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Changing Dynamics and Characteristics of Immigration to the United States



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U.S. Immigration Today

- ***Demographic Background***
 - How many? What kinds?
 - From where? To where?
- ***Unauthorized Migrants***
 - Who are they?
 - Do policy proposals fit?
- ***What Are Their Impacts?***
 - U.S. population & economy
 - Origin & destination impacts

Migration Flows to U.S.

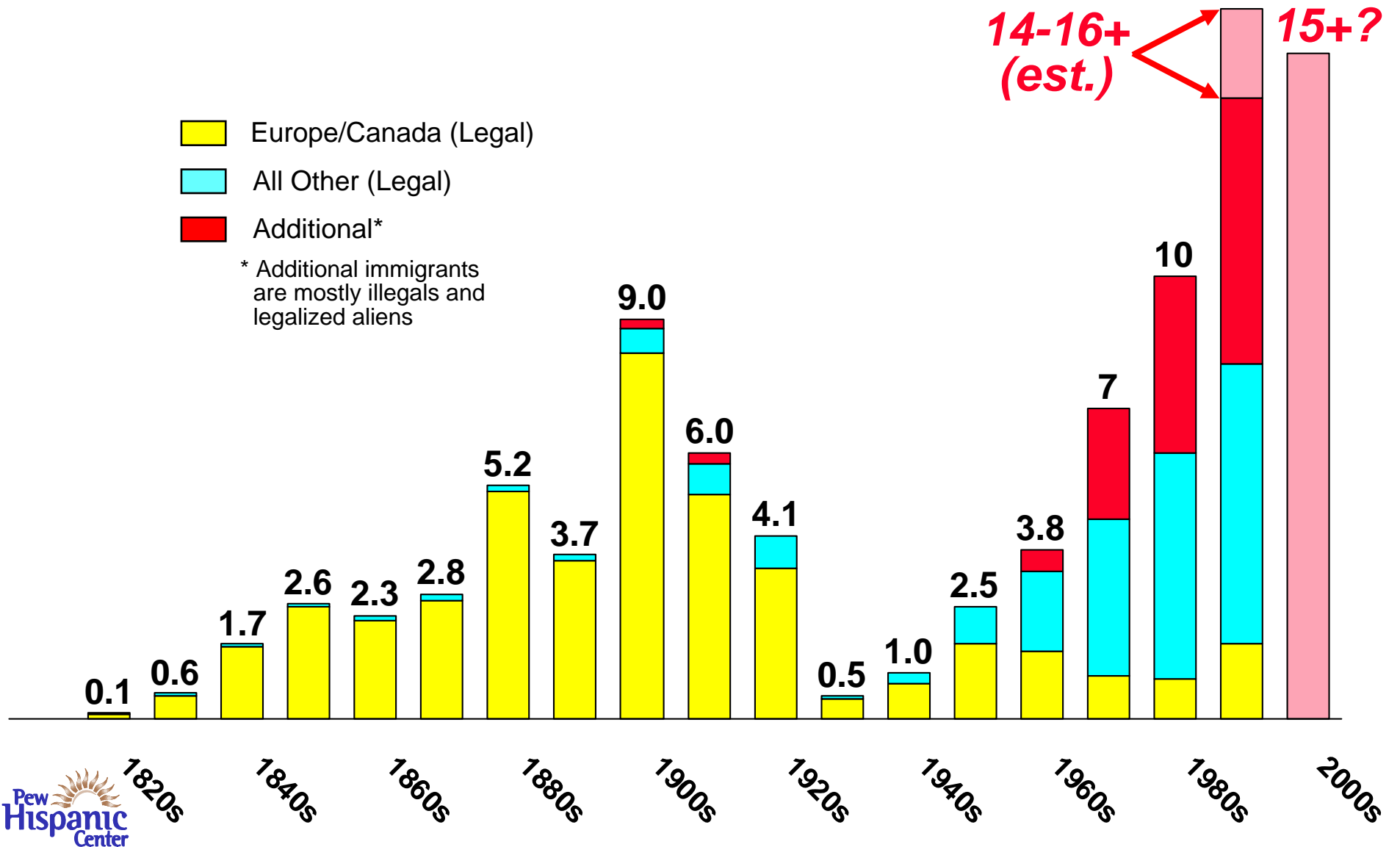
- ***Large, Increasing Flows***
 - Shift to Latin America & Asia
- ***New Migrants are Unauthorized***
 - More Heavily Latin American
- ***Responsive to Origin & Destination***
 - Job Availability in U.S.
 - Conditions in Mexico & Elsewhere
- ***New Destinations Emerge***
 - Driven by *Unauthorized*

U.S. Population -- Basics

U.S. Population (2005)	296.4 million
Births (annual)	4.1 million
Deaths	- 2.4 million
Legal Immigration	900,000
Unauth. <i>In</i>-migration	<i>800,000</i>
Unauth. “Out”	<i>-275,000 (?)</i>
Emigration (legal)	<i>-225,000</i>
<i>Growth Rate</i>	<i>1.0 %</i>
(Very Rapid)	

21st Century: Current In-Flows Are Very High

Millions of Immigrants

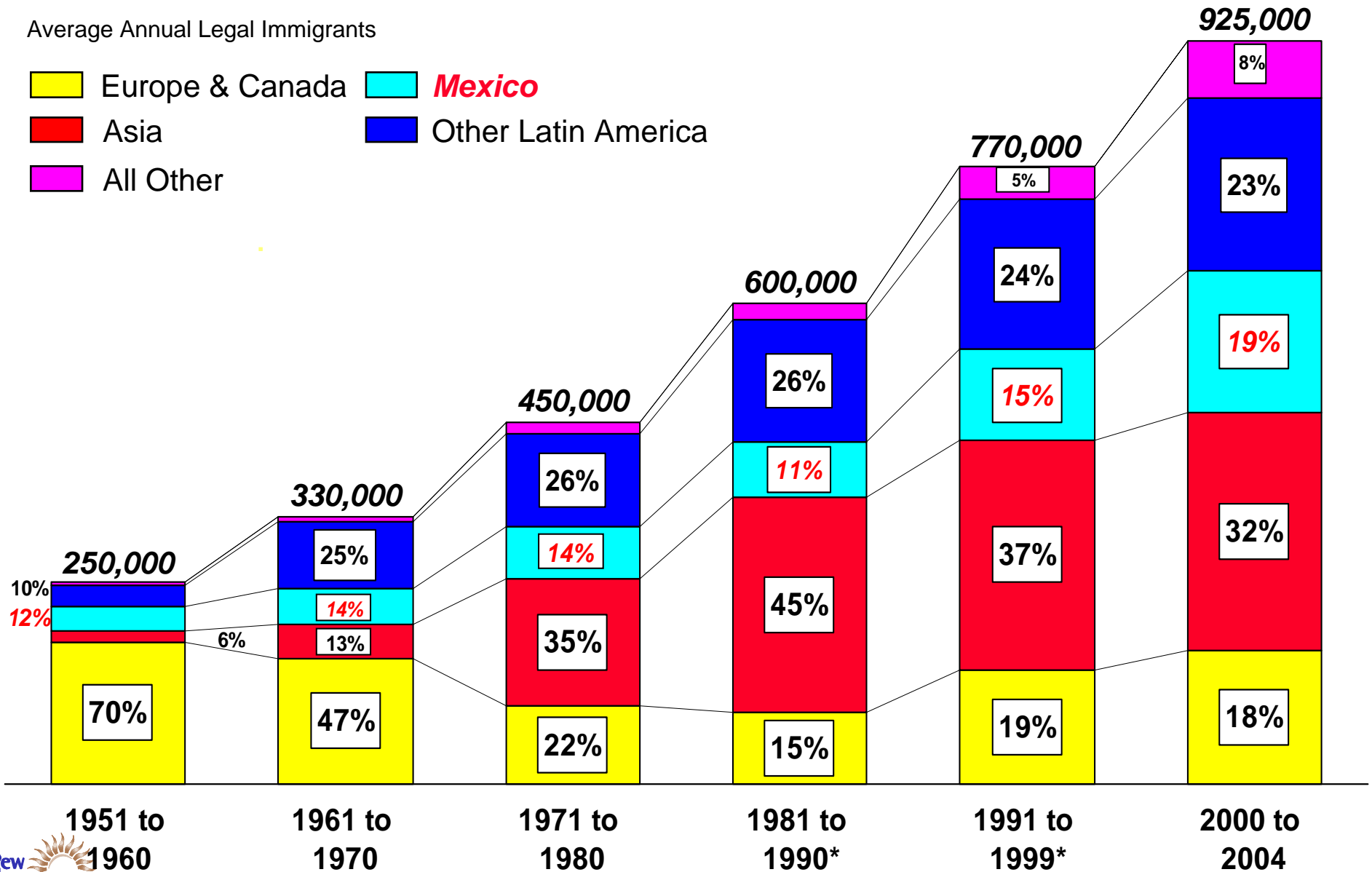
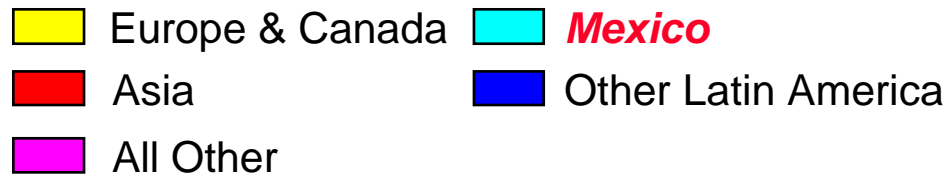


Multiple Goals of Immigration Policy

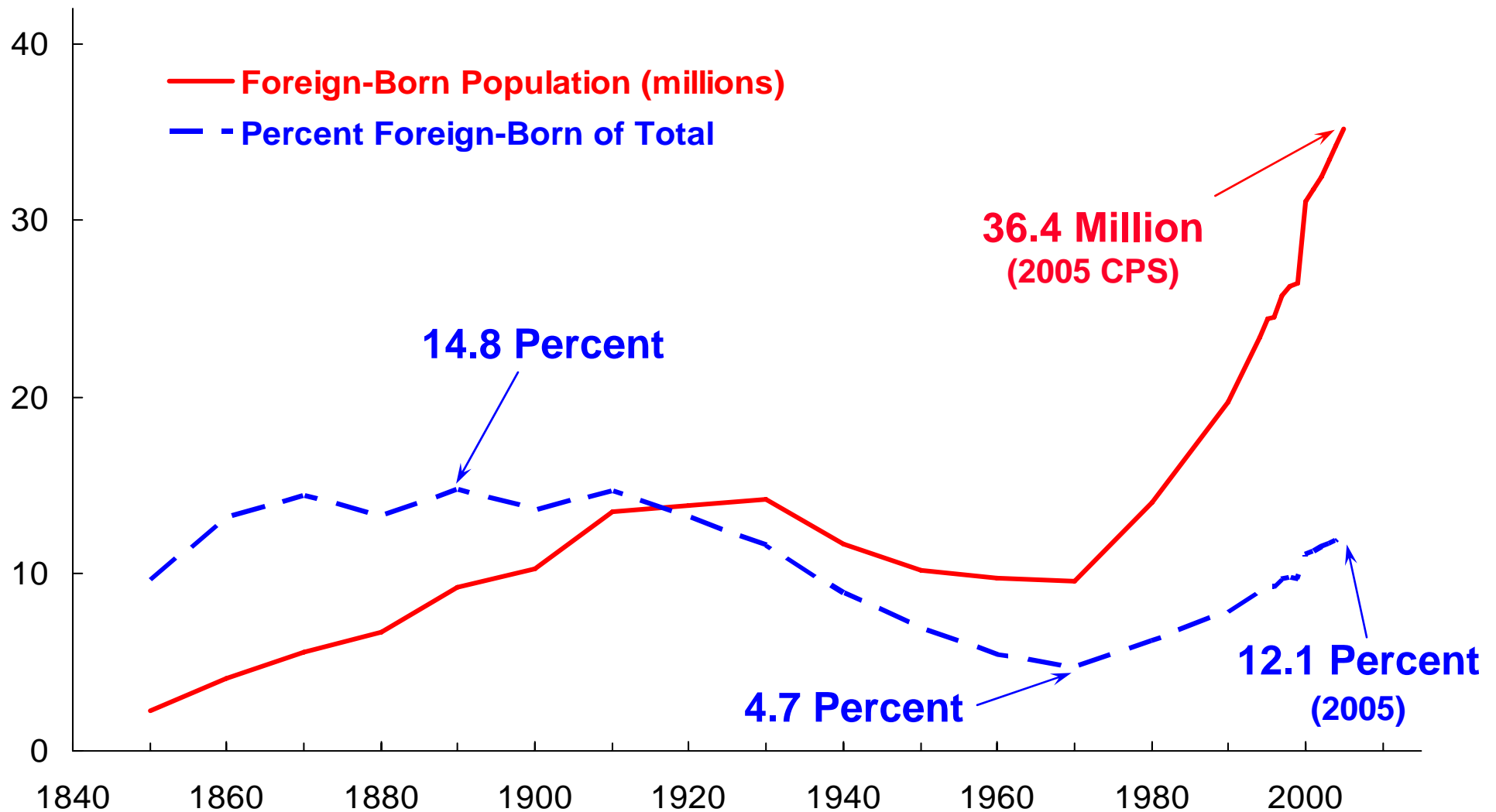
- **Economic** -- Competitiveness, Jobs
- **Social** -- Family Unification
- **Moral** -- Human Rights
- **Cultural** -- Pluralism
- **Legal** -- Sovereignty, Security, & Rule of Law

