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# Prophetic City: At the Cusp of a Changing America.

Tracking Responses to the Economic and Demographic  
Transformations through 36 Years of Houston Surveys

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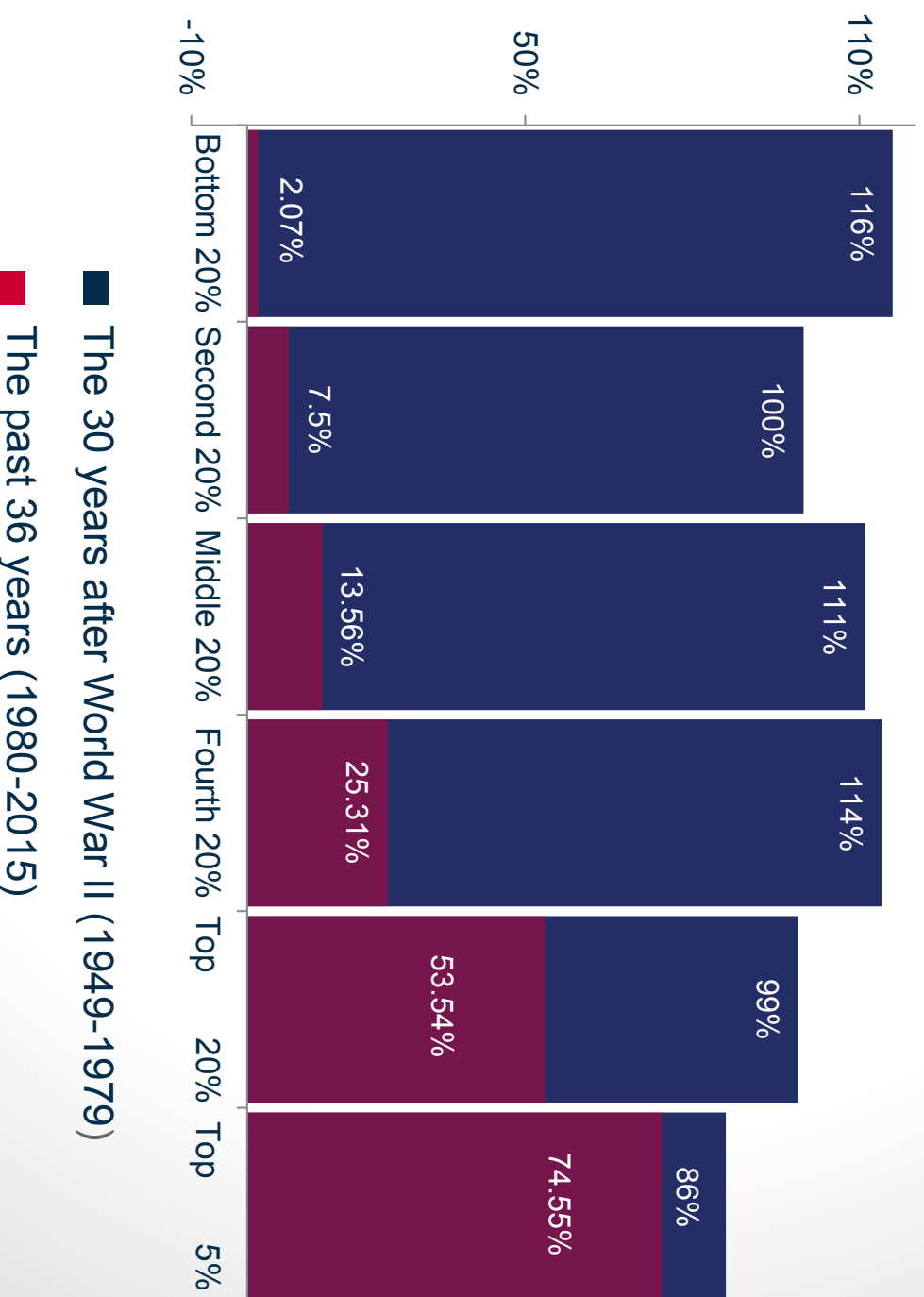
# The Kinder Houston Area Survey (1982-2017)

Thirty-six years of systematic interviews with successive representative samples of Harris County residents, focused on three central issues:

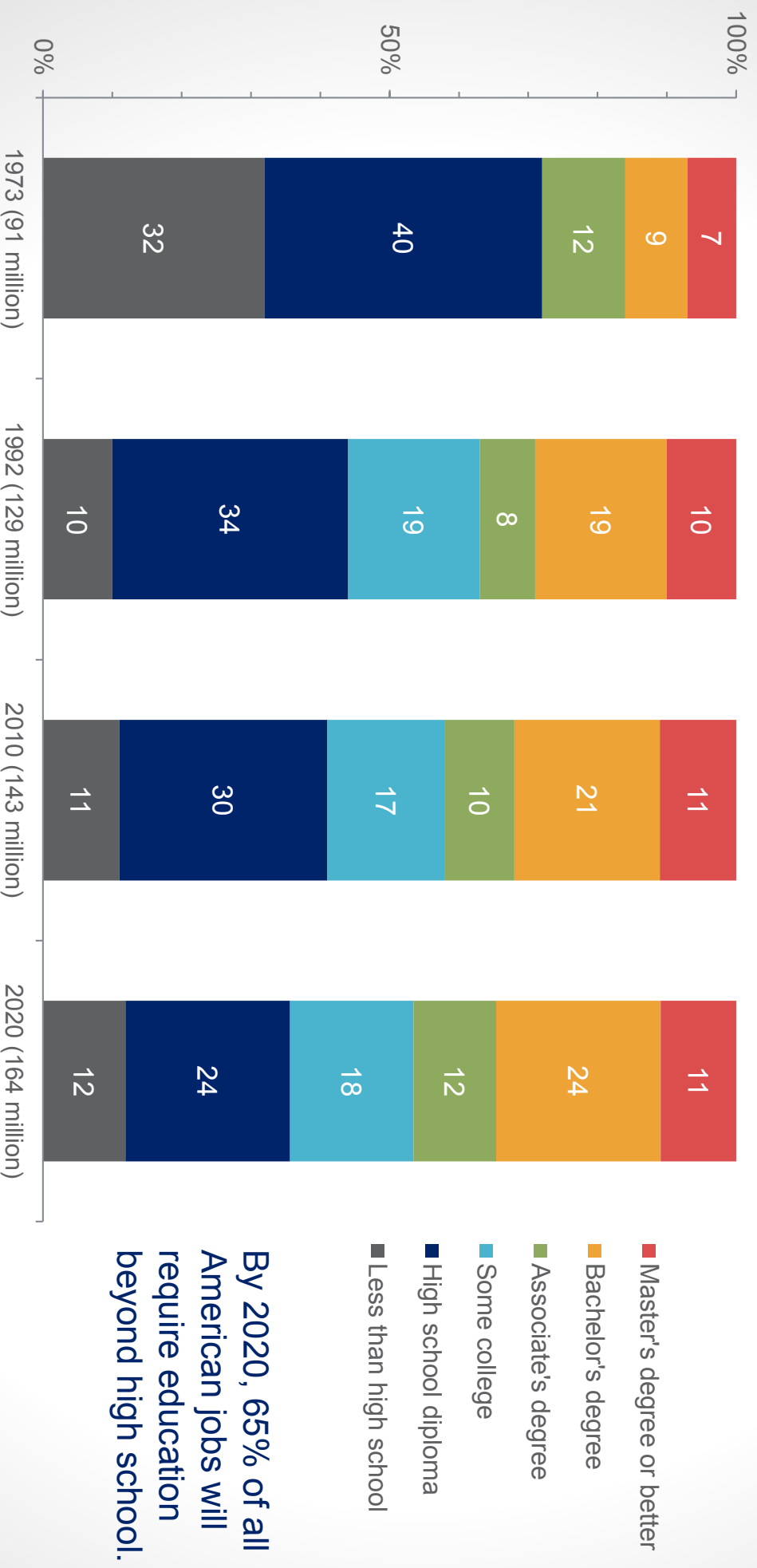
# Two contrasting economic eras (1949 to 1979 and 1980 to 2015)

## Percent increase in before-tax income

- The 30 years after World War II were a period of broad-based prosperity.
- The past 36 years have been marked by growing income inequalities.

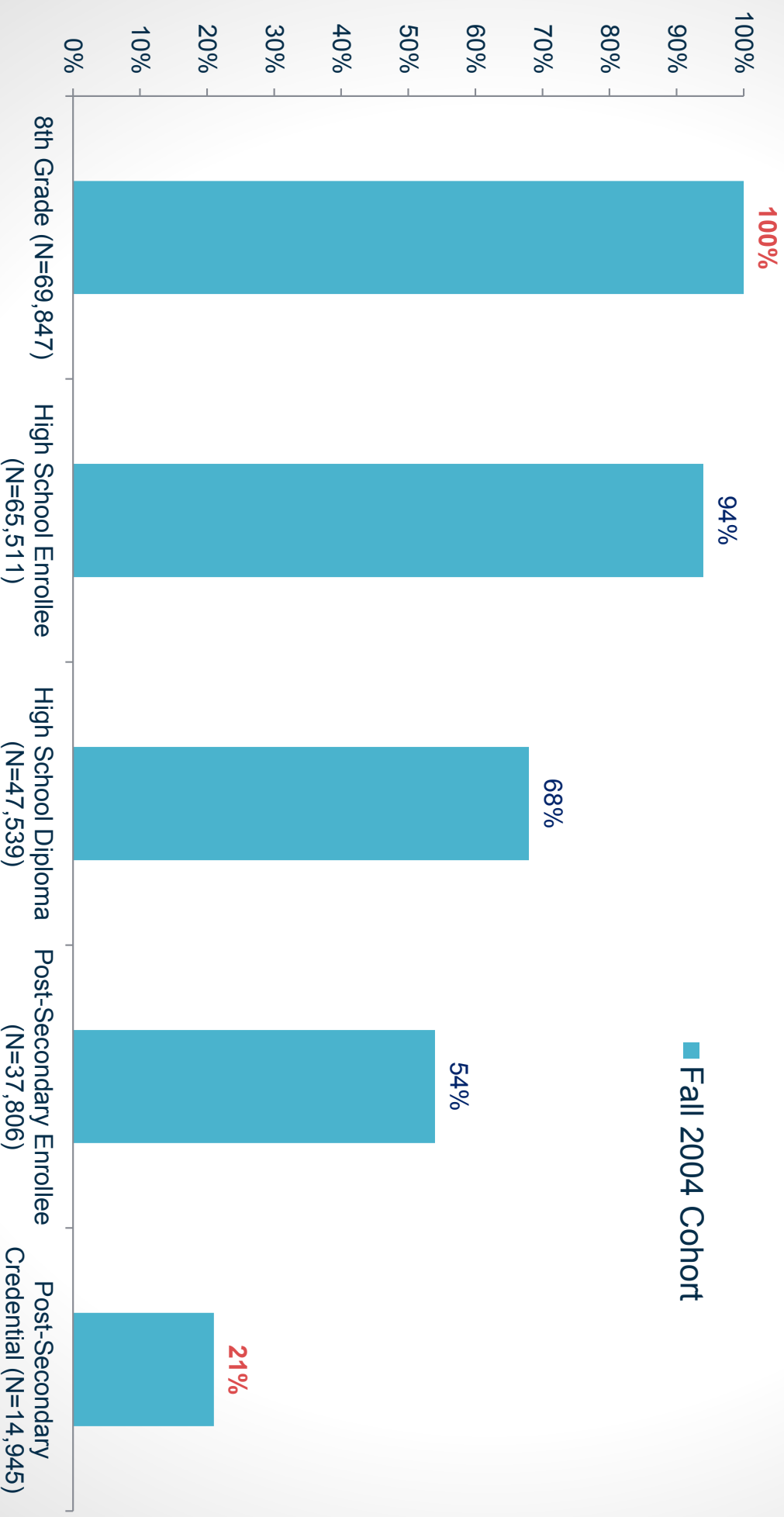


# Changes in the education requirements for jobs across America (1970-2020)



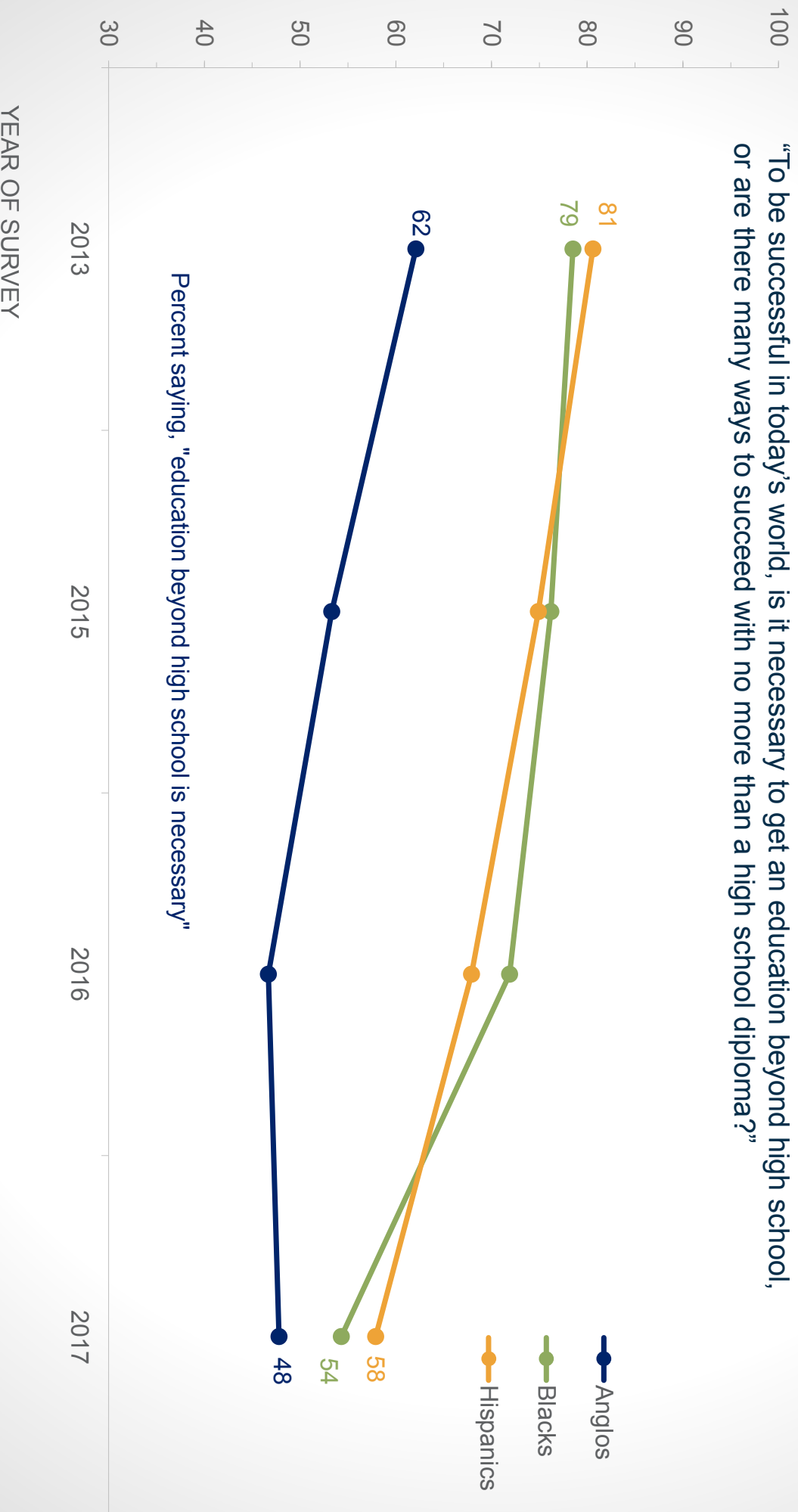
Year and Number of Available Jobs

# The fates of all eighth graders in the Houston region through their next 11 years (2004-2015)



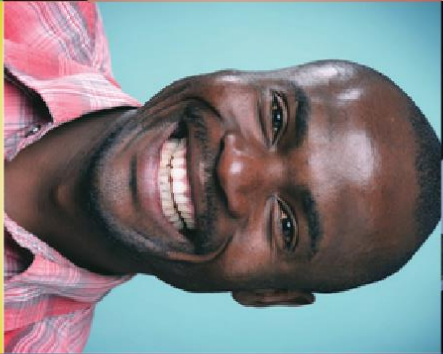
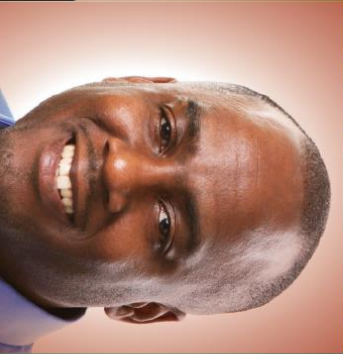
# The perceived importance of education beyond high school, by ethnicity (2013-2017)

"To be successful in today's world, is it necessary to get an education beyond high school, or are there many ways to succeed with no more than a high school diploma?"



