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The Integration of Immigrants into American Society

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Effects of Legal Status

- Key factor in integration trajectory
- Undocumented status slows but does not fully impede integration
- The large population without legal status—one of every four immigrants.

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- Multi-generational effects and effects to the US-born through mixed-status families
- Disproportionately impacts certain immigrant groups
- Variation from state-to-state

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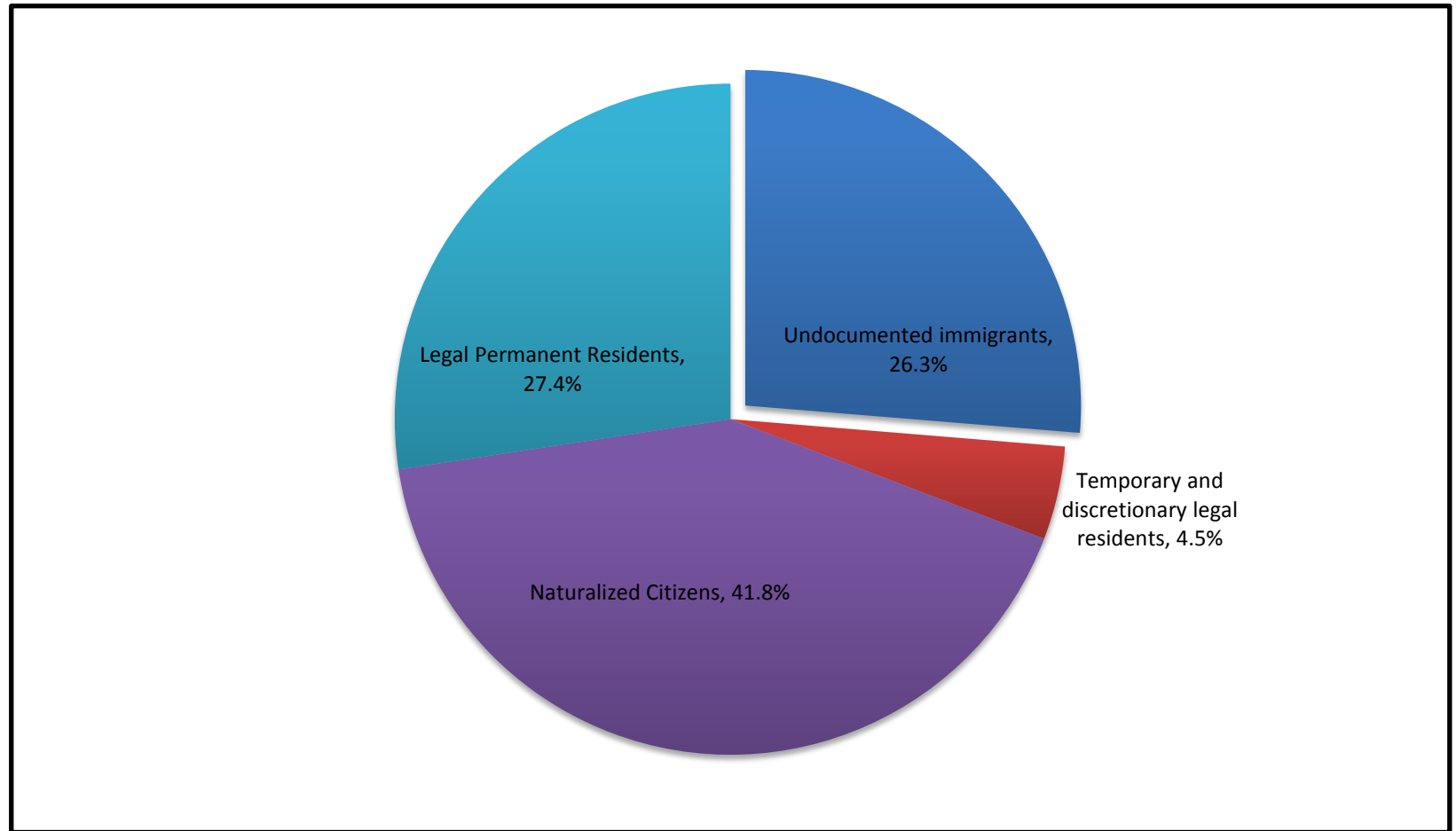
Categories of Legal Status Examined

- The panel examined 4 categories of legal statuses:
- Permanent
- Temporary
- Discretionary
- Undocumented

