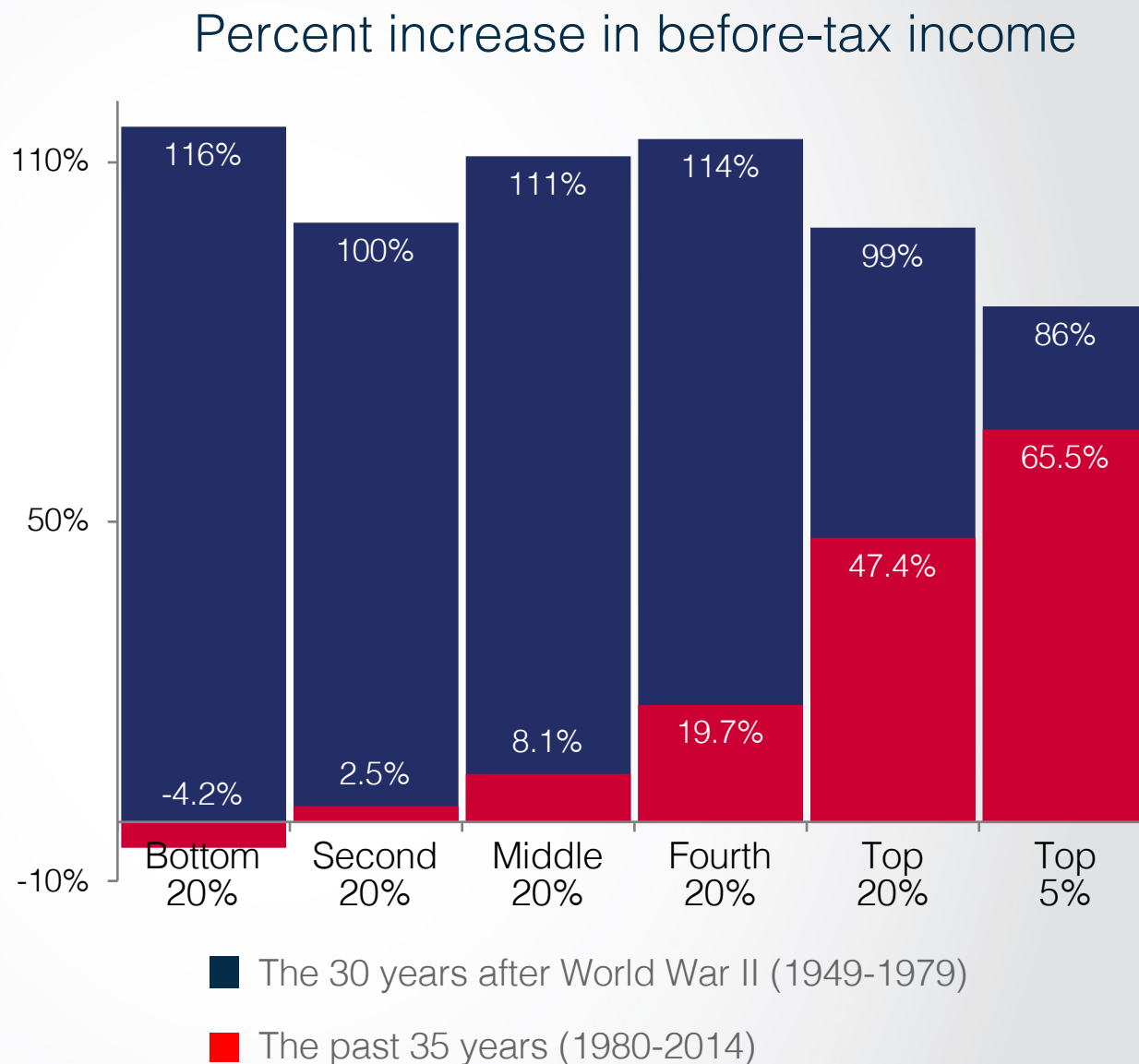
The Kinder Houston Area Survey (1982-2016)

Thirty-five years of systematic interviews with representative samples of Harris County residents, focused on three central issues:

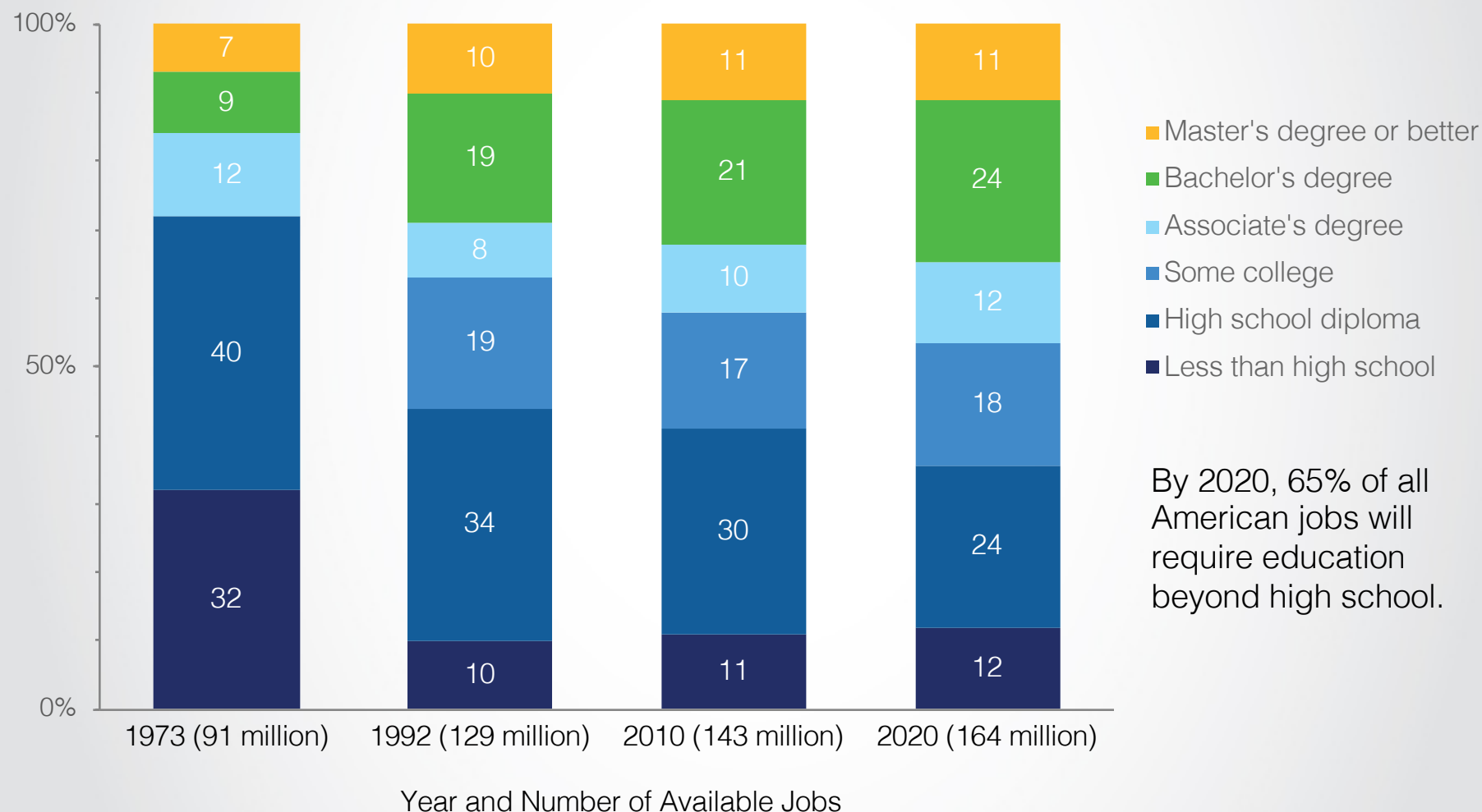
Two contrasting economic eras (1949 to 1979 and 1980 to 2014)

The 30 years after World War II were a period of broad-based prosperity.

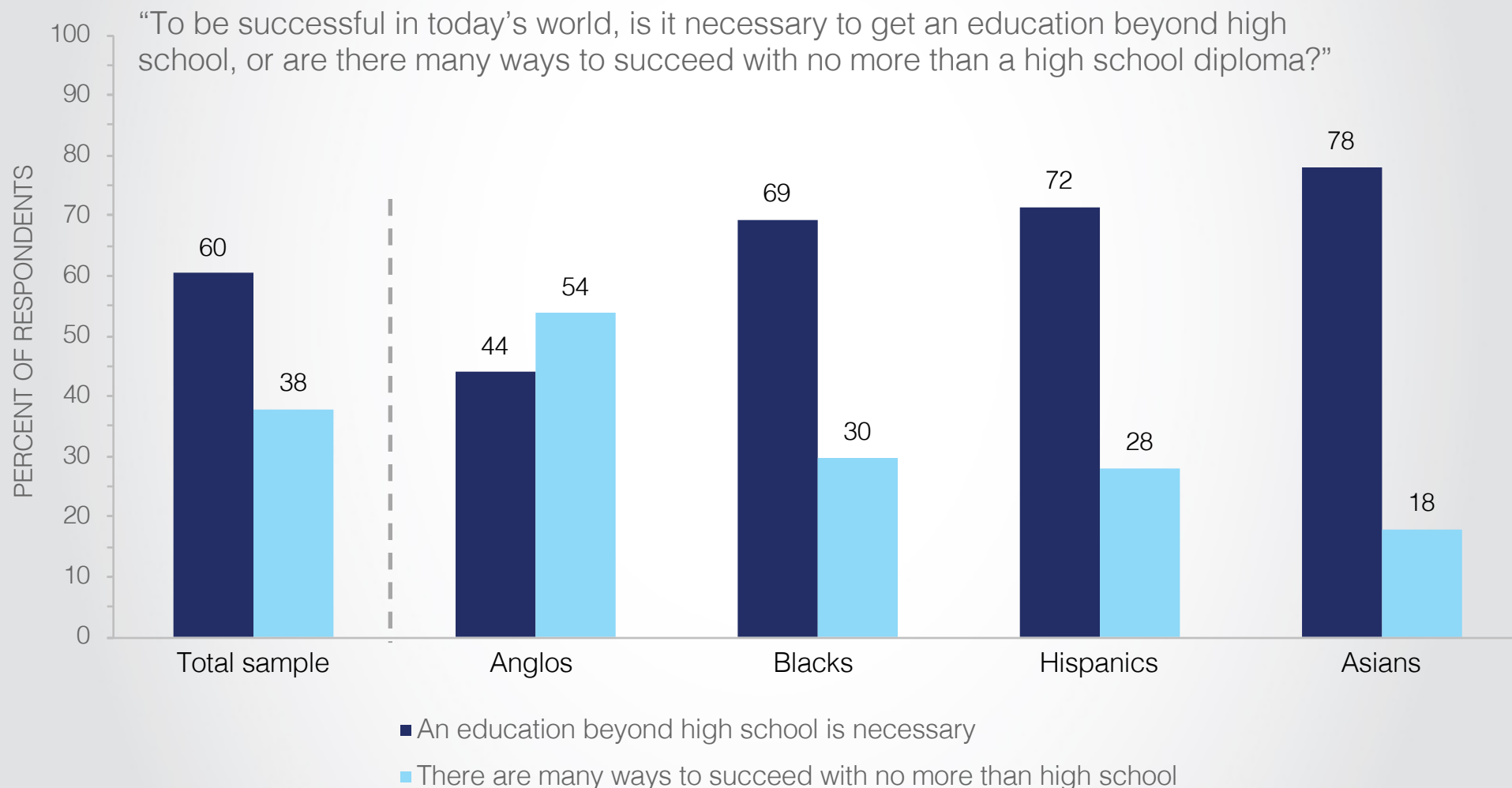
The past 35 years have been marked by growing income inequalities.