Percent saying, "education beyond high school is necessary"



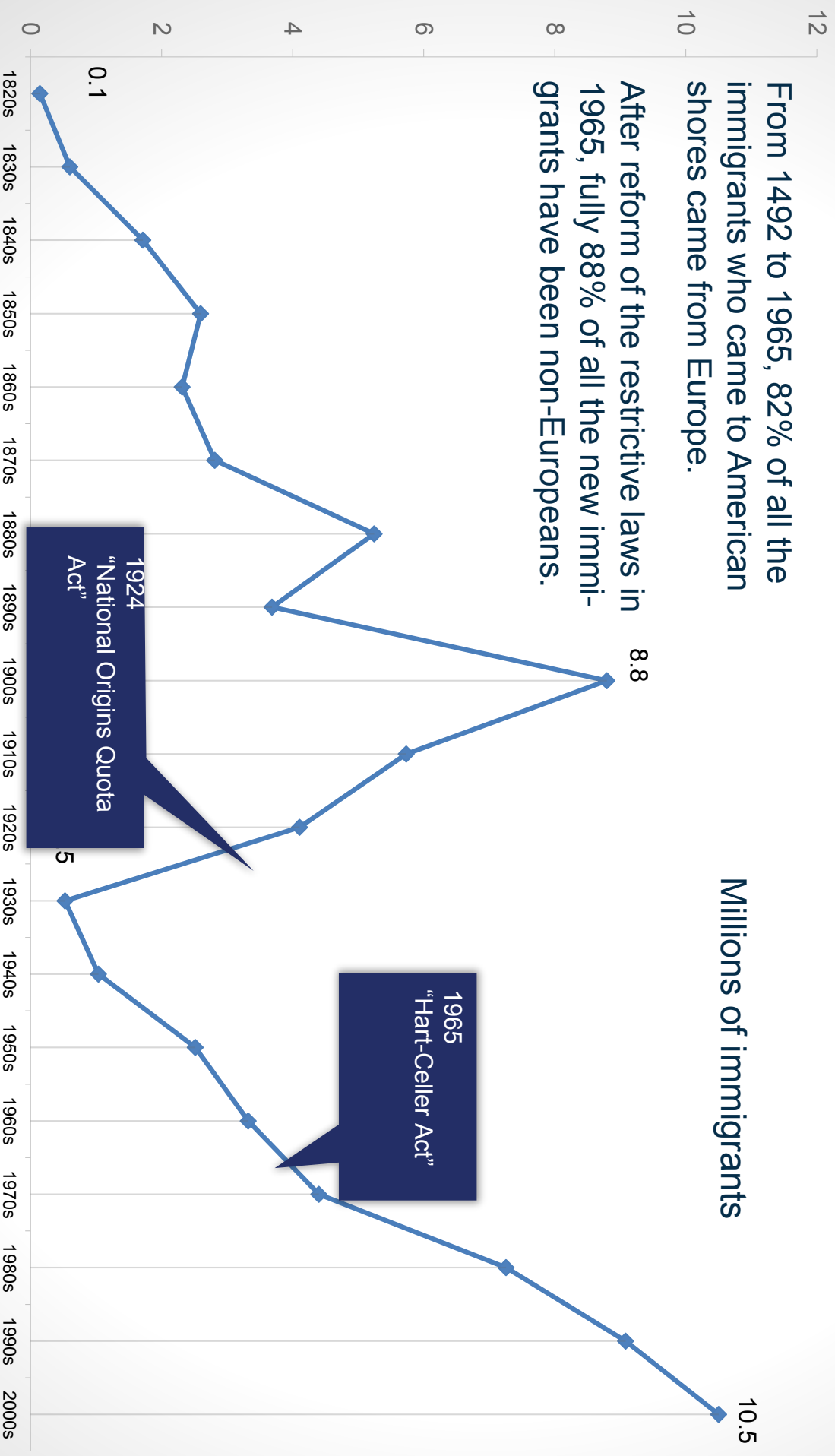




# The number of documented U.S. immigrants, by decade (1820-2010)

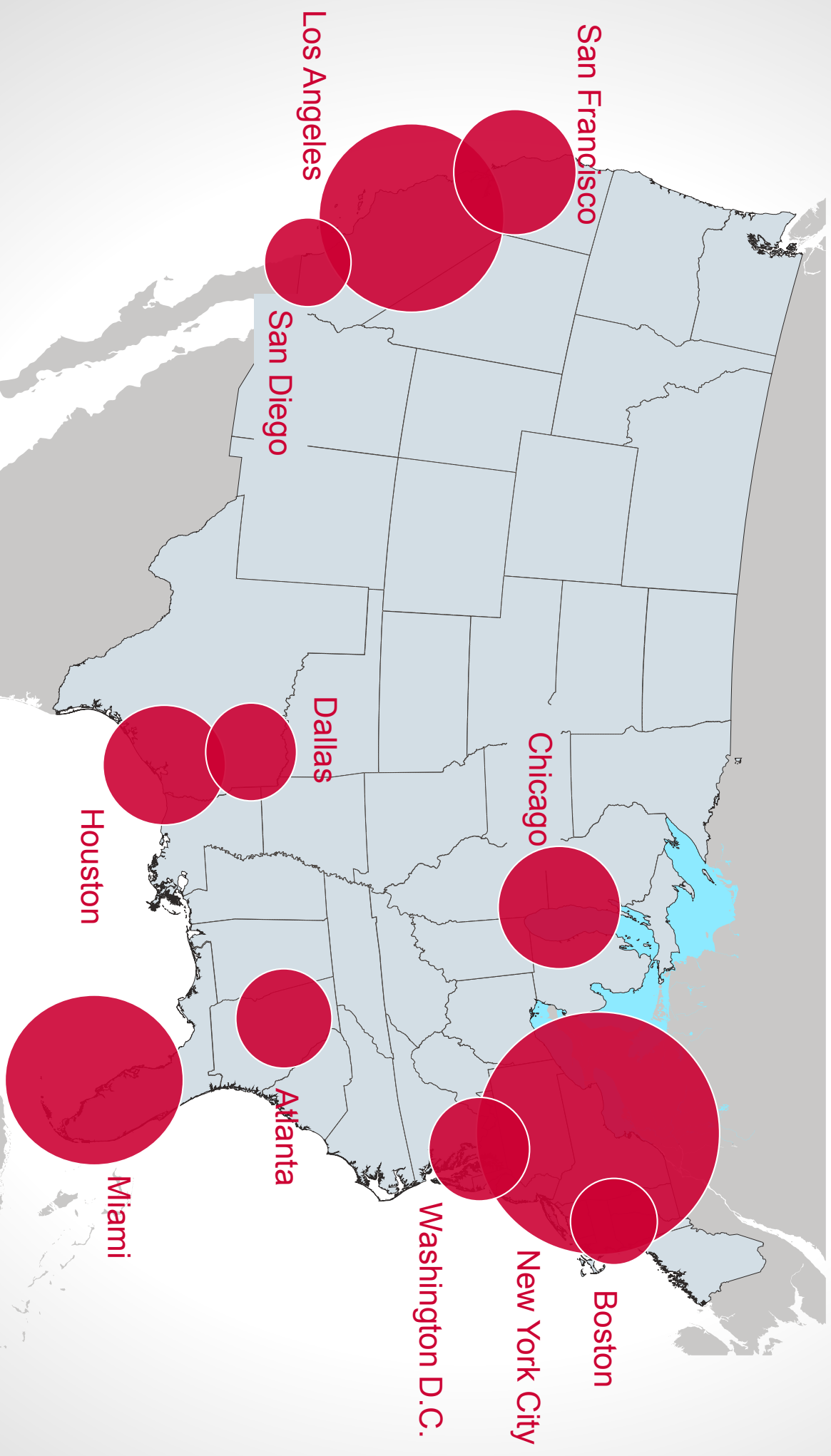
From 1492 to 1965, 82% of all the immigrants who came to American shores came from Europe.

After reform of the restrictive laws in 1965, fully 88% of all the new immigrants have been non-Europeans.

