

The New Generational Future of LA County

How Different is the Outlook for
South Bay Cities?

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Revolutionary Changes

Continued Slow Population Growth

Immigration Turnaround:

Foreign Born Peaked or Declining

Generation Transformation:

Declining Number of Children

A Soaring Senior Ratio

Homegrown Revolution:

New Importance of Investing in Children

Demographic Assumptions

are Core to Public Beliefs about Taxation
and
Broader California Policy
Narratives

**Are the Old Trends Still an Accurate
Guide for the Future?**

Reversal of Outlooks

1990 Outlook

Growth booming out
of control

Accelerated immigration

High fertility, too many kids

Growth coming from outside:
foreign lands and other states

2010 and beyond

Slow steady increase

Diminished immigration,
even during good economy

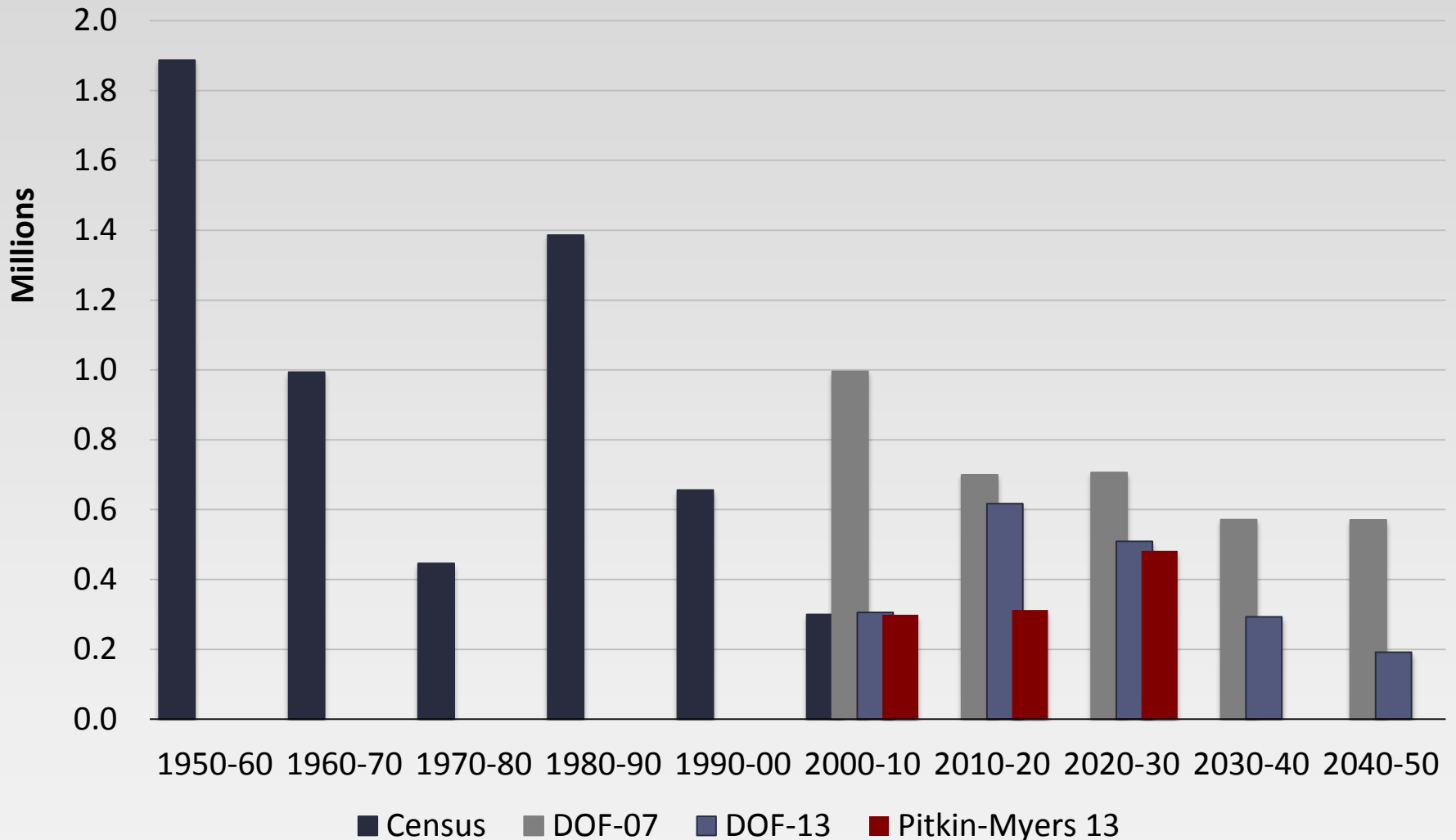
Reduced fertility, and
a shortage of children

Growth from native
Californians: homegrown

Continuing Low Population Growth

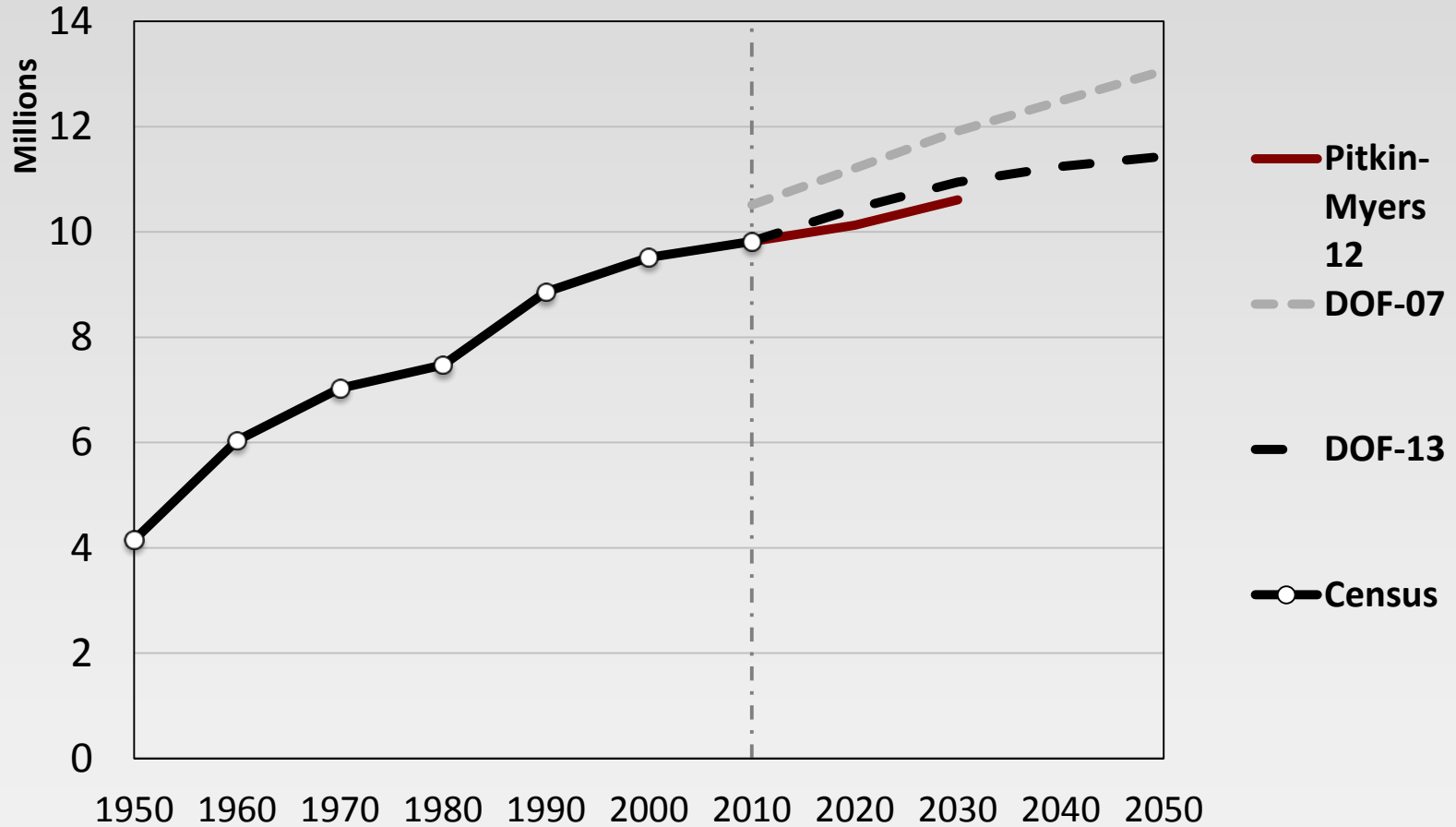
Observed and Expected Population Growth

In Los Angeles Each Decade from 1950-2050



Total Population of Los Angeles County

How Much Will Growth Resurge?



