

Changing America. Prophetic City: At the Cusp of a

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

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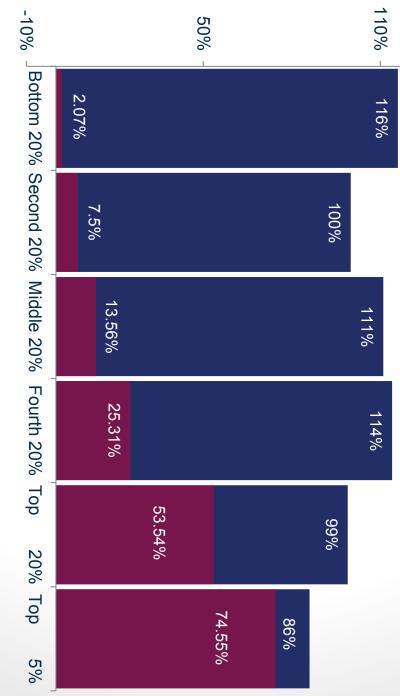
samples of Harris County residents, focused on three central issues: Thirty-six years of systematic interviews with successive representative

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

Percent increase in before-tax income



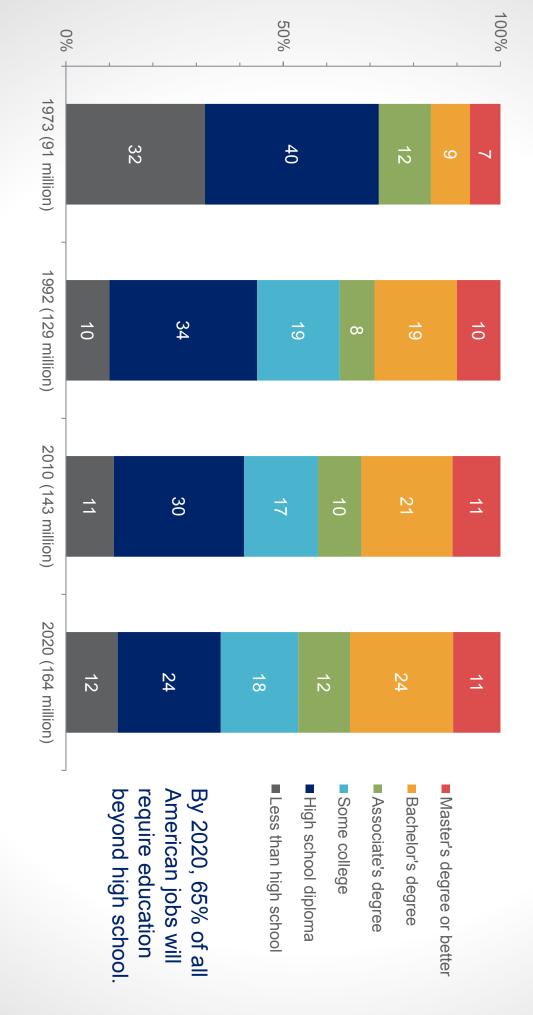
The past 36 years have been marked by growing income inequalities.



- The 30 years after World War II (1949-1979)
- The past 36 years (1980-2015)



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

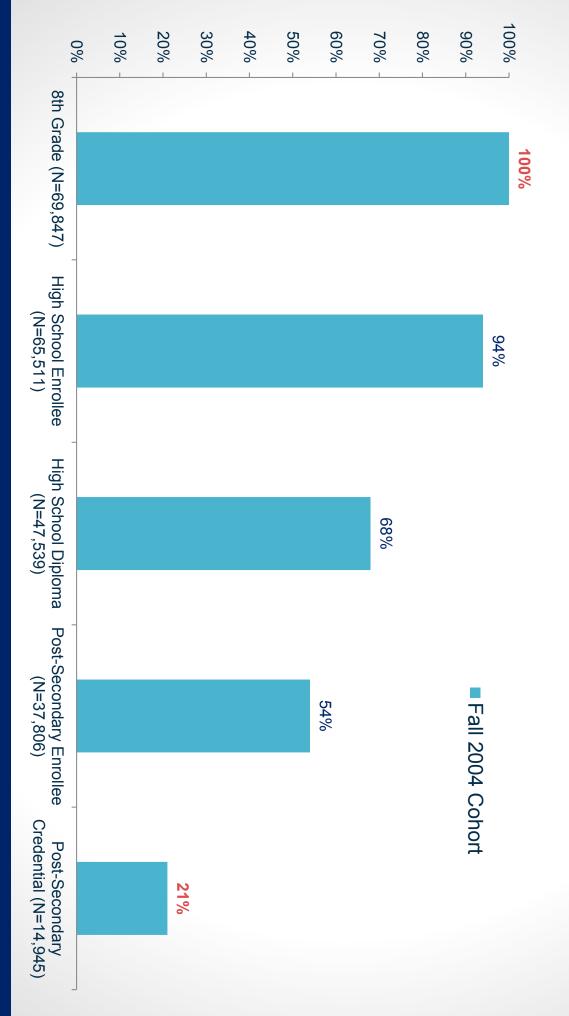


Year and Number of Available Jobs



Source: TEA Division of Performance Reporting for Region 4, Texas Academic Performance Reports 2014-15 District Attendance and Postsecondary Readiness Report.

