

# Immigrants in 2010 Metropolitan America: A Decade of Change

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# United States immigrant population in 2010

**40 million**

**13% of the population**

**Net increase of 8.8 million  
between 2000 and 2010**

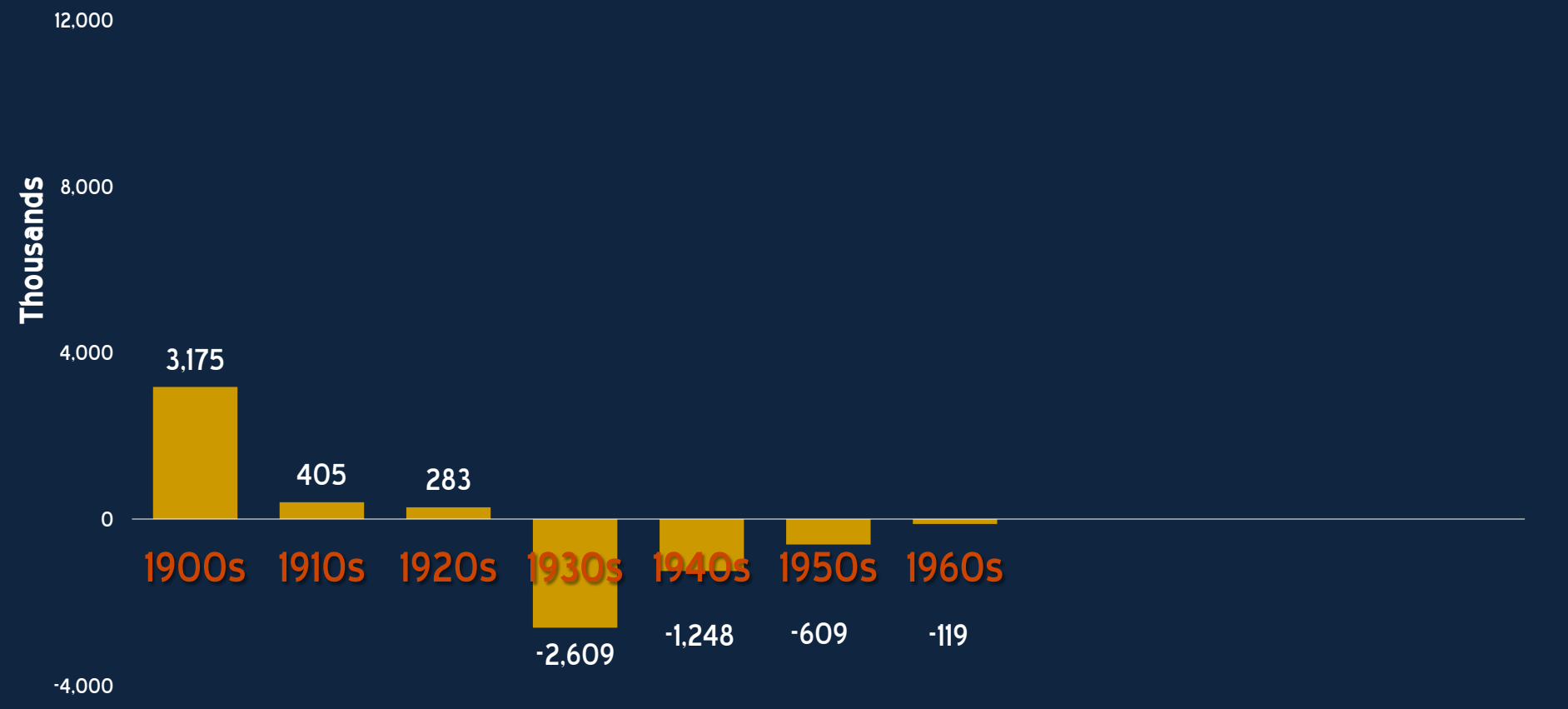


# At the turn of the 20th century immigration levels were high then tapered





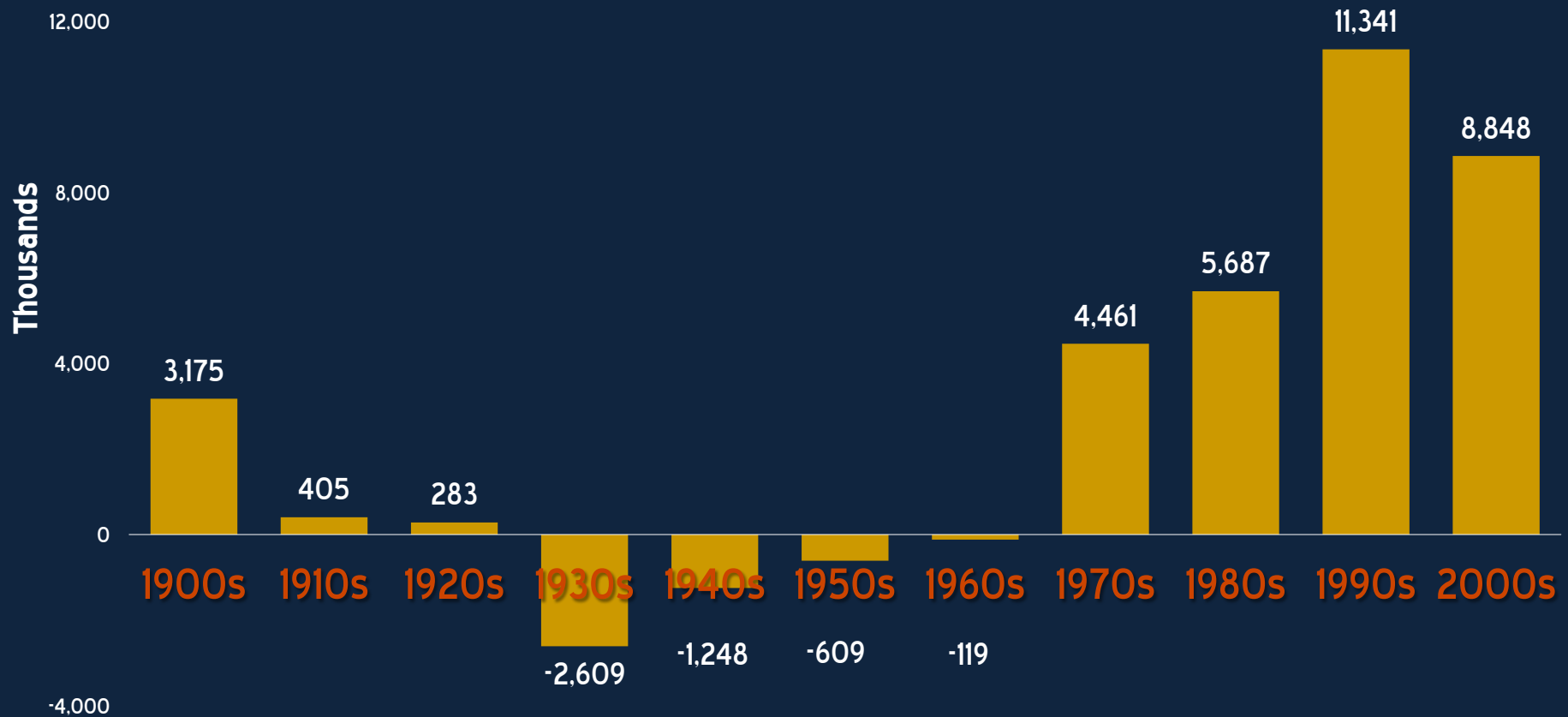
# Mid-century losses followed the Great Depression



Source: Brookings Institution calculation of U.S. Census Bureau data



Growth in recent decades, beginning in the 1970s reverses and exceeds mid-century losses; a slowing during the 2000s



