



2020 Census Results on Race and Ethnicity

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2020 Census Provides a New Snapshot of Racial and Ethnic Composition and Diversity


Improved Race and Ethnicity Measures Reveal
U.S. Population is More Multiracial

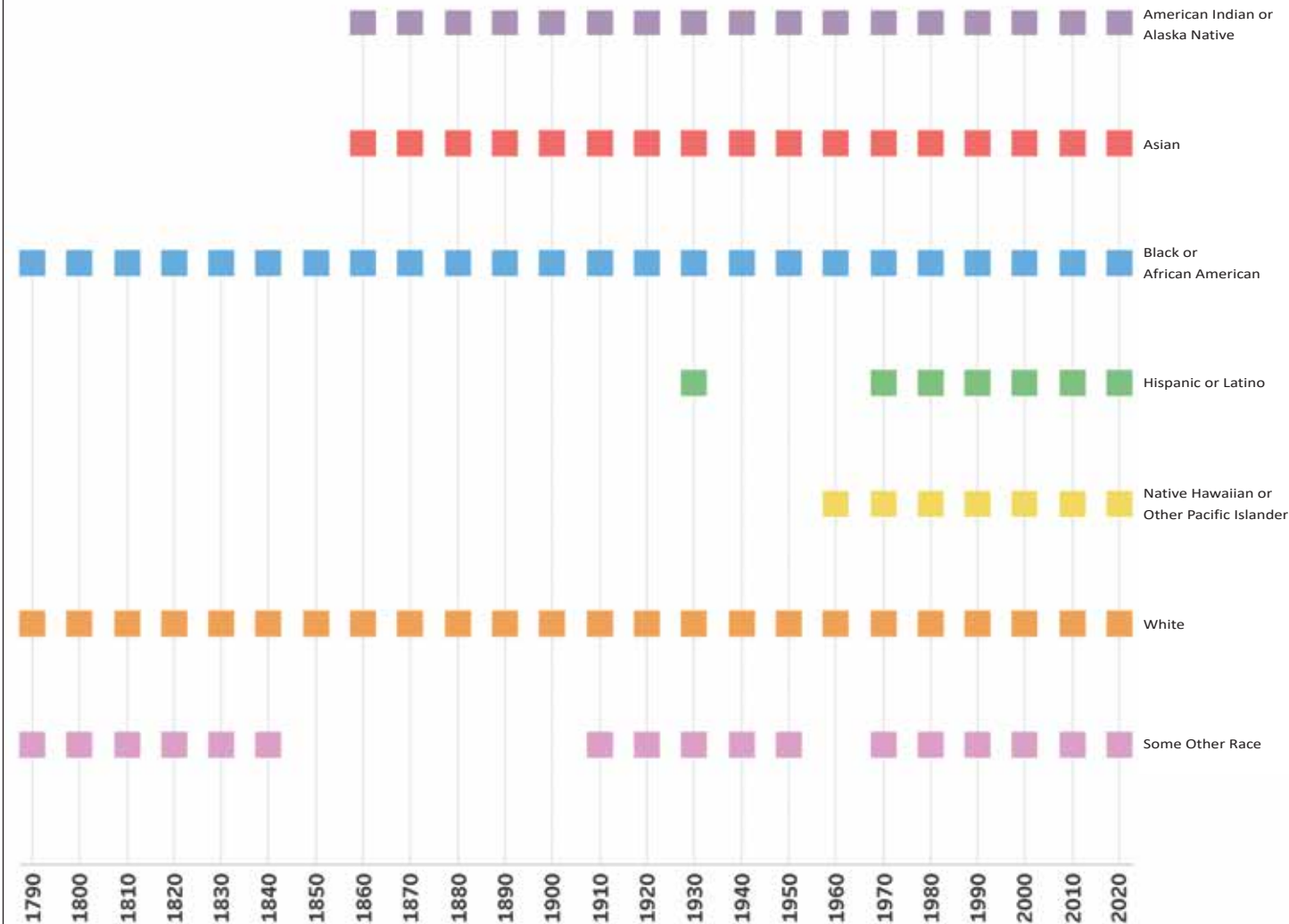


2020 U.S. Population More Racially and
Ethnically Diverse Than Measured in 2010



U.S. Decennial Census Measurement of Race and Ethnicity Across the Decades: 1790–2020

Mapped to U.S. Office of Management and Budget's 1997 Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity 



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2020 Census Asked Two Separate Questions on Hispanic Origin and Race

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 6 about Hispanic origin and Question 7 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

6. Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- ☐ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- ☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
- ☐ Yes, Cuban
- ☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – *Print, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.*

Significant changes from 2010 Census for race and ethnicity question designs, data processing, and coding.

7. What is this person's race?

Mark ☒ one or more boxes AND print origins.

- ☐ White – *Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.*

- ☐ Black or African Am. – *Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.*




- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native – *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian – <i>Print, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, etc.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander – <i>Print, for example, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.</i> | |

- ☐ Some other race – *Print race or origin.*

Improvements to 2020 Census Question Designs, Data Processing, and Coding Procedures

- Yield a more accurate portrait of how people self-identify.
- Reveal U.S. population is much more multiracial and more diverse.

