

**Onda Nueva:  
Hispanic Demographic Dividend or  
Bulge at the Bottom?**

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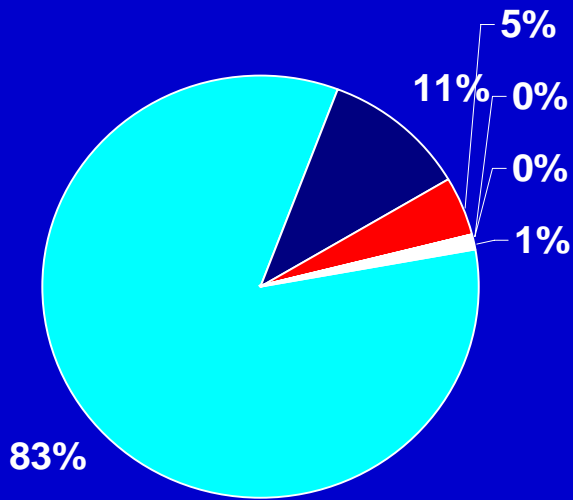
# Are Hispanics Unique?

- **Multiple origins, common language**
- **Low average education levels**
- **Large share undocumented**
- **Youthful age structure**

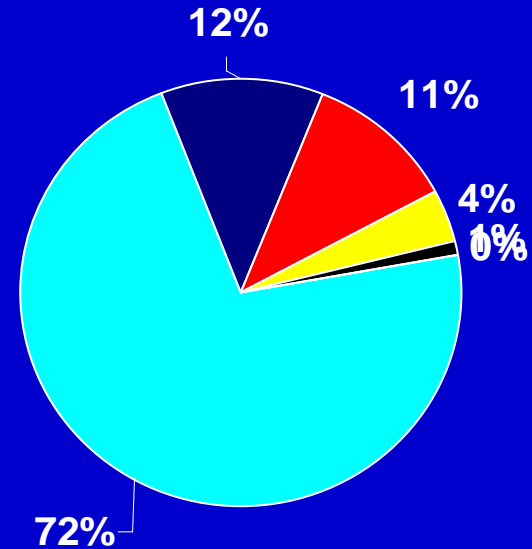
# Highlights

- **New demographic trends**
  - Generational transition
- **Educational profile**
  - Trends and nativity differentials
  - College pipelines
- **Challenges & opportunities**
  - College Squeeze
  - Scattering
  - Population aging