The education requirements for jobs in America (1970-2020)



The perceived importance of post-secondary education (the three counties combined, 2016)

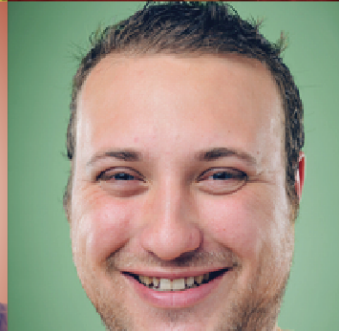


The proportions of HISD seniors who are “college ready,” by ethnic background

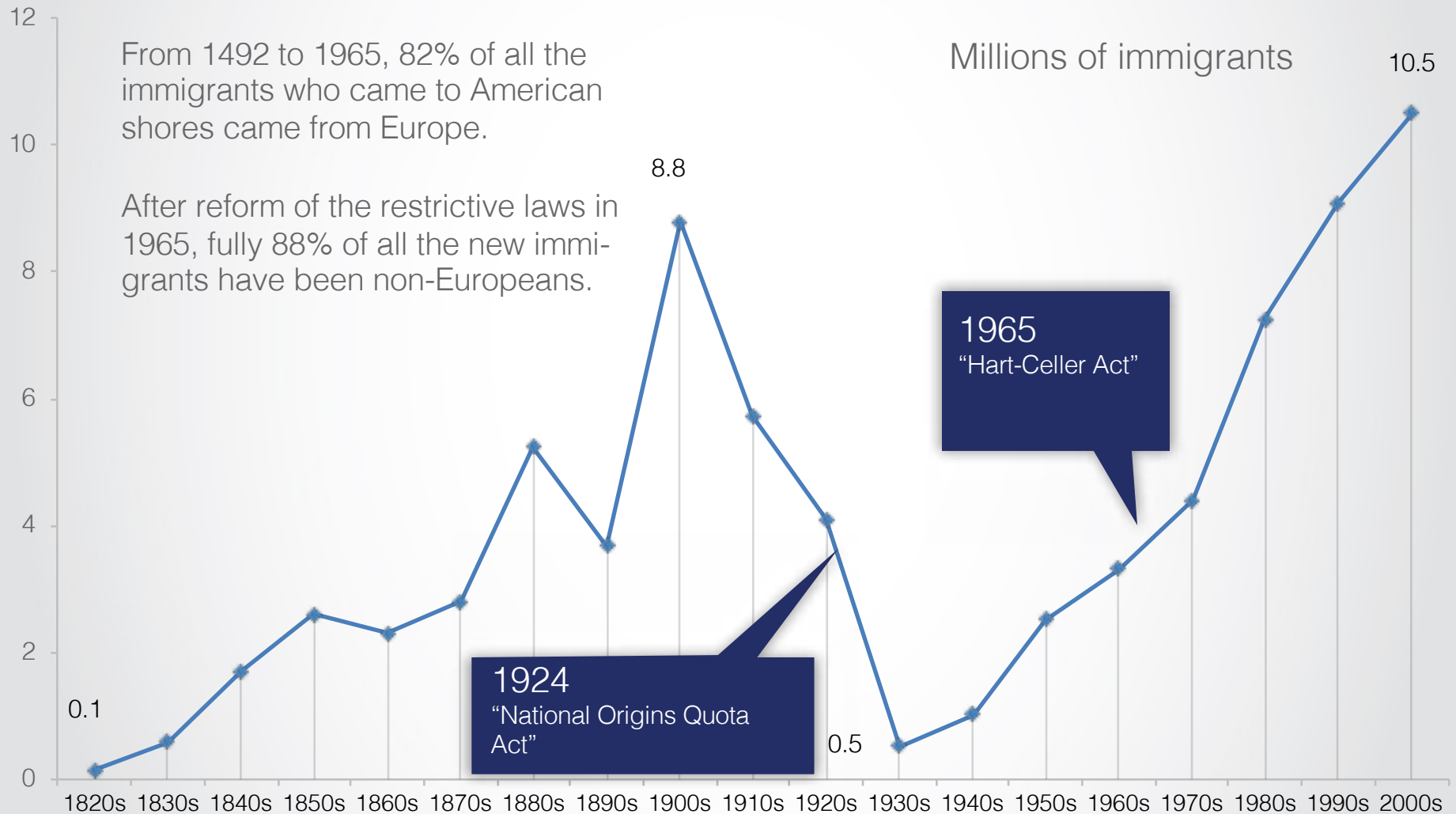
SAT/CAT Results by Ethnicity (HISD Class of 2014)

Ethnicity	% At or Above Criterion	% Tested	SAT Mean	ACT Mean
African American	6.0%	98.0%	1161	17.4
Asian	52.8%	—	1637	26.3
Hispanic	7.1%	98.3%	1189	18.8
White	52.7%	—	1611	25.7

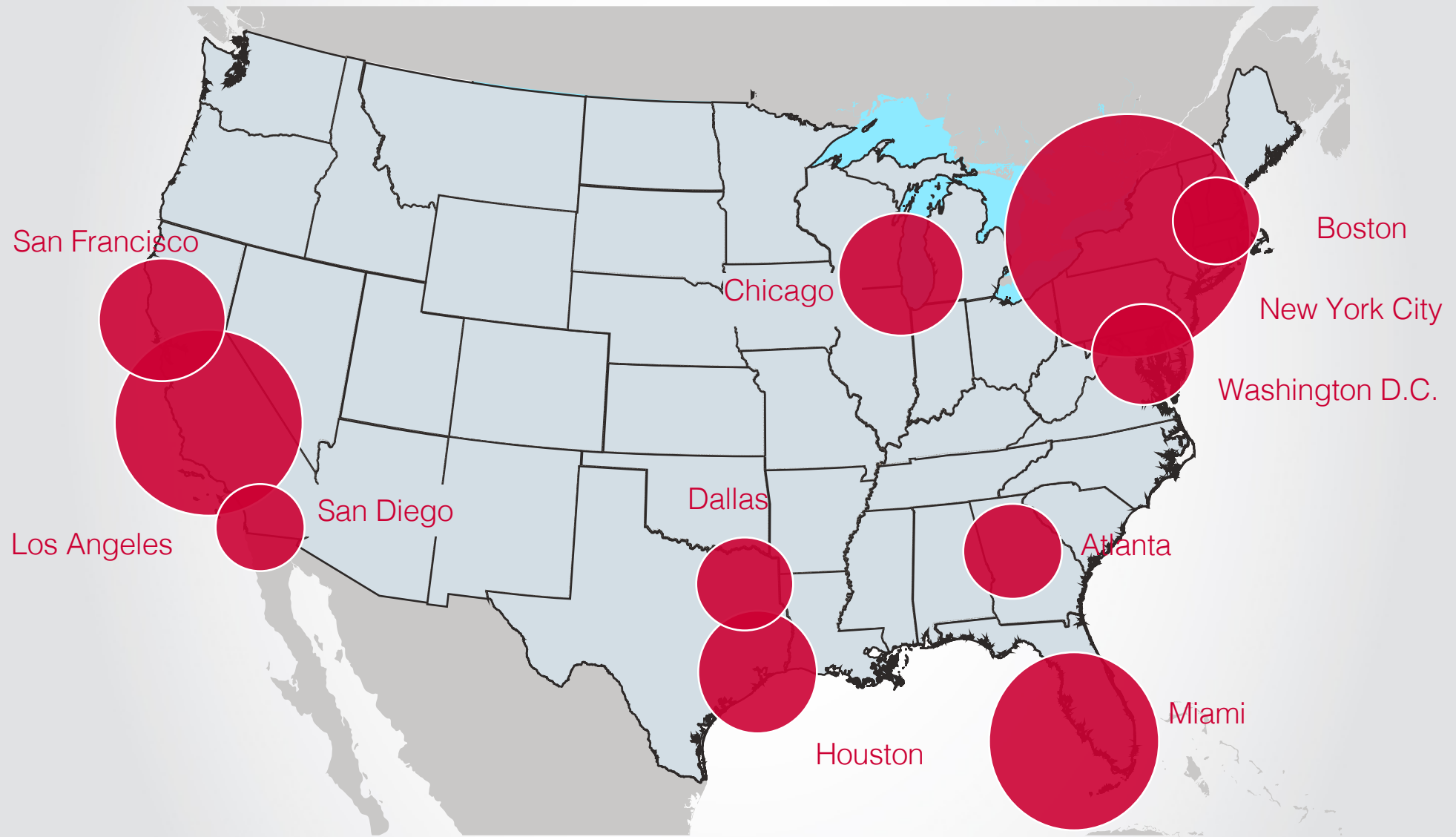
Note: The criterion is 1110 on the SAT critical reading and mathematics combined and 24 on the ACT composite. “—” indicates that the data for this item were statistically improbable, or were reported outside a reasonable range.



