

Envisioning Nantucket's Demographic Future

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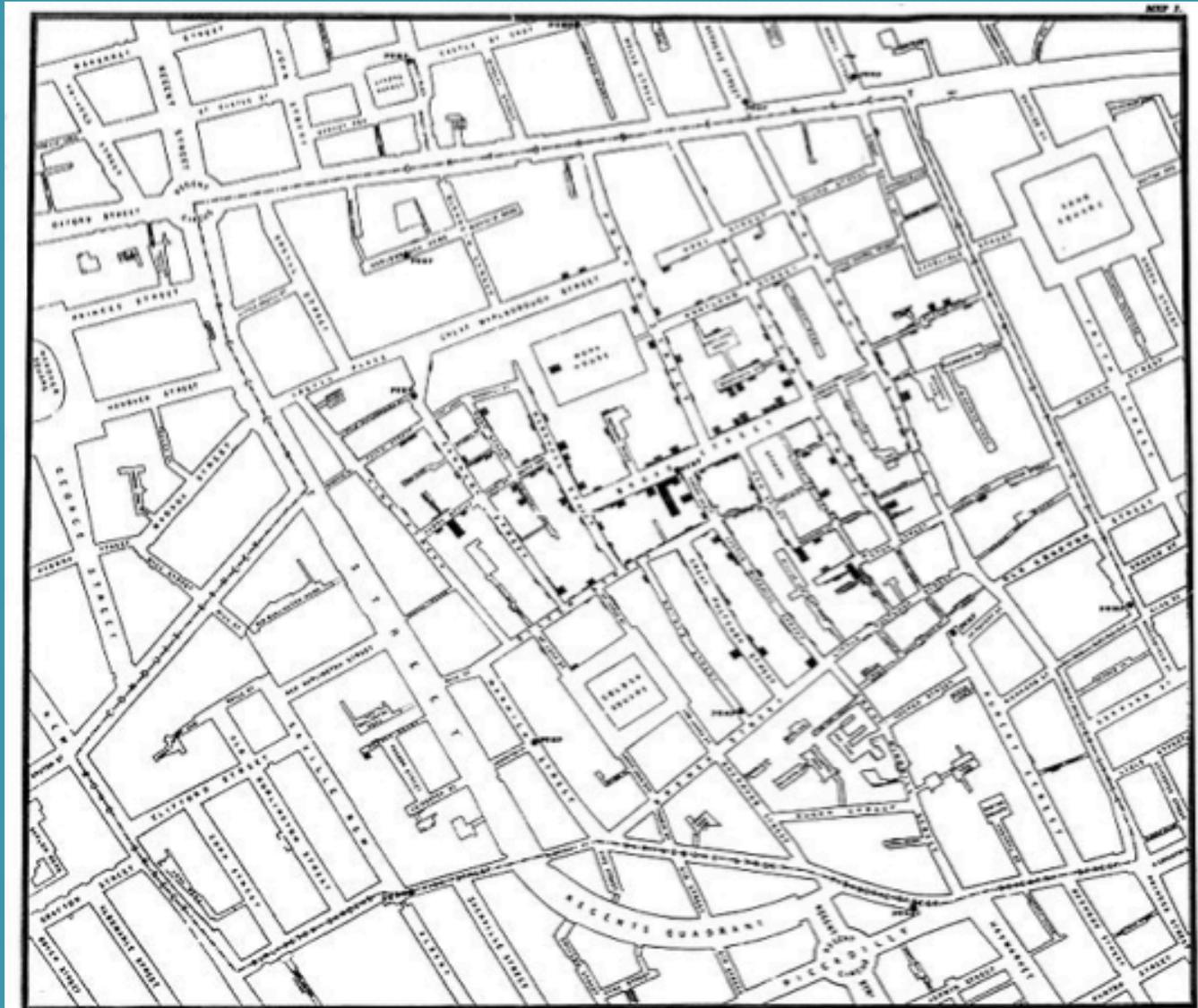
JOHN SNOW



JOHN SNOW
1813-1858
The house in which he lived
from 1841 to 1858
was the site of his
researches on cholera
in 1849-50 and 1854-55
17-18-19



John Snow's original map revealing clustering of cholera cases in 1854 London epidemic





The Broad Street pump. From *Safe & Sound*, Penguin, 1971, reproduced in *Victorian Values – The Life and*

Deaths Around Broad Street

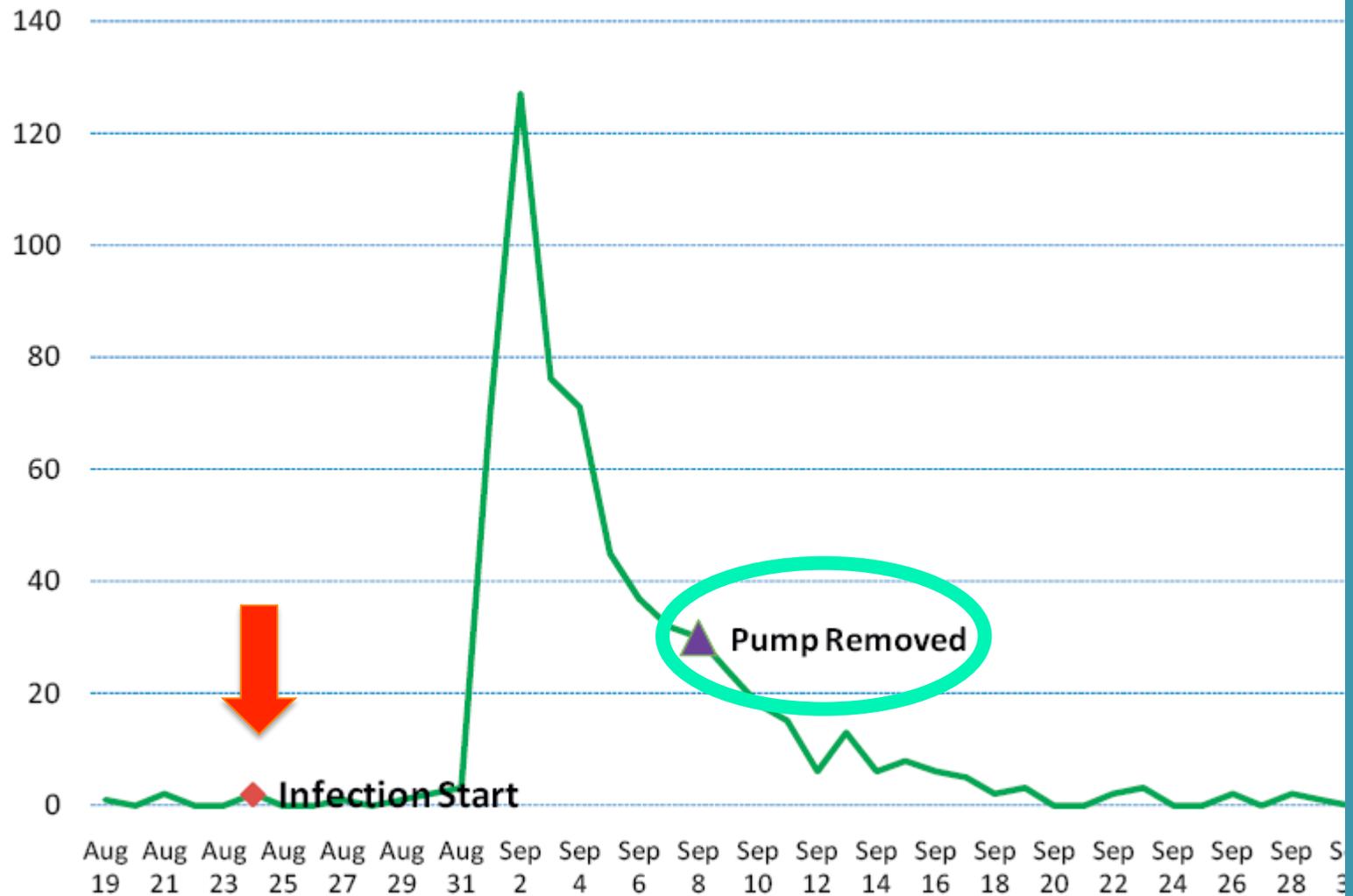


Figure 2. Death tolls around Broad Street

Two Themes

1. Nantucket is a microcosm of demographic changes occurring across the nation

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2. The population retains distinctive features which shape the Island's demographic future