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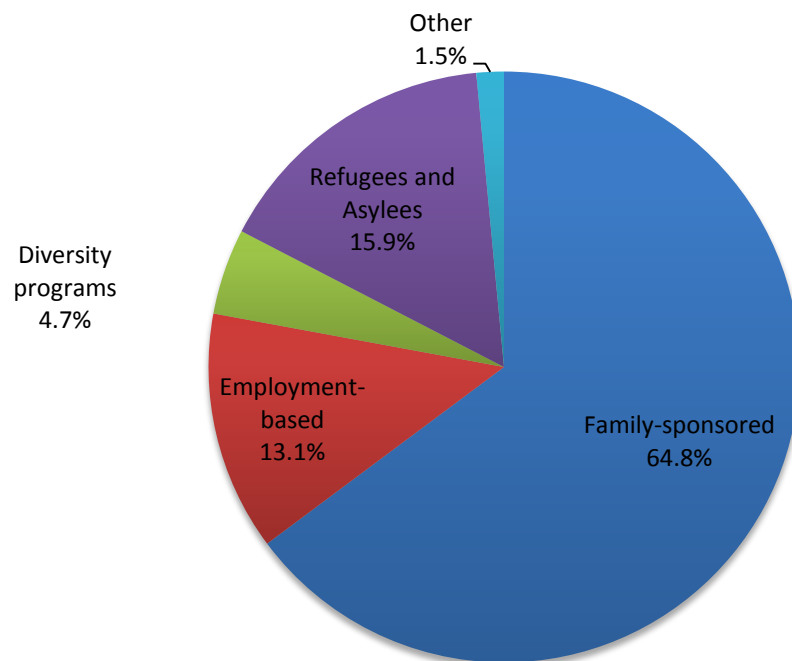
Proportions of immigrants in each general legal category, 2012.



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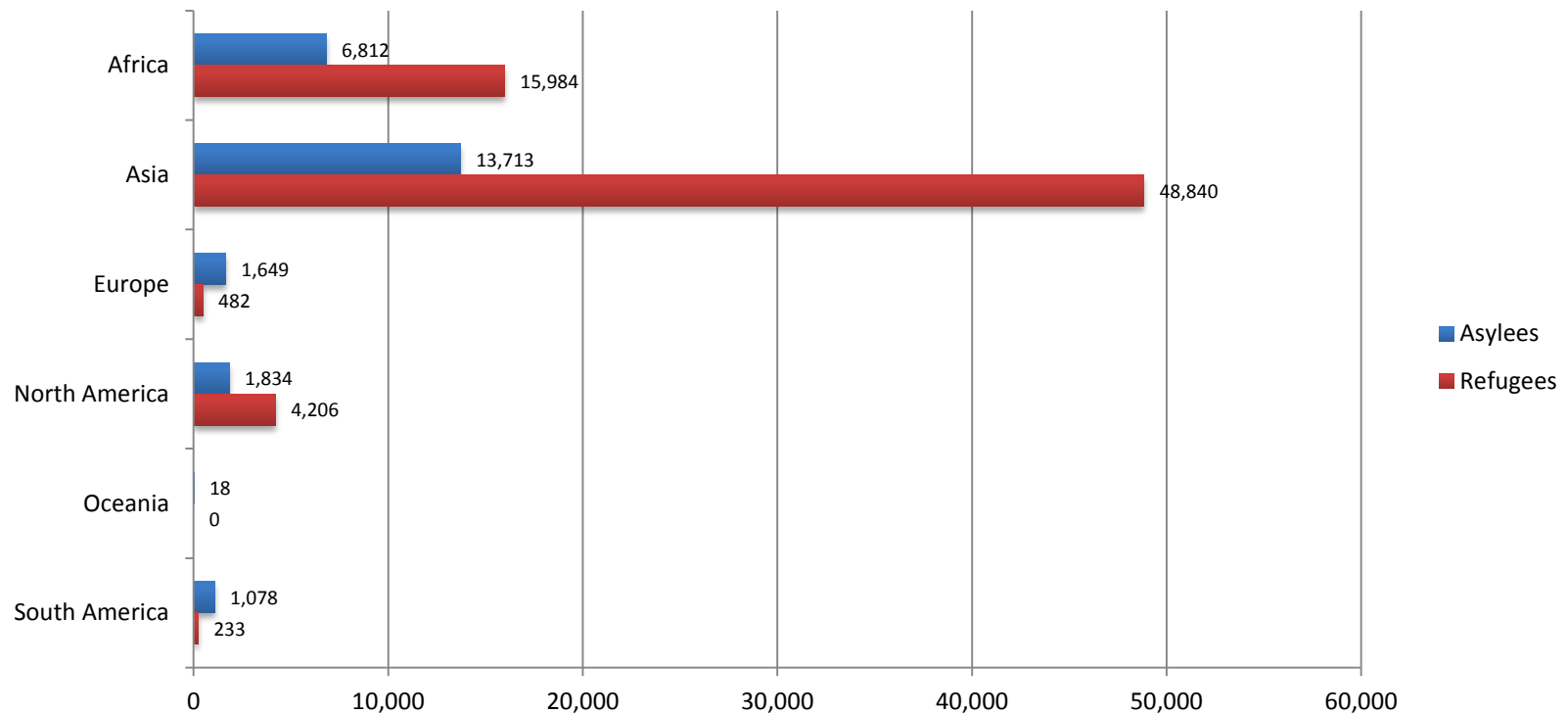
Lawful Permanent Resident Admissions by Category of Admissions, 2013



