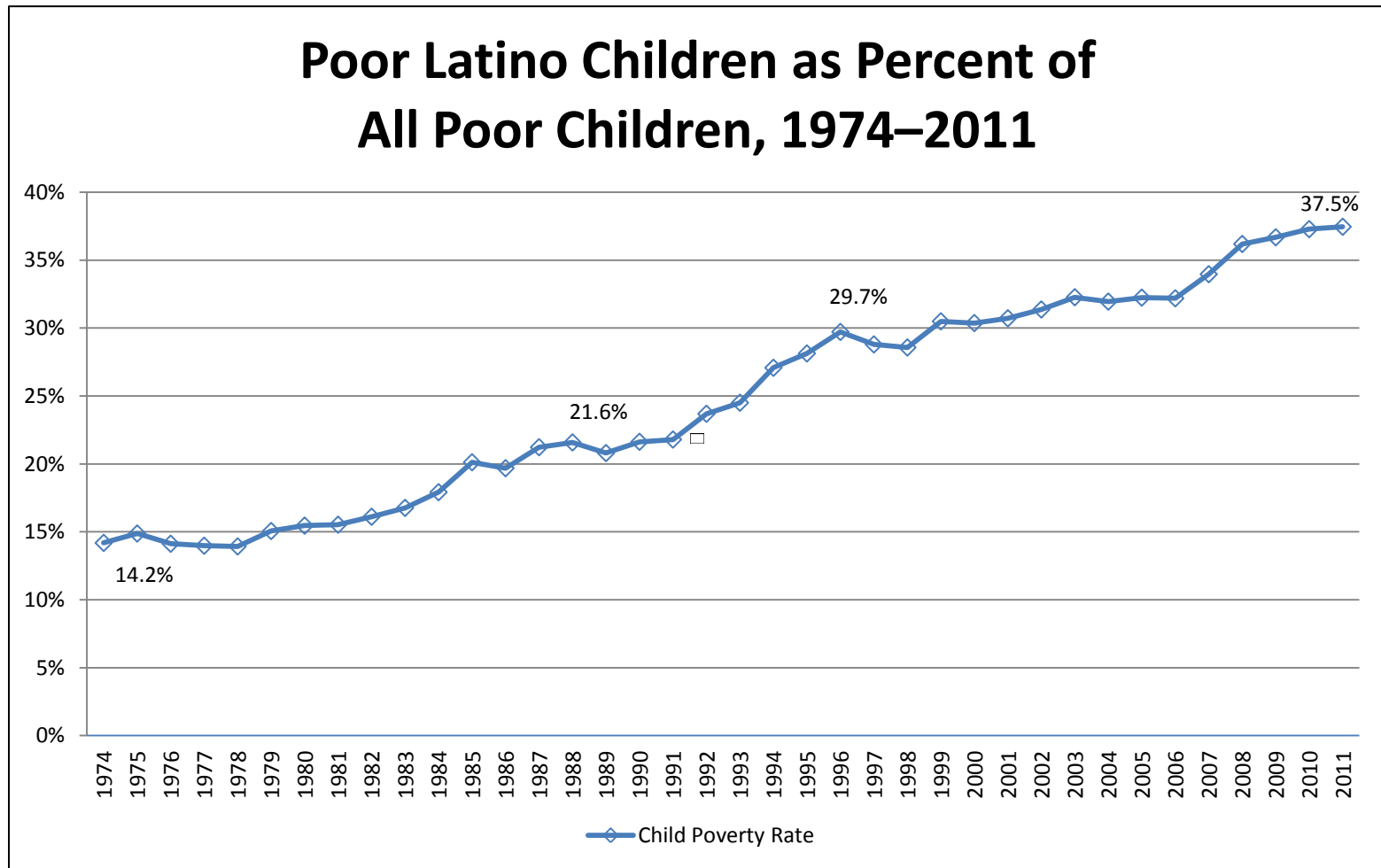


# Latino Child Poverty Overview 2012

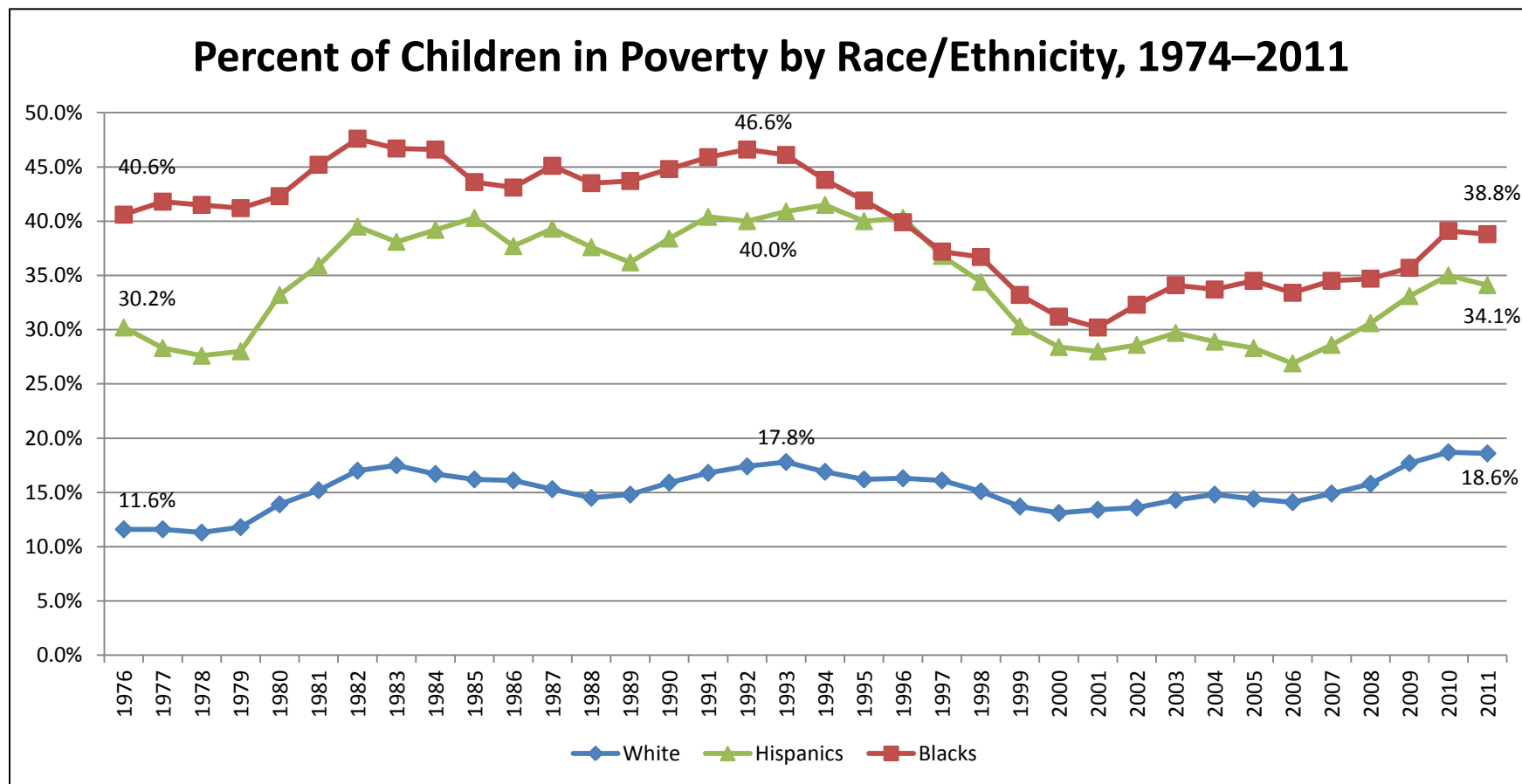
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Latinos\* compose a growing share of all poor children in the U.S. In 2011, there were 15.5 million poor children in the U.S. and 5.8 million (37.5%) were Hispanic. The projection is that this share will continue to grow.



