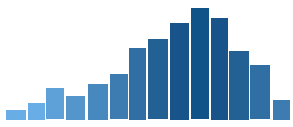


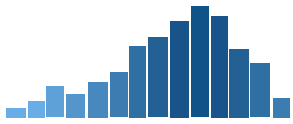
# Hispanic Immigrants and Citizens in Virginia

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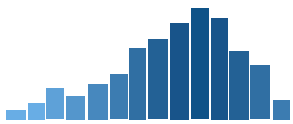
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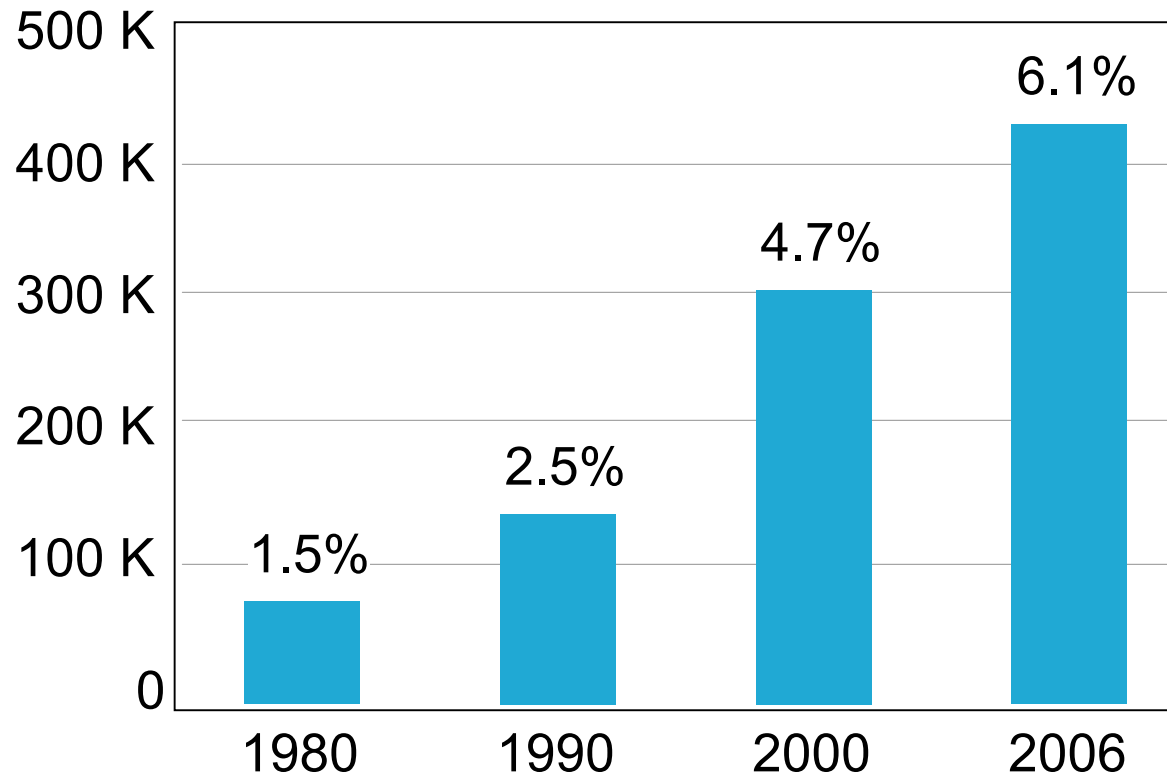
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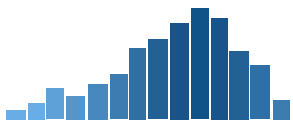
- Virginia's Hispanic population tripled between 1990 and 2006.
- Hispanics account for 6 percent of Virginia's population, compared to 15 percent nationwide.
- Hispanic population concentrate on three major metropolitan areas and part of the rural areas.



# Hispanics Growth and Share

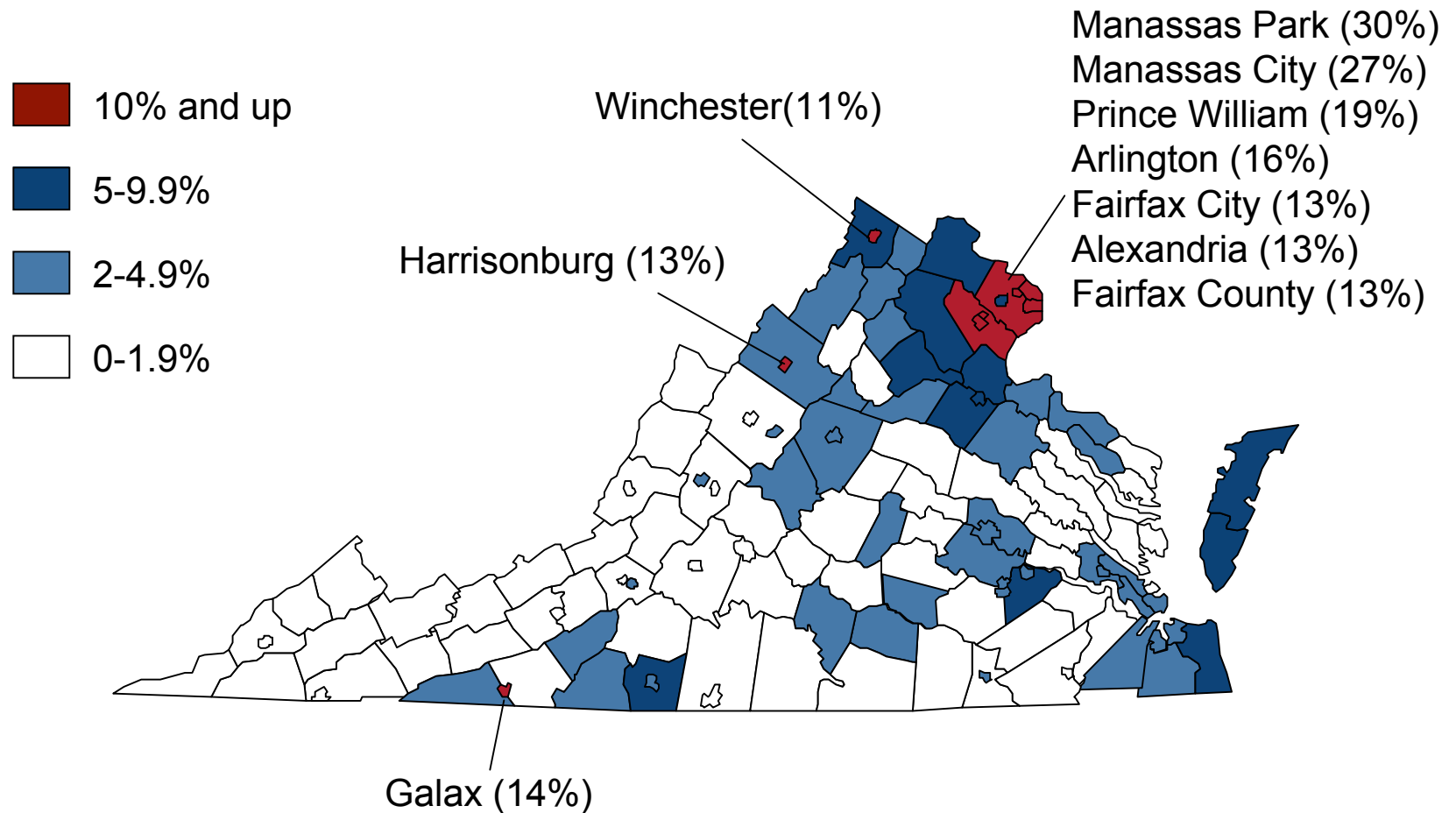
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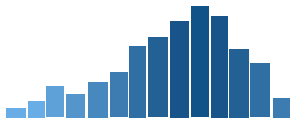




# Local Hispanic Population

Source: 2006 U.S. Census Bureau Estimates

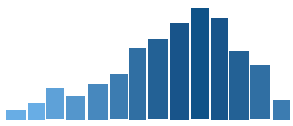




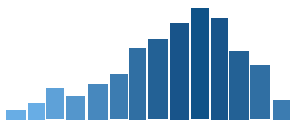
# Terms Used in This Study

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- “Hispanic citizens” are defined as U.S. born citizens and naturalized citizens.
- “Hispanic immigrants” are defined as non-citizens, residing here with or without valid documentation.