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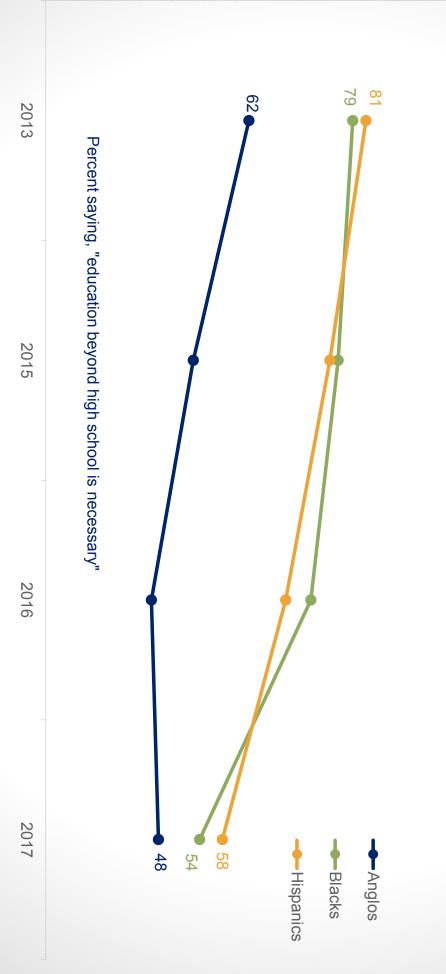
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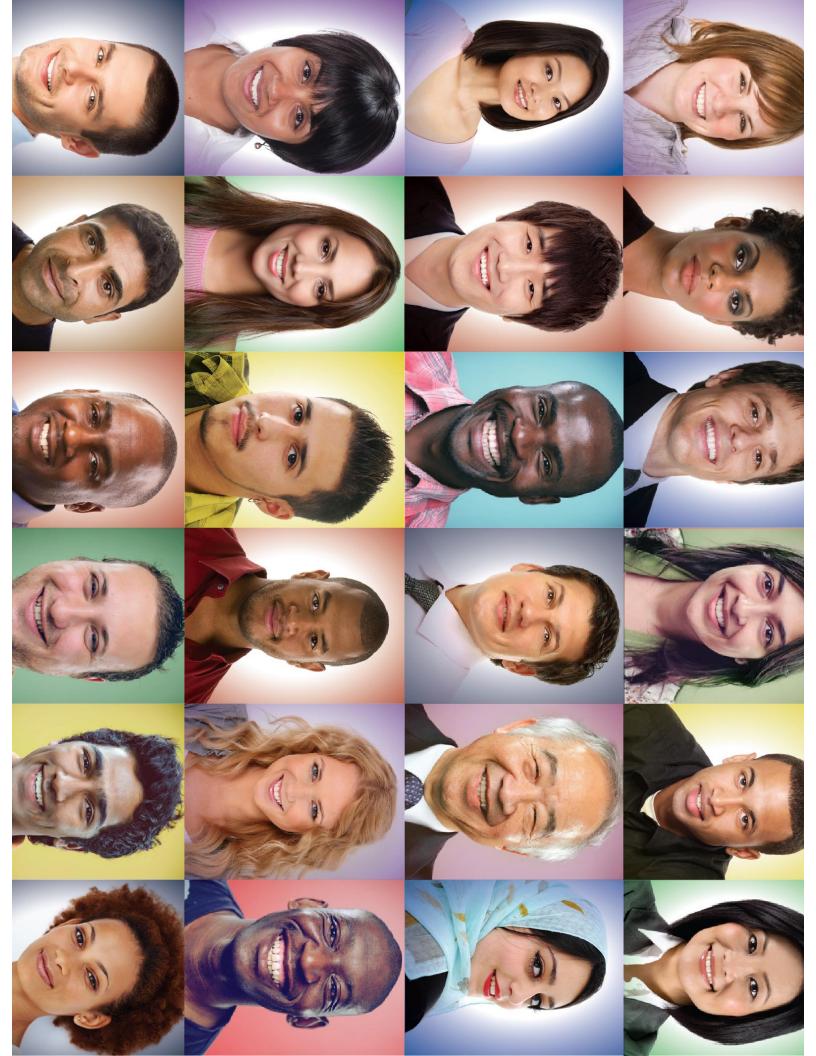
beyond high school, by ethnicity (2013-2017) The perceived importance of education

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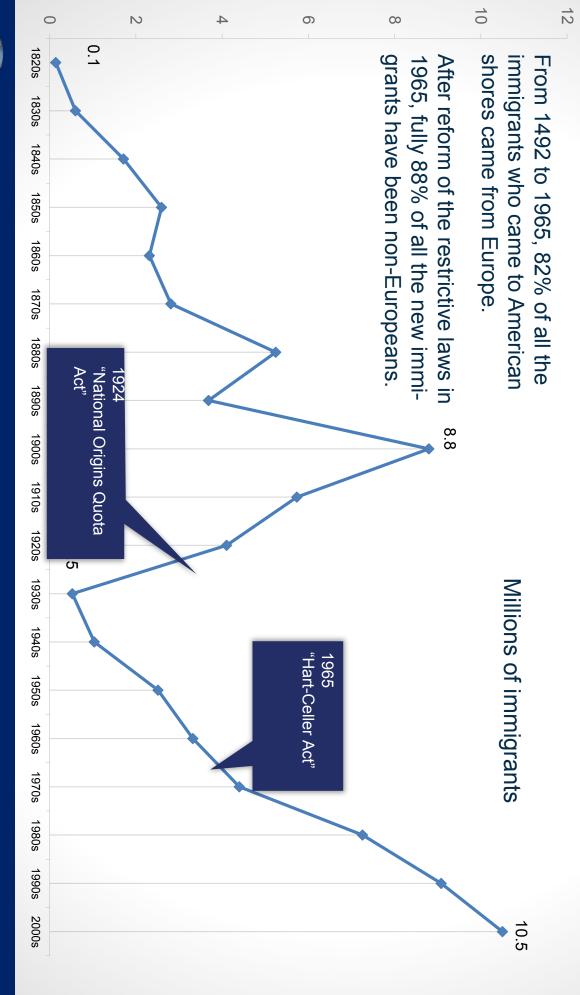
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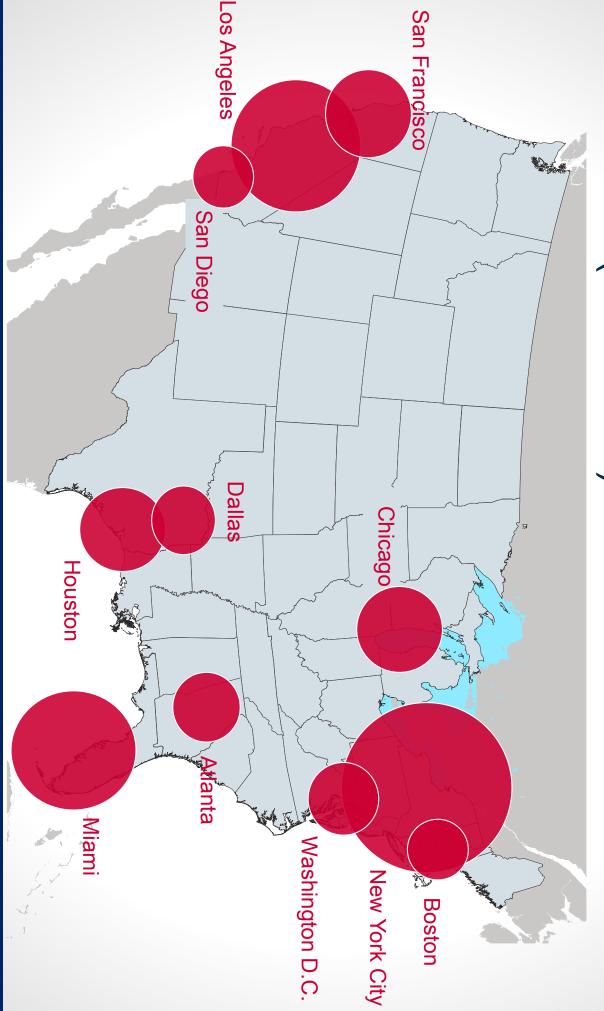




