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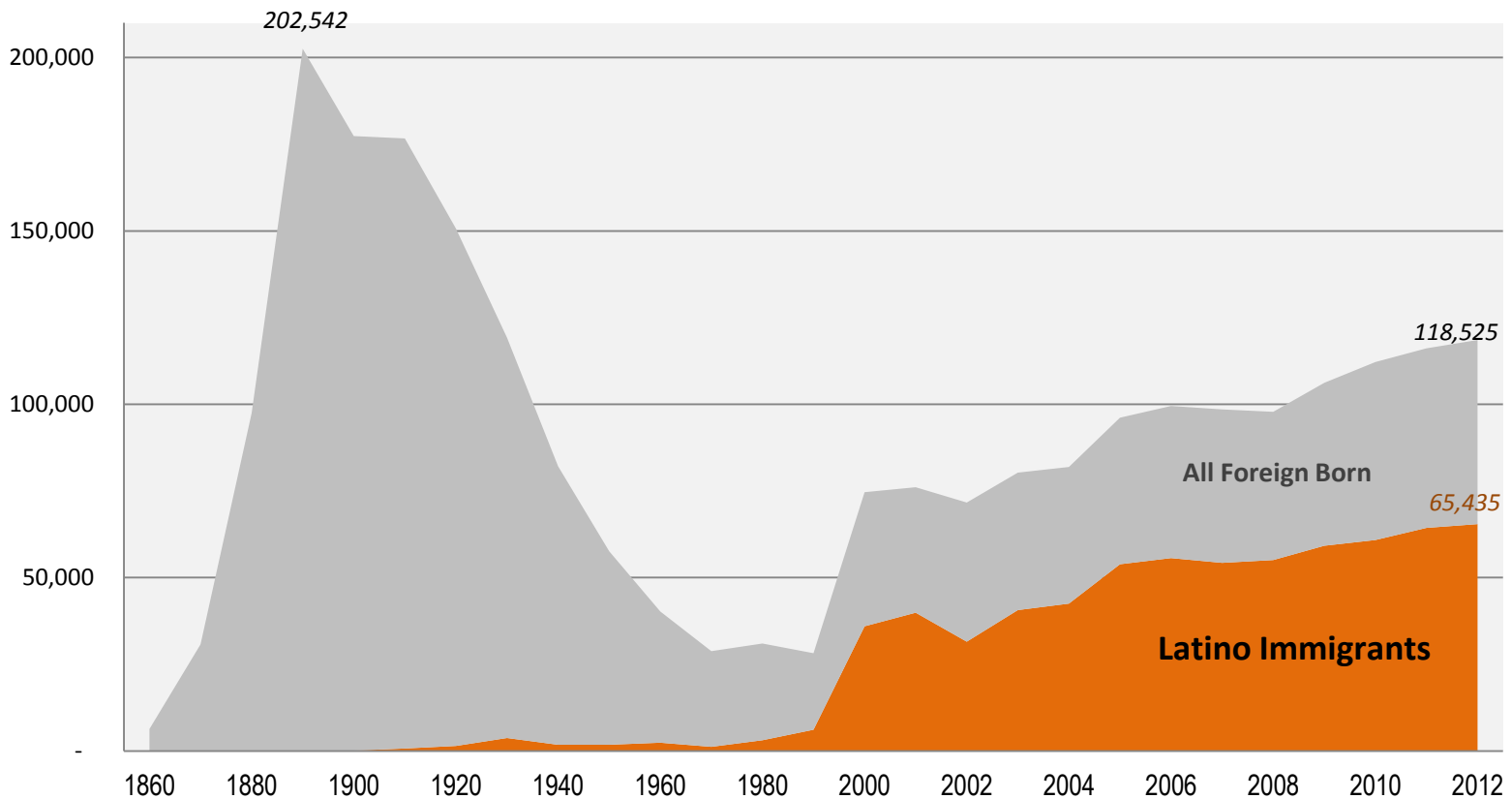
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1.

While the latest immigrant wave in Nebraska have an important number of Latinos, it is not the largest wave of immigration experienced in the state.

