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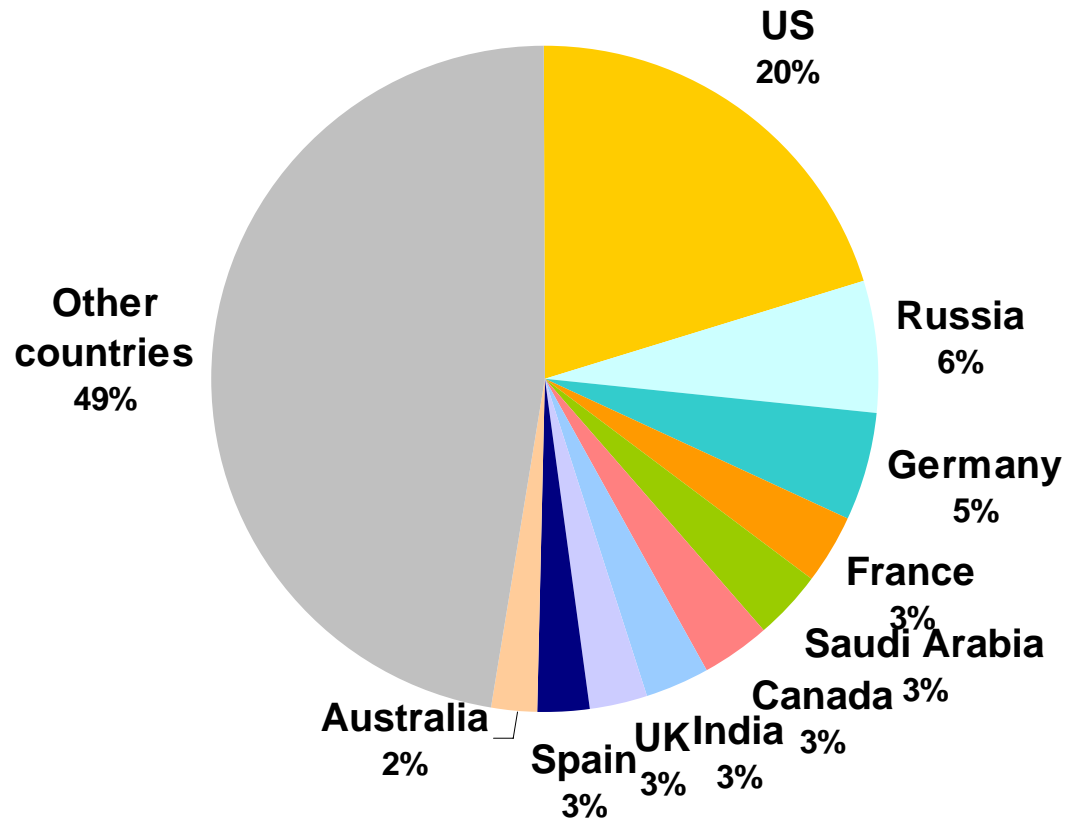
Trends in U.S. Immigration

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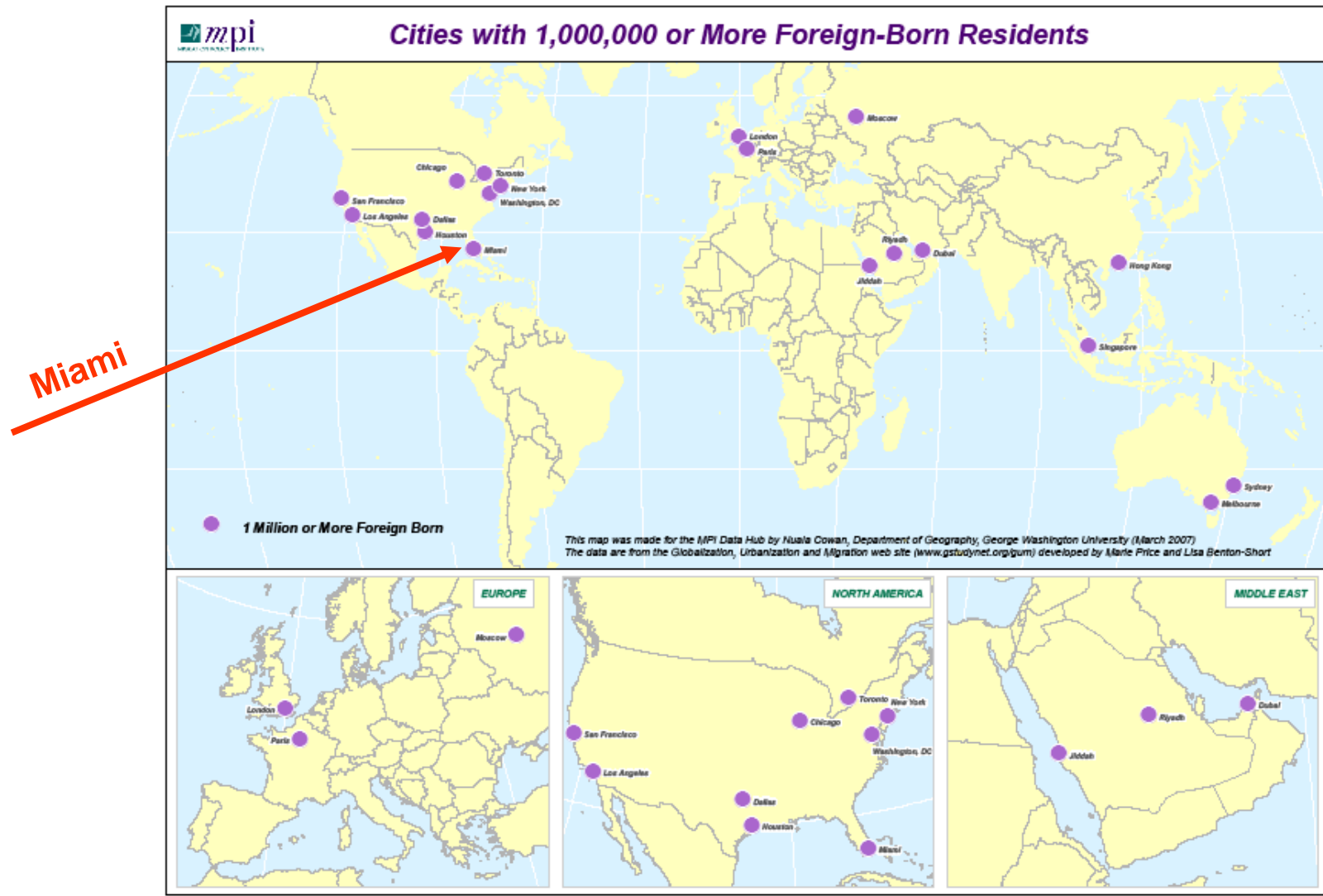
One-fifth of the world's migrants are in the US

