

Latinos in Saratoga County

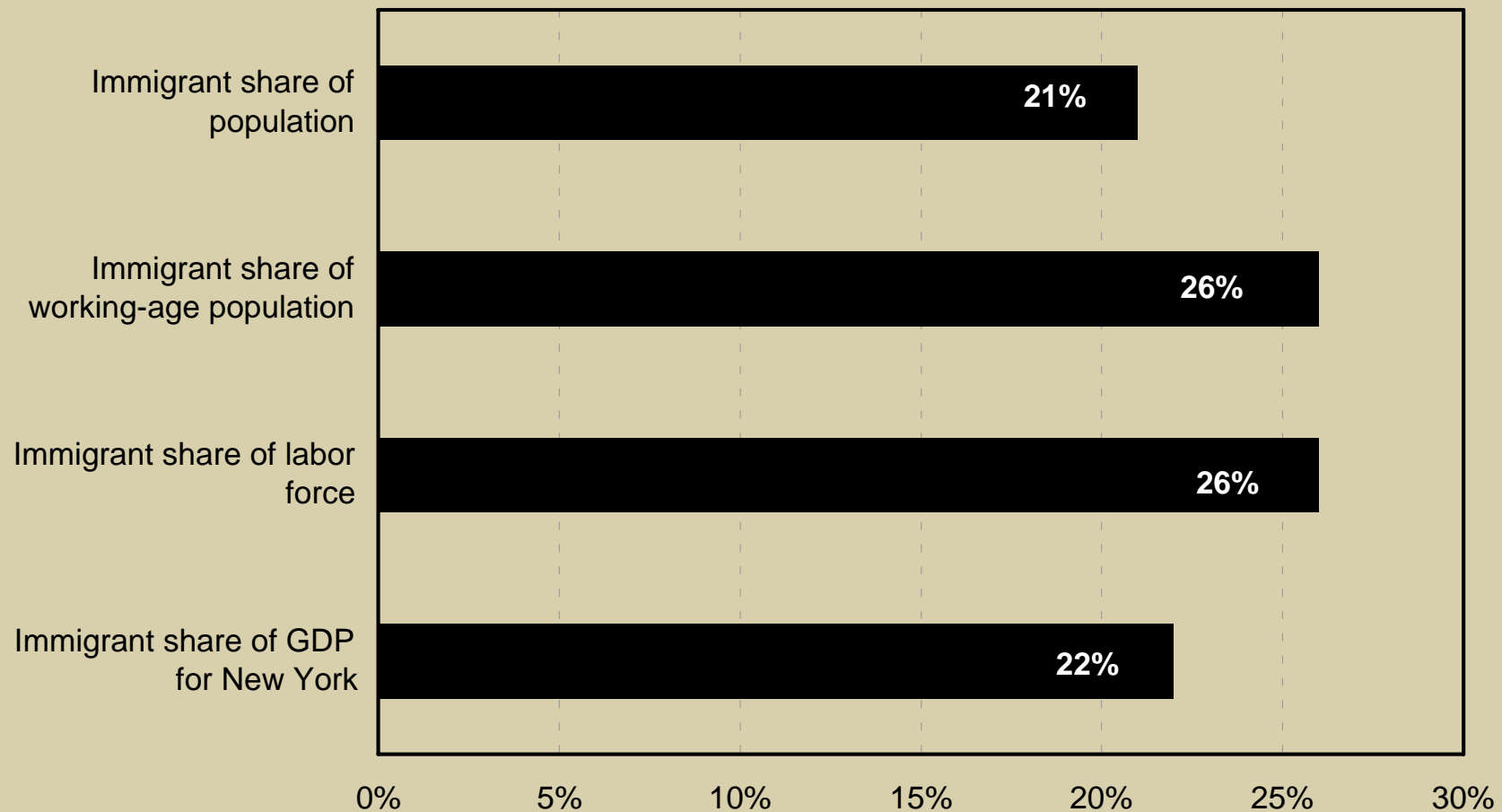
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Fiscal Policy Institute set out to take a calm look at the *real role of immigrants* in New York – Working for a Better Life issued in October 2007.

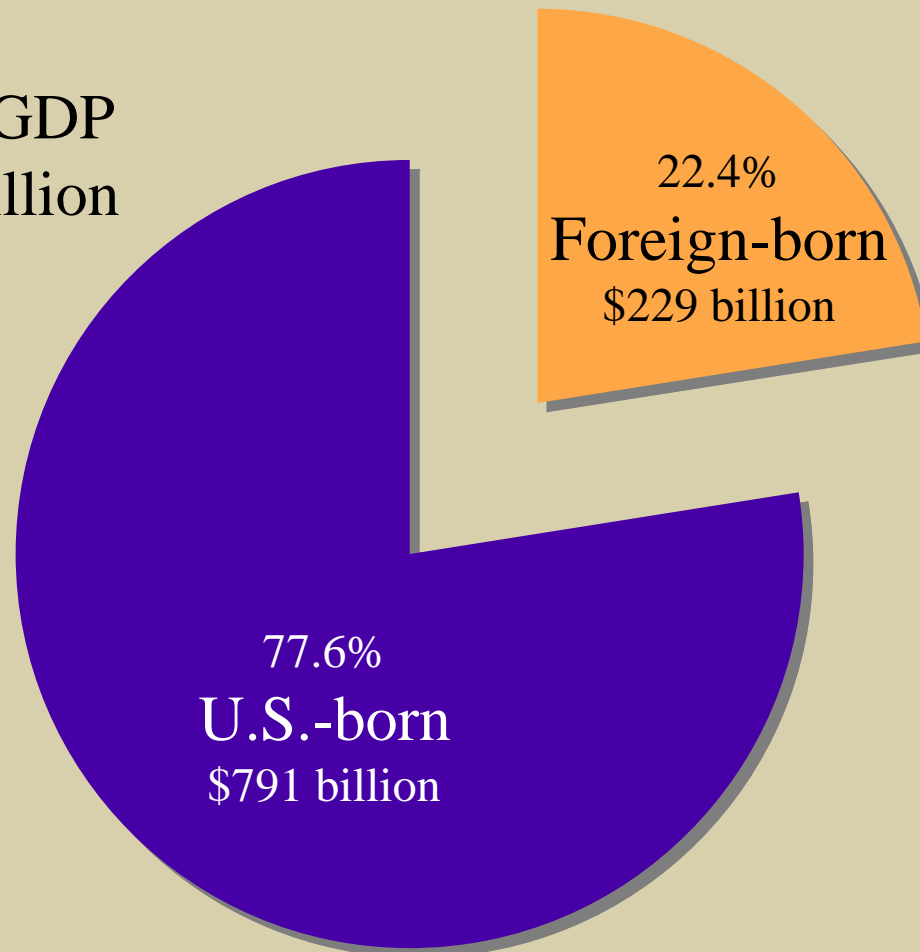


Immigrant **economic** contribution is greater than the share of state population