1.a. As of 2012, the foreign-born population in Nebraska is around half of what it was before 1900s. Latino immigrants have increased heavily since 1990s, representing around half of the foreign born population in 2012, but their numbers are far from reaching the numbers of European immigrants that came around the 1890s.

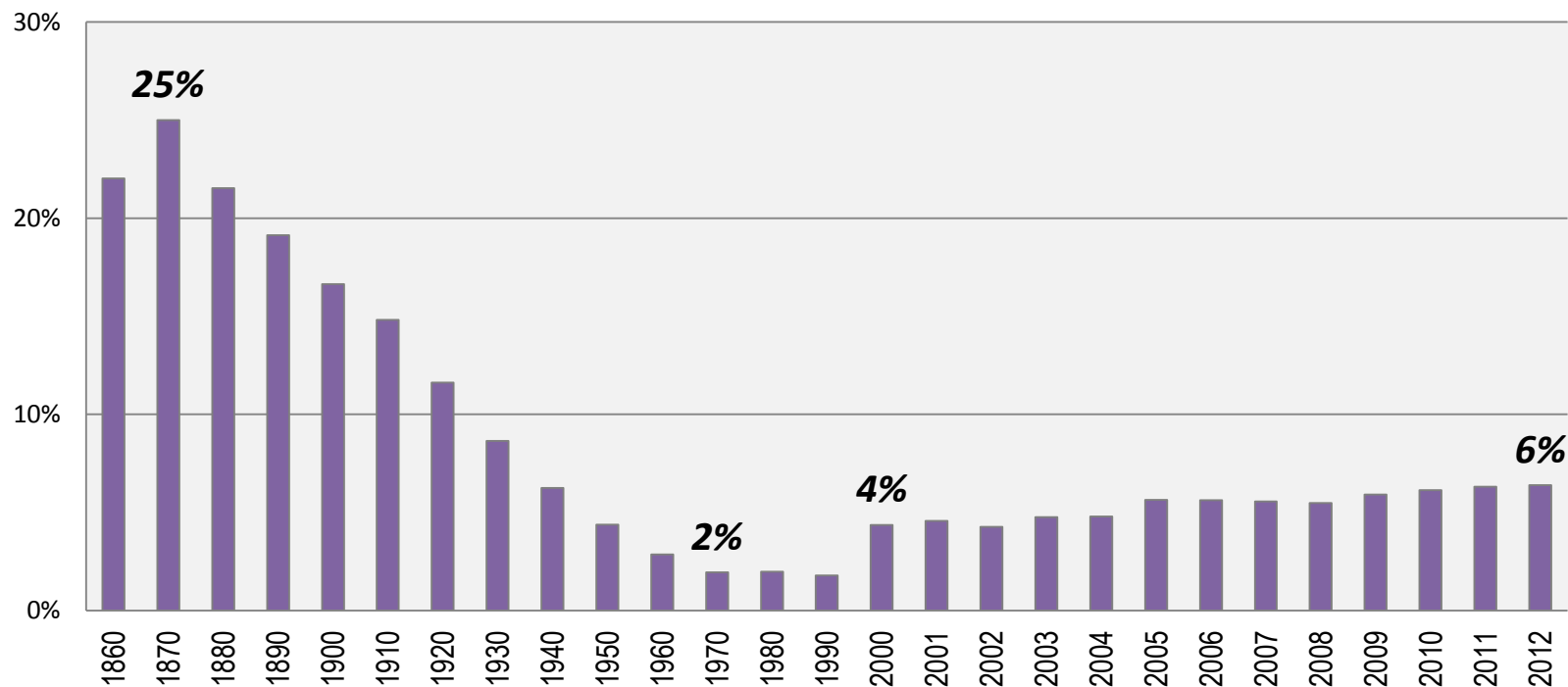
Figure 1: Total Foreign-Born and Latino Foreign-Born Population in Nebraska, 1860-2012



Source: OLLAS Calculations based on IPUMS-ACS 1860-2012

1.b. The share of the foreign-born in the total population of Nebraska does not reach the levels before 1900s. Compared to 1870 when a quarter of Nebraska residents were foreign-born, the share of foreign-born population in 2000 was only 4%, and has remained at around 6% since 2005.

