

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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# The Changing Face of Houston and America:

Tracking the Economic and Demographic Transformations through 33 Years: Some Implications for Housing.

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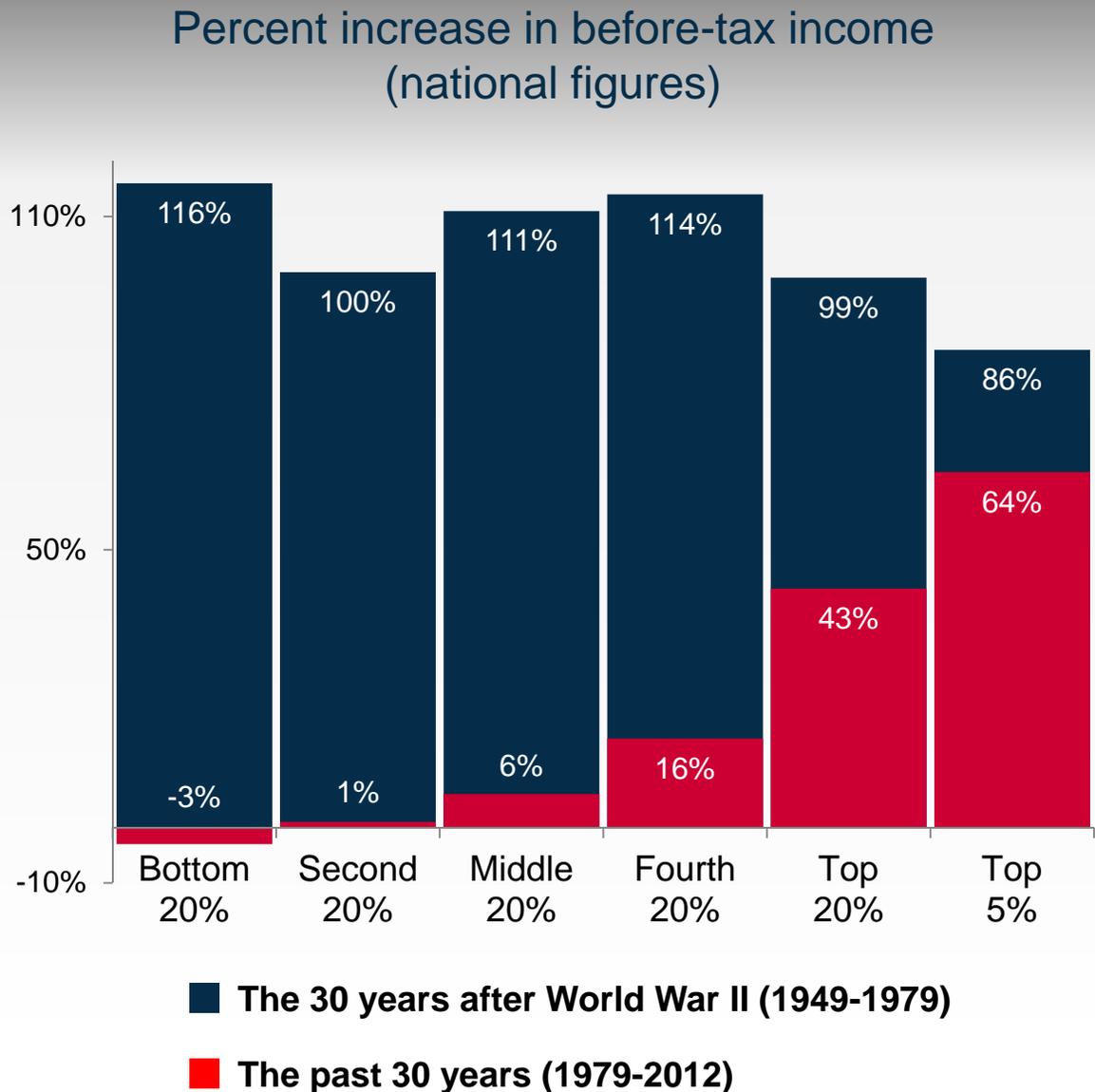
# The Kinder Institute Houston Area Survey (1982-2014)

More than three decades of systematic interviews with representative samples of Harris County residents, focused on three central issues:

## Two contrasting economic eras

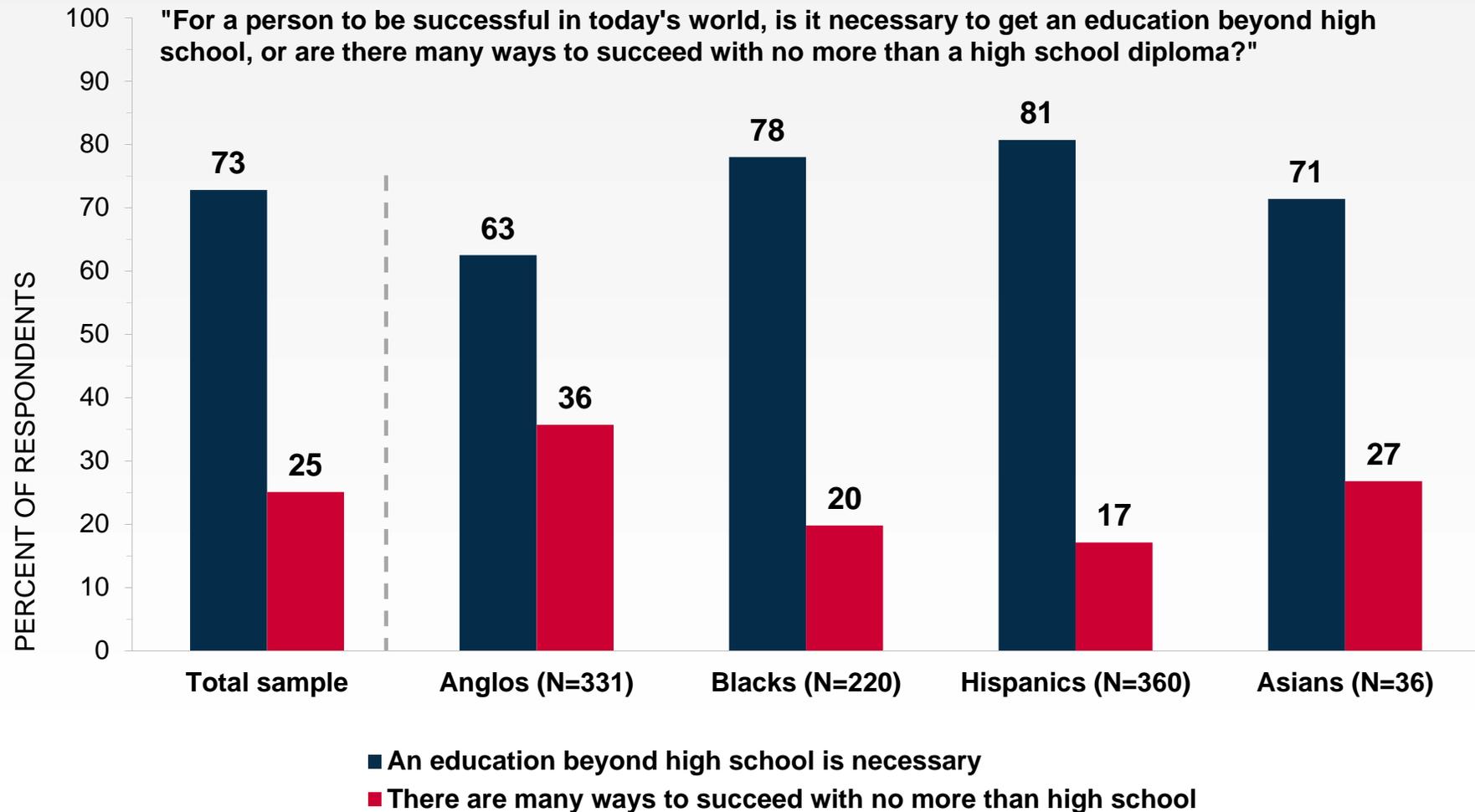
The 30 years after World War II were a period of broad-based prosperity.

The past 30 years have been marked by growing concentrations of wealth.



