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Contours of a Population

- How Many Latinos?
- Where Are They?
- Role of Immigration

 Focus on Unauthorized
- Characteristics

 -- Education & Income
 -- Occupation & Industry
- Trends



How Many Latinos?

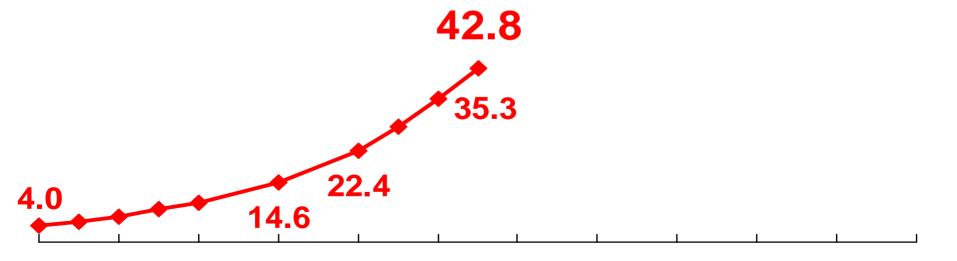
- Rapid Growth—45 million in '06 Tripled (!) Since 1980 Largest "Minority" since ~2001
- Driven by Immigration Impacts Many Characteristics Role Increased to 2000 Levels Likely to Maintain
- On Cusp of Change More Growth from 2nd Generation First Time Since 1960s



10-fold Hispanic Growth Driven by Immigration in the 1970s & Later

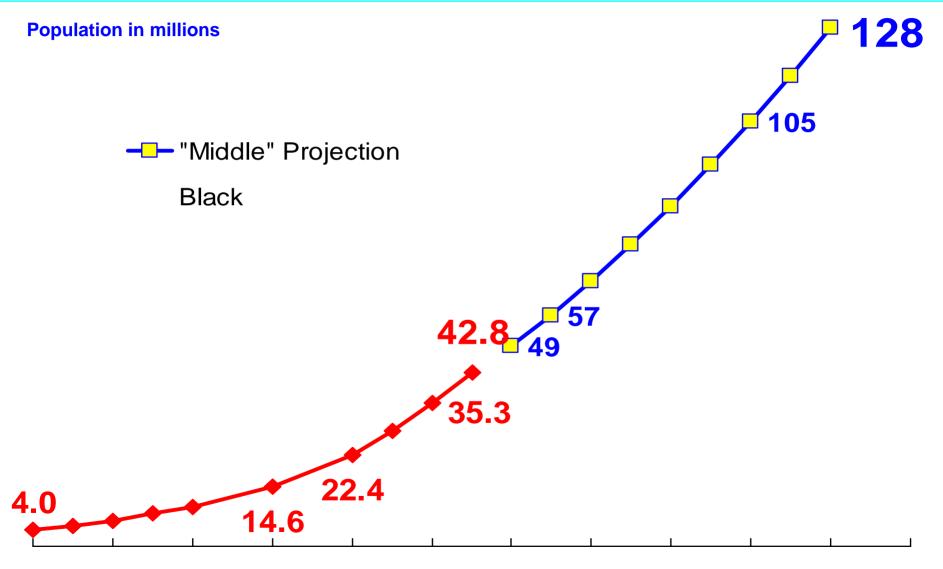
Population in millions



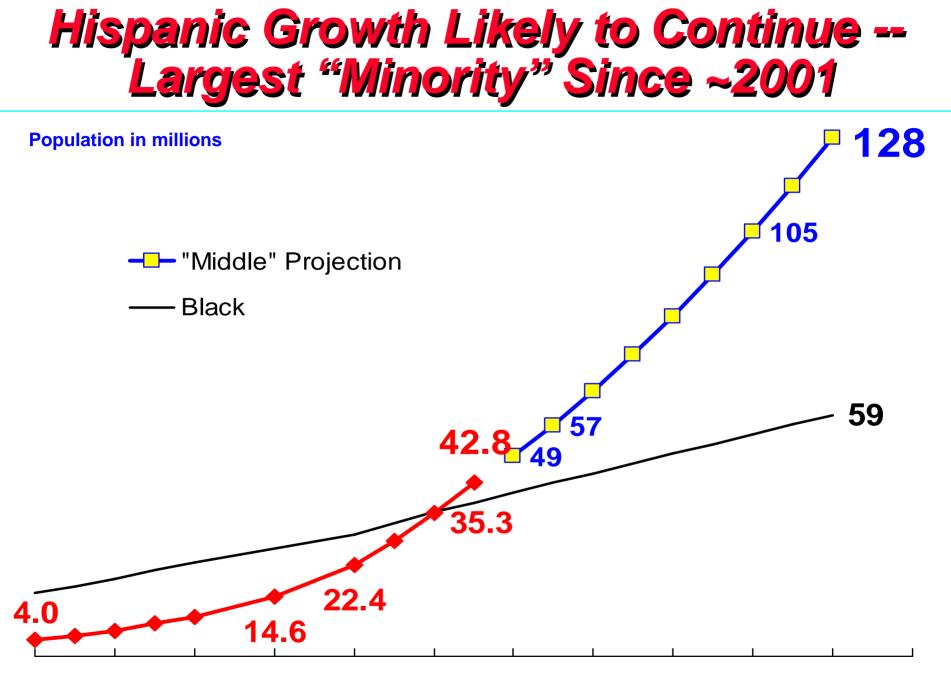


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Hispanic Growth Likely to Continue ---