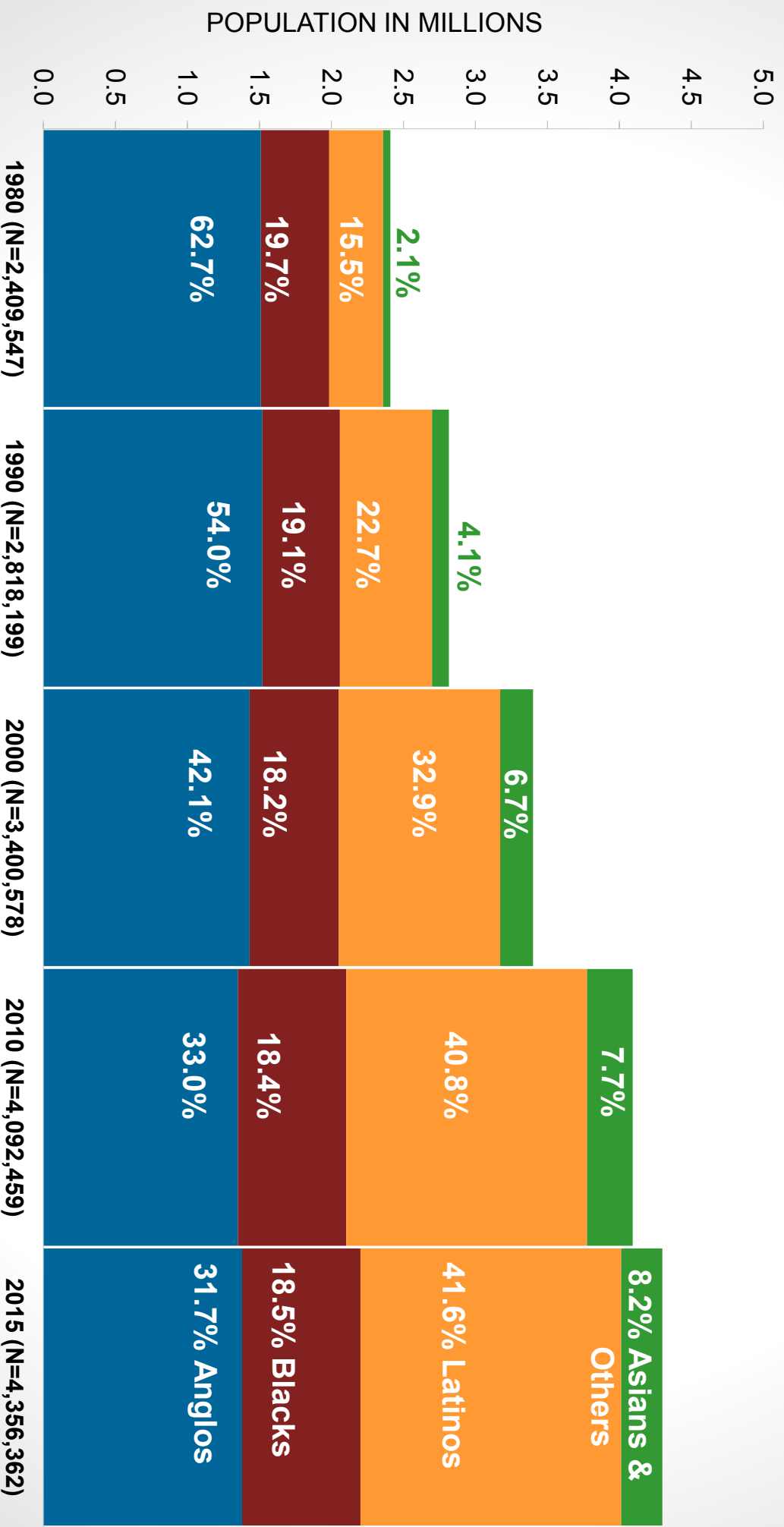




# Cities with large numbers of foreign born residents (2010-2014)

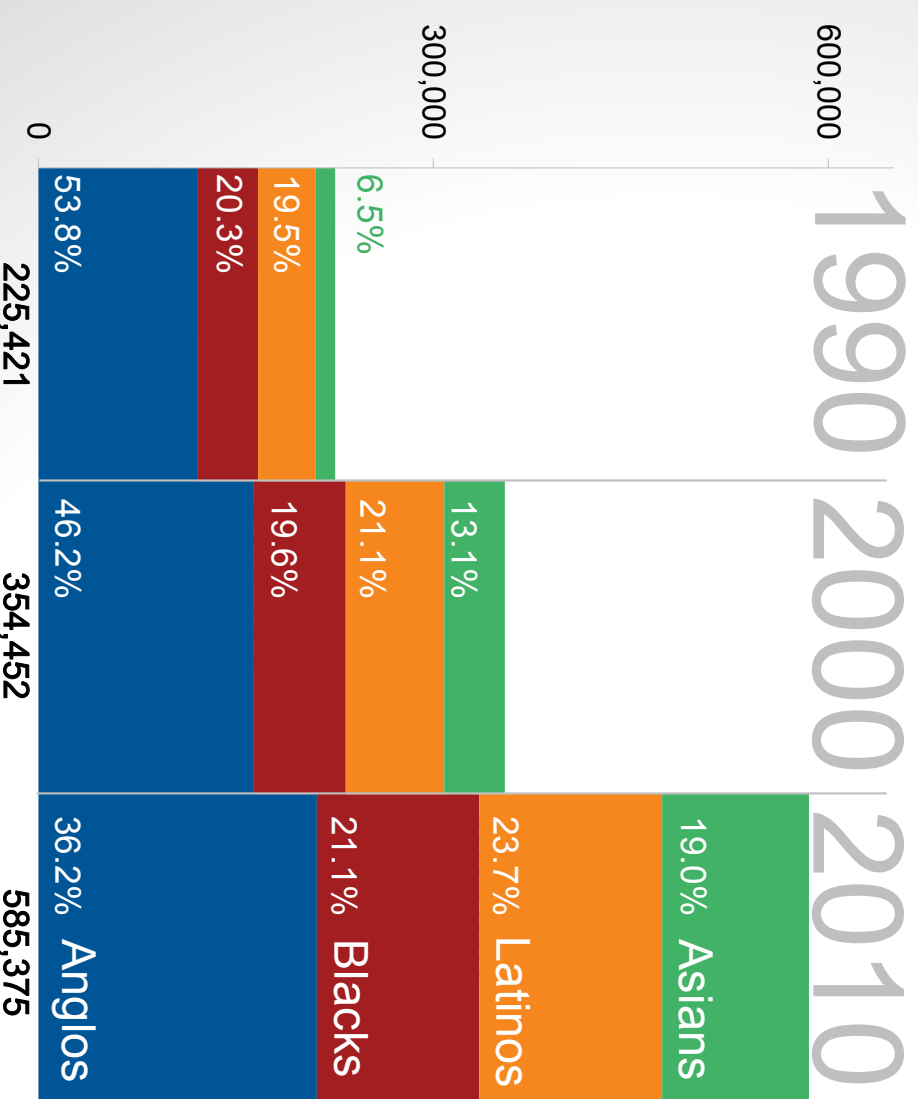


# The demographic changes in Harris County (1980-2010 and ACS 2011-2015)

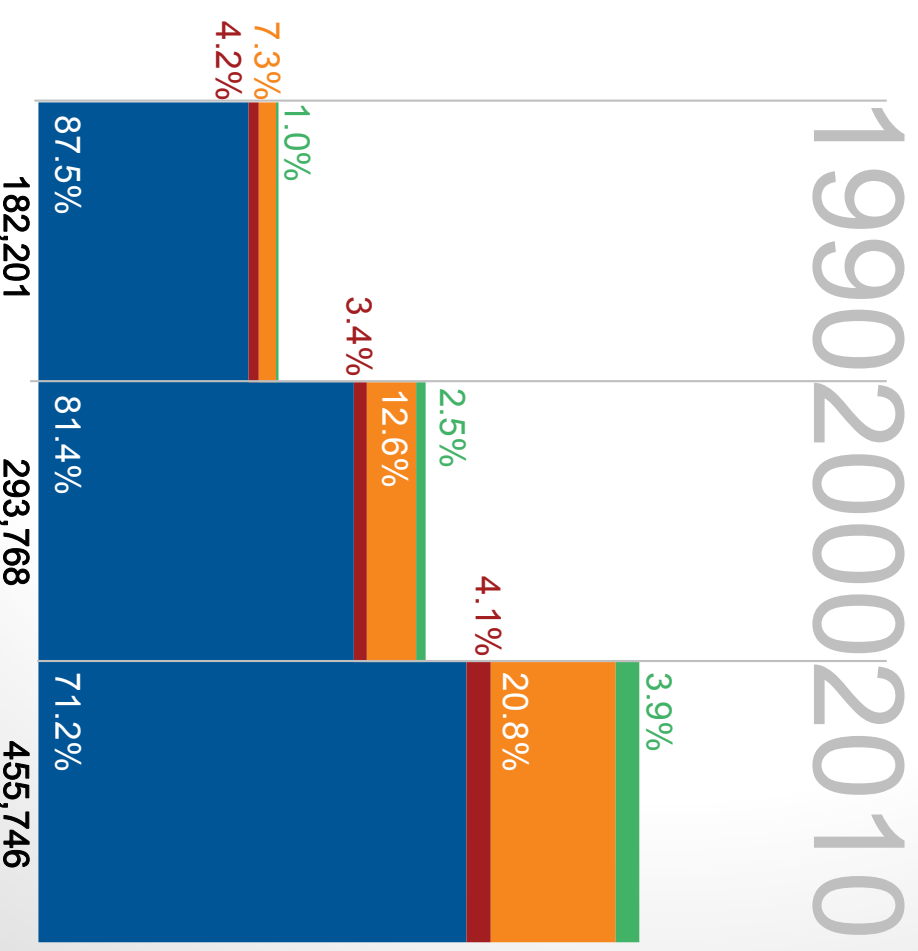


# The demographic changes in Fort Bend County and Montgomery County (1990-2010)

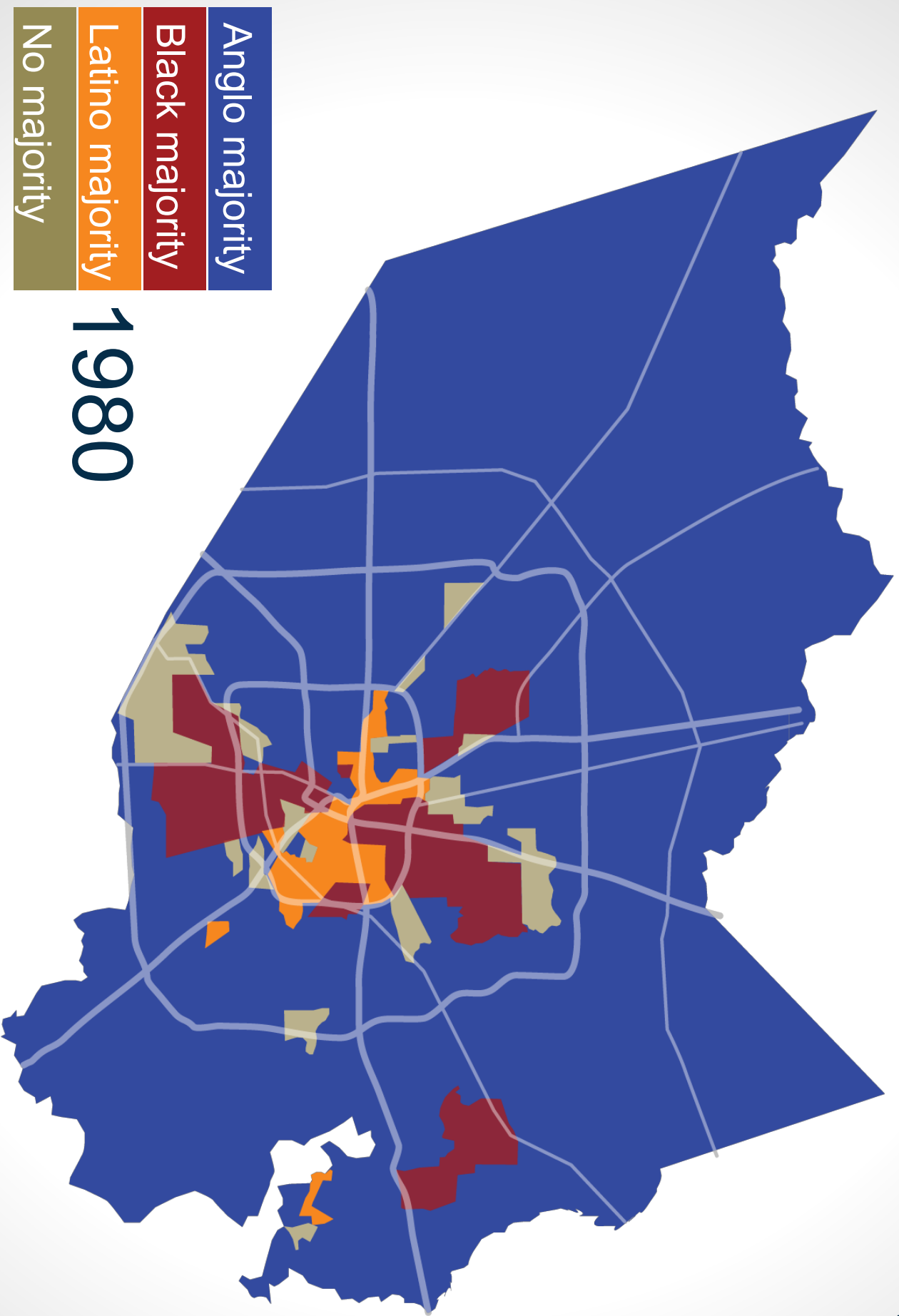
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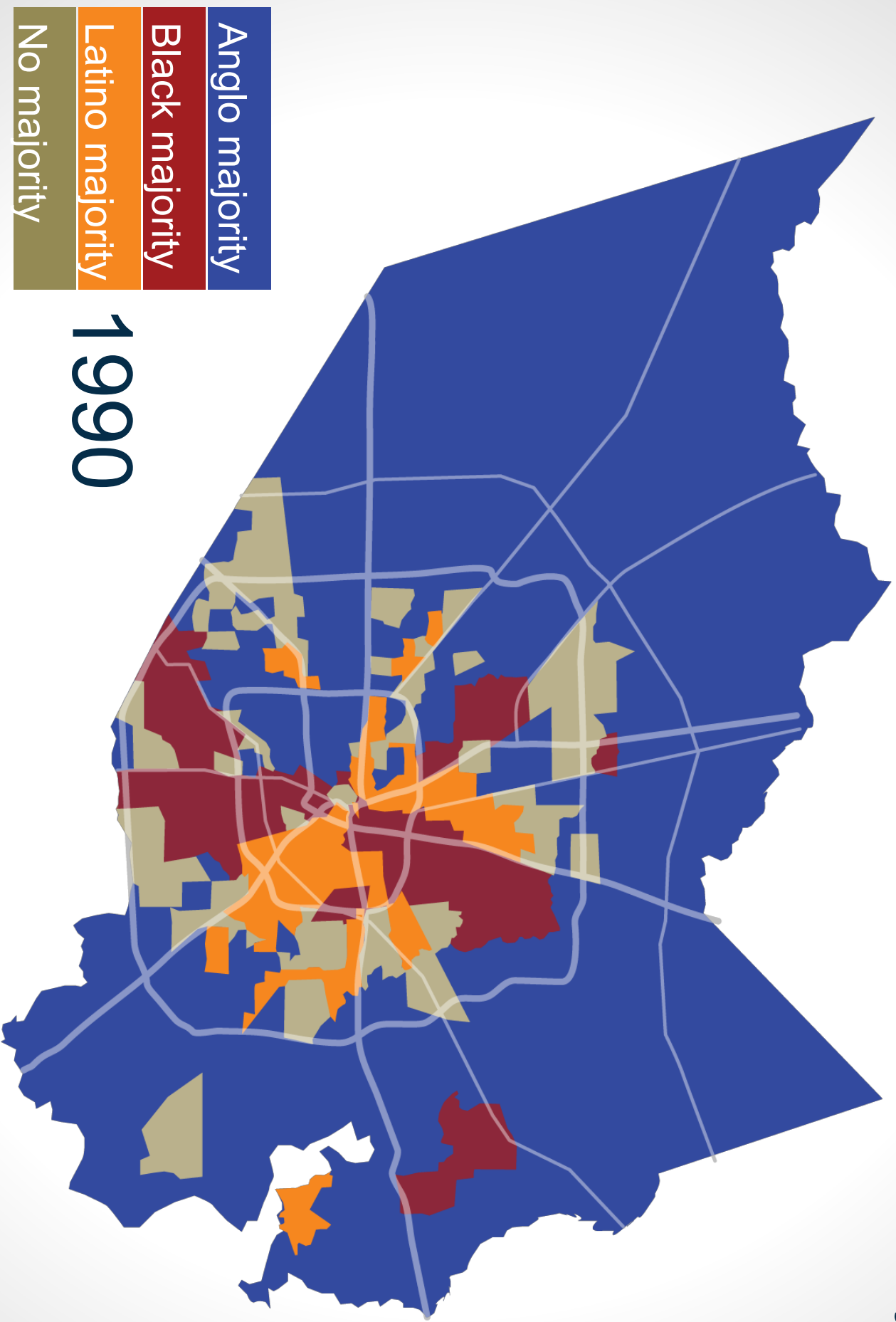


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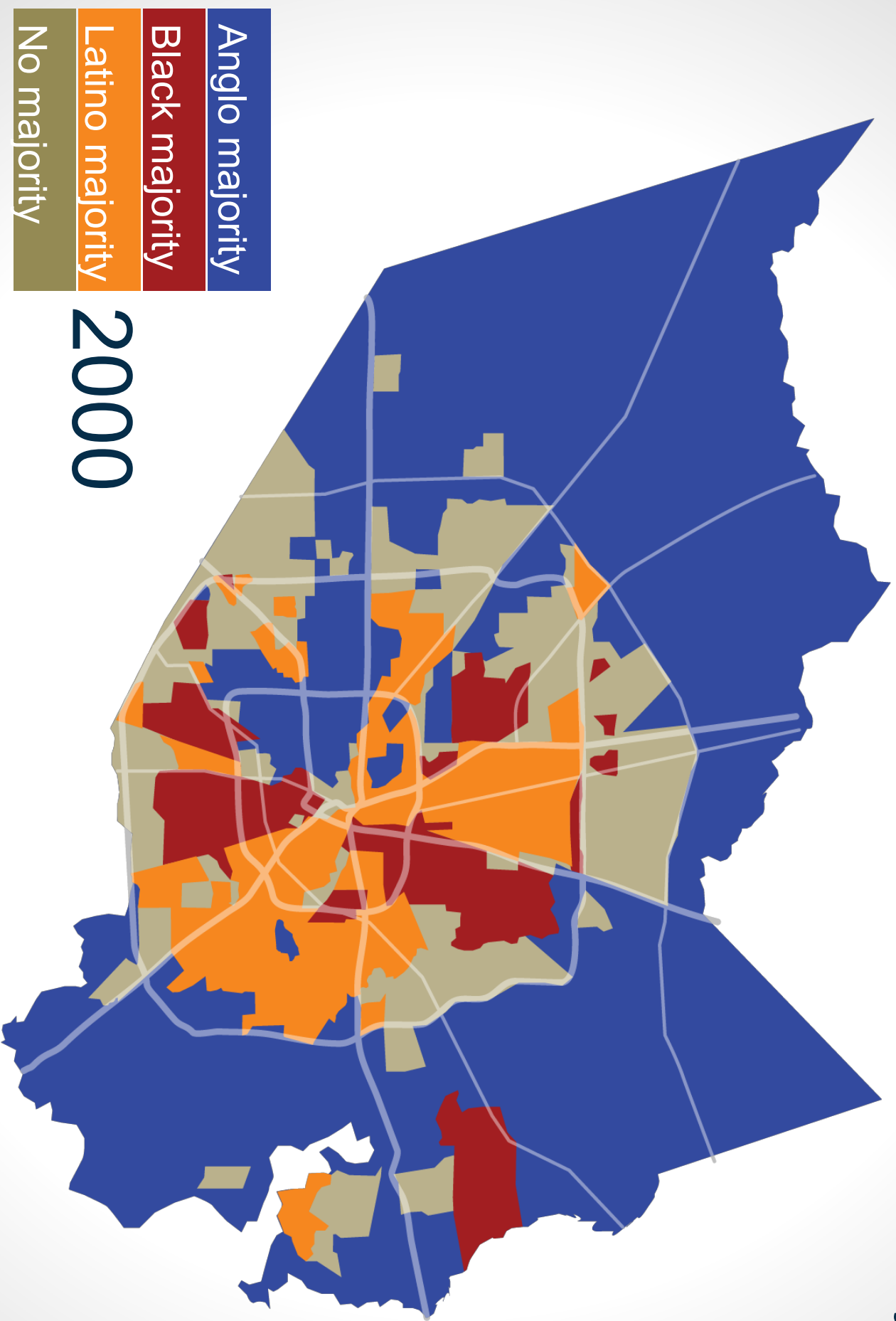




