

Los Angeles Immigration History, Immigrant Integration, and Recent Federal Immigration Changes



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Pueblo de Los Angeles



Earliest-known photo of Los Angeles, circa 1862. The view looks east over the Los Angeles Plaza from atop Fort Moore Hill. Courtesy of the USC Libraries – California Historical Society Collection.

Immigrant Integration

Integration is an intentional process that includes the needs of immigrants communities and their families into government policies at the city, regional, and state level. We see immigrant integration as a dynamic, reciprocal relationship in which newcomers and the receiving society both have a responsibility for integration, and both benefit as they work together to build safe, thriving, and connected communities.

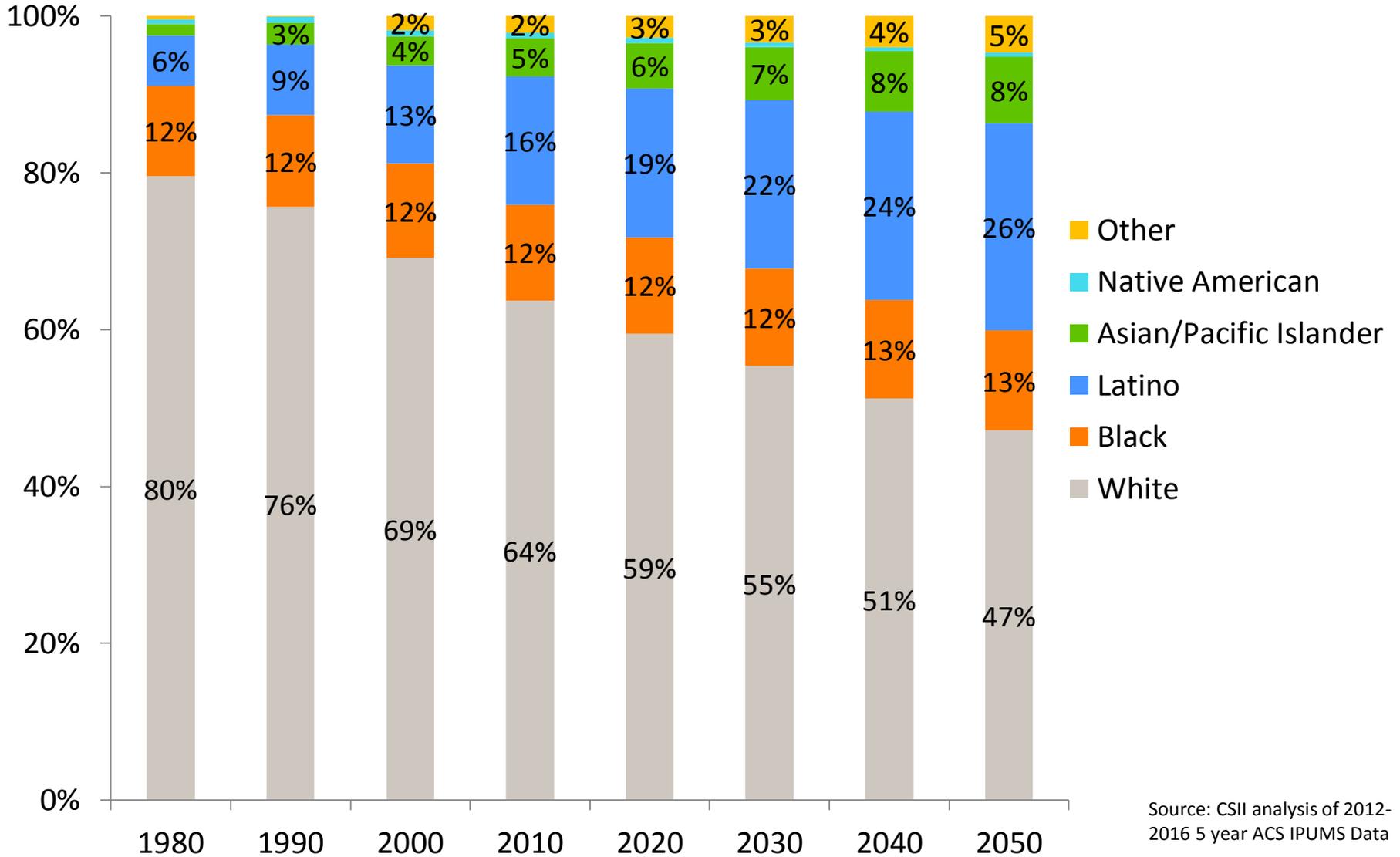
Immigrant Integration

Economic mobility: the ability to fully engage in the economy, obtain quality jobs, start businesses, and thrive economically.

Warmth of welcome: the extent to which immigrants are welcomed by the receiving society.

