

# Population change in the United States

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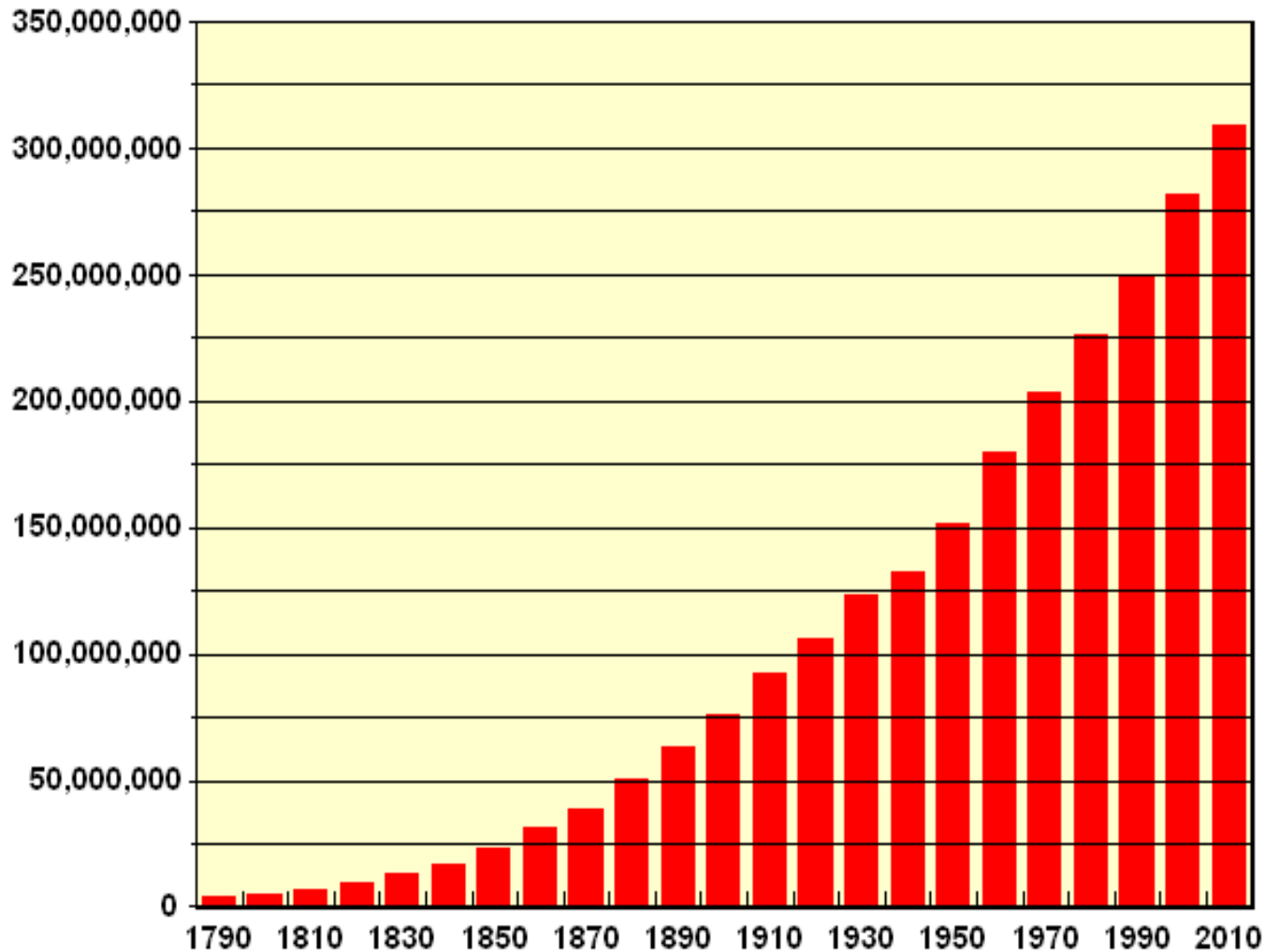
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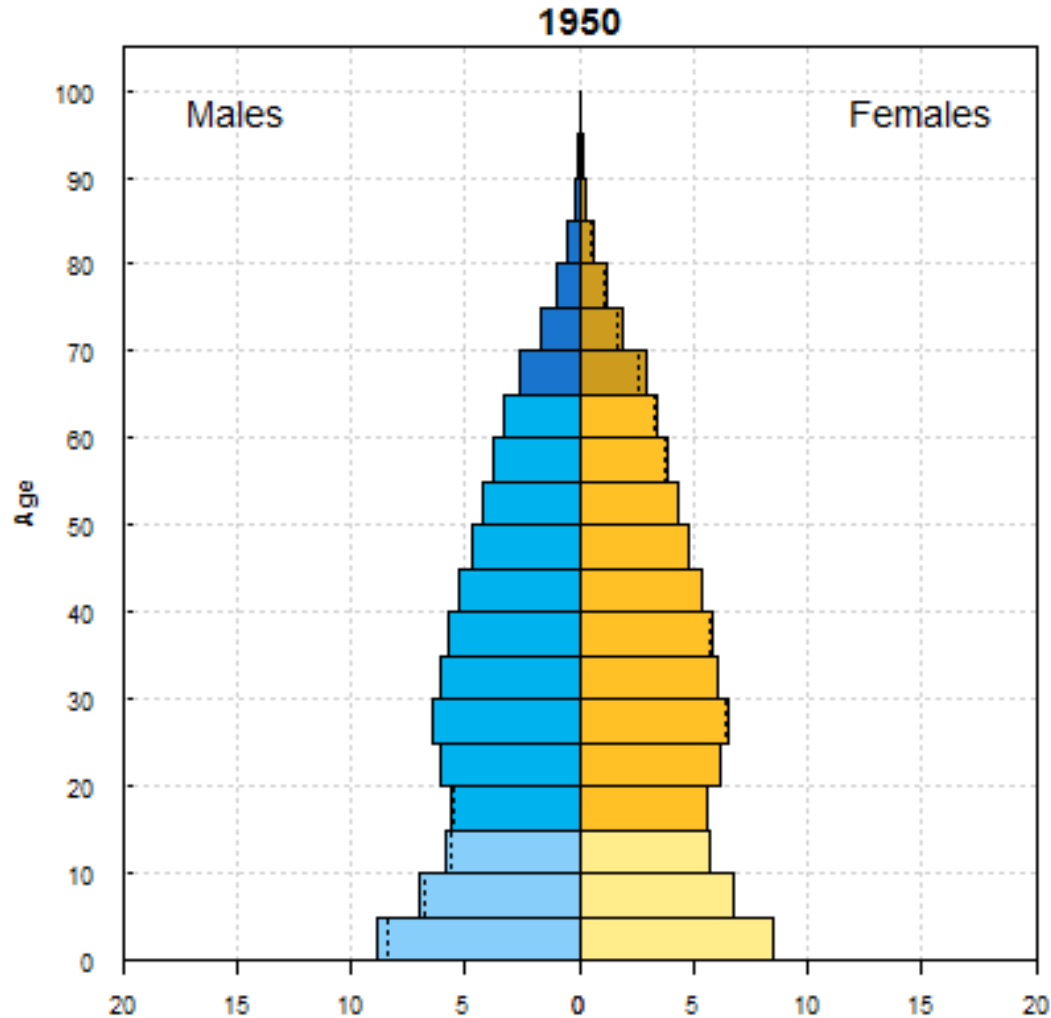
# Population change in the United States



Source: State of Wyoming Economic Analysis Division, 2015 (reprinted with permission of the State of Wyoming).



