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The Importance of Data Collection

- Information comes from resident's responses
 - Ongoing American Community Survey (ACS)
 - Decennial Census



The 2020 Census is now about **5** months away

Census jobs already being hired (and will continue): see 2020census.gov/jobs

Initial letters sent around March 15, 2020 | Respond by internet, paper, call-in

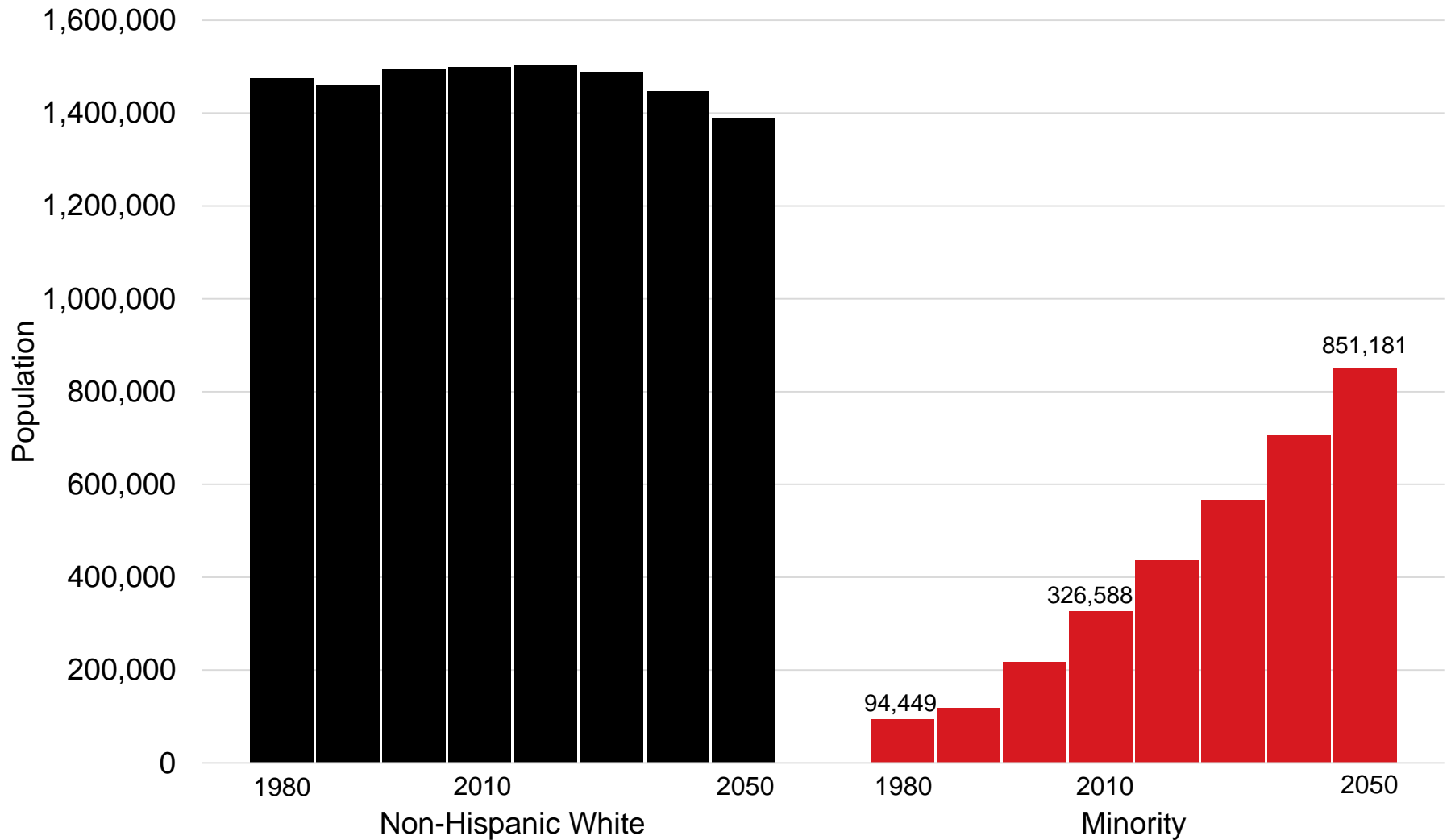
Do what you can to promote filling out the census (and ongoing ACS)

**** Decennial Census and survey response data show the trends ****



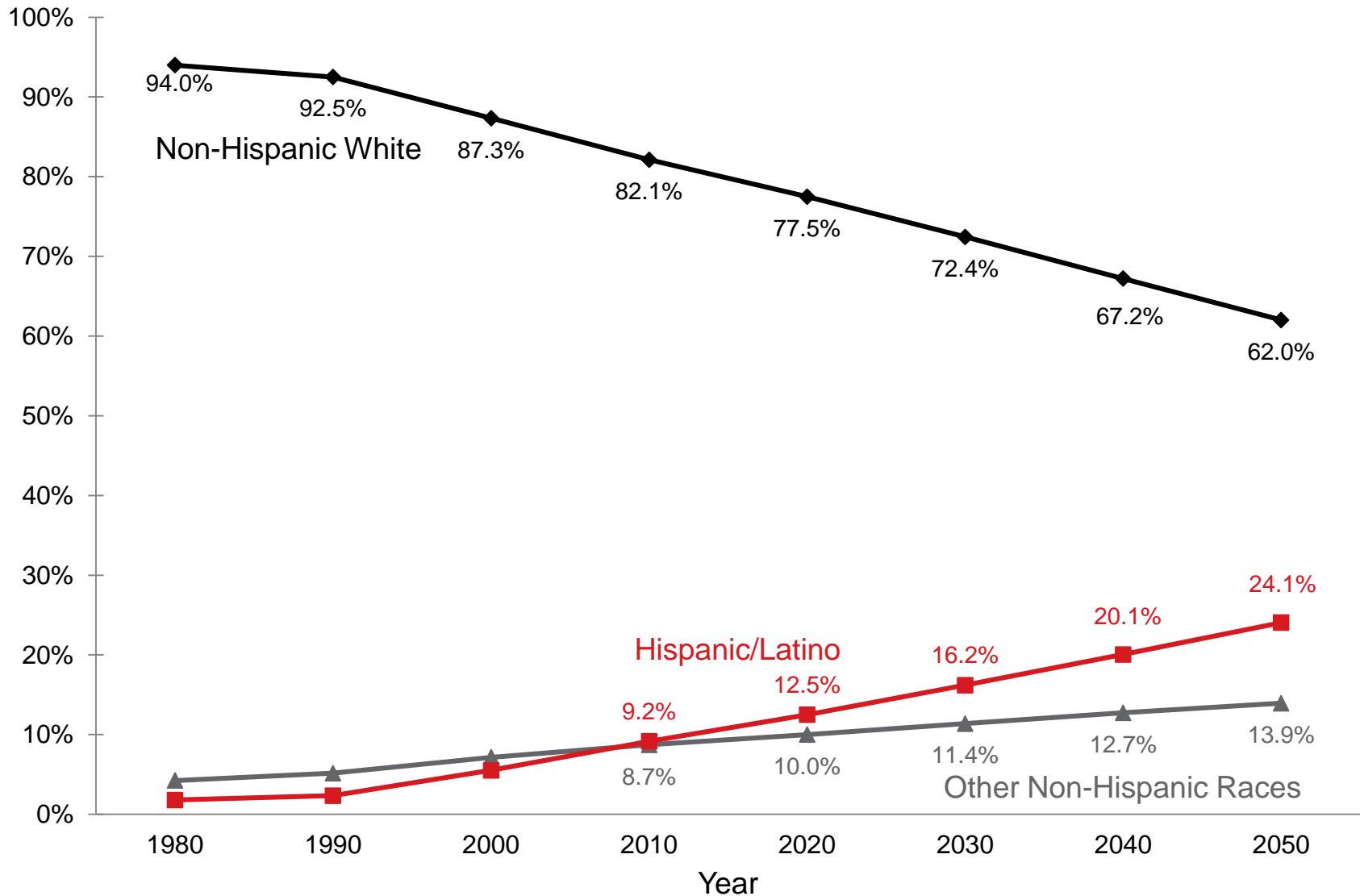
White population growth has been slow and may decline while minority populations rise

