

The Foreign-Born Population in the United States

Since 1970, the foreign-born population has continued to increase in size and as a percent of the total population.

Today, the majority of foreign born are from Latin America and Asia.

Considerable differences exist among the different country-of-birth groups in various characteristics.

About 1 in 4 children under 18 in families have at least one foreign-born parent.

Defining Nativity Status: Foreign Born and Native Born

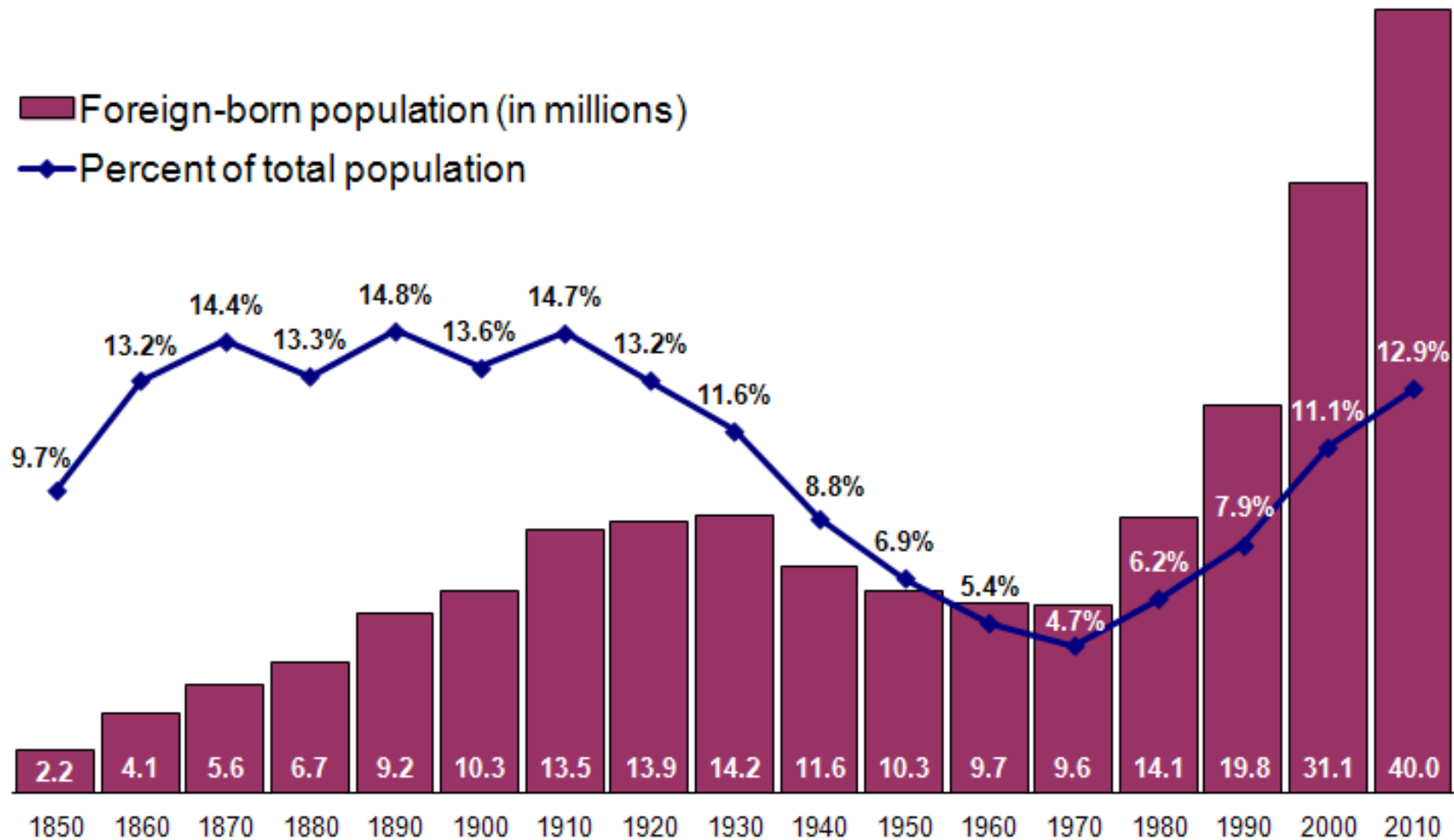
Native born – Anyone who *is* a U.S. citizen at birth

- Born in the United States
- Born in Puerto Rico
- Born in a U.S. Island Area (e.g., Guam)
- Born abroad of U.S. citizen parent(s)

Foreign born – Anyone who *is not* a U.S. citizen at birth

- Naturalized U.S. citizens
- Legal permanent residents
- Temporary migrants
- Humanitarian migrants
- Unauthorized migrants

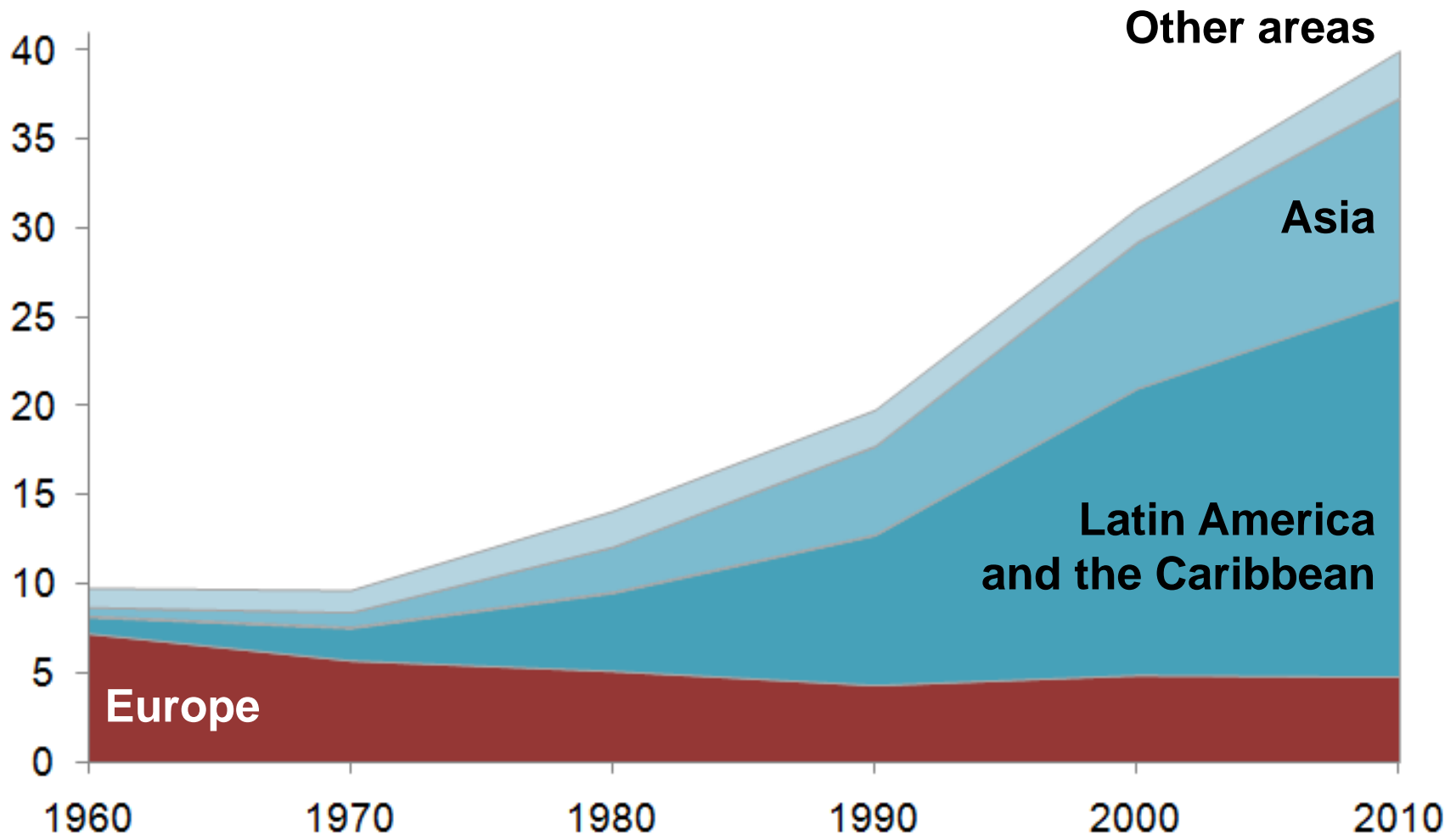
Foreign-Born Population and Percentage of Total Population, for the United States: 1850 to 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1850 to 2000, and the American Community Survey, 2010.