WORLD IMMIGRANTS: 190,633,564

TOP 10 COUNTRIES: 52% of world's total



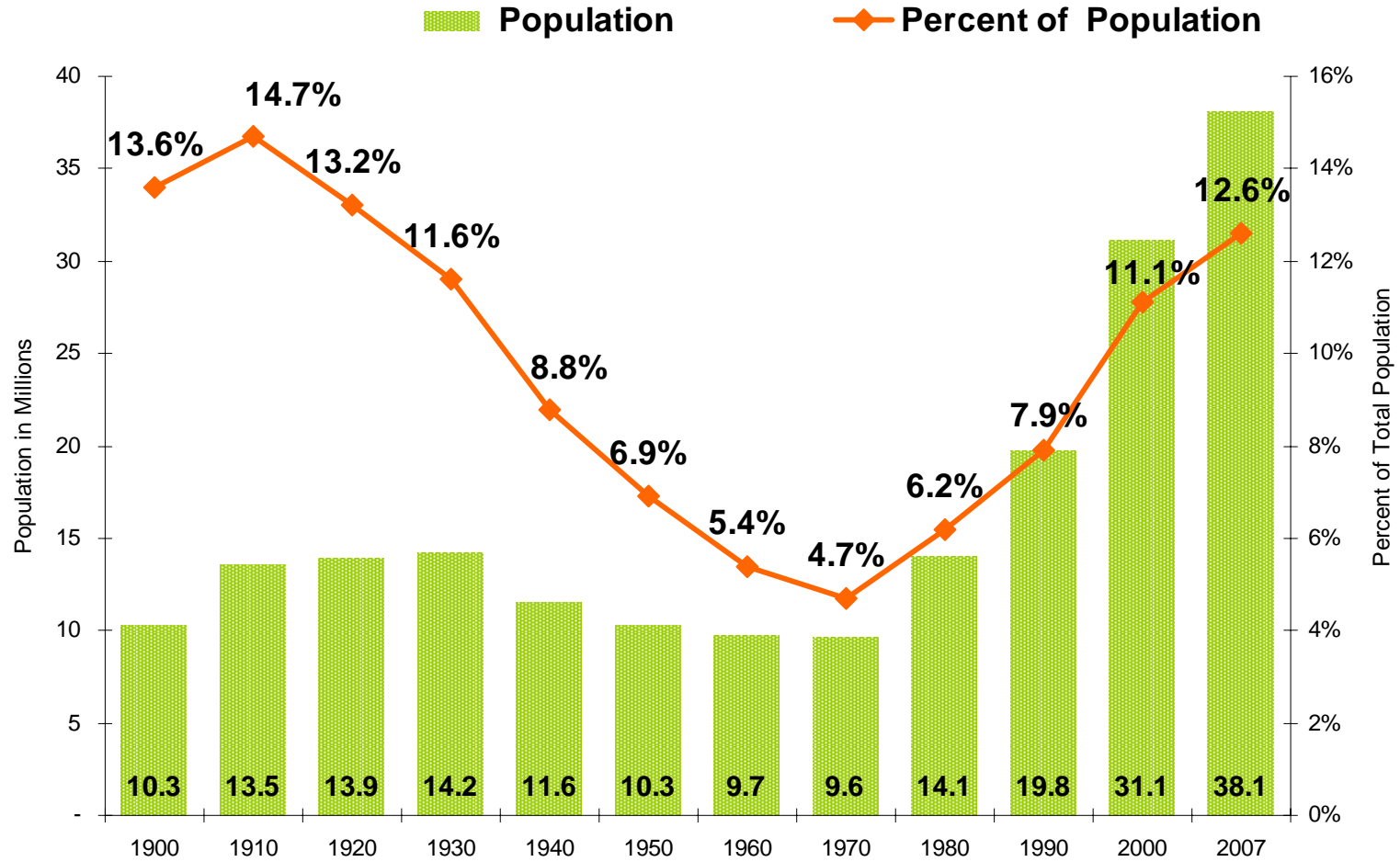
Nearly half of the world's metropolitan areas with more than 1M migrants are in the US.



Source: Globalization, Urbanization, and Migration (GUM) project

Immigration is at an all-time high in the U.S.

