

# **Contemporary U.S Immigration**

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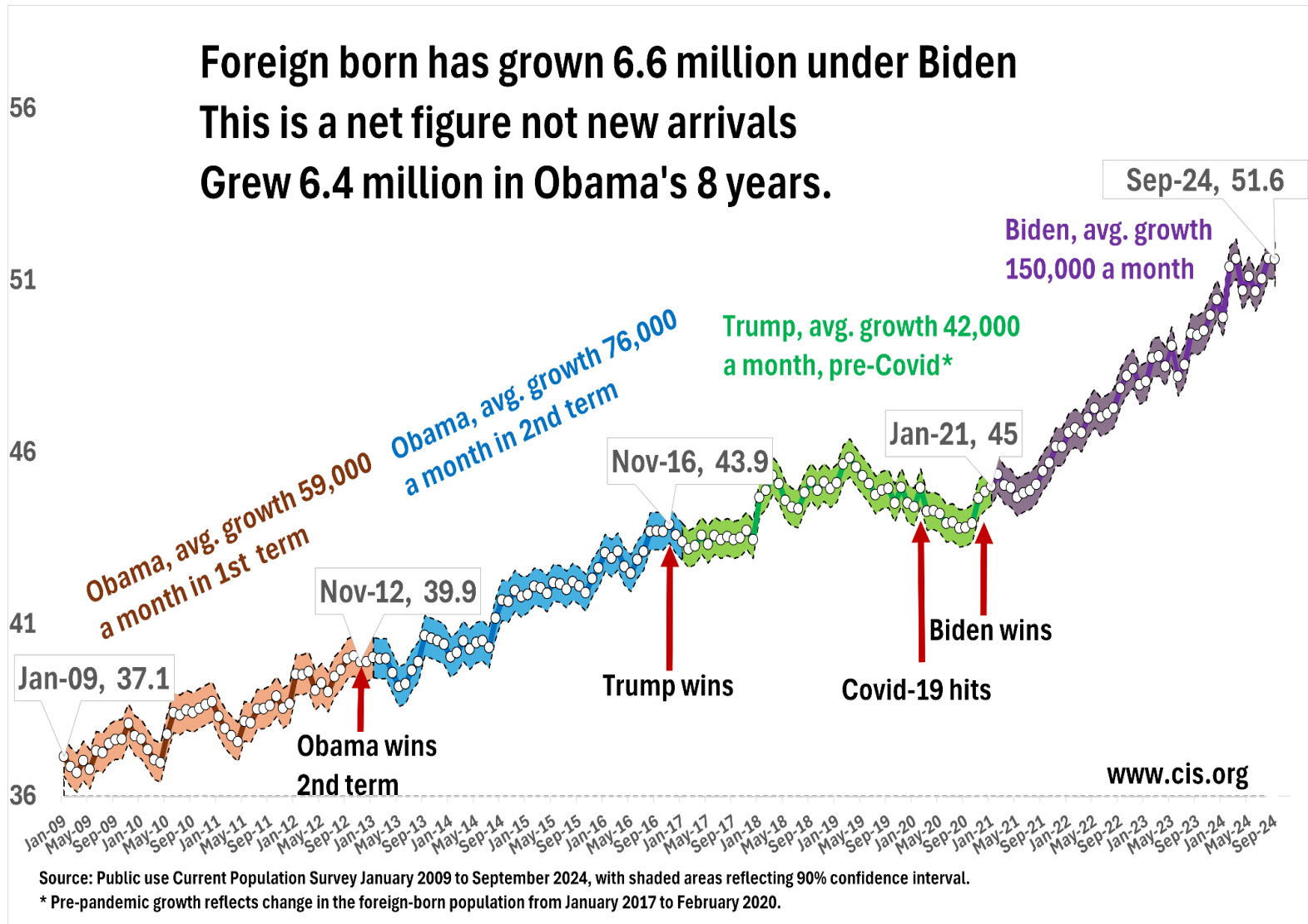