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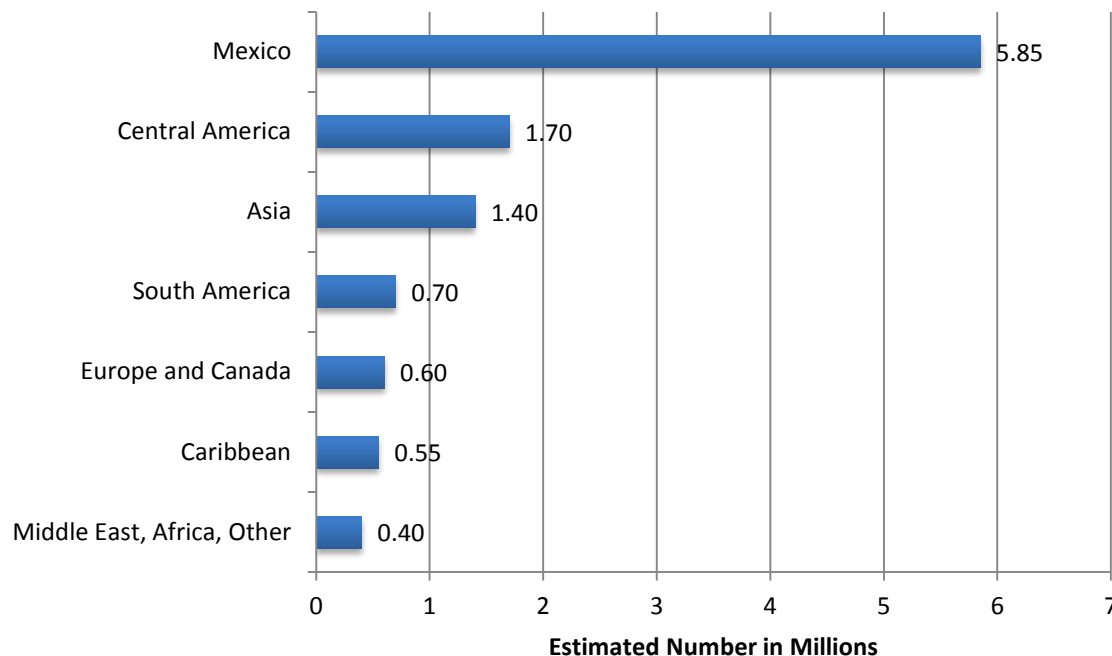
Refugee arrivals and persons granted asylum by region of origin, 2013.