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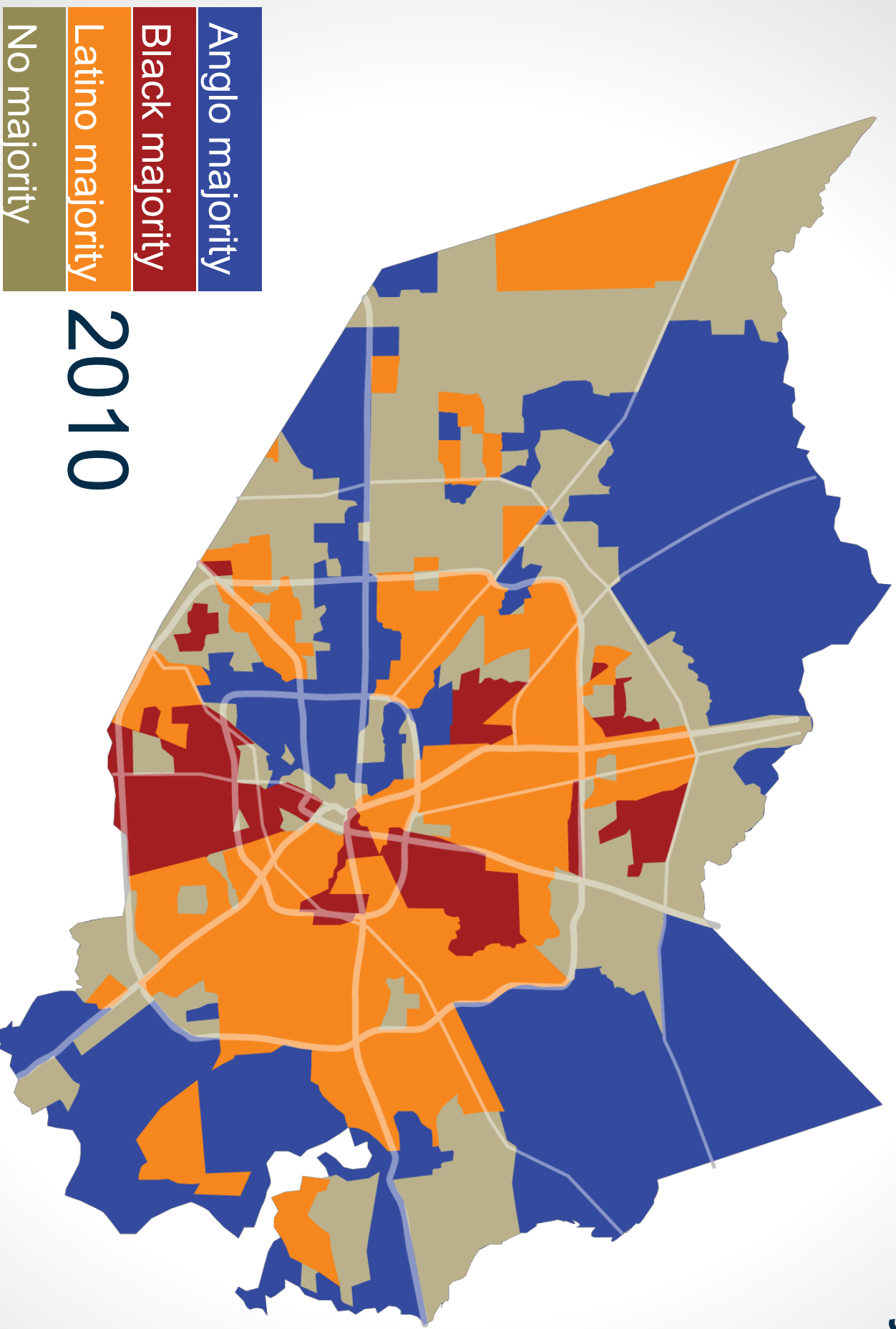


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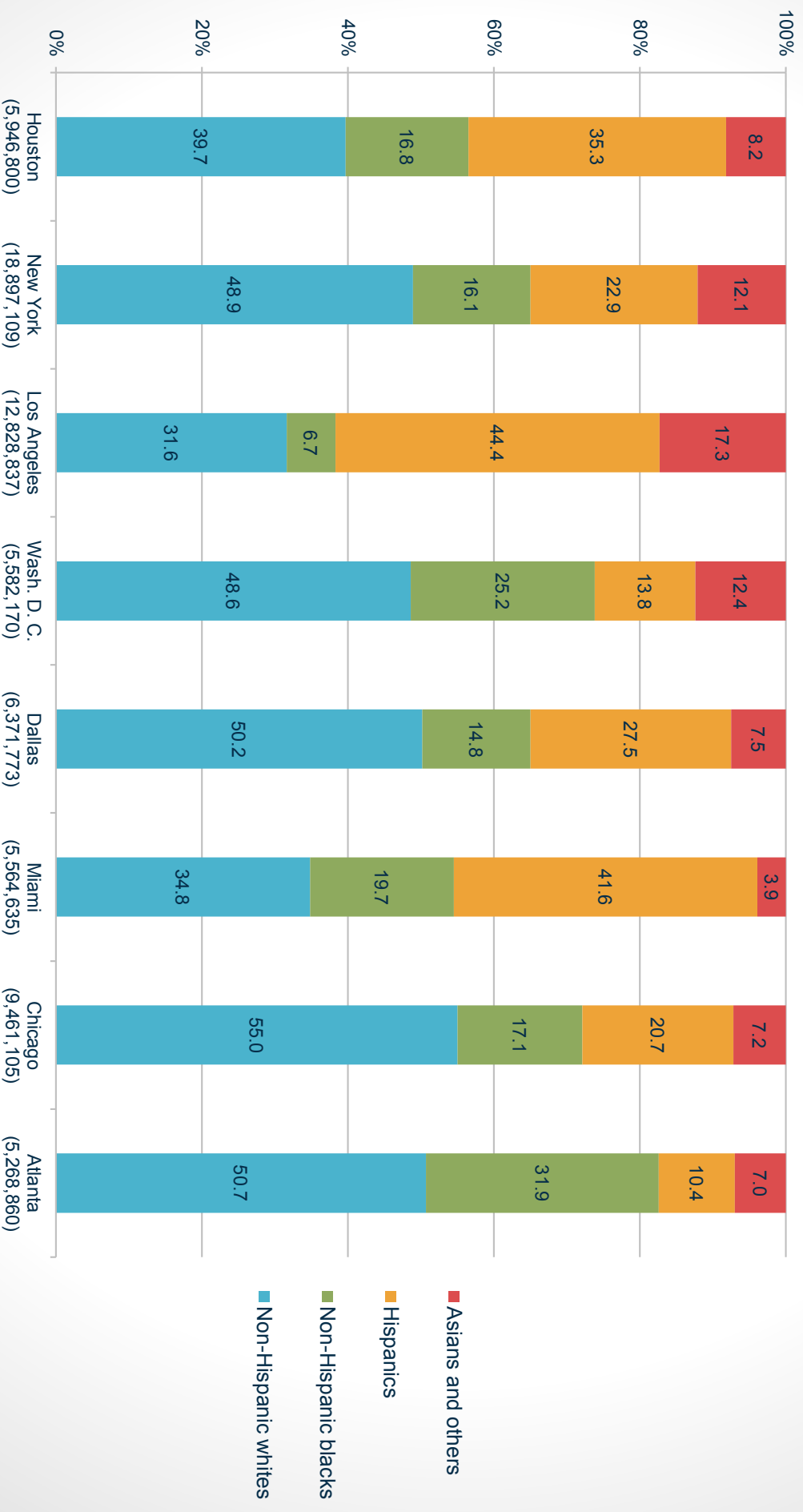
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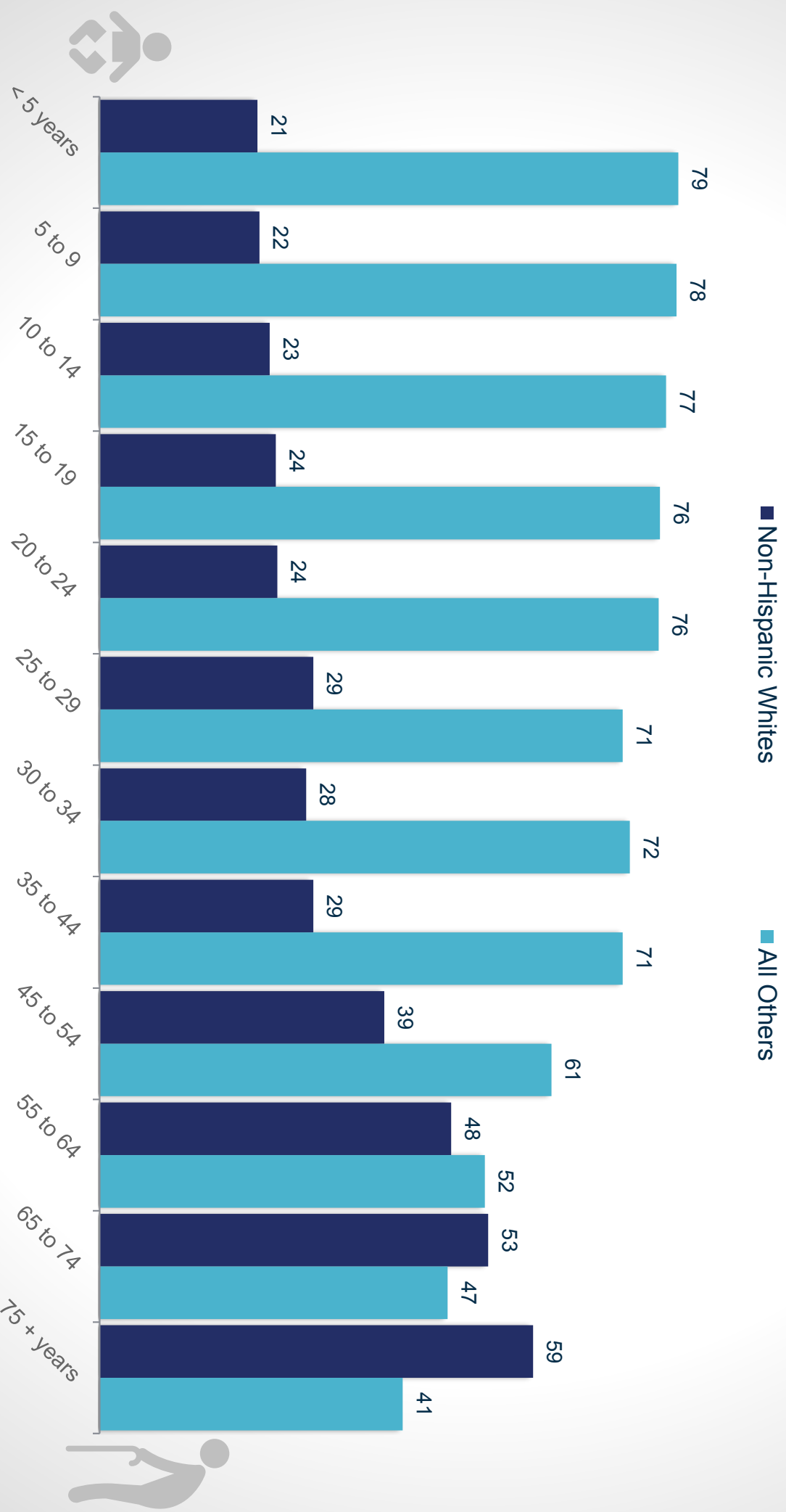