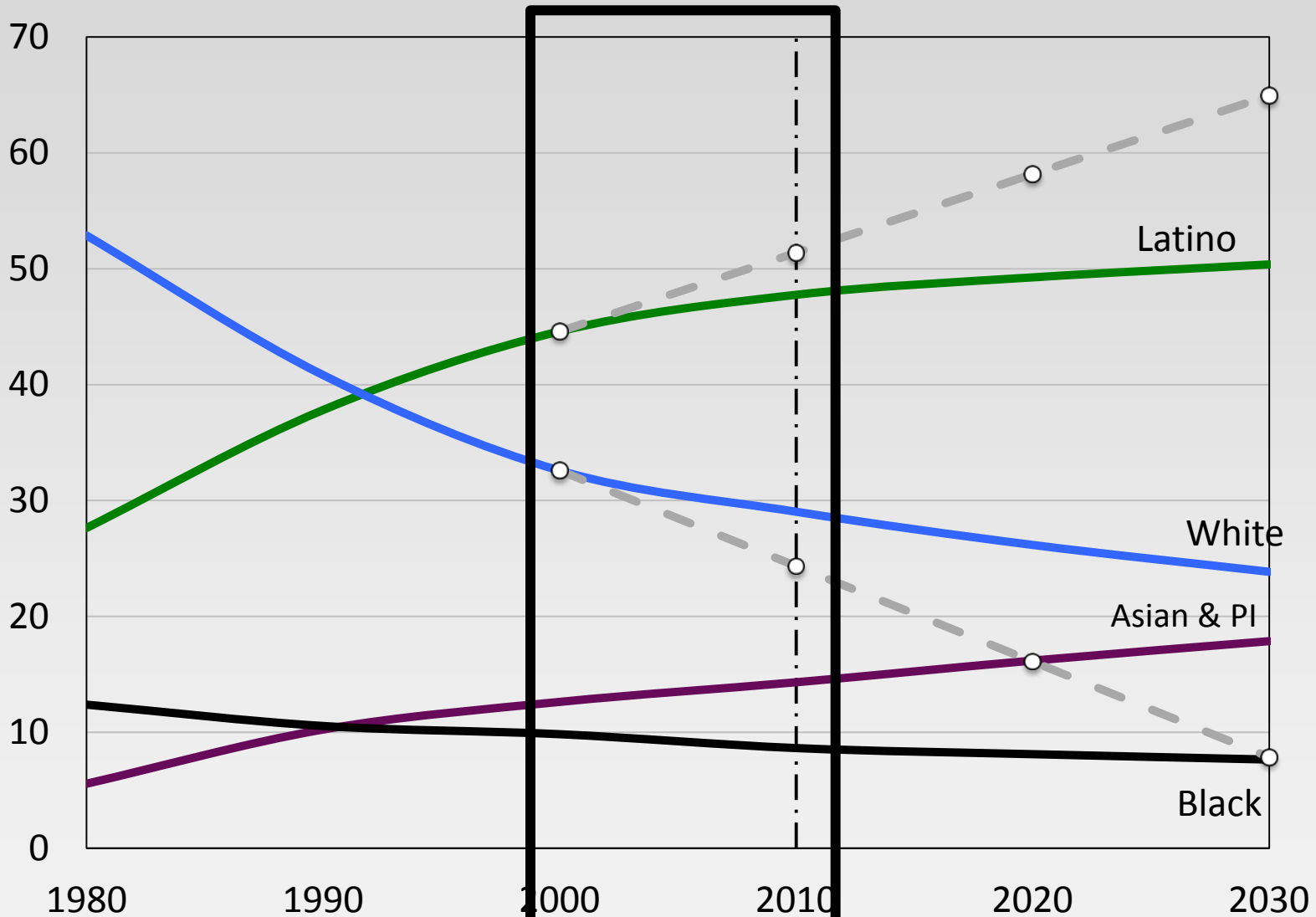
What Year Does LA County Reach 12 Million Population?

- Old Expectation = 2030
- New Outlook = after 2060

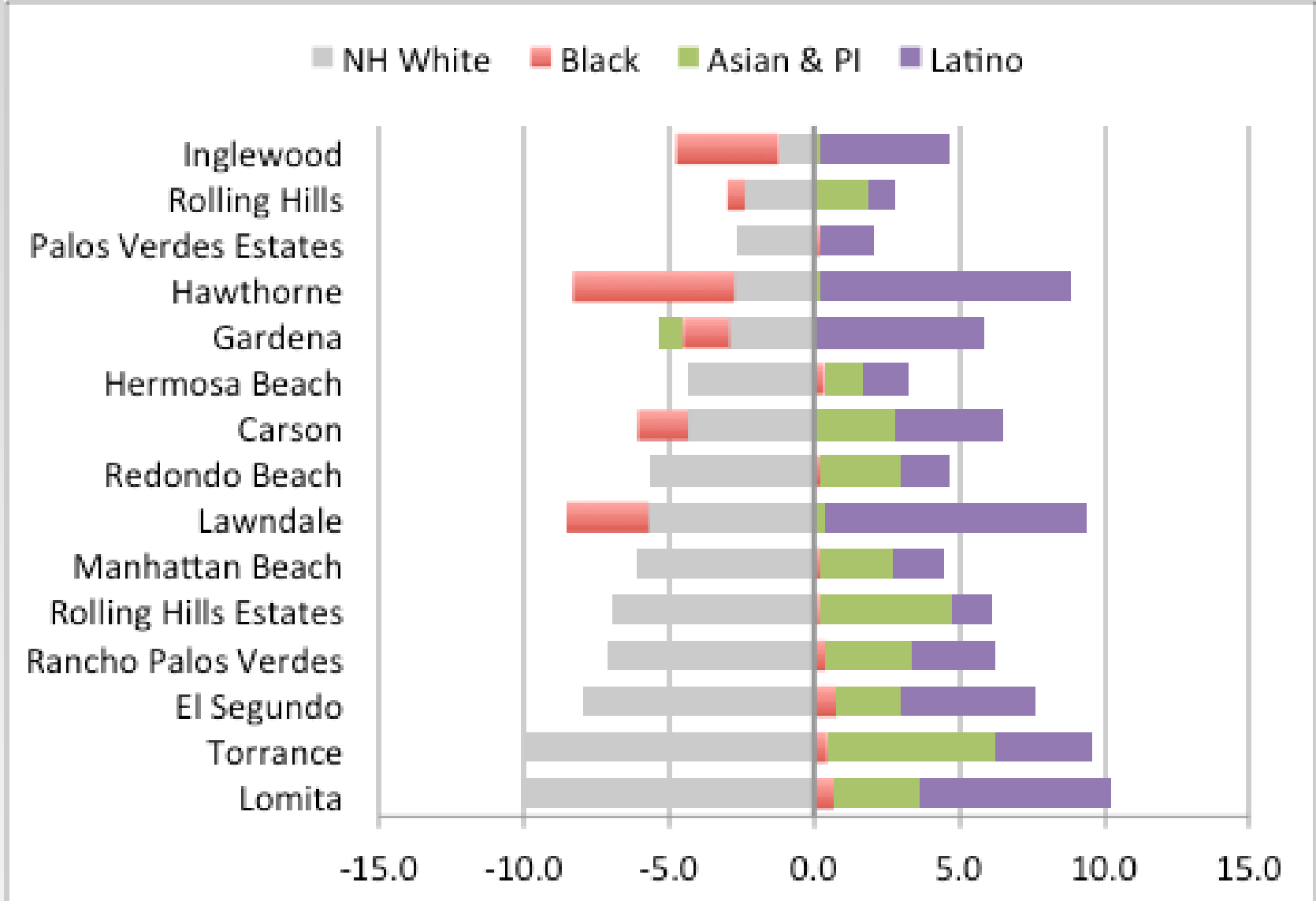
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California Department of Finance, 2007 and 2014