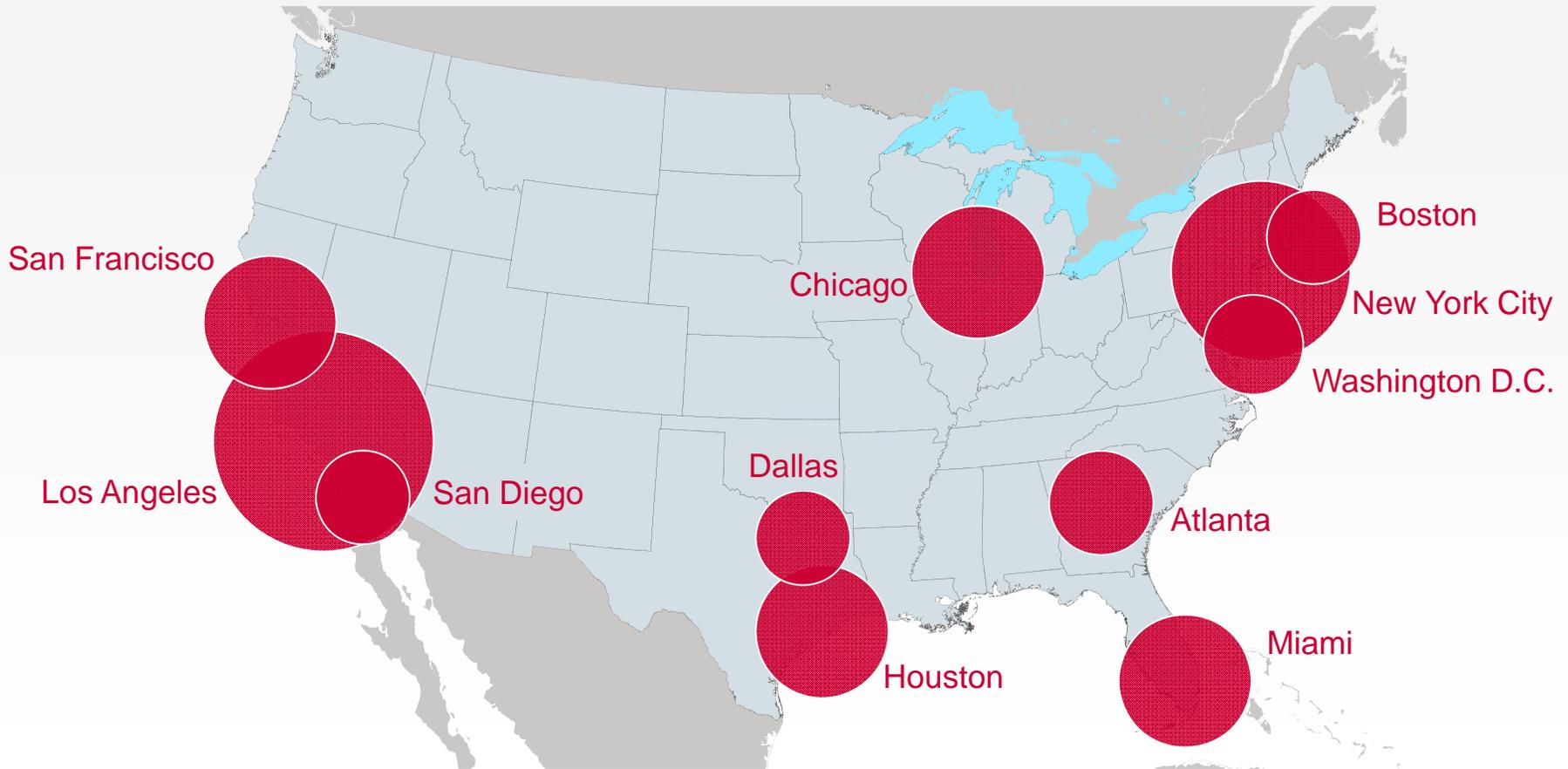
U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social And Economic Supplements.  
Mean Household Income Received By Each Fifth and the Top 5 Percent, Inflation Adjusted to 2012 dollars.