# The demographics of the 8 most diverse large metro areas in America (Census, 2010)

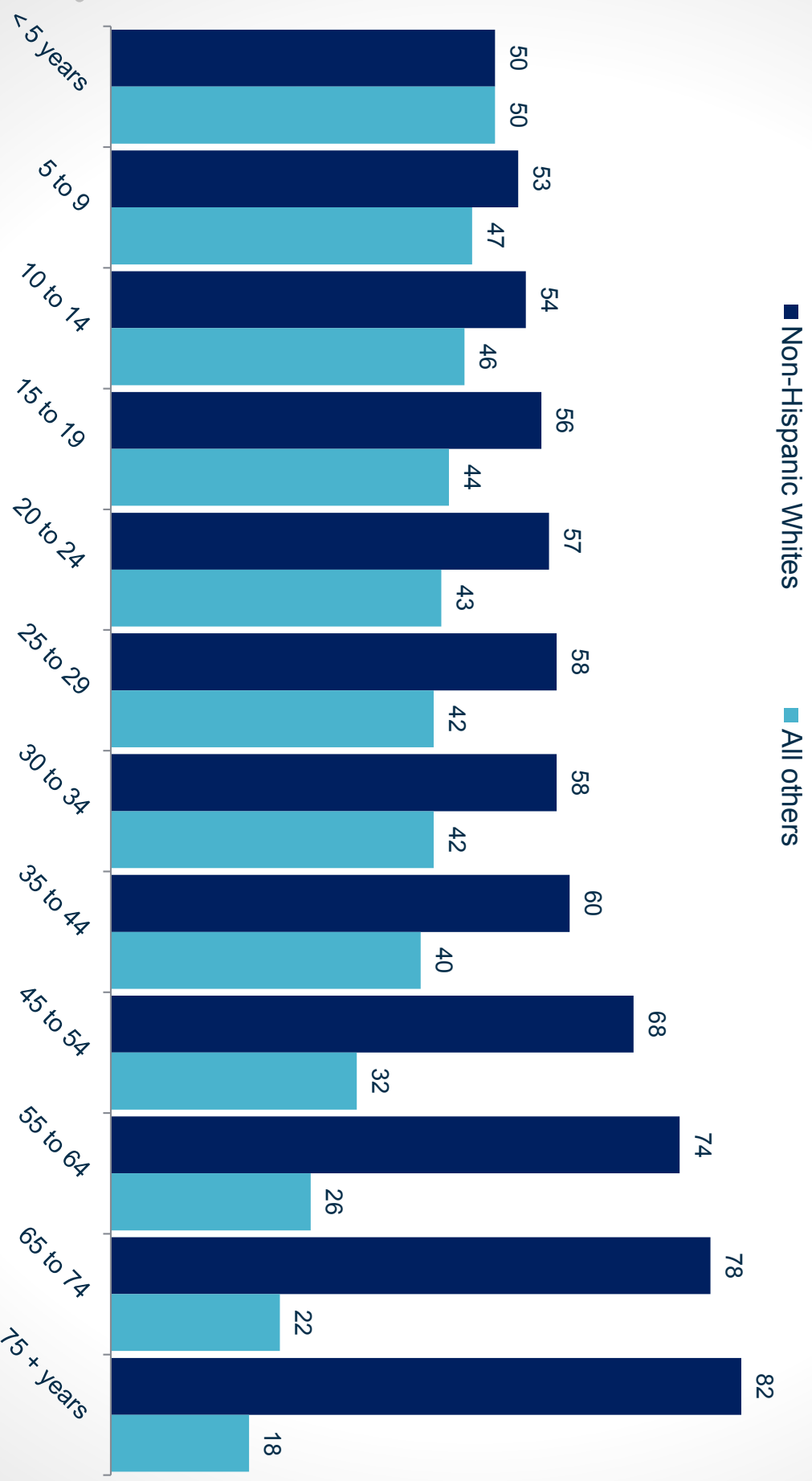




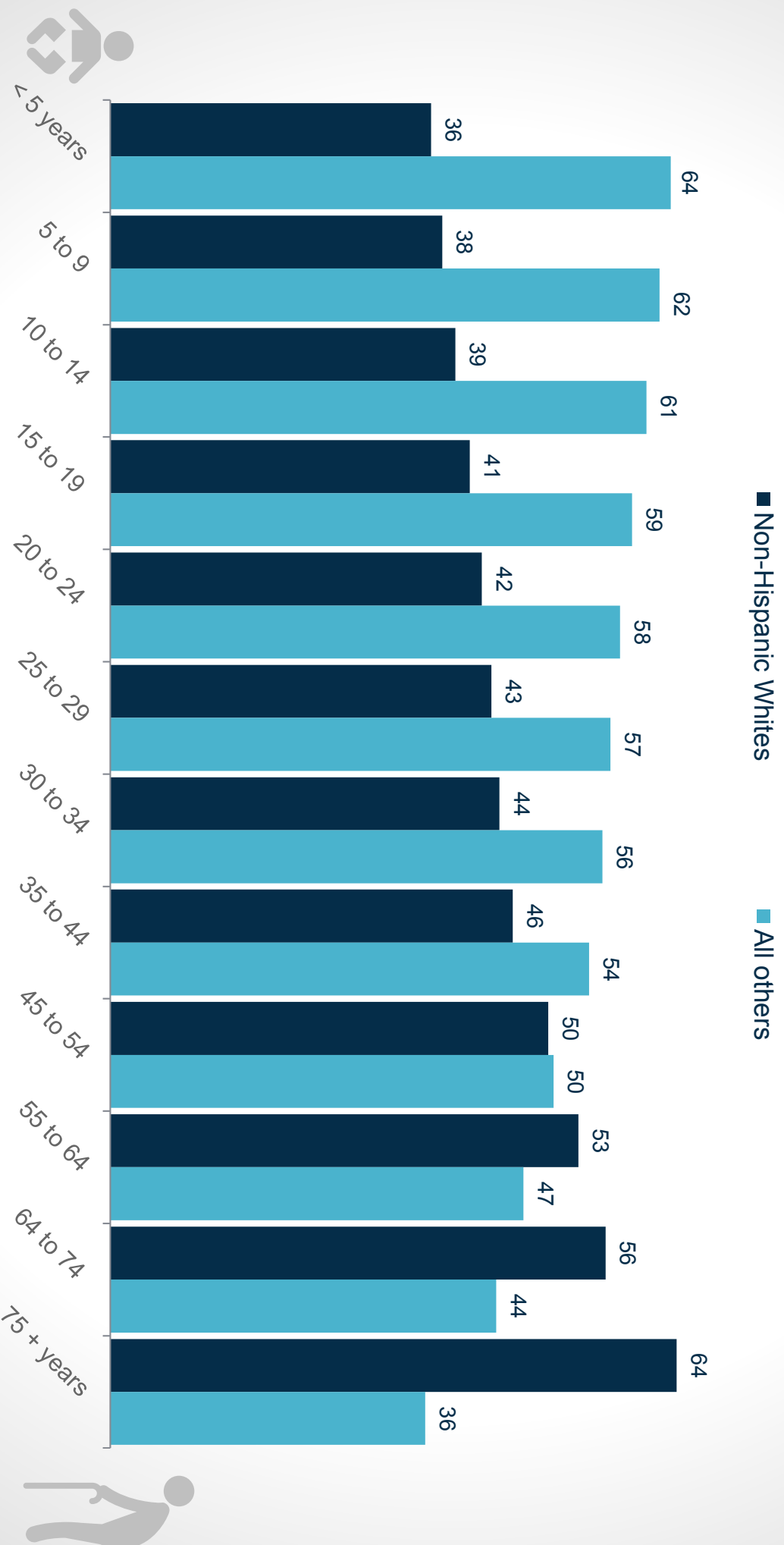
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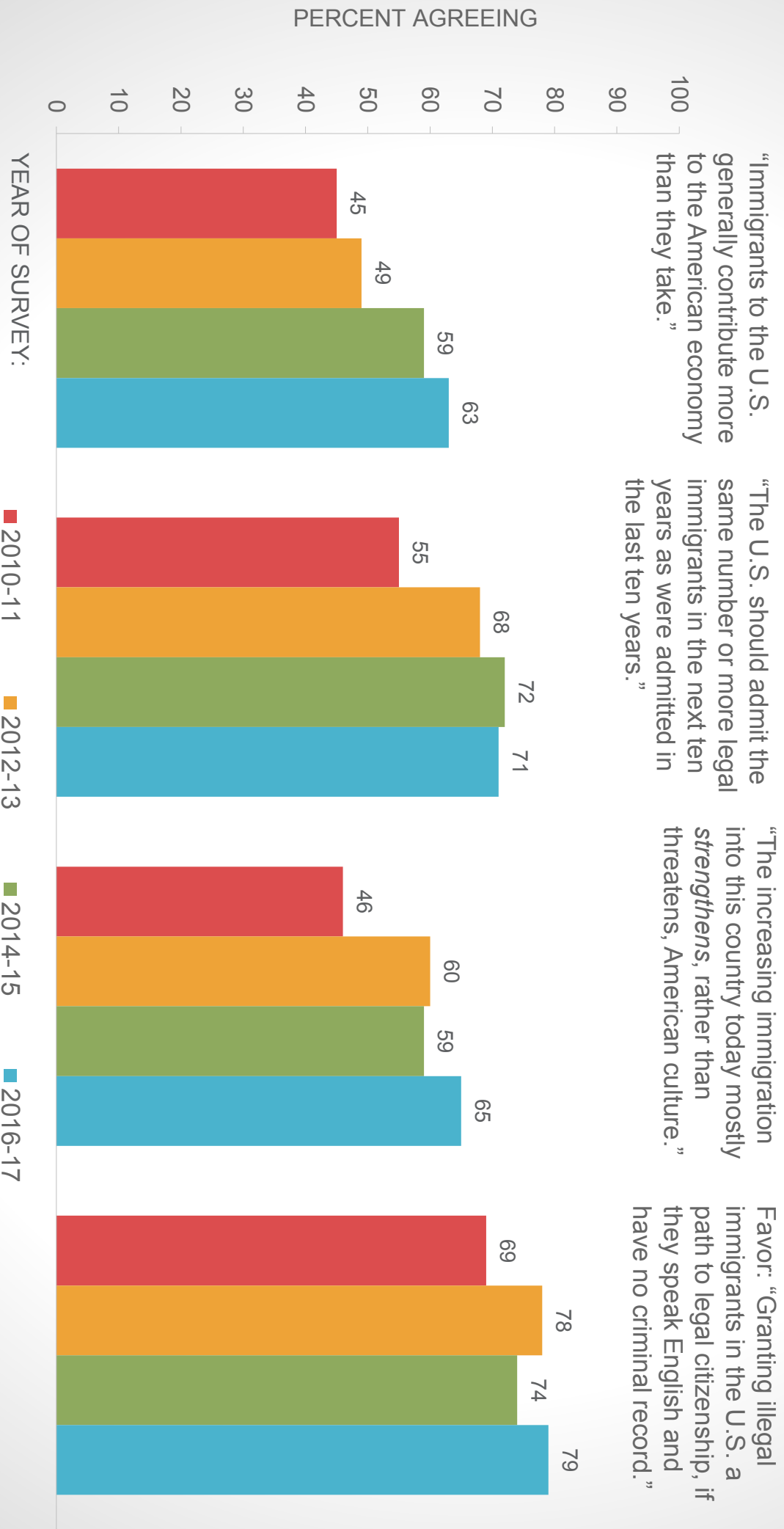
# The current population of the United States by age group and ethnicity (ACS, 2009-2014)