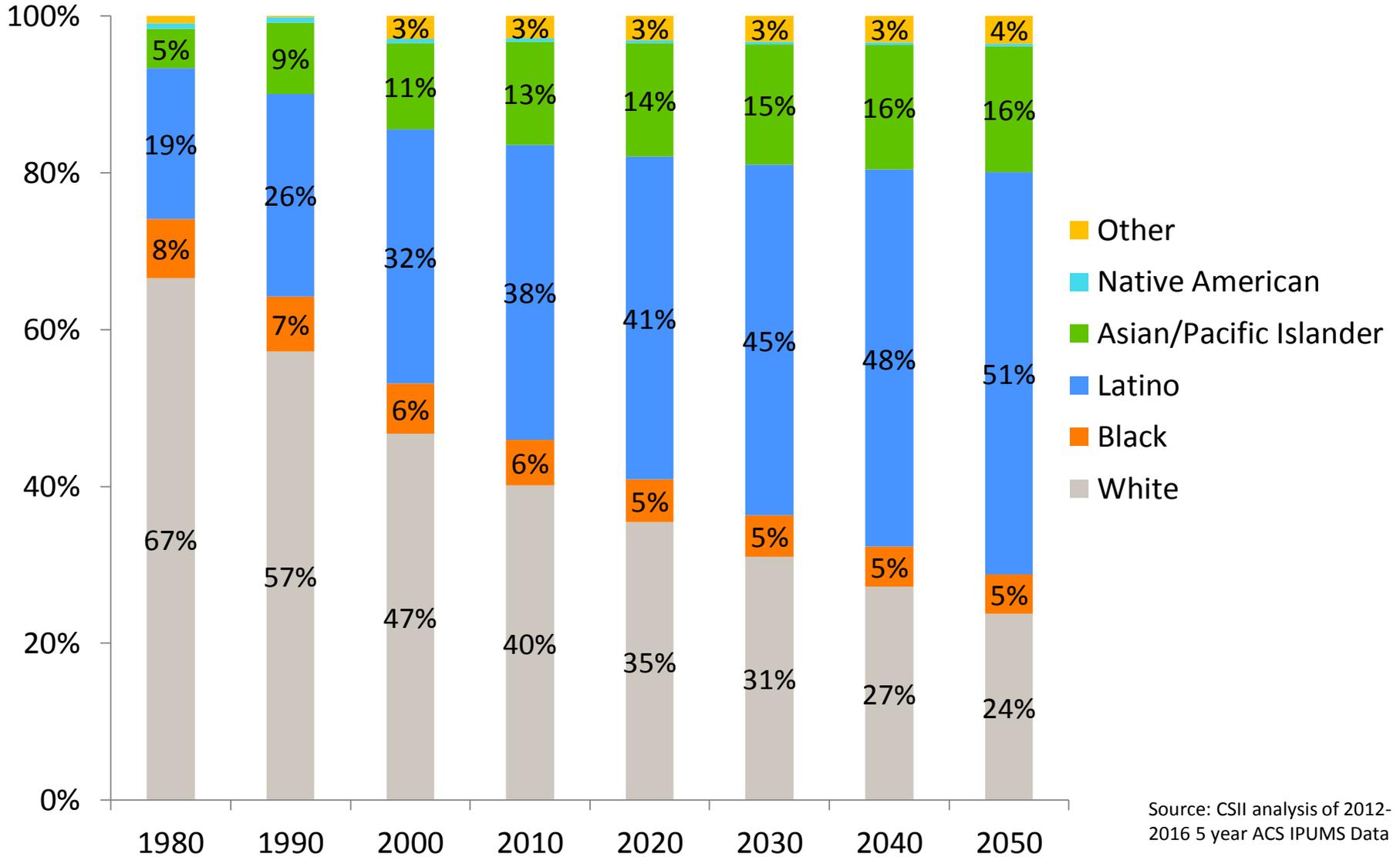
Civic engagement: the ability to engage and participate in their communities.