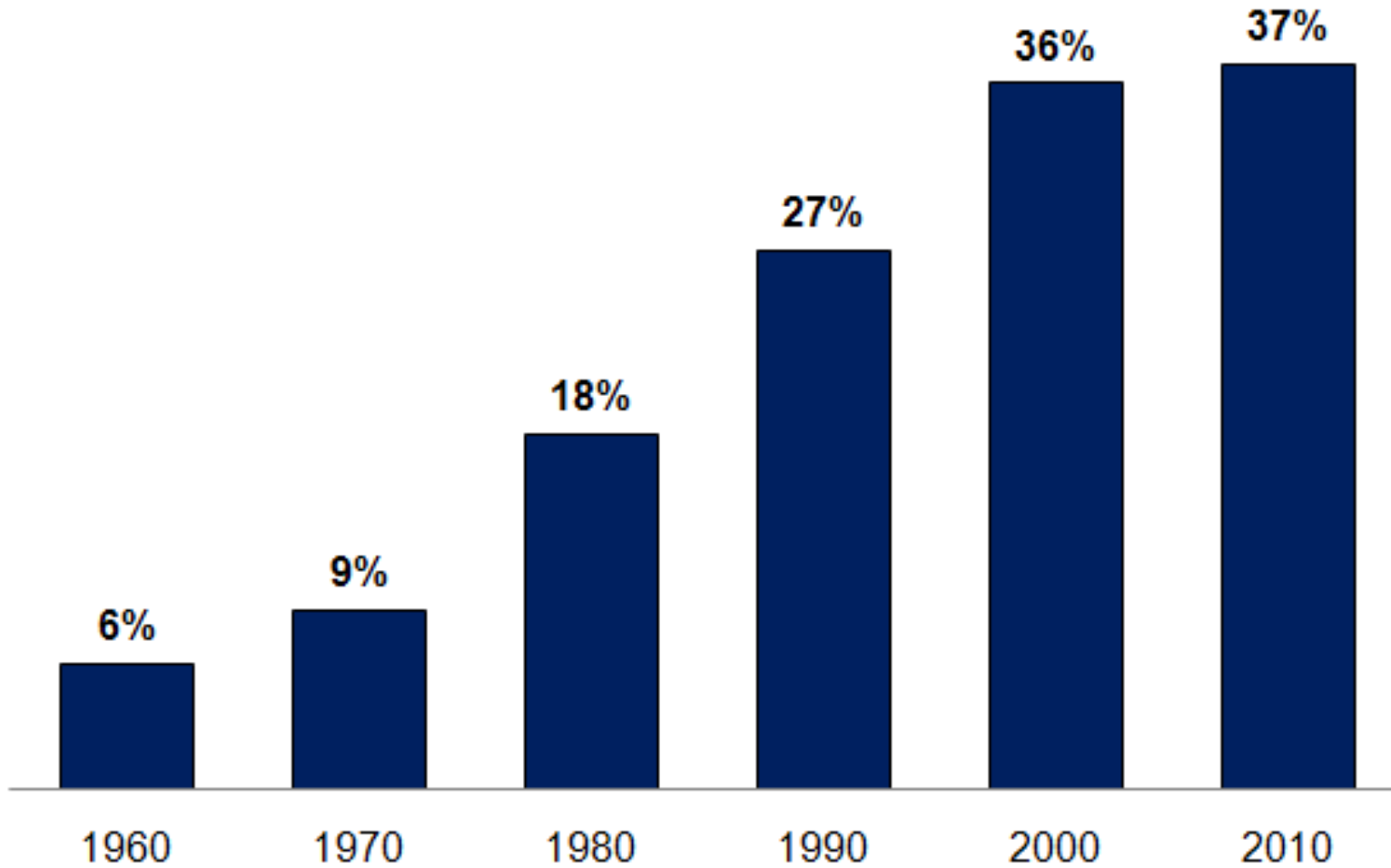
Foreign-Born Population by Region of Birth: 1960 to 2010

(Numbers in millions)



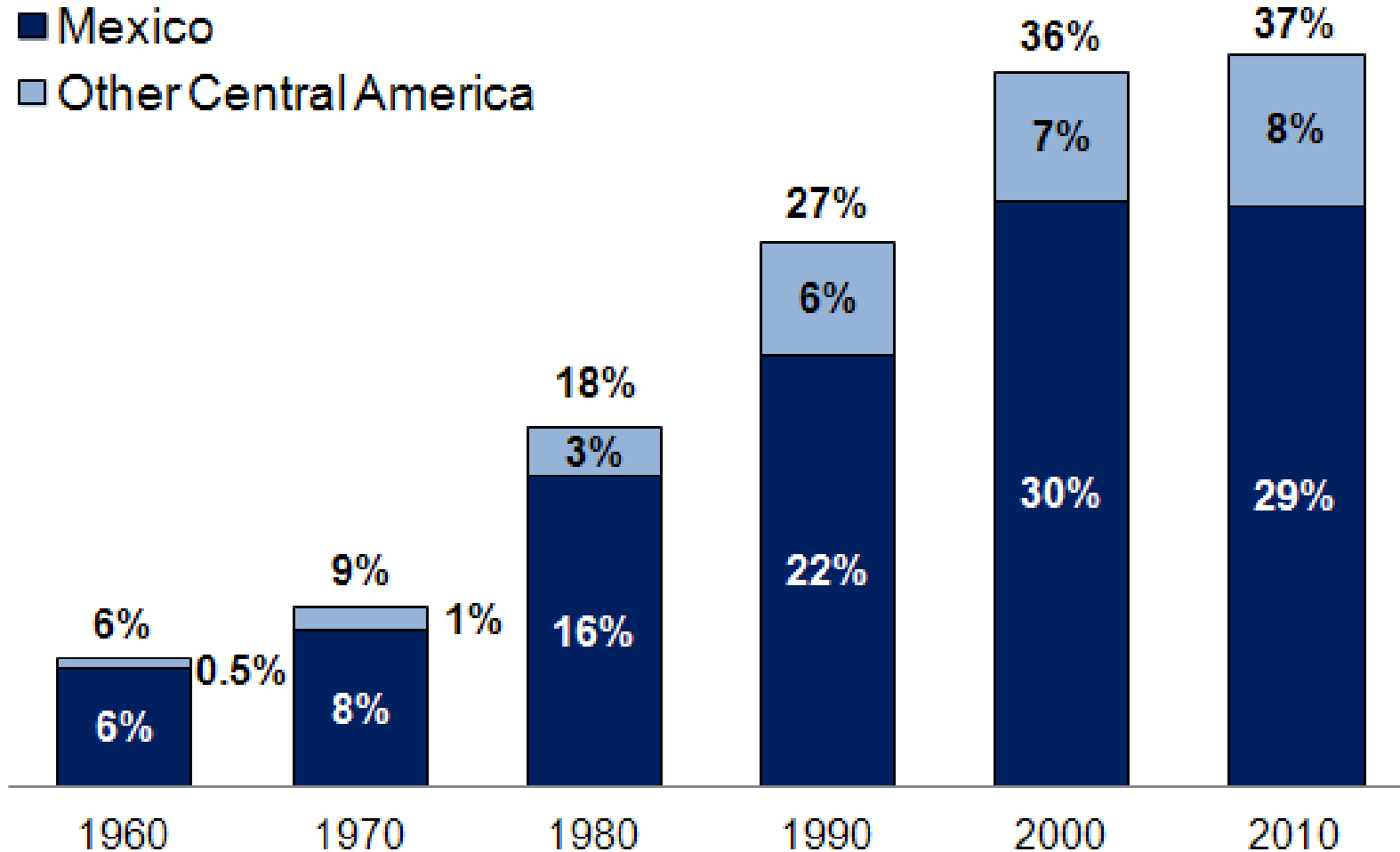
Note: Other areas includes Africa, Northern America, Oceania, born at sea, and not reported.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1960 to 2000 and the American Community Survey, 2010.

Percentage of the Foreign-Born Population from Central America: 1960 to 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1960 to 2000 and the American Community Survey, 2010.

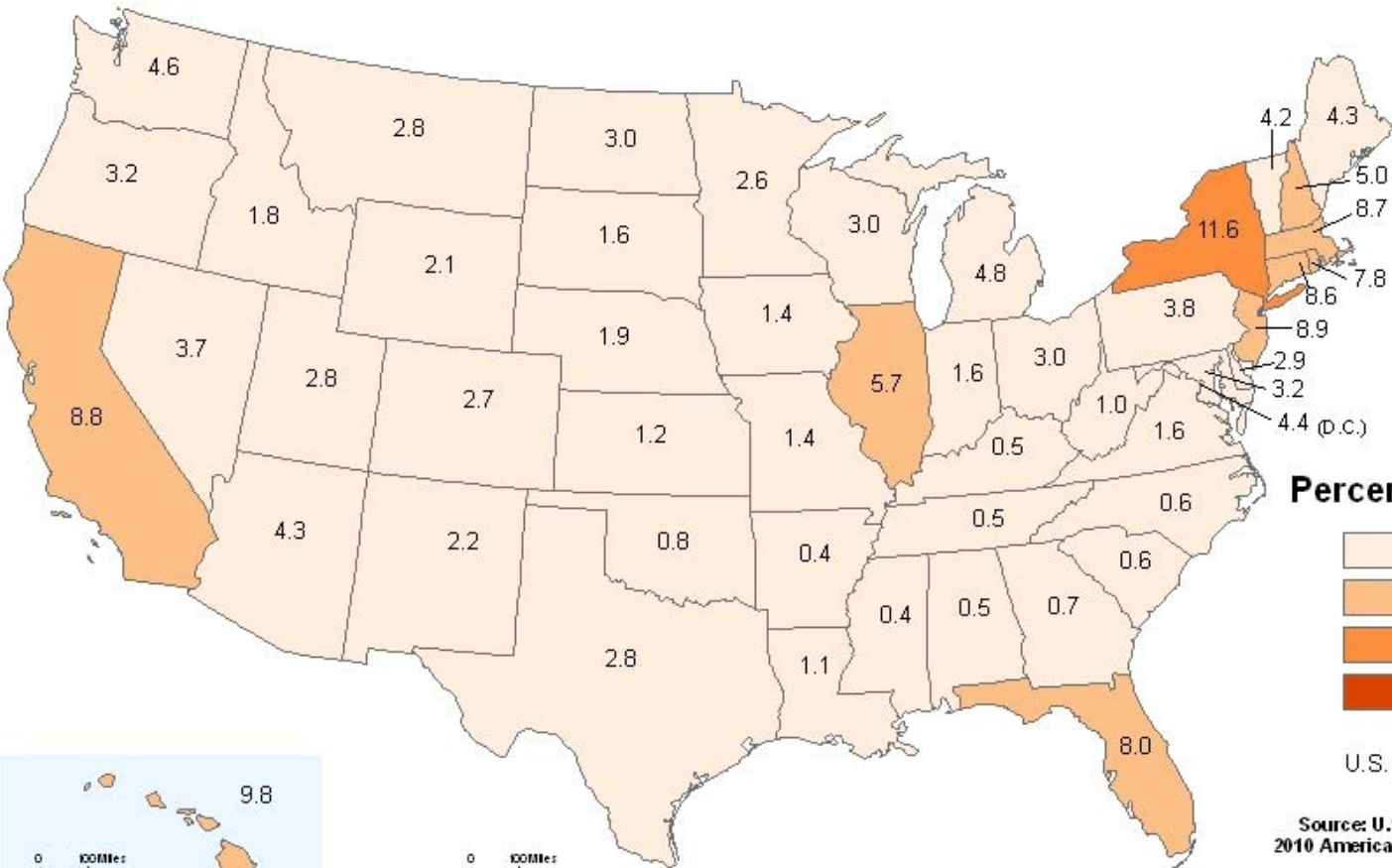
Percentage of the Foreign-Born Population from Mexico and Other Central America: 1960 to 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1960 to 2000 and the American Community Survey, 2010.