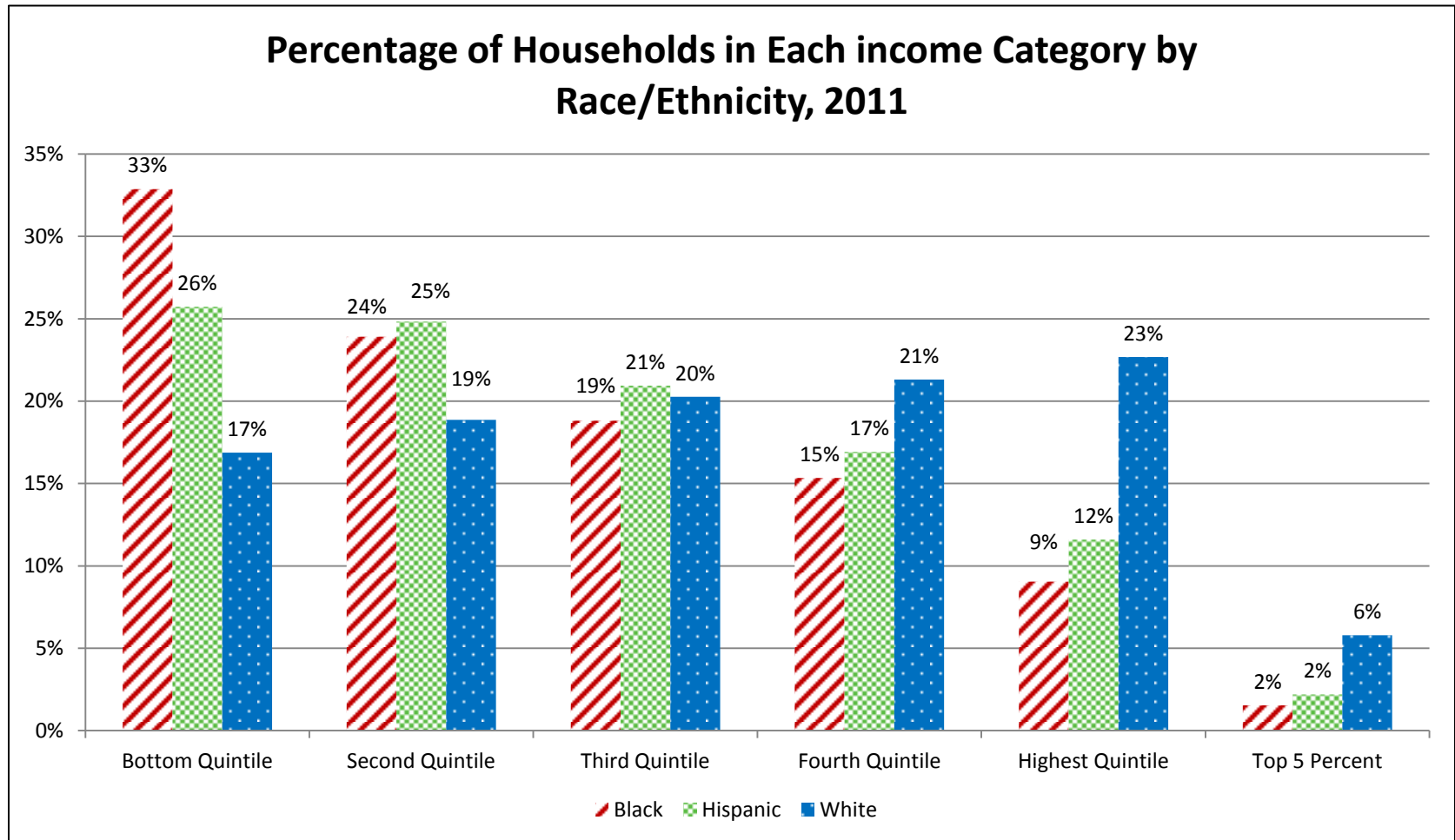
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Historical Poverty Tables." *Current Population Survey*. Washington, DC, 2011, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/historical/people.html> (accessed October 2012), Table 11.

The recent recession drove the Latino child poverty rate up to its highest level in 14 years. Between 2010 and 2011, as the economy improved, the Latino child poverty rate fell for the first time since 2006.



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Historical Poverty Tables." *Current Population Survey*. Washington, DC, 2011, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/historical/people.html> (accessed October 2012), Table 3.