Racial Composition Over the Decades



Changes in Ethnic Shares of City Population



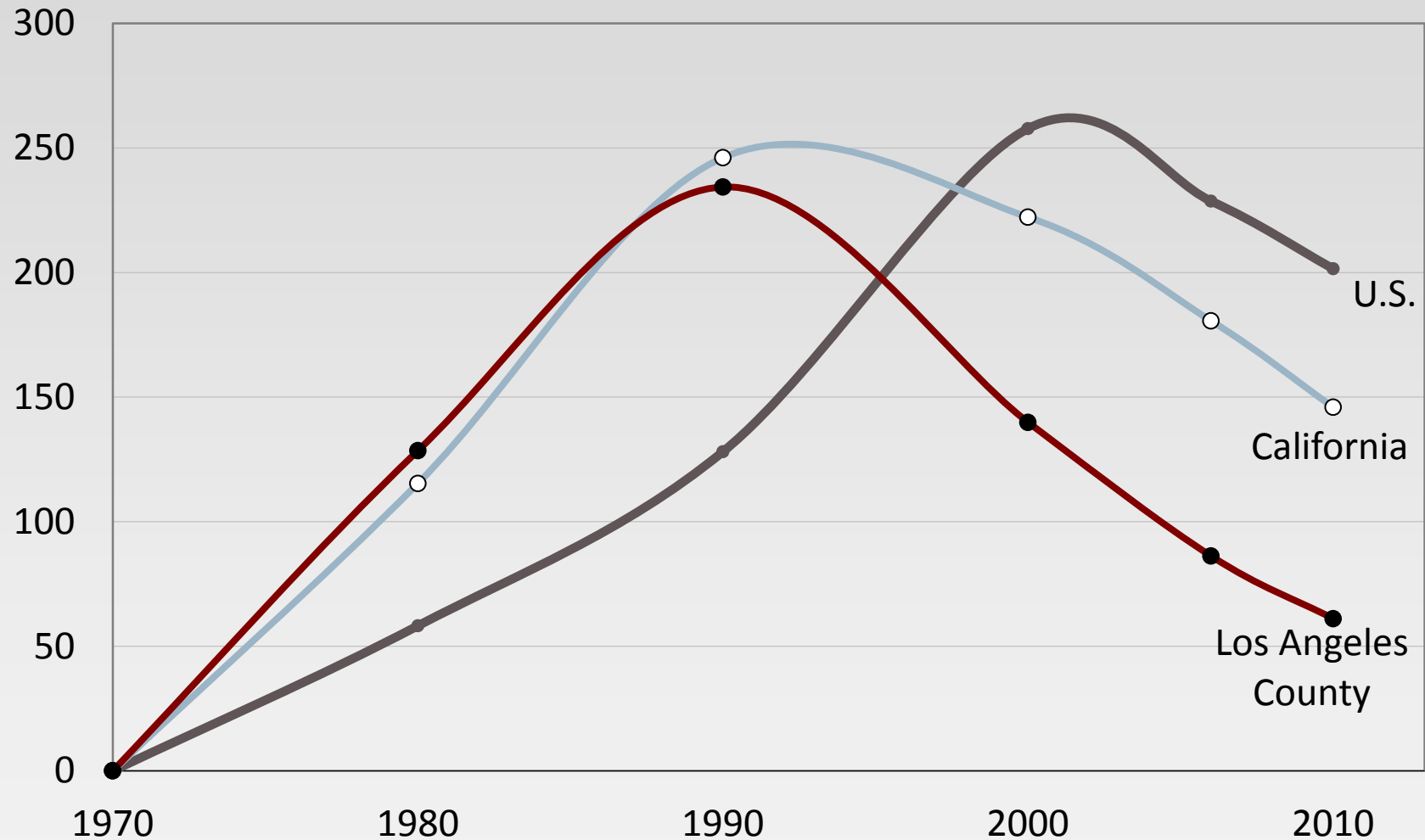
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Immigration Turnaround

Annual Immigrant Arrivals

Percentage Change in Net Flow Since 1970

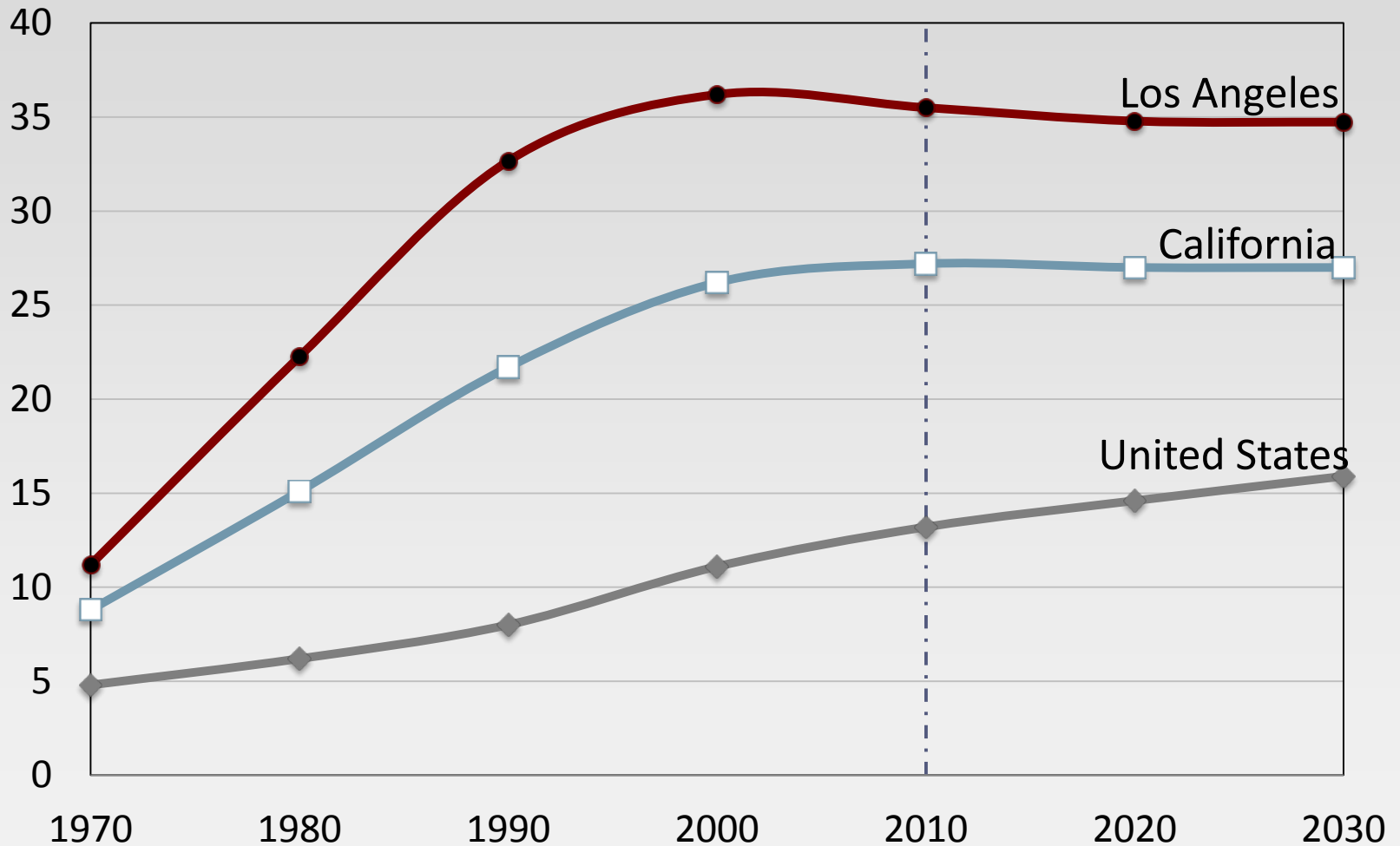


Source: U.S. Census 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000; American Community Survey 2006, 2008

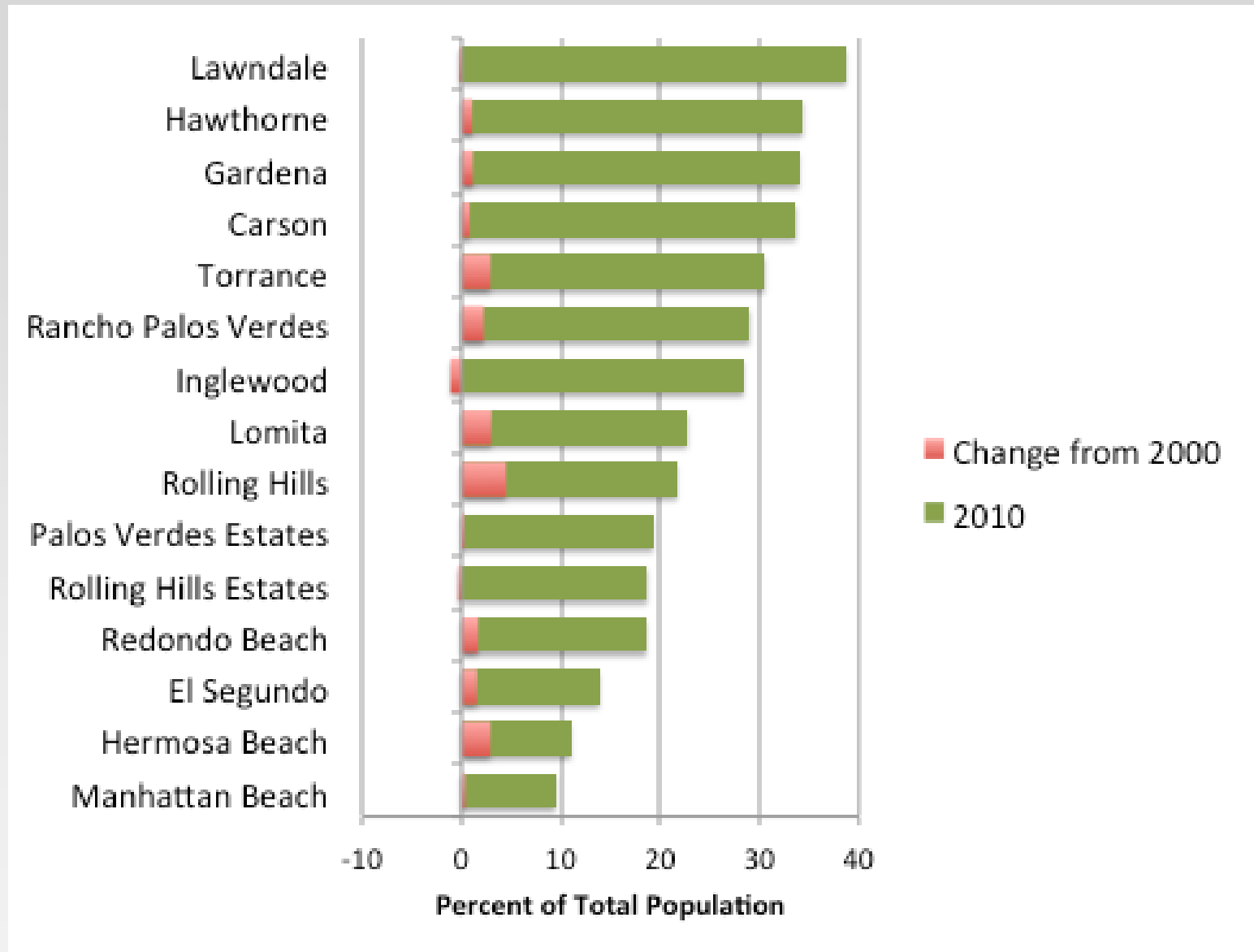
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Foreign Born Share of The Population