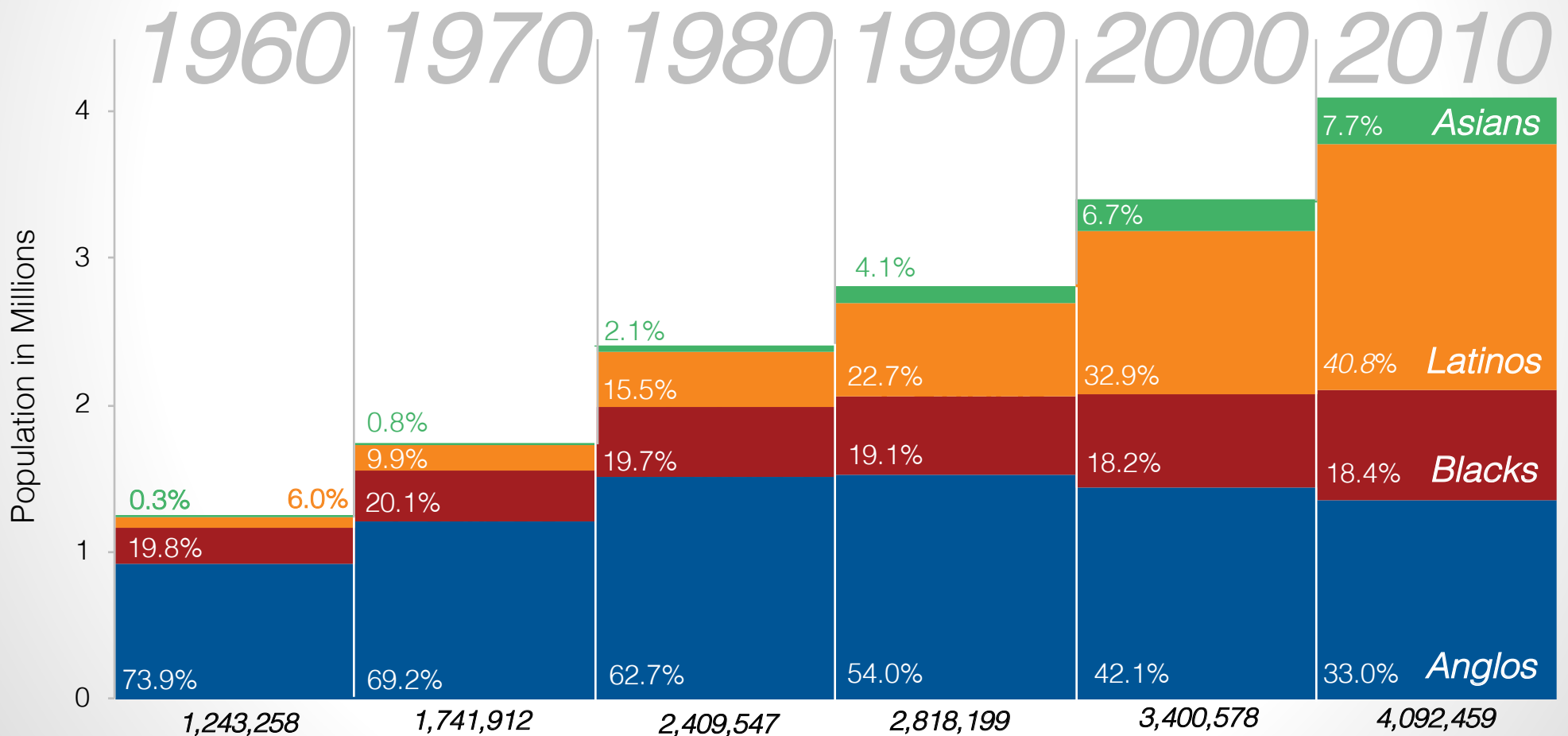
The number of documented U.S. immigrants, by decade (1820-2010)



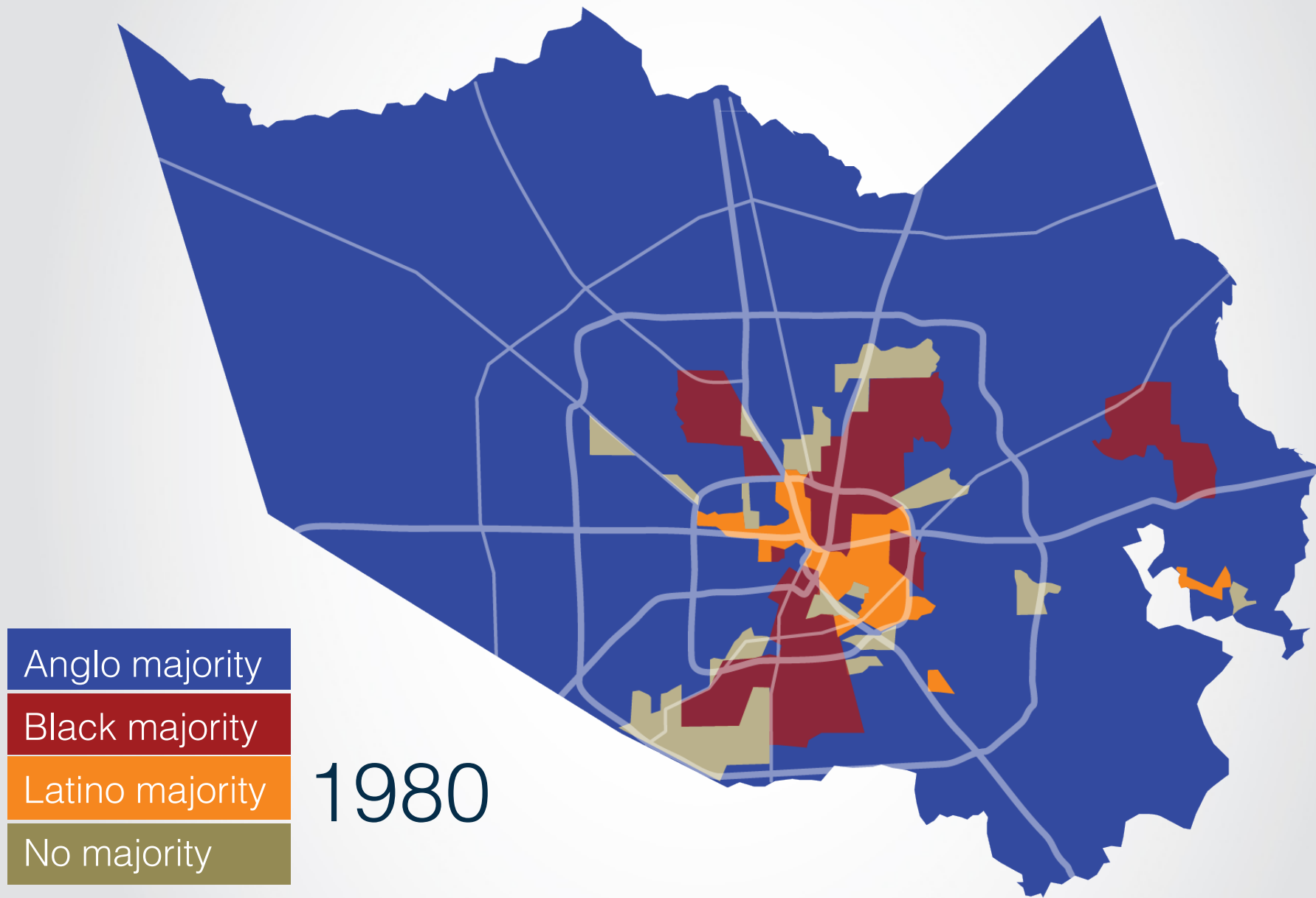
Cities with large numbers of foreign born residents (2010-2014)



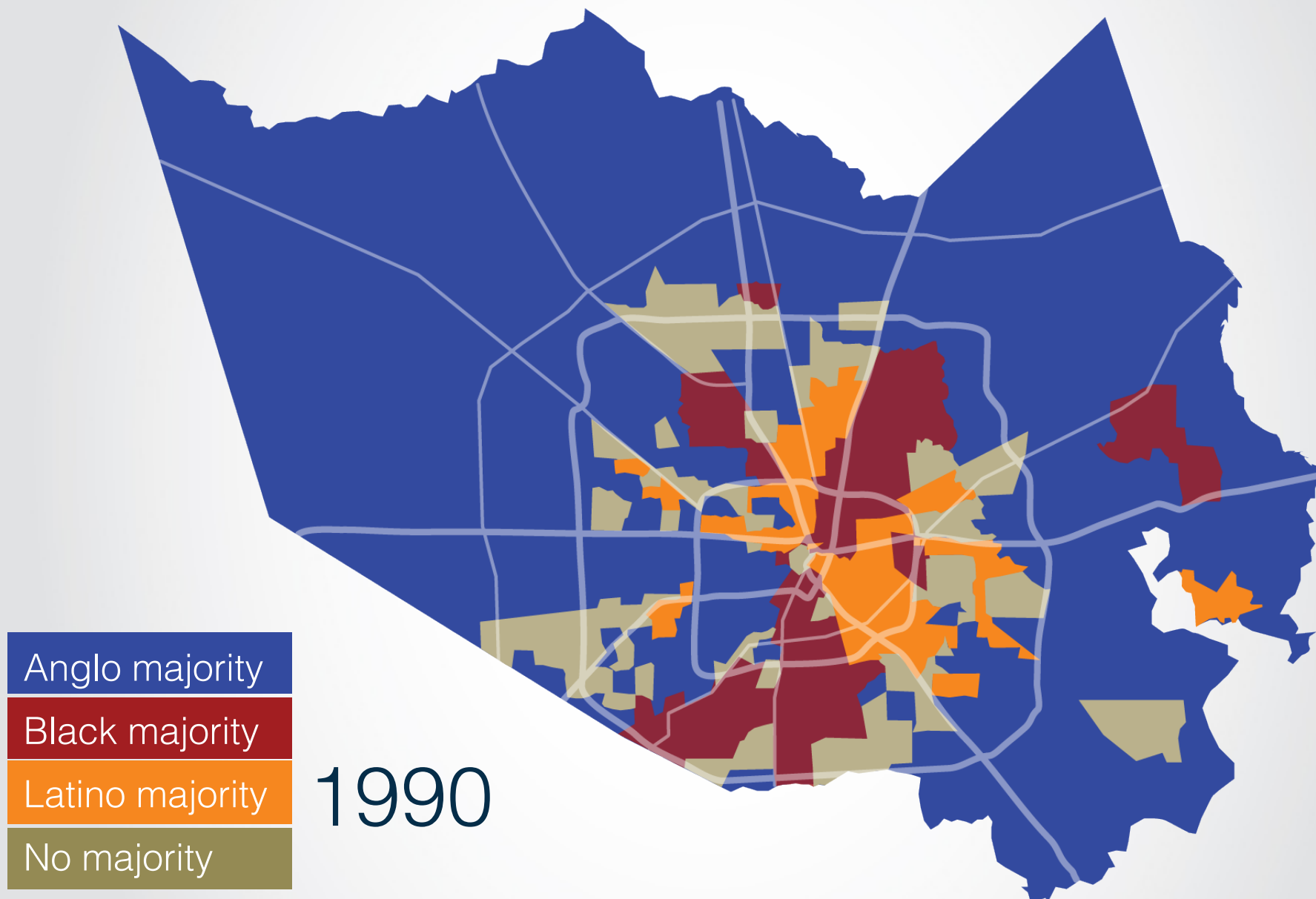
The demographic transformations of Harris County (1960-2010)



