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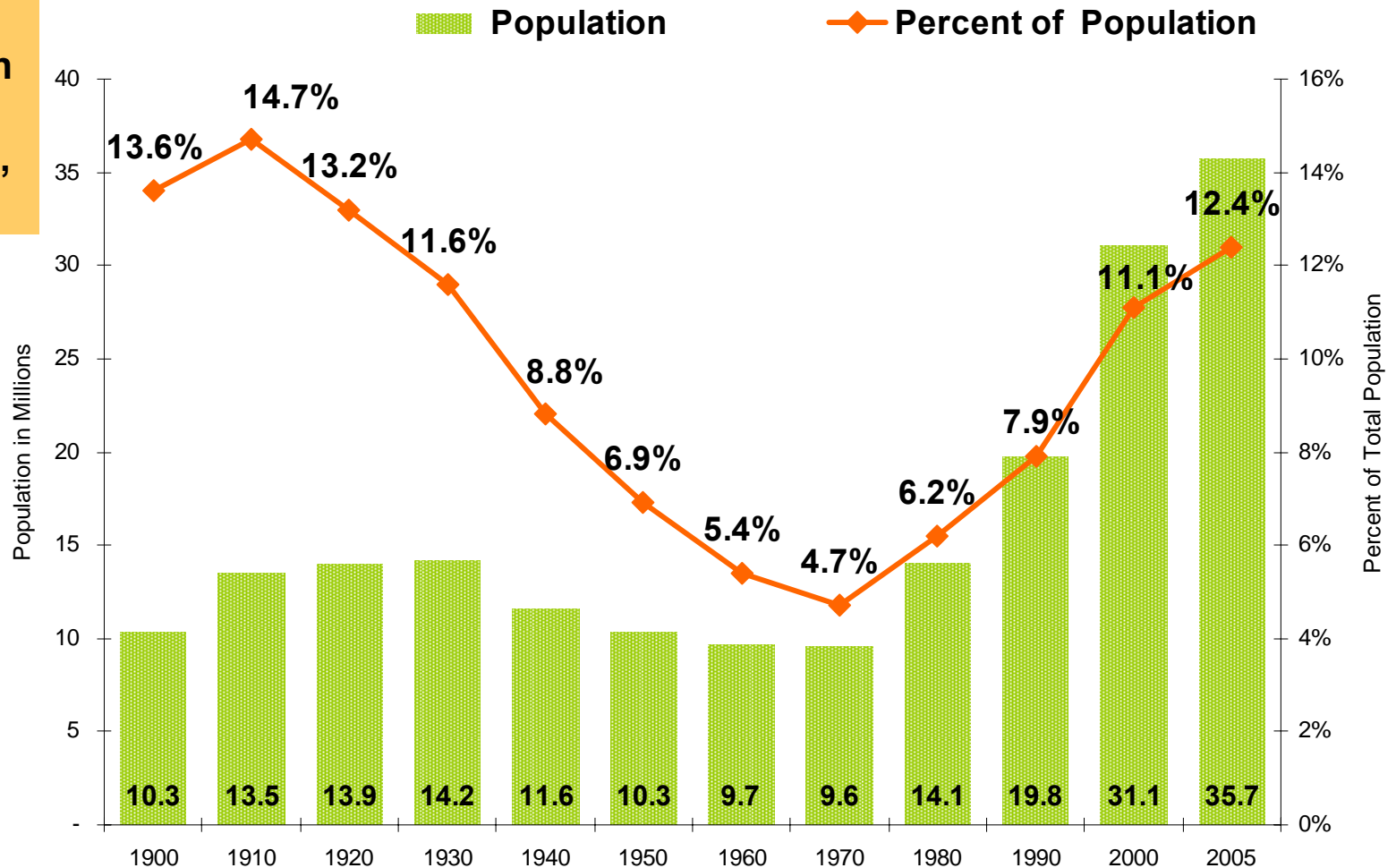
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Immigrant Gateways: Faces of the Next Cities

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Immigration is at an all time high

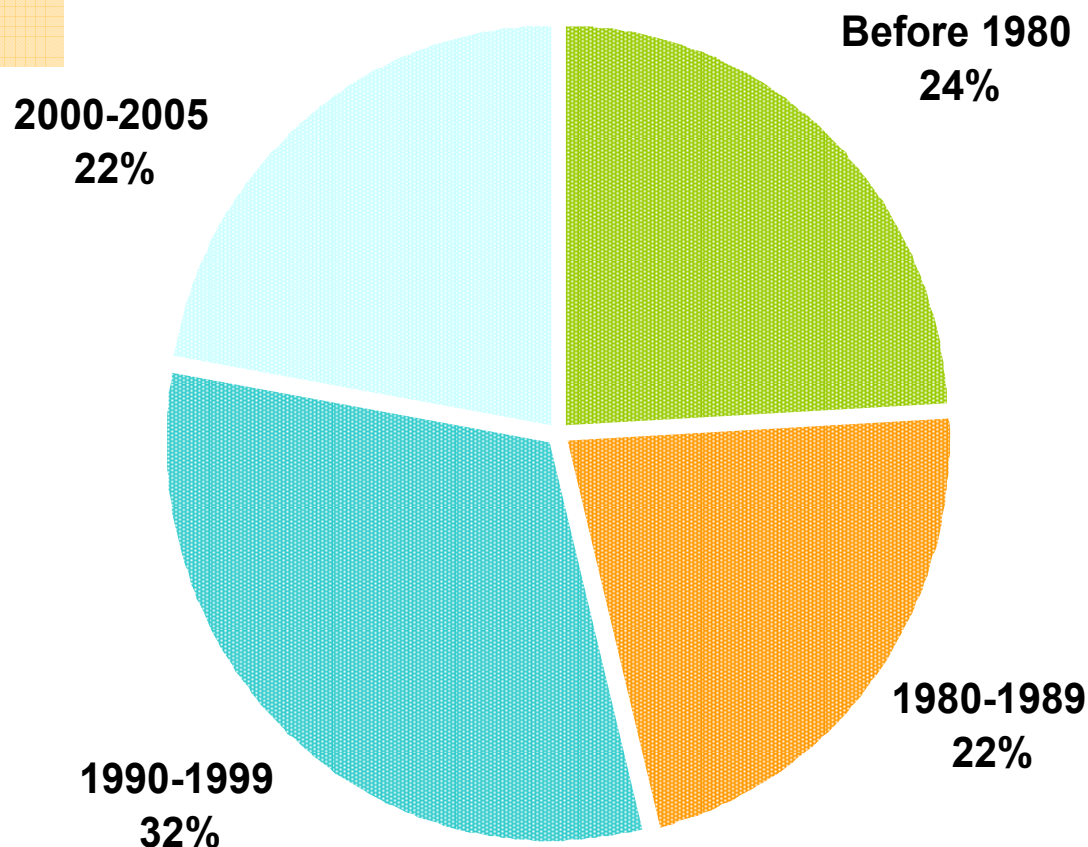
Total Foreign Born and Share Foreign Born in the United States, 1900-2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

More than one in five immigrants entered the U.S. in the first half of this decade

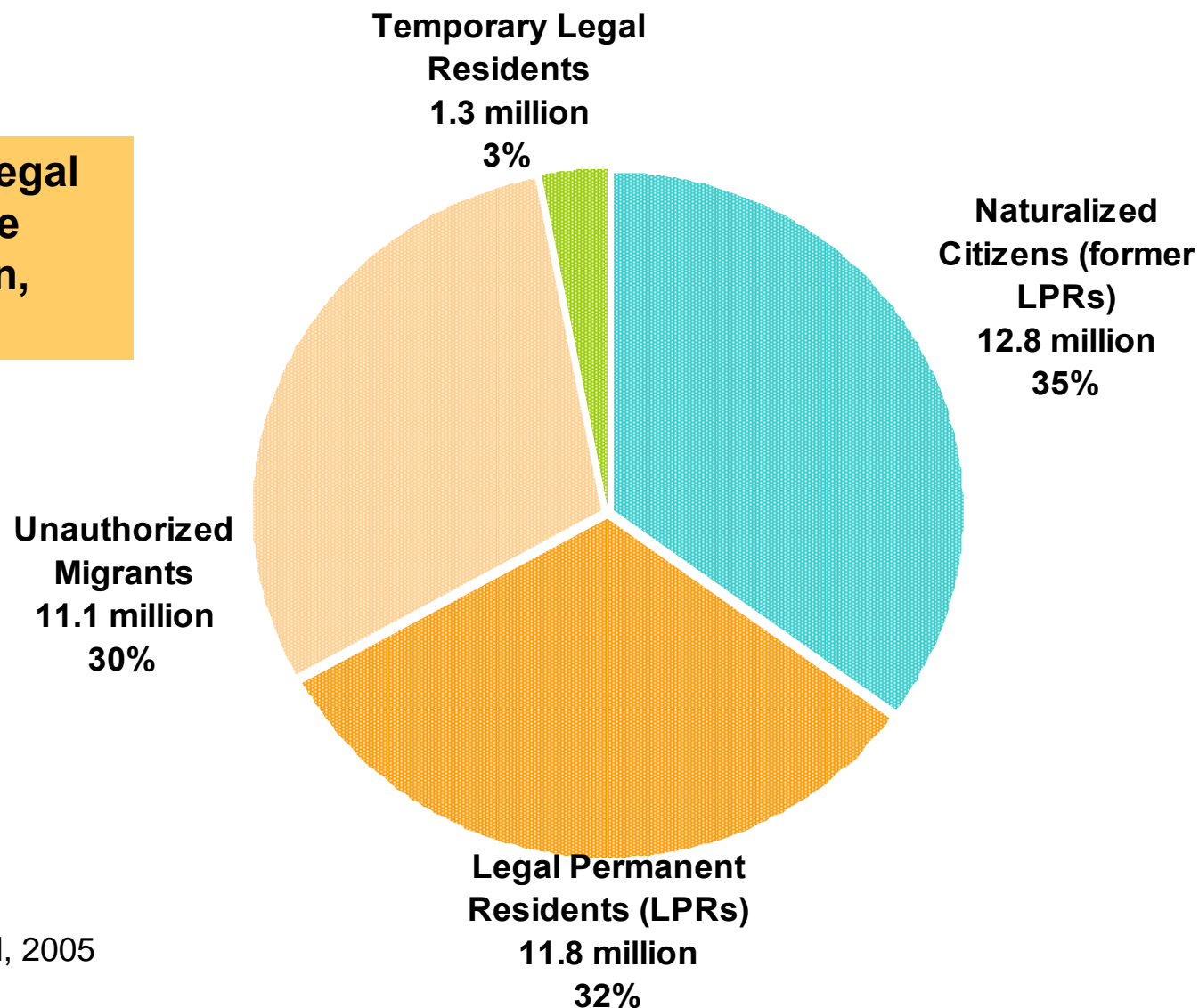
Period of Entry for
the foreign-born
population, 2005