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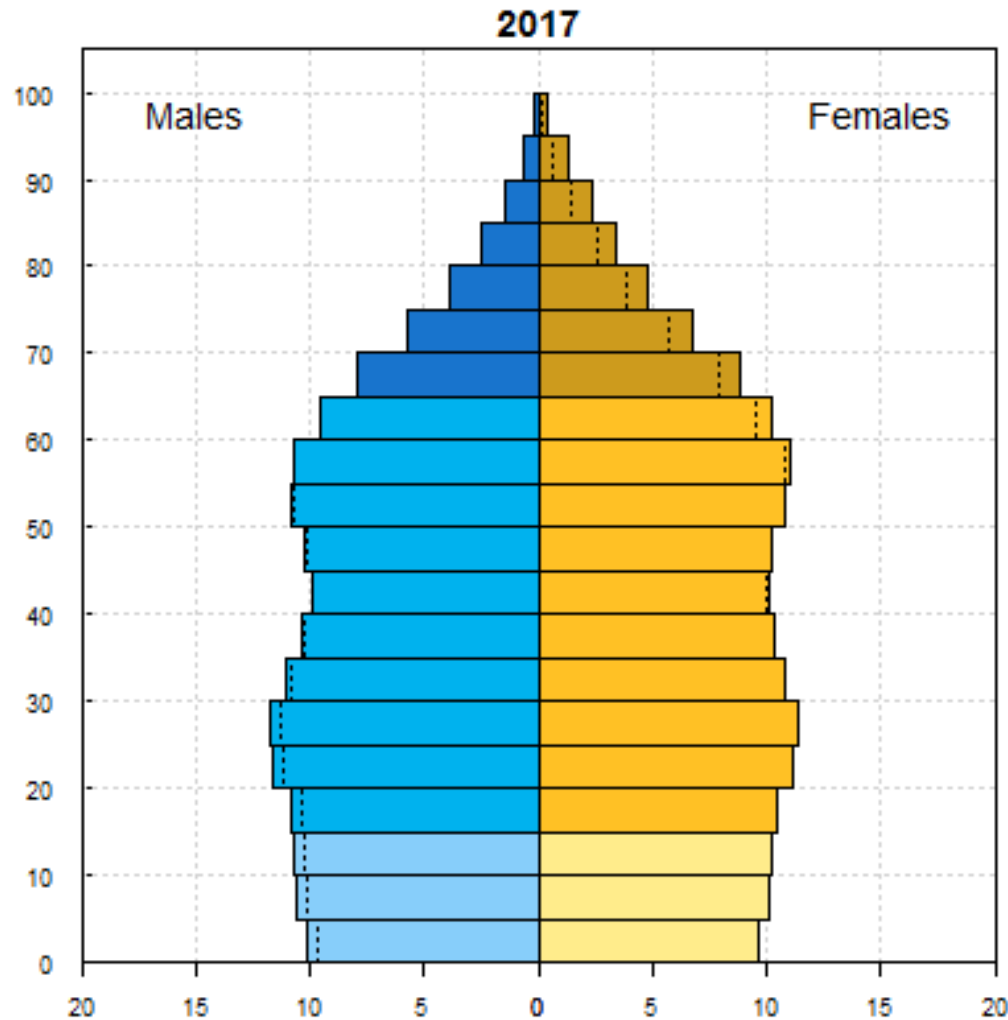
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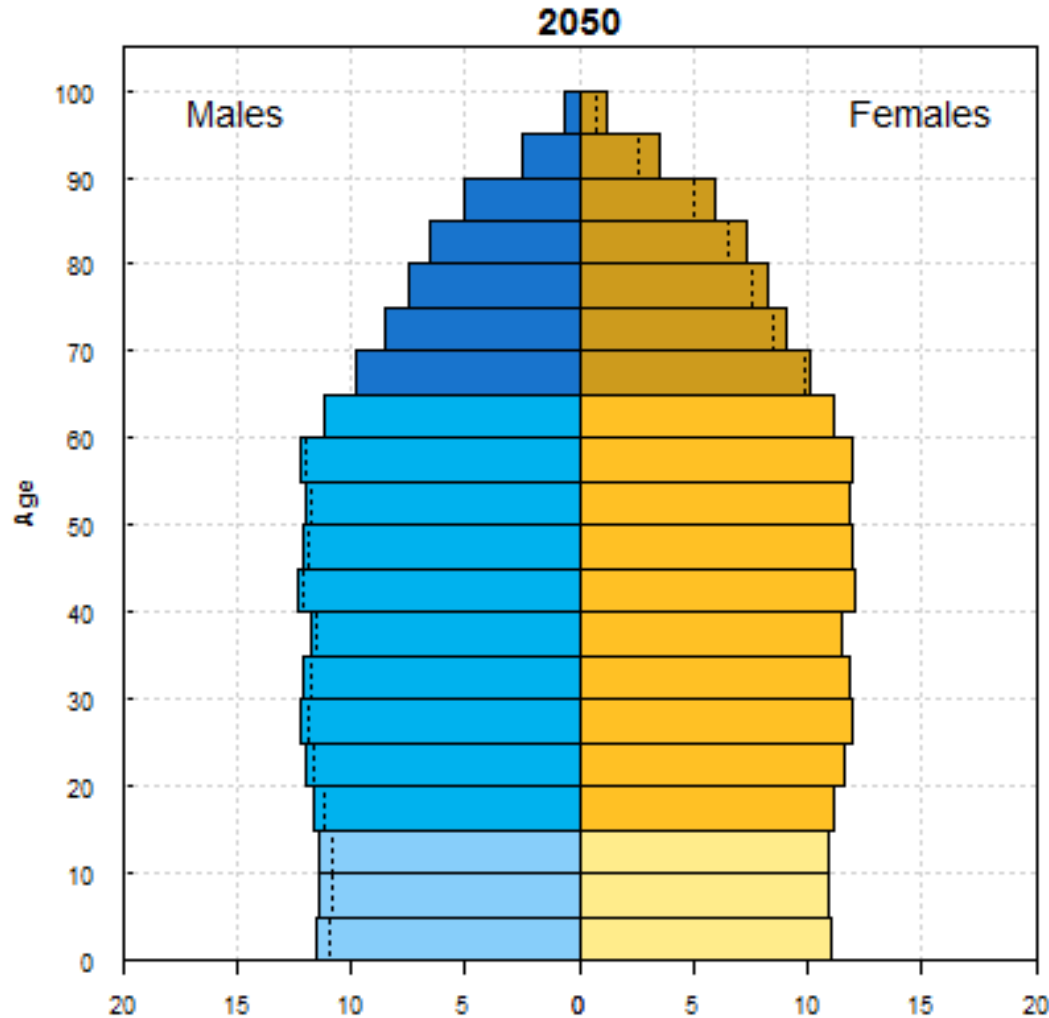
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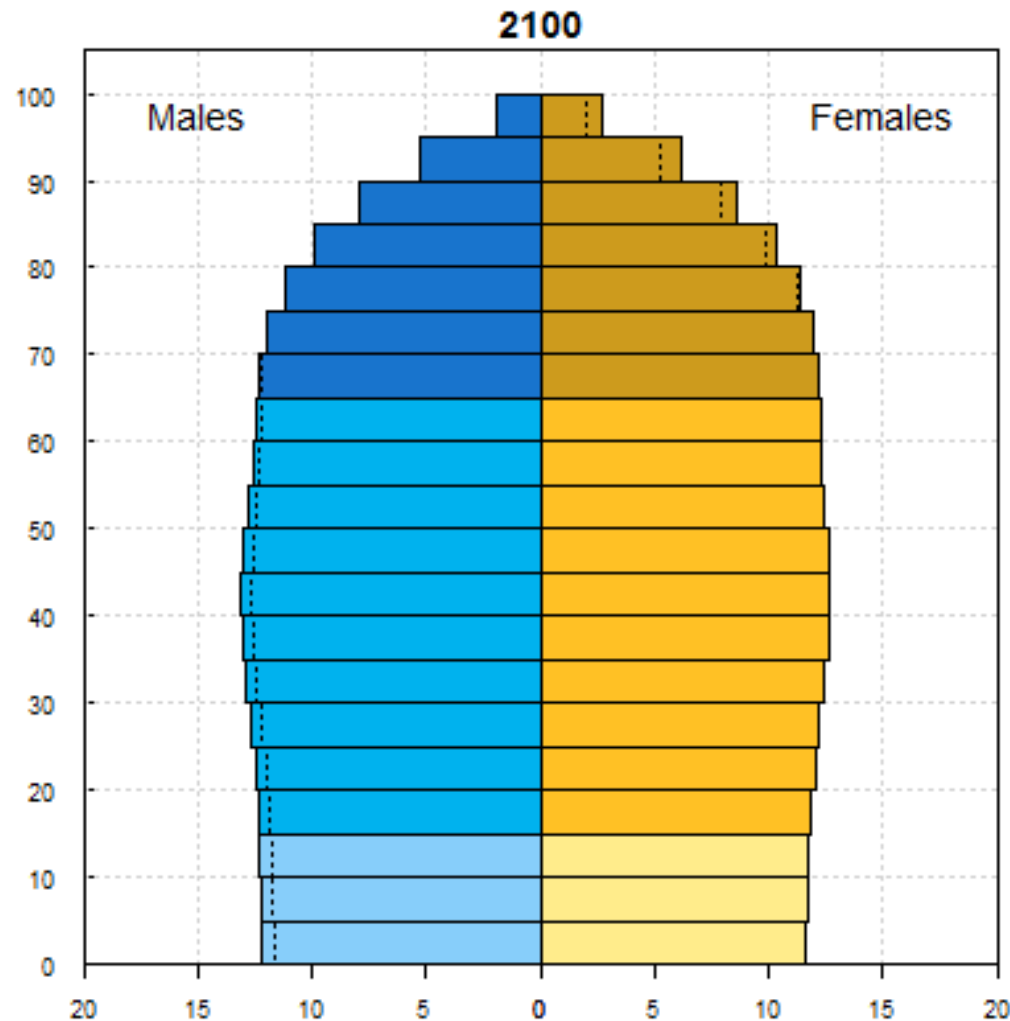
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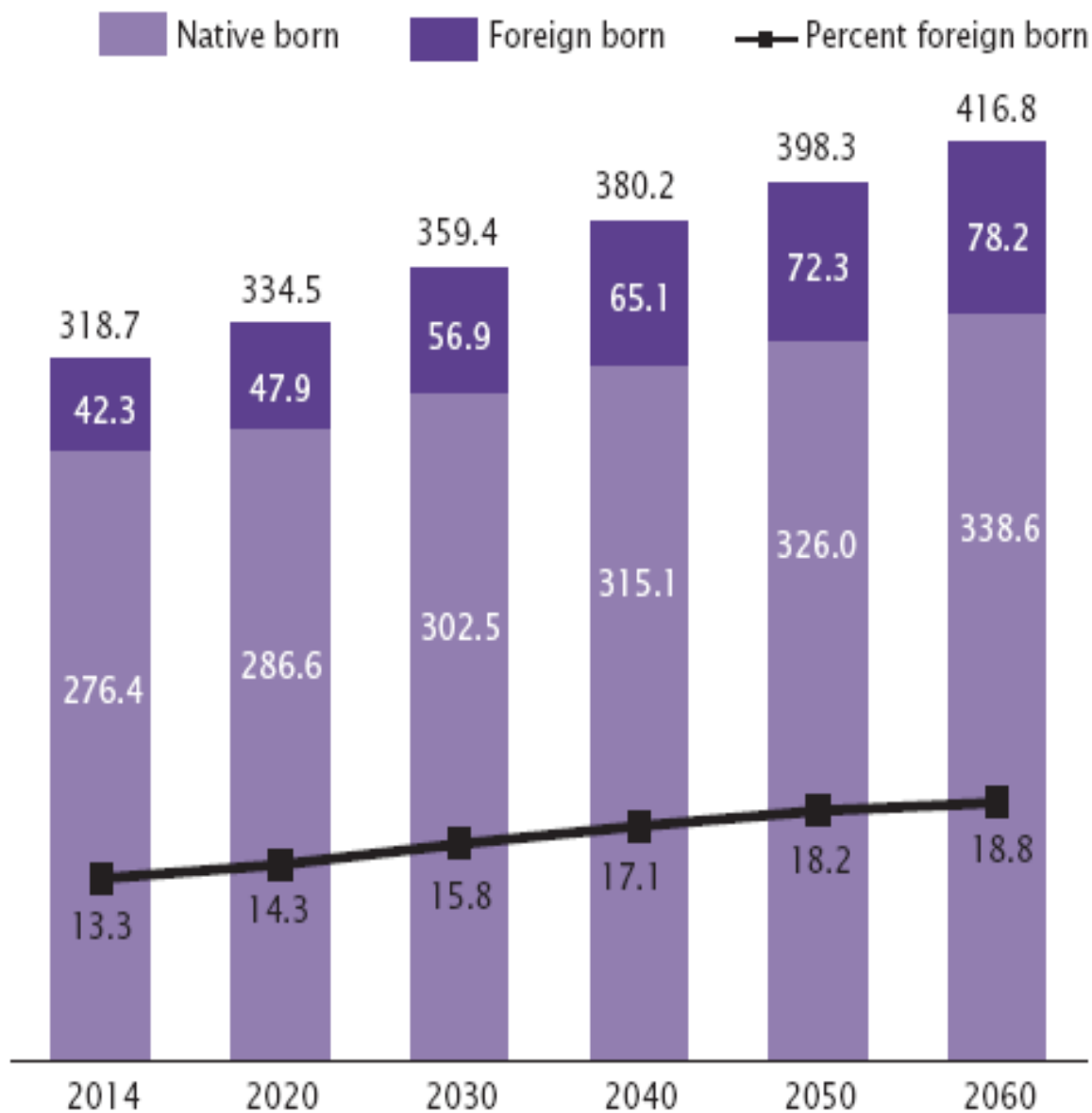
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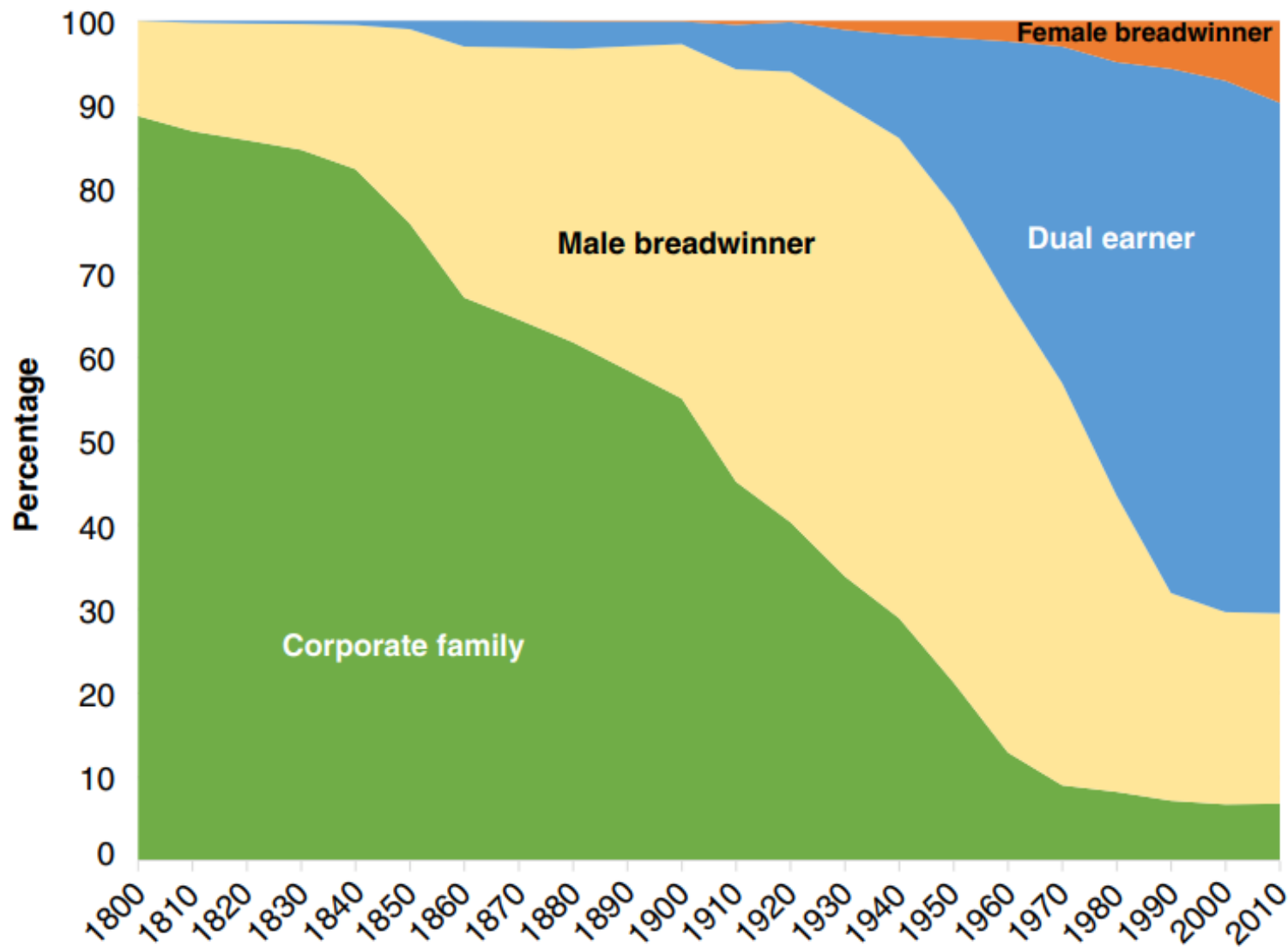
## U.S. Population by Nativity: 2014 to 2060

(Population in millions)



Source: Colby and Ortman, 2015.