Leveling Off



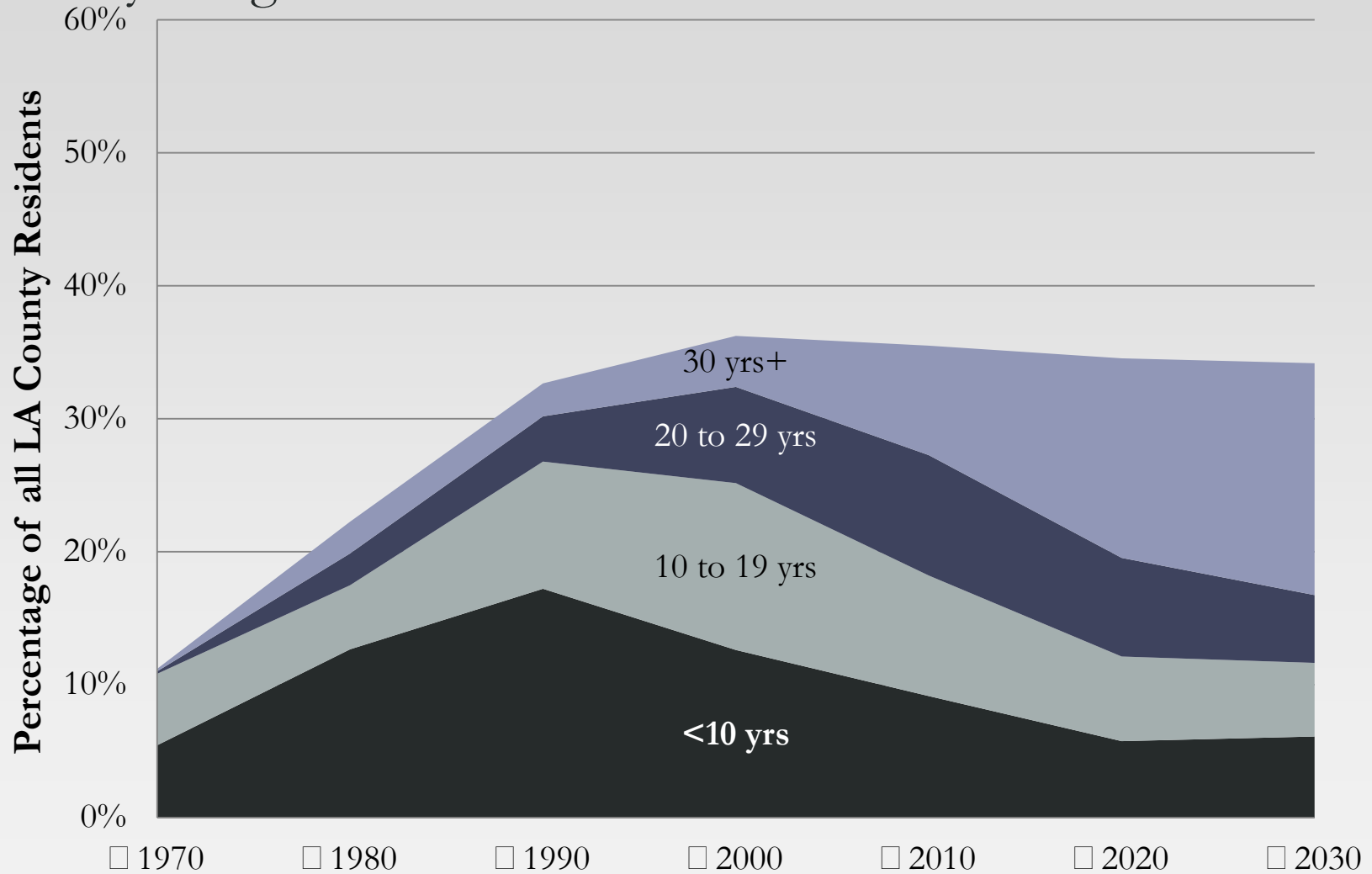
Foreign Born Share of City Population



Longer Settled Immigrant Share Rises

Foreign Born Share of All LA Residents

By Length of Time in U.S.