# Race/Ethnic Composition of U.S. Population: 1970 and 2000



1970



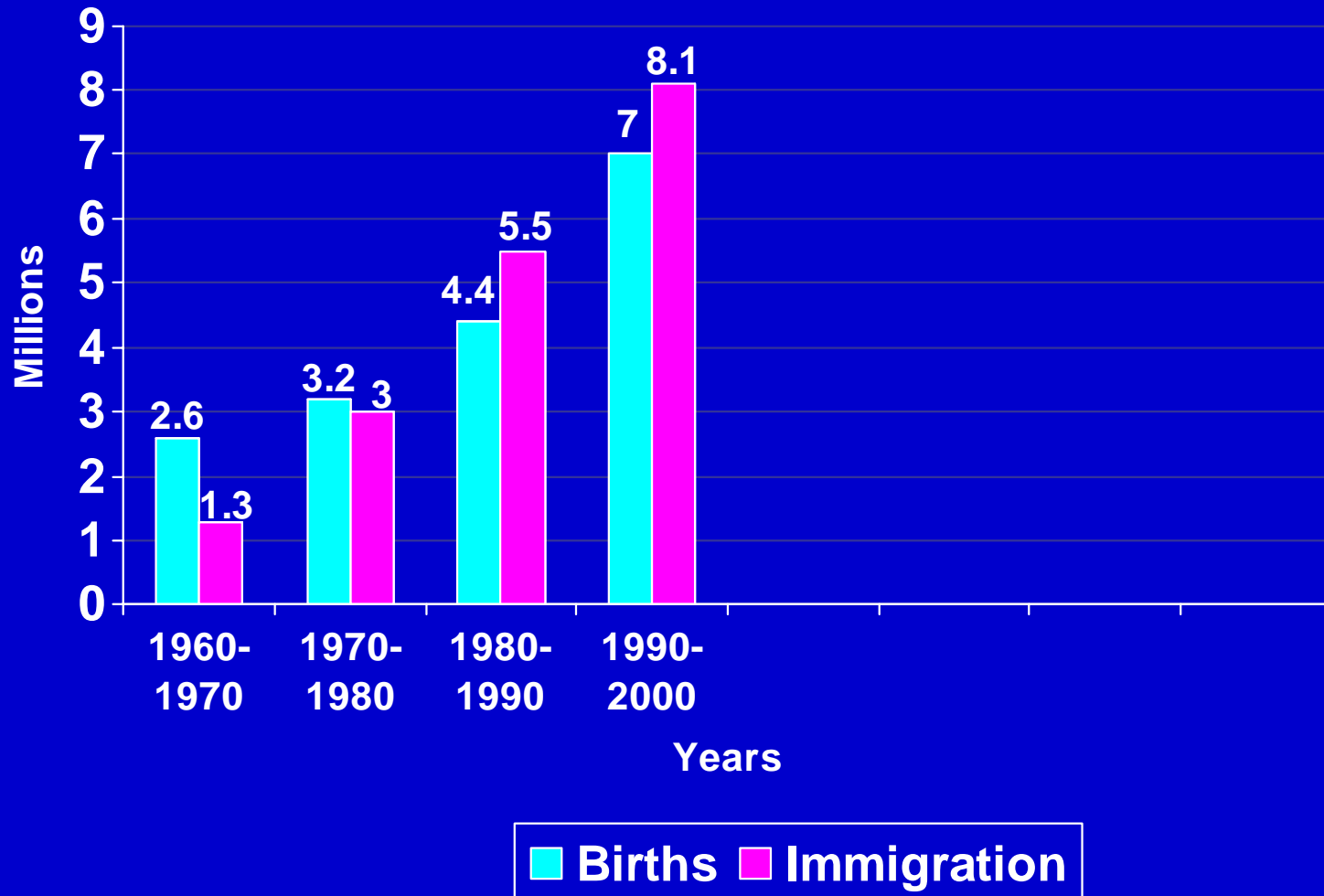
2000

White  
Asian

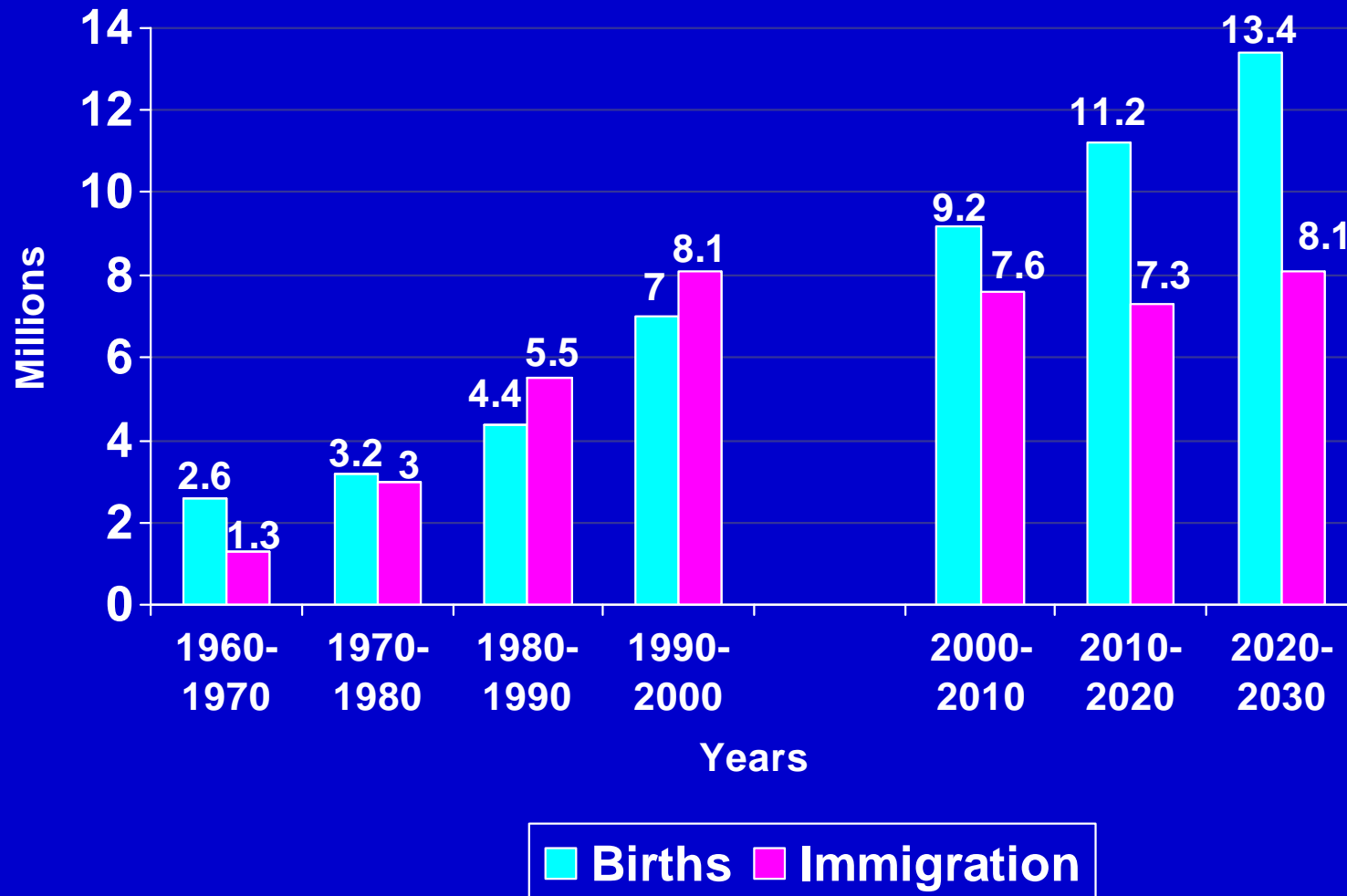
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Hispanic  
Other

# Hispanic Births and Net Immigration by Decade: 1960-2000



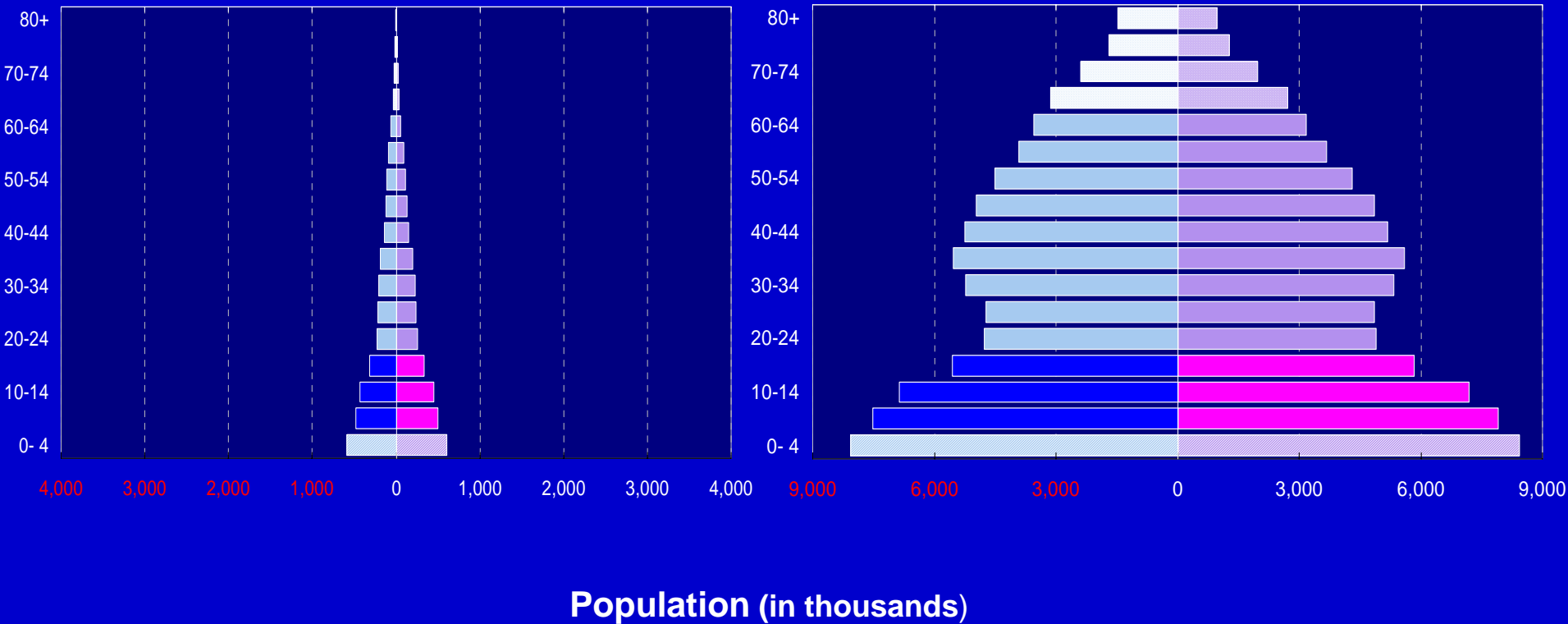
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# Age Pyramids for Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Populations: 1960