Nebraska populations by major racial group 1980 to 2010 with 2020 to 2050 projection



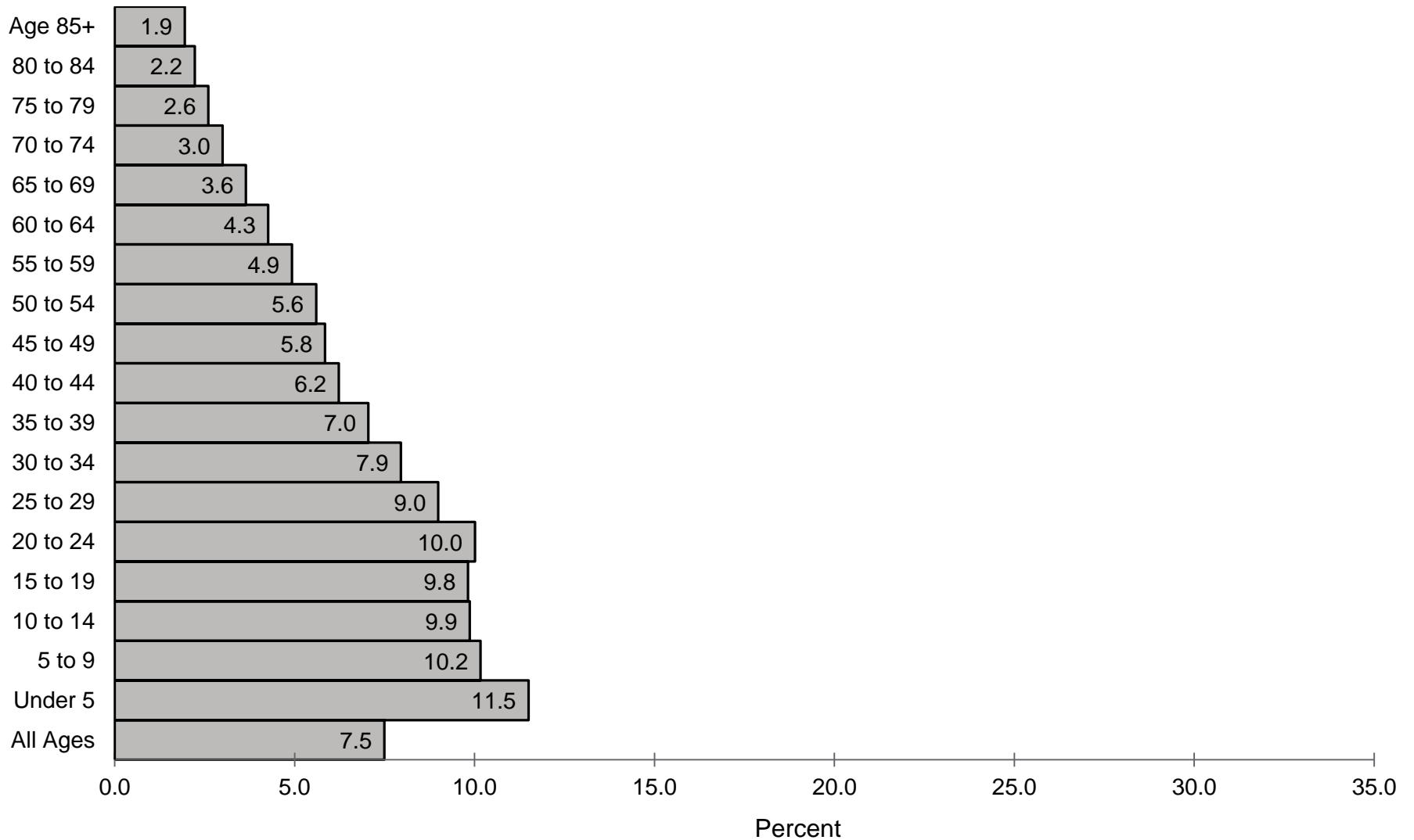
Nebraska will be much more diverse by 2050 but is not projected to be "majority minority"

Percent of Nebraska population by race/ethnicity 1980 to 2010 with 2020 to 2050 projection



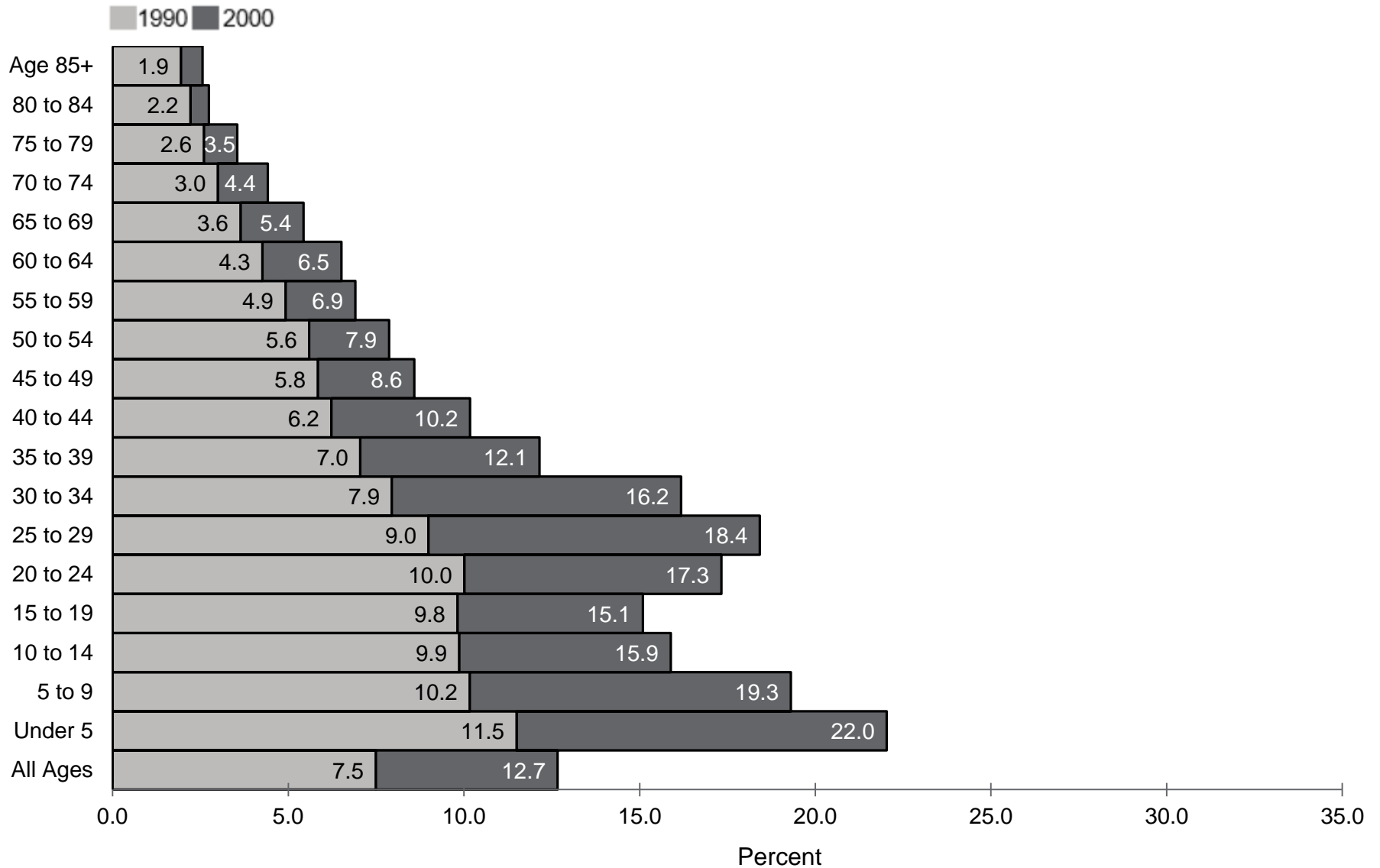
In 1990 Nebraska was not very diverse, with minorities representing 1 in 13 people and 10% of young children