Foreign-Born Population as Percent of State Population: 1970

(Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/acsl/www)



Percent foreign born

- Less than 5.0
- 5.0 to 9.9
- 10.0 to 14.9
- 15.0 and over

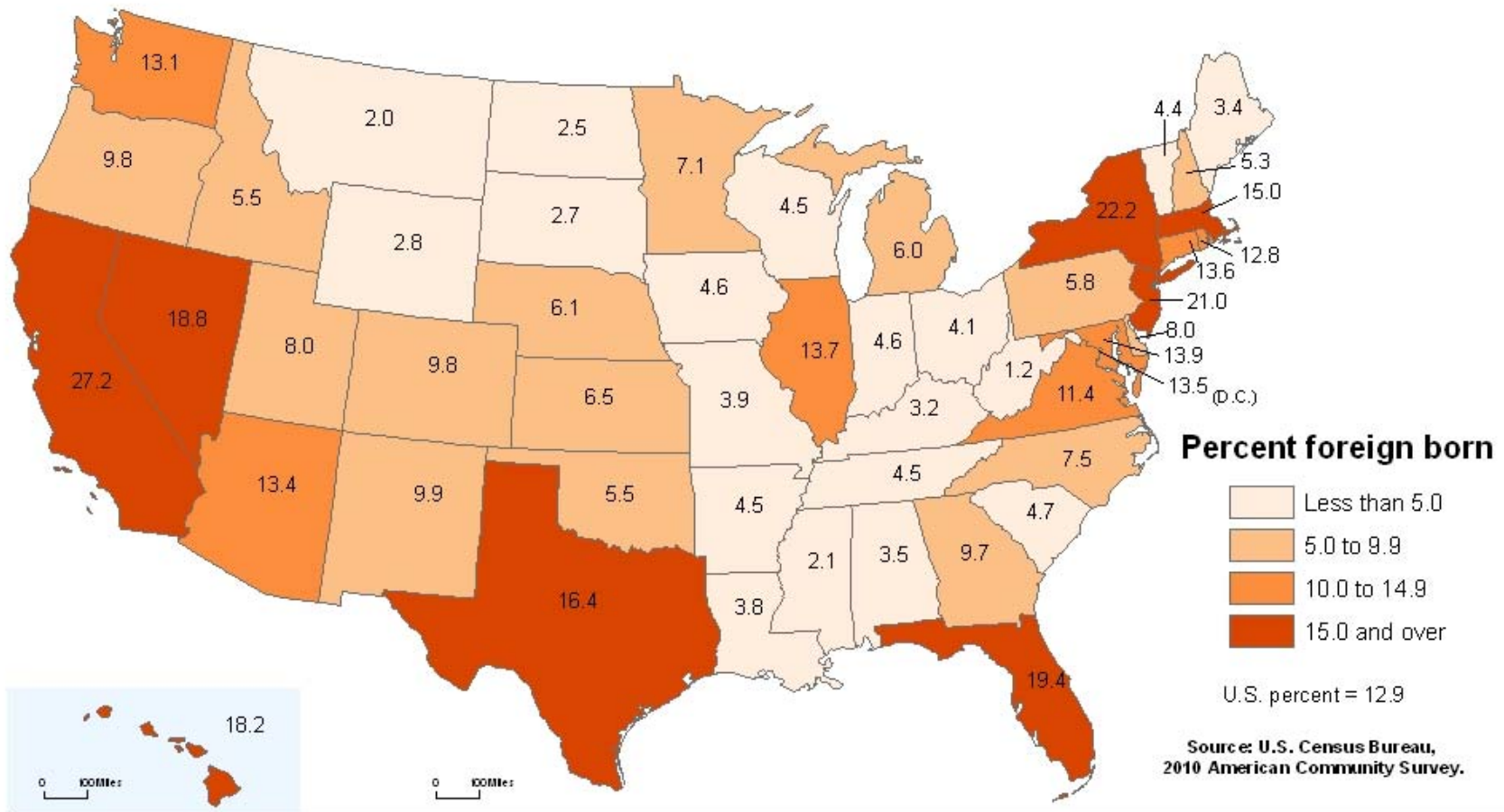
U.S. percent = 4.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey.