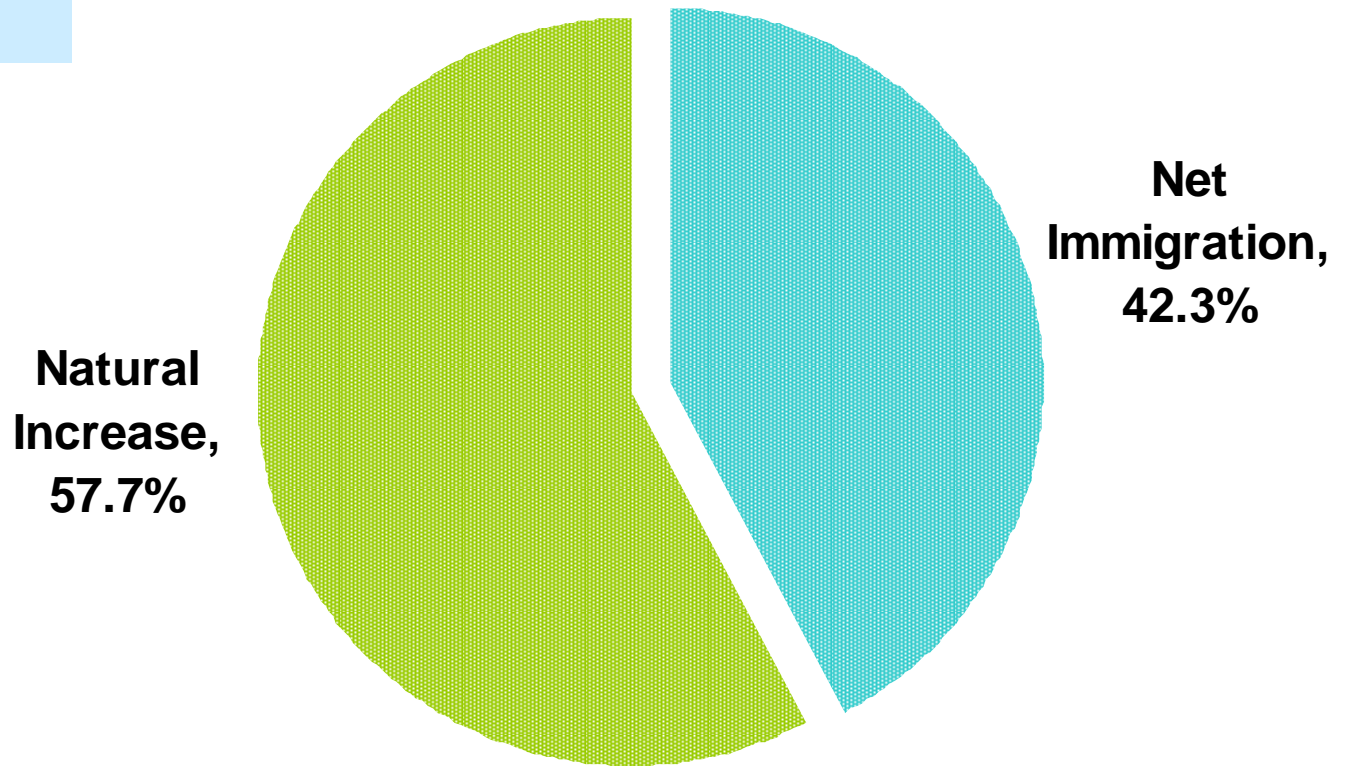
Total Foreign Born and Share Foreign Born in the United States, 1900-2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

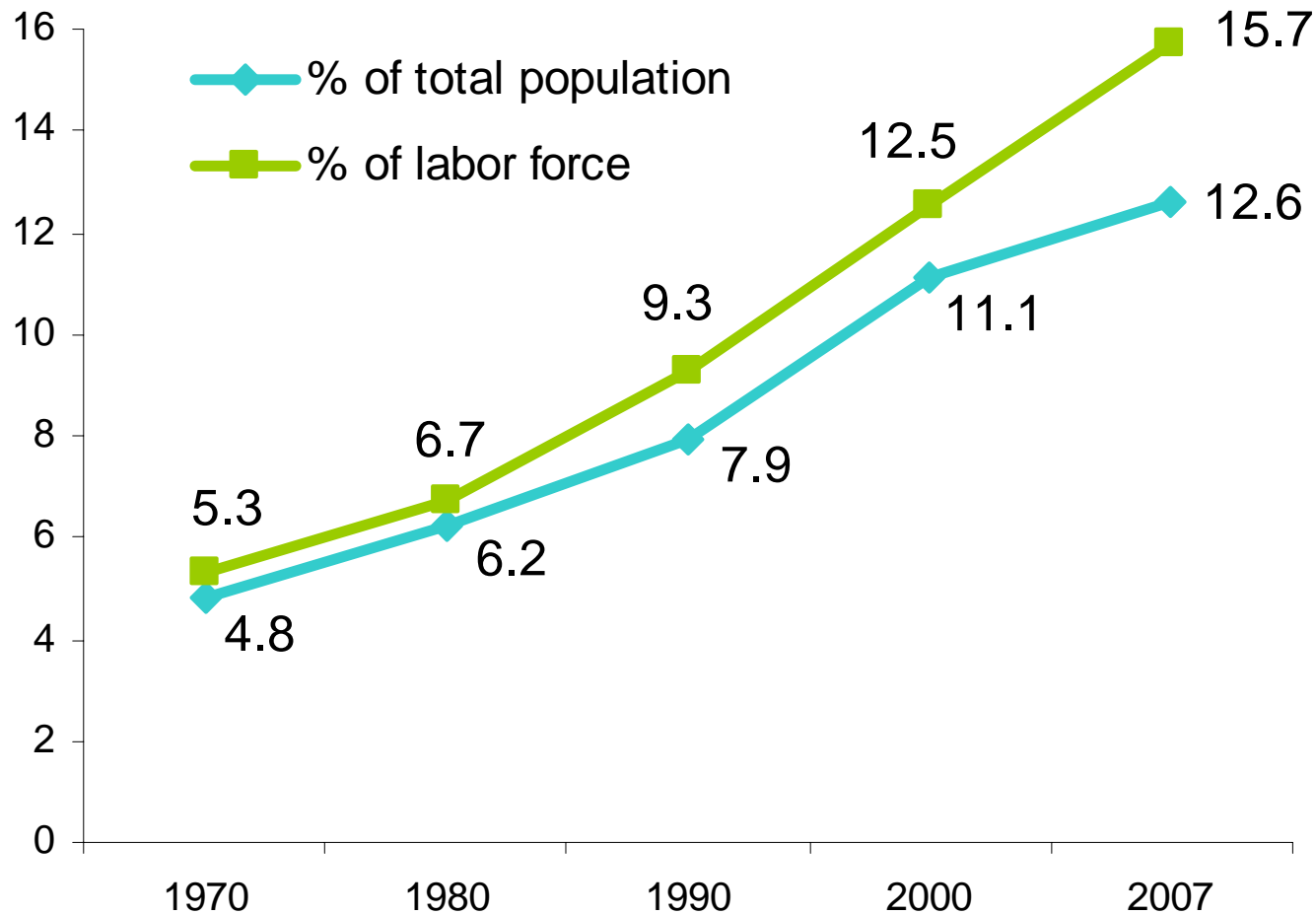
Forty-two percent of US population growth comes directly from immigration.