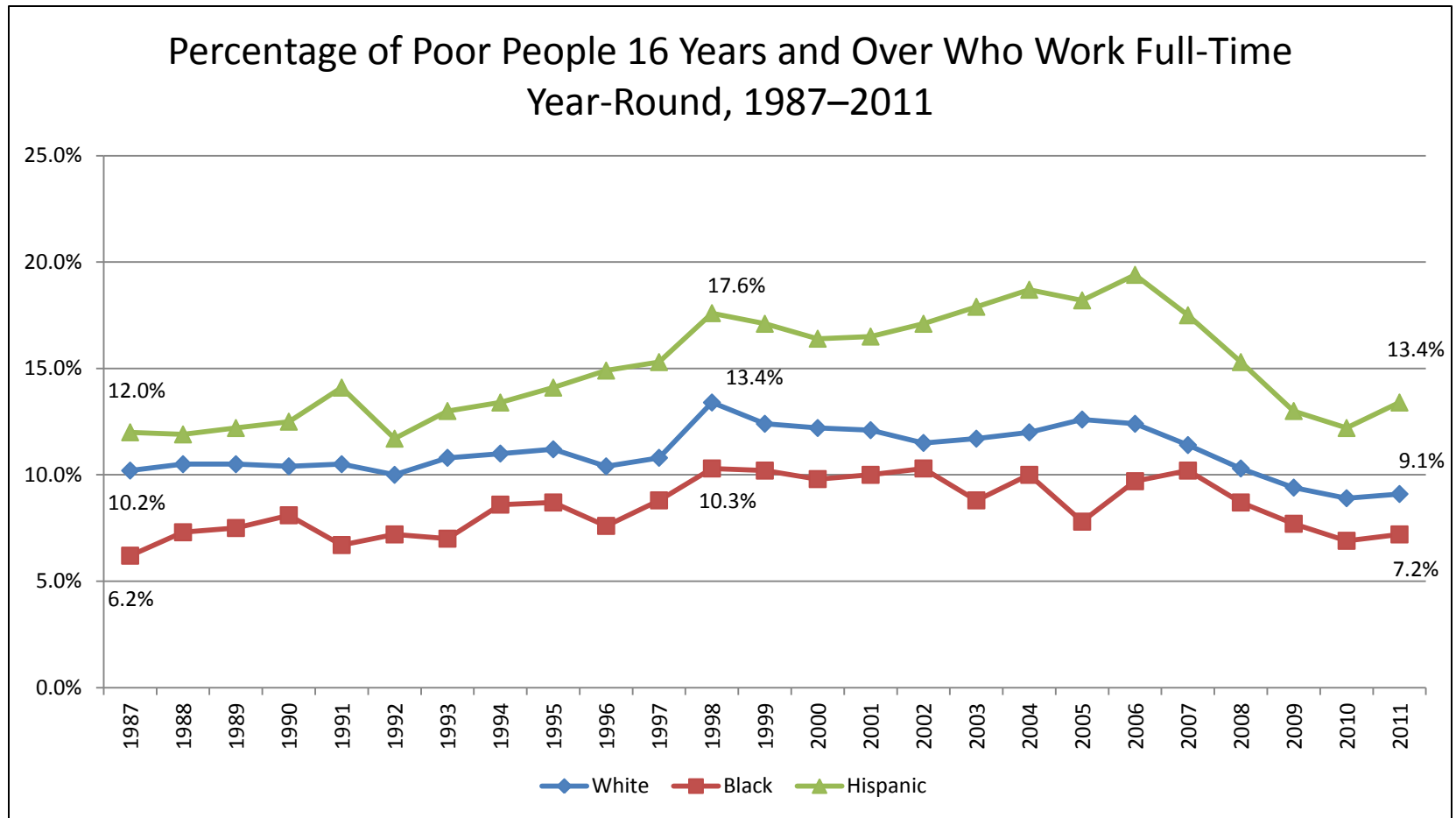
Hispanic and Black households are more likely to be in the bottom two income quintiles compared to White households. Median household income for Hispanics was \$38,624 in 2011.