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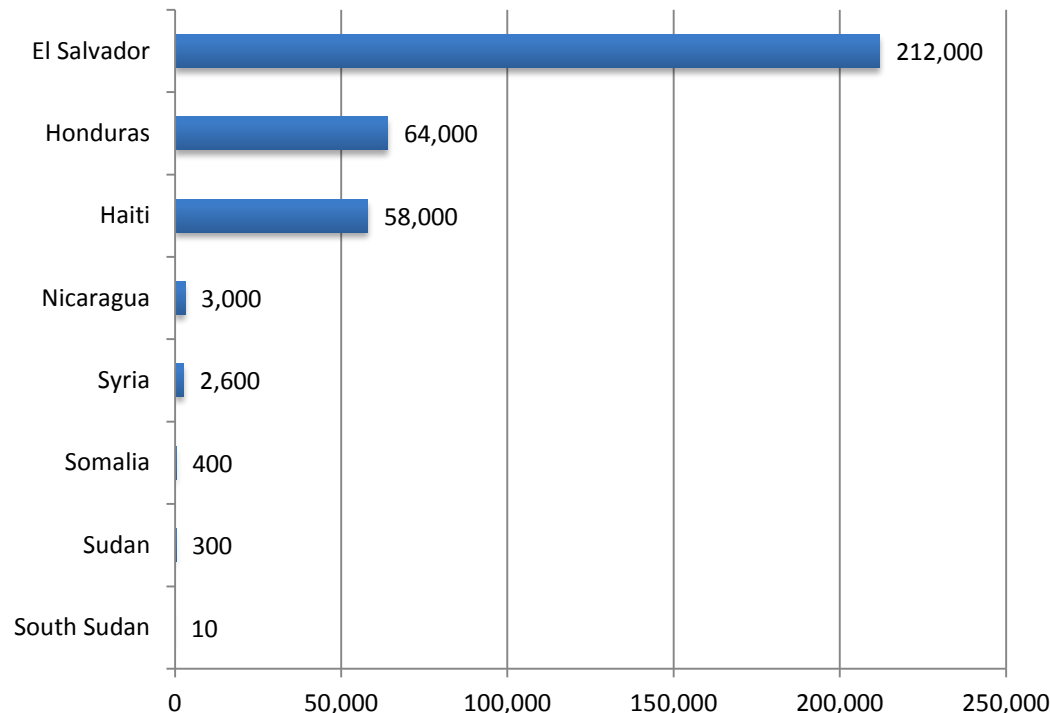
Estimated Number of Undocumented Immigrants (in Millions) by Country & Region of Origin, 2012



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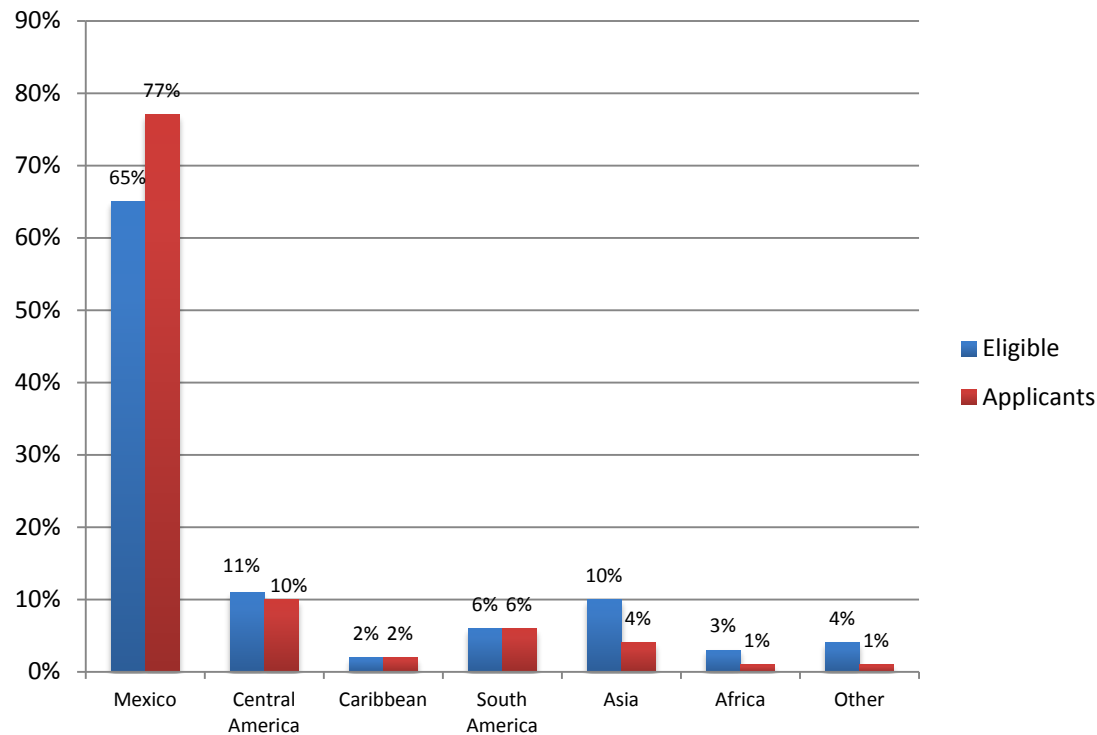
Estimated number of Temporary Protected Status holders by Country of Origin, 2014