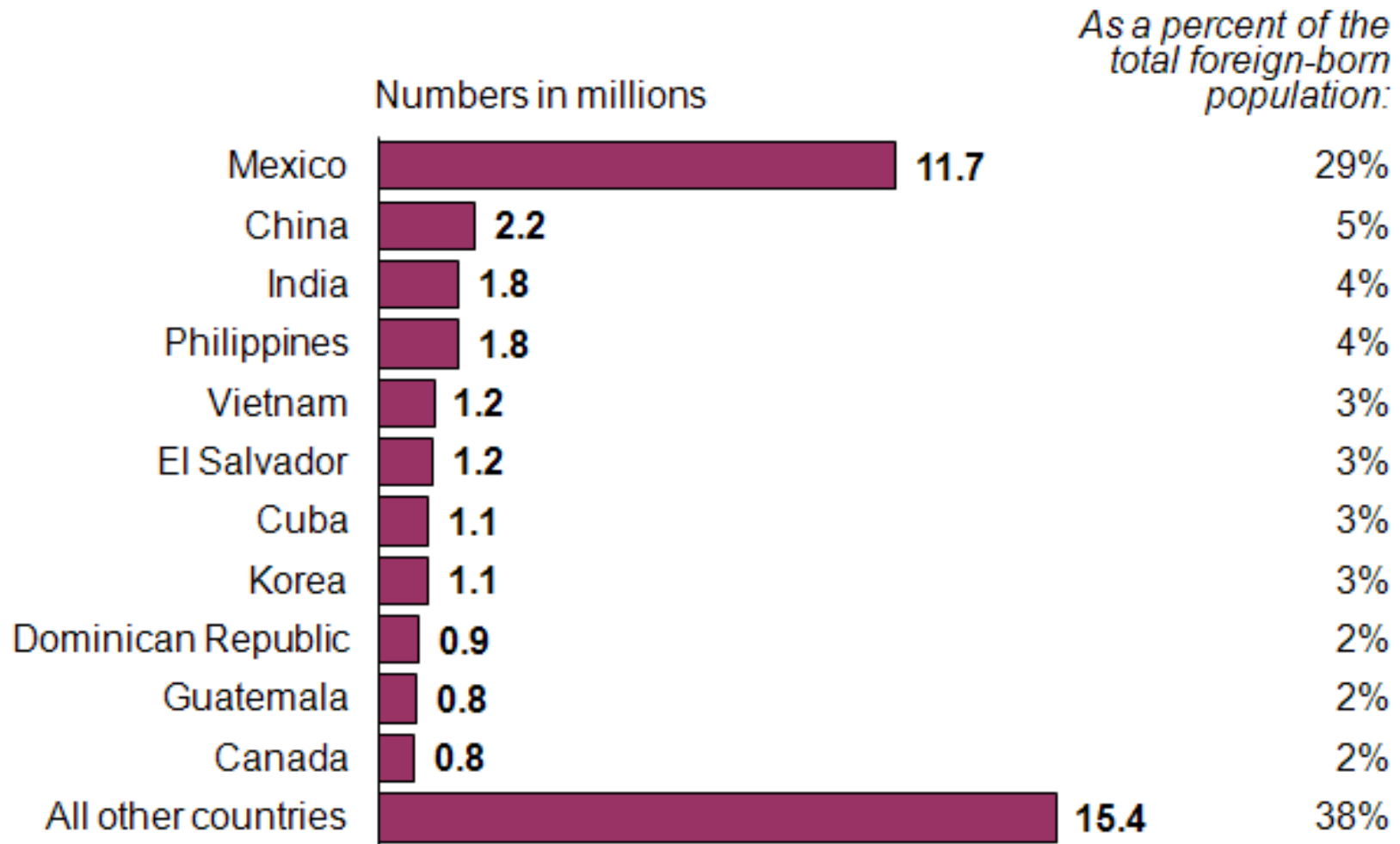


Foreign-Born Population as Percent of State Population: 2010

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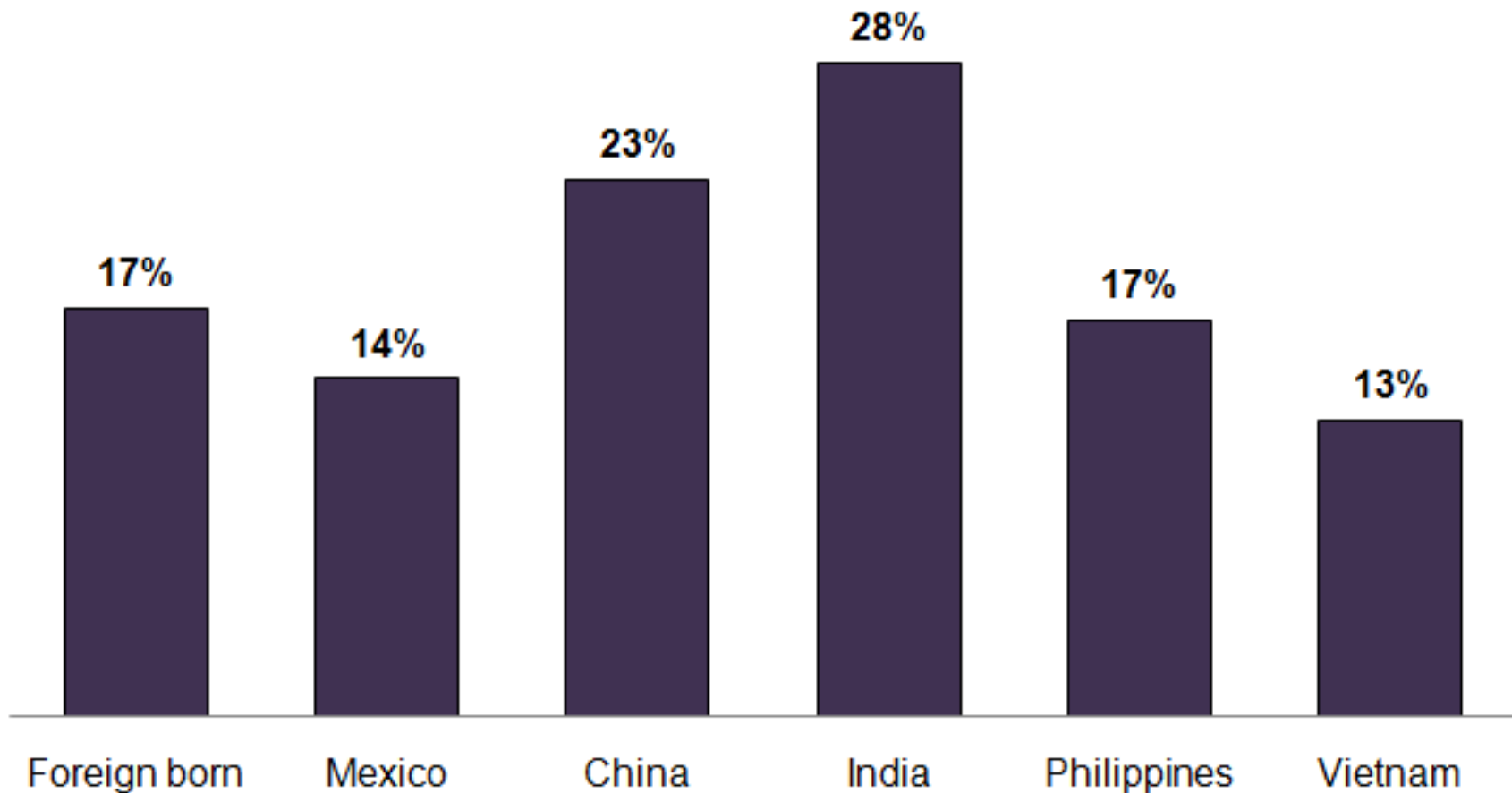


Foreign-Born Population by Country of Birth: 2010



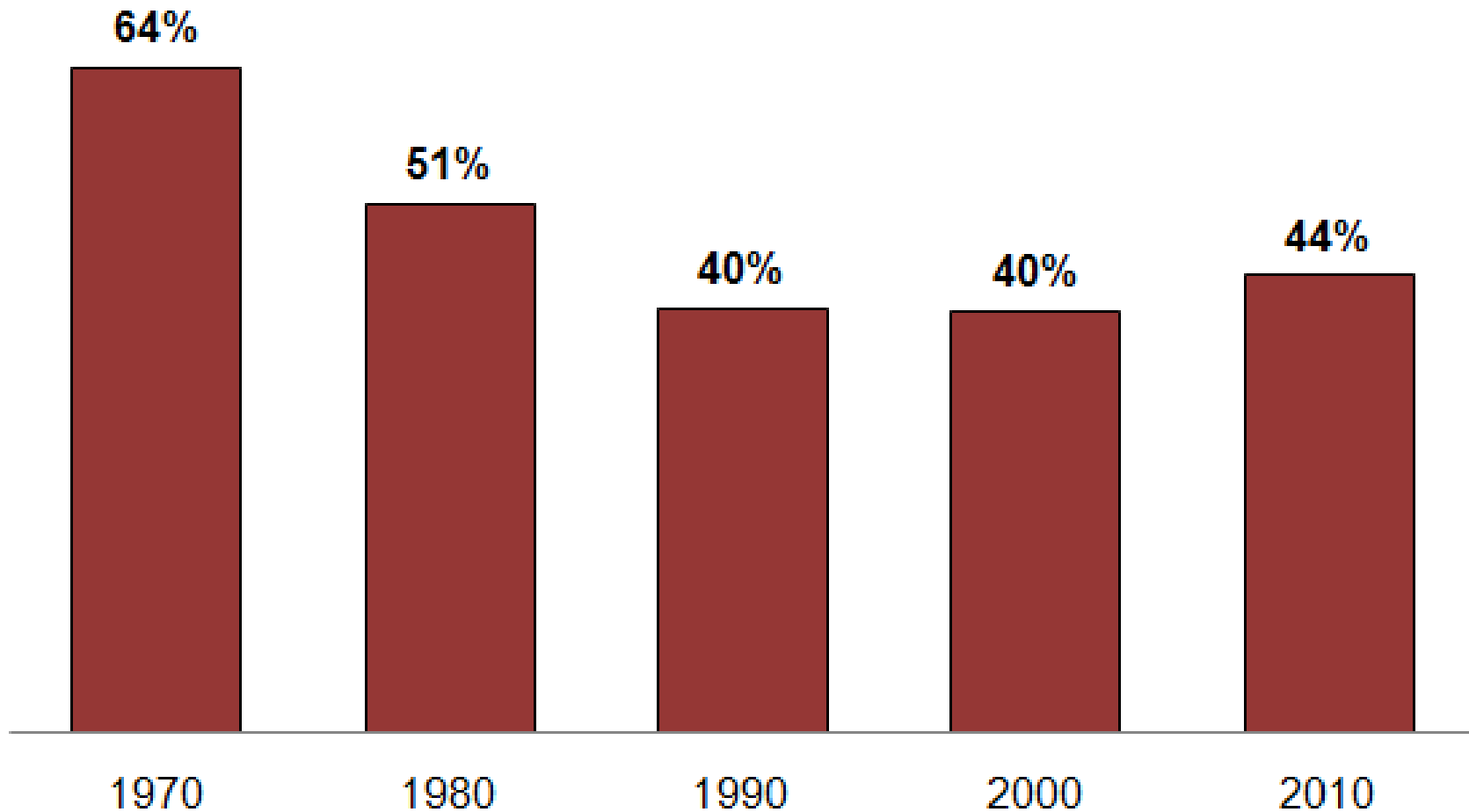
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Foreign-Born Population in 2010 Who Came to Live in the United States in 2005 or Later by Country of Birth



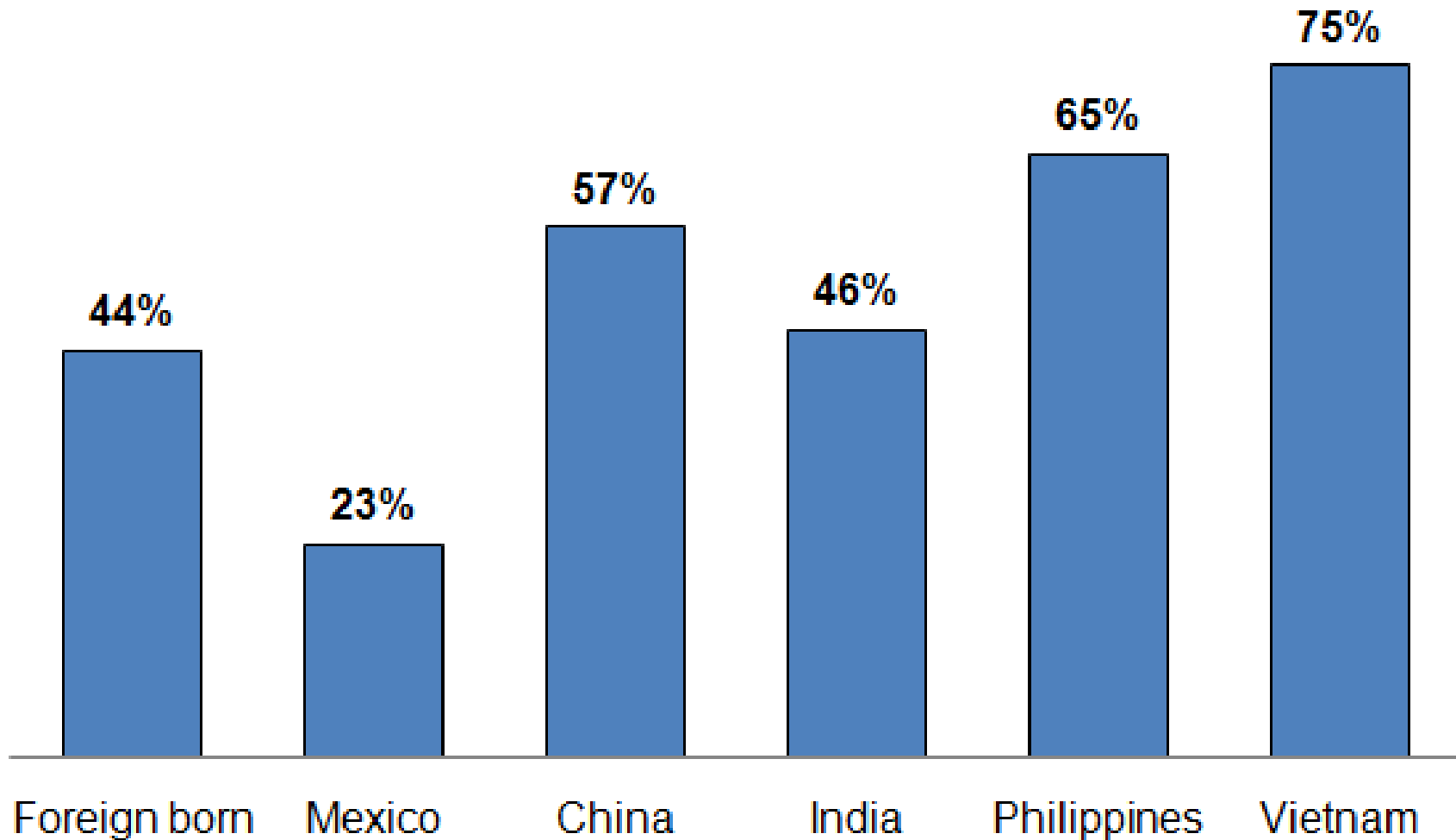
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Percentage of the Foreign-Born Population Who Are Naturalized U.S. Citizens: 1970 to 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1970 to 2000, and the American Community Survey, 2010.