Changing Demographics United States, 1980-2050



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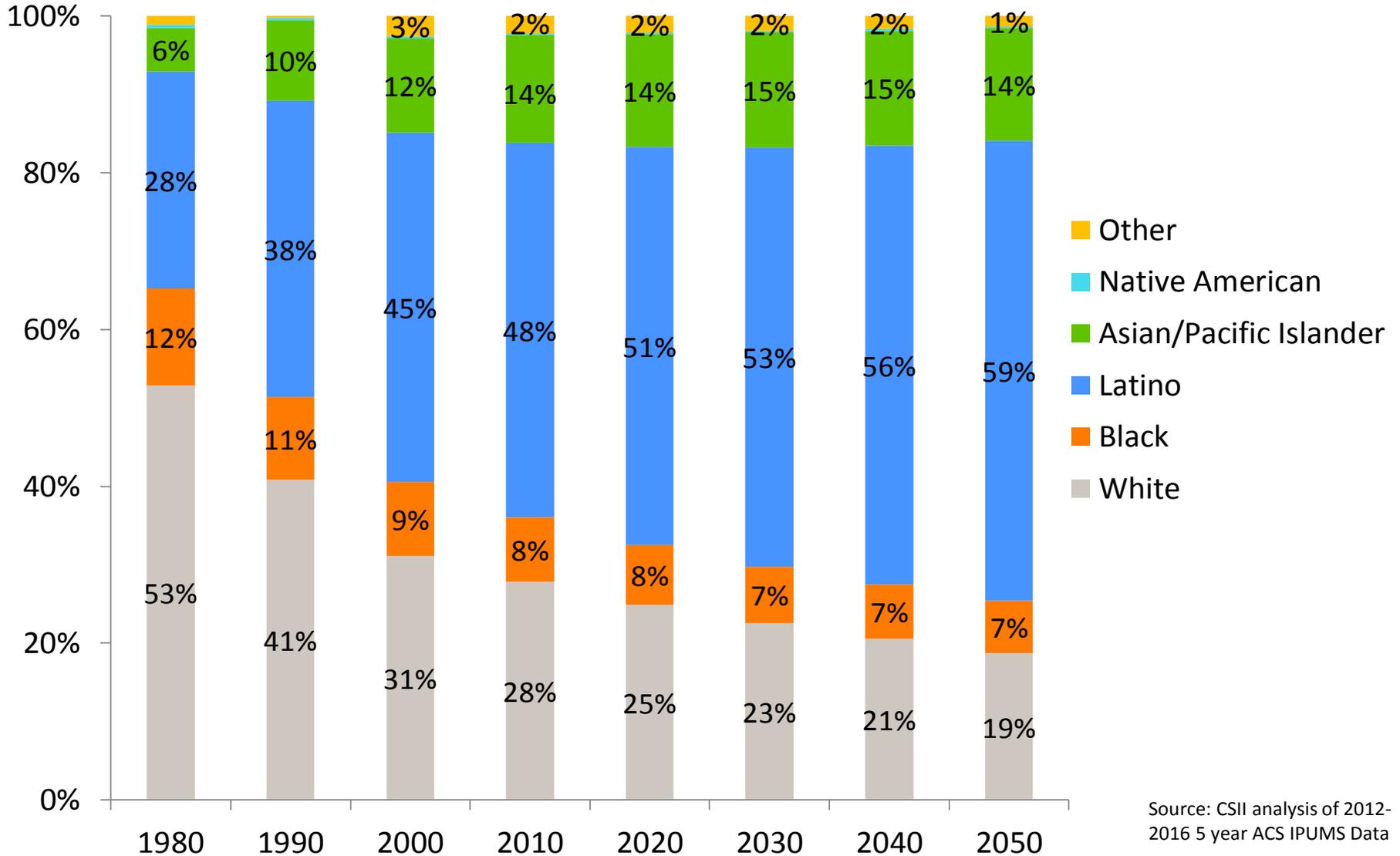
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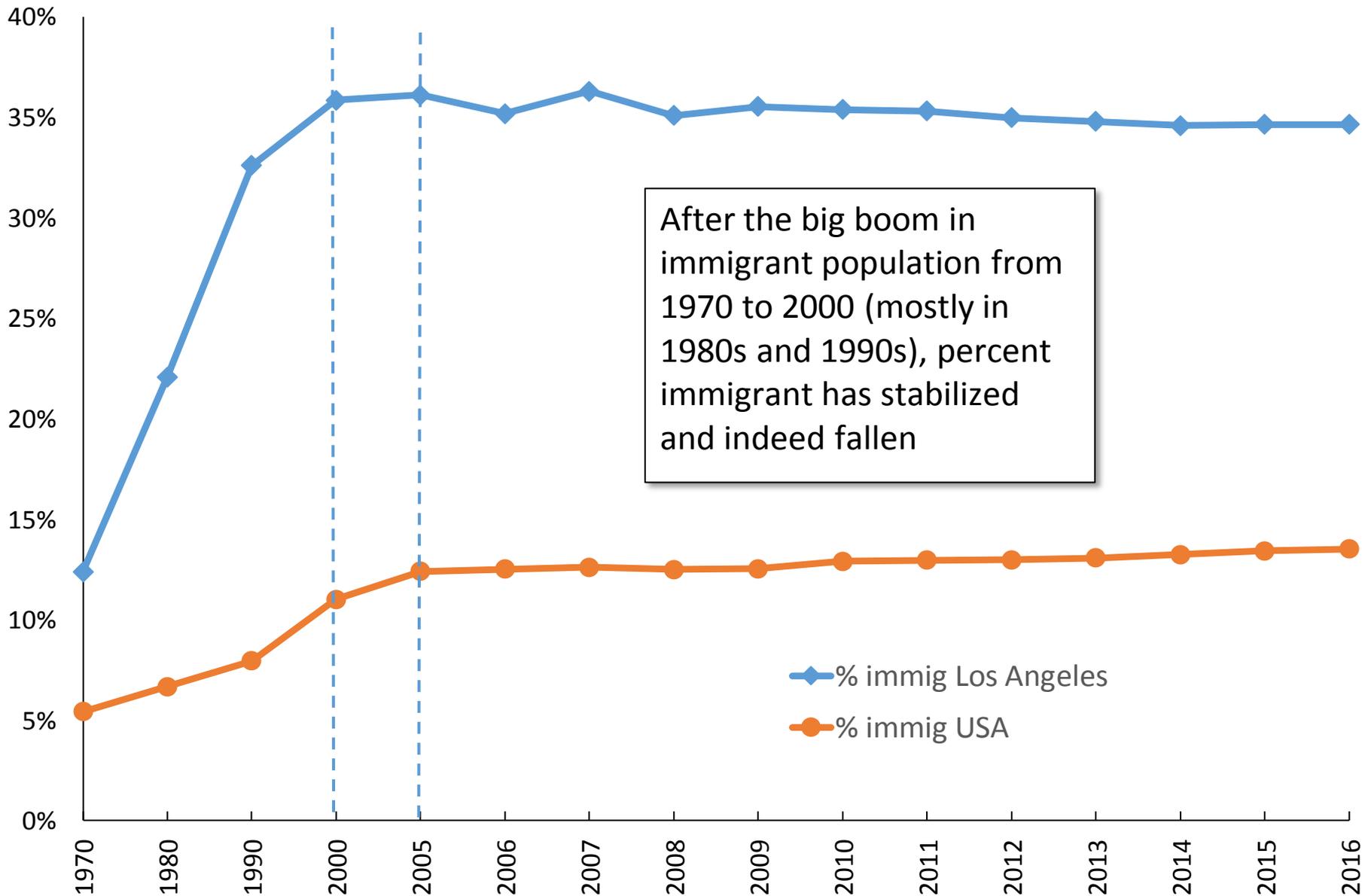
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Los Angeles County, CA 1980-2040