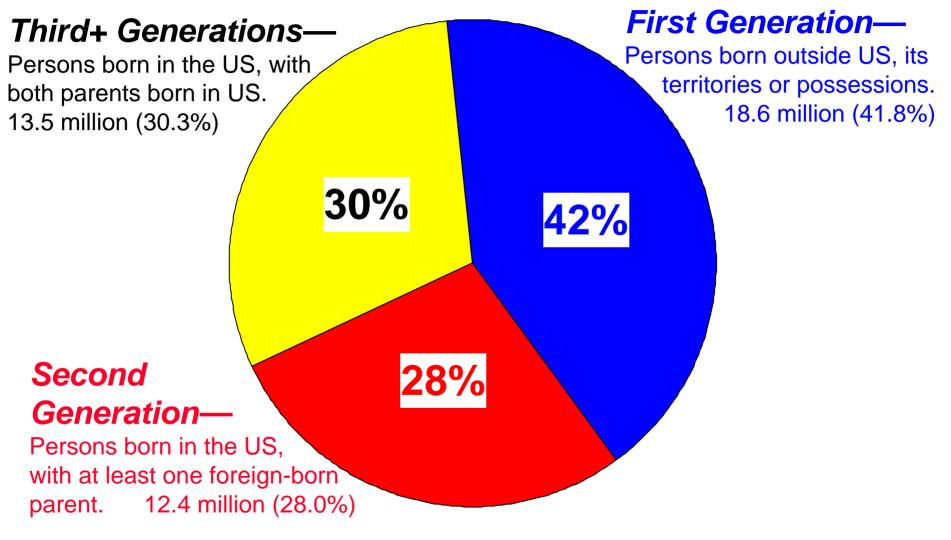


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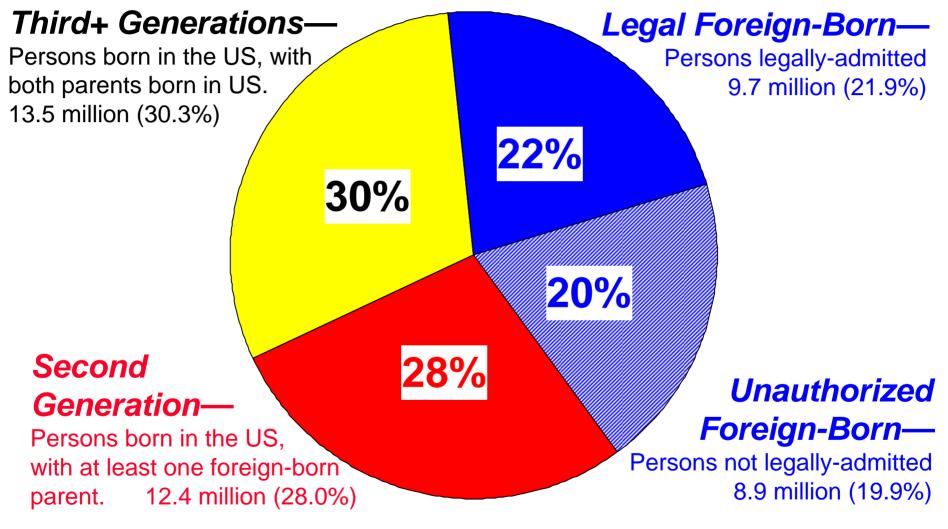
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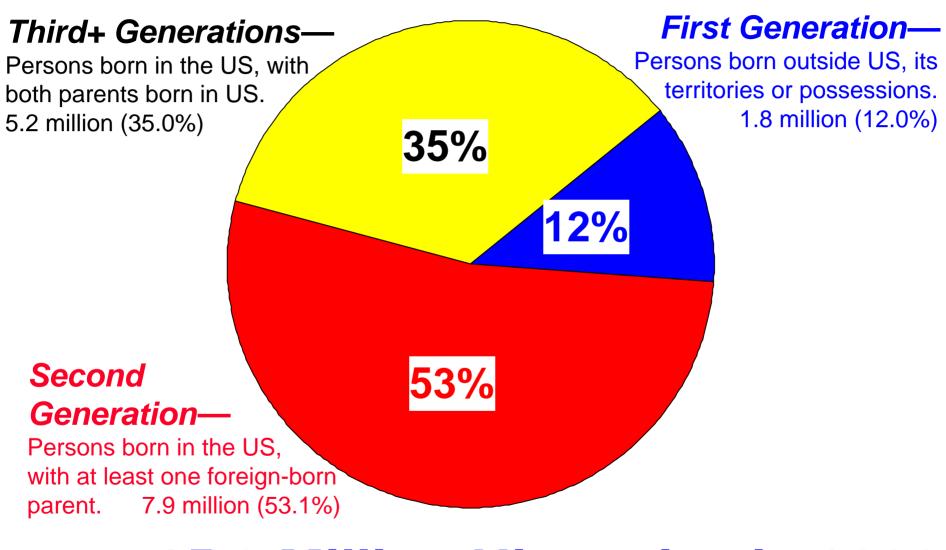
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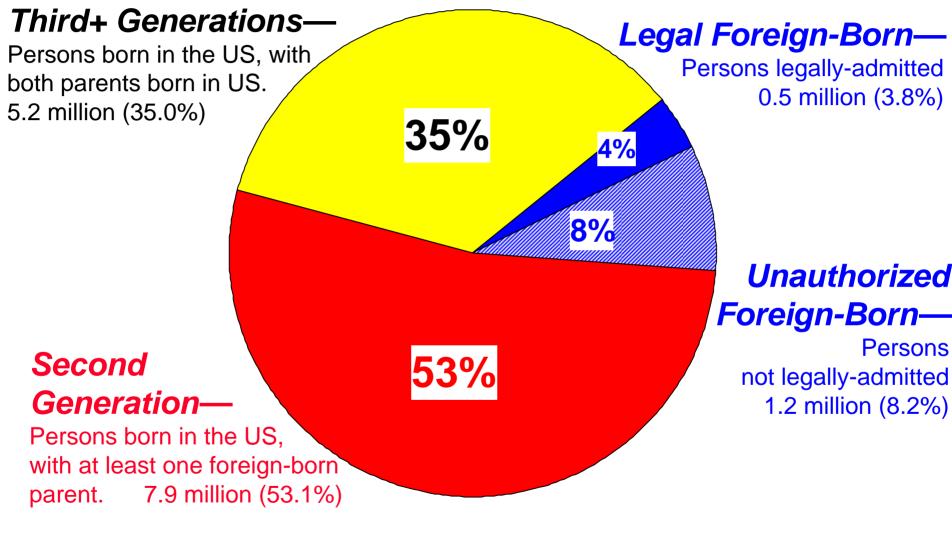
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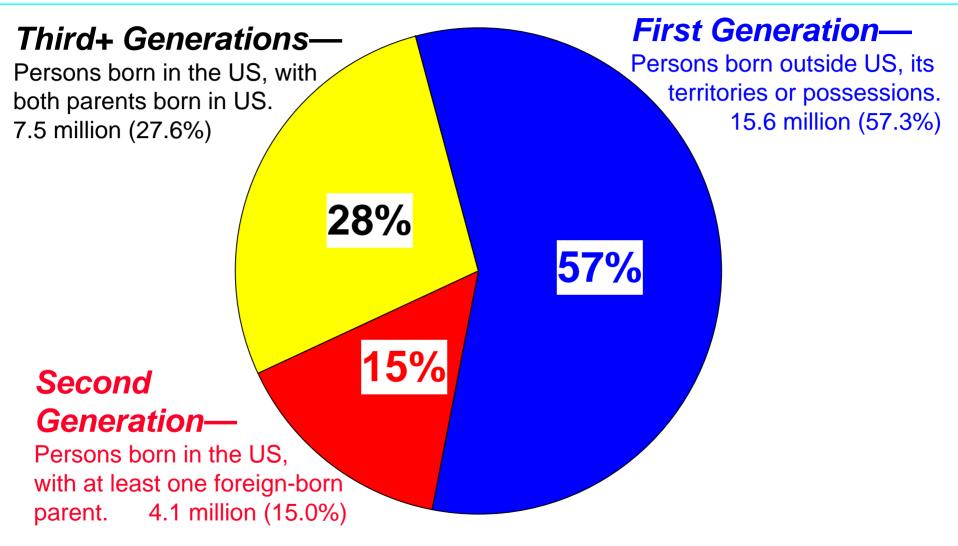
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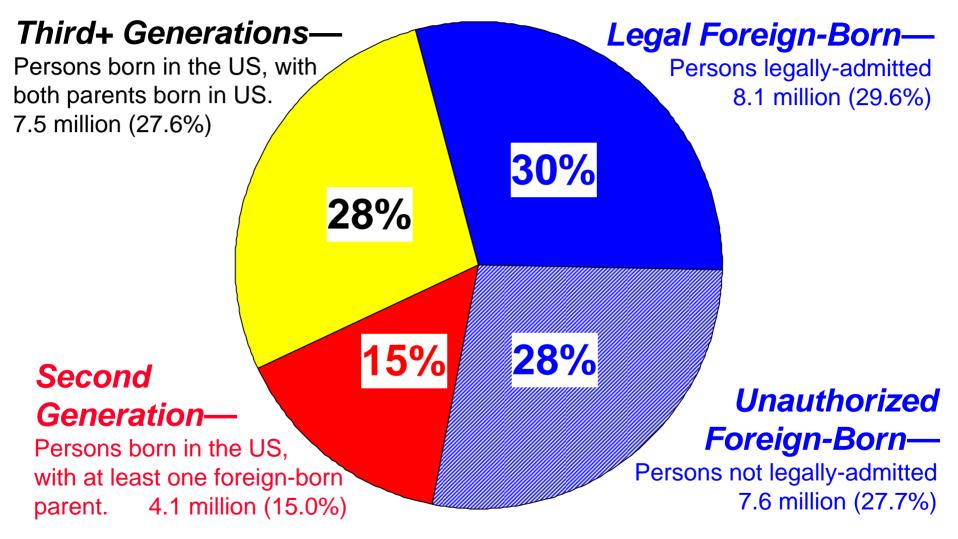
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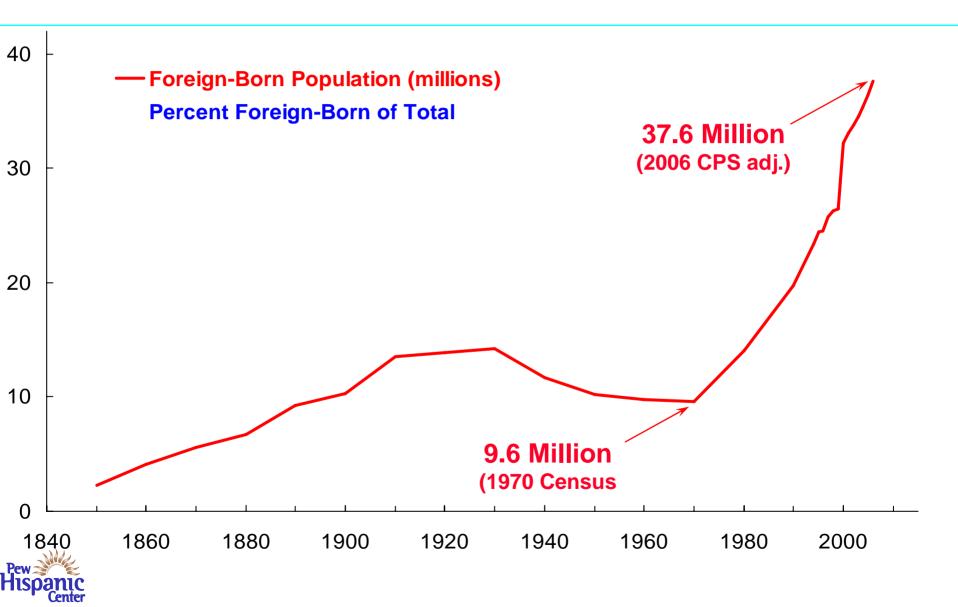
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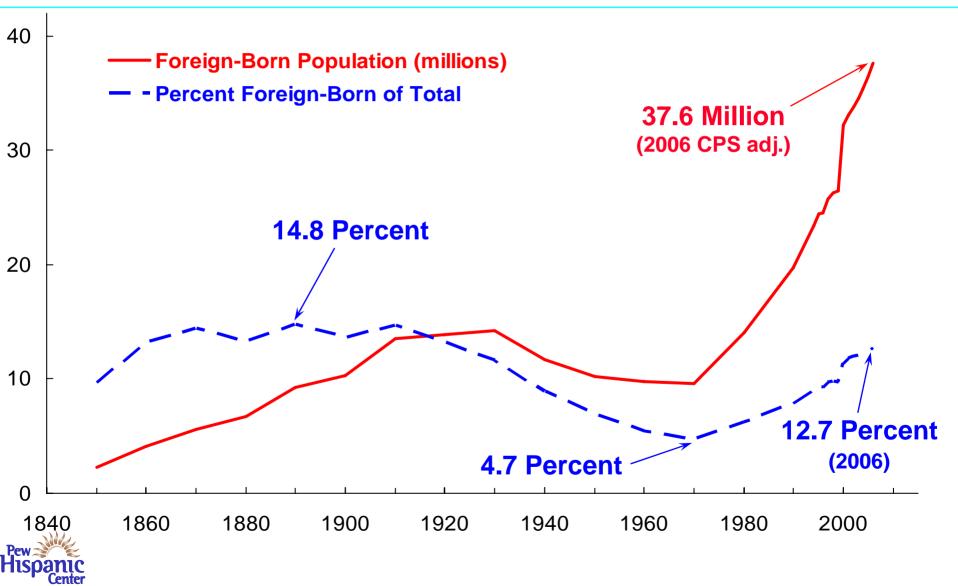