**Fig. 4** Family economies of U.S. couples aged 18–64: United States, 1800–2010. *Source:* Ruggles (forthcoming)

# Mortality in the United States, 1940–2013

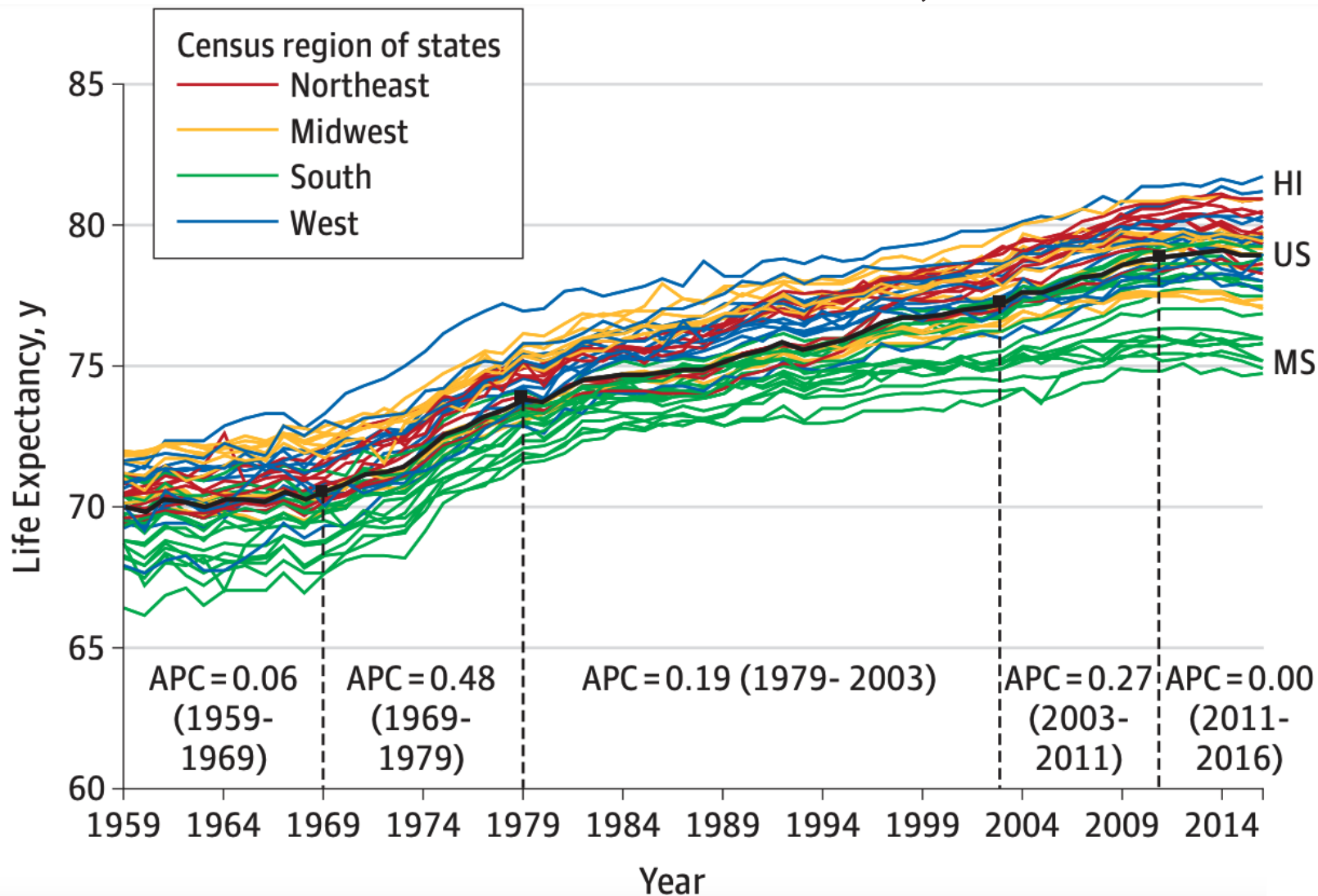
Year	Crude death rate (CDR)	Life expectancy at birth	
		Male	Female
2013	8.0	76.0	81.0
2000	8.5	74.3	79.7
1990	8.6	71.8	79.8
1980	8.8	70.0	77.4
1970	9.5	67.1	74.7
1960	9.5	66.6	73.1
1950	9.6	65.6	71.1
1940	10.8	60.8	65.2

Source: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), 2001, 2002; Population Reference Bureau, 2014.



# Life expectancy at birth

## United States and 50 states, 1959–2016



# Life expectancy at birth United States and 50 states



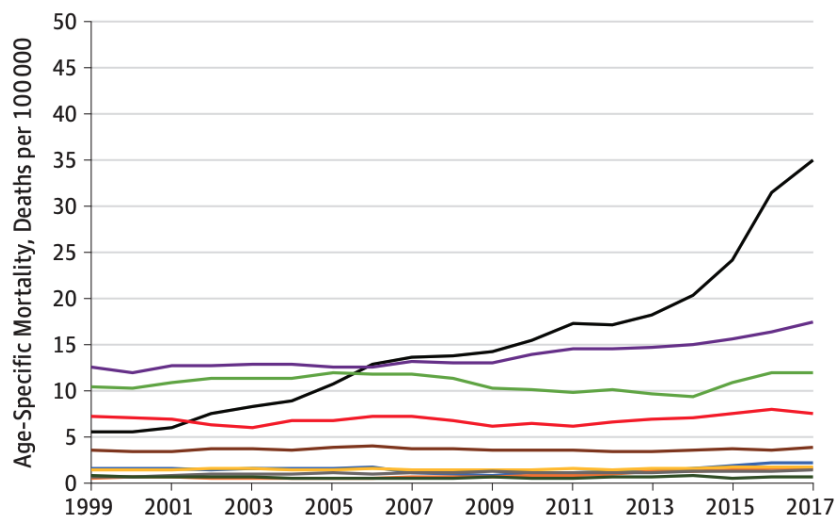
– US life expectancy increased for most of the time between 1959 and 2016

– However, the rate of increase slowed over time and life expectancy decreased after 2014