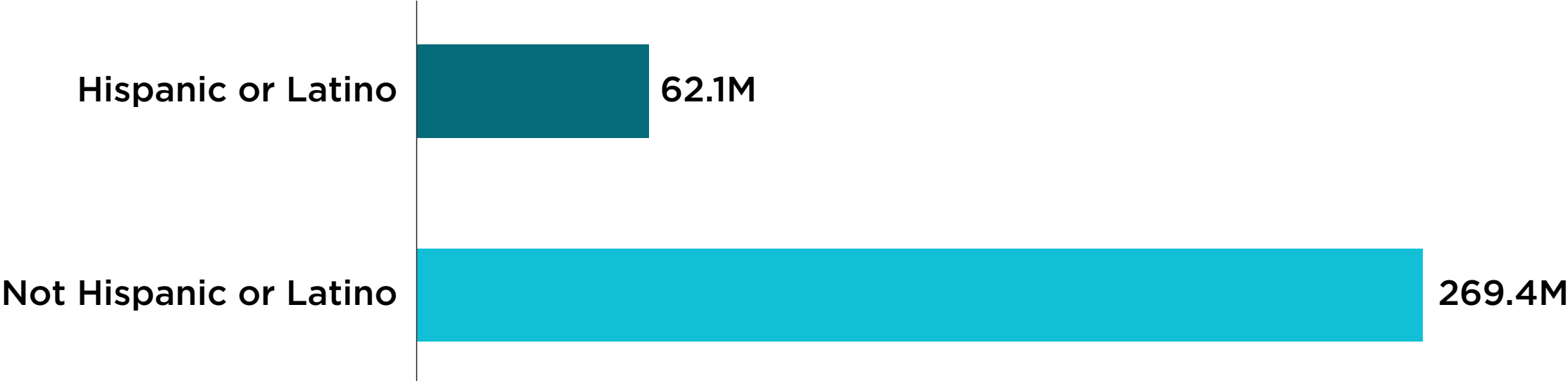
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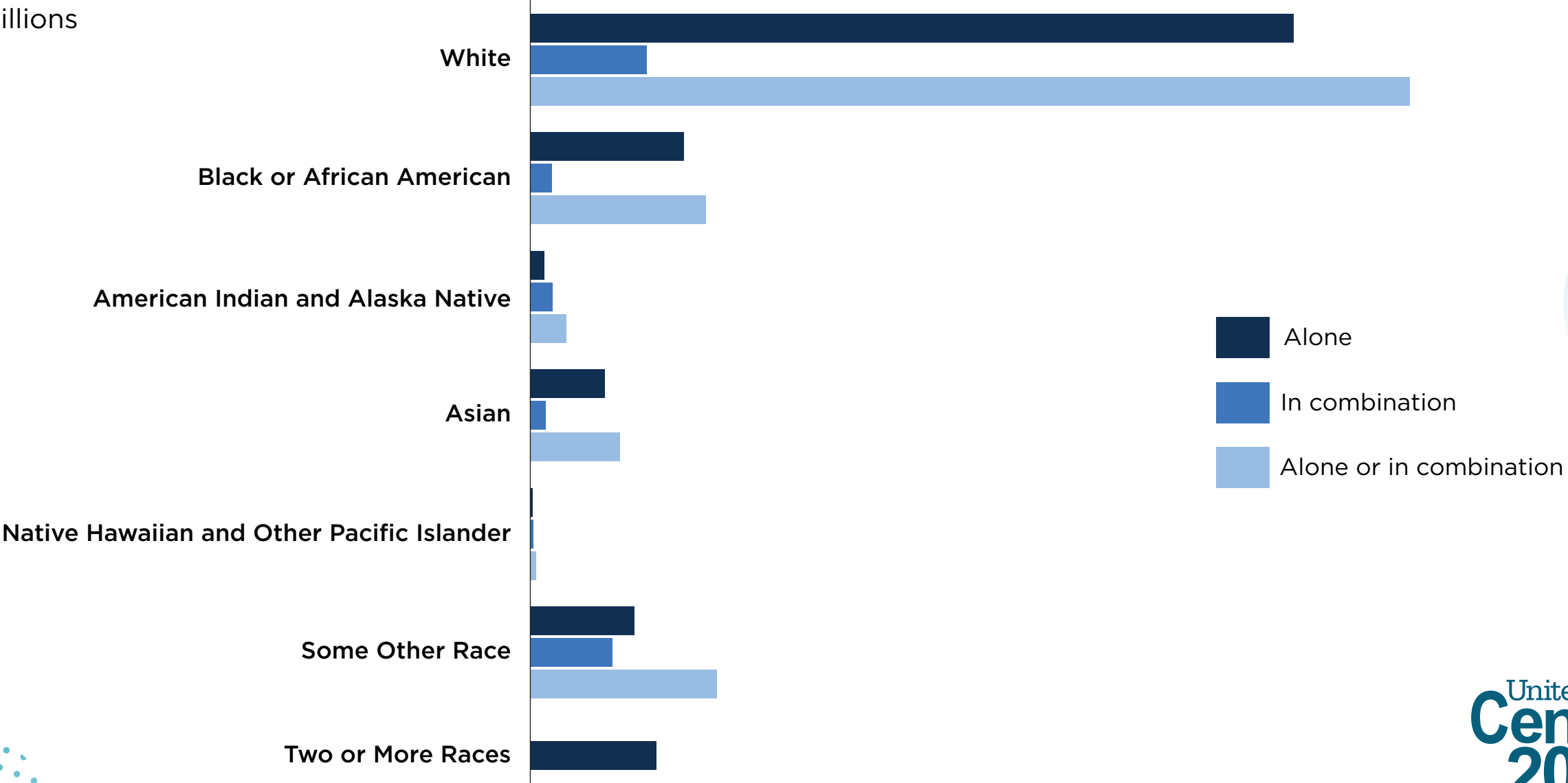
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