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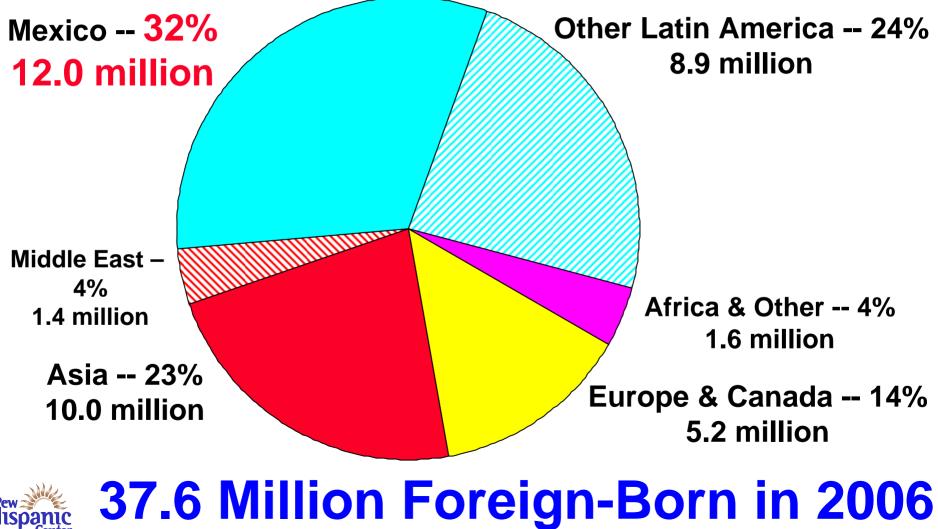
Immigrant <u>Numbers</u> at Peak ---



Immigrant <u>Numbers</u> at Peak --Percentage is Not



Latin Americans & Asians **Dominate Foreign-Born**



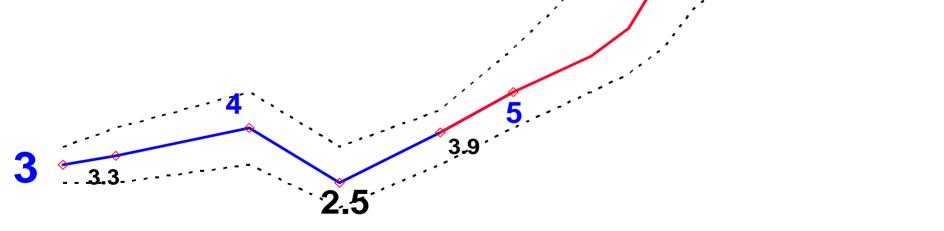


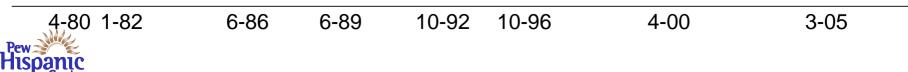
Unauthorized Clearly at New High -- Trend Uncertain

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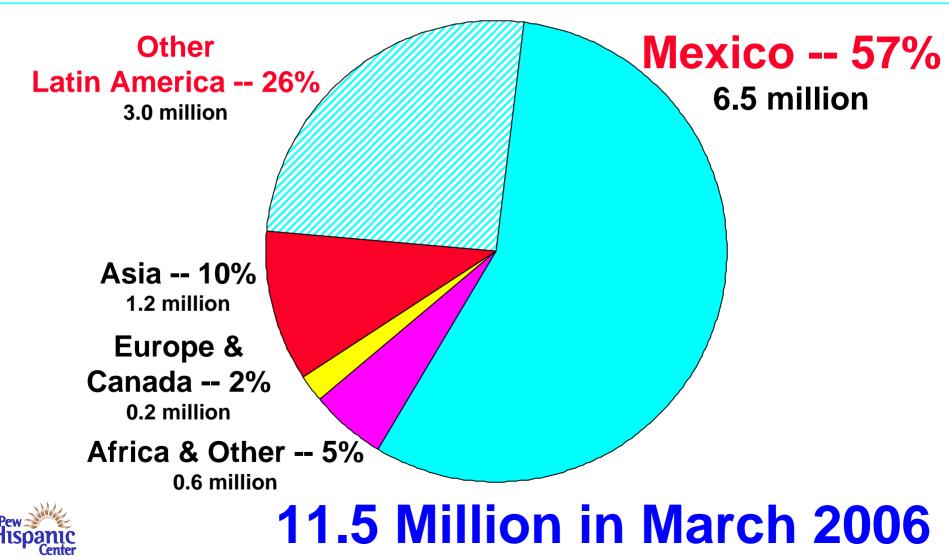
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Millions of Unauthorized Migrants Living in the U.S.