## Hispanic

## Non-Hispanic White

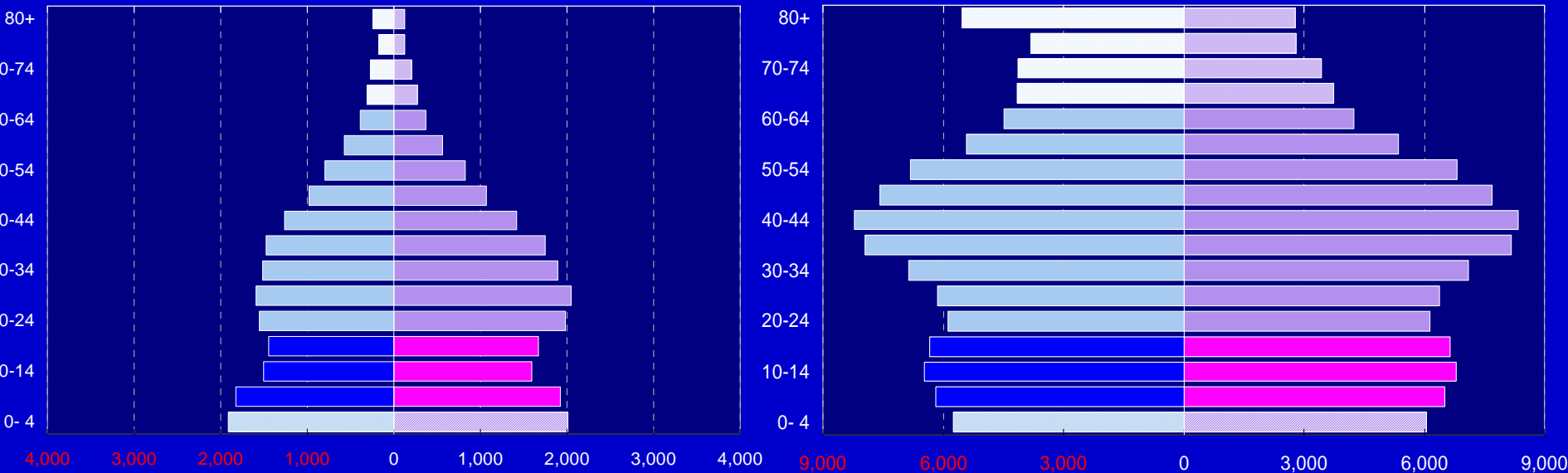


Population (in thousands)

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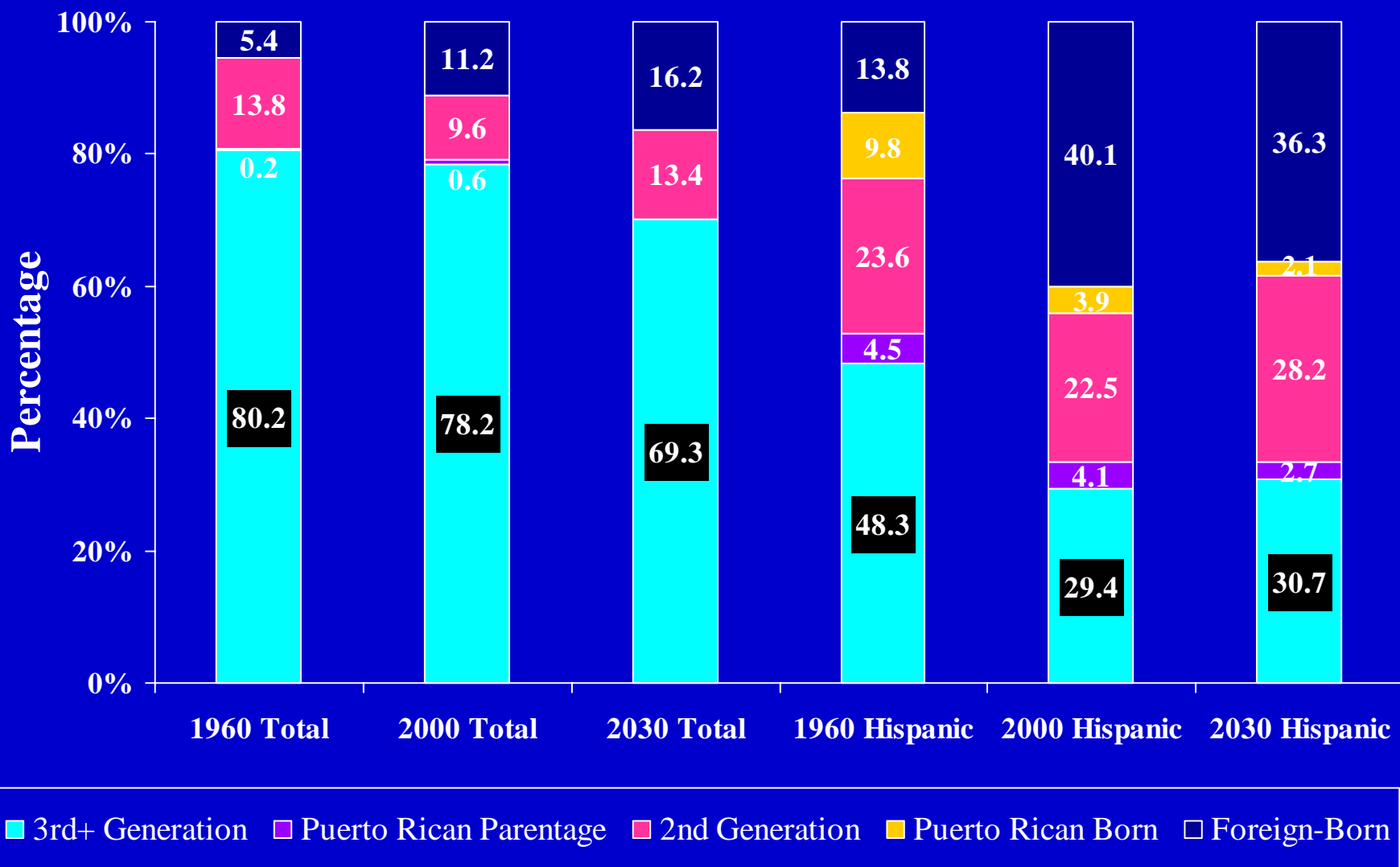
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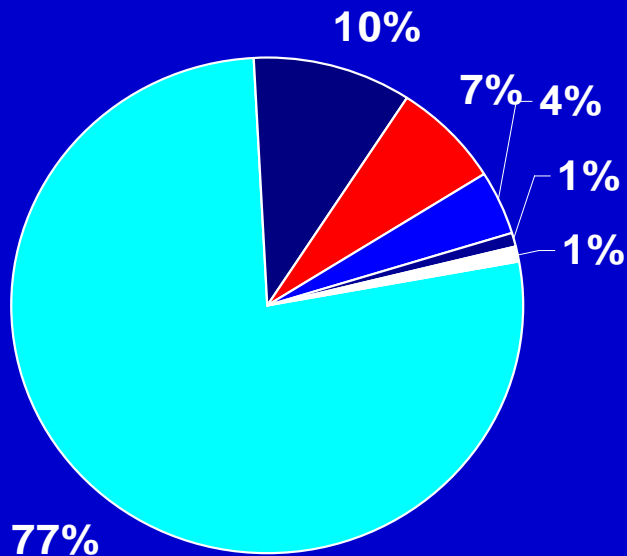
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# Generational Transition of Hispanic and US Population: 1960, 2000, and 2030