**Components of
population change,
2000-2005**



Immigrant workers are a growing segment of the labor force

Foreign-born
Proportion of US
Civilian Labor
Force and Total
Population,
1970-2007



Source: Migration Information Source compilation of Census Bureau data

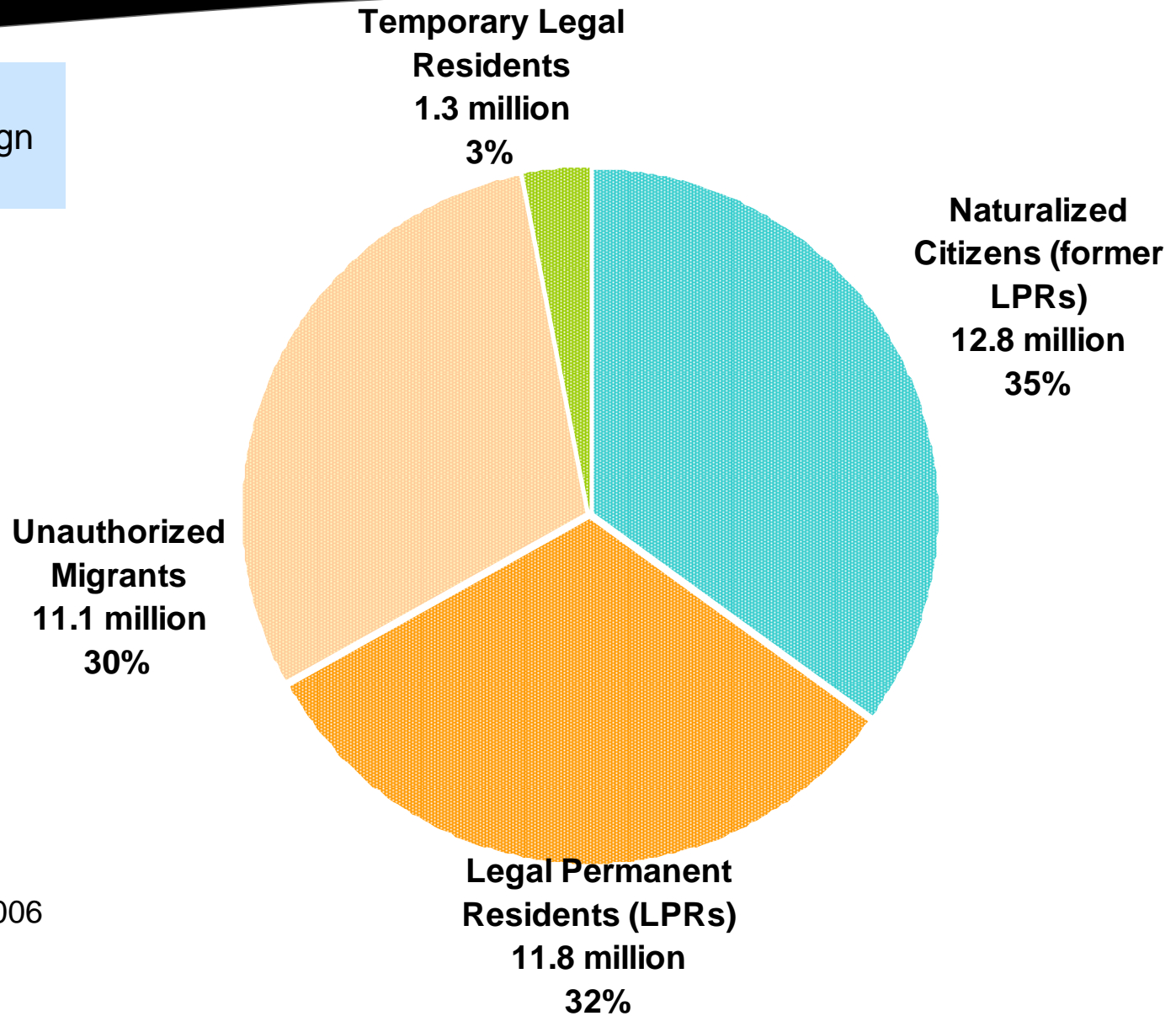
Characteristics of immigrants: employment, poverty, education, language, family type