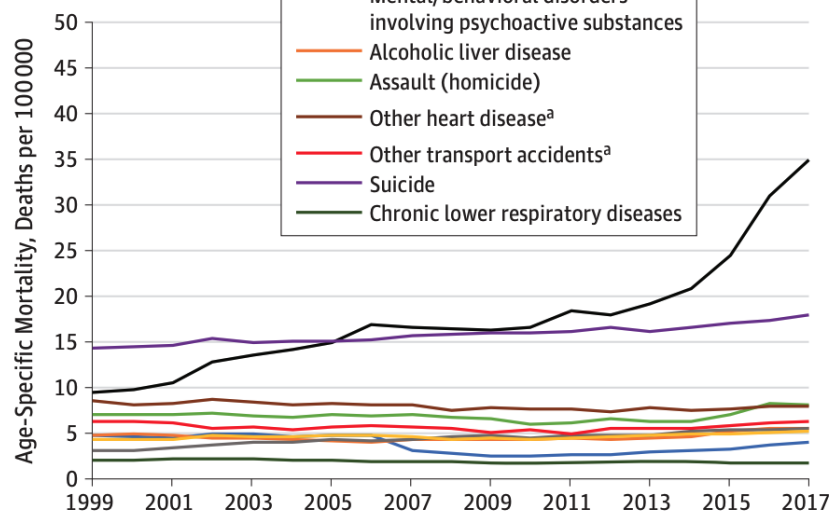


# Mortality rates by causes

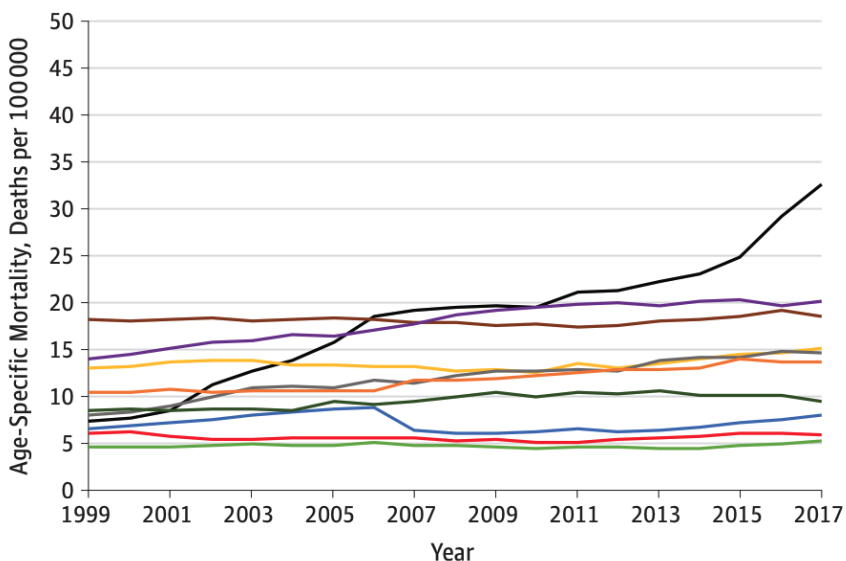
**A** Ages 25-34 y



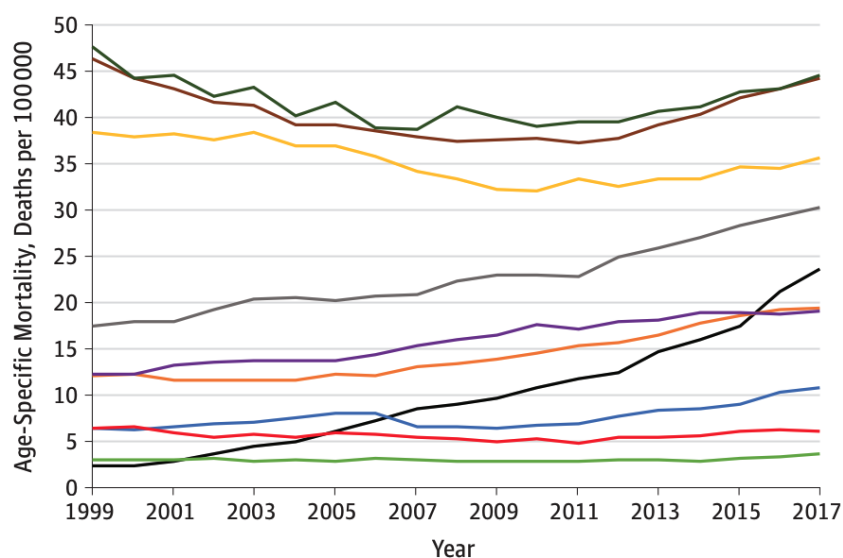
**B** Ages 35-44 y



**C** Ages 45-54 y

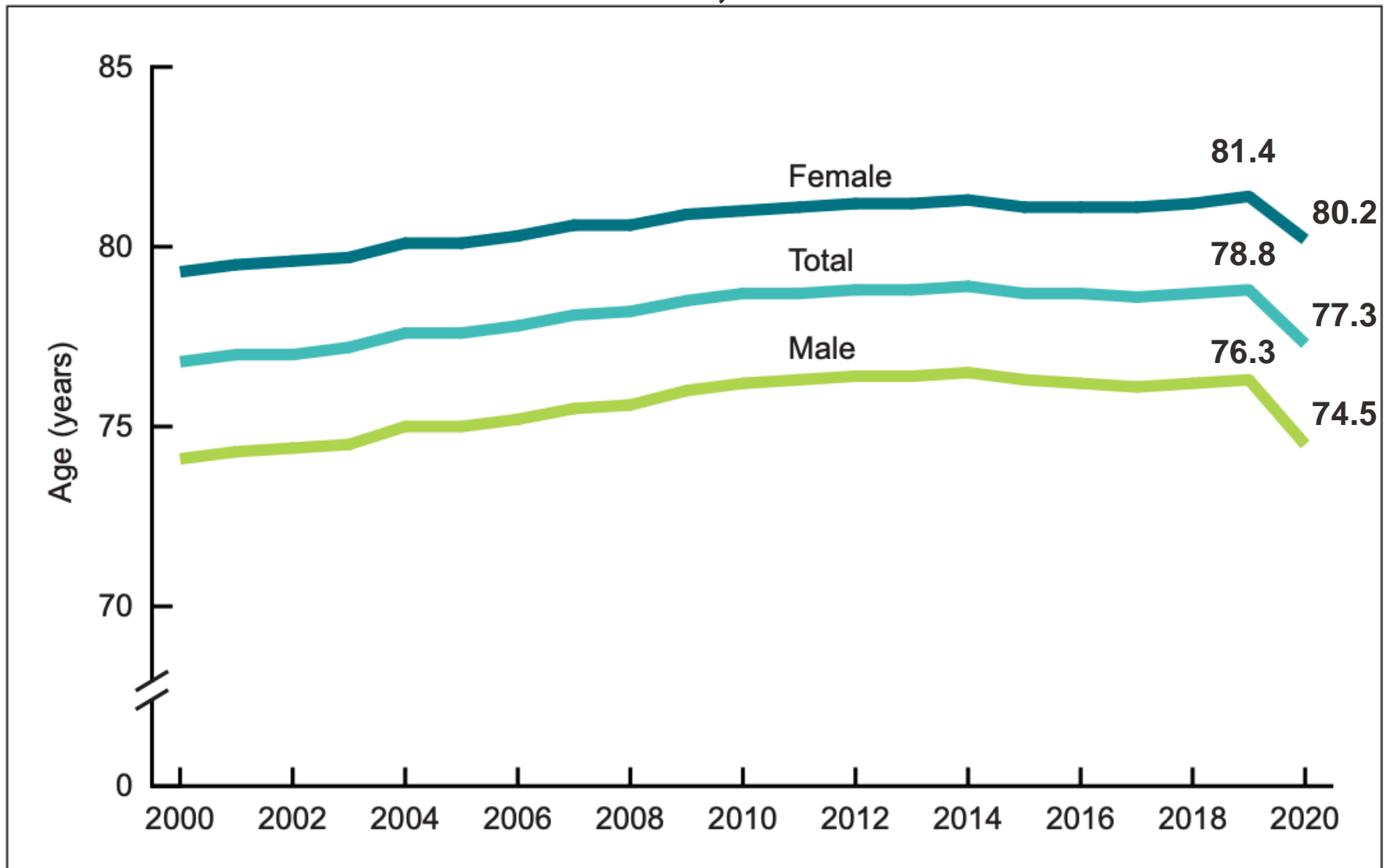


**D** Ages 55-64 y



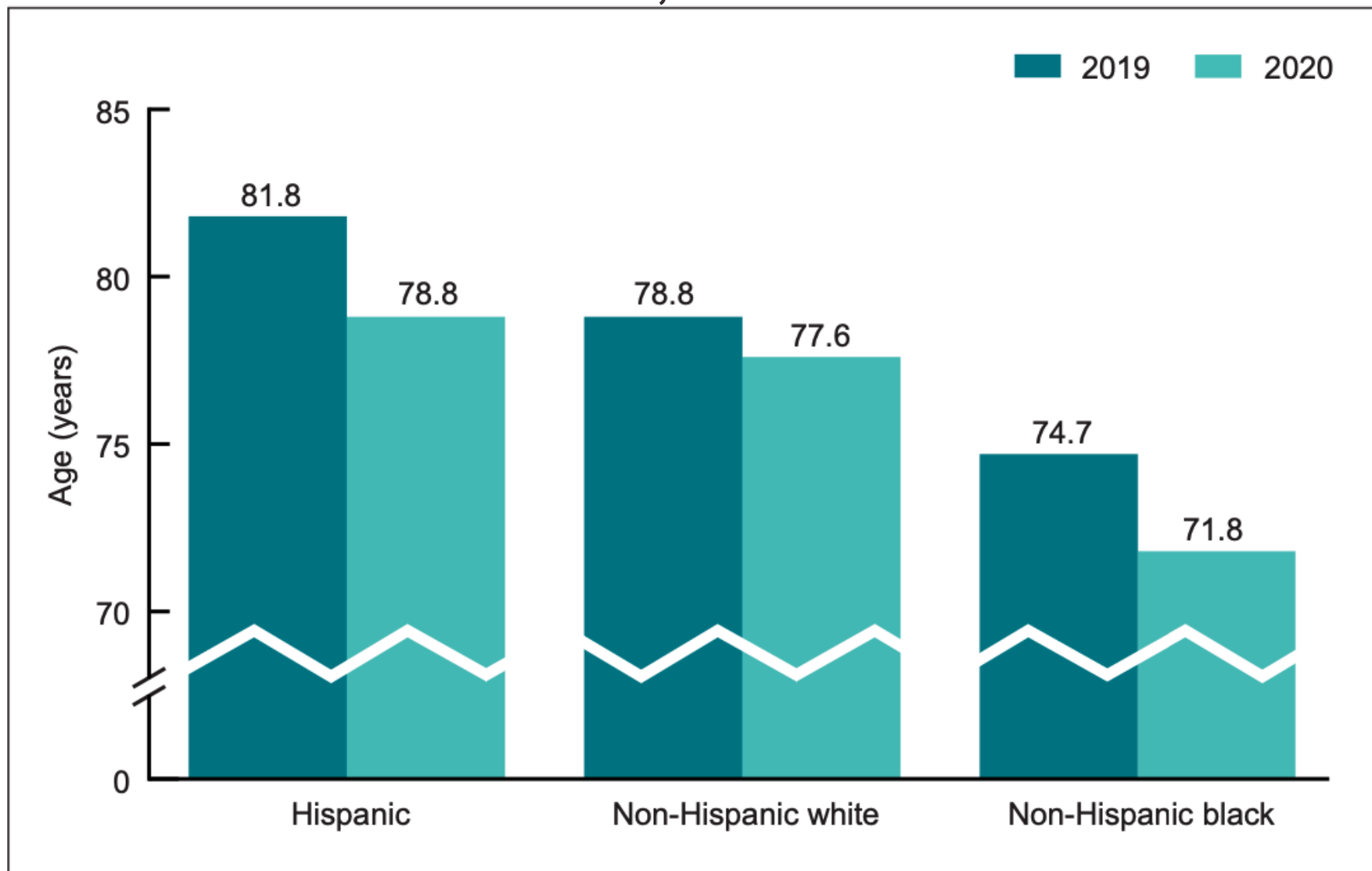
- Drug poisoning
- Diabetes
- Hypertensive diseases
- Mental/behavioral disorders involving psychoactive substances
- Alcoholic liver disease
- Assault (homicide)
- Other heart disease<sup>a</sup>
- Other transport accidents<sup>a</sup>
- Suicide
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases

# Life expectancy at birth by sex United States, 2000–2020



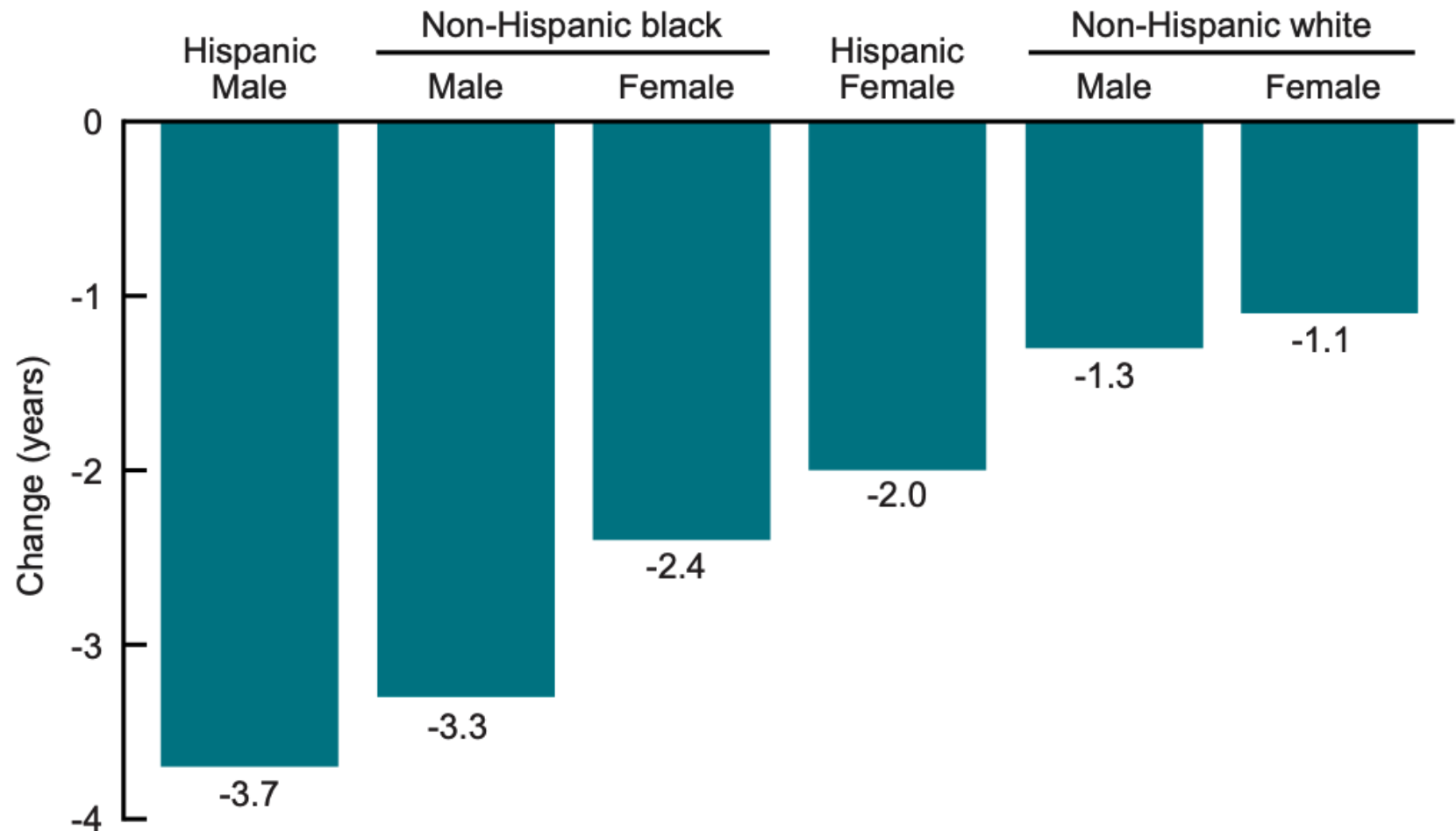
Source: CDC, 2021 (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/vsrr/vsrr015-508.pdf>).