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Discretionary status: Percent estimated eligible for DACA and percent who have actually applied, by country and region of origin



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Mixed-status Families and Consequences for Integration

- Effects of legal status reverberate beyond the individual to affect family members, even U.S.-citizens
- 5.2 million U.S-born children lived in mixed-status families, 4.5 million of them are U.S-born
- 8% of all U.S-born children have one undocumented parent

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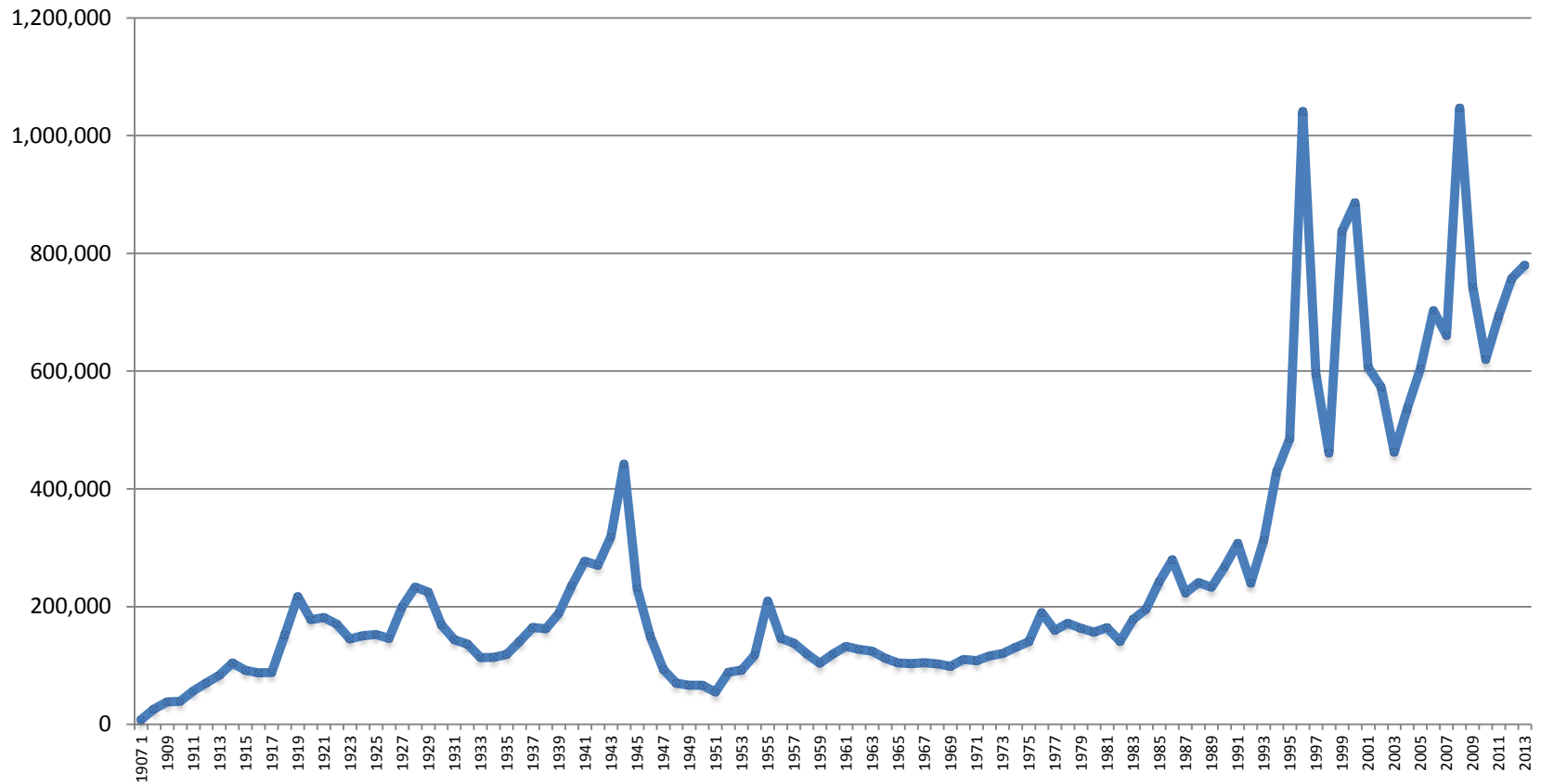
Naturalization & Citizenship