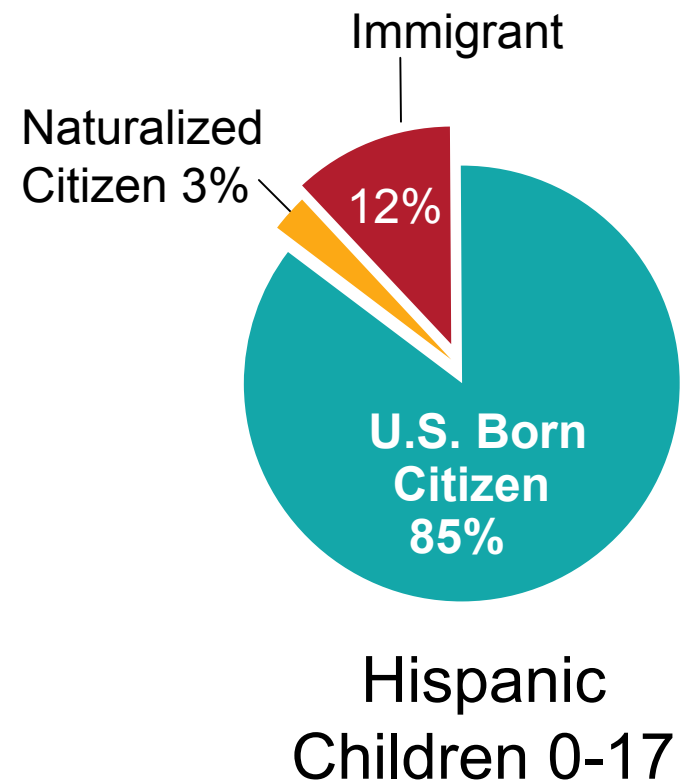
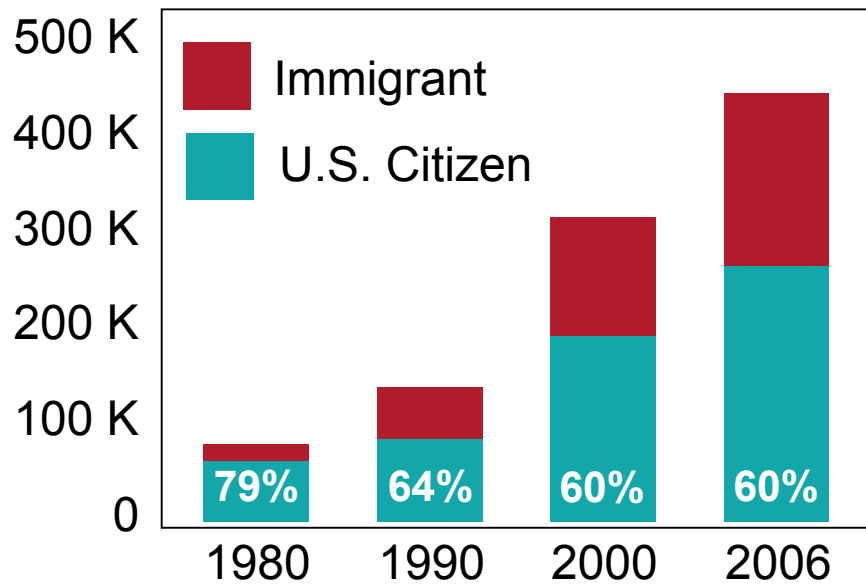


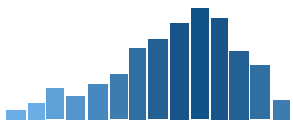
# Key Findings



# Hispanics by Citizenship

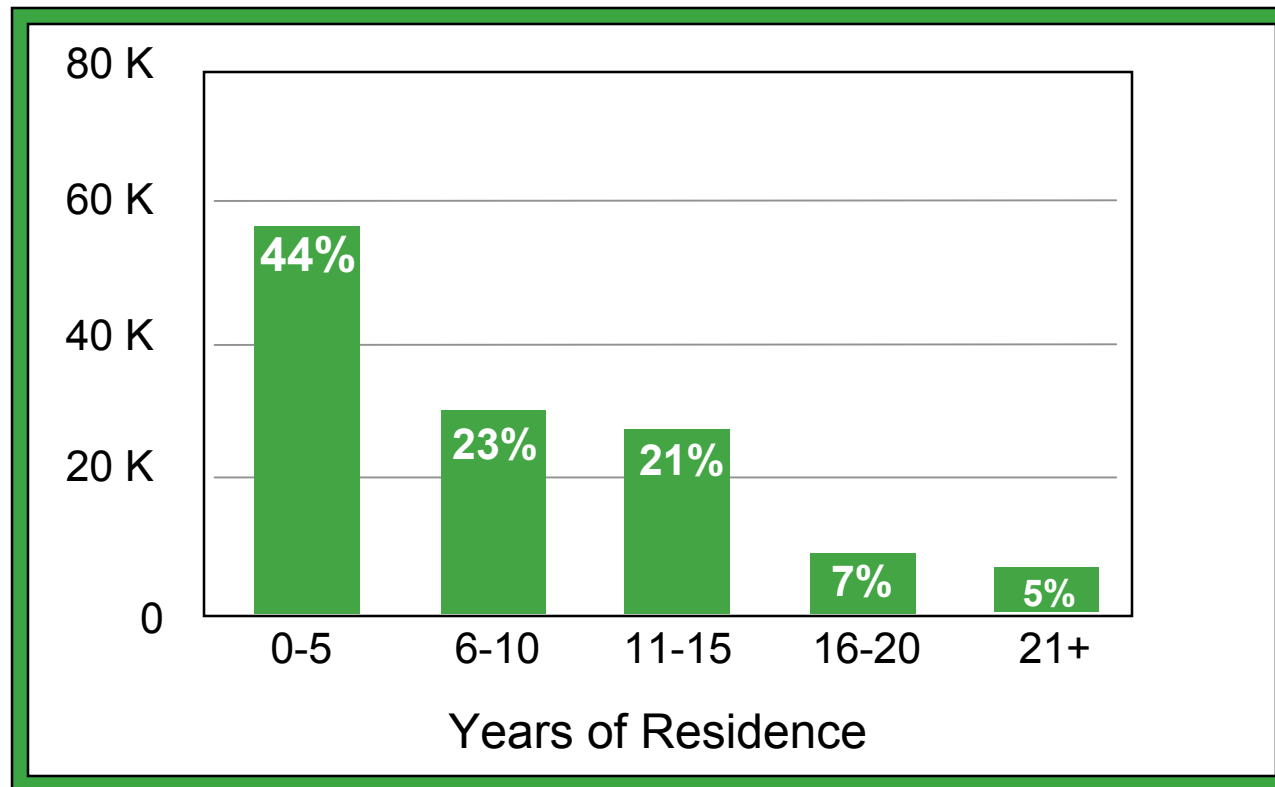
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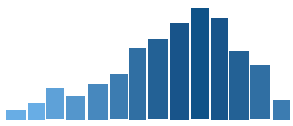