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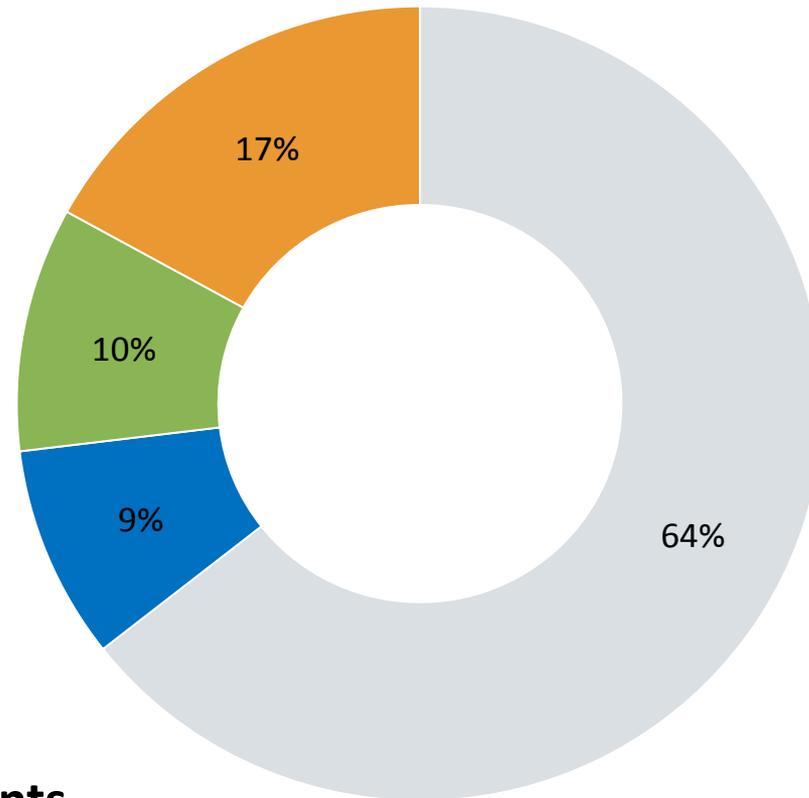
Percent Immigrant in Los Angeles County, 1970-2016



Demographics

Immigration Status, Los Angeles County, 2012-2016

- U.S.-born
- Immigrant: Undocumented
- Immigrant: Lawful permanent resident
- Immigrant: Naturalized U.S. citizen



One third of Angelinos are immigrants

- 80% have been in the country 10 years or longer
- 86% are people of color
- 1 in 5 Angelinos are undocumented themselves or live with a family member who is undocumented
- 68% of undocumented Angelinos have been in the U.S. more than a decade