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Definitions

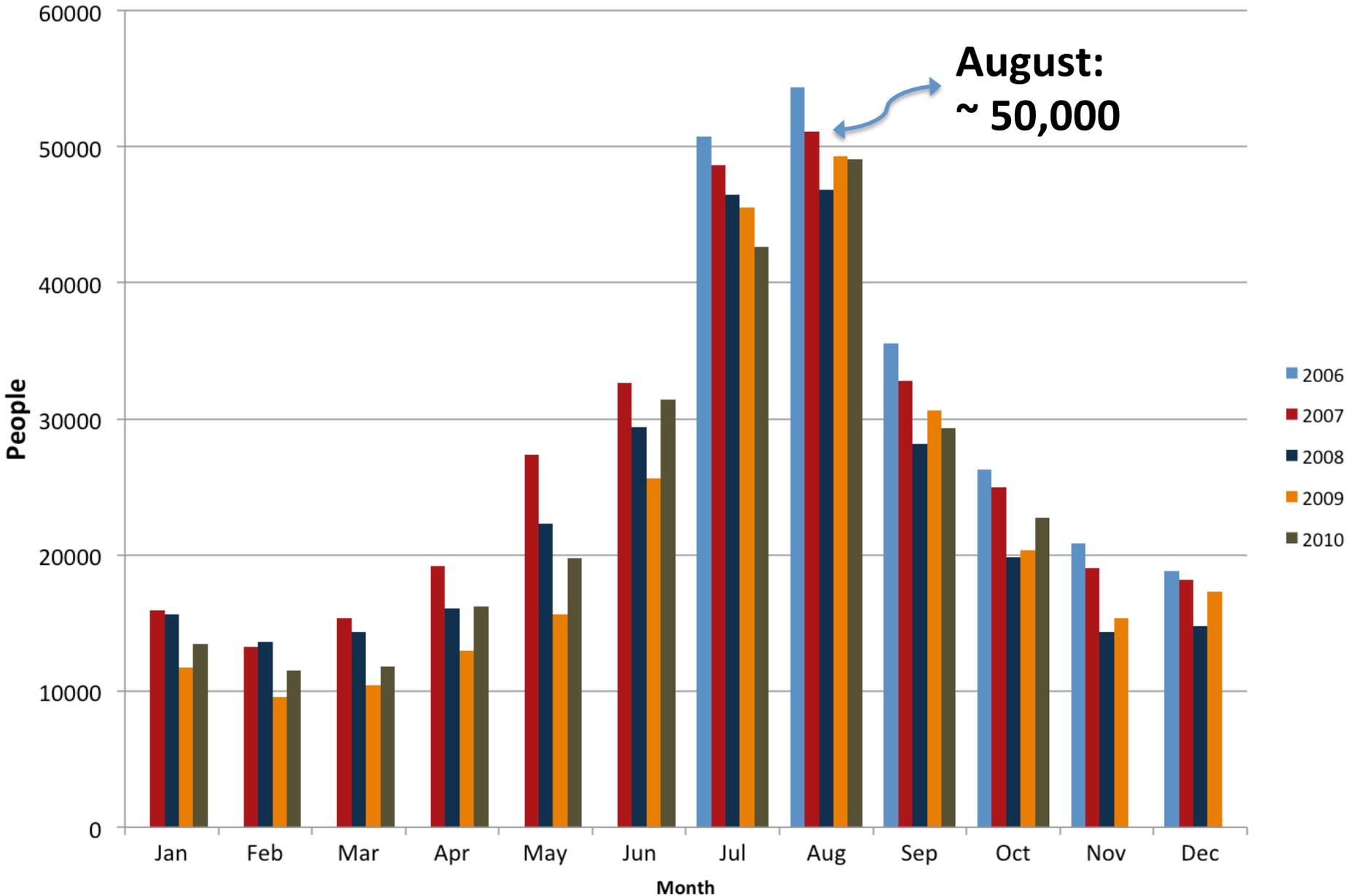
- *People of Nantucket:*

The **10,172** people claiming Nantucket as their “usual place of residence” on April 1, 2010.

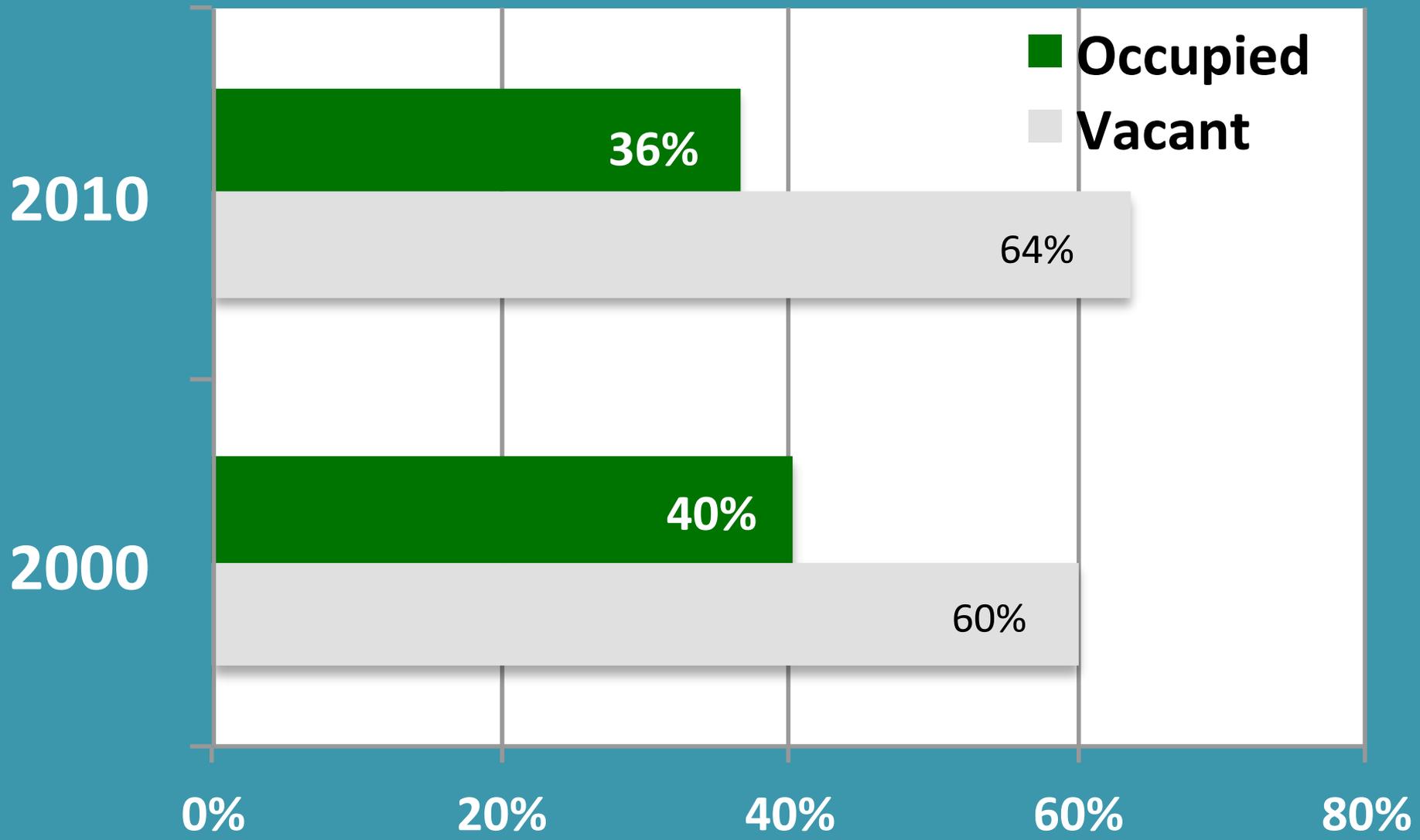
- *People on Nantucket:*

... plus many thousands of seasonal residents who spend weeks/months on island, year after year.

Estimated Population by Month: 2006-10



More Housing Is Seasonally Occupied



Sources: 2000 SF1 H003; 2010 H31

How Do We Identify Ourselves?

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark one or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African Am., or Negro
- American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.* ↘

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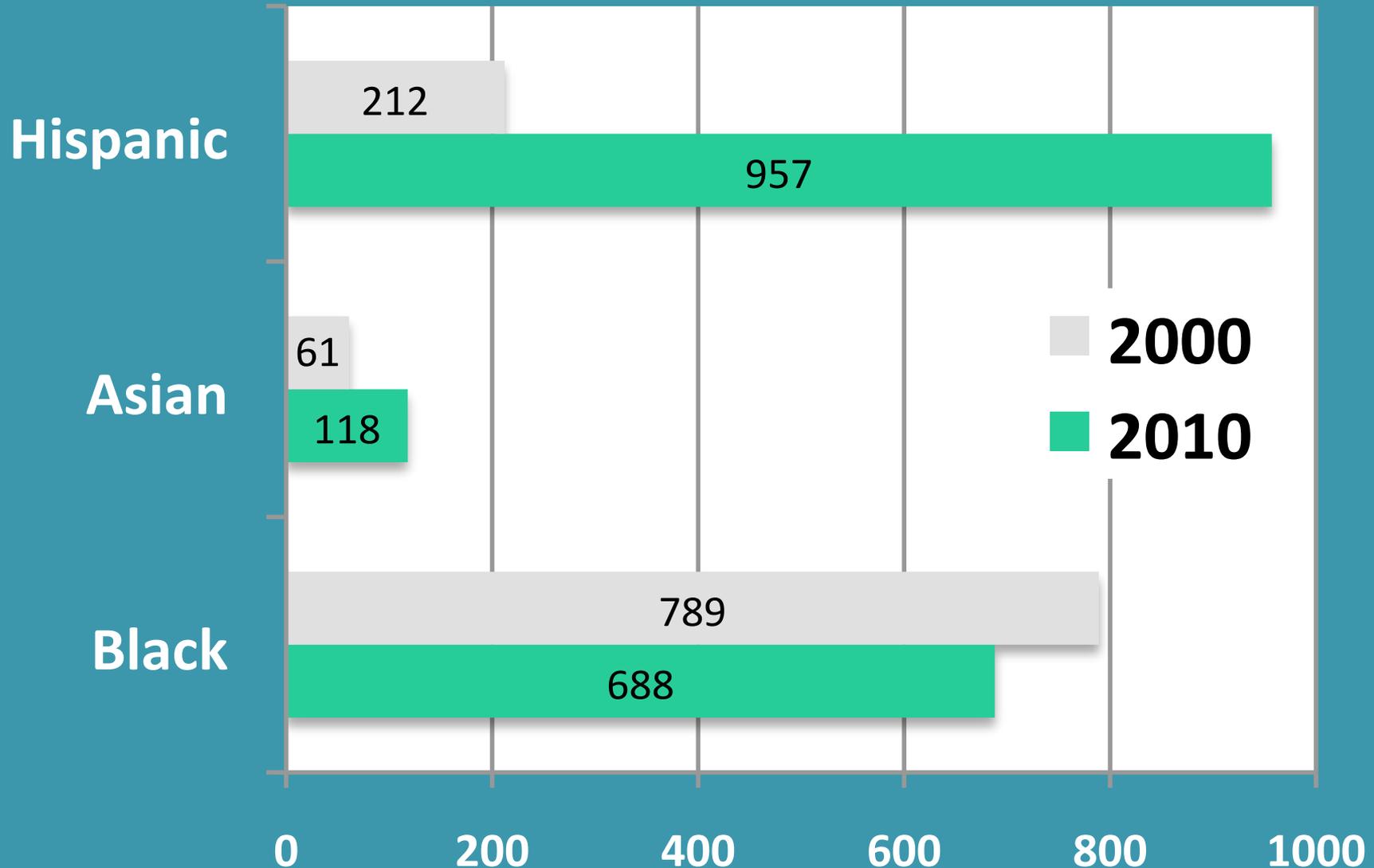
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.* ↘
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.* ↘