# Years in the U.S.

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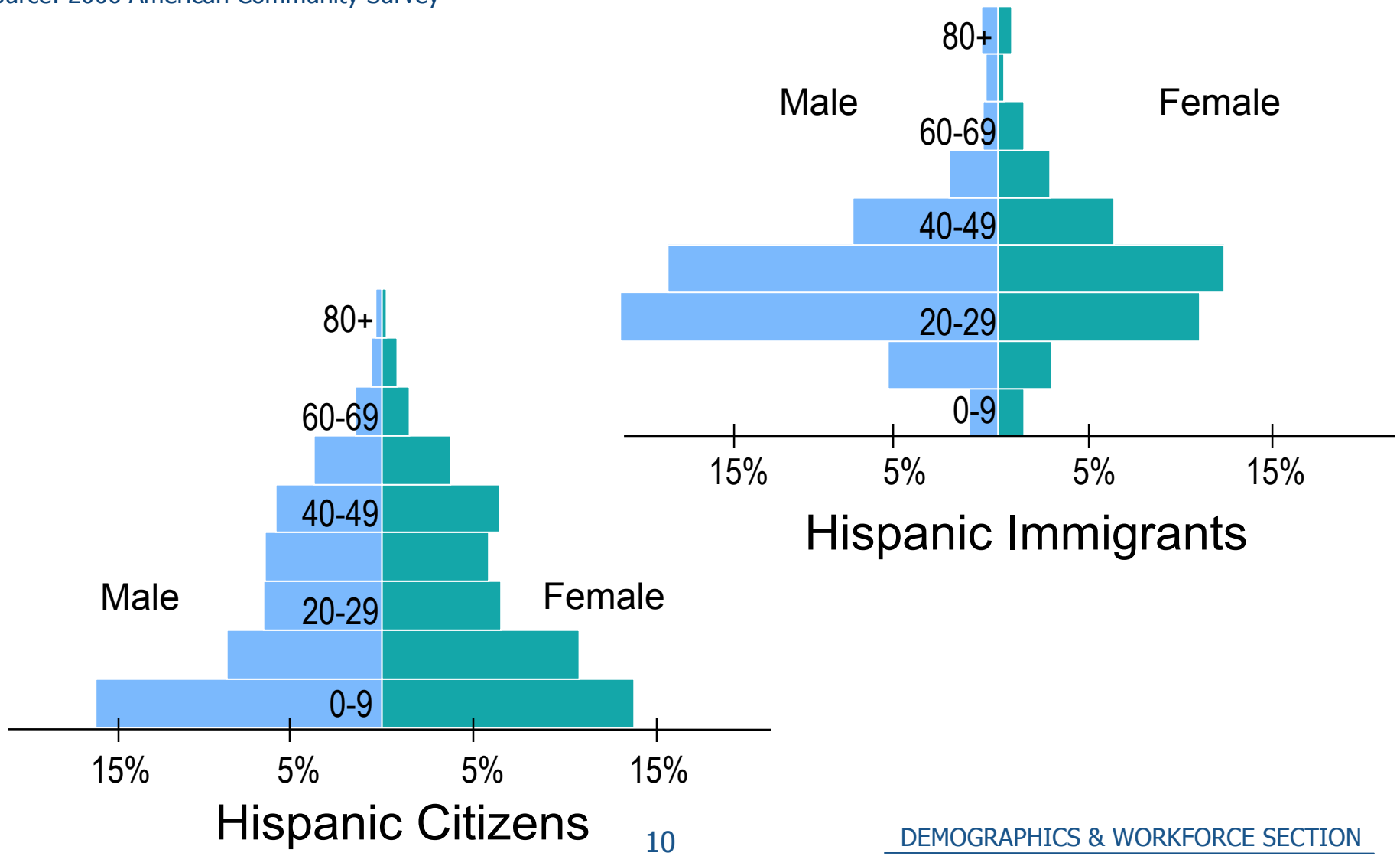


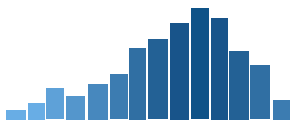
Most Hispanic immigrants arrived in the U.S. within the last 15 years.



# Age Structure

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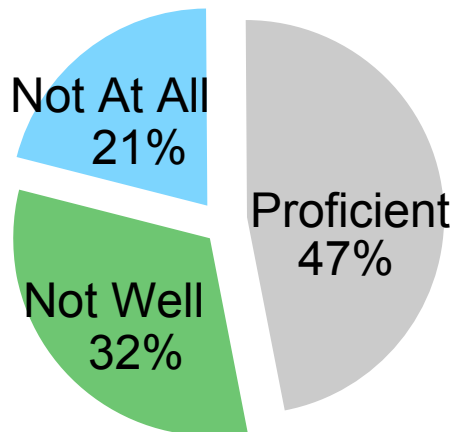




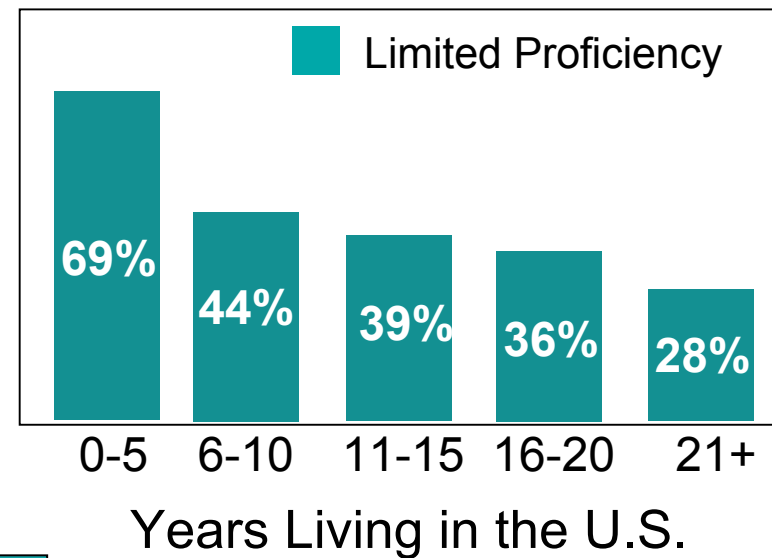
# English Proficiency

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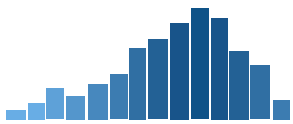
## How Well Do Hispanic Immigrants Speak English?