Figure 2: Share of Foreign-Born Population in Nebraska, 1860-2012



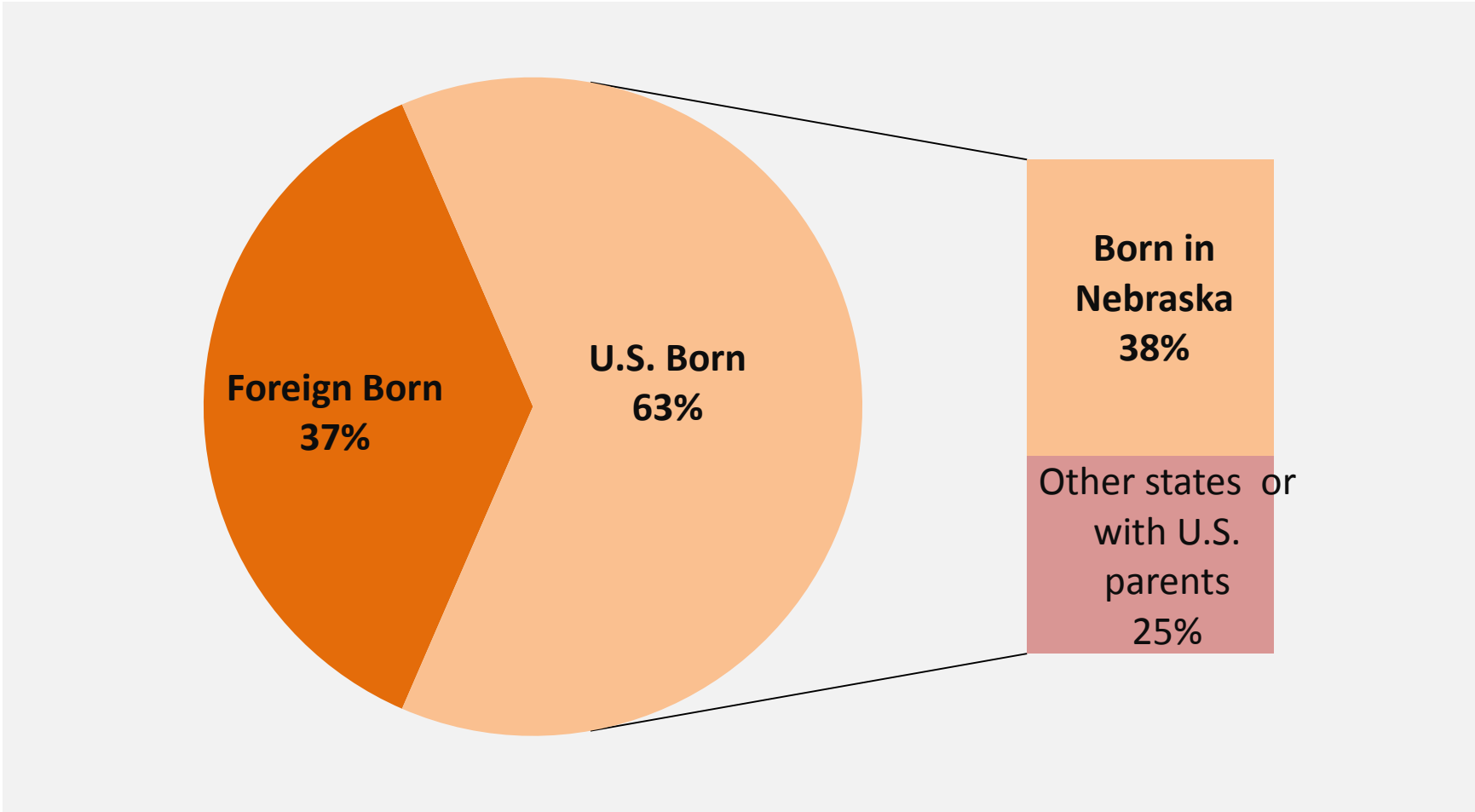
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2.

Contrary to popular belief, most Latinos in Nebraska are U.S. citizens and have a long history in the state.

2.a. Three-in-five Latinos living in Nebraska were born in the United States. Two out of these three U.S.-born Latinos are Nebraskans by birth.