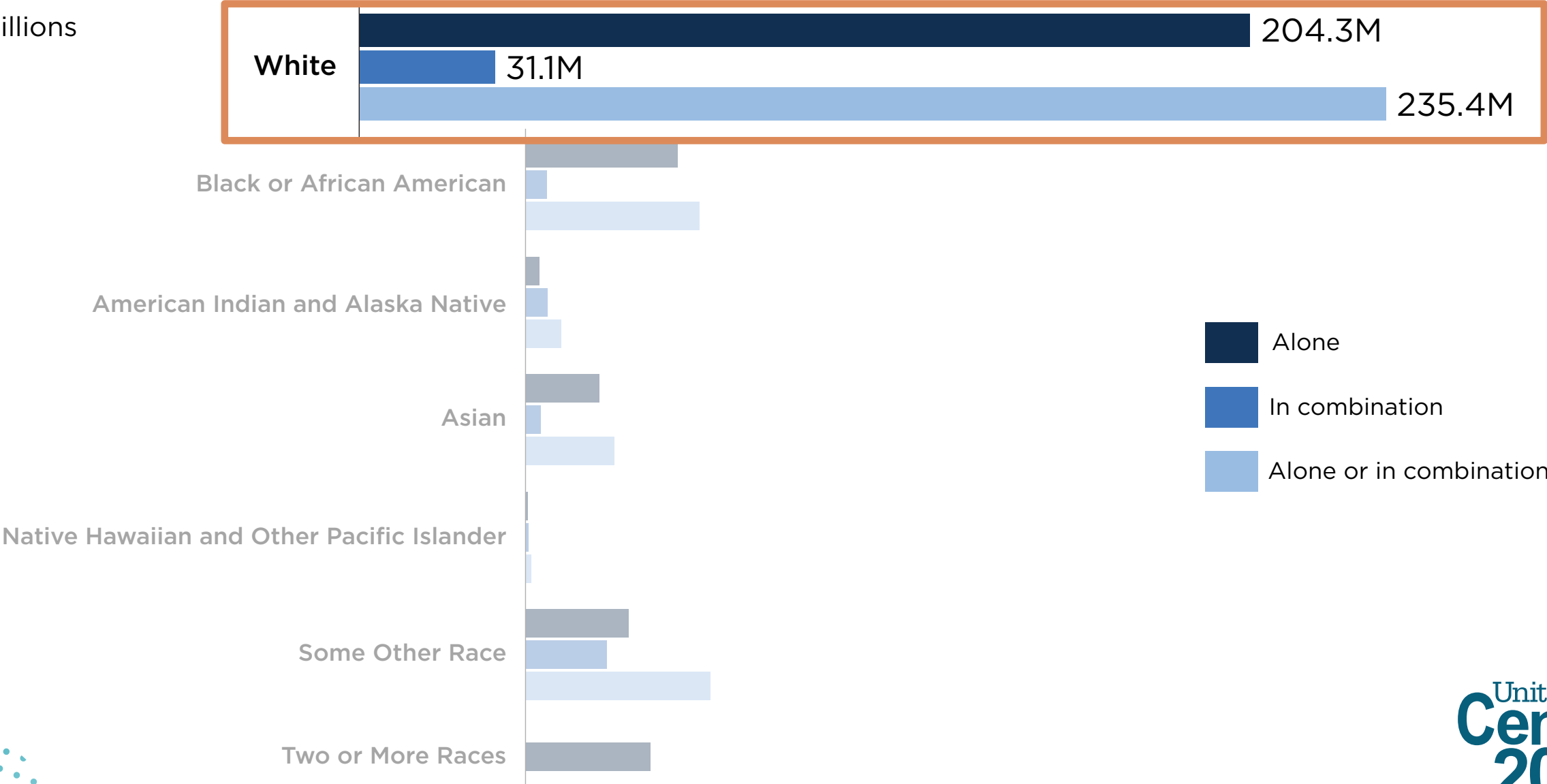
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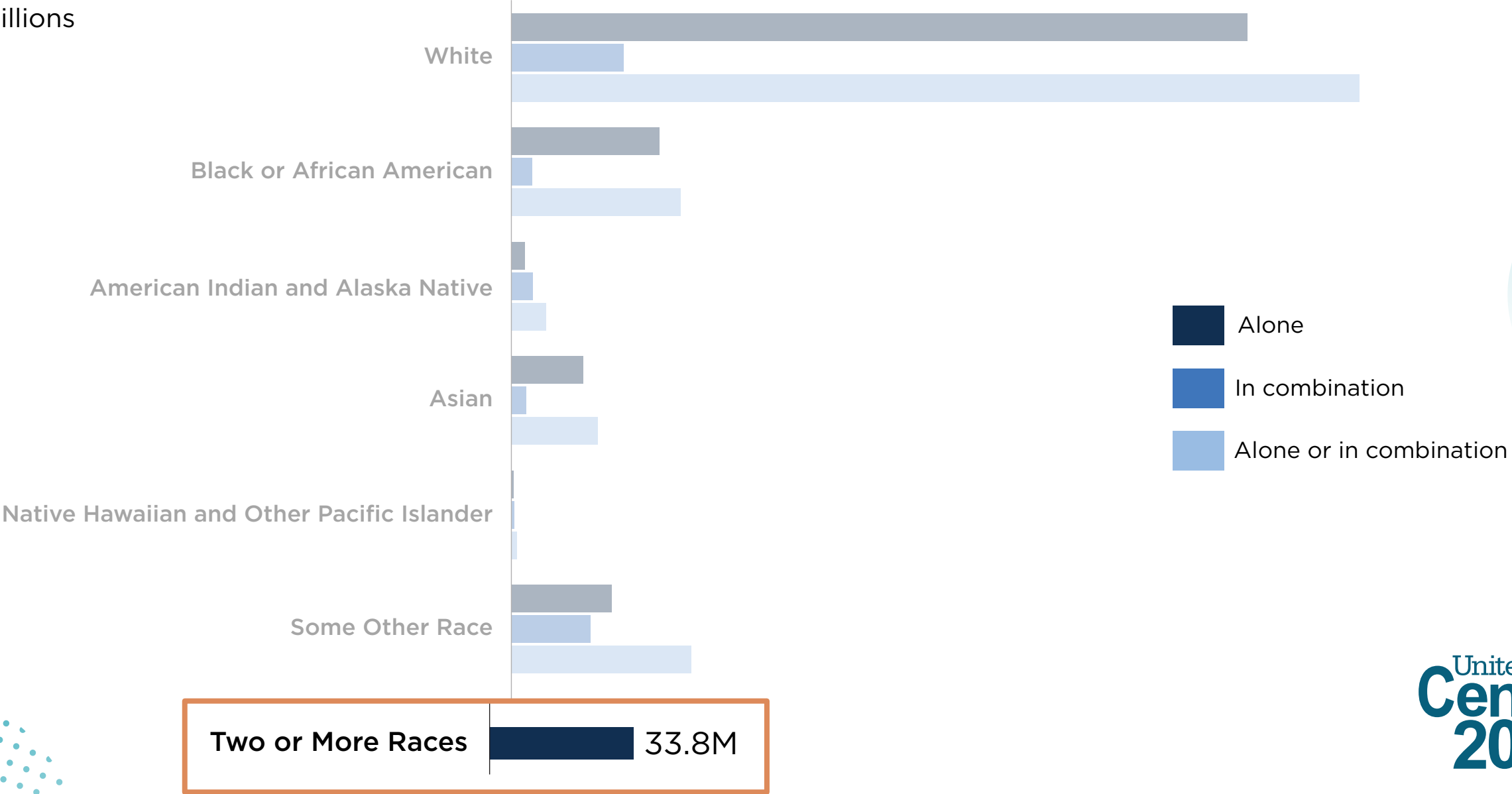
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