# Life expectancy at birth by race/ethnicity United States, 2019 and 2020



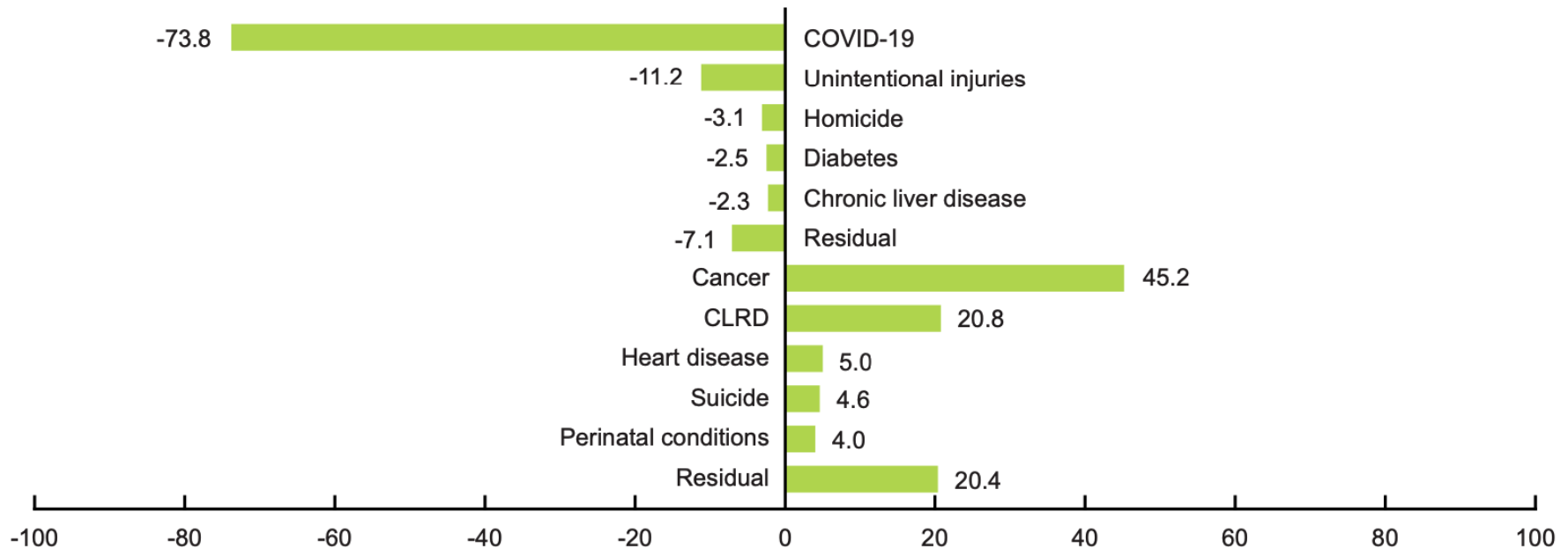


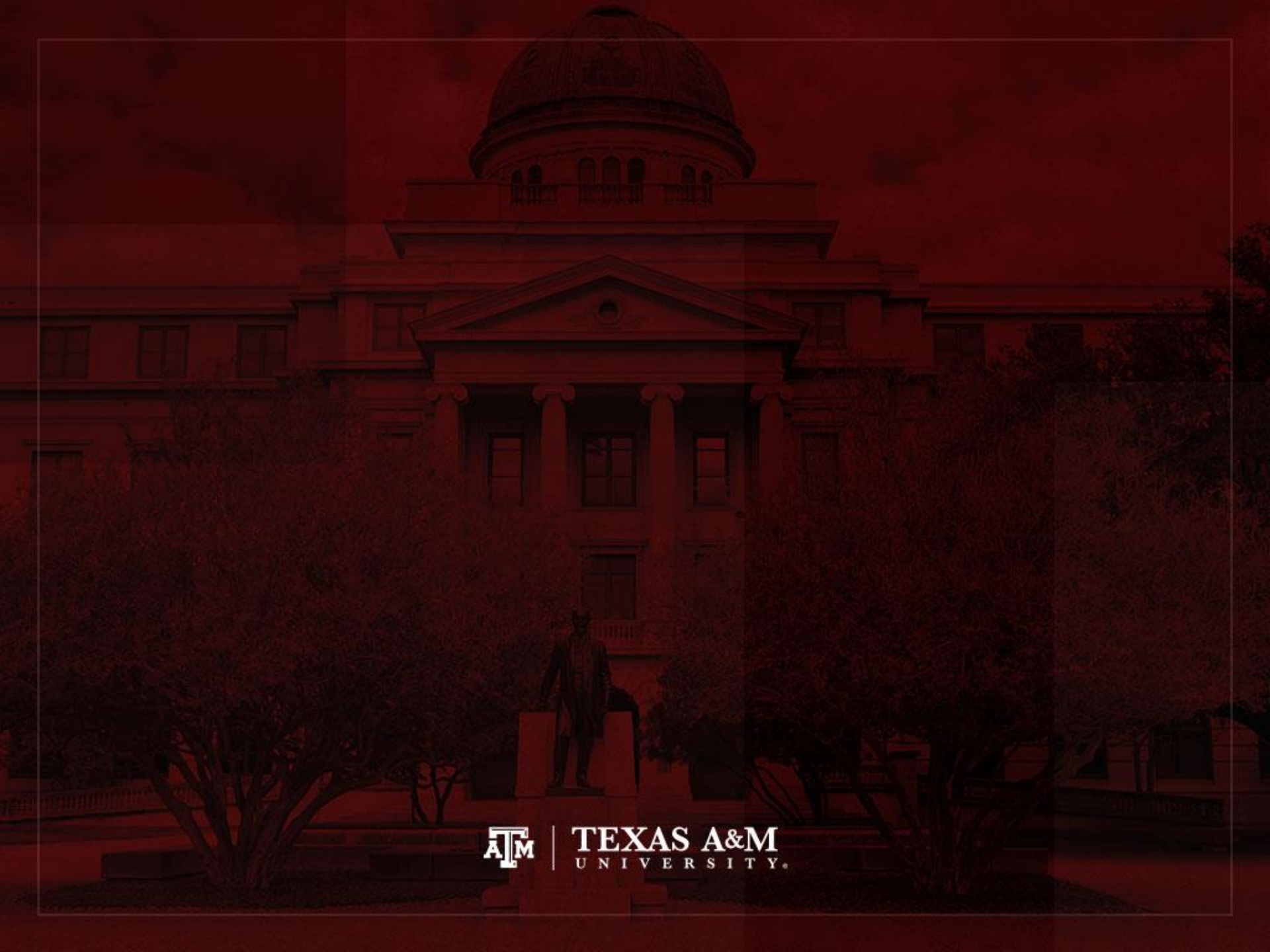
# Change in life expectancy at birth United States, 2019–2020





# Contribution of leading causes of death to the change in life expectancy by sex United States, 2019–2020





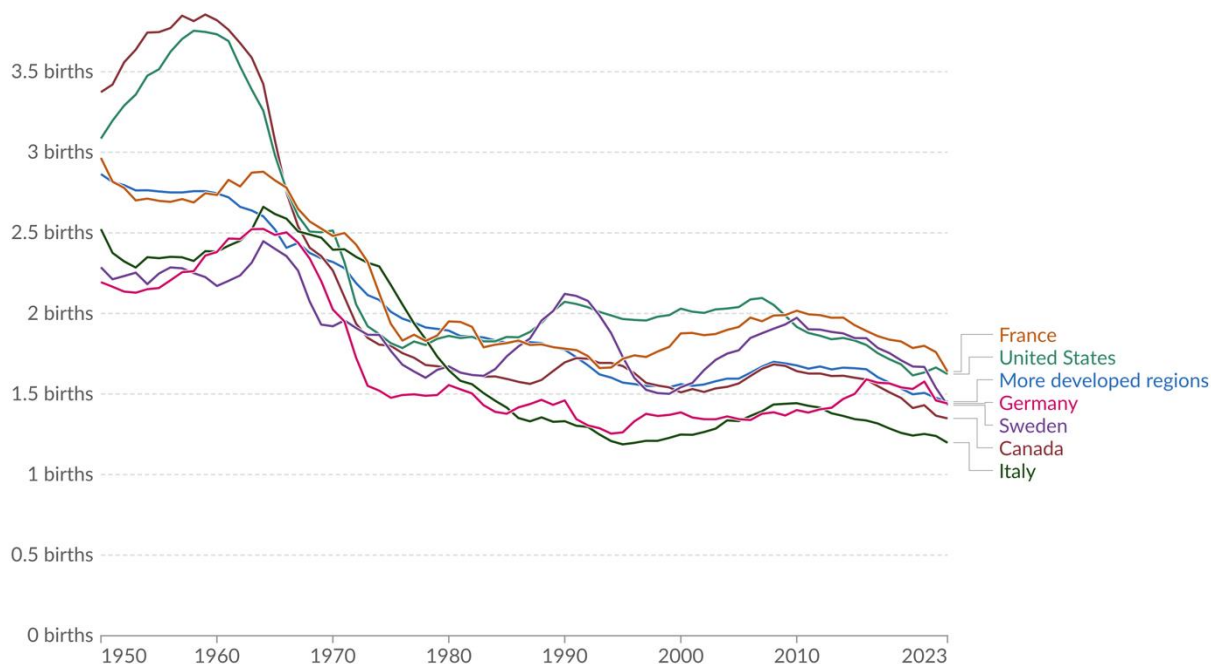
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# 1. High fertility rate among developed countries

## Fertility rate: children per woman



The fertility rate<sup>1</sup>, expressed as the number of children per woman, is based on age-specific fertility rates in one particular year.



Data source: UN, World Population Prospects (2024)

OurWorldinData.org/fertility-rate | CC BY

**1. Fertility rate:** The total fertility rate is a period metric. It summarizes fertility rates across all age groups in one particular year. For a given year, the total fertility rate represents the average number of children that would be born to a hypothetical woman if she (1) lived to the end of her childbearing years, and (2) experienced the same age-specific fertility rates throughout her whole reproductive life as the age-specific fertility rates seen in that particular year. It is different from the actual average number of children that women have. The fertility rate should not be confused with biological fertility, which is about the ability of a person to conceive. [Read more: Fertility rate](#)



## 2. Majority-minority society around 2044

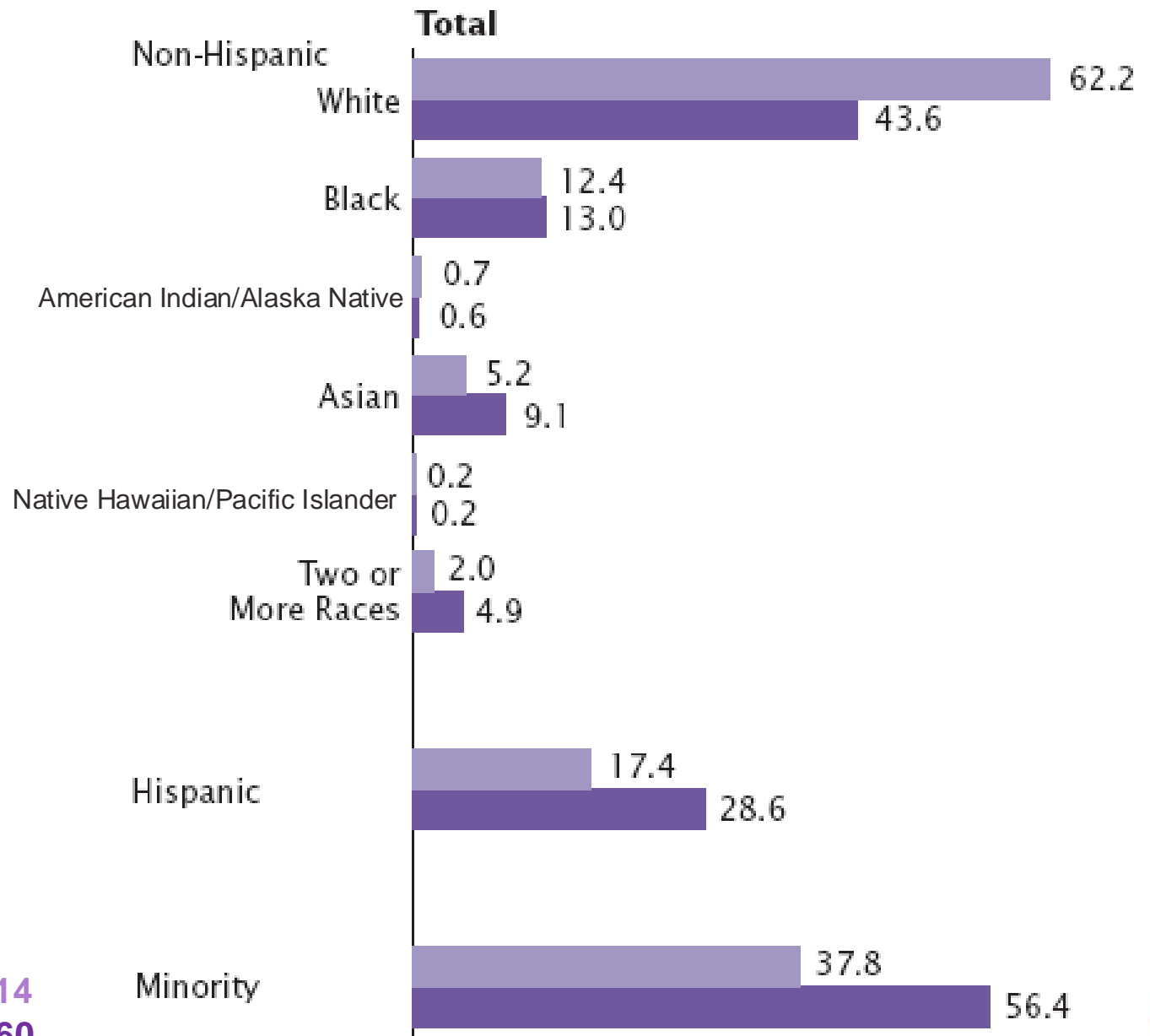
- Non-Hispanic White population in the U.S.

<b>1930</b>	<b>89.8%</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>80.5%</b>
<b>1940</b>	<b>90.1%</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>75.6%</b>
<b>1950</b>	<b>89.5%</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>69.1%</b>
<b>1960</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>63.4%</b>
<b>1970</b>	<b>83.0%</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>57.8%</b>

- Around 2044, the U.S. should be a majority-minority society
  - Less than 50% will be non-Hispanic White



# Percentage distribution of the U.S. population by race/ethnicity, 2014 and 2060



**Legend:**

Upper bar = 2014  
Lower bar = 2060

# Majority-minority states, 2020

State	White percentage
Hawaii	22.9
District of Columbia	36.1
California	34.7
New Mexico	36.8
Texas	39.7
Nevada	39.7
Maryland	48.7
Georgia	50.1
Florida	51.5
New York	52.0
New Jersey	52.1
Arizona	53.4
Louisiana	53.8
Mississippi	54.6