Percent of foreign- and native-born by characteristic

	Foreign	Native
Unemployed	3.6	4.1
Below poverty level	15.6	12.6
Less than high school	32.0	12.4
BA or higher	26.9	27.5
English only at home	15.6	90.3
Limited English proficient	52.4	1.9
Married couple family	63.0	59.8

An estimated 30 percent of immigrants in the US are unauthorized.

Estimated legal status of the foreign born, 2005



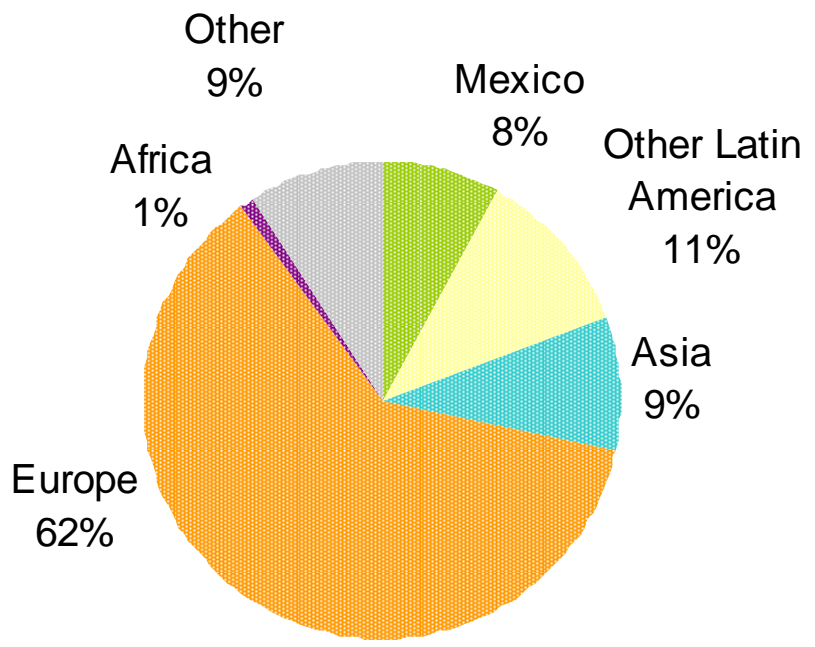
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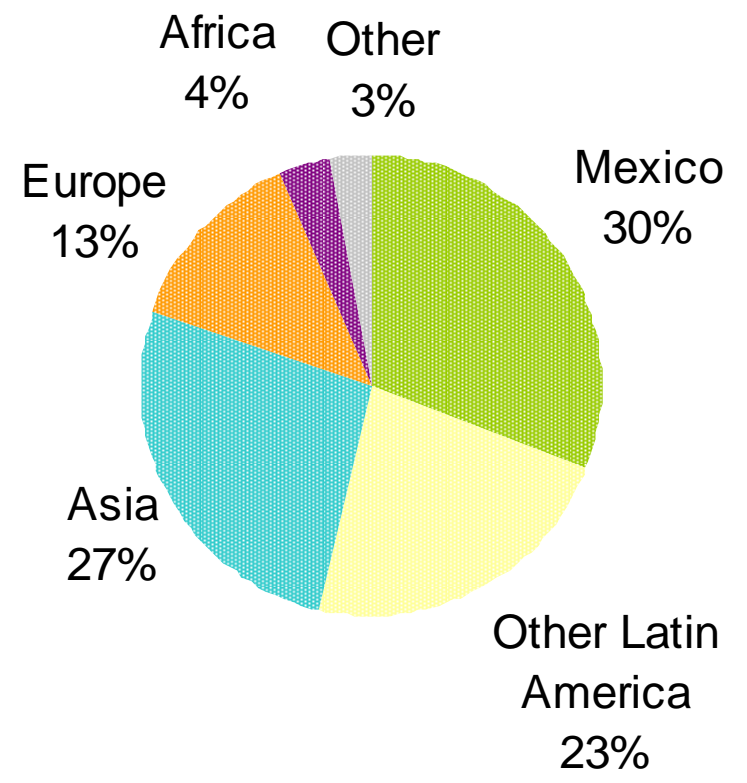
Immigrants' regions of origin have diversified over the last several decades.

Place of birth for the foreign born

1970



2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2007

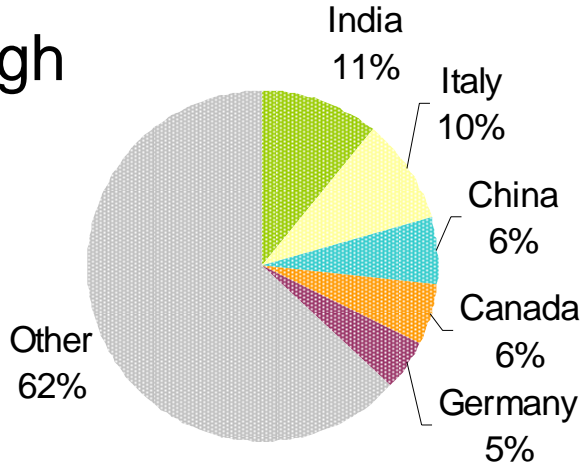
Mexican immigrants dominate; diverse origins round out the top ten countries.