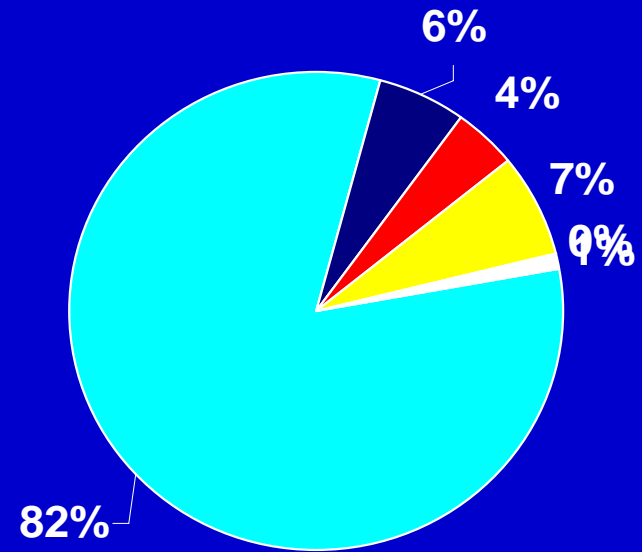


# Race/Ethnic Composition of High School and College Graduates, 2000

(Population Ages 25 and Above)



**High School Graduates**



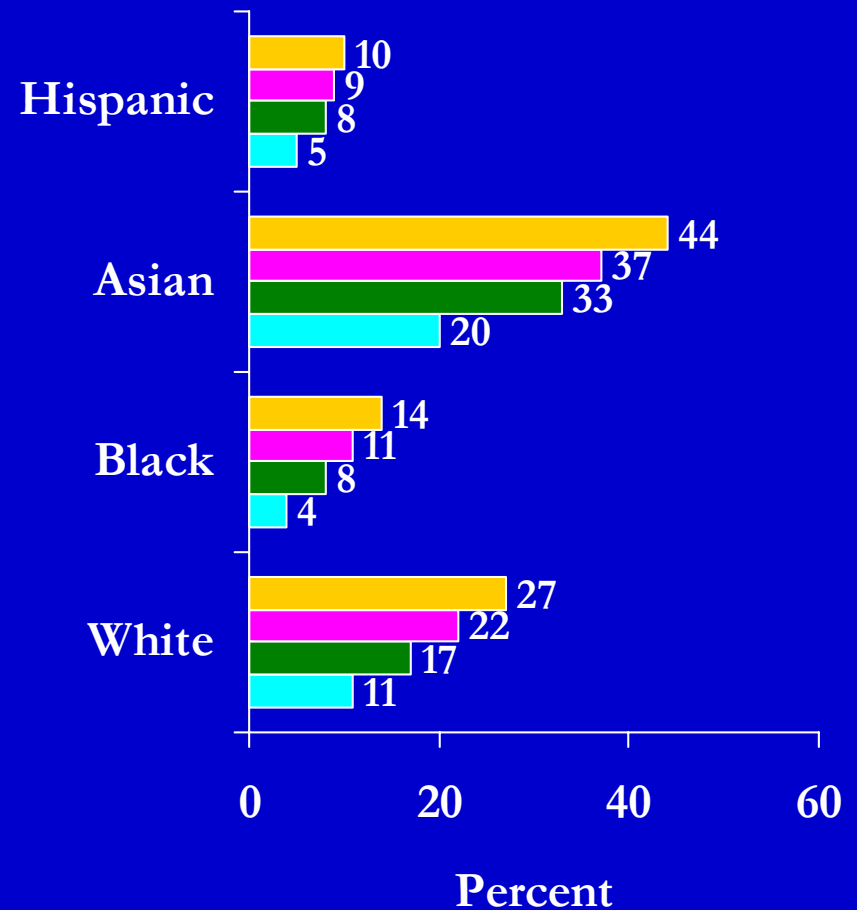
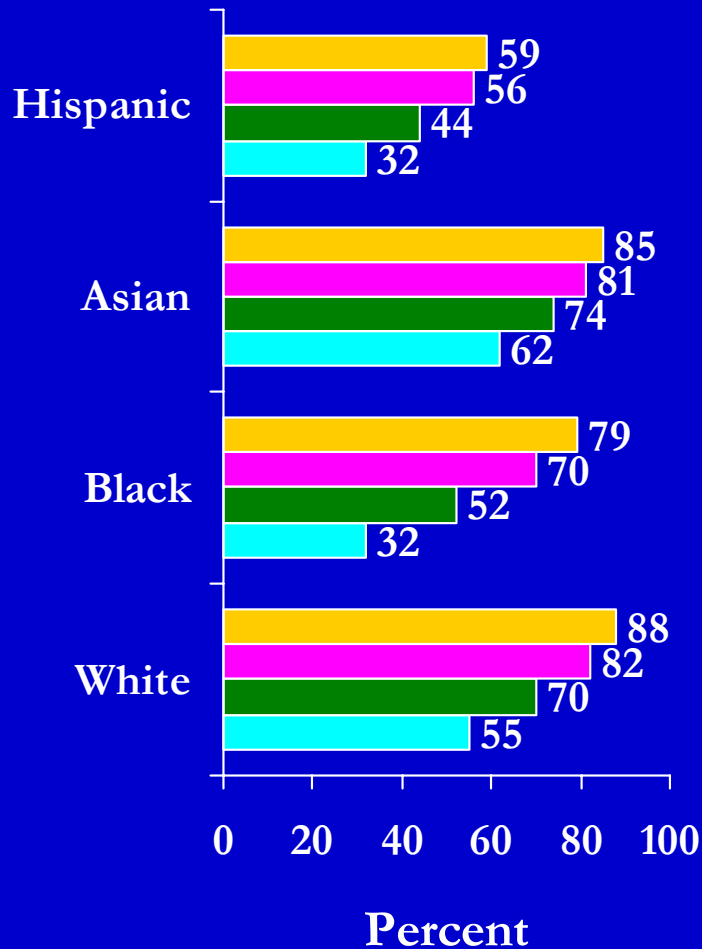
**College Graduates**