# The importance of post-secondary education, in the total sample and by ethnicity (2013)

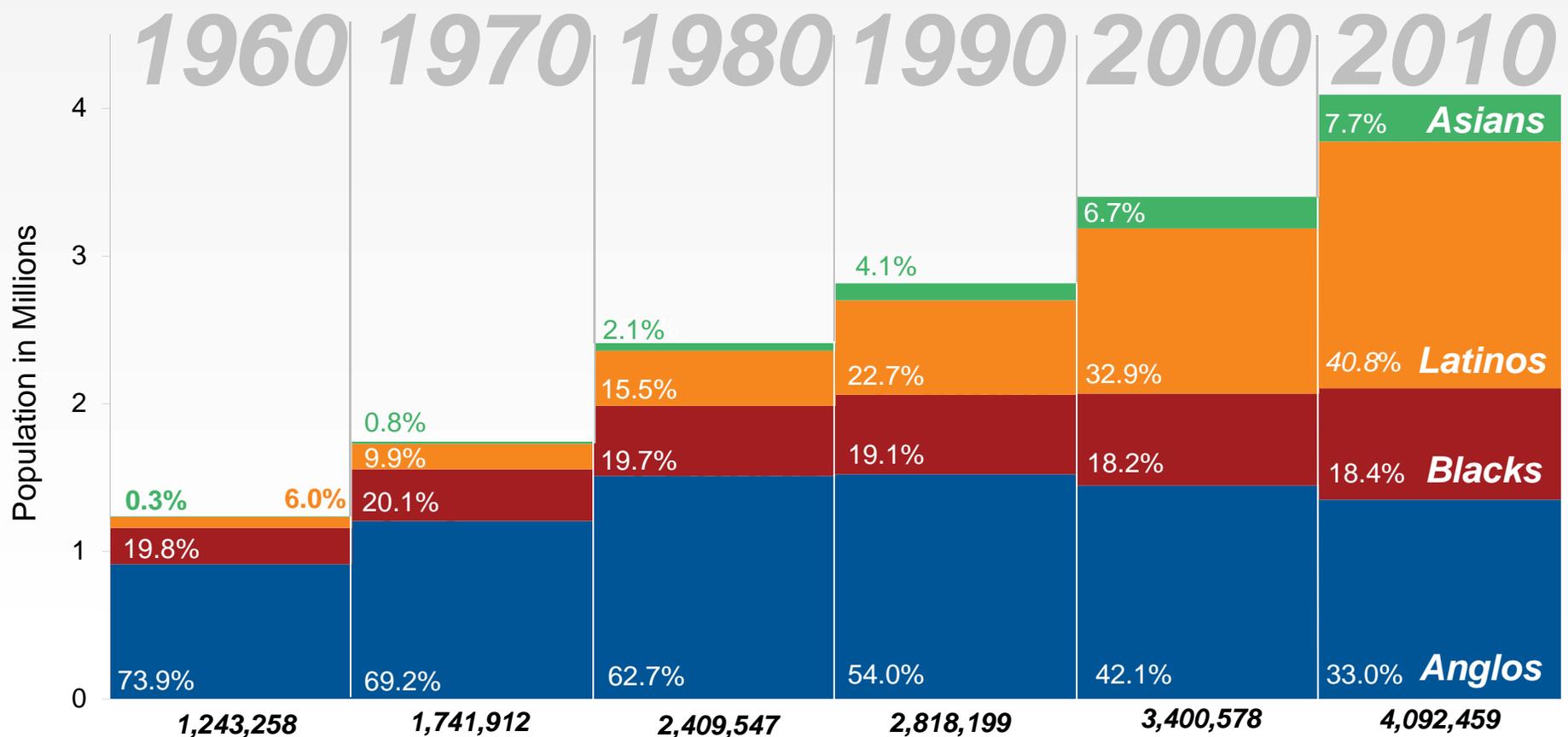




# Major U.S. immigrant cities (2010)

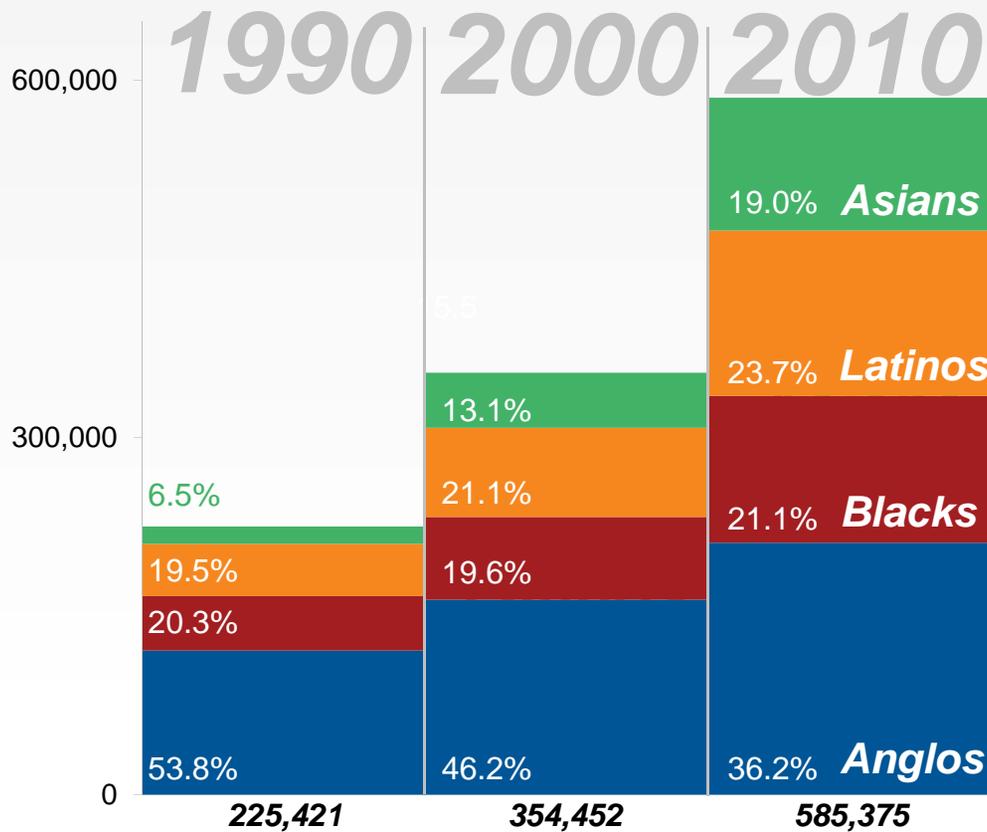


# The demographic transformations of Harris County (1960-2010)

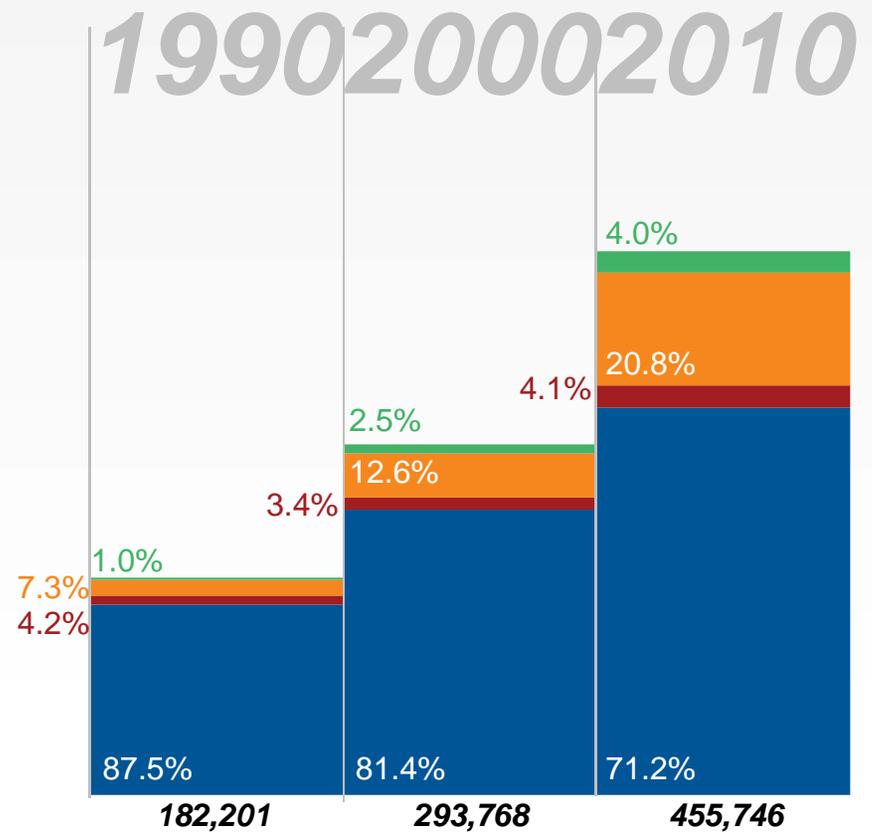