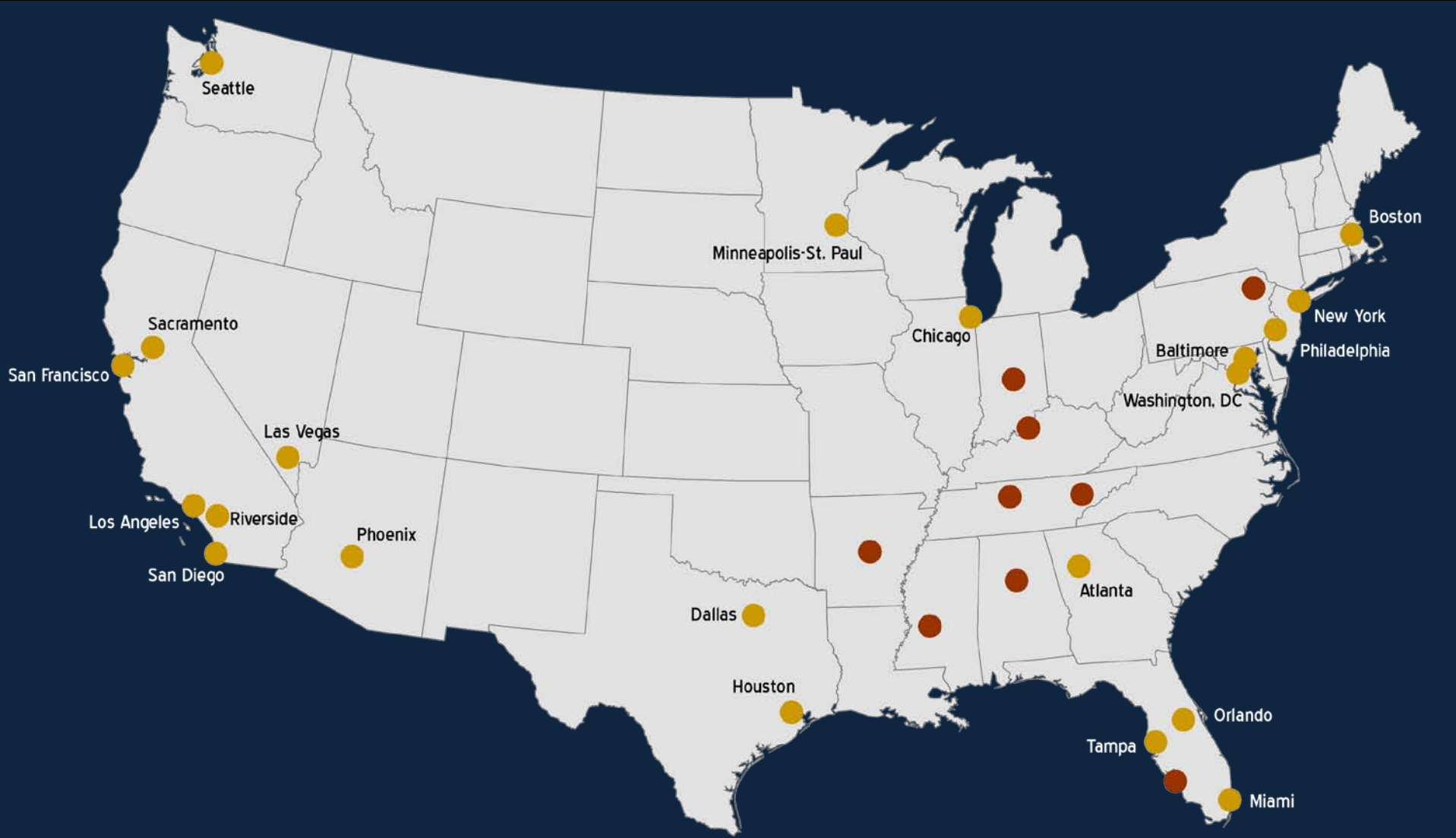


# Nine metropolitan areas experienced a doubling of their foreign-born