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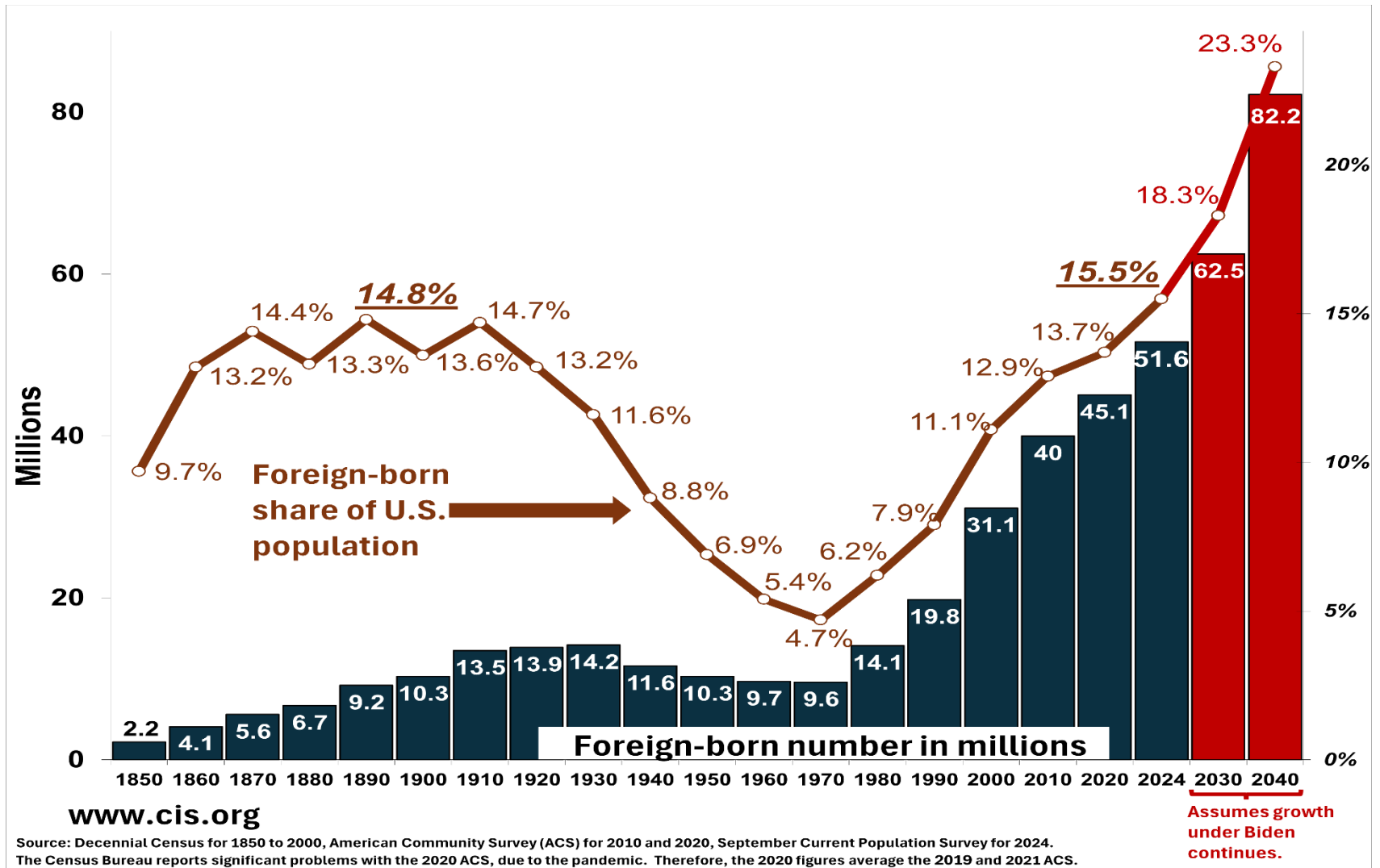
# Understanding the Current Scale

- **Legal Immigration rebounded after Covid**
  - Both permanent and temporary 1.1 million green cards
  - ~3.5 million, “non-immigrants” (guestworkers, students)
- **Illegal Immigration exploded after Jan 2021**
  - 11 million border encounters
  - ~7 million inadmissible aliens released (border & CHNV)
  - 1.8 million gotaways, FY 2021-2023
  - Unknown number of unseen crossings
  - Visa overstays 500,000 to 800,000 a year
- **Surge caused by policy**
  - Biden’s public statements during and after campaign
  - Decision to end: 1) Migration agreements w/ Central Americans, 2) “Remain in Mexico,” 3) Title 42 early
  - Decision not to use detention and expedited removal
  - Decision to issue work authorization to many