Nonwhite or Latino as a percent of Nebraska population by age



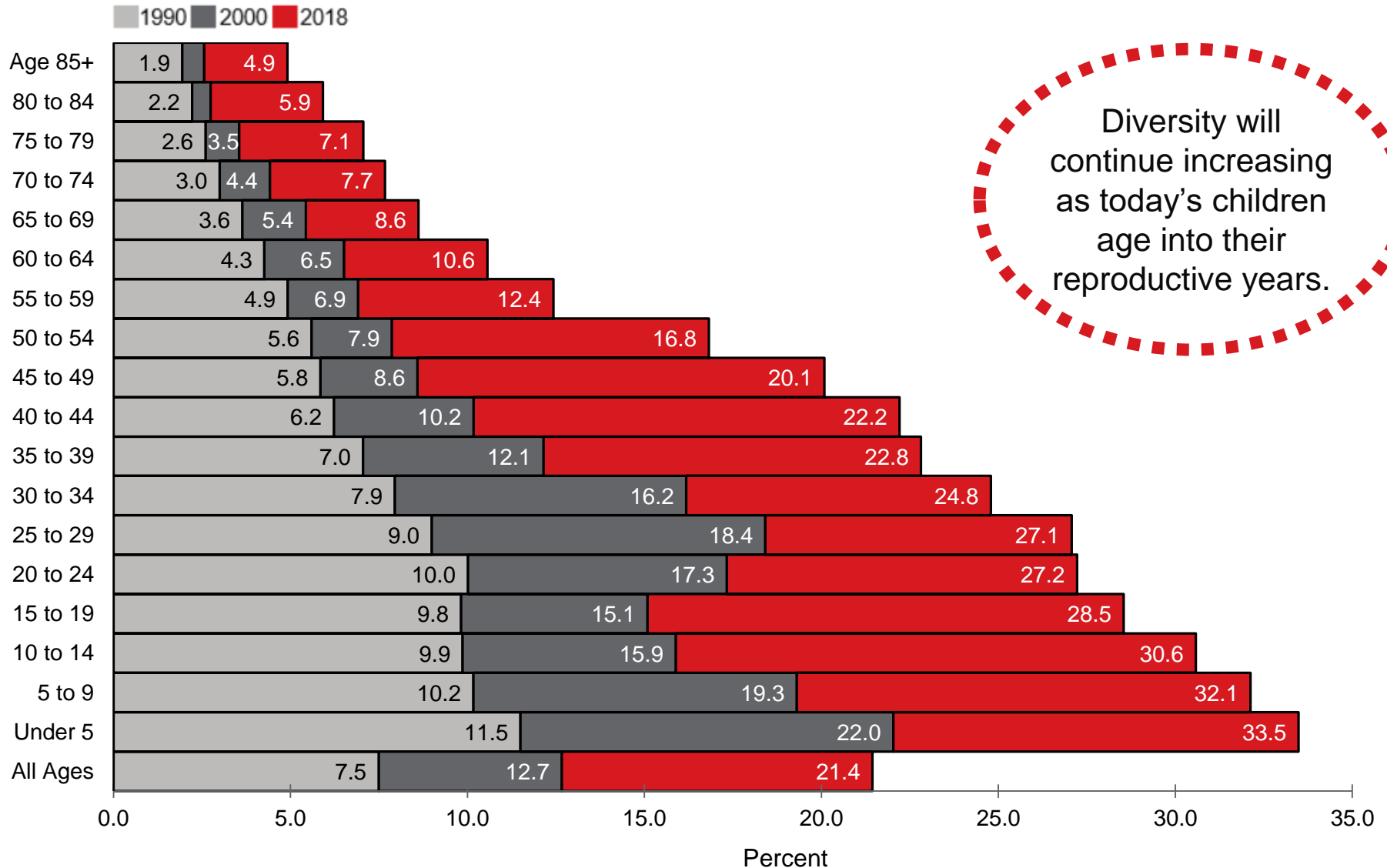
By 2000 bumps in young workers and young children are apparent with many values doubling

Nonwhite or Latino as a percent of Nebraska population by age



Over 20% of Nebraskans are now a person of color with most percentages tripling since 1990

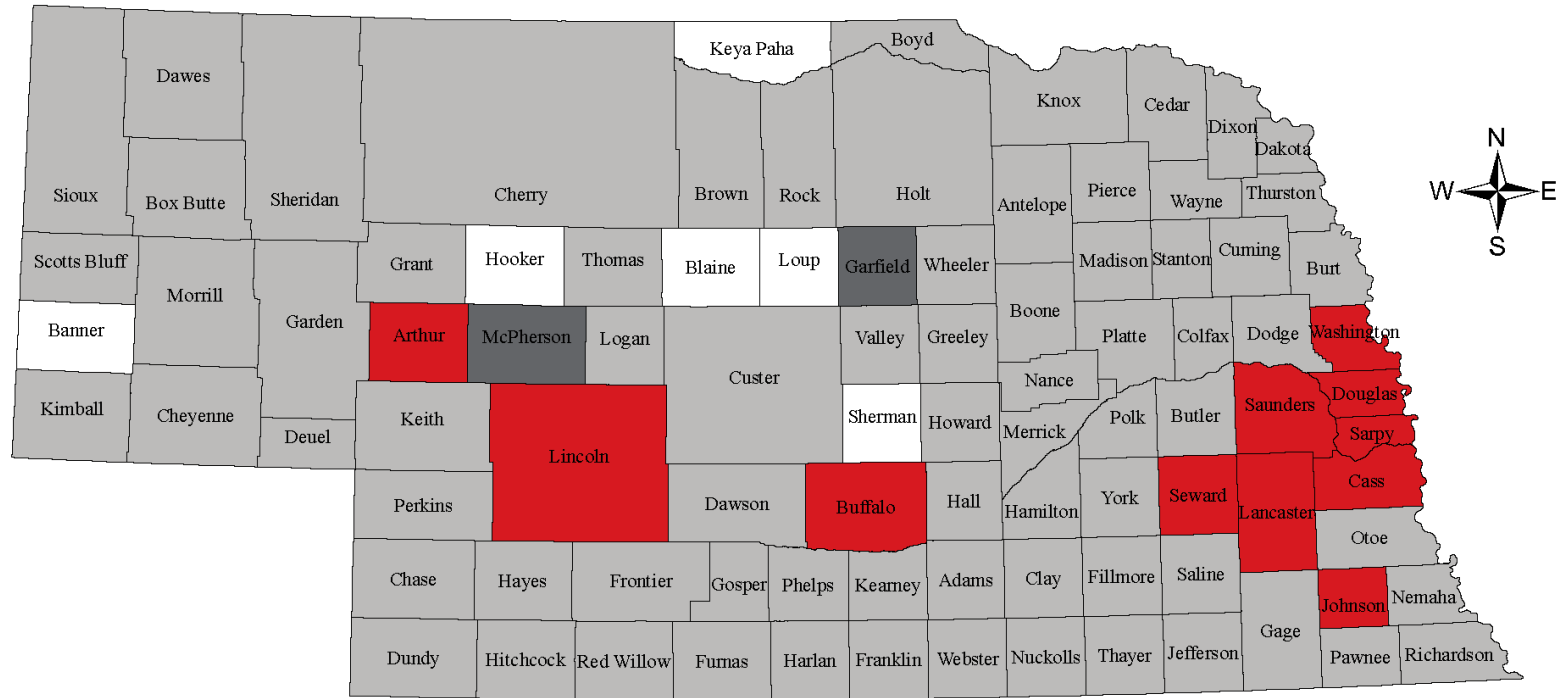
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Diversity will continue increasing as today's children age into their reproductive years.