- Citizenship rate in US 50% vs. 61% OECD average
- Adjusting for undocumented population, US still well below Canada, Australia, Sweden
- Most immigrants want to naturalize
- Birthright citizenship is a powerful mechanism of integration
- Major barrier to political integration

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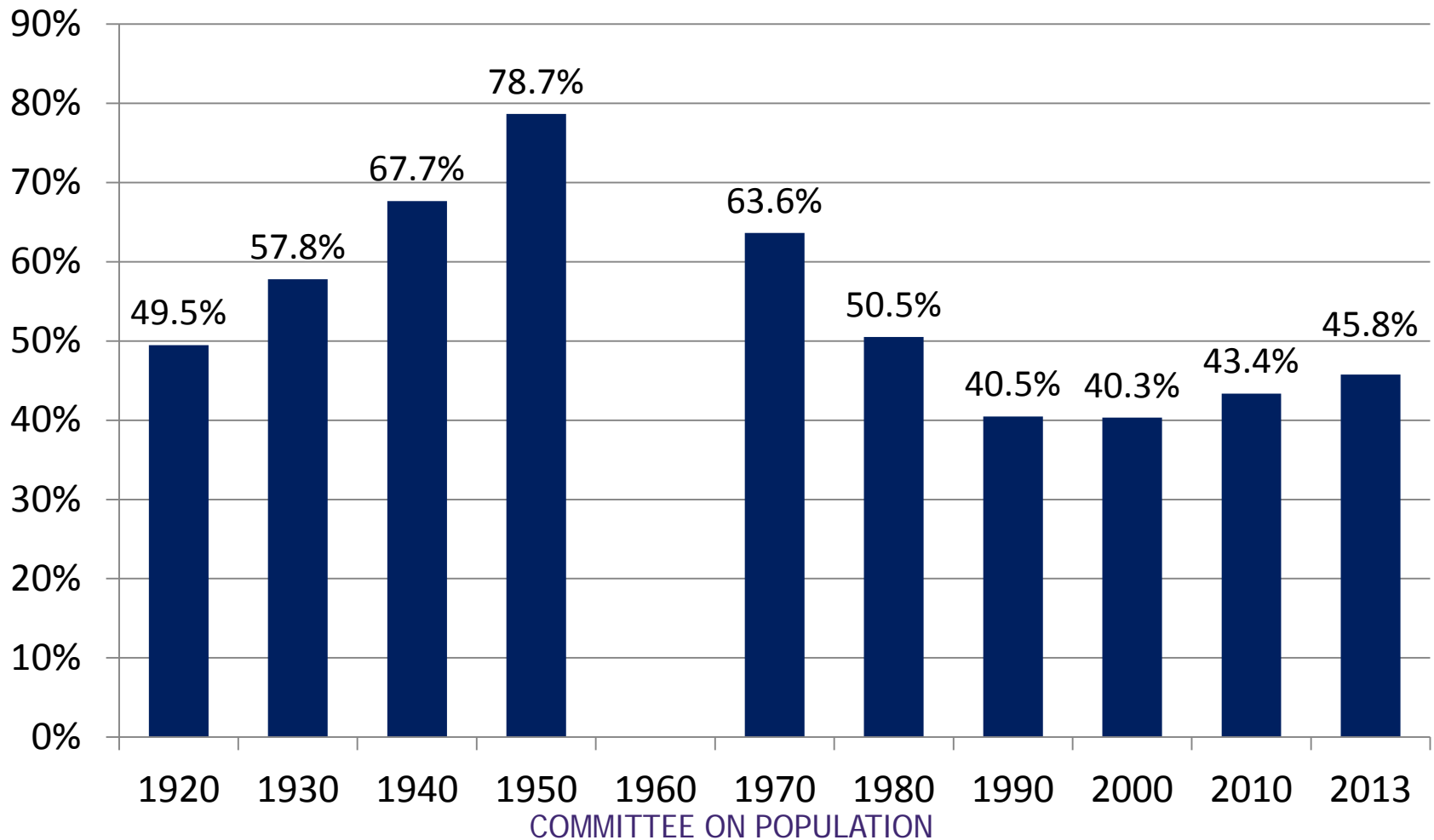
Persons naturalized, fiscal 1907 through 2013