Mexico – Largest Source of Legals

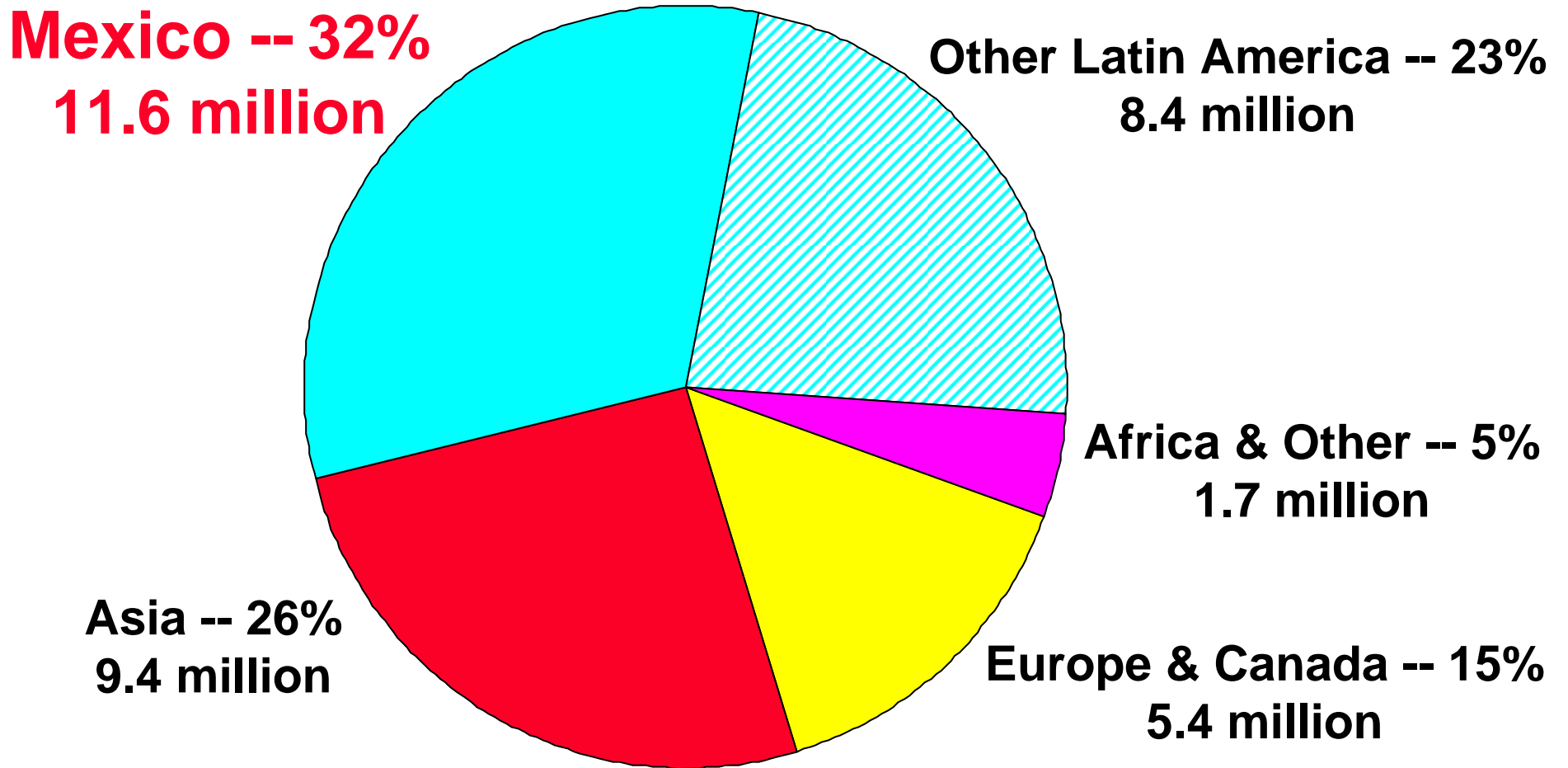
Average Annual Legal Immigrants



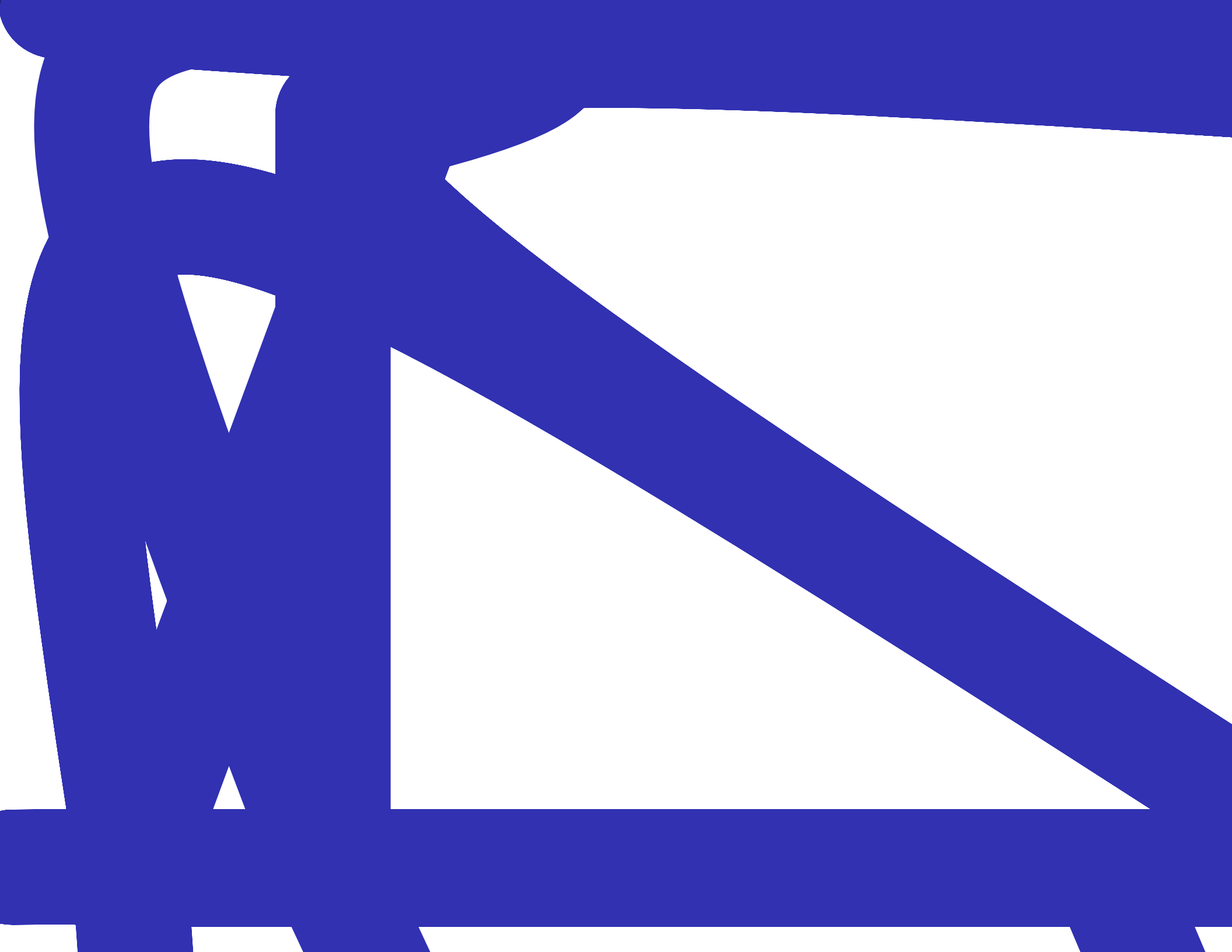
Immigrant Numbers at Peak -- Percentage is Not



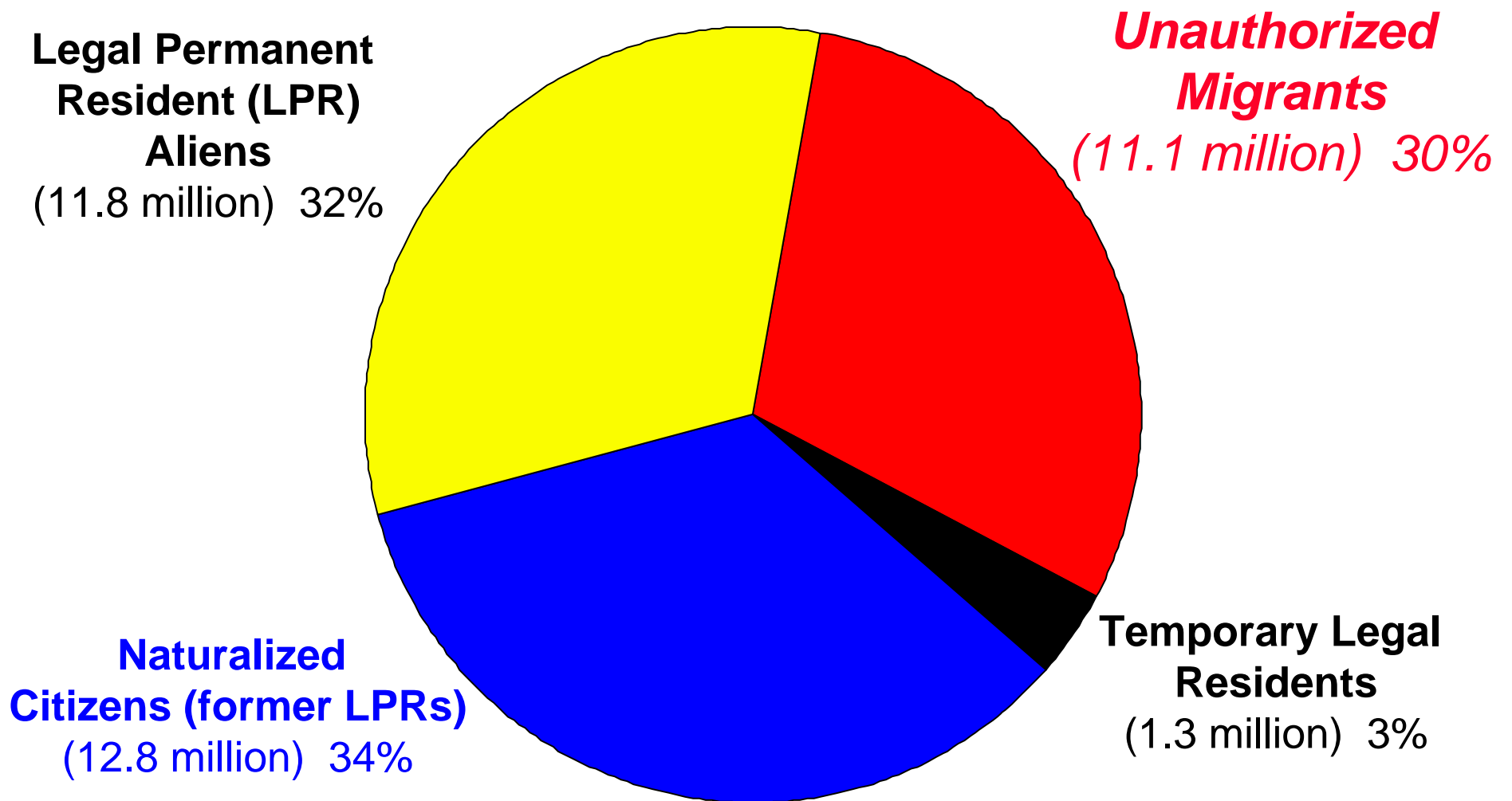
Latin Americans & Asians Dominate Foreign-Born