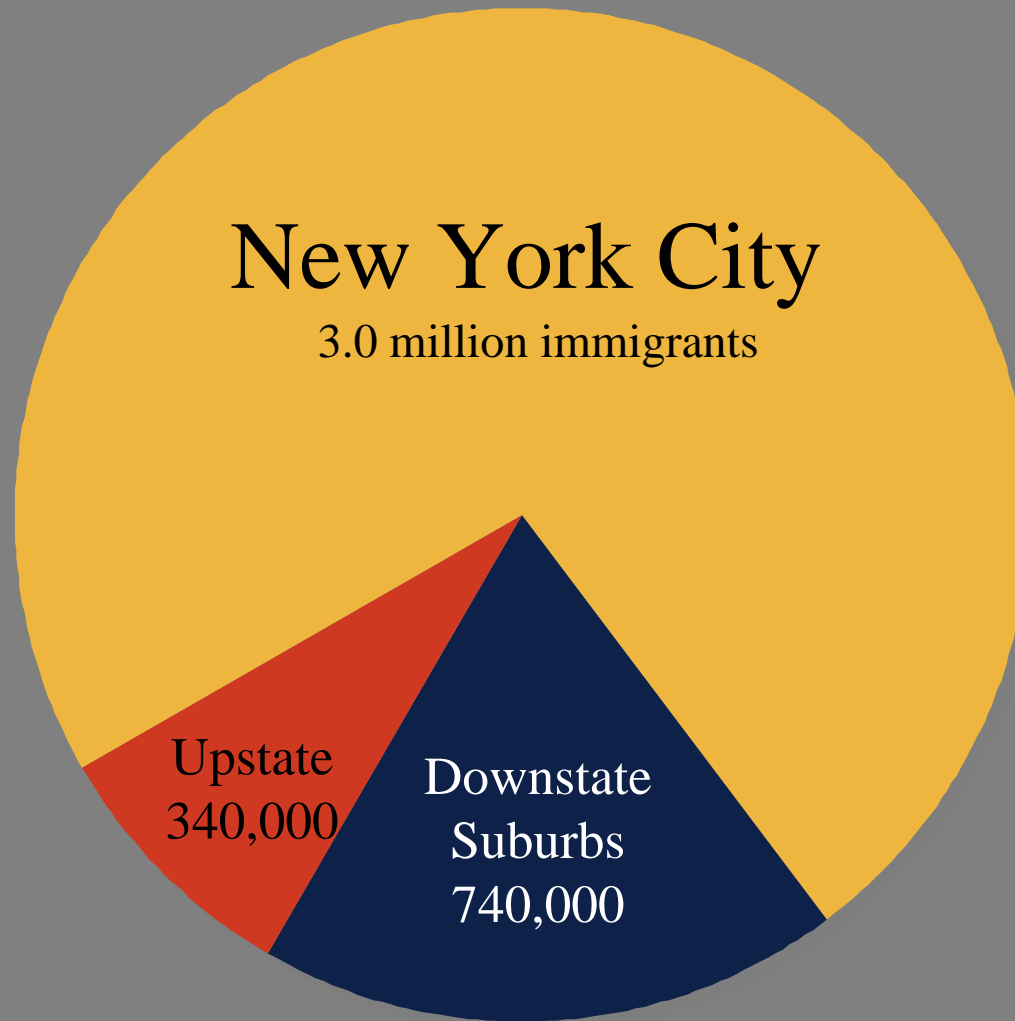
Immigrant **economic** contribution represents nearly
a quarter of the New York State economy