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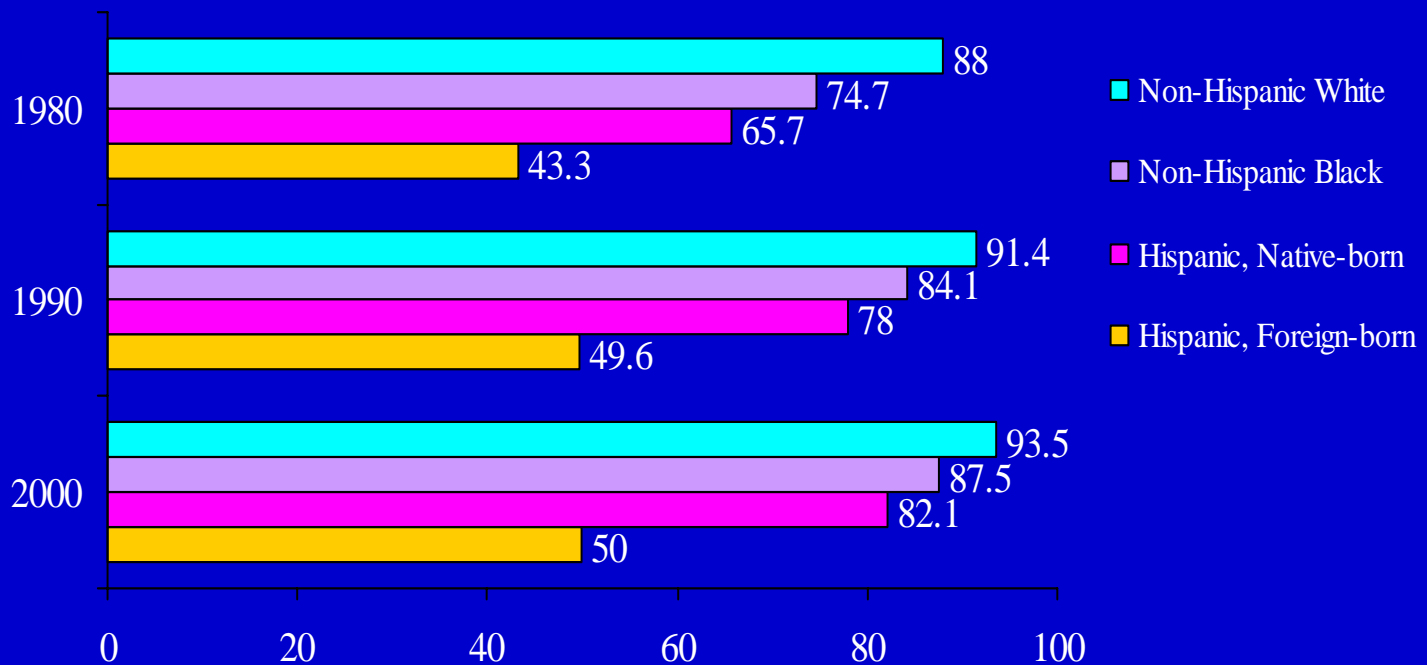
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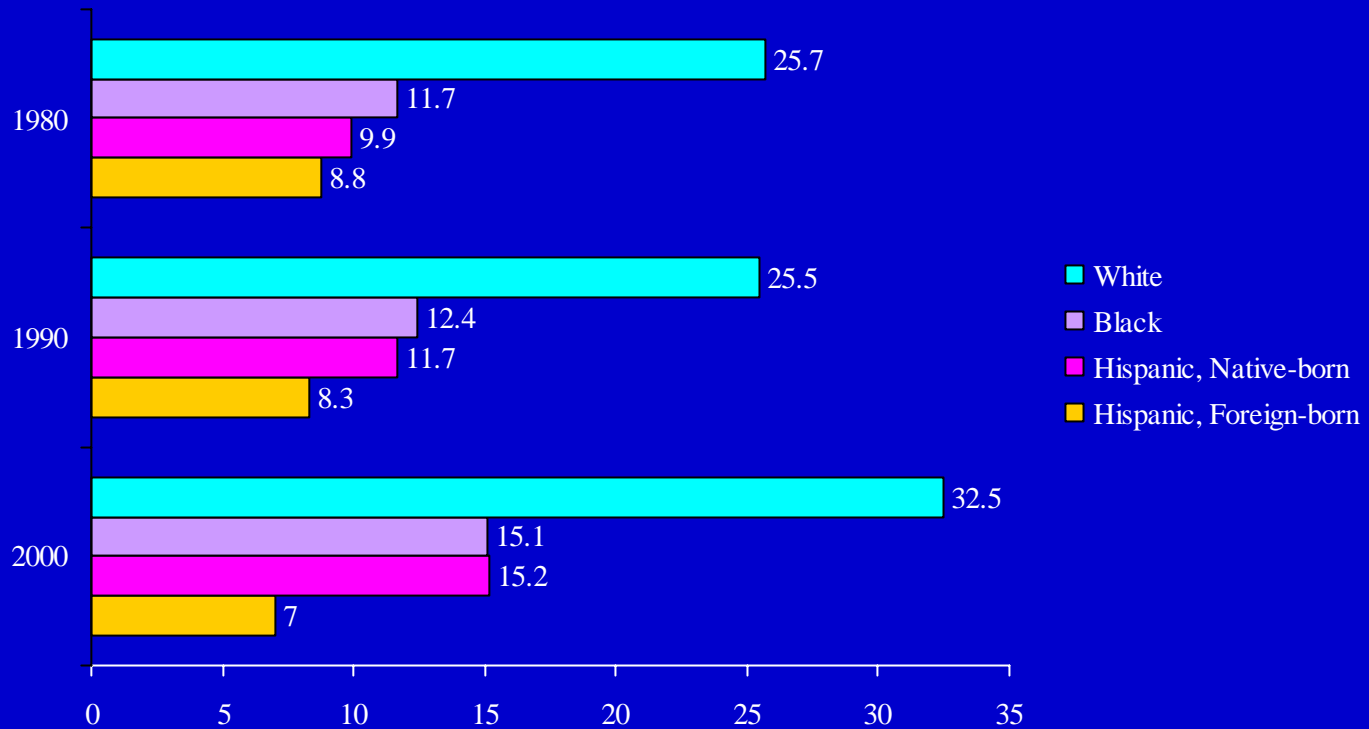
# High School and College Graduation Differentials by Race/Ethnicity for Persons 25+:1970-2000



