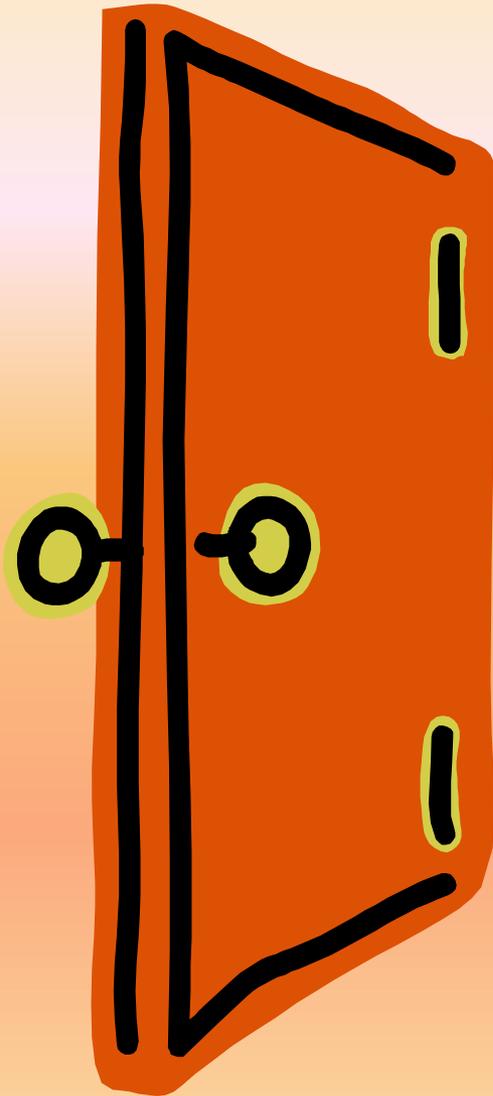


# Pulling Open the Sticky Door

## Social Mobility among Latinos in Nebraska

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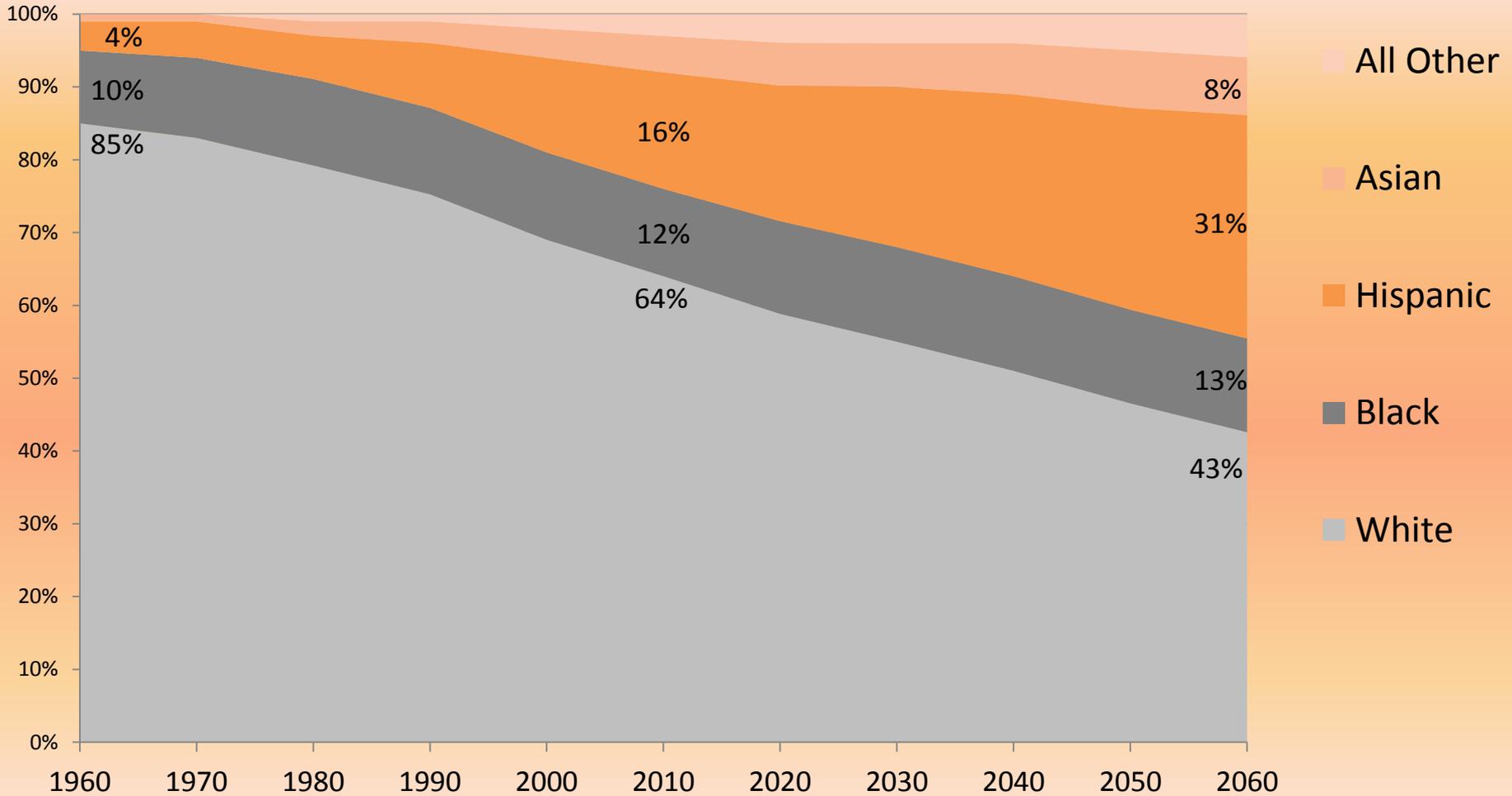
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# The Next America