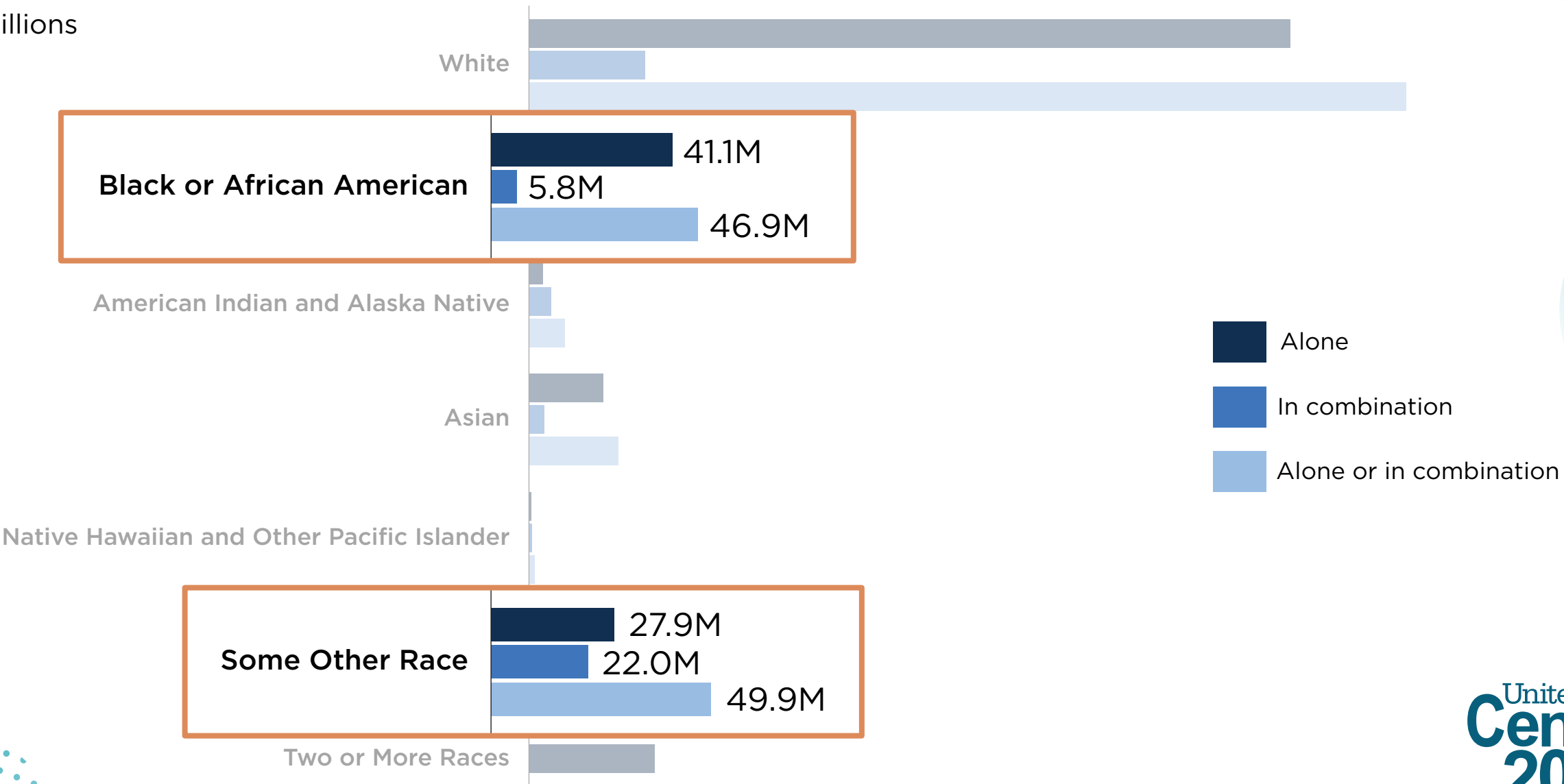
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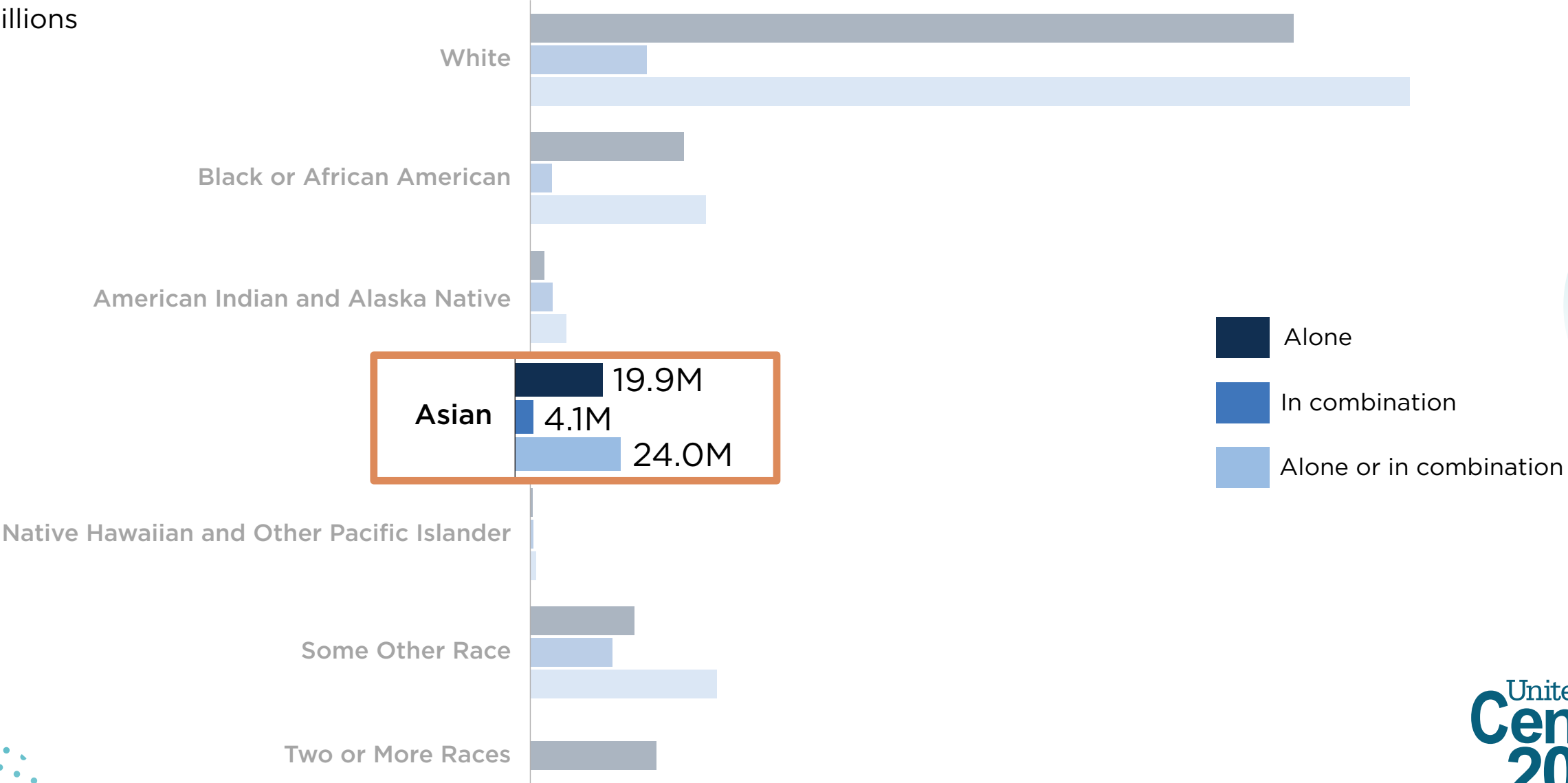
