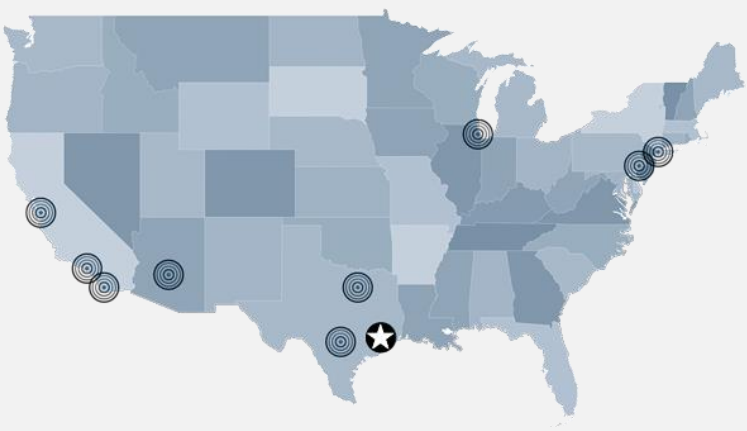
City of Houston

Social

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Date: July 2018



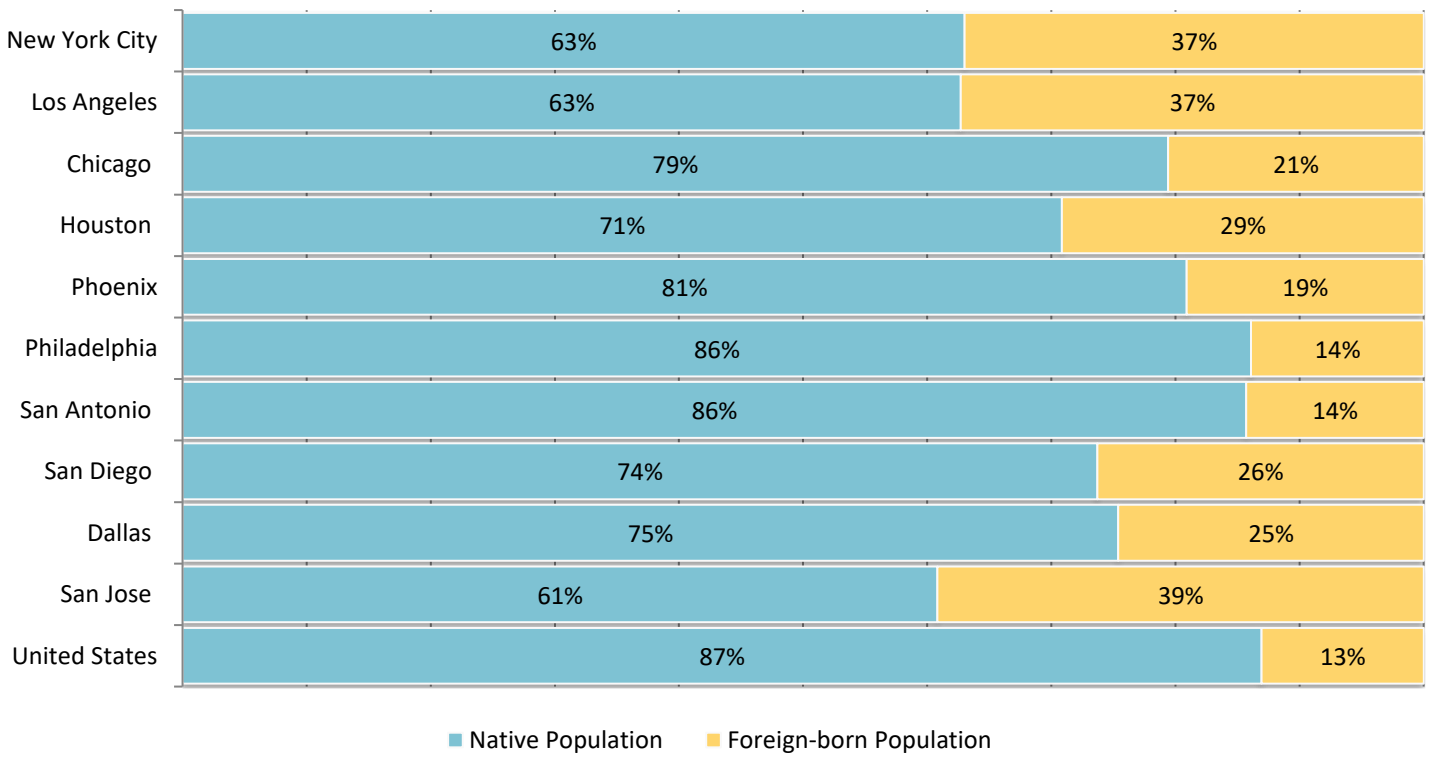
How We Compare

Of the ten most populous cities in the U.S, Houston ranks fourth after New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Houston experienced a 9% increase in population between 2010 and 2018. Houston's economy is strong with its positive economic indicators that include strong job growth, affordable housing, and lower cost of living.