Percent of the U.S. Total Population by Race and Ethnicity, 1960-2060

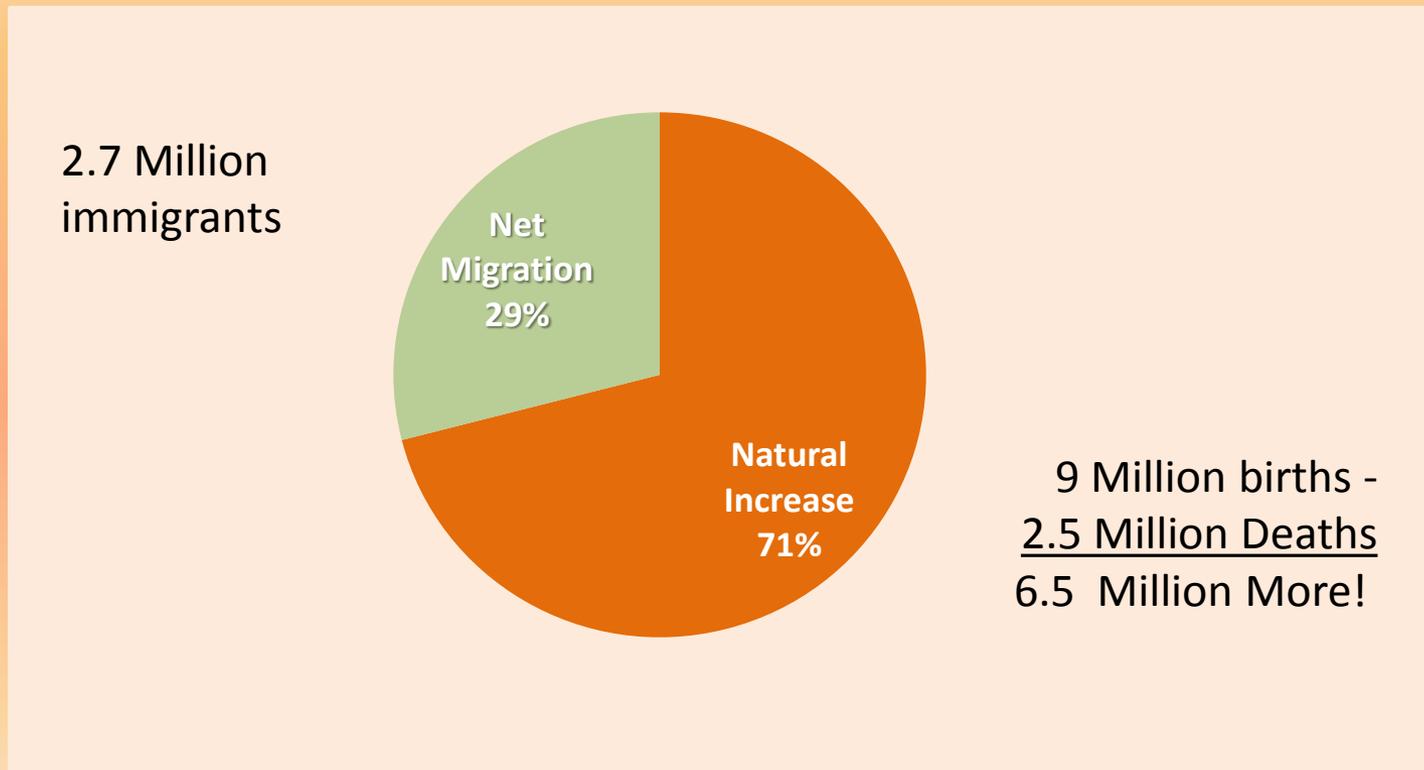


Source: Pew Research Center

# What explains Latino population growth?

## Let's compare

Projected Components of Change for Hispanic Origin Population, U.S.: 2015-2060

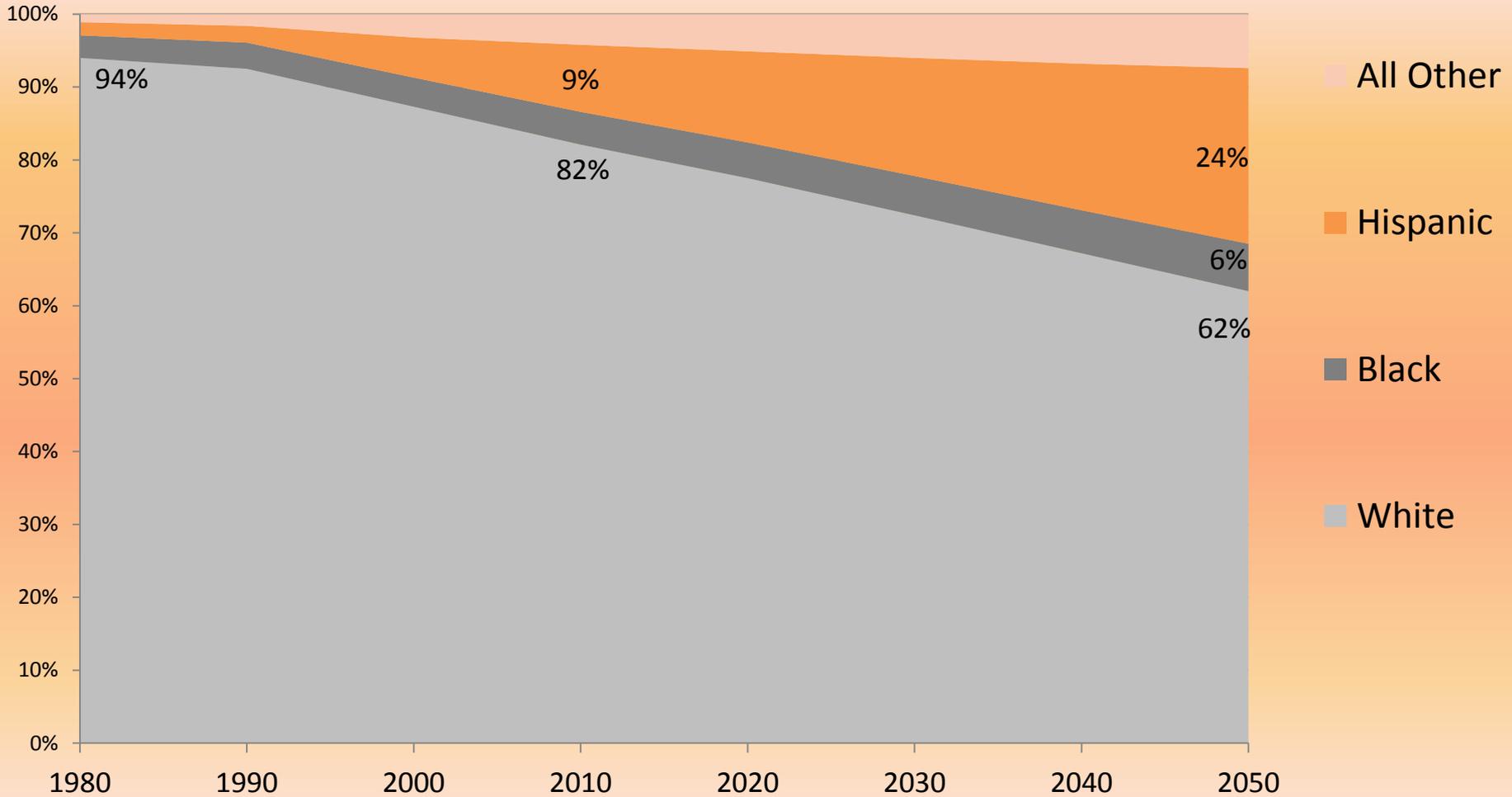


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, National Projections 2012

# The Next Nebraska



Percent of the Nebraska Total Population by Race and Ethnicity, 1980-2050

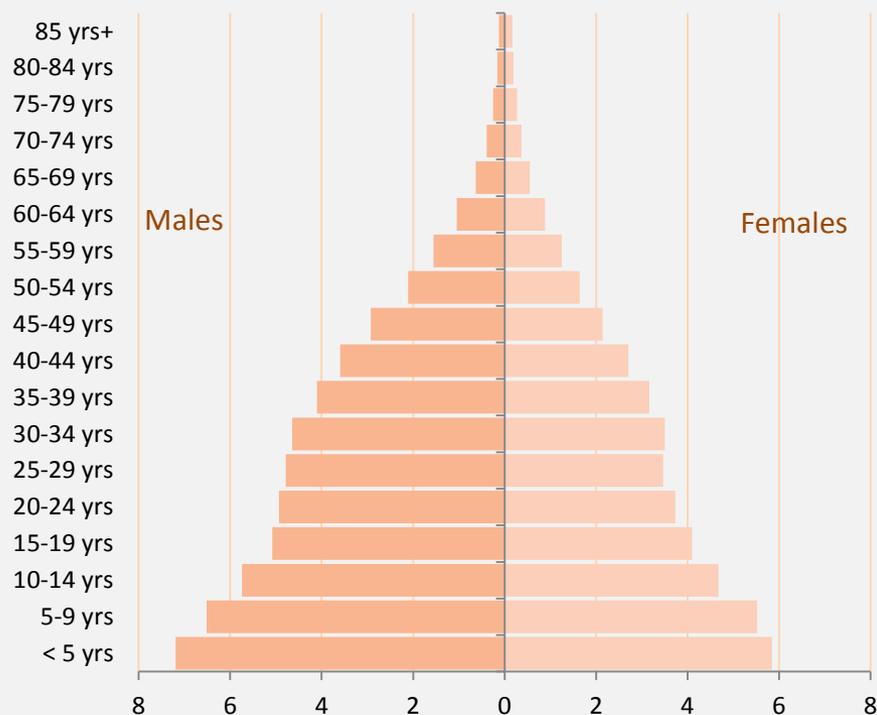


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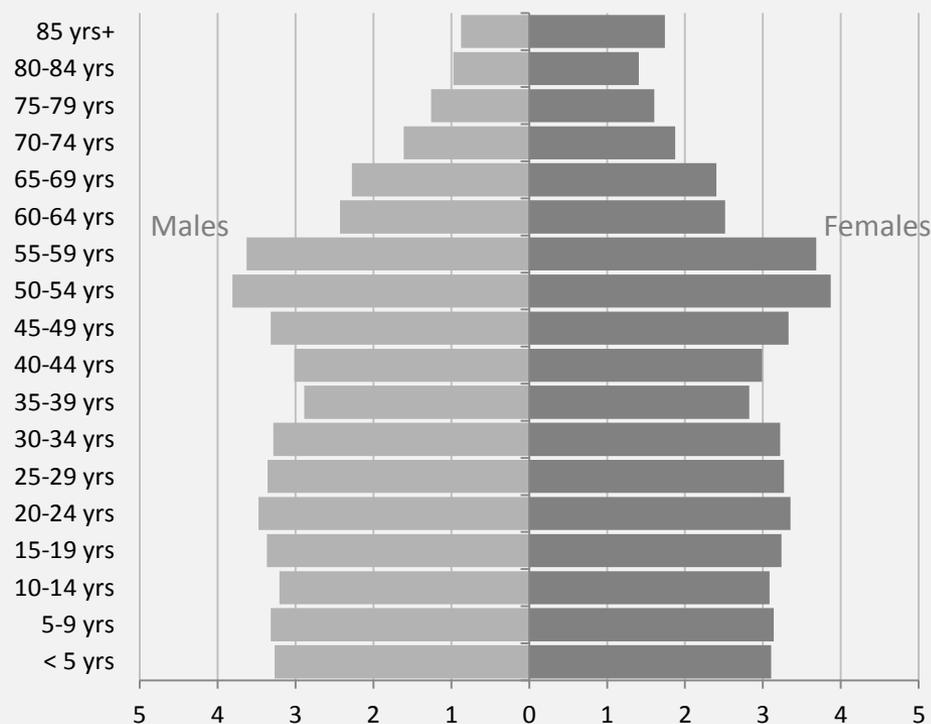
# Latinos will be the future source of growth