by decade (1820-2010) The number of documented U.S. immigrants,

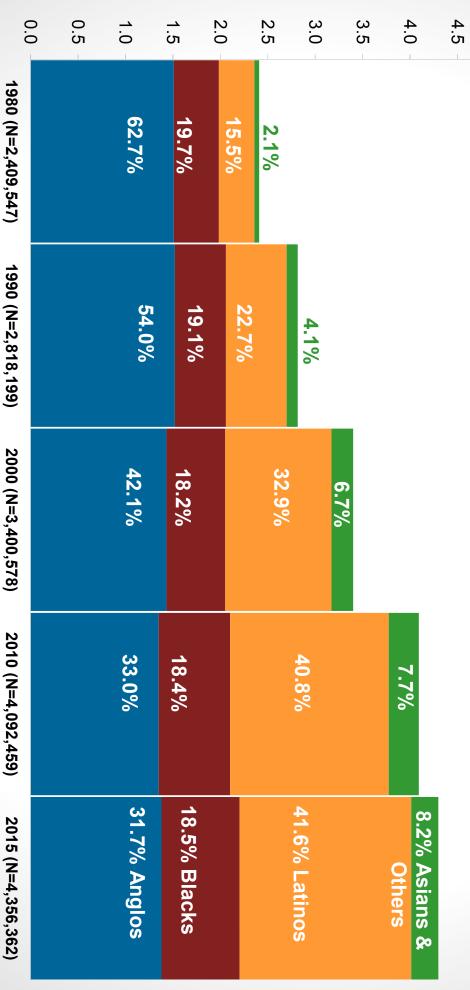


Cities with large numbers of foreign born residents (2010-2014)



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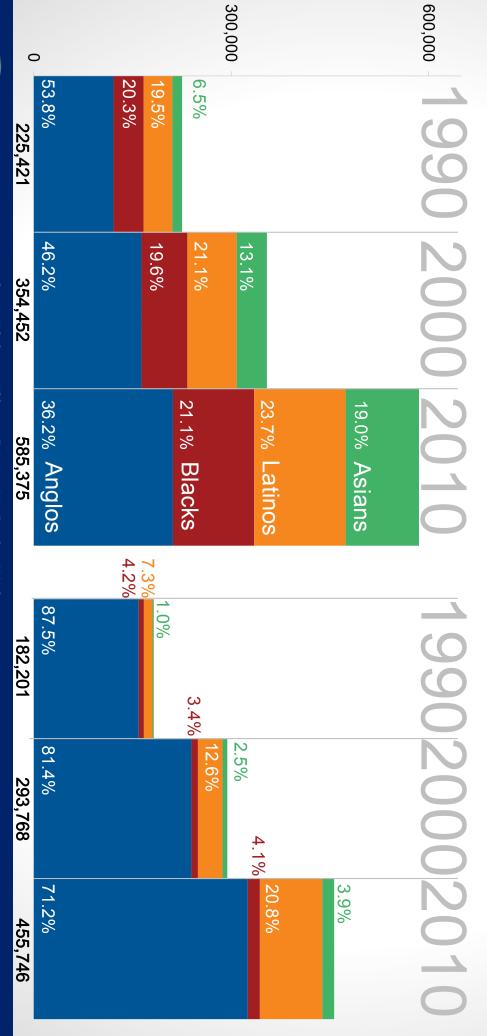




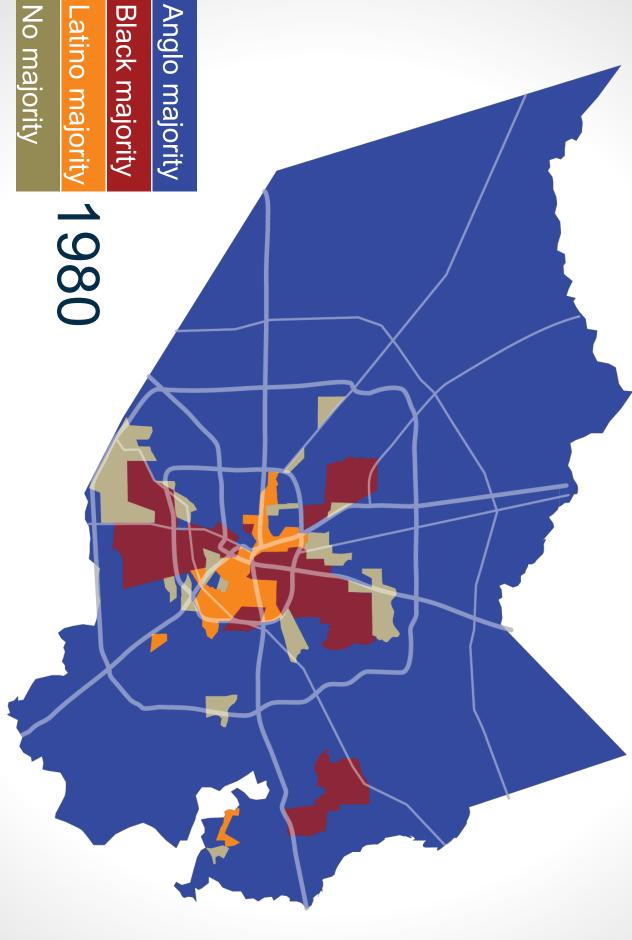
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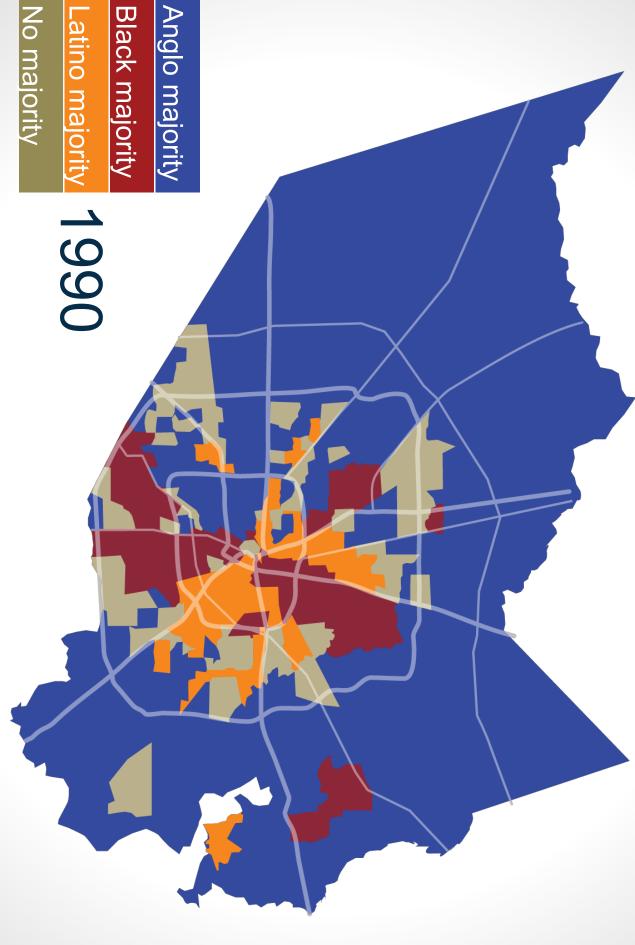
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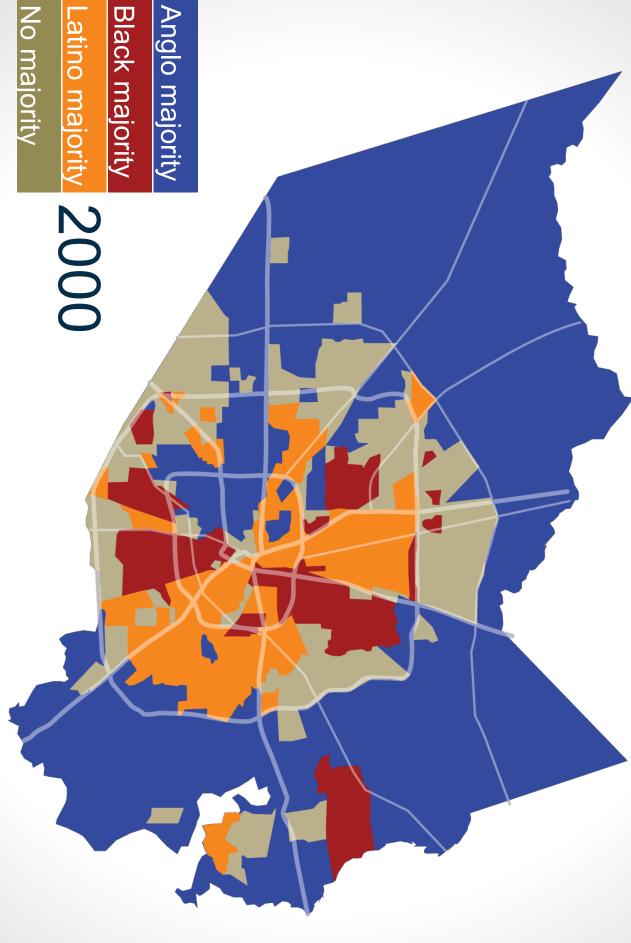