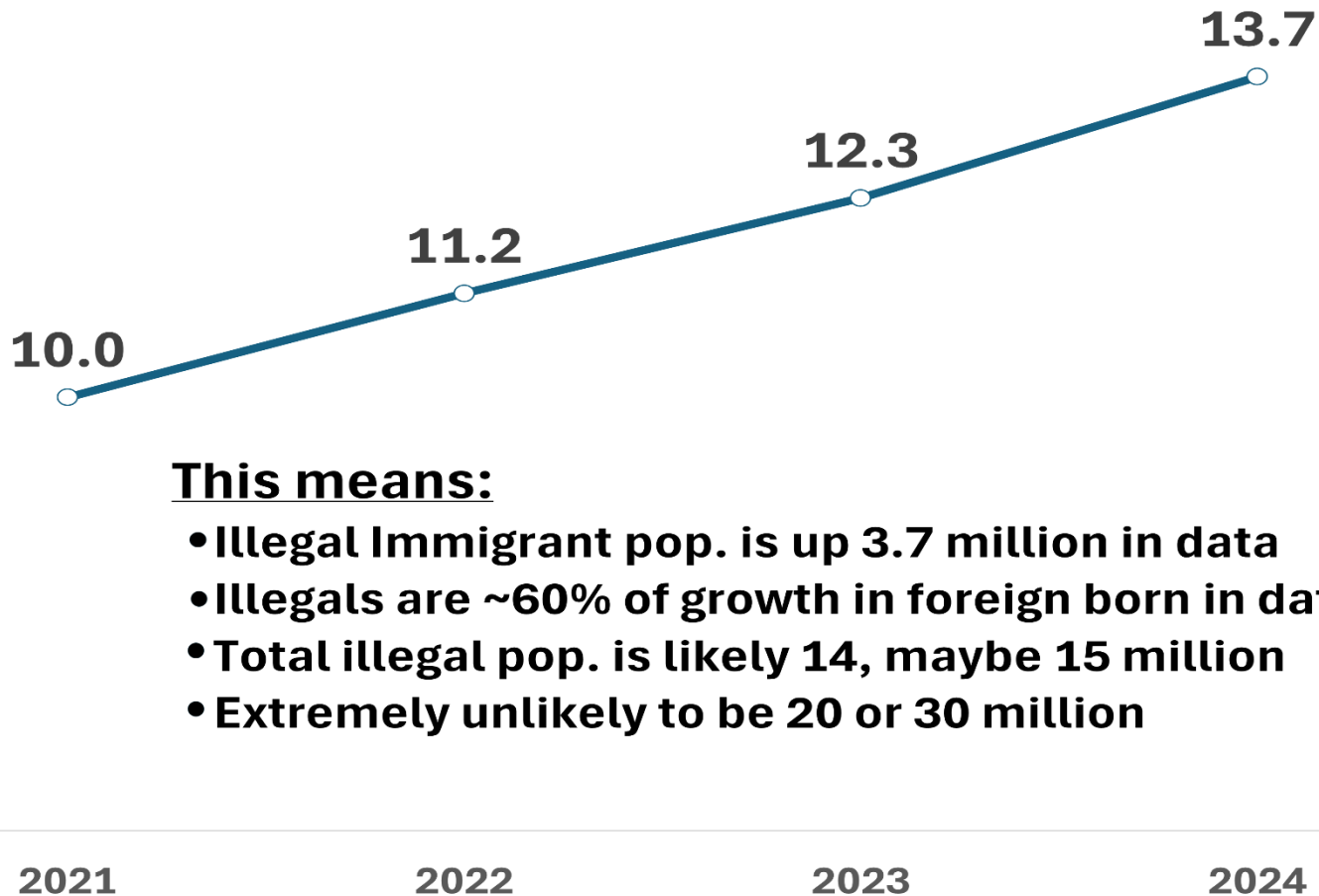
# Figure 1. Monthly data shows enormous increase in the foreign born under Biden (in millions).



# Figure 2. The foreign-born is at record high. If trends continue, we'll hit new records year after year.



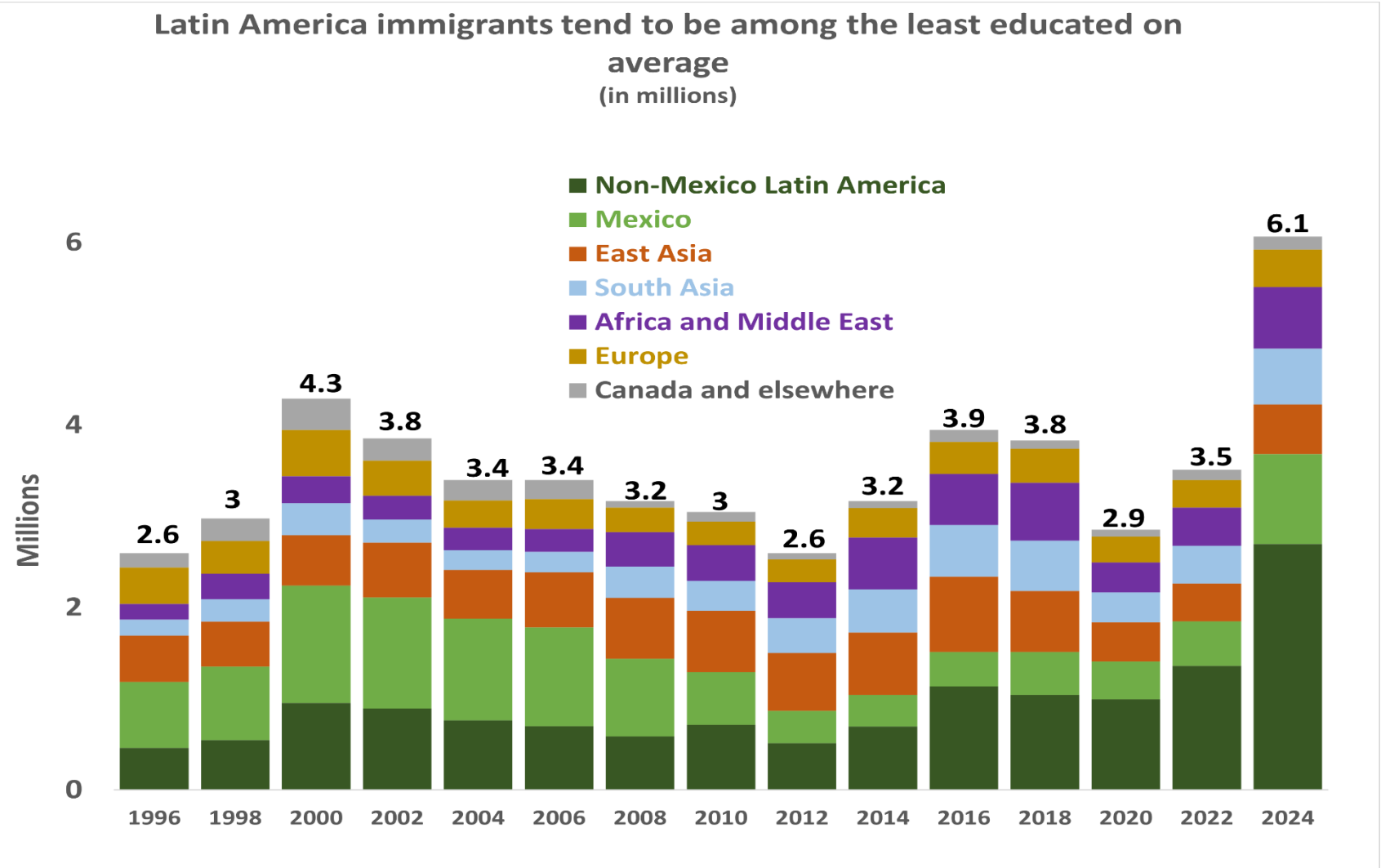
# Figure 3. Estimate of Illegal Immigrants captured in CPS data Jan 2021 to Jan 2024 (in millions)