## Does English Proficiency Improve Over Time?

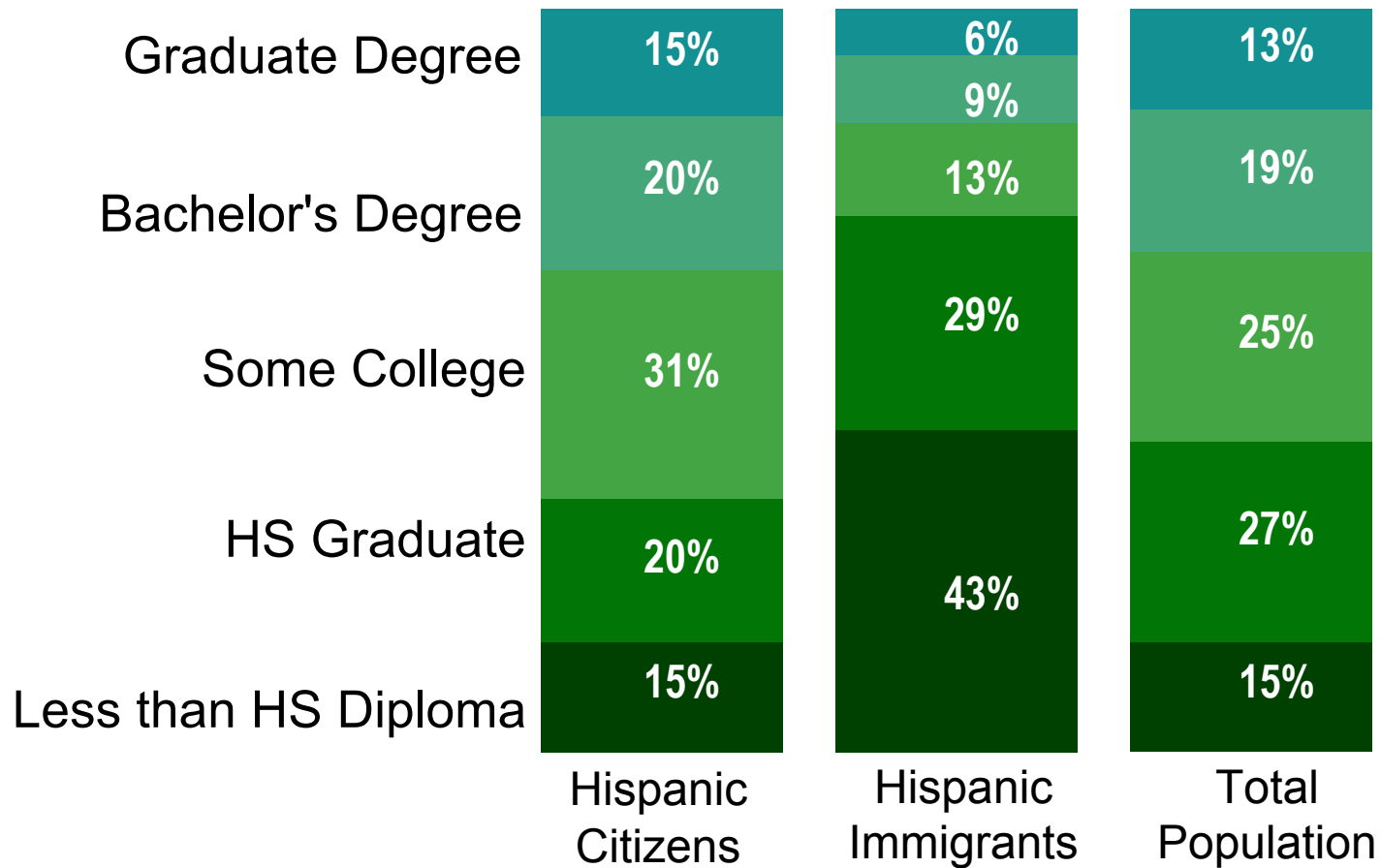


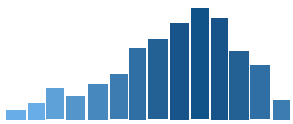
Hispanic Citizens	{	Proficient	94%
		Not Well	4%
		Not At All	2%



# Educational Attainment

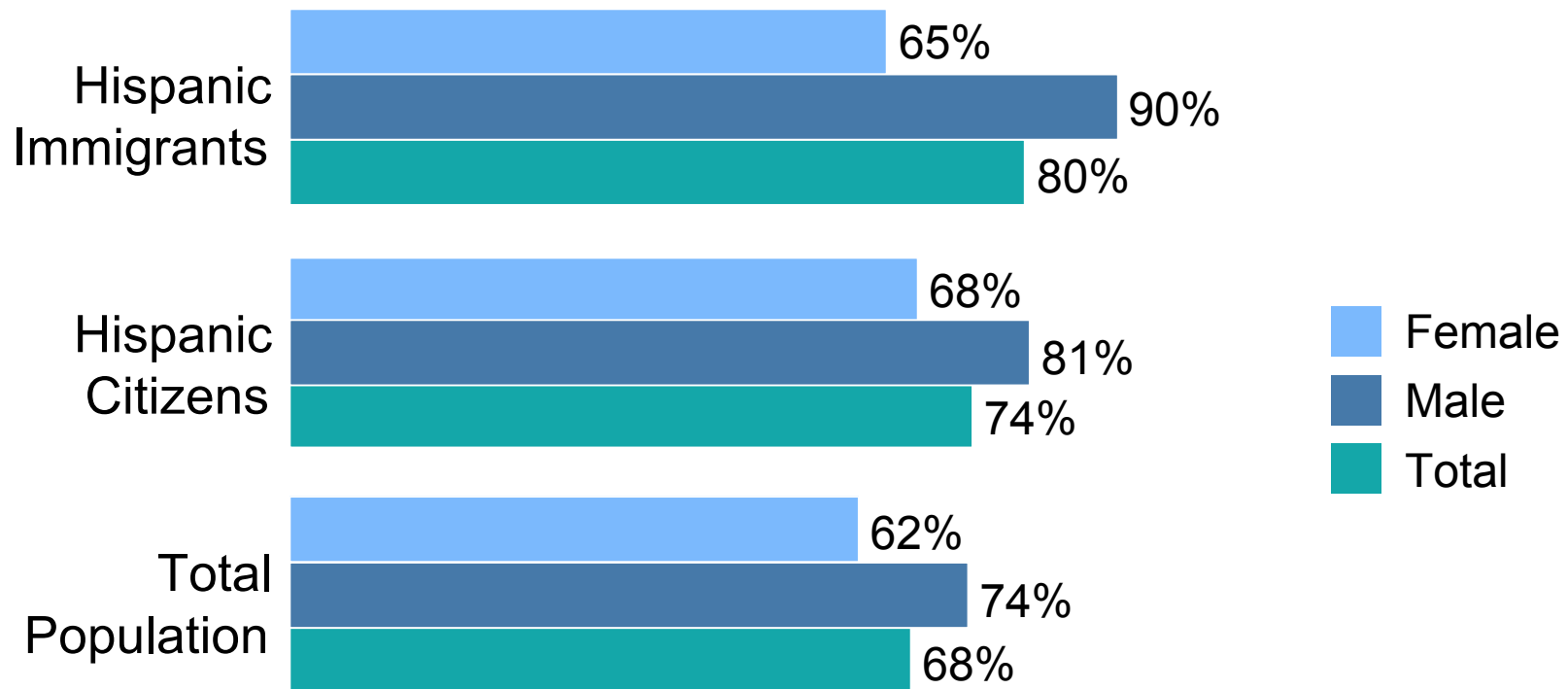
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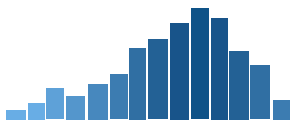