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplement." *Current Population Survey*.

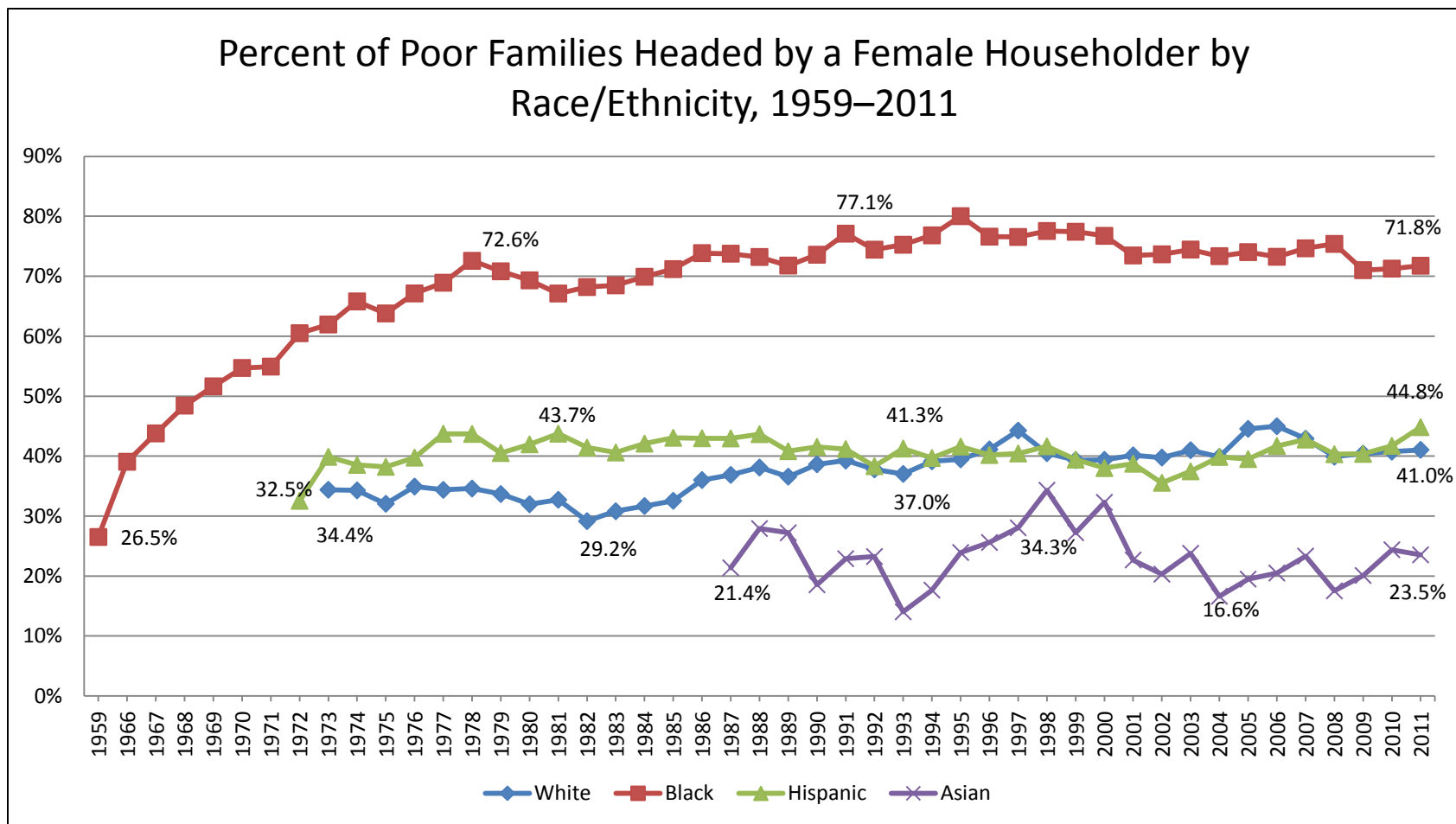
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Poor Latinos are more likely than other groups to be working full-time year-round.



