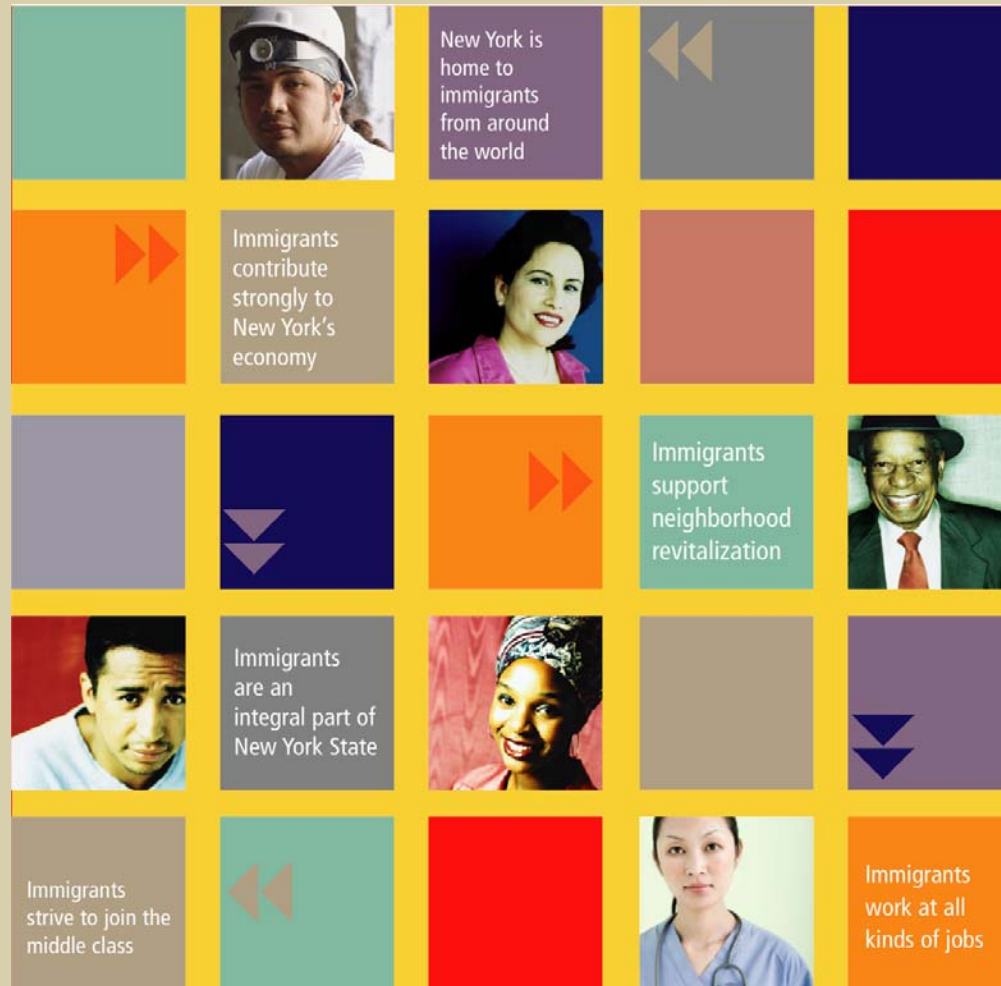


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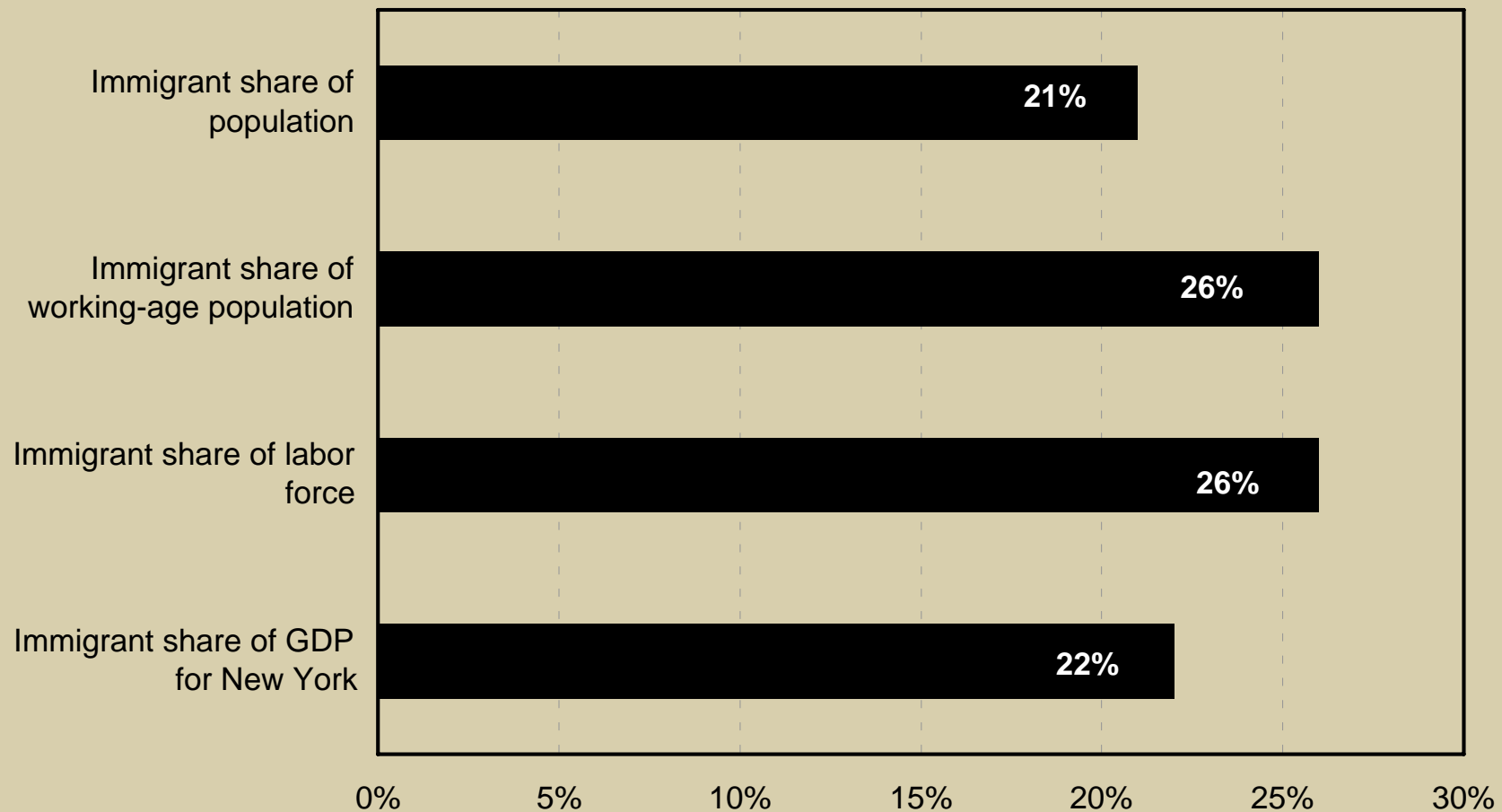
Working for a Better Life

A Profile of Immigrants in the New York State Economy

In an overheated atmosphere, Fiscal Policy Institute set out to take a calm look at the *real role of immigrants* in New York



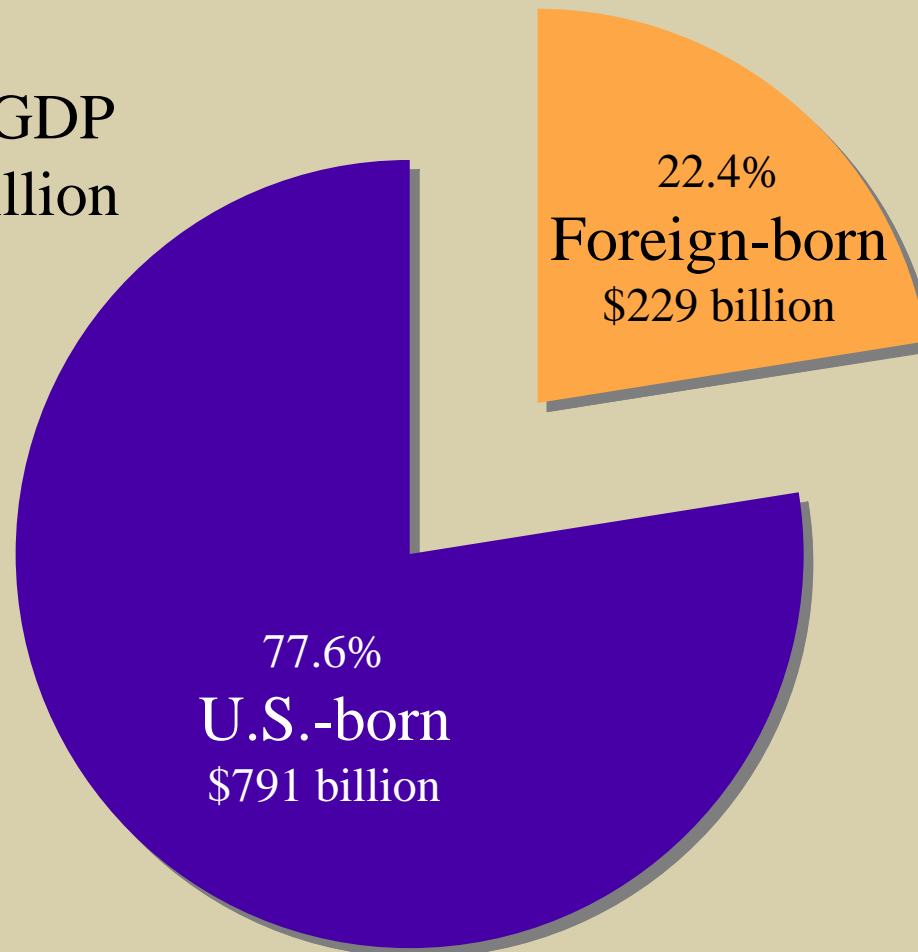
Immigrant **economic** contribution is greater than the share of state population



Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS. Working age is 16-64 years old.