Source: American Community Survey 2005, U.S. Census Bureau

An estimated 30 percent of the foreign-born are undocumented

Estimated legal status of the foreign born, 2005



Source: Passel, 2005

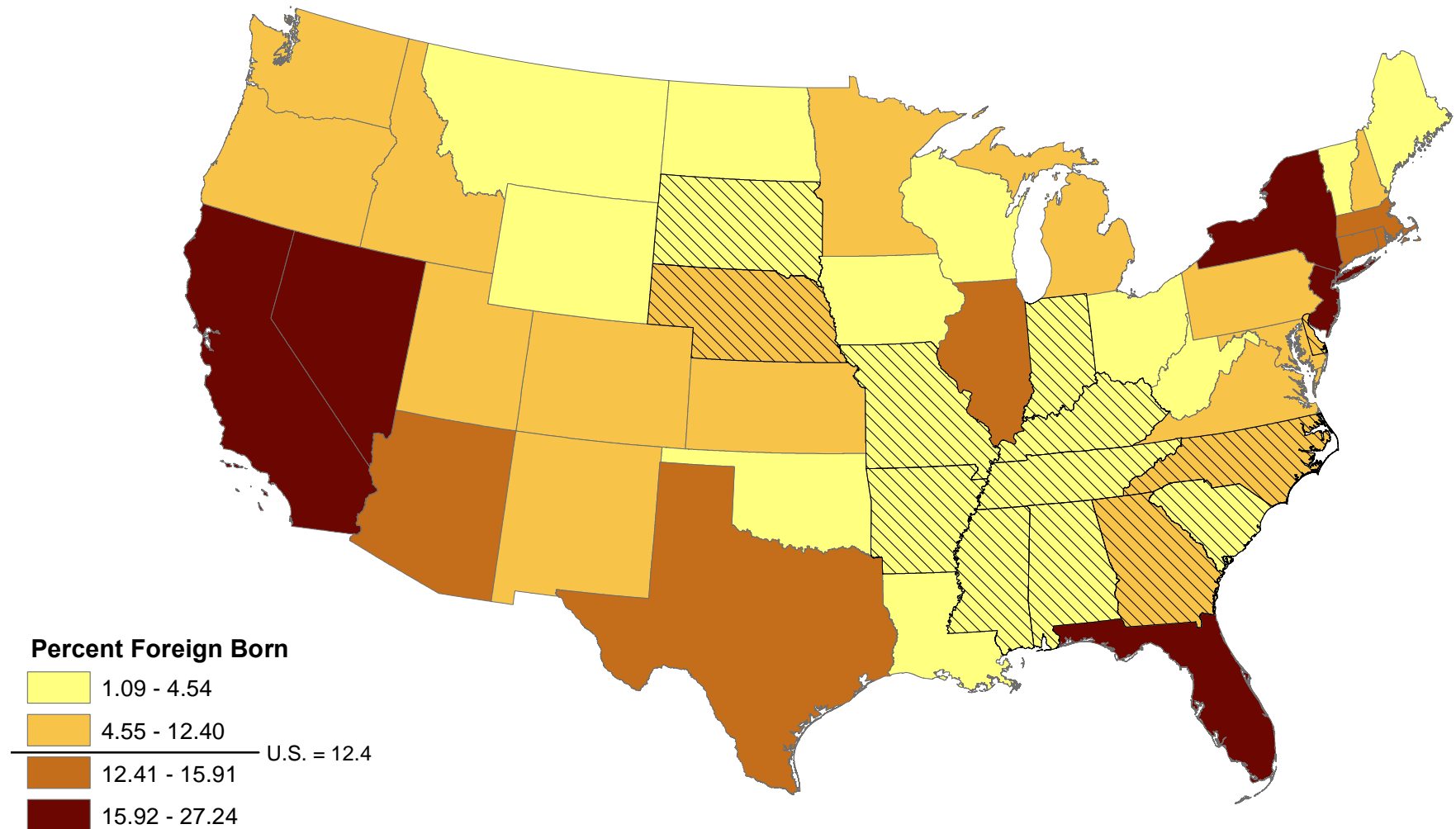
Green Cards: Top 10 Countries of Birth, 2005

<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>1,122,373</i>
Mexico	161,445
India	84,681
China	69,967
Philippines	60,748
Cuba	36,261
Vietnam	32,784
Dominican Rep.	22,133
Korea	26,562
Colombia	25,571
Ukraine	22,761

Top 10 metropolitan areas, 2005

	<u>%FB</u>	<u>Millions</u>
New York	27.9	5,117,290
Los Angeles	34.7	4,407,353
Miami-Fort Lauderdale	36.5	1,949,629
Chicago	17.5	1,625,649
San Francisco-Oakland	29.5	1,201,209
Houston	21.4	1,113,875
Washington	19.9	1,017,432
Dallas-Fort Worth	17.7	1,016,221
Riverside-San Bernardino	21.6	827,584
Boston	16.0	684,165

States with the most recent growth are in the Southeast



Few cities have maintained their status as gateways throughout the 20th century

1900

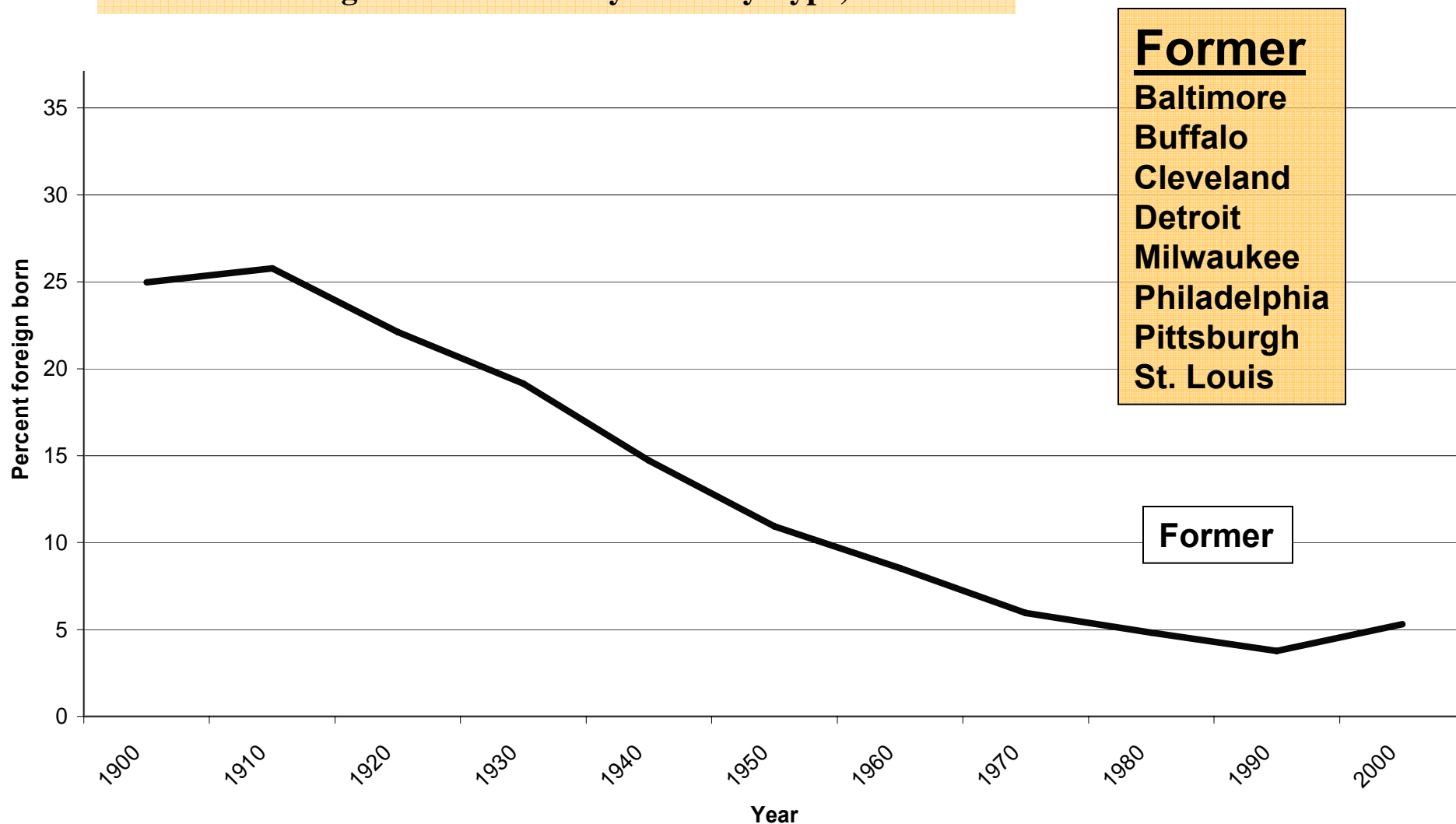
New York	1,270,080	37.0
Chicago	587,112	34.6
<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>295,340</i>	<i>22.8</i>
<i>Boston</i>	<i>197,129</i>	<i>35.1</i>
<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>124,631</i>	<i>32.6</i>
San Francisco	116,885	34.1
<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>111,356</i>	<i>19.4</i>
<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>104,252</i>	<i>29.6</i>
<i>Detroit</i>	<i>96,503</i>	<i>33.8</i>
<i>Milwaukee</i>	<i>88,991</i>	<i>31.2</i>