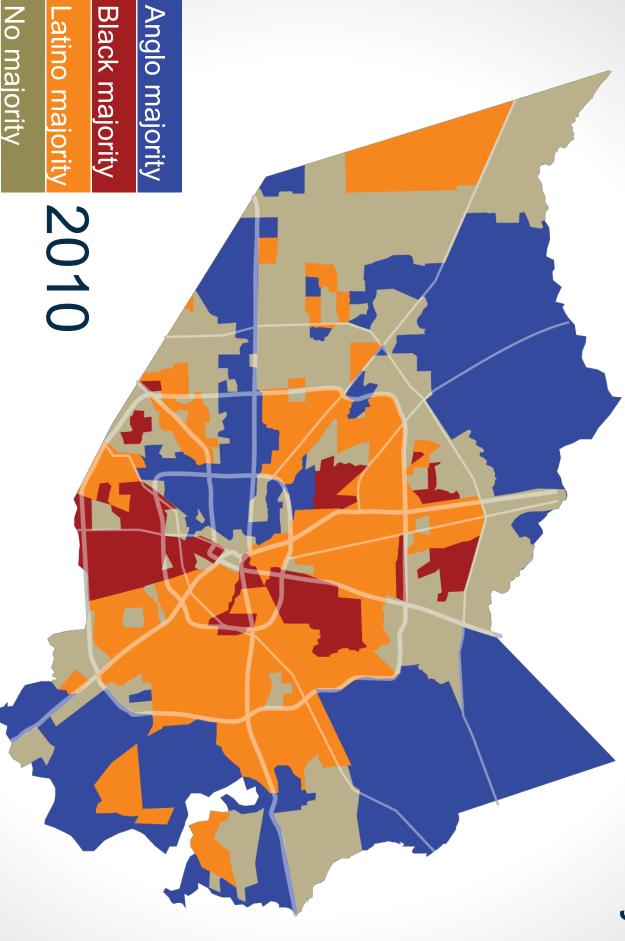


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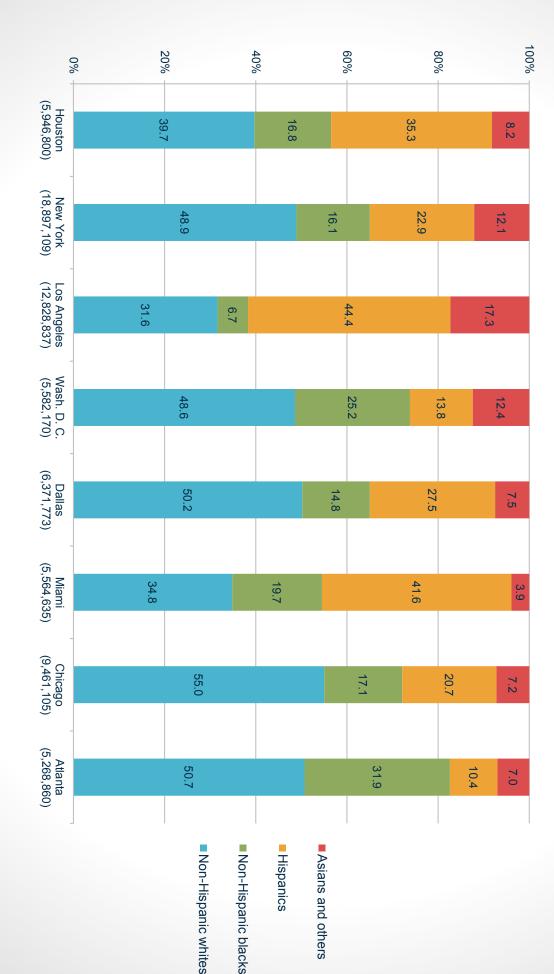
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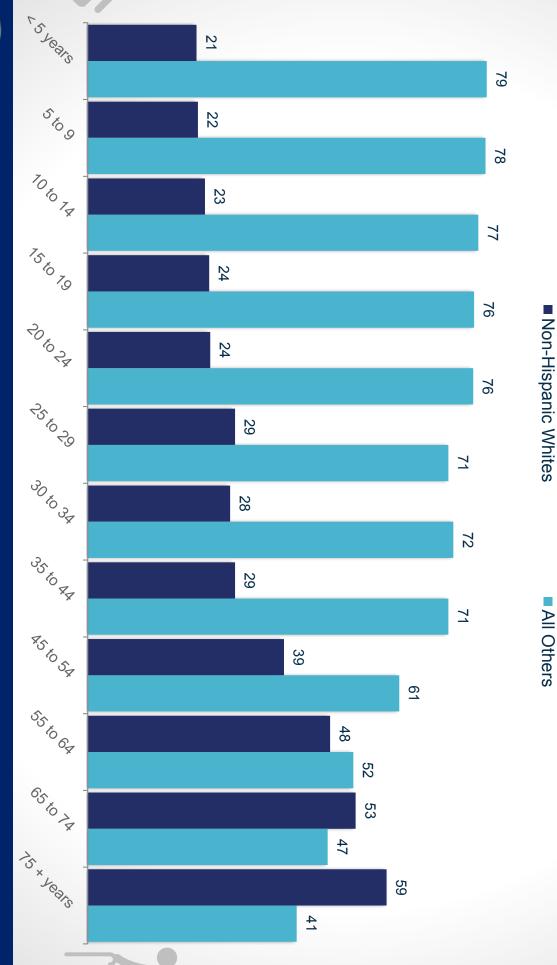
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large metro areas in America (Census, 2010) The demographics of the 8 most diverse