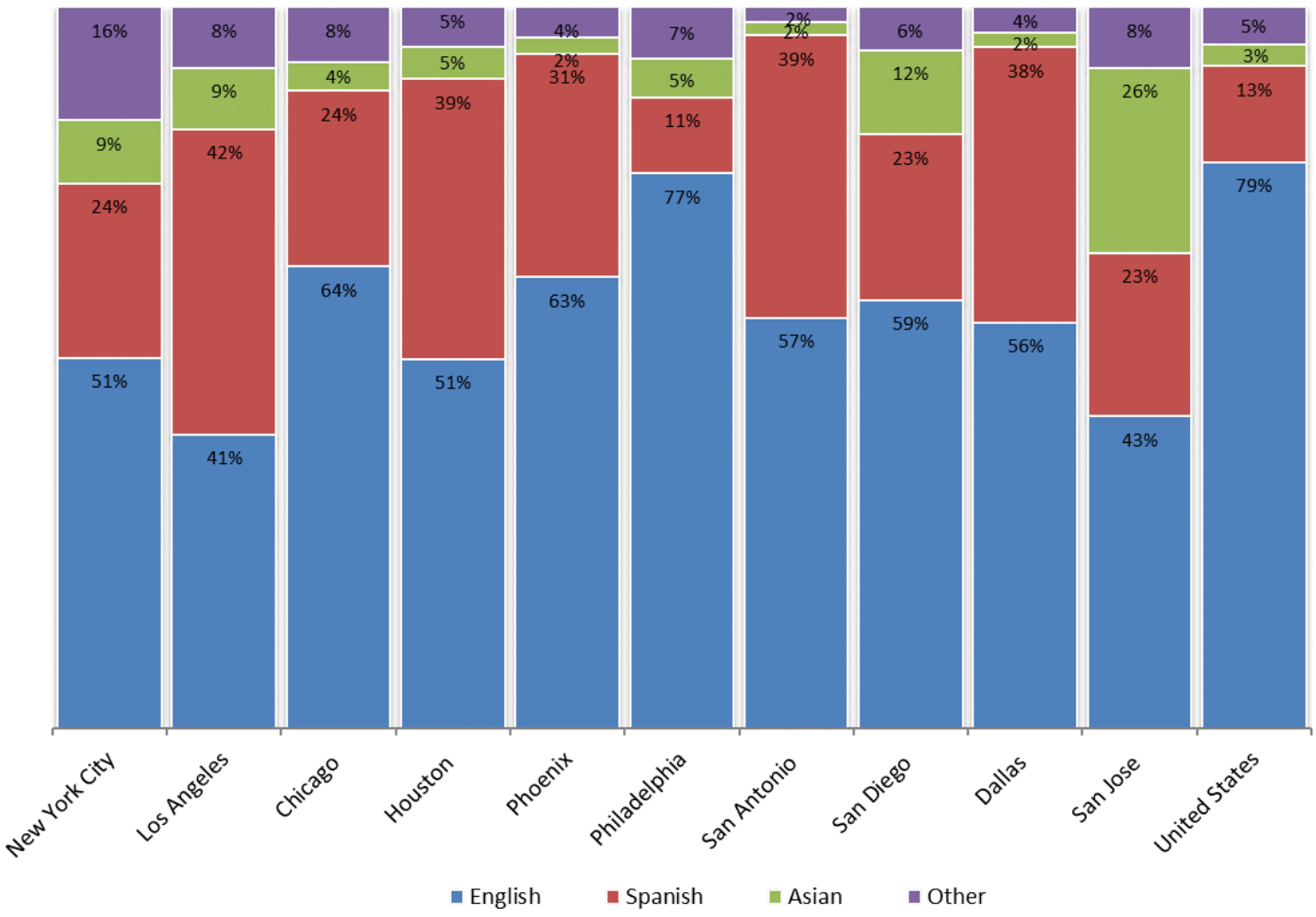
For most of the large cities, economic opportunity is the driving force for demographic and social changes. Opportunity cities have the ability to provide affordable housing and decent amenities at a reasonable cost to their growing populations. The charts shown below illustrate how Houston compares with the other large cities in the US.