2000

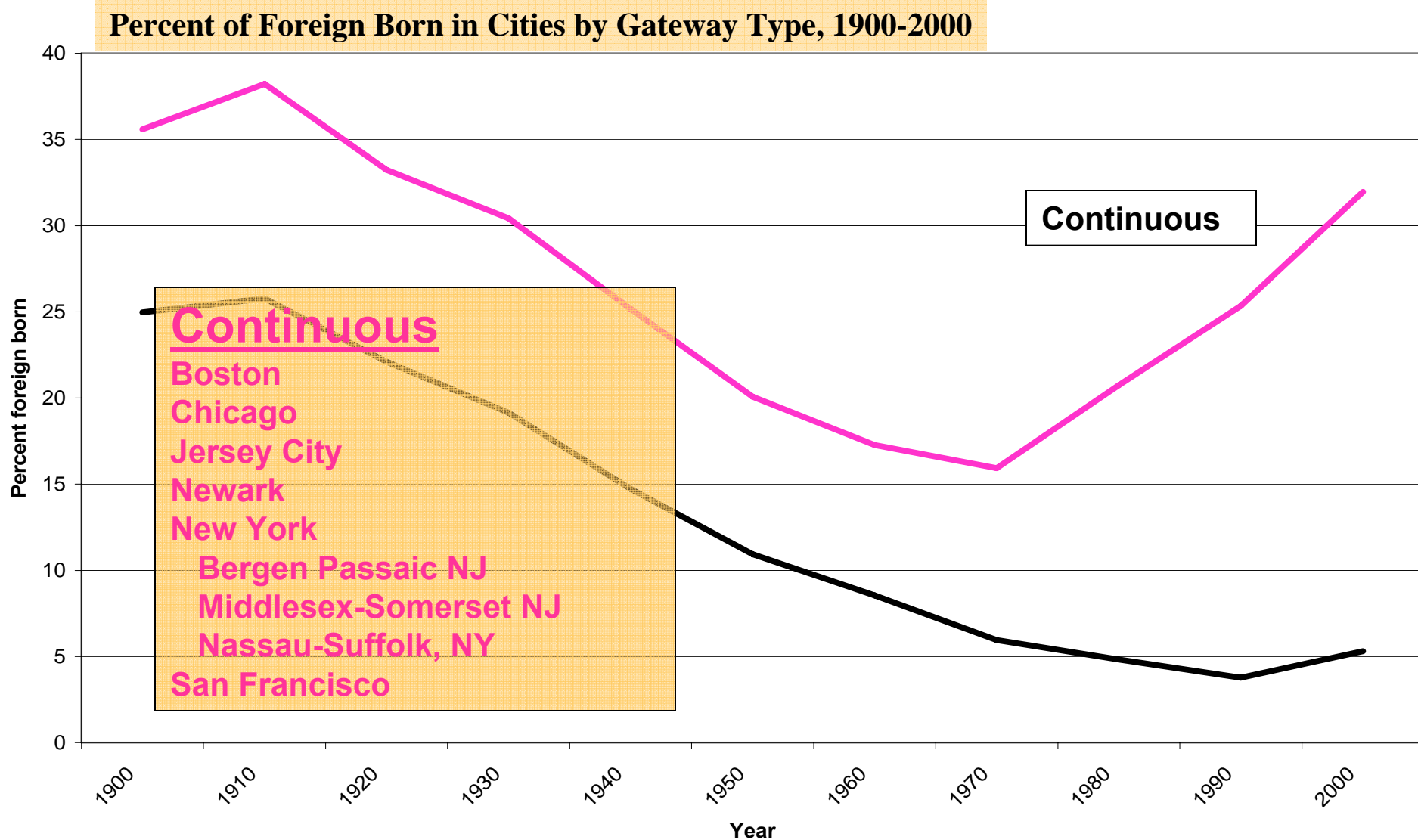
New York	2,871,032	35.9
<i>Los Angeles</i>	<i>1,512,720</i>	<i>40.9</i>
Chicago	628,903	21.7
<i>Houston</i>	<i>516,105</i>	<i>26.4</i>
<i>San Jose</i>	<i>329,757</i>	<i>36.8</i>
<i>San Diego</i>	<i>314,227</i>	<i>25.7</i>
<i>Dallas</i>	<i>290,436</i>	<i>24.4</i>
San Francisco	285,541	36.8
<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>257,325</i>	<i>19.5</i>
<i>Miami</i>	<i>215,739</i>	<i>59.5</i>

Former gateways are no longer major destinations

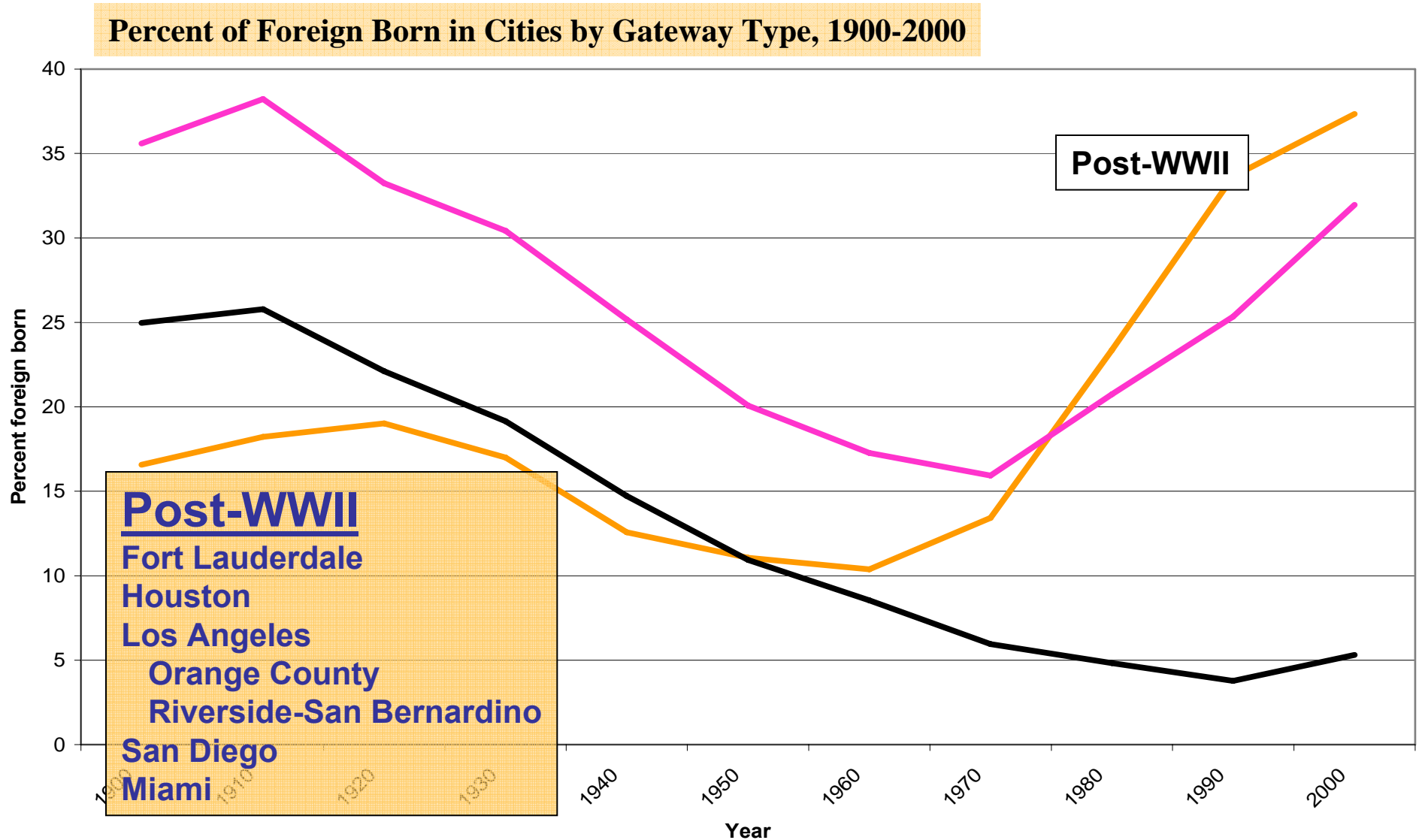
Percent of Foreign Born in Cities by Gateway Type, 1900-2000



Continuous gateways have always attracted more than their fair share of immigrants