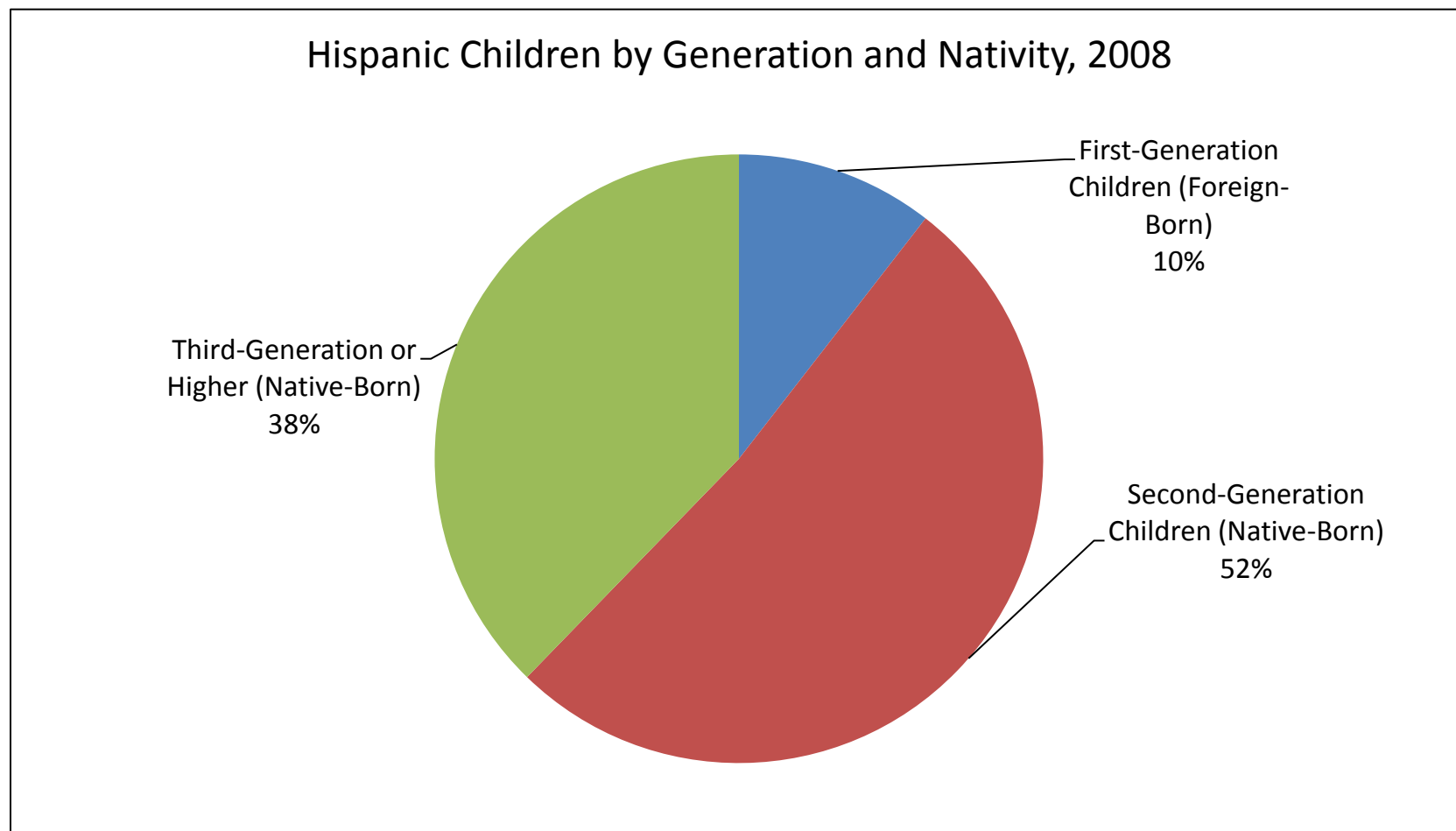
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The percent of poor Latino families who are headed by female householders has remained fairly constant since 1974.