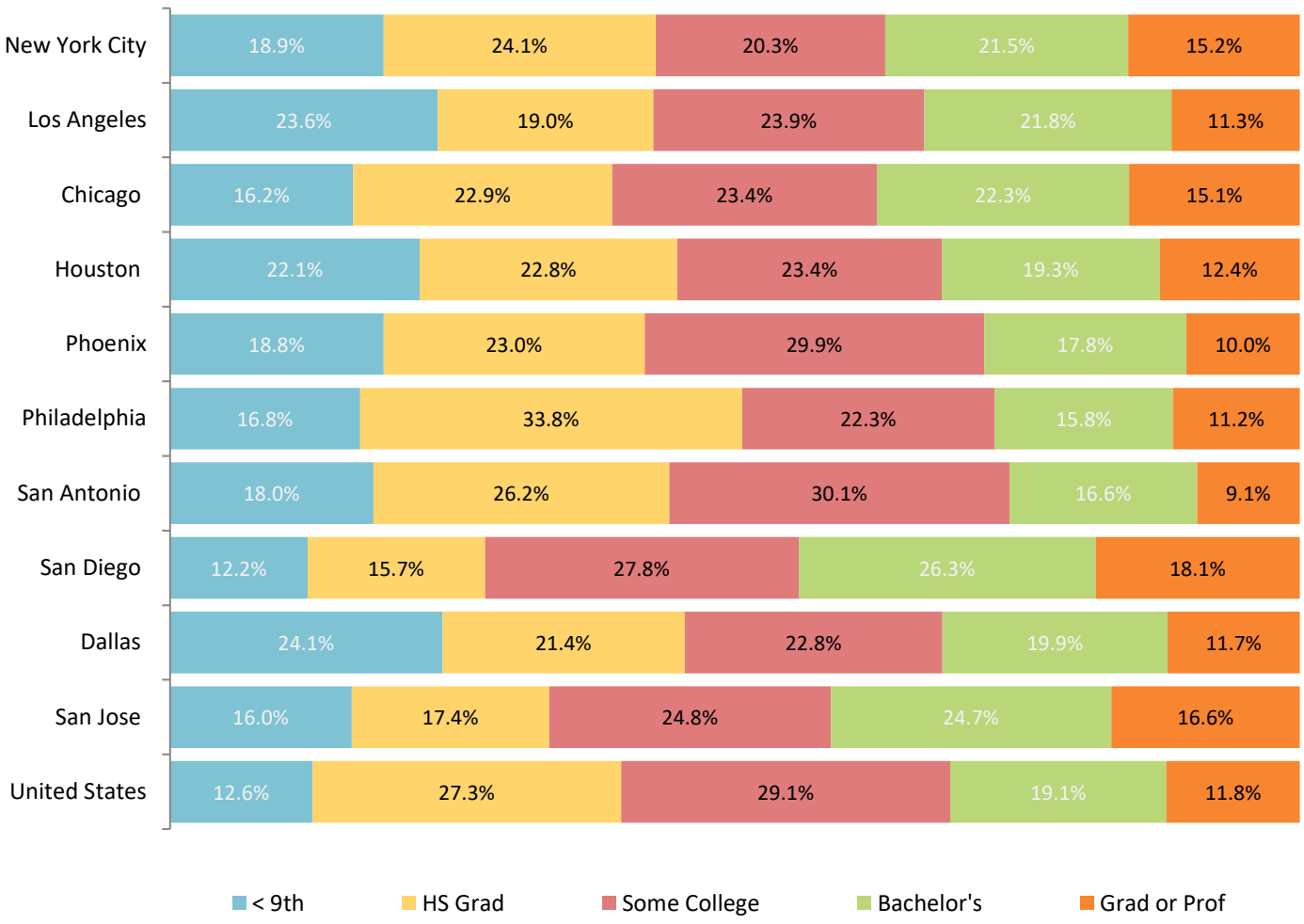
Native and Foreign Born



Language Spoken at Home

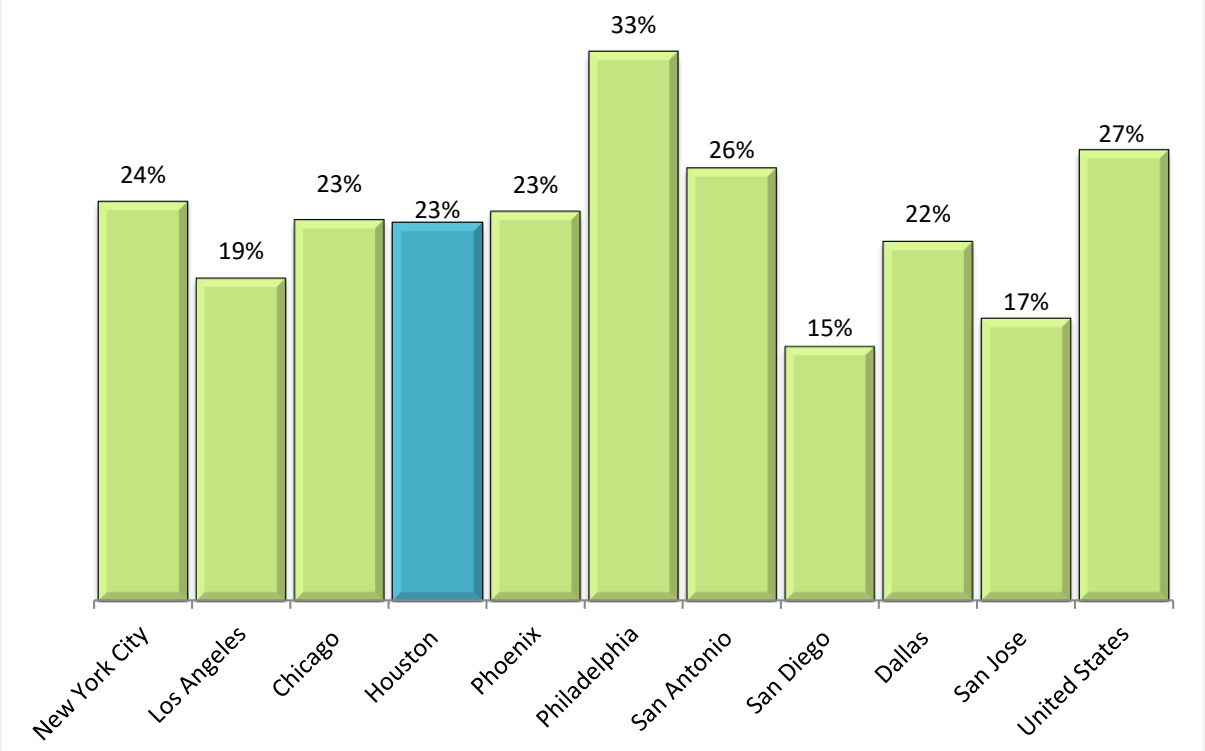


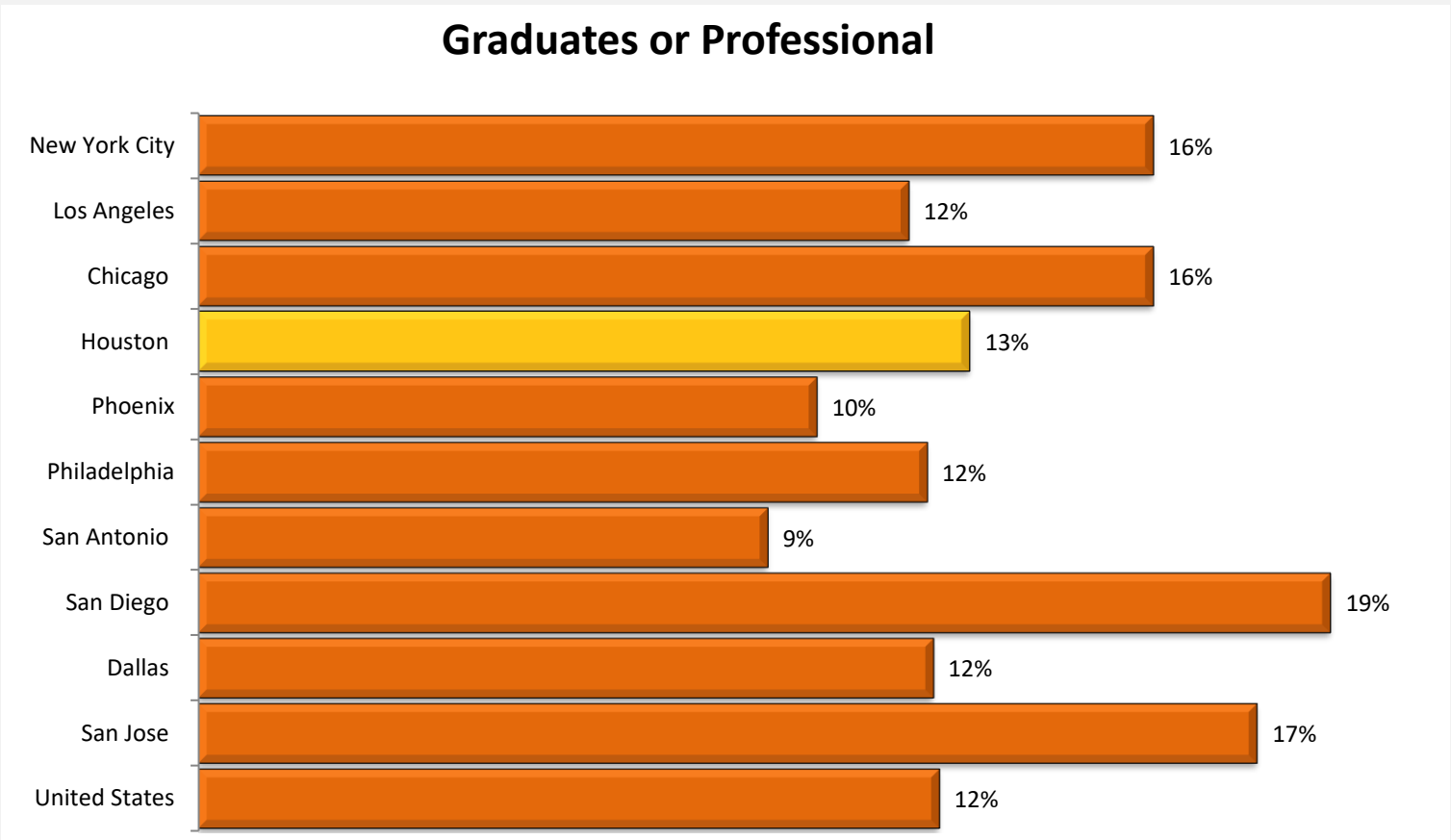
Note: Only persons 5 years and older. "Other" category includes 'Indo-European languages'