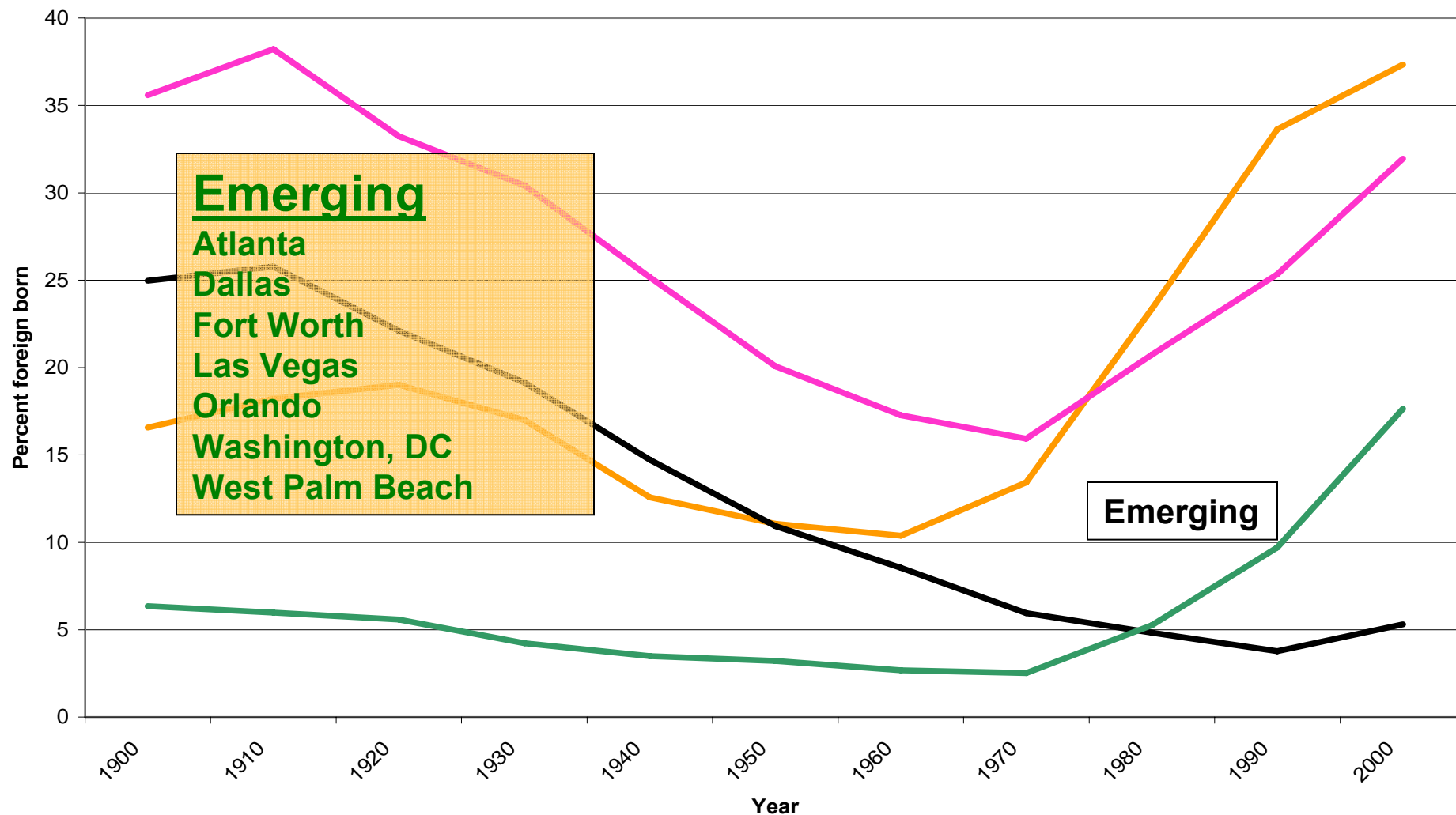


Post-WWII gateways became destinations during the past 50 years

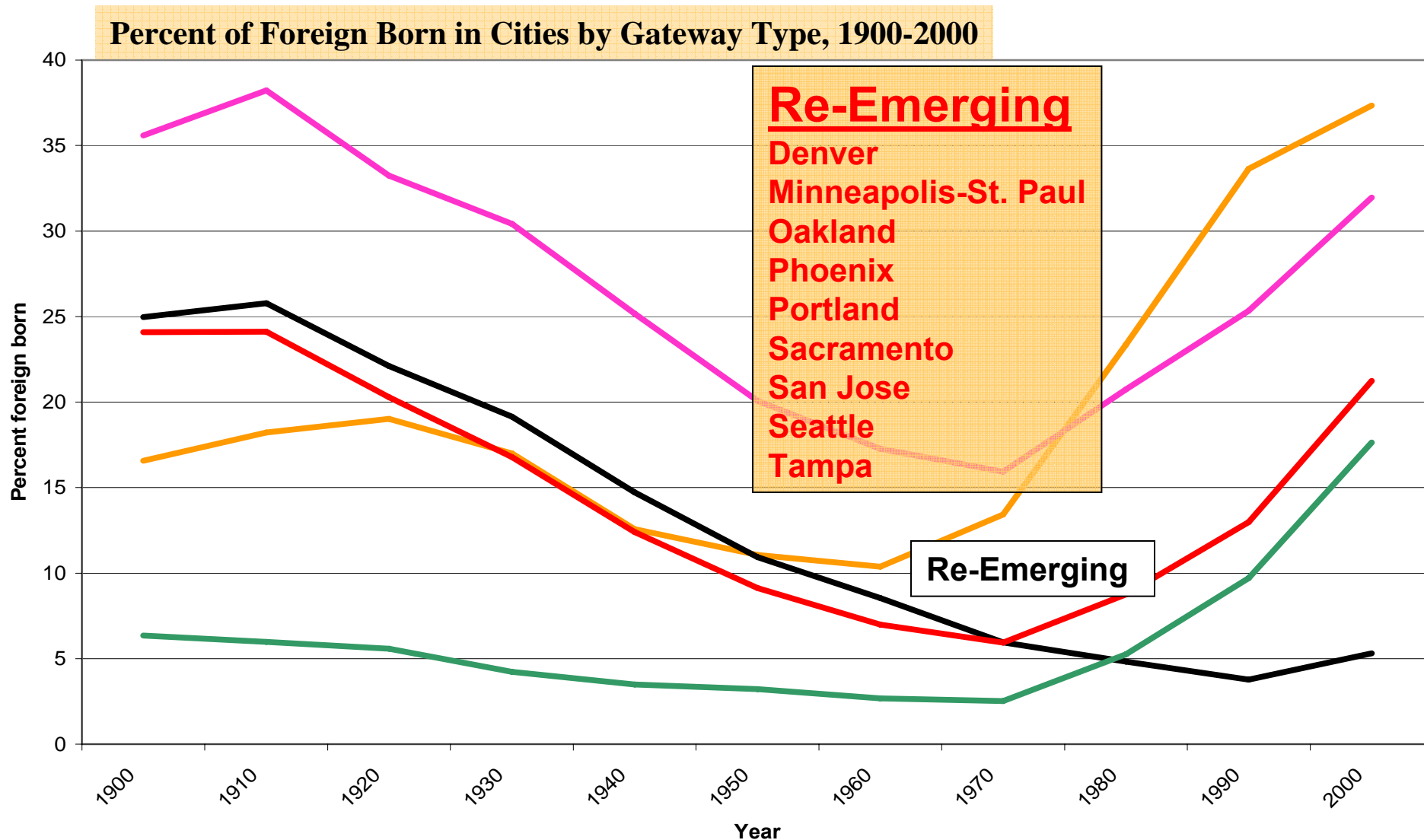


Emerging gateways experienced very recent and rapid growth in their foreign-born population

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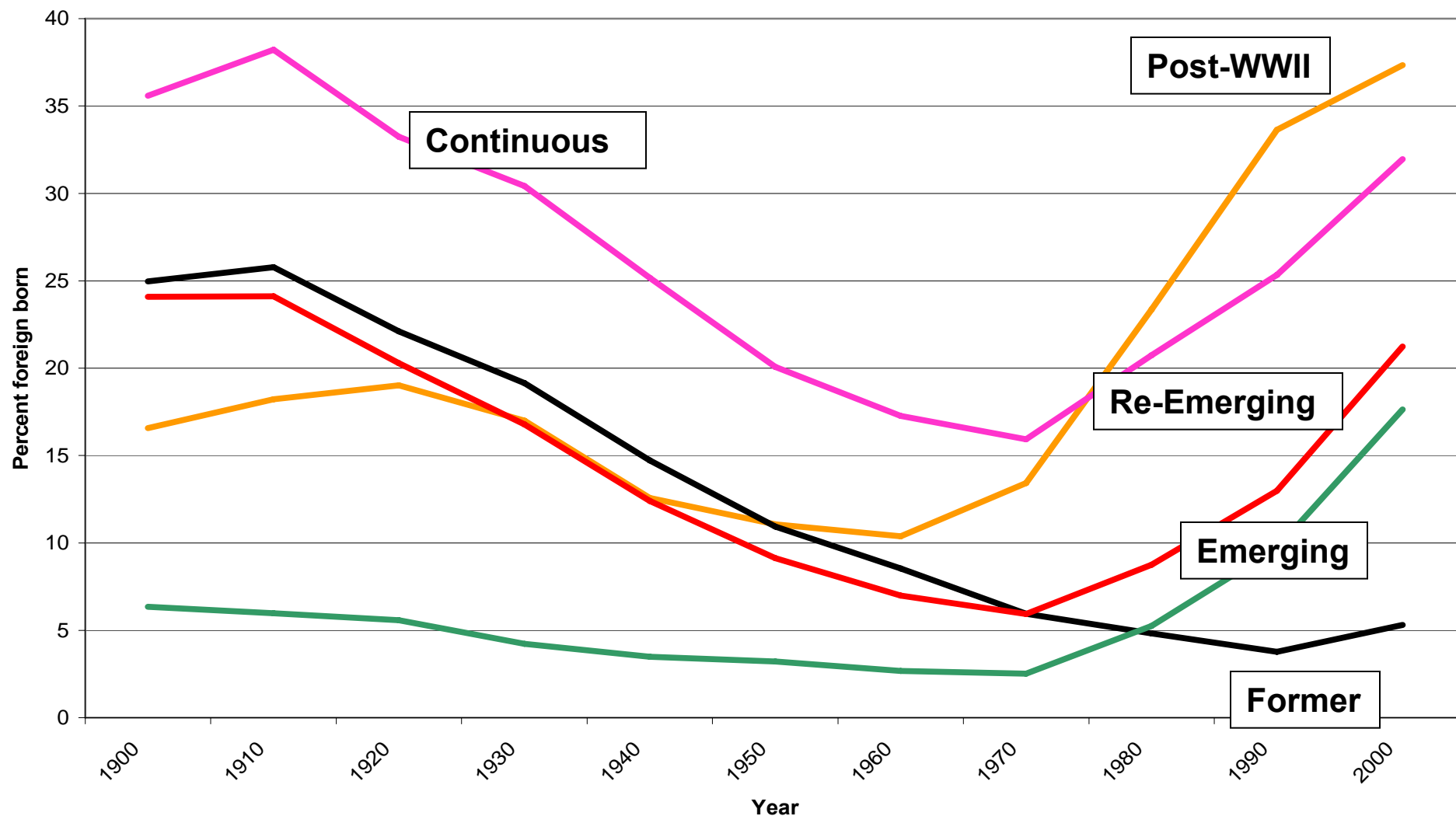


Re-Emerging gateways are once again major destinations for immigrants



Emerging gateways represent a new context for immigrant integration

Percent of Foreign Born in Cities by Gateway Type, 1900-2000



Six types of metropolitan immigrant gateways in 2000

Former

Baltimore
Buffalo
Cleveland
Detroit
Milwaukee
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
St. Louis

Continuous

Boston
Chicago
Jersey City
Newark
New York
Bergen Passaic NJ
Middlesex-Somerset NJ
Nassau-Suffolk, NY
San Francisco

Post-WWII

Fort Lauderdale
Houston
Los Angeles
Orange County
Riverside-San Bernardino
San Diego
Miami