Foreign-born
Persons Residing
in the U.S., 2007
(thousands)

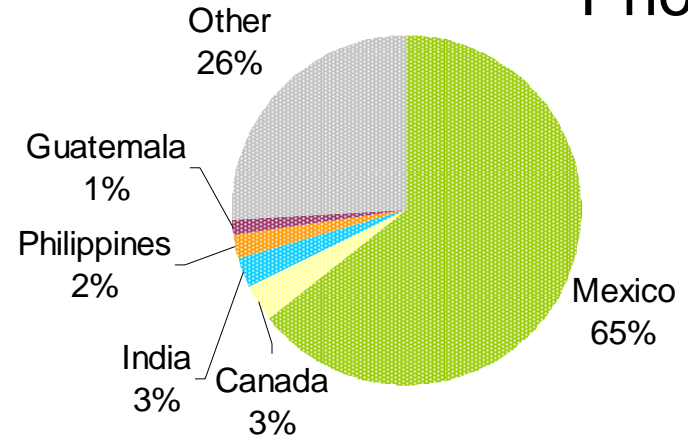
1	Mexico	11,739
2	Philippines	1,701
3	India	1,502
4	China	1,364
5	El Salvador	1,104
6	Vietnam	1,101
7	Korea	1,043
8	Cuba	983
9	Canada	830
10	Dominican Republic	756

Origin countries vary greatly by metropolitan area.