Mexico is Largest Source of Unauthorized, by far



Many Unauthorized Come Thru Ports of Entry

Entered Without Inspection 6–7 million (55%) Entered Legally Border Crossing Card 250,000–500,000 (4-5%)

Entered Legally Nonimmigrant Visa Overstay 4–5.5 million (41%)



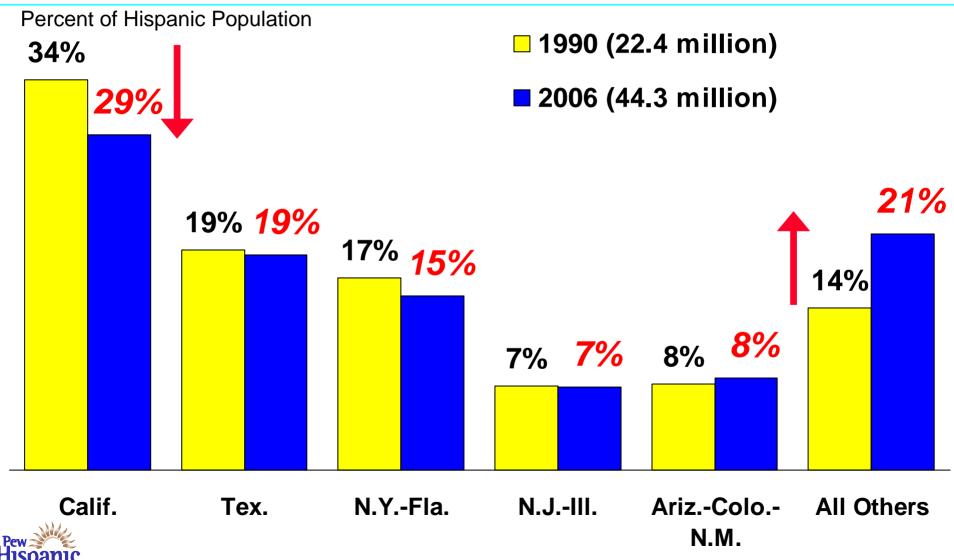
11-12 Million in 2005-2006

Where Are Latinos Found?

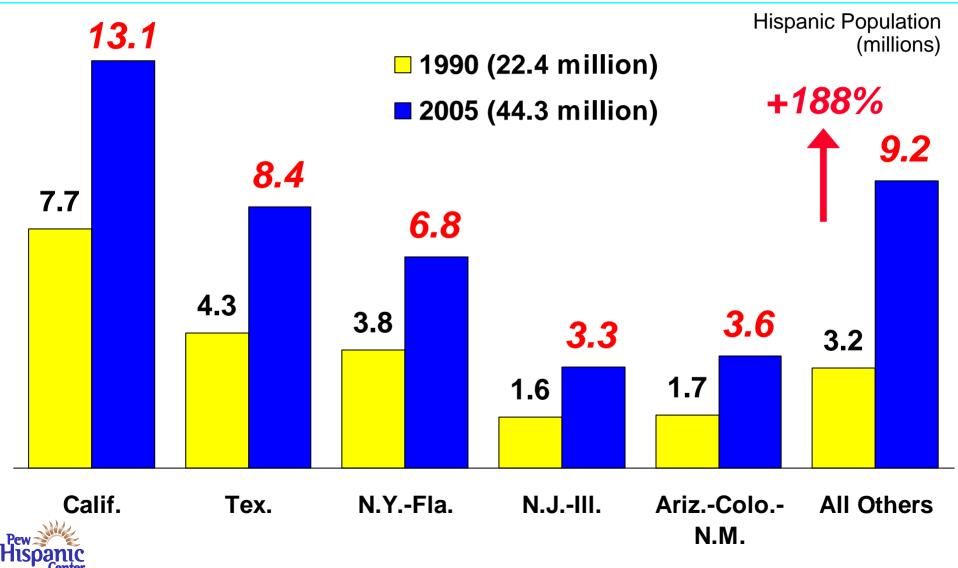
- Historic Core (85%+) Southwest (CA,TX,AZ,CO,NM) NY-NJ, FL(Miami), IL(Chicago)
- New Settlements in '90s Movement from Core (begins in '80s) New Communities Emerge <u>New Destinations</u> for Immigrants Momentum toward New Areas
- Momentum toward New Areas Share Doubled in '90s to 20%