Emerging

Atlanta
Dallas
Fort Worth
Las Vegas
Orlando
Washington, DC
West Palm Beach

Re-Emerging

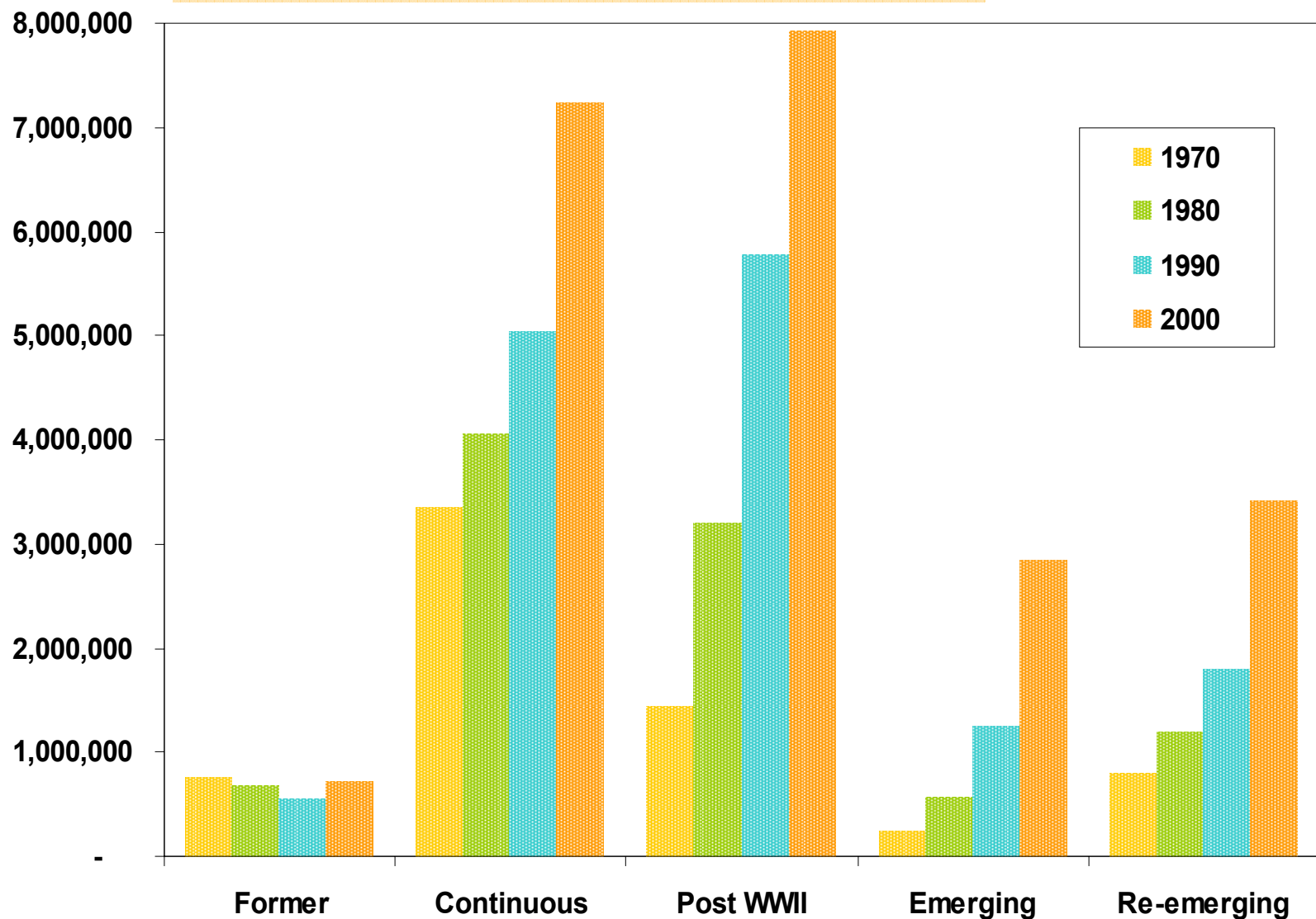
Denver
Minneapolis-St. Paul
Oakland
Phoenix
Portland
Sacramento
San Jose
Seattle
Tampa

Pre-Emerging

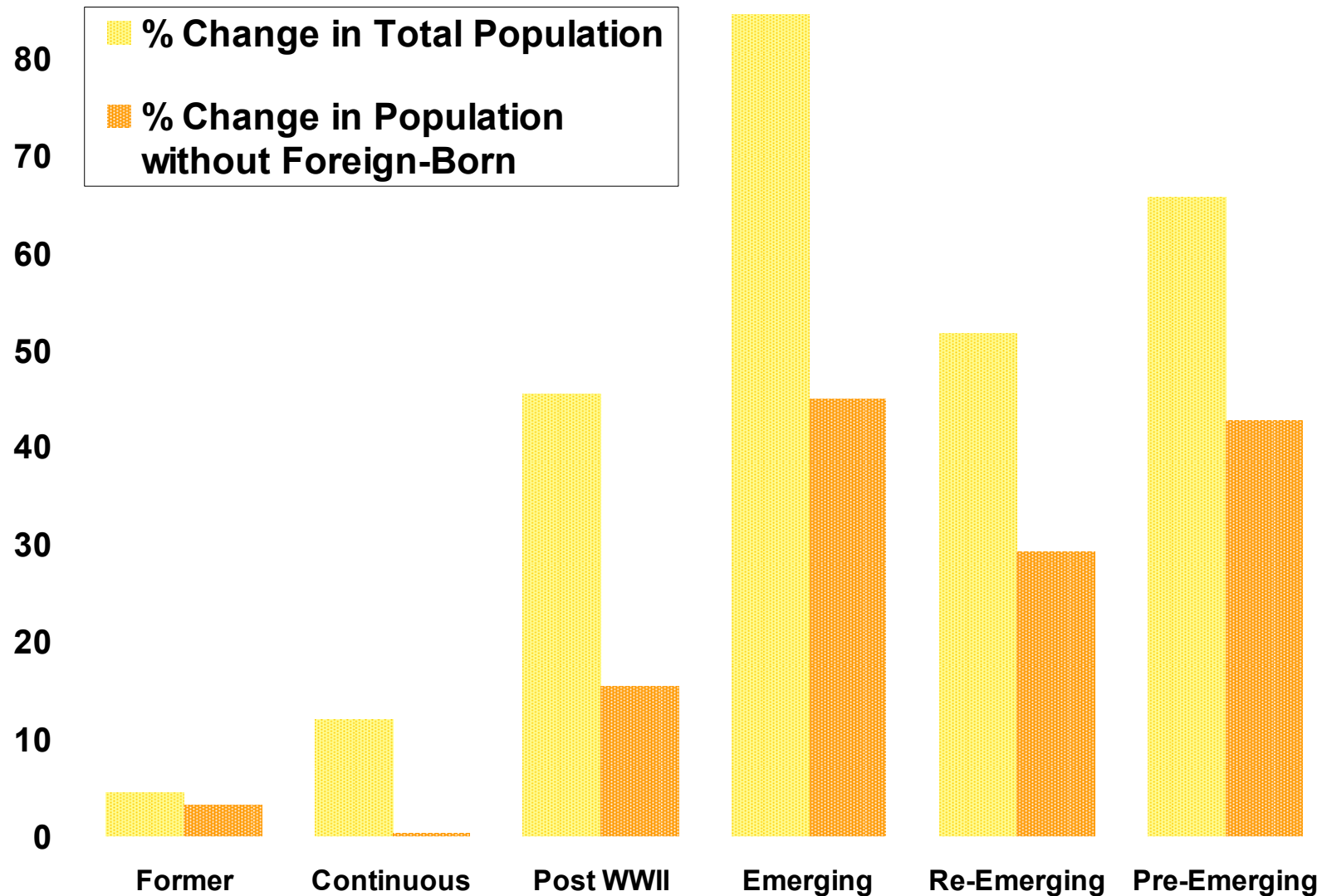
Austin
Charlotte
Greensboro-Winston Salem
Raleigh-Durham
Salt Lake City

Continuous and Post-WWII Gateways still dominate, but Emerging and Re-Emerging are growing faster

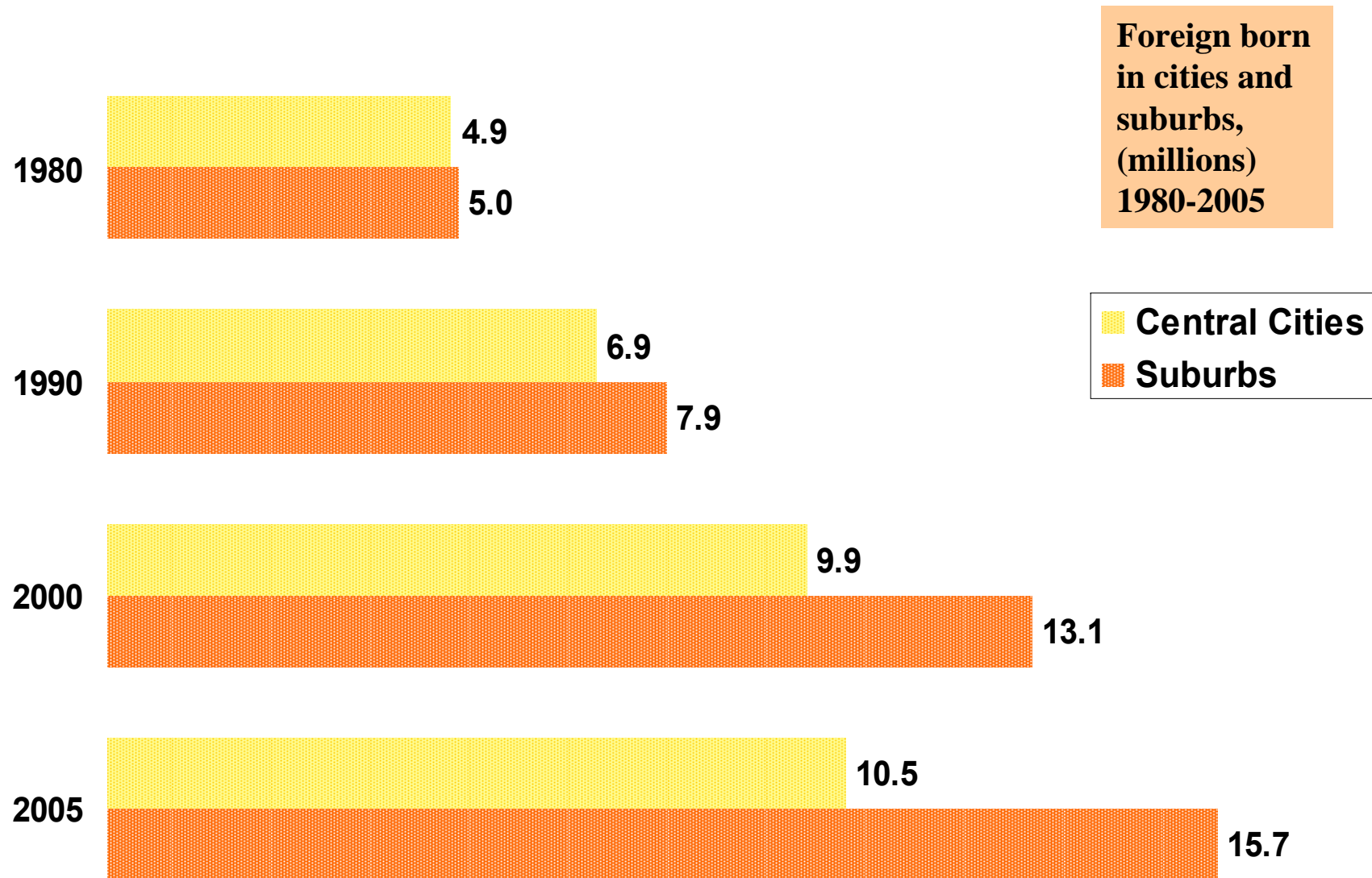
Number Foreign Born by Gateway Type, 1970-2000