Age-Sex Pyramids for Latinos and Non-Hispanic Whites, Nebraska 2012

## Hispanic

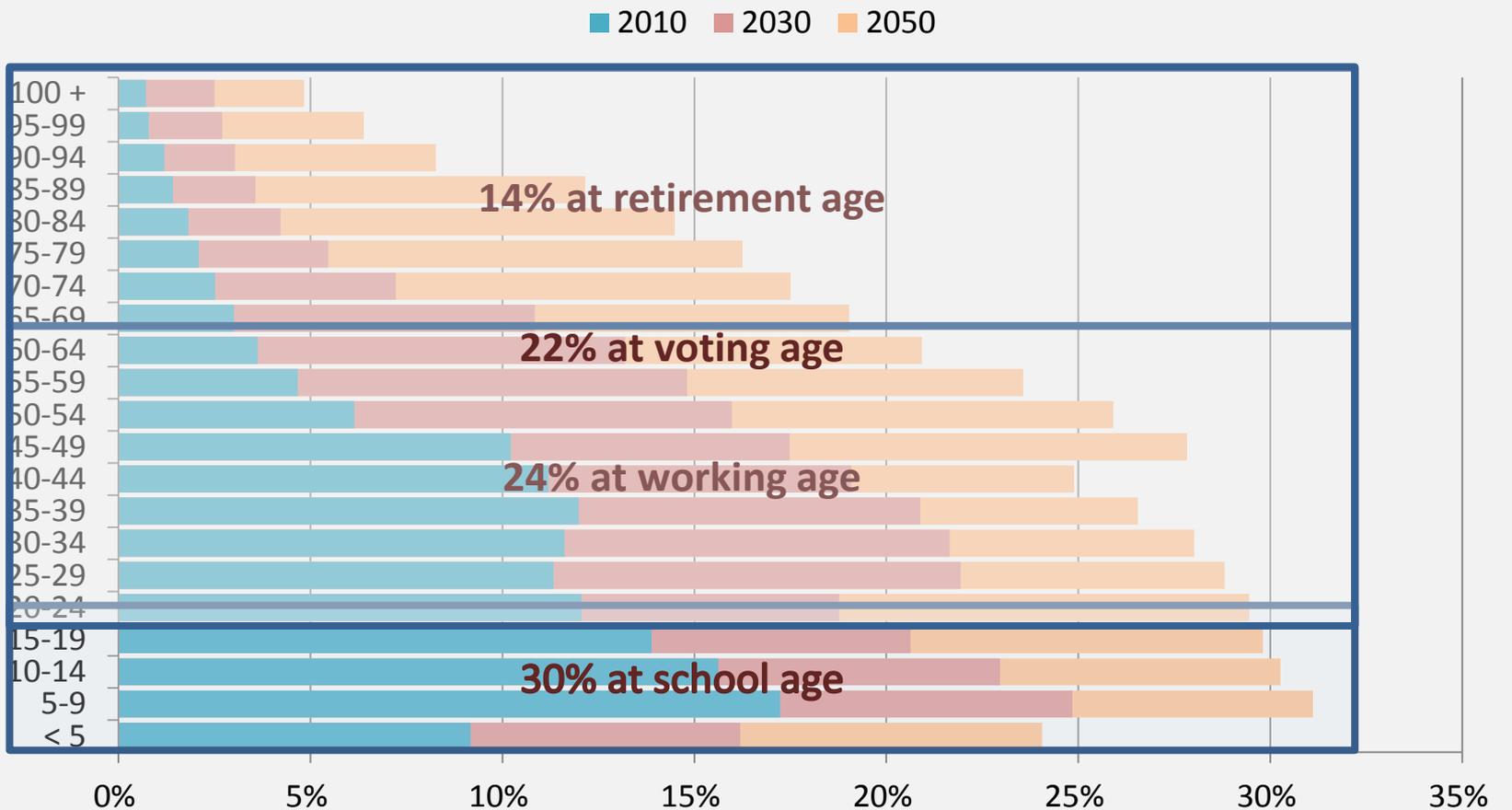


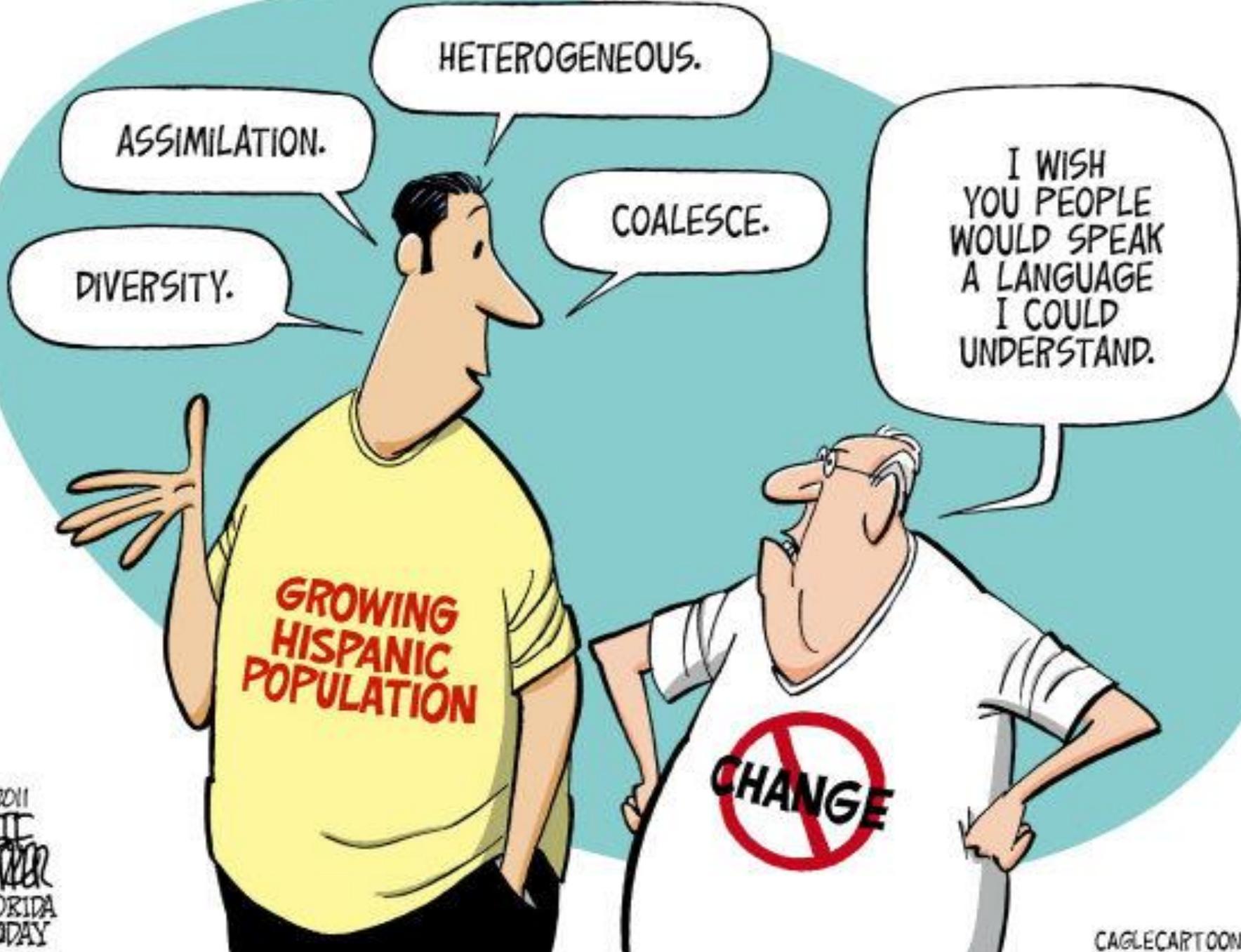
## NH Whites



# More visible growth from the youngest age-groups

Percentage of Latinos in Nebraska Population Age Distribution  
2010-2050



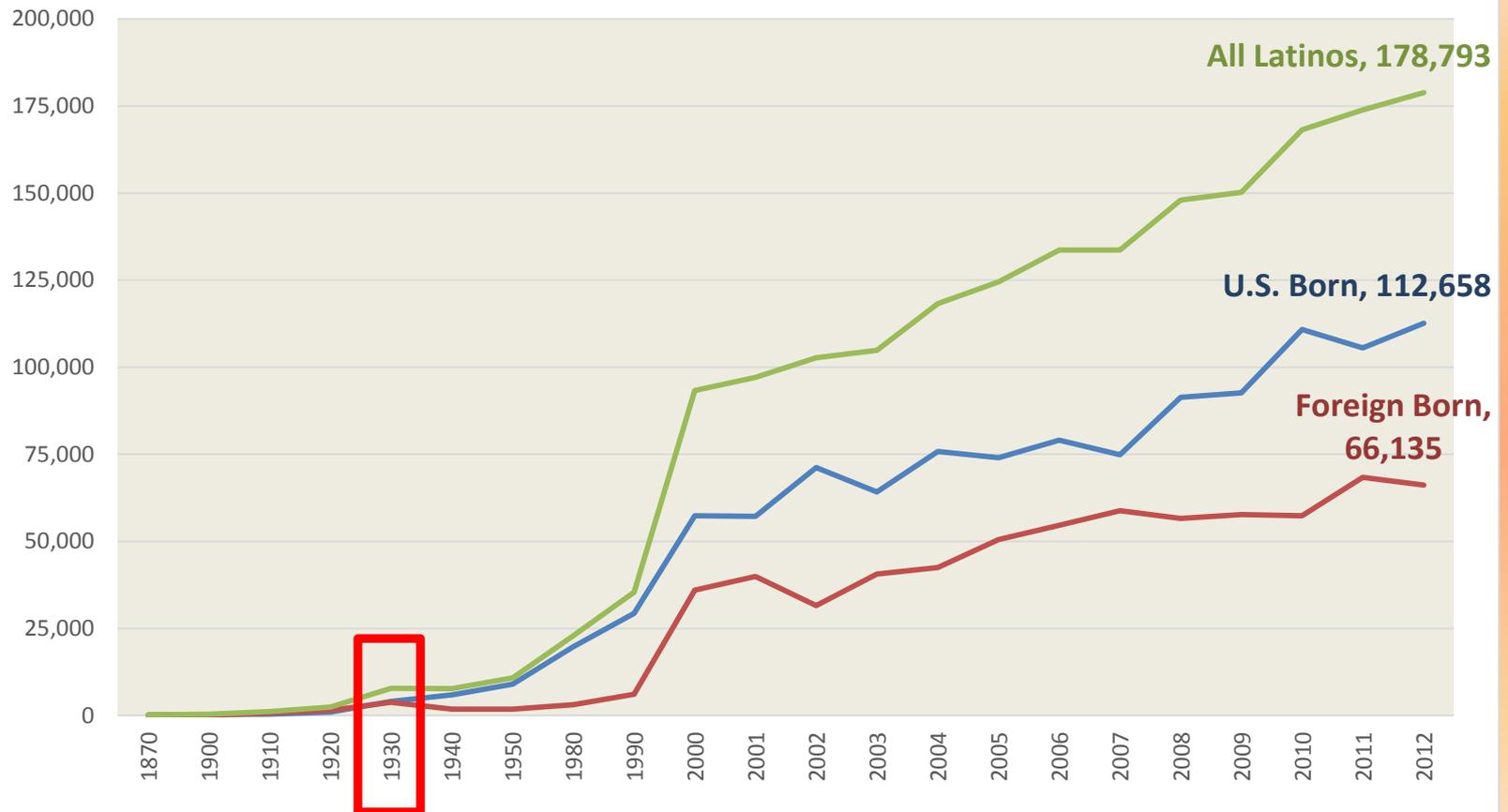


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# Perpetual foreigners?

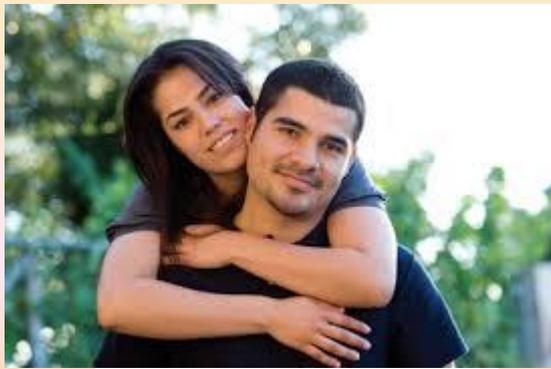
Evolution of Latino/Hispanic-Origin Population in Nebraska by Nativity, 1870-2012



Source: Graph produced by OLLAS based on 1850-2012 Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS-USA)