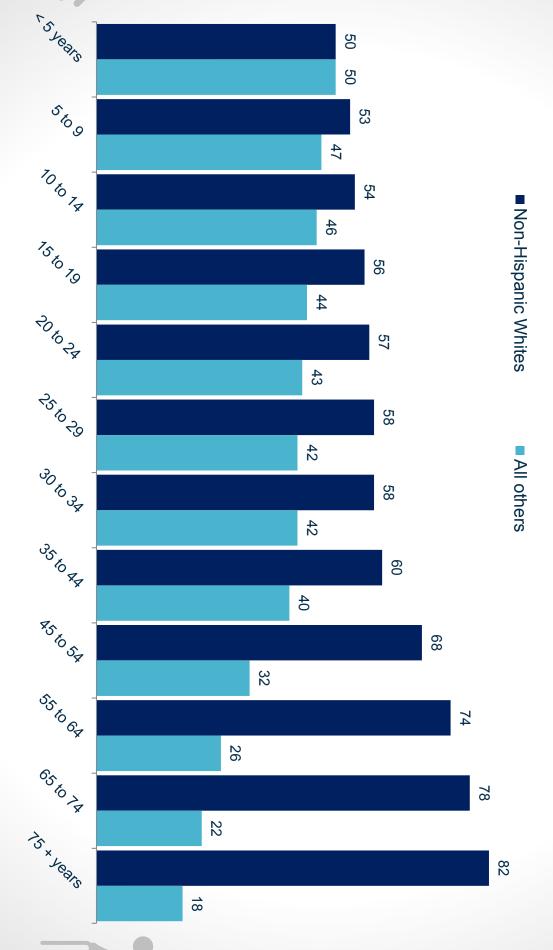
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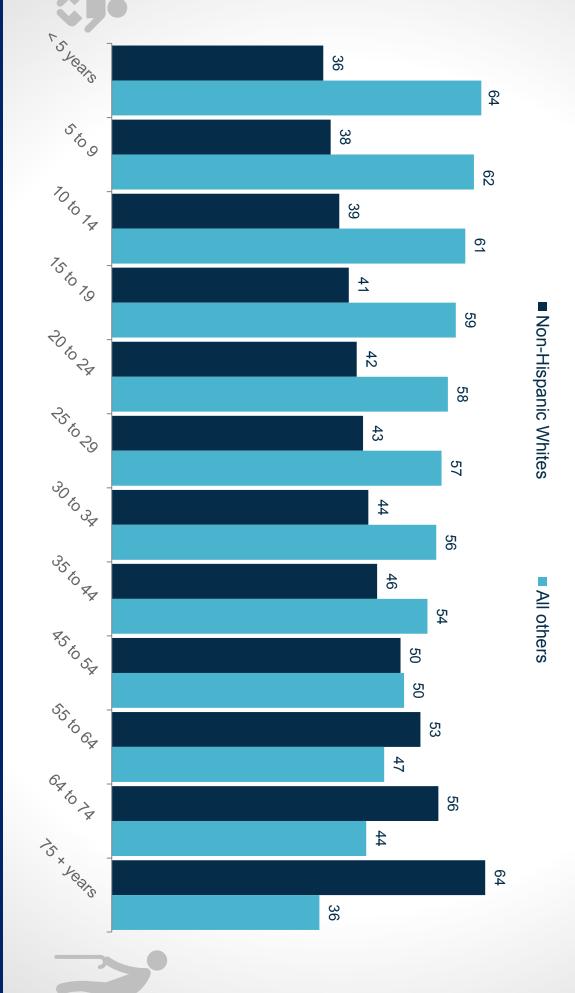
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by age group and ethnicity (ACS, 2009-2014) The current population of the United States



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



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

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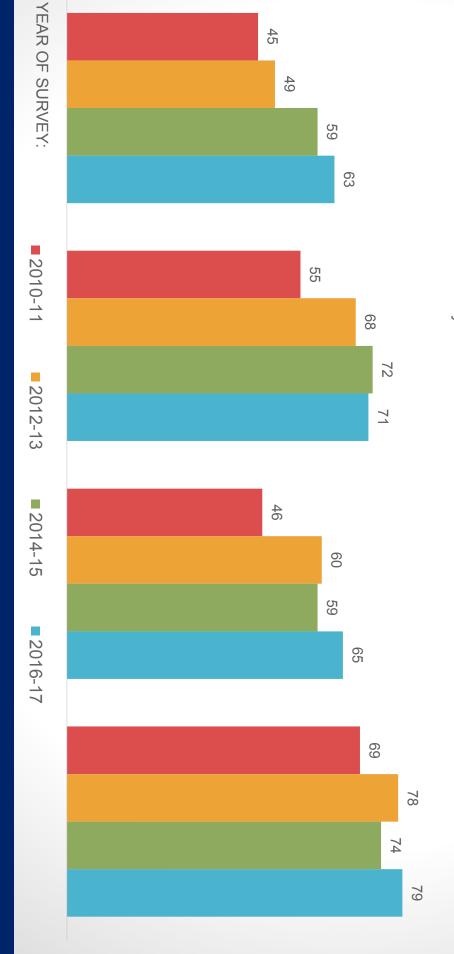
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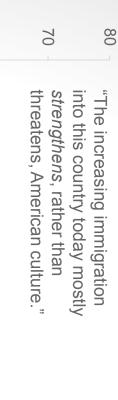
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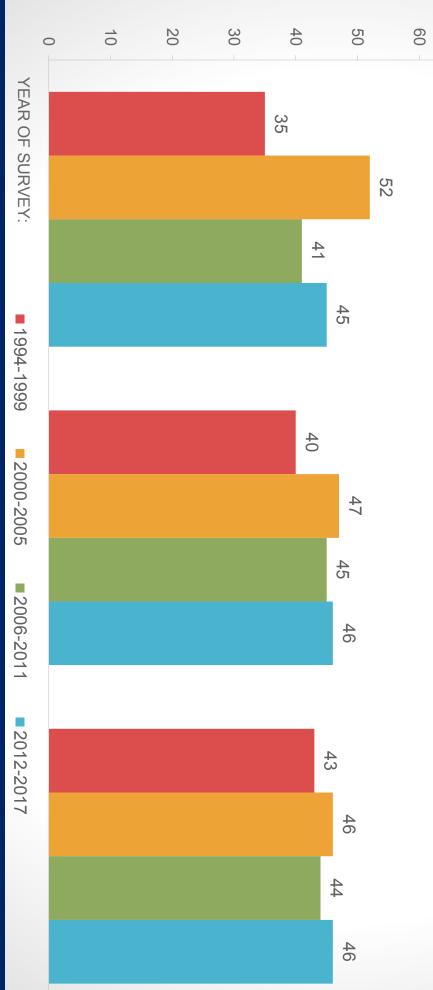
Boomers (born 1946-1964) in four periods Attitudes toward immigration among Anglo Baby