population





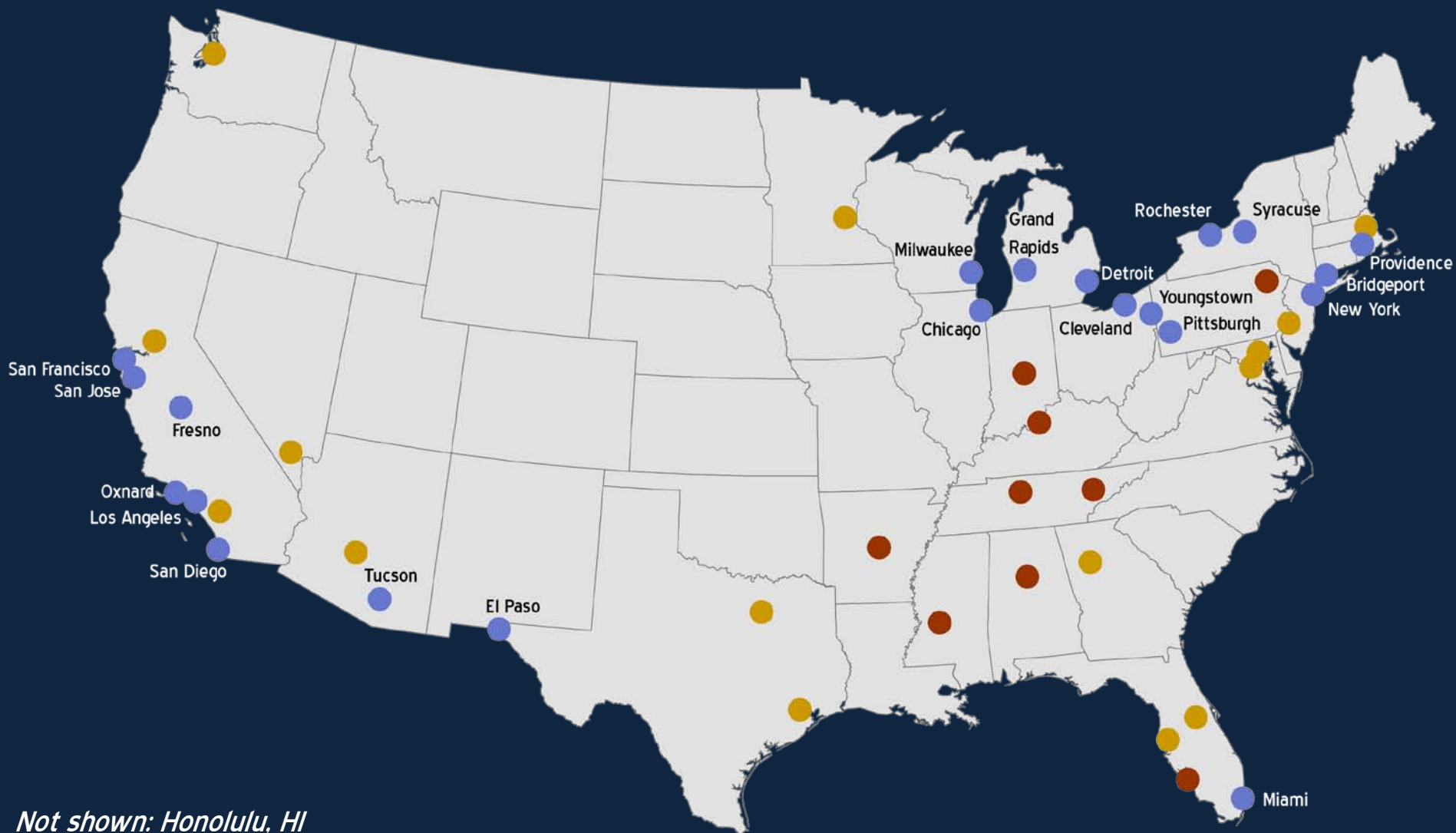
# 21 metros gained over 100,000 immigrants