# High School Graduation Rates by Nativity for Persons Ages 25-34, 1980-2000



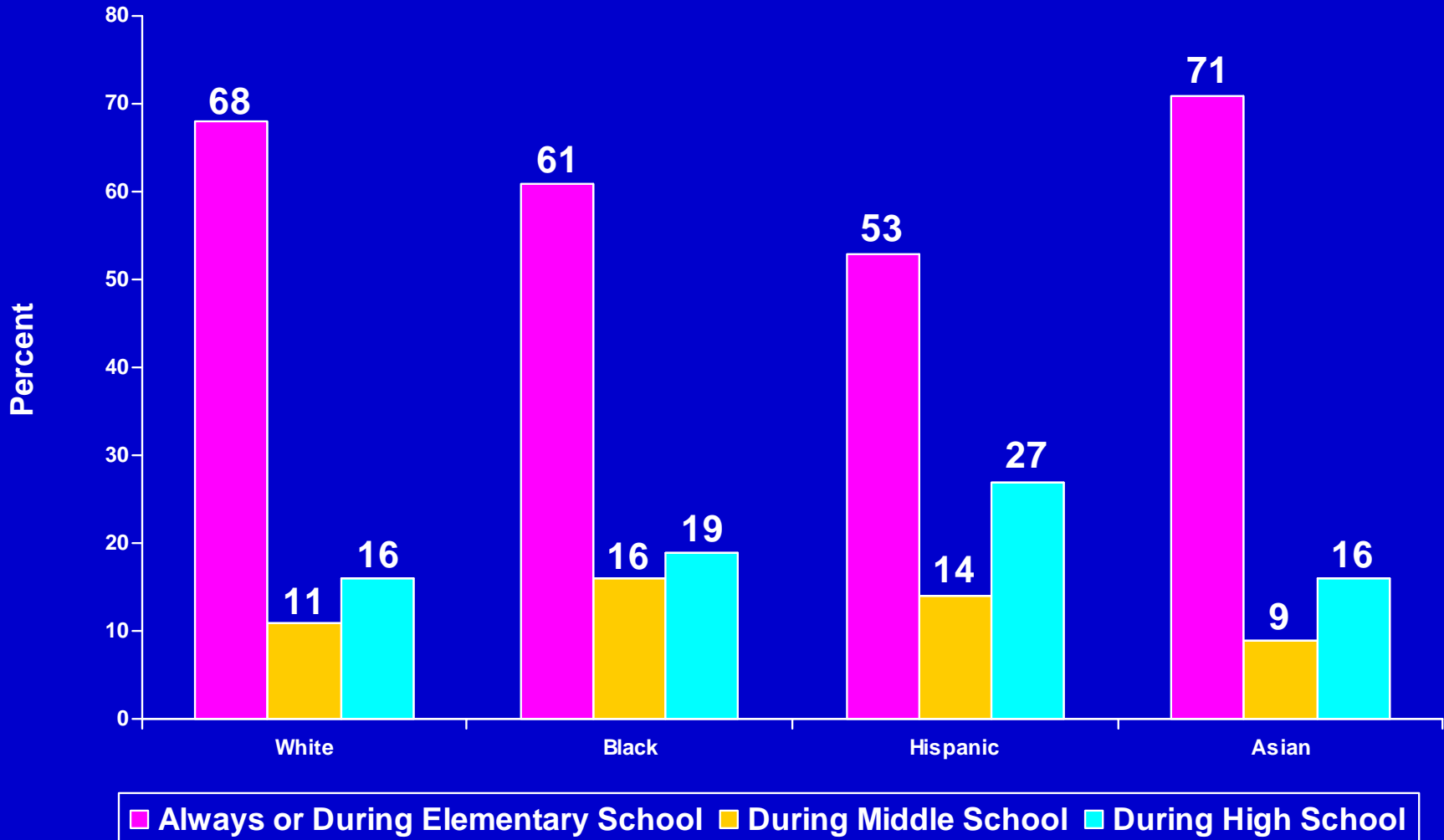
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# Hispanic Educational Challenge

- **Early Beginnings**
  - Students from Spanish-dominant homes trail in pre-literacy skills
- **Concentration in large urban schools**
  - Weak relations with teachers
  - Lower participation in advanced math & science courses
- **Elevated high school drop out rates**