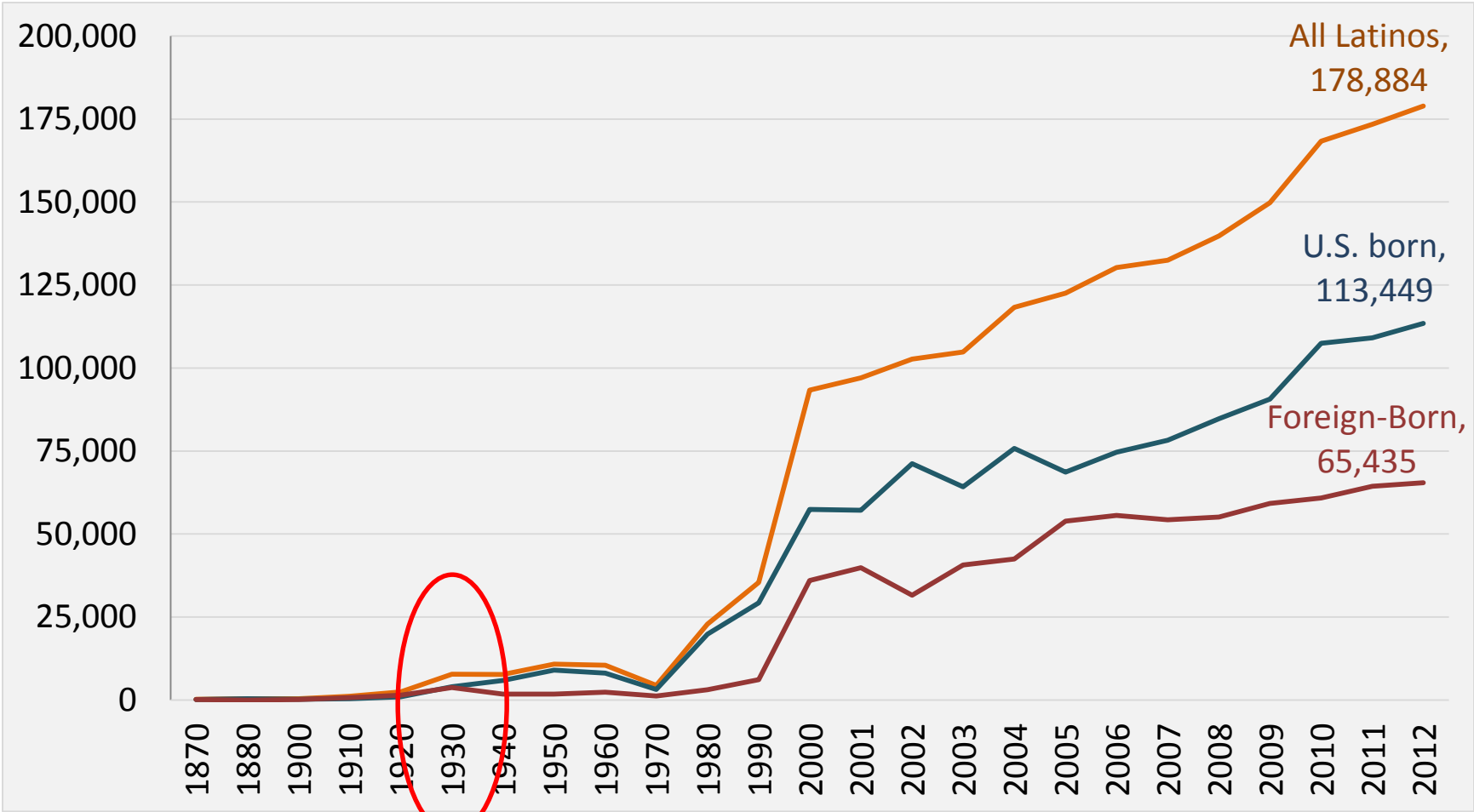
Figure 3: Latino Population by Nativity, 2008-2012



Source: OLLAS Calculations based on ACS 2008-2012

2.b. The presence of Latinos in Nebraska dates back to early 1900s. After 1930, most of the Latino population have been U.S. born.