Source: NCLR calculation using U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Historical Poverty Tables." *Current Population Survey*. Washington, DC, 2012, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/historical/people.html> (accessed October 2012), Table 2.

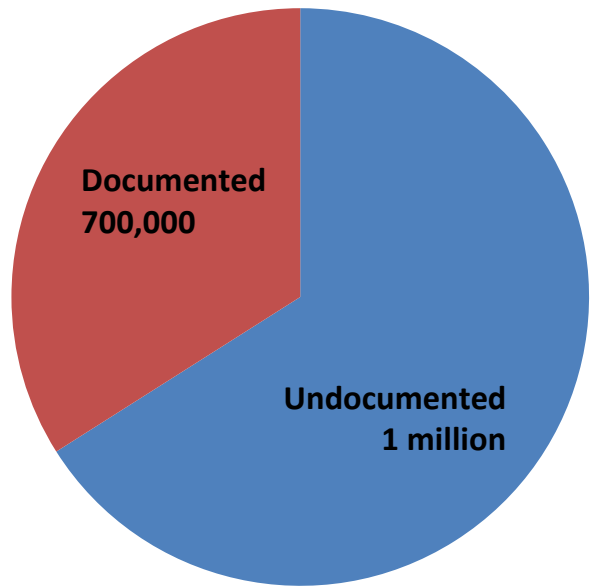
There are 17.6 million Hispanic children as of 2011. In 2008, 89% were native-born and 10% were foreign-born. Second-generation children outnumber third-generation children in 2008.



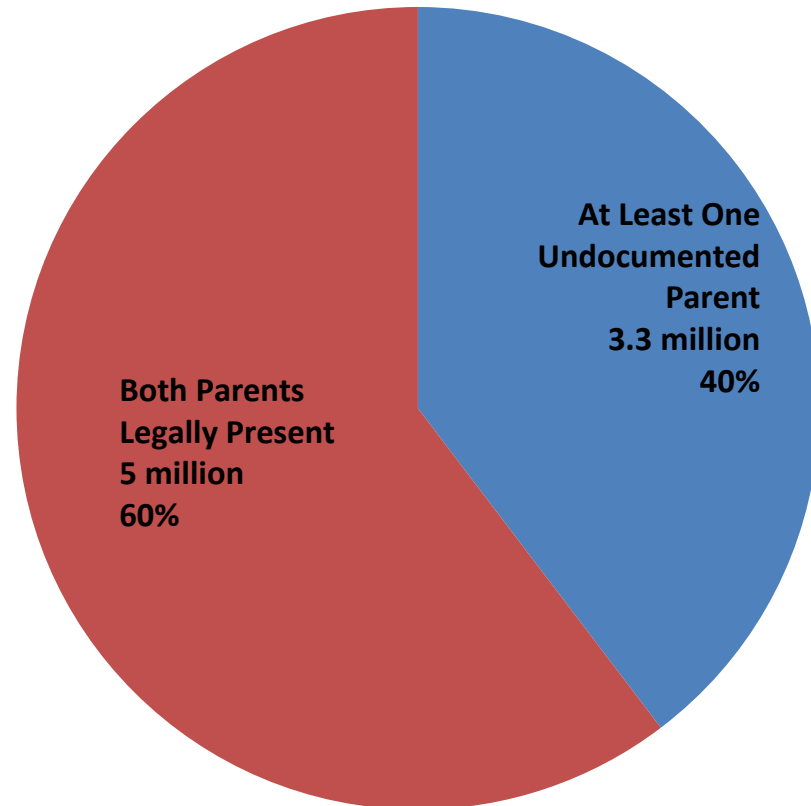
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Of the 1.7 million immigrant Latino children, two-thirds (one million) were undocumented in 2008. Of the 8.2 million second-generation Latino children, 3.3 million (40%) have at least one undocumented parent. For five million (60%), both parents are legally present (documented) immigrants.