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Demographics

Populations by Ancestry, Los Angeles County, 2012-2016

Top Birth Countries for those who Migrated
More than 30 Years Ago

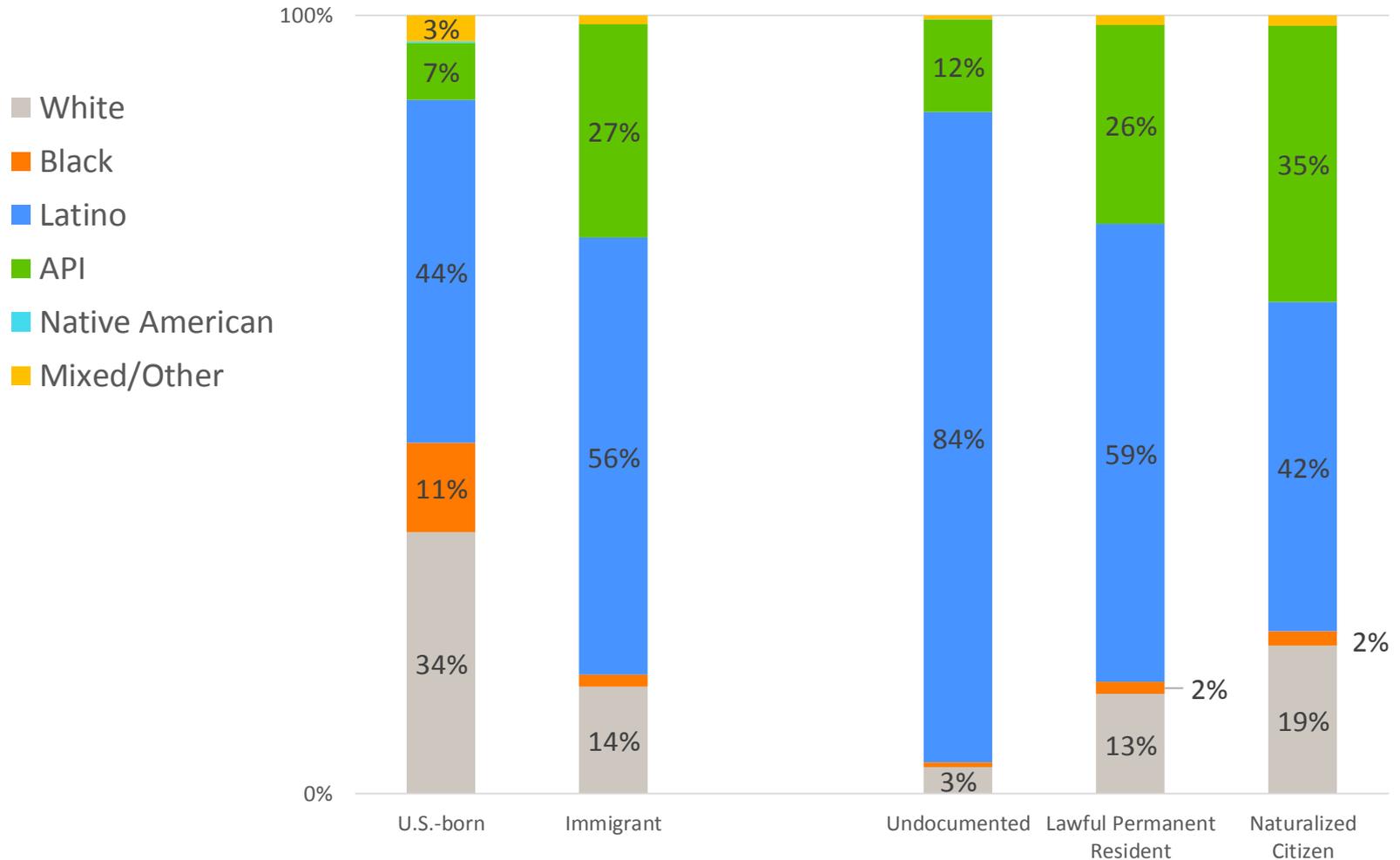
Country	Number	Percentage of Total
Mexico	451,587	42%
El Salvador	82,088	8%
Philippines	62,991	6%
Korea	49,049	5%
Vietnam	39,396	4%
Guatemala	34,829	3%
Iran	30,889	3%
China	29,313	3%
Taiwan	22,577	2%
All Other Countries	275,504	26%

Top Birth Countries for those who Migrated Less
than 10 Years Ago

Country	Number	Percentage of Total
Mexico	169,495	25%
China	72,443	11%
Philippines	54,688	8%
El Salvador	47,874	7%
Guatemala	44,926	7%
Korea	32,806	5%
Iran	28,425	4%
India	24,717	4%
Vietnam	14,001	2%
All Other Countries	192,721	28%