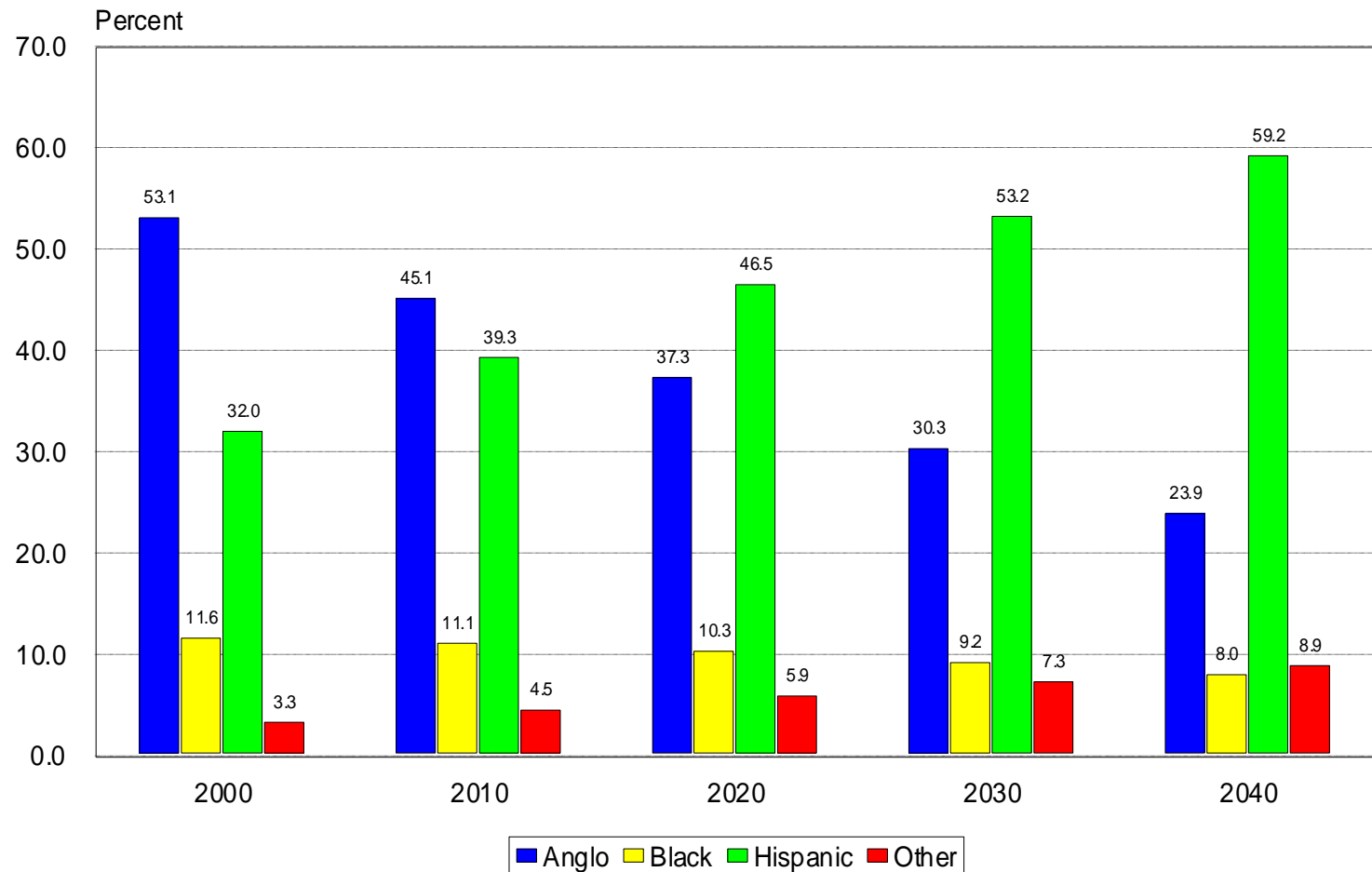


# Diversity in Texas

- Texas already is a majority-minority state
  - The non-Hispanic White population dropped below 50% in 2004
- The demographic destiny of Texas is with the Hispanic population
  - Texas will become majority Hispanic in the next few years



# Projected population by race/ethnicity in Texas, 2000–2040

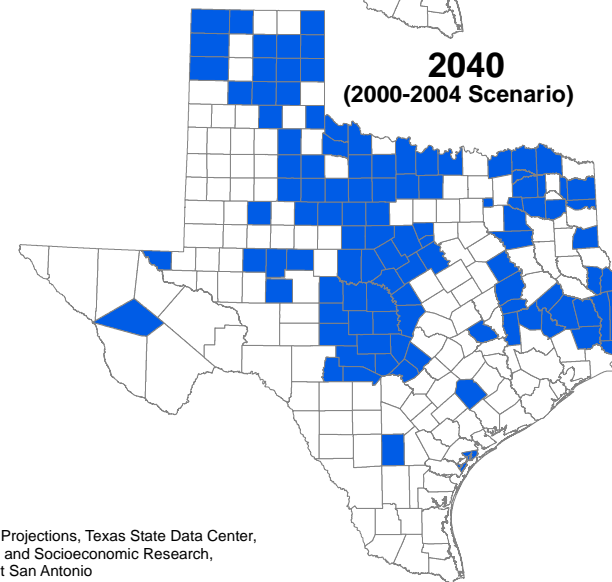
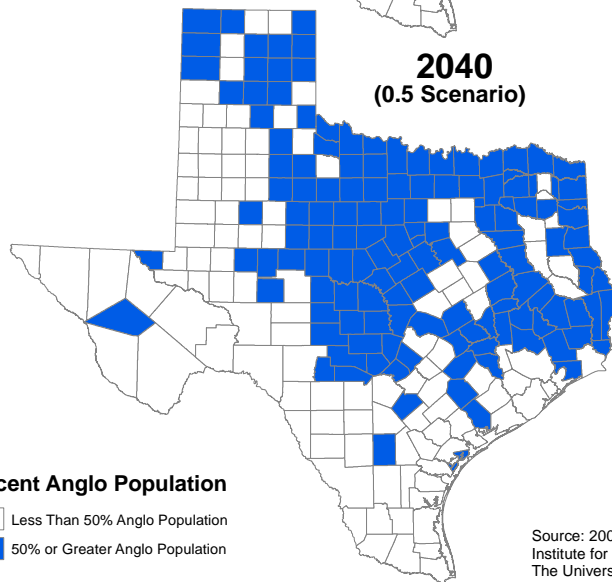
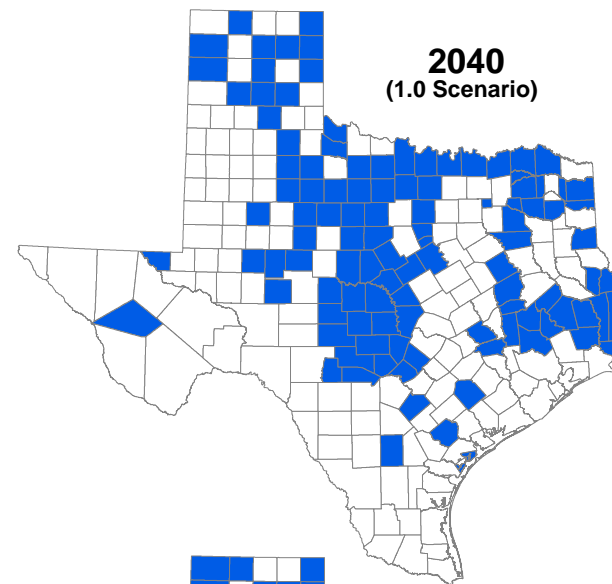
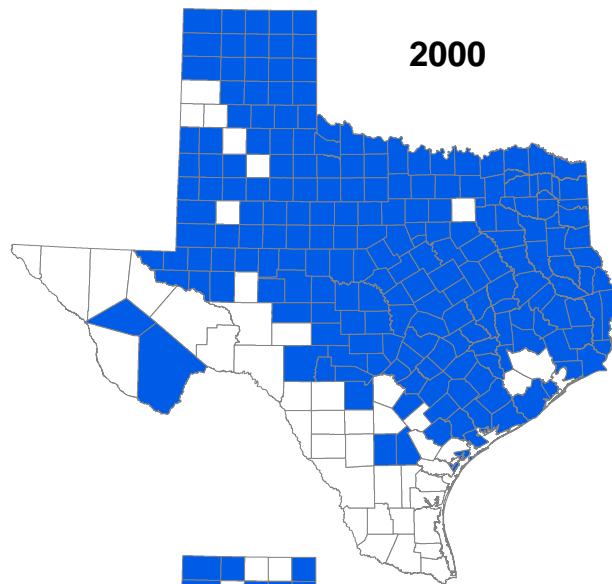


\*Using U.S. Census count for 2000 and Texas State Data Center 1.0 population projection scenario for 2010-2040.





# Texas counties with 50% or more of Anglo population



## Percent Anglo Population

- Less Than 50% Anglo Population
- 50% or Greater Anglo Population

Source: 2006 Population Projections, Texas State Data Center, Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio



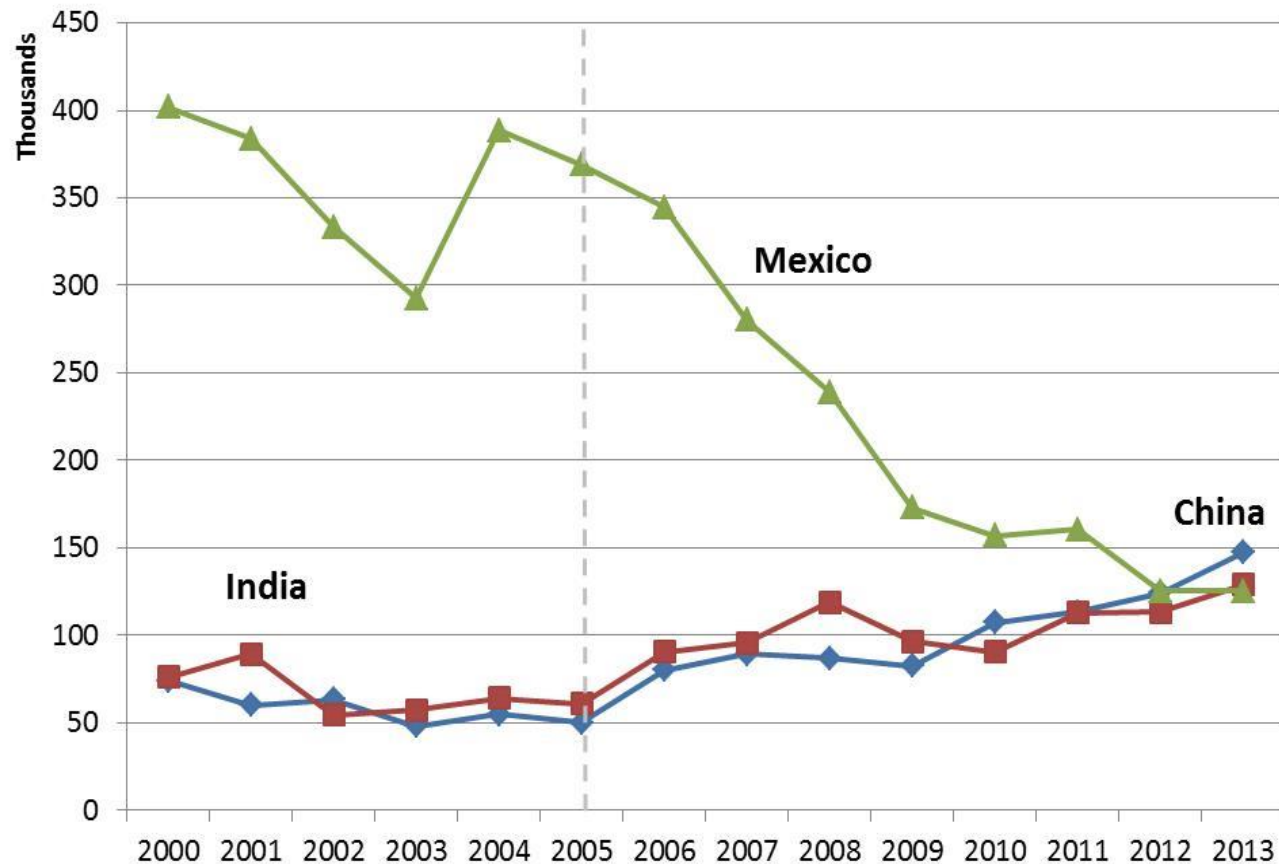
# 3. Changes of origin of undocumented immigrants

- Until now, Mexico has supplied the United States, with immigrant workers to fill low-wage jobs
  - Unprecedented decline in Mexican immigration
- Chinese workers could replace Mexican immigrants (Poston, Morrison 2011)
  - New influx of immigrant workers who will be fleeing hopeless conditions in China
  - Many of them will enter the U.S. undocumented