Percentage of the Foreign-Born Population Who Are Naturalized U.S. Citizens by Country of Birth: 2010

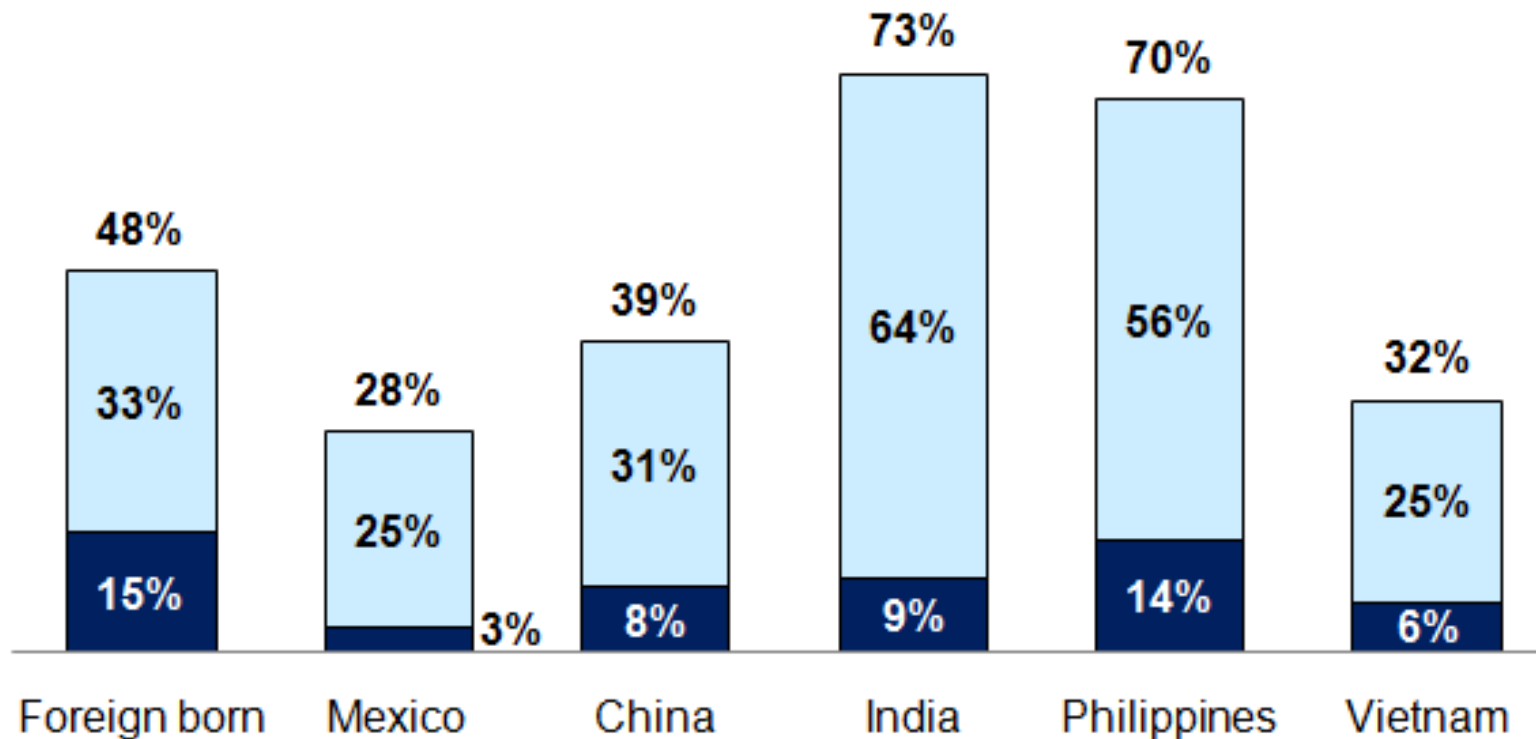


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Percentage of the Foreign-Born Population by Language Spoken at Home and English-Speaking Ability by Country of Birth: 2010

(Population 5 years and over)

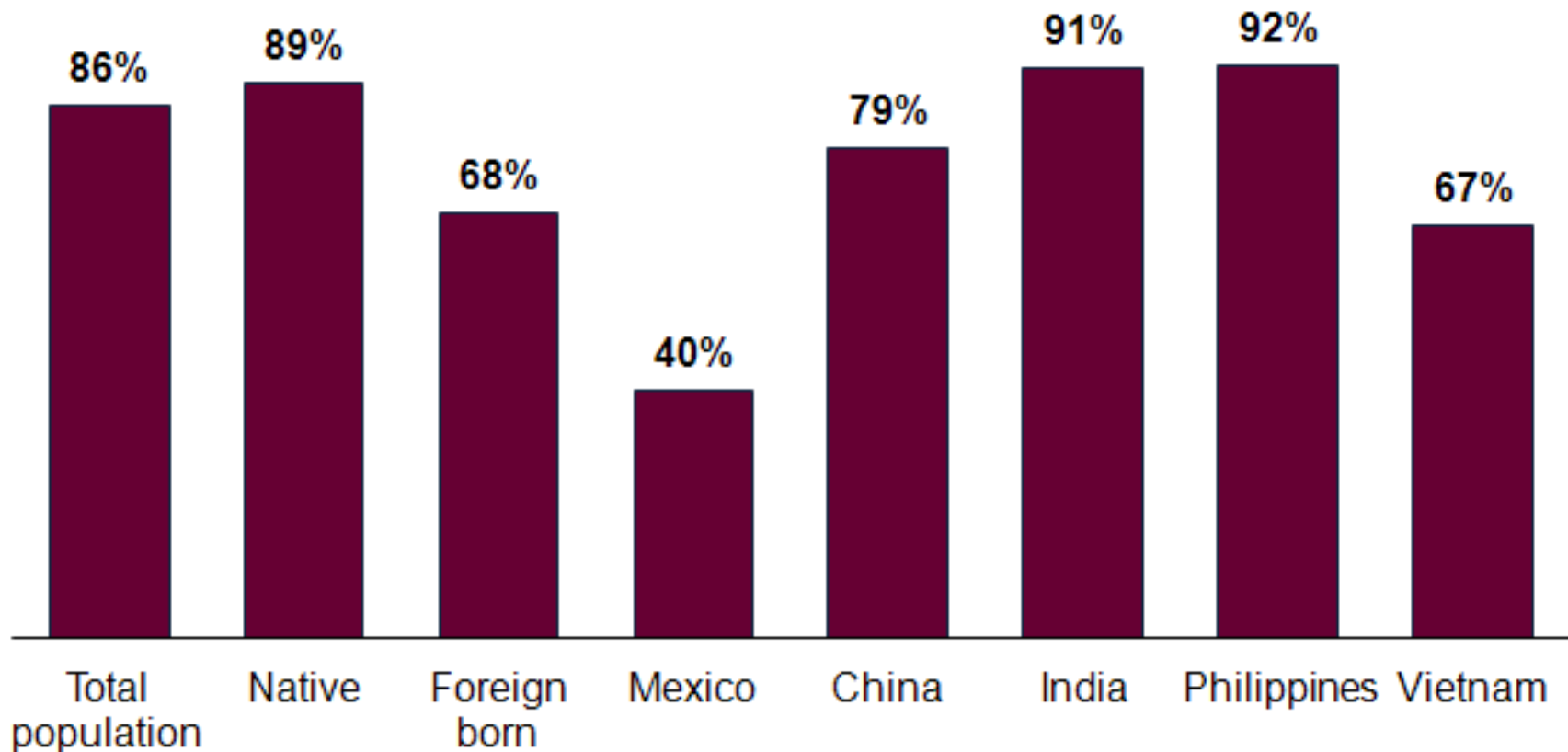
- Speaks only English at home
- Language other than English spoken at home and speaks English "very well"



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Percentage of Population With a High School Degree or Higher Education by Nativity Status and Country of Birth: 2010