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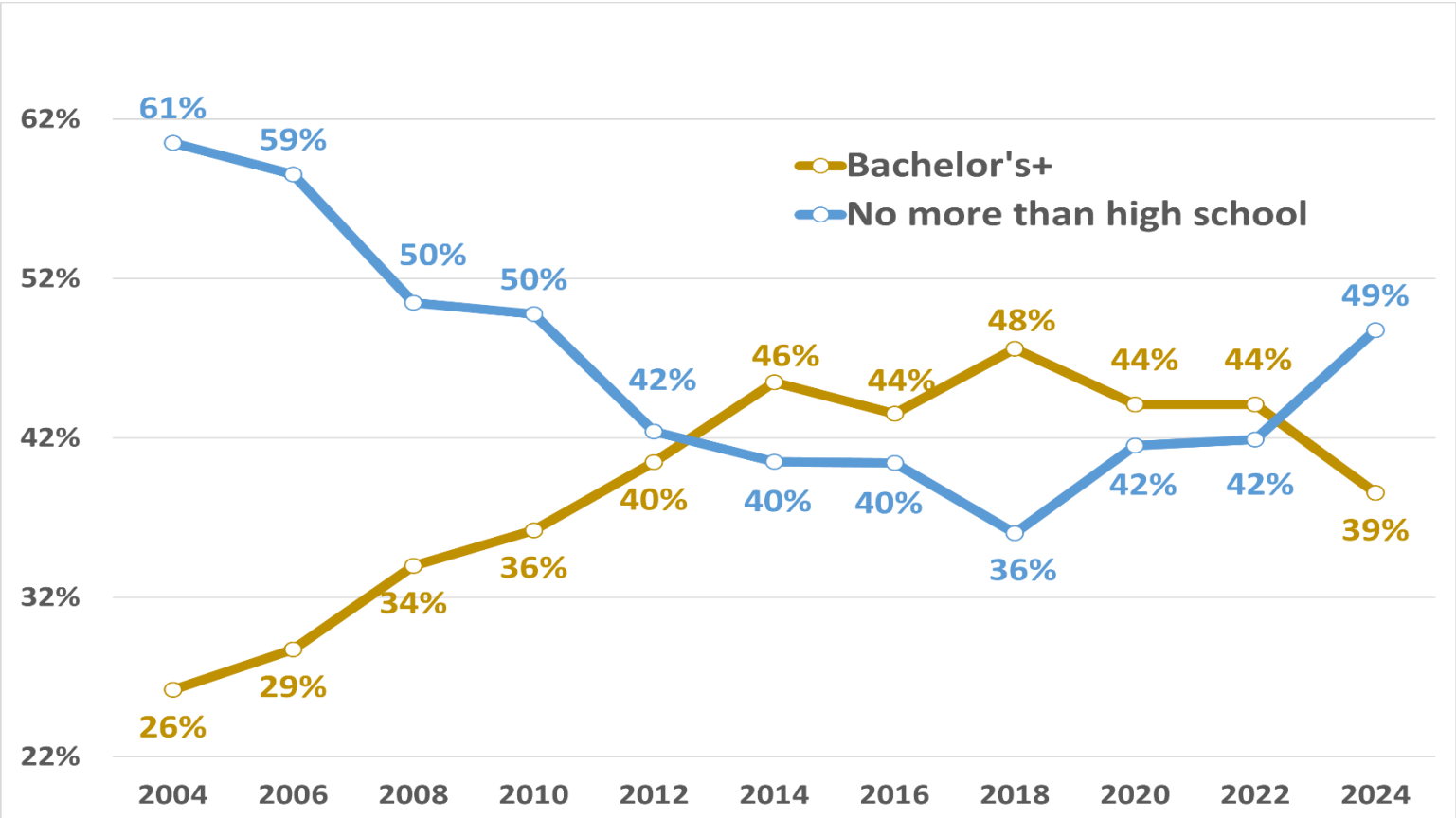
- Illegal Immigrant pop. is up 3.7 million in data
- Illegals are ~60% of growth in foreign born in data
- Total illegal pop. is likely 14, maybe 15 million
- Extremely unlikely to be 20 or 30 million

# Figure 4. The massive increase in new arrivals driven largely by immigrants from Latin America



Source: Public use Aug/Sept/Oct Current Population Survey (CPS). In odd numbered years new arrivals in the CPS includes the current year and the two year prior. Those with some college are not included in this figures.