Immigrant **economic** contribution represents nearly
a quarter of the New York State economy

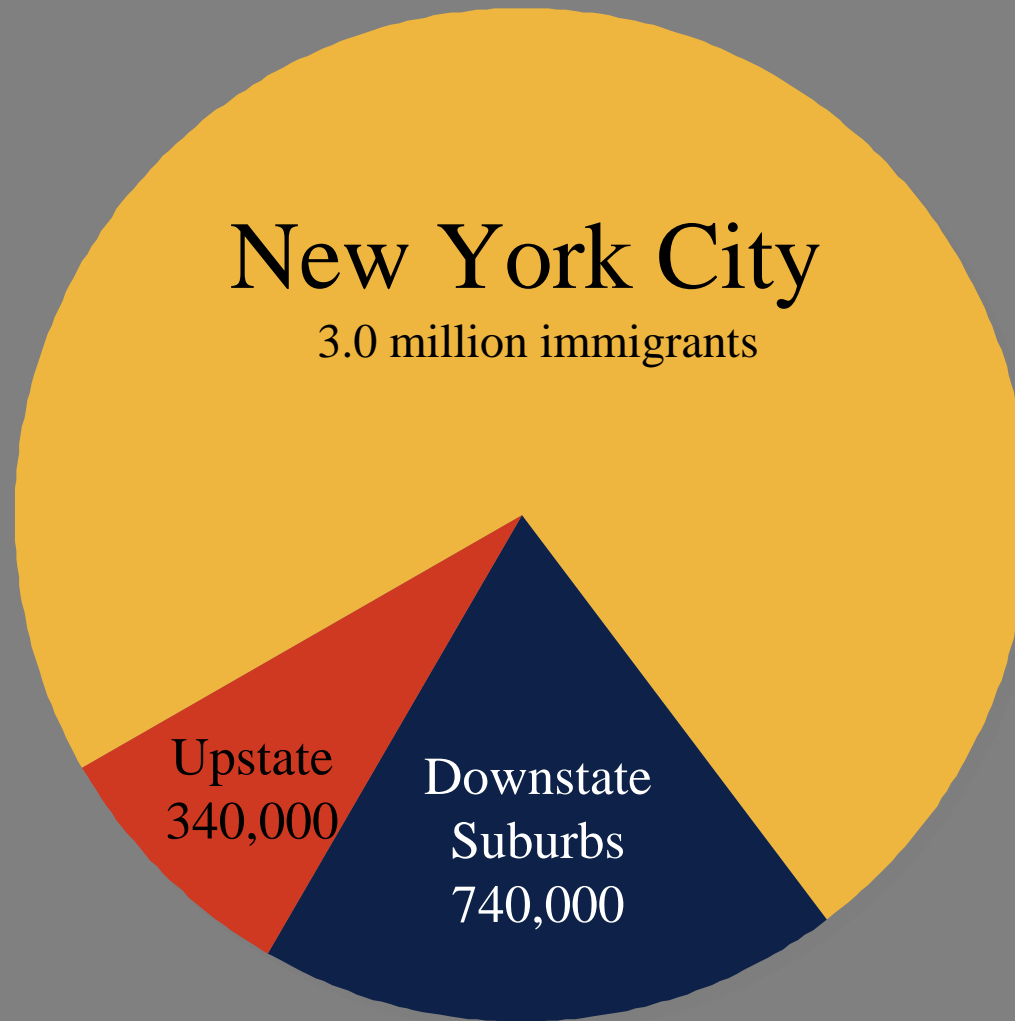
New York State GDP
in 2006: \$1.02 trillion



Source: FPI calculation based on Bureau of Economic Analysis estimate of Gross Domestic Product by State and ACS PUMS. See *Working for a Better Life*, Appendix B, for details.

3 distinct stories of immigration

in New York State



Downstate Suburbs

Nassau
Suffolk
Westchester
Rockland
Putnam.

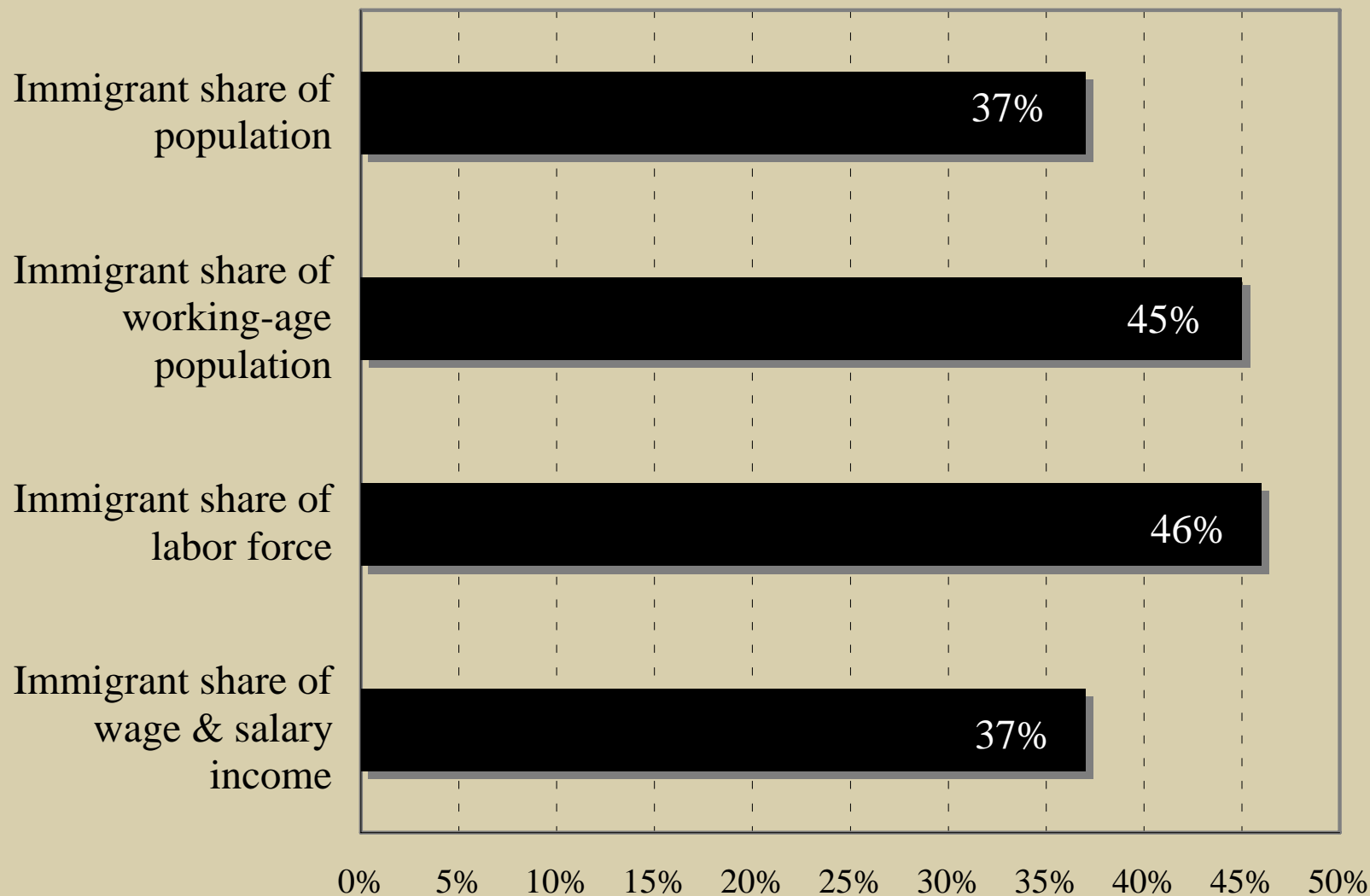
Sources: American Community Survey 2005 and New York City Department Of City Planning corrected figures, as accepted by the Census Bureau.