First Generation

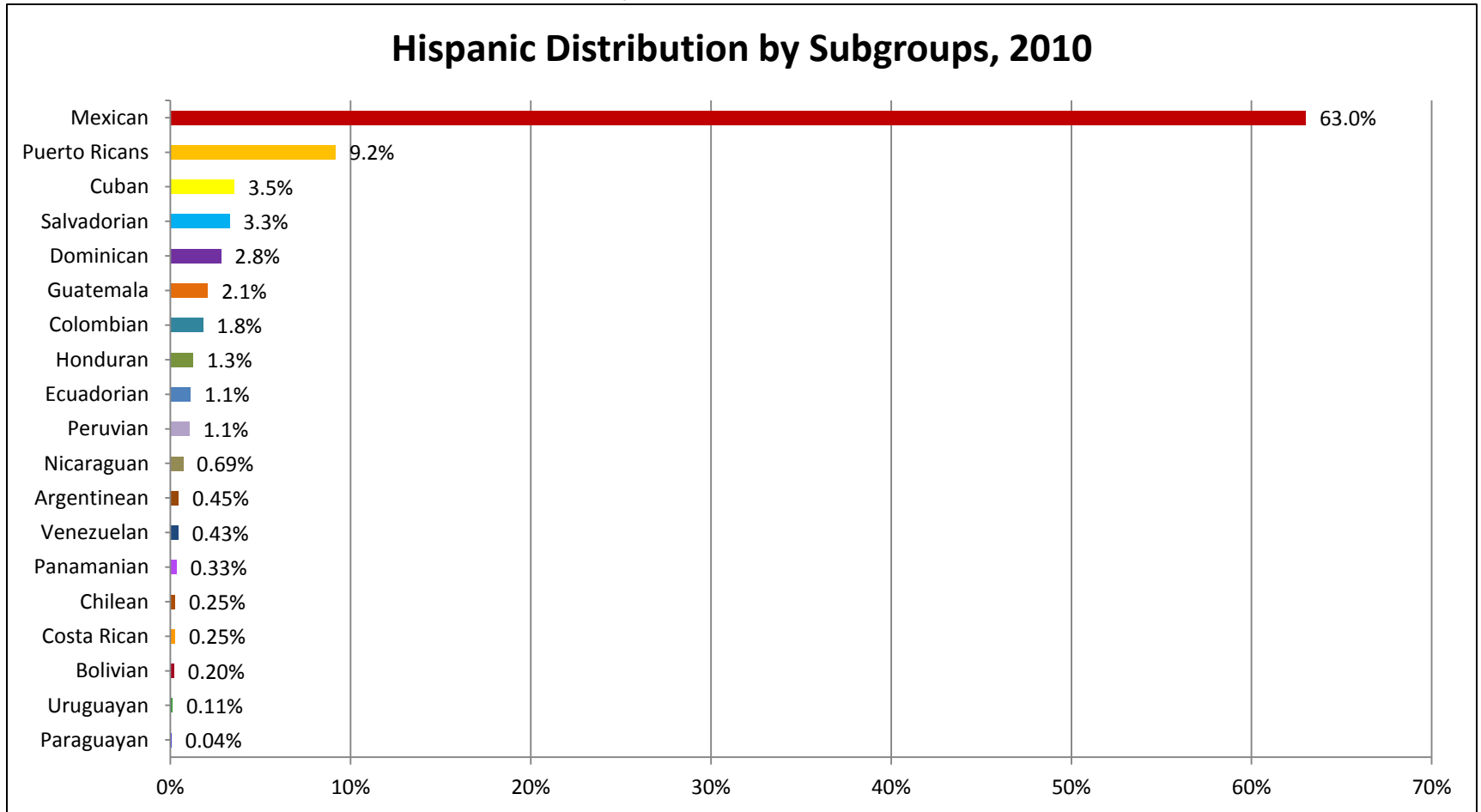


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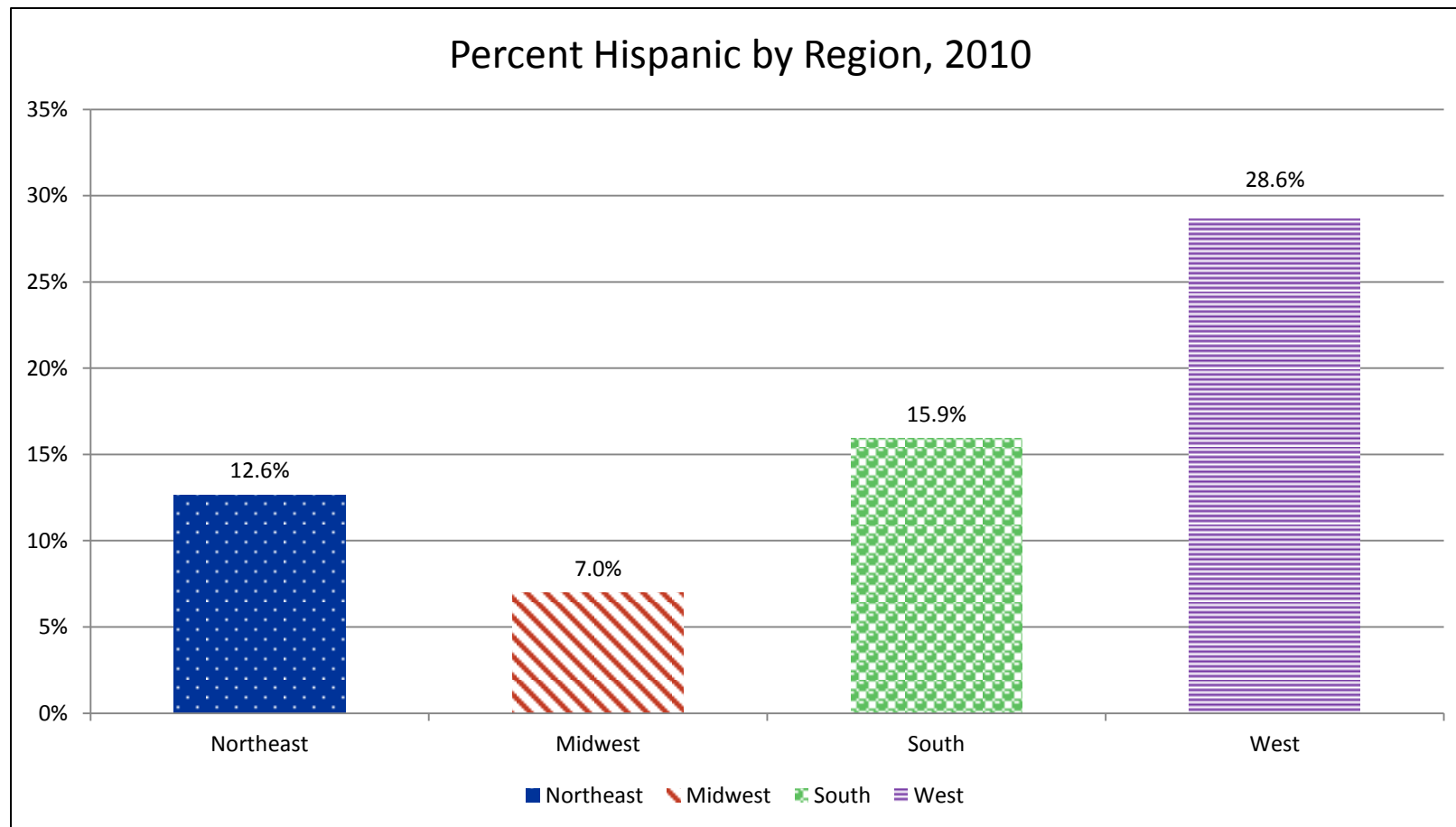
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In 2010, there were 50 million Hispanics in the U.S. Two out of every three Hispanics are of Mexican descent. The next largest Hispanic subgroups are Puerto Rican, Cuban and Salvadoran.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Hispanic or Latino Origin Population by Type: 2000 and 2010 ." *Current Population Survey*. Ethnicity and Ancestry Statistics Branch Population Division. Washington, DC, <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-04.pdf> (accessed October 2012).

Certain regions in the United States have a larger share of the population that is of Hispanic origin than other regions.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "The Hispanic Population: 2010." *Current Population Survey*. Hispanic or Latino Population for the United States, Region, and States, and for Puerto Rico: 2000 and 2010. Washington, DC, <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-04.pdf> (accessed October 2010). Table 2.

# Thank you for your interest



*\* The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably by the U.S. Census Bureau and throughout this document to refer to persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, Dominican, Spanish, and other Hispanic descent; they may be of any race.*