Population growth in *Continuous* and *Post-WWII* Gateways depends more on immigration than in *Emerging* Gateways



Growth rates are greater in suburban areas, yielding more immigrants in absolute terms



6 of the top 10 metros for refugee resettlement were 21st century gateways, “jumping rank” from the total foreign-born

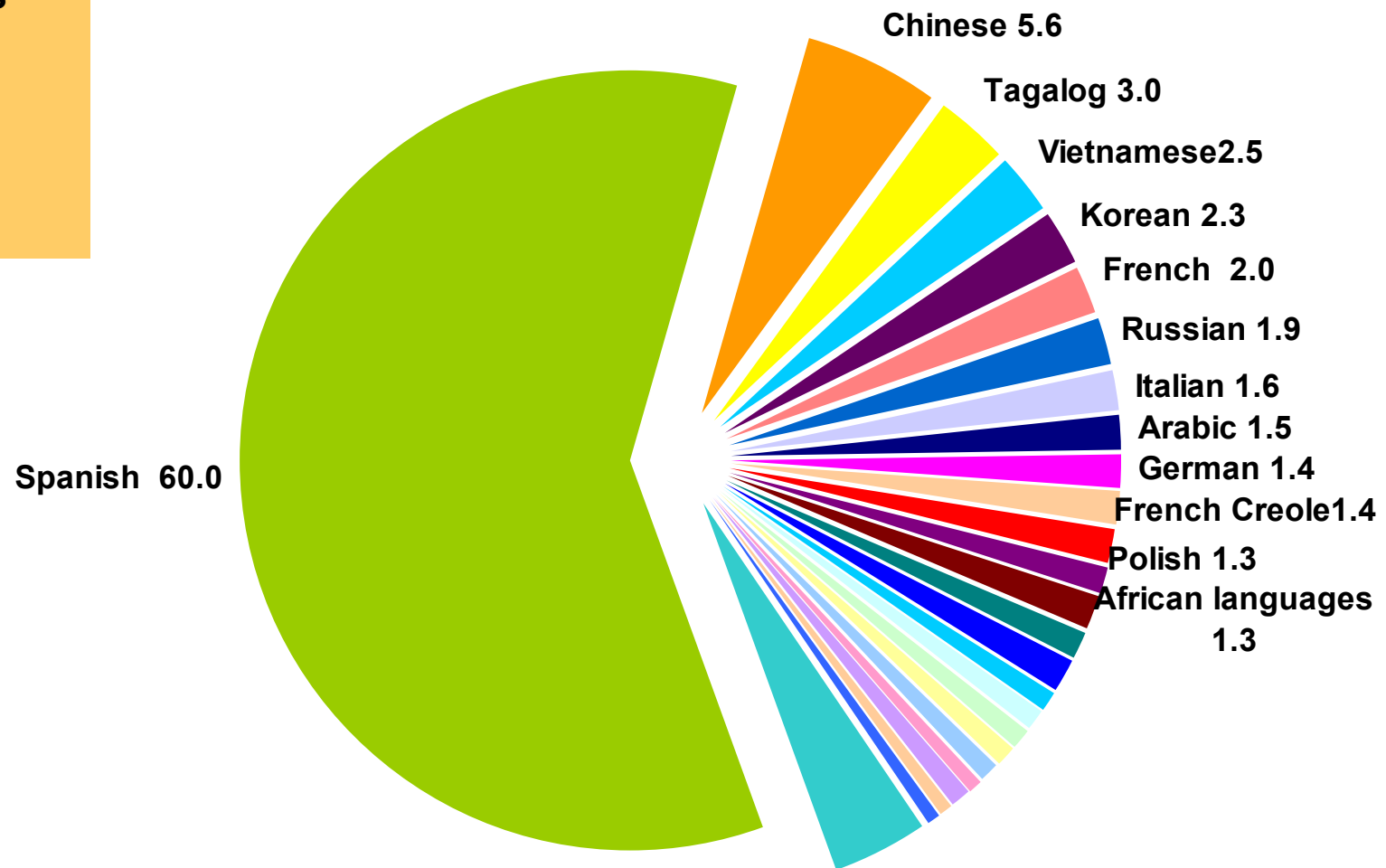
<u>Refugee Rank</u>	<u>FB Rank</u>	<u>Metropolitan Area</u>	<u>Refugees Resettled, 83-04</u>
1	2	New York	186,522
2	1	Los Angeles	114,606
3	3	Chicago	63,322
4	6	Orange County	50,714
5	23	▲ Seattle	48,573
6	12	▲ San Jose	42,565
7	7	▲ Washington	41,795
8	30	▲ Twin Cities	41,239
9	16	▲ Atlanta	40,149
10	29	▲ Sacramento	37,436

Established immigrant gateways have the highest levels of speakers of other languages

<u>Metropolitan Area</u>	<u>Percent who speak a language other than English at home</u>
Los Angeles	54
San Jose	49
Miami	48
San Francisco	39
Riverside-San Bernardino	38
New York	37
Cleveland	10
Baltimore	10
Winston-Salem	9
Buffalo	8
St. Louis	6
Pittsburgh	5

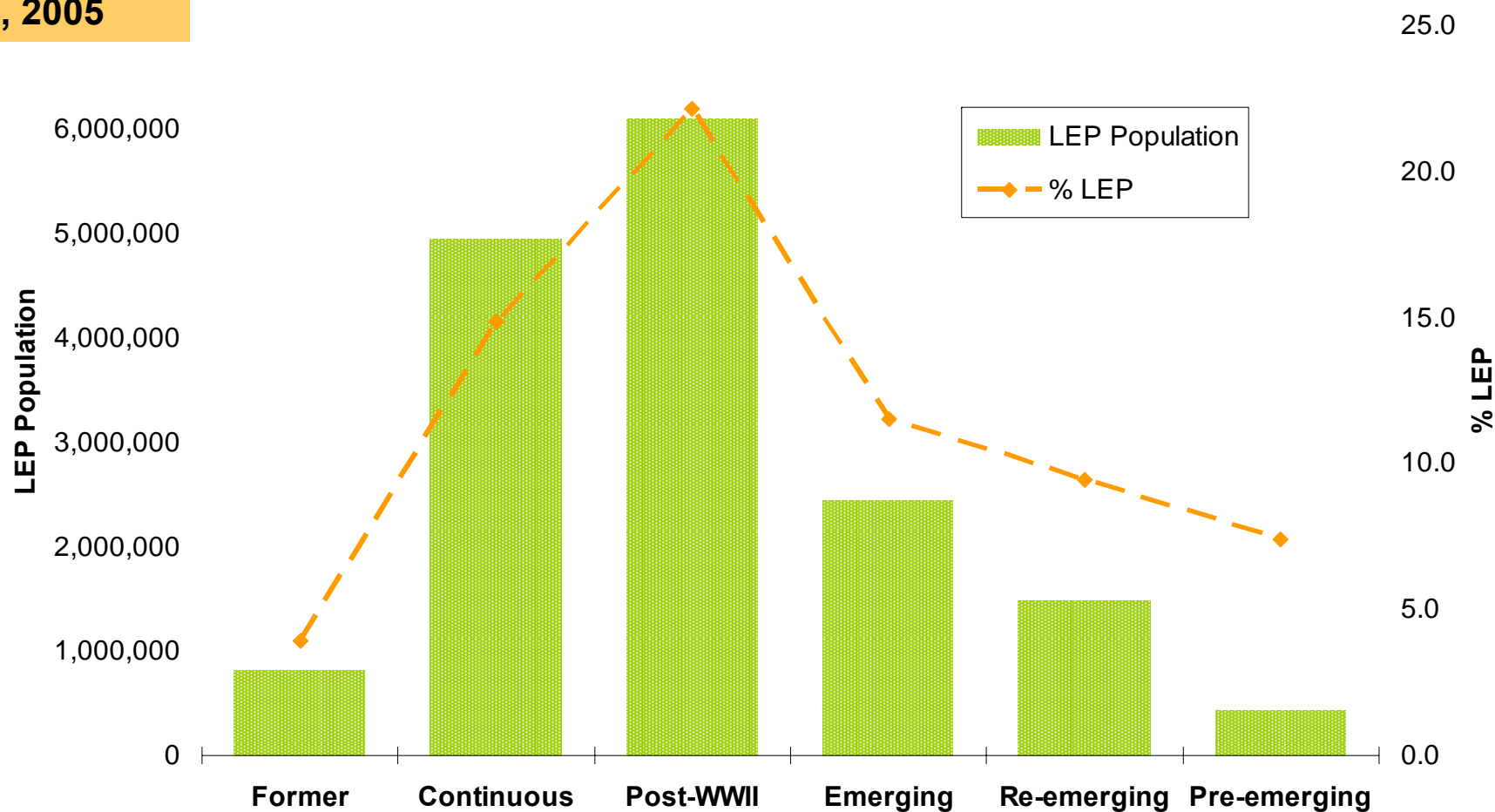
Spanish dominates overall, but Former, Continuous, and Re-emerging Gateways have more diversity