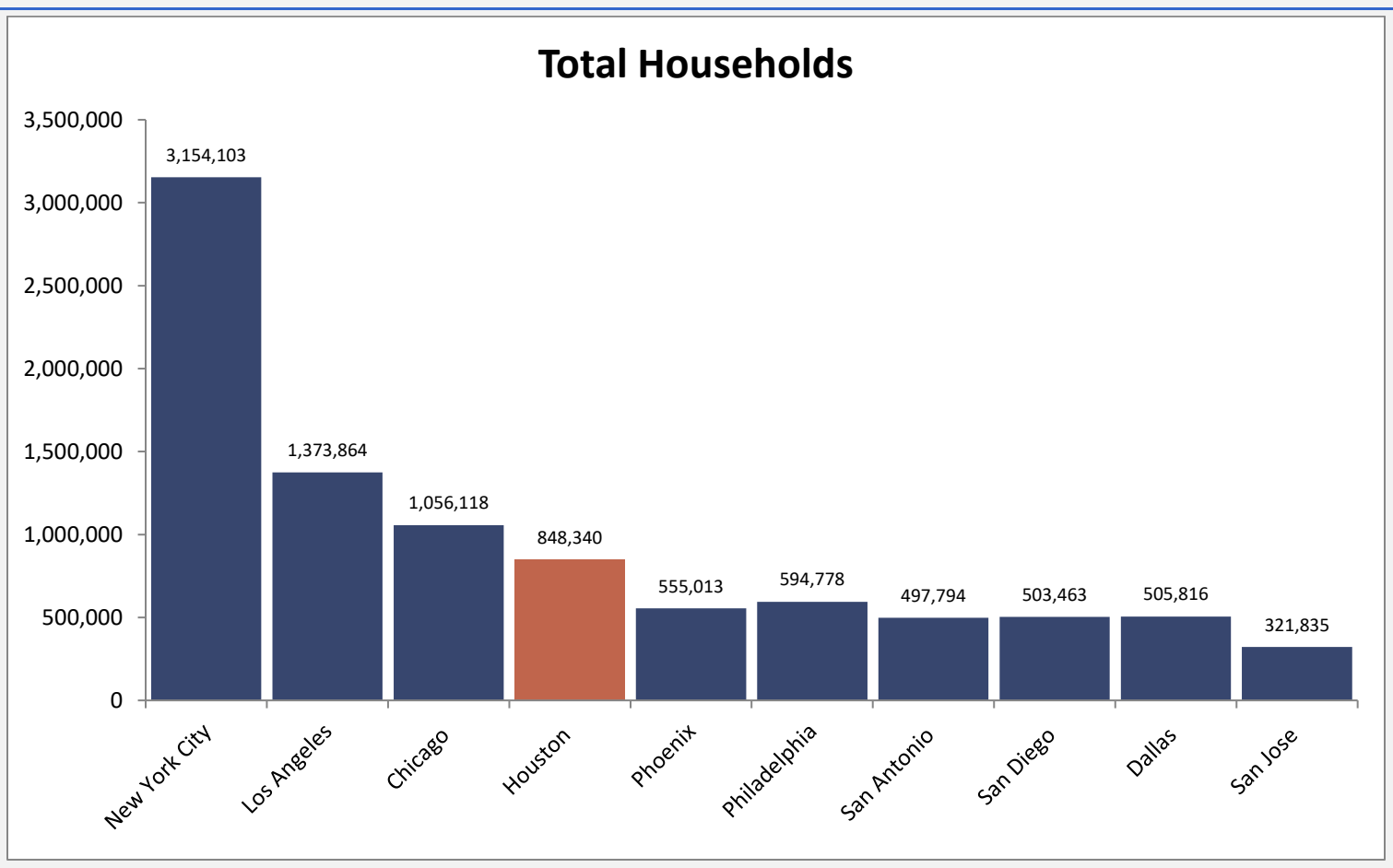
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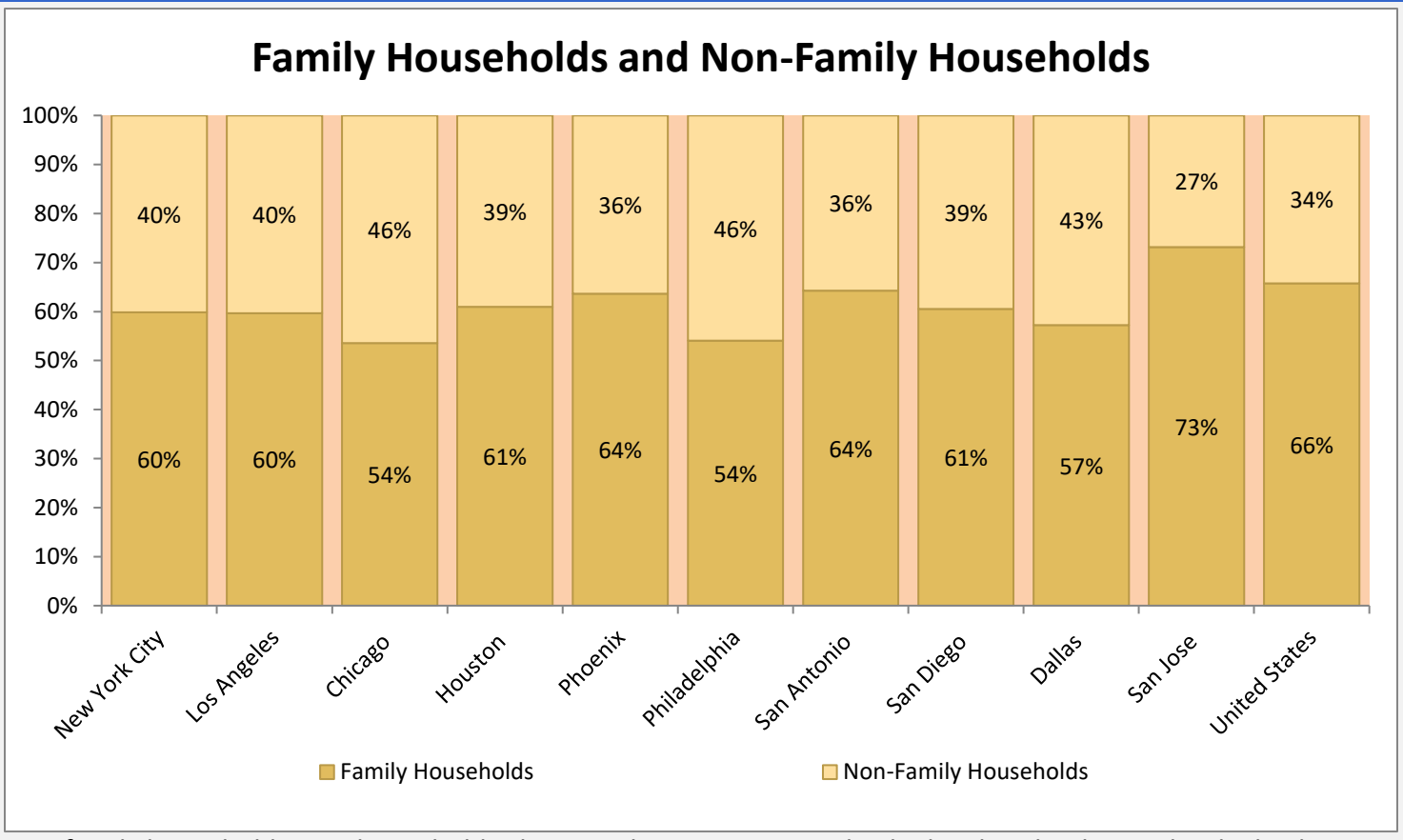