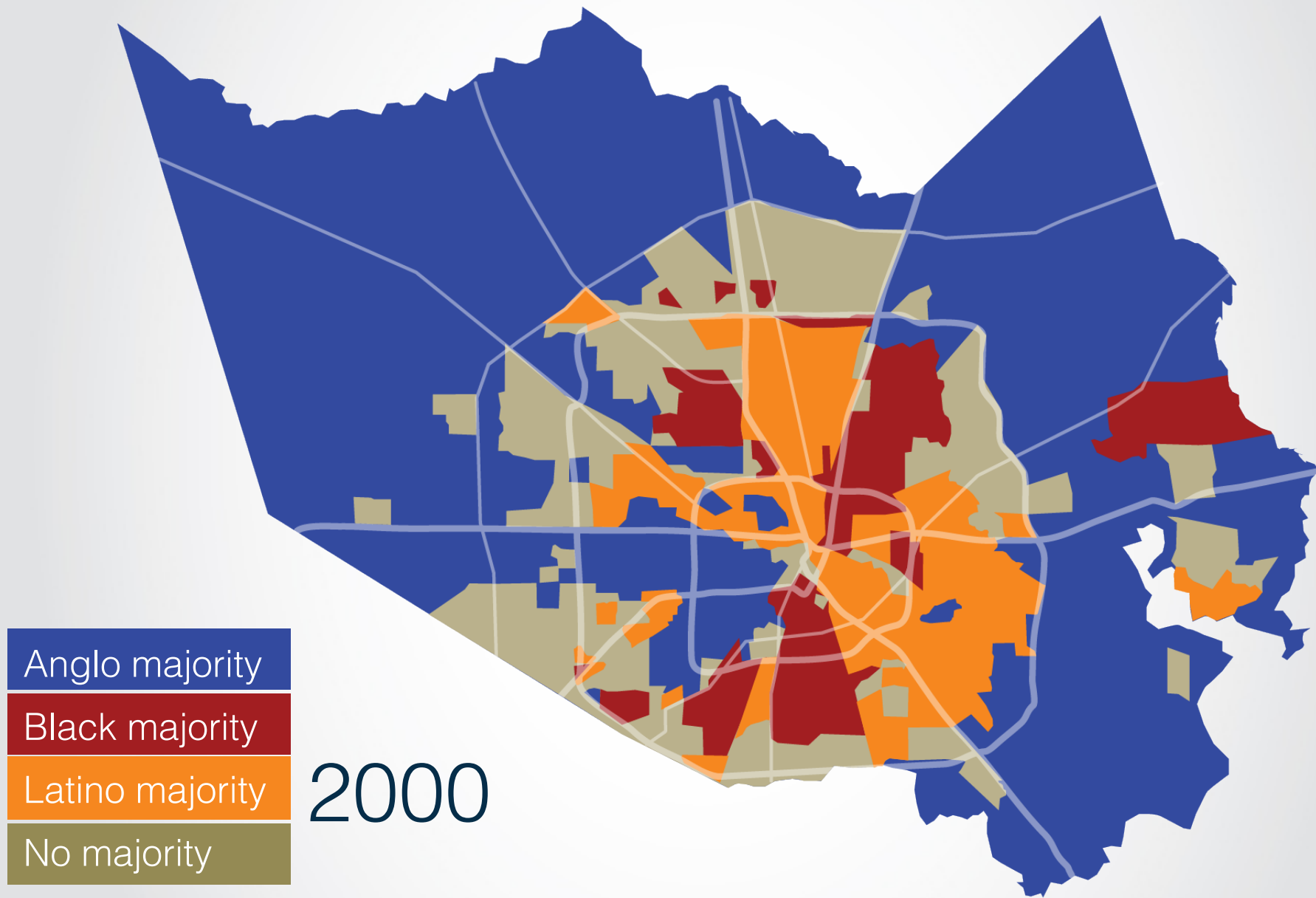
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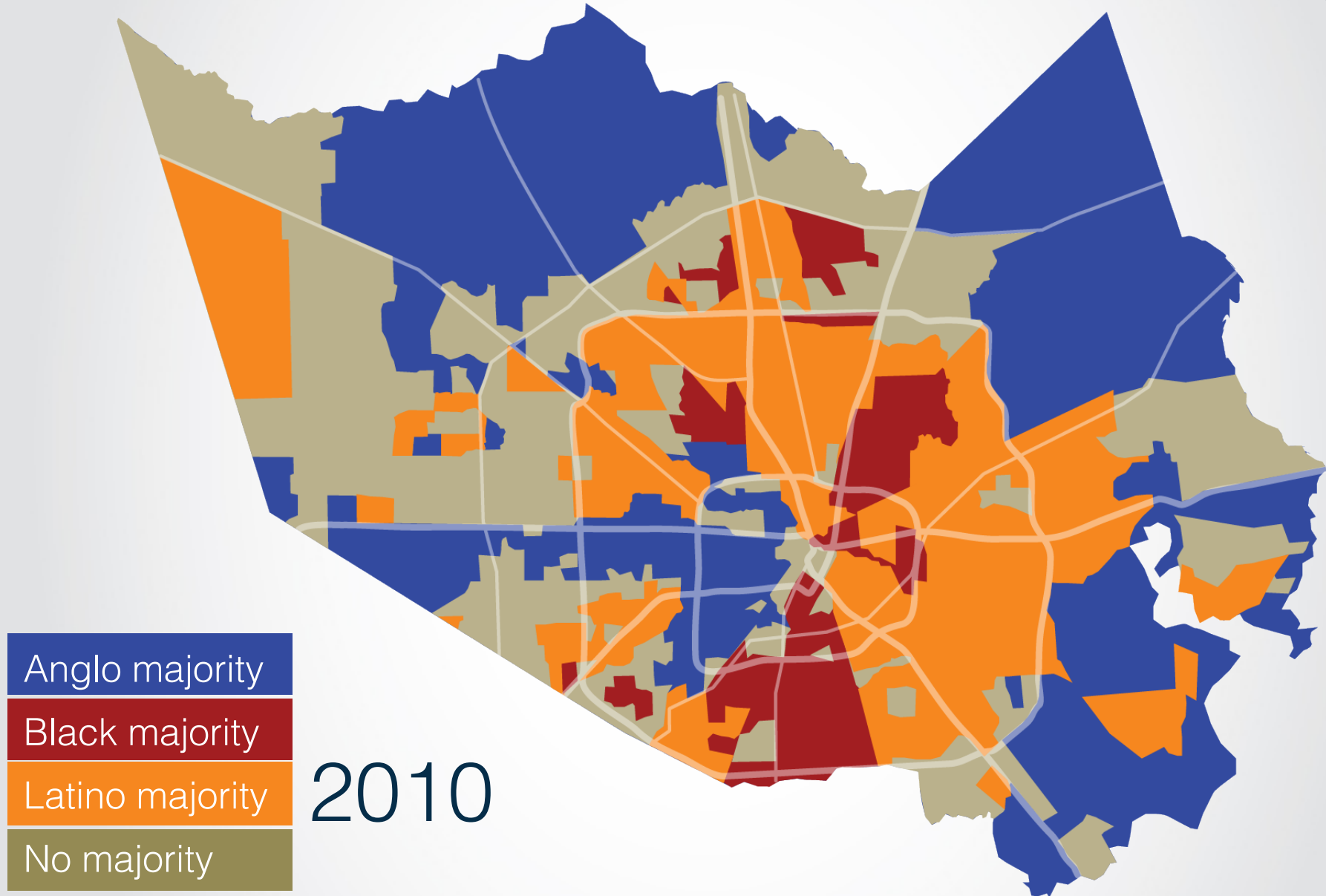
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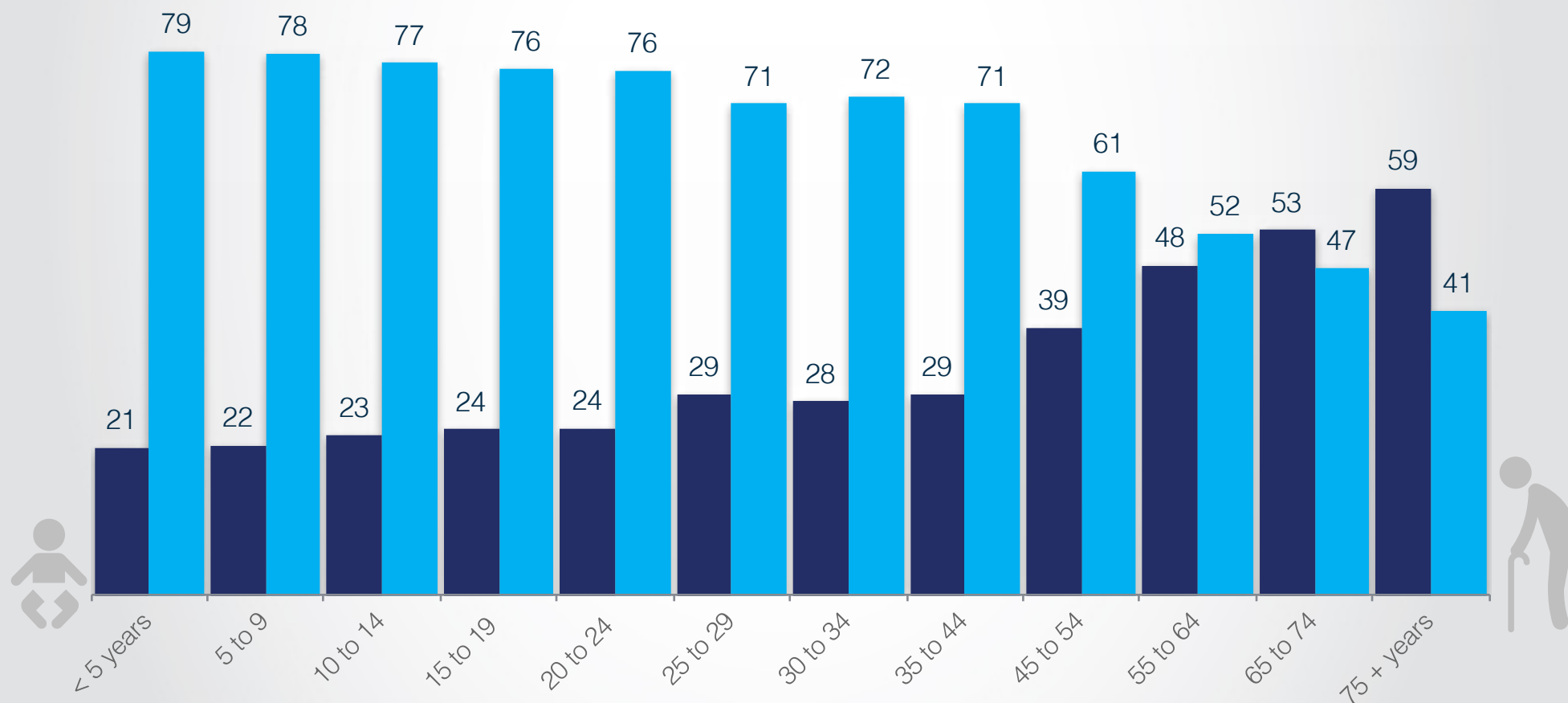