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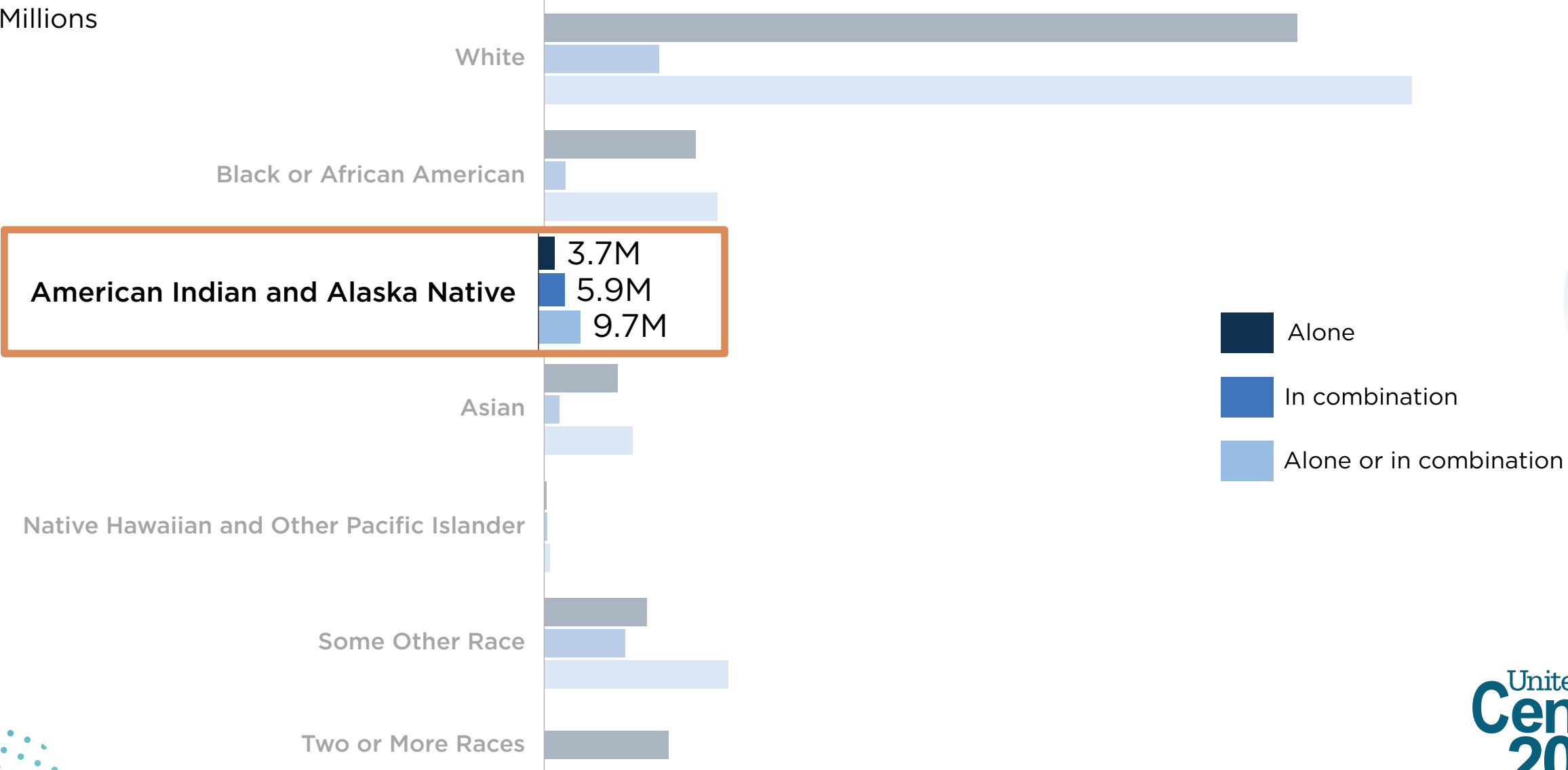
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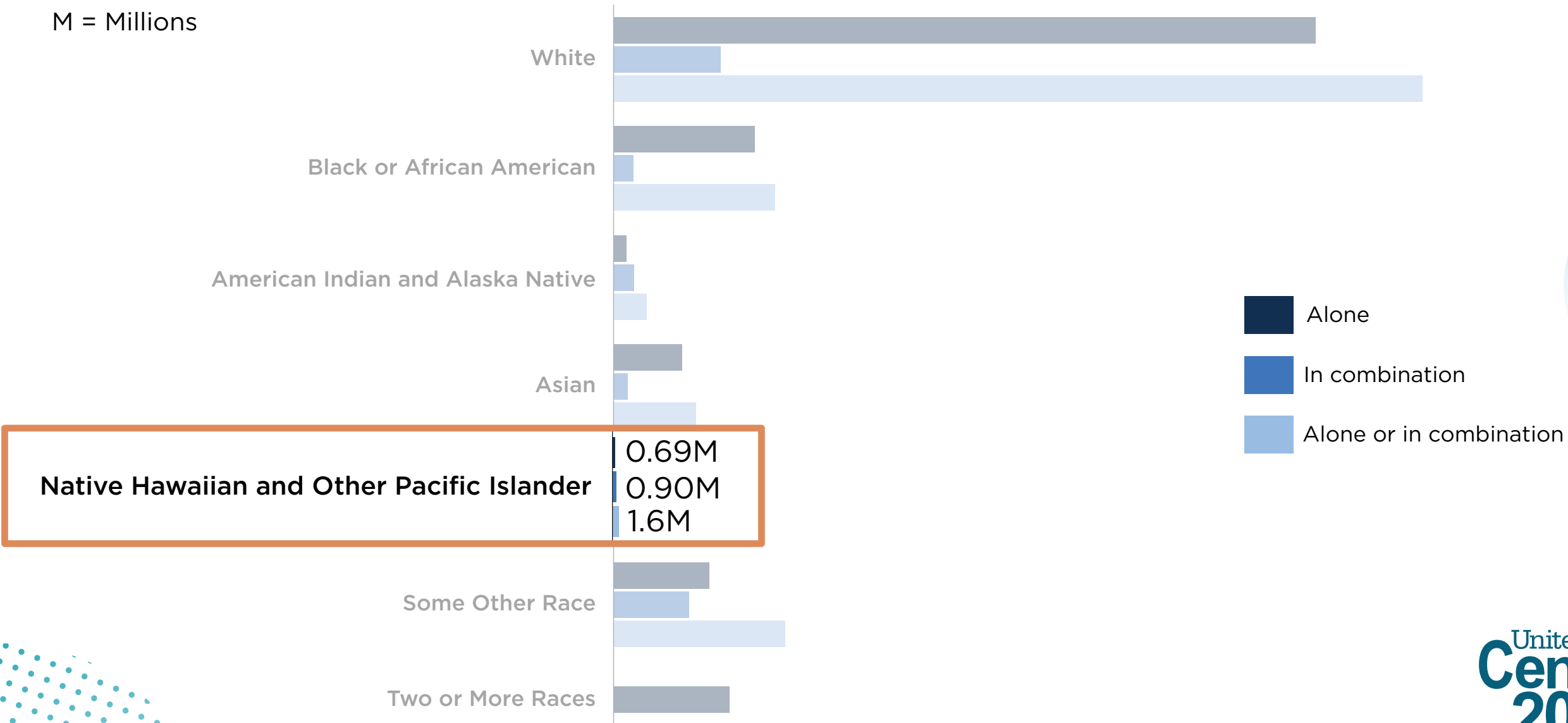