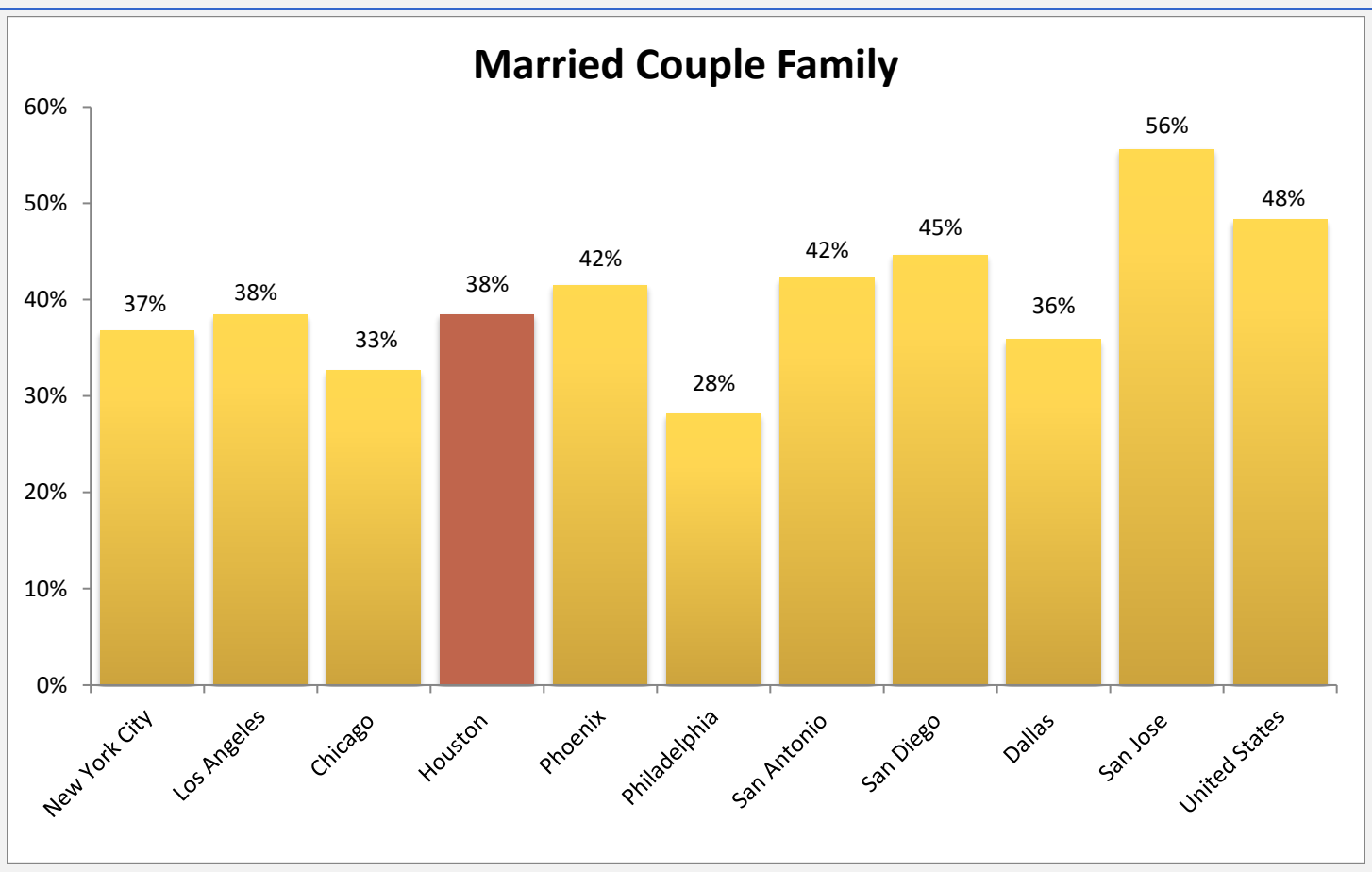
Note: Includes Masters degrees, MD, PhD and other advanced professional degrees.