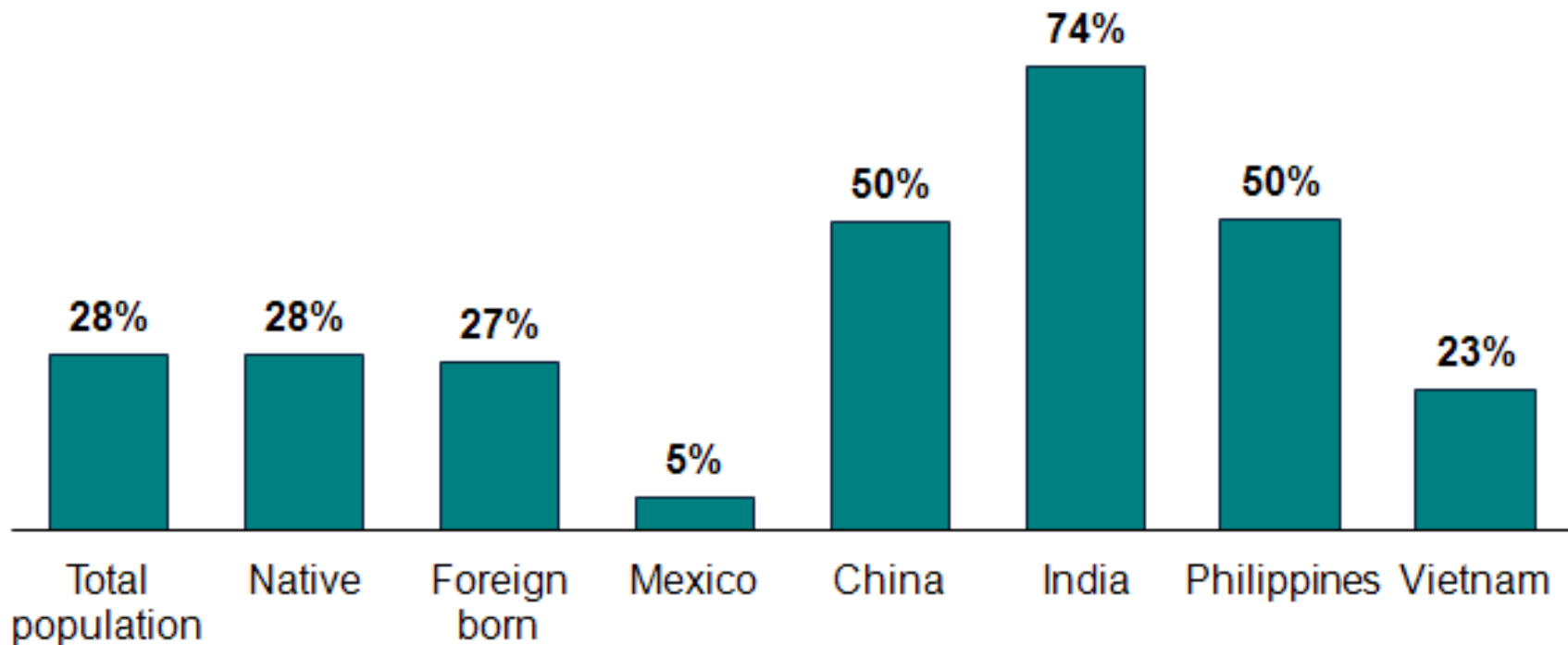
(Population 25 years and over)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Percentage of Population With a Bachelor's Degree or Higher Education by Nativity Status and Country of Birth: 2010

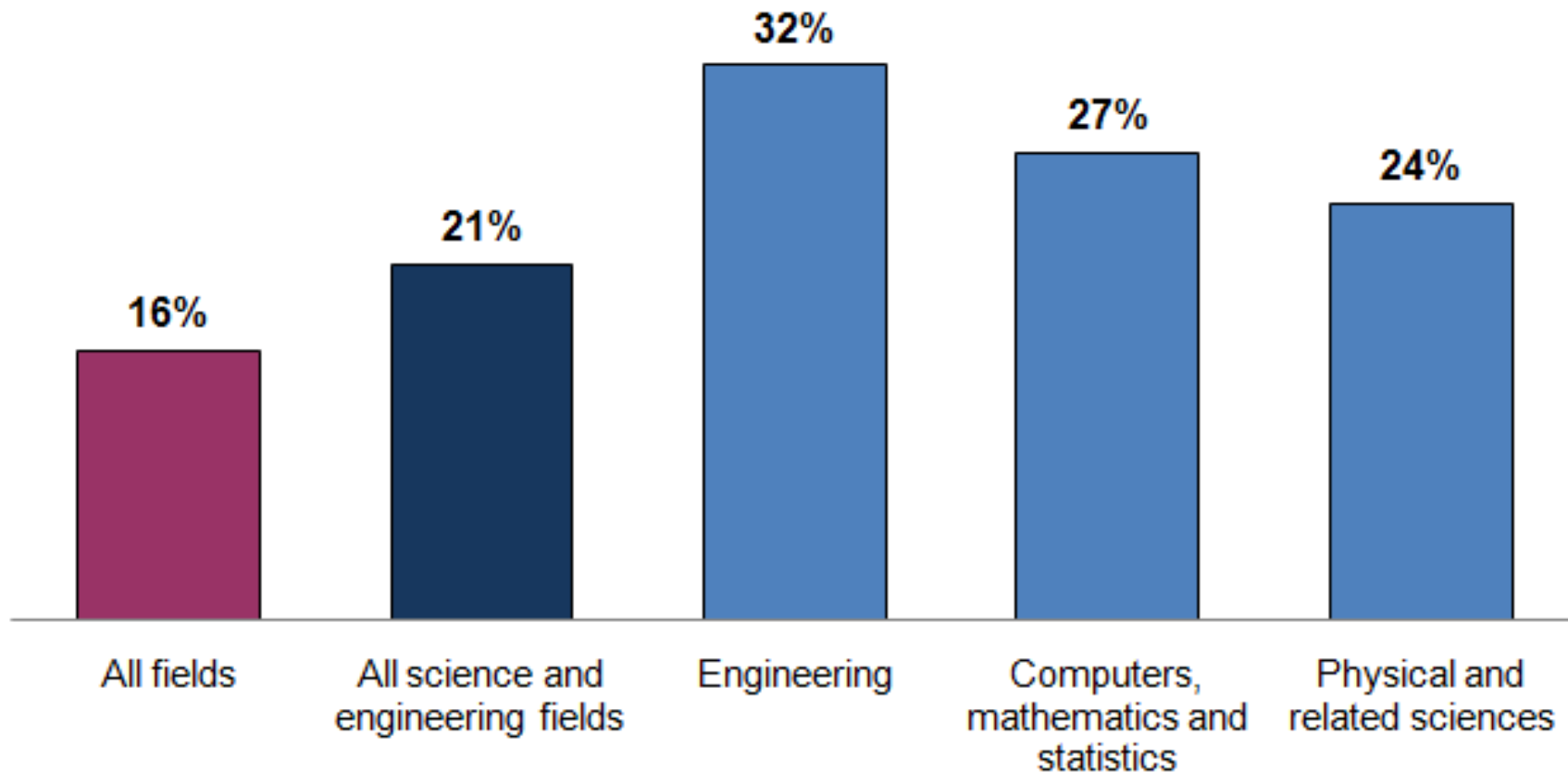
(Population 25 years and over)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Percentage of Population With a Bachelor's Degree Who Are Foreign Born by Field of Degree: 2010

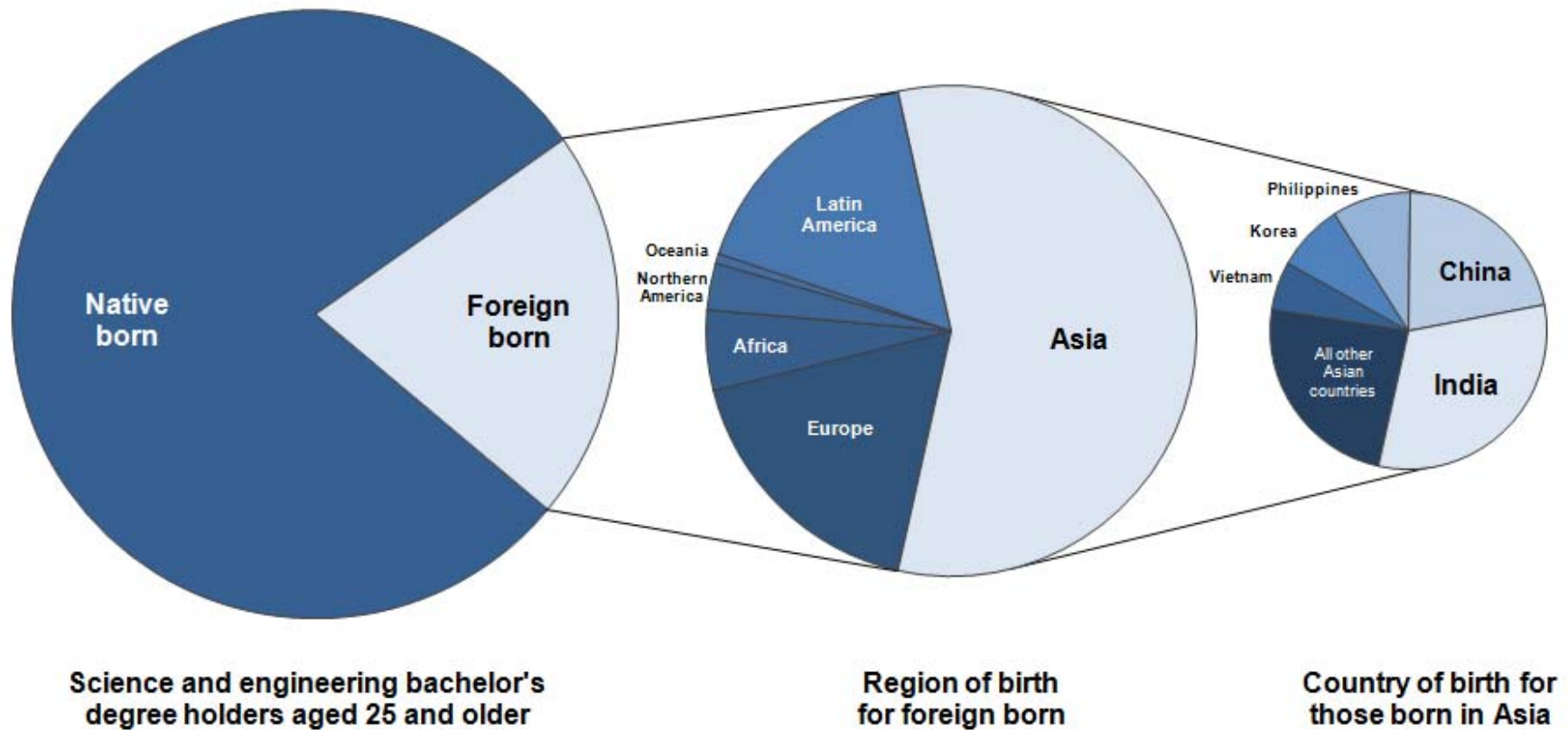
(Population 25 years and over)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Nativity Status and Place of Birth of the Population With a Science and Engineering Bachelor's Degree: 2010