Most counties have grown more diverse with both minority increase and White decline

Majority and minority population change for Nebraska counties 2000 to 2010

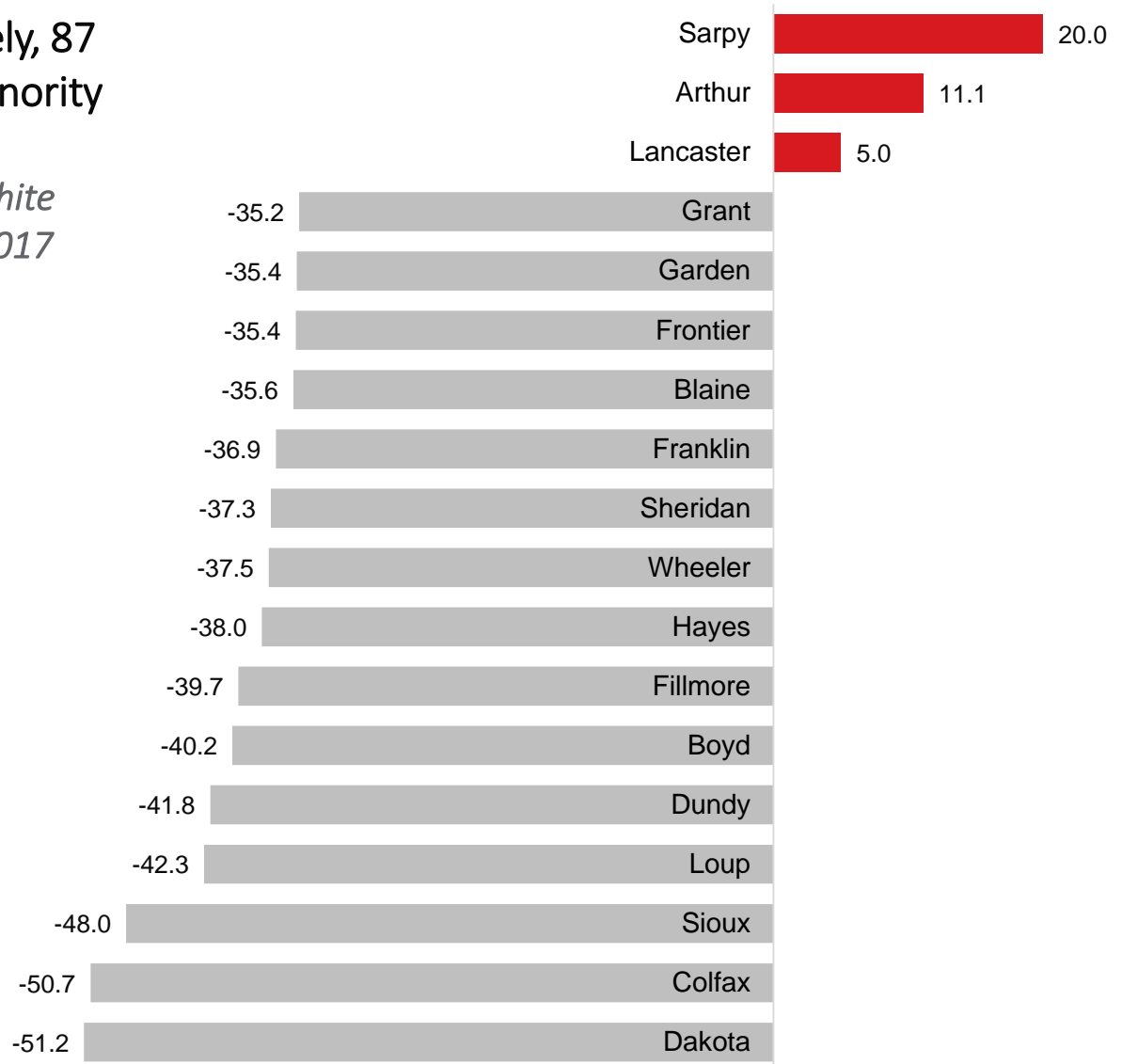


Note: Nebraska saw both majority and minority population groups increase during the 2000s

- Both majority and minority population groups increased (11 counties)
- Majority population increased while minority population decreased (2 counties)
- Majority population decreased while minority population increased (74 counties)
- Both majority and minority population groups decreased (6 counties)

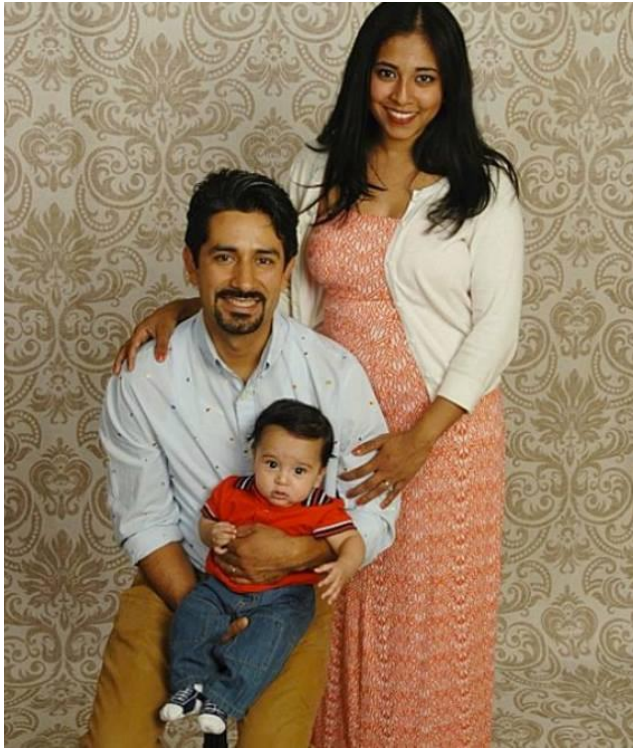
Since 2000, all but 3 counties have seen a decline in non-Hispanic White population under 20. Conversely, 87 counties have seen a rise in minority population of the same age.

Percent change in non-Hispanic White population under age 20, 2000 - 2017



Who has a higher poverty rate...