Demographics

Immigration Status by Race/Ethnicity, Los Angeles County, 2012-2016

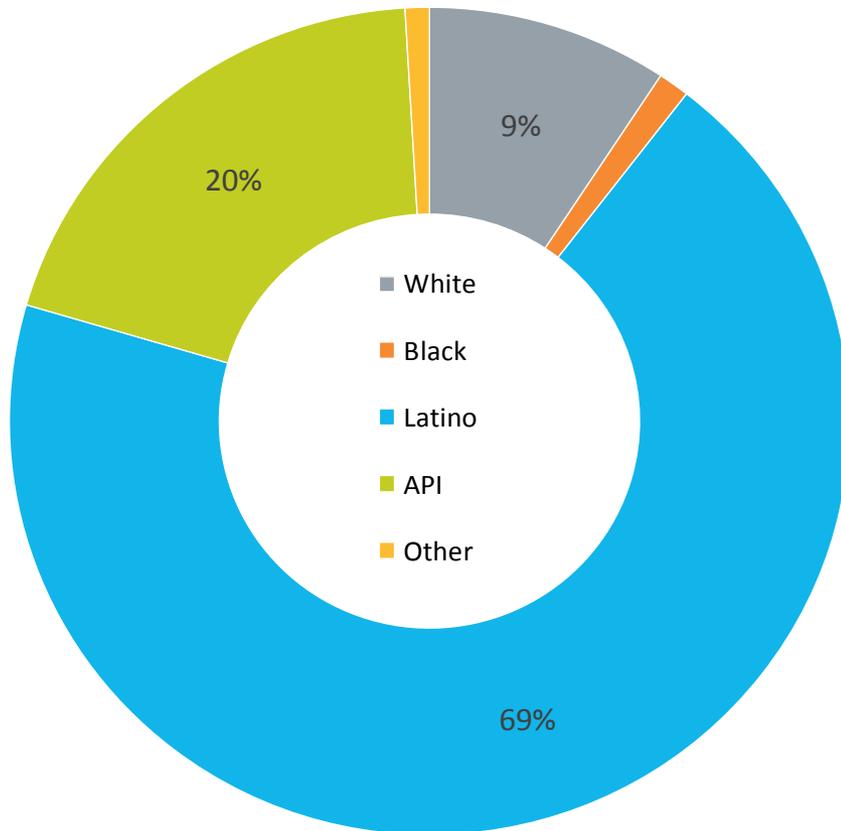


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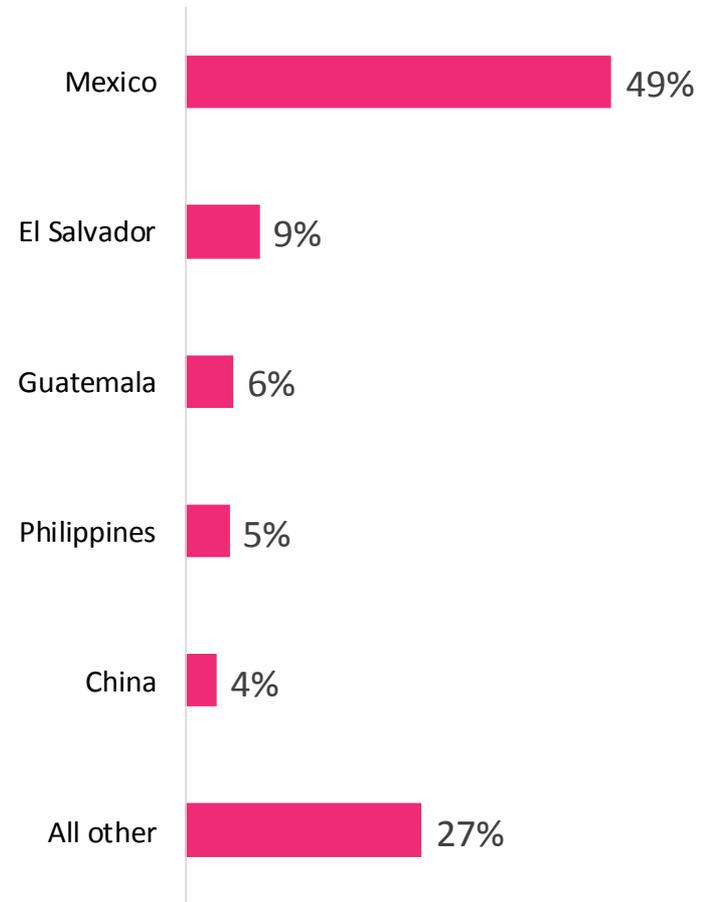
Civic Engagement