1. New York City

Immigration Fuels Growth and Builds the Middle Class



Immigrant contributions make up almost half of the **New York City** economy



Sources: FPI analysis of ACS PUMS, and New York City Department of City Planning.
Working age is 16-64 years old.

Immigrants in NYC are more likely to live in families in the **middle** income brackets

Living in families With income of	Families with immigrant adult	Families with only U.S.-born adults
\$20,000-\$80,000	55%	44%

FPI analysis of CPS March Supplements covering years 2001-2005.
Data is from a 5-year pool, with incomes in 2005 dollars (CPIU).

Immigrants represent a significant portion of workers
in virtually **every occupation** in New York City

Business

A quarter of of CEOs (8,000)

5 in 10 accountants

3 in 10 office clerks

3 in 10 receptionists

5 in 10 building cleaners

Real estate

3 in 10 of brokers

4 in 10 property managers

4 in 10 architects

7 in 10 construction laborers

Health Care

5 in 10 doctors

6 in 10 registered nurses

7 in 10 nursing aids

Finance

3 in 10 financial managers

3 in 10 securities, commodities and
financial service sales agents

31 percent of **commuters** are immigrants

**Percent of
commuters
who are
foreign-born**

Commuters to New York City, by type of work

Management, business, and financial	24%
Professional and related	34%
Service	39%
Sales and related	27%
Office and administrative support	28%
Construction and extraction	33%
Installation, maintenance and repair	29%
Production	49%
Transportation and material moving	40%
All	31%

Chart shows inbound commuters to New York City from New Jersey, Connecticut, and other parts of New York State.

Source: FPI Analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS. Universe: those 16 and older who live in NY, NJ, or CT, and who report New York City as place of work.

What about **undocumented** workers?

Estimated undocumented *residents* in New York City: **535,000**

Estimated undocumented *workers* **374,000**

Portion of New York City workers who are undocumented: **10%**

Source: Prepared for FPI by Jeffrey S. Passel, Pew Hispanic Center, 2007. Based on Pew Hispanic Center data from March 2000-2006, CPS with legal status assigned. Occupations included in this table have an average of at least 5,000 workers and the share of undocumented exceeds the New York City share of undocumented workers. For more information, see *Working for a Better Life*, Appendix A.

What about **undocumented** workers?

<i>Top occupations of undocumented workers</i>	<i>Number in NYC</i>	<i>Portion of all in occupation</i>
Cooks	21,000	33%
Janitors & Building cleaners	19,000	19%
Construction laborers	17,000	32%
Maids & housekeeping cleaners	16,000	28%
Waiters & waitresses	15,000	28%
Sewing machine operators	12,000	35%
Dishwashers	11,000	54%
Taxi drivers & chauffeurs	11,000	20%
Cashiers	10,000	12%
Retail salespersons	10,000	12%

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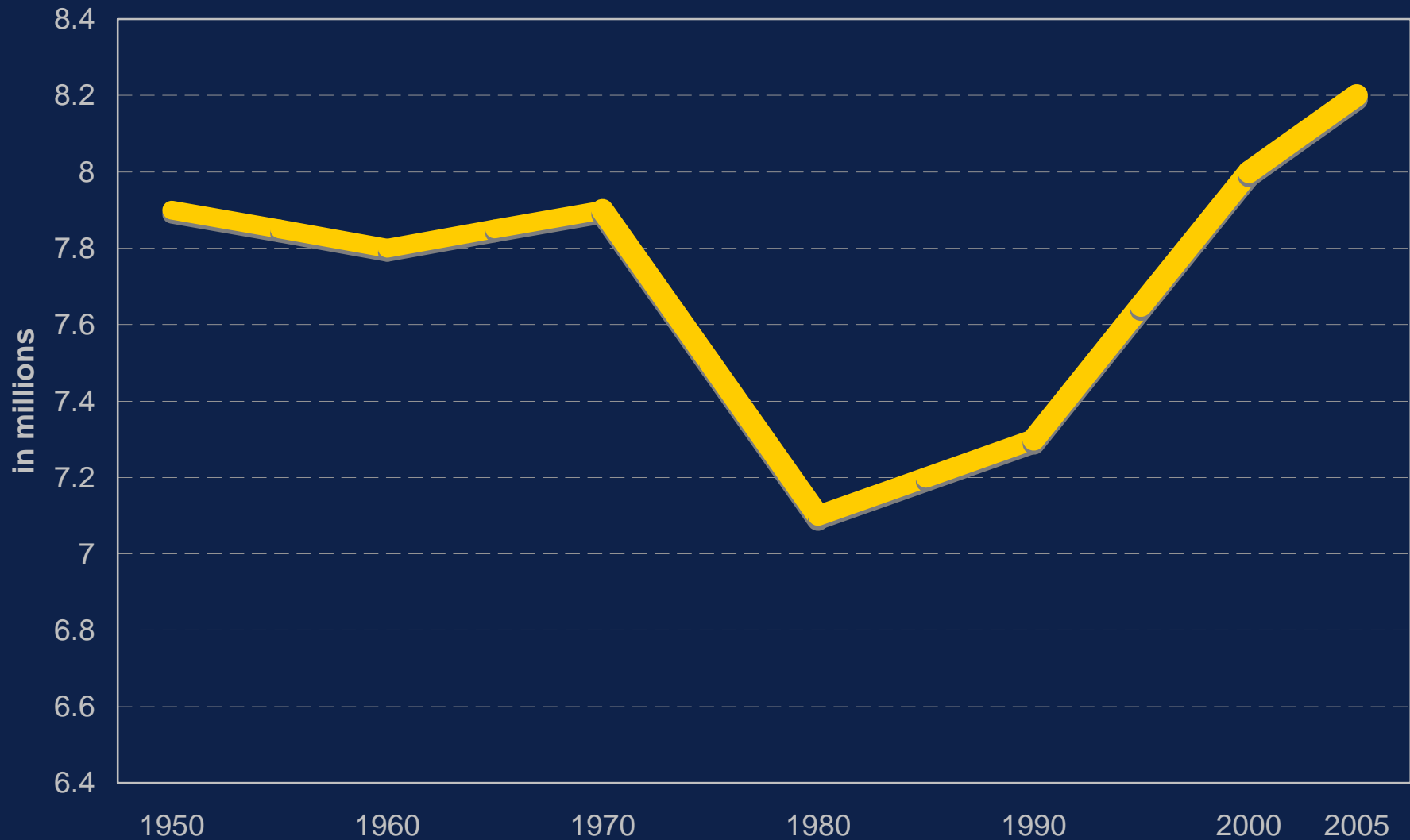
“The most visible symbol and source of New York City’s comeback is that we’re growing again. Our population is at an all-time high.”

Mayor Michael Bloomberg

PlaNYC 2030 speech, December 12, 2006

New York City Population

1950-2005



Sources: Population of Counties by Decennial Census and New York City Department of City Planning

NYC Population Trends

	1980	1990	2000	2005	trend 1980-2005
Native-born	5.4 million	5.2 million	5.1 million	5.2 million	-194,000
Foreign-born	1.7 million	2.1 million	2.9 million	3.0 million	+1.3 million
Total NYC	7.0 million	7.3 million	8.0 million	8.2 million	+1.2 million
Immigrant share of pop.	24%	28%	35%	37%	