# Labor Force Participation

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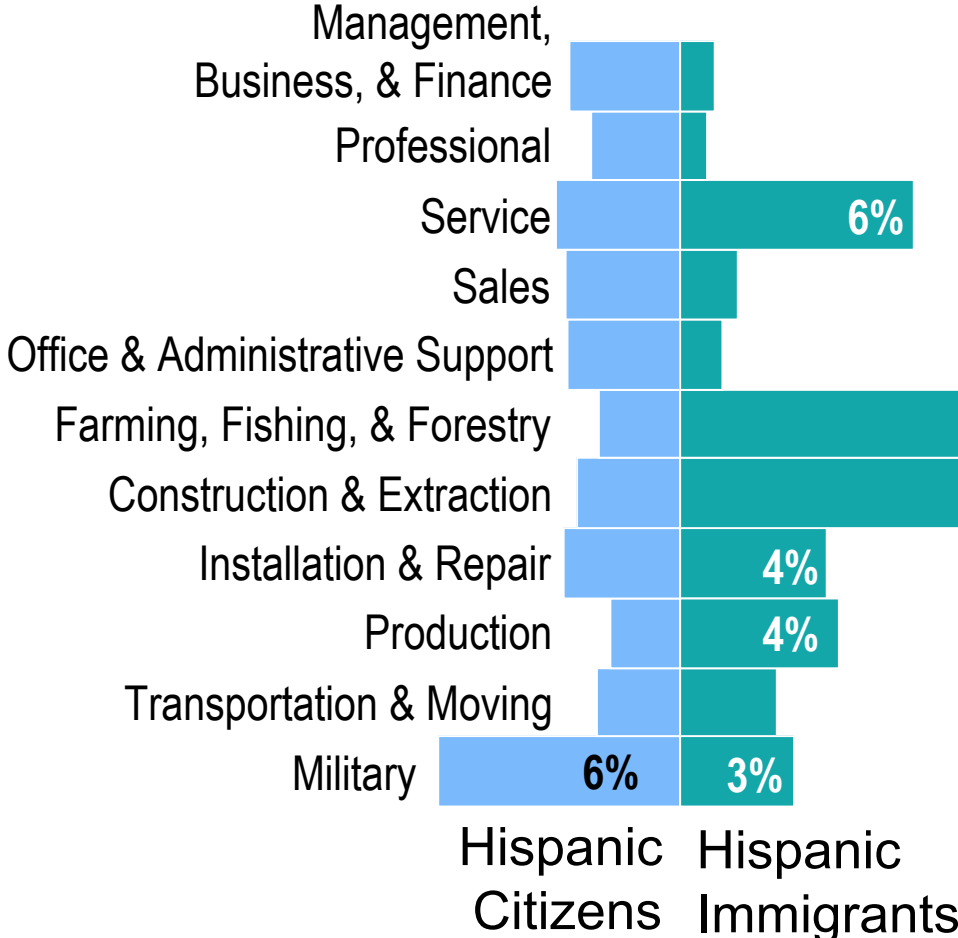
Percent in the Labor Force



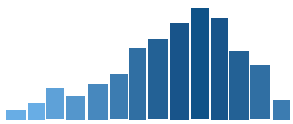
# Occupations

Source: 2006 American Community Survey

Percent of Hispanic Workers in Each Occupation Sector



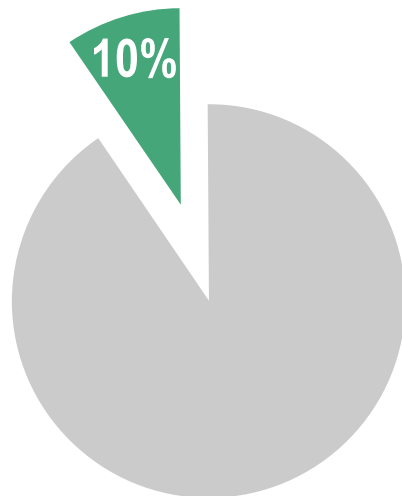
Share of Labor Force	
Hispanic Citizens	2.9%
Hispanic Immigrants	3.4%



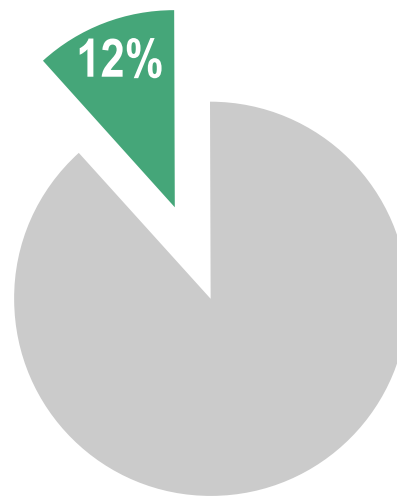
# Poverty

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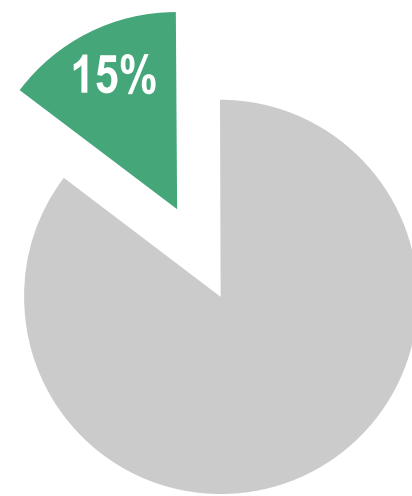
## Percent Living In Poverty