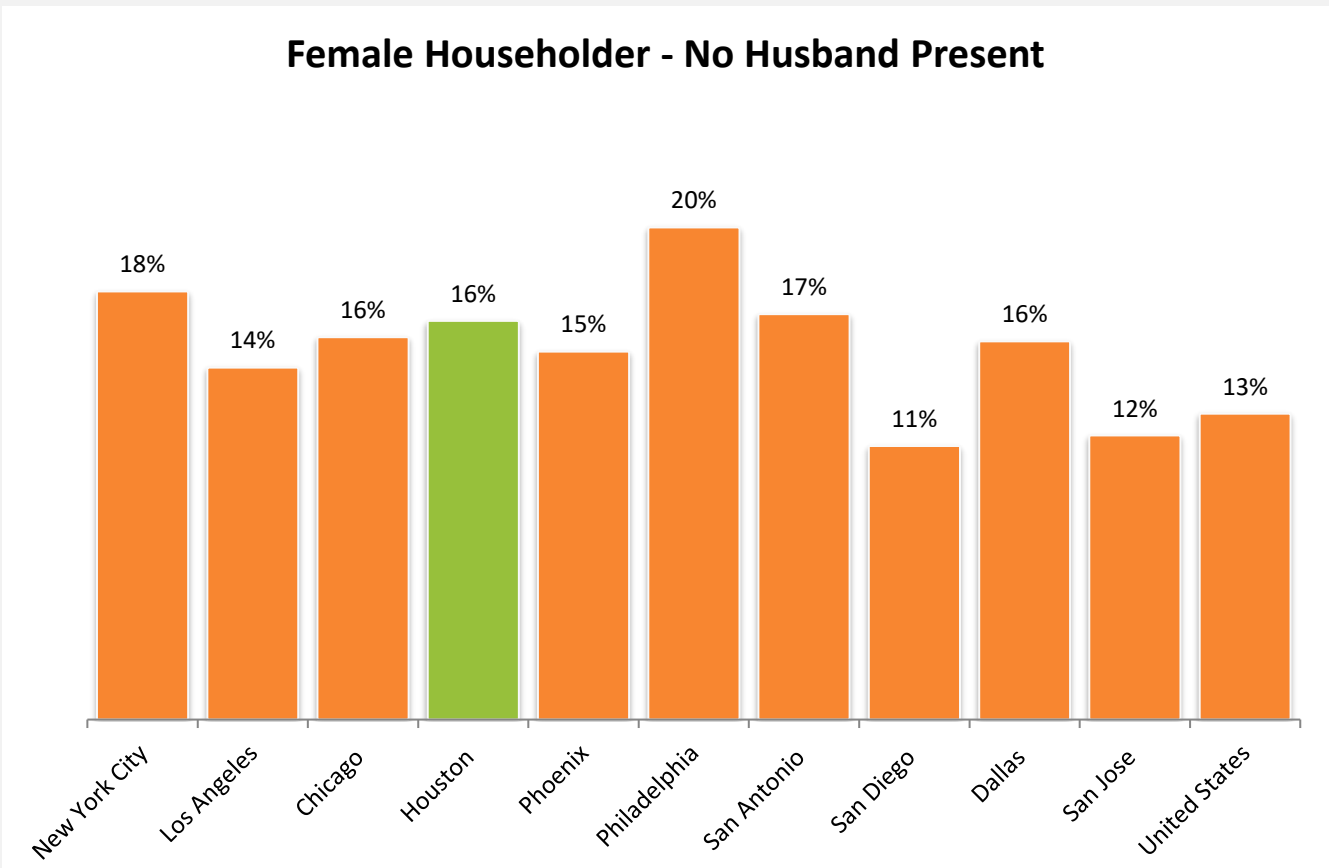


Note: A household includes all the people who occupy a single housing unit.