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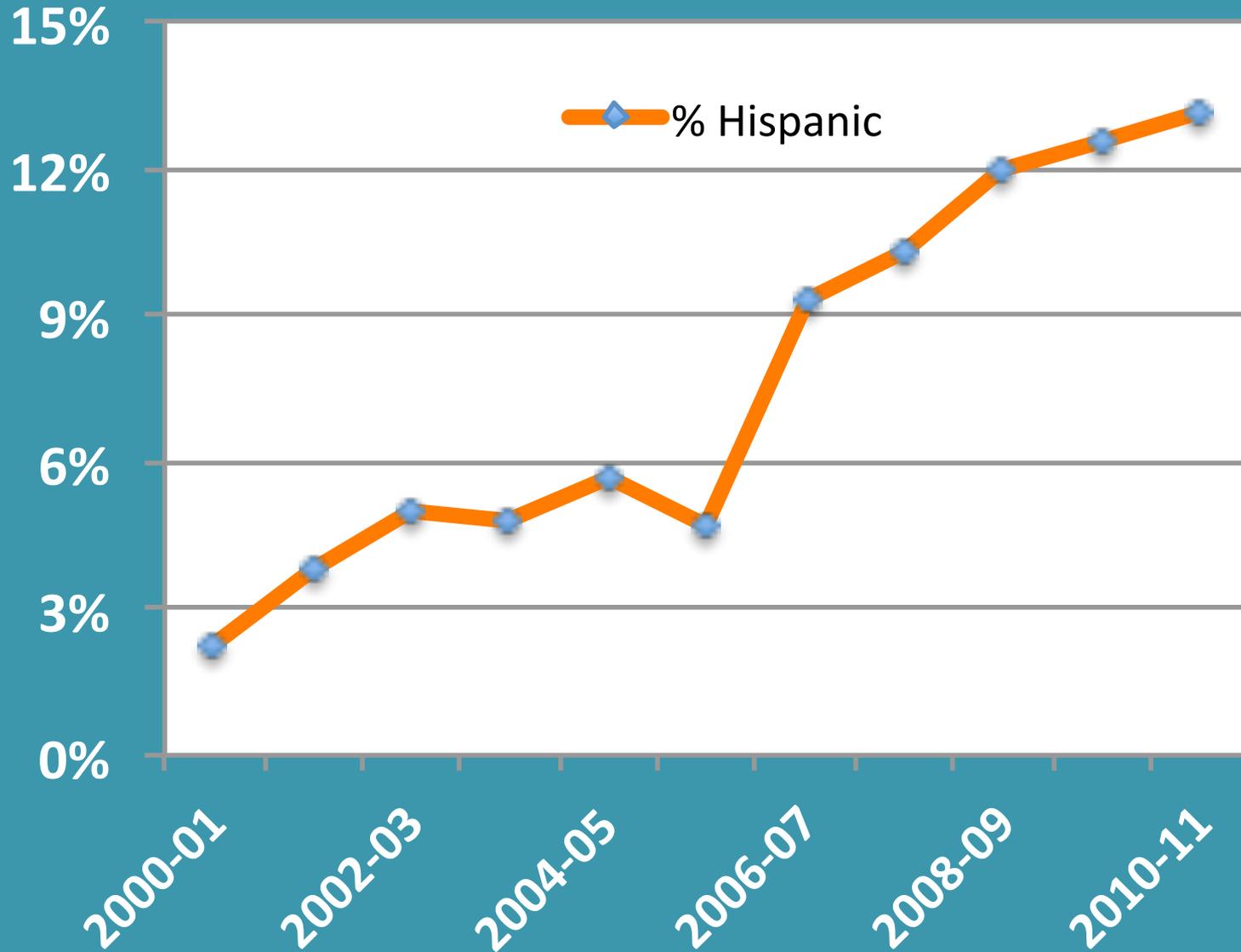
- Some other race — *Print race.* ↘

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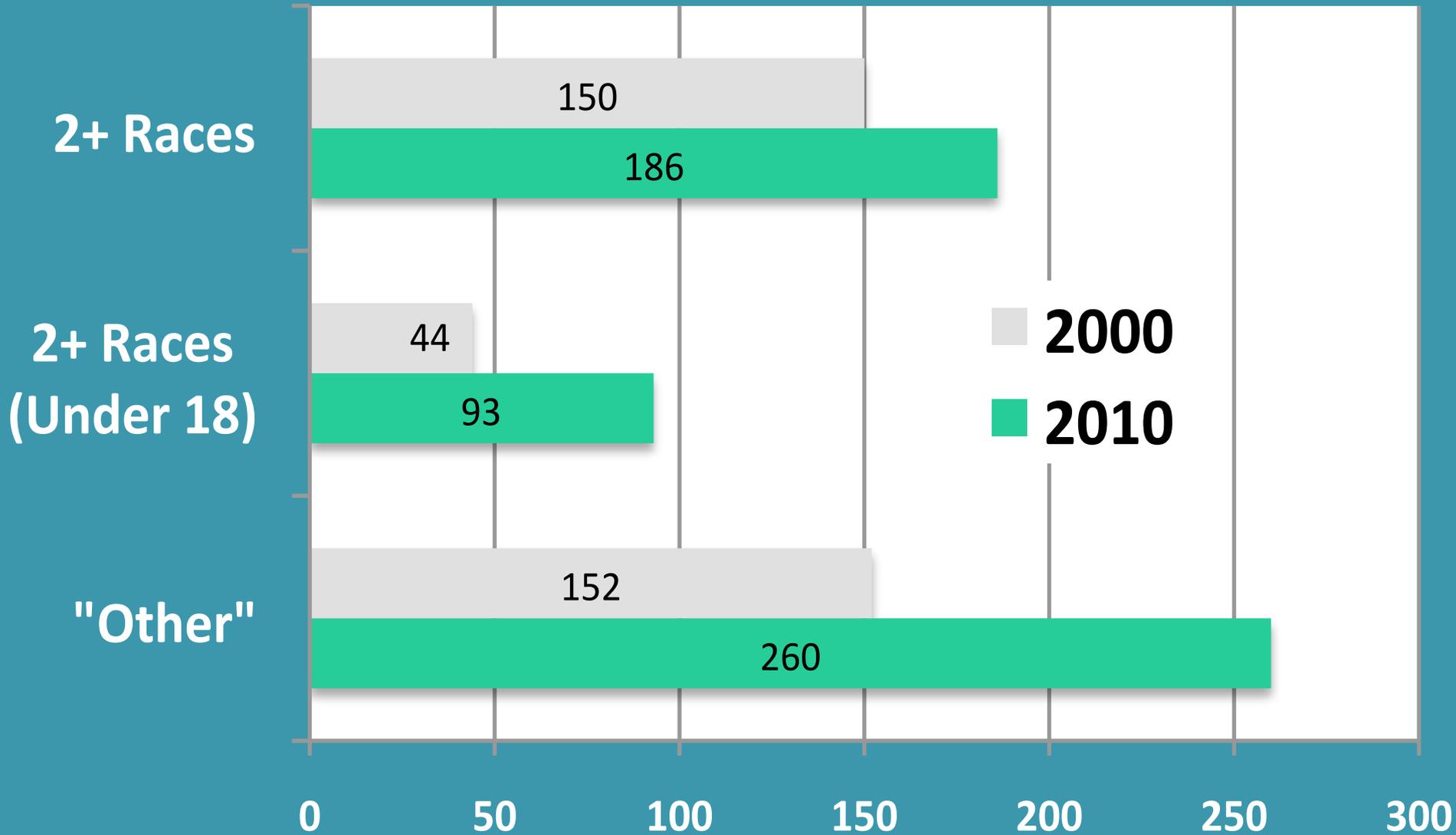
A Racial & Ethnic Mosaic



Hispanic Share of NPS Enrollments



Racial & Ethnic Mosaic (cont.)



Q: How many *unique different identifiers* did Americans write in answering “*Some other race*”?