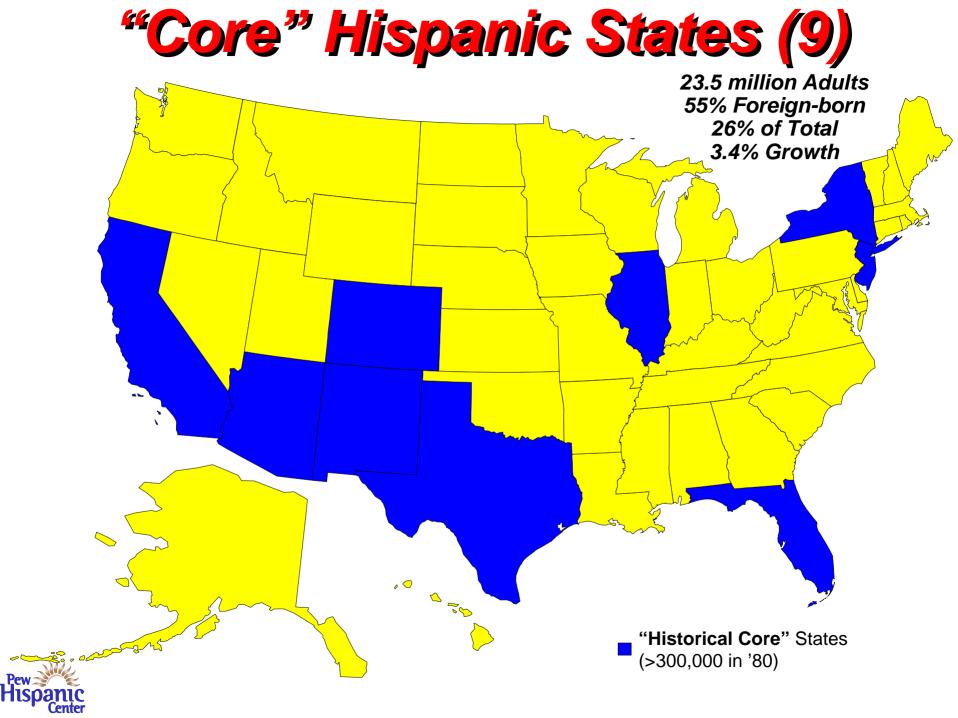


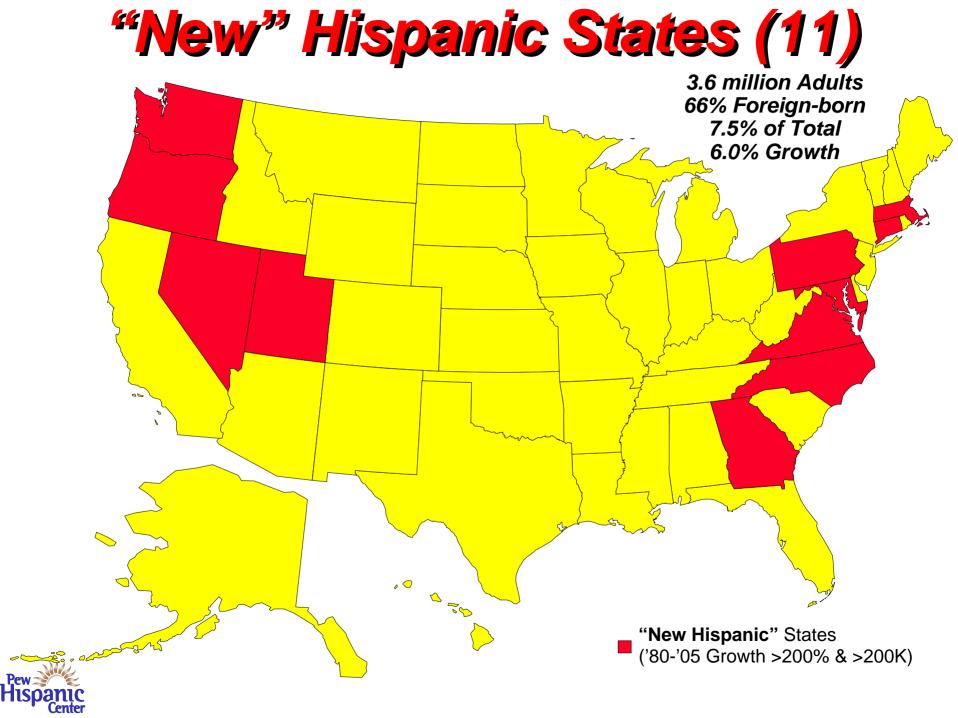
Hispanic Origin Spreads --Out of CA, NY to "Other" States

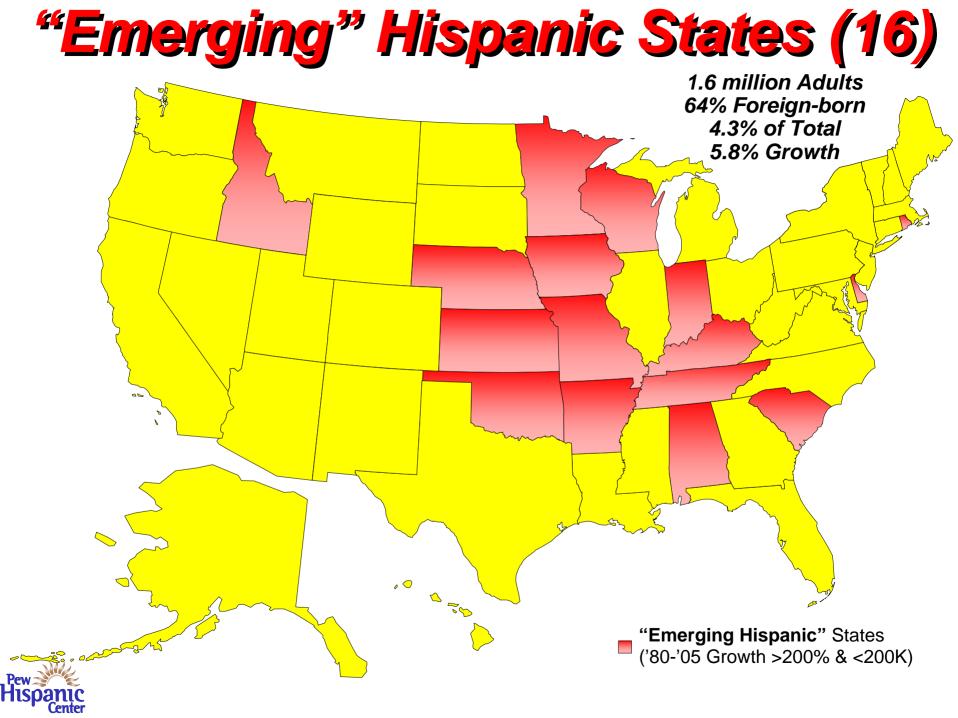


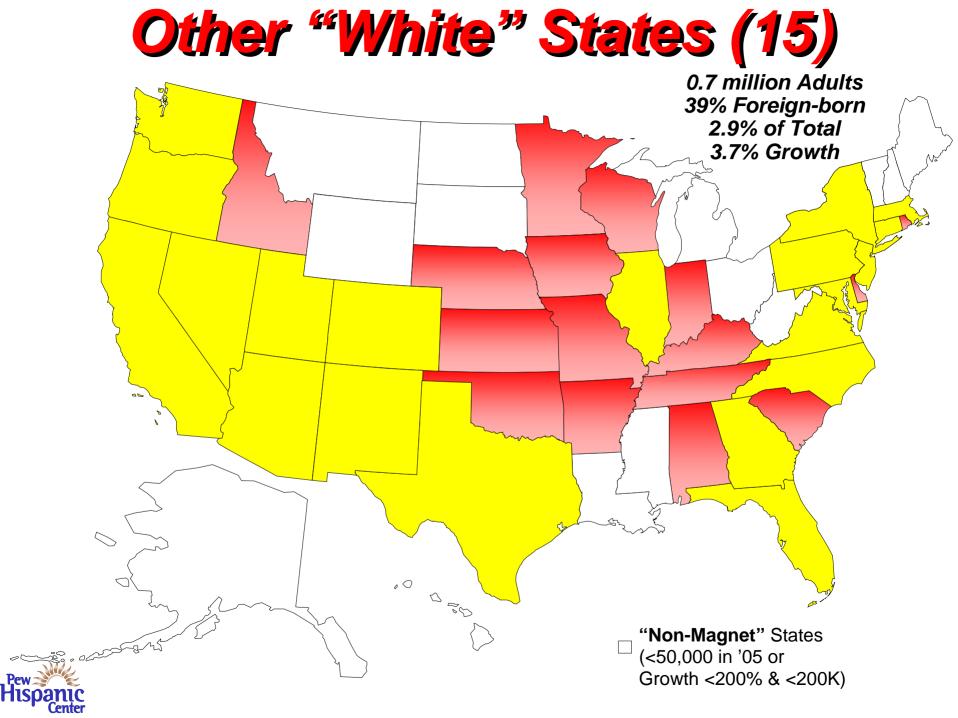
Hispanic Population Increases --Fastest Outside of "Big 9" States