Languages Spoken at Home in Immigrant Gateways, 2005



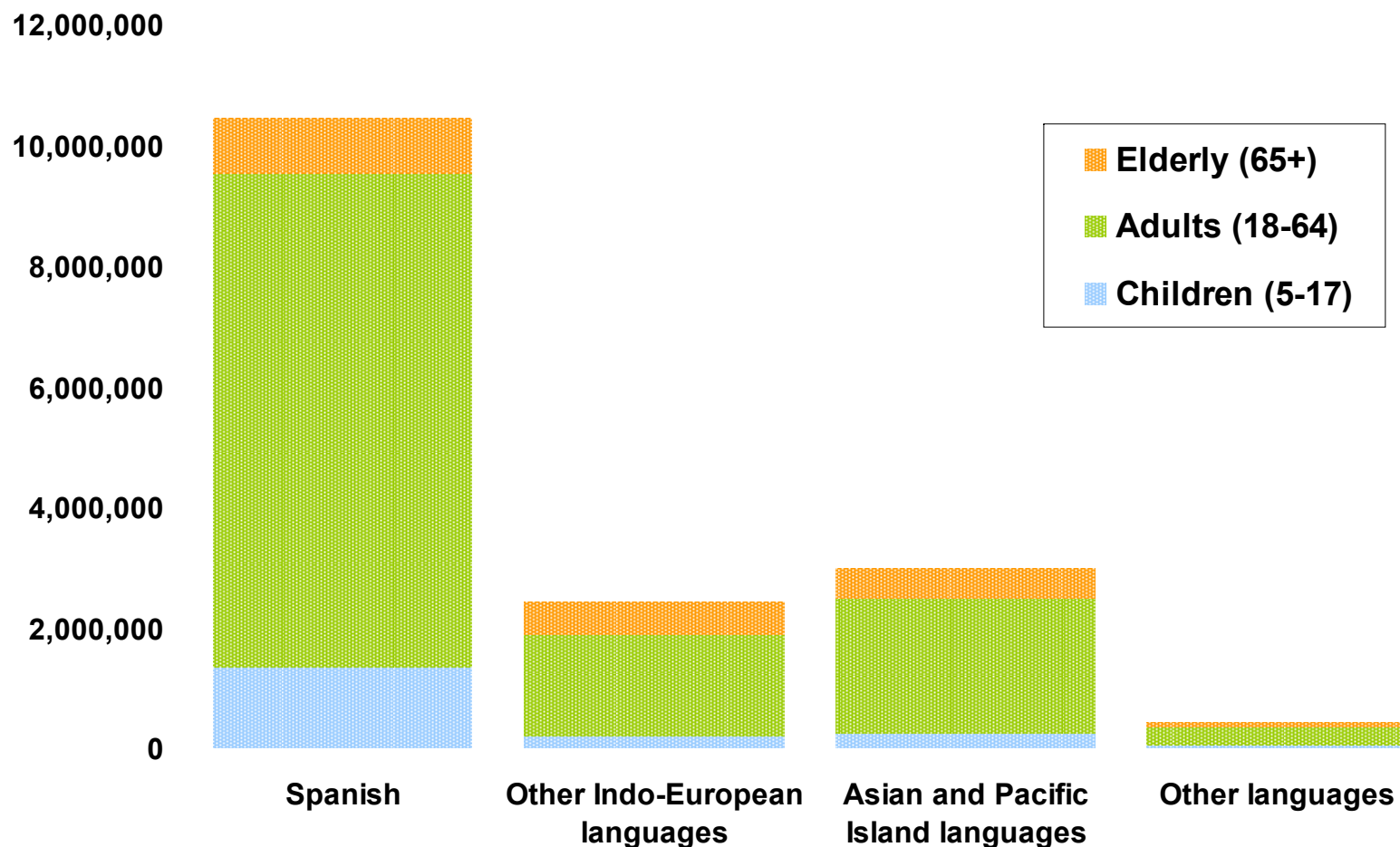
Established immigrant gateways have the highest levels of limited English proficient populations

LEP
Population by
Gateway
Type, 2005



Three-quarters of the LEP population are adults

Age of LEP Population by Language in Immigrant Gateways, 2005



Among those who are not proficient...

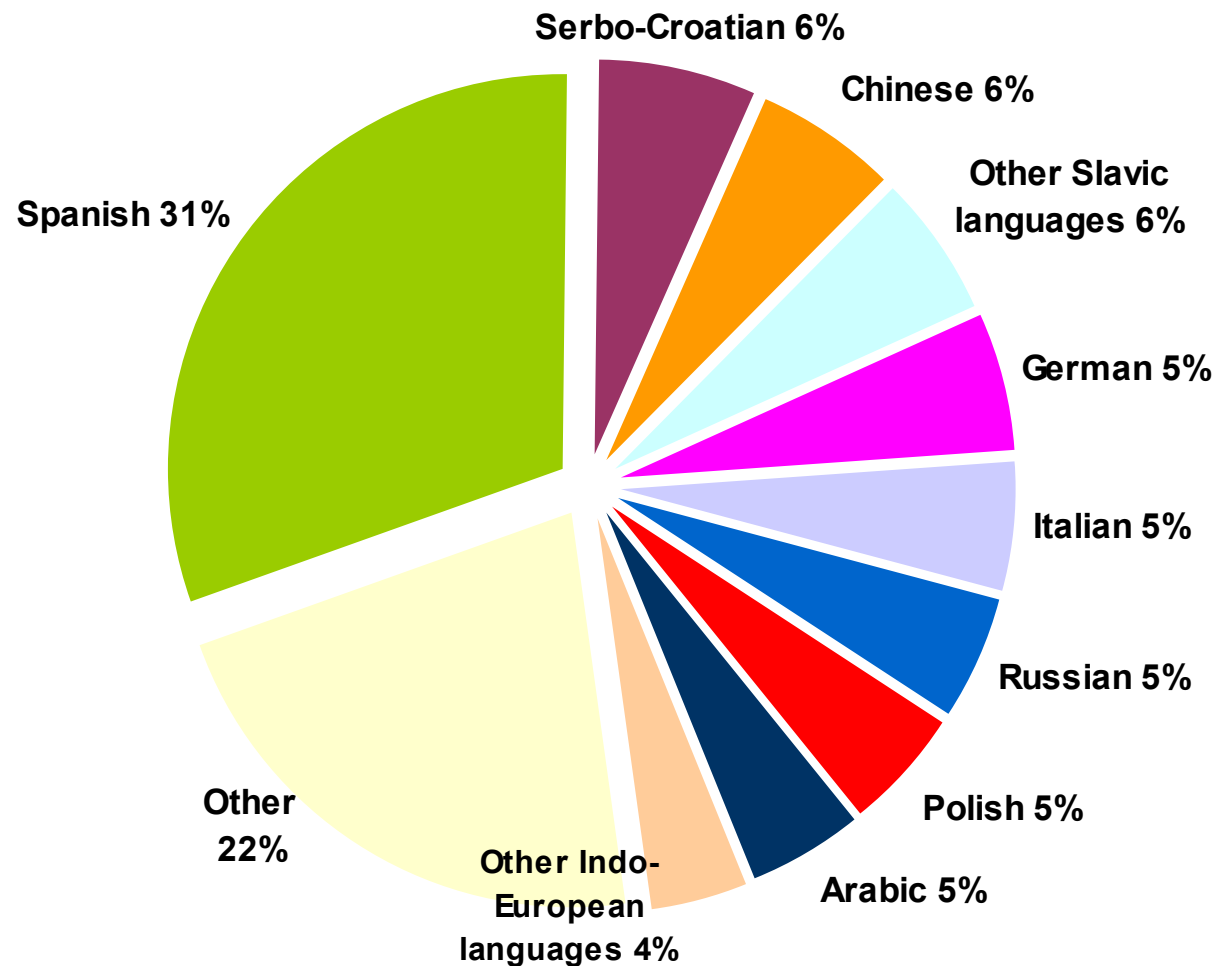
Over half (52%) of the foreign born in immigrant gateways are LEP

In former gateways, a smaller proportion of the immigrants are LEP (40%) than in metros attracting more recent immigrant flows (48% to 59%)