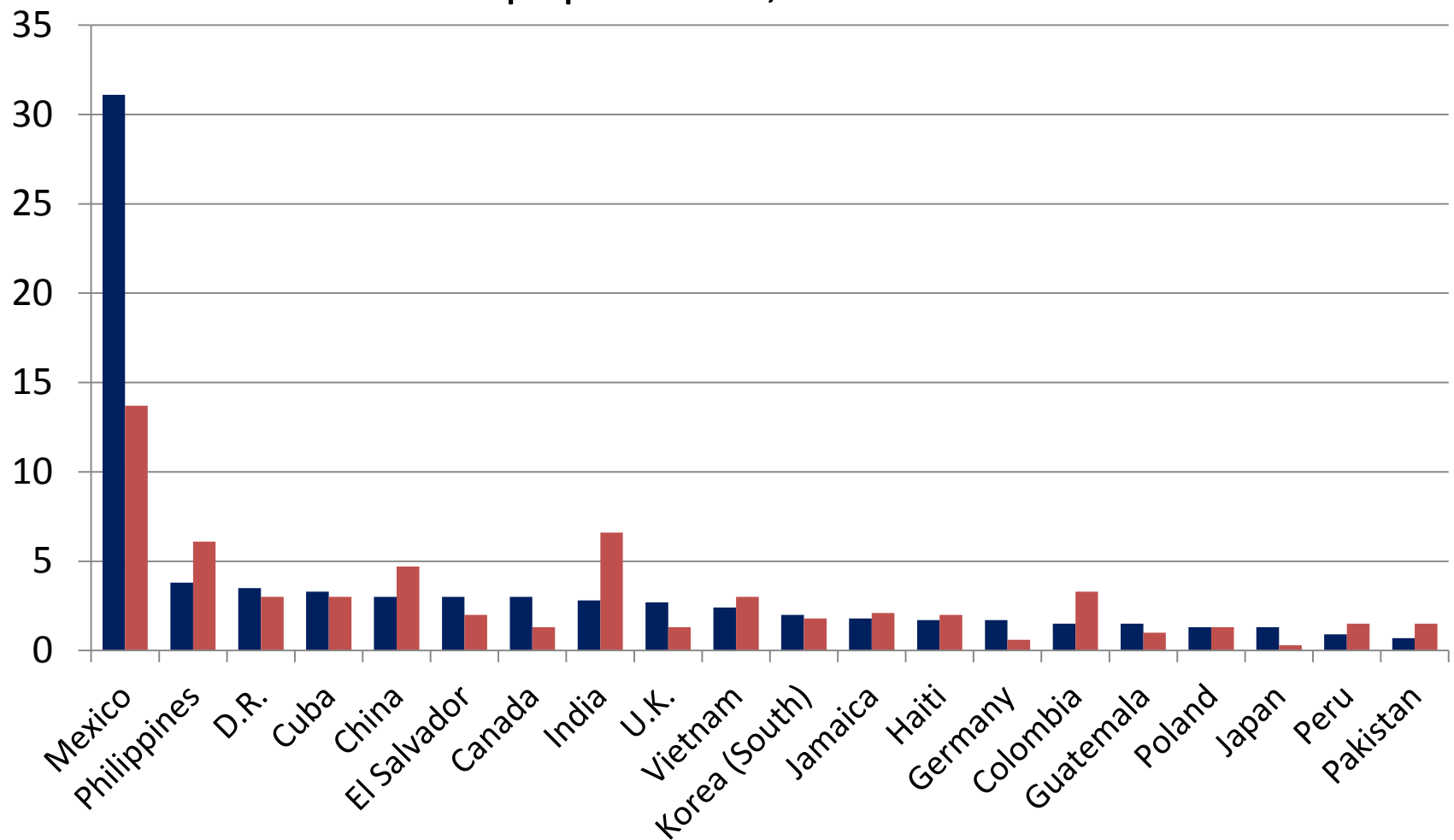
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Figure 4-2: Naturalization Levels among Foreign-born residents of the US, 1920-2013 (percentage naturalized)



National origin proportions in the eligible and naturalized populations, 2011



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