\*Data on nativity was not available for years 1960 and 1970

# Characteristics of Latinos in Nebraska



## Foreign Born Latinos

Median age: 34

50% Speaks English well or very well

**67%** of adults 25 years and older have less than high school diploma



## U.S Born Latinos

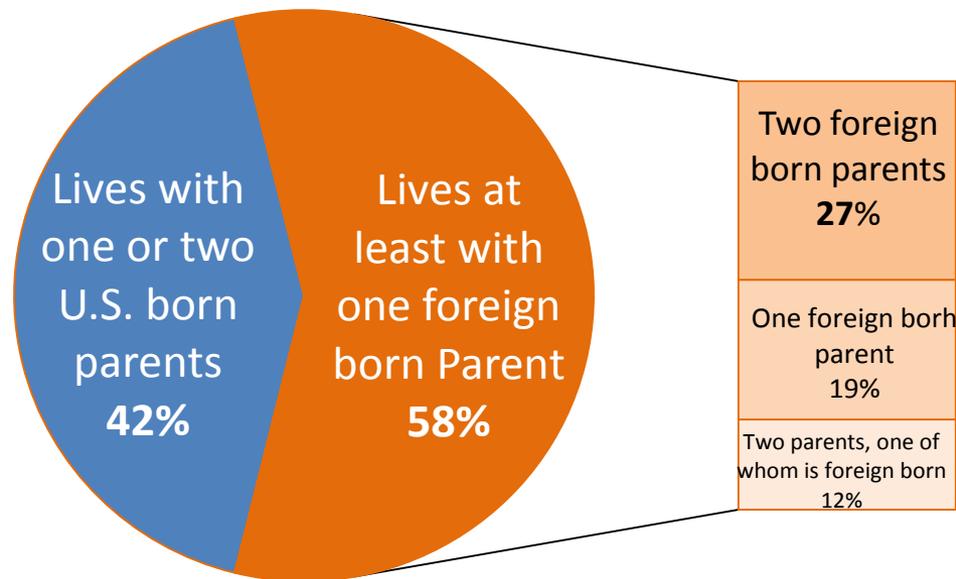
Median age: 13

Half speak only English. 93% of those who are bilingual speak English well or very well

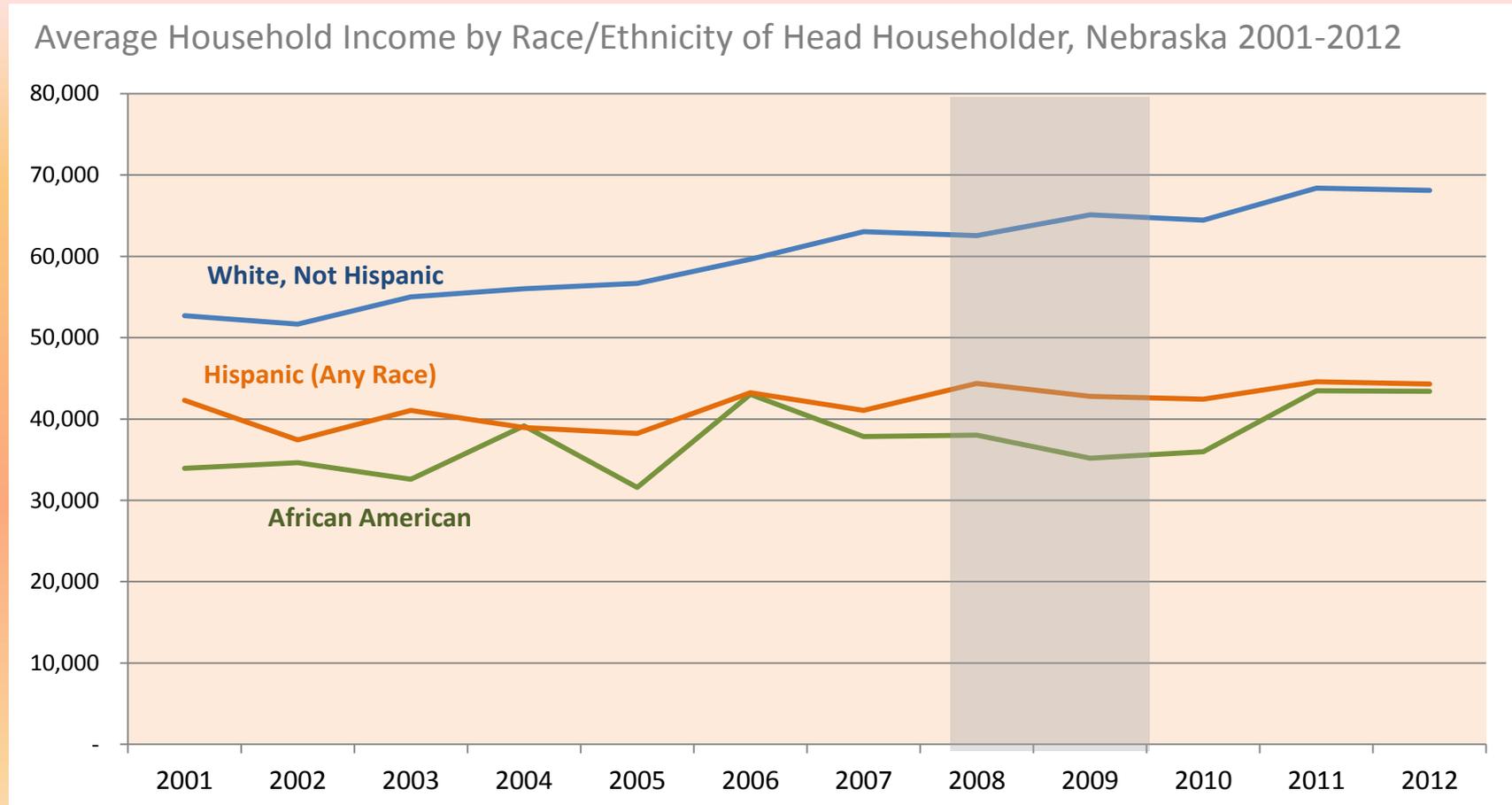
**81%** of adults 25 years and older **have either completed high school or post-secondary degree**

# Wait, there are Intergenerational ties!

Percentage of U.S. Born Latinos under 17 years-old, by Nativity of their Parents, Nebraska 2008-2012



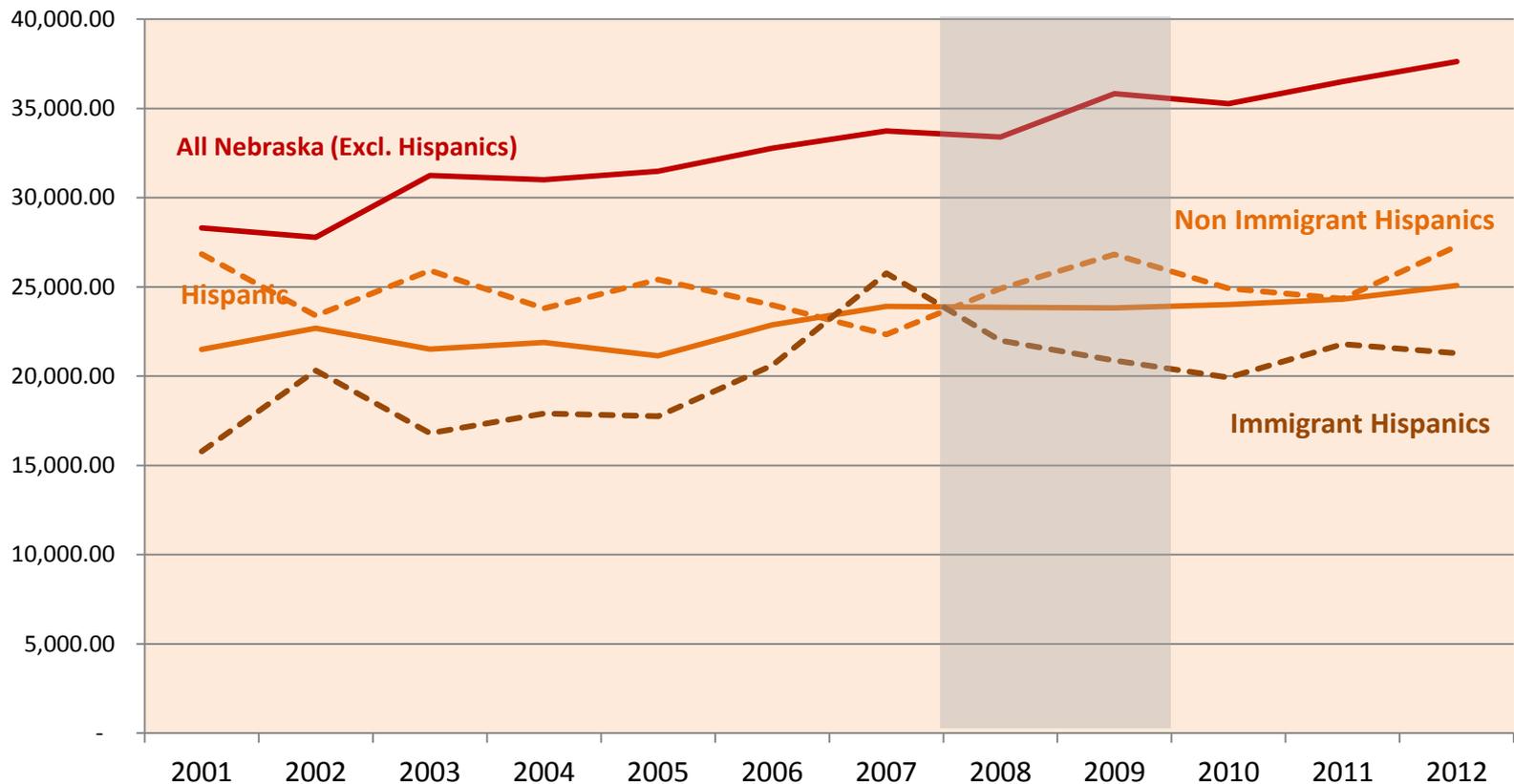
# Latinos in Nebraska, the good life?