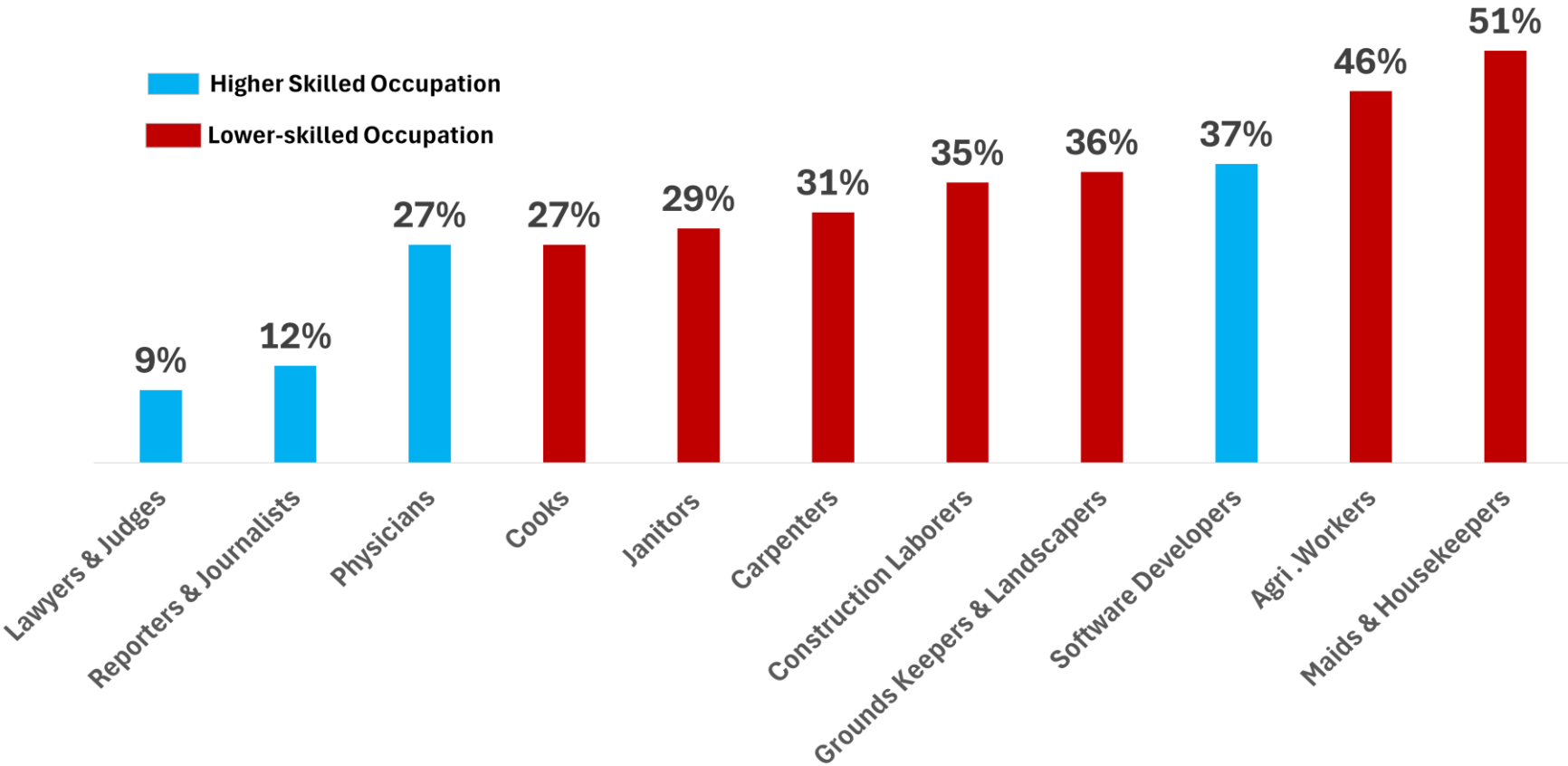
# Figure 4. The education level of newly immigrants arrived has declined, after increasing significantly.



Source: Public use Aug/Sept/Oct Current Population Survey (CPS). Figures are for adults 18 and older. In odd numbered years new arrivals in the CPS includes the current year and the two year prior. Those with some college are not included in this figures.