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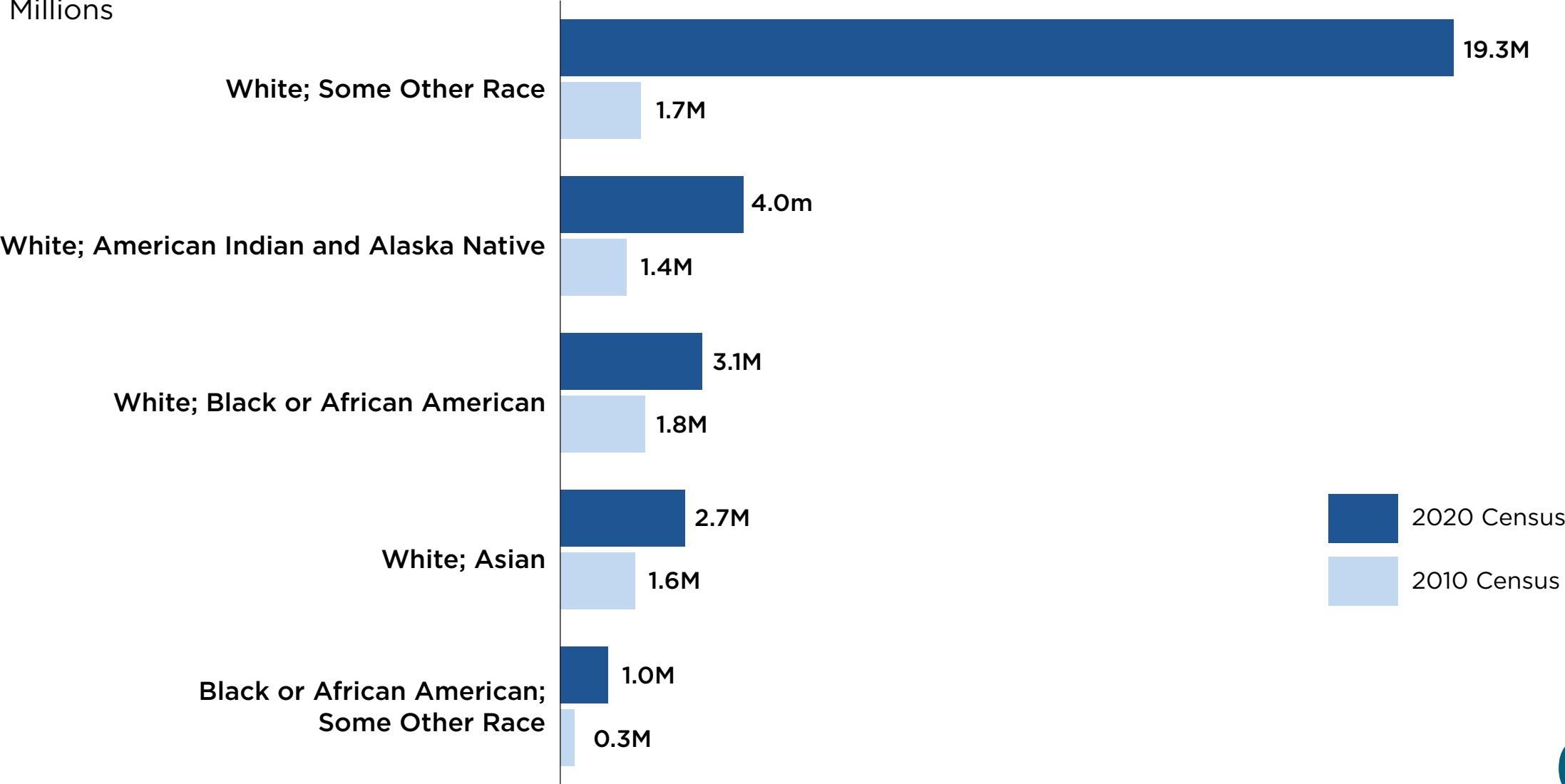
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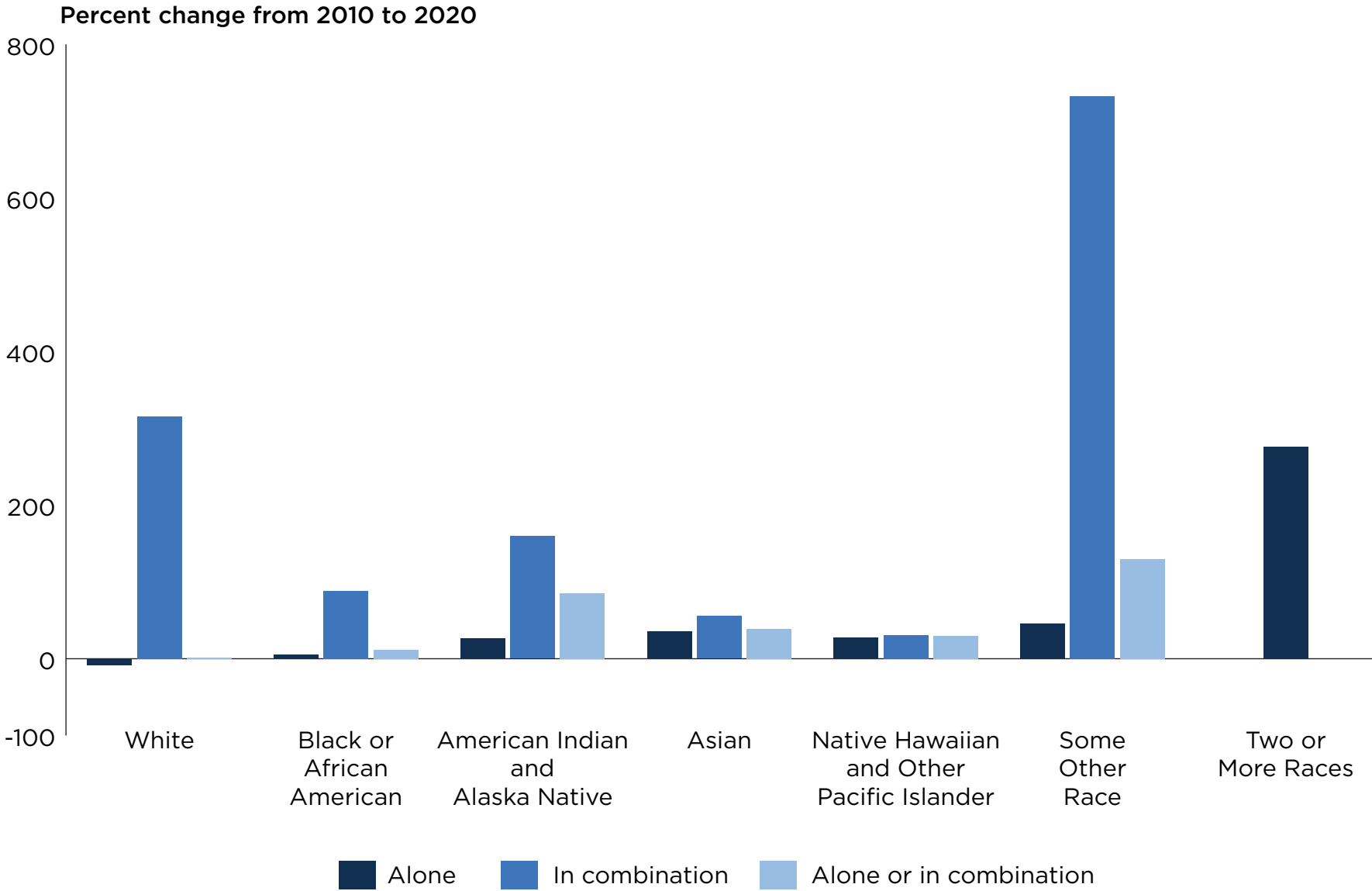