A Hispanic married couple with kids



OR

A non-Hispanic White “single mom”



Omaha metro: 16%

vs.

24%

...but for Hispanic “single moms” it’s: 48%

Family Poverty Rates by Family Type by Race/Ethnicity in the Omaha Metro: 2013-2017

Source: Table S1702, 2013-2017 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Compiled by: David Drozd, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research on 12-6-2018

Race/Ethnicity	Poverty Rates (%)		
	All families	Married couples	Female headed family, no husband
Black	24.0	6.8	39.3
Hispanic	20.2	12.2	42.8
Non-Hispanic White	4.7	2.2	18.0

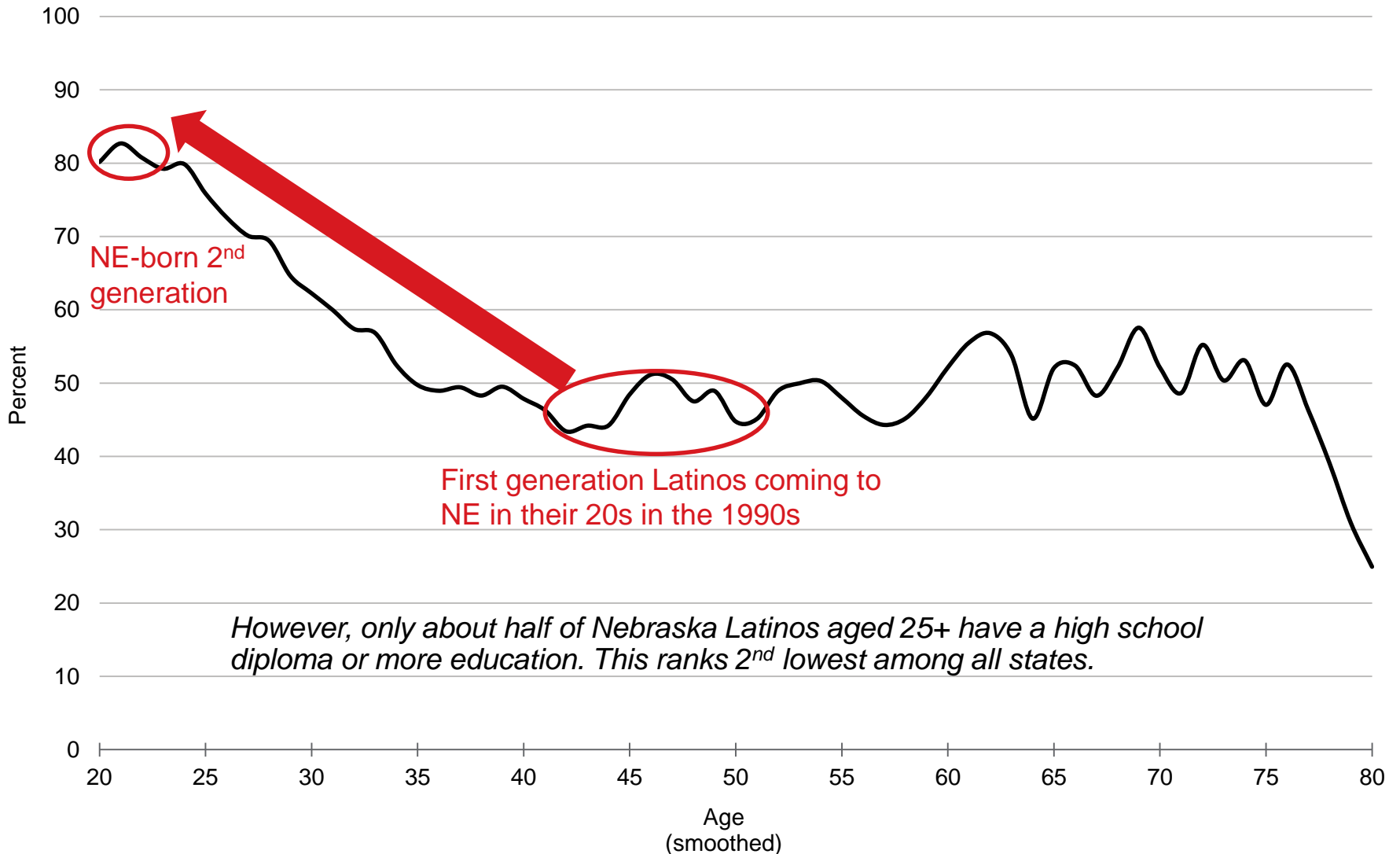
Percent of Families	
That are married couples	That are female headed, no husband
40.8	49.6
64.4	22.8
80.4	13.8

Hispanic poverty rates are higher for both major family types. How is it that Black family poverty rates are higher overall?

Answer: A higher portion of Black families are “single moms”, for whom poverty rates are much higher. **The distribution matters!**

Younger Latinos have more education which bodes well for future jobs, income and ownership

Percent high school or more education for Nebraska Latino population by age 2013-2017 timeframe



Rankings for Latino Age 25+
High School or More Education

Values,
Comments

50th

Nebraska among the 50
states and DC

55.3%,
Arkansas
is 55.0%

91st

Omaha metro among
100 largest metros

56.3%

94th

Grand Island metro among
100 peer metros

52.5%,
US: 66.7%

HOW DO WE ALL FAIR?

STATUS OF DIVERSE POPULATIONS IN NEBRASKA



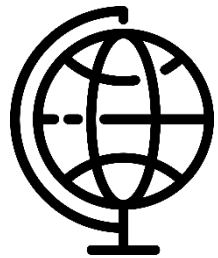
% AGE 25+ WITH HIGH SCHOOL+

85.9%	55.3%	94.8%
BLACK	LATINO	WHITE, NON-HISPANIC



% INDIVIDUALS IN POVERTY

28.6%	22.7%	9.0%
BLACK	LATINO	WHITE, NON-HISPANIC



% FOREIGN BORN (IMMIGRANTS)