# The projected population of the U.S. by age group and ethnicity in 2050

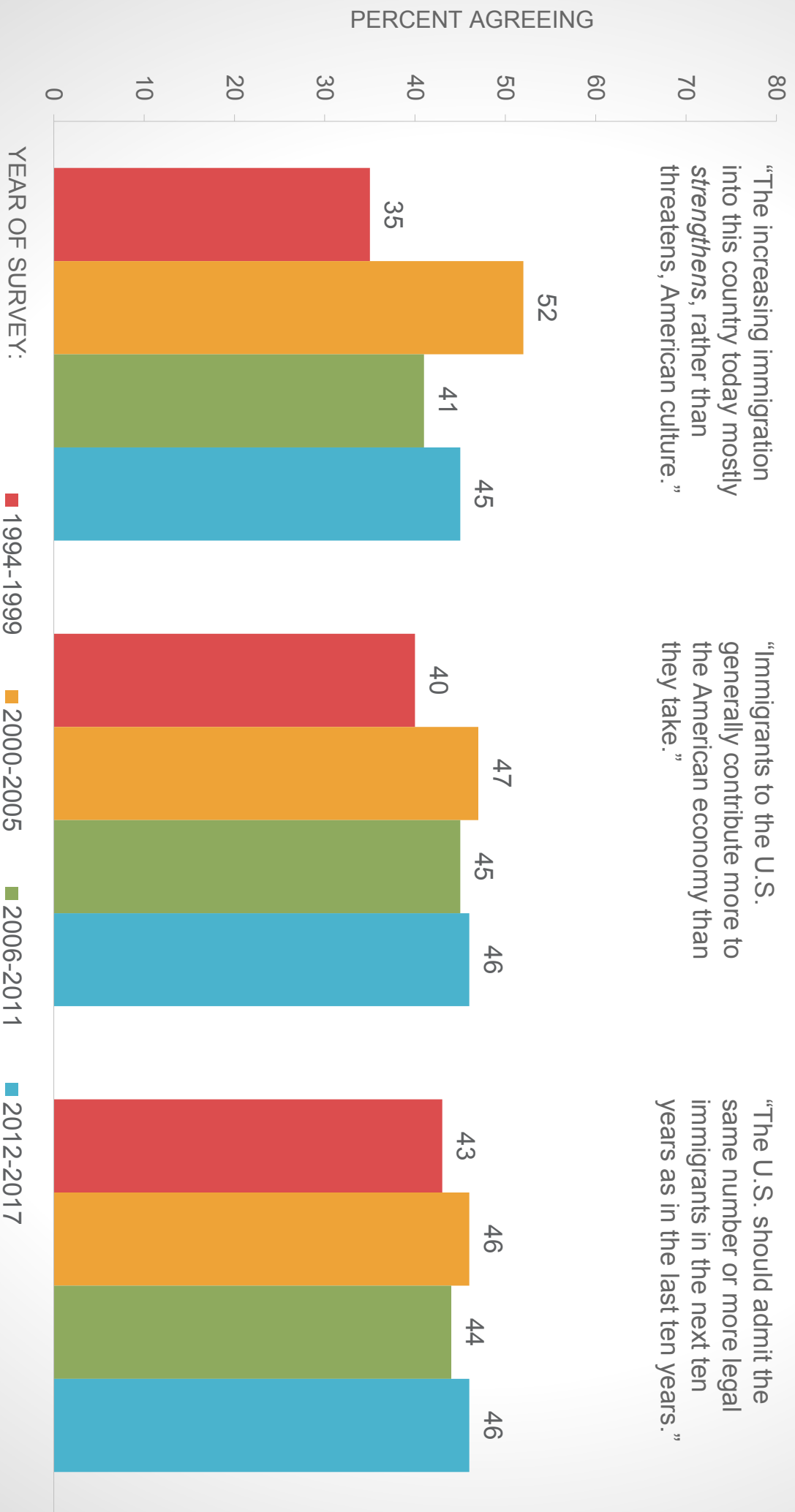


# Attitudes toward immigration among Harris County residents (2010-2017)



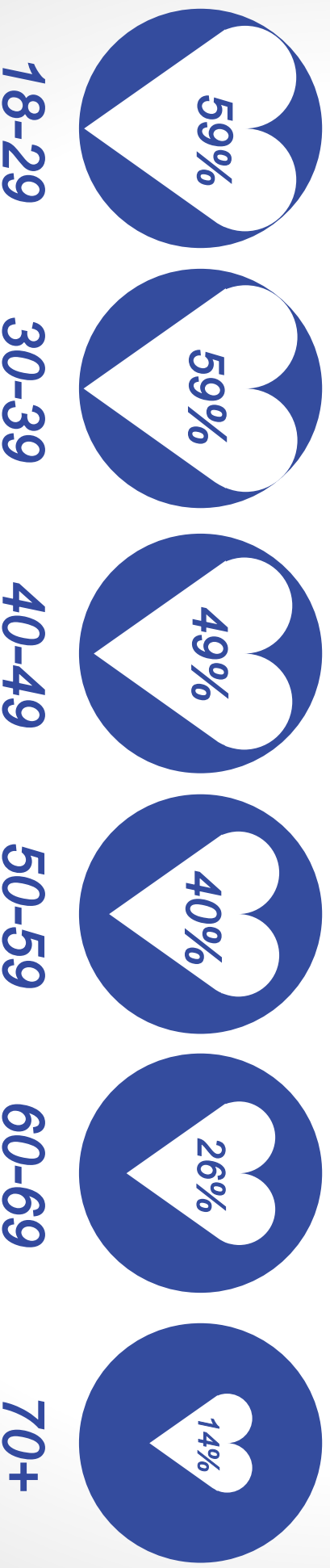


# Attitudes toward immigration among Anglo Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) in four periods

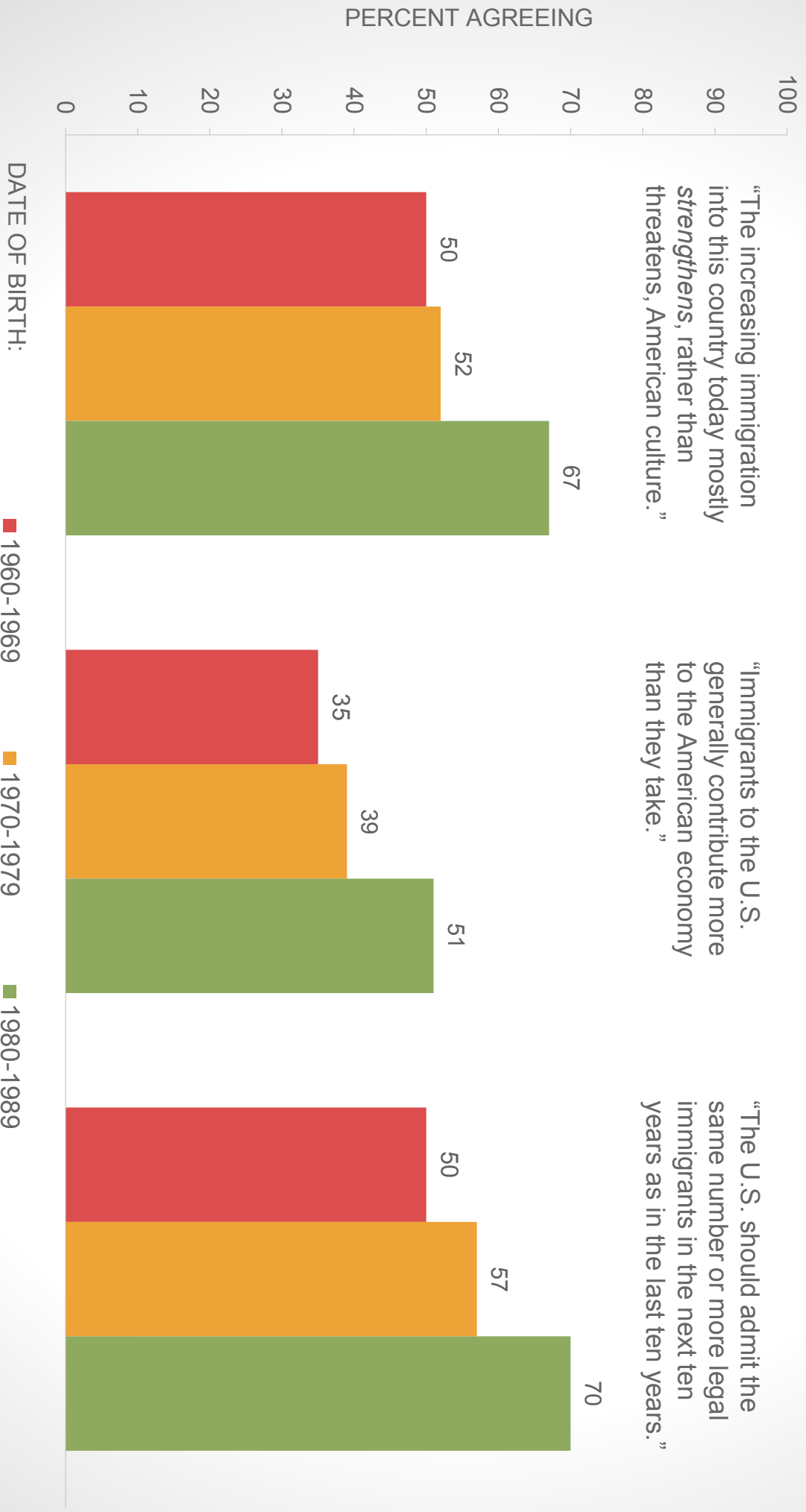


# Interethnic romantic relationships by age among Anglos (2007, 2011, 2014, 2016 combined)

“Have you ever been in a romantic relationship with someone who was not Anglo?”



# Attitudes toward immigration among three cohorts of Harris County Anglos, all aged 25-35









# Houston's urban sprawl

**Baltimore**

0.6 million

81 sq. mi.

2.1 million

600 sq. mi.

**Chicago**

2.7 million

228 sq. mi.

**Detroit**

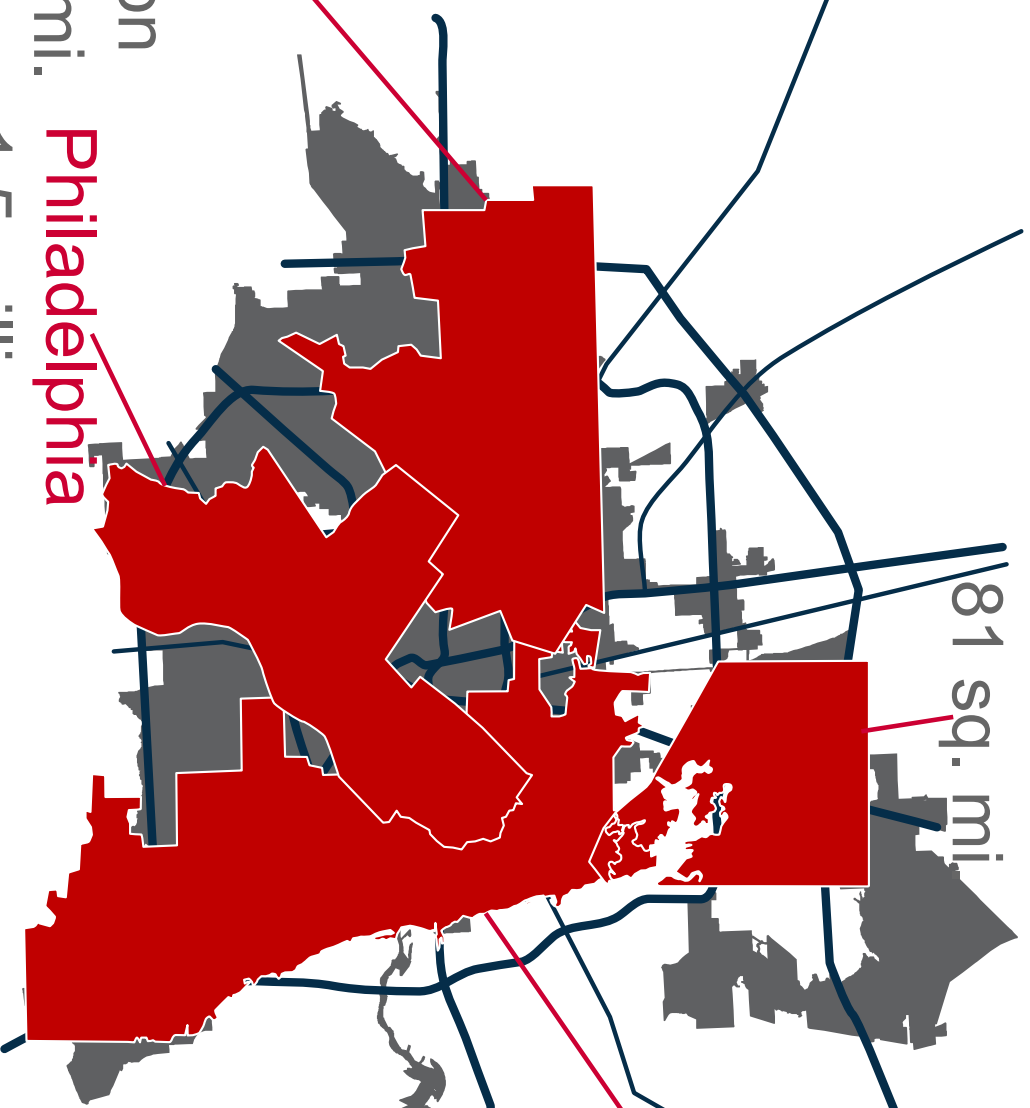
0.7 million

139 sq. mi.

**Philadelphia**

1.5 million

134 sq. mi.

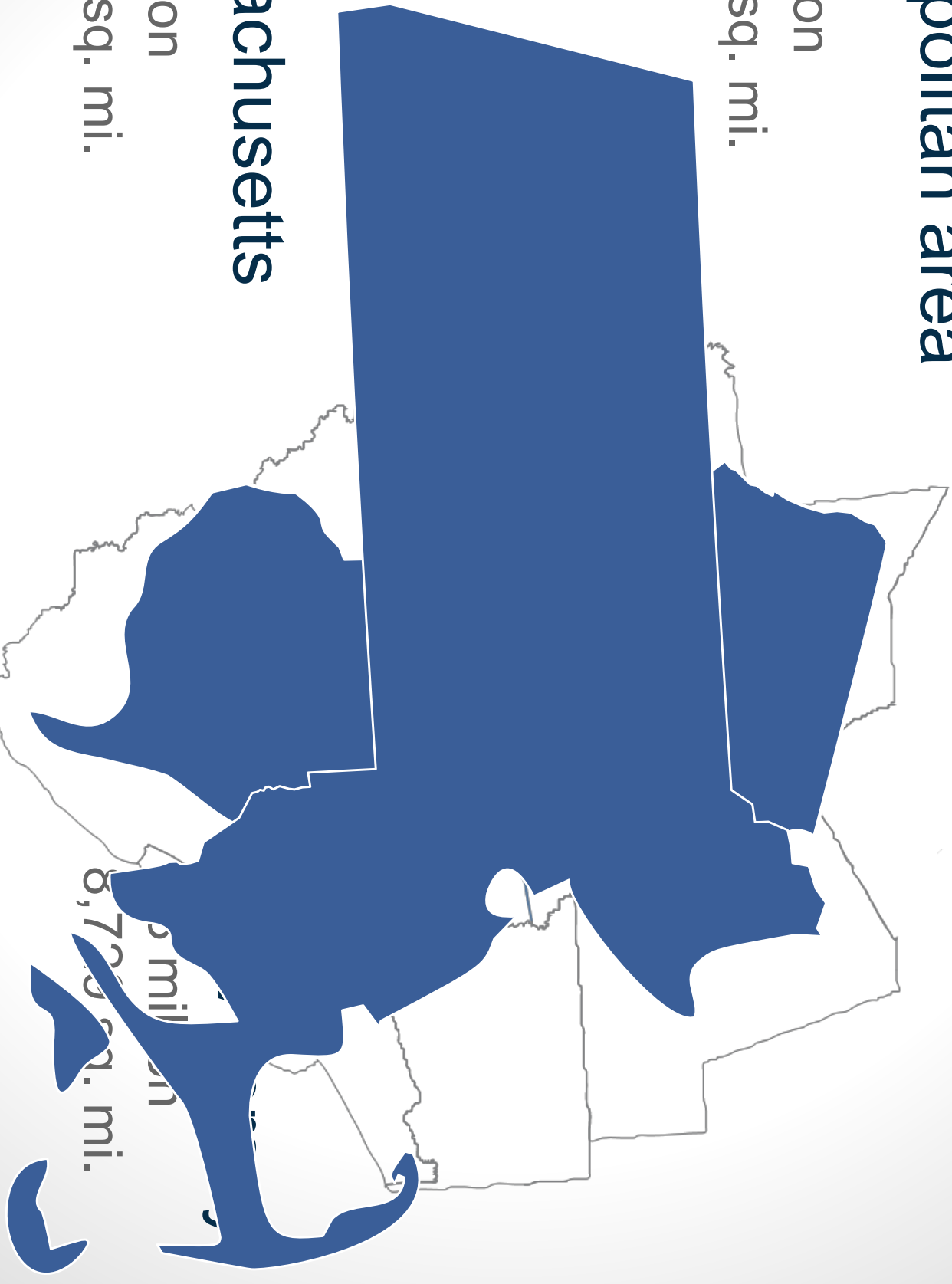


# The nine-county Houston metropolitan area

6.5 million  
10,072 sq. mi.

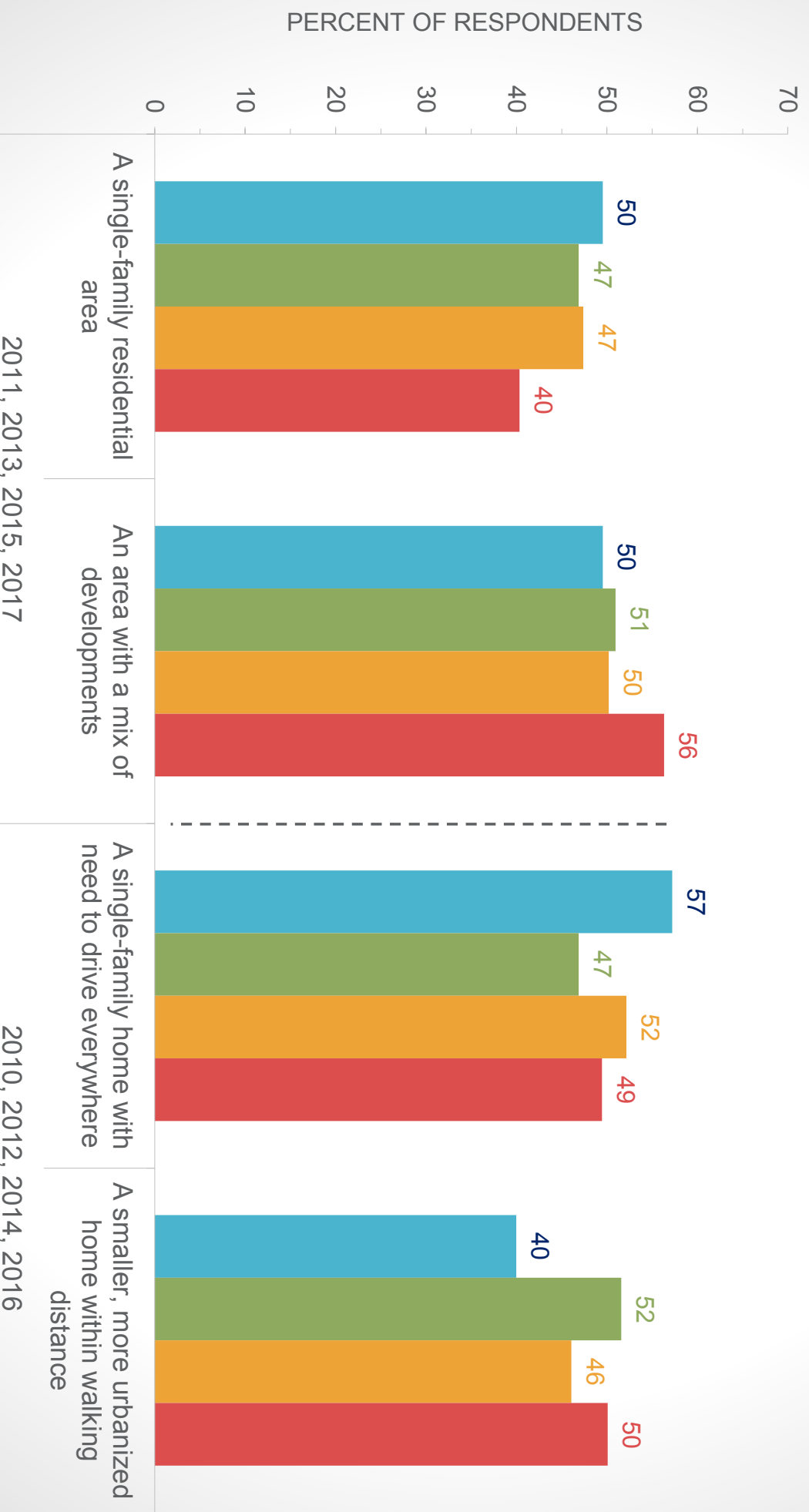
## Massachusetts

6.6 million  
10,550 sq. mi.