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/7695428.html>



## Foreign-Born Population Whose Residence One Year Ago Was Abroad by Selected Places of Birth: 2000-2013



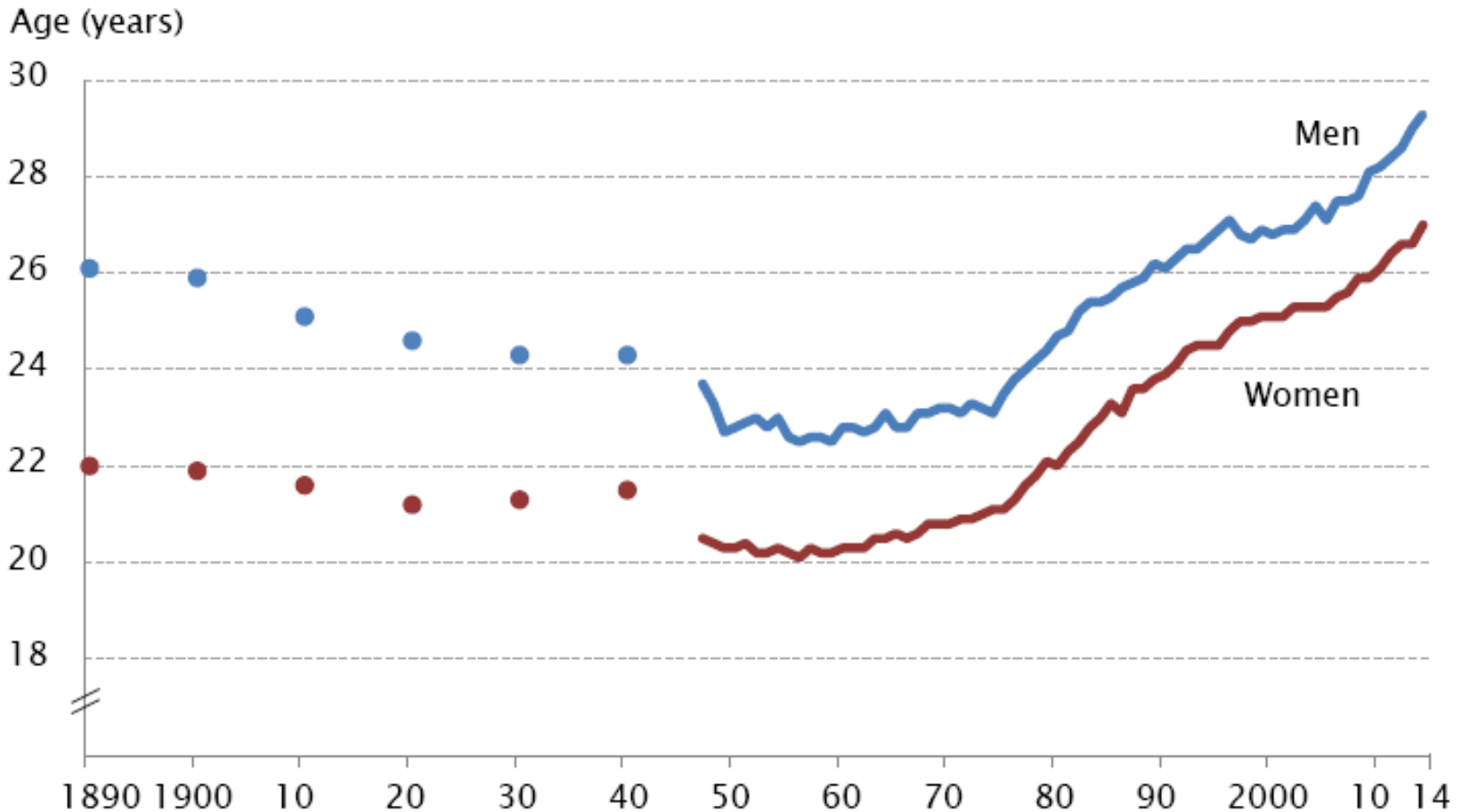
Note: The ACS did not include the group quarters population until 2006. The time series from 2000 to 2005 represents immigration for the household population while the time series from 2006 to 2013 represents immigration for the resident population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, 2000 to 2013 Single-Year American Community Survey. For information on sampling and nonsampling error in the ACS, see <[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/methodology\\_main/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/methodology_main/)>.



# 4. Increasing ages at first marriage

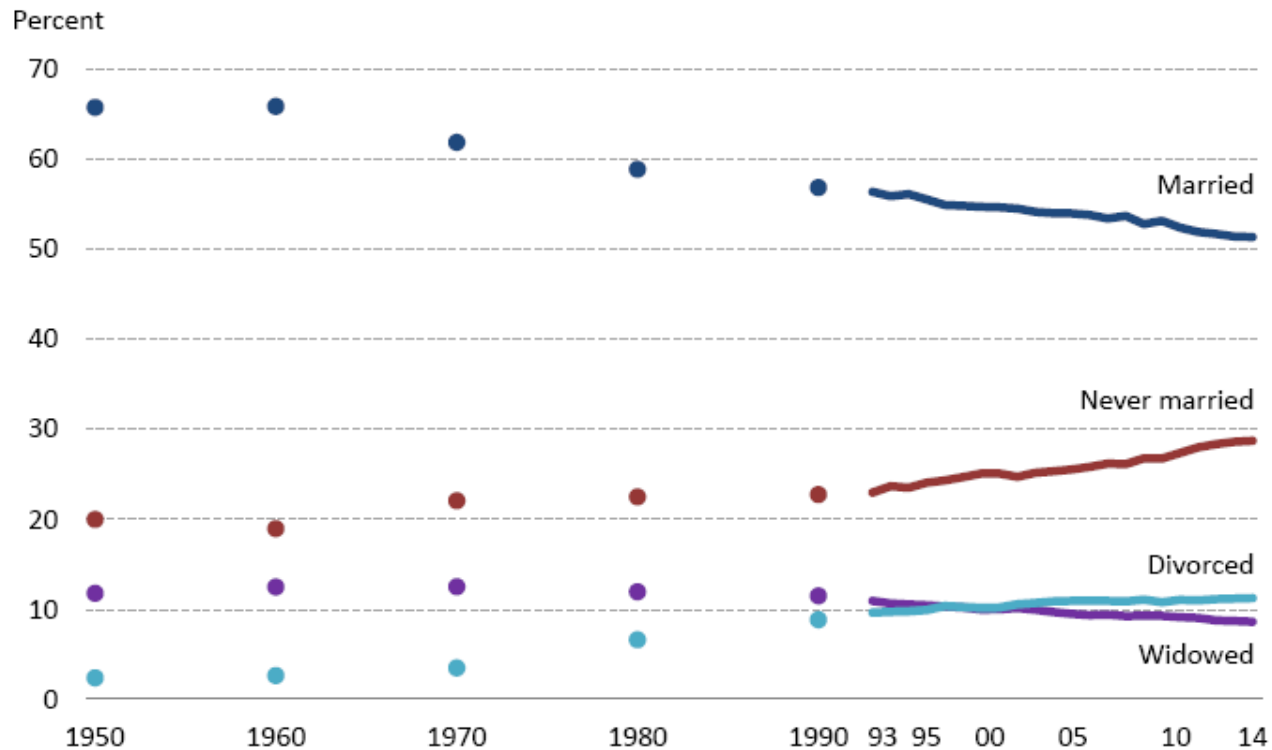
## Median Age at First Marriage: United States, 1890-2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <https://www.census.gov/hhes/families/files/graphics/MS-2.pdf>

# 5. Decreasing percentages of persons marrying

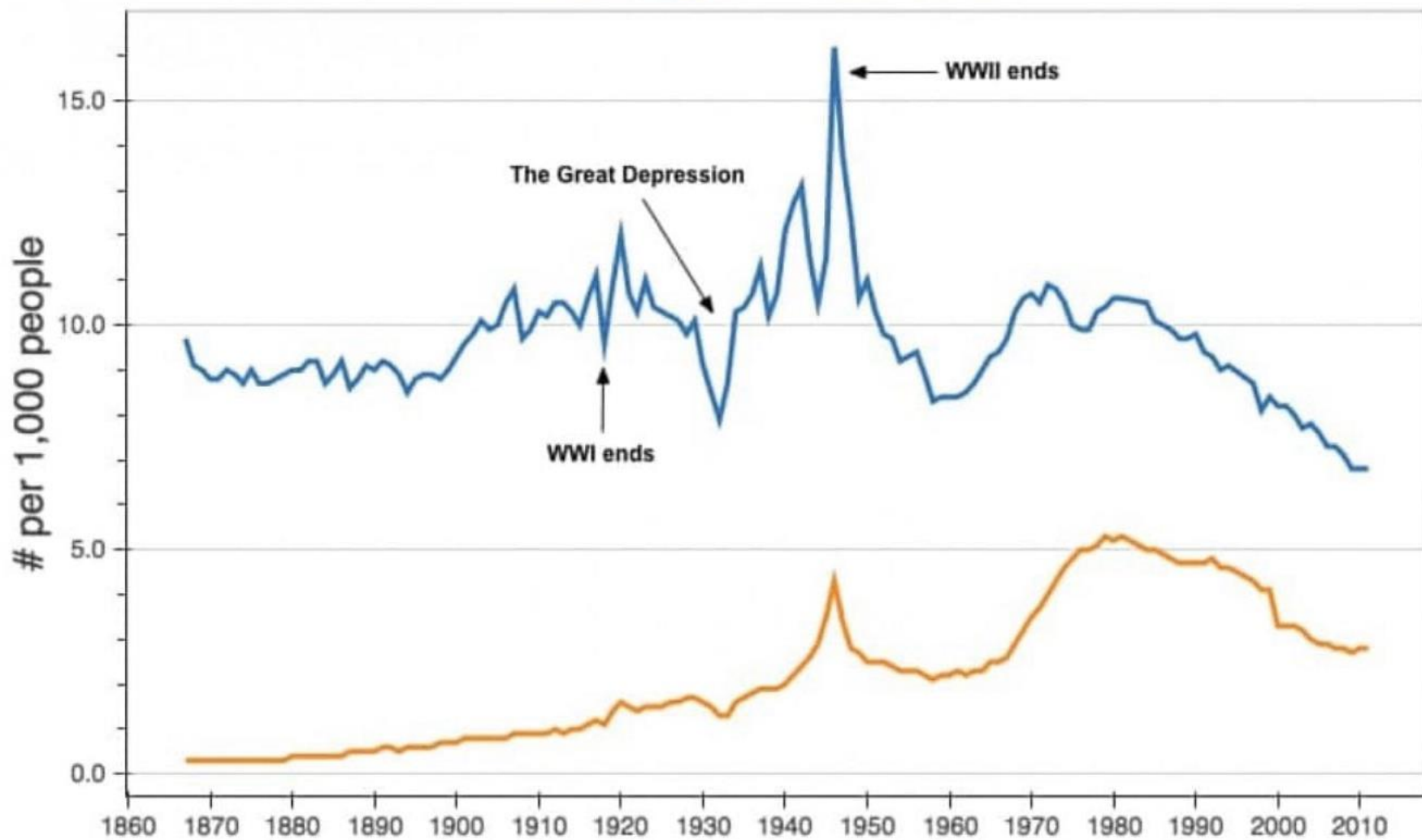
Marital Status of Women 15 years of Age and Older:  
United States, 1950 - 2014



Source: Us. Bureau of the Census. <https://www.census.gov/hhes/families/files/graphics/MS-1b.pdf>



## 144 years of marriage and divorce in the U.S.

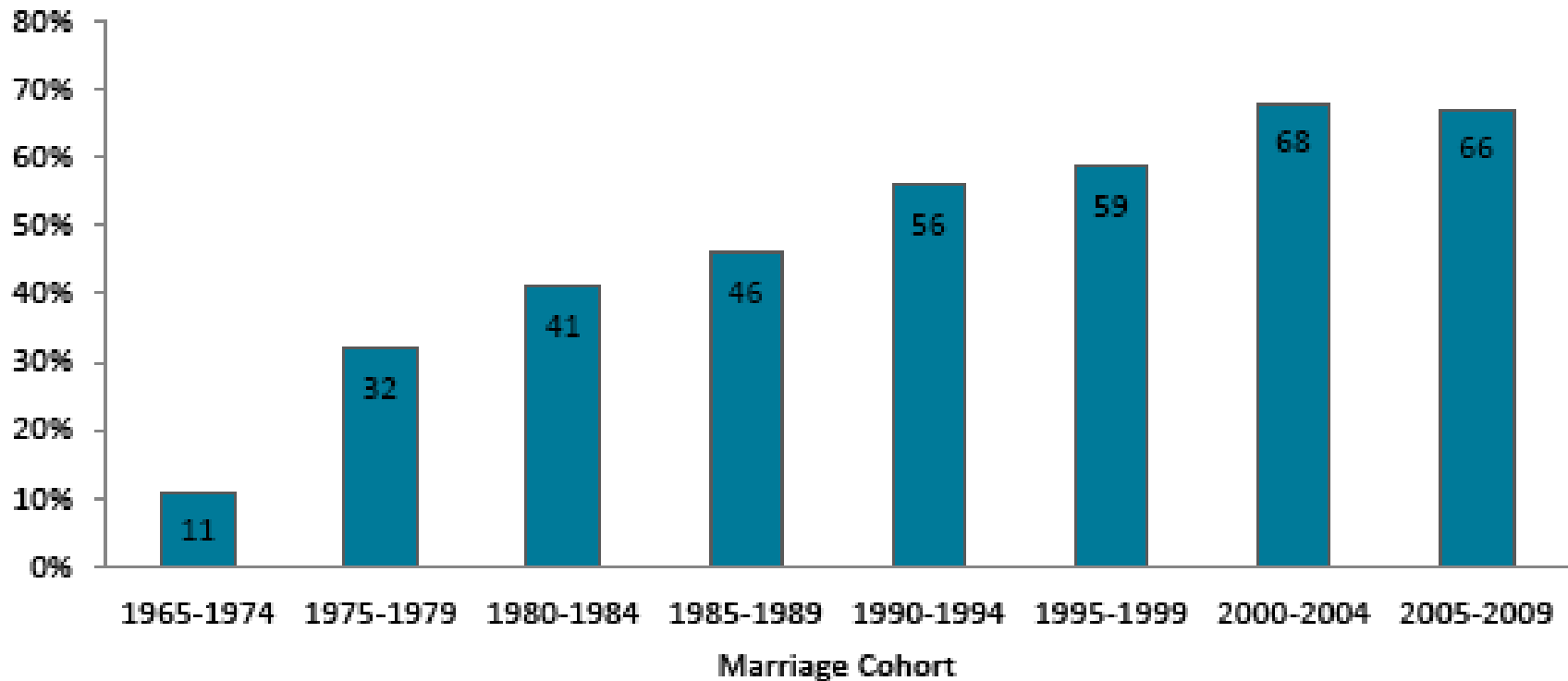


Data source: CDC NCHS

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# 6. Increasing levels of cohabitation