Reversal of Outlooks

1990 Outlook

Accelerated immigration

Most immigrants are recent arrivals

Immigrant share soaring and assumed unlimited

2010 and beyond

Diminished immigration, even during good economy

Most are long-settled immigrants & older

Immigrant share constant and stable for the future

A revolution in outlook on immigration

Generation Transformation

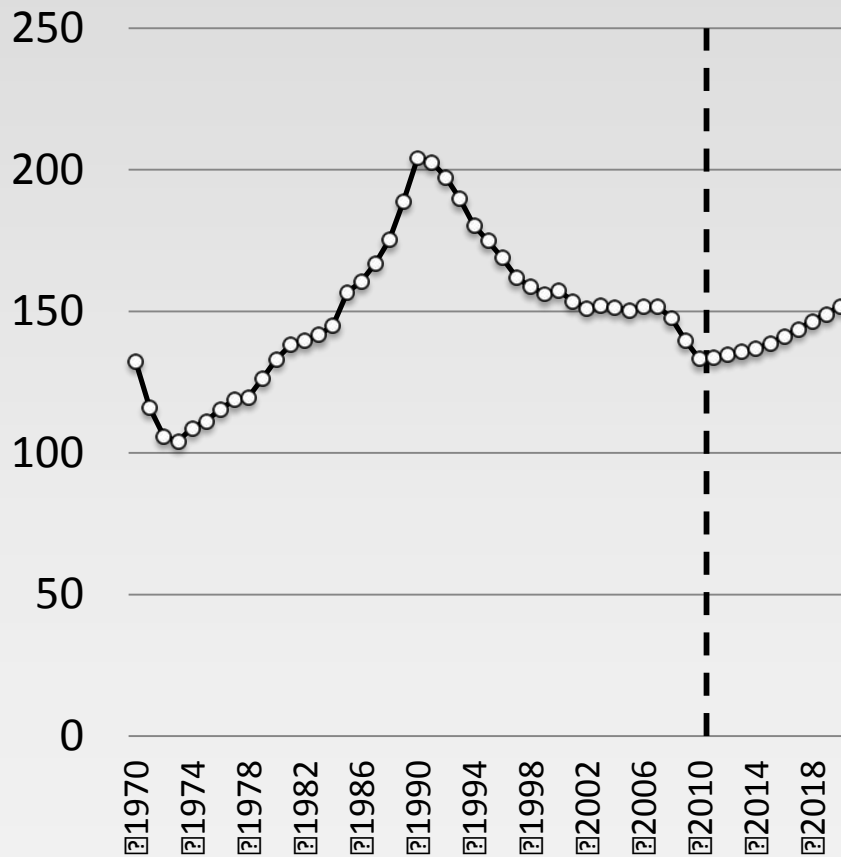
Declining Numbers of Children

Surging Numbers of Retirees

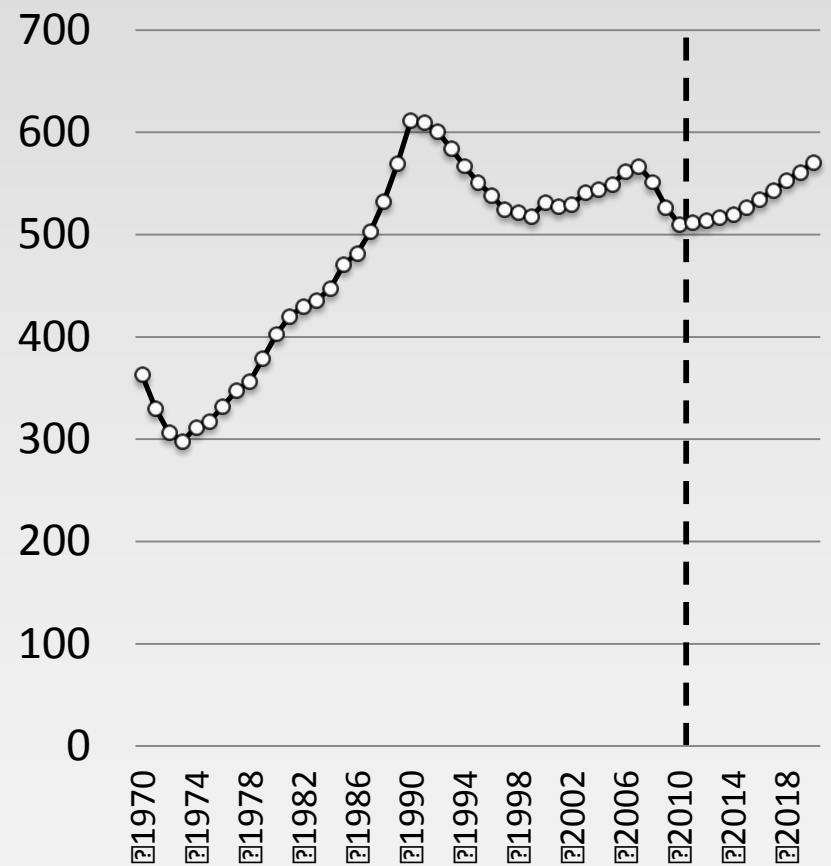
Annual Births

No longer on an Upswing after 1990

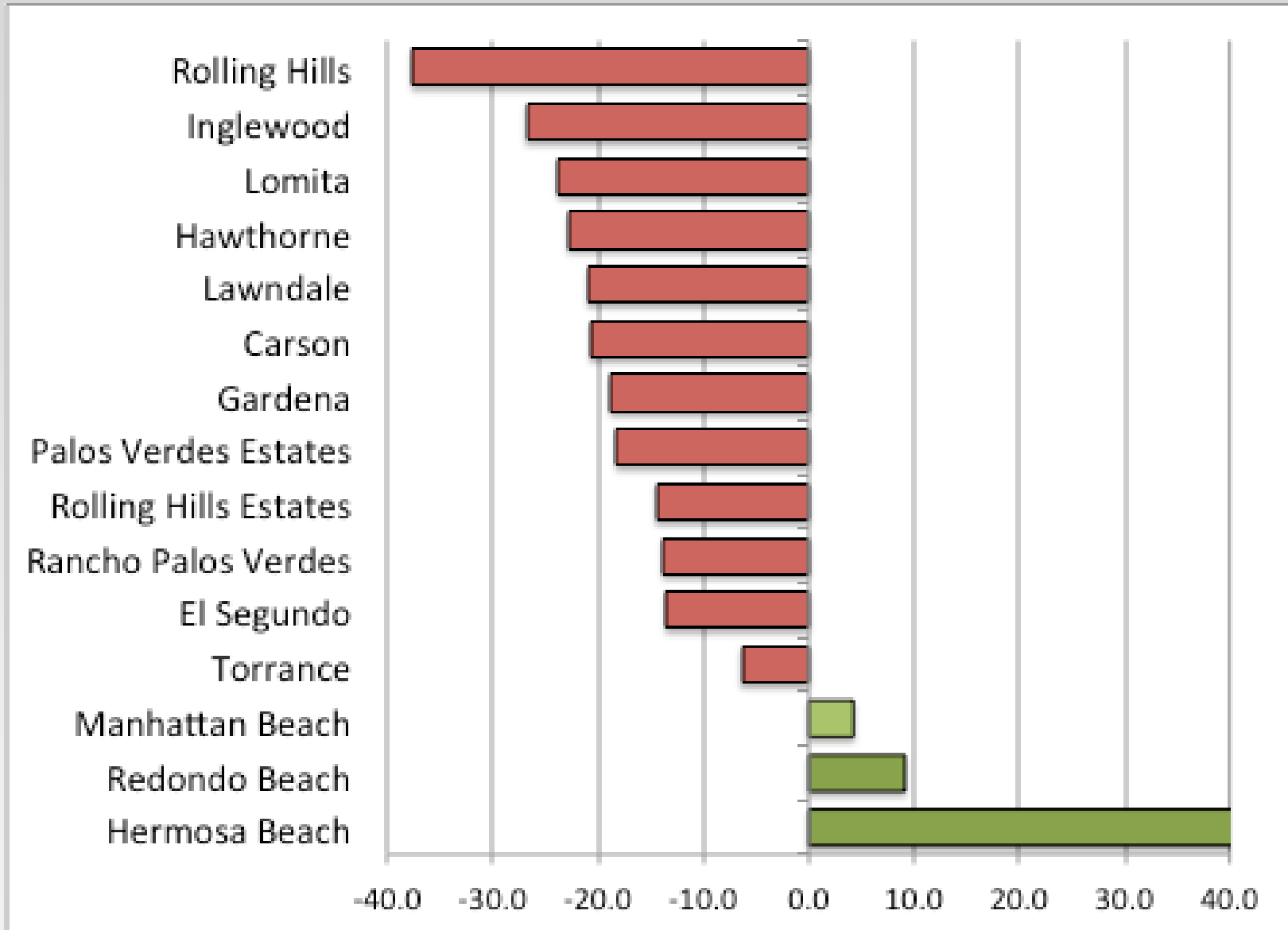
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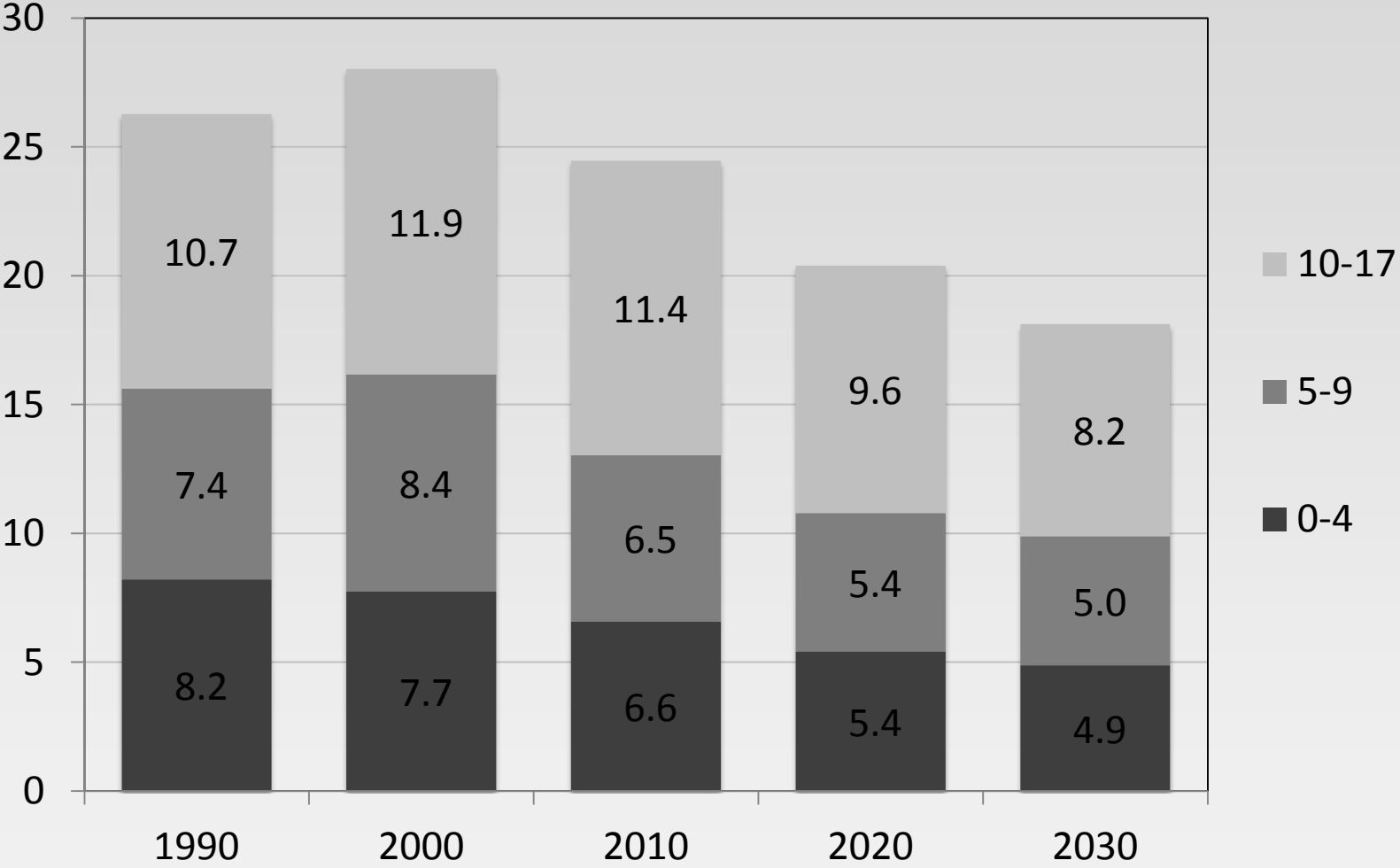
Percentage Loss/Gain of Children Under 10