# The demographic changes in Fort Bend County and Montgomery County

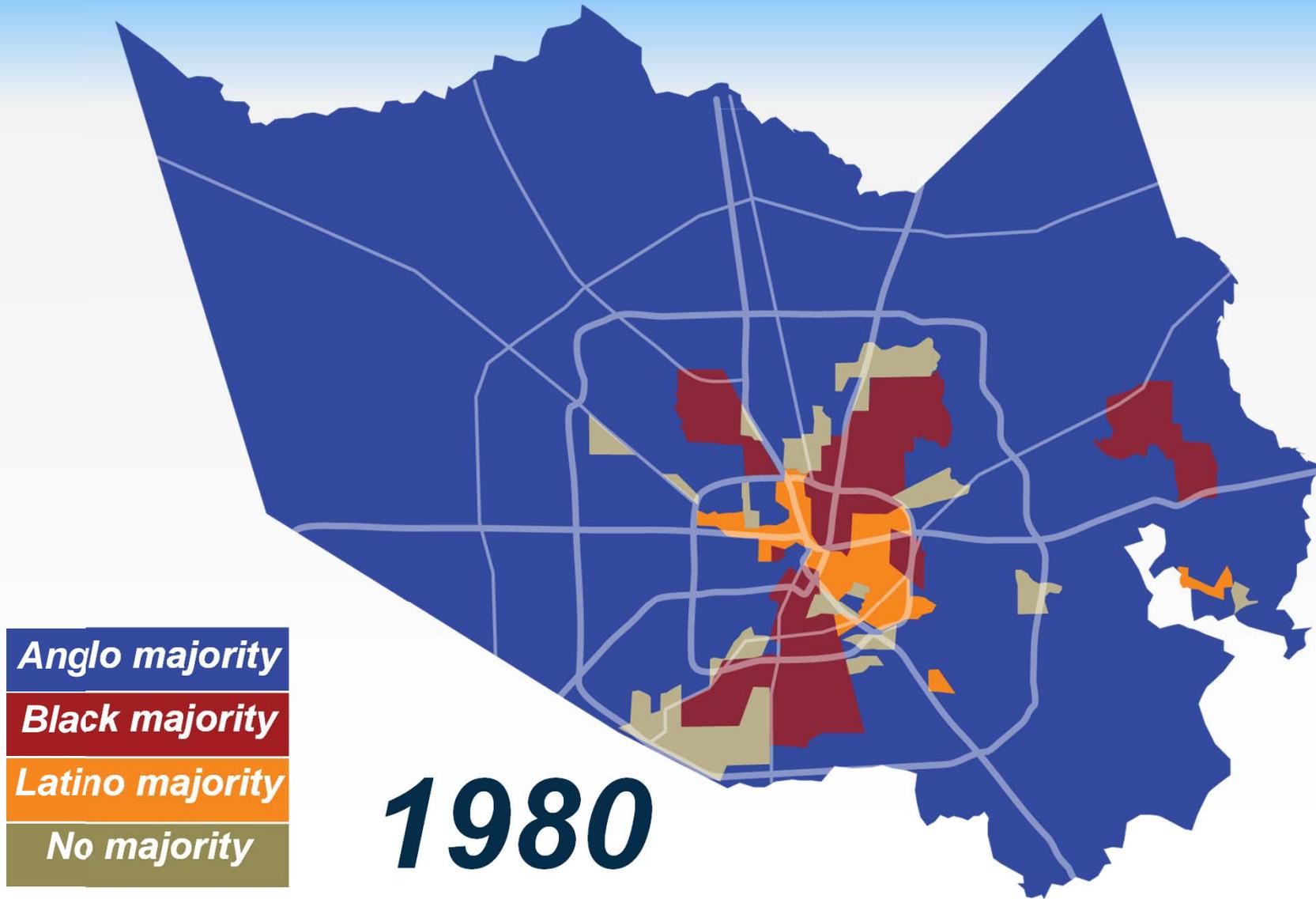
## Fort Bend County



## Montgomery County



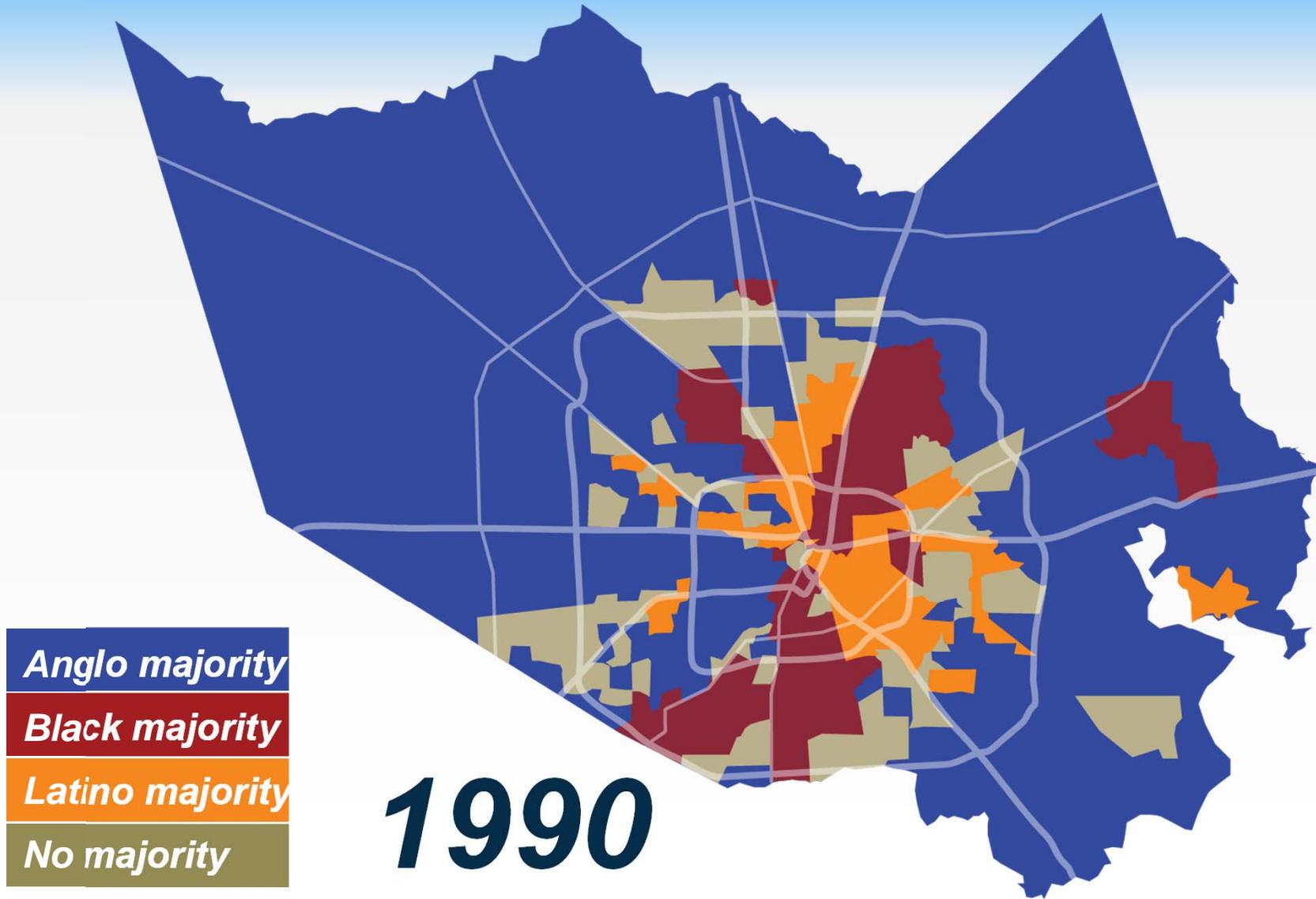
# Harris County total population



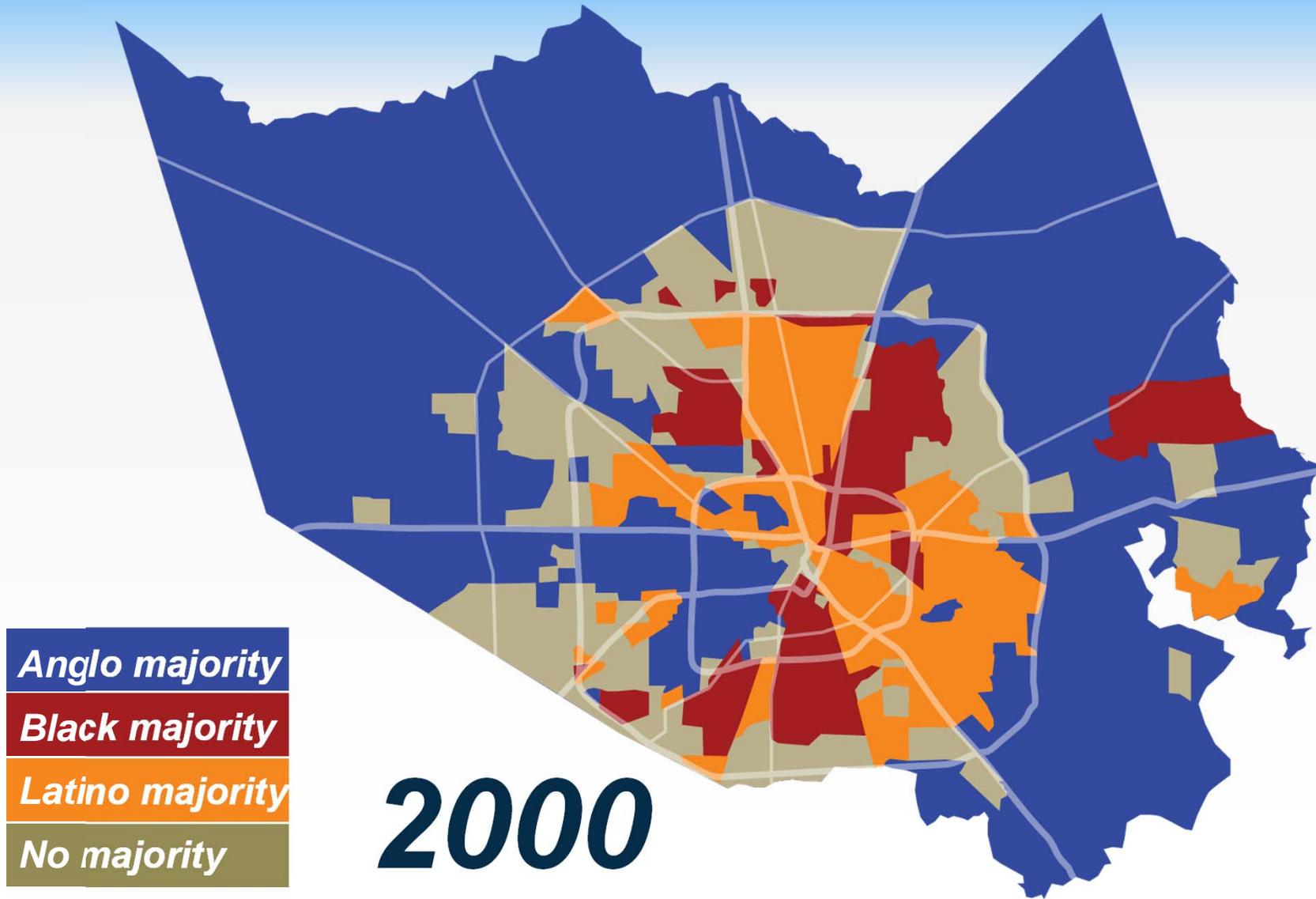
- Anglo majority
- Black majority
- Latino majority
- No majority