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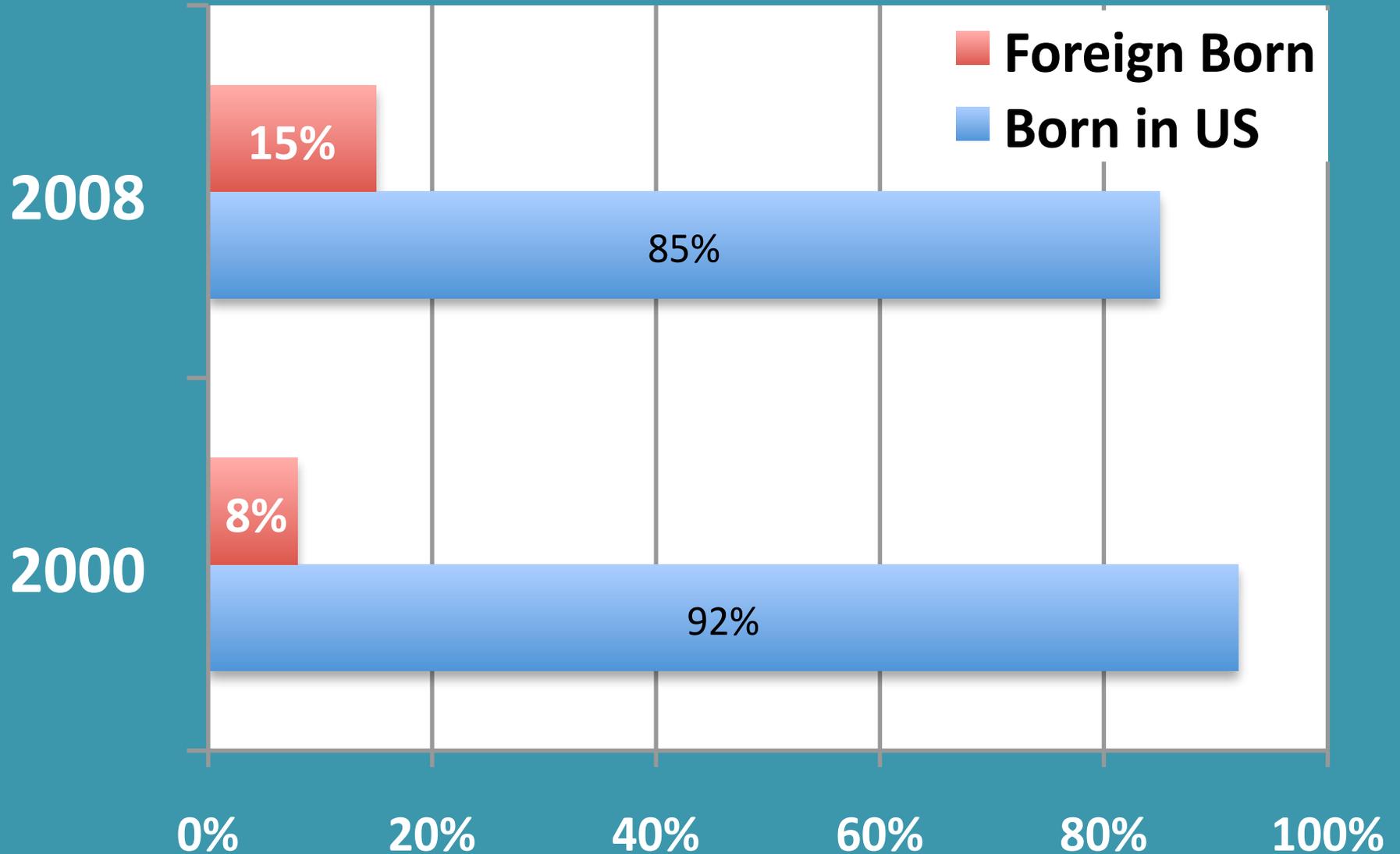
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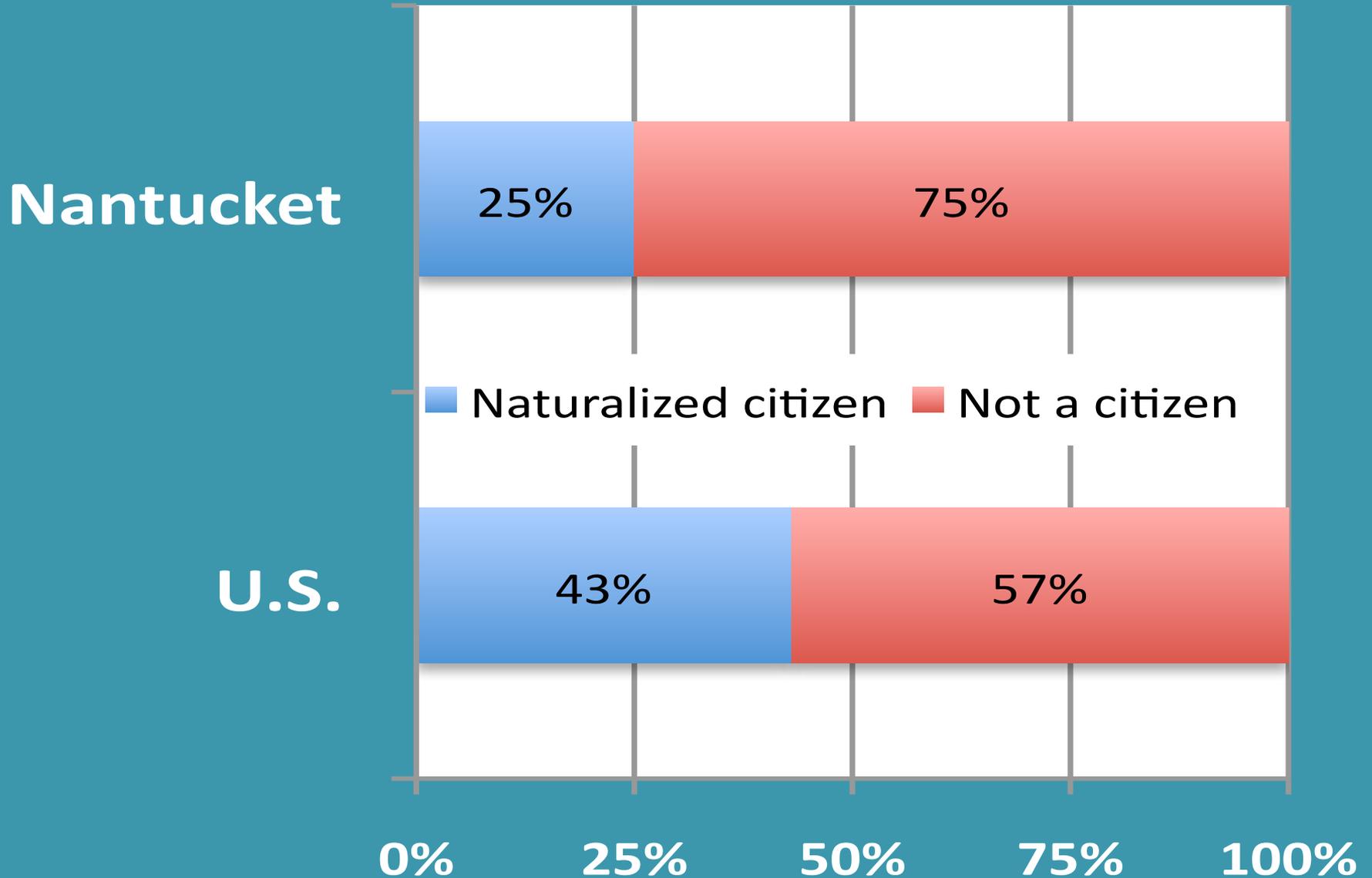
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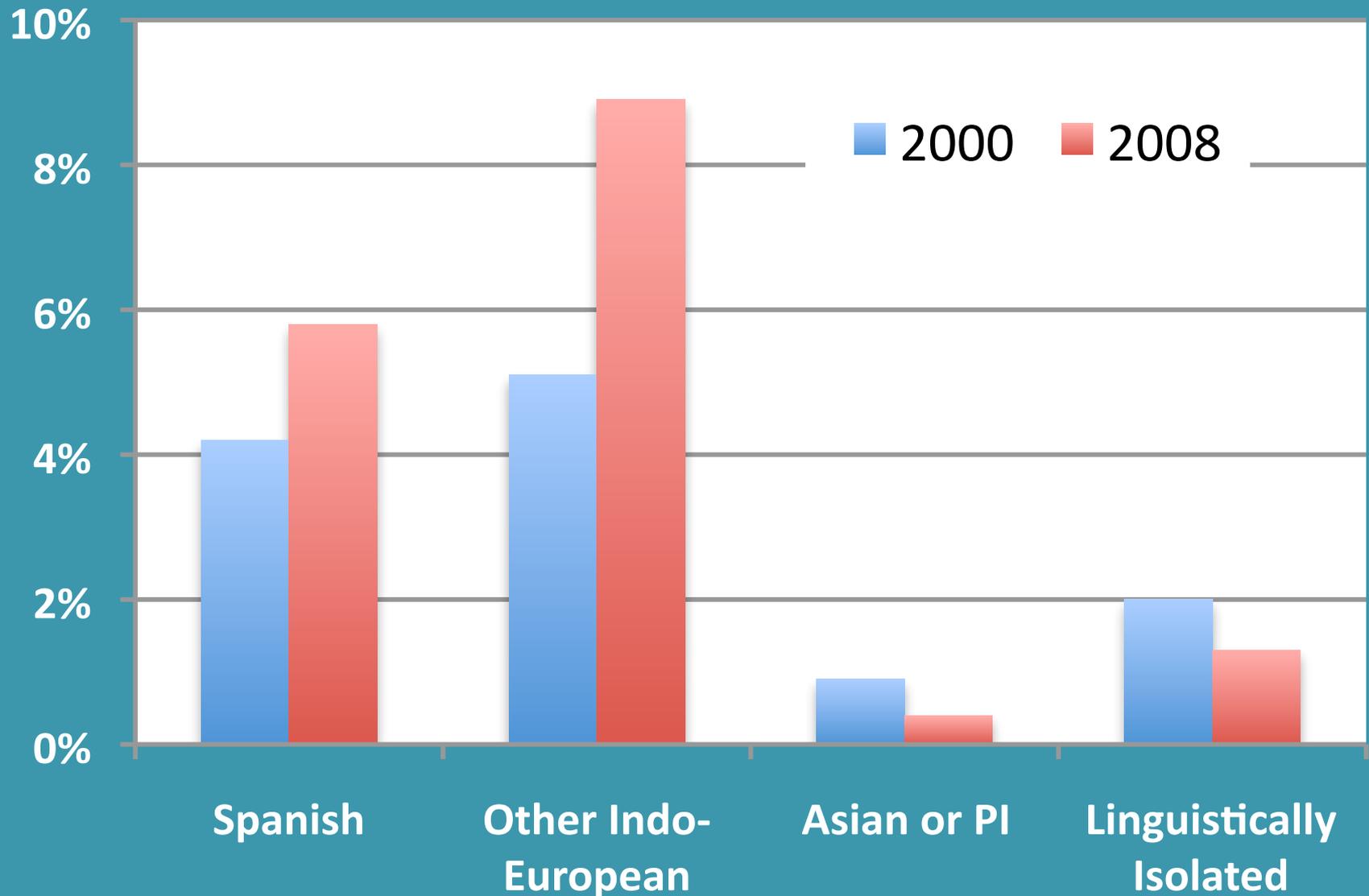
More Foreign-Born Nantucketers