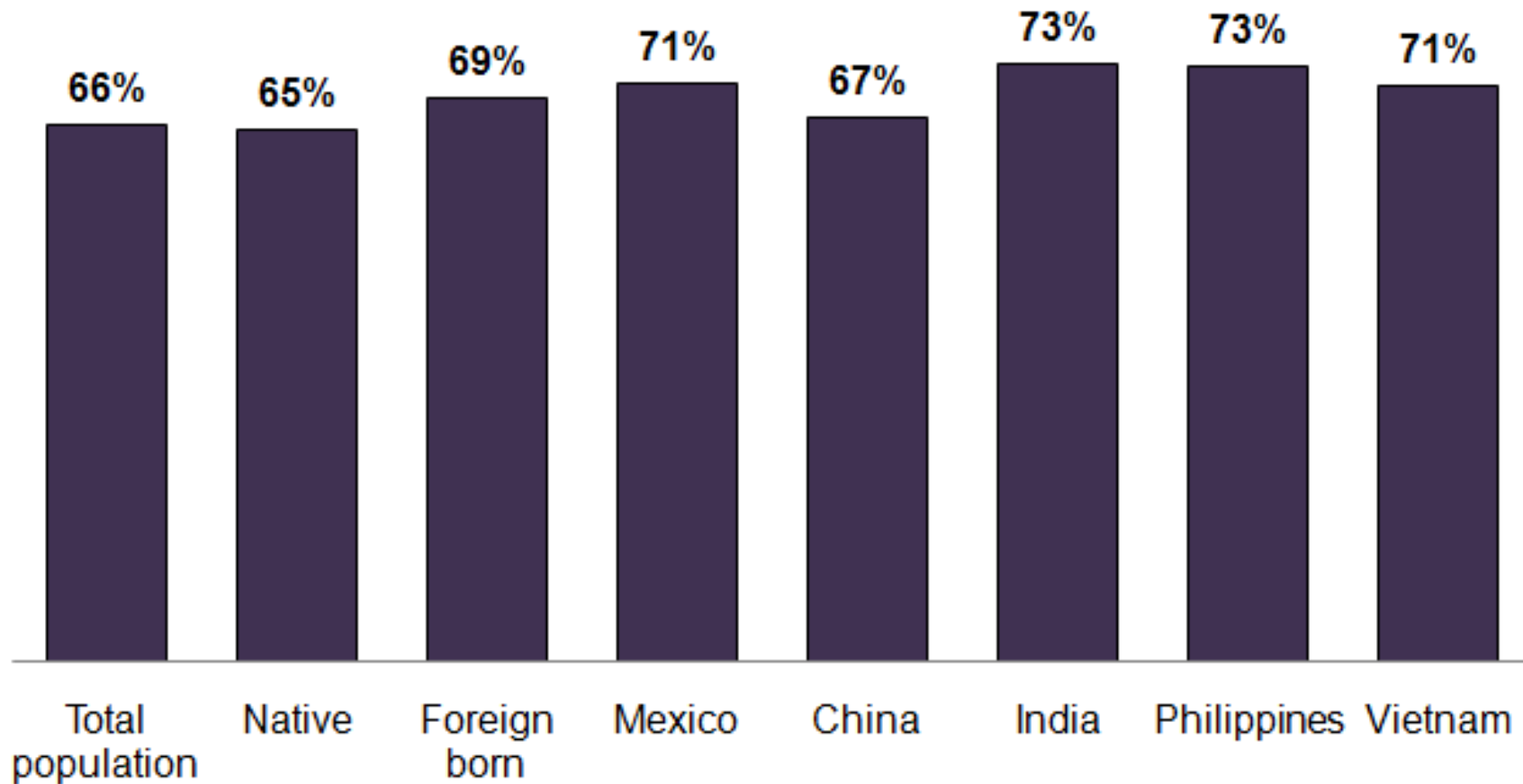
(Population 25 years and over)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Labor Force Participation by Nativity Status and Country of Birth: 2010

(Population 25 years and over)

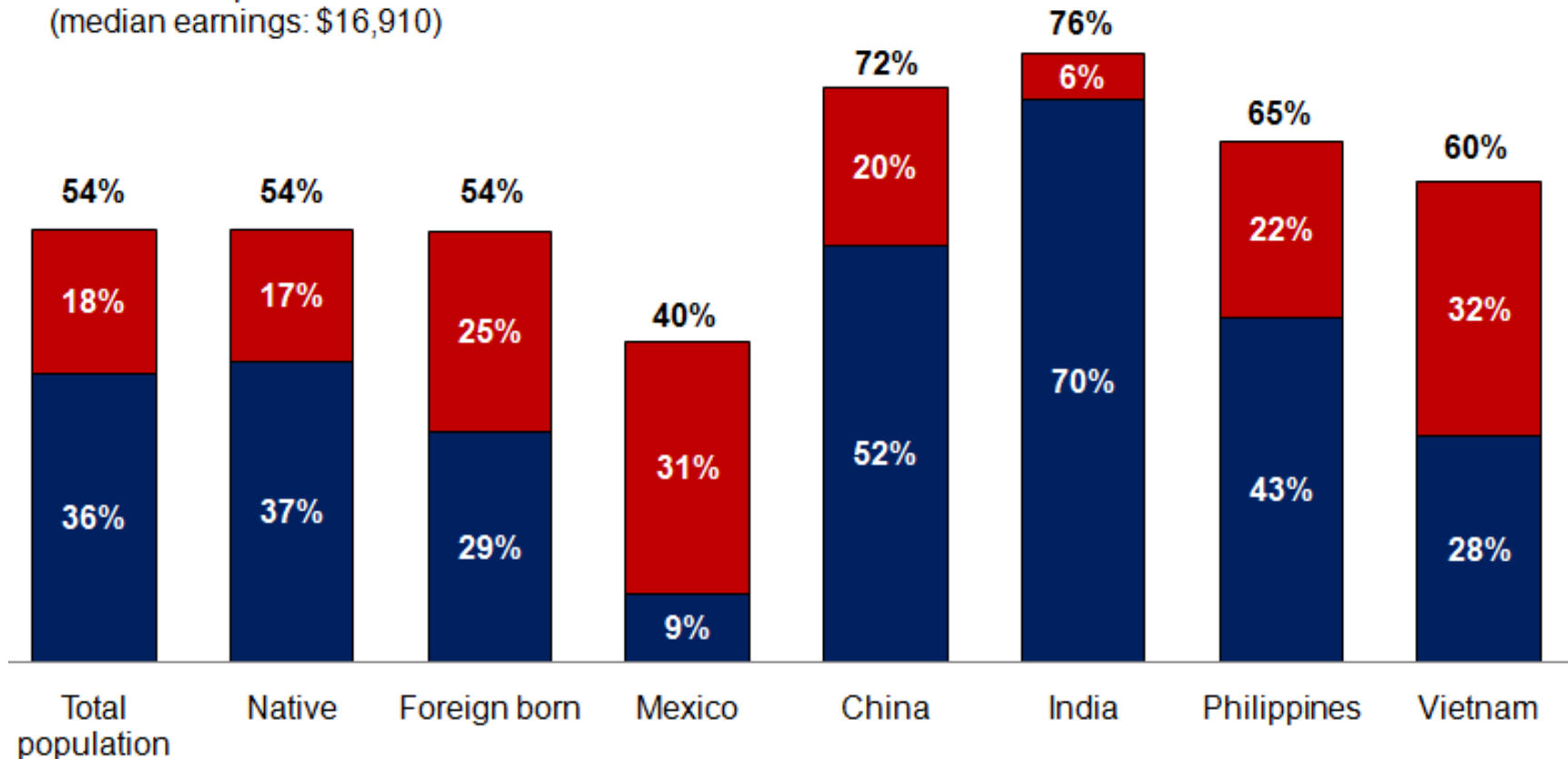


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Occupation by Nativity Status and Country of Birth: 2010

(Civilian employed population 16 years and over)