# Figure 5. Immigration unevenly increases supply of labor

Immigrant Share of Selected Occupation  
Jobs most impacted tend to be done by the less-educated

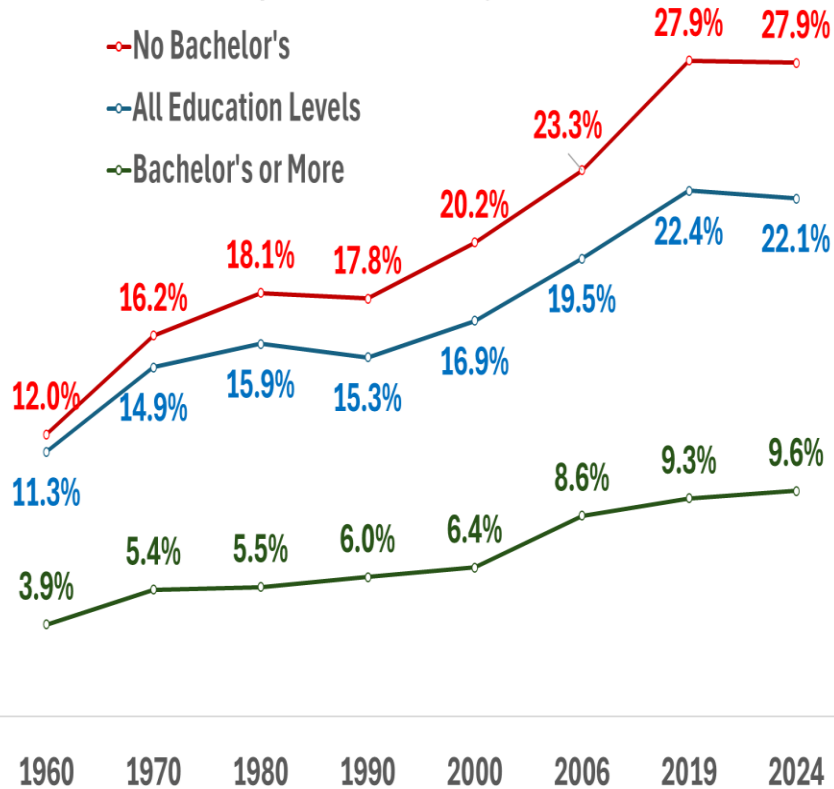


Source: public use 2023 American Community Survey.