# The preference for “walkable urbanism” among Harris County residents (2011-2017)



Source: Kinder Houston Area Survey (2010-2017)

# The three largest counties in the nine-county metropolitan area

## Greater metro region

Area: 10,072 sq. mi.

Population: 6.5 million

### Montgomery County

Area: 1,077 sq. mi.

Population: 502,586

### Fort Bend County

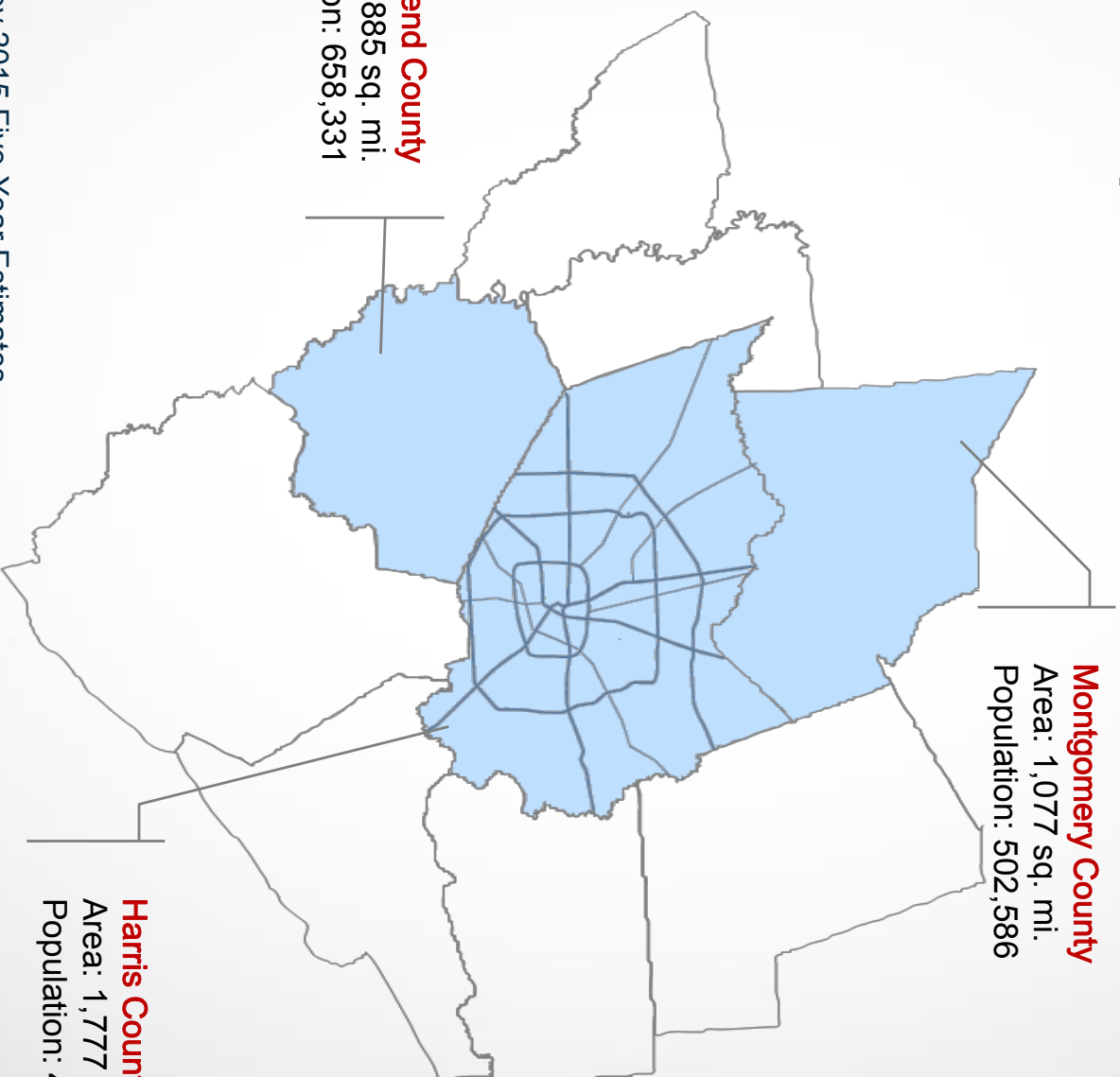
Area: 885 sq. mi.

Population: 658,331

### Harris County

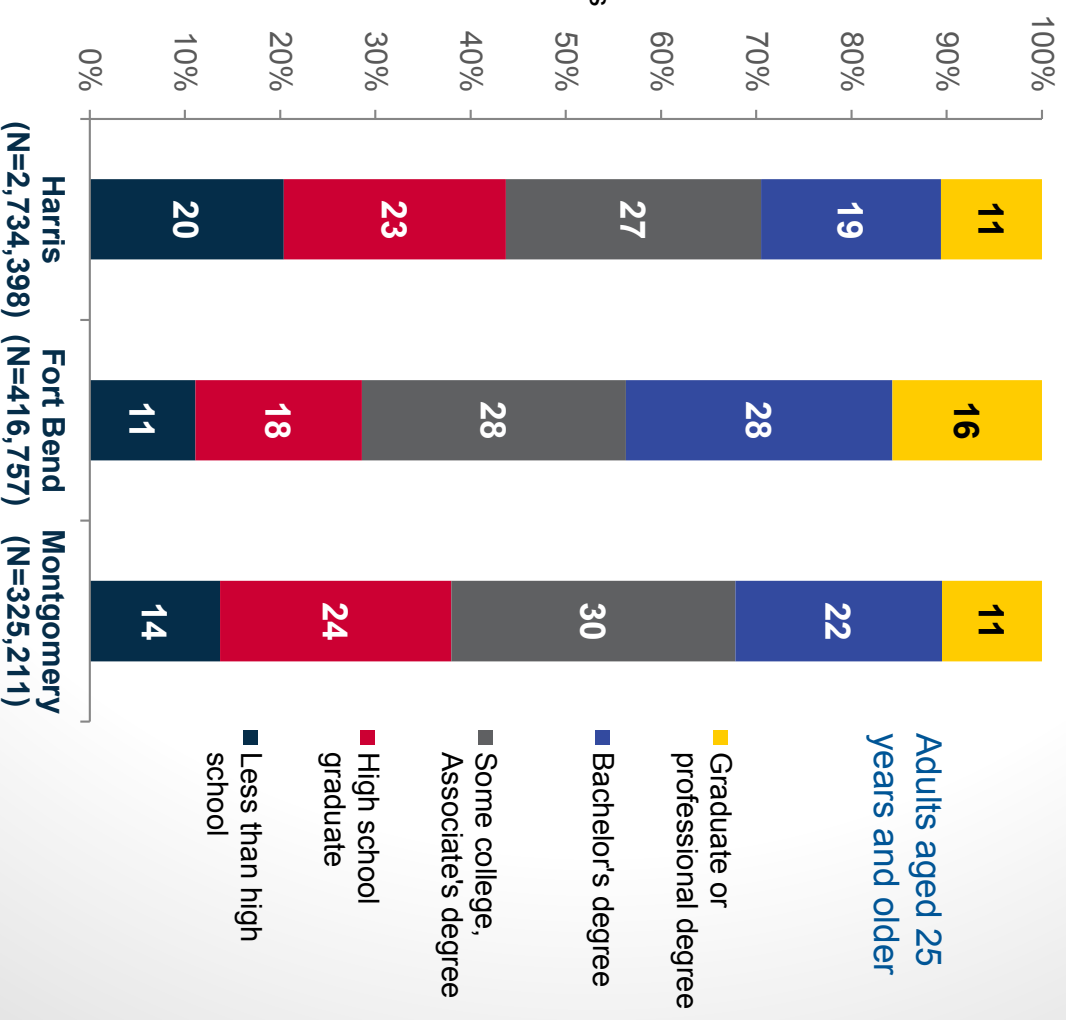
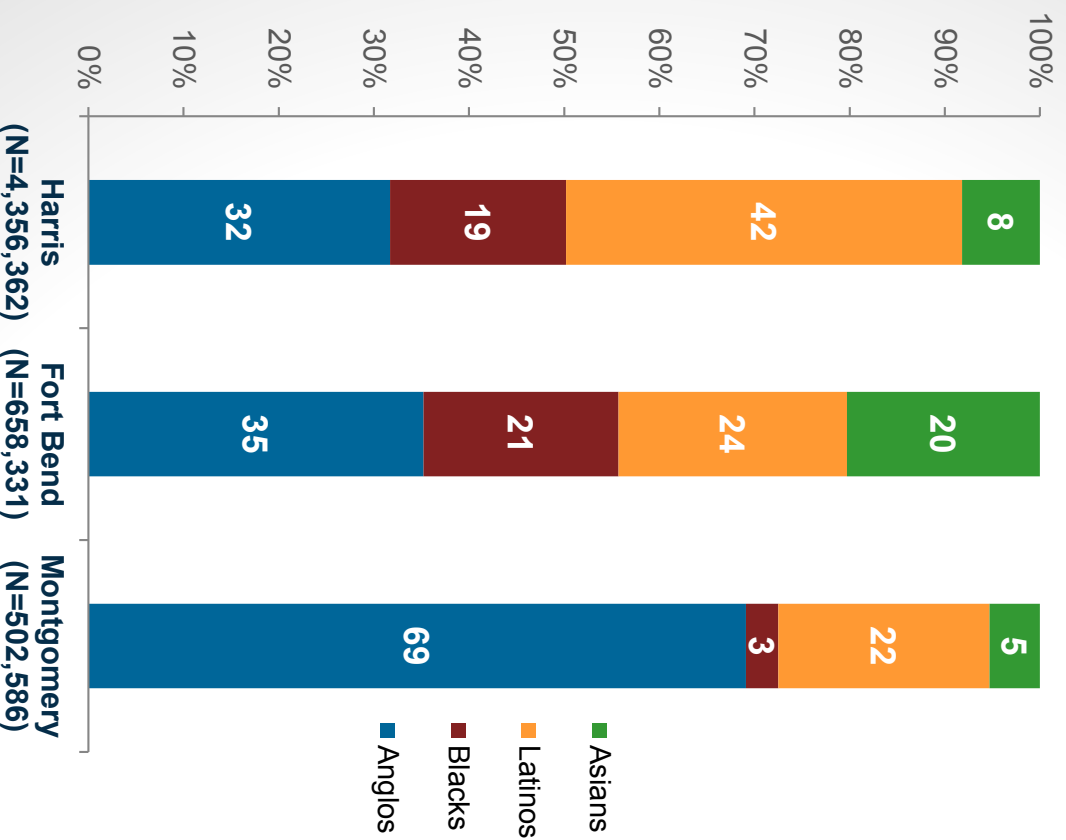
Area: 1,777 sq. mi.

Population: 4.4 million

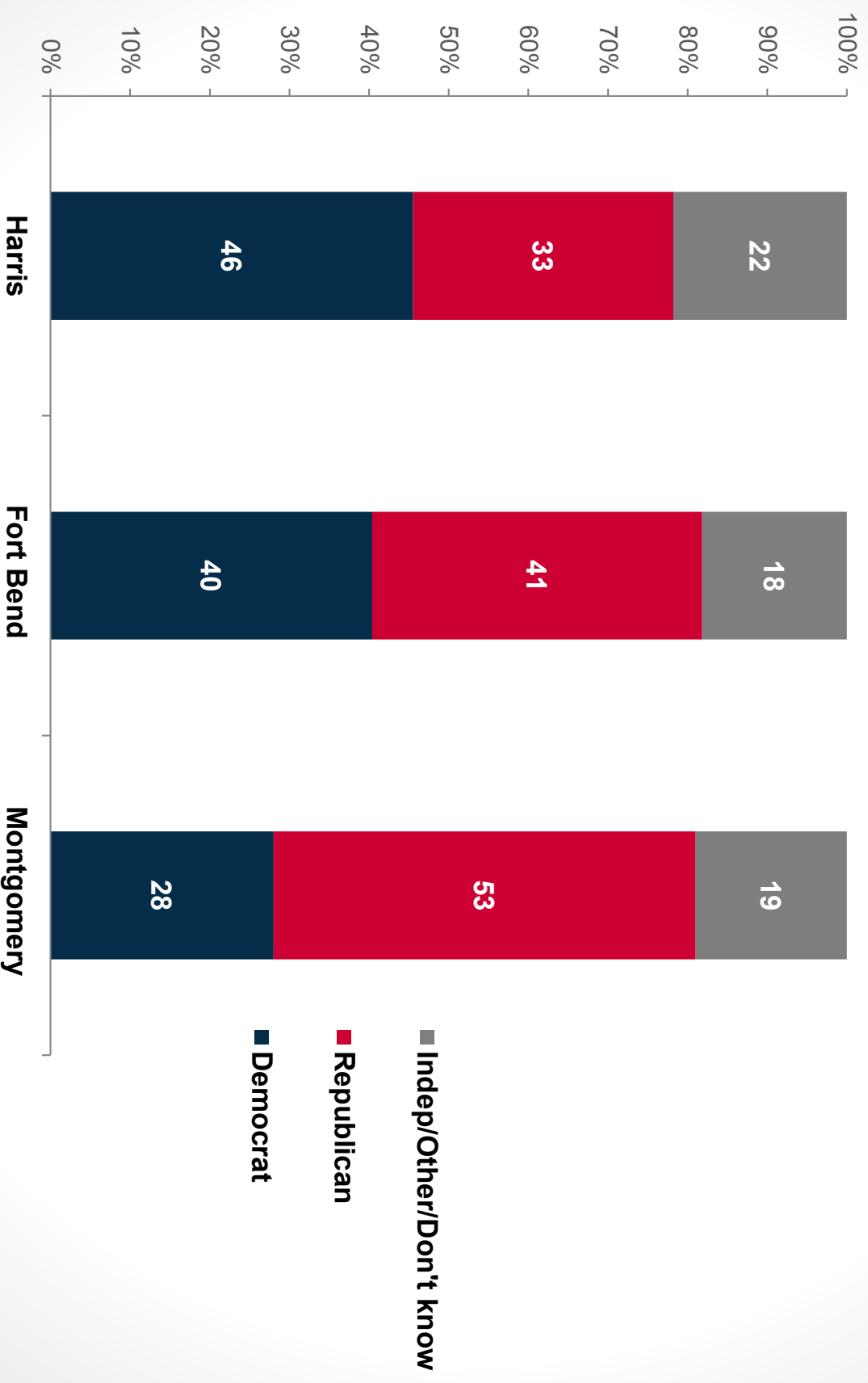


Source: American Community Survey 2015 Five-Year Estimates.  
U.S. Census Bureau.