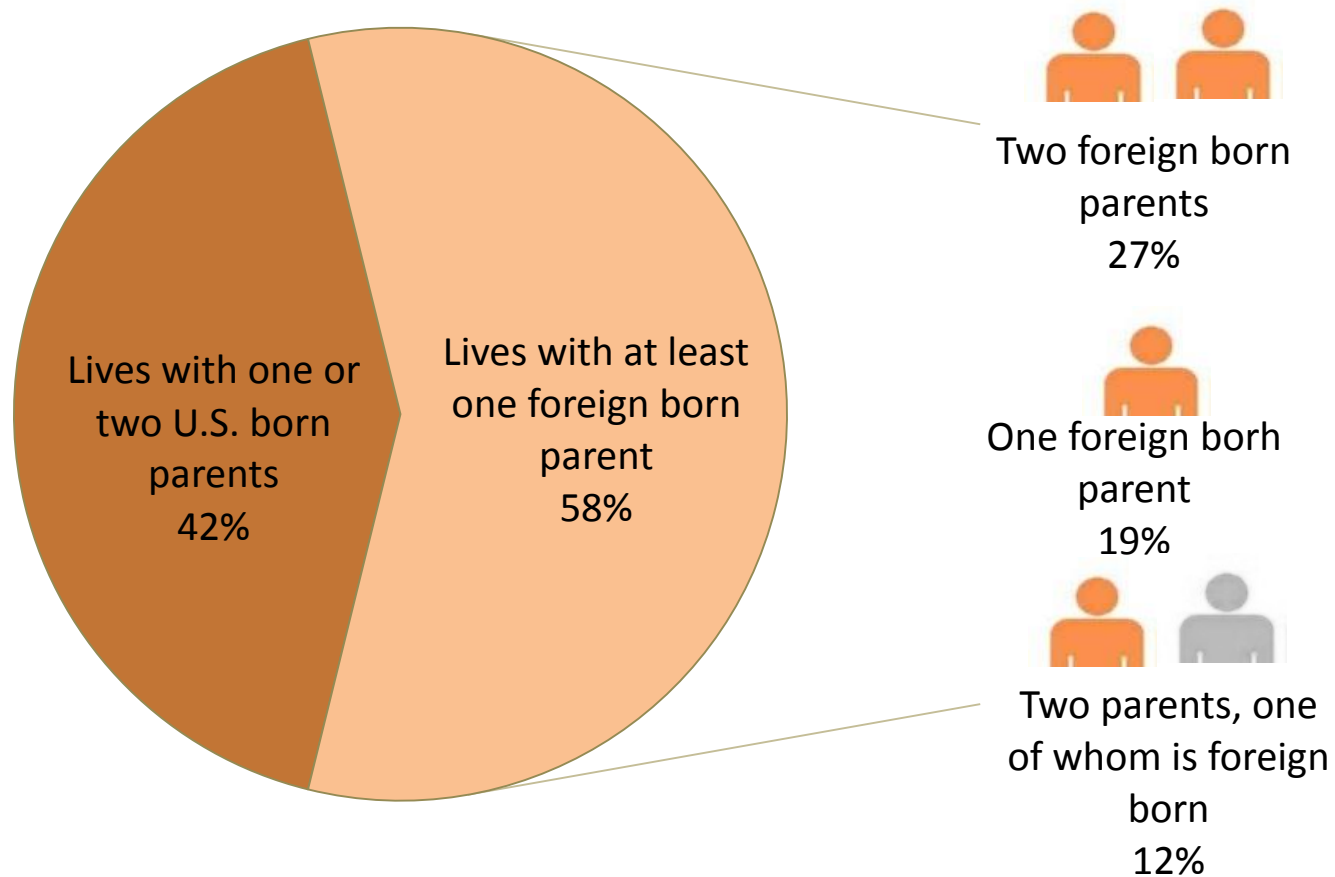
Figure 4: Evolution of Latino Population by Nativity, 1870-2012



Source: IPUMS-ACS 1870-2012

2.c. Yet, a significant proportion of U.S.-born Latino children depend on immigrant parents

Figure 5: U.S Latino Children under 17 years-old by Nativity of Parents, 2008-2012