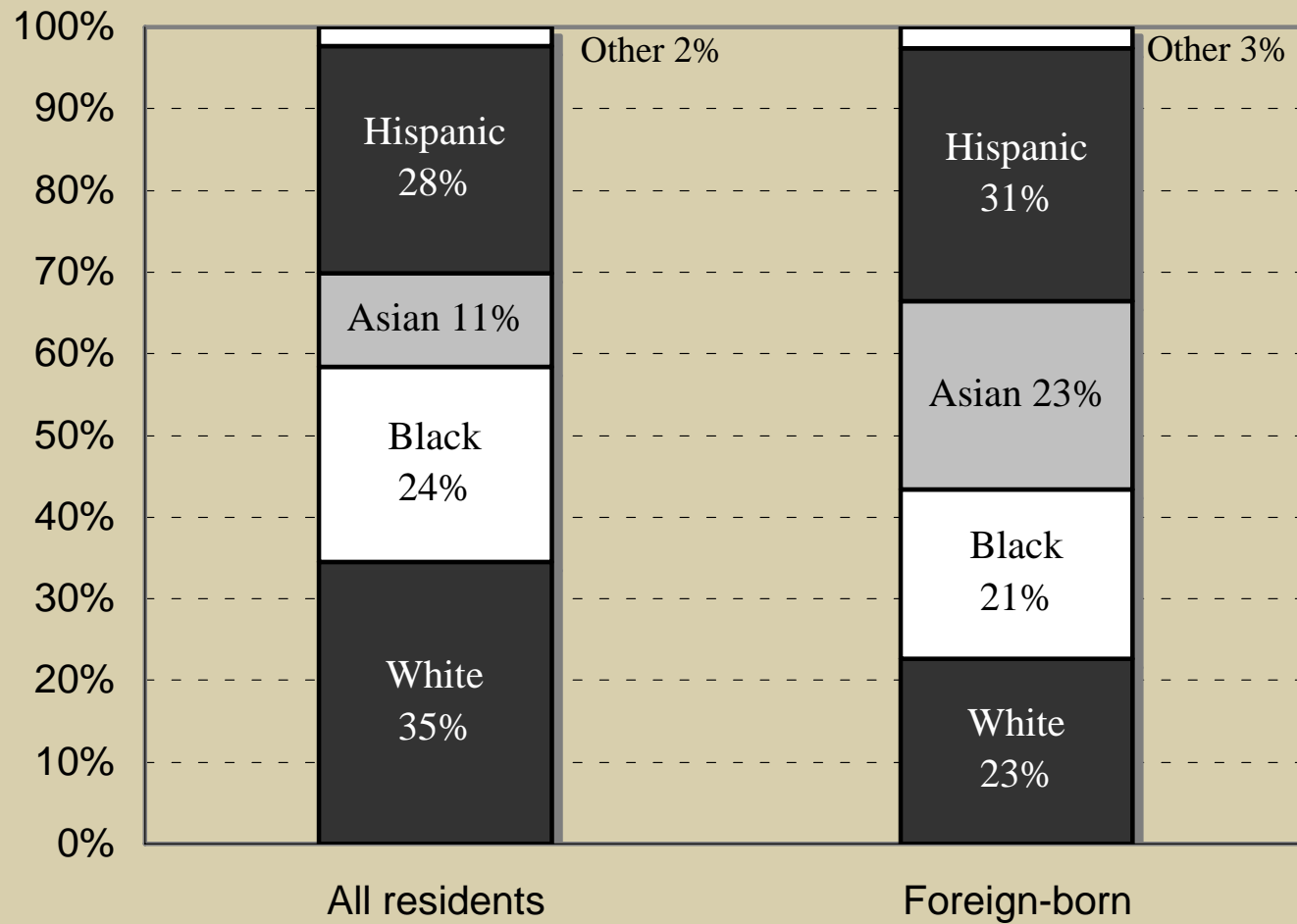
Source: NYC Dept. of City Planning analysis of Census and ACS.

Immigrants to NYC come from all around the world

Dominican Republic	Ukraine	Honduras
China	Russia	El Salvador
Jamaica	Korea	Cuba
Mexico	Philippines	Barbados
Guyana	Poland	Greece
Ecuador	Italy	Israel
Haiti	Bangladesh	Romania
India	Pakistan	Yugoslavia
Trinidad & Tobago	Peru	Panama
Colombia	Hong Kong	Taiwan

countries from which there are over 20,000 residents, in order from most (336,000) to fewest (20,700)

and immigrants *fit right in* to the racial and ethnic mix of New York City



Immigrants **join unions**

26 percent of *immigrants* are union members

44 percent of *union members* are immigrants

And when they join unions, **all workers benefit**

Median wage selected industries	Foreign-born		U.S.-born	
	Non-union	Union	Non-union	Union
Wholesale & retail	\$10.54	\$13.09	\$12.30	\$13.00
Construction	\$12.90	\$17.37	\$16.43	\$22.41
Transportation & utilities	\$13.70	\$16.52	\$15.07	\$17.50
administration	\$19.00	\$16.83	\$20.52	\$16.98
All	\$12.33	\$15.00	\$16.92	\$17.37

Source: FPI analysis of CPS data 2003-2006; data points are medians of 4-year pools. Universe is those in the labor force or reporting a wage. In 2006 dollars, using CPI-U deflator.

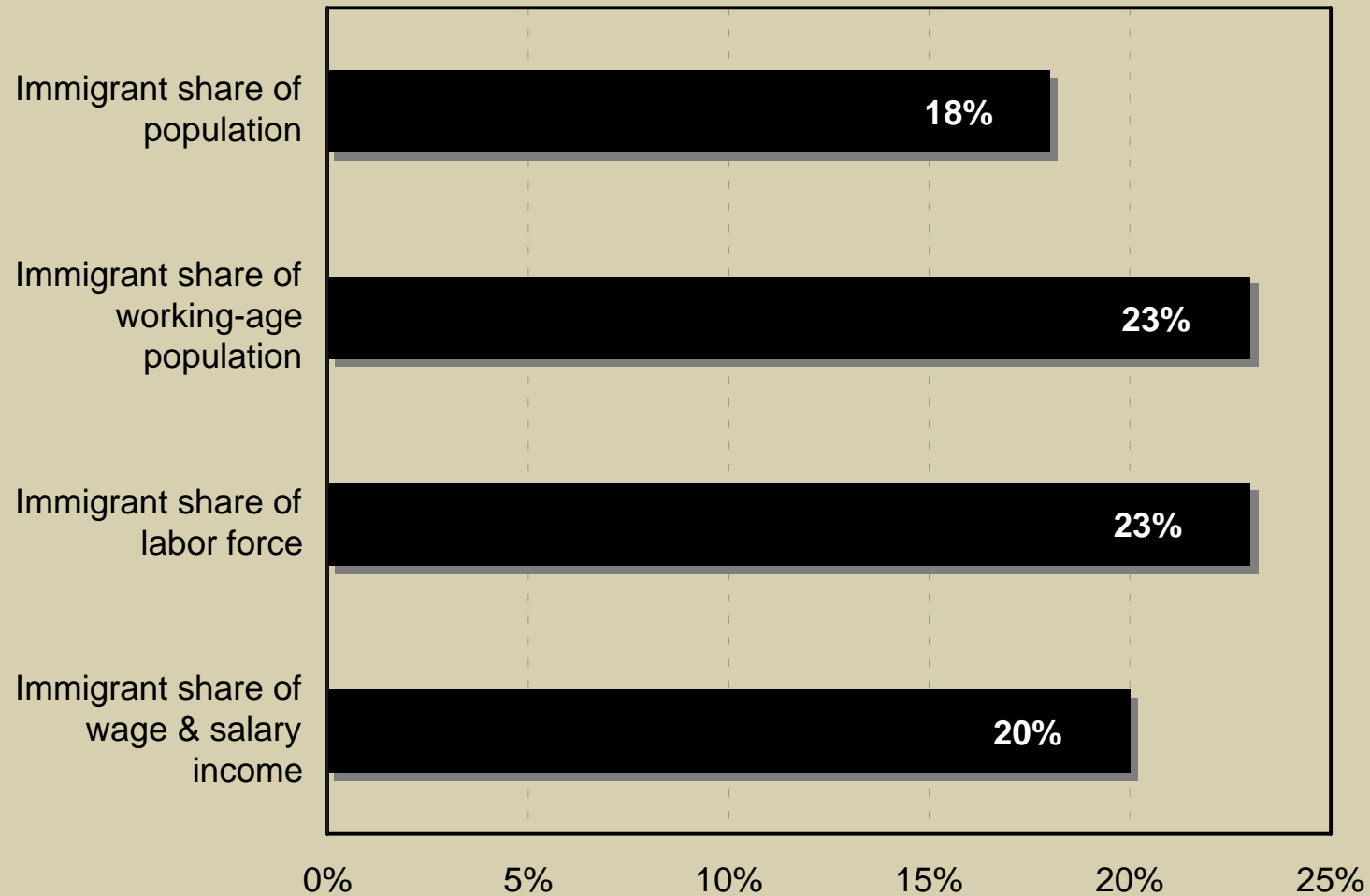


2. Downstate Suburbs

Growing, and Growing More Diverse



Immigrant contribution to the **downstate suburbs**



Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS. Working age is 16-64 years old.

Long Island and the *northern suburbs*

Breaking it down by **county**

	Foreign-born	population	Total Percent foreign-born
Westchester	228,796	915,916	25%
Rockland	58,066	285,088	20%
Nassau	261,428	1,310,076	20%
Suffolk	183,360	1,444,642	13%
Putnam	11,265	98,303	11%
Total	742,915	4,054,025	18%

Median **family income** in Nassau, Suffolk,
Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties

Families with at least one immigrant adult: **\$71,000**

Families with only U.S.-born adults: **\$86,000**

Source: FPI analysis of CPS March supplements covering the years 2001-2005.
Data is from 5-year pool, with incomes in 2005 dollars (CPIU).

Day laborers attract a lot of attention, but day laborers are
less than a half of one
percent of immigrants, and a small portion even
of undocumented immigrants.

Based on Valenzuela & Meléndez estimate of 6,000-8,000 day laborers hired through shape-up sites in the entire New York metropolitan area, including New York City and suburbs in New York and New Jersey. See *Working for a Better Life* for further details.

A good number of construction workers, maids, and grounds maintenance workers are immigrants.