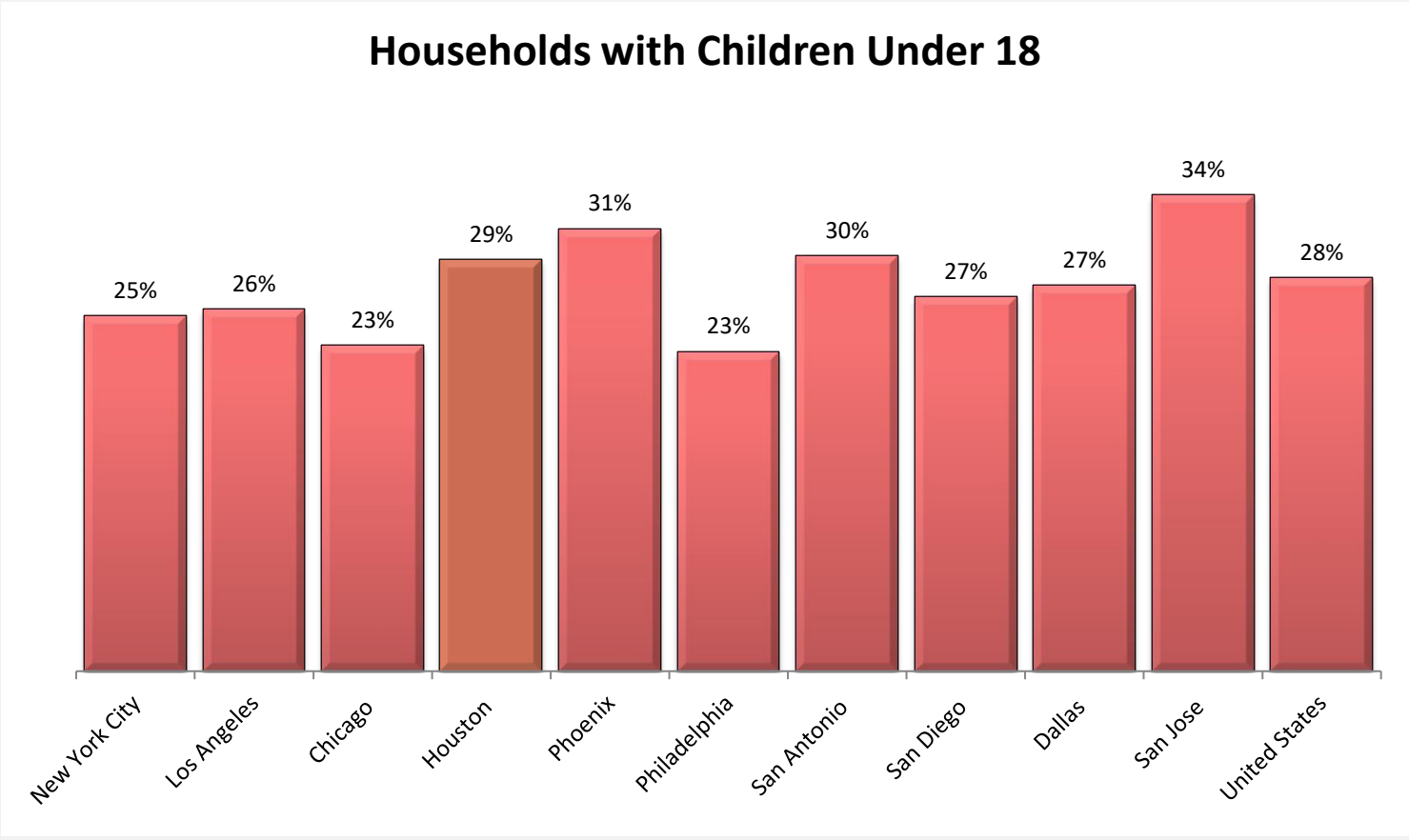
Note: A family householder is a householder living with one or more individuals related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. A nonfamily householder is a householder living alone or with nonrelatives only.