Eligible-to-Naturalize Adults, Los Angeles, 2012-2016

by Race/Ethnicity



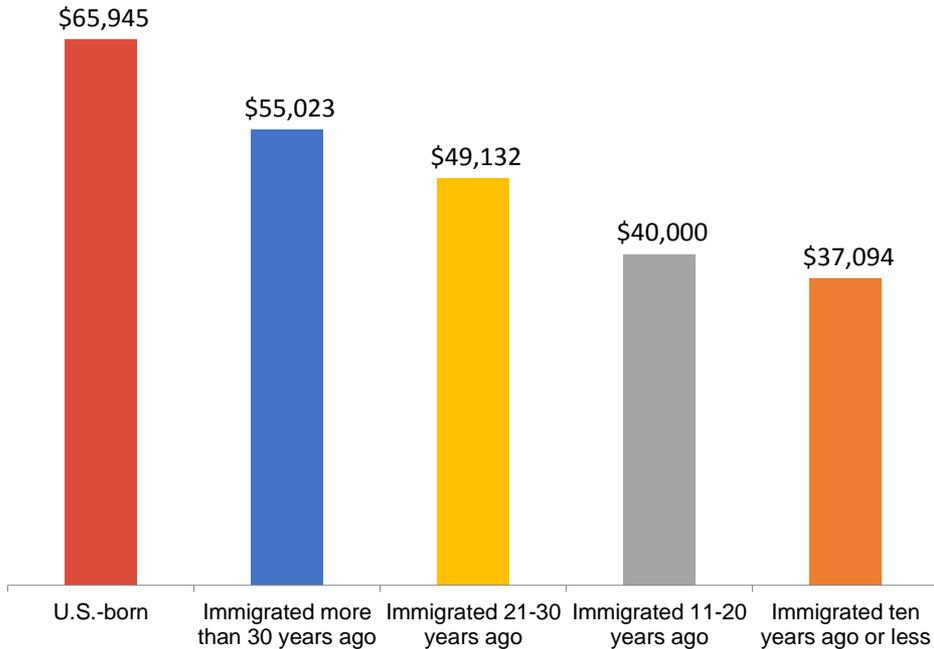
by Country of Origin



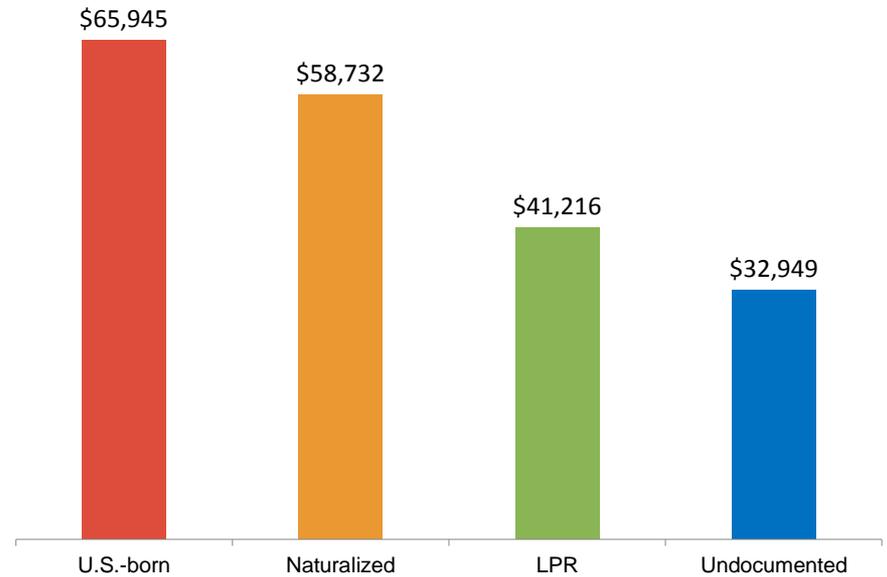
Economic Mobility

Median Household Income, Los Angeles County, 2012-2016

By Recency of Arrival



By Immigration Status



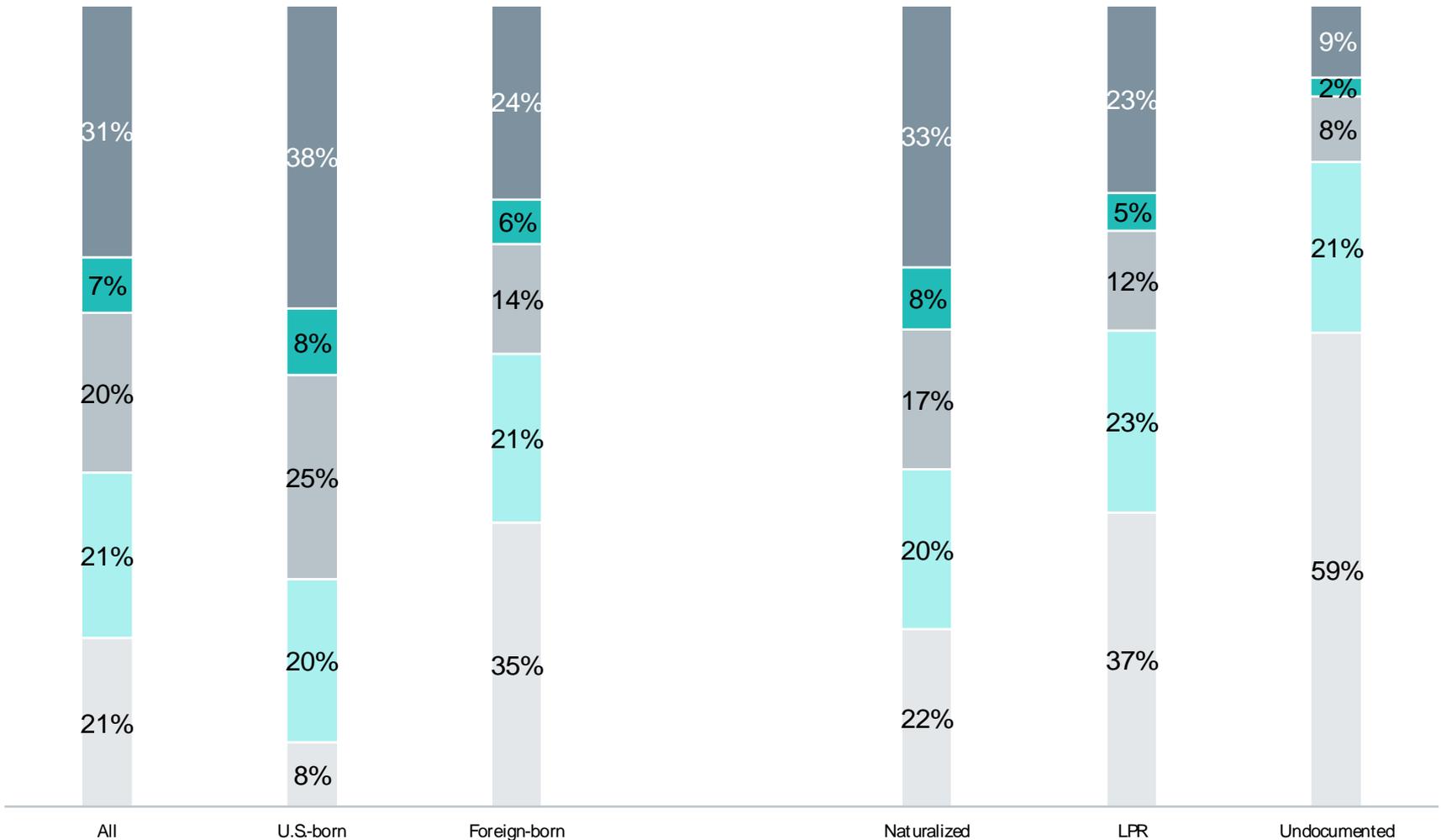
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Note: The dollar values depicted are 2016 dollars.