36.4 Million Foreign-Born in 2005

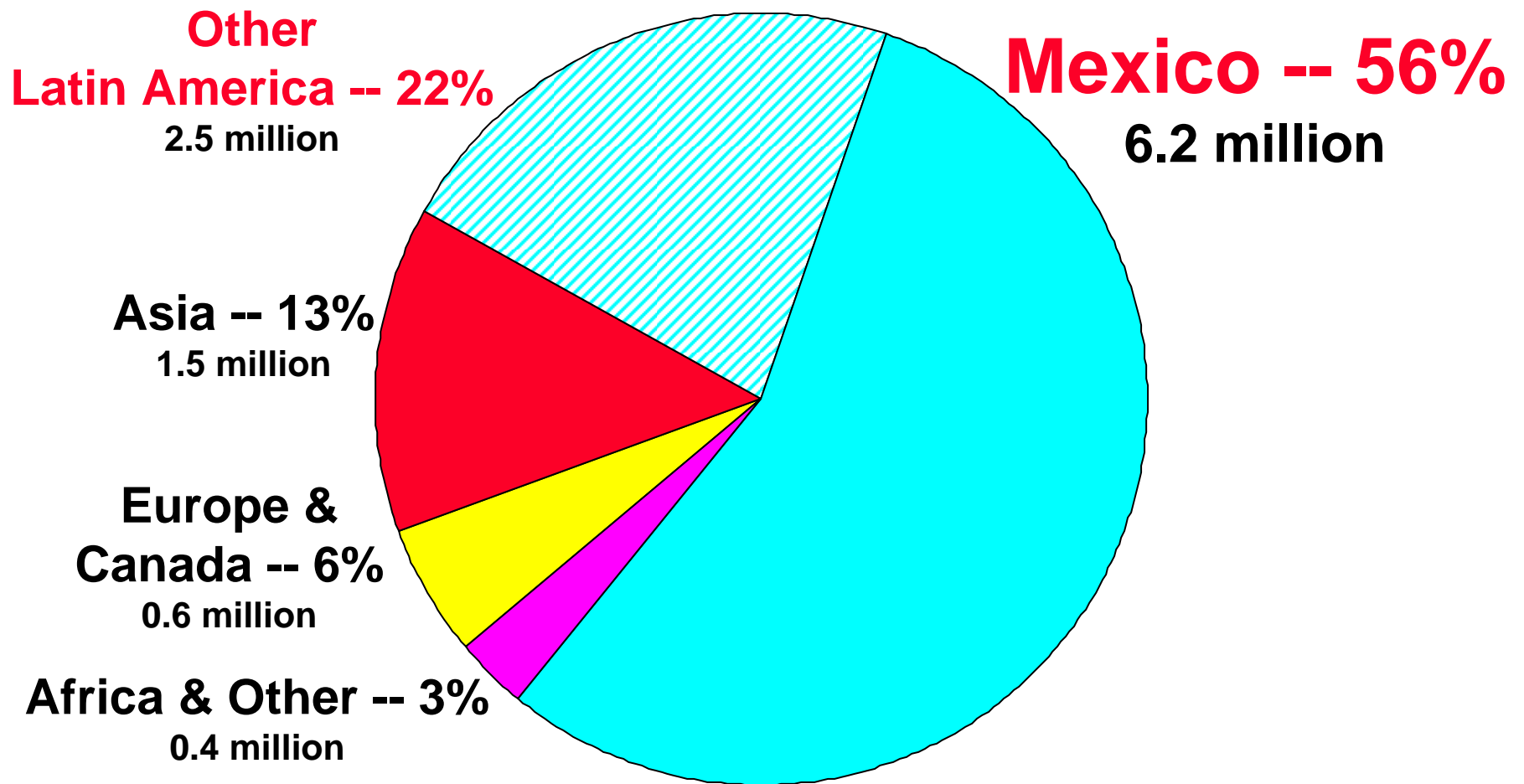


Legal Status of Immigrants



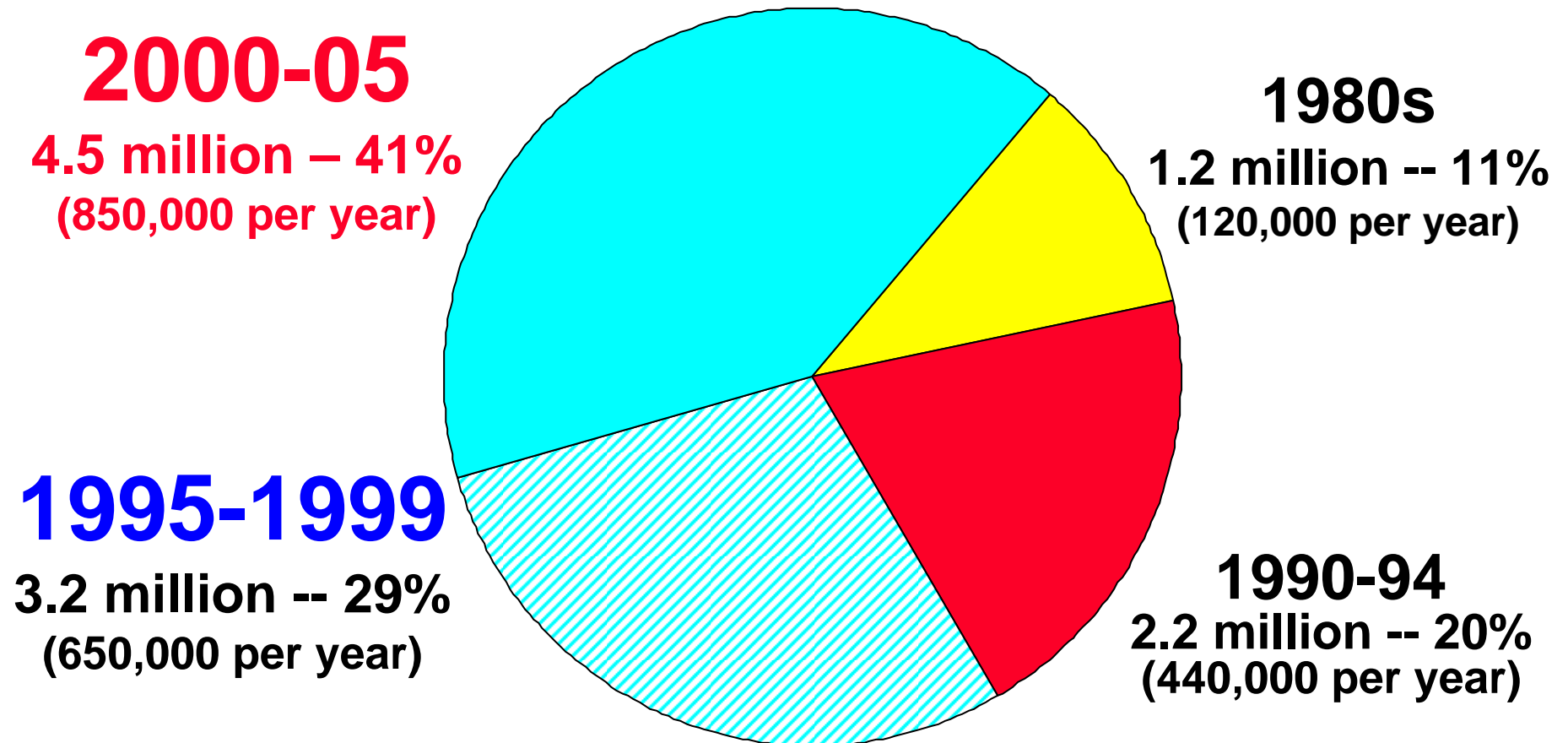
37.0 Million Foreign-Born in 2005

Mexico is Largest Source of Unauthorized, Too



11.1 Million in March 2005

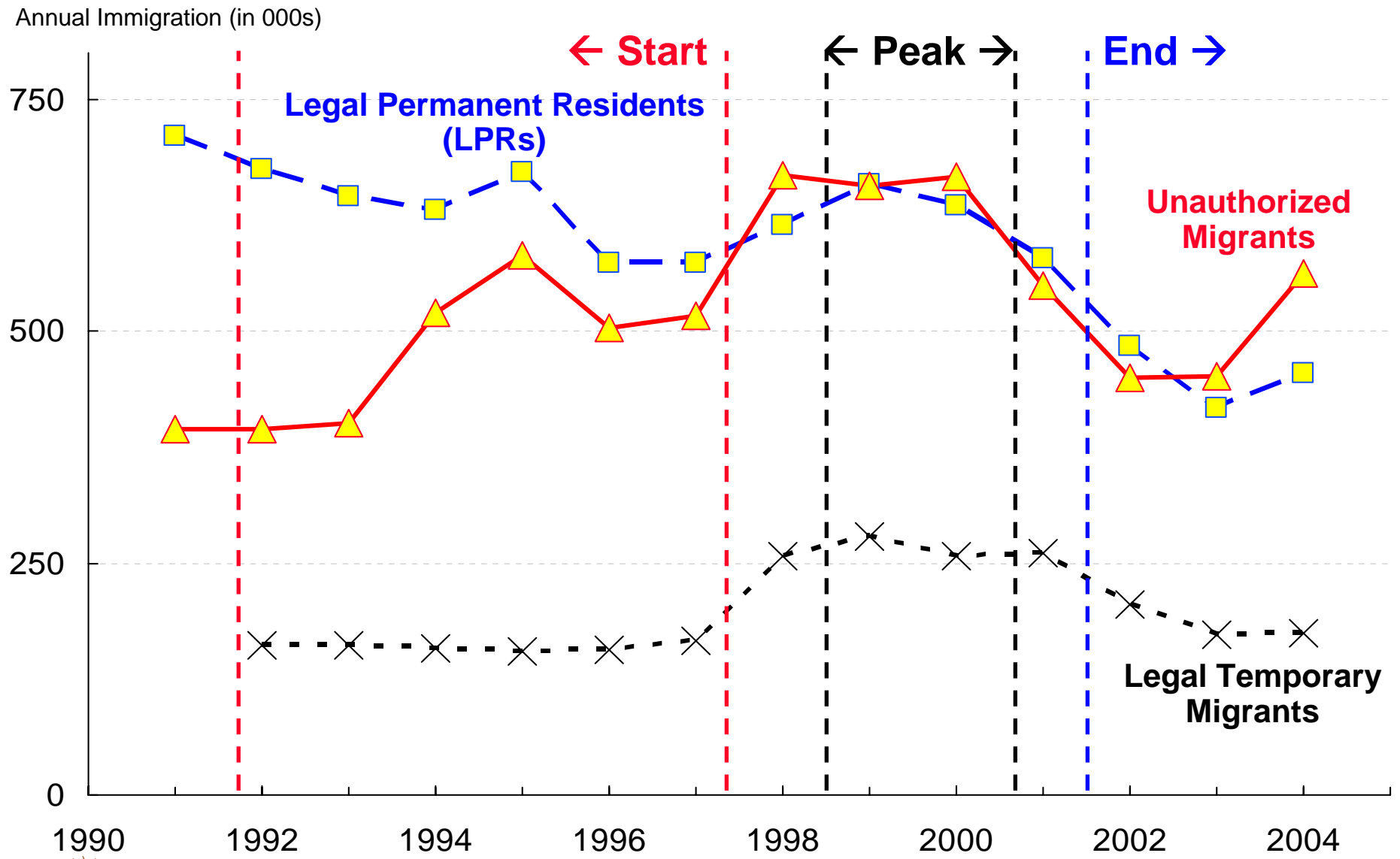
Most Unauthorized Arrived Since 1990



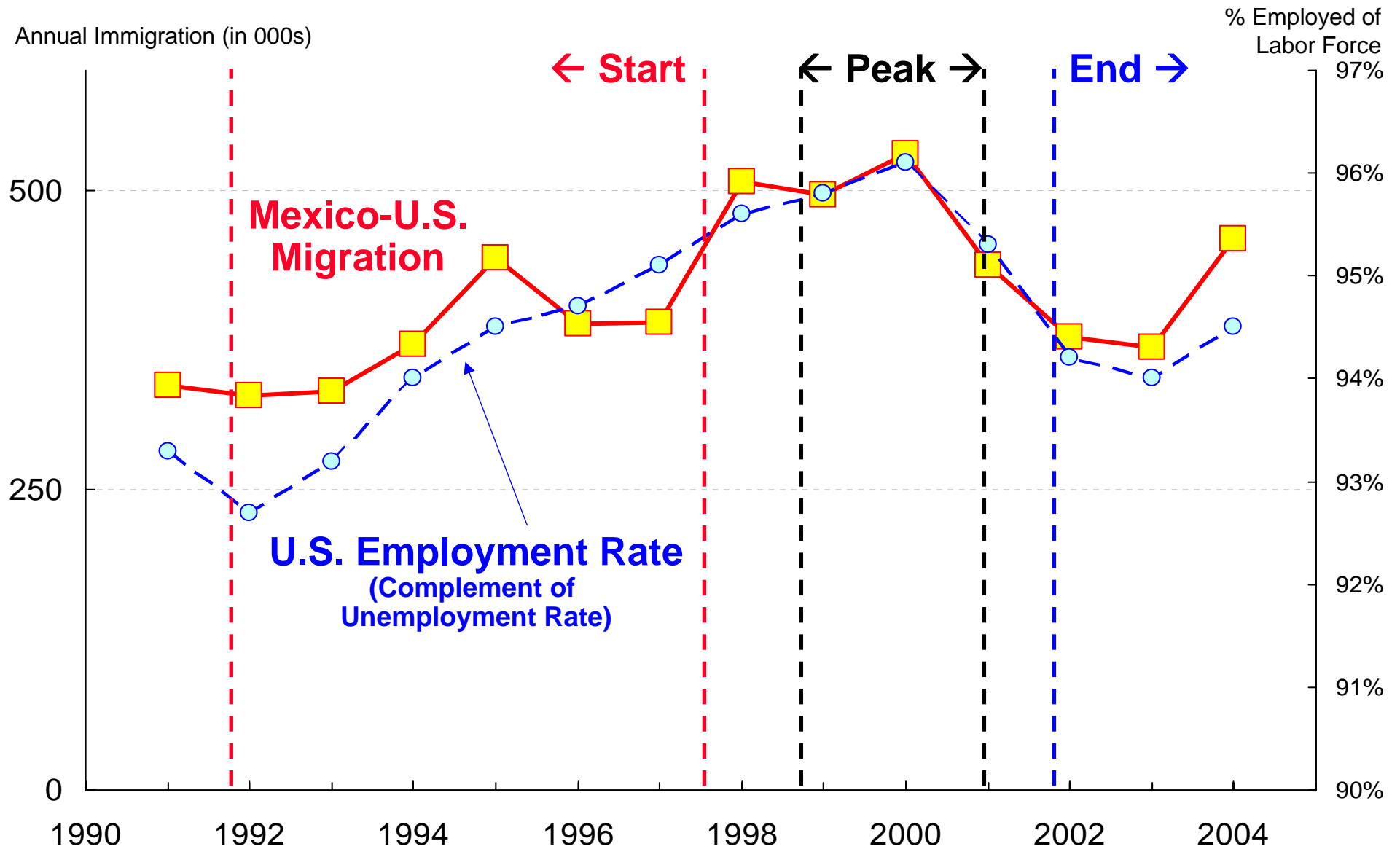
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(Analytic estimates)

Rise, Peak, Decline, & ??

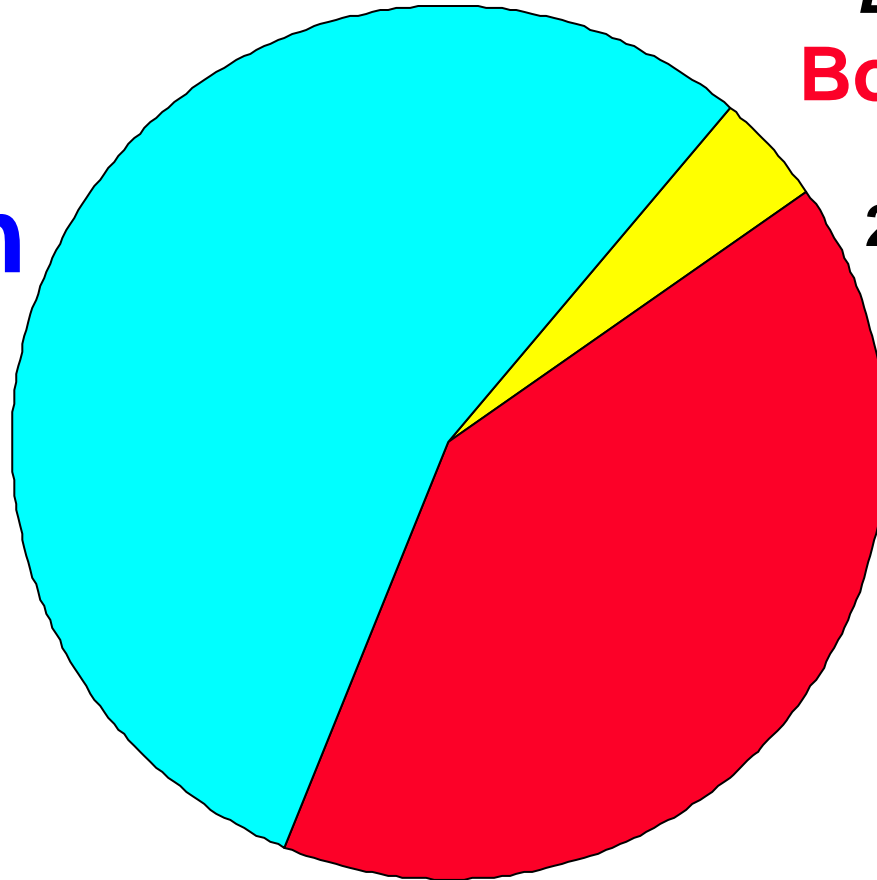


Mexican Migration Follows Trends in U.S. Employment Rate



Many Unauthorized Come Thru Ports of Entry

**Entered
Without
Inspection**
6–7 million
(55%)



**Entered Legally
Border Crossing
Card**
250,000–500,000
(4-5%)

**Entered
Legally
Nonimmigrant
Visa Overstay**
4–5.5 million
(41%)

11-12 Million in 2005-2006

Nonimmigrant Admissions: FY 2004

22,800,000	Tourists
4,590,000	Visitors for Business
656,000	Students & dependents
635,000	Temporary Workers & dependents
30,800,000	Total Nonimmigrants

Estimated Land Entries: FY 2004

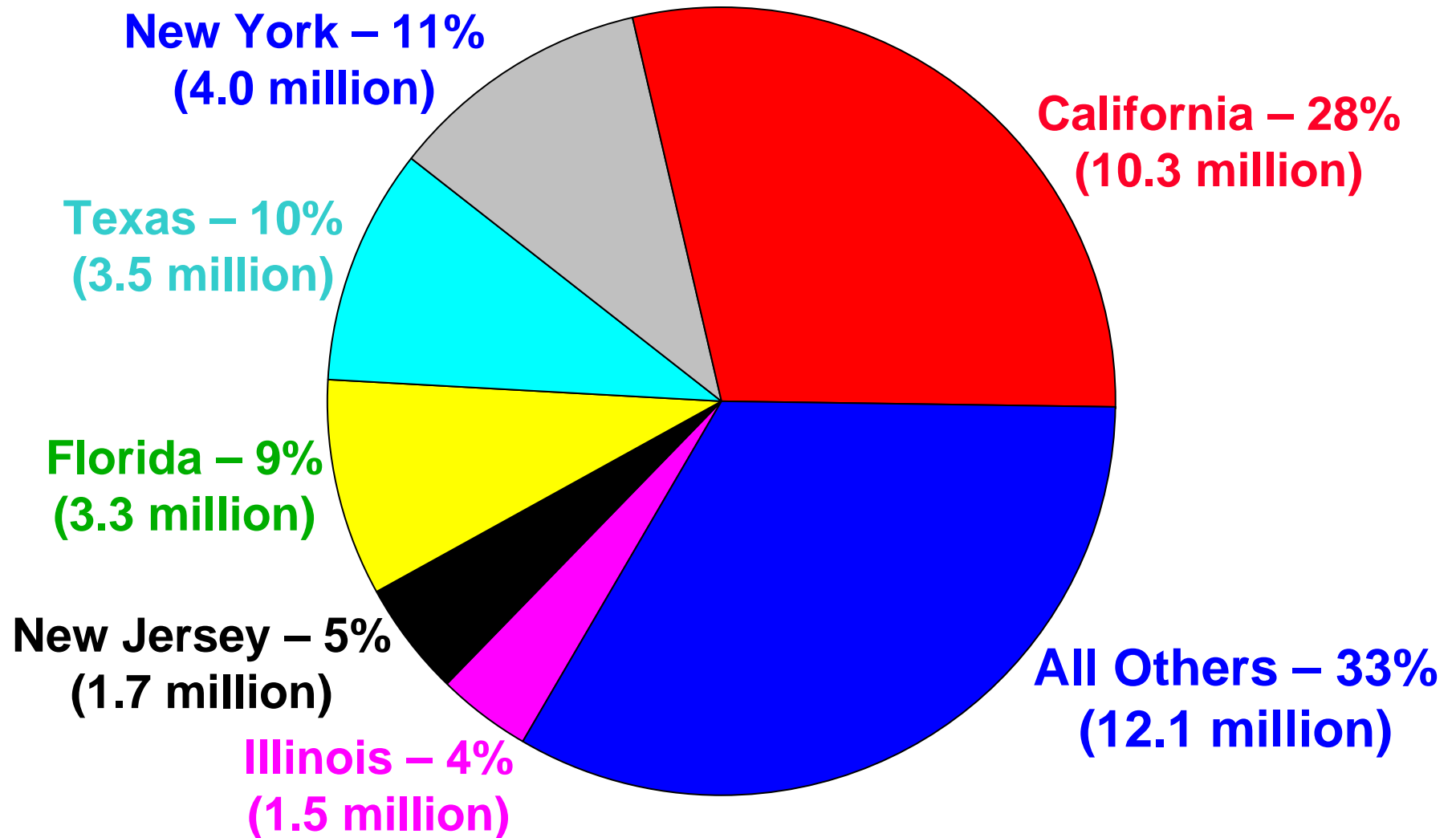
231,500,000 Aliens (via Mex.)

70,700,000 Aliens (via Can.)

135,700,000 U.S. Citizens

438,000,000 Total

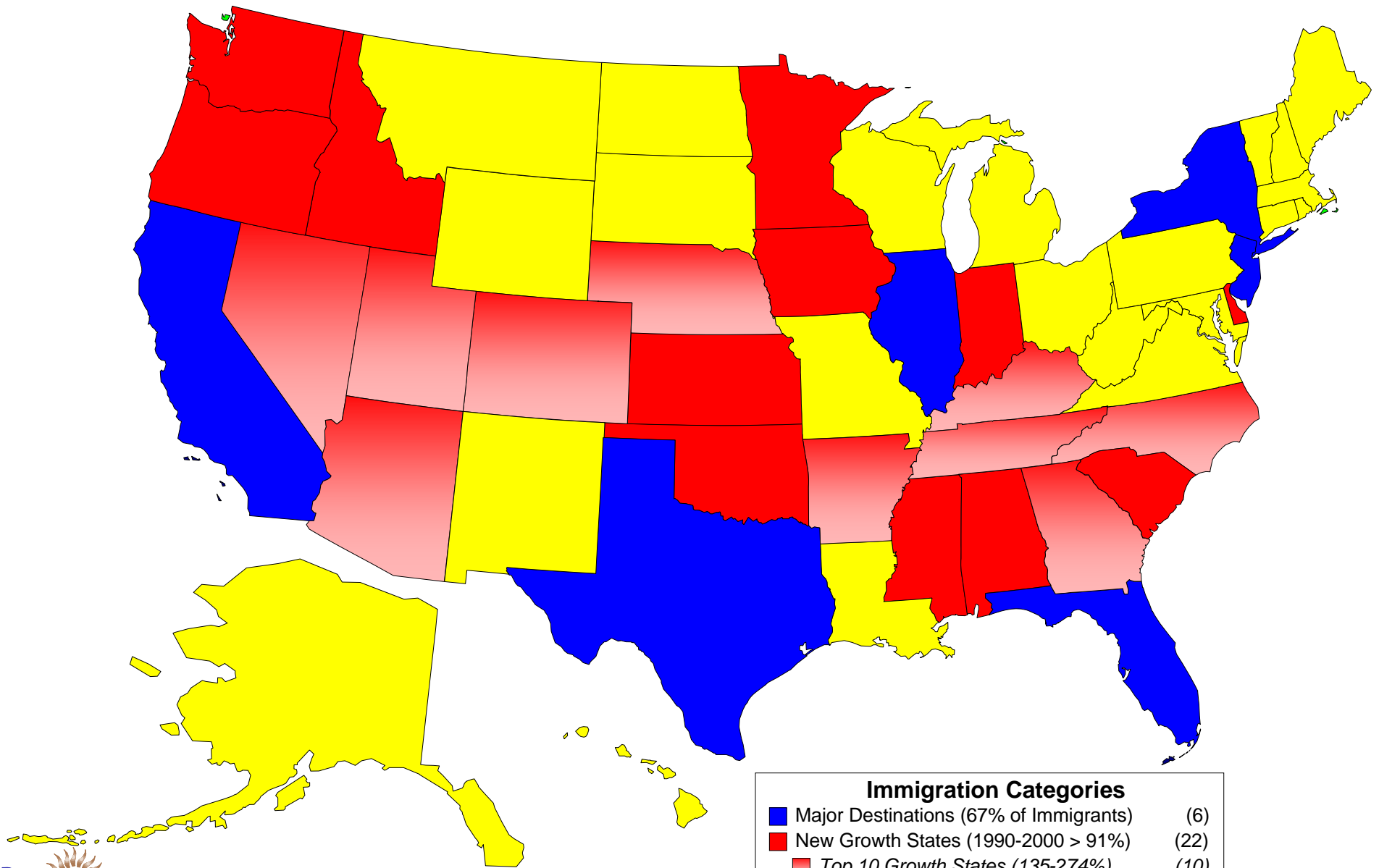
Immigrants Are Concentrated



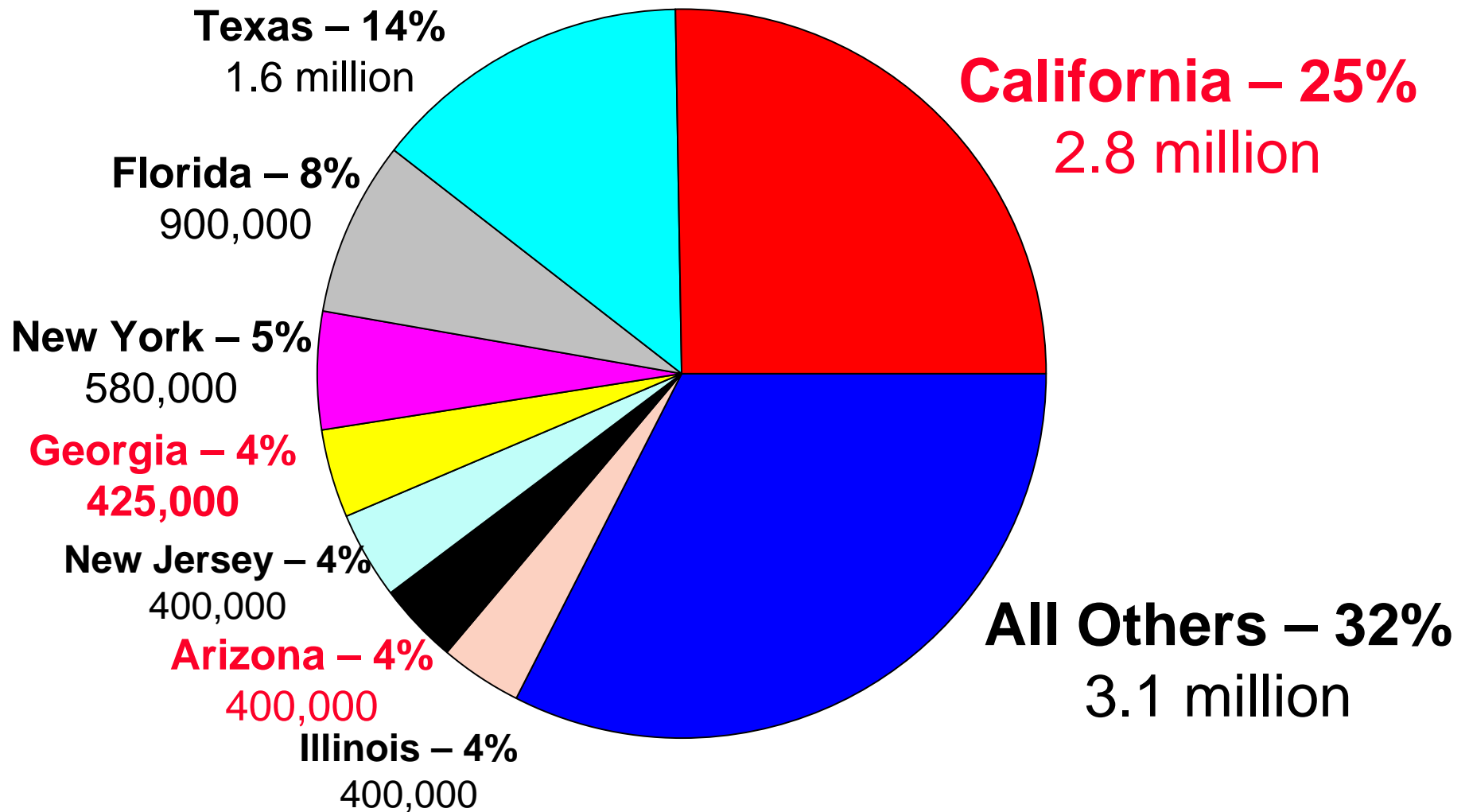
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(Adjusted March 2005 CPS)