Source: ACS 2010



22 metros grew at a slower rate than the 100 largest metro areas  
(27 percent)

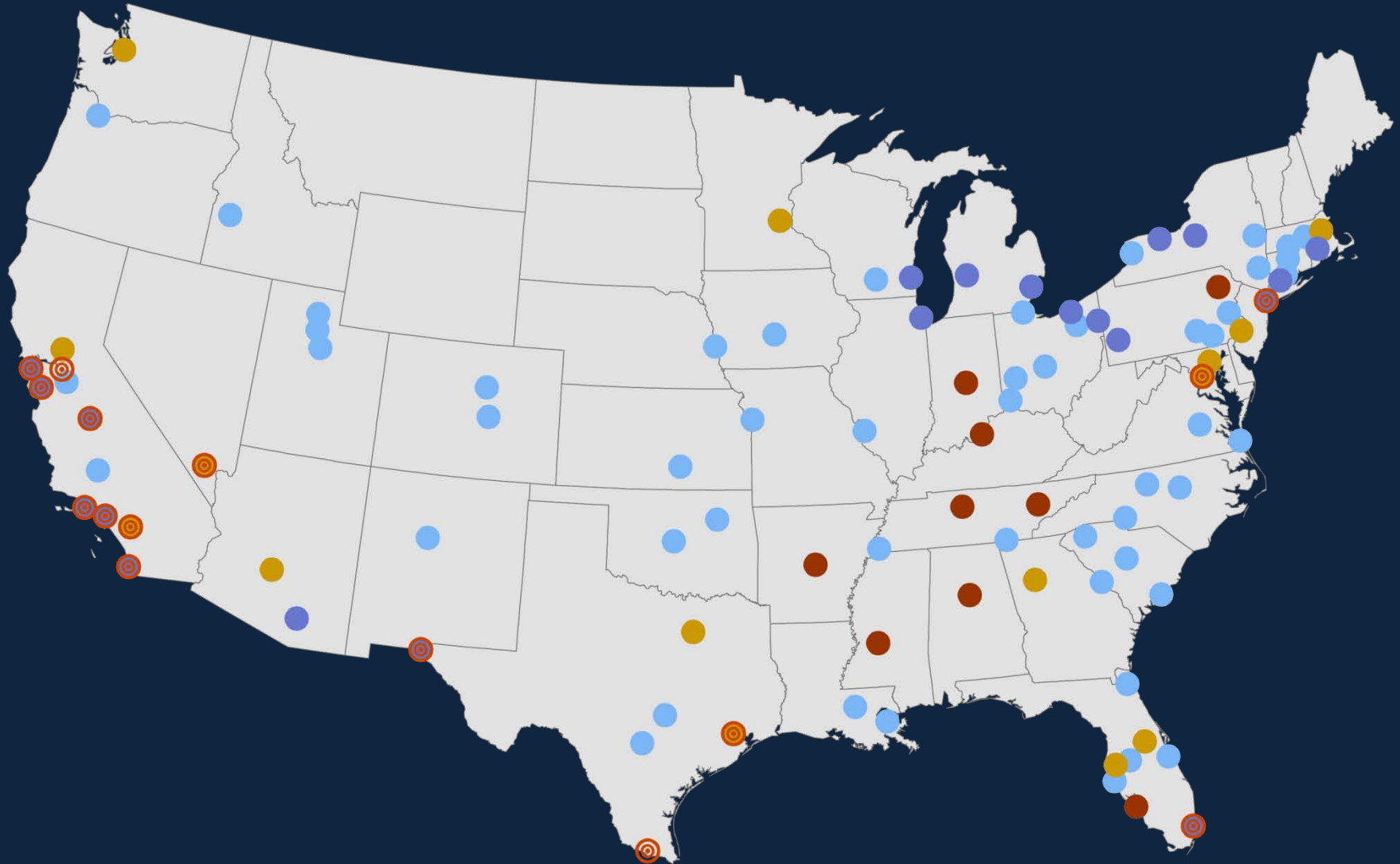


*Not shown: Honolulu, HI*

*Source: ACS 2010*

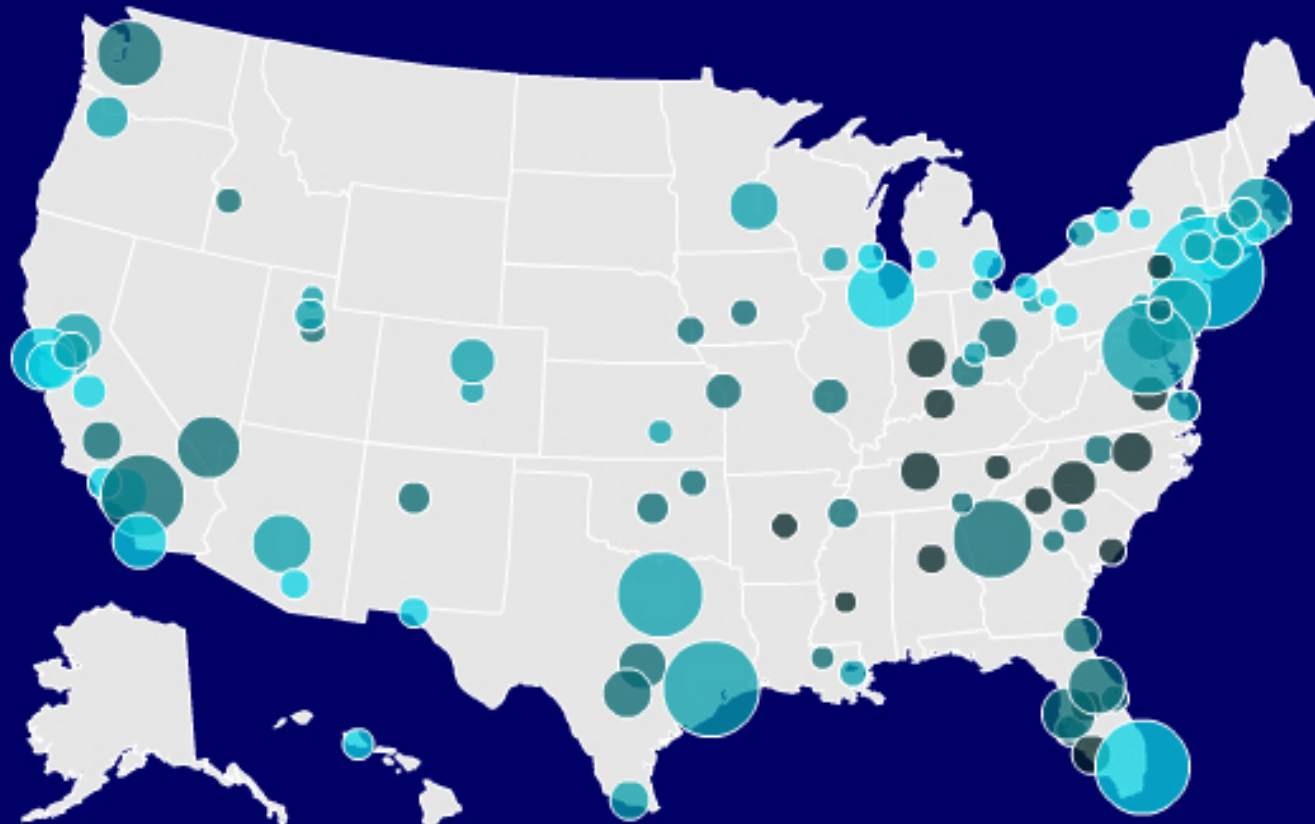


Immigrant settlement became less concentrated during the 2000s as metropolitan areas with relatively small immigrant populations grew quickly

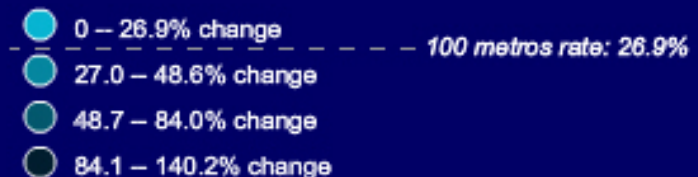
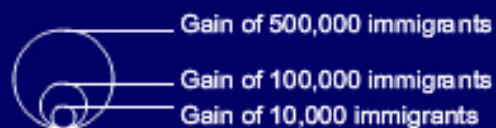