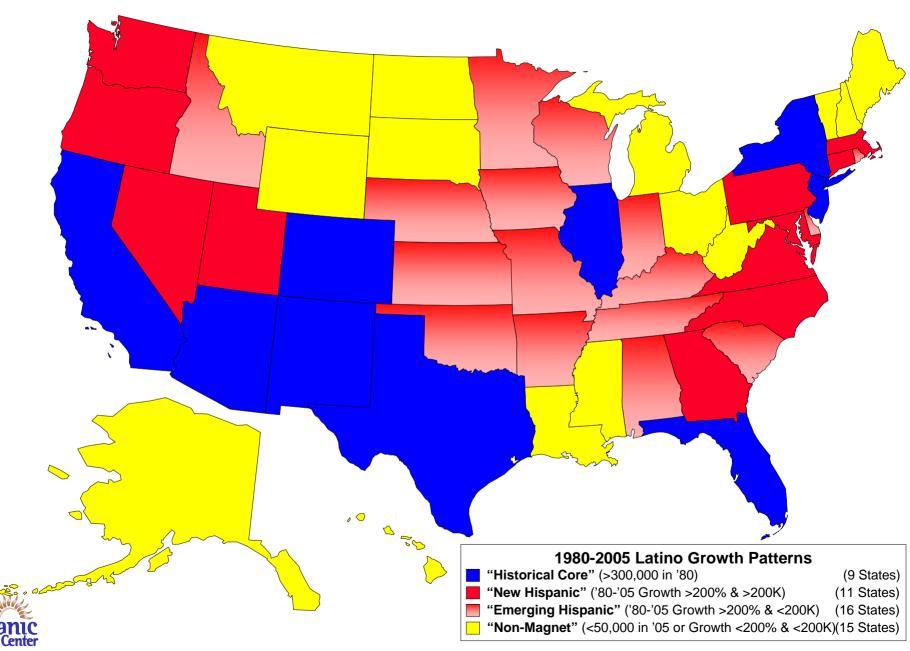




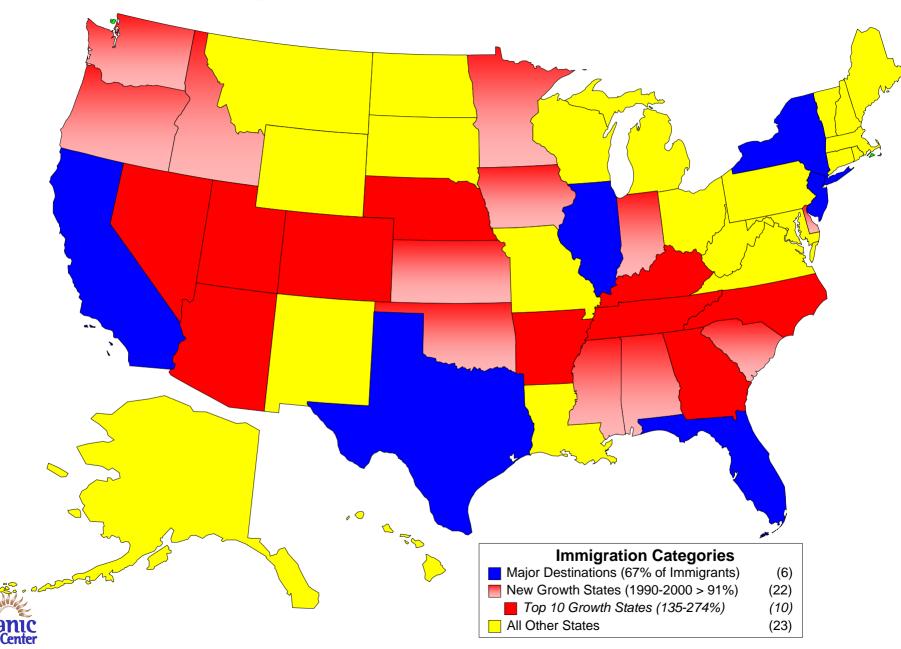




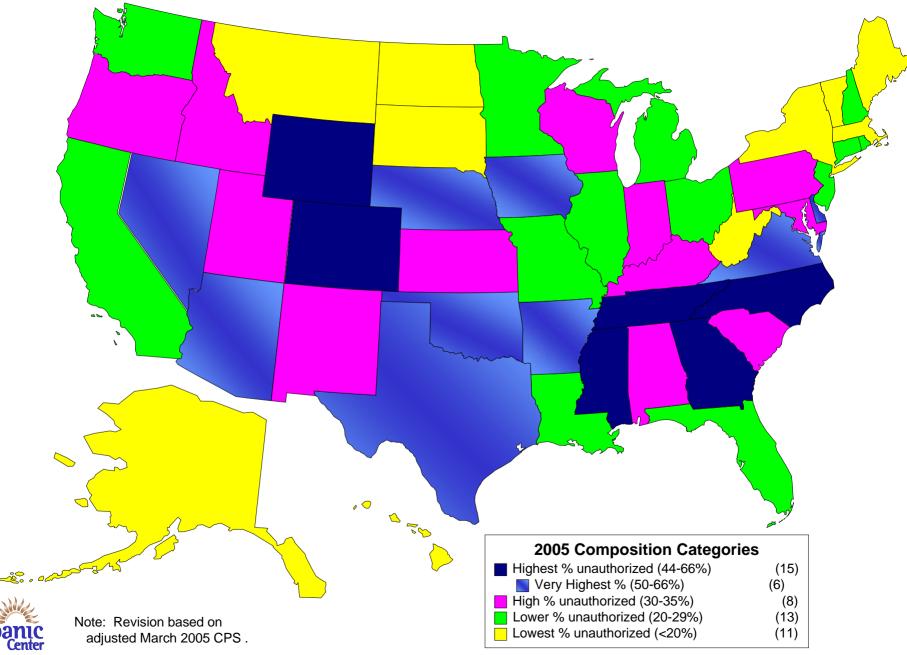
New Latino Growth Centers



New Immigration Growth Centers



New Growth --> High % Unauthorized

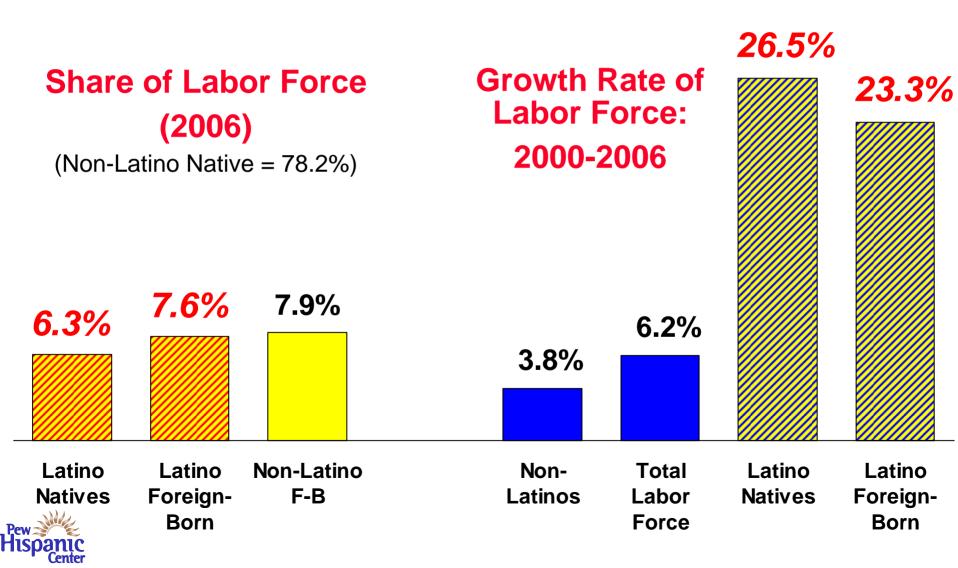


Unauthorized Immigrants & Other Hispanics

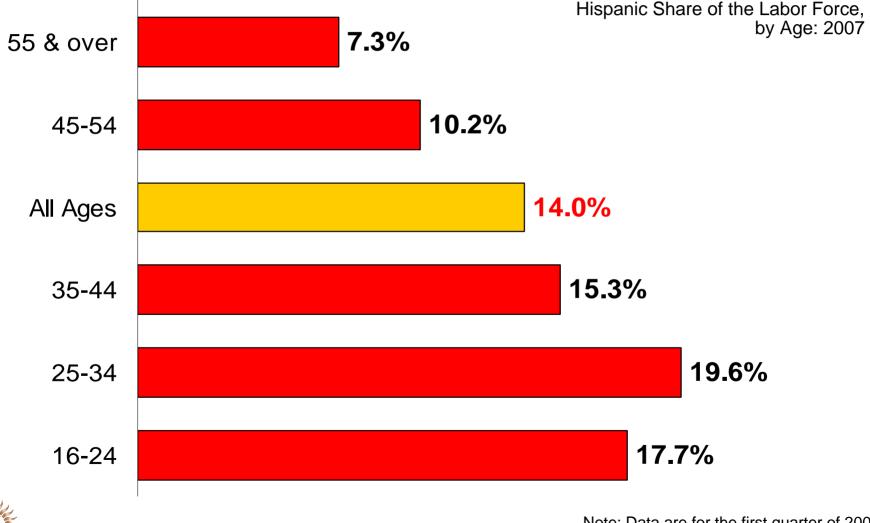
- Who Are They?
 Mainly in Families
 Relatively Young
 Almost All Work
- What Are They Like?
 Low Education
 Jobs Reflect Skills
 Low Incomes
 Lack of Insurance