12.5%	35.3%	1.1%
BLACK	LATINO	WHITE, NON-HISPANIC



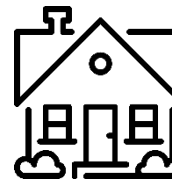
% NO HEALTH INSURANCE

15.5%	23.2%	6.6%
BLACK	LATINO	WHITE, NON-HISPANIC



% UNEMPLOYED

8.7%	7.1%	3.0%
BLACK	LATINO	WHITE, NON-HISPANIC



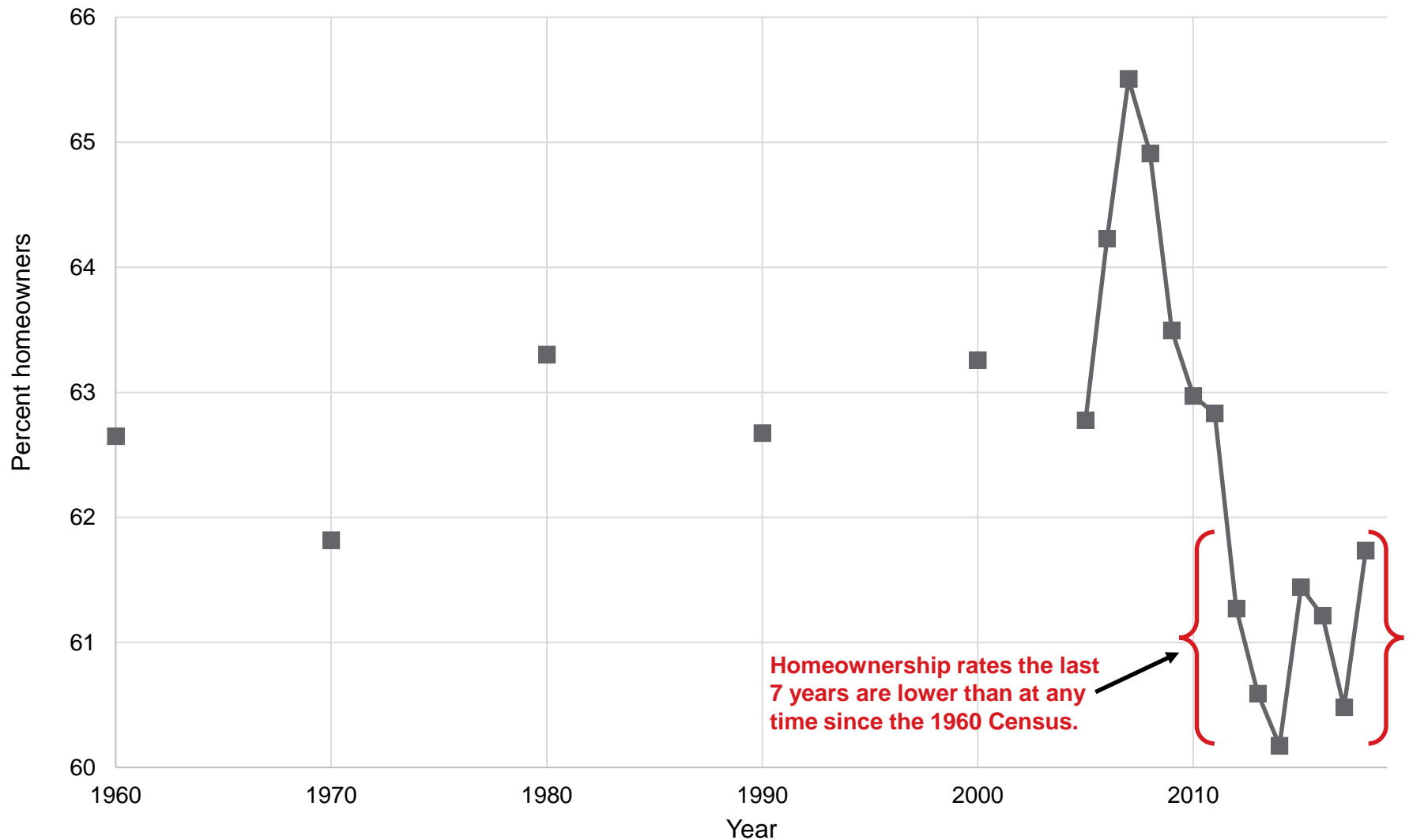
% HOME OWNERS

30.1%	47.2%	70.3%
BLACK	LATINO	WHITE, NON-HISPANIC

As the minority portion of the population rises, these types of variables are influenced, so for analyzing change over time it is important to compare the totals along with each race separately.

Example of minority growth being a factor: the recession lowered home ownership but population changes have also had an influence

Douglas County, Nebraska home ownership rates 1960 to 2018



70%

Current homeowner rate
for Nebraska non-Hispanic
Whites

Ranks 37th highest/best

42%

Ownership rate for
Nebraska minorities

Ranks 40th highest/best

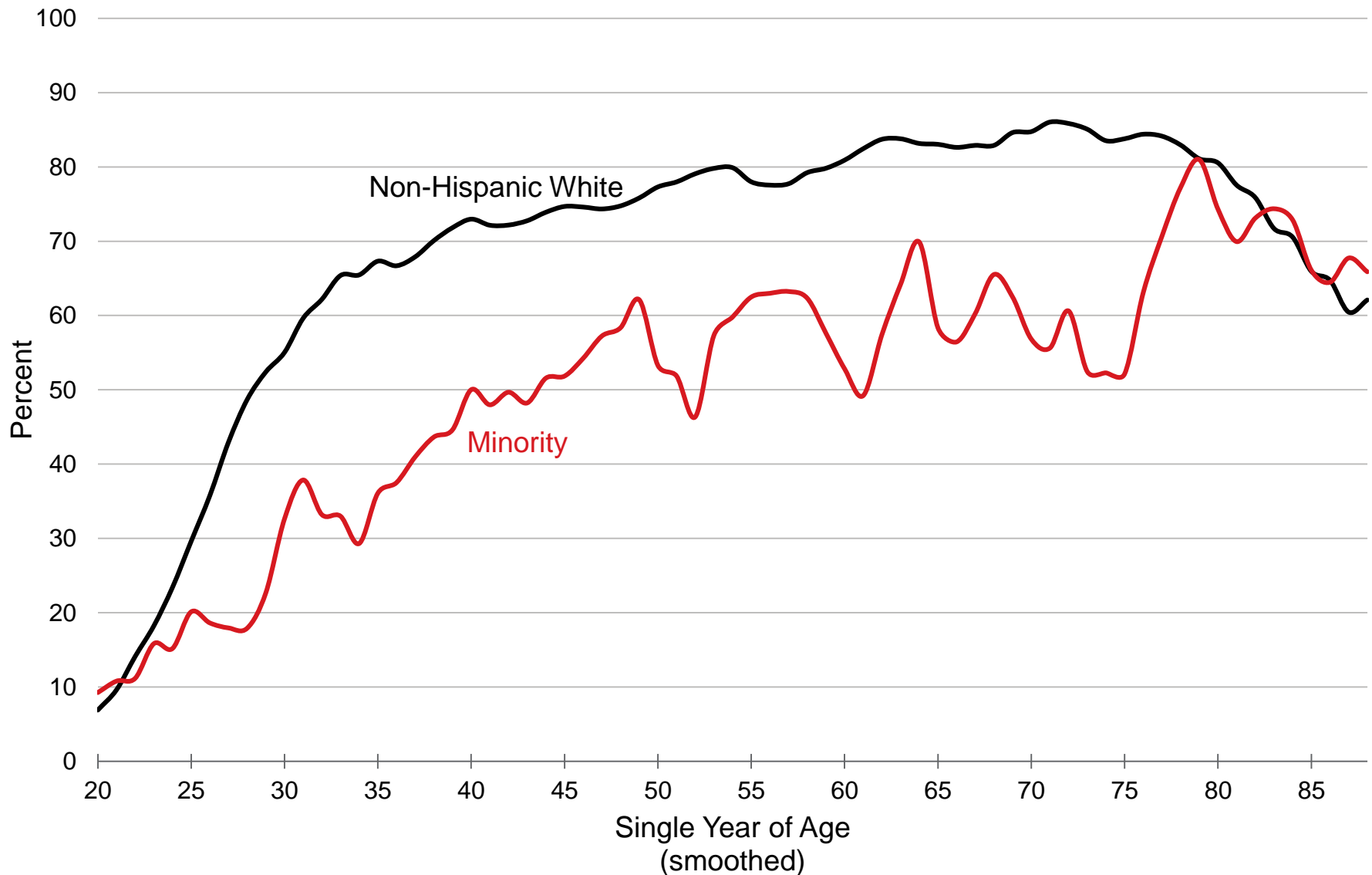
28% gap

Ranks 17th
highest/worst



Home ownership rates remain higher for Whites than minorities until about age 80

Nebraska home ownership rates by age for major racial groups 2013-2017 timeframe



We increasingly need to break things down beyond the total population and not only compare “apples to apples” but “red apples to red apples and green apples to green apples”.