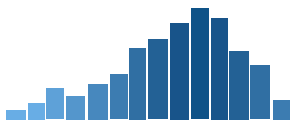
Total  
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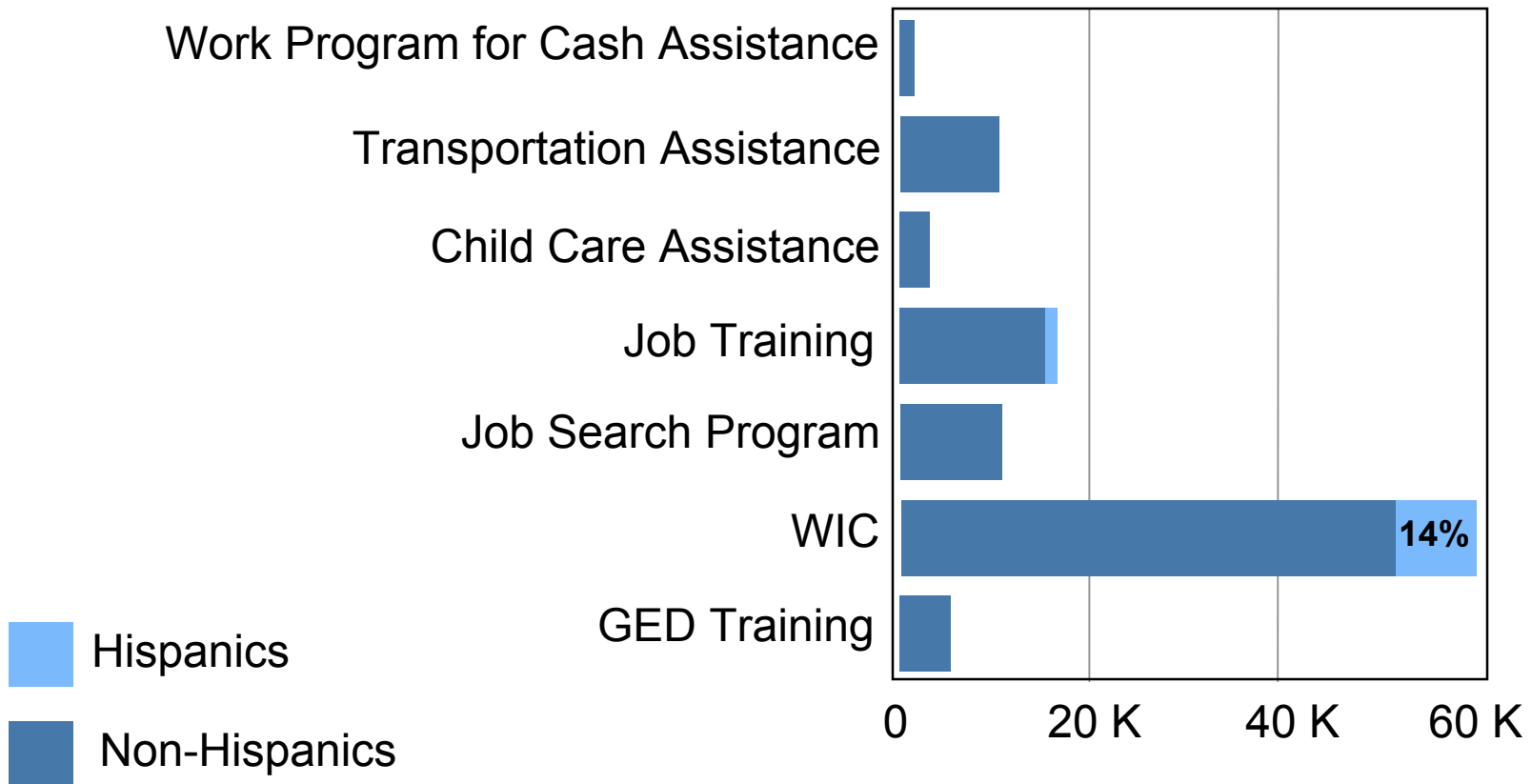
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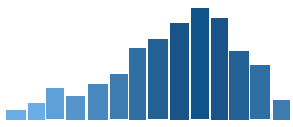


# Welfare

Source: 2006 Current Population Survey

## Welfare Recipients

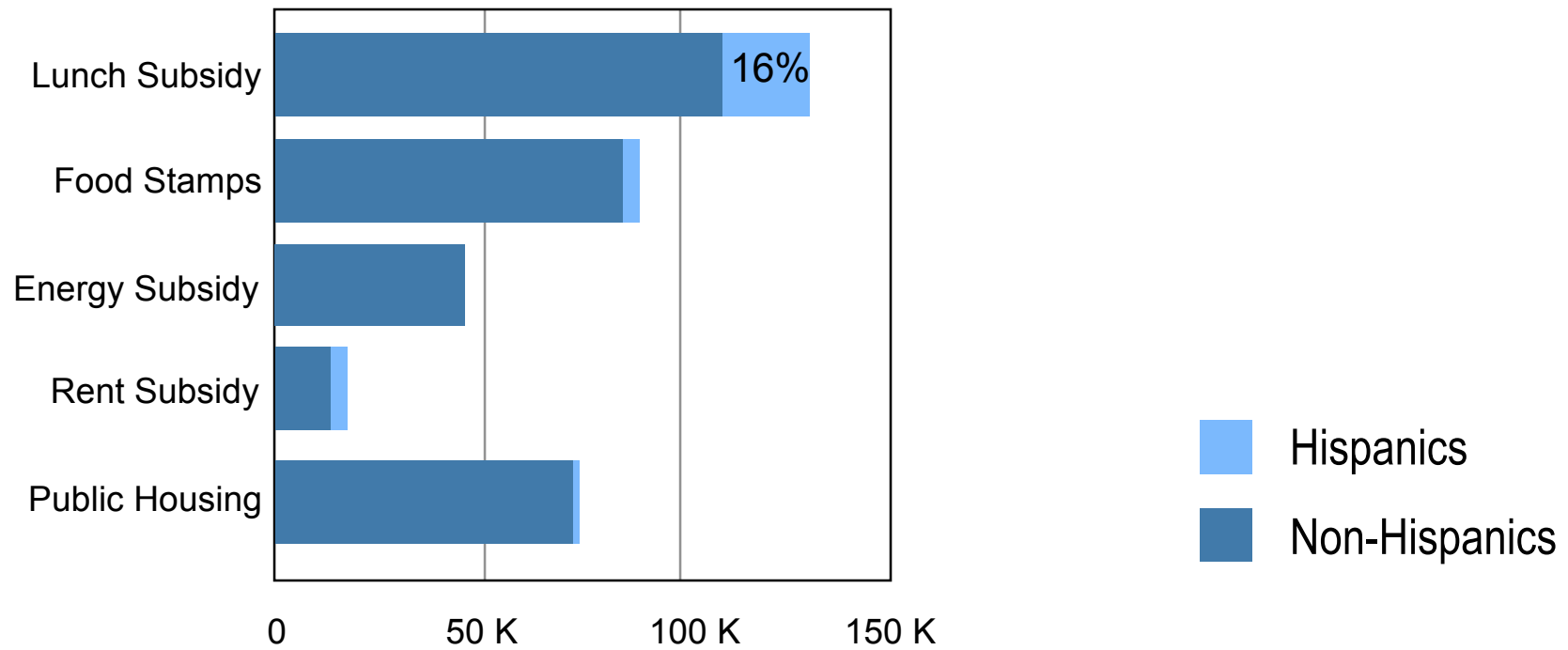


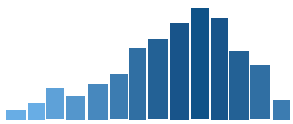


# Subsidy

Source: 2006 Current Population Survey

## Subsidy Recipients

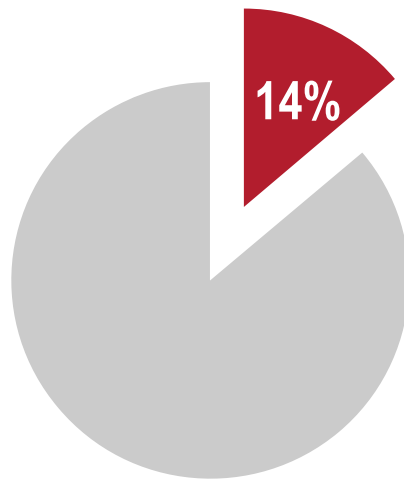




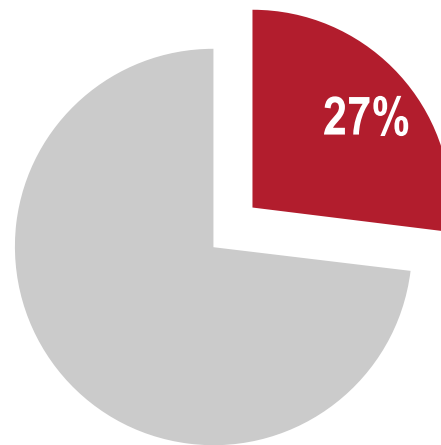
# Health Insurance

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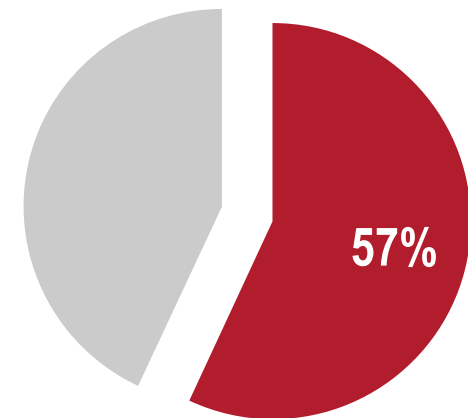
## Percent Without Health Insurance In 2006