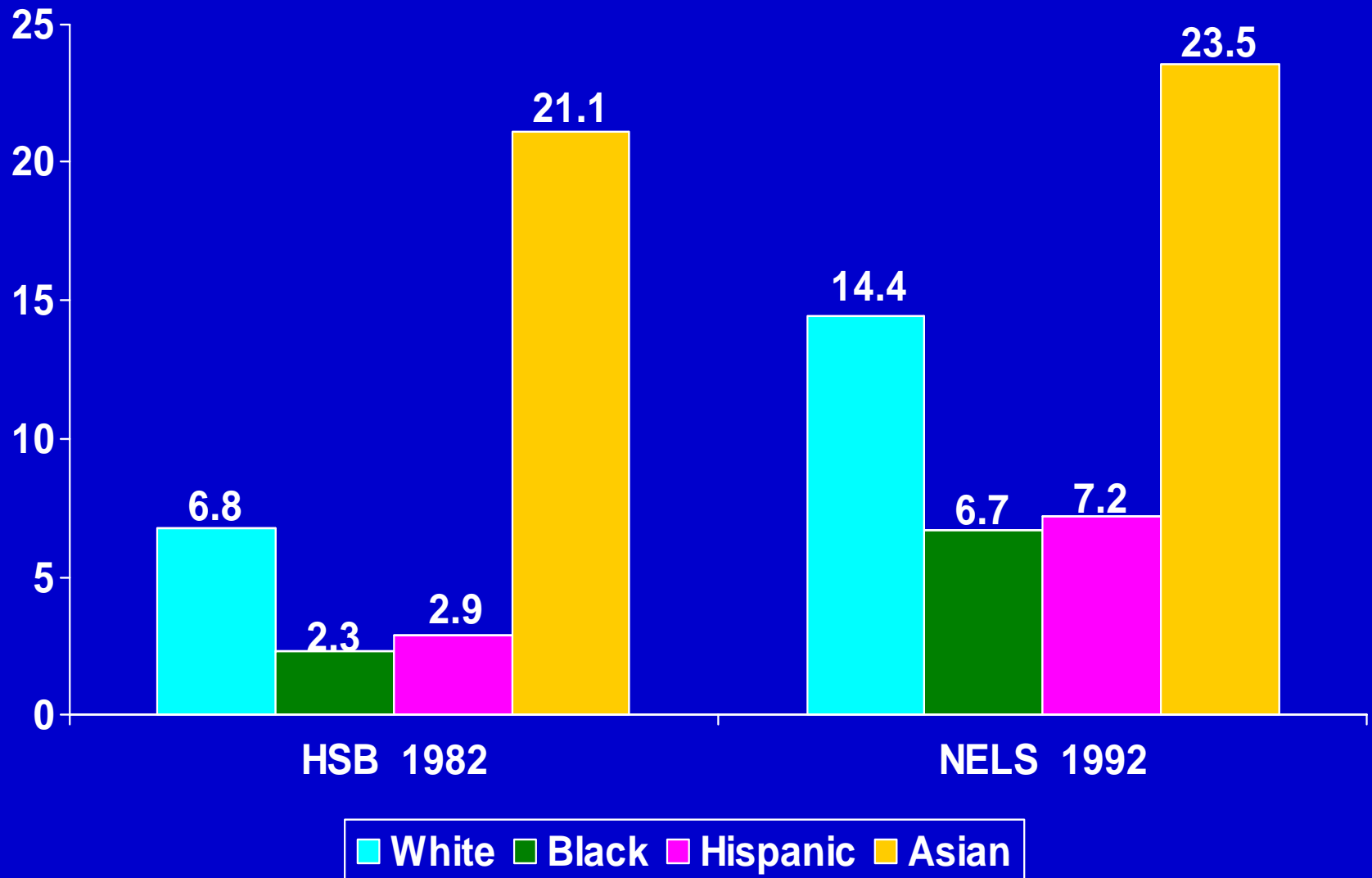
# When Did You First Think About Going To College?: All Seniors



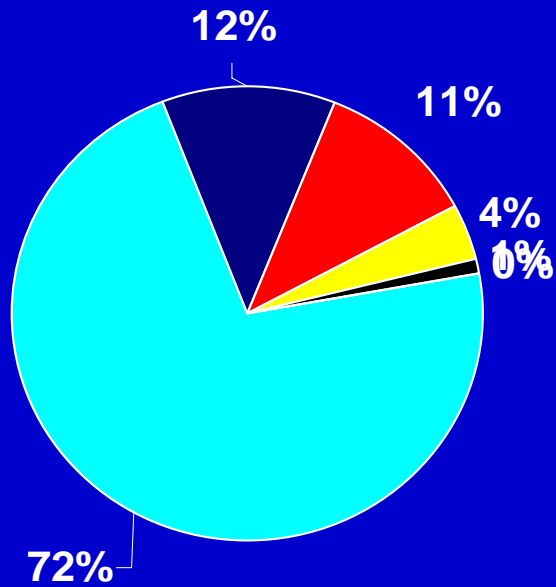
# Hispanic College Enrollment Patterns

- **Part time enrollment**
  - Employment
  - Living arrangements
- **Two-year institutions**
  - Poor economic preparation
  - Weak counseling
  - Costs

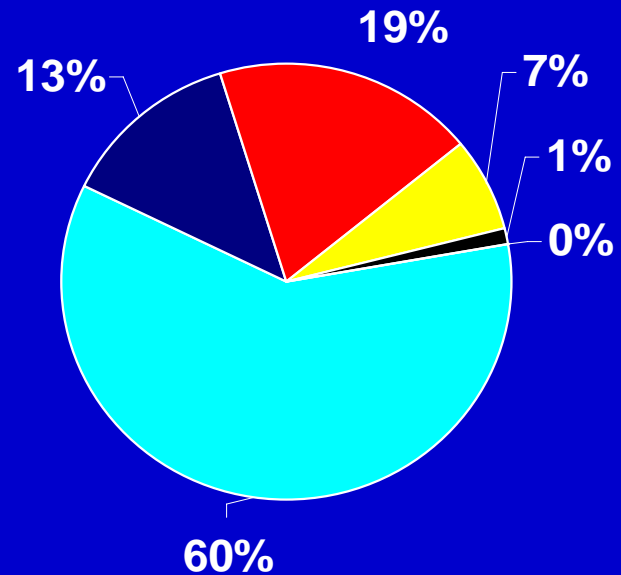
# Percent Enrolled at 4 Yr.- More Competitive Institutions by Race