Source: Graph produced by OLLAS based on 2001-2012 ACS Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS-USA),

# Hispanic Immigrant wages taking harder to recover from pre-recession

Annual Gross Wage and Salary Income for Hispanics by Immigration Status, Nebraska, 2000-2012



Source: Graph produced by OLLAS based on 2001-2012 ACS Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS-USA),

# Labor Participation by Industry and Average Annual Wages for Latinos by Immigrant status in Nebraska



## Manufacturing

- Employs 30% of the total immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$25,256 a year
- Employs 10% of total non-Immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$26,477 a year



## Construction

- Employs 15% of the total immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$24,507 a year
- Employs 6% of the total non-immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$25,672 a year



## Accommodation and Food Services

- Employs 10% of total immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$ 15,440 a year
- Employs 11% of total non-immigrant Latinos , pays on avg. \$ 11,202 a year



## Waste Management

- Employs 7% total immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$22,975 a year
- Employs 5% total non-immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$29,930 a year

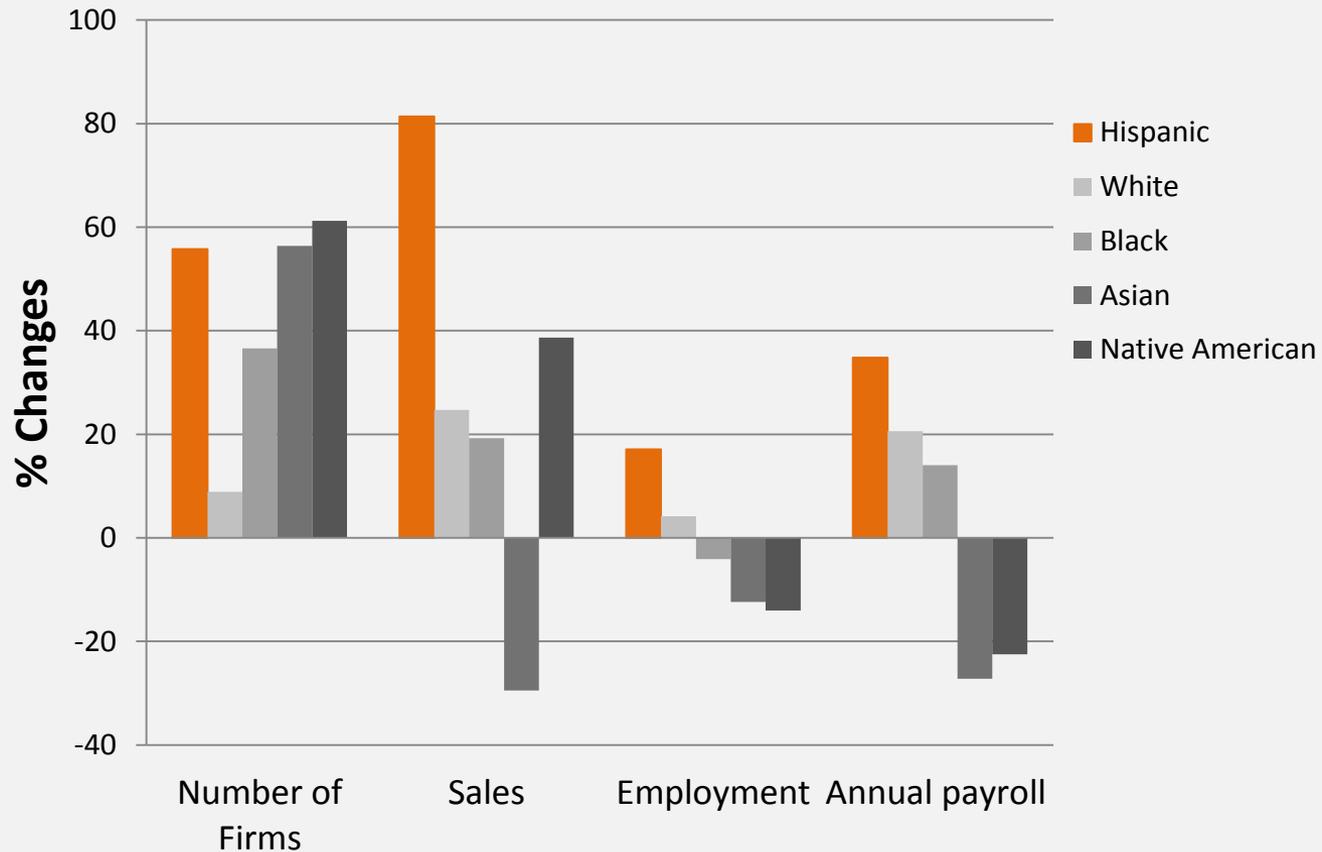


## Health Care and Social Assistance

- Employs 4% of total immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$21,520 a year
- Employs 11% of total non-immigrant Latinos, pays on avg. \$24,735 a year