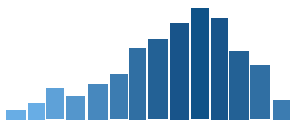
Total  
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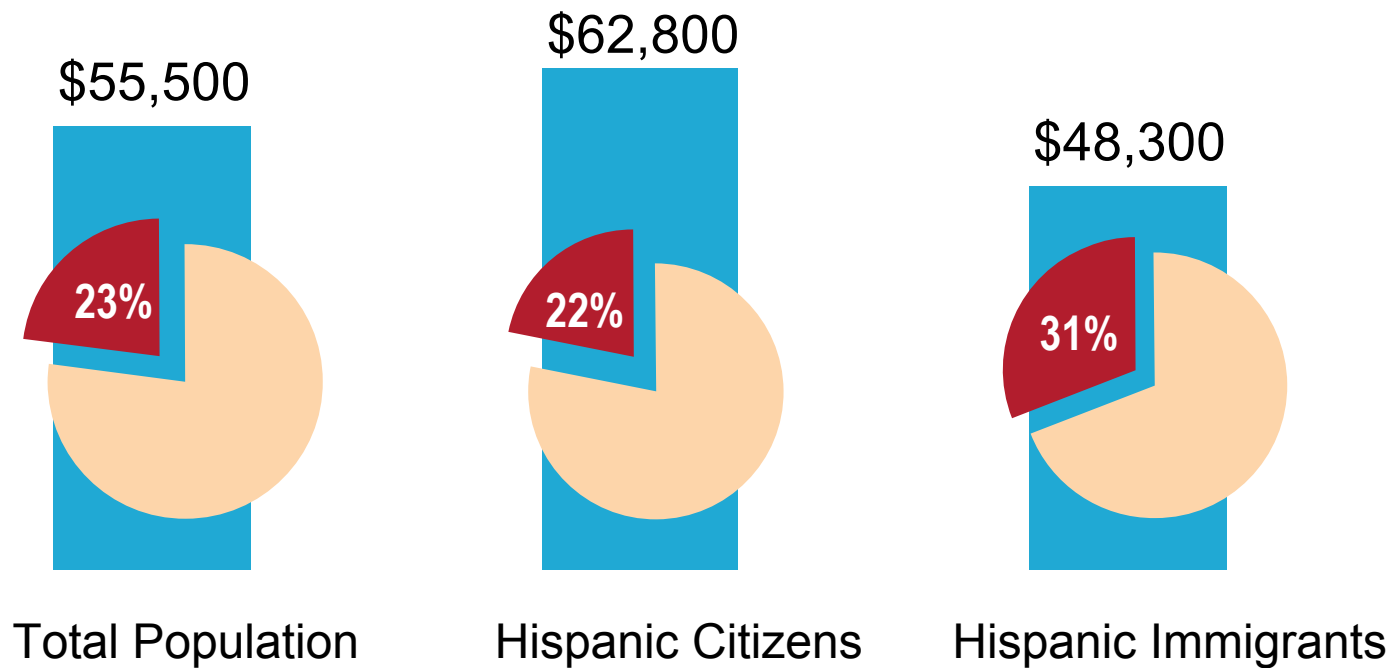
Hispanic  
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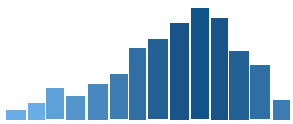
# Income & Housing

Source: 2006 American Community Survey

Percent  
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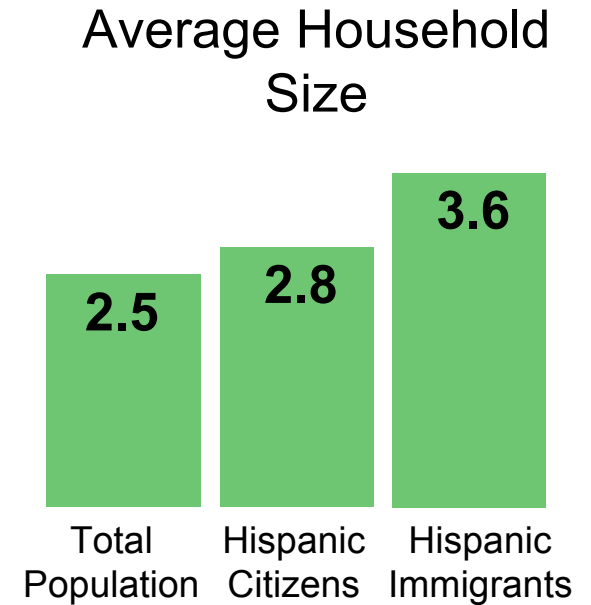
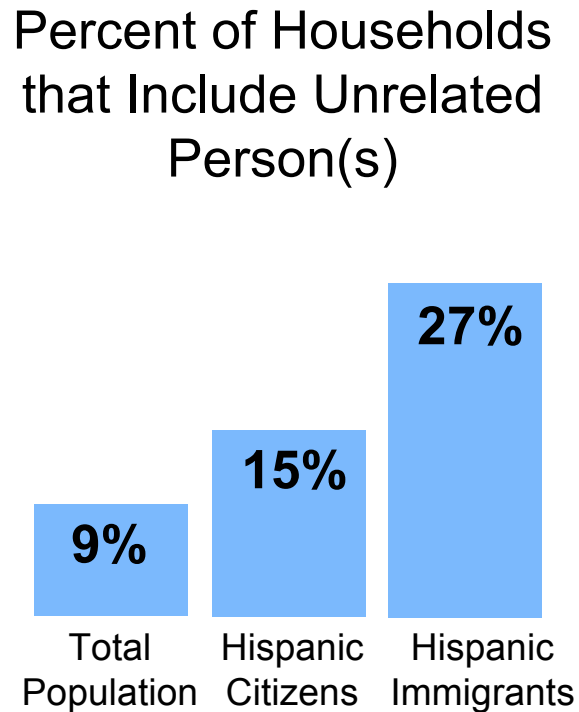
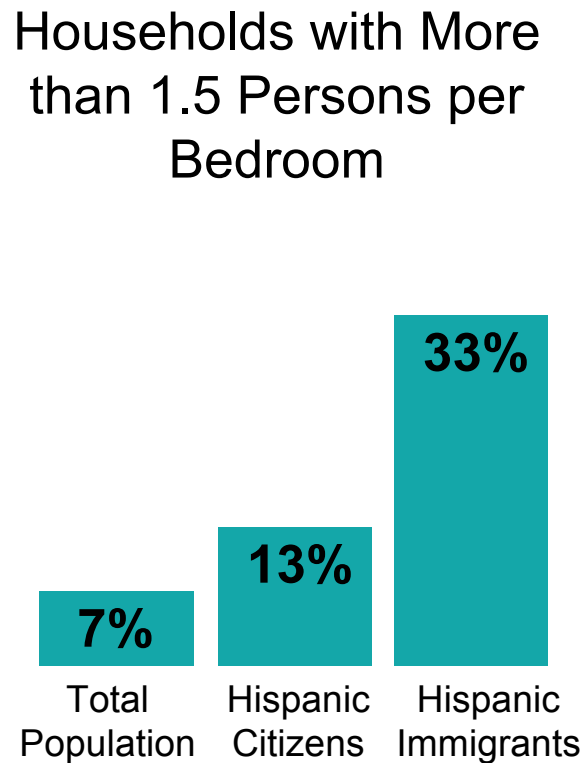