<u>Omaha Metro Category</u>	<u>Home-owner rate</u>	<u>Rank among 100 most populated metros in that specific racial/ethnic group</u>	<u>Rate in U.S. metros</u>
Black	33.6%	81 st highest/best	41.0%
Asian	46.9%	89 th highest/best	58.7%
Hispanic	47.0%	56 th highest/best	45.7%
White, non-Hispanic	70.6%	68 th highest/best	71.0%
Overall/all races	65.3%	46 st highest/best	62.5%

If we evaluate only the total, it appears we’re doing okay, but the detailed figures show each racial/ethnic group needs improvement, ranking in the bottom half of large metros.

Nebraska's birthrate is among the highest in the country and by many population characteristics

Omaha World Herald May 10, 2015

Category	State Rank
Latino	4 th
Black, non Hispanic	7 th
White, non Hispanic	9 th
With college degree	3 rd
No college degree	10 th
Foreign born	2 nd
Native born	8 th
In poverty	5 th
Not in poverty	5 th



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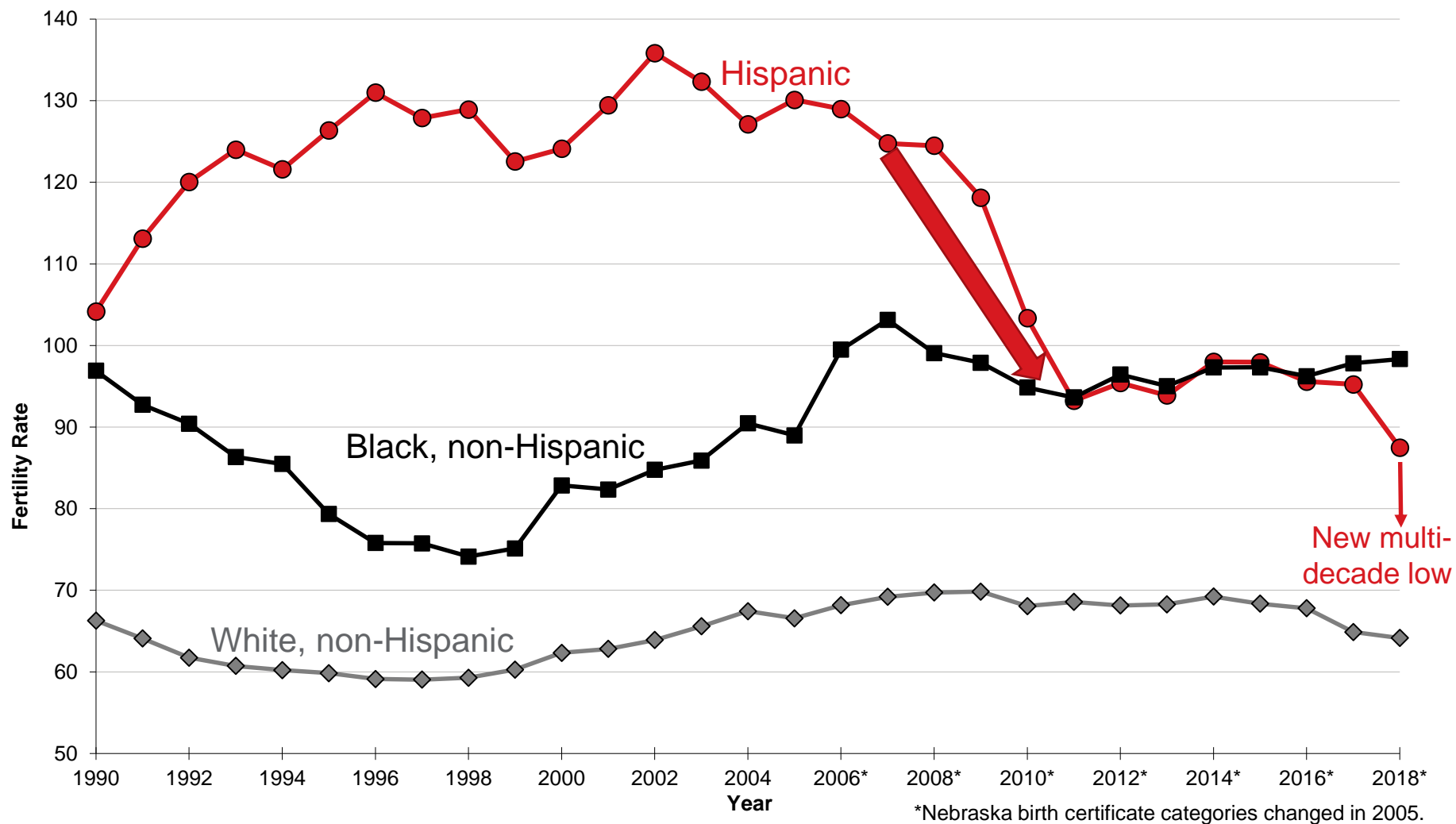
Scott and Audrey Dobbe moved back to Nebraska after living in Chicago because they wanted to raise a family in Omaha. Now they are enjoying their life together, their careers and their home in Dundee with daughter Cora, who turns 2 today. Nebraska, as it turns out, ranks fifth among states in birthrate.

“Nebraska’s higher-than-average birthrate cuts across all major ethnic and racial groups and just about any other demographic you can think of.”

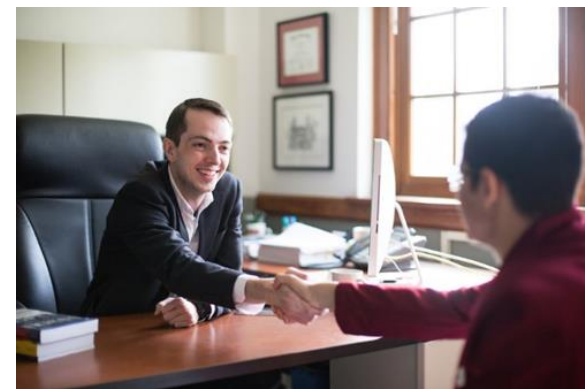
~ Henry Cordes

Hispanic fertility used to be much higher than for other groups, but fell sharply in the recession

Fertility rates (births per 1,000 women age 15-44) by race/ethnicity, Nebraska 1990-2017



Nebraskans work!
 On most measures of employment
 the state and its metros rank highly.



<u>Omaha Metro (age 16-64) Category</u>	<u>Labor participa- tion rate</u>	<u>Rank among 100 most populated metros in that specific racial/ethnic group</u>	<u>Rate in U.S. metros</u>
Overall/all races	80.7%	4 th highest/best	74.7%
White, non-Hispanic	82.3%	4 th highest/best	76.5%
Black	74.3%	16 th highest/best	71.0%
Asian	70.6%	66 th highest/best	72.7%
Hispanic	76.4%	<u>20th</u> highest/best	72.9%