New Immigration Growth Centers

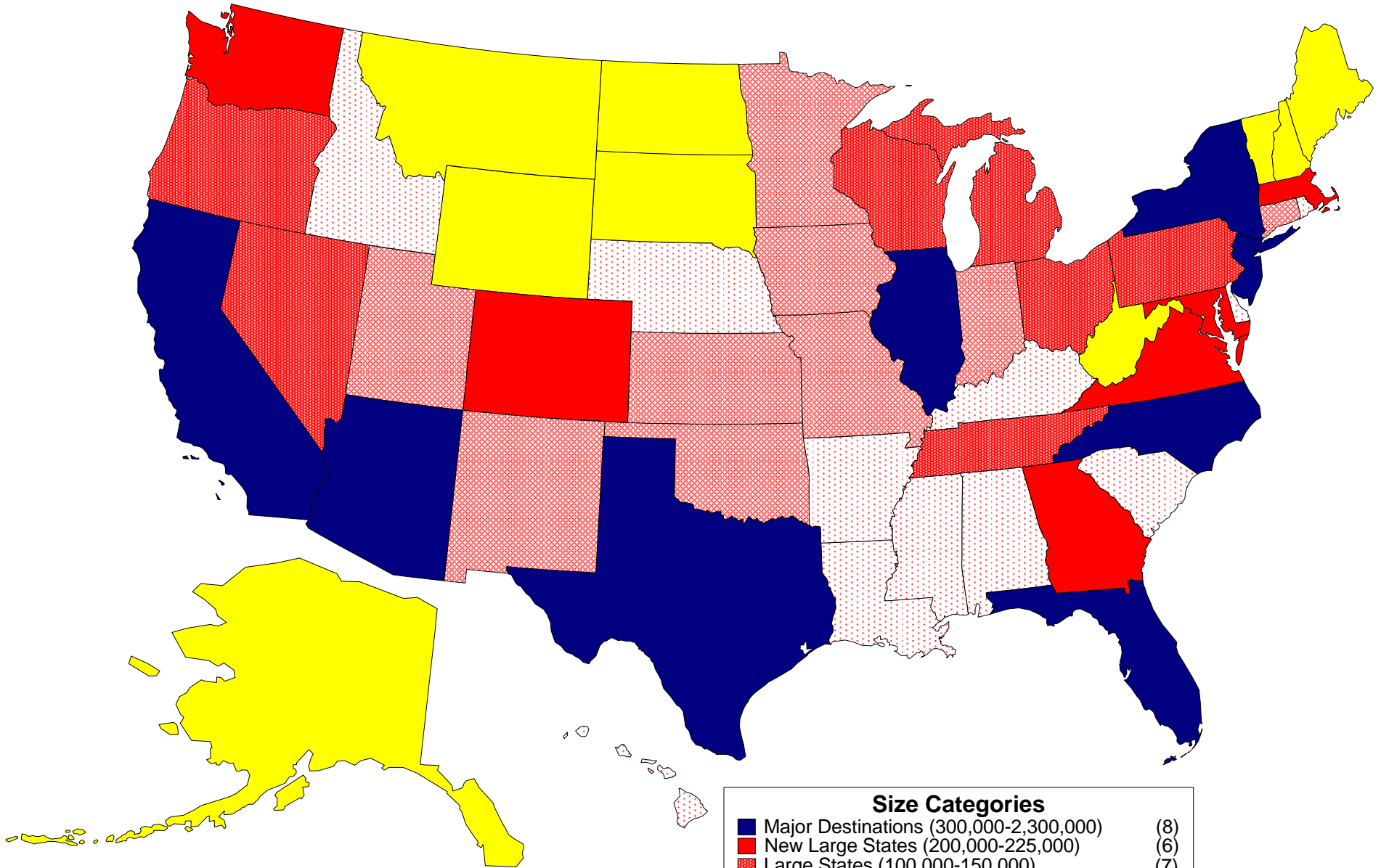


Unauthorized Concentrated, but Spreading



11.1 Million for 2005

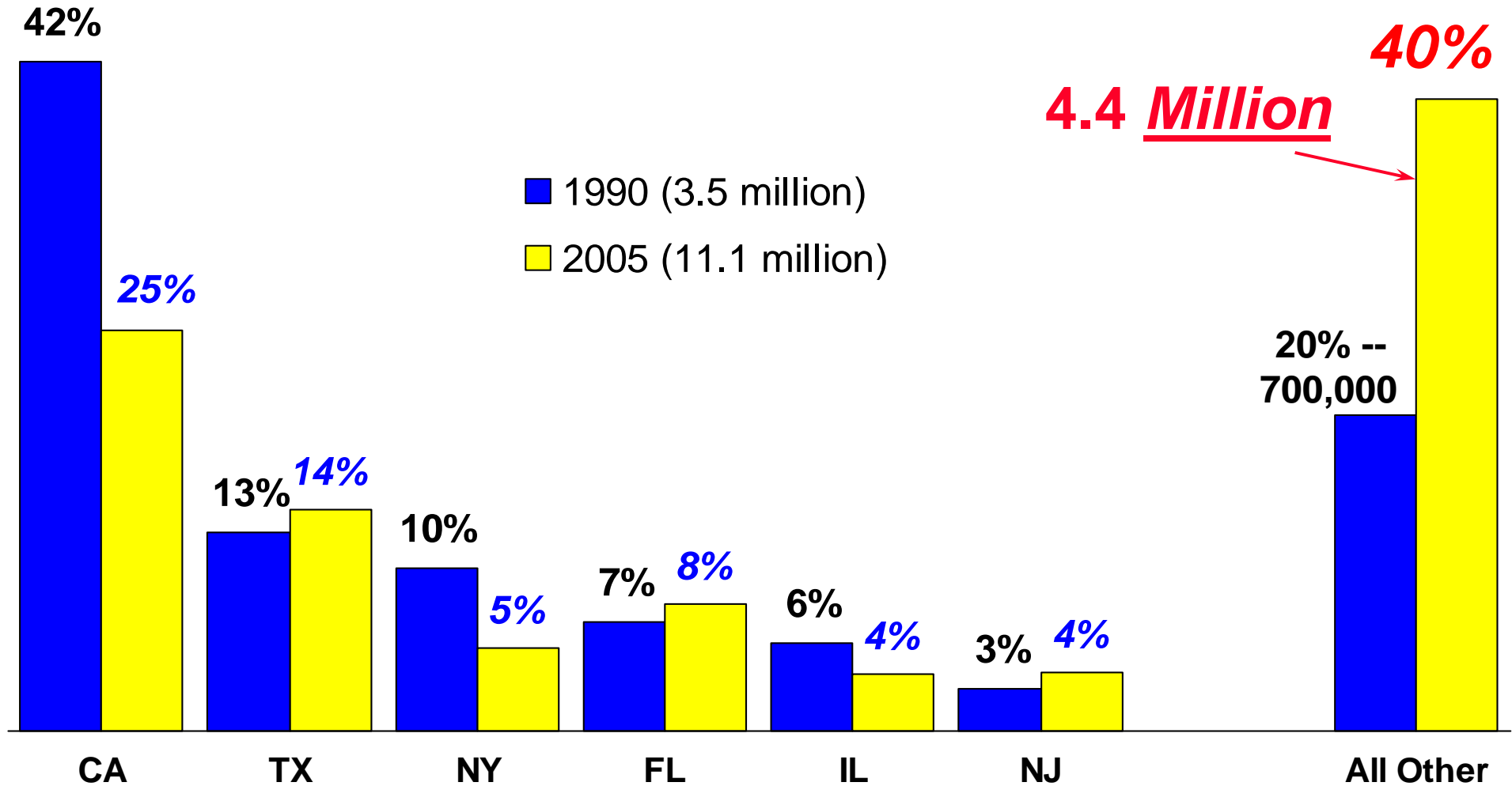
Size of Undocumented Population, 2003-04



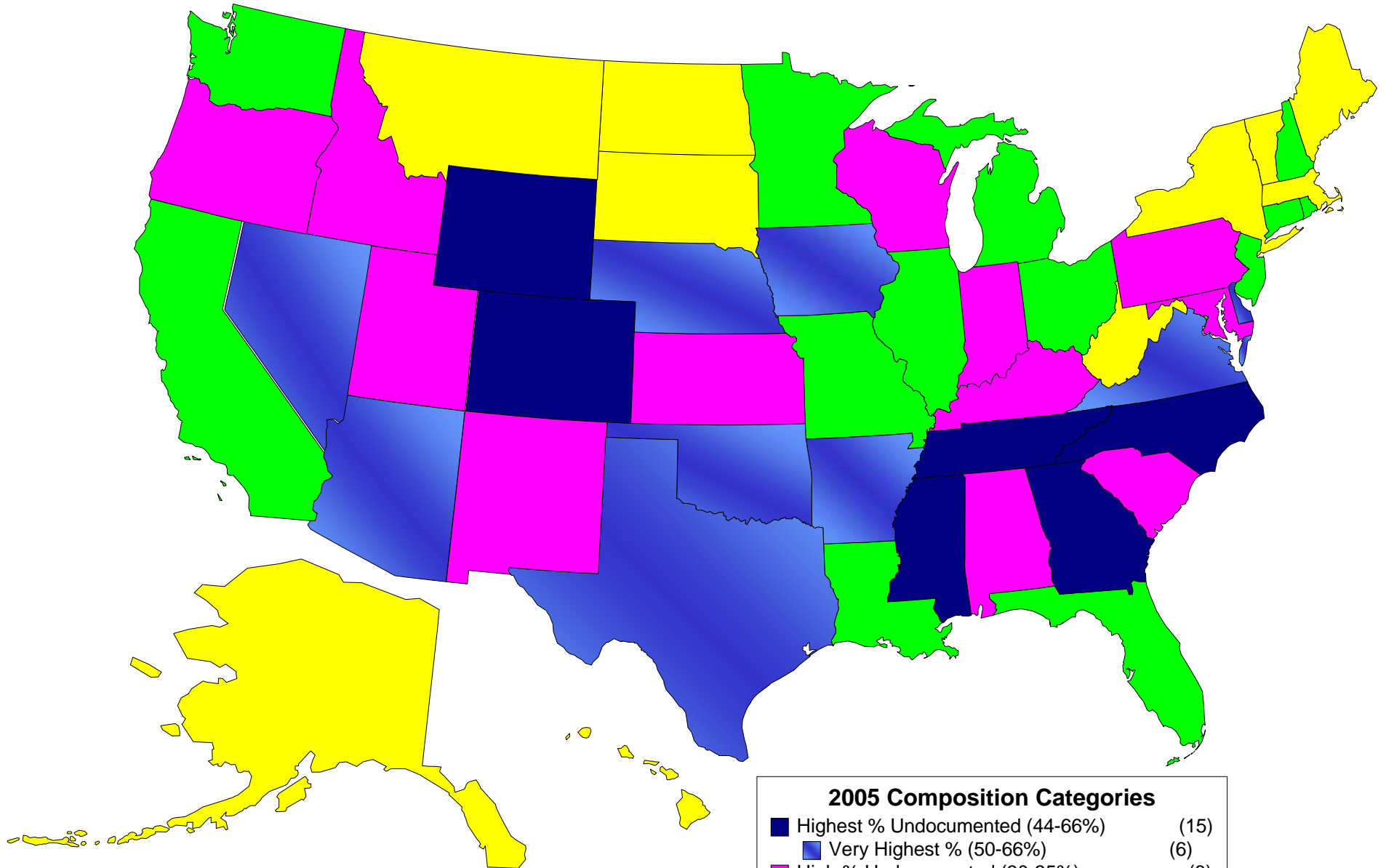
Size Categories	
Major Destinations (300,000-2,300,000)	(8)
New Large States (200,000-225,000)	(6)
Large States (100,000-150,000)	(7)
Moderate States (50,000-85,000)	(9)
Smaller States (20,000-35,000)	(12)
Smallest States (<10,000)	(9)

Major Redistribution Away From Big 6 Settlement States

Percent of Total Unauthorized Migrant Population



New Growth --> High % Undocumented



■ Highest % Undocumented (44-66%)	(15)
■ Very Highest % (50-66%)	(6)
■ High % Undocumented (30-35%)	(8)
■ Lower % Undocumented (20-29%)	(13)
■ Lowest % Undocumented (<20%)	(11)



Note: Revision based on adjusted March 2004 CPS .

Characteristics of Unauthorized

- ***Who Are They?***
 - Mainly in Families
 - Relatively Young
 - Almost All Work
- ***What Are They Like?***
 - Low Education
 - Jobs reflect Skills
 - Low Education
 - Lack of Insurance

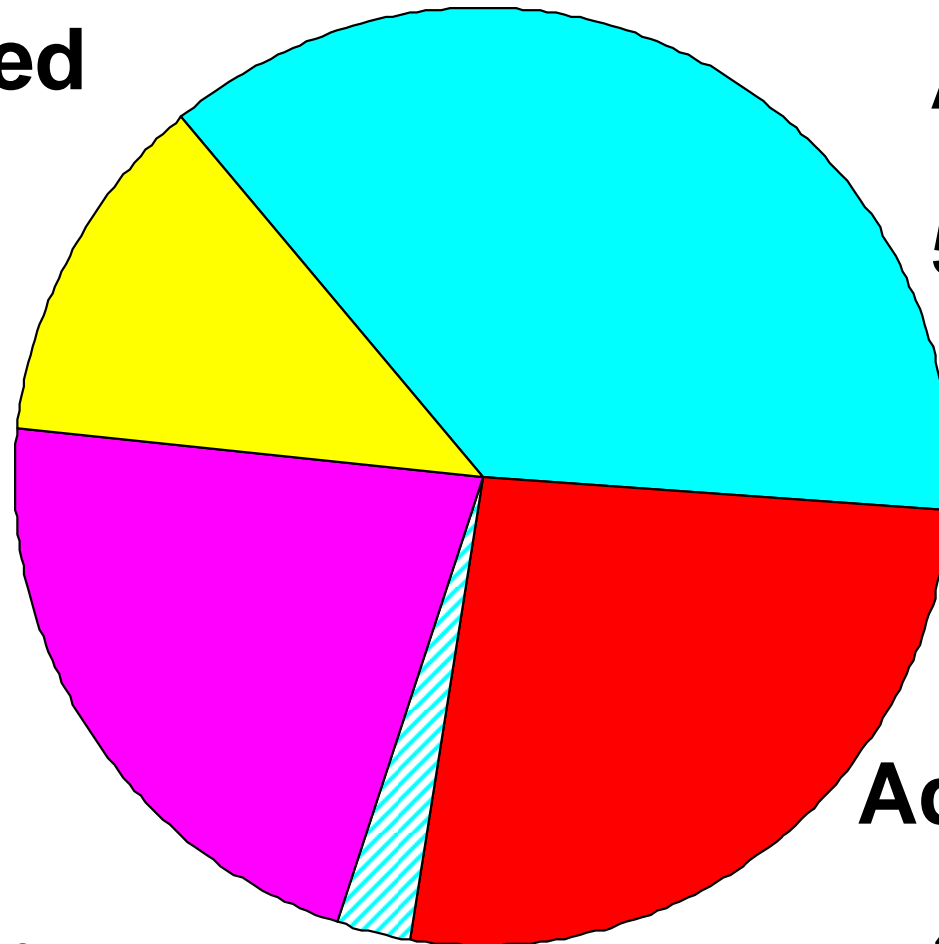
Unauthorized Families — Mixed Composition