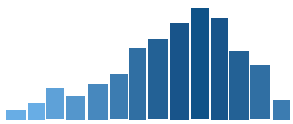
Median Household Income



# Living Arrangements

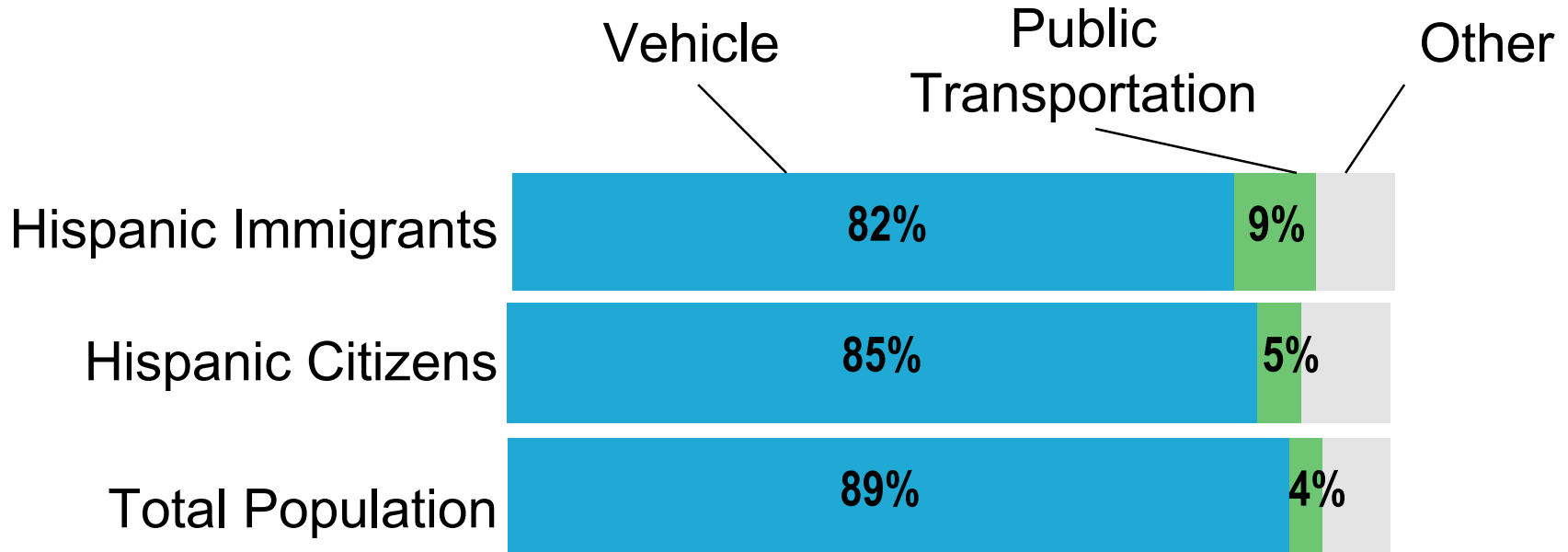
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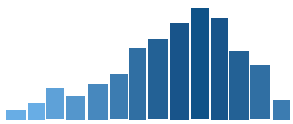




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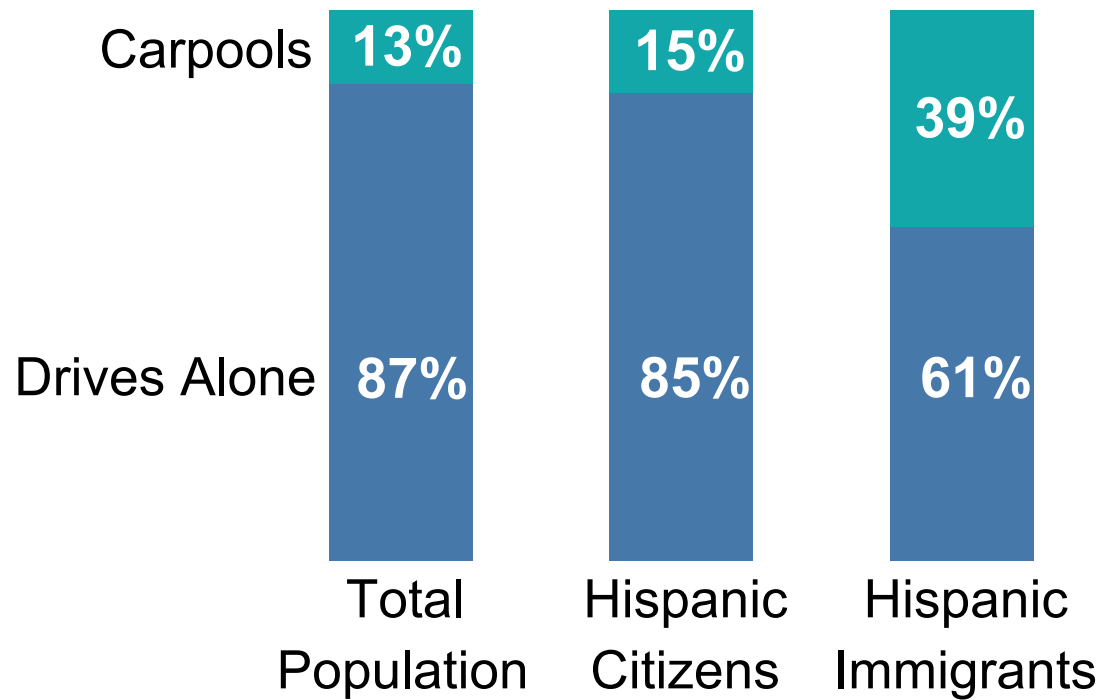
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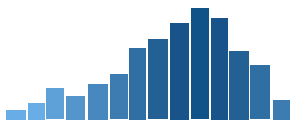




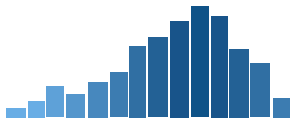
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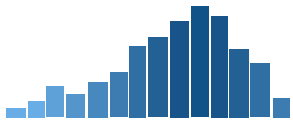
# Summary



# Hispanic Immigrants

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- 40 percent of Hispanics in Virginia are immigrants, including both authorized and unauthorized; the remaining 60 percent are U.S. citizens.
- Hispanic immigrants are less educated, poorer, more likely to lack health insurance, and live in larger households than the overall population.
- Despite their lower income levels, Hispanic immigrants and their children receive little welfare other than WIC and school lunch subsidies.



# Hispanic Citizens

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- Hispanic citizens speak English well and adults are slightly better educated than the overall Virginia population.
- Households headed by Hispanic citizens have higher household income than Virginia's households overall.
- Hispanic citizens have similar occupation distribution to the overall population and are over-represented in Virginia's military.