New York State GDP
in 2006: \$1.02 trillion



3 distinct stories of immigration

in New York State

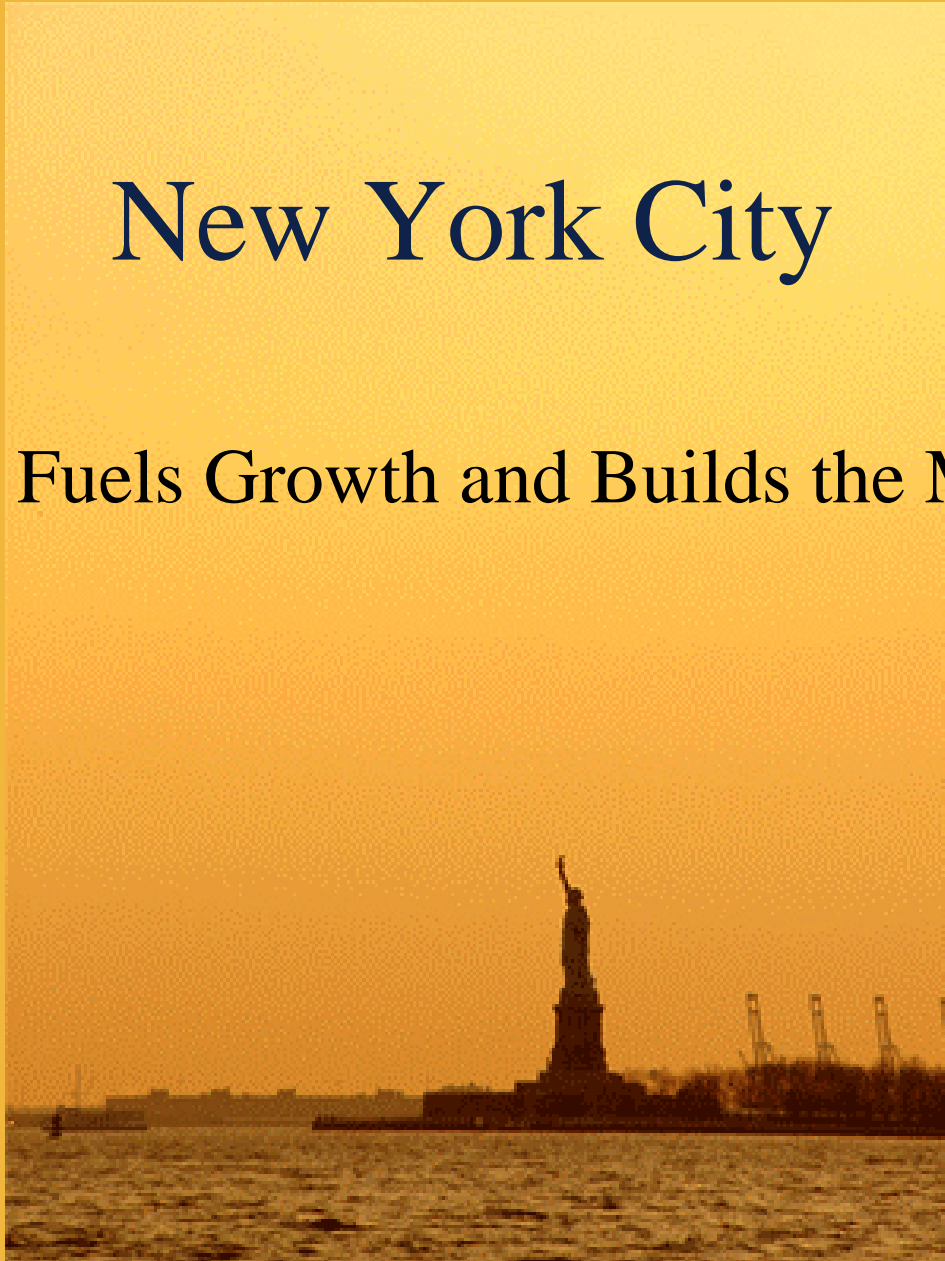


Downstate Suburbs

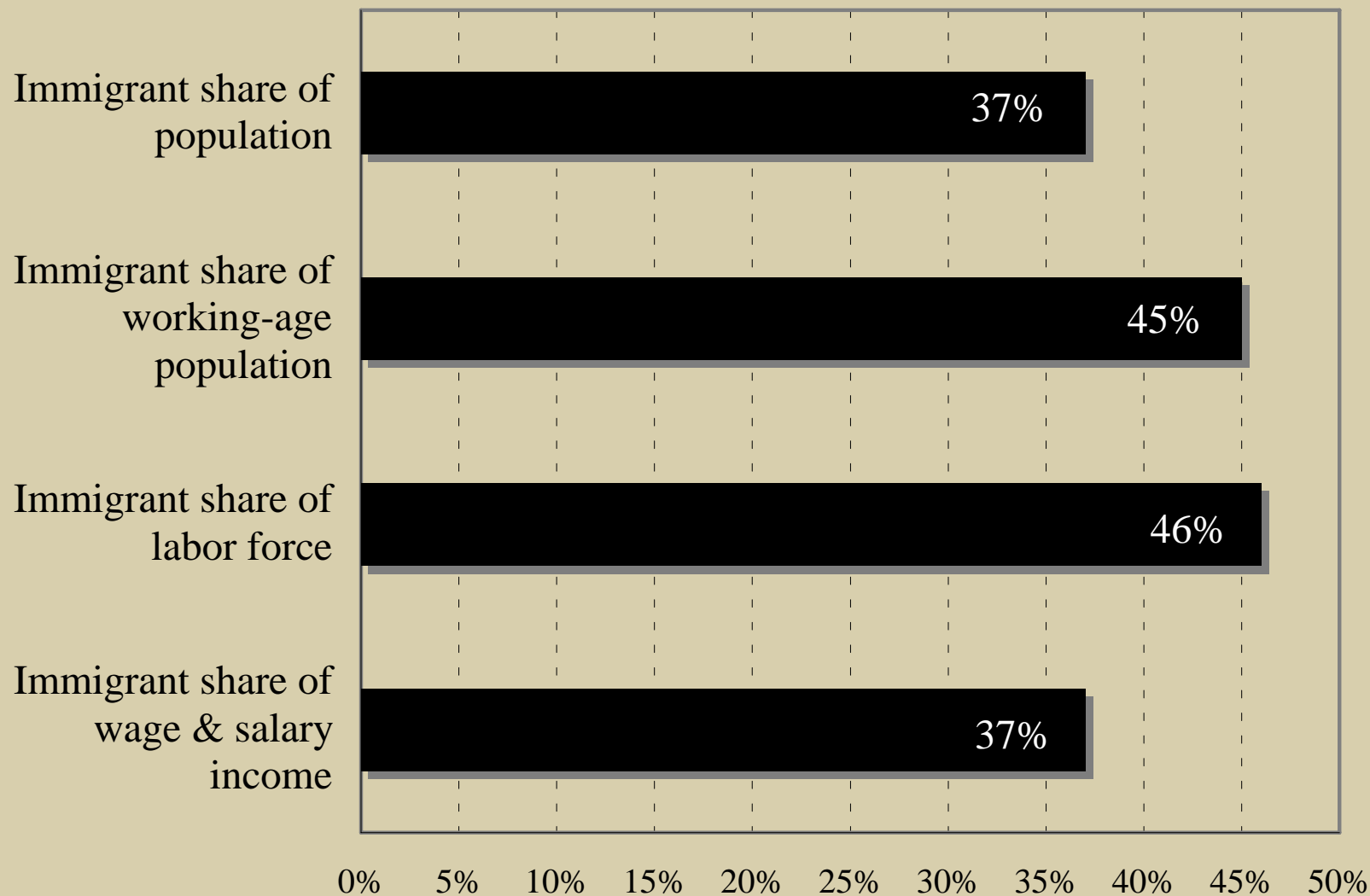
Nassau
Suffolk
Westchester
Rockland
Putnam.

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.