Unauthorized Children

1.8 million
16% of all unauthorized

U.S. Citizen Children

3.1 million
64% of kids



Other Adults—375,000

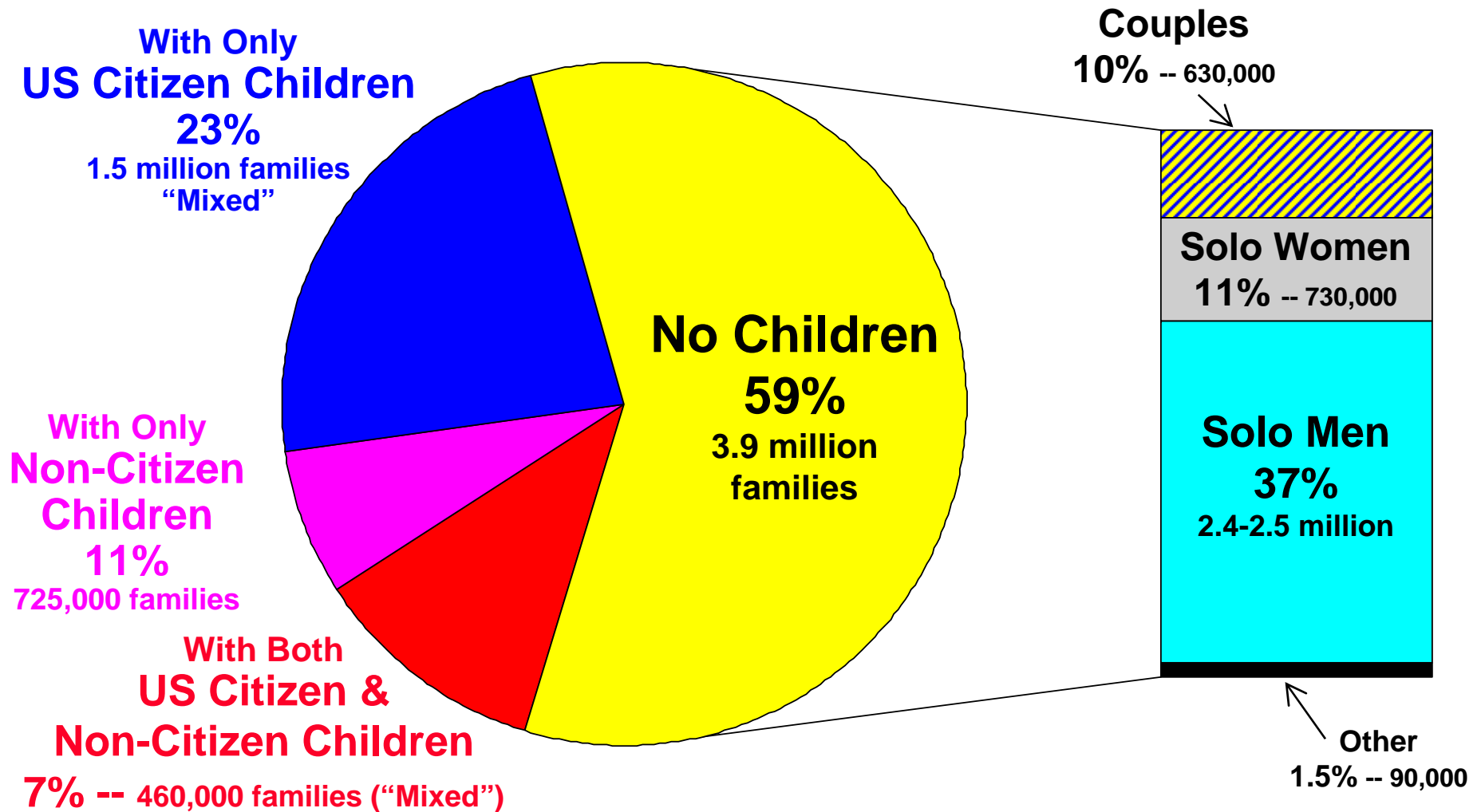
Adult Men

5.4 million
58% of Adults

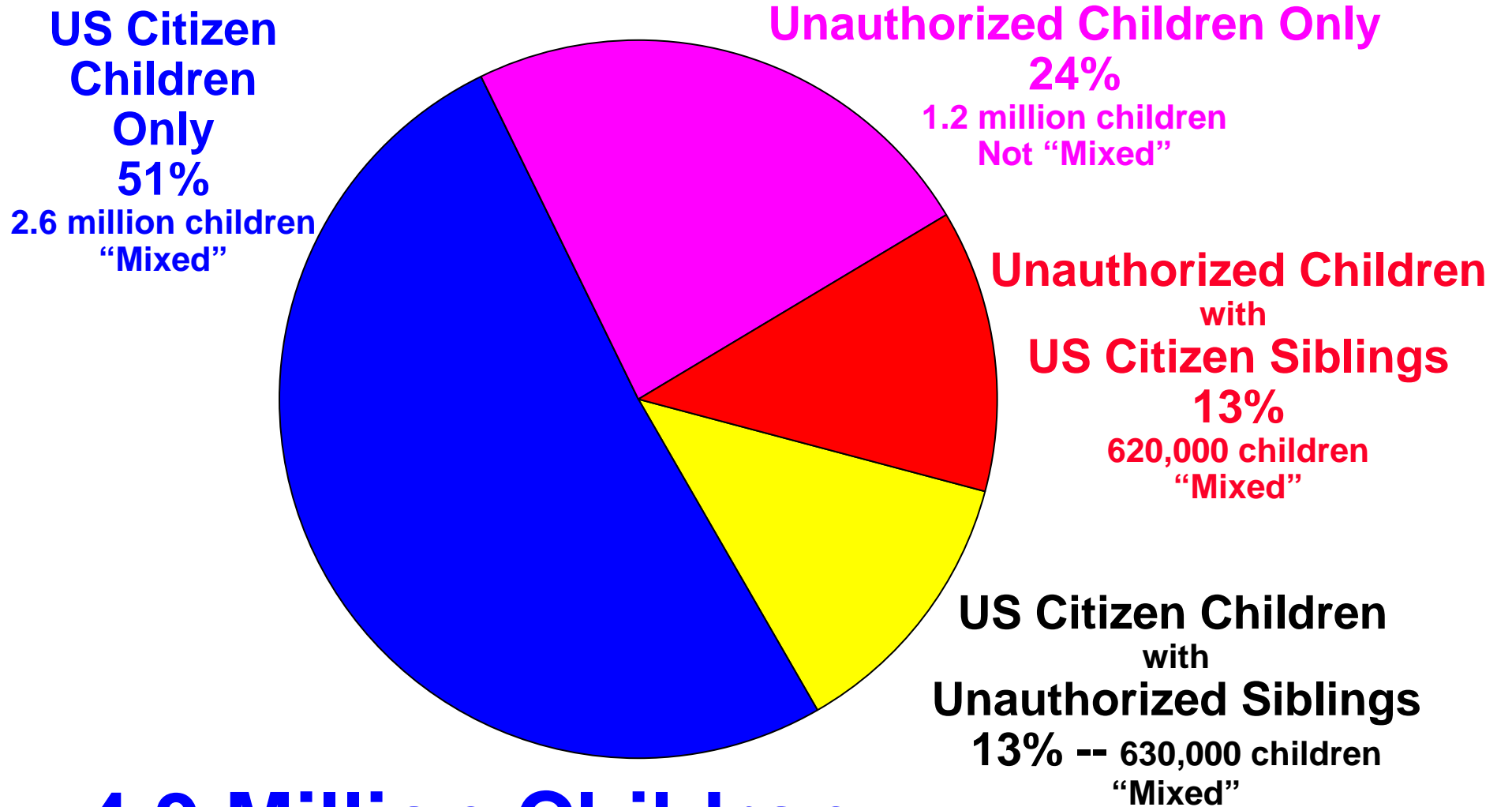
Adult Women

3.9 million
42% of Adults

“Mixed Status” Families Common Among Unauthorized



Children of Unauthorized Mostly in “Mixed Status” Families



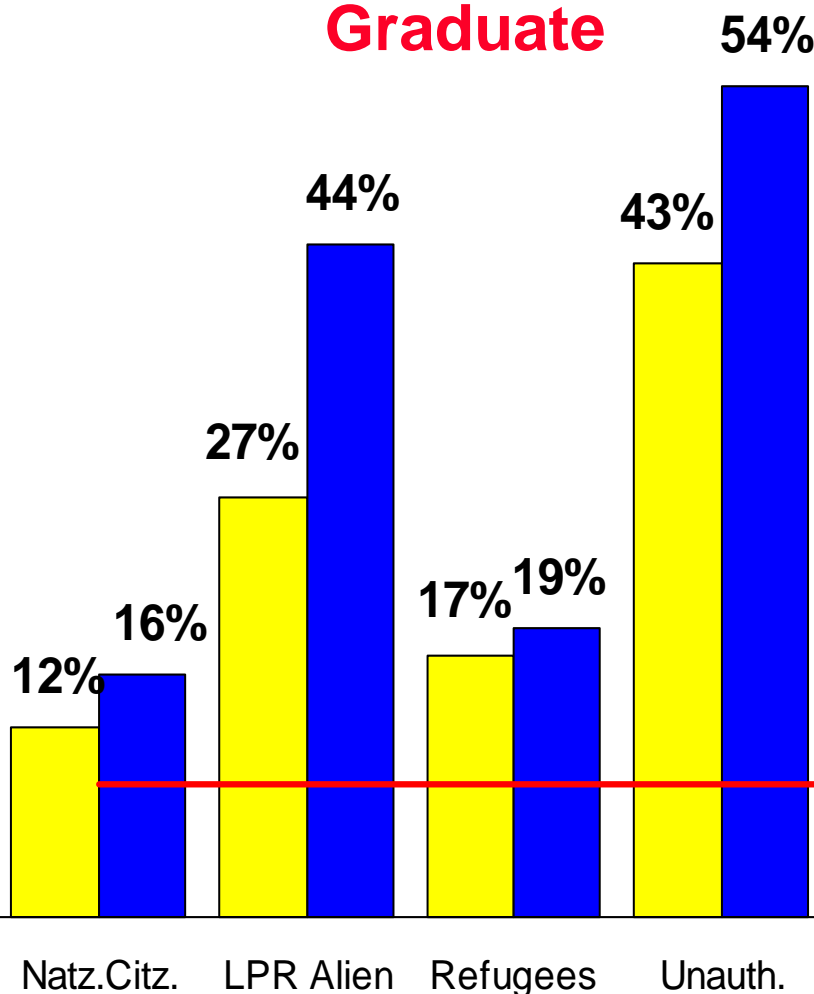
4.9 Million Children

of Unauthorized

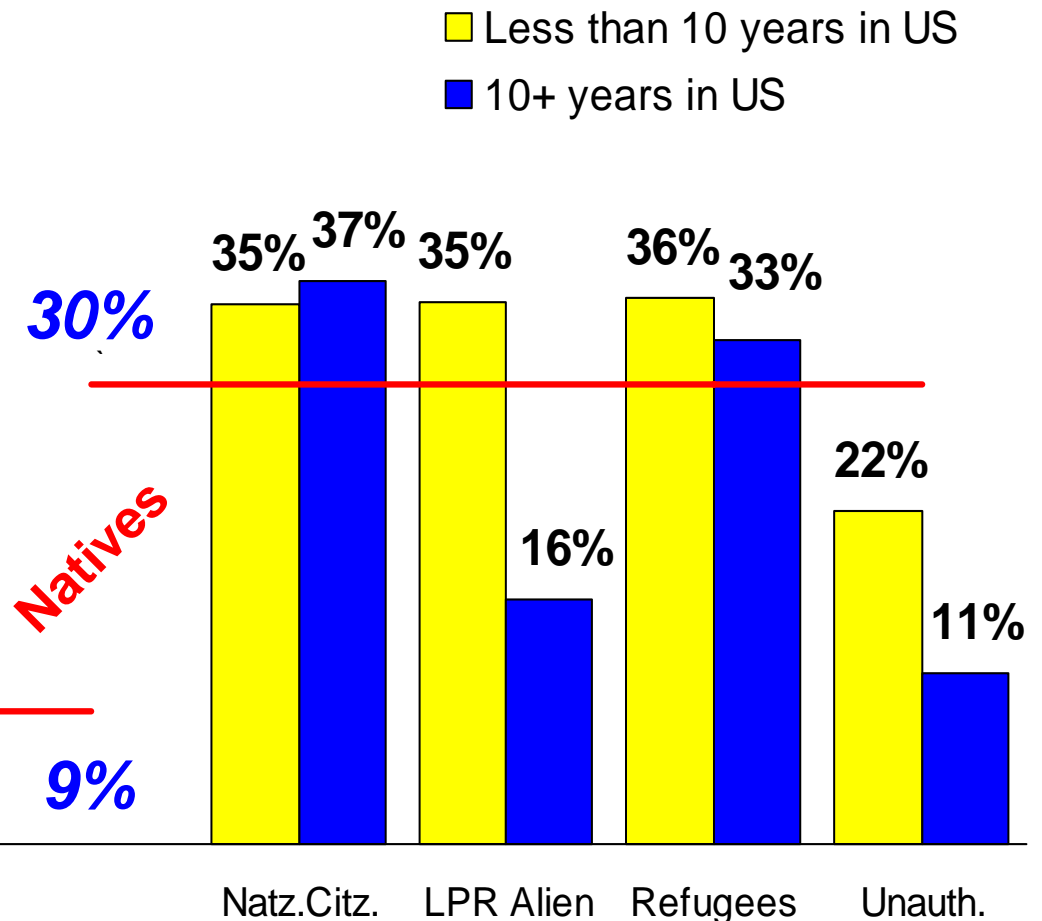
Education “Hourglass” & “Diamond”

Share of Each Group’s 25-64 Population, 2005

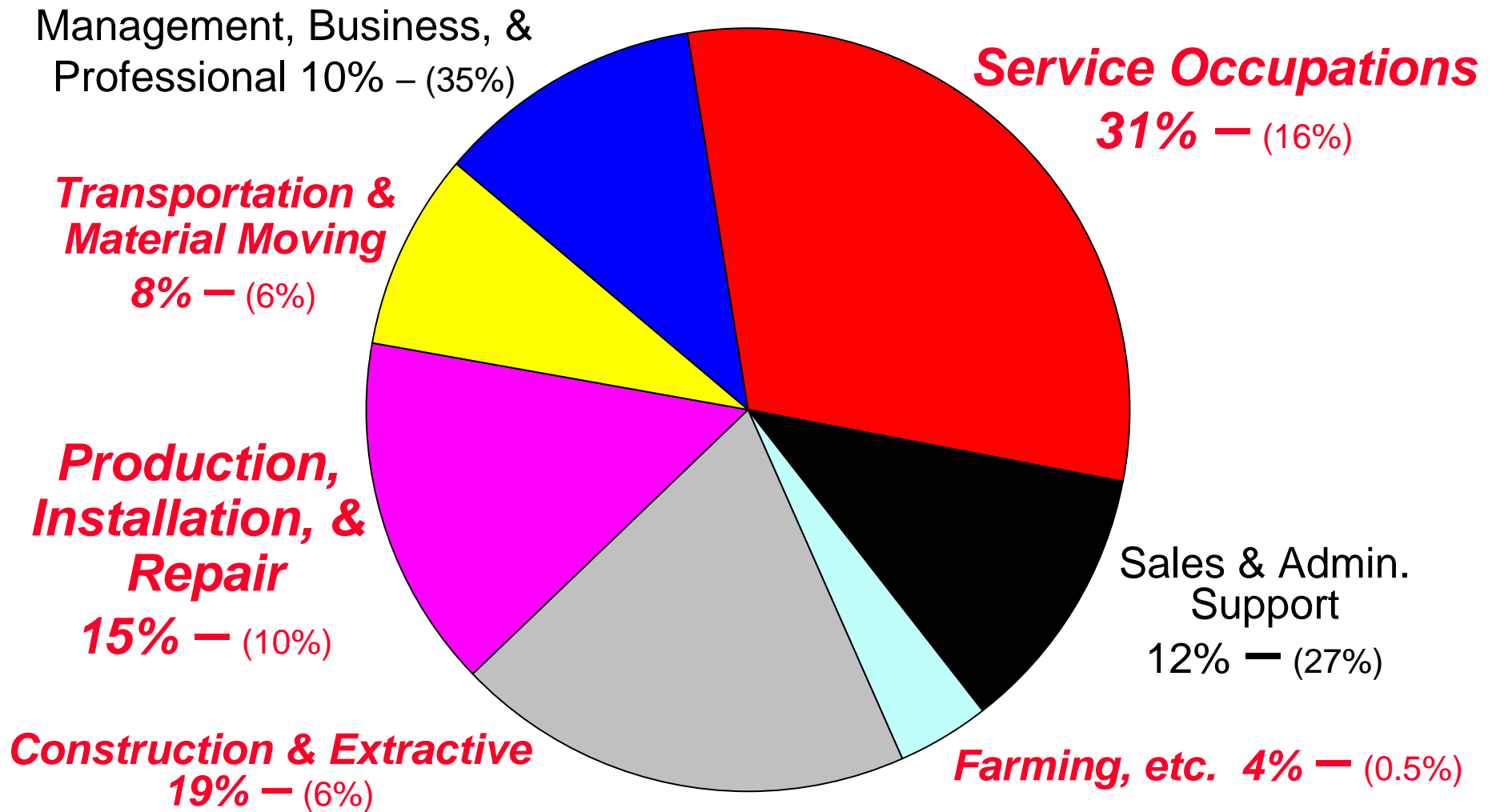
Less than High School Graduate



College Degree or Beyond



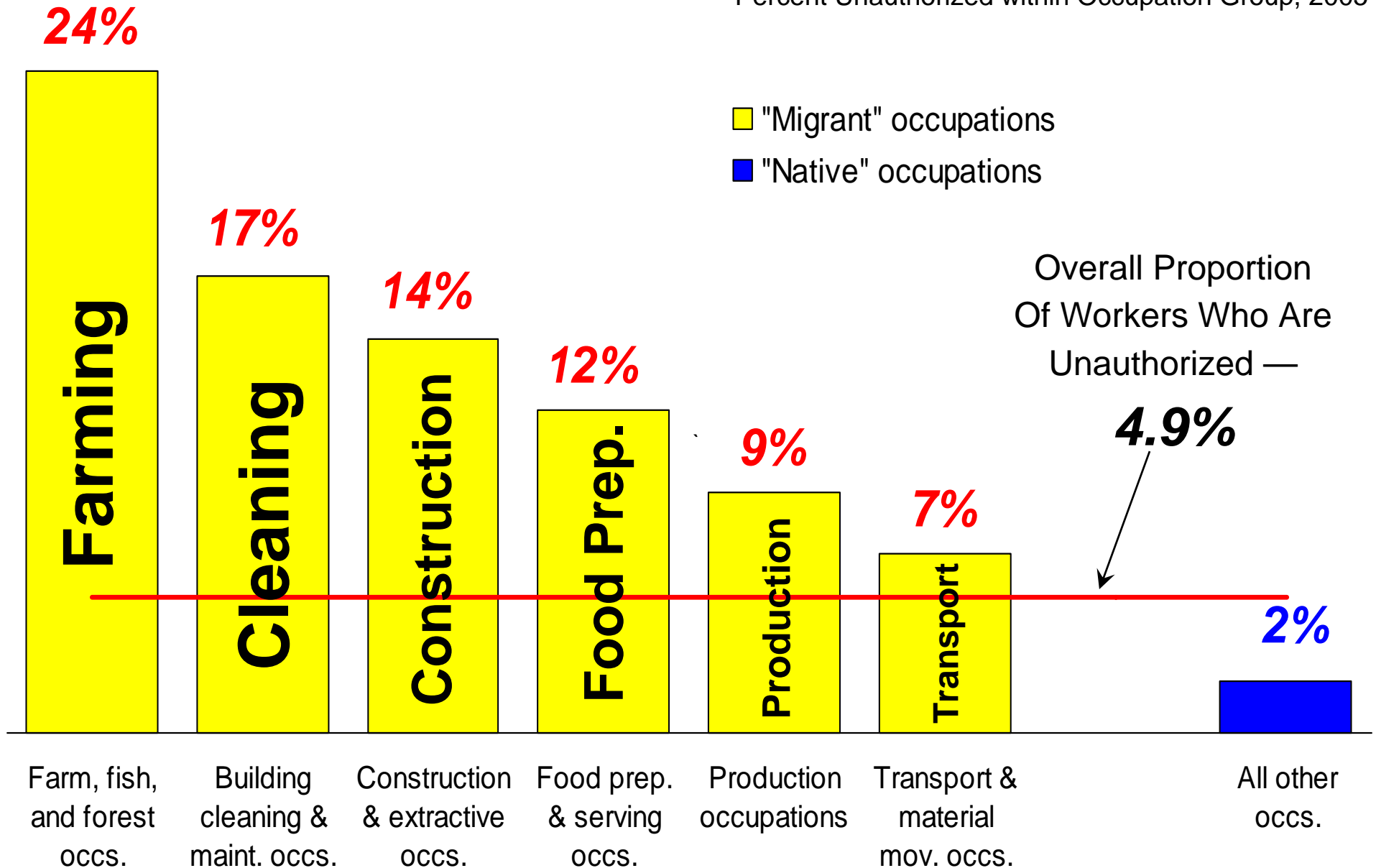
Unauthorized in Lower Wage & Education Occupations