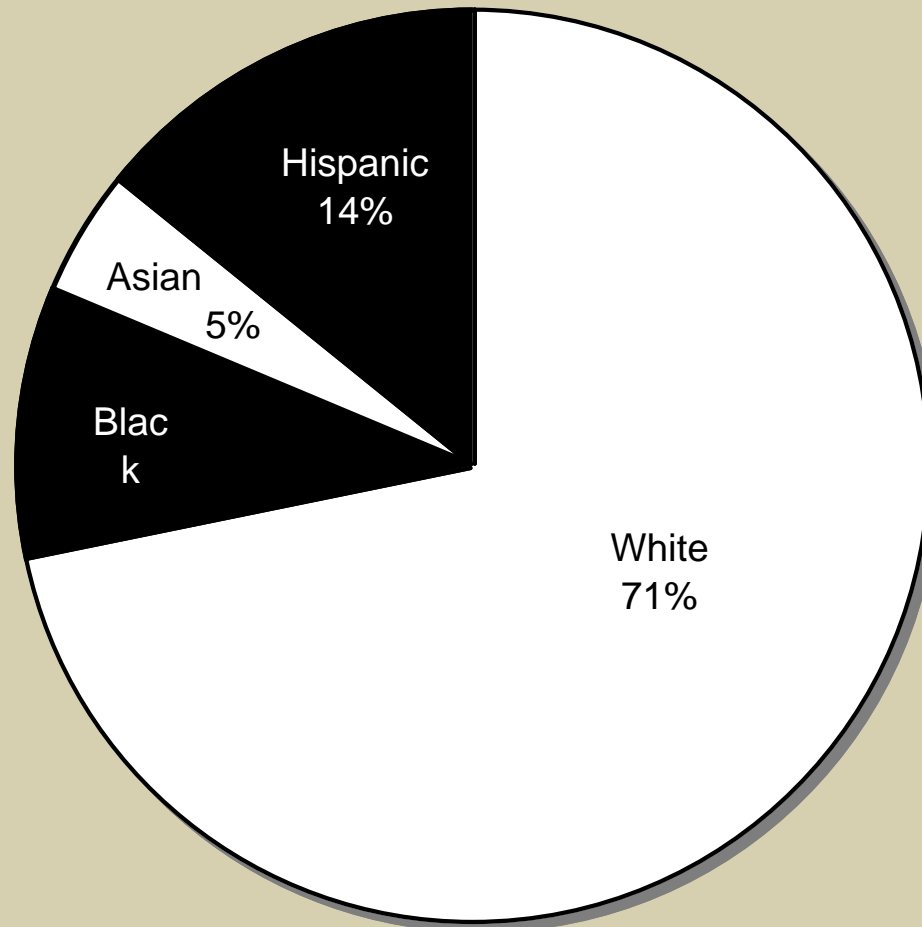
But...

the **top occupation** of immigrants in the downstate suburbs is registered nurse (29% of RNs are foreign born)

41% of all **physicians and surgeons** are foreign-born

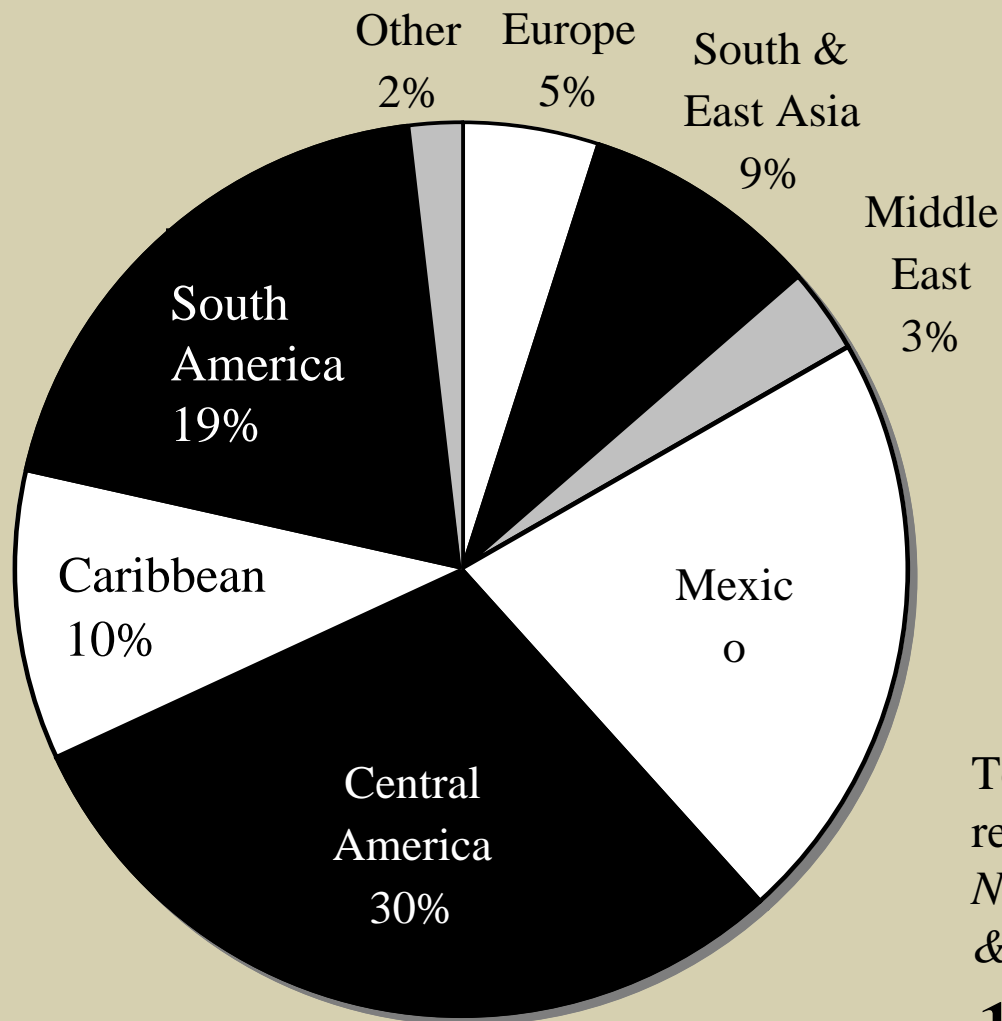
22% of **accountants** are foreign-born

The downstate suburbs are becoming
diverse and **global**



Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS.

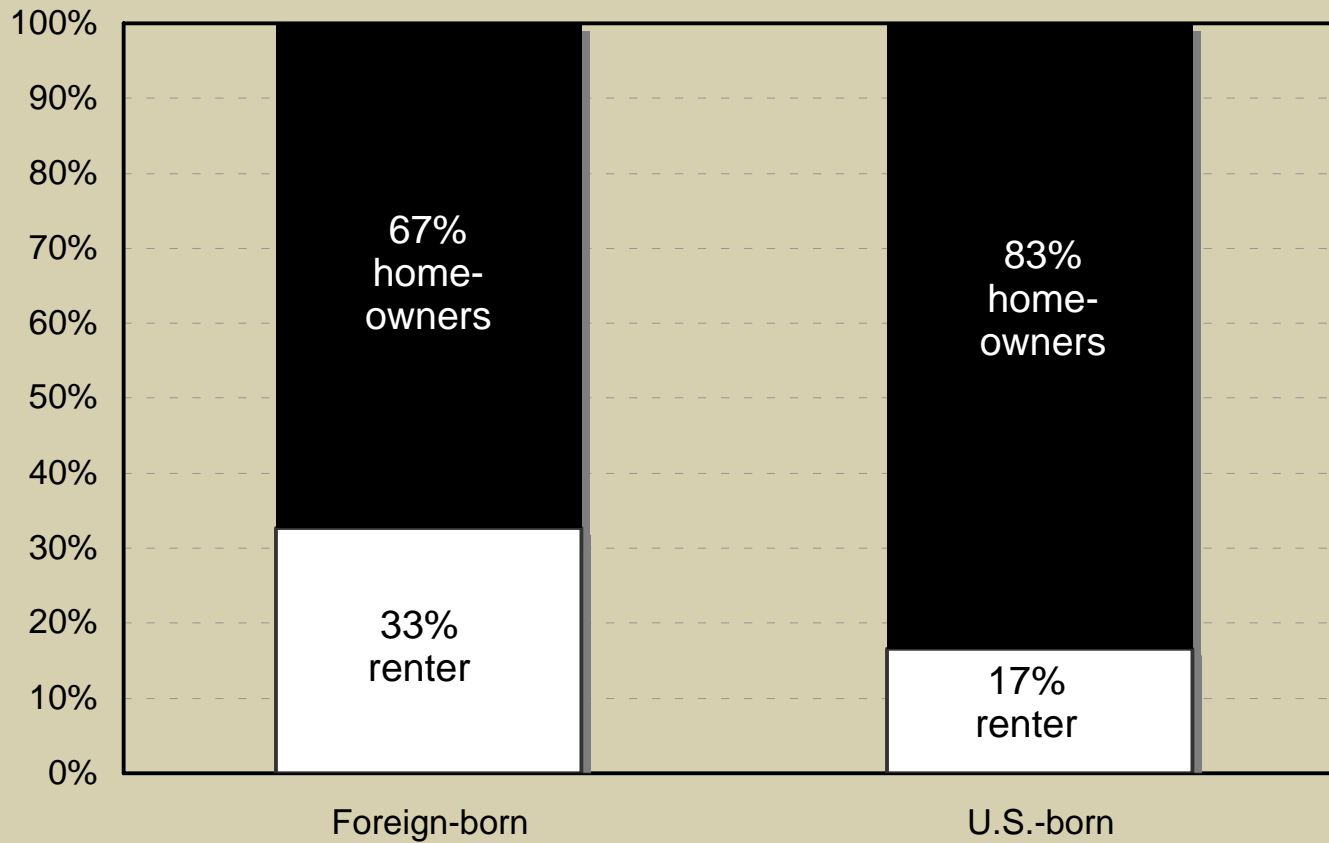
Even undocumented immigration is more diverse than you may think



Source: Prepared for FPI by Jeffrey S. Passel, Pew Hispanic Center, 2007. Based on Pew Hispanic Center data from March 2000-2006, CPS with legal status assigned. Middle East includes Asian countries west of and including Iran, south of and including Turkey plus Cyprus and North Africa. Rockland and Putnam counties are included in upstate rather than downstate suburbs for this analysis. For more information, see *Working for a Better Life*, Appendix A.