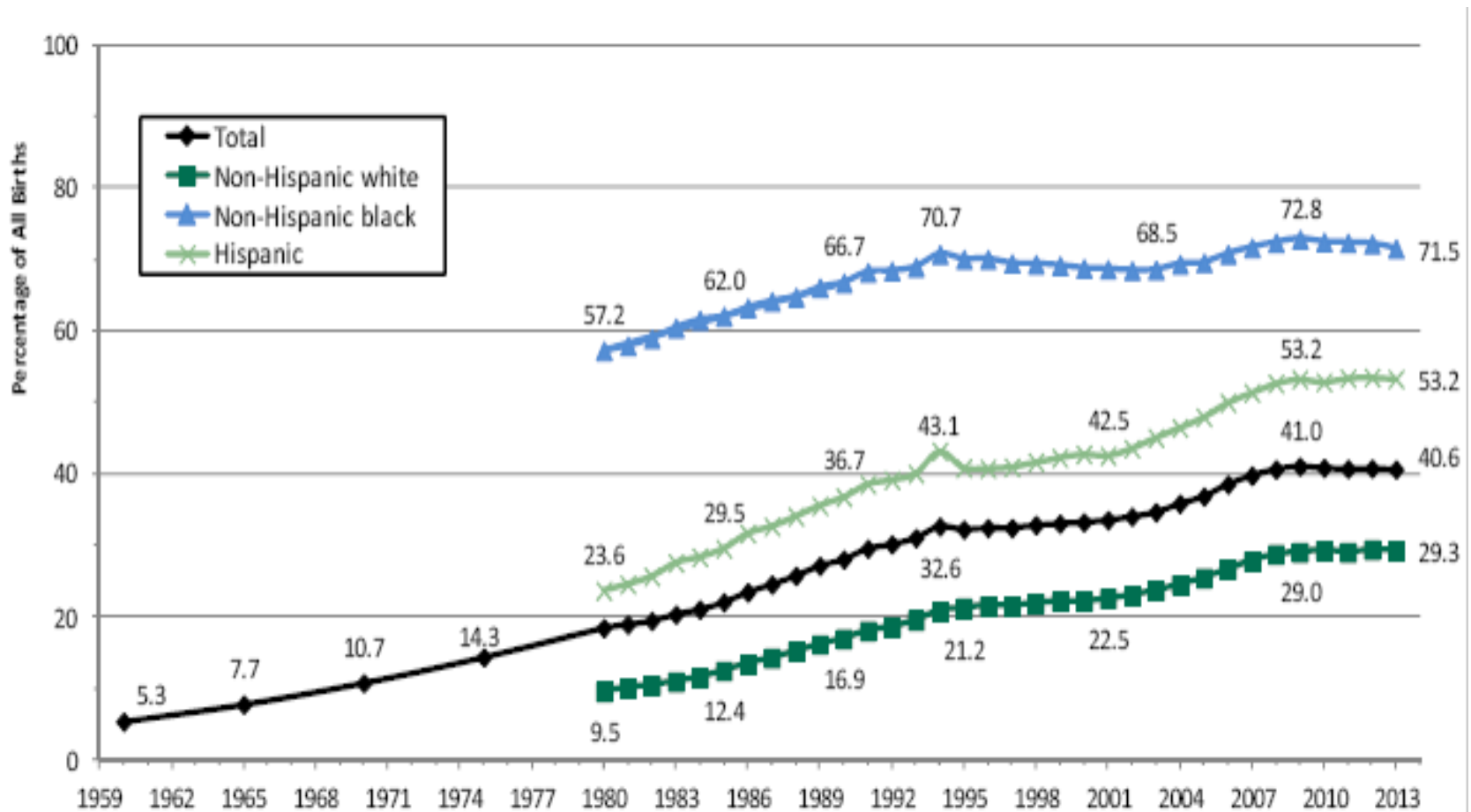
Percentages of Women (ages 19-44) Who Cohabited  
Prior to Their First Marriage:  
United States, 1965-74 to 2005-09





# 7. Increasing percentages of births to unwed mothers

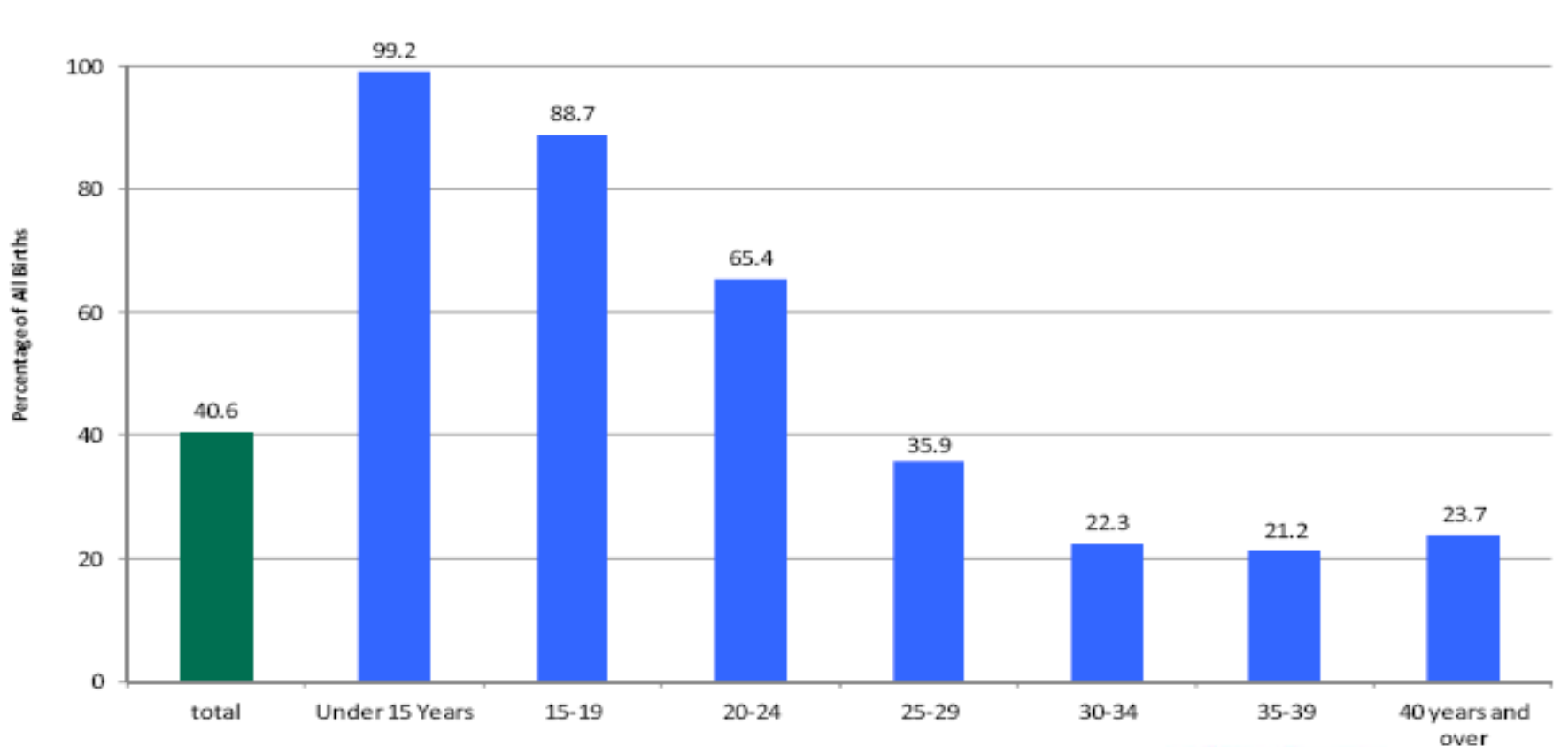
Percentages of Births to Unmarried Women, by Race and Hispanic Origin, 1959 to 2013





# How old are the unmarried women who had babies?

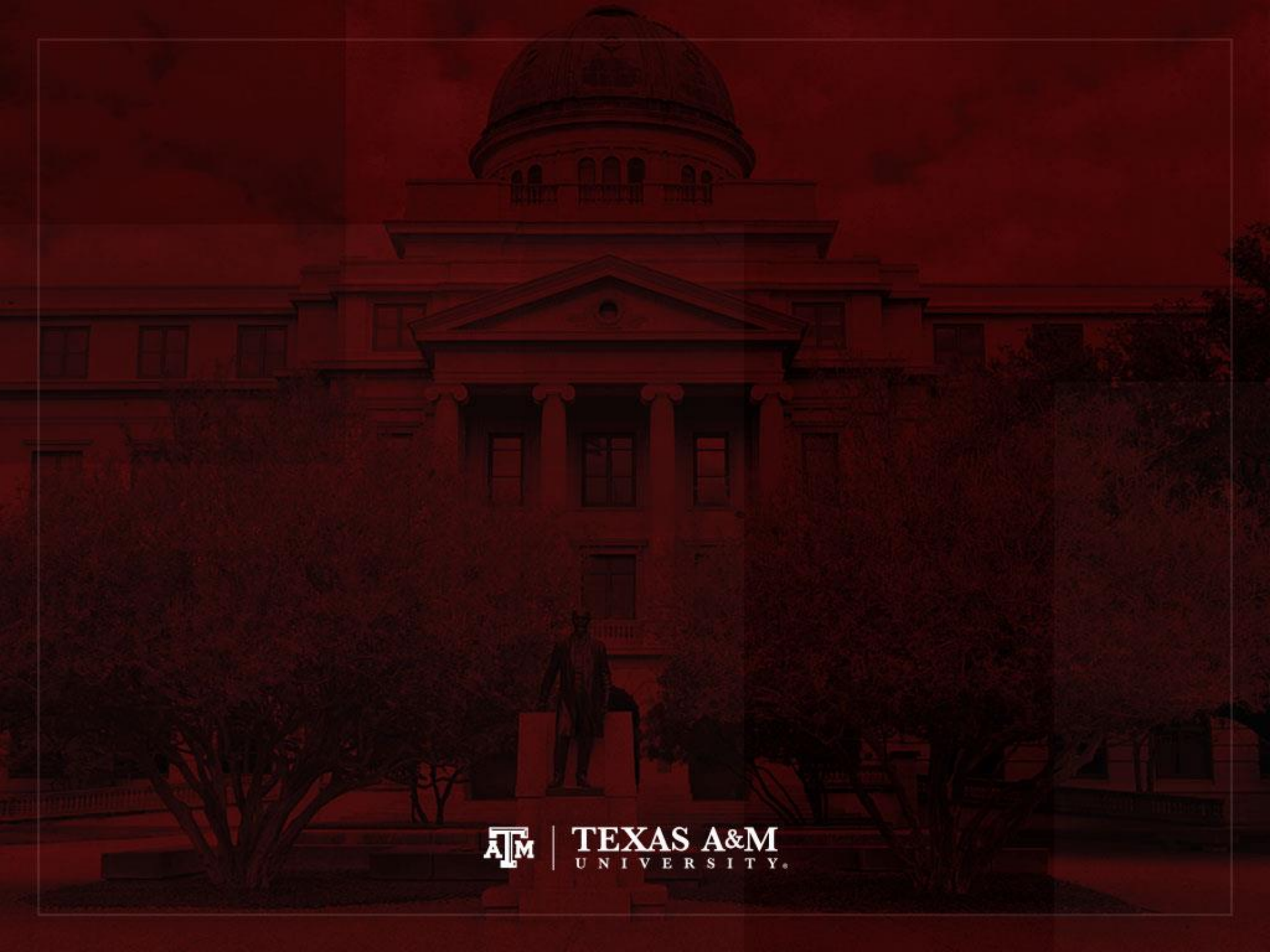
Percentage of All Births to Unmarried Women, by Age of Mother:  
United States, 2013



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