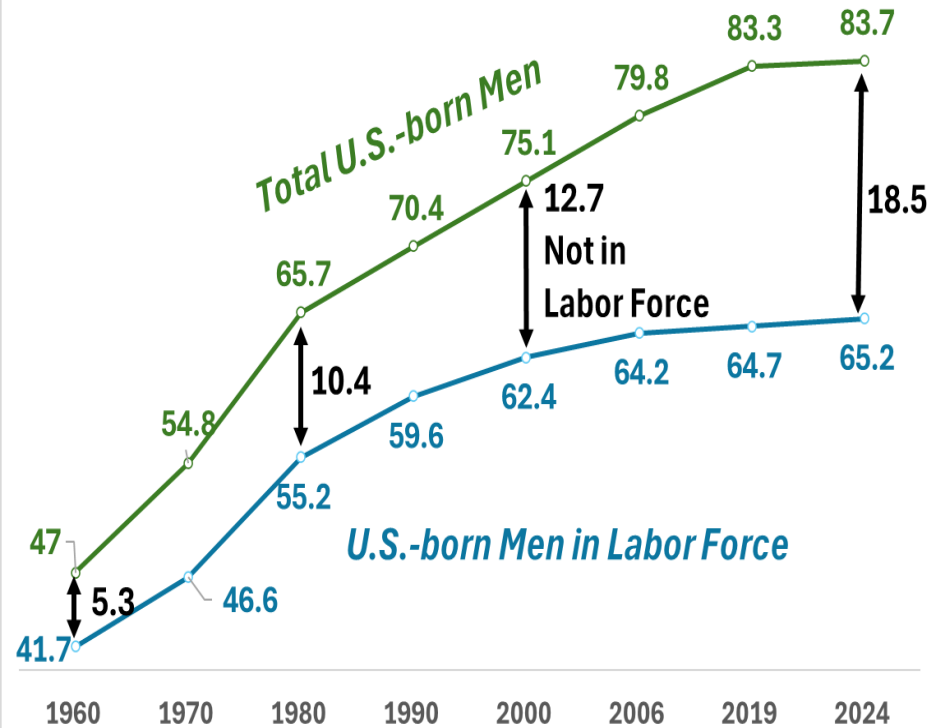


# Figure 6. Labor force participation has deteriorated dramatically for less-educated

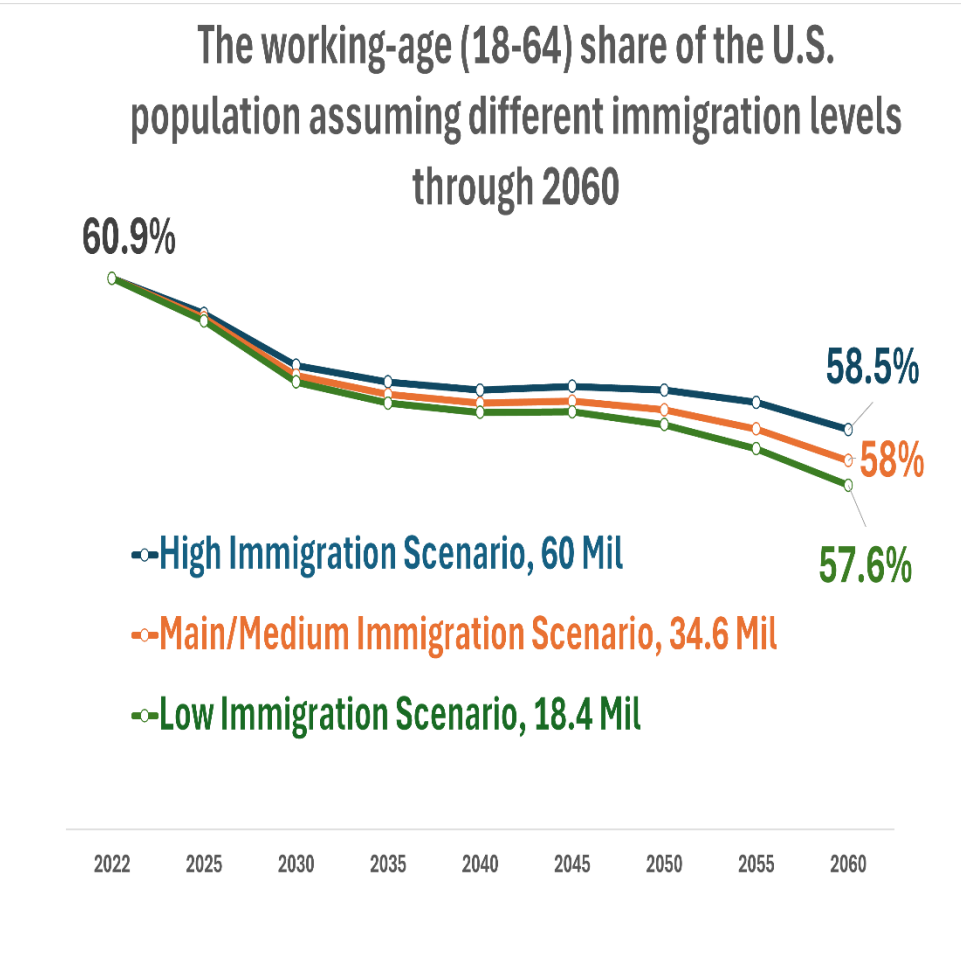
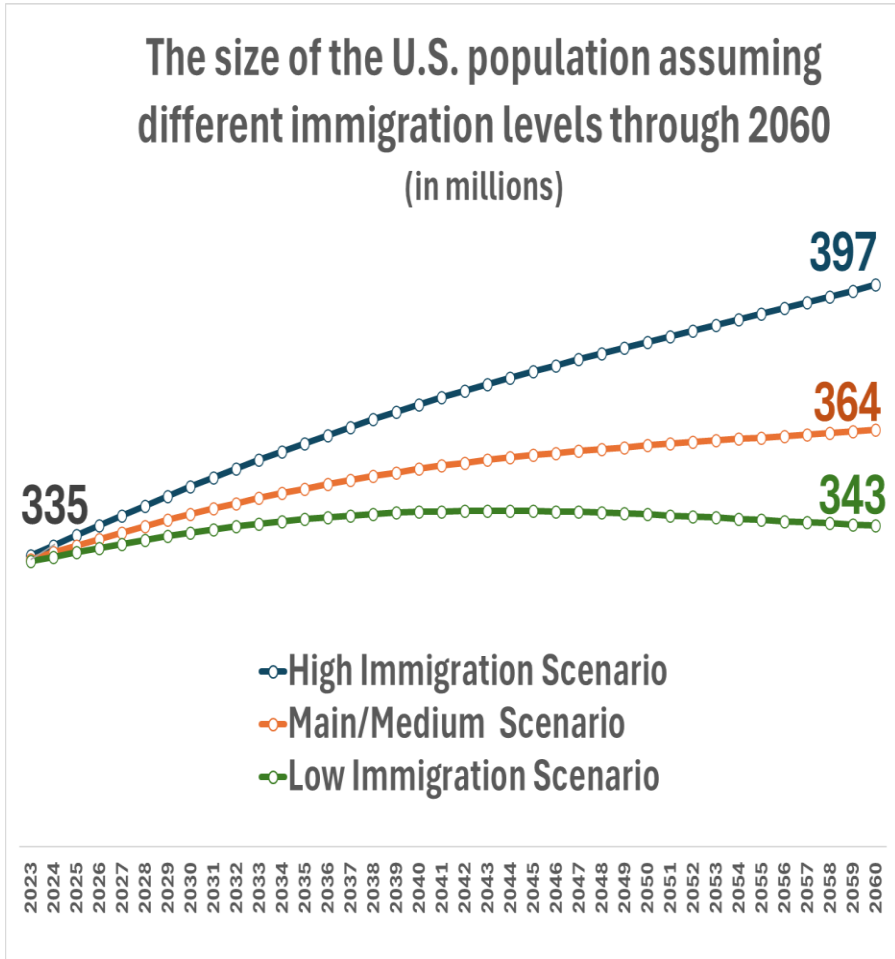
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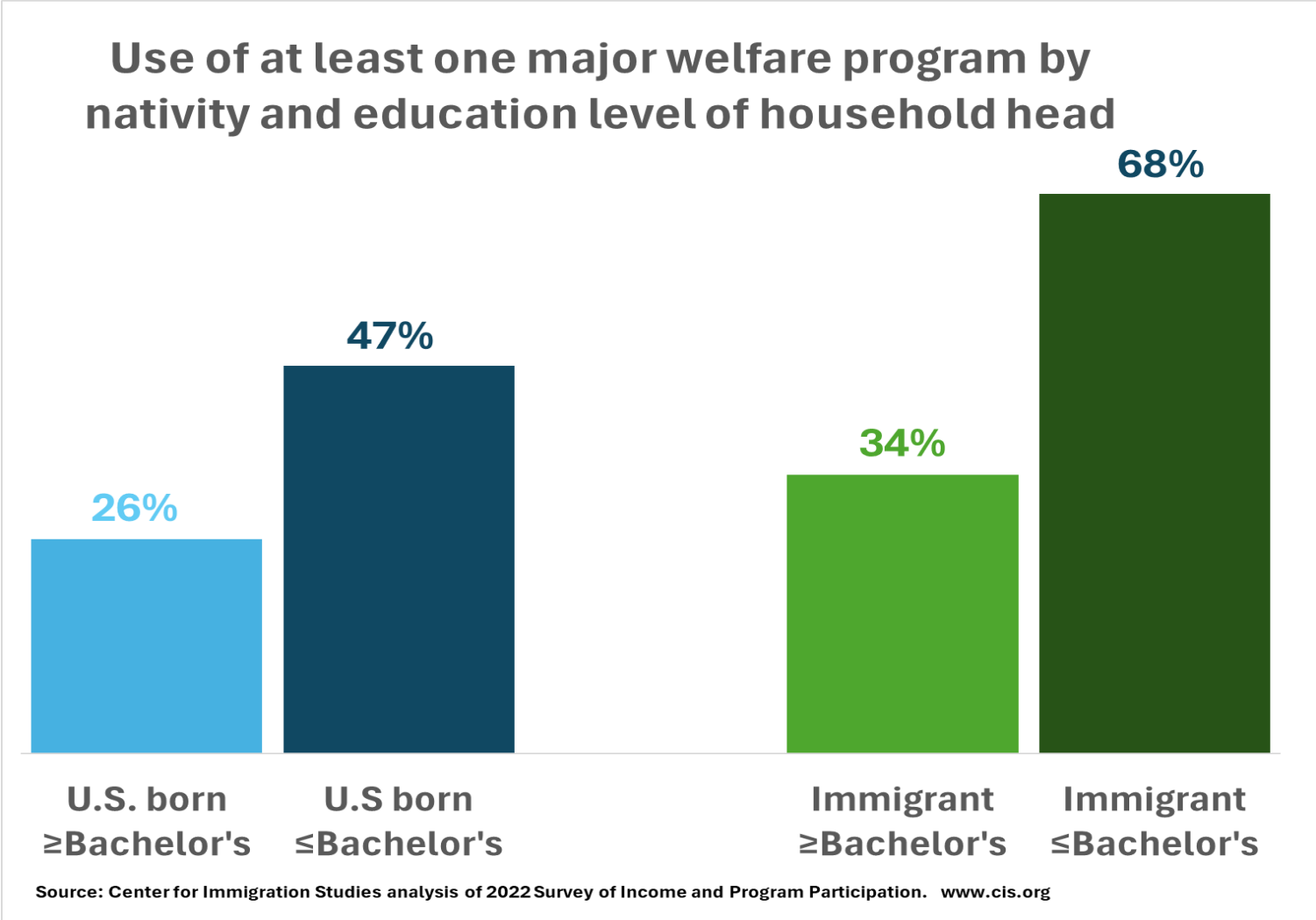
The number of U.S.-born men (16 to 64) not in the labor force has increased dramatically (in millions)



# Figure 8. Census Bureau projections: immigration adds a lot of people, but no fix for aging society



# Figure 9. Use of public services varies significantly by education level



# Ways to May Enforce Immigration Law

- **Focus on those with final order of removal**
  - ~1.4 million
- **Force jails to honor detainers**
  - Sanctuary jurisdictions release criminal aliens
  - Administration likely to try to withhold funds
- **Increase worksite enforcement actions**
  - May involve raids, review of employee records
  - Reduce access to banks, licenses, etc.
- **May use military for support**
  - Detention, transportation, and infrastructure

# Conclusion

- **Current level of immigration is unprecedented.**
- **Recent decline in education is worrisome.**
- **New administration will increase enforcement**
- **Goal: remove illegal immigrants & increase outmigration**
- **Cost of enforcement:** 1) administrative costs; 2) higher wages and prices; 3) breaking up families
- **Benefits:** 1) higher wages for less-educated; 2) draw men into labor force; 3) save taxpayers money; 4) restore rule of law; 5) reduce numbers and facilitate assimilation