PERCENT AGREEING

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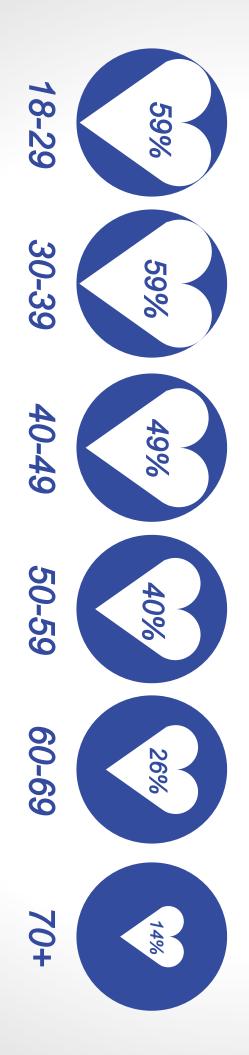




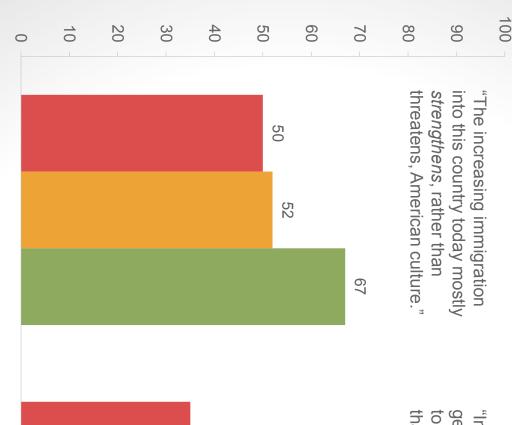
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among Anglos (2007, 2011, 2014, 2016 combined) Interethnic romantic relationships by age

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



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

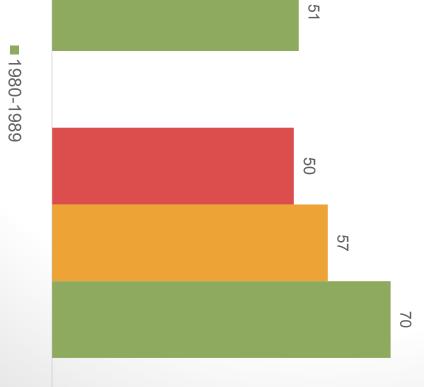


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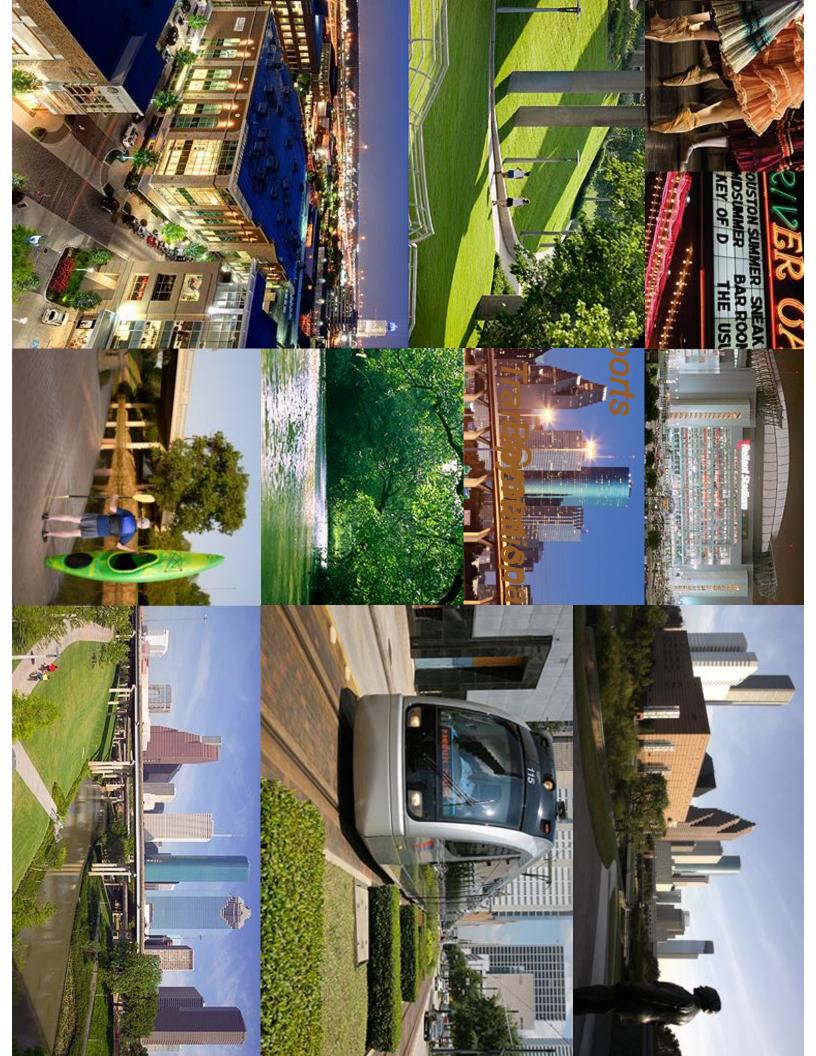
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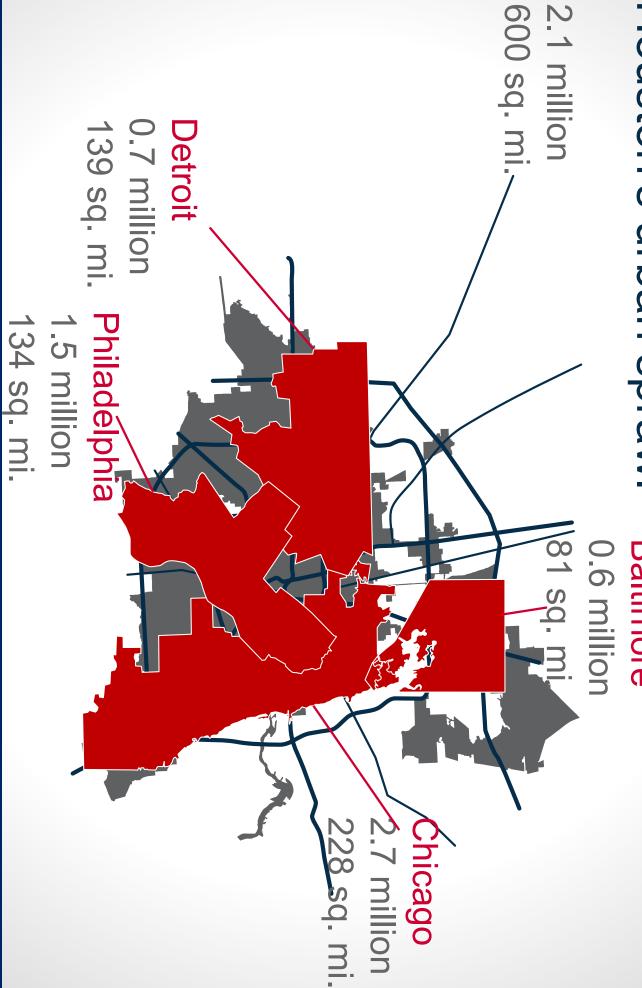
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Houston's urban sprawl **Baltimore**