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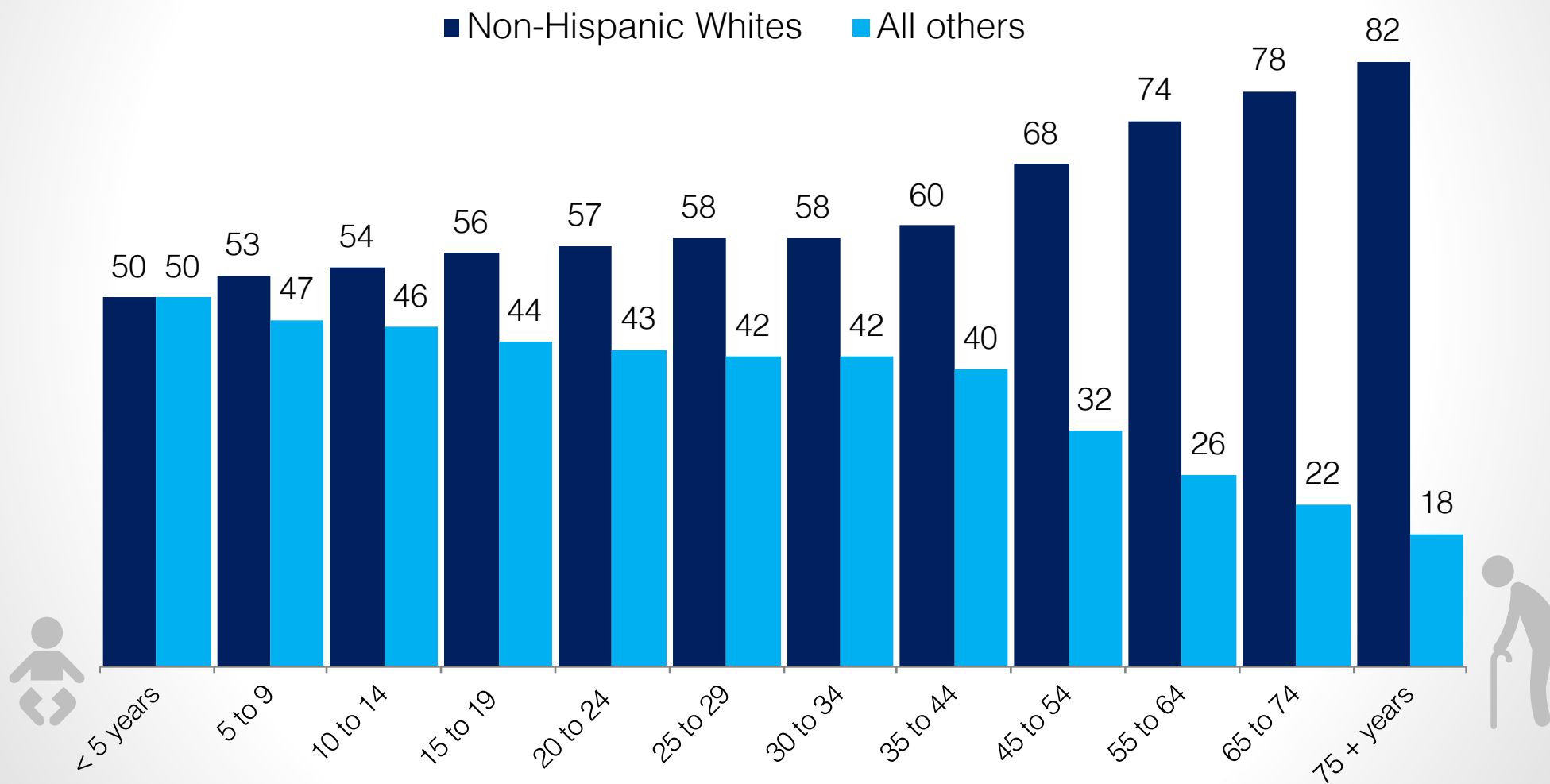


The current population of Harris County by age group and ethnicity (2014)

■ Non-Hispanic Whites ■ All Others

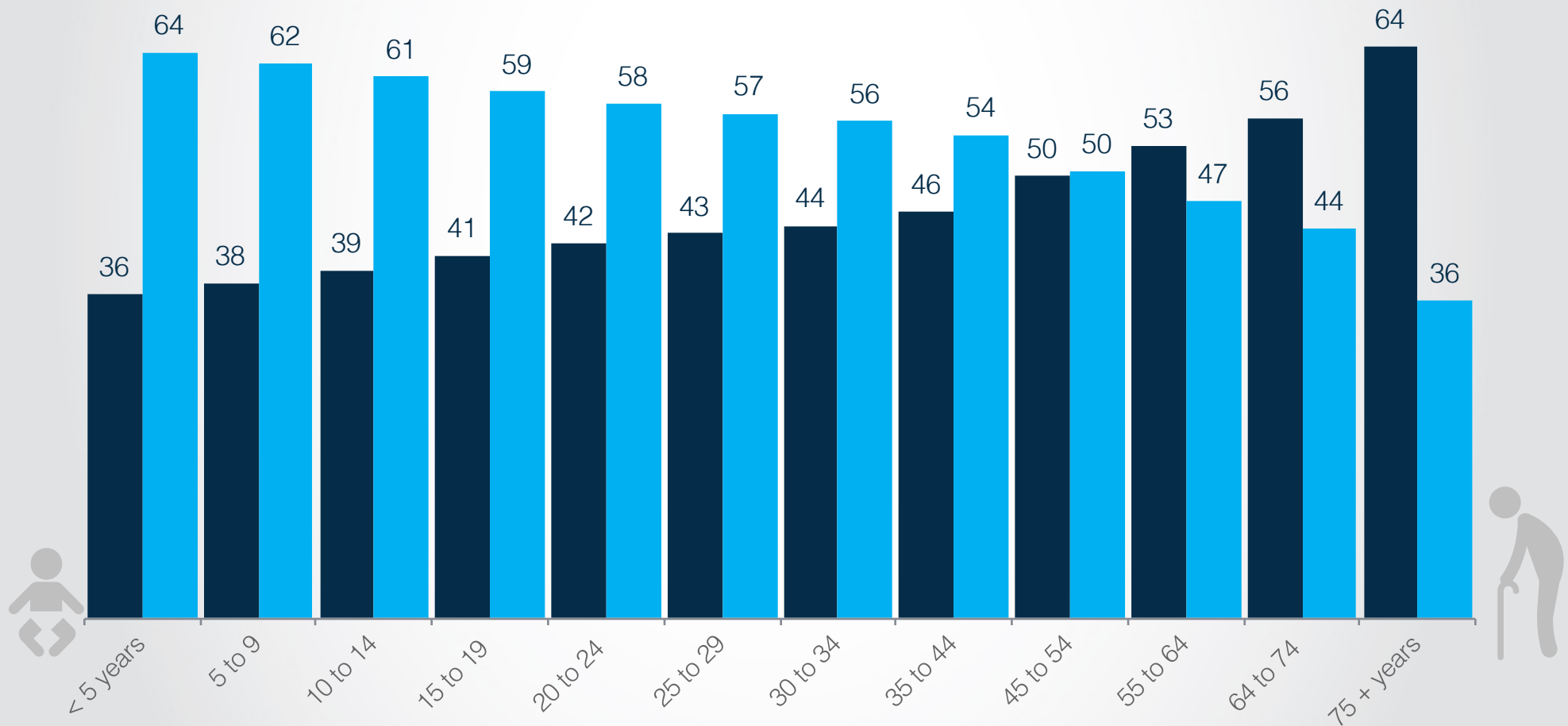


The current population of the United States by age group and ethnicity (2014)