Latino Labor Force is Growing ---Both Native & Immigrant

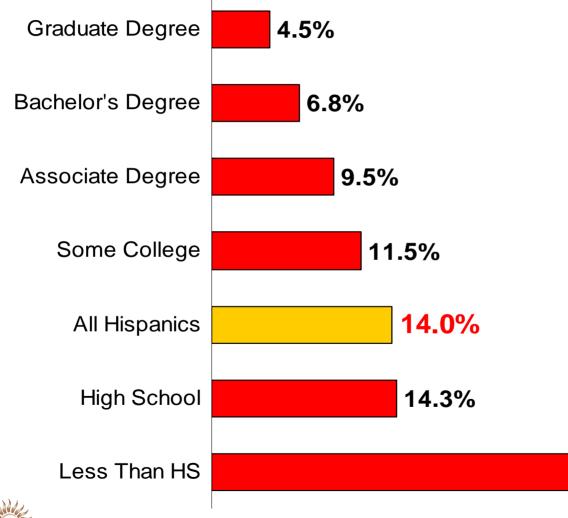


Latino Labor Force is Young --Higher Shares in 20s and 30s



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Hispanics Over-Represented At Lower Levels of Education



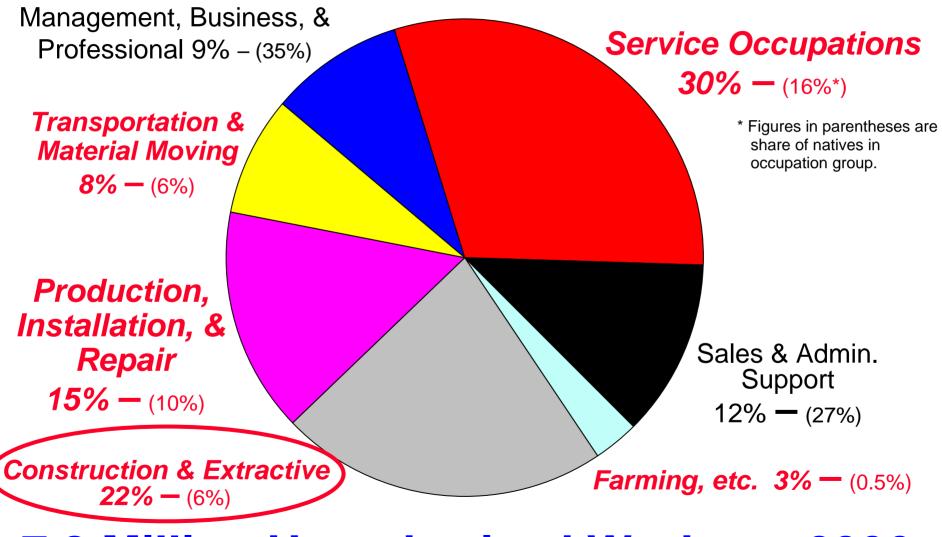
Hispanic Share of the Labor Force, by Educational Attainment: 2007

39.9%



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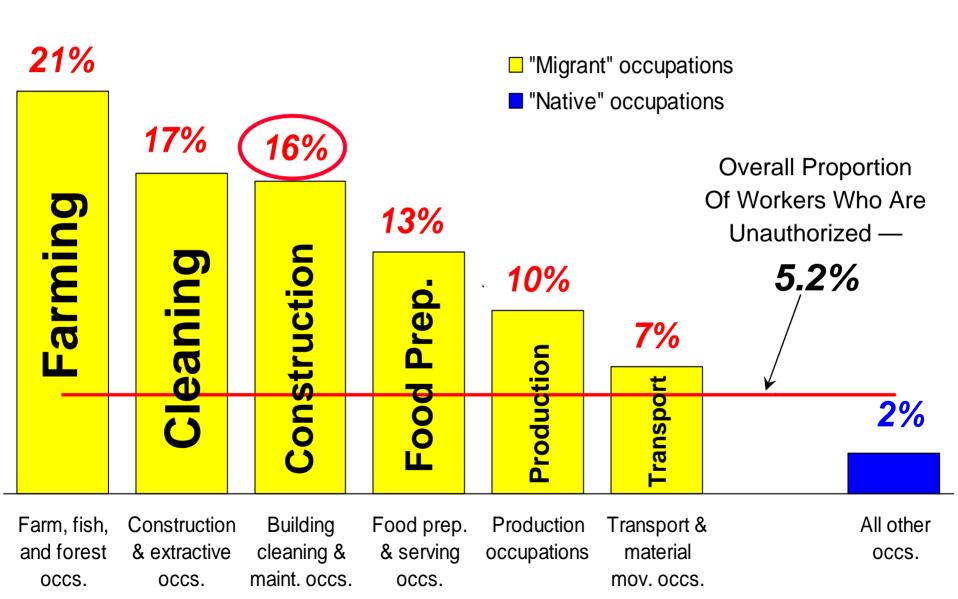
Unauthorized in Lower Wage & Education Occupations