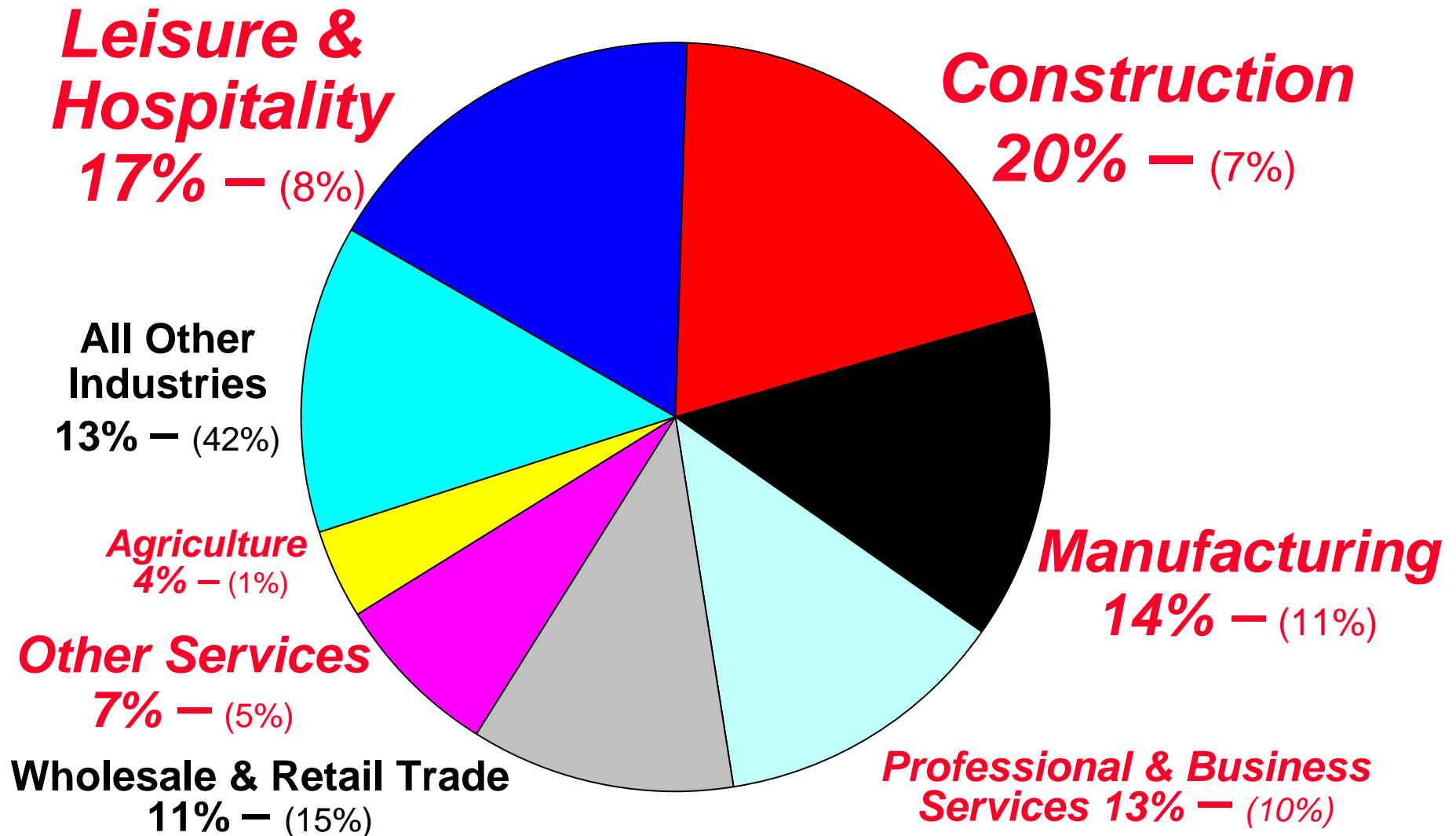
7.2 Million Unauthorized Workers, 2005

Most Concentrated Occupations

Percent Unauthorized within Occupation Group, 2005



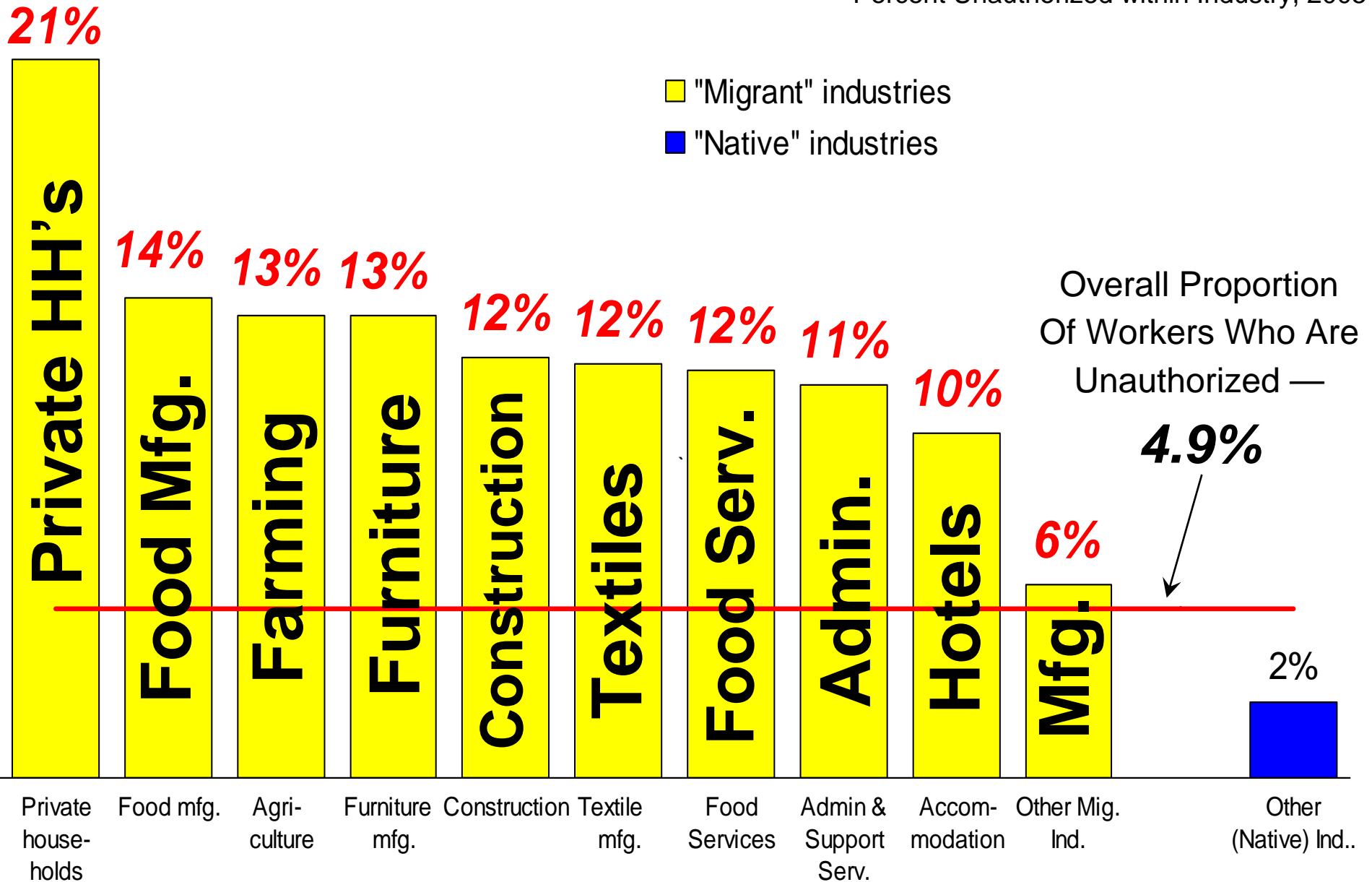
Unauthorized Over-Represented in a Few Industries



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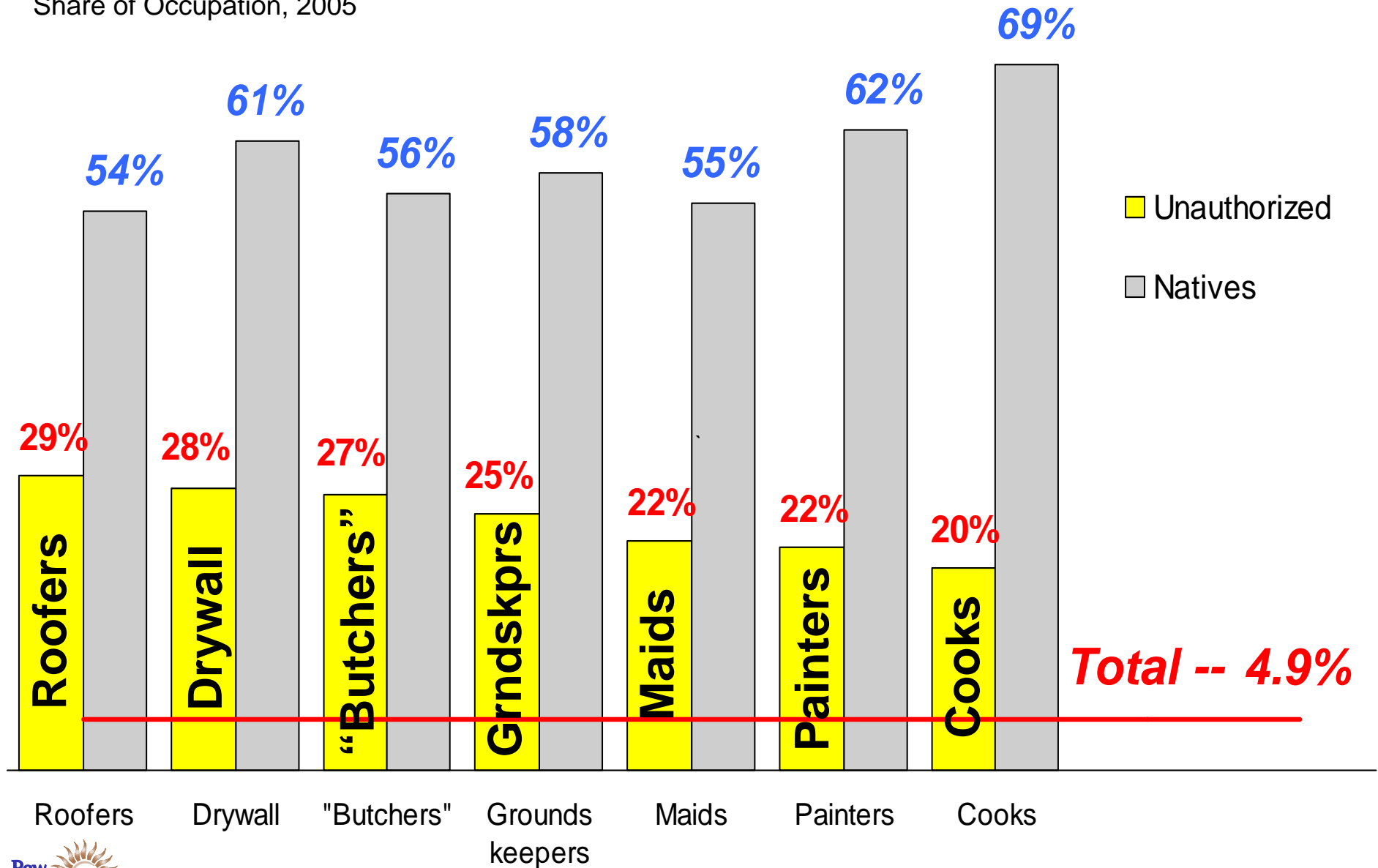
Most Concentrated Industries