1980

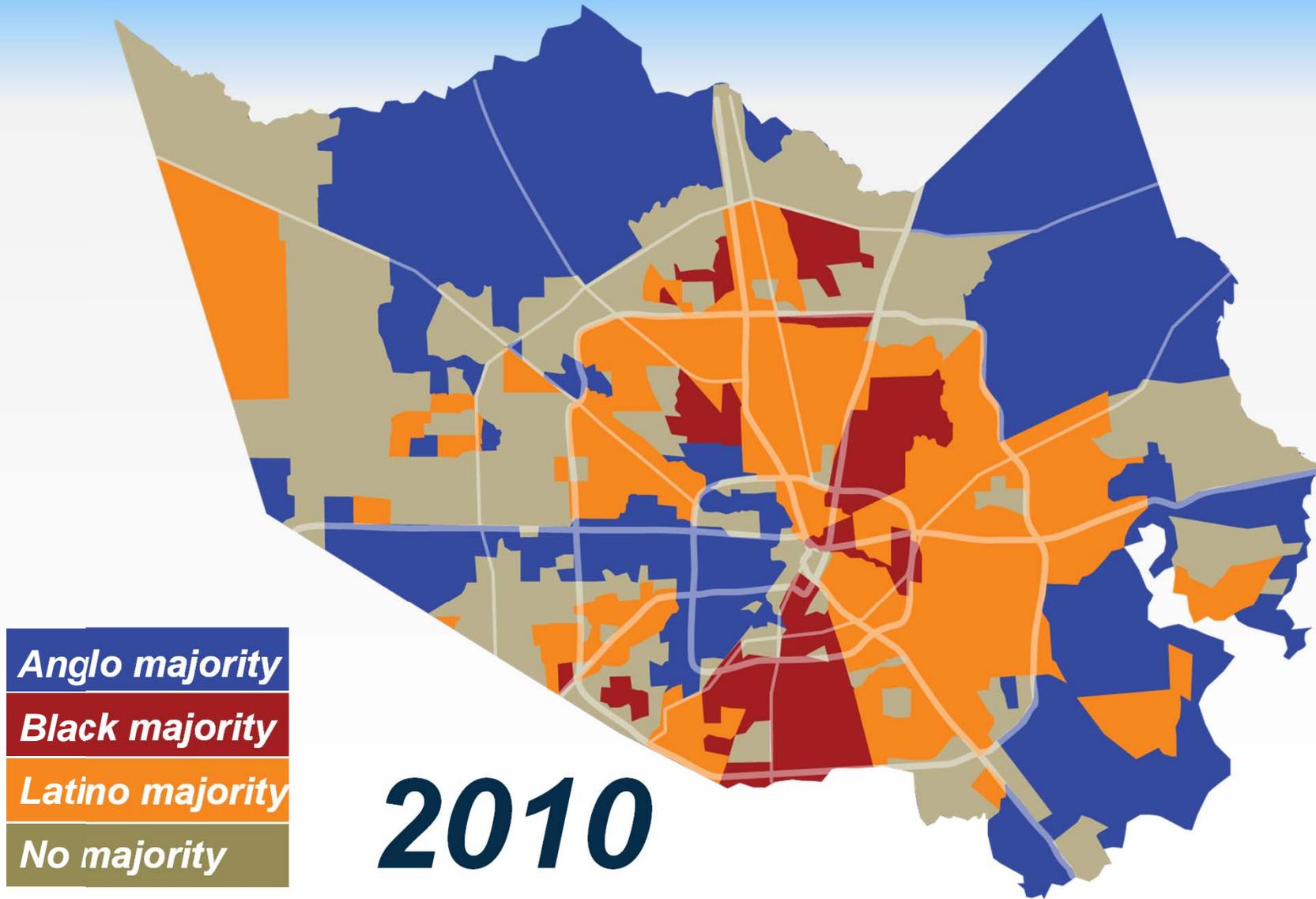
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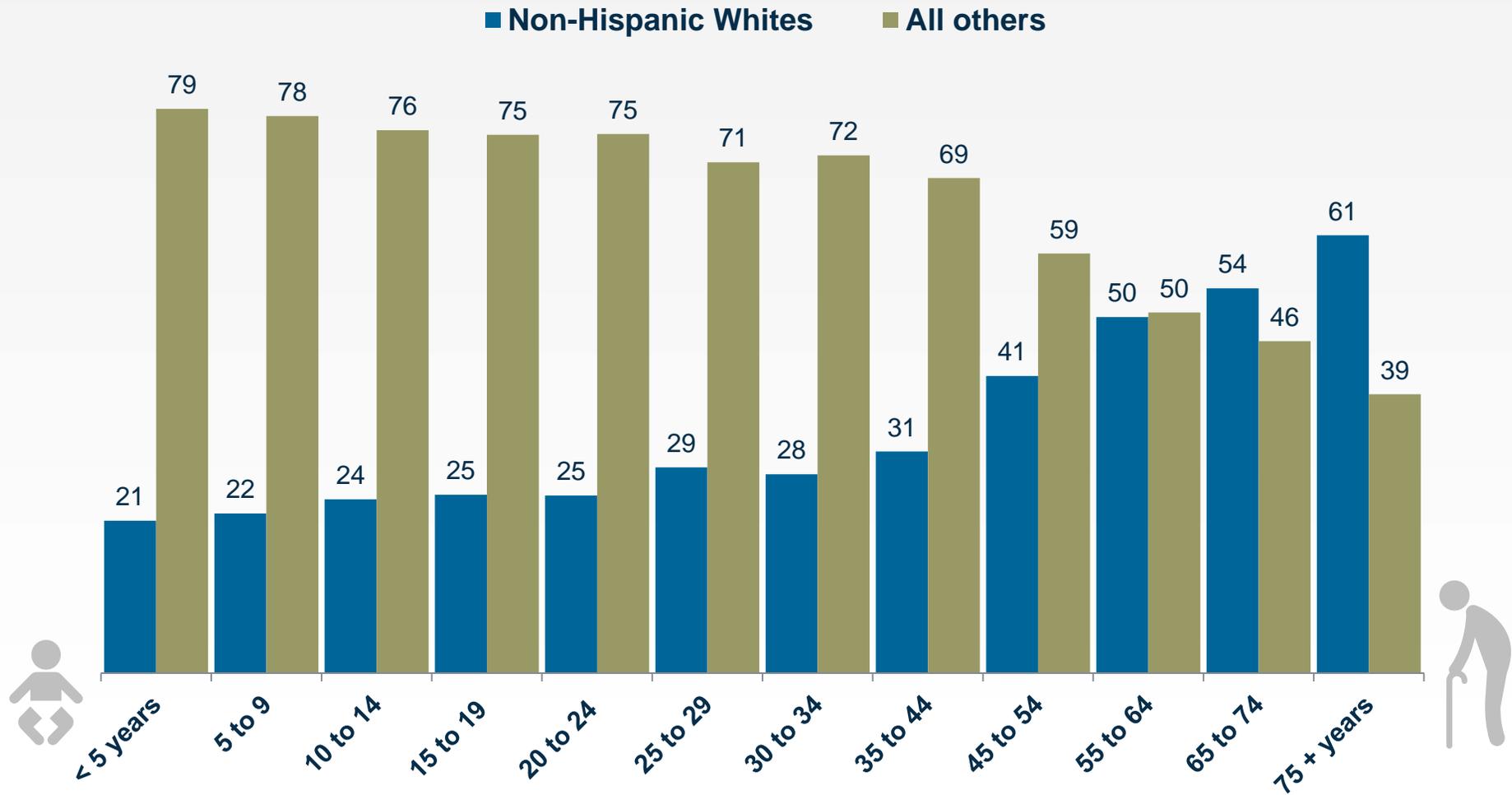
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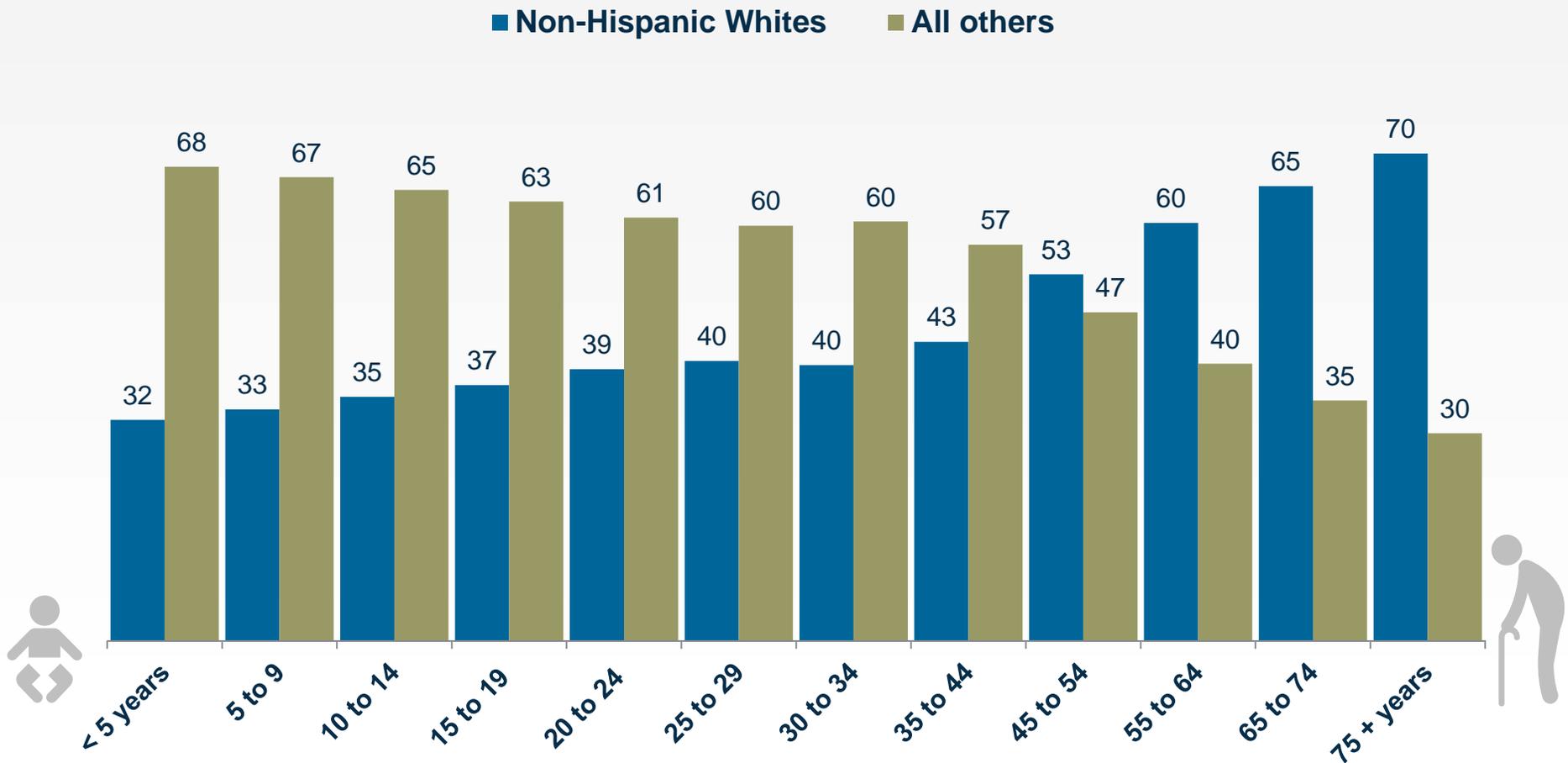
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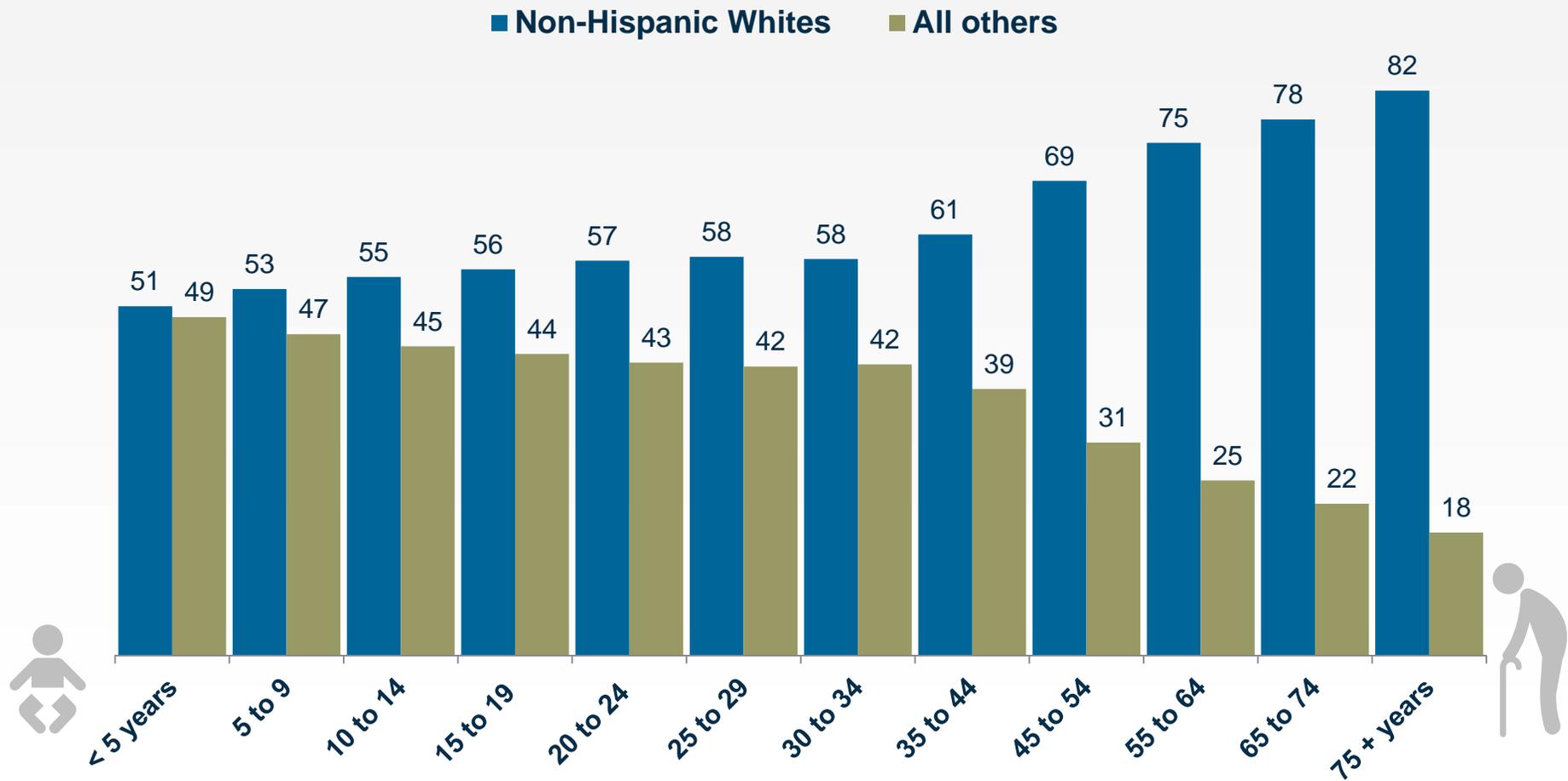
# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in Harris County in 2012



# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in Texas in 2012

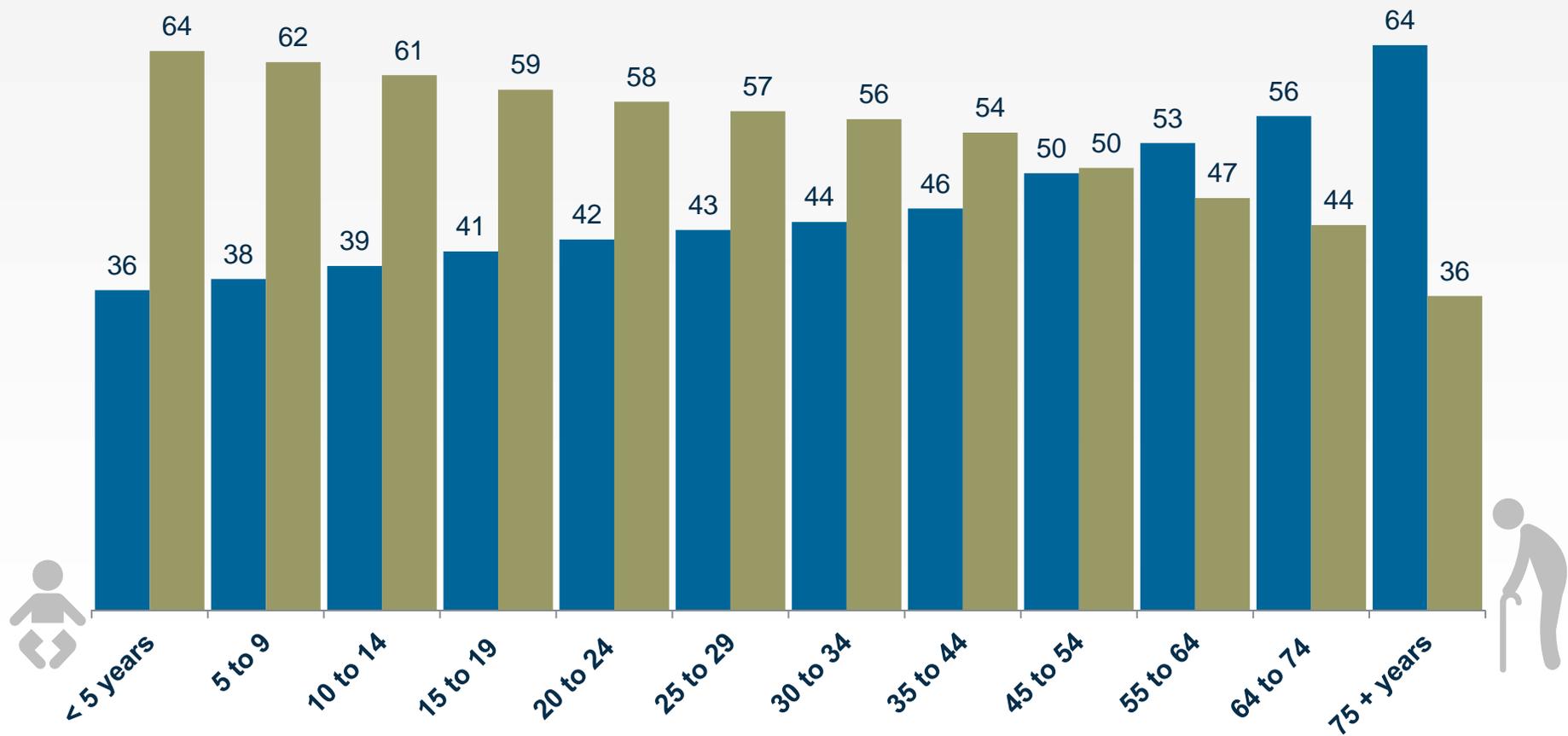


# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in the United States in 2012

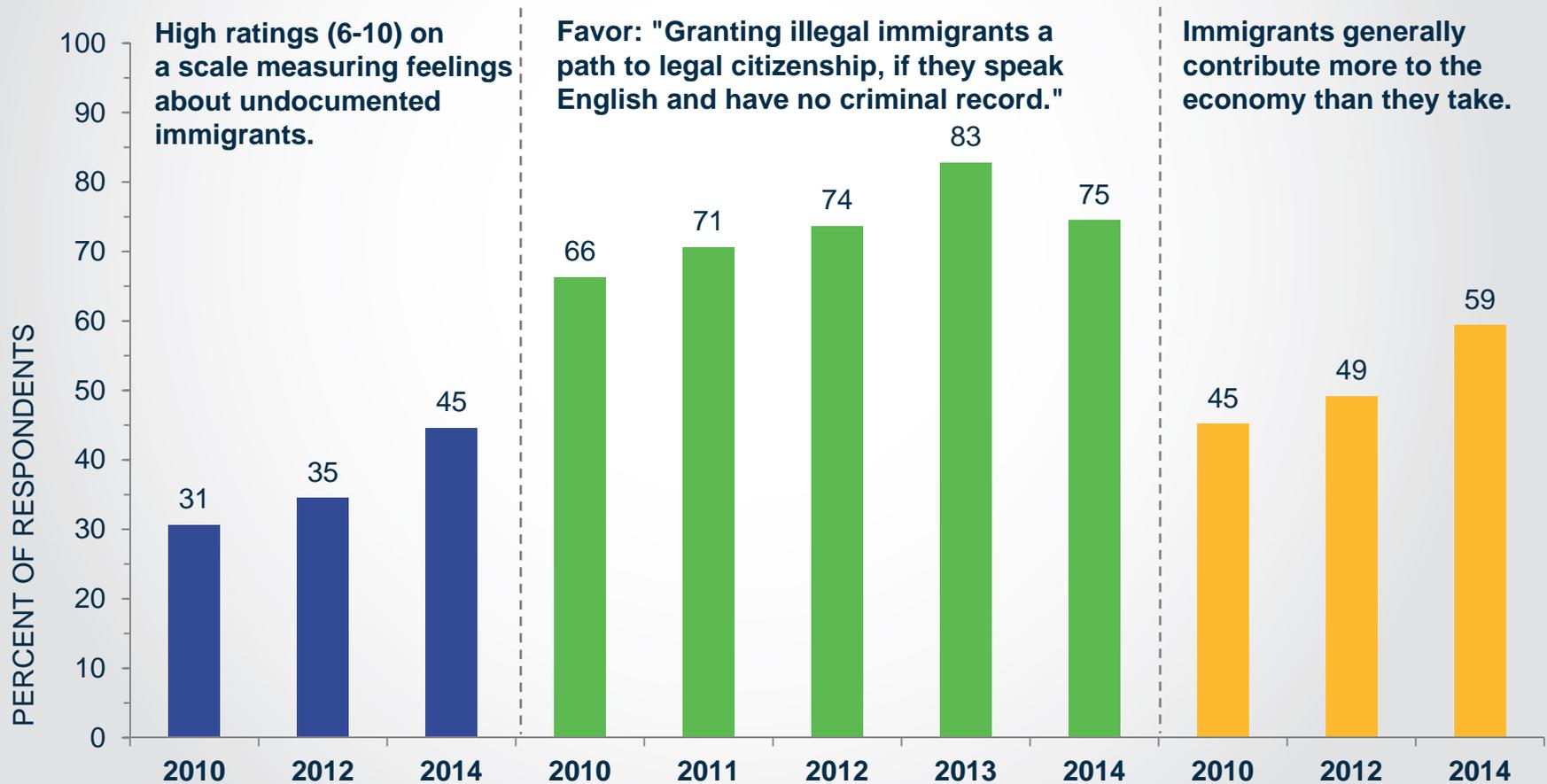


# Percent of the population by age group and ethnicity in the United States in 2050

■ Non-Hispanic Whites ■ All others



# Attitudes toward immigrants among successive representative samples of Harris County residents (2010-2014)



# Inter-ethnic romantic relationships by age (2007, 2011 and 2014 combined)

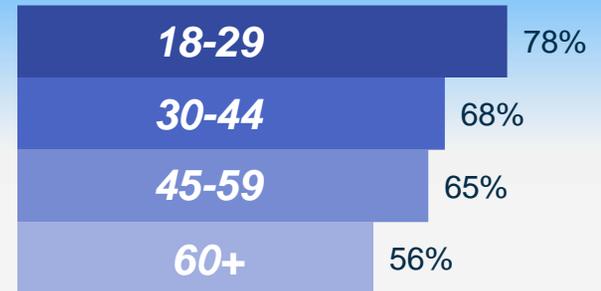
*Anglo respondents who report having been in a romantic relationship with someone who was not Anglo.*