Largest Multiracial Groups in 2020 Census

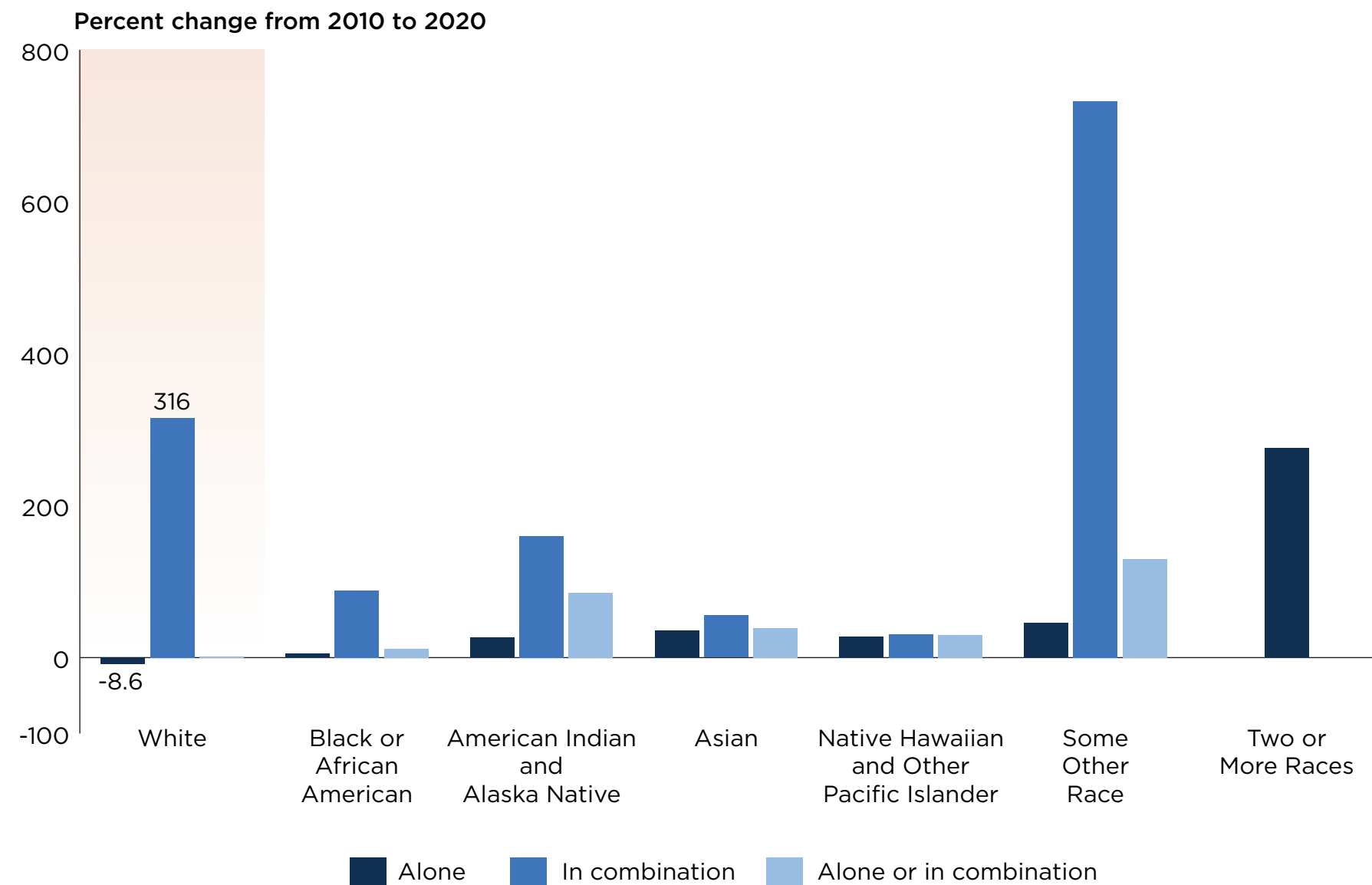
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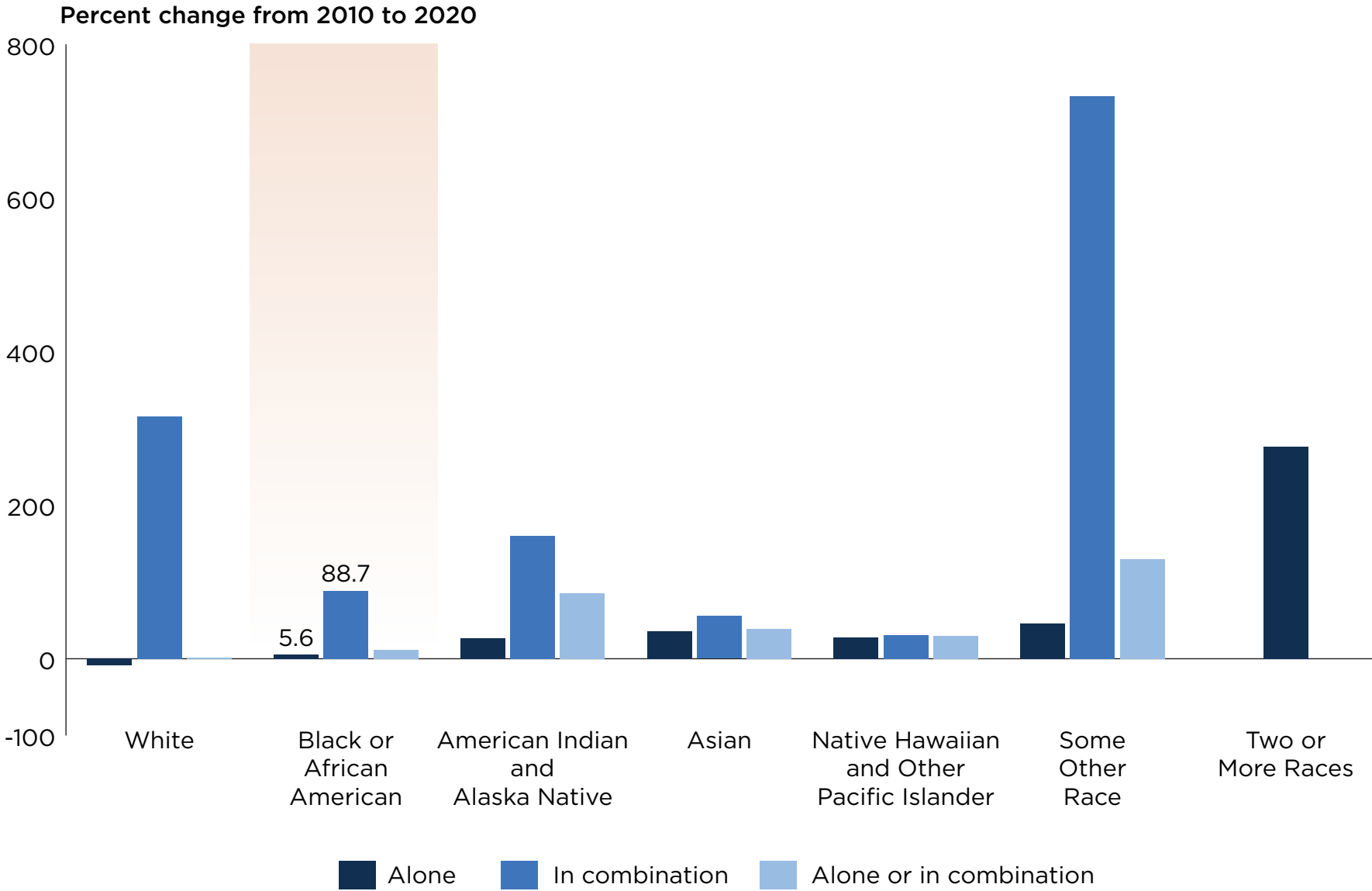
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