# Race/Ethnic Composition of U.S. Population: 2000 and 2030



2000



2030

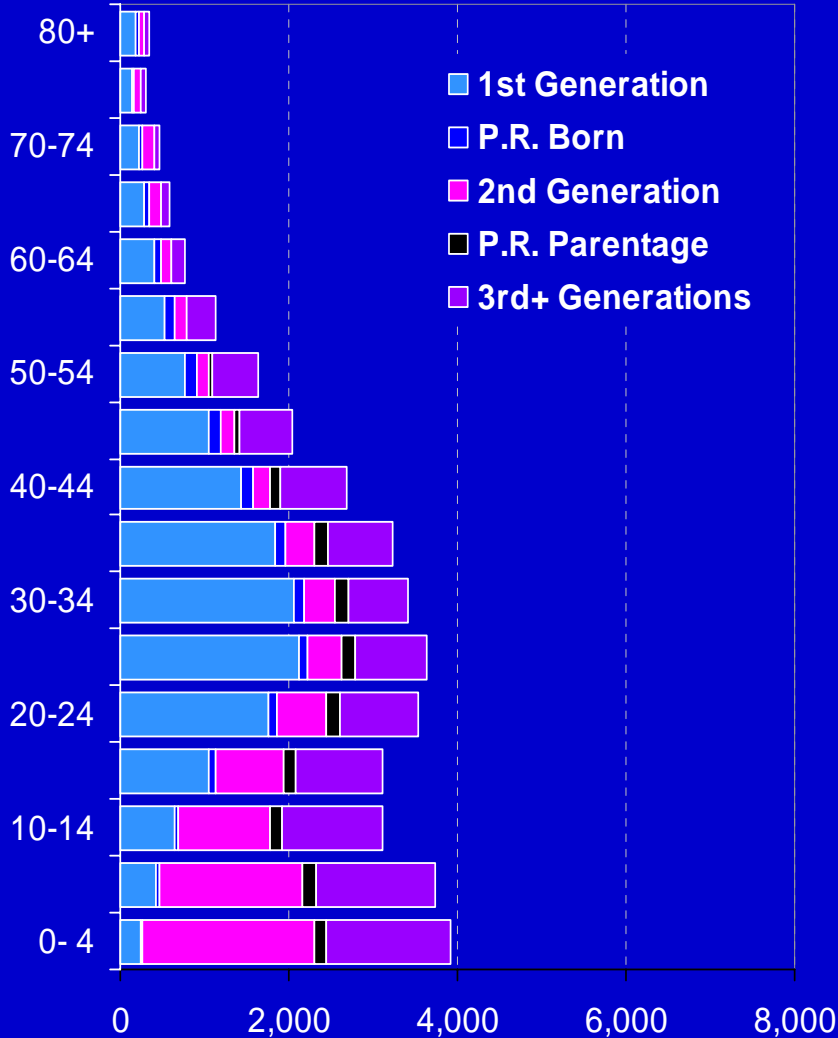


# Hispanics and the Future of America: Challenge or Opportunity

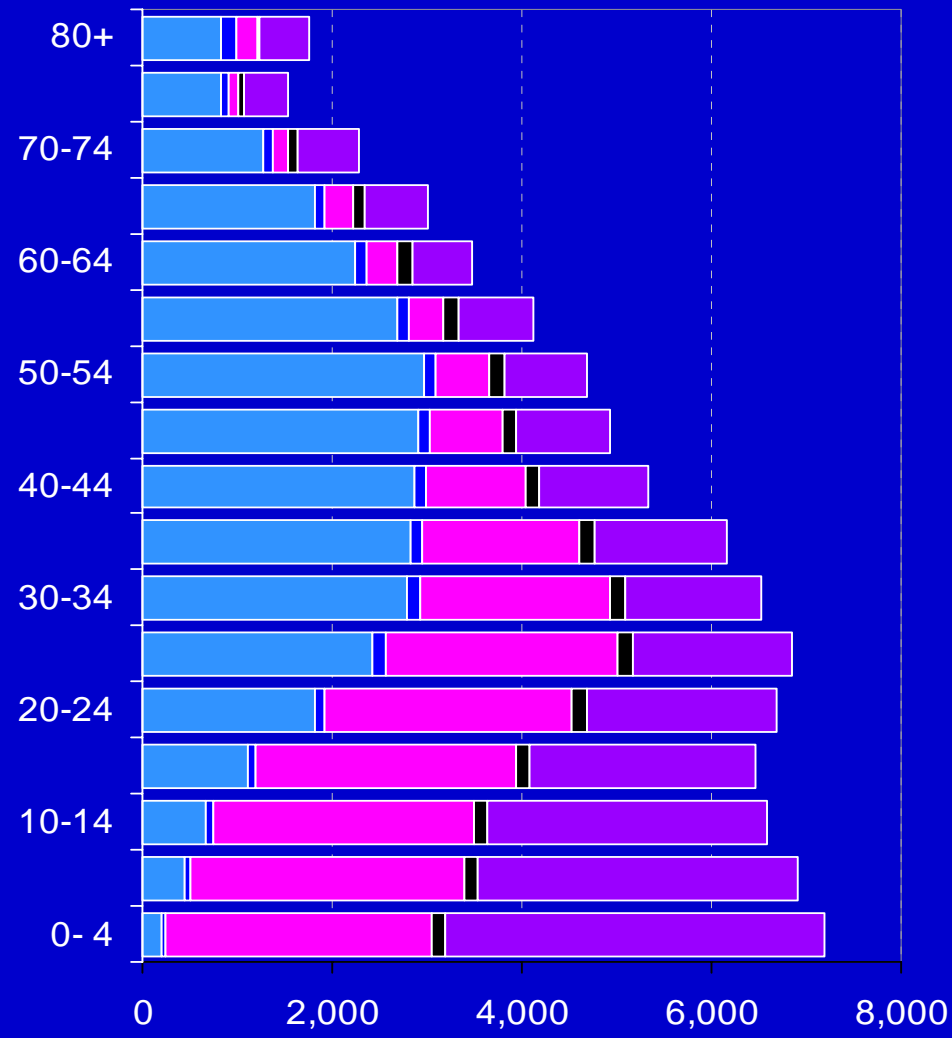
- **Continued diversification**
- **College squeeze**
- **Geographic scattering**
- **Population aging**

# Hispanic Generations by Age, 2000 and 2030

2000



2030



(Thousands)