# Ethnic attitudes by age among Anglos (2007–2014, combined)

## Percent of Anglos agreeing, by age:

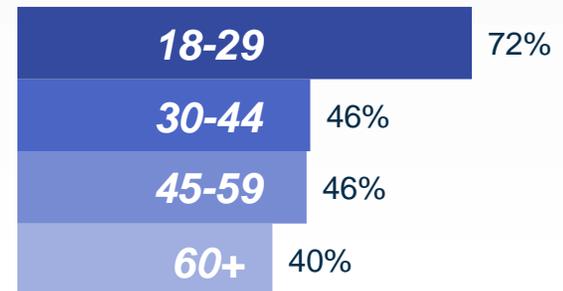
*The increasing ethnic diversity brought about by immigration is a “good thing,” rather than a “bad thing.”*



*Grant illegal immigrants a path to legal citizenship, if they speak English and have no criminal record.*



*The increasing immigration into the U.S. today mostly “strengthens,” rather than “threatens,” American culture.*





# Houston's urban sprawl

2.1 million  
600 sq. mi.

**Baltimore**

0.6 million  
81 sq. mi.

**Chicago**

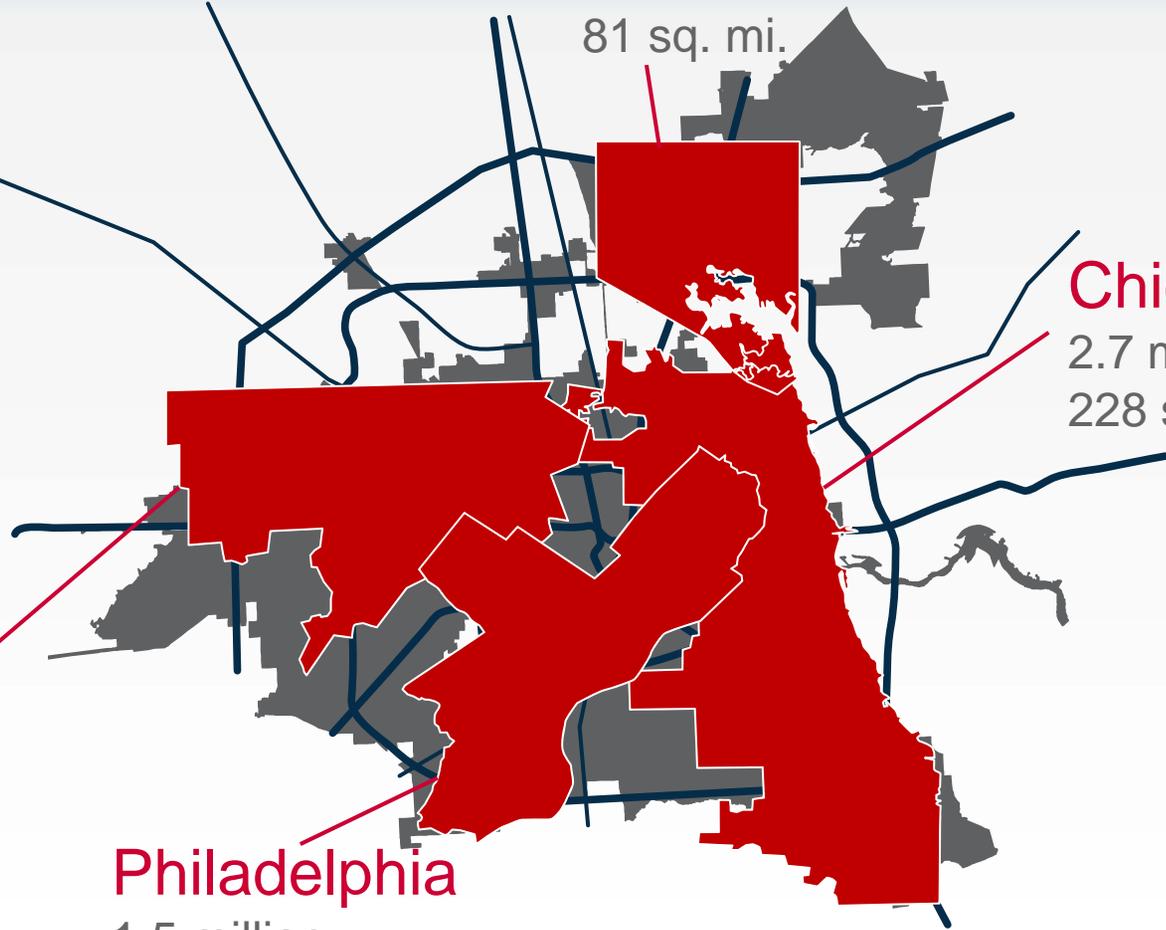
2.7 million  
228 sq. mi.

**Detroit**

0.7 million  
139 sq. mi.

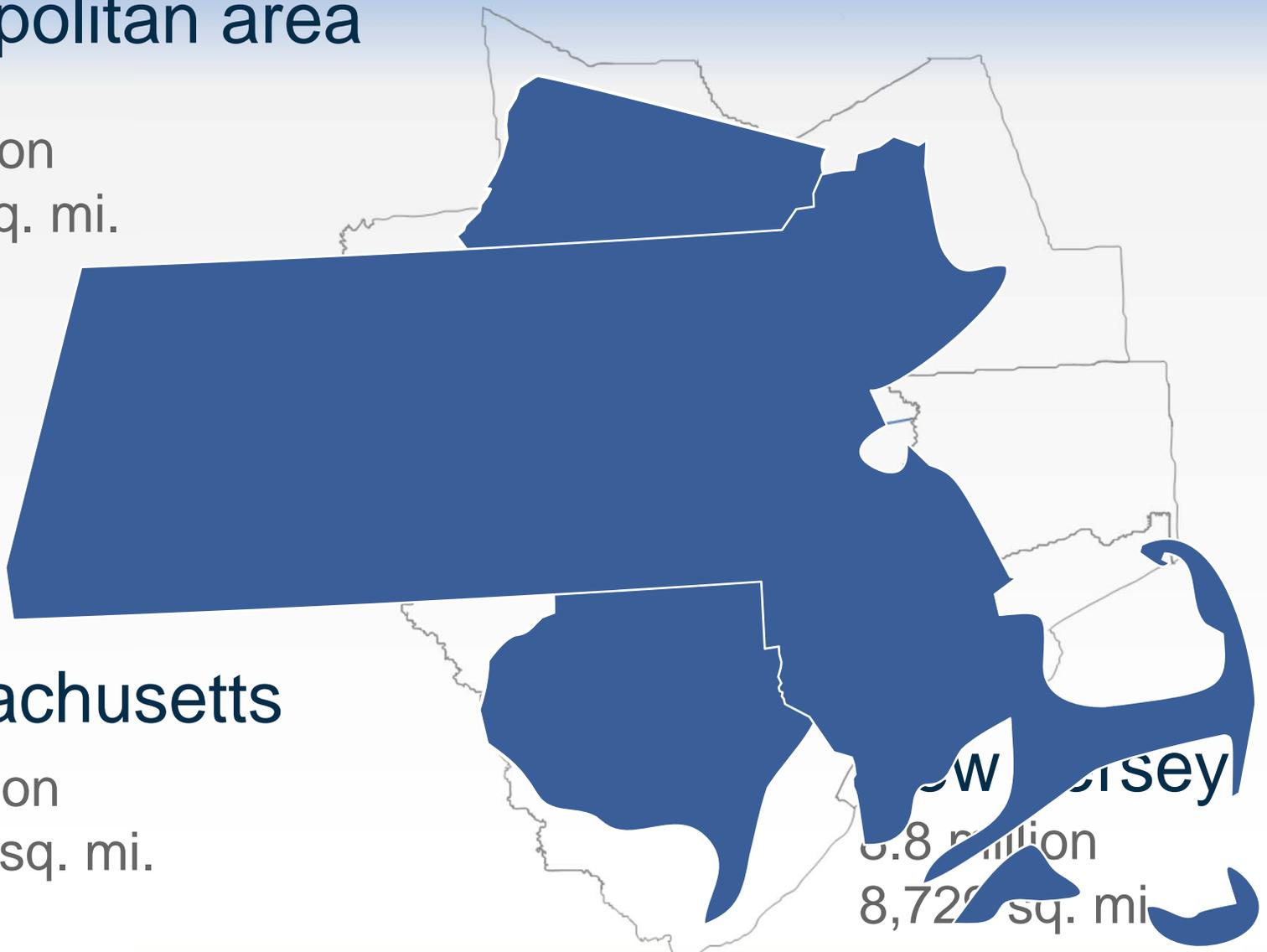
**Philadelphia**

1.5 million  
134 sq. mi.