Source: Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010

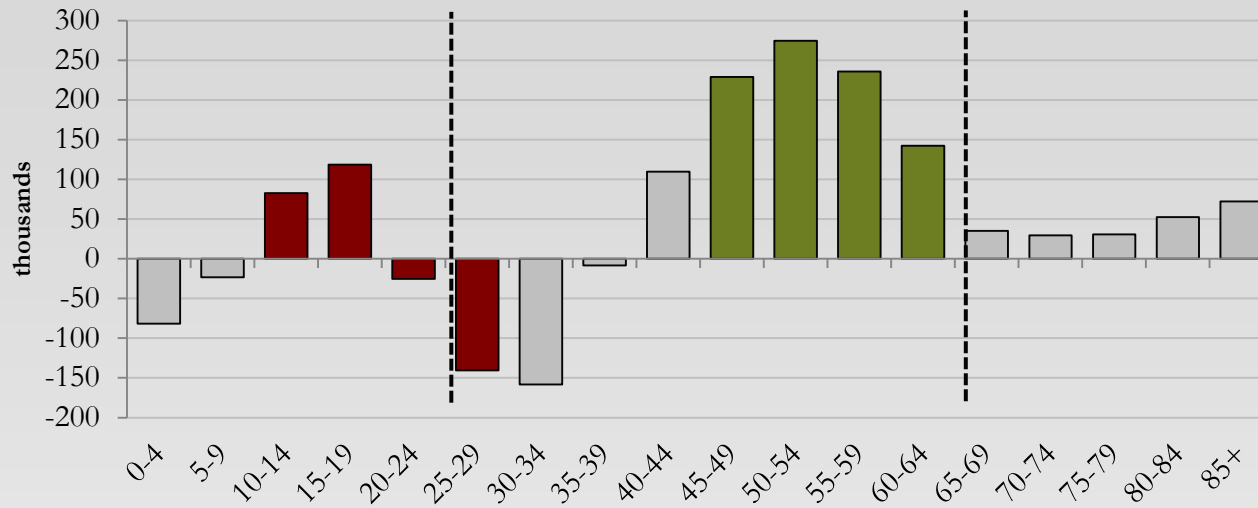
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Share of LA County Population Comprised of Children