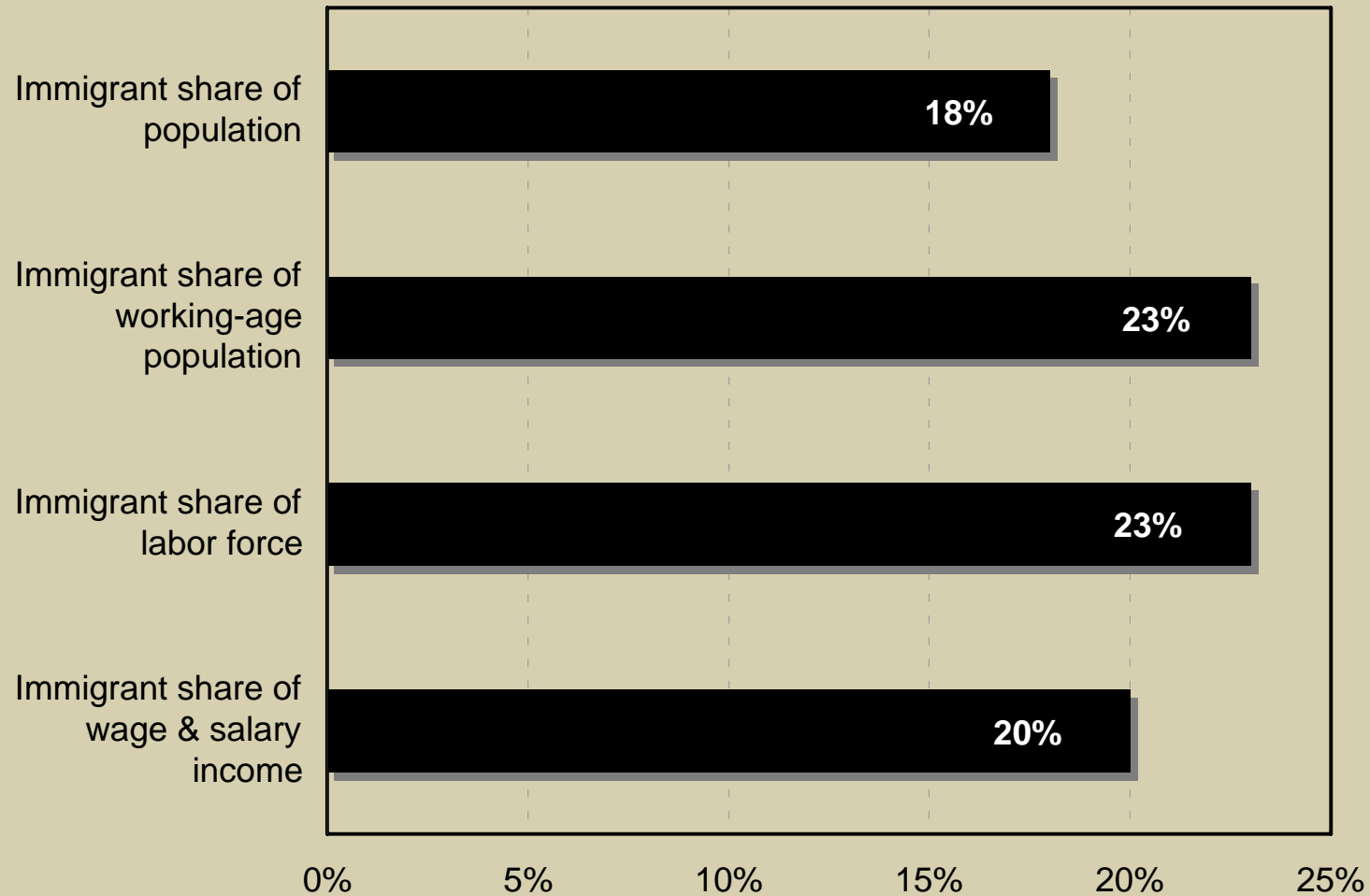


Downstate Suburbs

Growing, and Growing More Diverse



Immigrant contribution to the **downstate suburbs**



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.