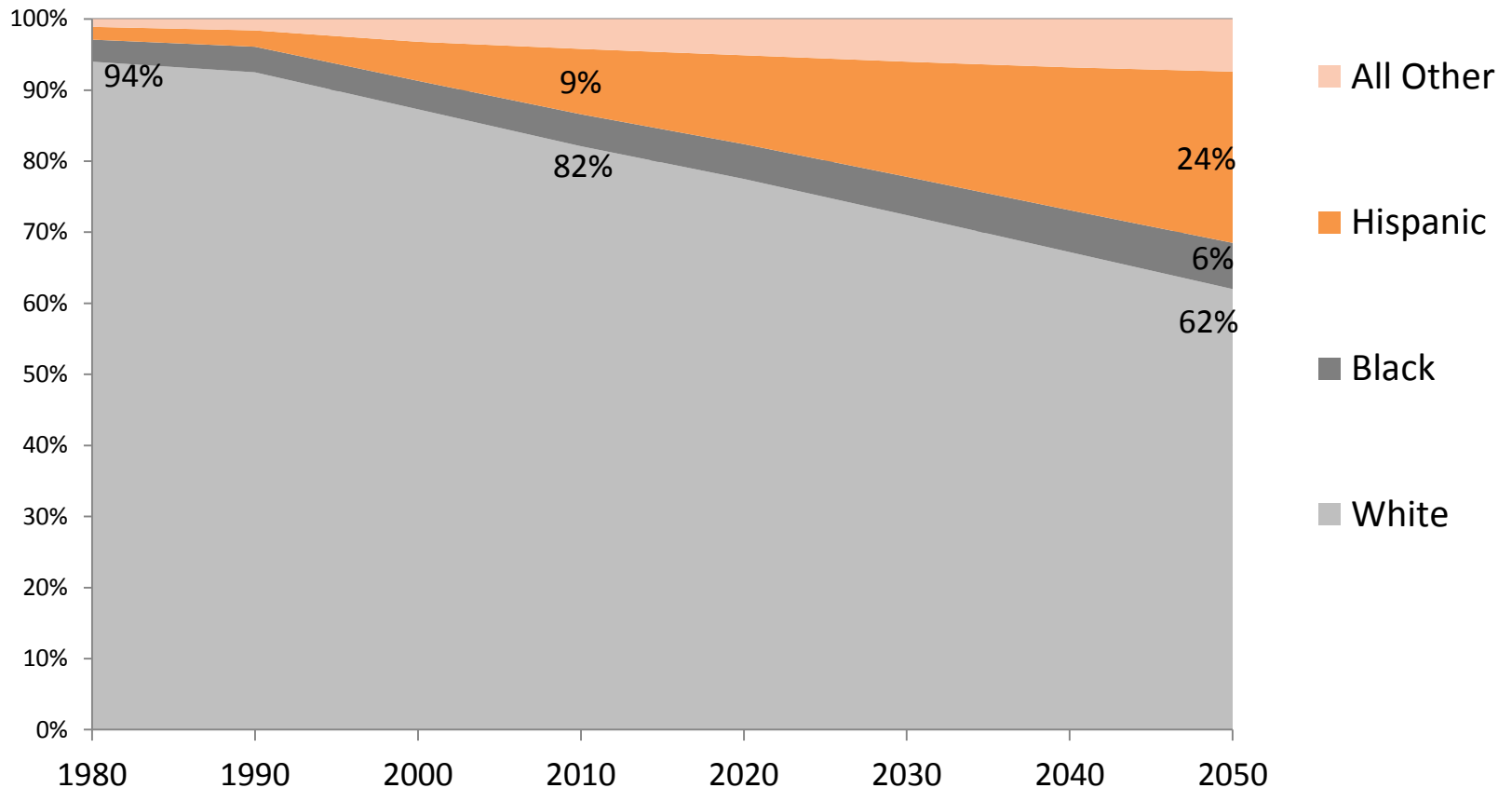
Source: ACS 2008-2012

3.

Latinos will increasingly shape the future of Nebraska.