# Numeric and percent change in immigrant population in largest 100 metros



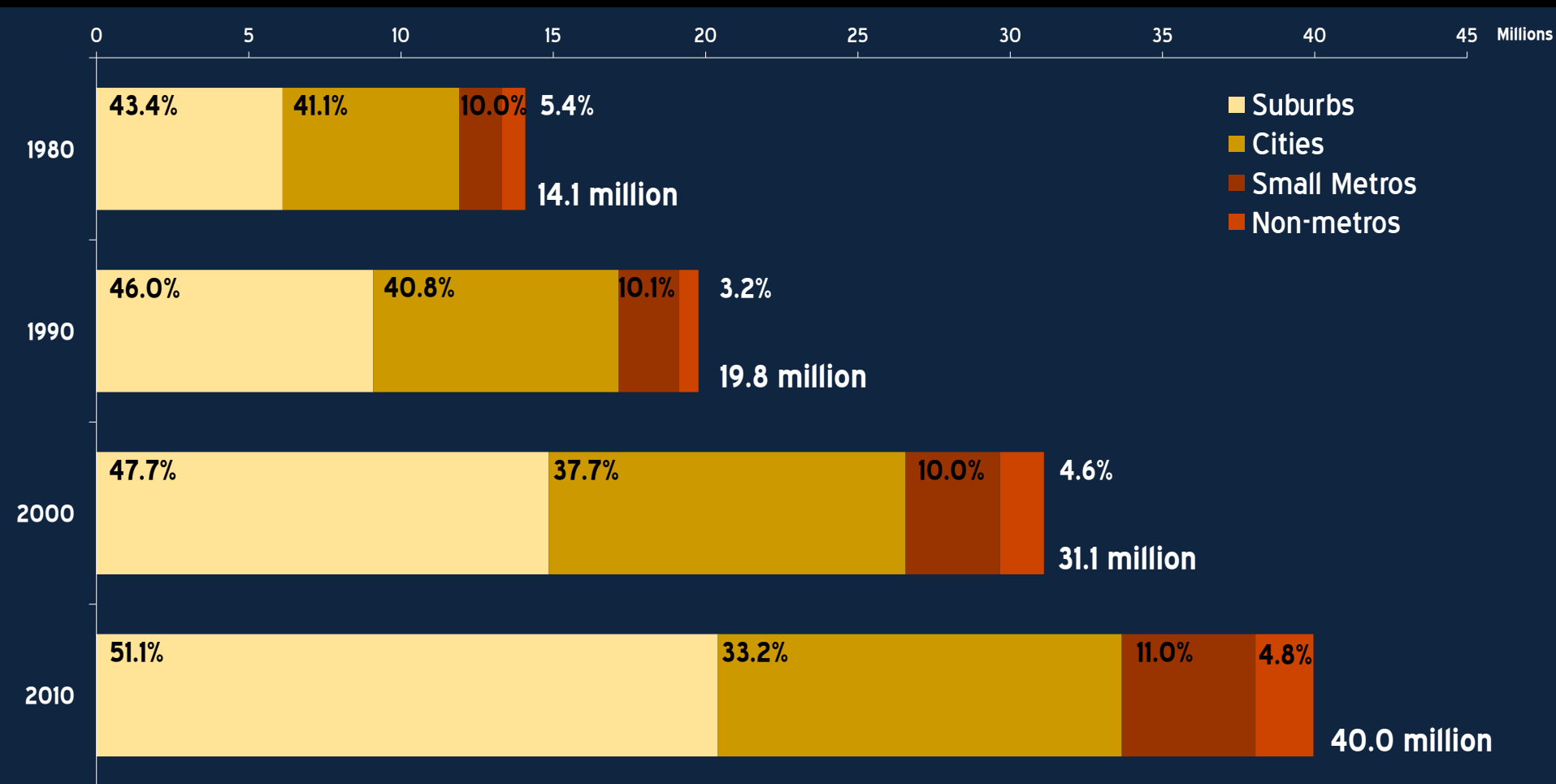
Circles are sized according to numeric change and colored according to percent change:



Source: Authors' analysis of Census 2000 and ACS 2010 data



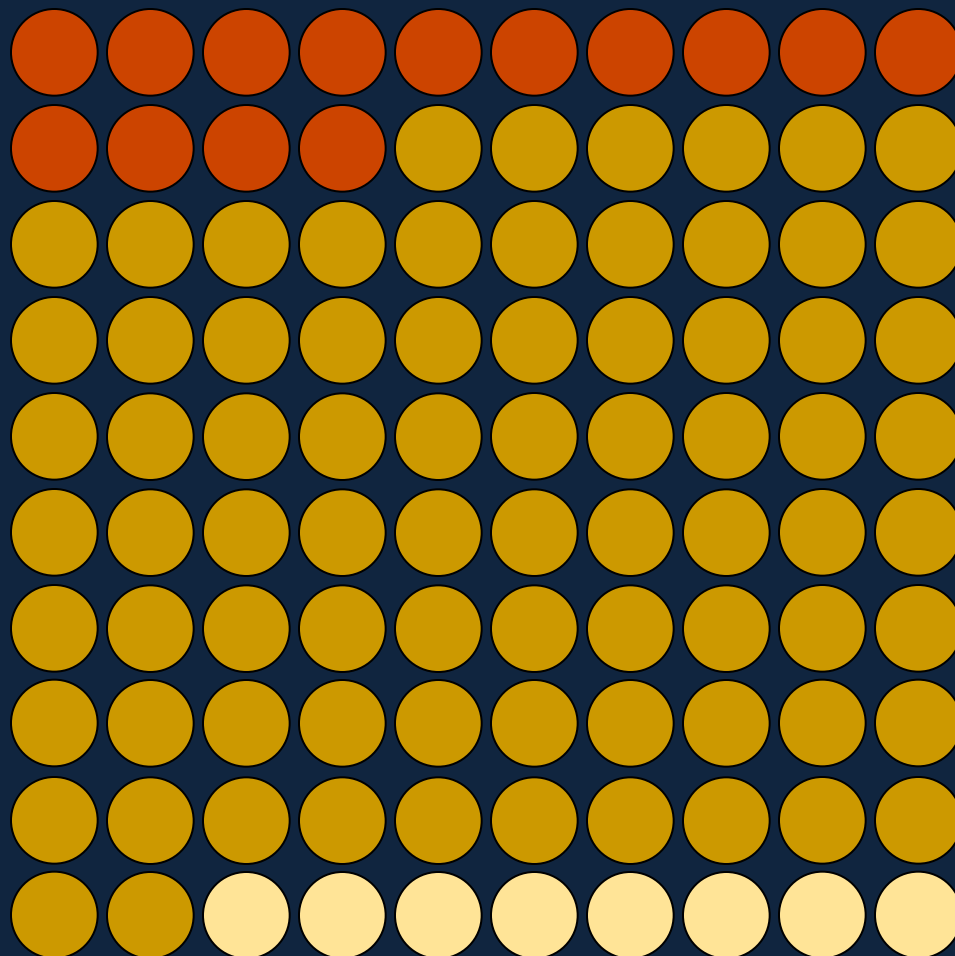
# By 2010, 51 percent of immigrants nationwide lived in the suburbs of large metropolitan areas, up from 48 percent in 2000





# Some metropolitan areas are more suburbanized than others, and immigrants' settlement patterns reflect that broader trend

Of the 100 largest metros:

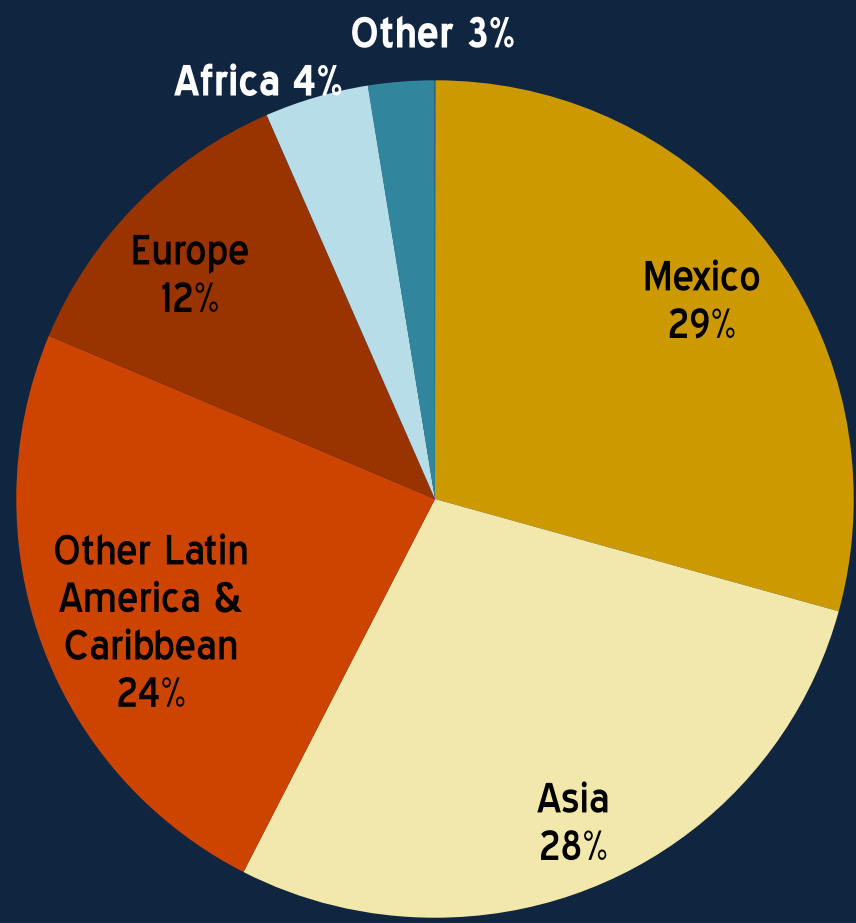


In 14 immigrants are more suburbanized

In 78 immigrants are less suburbanized



# Region of Origin of U.S. Immigrants, 2010





**Demographic tipping point: Half of all U.S. births are non-white in 2010; white infants are less than 50 percent of the population in 14 states**