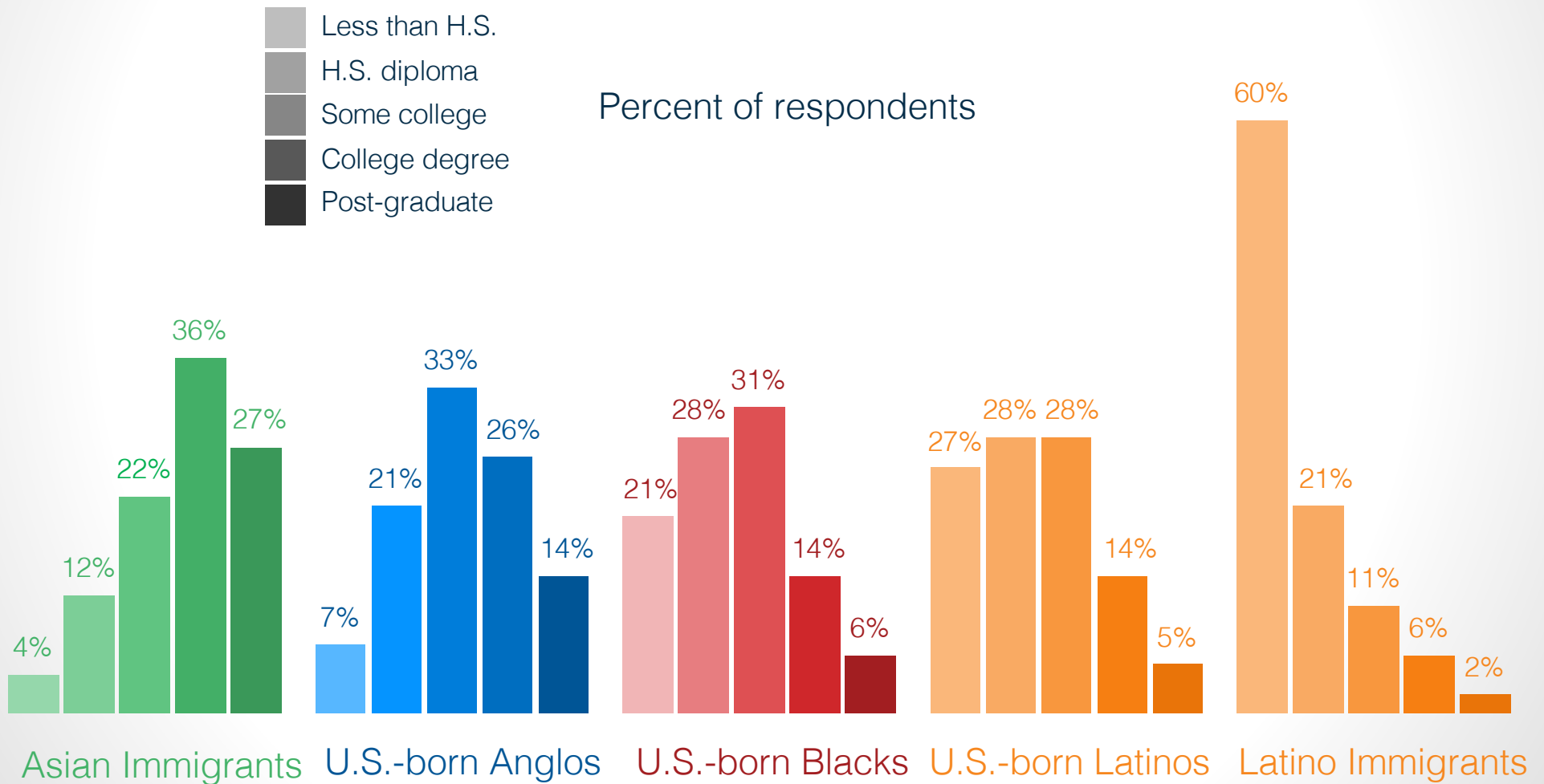


The projected population of the United States by age group and ethnicity in 2050

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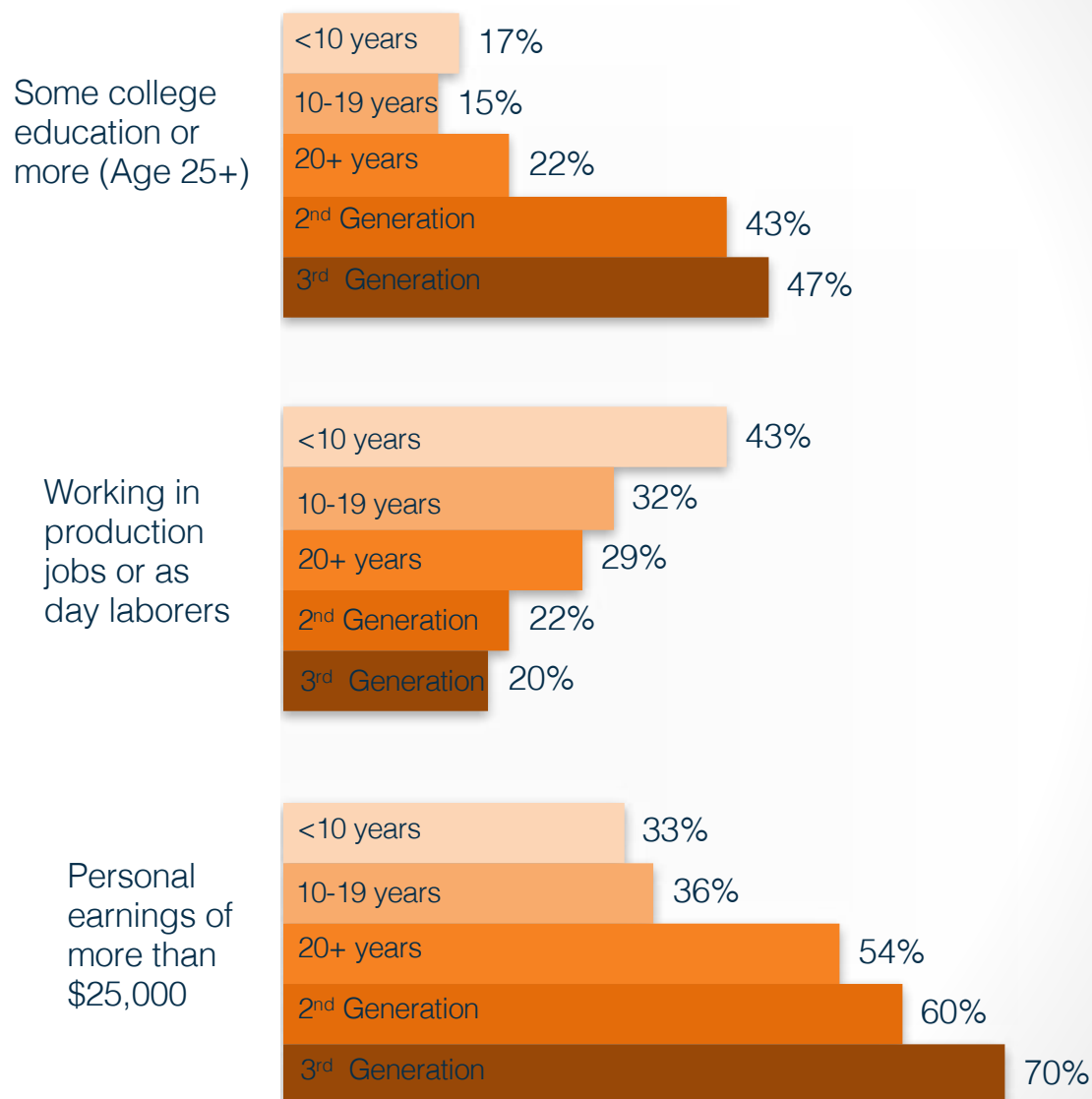


Educational attainment by ethnicity, age 25 and older (2005-2015)



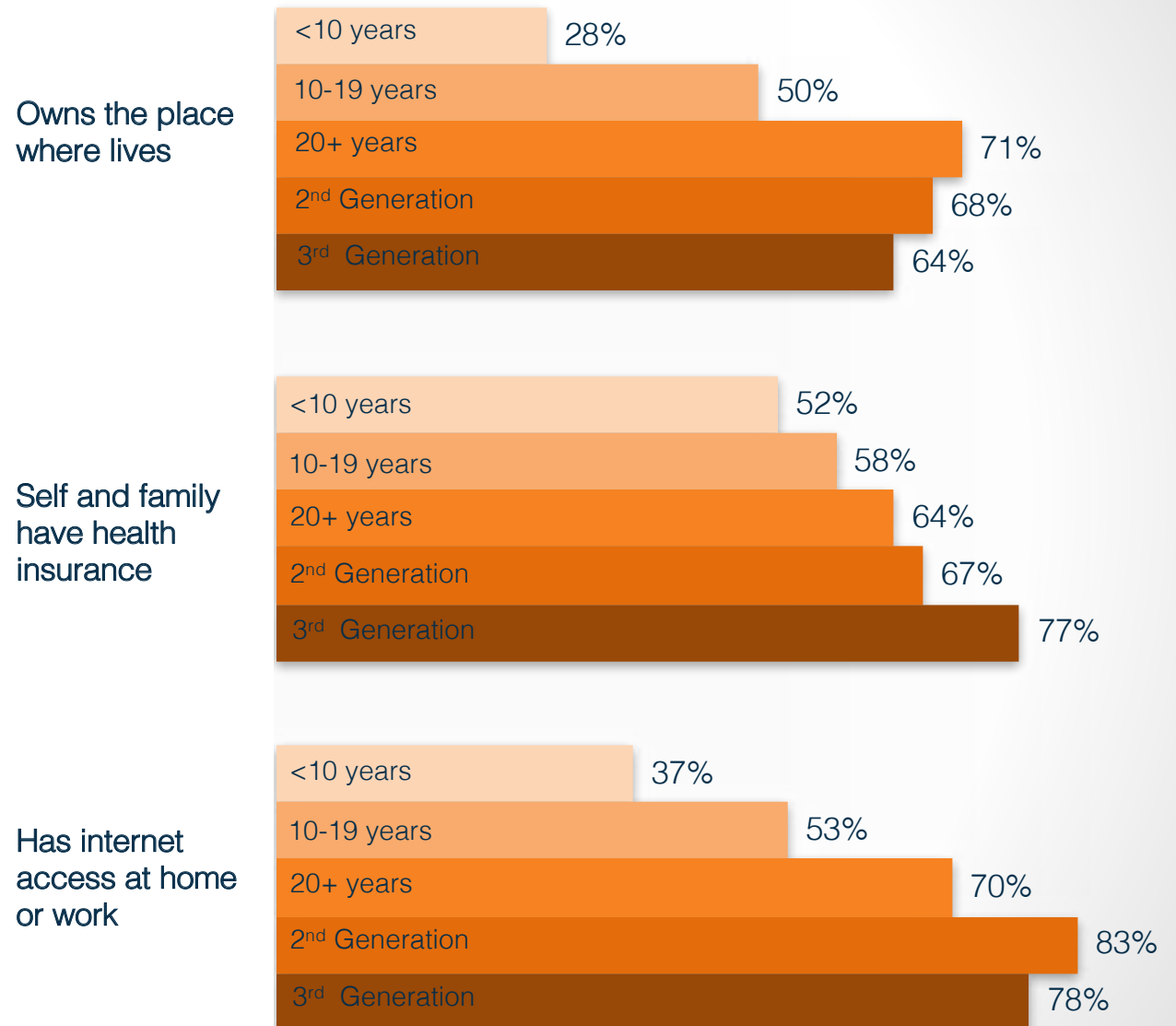
Socioeconomic status among Latinos by time in the U.S. and by generation (2005-2014)

Percent of Latinos by time in the U.S.

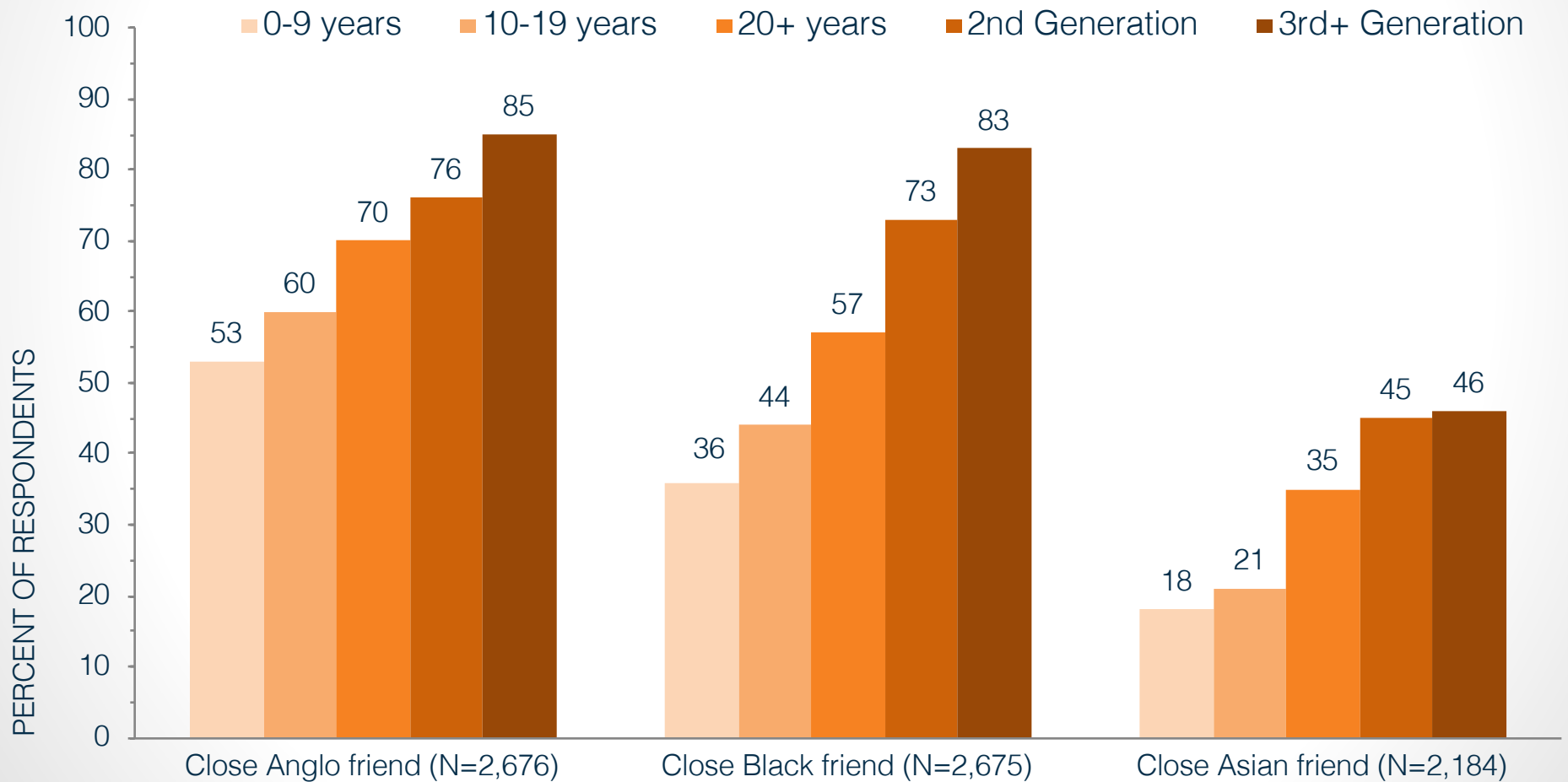


Correlates of SES among Latinos by time in the U.S. and by generation (2005-2014)

Percent of Latinos by time in the U.S.