84% of the LEP population are foreign born, but in Cleveland it's only 61%

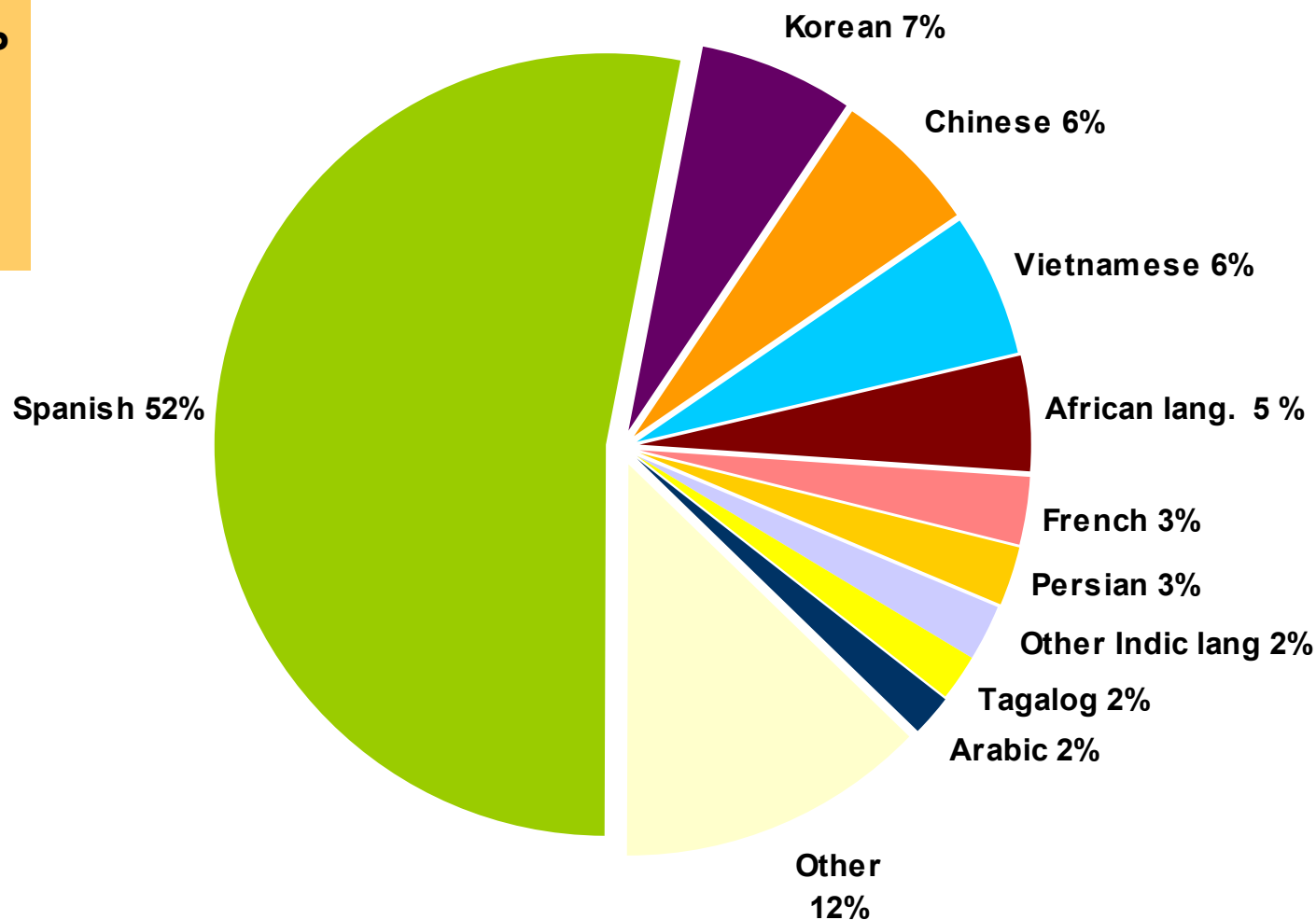
4 percent of metropolitan Cleveland's population is limited English proficient

Languages Spoken by LEP Population in Cleveland metro area, 2005



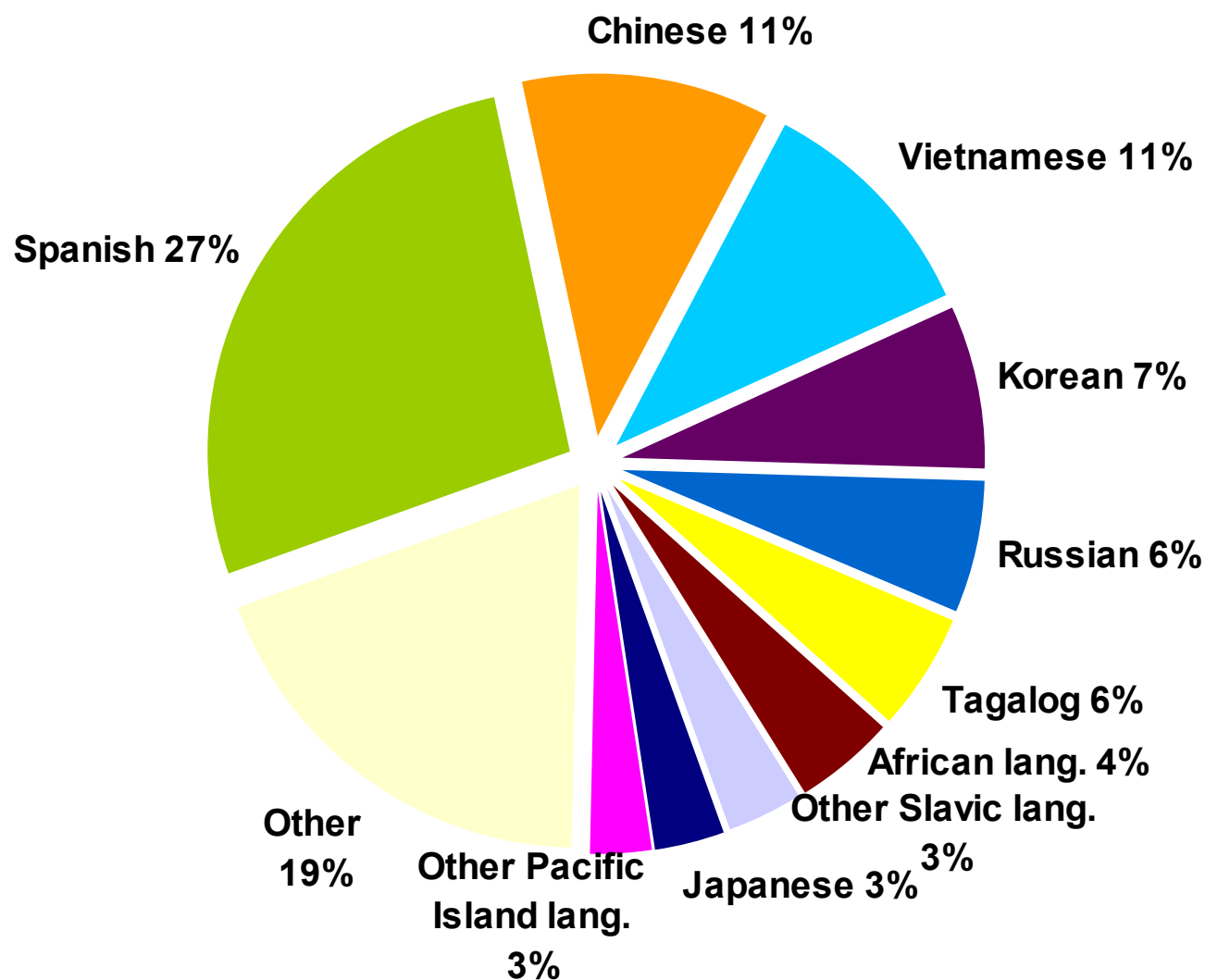
11 percent of metropolitan Washington's population is limited English proficient

Languages Spoken by LEP Population in Washington metro area, 2005



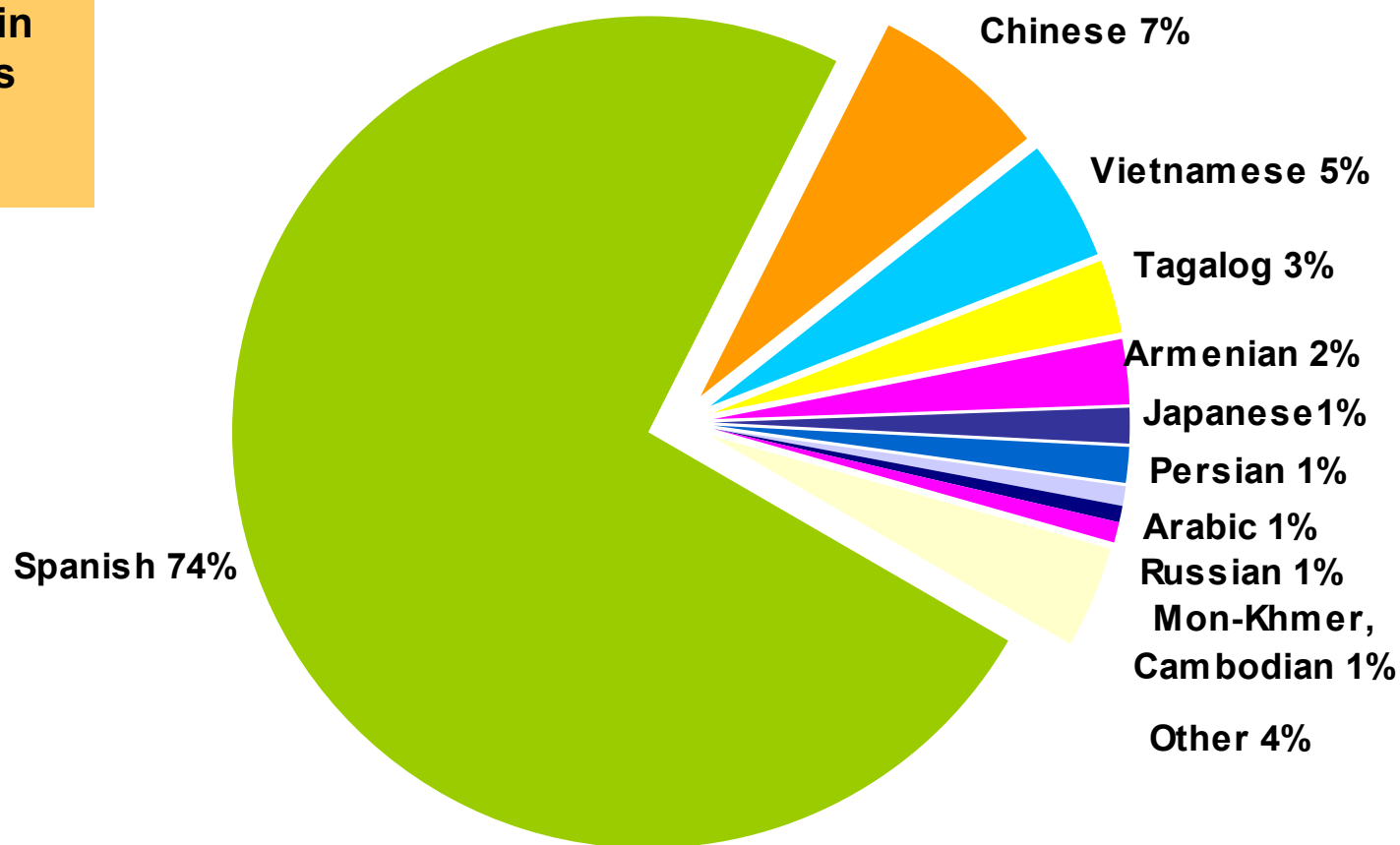
9 percent of metropolitan Seattle's population is limited English proficient

Languages Spoken by LEP Population in Seattle metro area, 2005



25 percent of metropolitan Los Angeles' population is limited English proficient

Languages Spoken by LEP Population in Los Angeles metro area, 2005





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