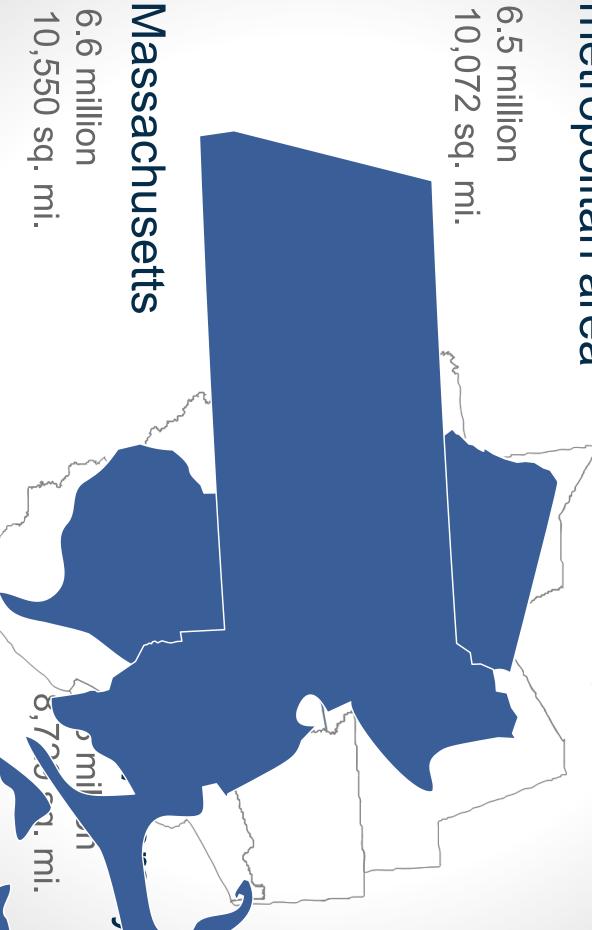




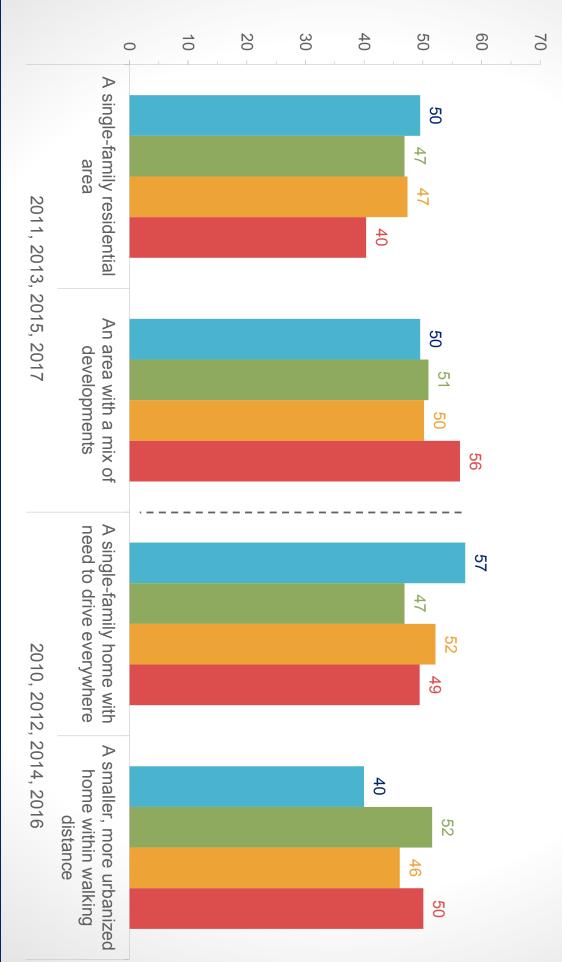
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among Harris County residents (2011-2017) The preference for "walkable urbanism"

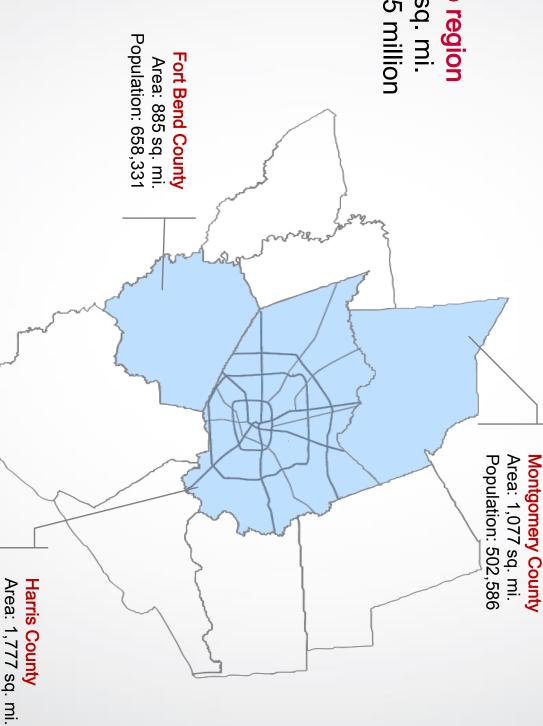


nine-county metropolitan area The three largest counties in the

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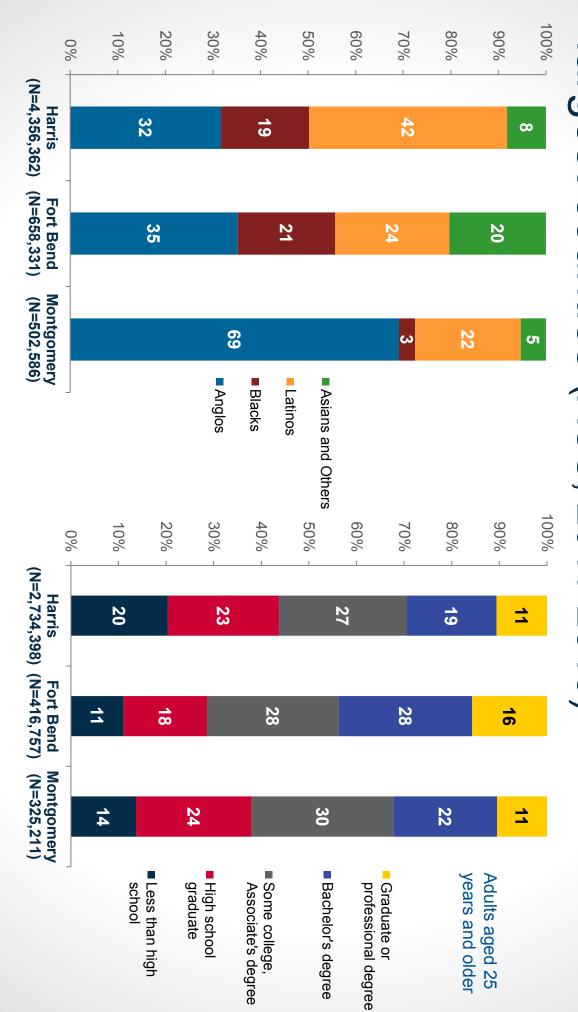