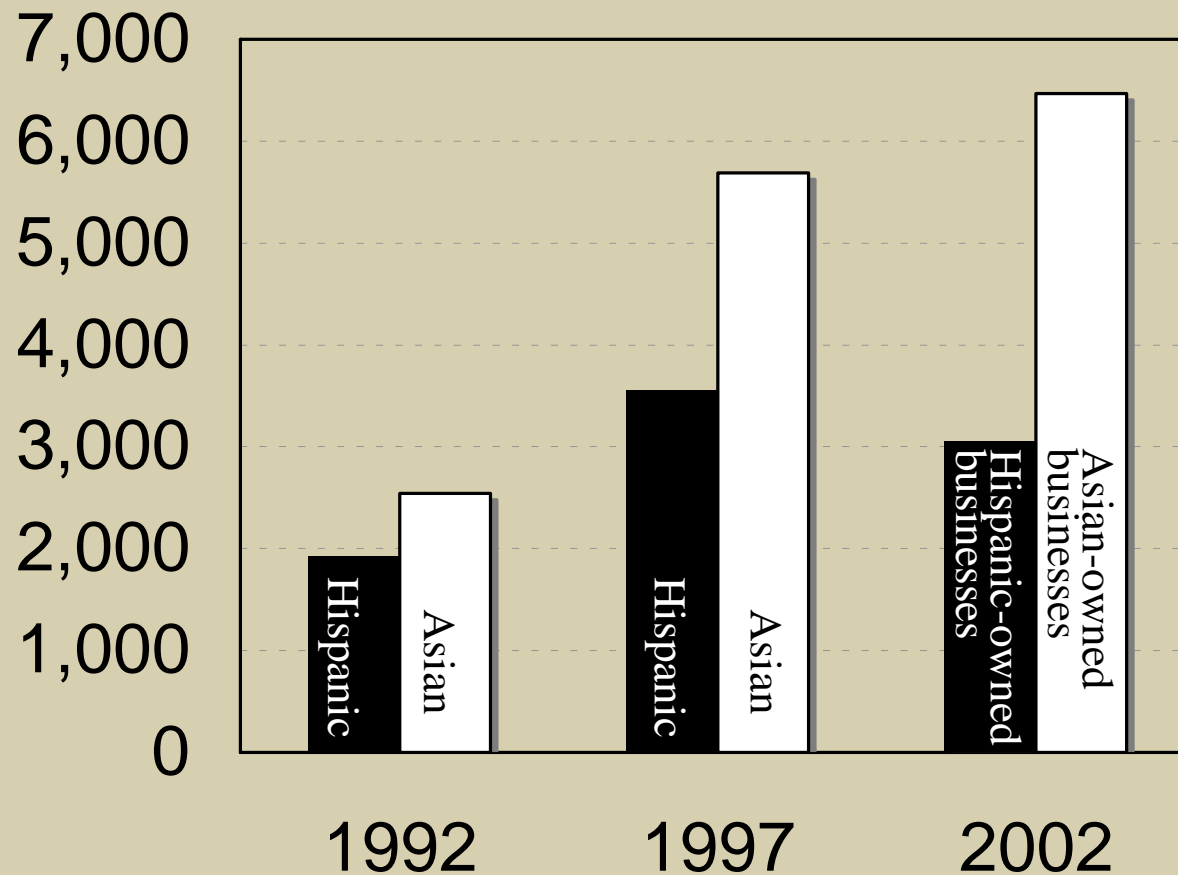
Total undocumented residents in Nassau, Suffolk & Westchester
130,000

Immigrants *own homes*



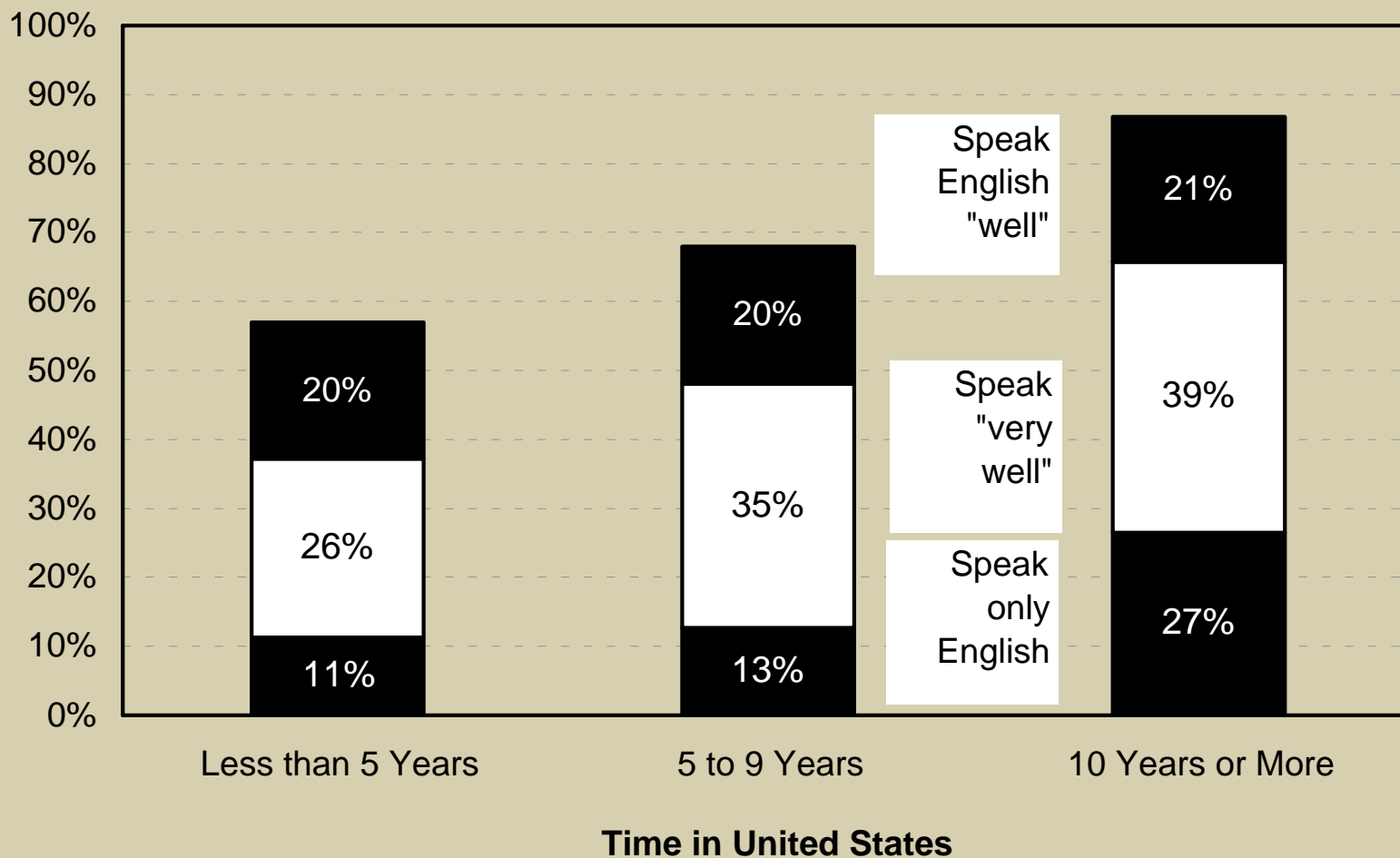
Source: 2005 ACS (American Factfinder), tables B06013.
Numbers and shares refer to total people living in households.

Immigrants *start businesses*



Source: FPI analysis of 1992, 1997, and 2002 Economic Census (2002 data released August 2006). Analysis is of firms with employees, and excludes firms without employees.