Percent Unauthorized within Industry, 2005



Detailed Occupations—More Natives

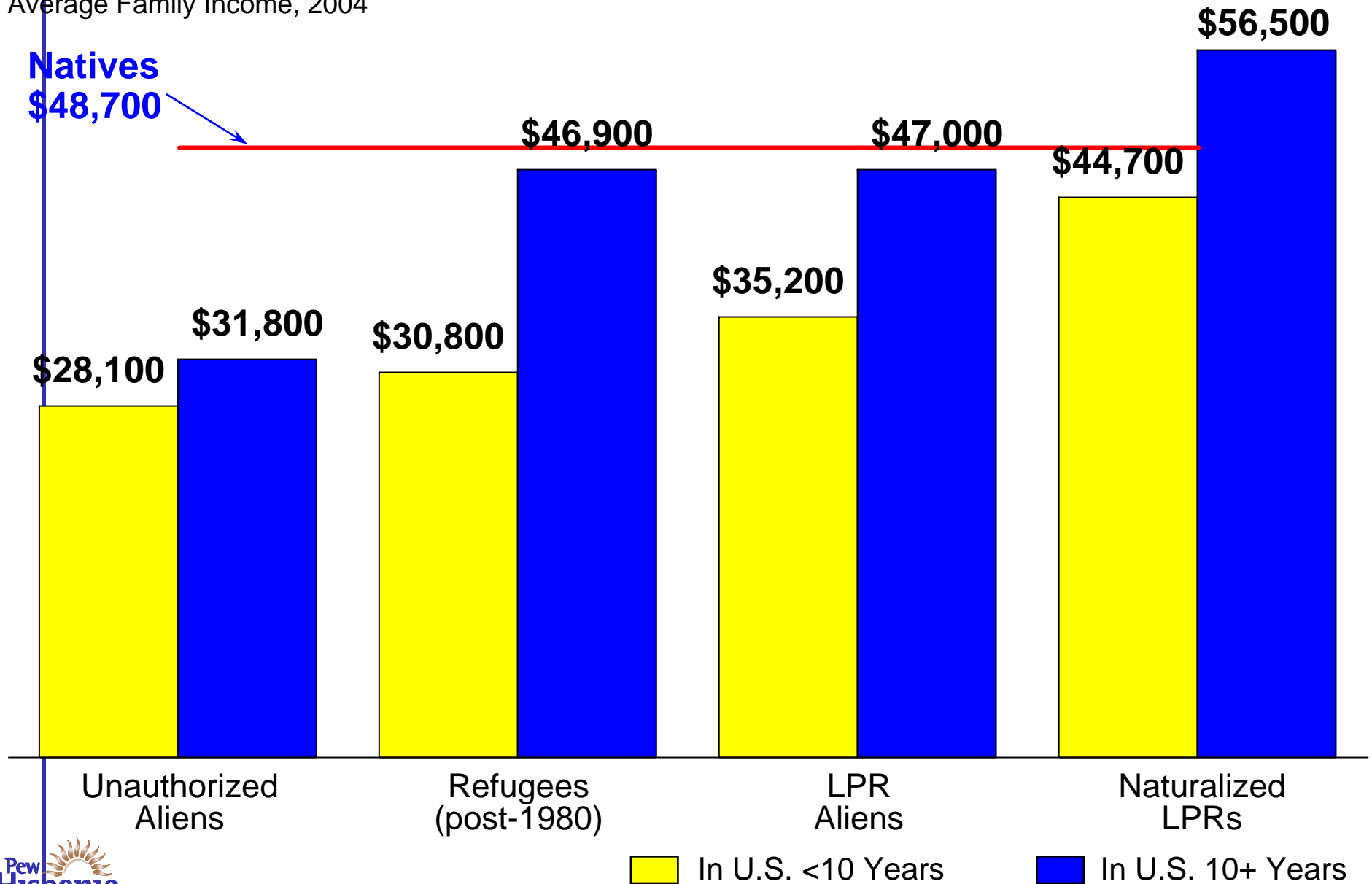
Share of Occupation, 2005



Incomes Increase with Time in US

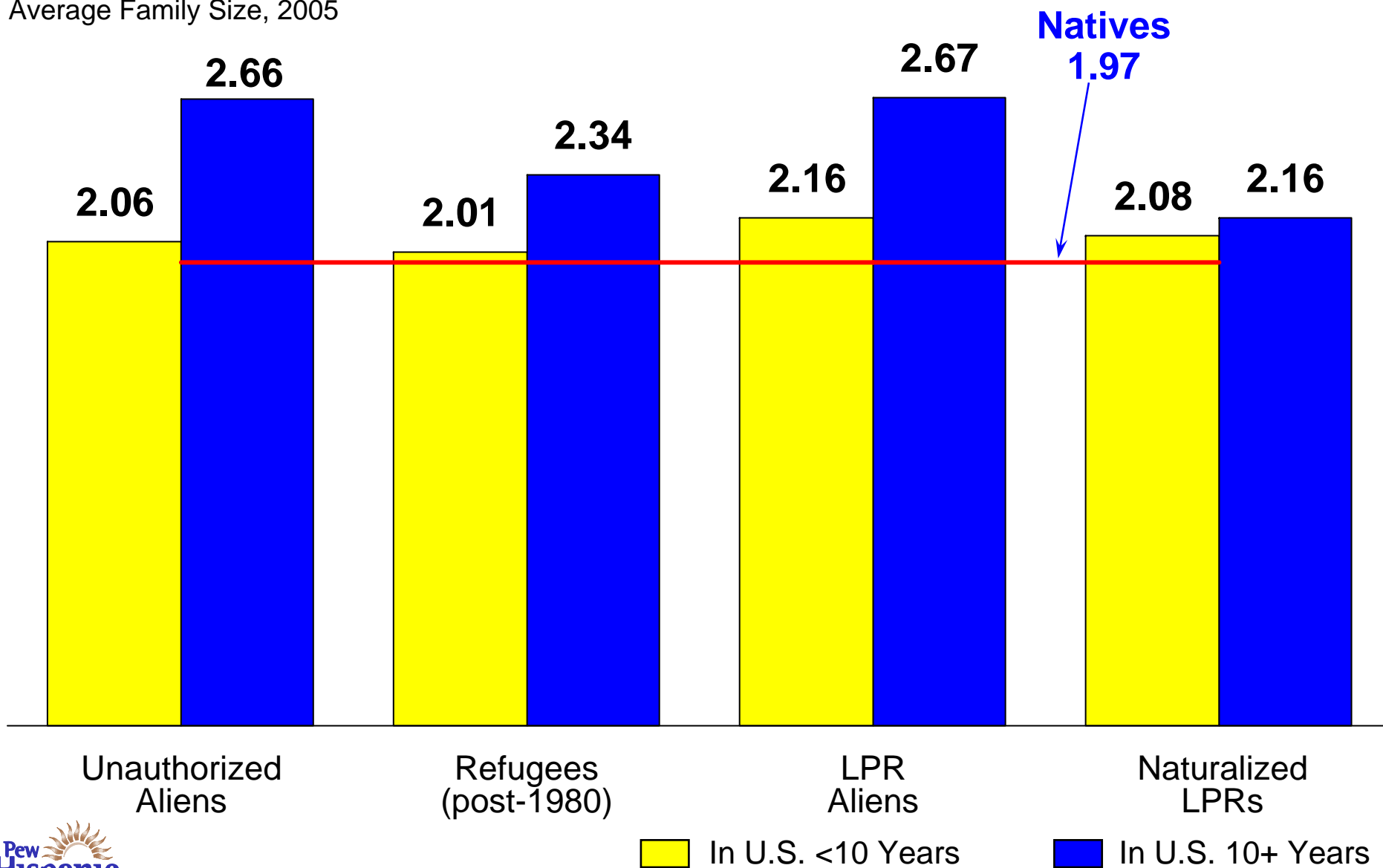
Average Family Income, 2004

Natives
\$48,700



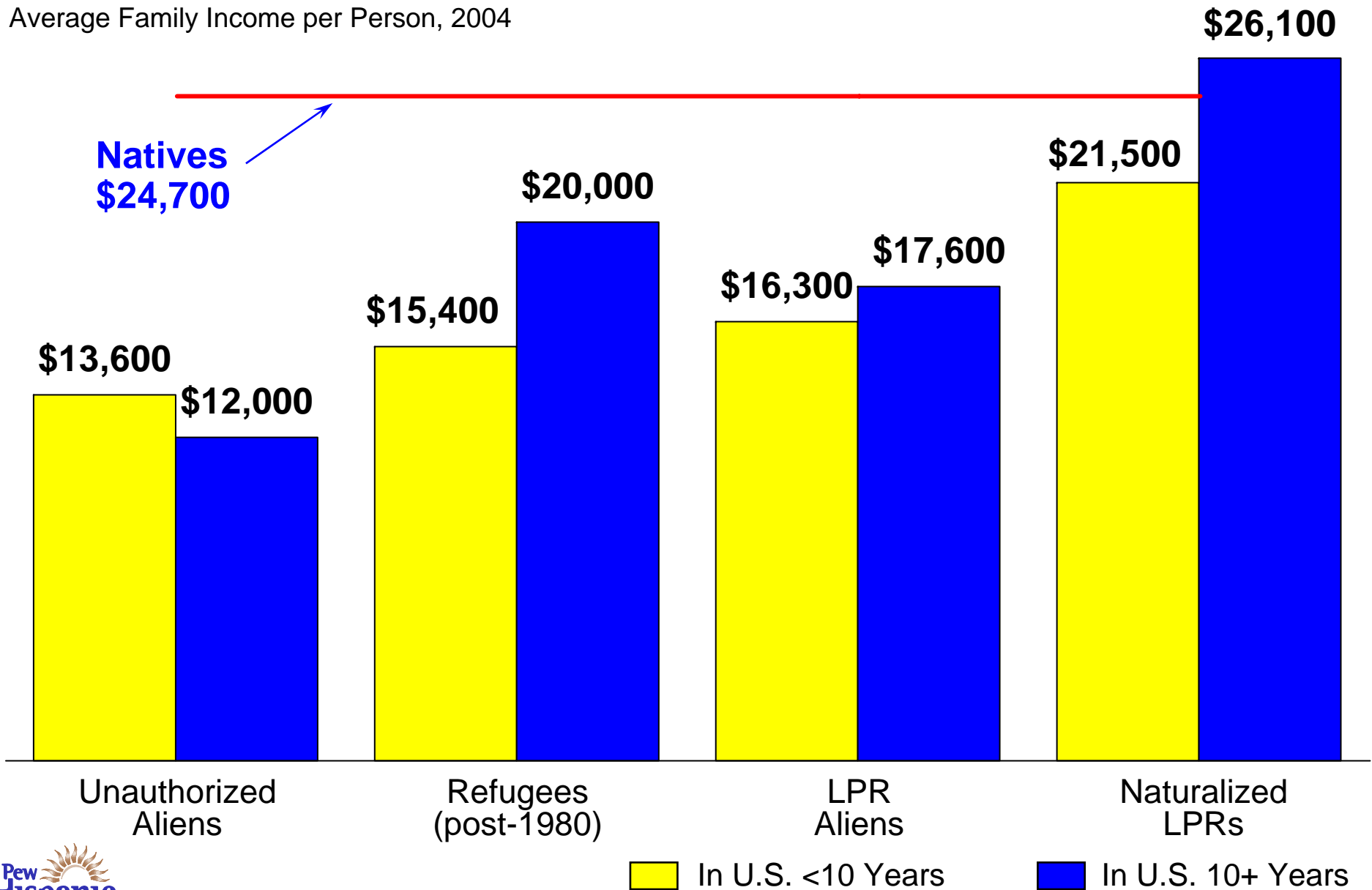
Immigrant Households Larger

Average Family Size, 2005



Income per Person Suffers

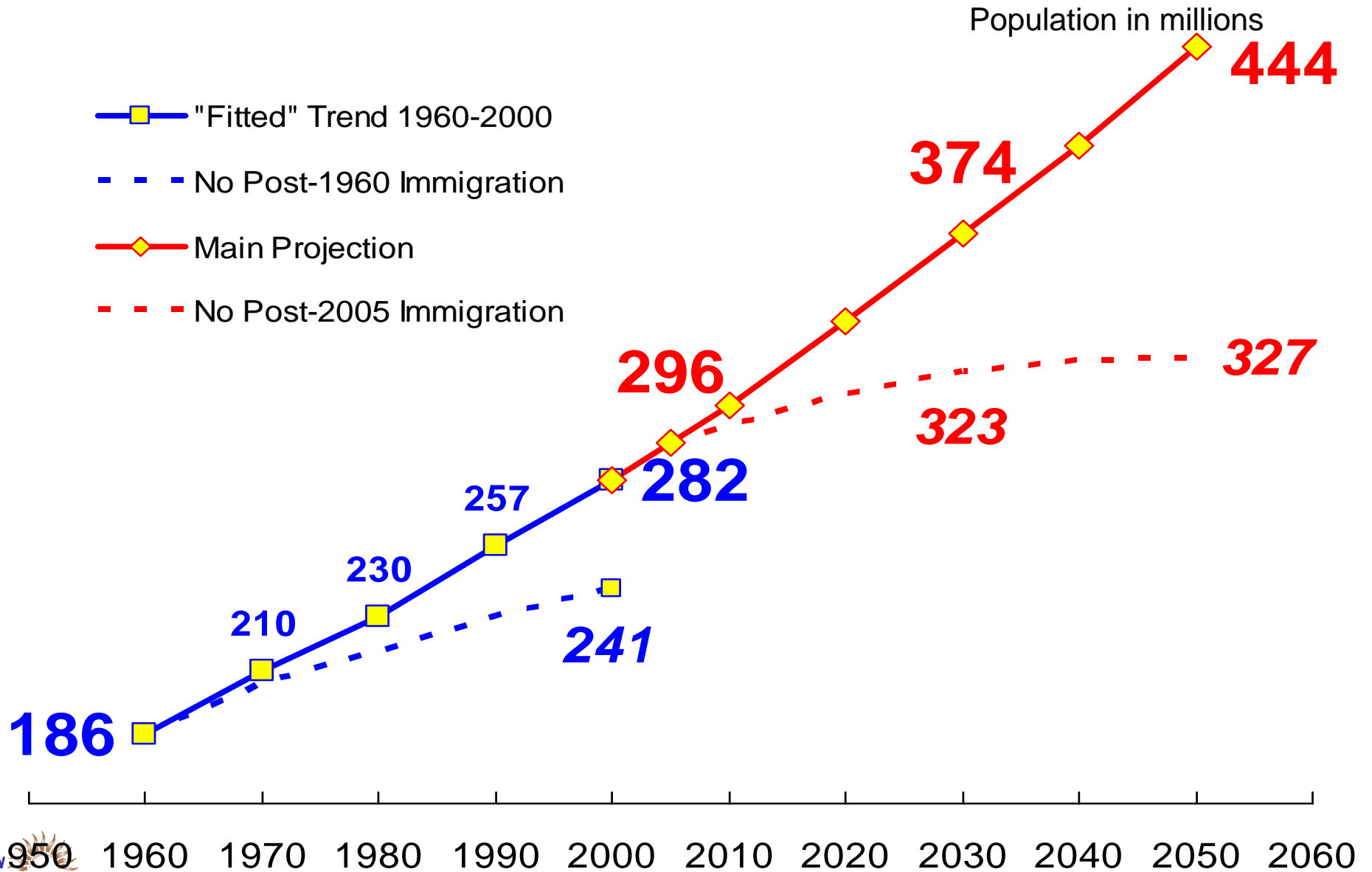
Average Family Income per Person, 2004



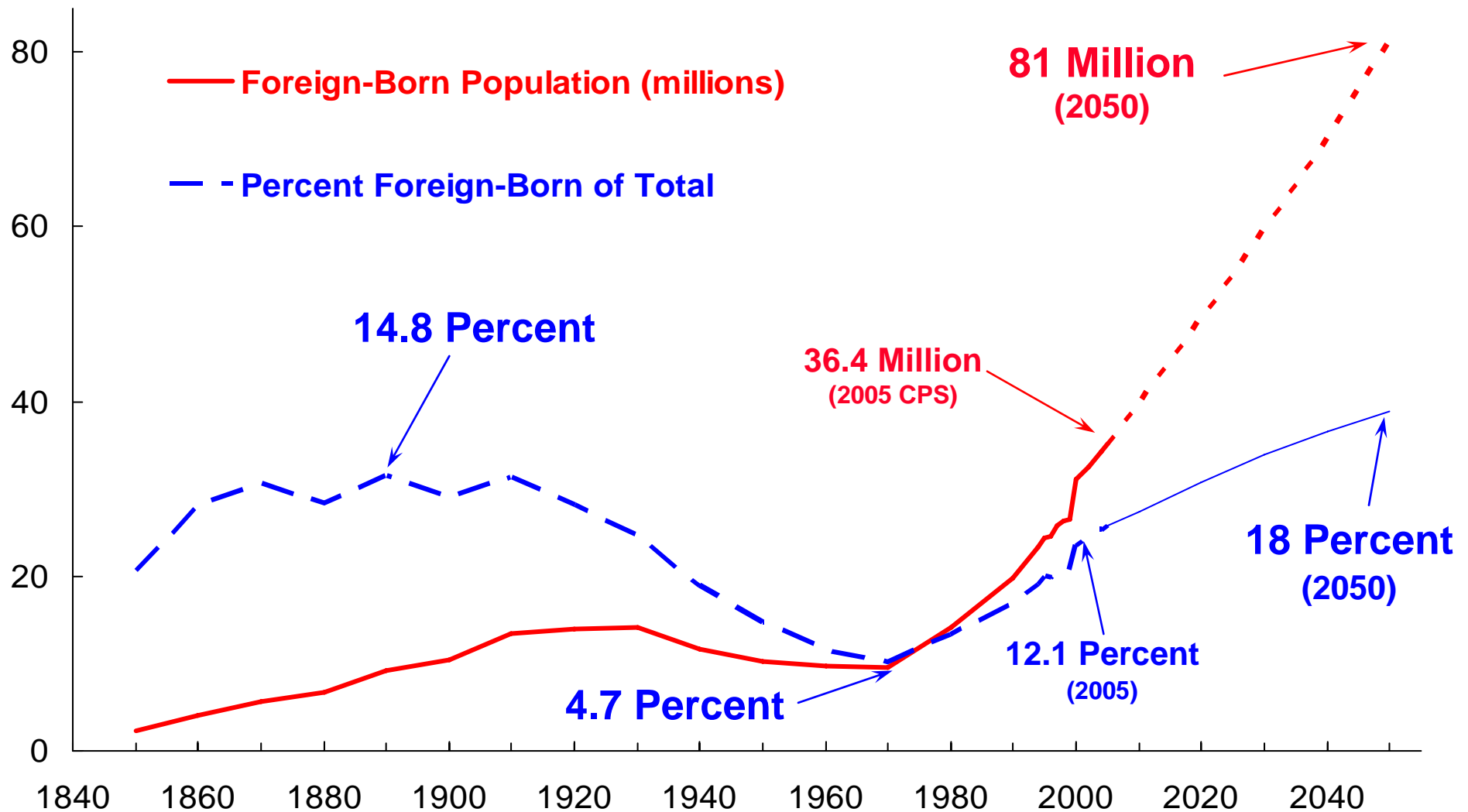
Projected Role of Immigrants in Work Force

- ***Immigration Drives Growth***
- ***Education Upgrading of LF***
 - Better Education
 - “Aging Out” of Low Education
- ***Aging Population, 2010-2030***
- ***Immigrants Help Social Security***
 - Relatively Small Impact
 - Offsets from More Children

Immigration Drives Growth

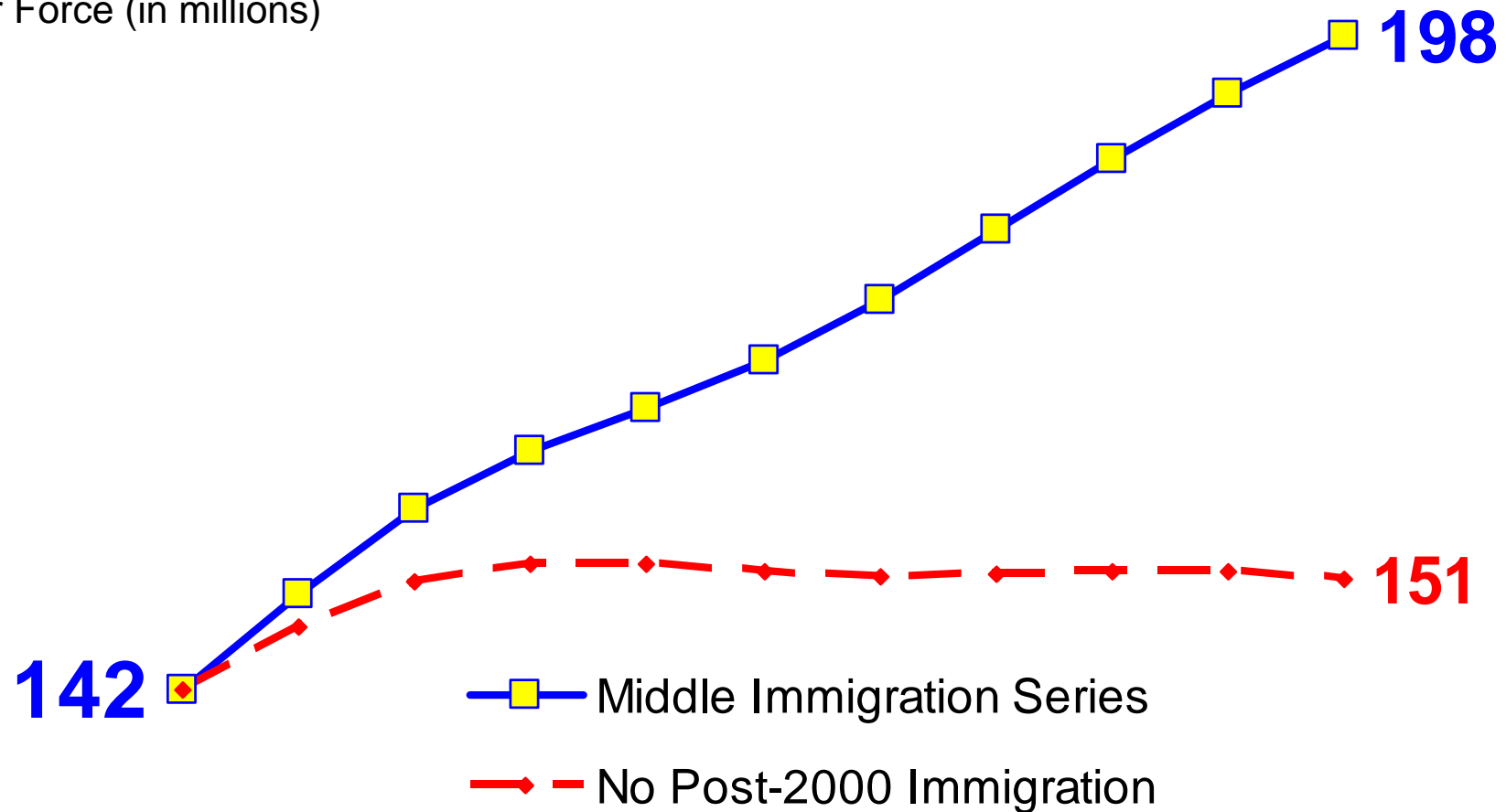


Immigrants Projected to Grow -- Percentage Passes Historical Peak



Labor Force Grows in Future Driven by Immigration (esp. after 2015)