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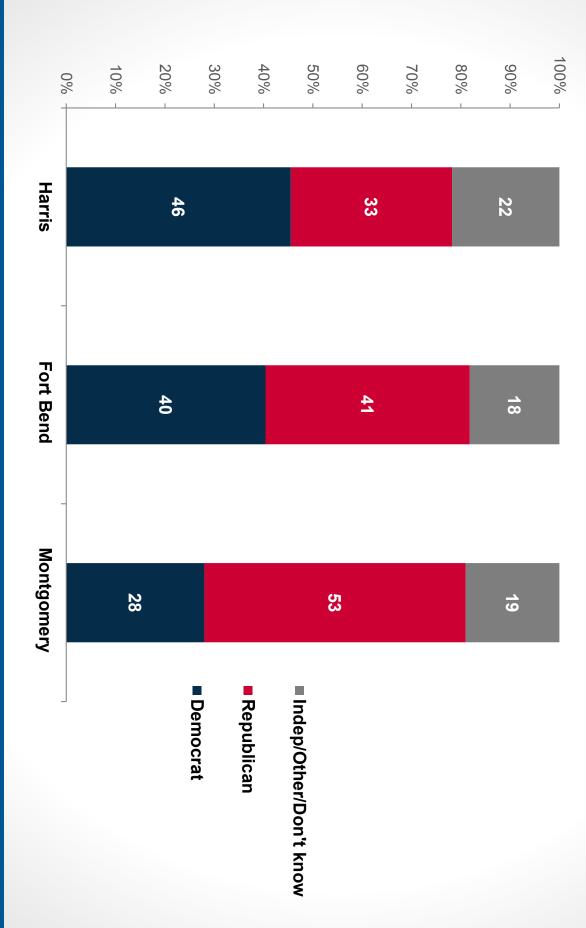
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Ethnicity and education in Houston's three largest counties (ACS, 2011-2015)





County differences in political party affiliation (2014-2017)



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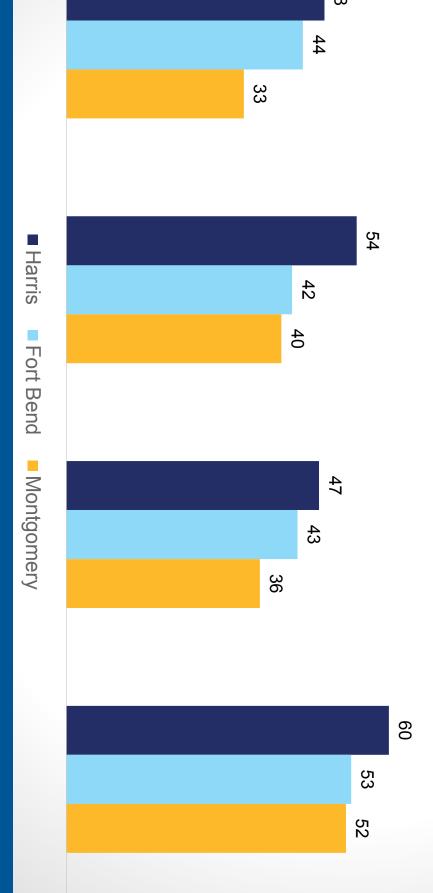
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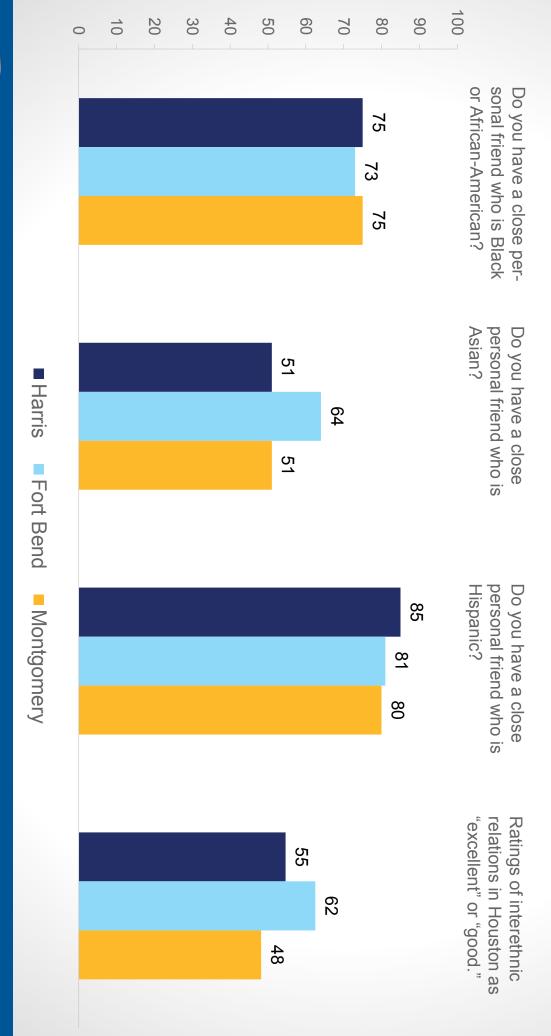
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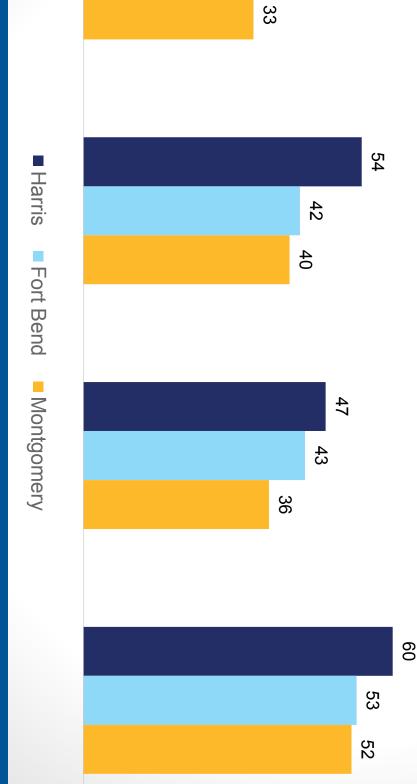
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