Immigrants *learn English*



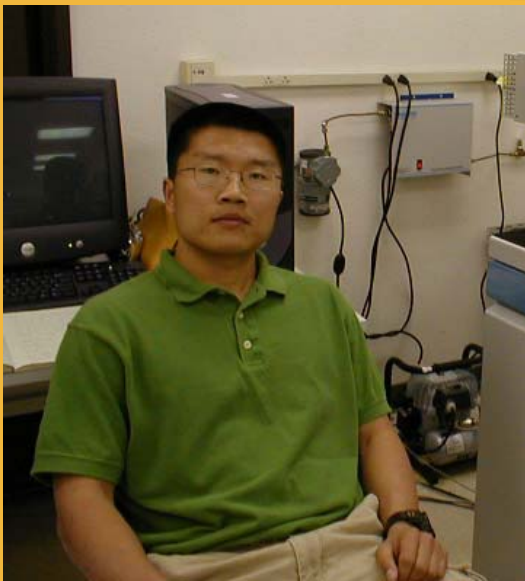
Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS.
Universe: Immigrants 5 years of age and older.



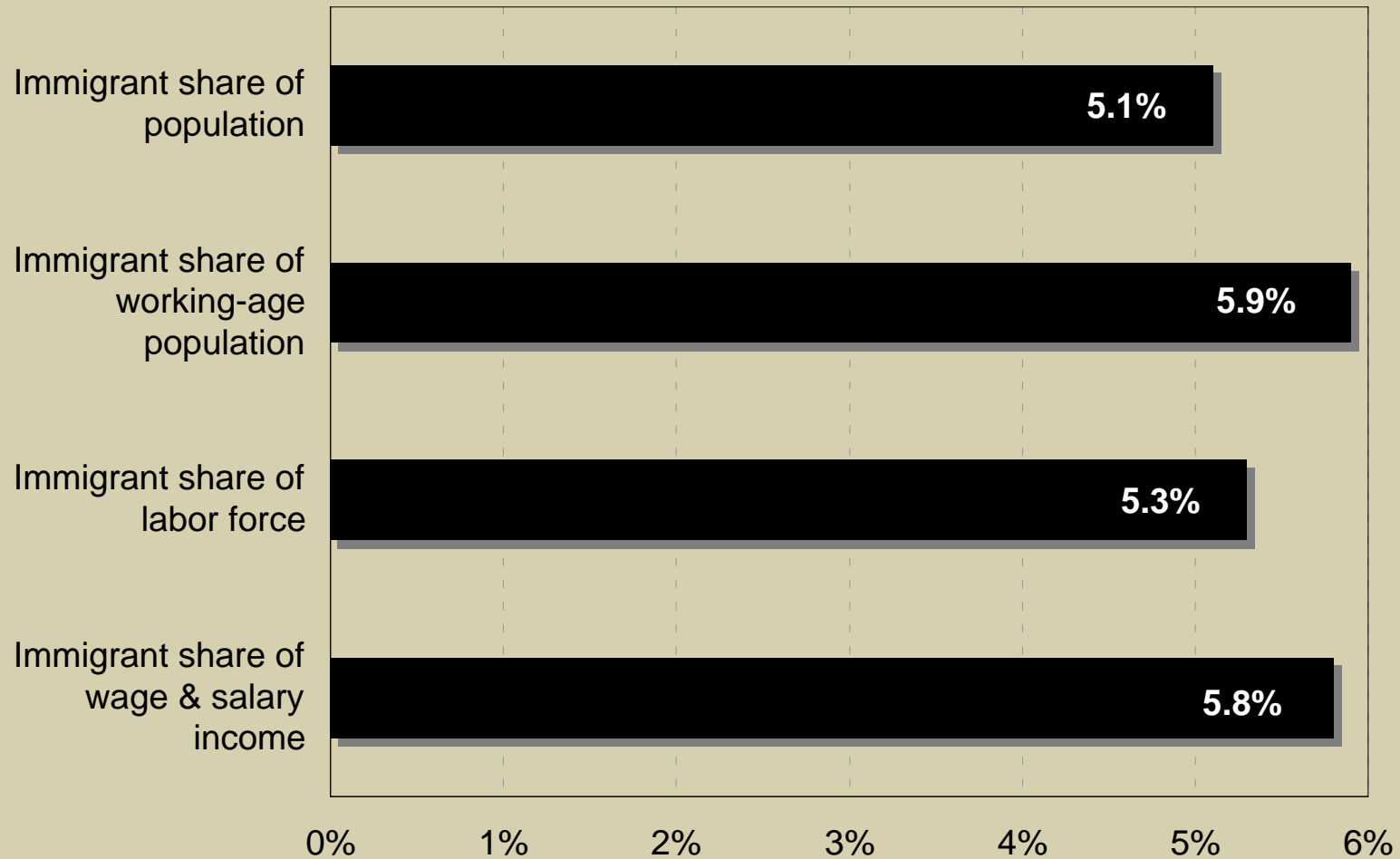
3. Upstate New York



Immigrants Play a Key Role in Fields
Important to Future Growth



Immigrant contribution to the **upstate** economy

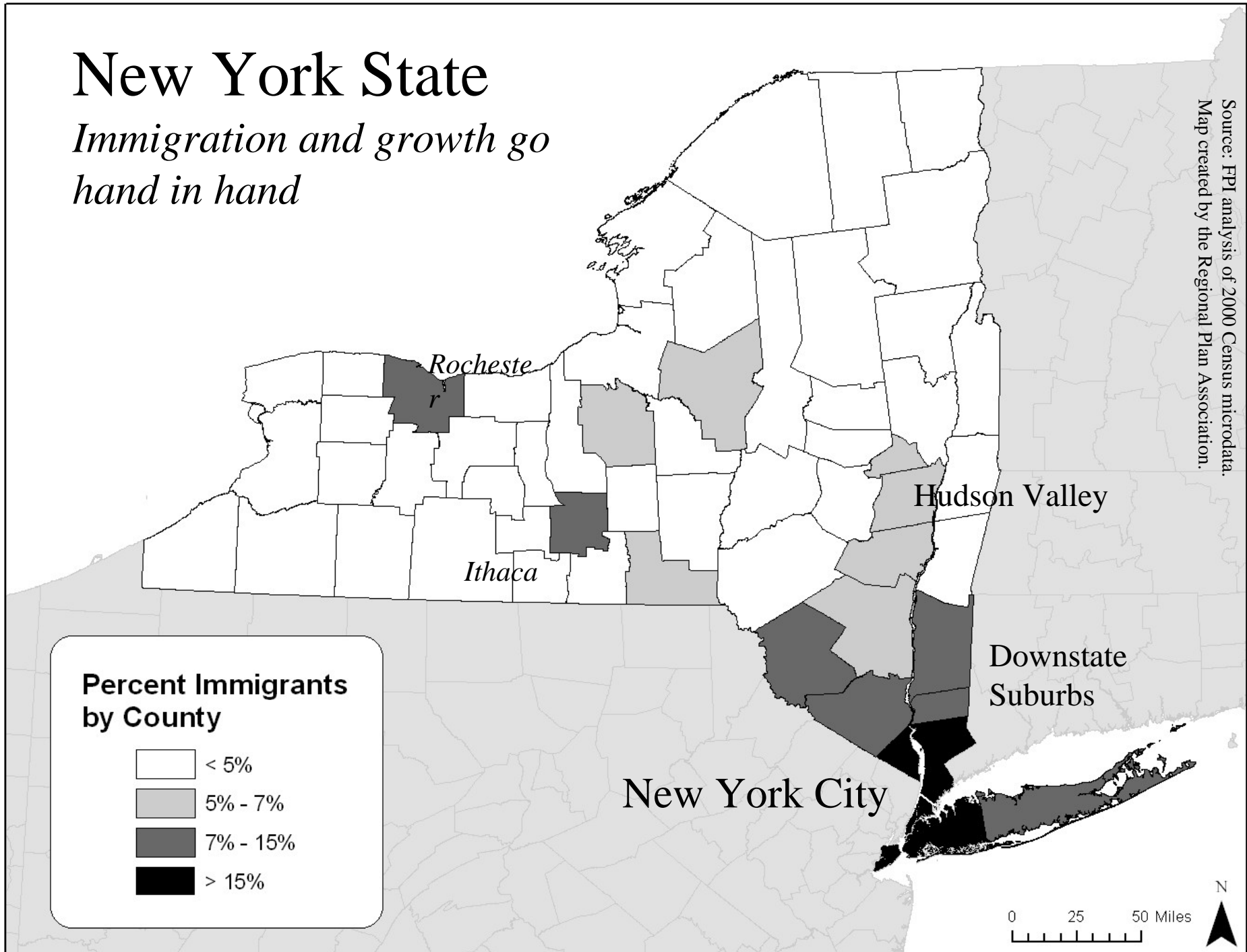


Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS.
Working age is 16-64 years old.

New York State

Immigration and growth go hand in hand

Source: FPI analysis of 2000 Census microdata.
Map created by the Regional Plan Association.