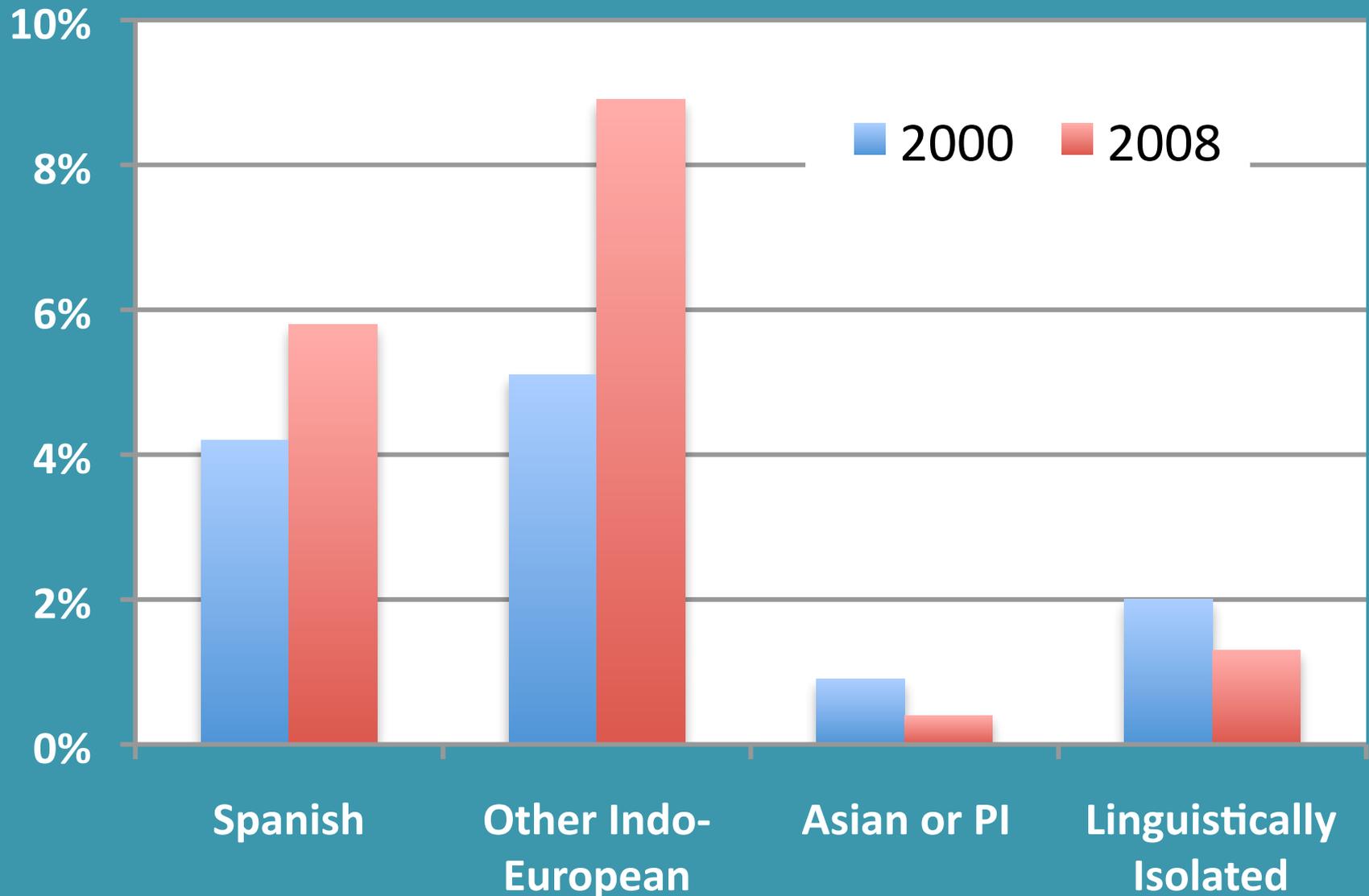
Foreign-born Residents



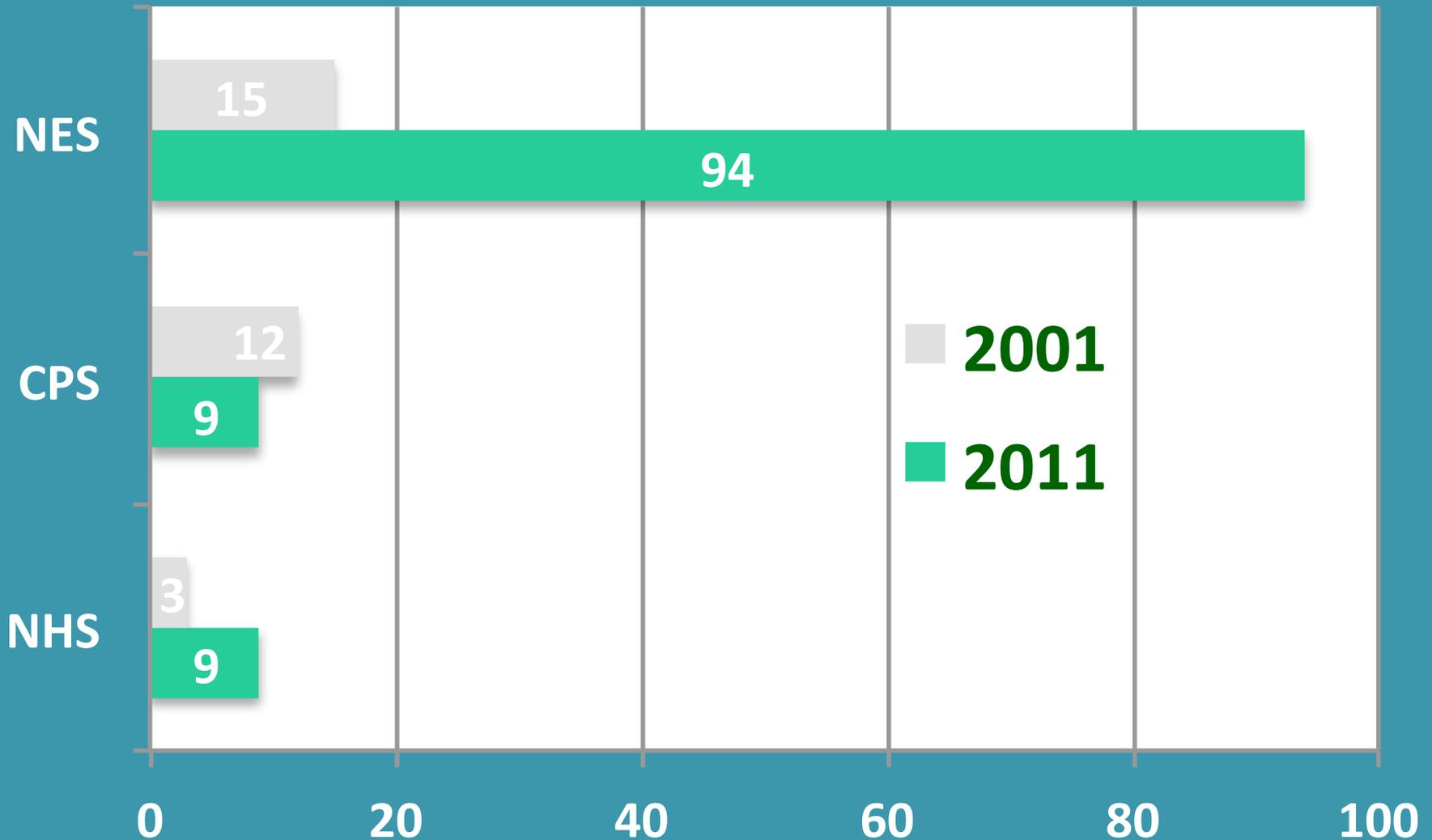
Language Spoken at Home



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NES English Language Learners



Average Family Size

Householder is:

**NonHispanic
white**

2.8

Hispanic

4.1

Black

3.3

Asian

3.1

Persons per family:

0.0

1.0

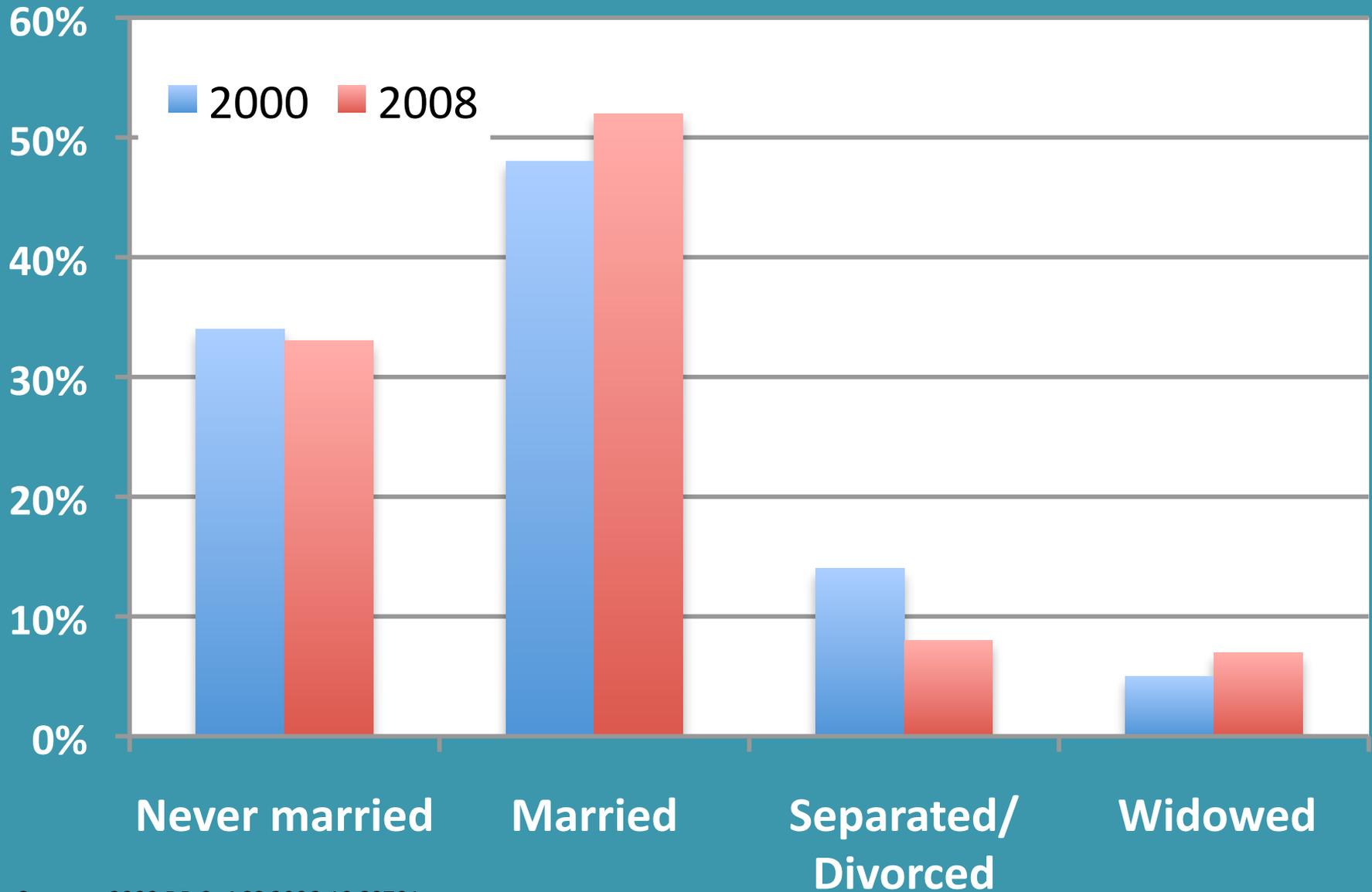
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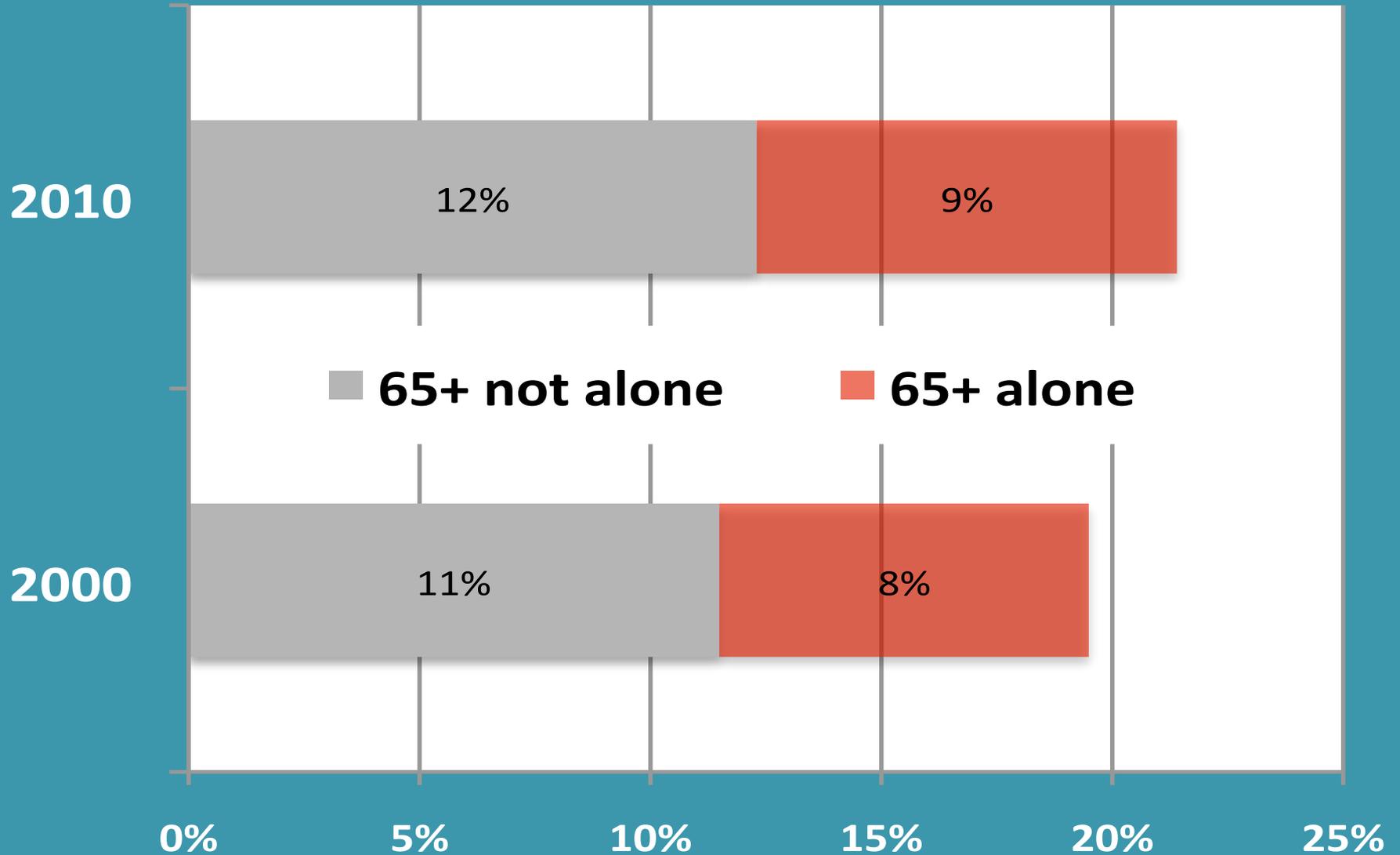
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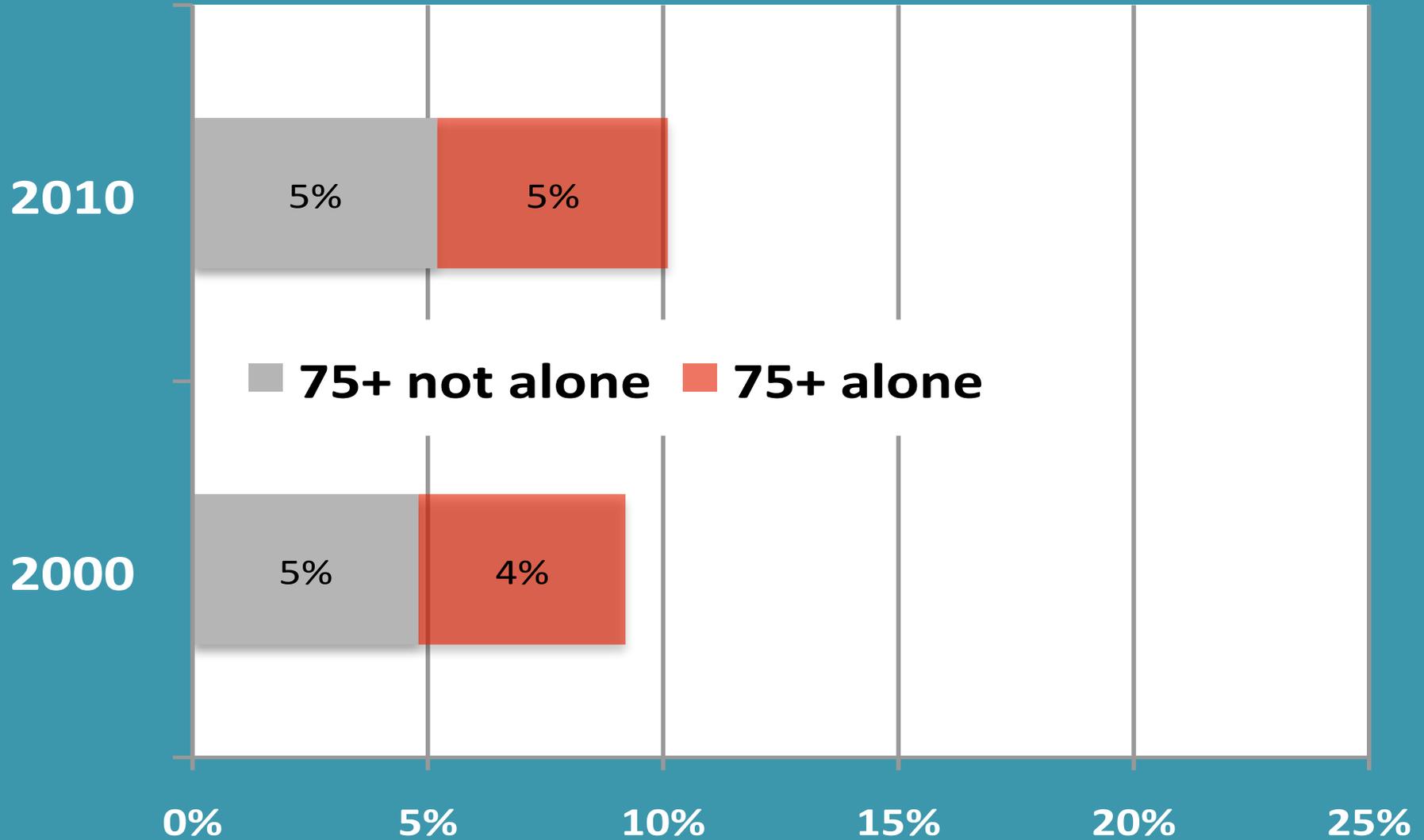
Over Half of Islanders Are Married