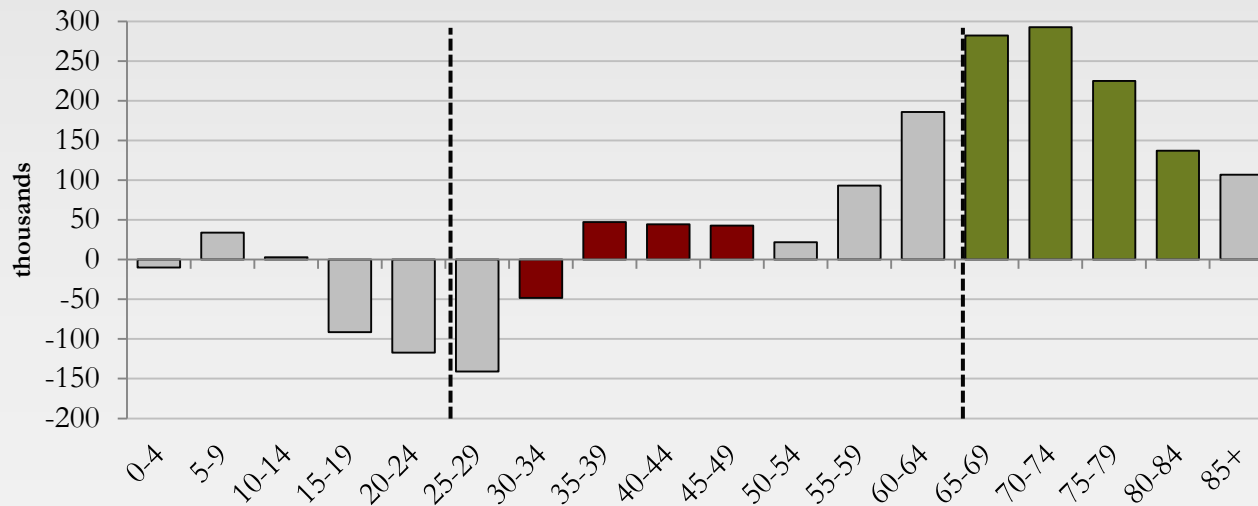


Growth by Age in LA County: Then and Now

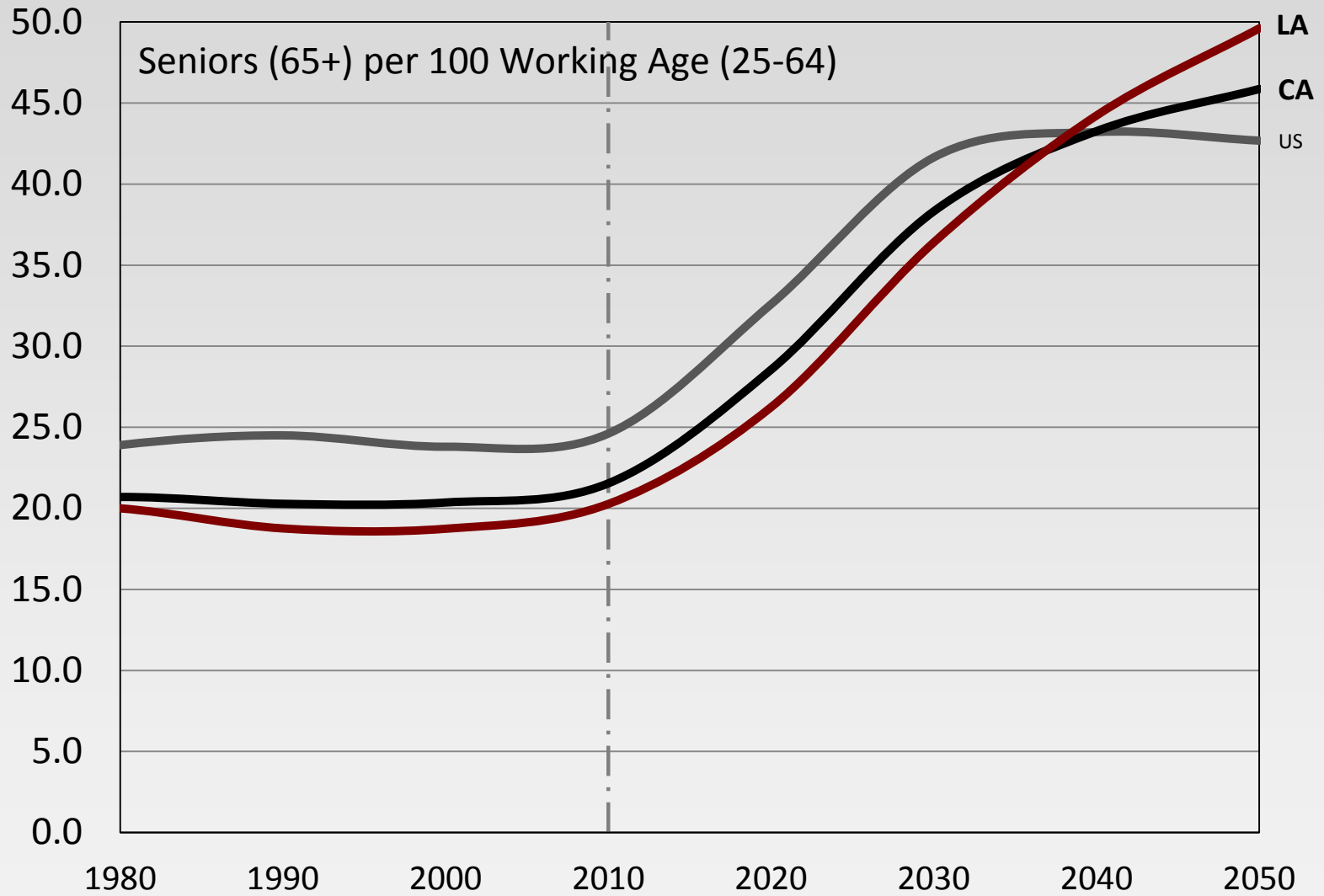
1990-2010



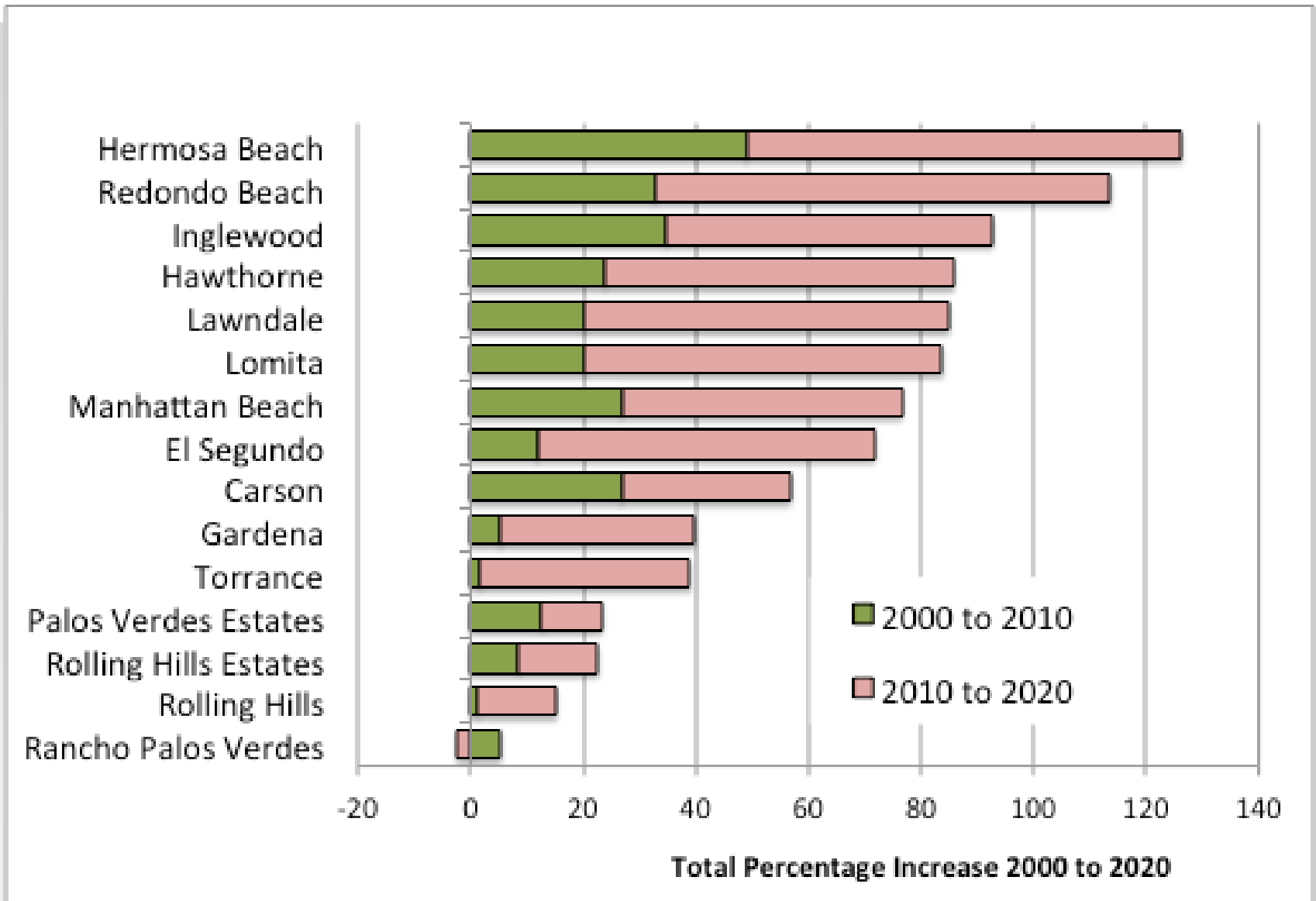
2010-2030



Senior Ratio Soars



Percentage Increase in Residents Ages 65 to 74



Reversal of Outlooks

1990 Outlook

High fertility

Too many children
A growing tax burden

Very few elderly

2010 and beyond

Reduced fertility, even
during good economy

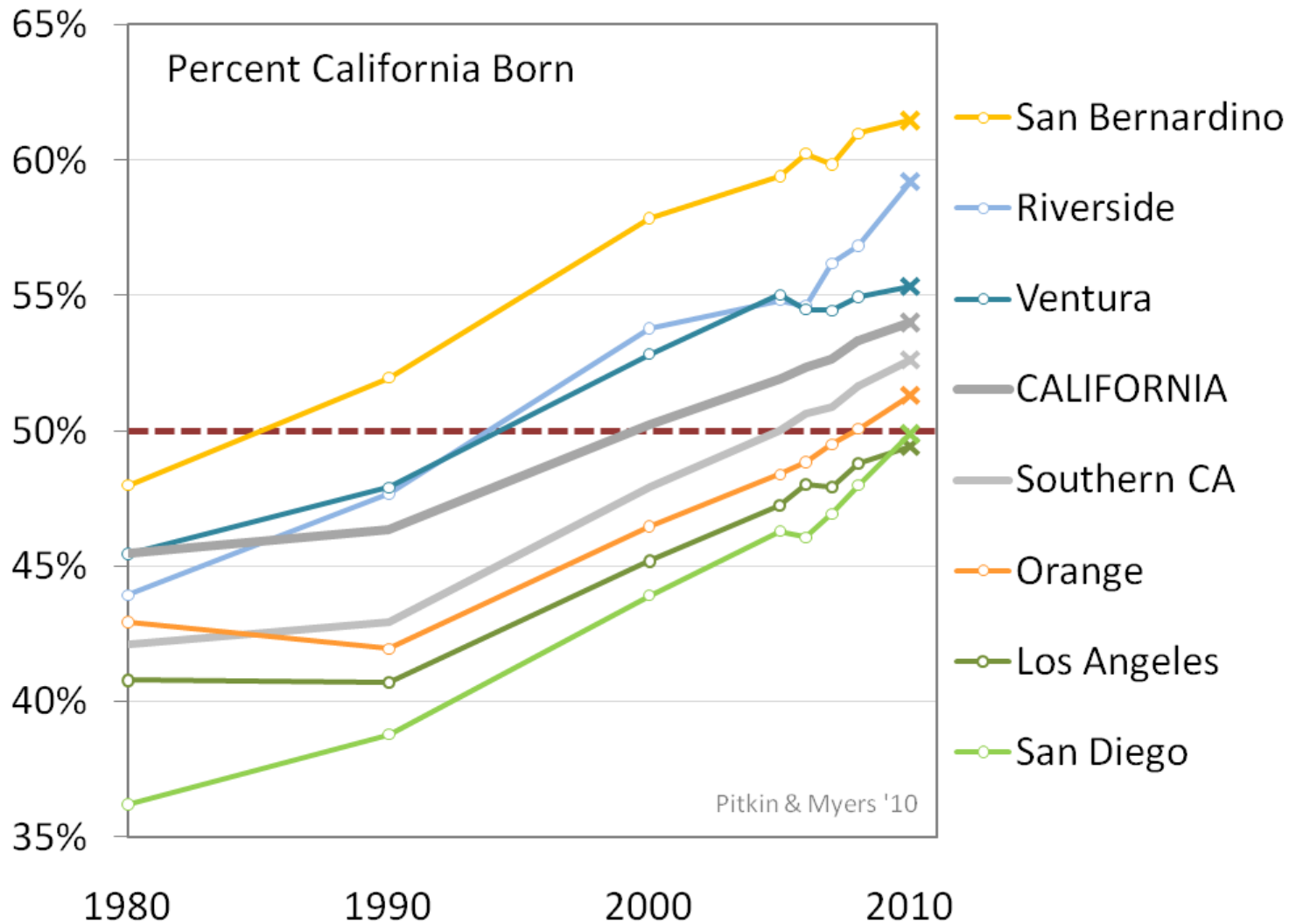
A shortage of children
Not enough taxpayers
and workers for the future

Baby Boomer tsunami
creates soaring senior ratio

A revolution in outlook on the generations

The Homegrown Revolution

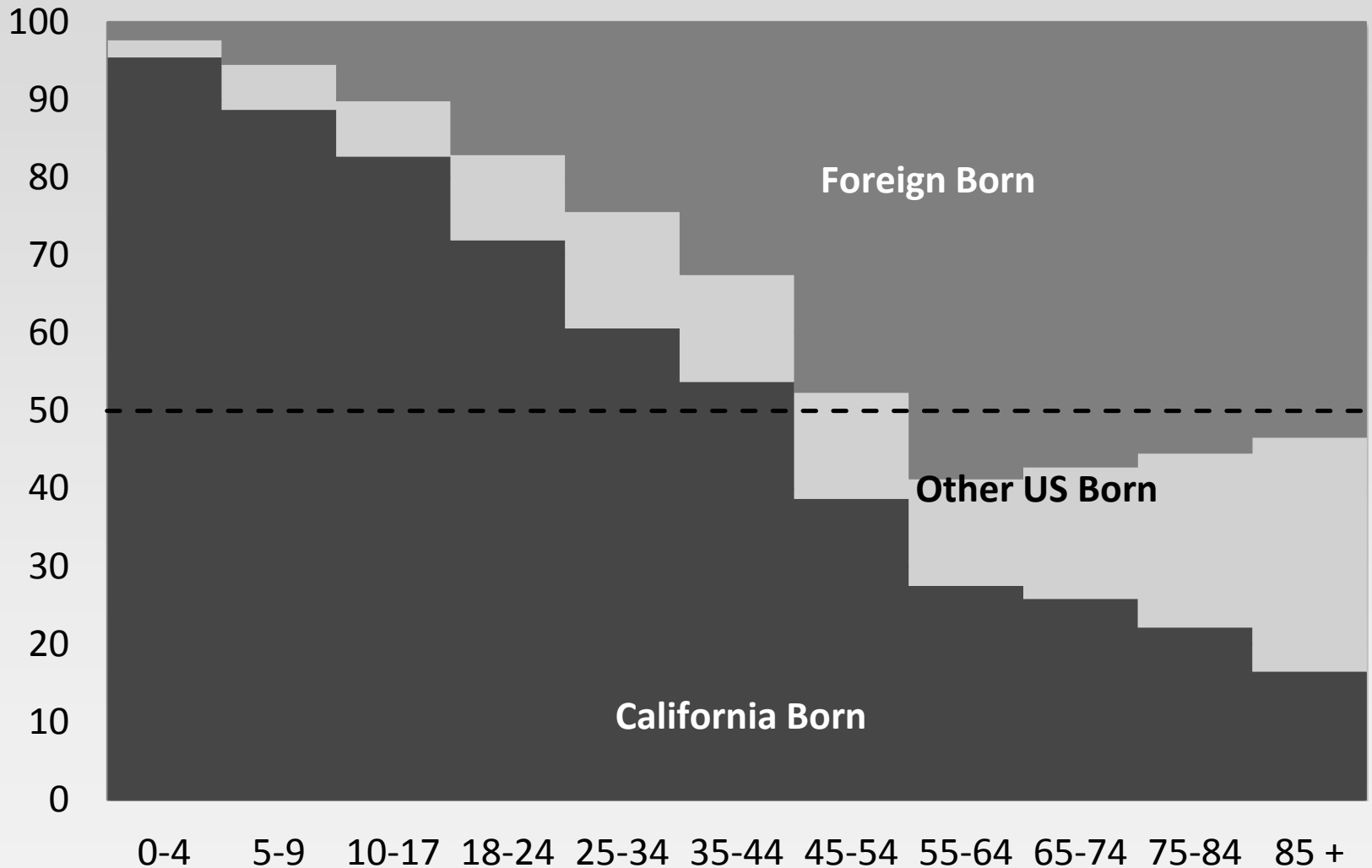
Rise of a Homegrown Majority



Source: Author's analysis of U.S. Census 1980-2000 and American Community Survey 2005-2008 data