3.a. In the coming years, Latinos will make a greater proportion of Nebraska population

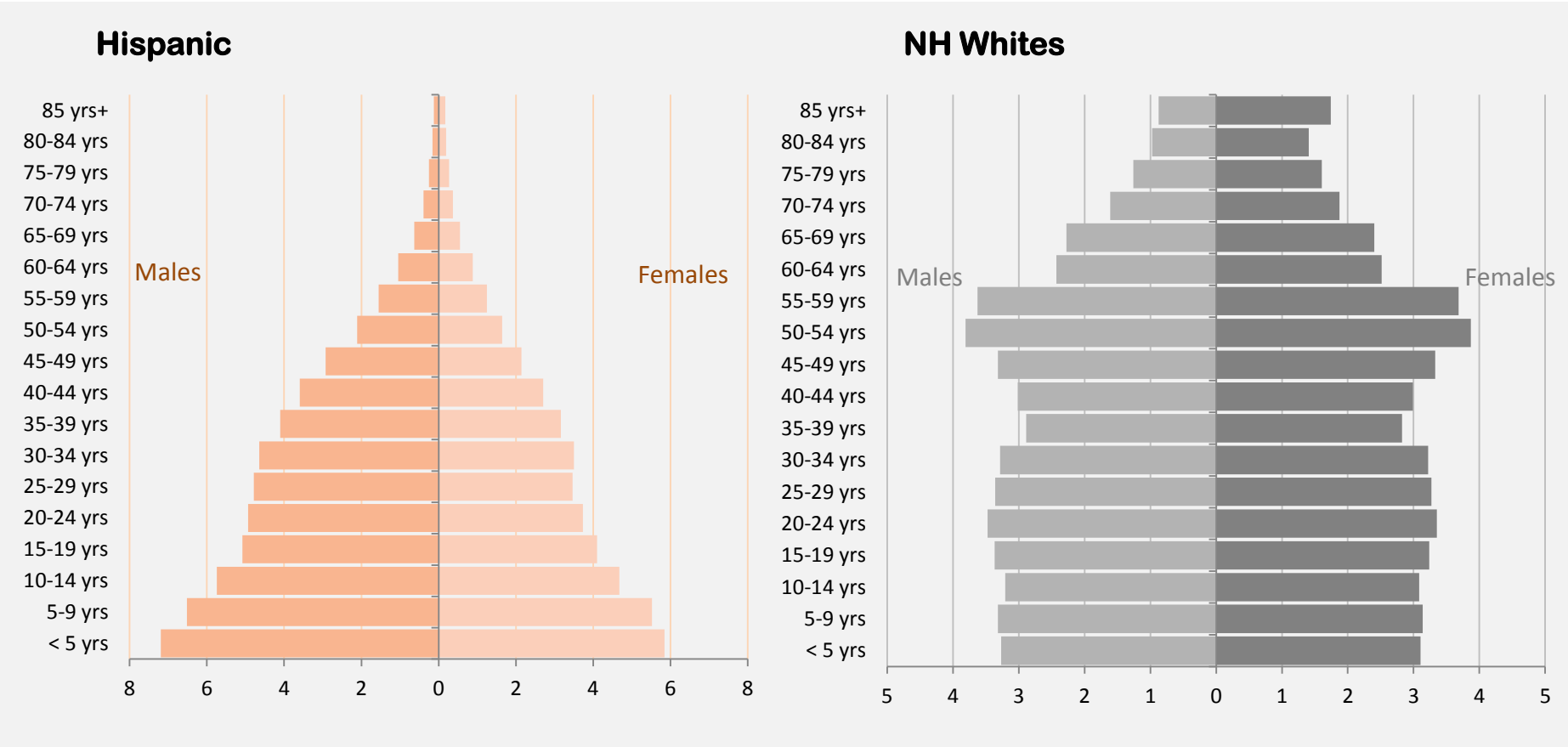
Figure 6: Percent of the Nebraska Total Population by Race and Ethnicity, 1980-2050