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

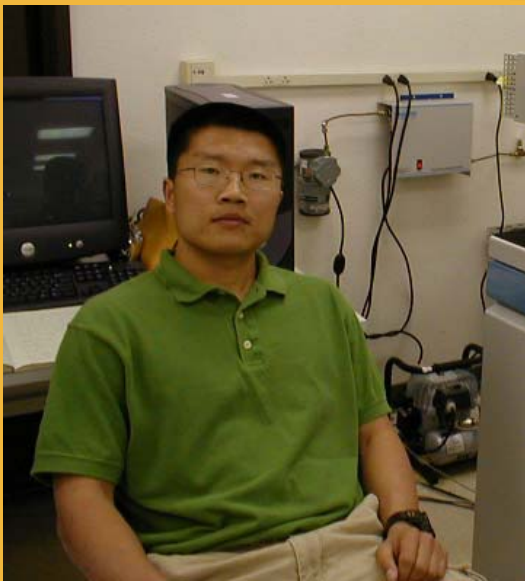
22% of **accountants** are foreign-born



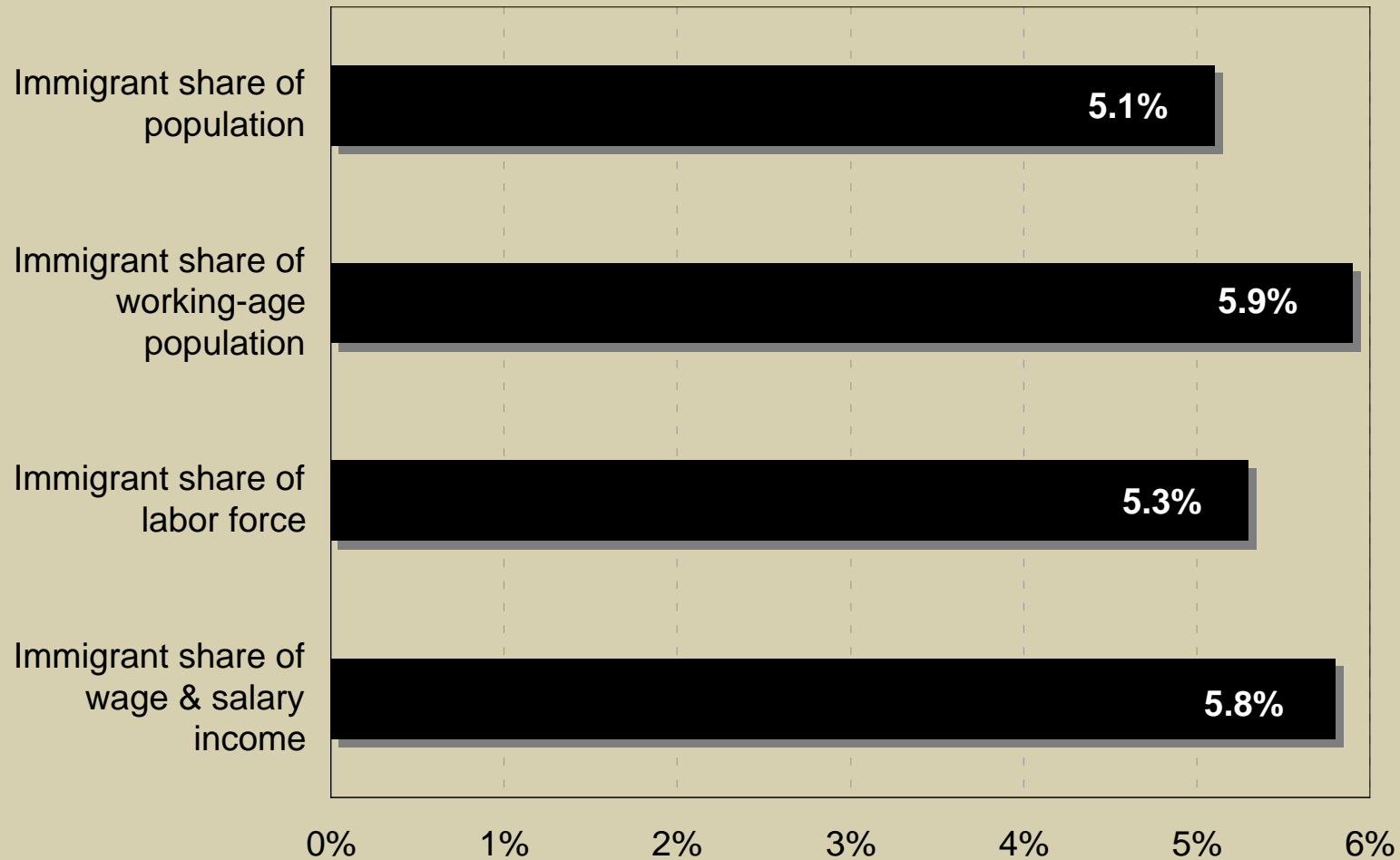
Upstate New York



Immigrants Play a Key Role in Fields
Important to Future Growth



Immigrant contribution to the **upstate** economy



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

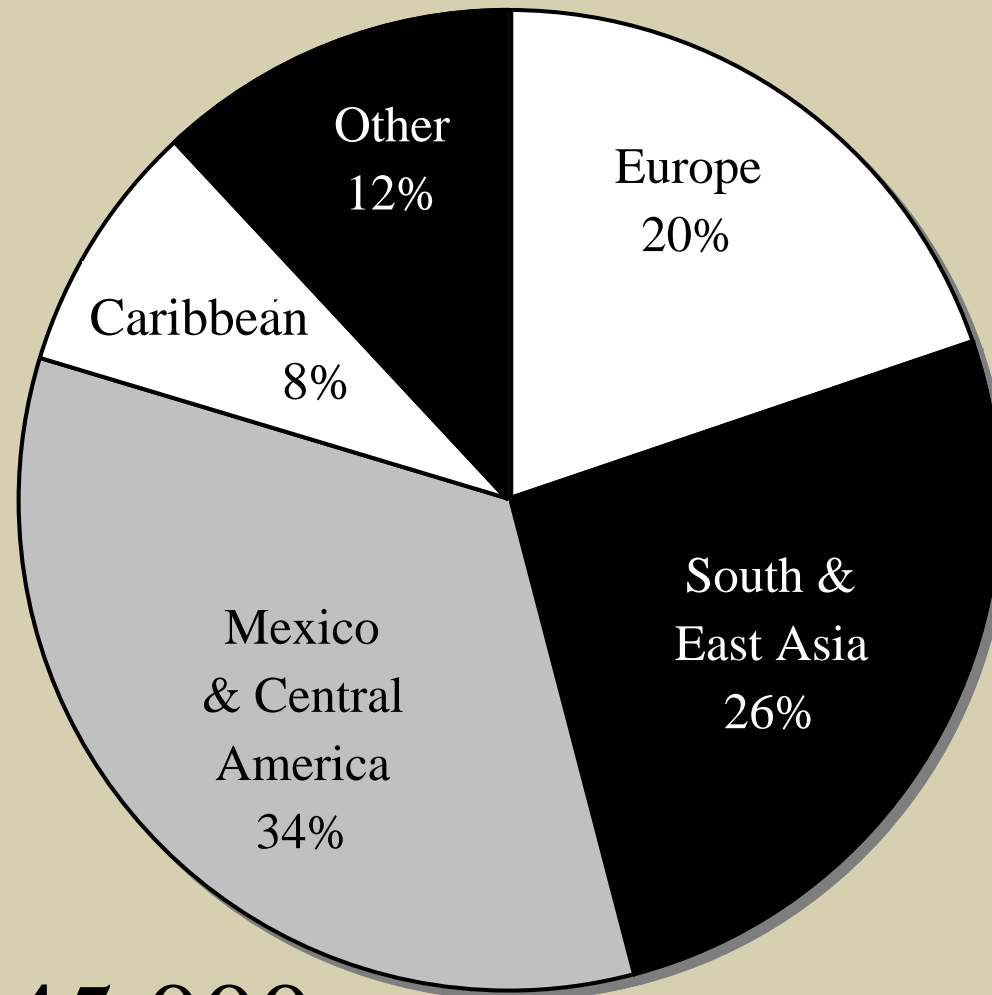
<i>Share of individuals in families with income</i>	<i>in immigrant families</i>	<i>in U.S.-born families</i>	<i>Significant difference?</i>
under \$20,000	20%	20%	no
\$20,000-39,999	20%	20%	no
\$40,000-59,999	19%	17%	no
\$60,000-\$80,000	14%	15%	no
over \$80,000	28%	28%	no

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



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. 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.

45,000 undocumented immigrants live in upstate NY, including Rockland & Putnam ¹⁷

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

But what about *Latinos* in Saratoga County?

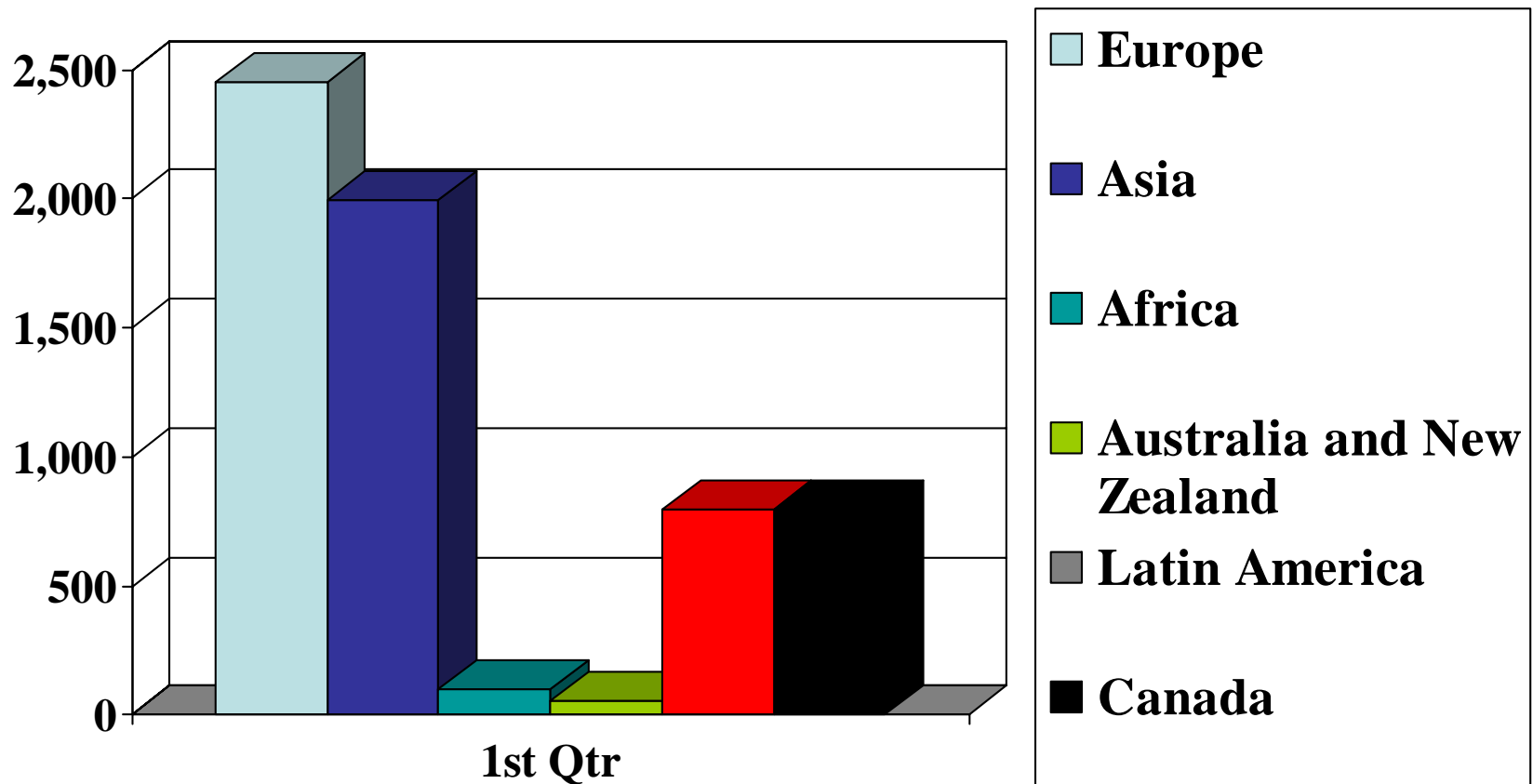
Four interesting factoids:

1. *Immigrants and Latinos* constitute only small fractions of the Saratoga County population.
2. Most *immigrants* in Saratoga County are *NOT* *Latinos* – less than 15 percent of Saratoga immigrants came from Latin America. Forty percent of immigrants are from Europe.
3. Most *Latinos* in Saratoga County are *NOT* *immigrants* – less than 1,000 of the 4,000 Latinos living in Saratoga County were born outside the United States.
4. Most *Latinos* in Saratoga County are *NOT* *Mexicans*.