Labor Force (in millions)



1990

2000

2010

2020

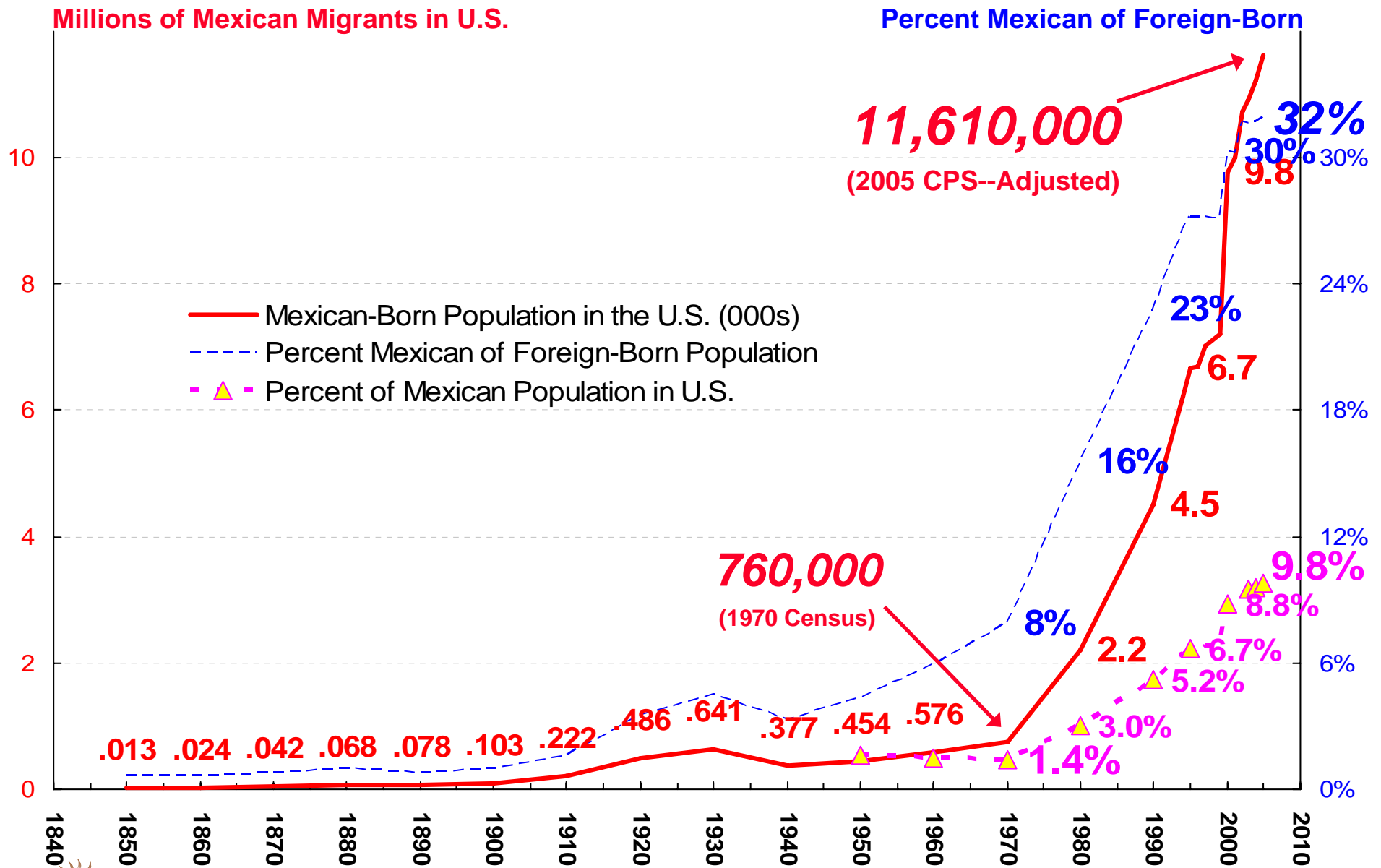
2030

2040

2050

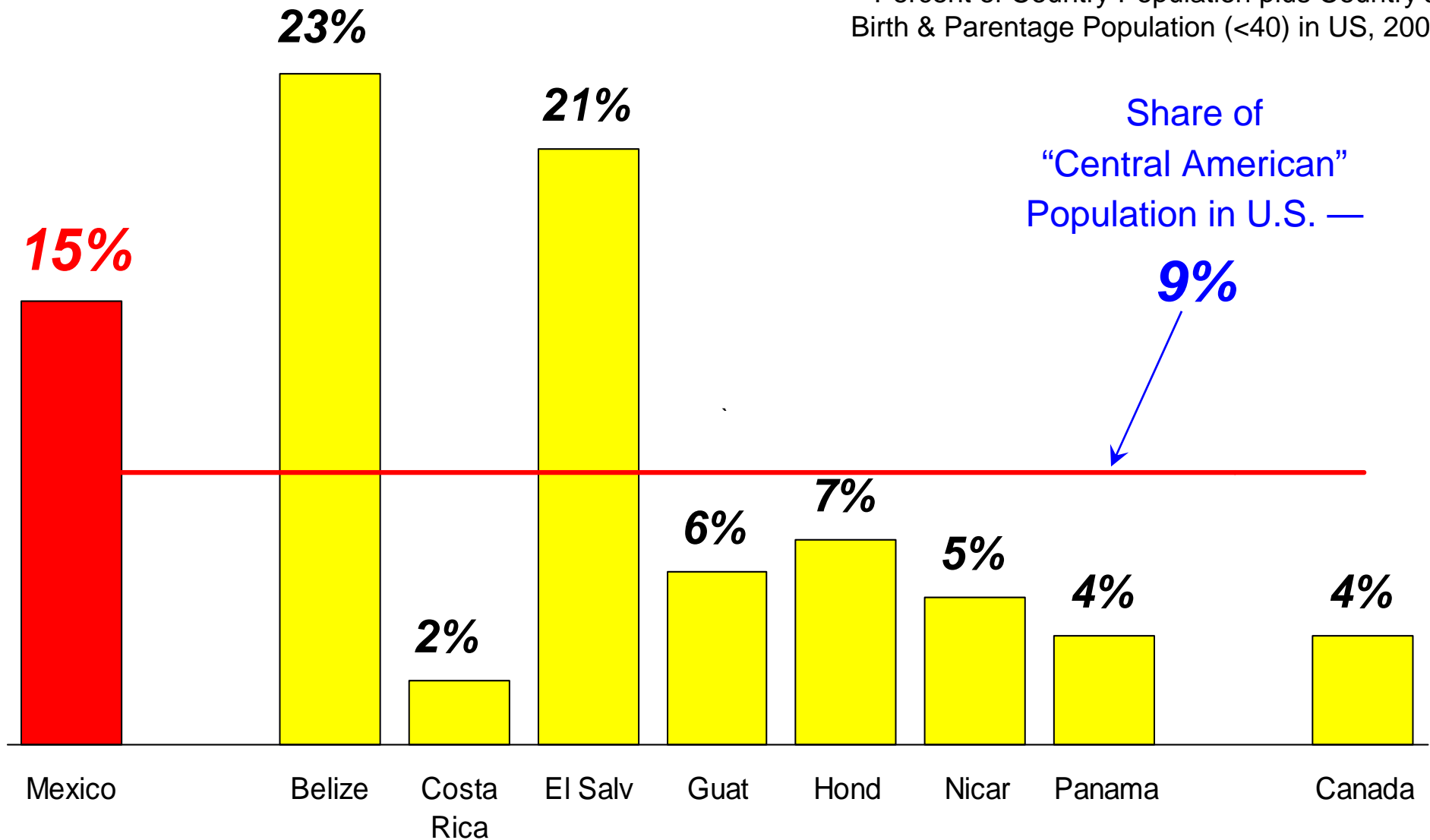
2060

Rapid Growth of Mexicans Continues



Many Mexicans/Salvadorans in US

Percent of Country Population plus Country's Birth & Parentage Population (<40) in US, 2005

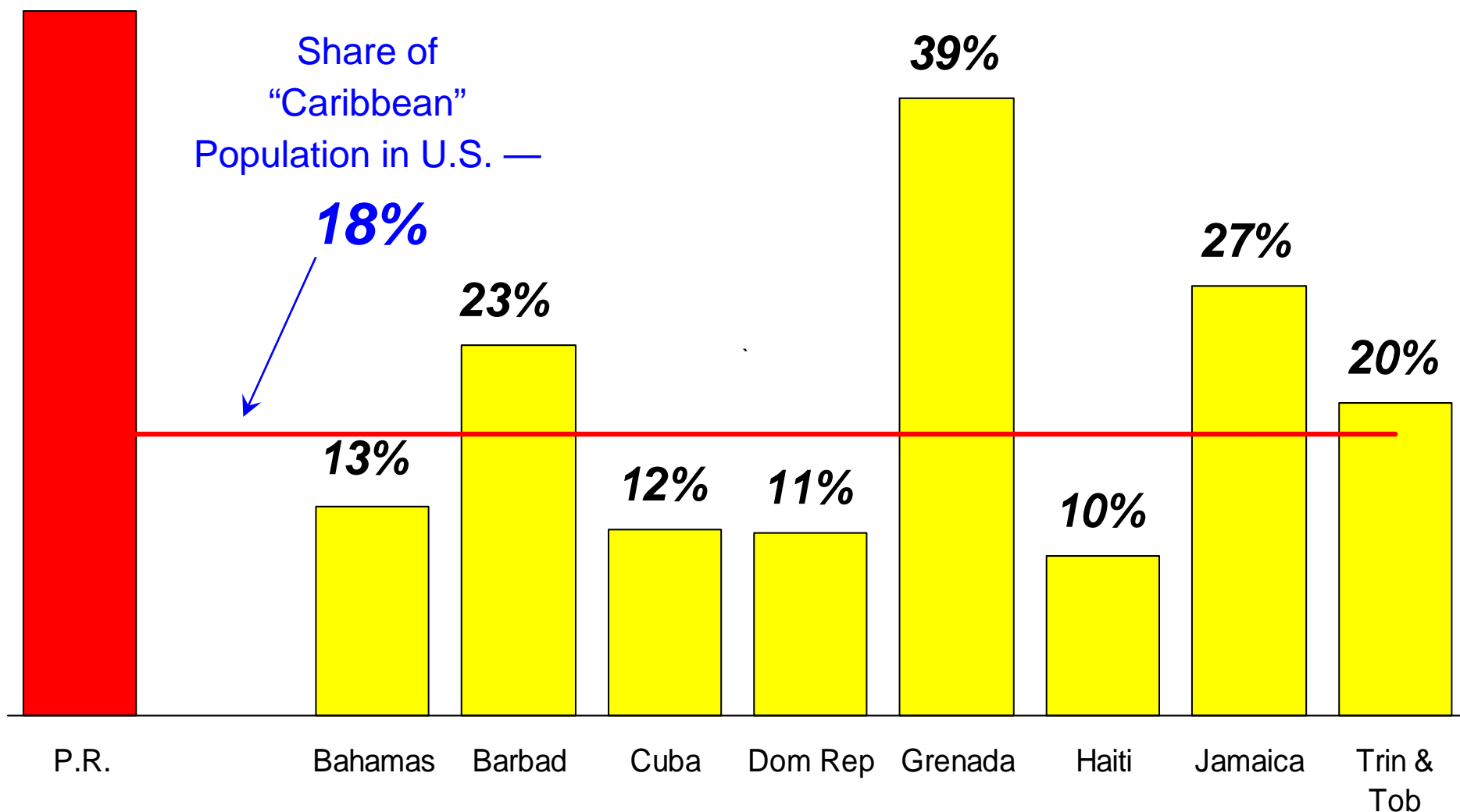


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Larger Share of West Indians in US

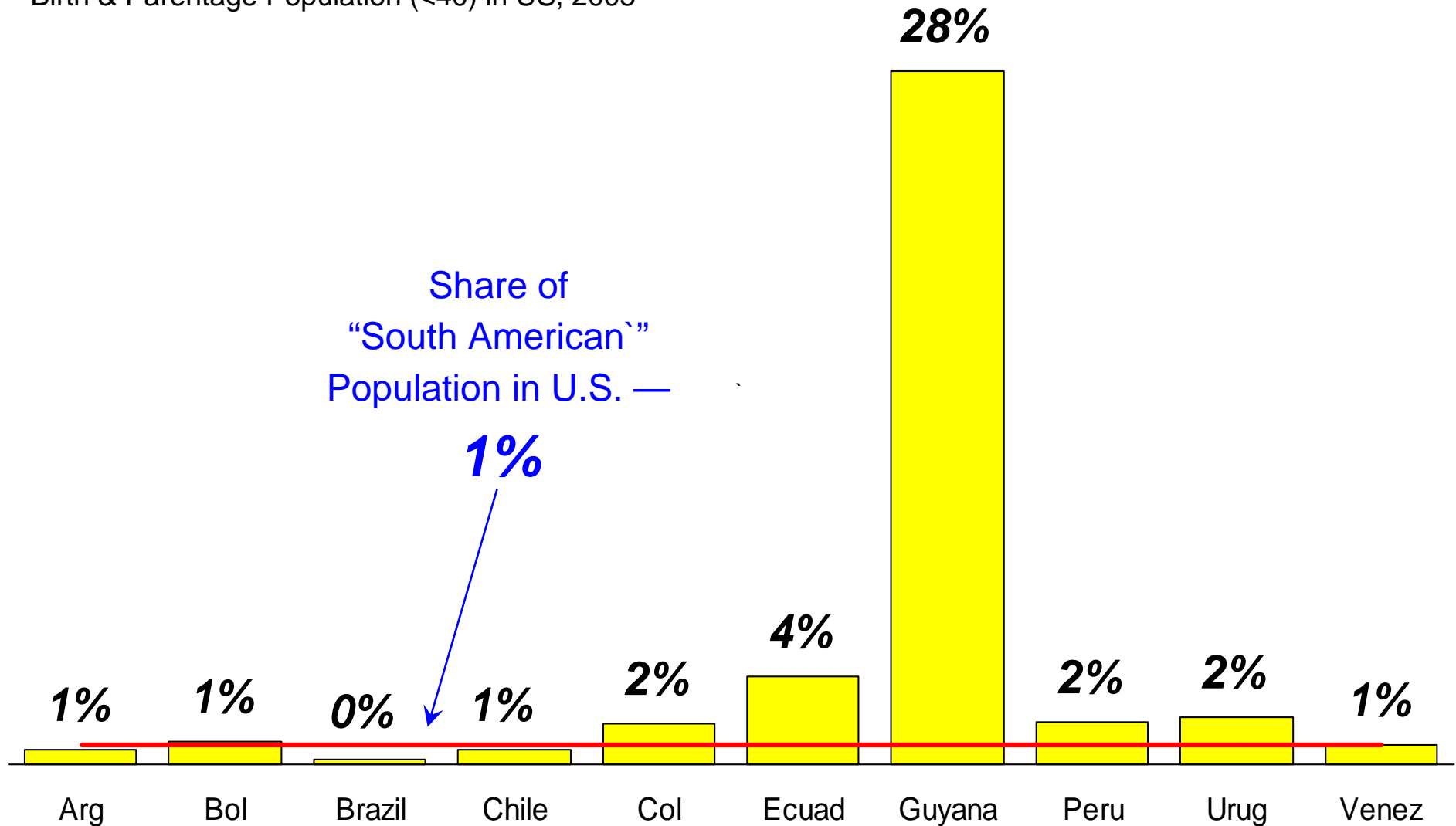
44%

Percent of Country Population plus Country's Birth & Parentage Population (<40) in US, 2005



Only Guyana in S.Amer. is “Large”

Percent of Country Population plus Country's Birth & Parentage Population (<40) in US, 2005



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Impact of New Programs

- ***Large Numbers (10+ million)***
- ***Scattered Around Country***
- ***Mixed, Young Families***
- ***Significant “Investments”***
- ***Potential Economic Mobility***
- ***Continued High Demand (?)***
- ***Opening Up to New Flows (?)***

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