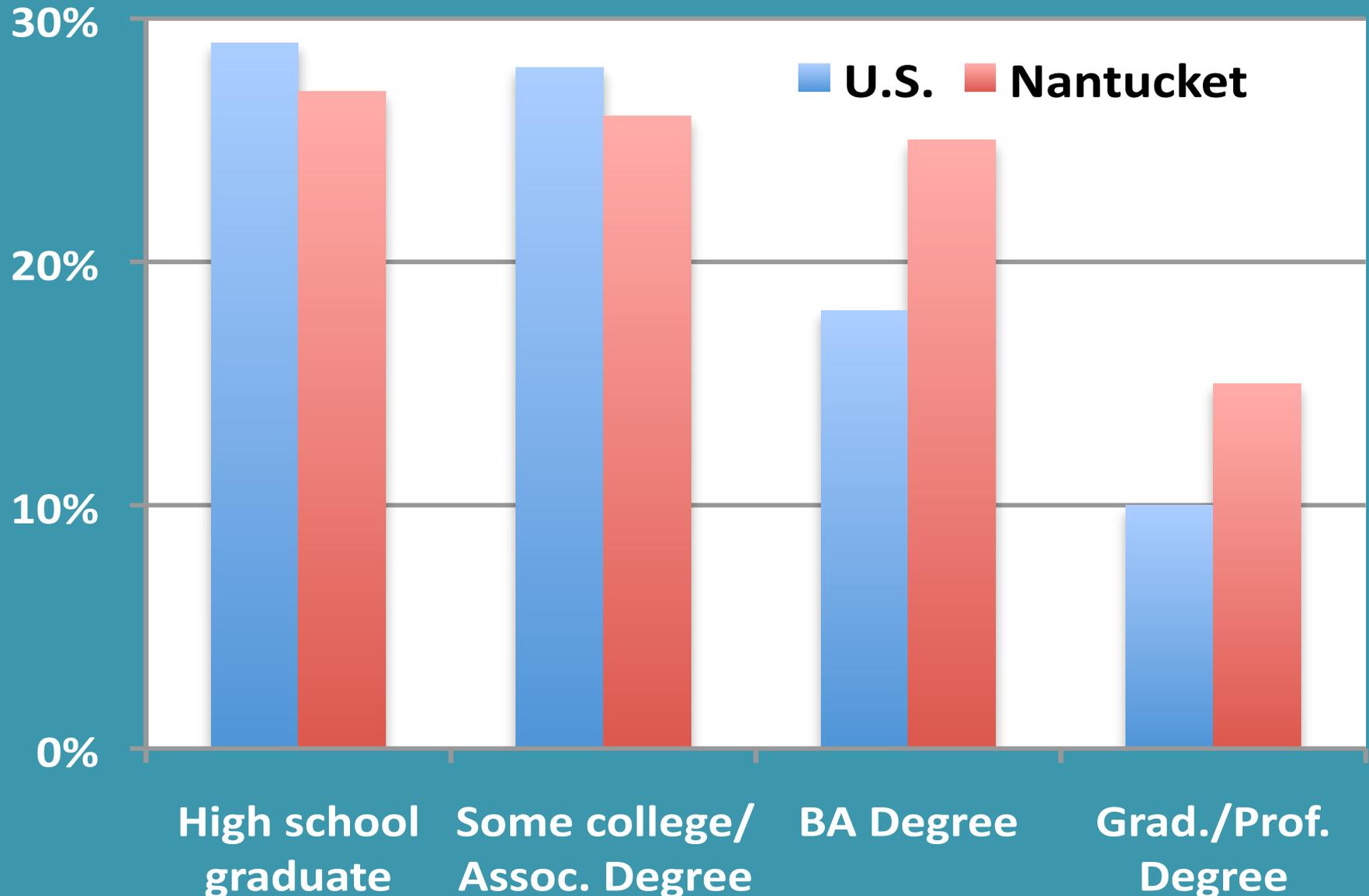
More Household Members 65+



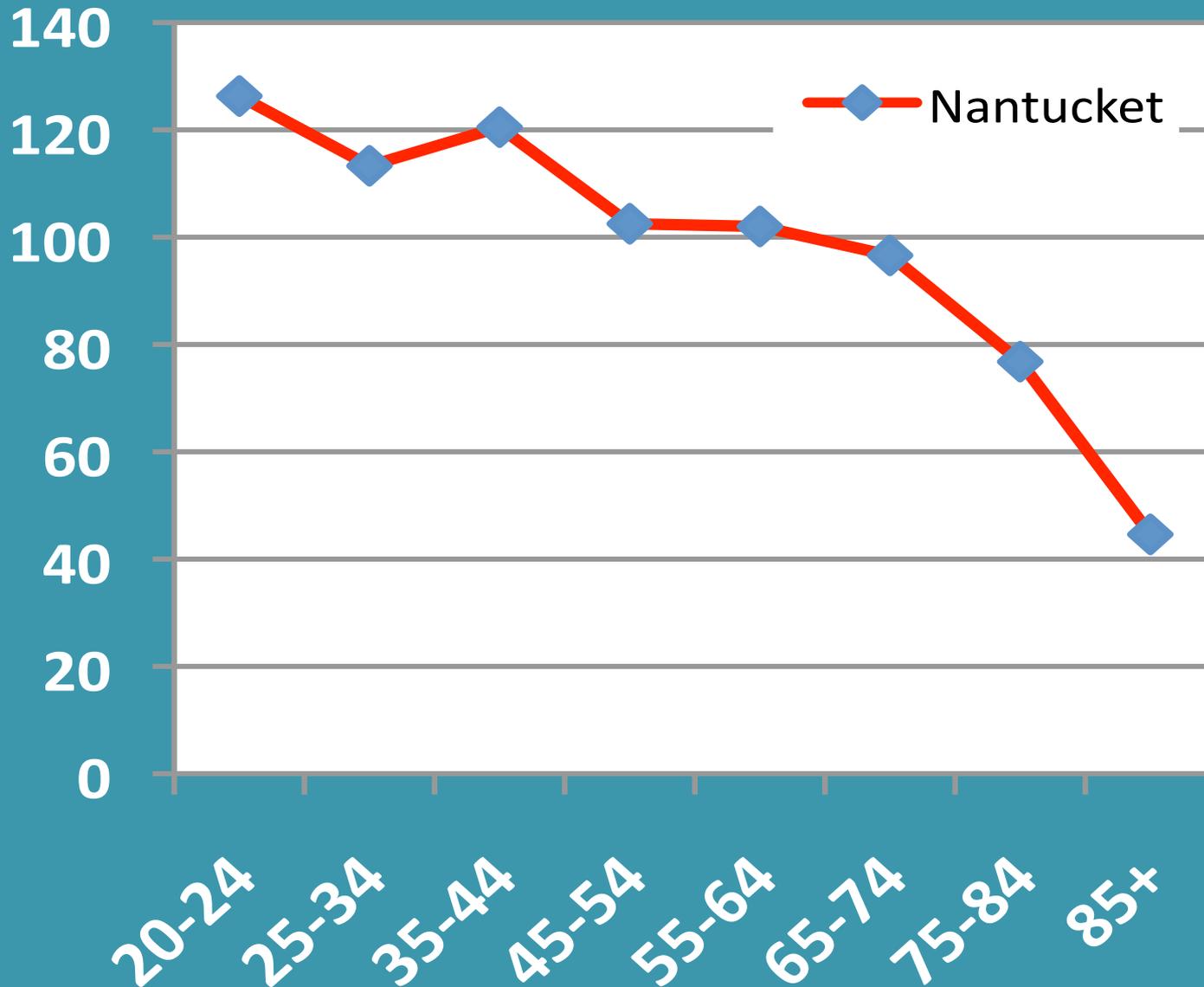
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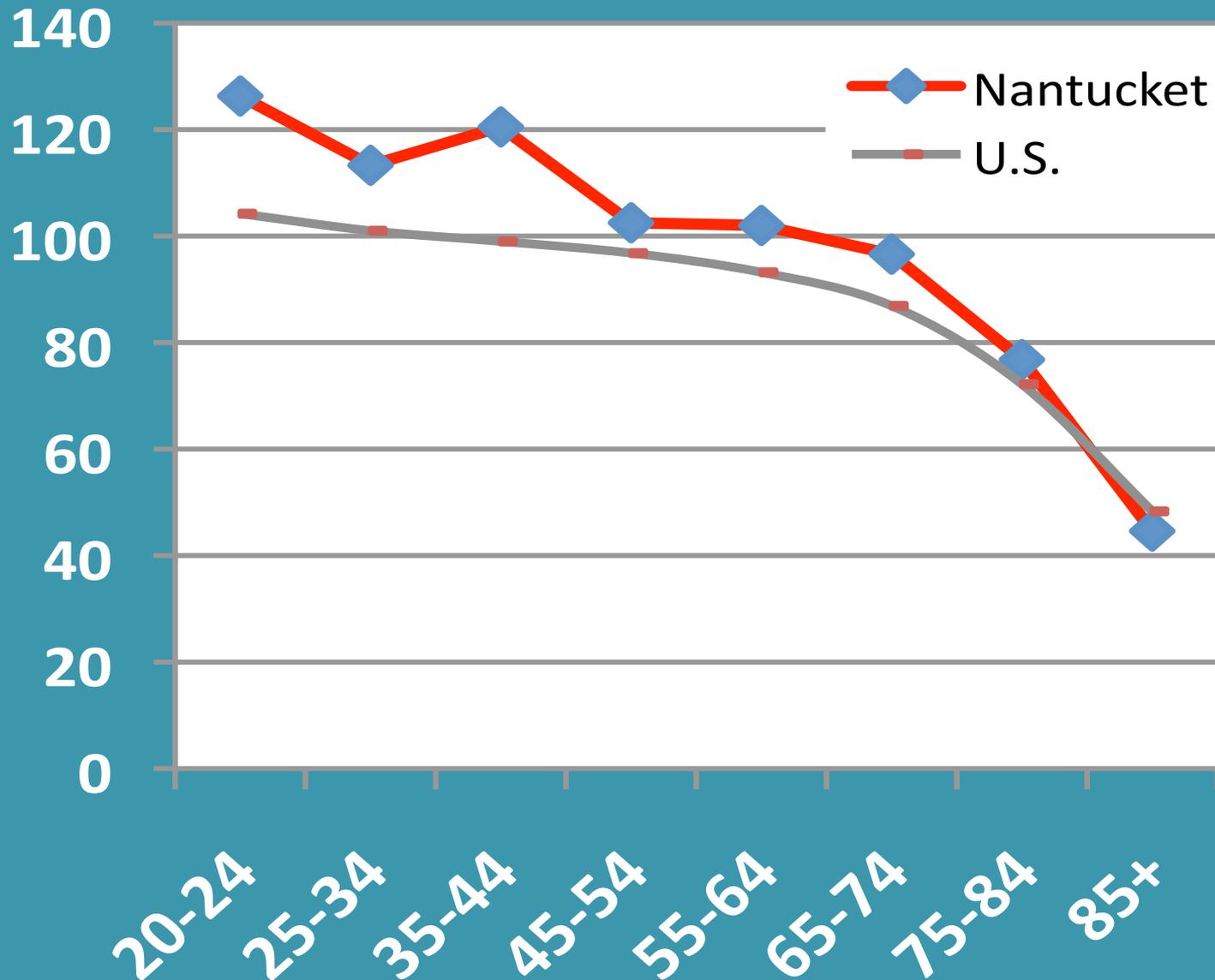
Many Residents Are Highly Educated



Males per 100 Females, 2010



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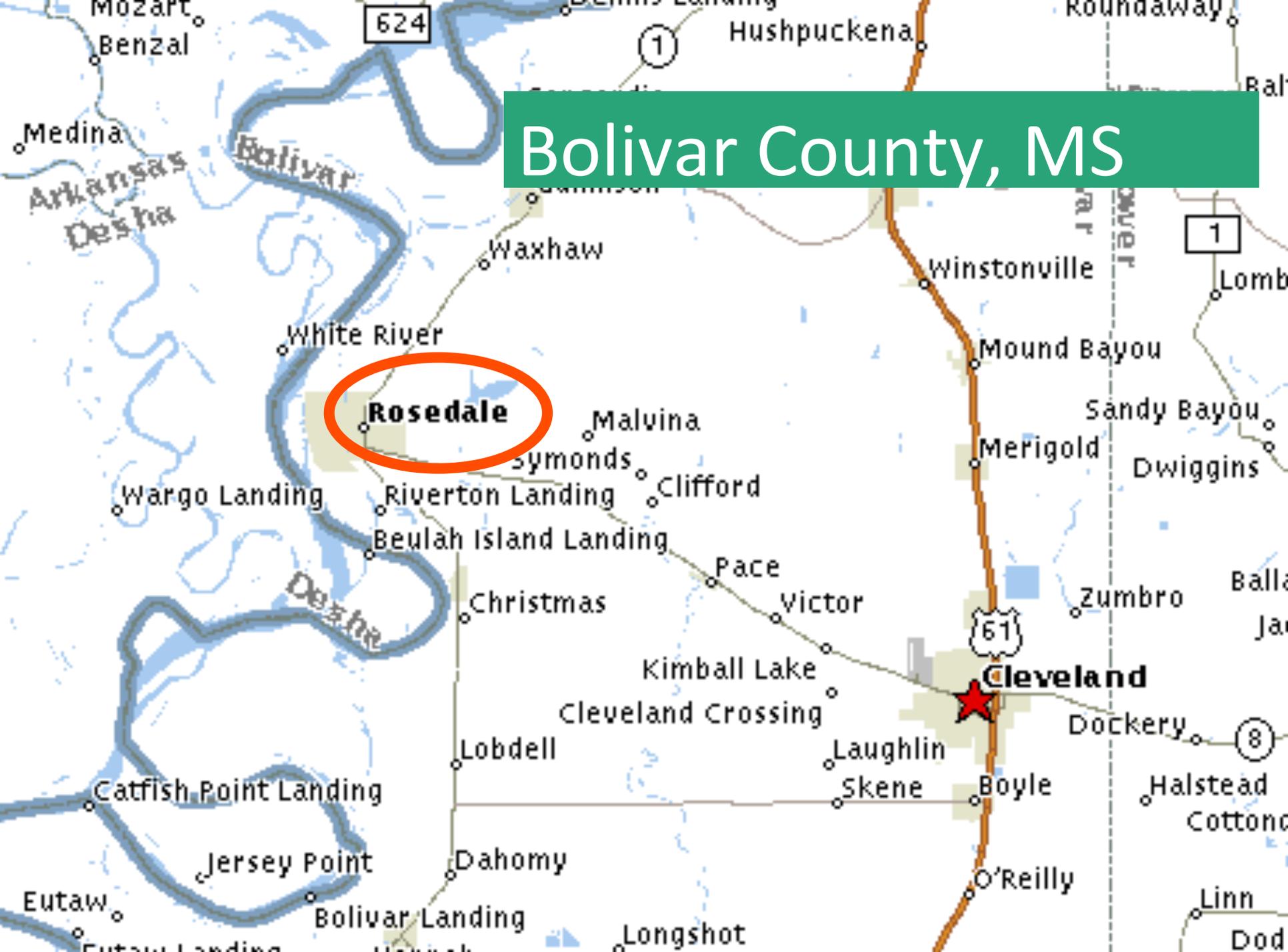
Nolan & Durand Spence; Shanroy Nelson (center) ~ 2008
On their own ... working full time ... attending NHS

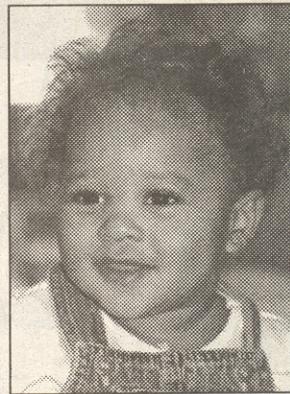


Bolivar County, MS

Rosedale

Cleveland





Kalia Ariana Starks celebrated her first birthday Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001. She is the daughter of Kerri Flaherty and Jeremy Starks Sr., and the sister of Larry, Zayda and Ciara Wilson, all of Nantucket, and the sister of Jeremy Starks Jr. of Rosedale, Miss. She is the granddaughter of Walter and Diane Flaherty and Mary and Ray Lyon, all of Nantucket, and Mary Starks and Prentice Moore of Rosedale. Her great-grandparents are Willie Moore and Linda and Reddy Starks, all of Rosedale. Her great-great grandparents are Percie Gary and Lewis Starks of Rosedale.

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CITY HALL

Rosedale



A Distinctive Demographic Complexion

- Most places: population turnover is < 10%
- Nantucket attracts many temporary residents
 - Seasonal workers
 - Second-home owners
- A select few decide to settle here permanently
- Migration acts as a prism, sorting residents by conscious choice