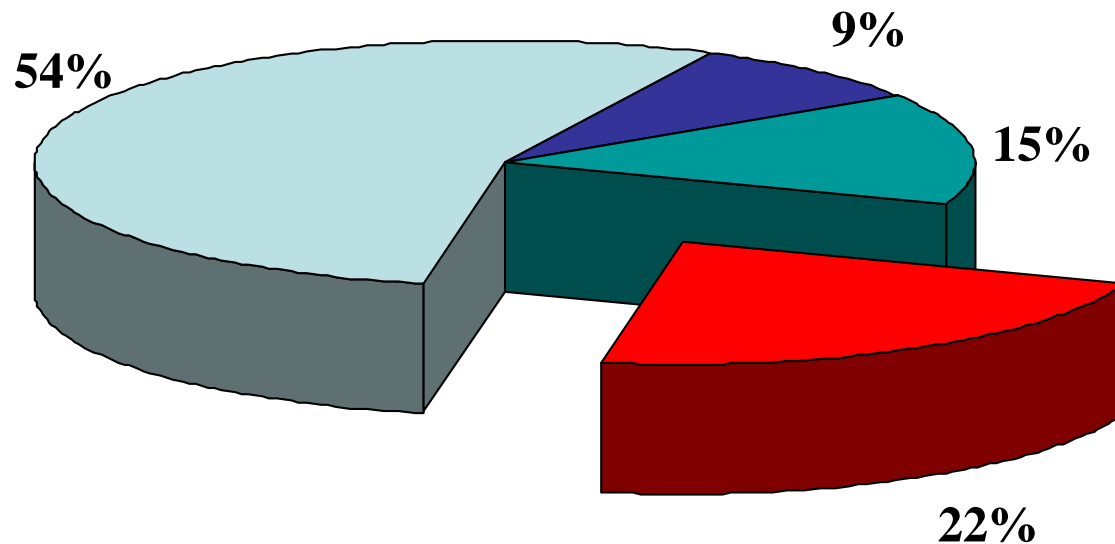
Saratoga County Basic Population Statistics

• Total Population	215,473	
– Immigrants	9,257	(4%)
– Latinos	4,133	(2%)
• Total Households	82,185	
– Latinos	921	(1%)

Most immigrants in Saratoga County come from Europe or Asia.



Most Latinos in Saratoga County are not immigrants. Three out of four Latinos were born in the US or citizens by birth. In the 2000 census, 90 percent of Latinos were citizens.