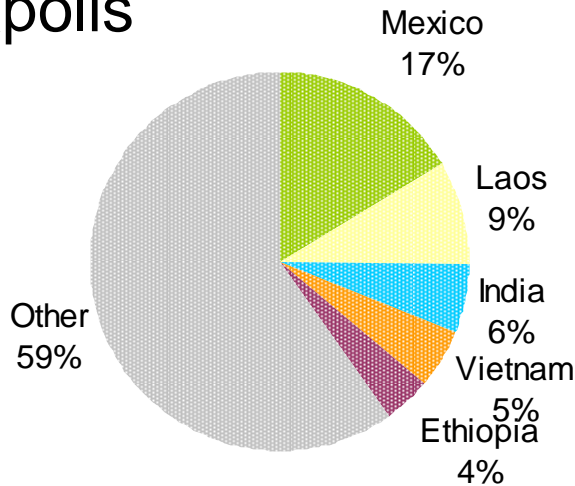
Pittsburgh



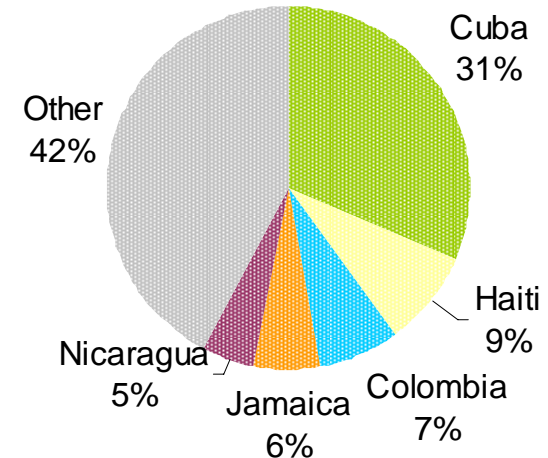
Phoenix



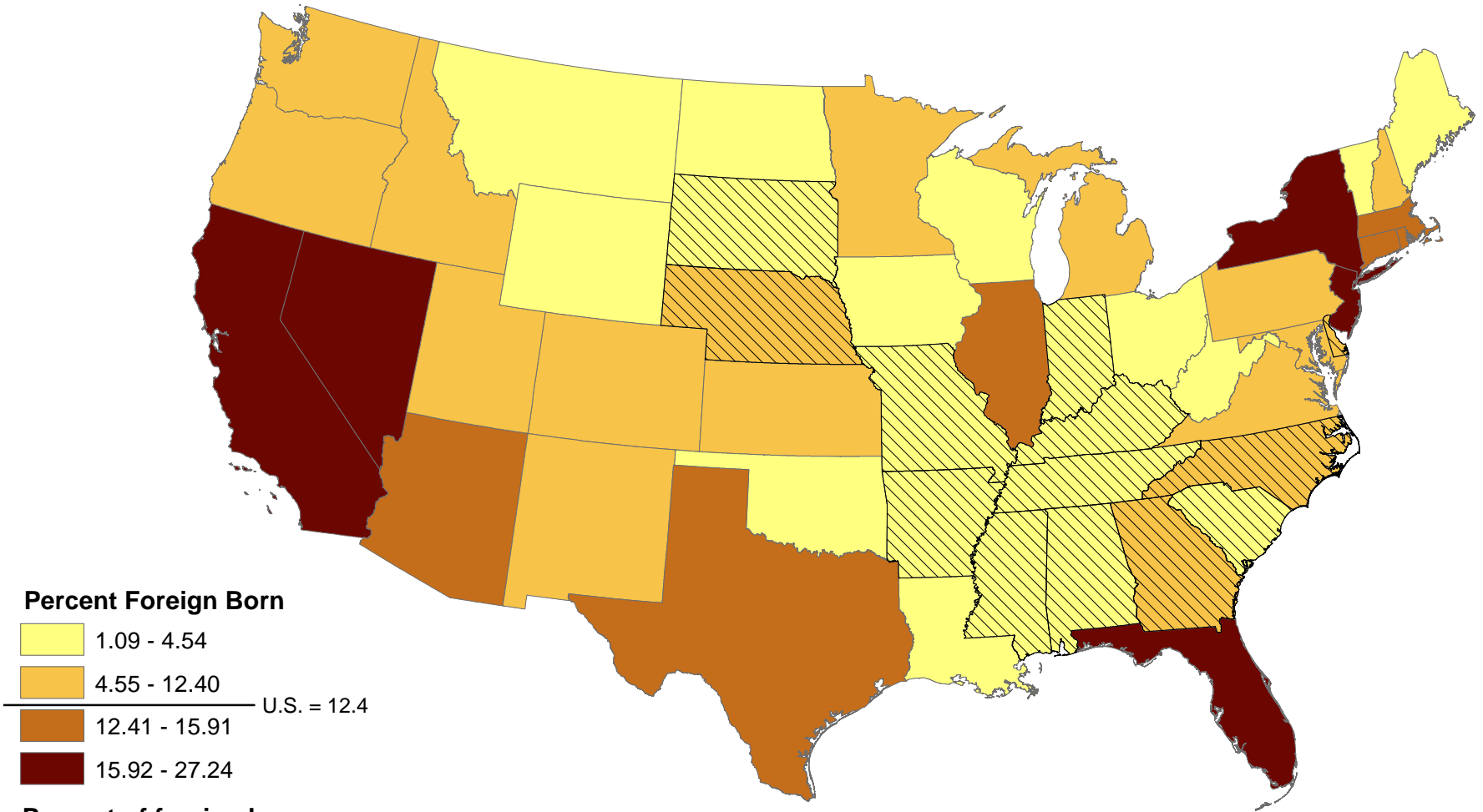
Minneapolis



Miami



States with the most recent arrivals have little experience with immigration.



Metropolitan areas with the largest number of immigrants, 2007

New York	5,329
Los Angeles	4,489
Miami	2,005
Chicago	1,679
San Francisco	1,245
Houston	1,205
Dallas	1,092
Washington	1,089
Riverside	912
Phoenix	736

Foreign-born
population
(thousands)
by metropolitan
area, 2007

Metropolitan areas with the highest proportions of immigrants, 2007

Percent foreign born by metropolitan area, 2007

San Jose, CA	37.2
Miami, FL	37.0
Los Angeles, CA	34.9
San Francisco, CA	29.6
McAllen, TX	28.5
New York, NY	28.3
El Paso, TX	26.7
Stockton, CA	24.3
Oxnard, CA	23.2
San Diego, CA	22.7

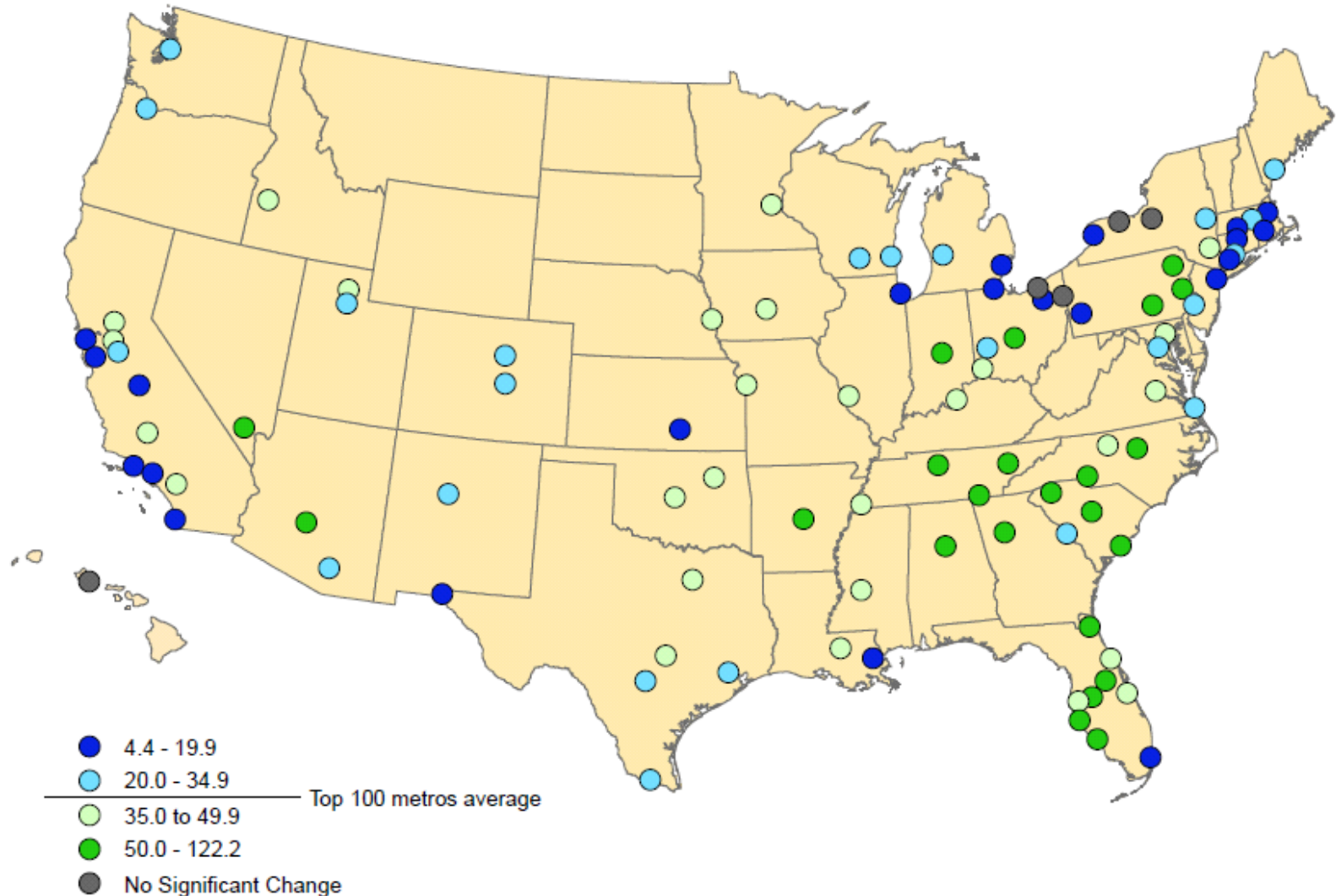
The fastest-growing immigrant destinations are in the Southeast.