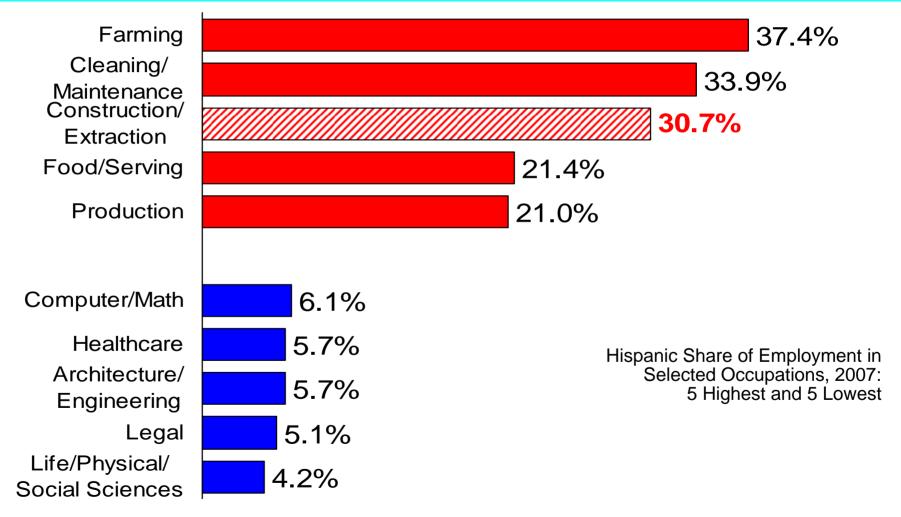
7.8 Million Unauthorized Workers, 2006

Most Concentrated Occupations

Percent Unauthorized within Occupation Group, 2006



Hispanic Occupations Reflect Education & Legal Status

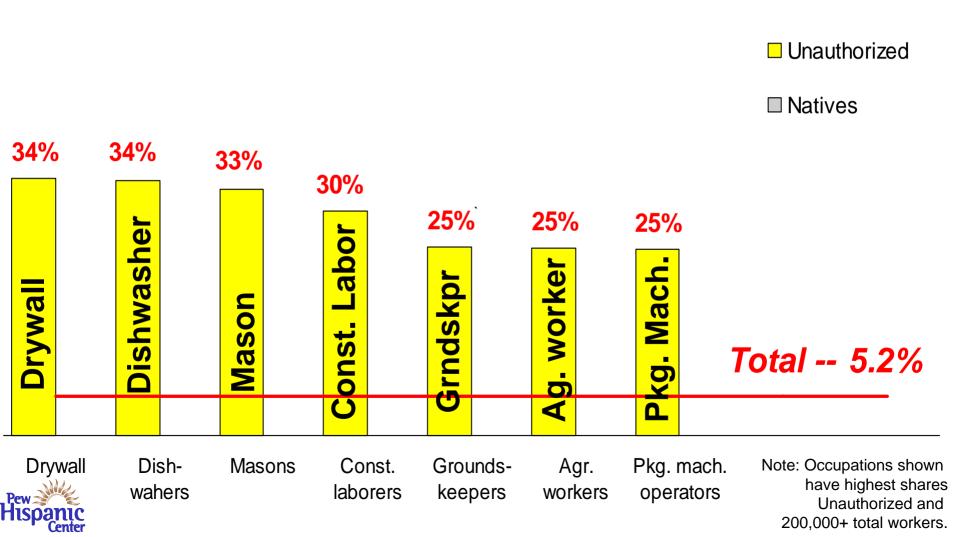




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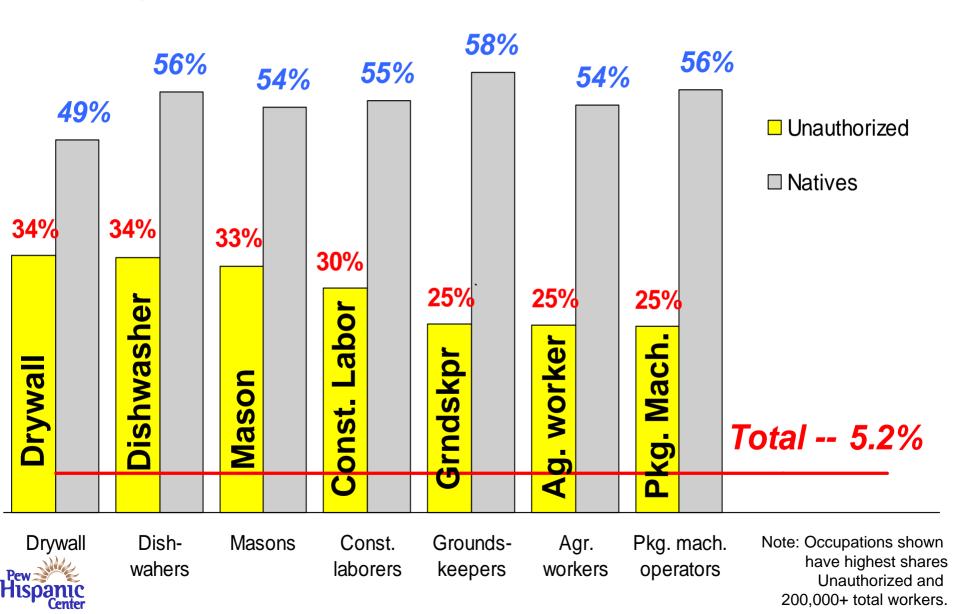


Share of Occupation, 2006

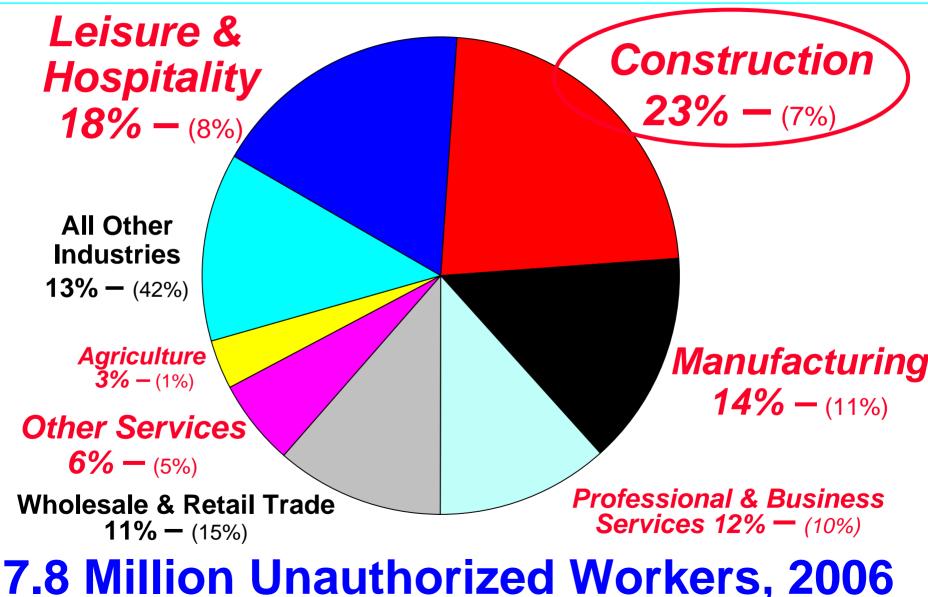


Highest % Unauthorized–More Natives

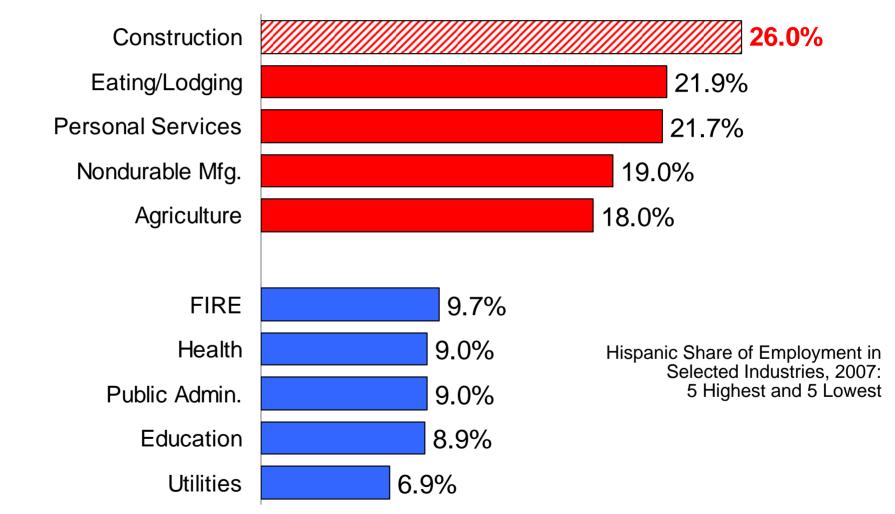
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Unauthorized Over-Represented in a Few Industries



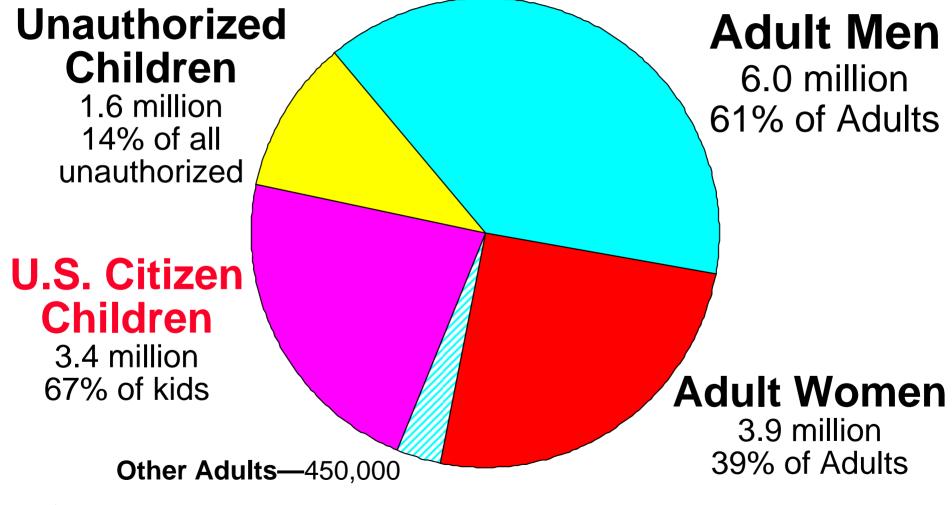
Hispanics Concentrated in Construction & Labor-Intensive Industries





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Unauthorized Families — Mixed Composition



15.3 million in Unauthorized Families





• Major Demographic Changes

- -- Latino Numbers Continue Up
- -- Share of Total Increases
- -- New Areas Emerge & Grow
- -- Generational Shift Starting
- Occupation & Industry
 - -- Low Education Levels
 - Occupations & Industry Reflect Educ.
 Natives Still Dominates Occupations
- Undocumented Migrants
 Mainly in Families
 - -- Many native Children



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