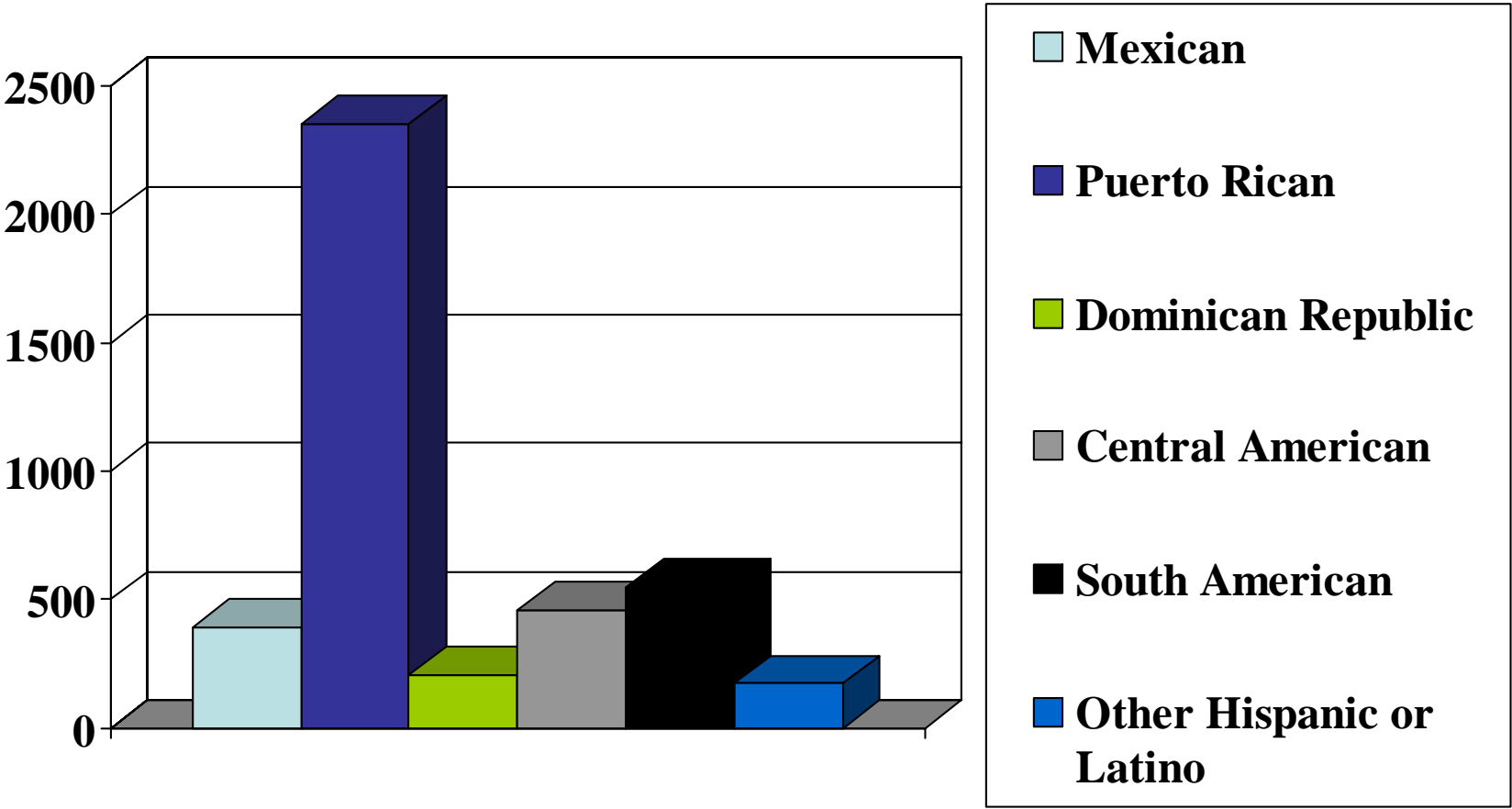
■ Born in New York

■ Born in other state in the United States

■ Native; born outside the United States

■ Foreign born

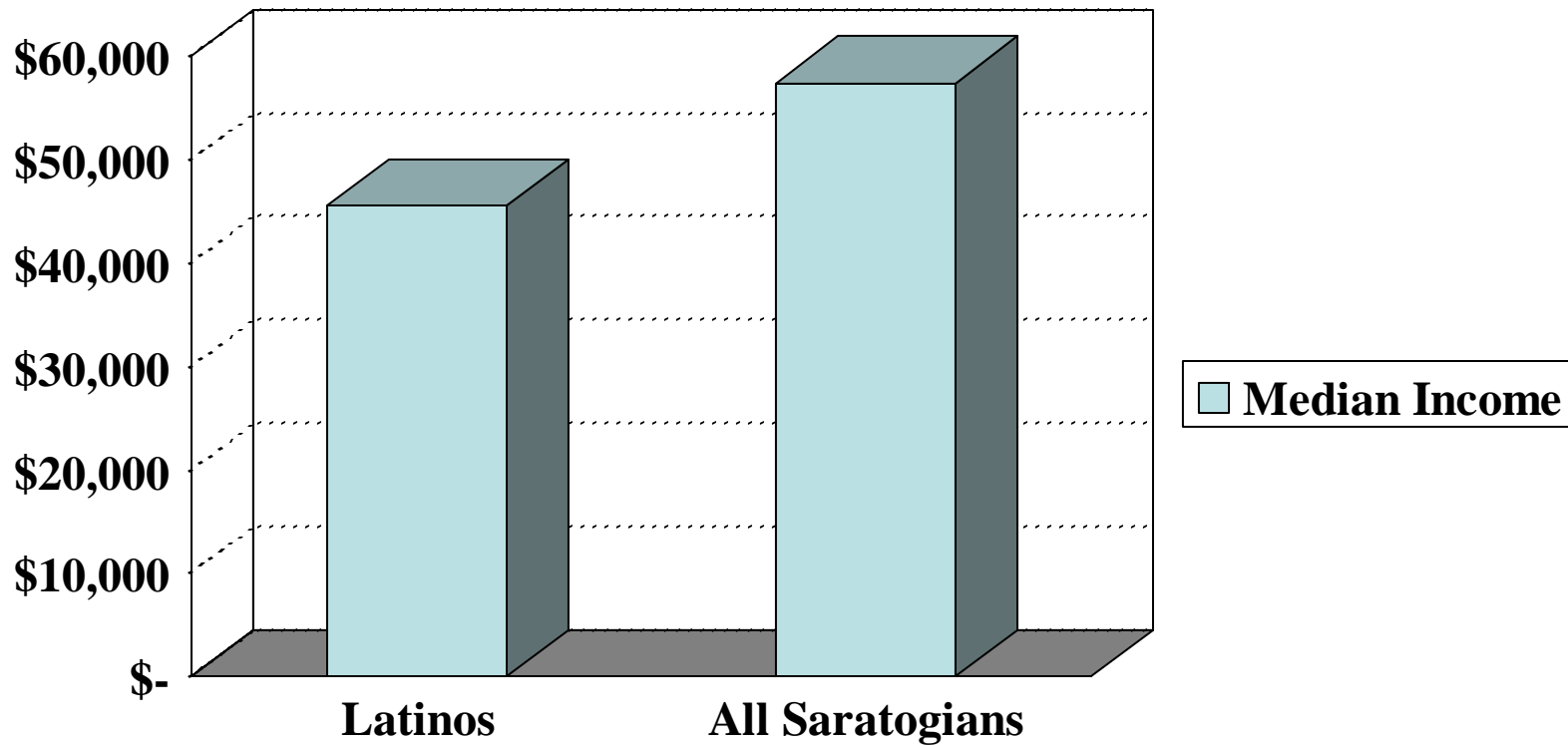
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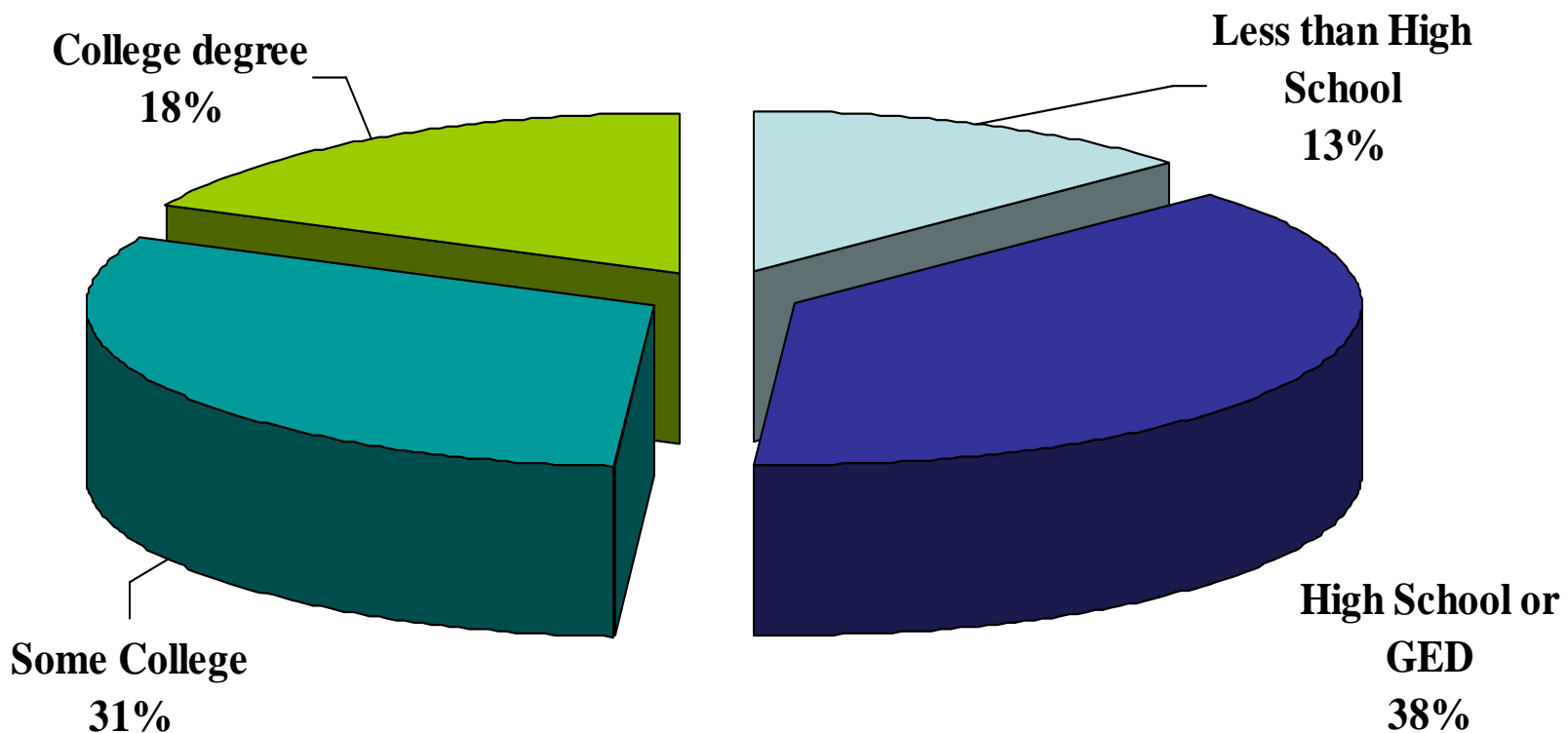
Of the 26 counties for which we have 2006 ACS data, Saratoga had the smallest Latino population relative to the total population, but ranked 7th in growth since 1990.