The End Comments, Q & A

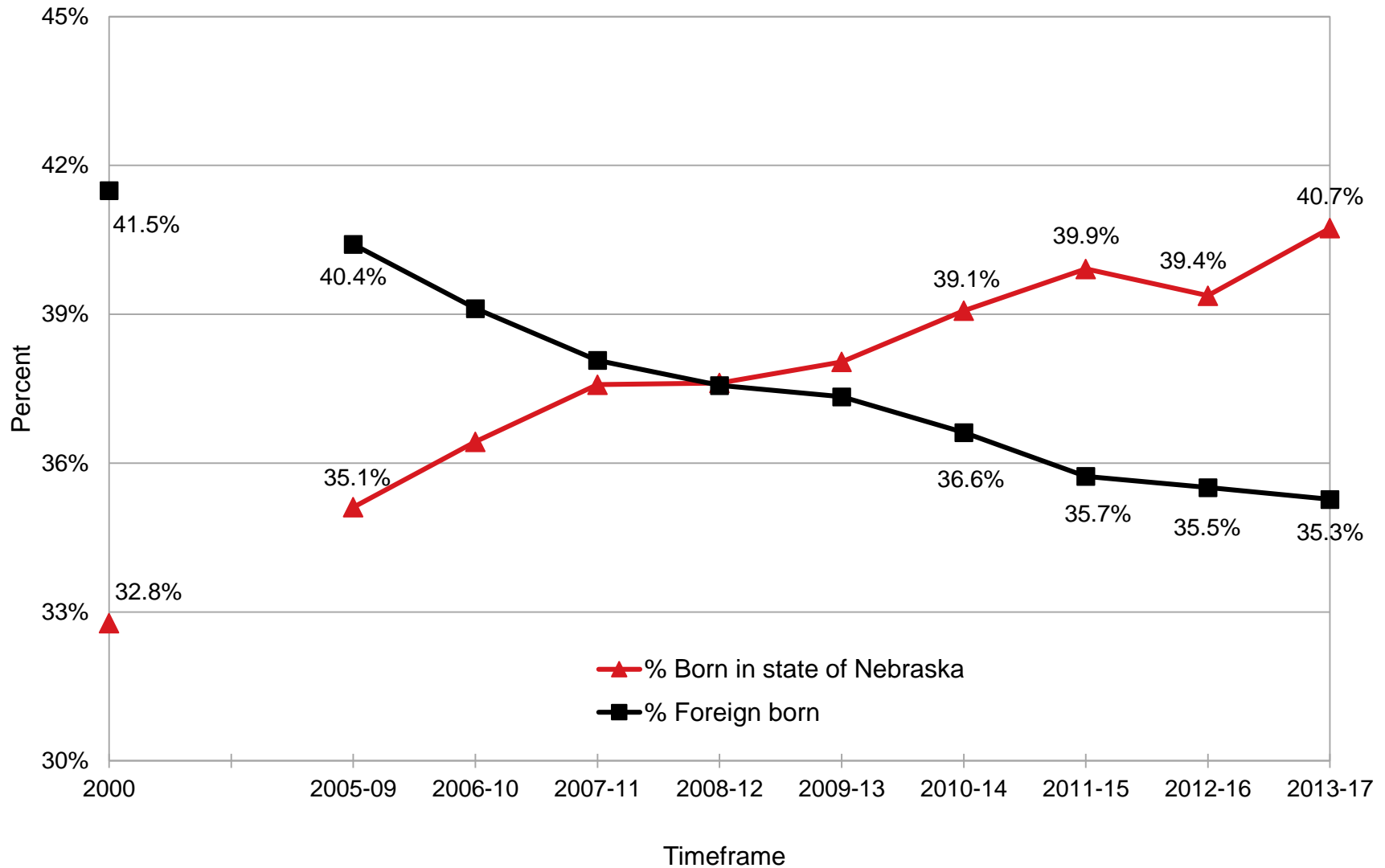
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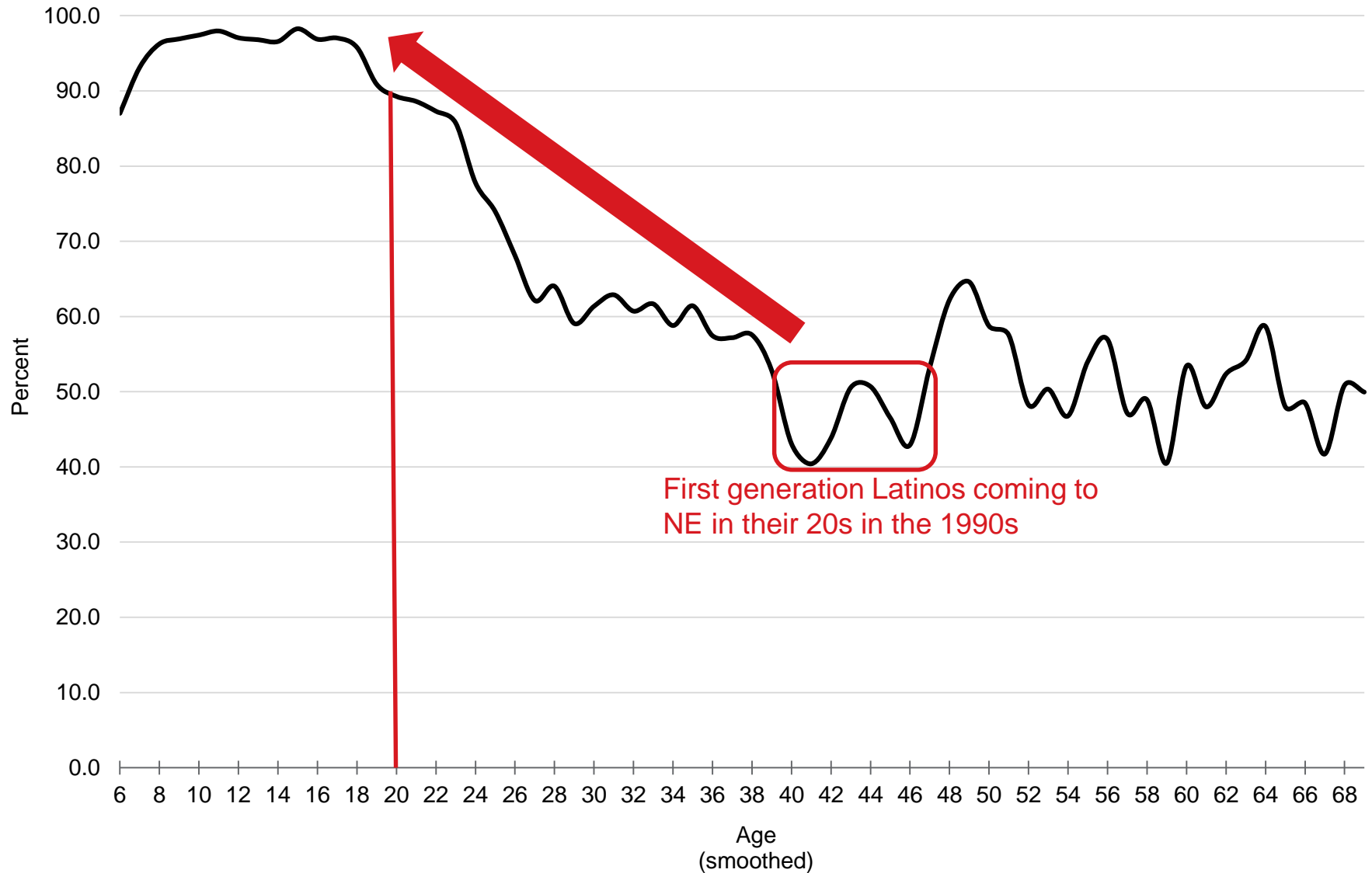
There are now more Nebraska Latinos who were born in the state than foreign-born immigrants

Place of birth for Nebraska Latino residents, 2000 to present



English language skills are vastly improved for younger Latinos compared to their parents

Percent speaking English well or very well for Nebraska Latino population by age 2013-2017 timeframe



First generation Latinos coming to NE in their 20s in the 1990s