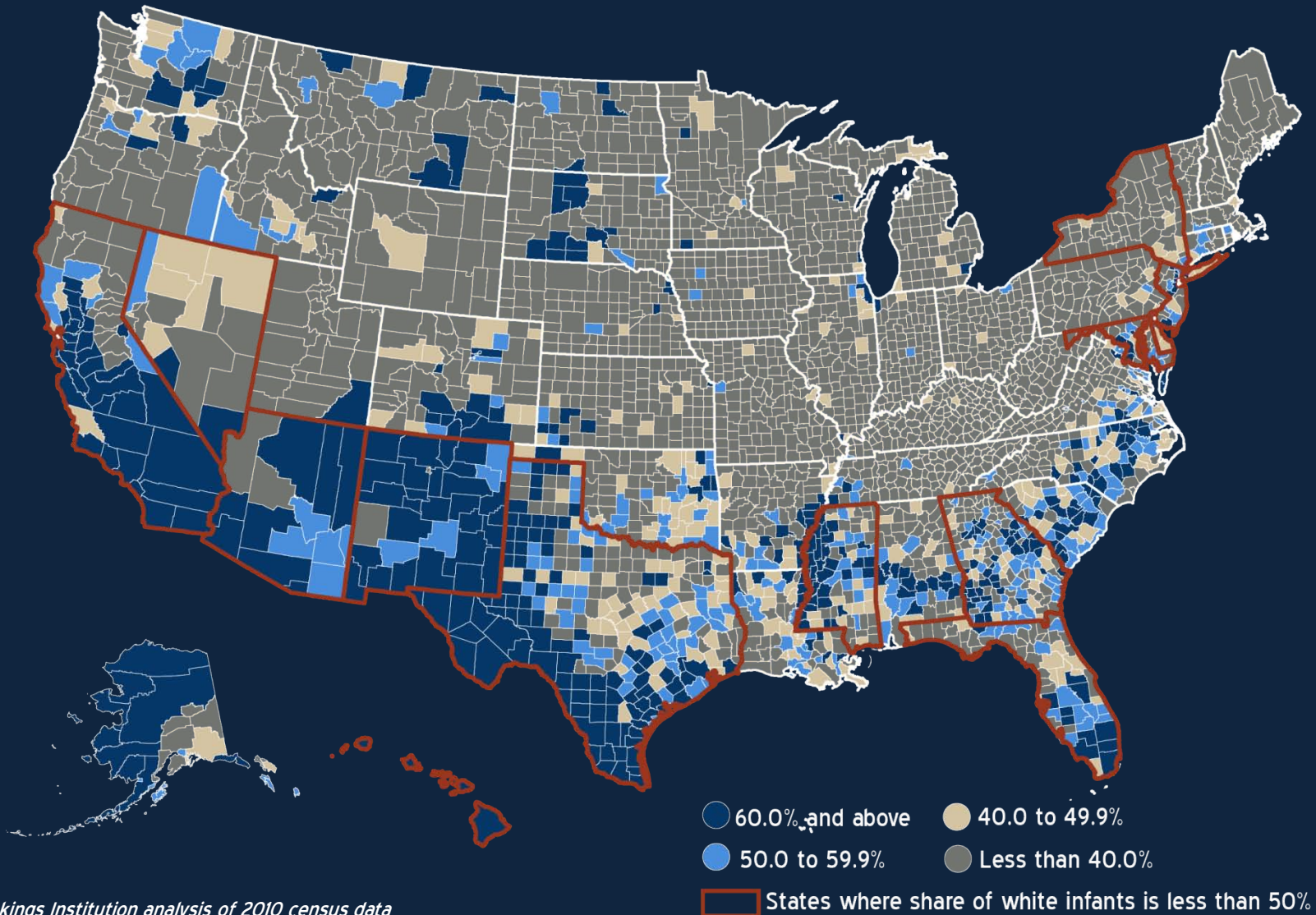


Source: Brookings Institution analysis of 2010 census data

 States where share of white infants is less than 50%



At the county level, percentage of infants under age 1 who are non-white shows geographic diversity within states



Source: Brookings Institution analysis of 2010 census data



**The context for immigration has changed since 2000. How will we move forward to encourage immigrant integration?**