Birthplace of Young Compared to Old

LA Residents By Age and Birthplace, 2030





Reversal of Outlooks

1990 Outlook

Growth coming from outside:
from immigrants and from
inter-state

Growth is excess, too costly
and unwanted;
under-investment in skill
development of children

state

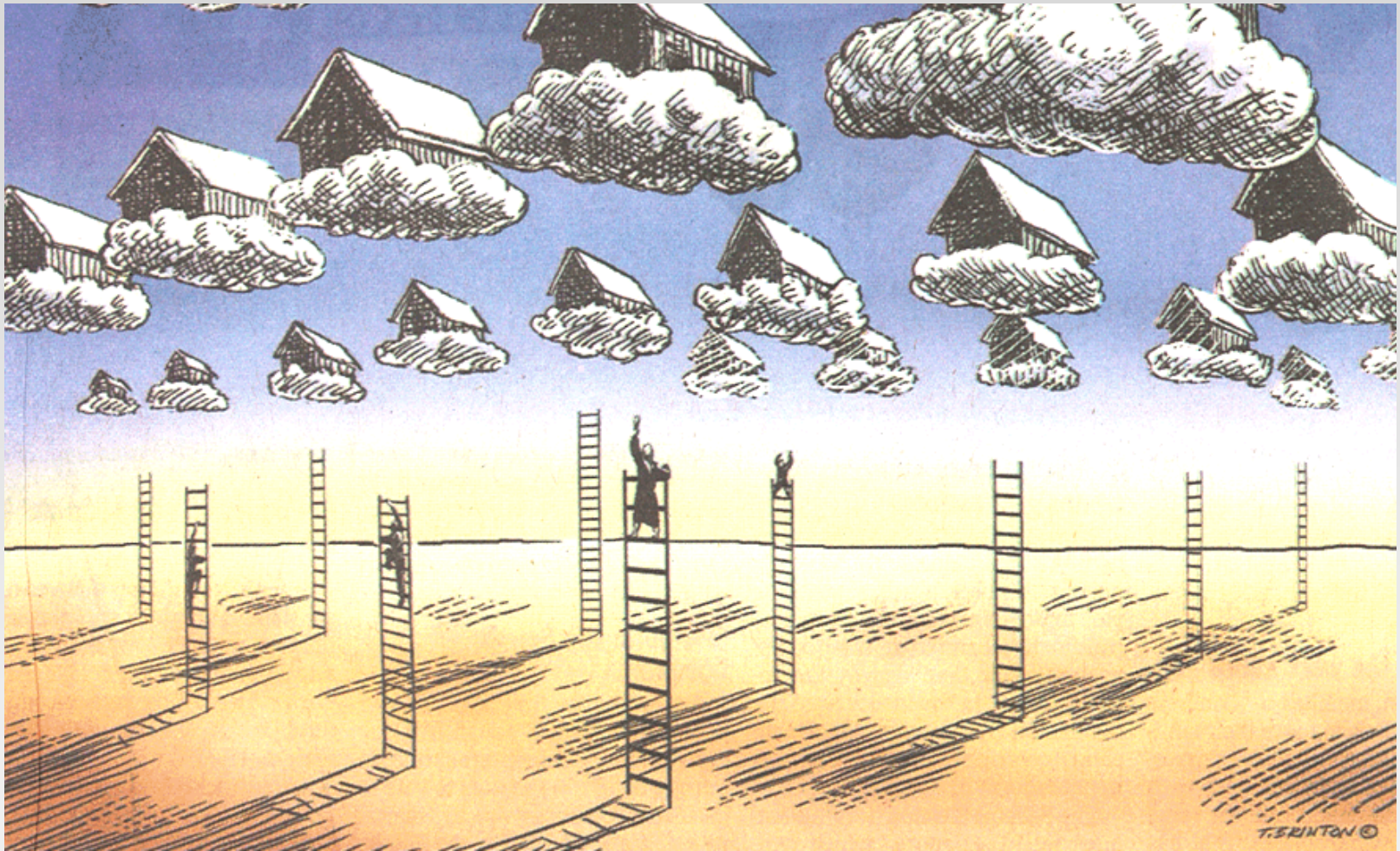
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2010 and beyond

Growth from native
Californians: homegrown

Too little growth
Children need to be more
highly nurtured for stronger
per capita productivity and
future prosperity of the

Old Folks Need the Young to Make It



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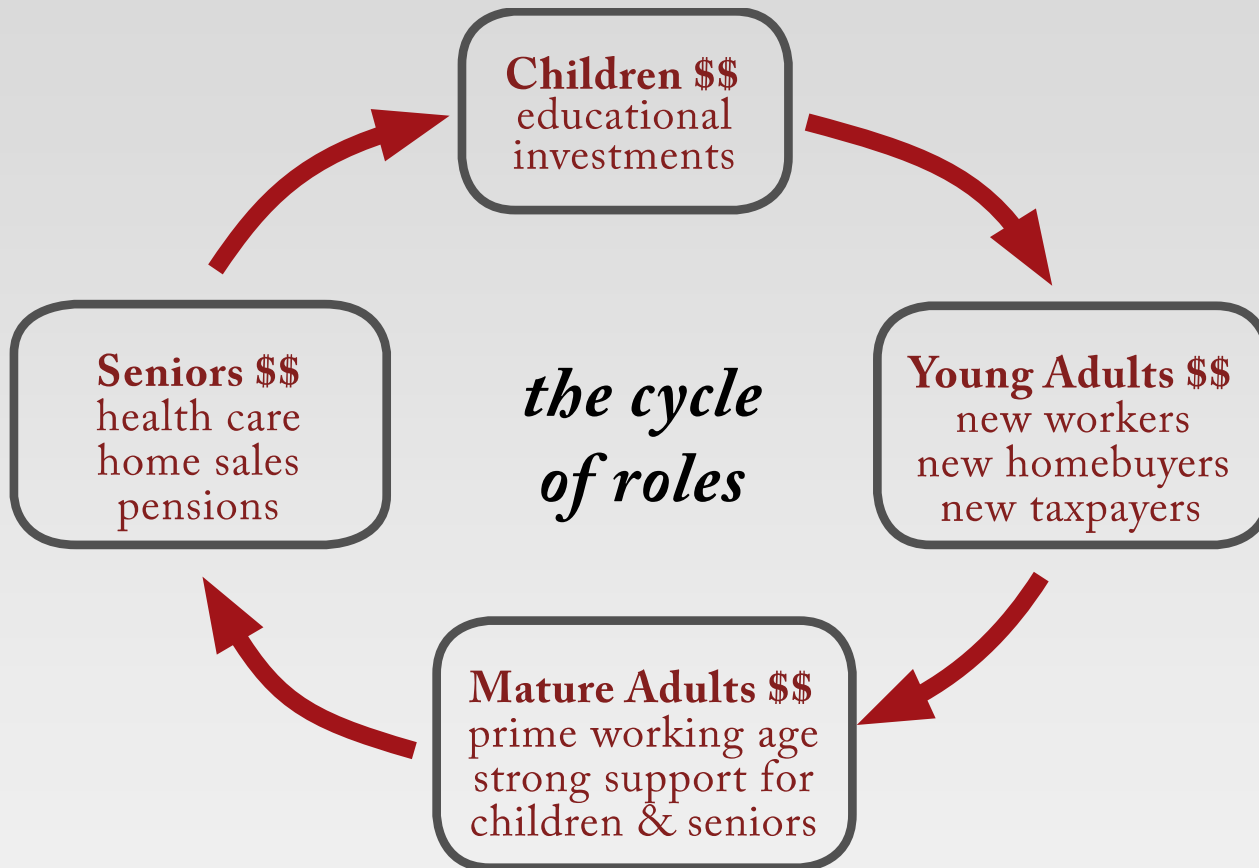
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Conclusions

- What is the most surprising finding about the new generational forecasts?
 - A—Is it the leveling off of the foreign born?
 - B—Is it the new majority of the homegrown?
 - C—Could it be the explosion of seniors?
 - D—Or is it the scarcity of children
and their doubled importance?
- Maybe it's the realization that the residents might really be connected after all?

The Intergenerational Partnership



More Information

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