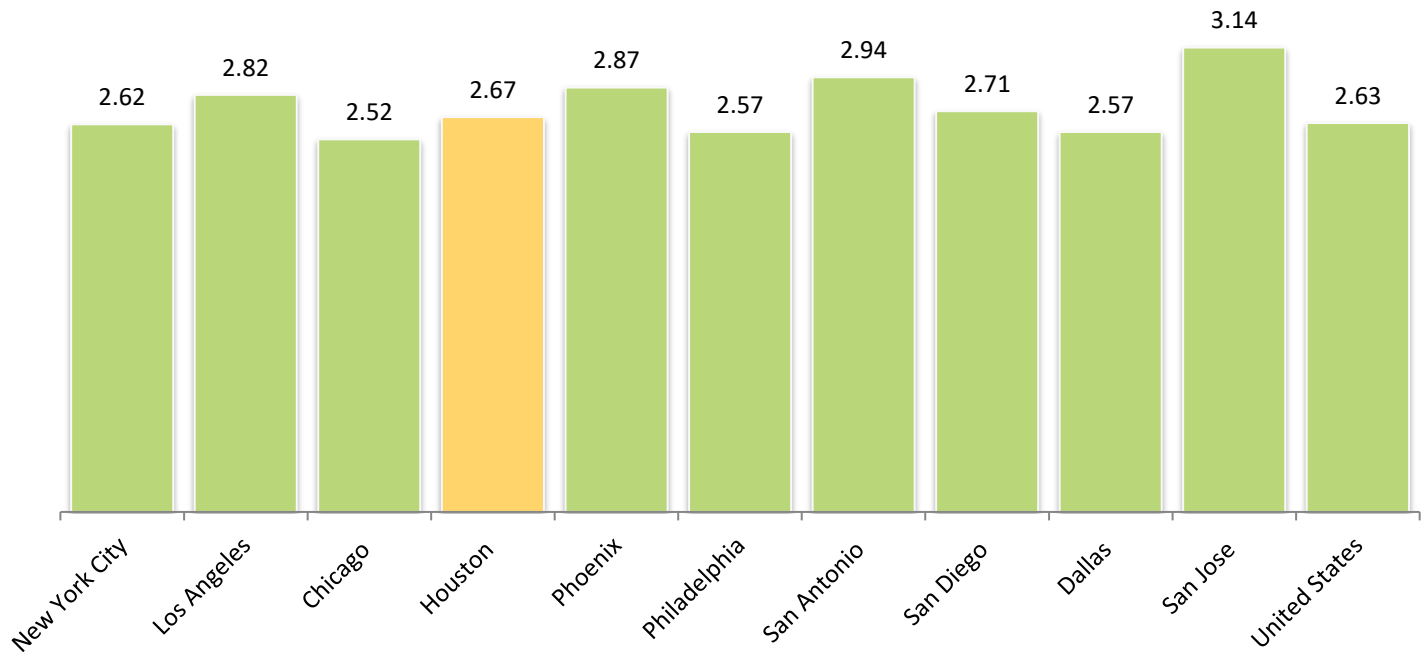




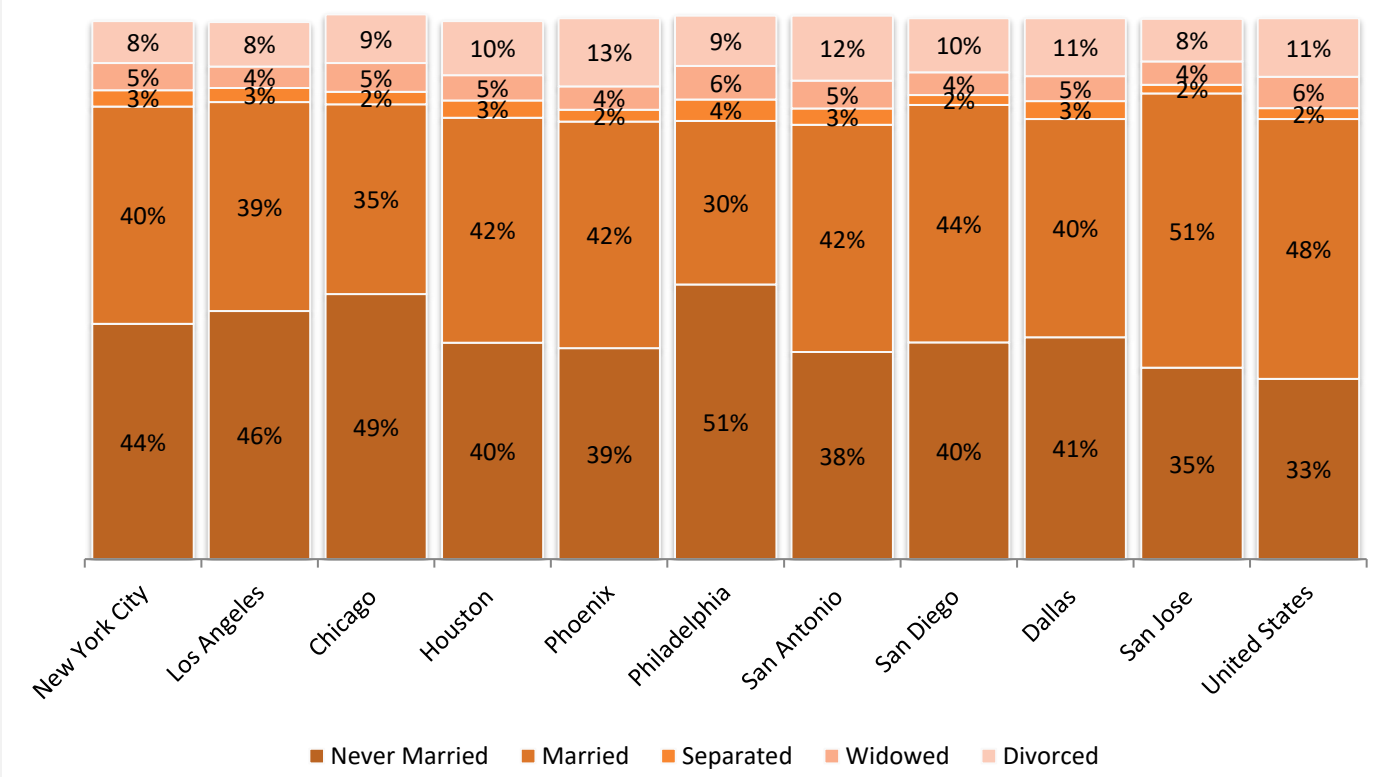
Note: This category includes a family with a female maintaining a household with no husband of the householder present.



Average Household Size

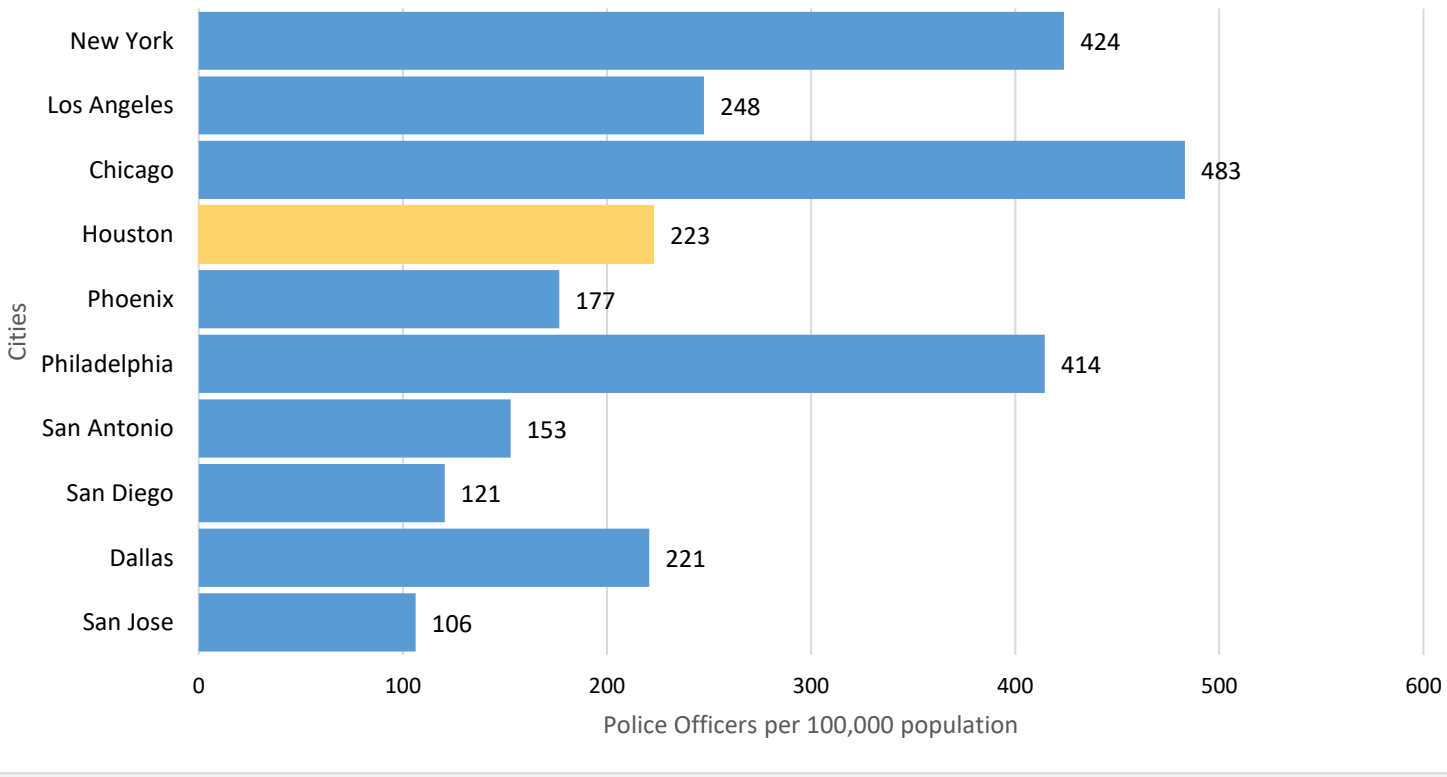


Marital Status



Note: Data on marital status are tabulated only for the population 15 years and over.

Police Officers per 100,000 Population



Source: FBI Uniform Crime Report, 2018

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