Source: UNO, Center for Public Affairs Research, June 2013

3.b. The young age structure of Latinos will serve as a future source of growth

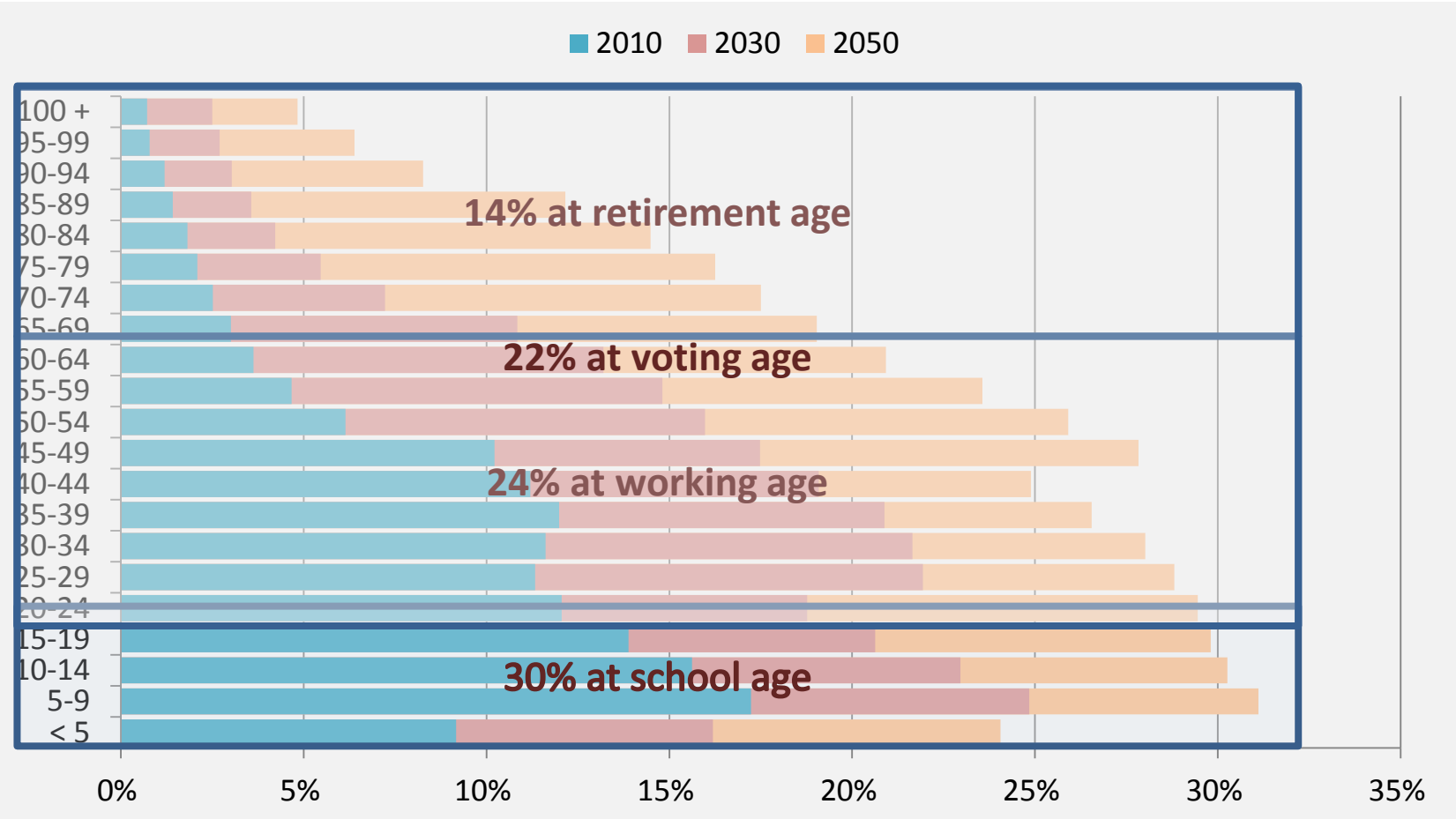
Figure 7: Age-Sex Pyramids for Latinos and Non-Hispanic Whites, Nebraska 2012



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey

3.c. Latino growth will become more visible from the youngest to the eldest age-groups.

Figure 8: Percentage of Latinos in Nebraska Population Age Distribution 2010-2050



Source: 2010 US Census, CPAR Projections, June 2013

Can you think what would be the
upcoming policy challenges?