Cape Coral, FL	122
Greenville, SC	77
Lakeland, FL	75
Nashville, TN	74
Little Rock, AR	74
Knoxville, TN	72
Indianapolis, IN	71
Las Vegas, NV	65
Birmingham, AL	65
Orlando, FL	64

Percent growth
In the foreign-
born population
by metropolitan
area, 2000-2007

Metros in the Southeast are among the fastest-growing immigrant destinations.

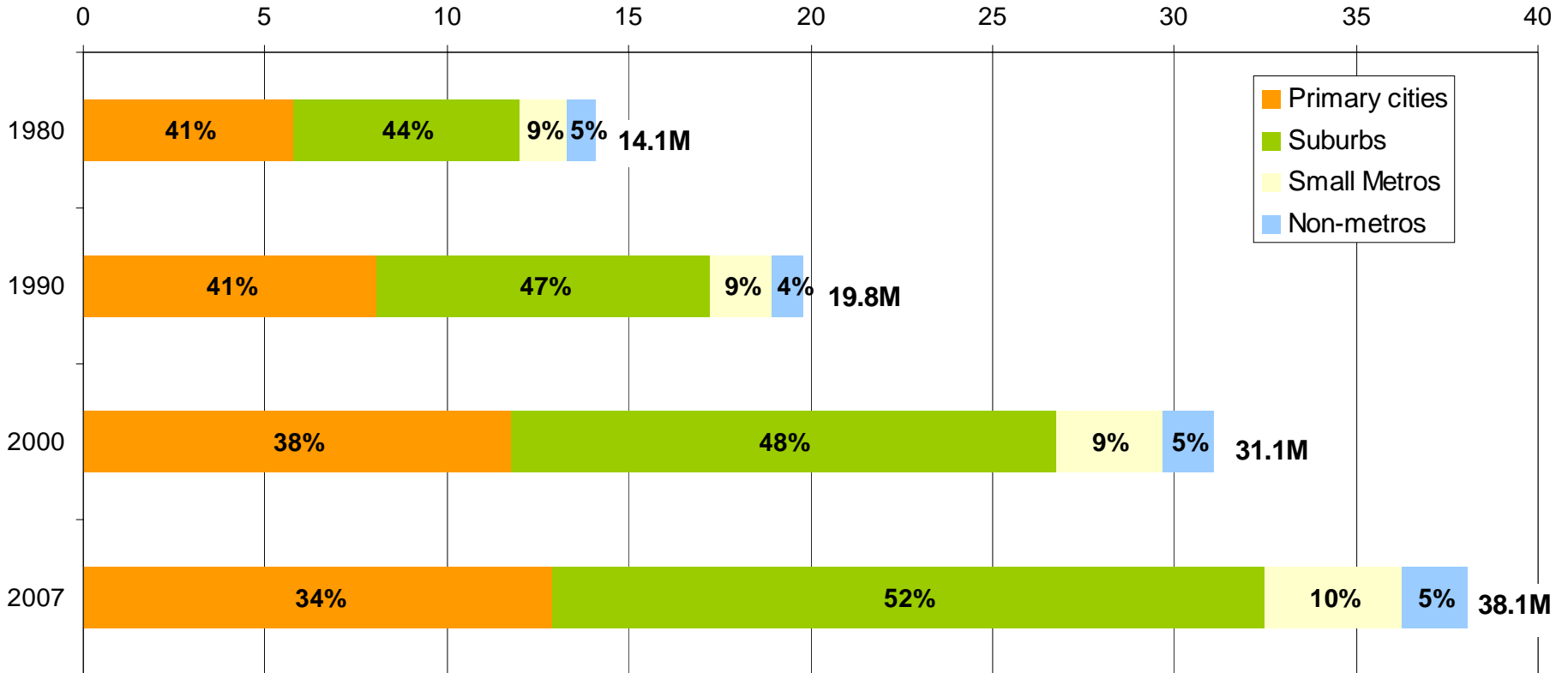
Percent Change in the Foreign-Born Population in the 100 Largest Metros, 2000-2007



A majority of immigrants now reside in the suburbs of large metropolitan areas.

Size and Share of Foreign-Born Population by Location, 1980-2007

Millions



Cities and suburbs are defined for the 100 largest metropolitan areas based on 2007 Population Estimates data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Primary cities are those that are first named in the metropolitan area title in addition to other named cities with at least 100,000 total population in 2007. The remainder of the metropolitan area is defined as suburban. The 261 metro areas that are not among the top 100 are considered small metros. The remainder of the country is non-metropolitan. Data on foreign-born population come from 1980, 1990, and 2000 decennial censuses and from the 2007 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

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