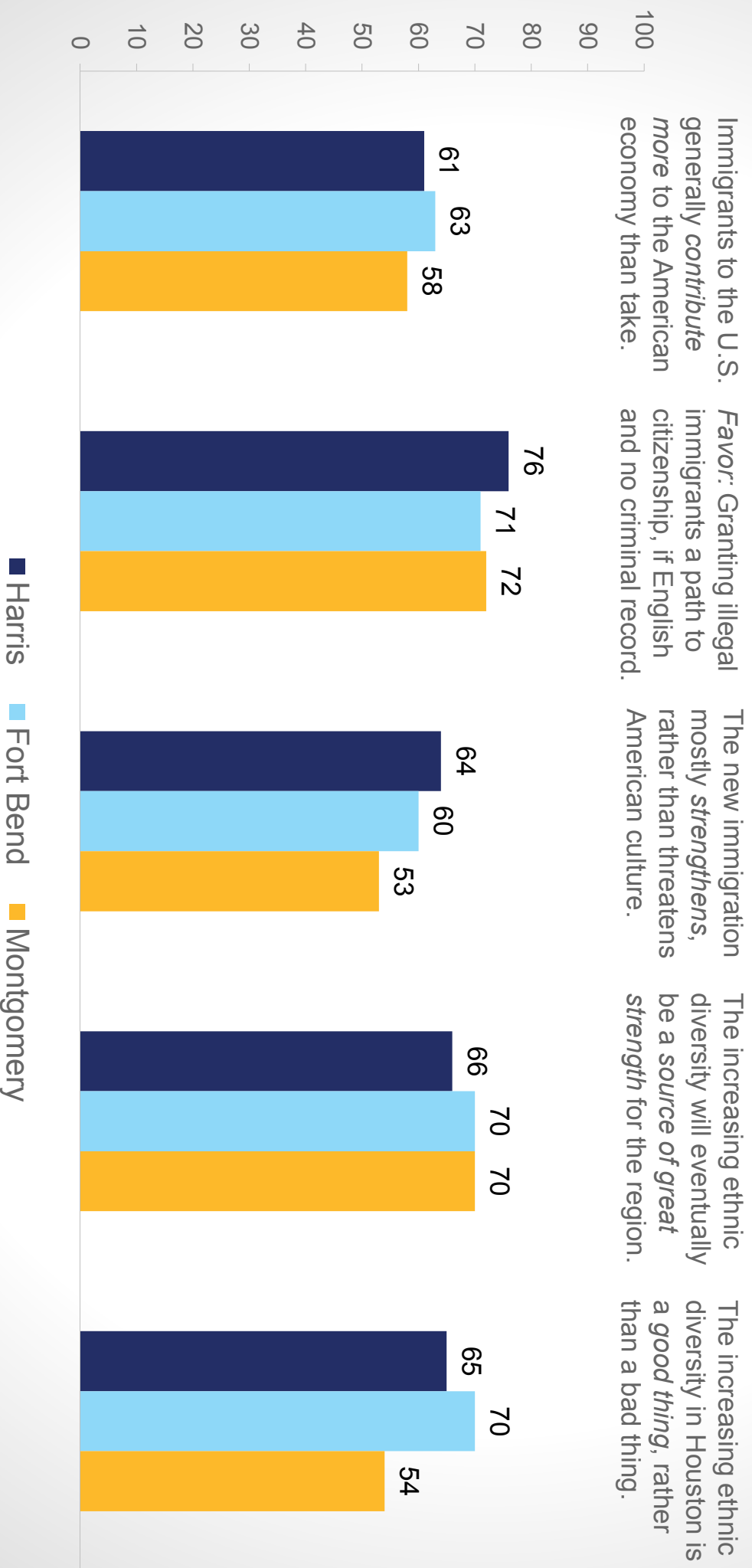
# Ethnicity and education in Houston's three largest counties (ACS, 2011-2015)



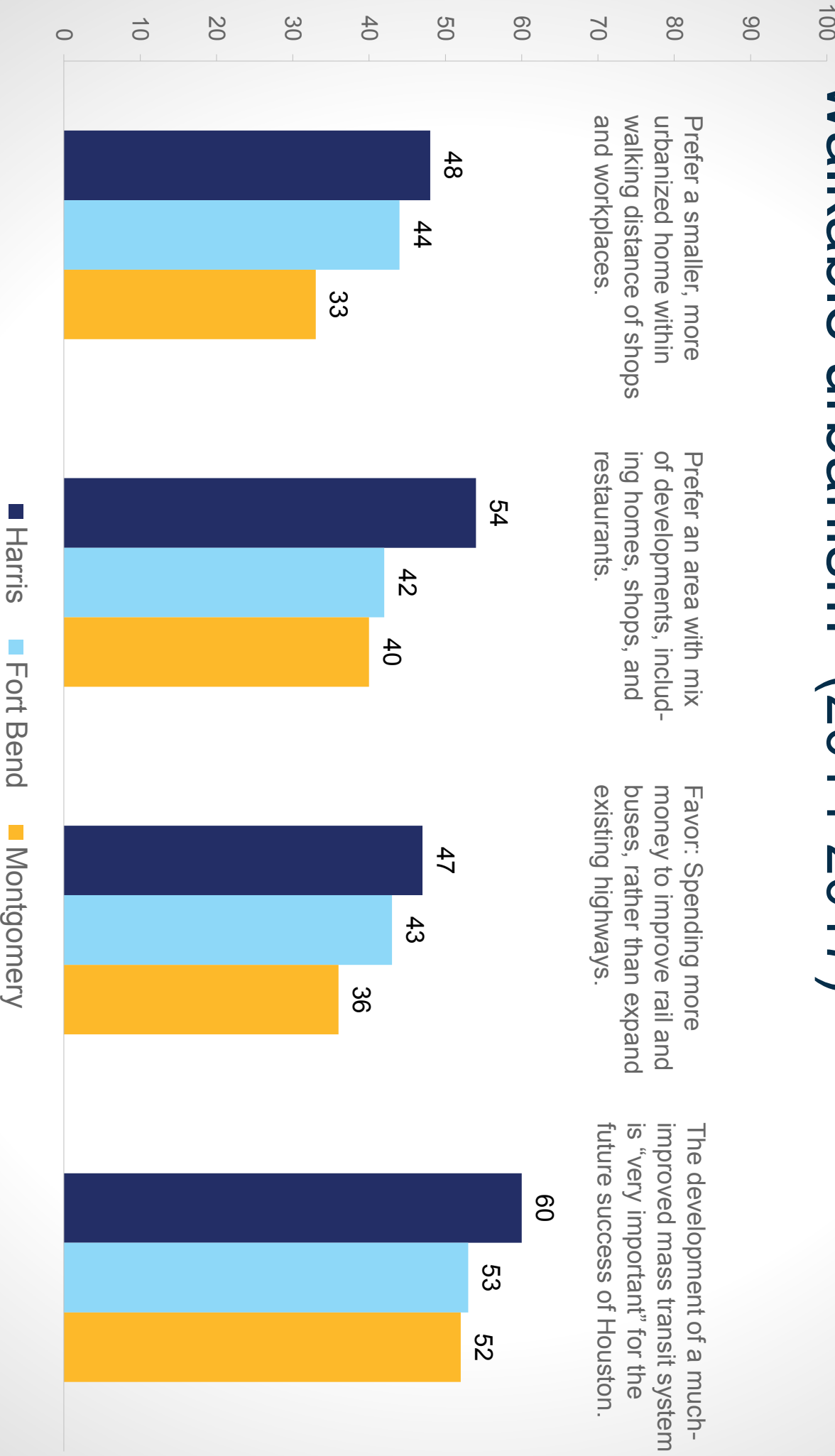
# County differences in political party affiliation (2014-2017)



# Beliefs about immigration and ethnic diversity in the three counties (2014-2017)

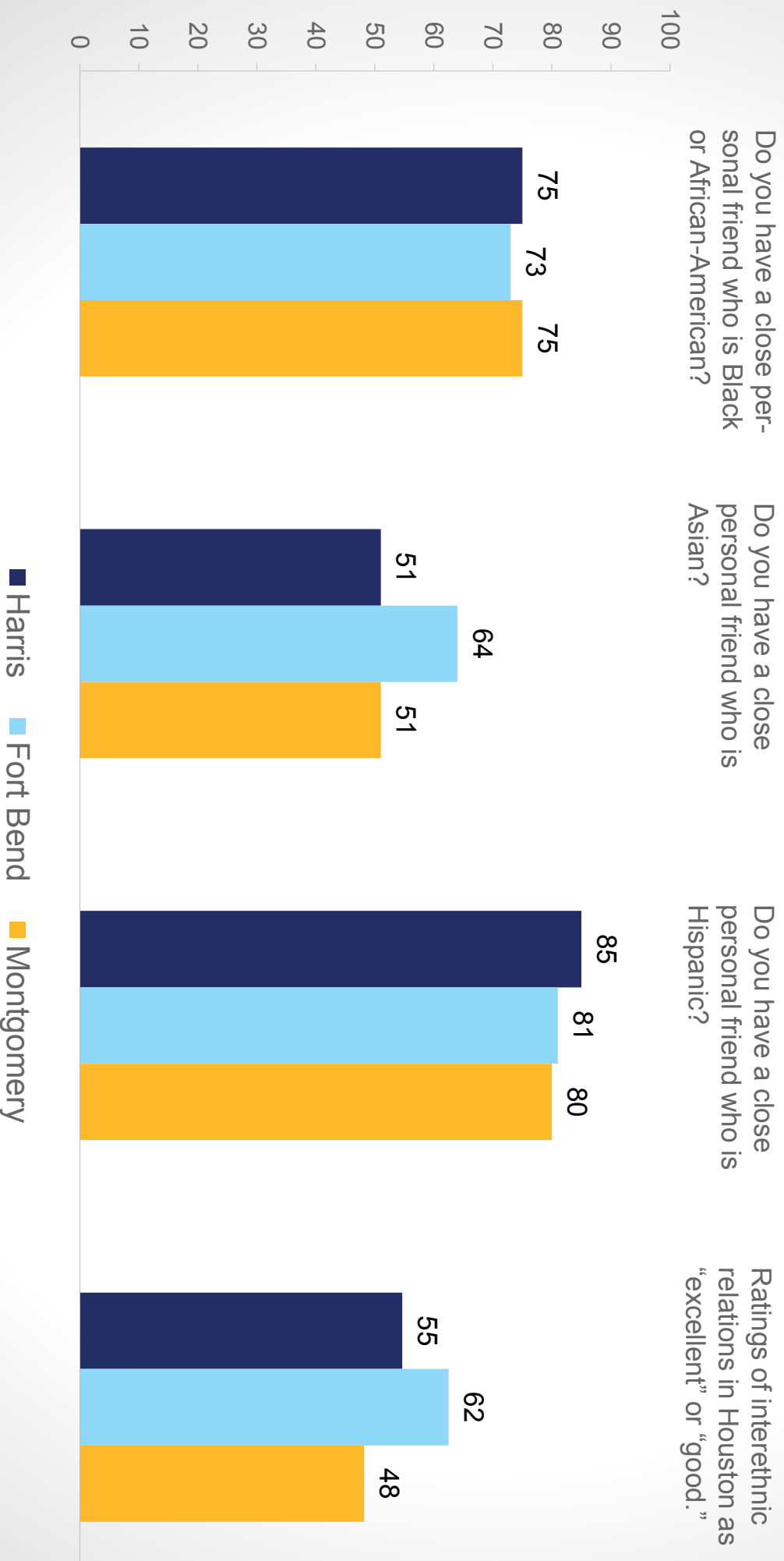


# County differences in the preference for “walkable urbanism” (2014-2017)

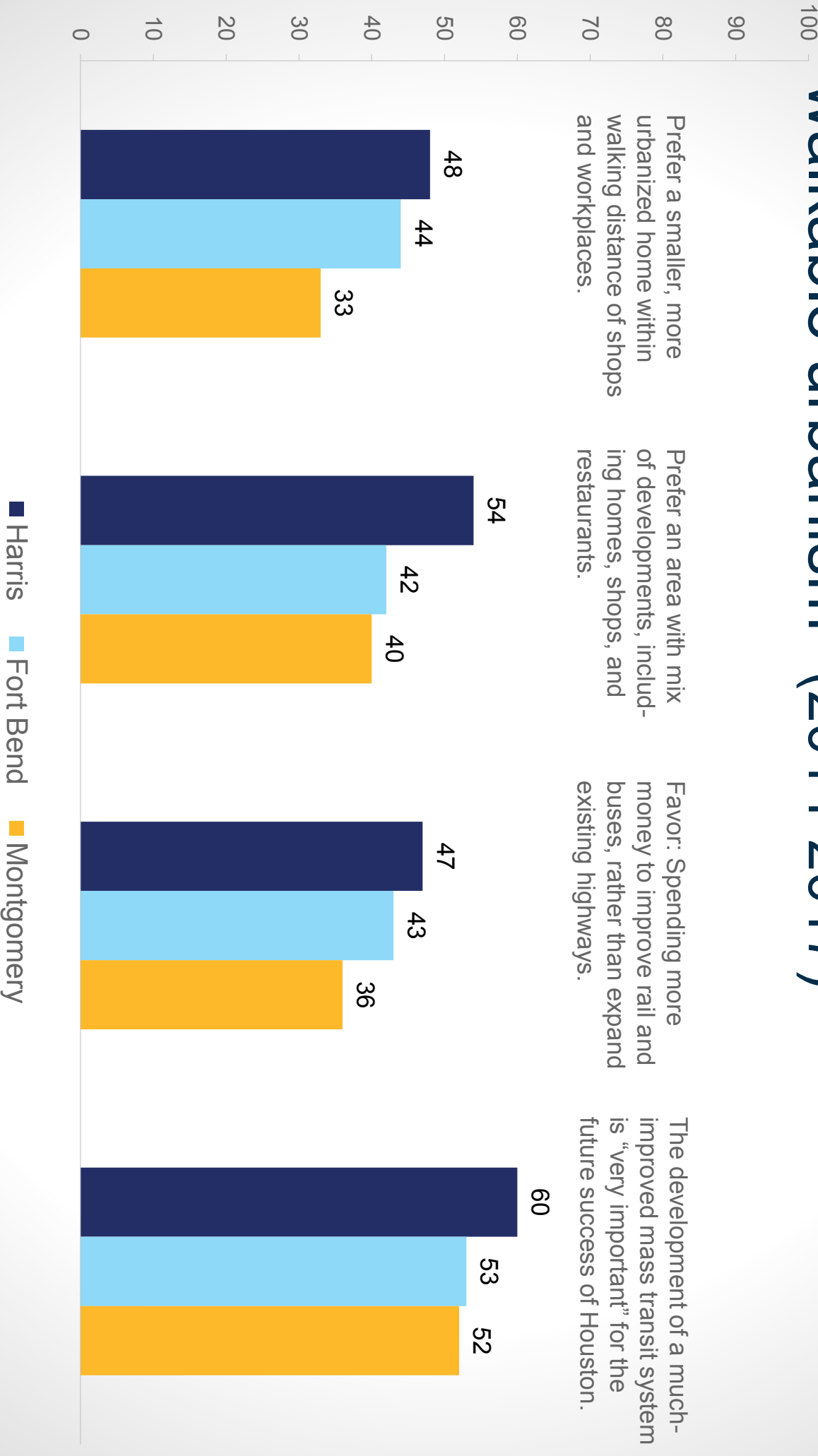




# Assessments of interethnic relations in the three counties, among Anglos only (2014-2017)



# County differences in the preference for “walkable urbanism” (2014-2017)



# Today's pro-growth agenda

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