# The nine-county Houston metropolitan area

5.8 million  
9,434 sq. mi.

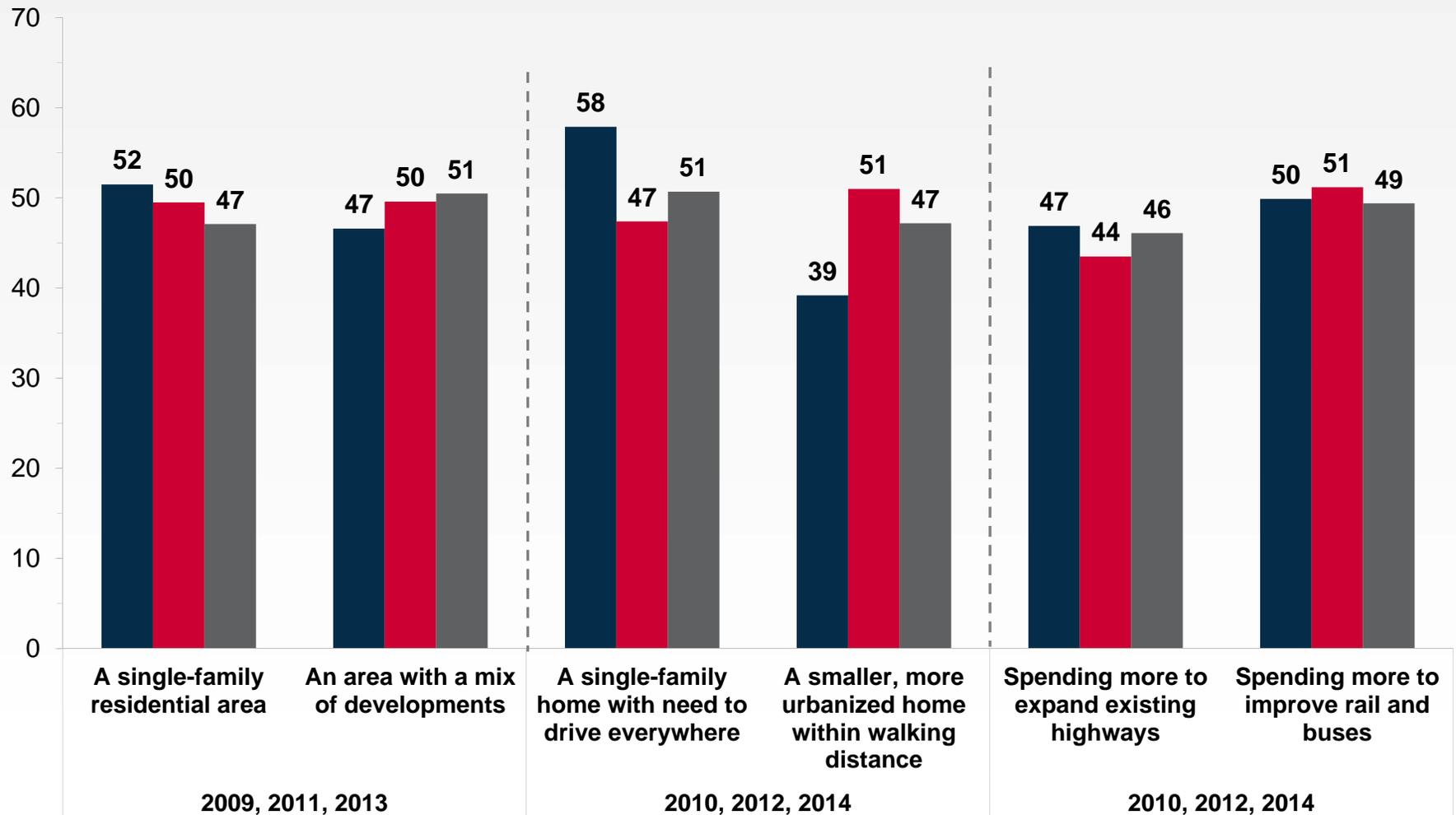


## Massachusetts

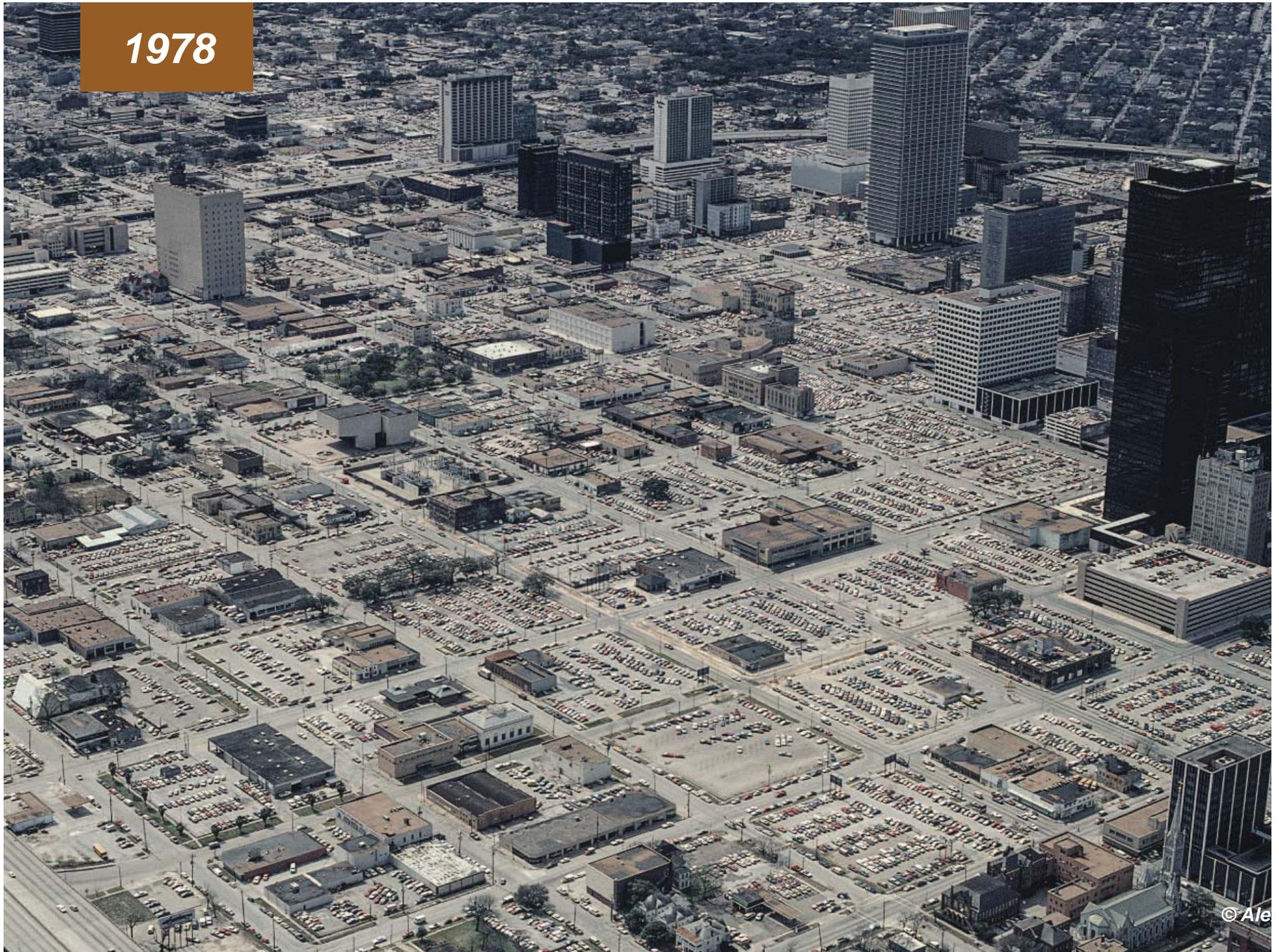
6.6 million  
10,550 sq. mi.

New Jersey  
6.8 million  
8,720 sq. mi.

# The divided preference for car-centered vs. transit-oriented developments (2009-2014)



1978



2011



# Today's pro-growth agenda

The Houston region needs to nurture a far more educated and technically-trained workforce, and develop the research centers that will fuel the engines of the new economy.



***The New Economy***



***The Demographic Revolution***



***Quality of Place***

# Today's pro-growth agenda

Houston needs to develop into a truly successful multiethnic society, one with equality of opportunity for all communities, where all are encouraged to participate as full partners in shaping the region's future.



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# Today's pro-growth agenda

The Houston metropolitan area needs to grow into a much more appealing urban destination, while accommodating an expected 3.5 million additional residents in the next 20 years.



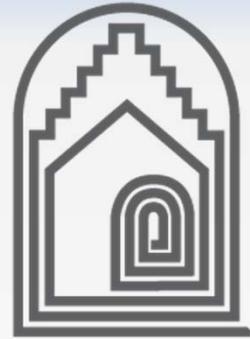
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