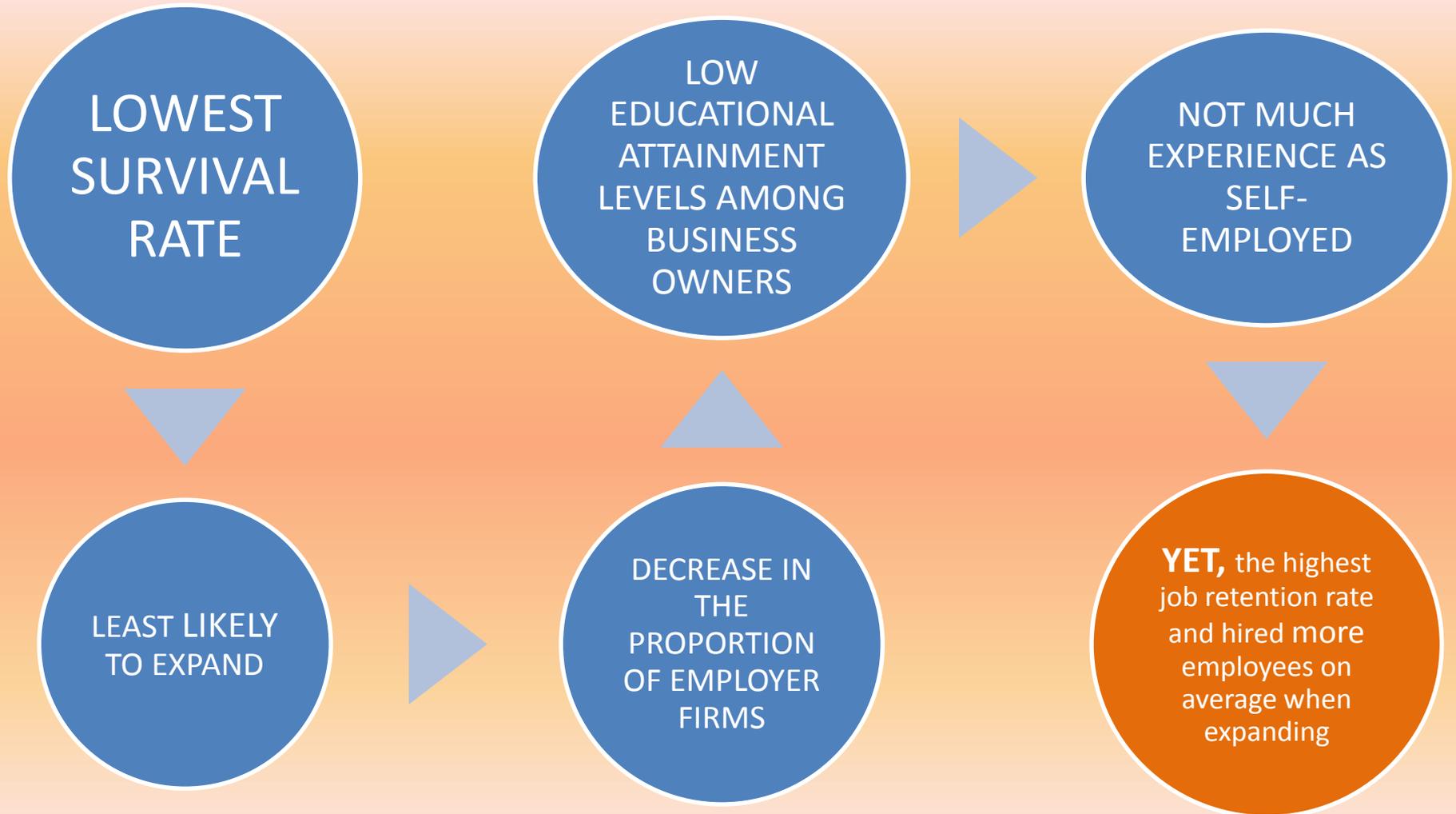
# Strong growth in Latino Business

Growth rates for the Number of Firms, Sales, Employment and Annual Payroll by Owner Race/Ethnicity, Nebraska, 2002-2007



Source: OLLAS Calculations based on Survey of Business Owners, Summary Tables 1997, 2002, and 2007

# ... but with a lot of challenges



Source: OLLAS Report, "Latino Businesses in Nebraska: A Preliminary Look"

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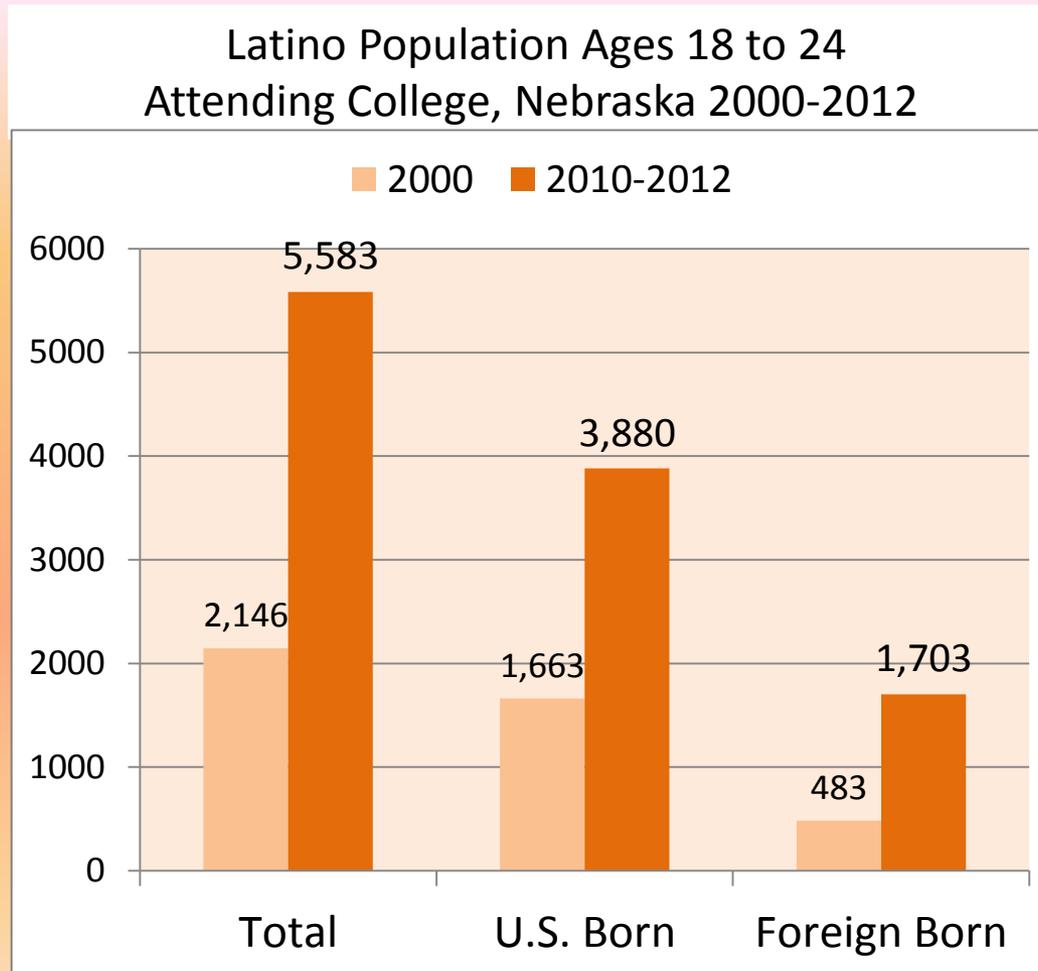
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# A Persistent Gap in Nebraska

	2000		2012	
Socioeconomic Indicators	All Nebraska	All Latinos in Nebraska	All Nebraska	All Latinos in Nebraska
Poverty rates for families	7%	17%	9%	26%
Population with no health insurance coverage	N.A.	N.A.	11%	31%
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	8%	4%	7%

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and ACS 2010-2012, Summary Tables available through American Fact Finder