Where there's **immigration** there's **growth**

and

Where there's **growth** there's **immigration**

Immigrants are especially important to *four sectors* that are critical to upstate **growth & culture**

Health Care

35% of doctors

Higher Education

20% of professors

Research & Development

20% of computer software engineers

Farming

80% of seasonal farm workers

Immigrants in upstate New York live in families at the
same income levels as U.S.-born residents

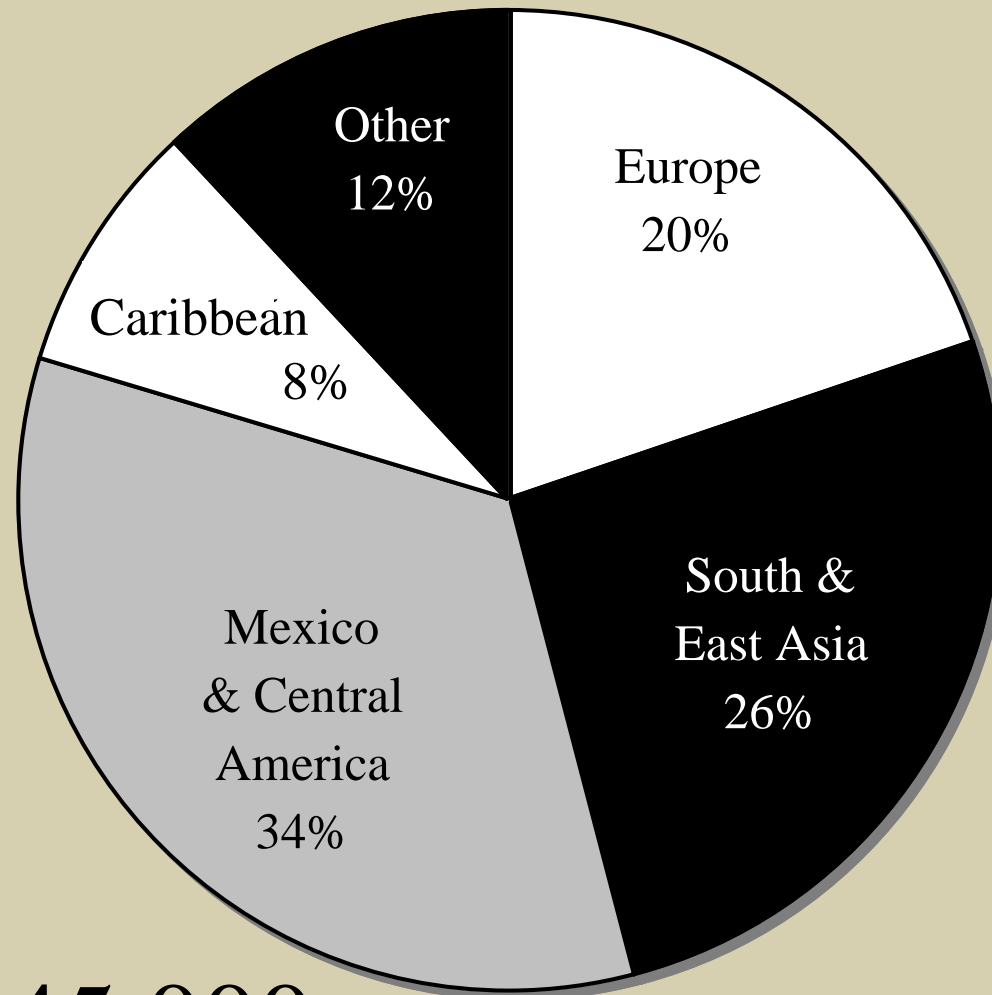
<i>Share of individuals in families with income</i>	<i>in immigrant families</i>	<i>in U.S.-born families</i>	<i>Significant difference?</i>
under \$20,000	20%	20%	no
\$20,000-39,999	20%	20%	no
\$40,000-59,999	19%	17%	no
\$60,000-\$80,000	14%	15%	no
over \$80,000	28%	28%	no

Source: FPI analysis CPS March supplements covering years 2001-2005. Data is from a 5-year pool, with incomes in 2005 dollars (CPIU). Immigrant families are those in which any adult was foreign-born. Distribution weighted by family size. Results given are the midpoint of a 90 percent confidence interval, with standard deviations derived by bootstrapping at 100 resamplings. See *Working for a Better Life* for details.

What would you *guess* are the
top 10 countries Immigrants to upstate NY come from ?

1. Canada
2. India
3. Germany
4. Mexico
5. Italy
6. China
7. Korea
8. Jamaica
9. Poland
10. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Undocumented immigrants, too, are a very *mixed* group



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45,000 undocumented immigrants live in upstate NY, including Rockland & Putnam

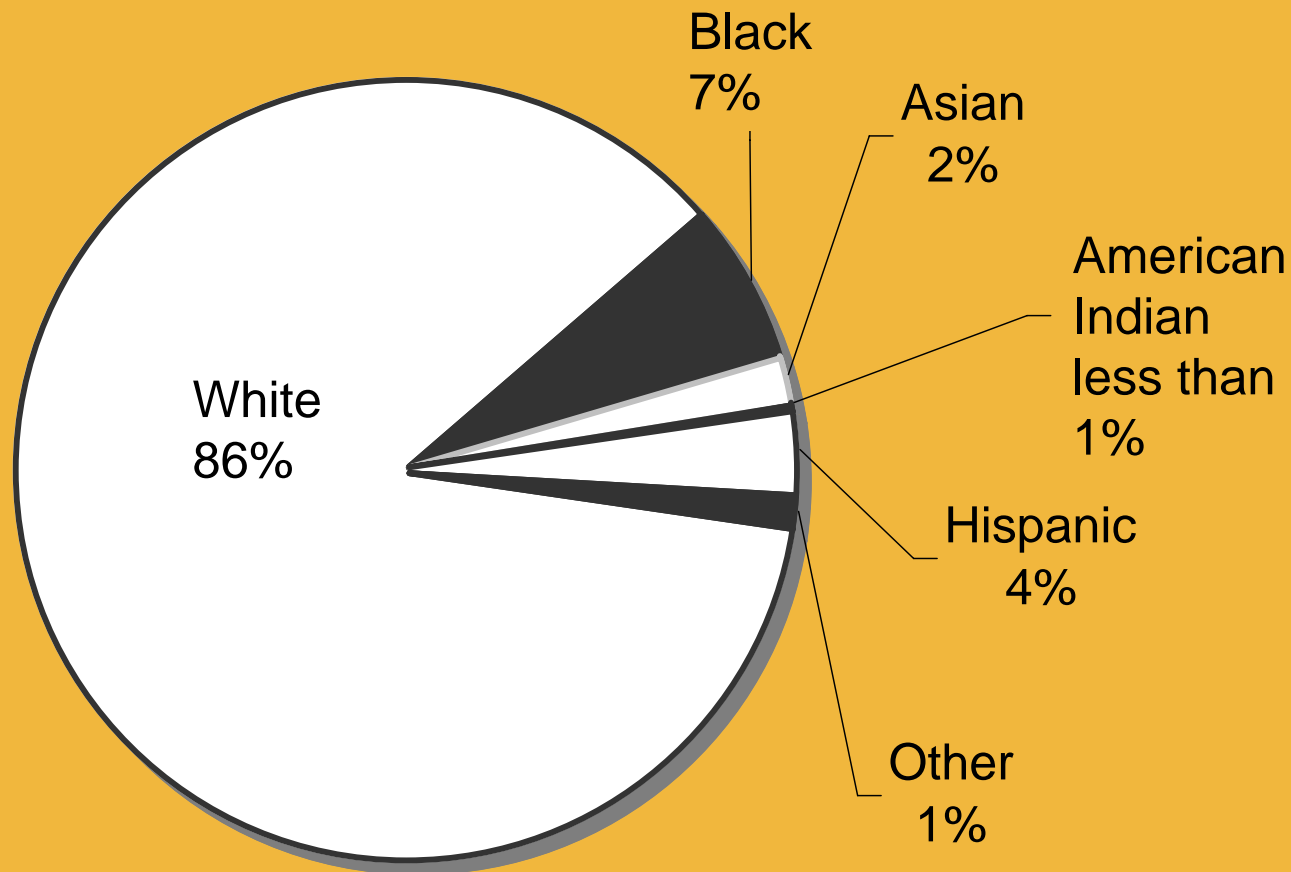
Undocumented workers play a particularly large role in upstate
New York **farming**, working tough jobs at low wages.

Of 41,000 seasonal farm workers, it is estimated that roughly *two thirds* are undocumented

2,000-2,500 foreign farm workers come *legally* to work in New York on H2A visas

Of 19,000 year-round farm workers, a *much smaller portion* are undocumented

Overall level of **diversity** upstate...



In the end, we *have* to work it out

How many children are growing up
in families with **at least one** immigrant adult ?

Upstate New York:	8%
Downstate suburbs:	31%
New York City:	57%
New York State Average:	34%

Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS.
Children are all under 18 years old.

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