Economic Mobility

Educational Attainment by Status, Los Angeles County, 2012-2016

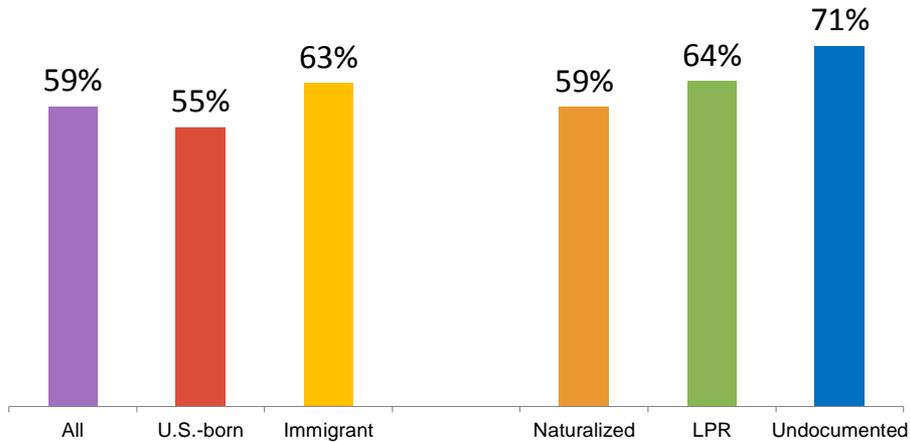
■ Less than high school diploma ■ High school diploma ■ Some college ■ Associate's degree ■ Bachelor's degree or higher



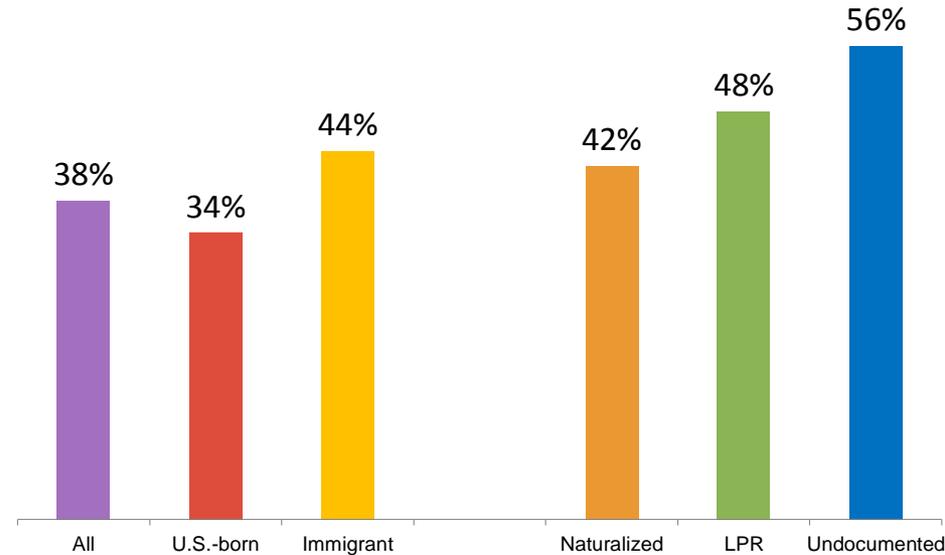
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Housing Burden, Los Angeles County, 2012-2016

Percent Rent Burden by Status



Percent Homeowner Burden by Status



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Current Policy Issues and Concerns

1. DHS Flores Rule
2. DHS Fee Waiver Rule
3. Public Charge
4. Health Insurance Requirement
5. Changes in Entry Policies/Family Reunification
6. Census 2020
7. Supreme Court (DACA Constitutionality)
8. Reduction in the Asylum Ceiling or Quota
9. Detention/Enforcement
10. Proposed HUD Rule Change on Mixed-Status Families

State of Immigrants in LA County

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Thank you!

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