# More Latinos Attending College

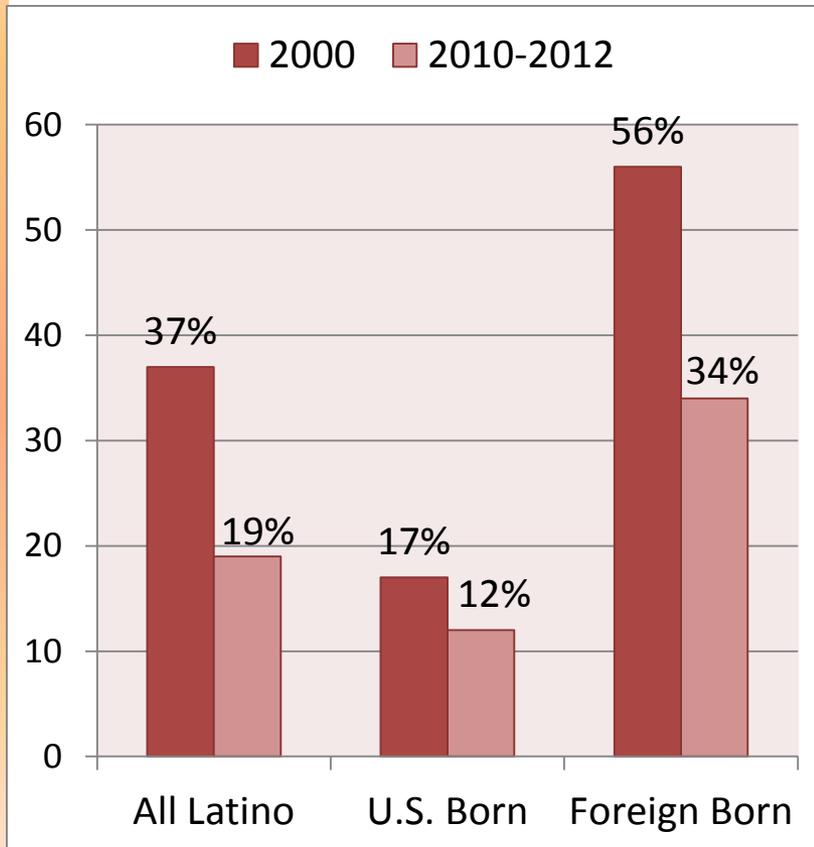


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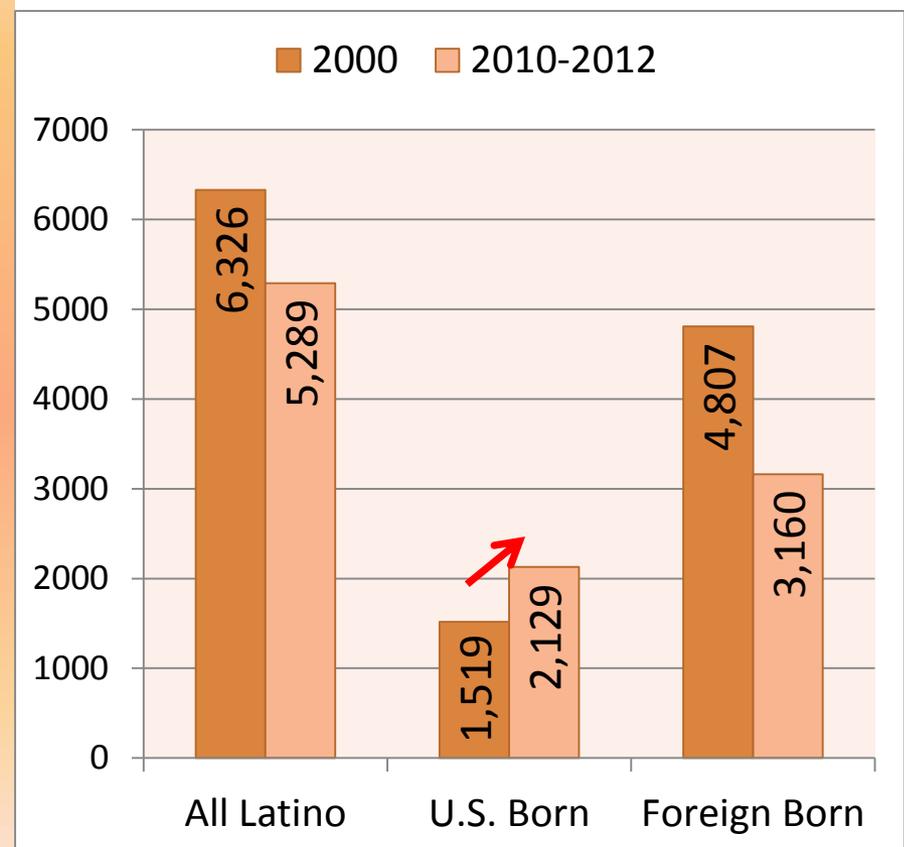
# Latinos Are Much Less Likely to Drop out of High School than Before

# But High School Dropouts on the Rise among U.S. born Latinos

Latino High School Dropout Rate by Nativity, Nebraska 2000-2012

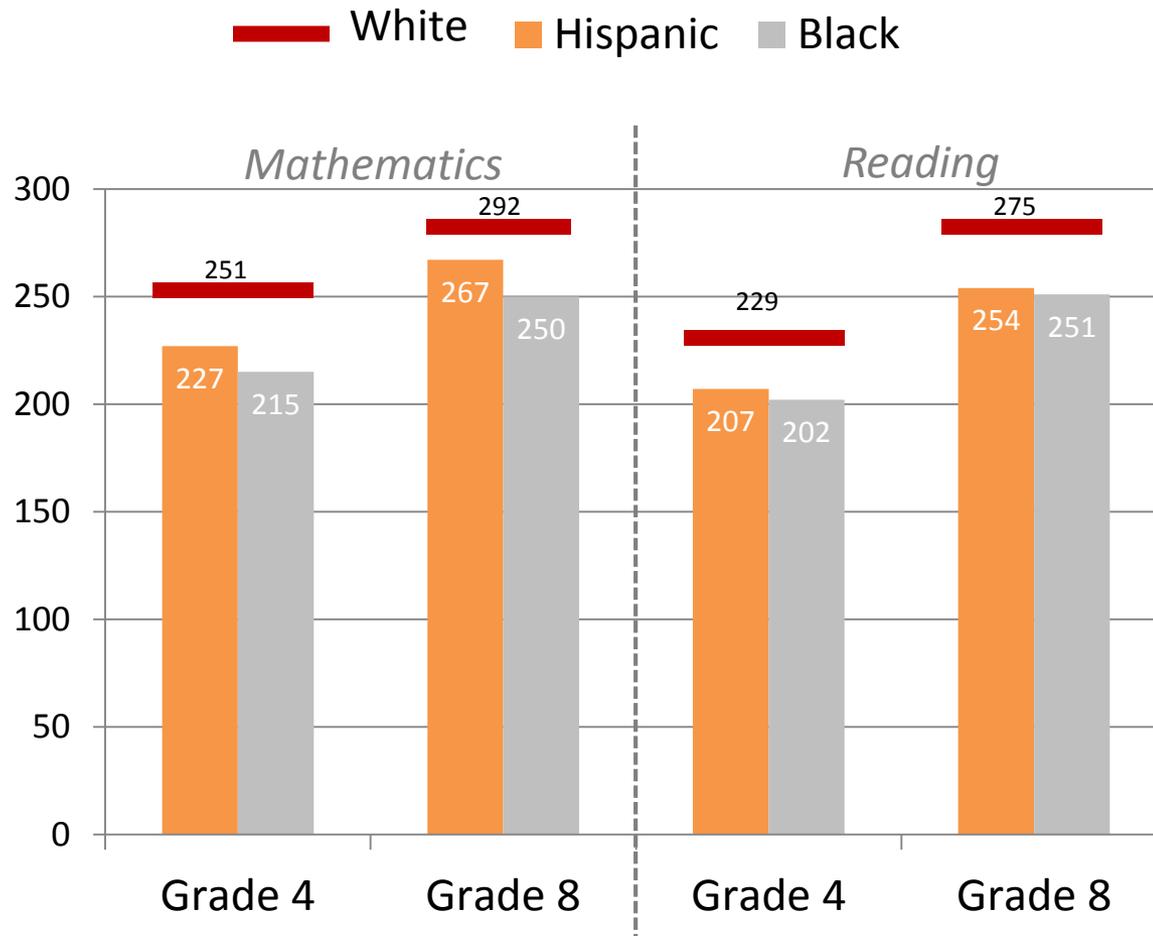


Latino High School Dropouts by Nativity, Nebraska 2000-2012



# The achievement gap

Average Score in Mathematics and Reading, Nebraska 2013



**Latinos, breaking the glass ceiling?**