County	2006 - Hispanic	2006 Share	1990 to 2006 Percent Change	Rank
Saratoga County	4,133	1.92%	111.84%	7.00
Chemung County	1,761	1.99%	22.21%	24.00
Broome County	4,672	2.38%	88.54%	12.00
Onondaga County	12,903	2.82%	79.33%	16.00
Erie County	33,271	3.61%	49.54%	22.00
Albany County	10,962	3.68%	106.40%	10.00
Oneida County	8,876	3.79%	52.93%	21.00
Tompkins County	3,869	3.85%	82.76%	14.00
Schenectady County	6,037	4.01%	142.55%	4.00
Jefferson County	4,833	4.23%	54.11%	20.00
Chautauqua County	6,303	4.66%	55.44%	19.00
Monroe County	41,580	5.69%	57.20%	17.00
Ulster County	12,812	7.01%	87.53%	13.00
Dutchess County	24,879	8.43%	154.78%	3.00
Putnam County	9,692	9.63%	331.52%	1.00
Sullivan County	8,568	11.19%	80.49%	15.00
Nassau County	160,017	12.07%	106.78%	9.00
Rockland County	37,423	12.69%	111.30%	8.00
Suffolk County	191,552	13.03%	118.04%	6.00
Richmond County	71,154	14.91%	135.31%	5.00
Orange County	57,980	15.40%	169.24%	2.00
Westchester County	175,990	18.54%	104.18%	11.00
Kings County	496,304	19.78%	7.33%	25.00
New York County	408,712	25.36%	5.71%	26.00
Queens County	597,773	26.51%	56.85%	18.00
Bronx County	693,884	50.97%	32.65%	23.00

Median income for Latino families is slightly lower than the rest of the population in Saratoga County

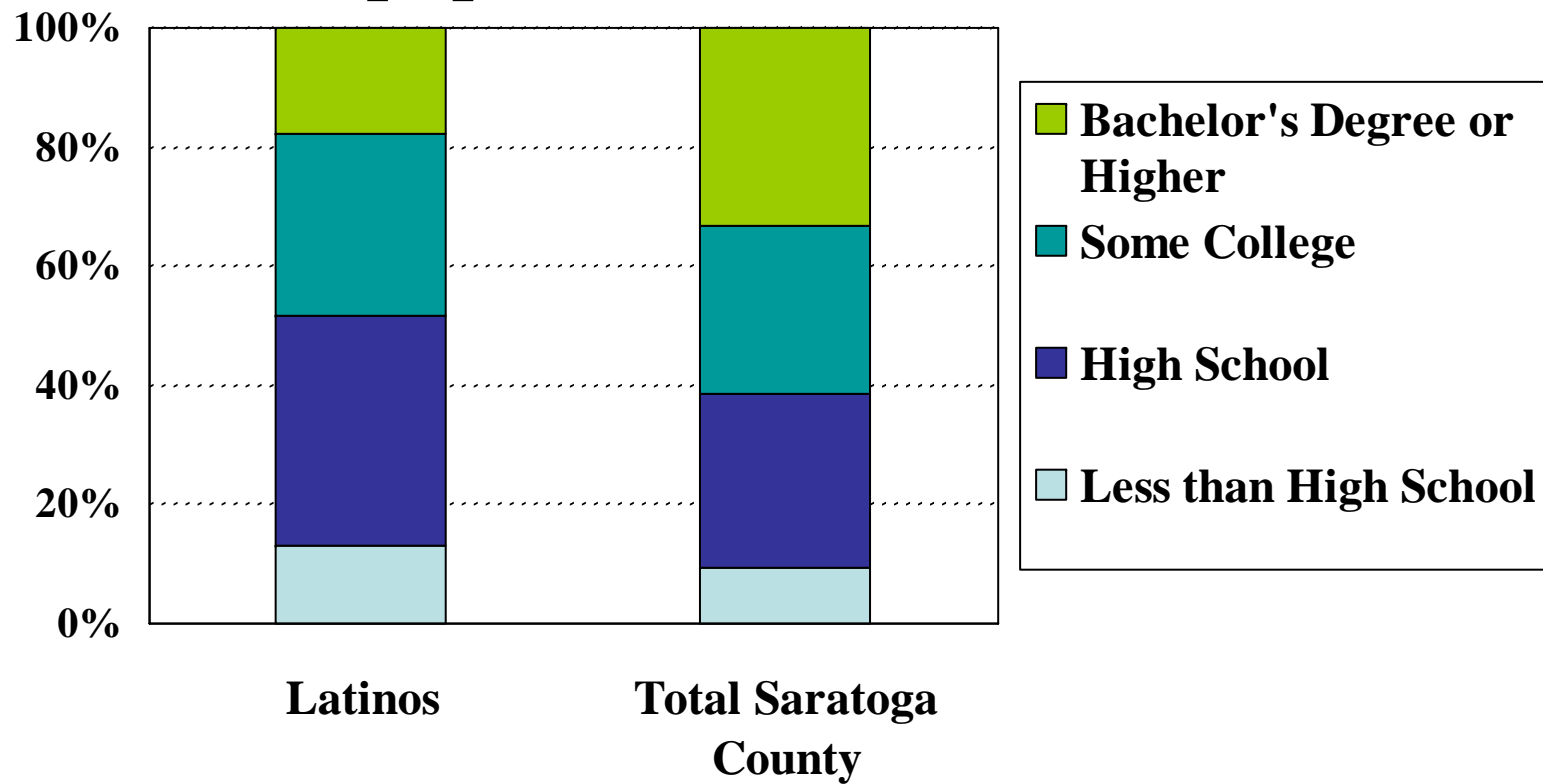


Education: 13 percent of Latinos have less than a high school education but 18 percent have at least a bachelor's degree.



■ Less than High School ■ High School or GED ■ Some College ■ College degree

Latinos in Saratoga County are more likely to have less than a high school diploma and less likely to have completed college than the population as a whole.



Poverty and home ownership rates

- According to the 2000 Census, Latinos in Saratoga County had a poverty rate double the rate of non-Latinos
 - Latino Poverty rate = 11.9 percent
 - Non-Latino Poverty rate = 5.6 percent
- Almost three out of four Saratoga households are homeowners (72%). The homeownership rate for Latinos is half this – 36%. Latinos make up only one percent of all households in Saratoga but represent 2.6 percent of the renters. (2006 ACS)

Economic impact

A 2004 Long Island study¹ found that

- Long Island's Hispanic population contributed an average of \$614 more per resident than it received in local expenditures on education, health care and corrections.
- The buying power of the 330,000 Hispanics living on Long Island in 2004 amounted to \$4.4 billion with an economic impact of nearly \$5.7 billion and creating more than 52,000 jobs.

Unfortunately, we do not have the data to do a similar study for Saratoga County. However, if the per person impacts are similar, we can estimate that Latinos in Saratoga County represent \$55 million in buying power and an economic impact of \$72 million.

¹ The Economic Impact of the Hispanic Population on Long Island, New York. A Research Report Prepared for the Horace Hagedorn Foundation, 2004. <http://www.workplaceprojectny.org/adelphi%20report.pdf>

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