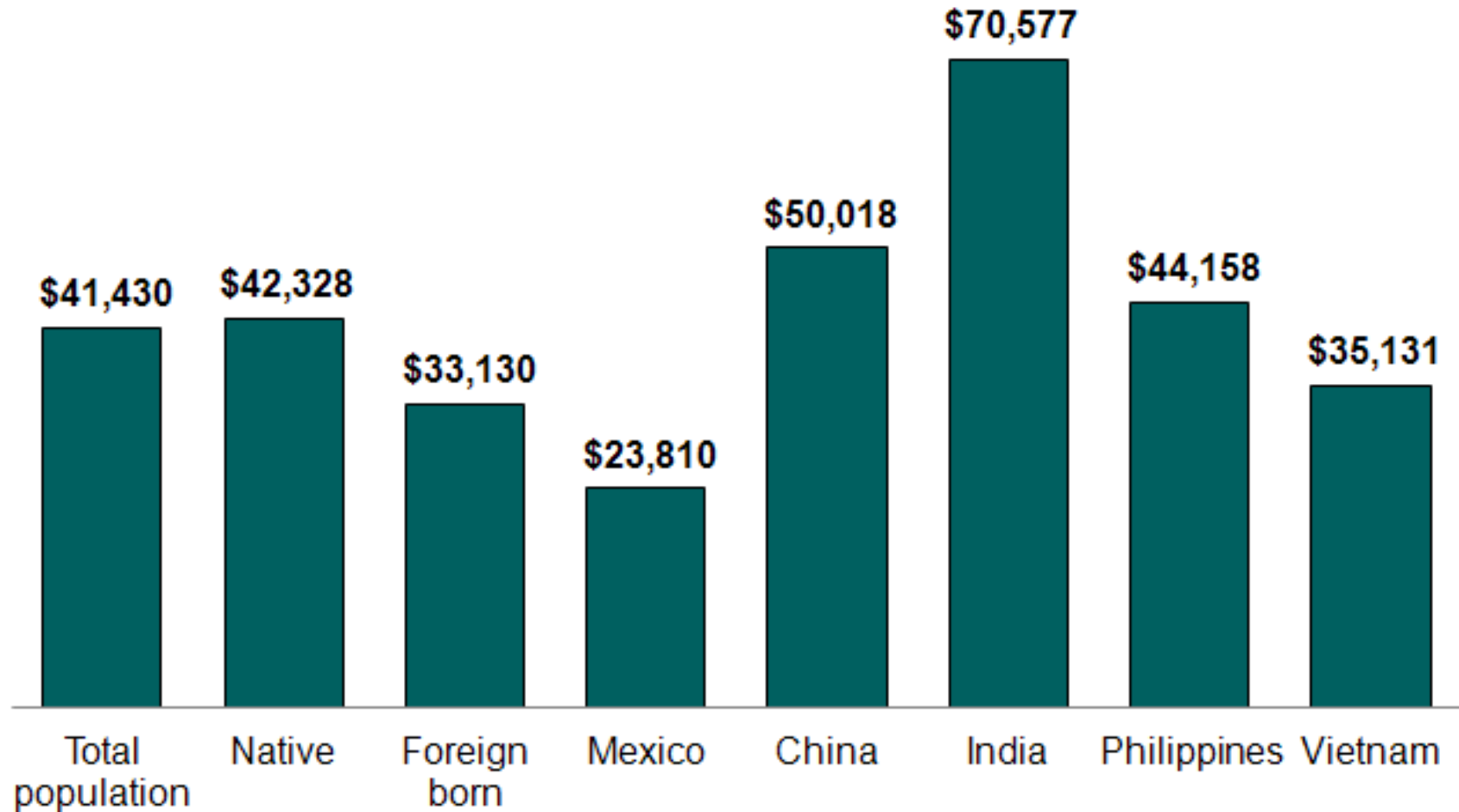
- Management, business, science, and arts occupations
(median earnings: \$51,209)
- Service occupations
(median earnings: \$16,910)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months by Nativity Status and Country of Birth: 2010

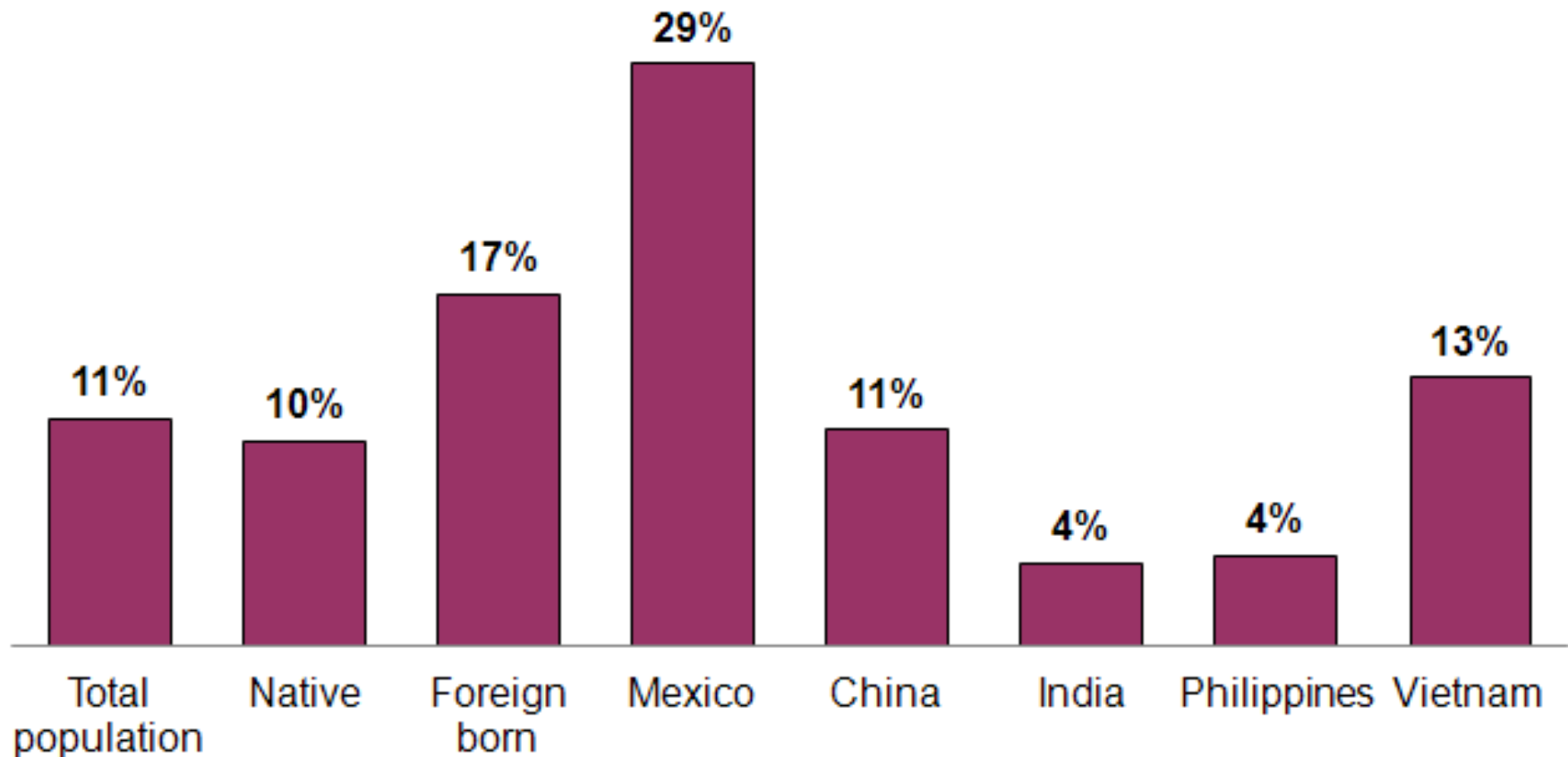
(For full-time, year-round workers. In 2010 inflation-adjusted dollars)



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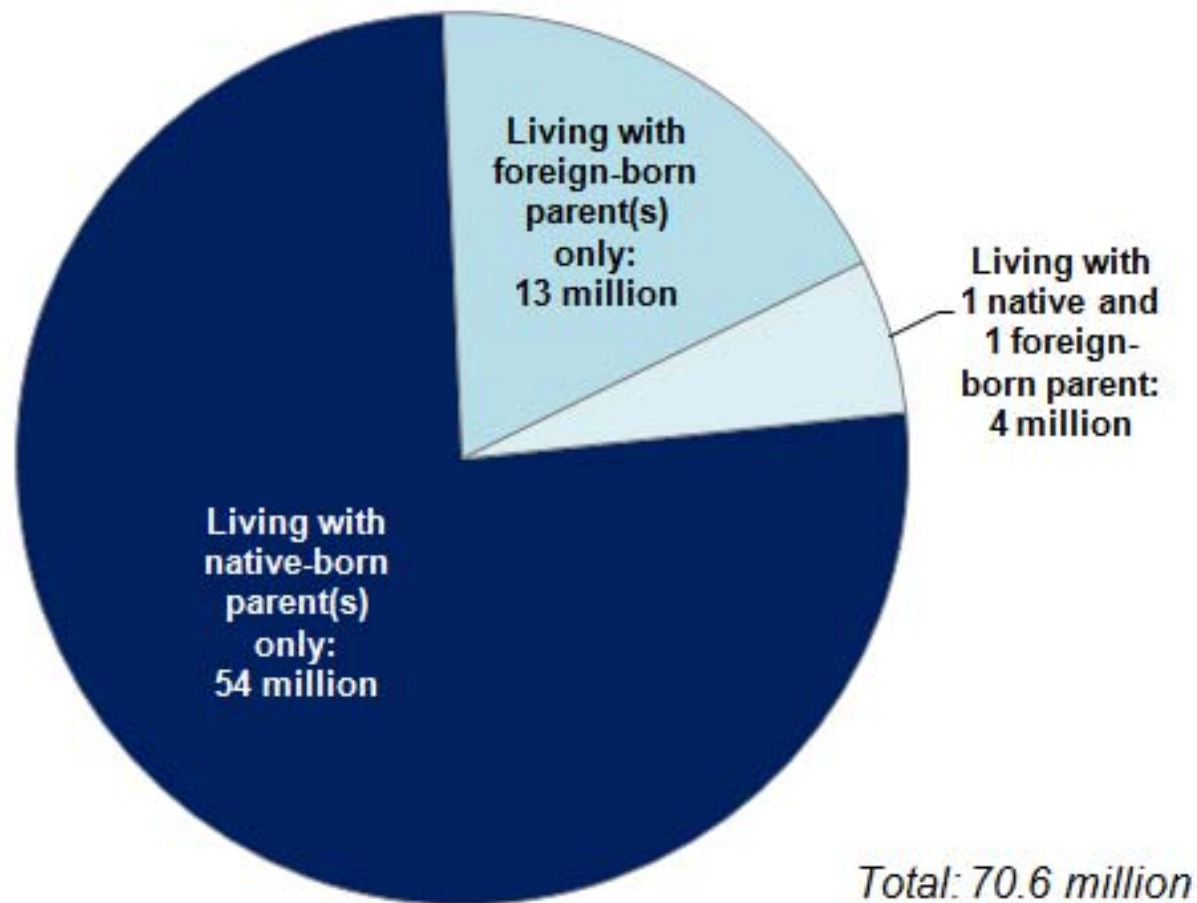
Percentage of Families in Poverty by Nativity Status and Country of Birth of Householder: 2010

(Includes families for which poverty status was determined)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.

Children Under 18 Years in Families by Number and Nativity Status of Parent: 2010



Note: Includes “own children” or children under 18 years old who are sons/daughters by birth, marriage (a stepchild), or adoption. Total population size less than 18 years of age is 74.2 million.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010.