Interethnic friendships among Latinos by time in the U.S. and by generation (1994-2014)



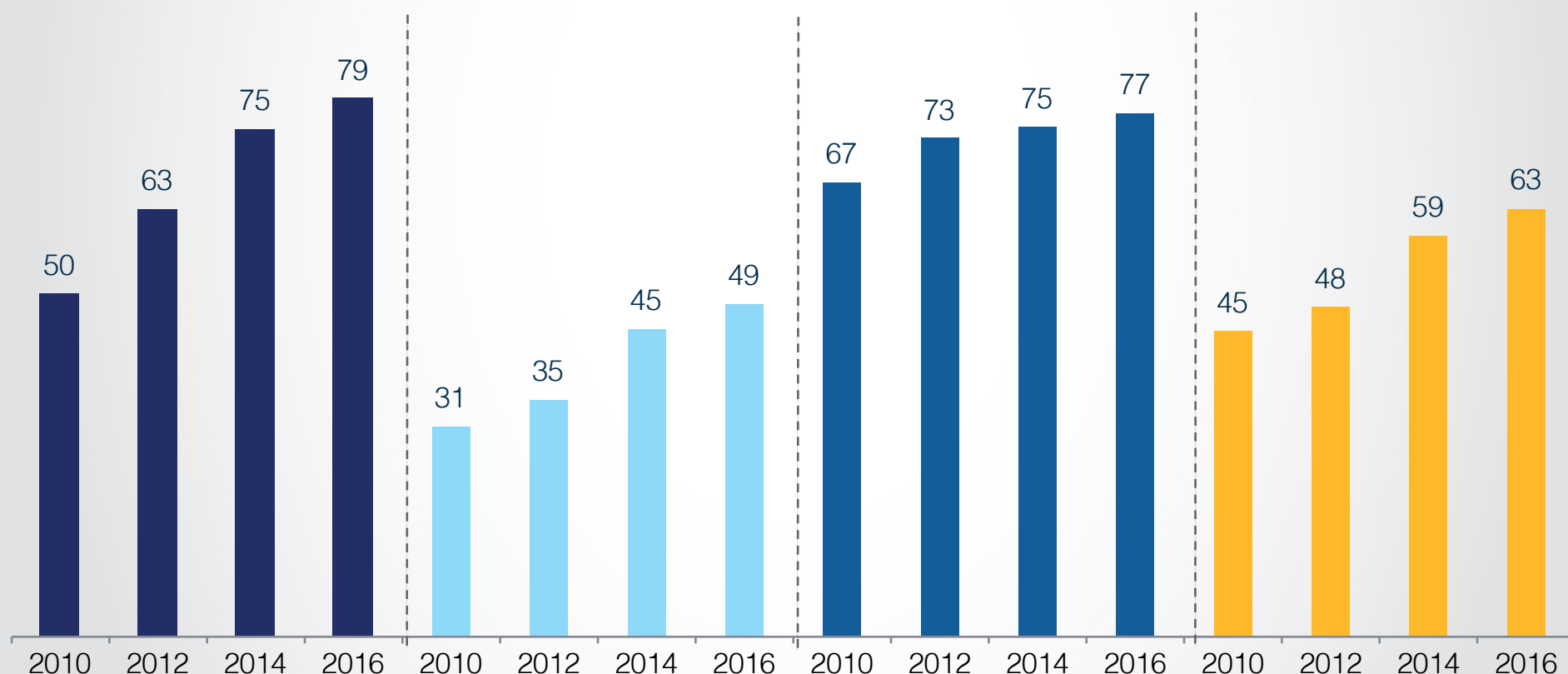
Attitudes toward immigrants (2010-2016)

"The numbers of undocumented immigrants living in the Houston area are not a 'very serious' problem."

Percent expressing positive feelings (6 to 10 on a 10-point scale) about "undocumented immigrants."

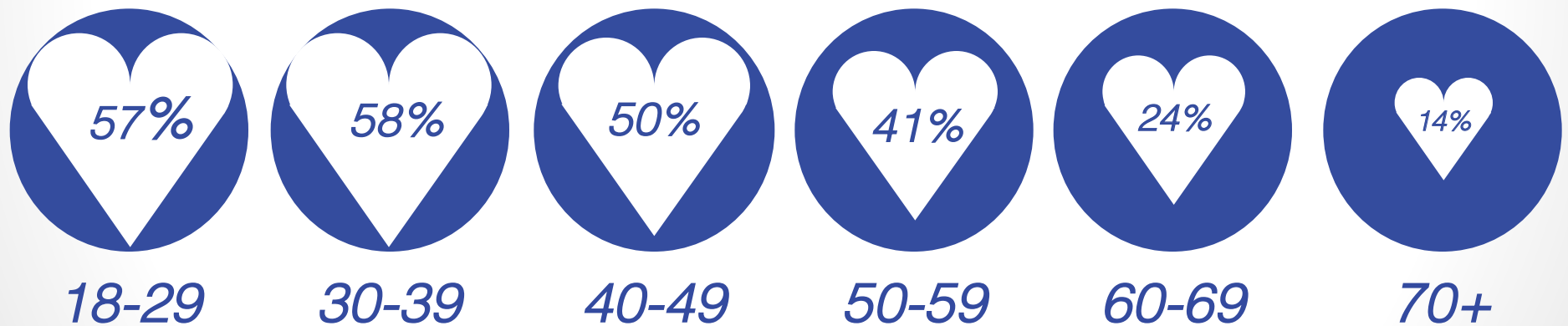
Favor: "Granting illegal immigrants in the U.S. a path to legal citizenship, if they speak English and have no criminal record."

"Immigrants to the U.S. generally contribute more to the American economy than they take."



Interethnic romantic relationships by age among Anglos (2007, 2011 and 2014 combined)

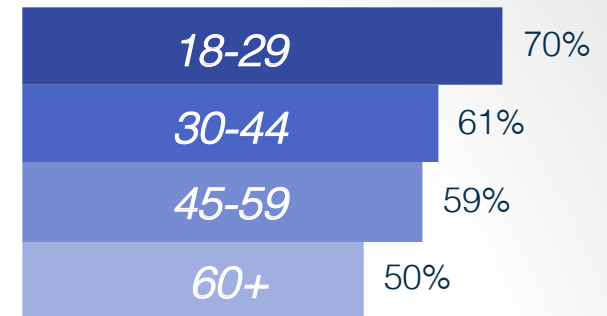
“Have you ever been in a romantic relationship with someone who was not Anglo?”



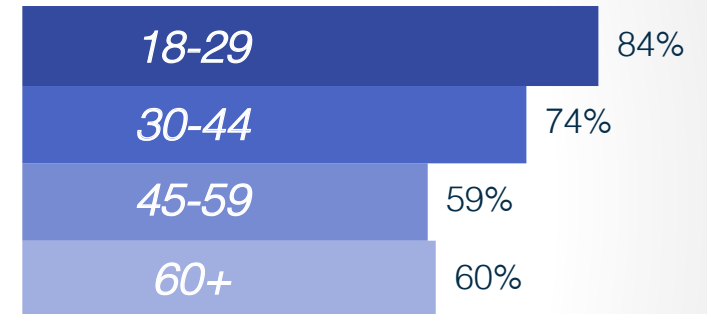
Ethnic attitudes by age among Anglos (2007–2015, combined)

Percent of Anglos agreeing, by age:

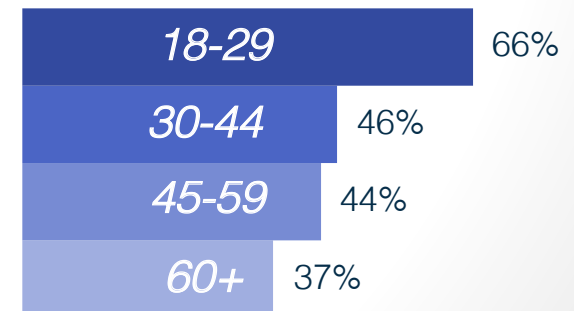
“The increasing ethnic diversity in Houston brought about by immigration is a *good thing*, rather than a bad thing.”



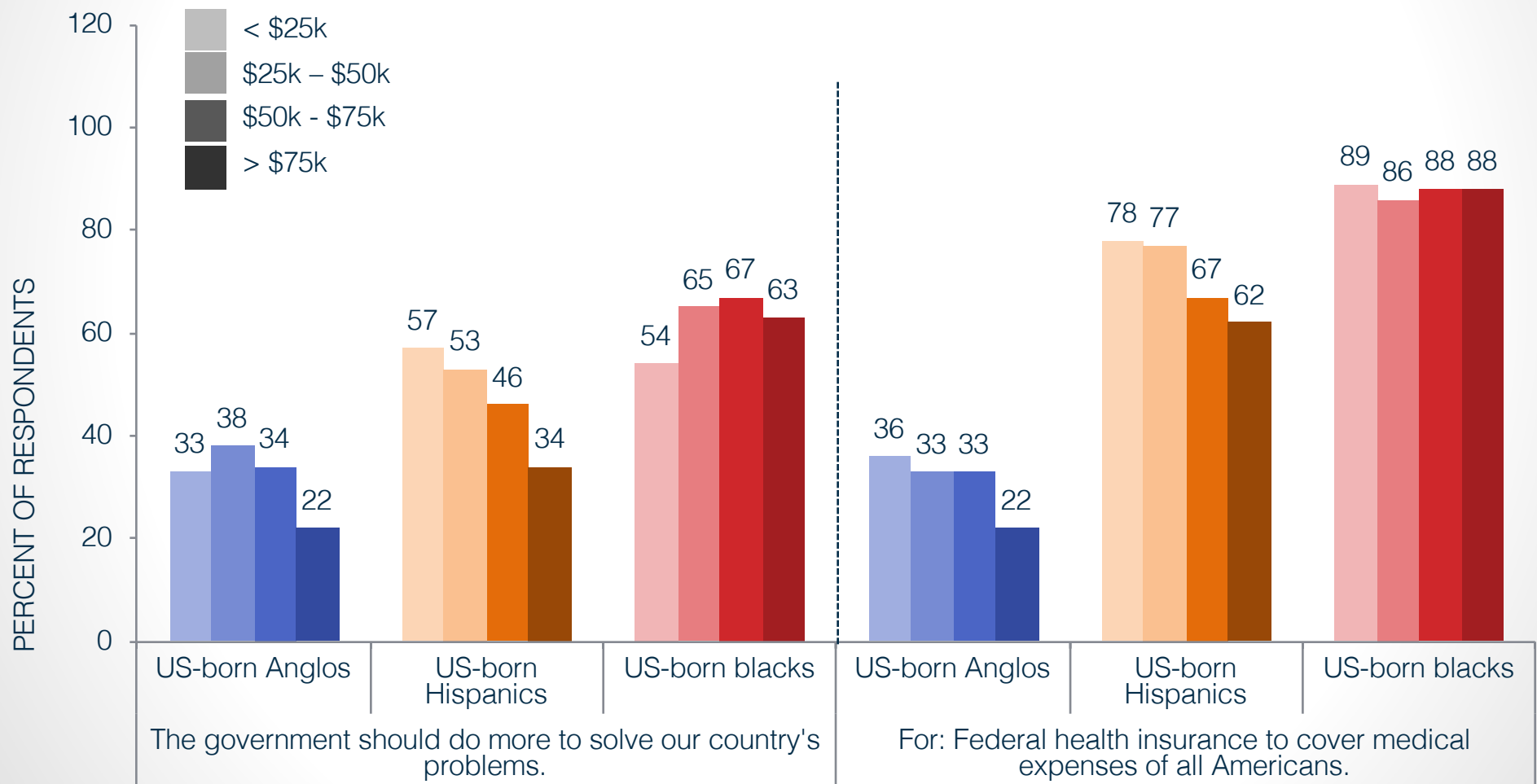
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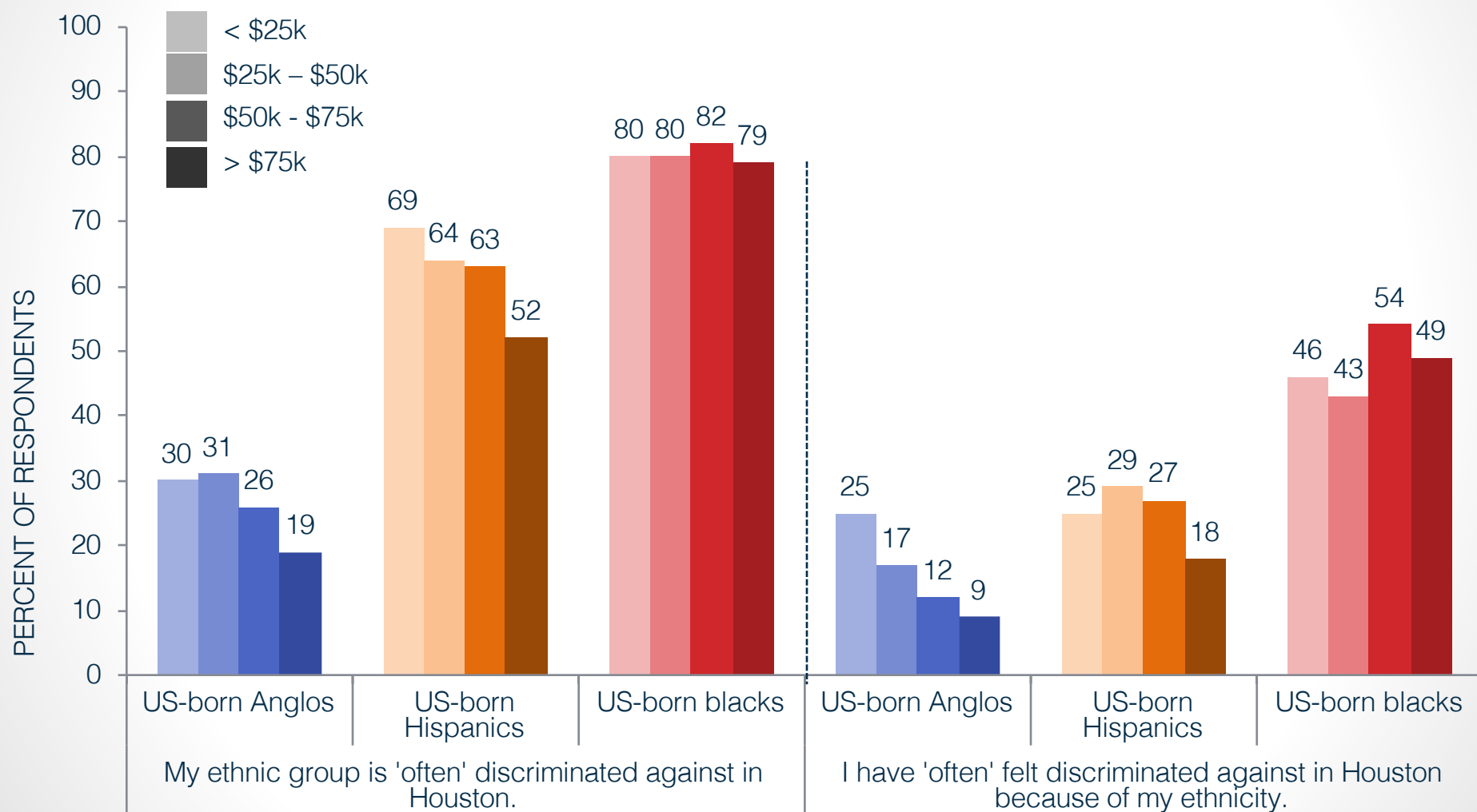
“The increasing immigration into this country today mostly *strengthens*, rather than threatens, American culture.”



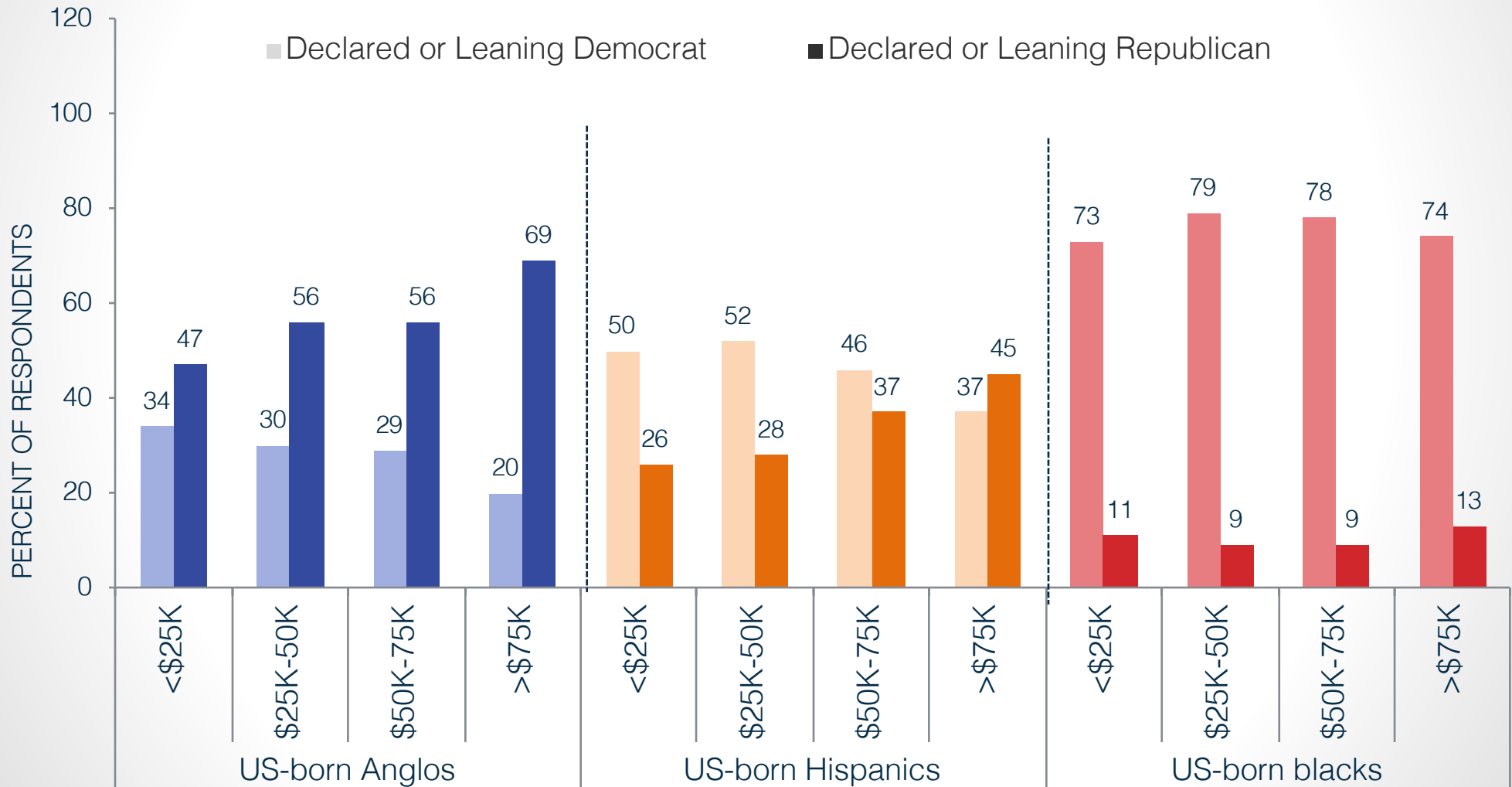
The relation between personal income and beliefs about the role of government (1994-2015)



The relation between personal income and assessments of discrimination (1994-2014)

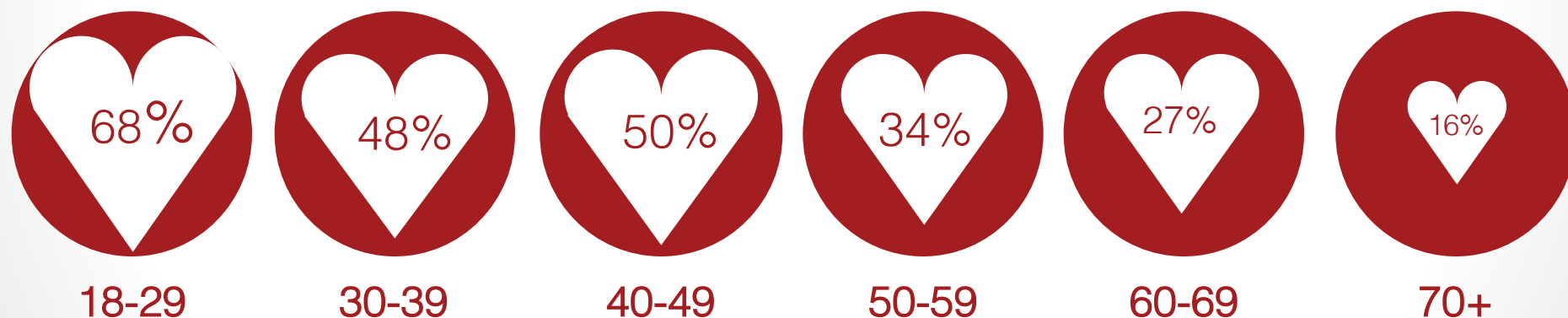


The relation between personal income and political party affiliation (1994-2014)



Interethnic romantic relationships by age among Blacks (2007, 2011 and 2014 combined)

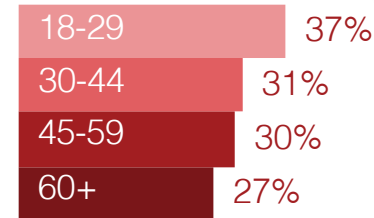
“Have you ever been in a romantic relationship with someone who was not African-American?”



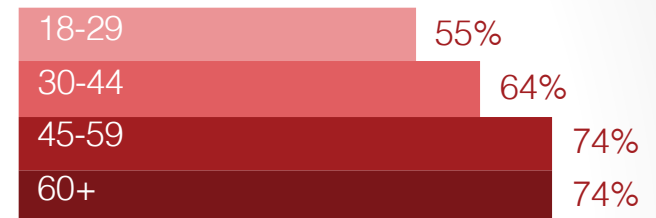
Perceived discrimination by age among Blacks (1994–2014, combined)

Percent of Blacks agreeing, by age:

Blacks and other minorities have the same opportunities as whites in U.S. today.



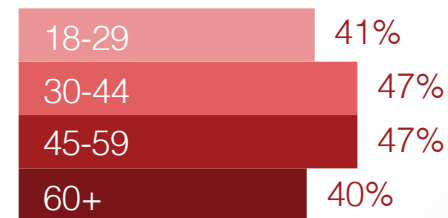
Black people in the U.S. are still a long way from having the same chance in life that white people have.



In general, the criminal justice system in Houston is biased against blacks.



I have 'often' personally felt discriminated against in Houston because of my ethnicity.



Today's pro-growth agenda

Houston needs to develop into a successful multiethnic society, one that nurtures a far more educated urban workforce and develops the communities, where all are encouraged to participate as full partners in shaping the region's future.



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