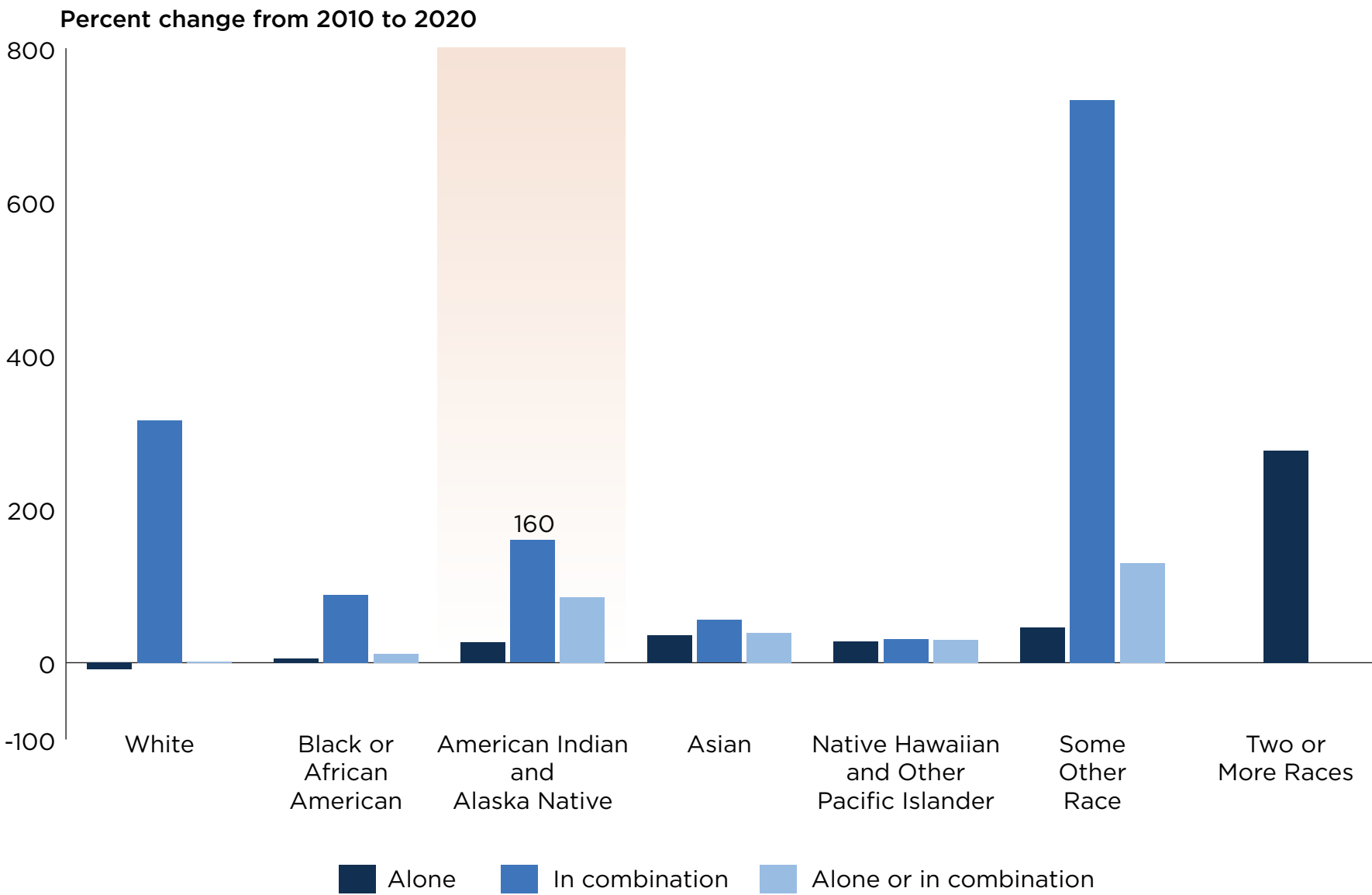
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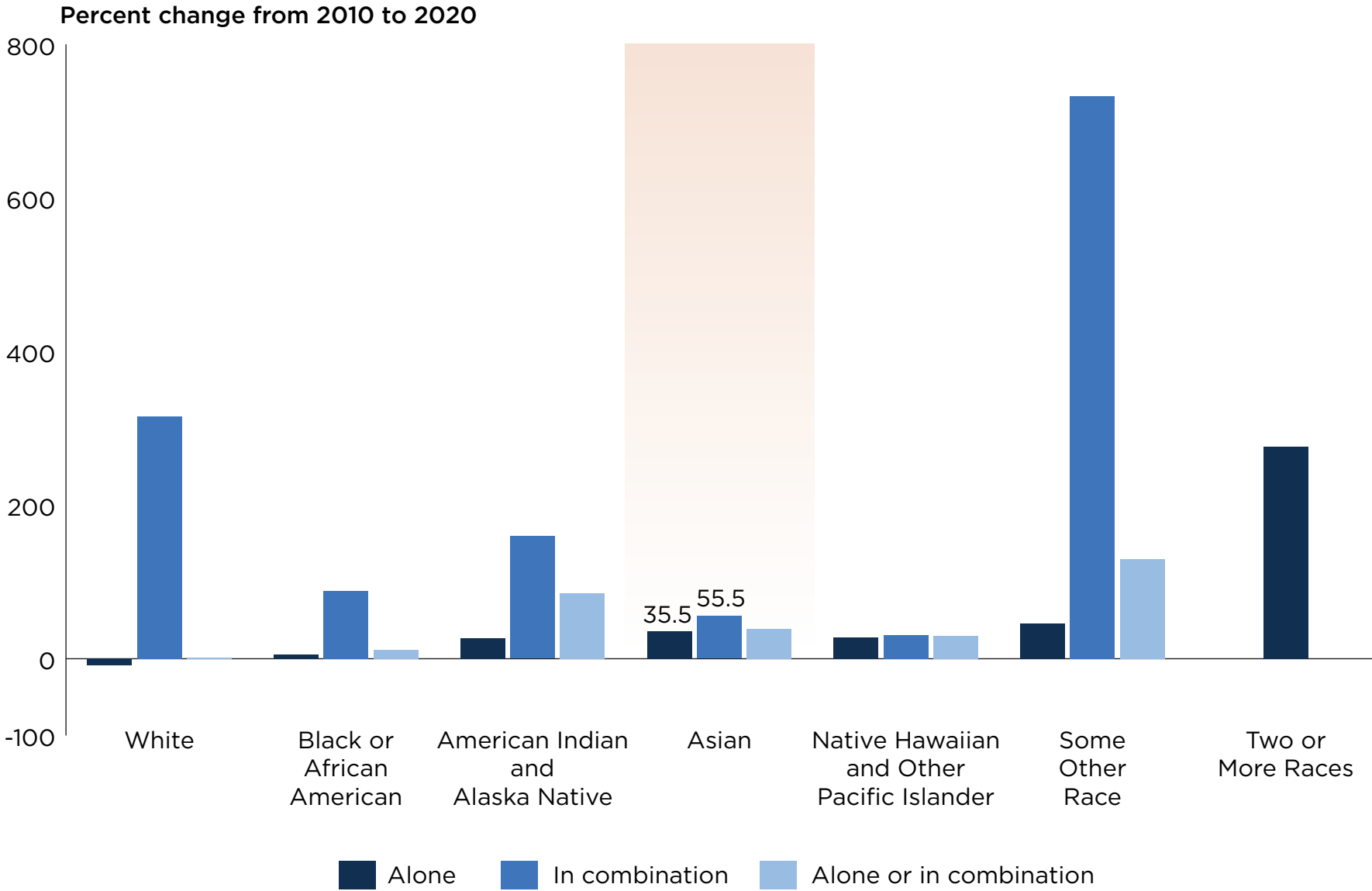
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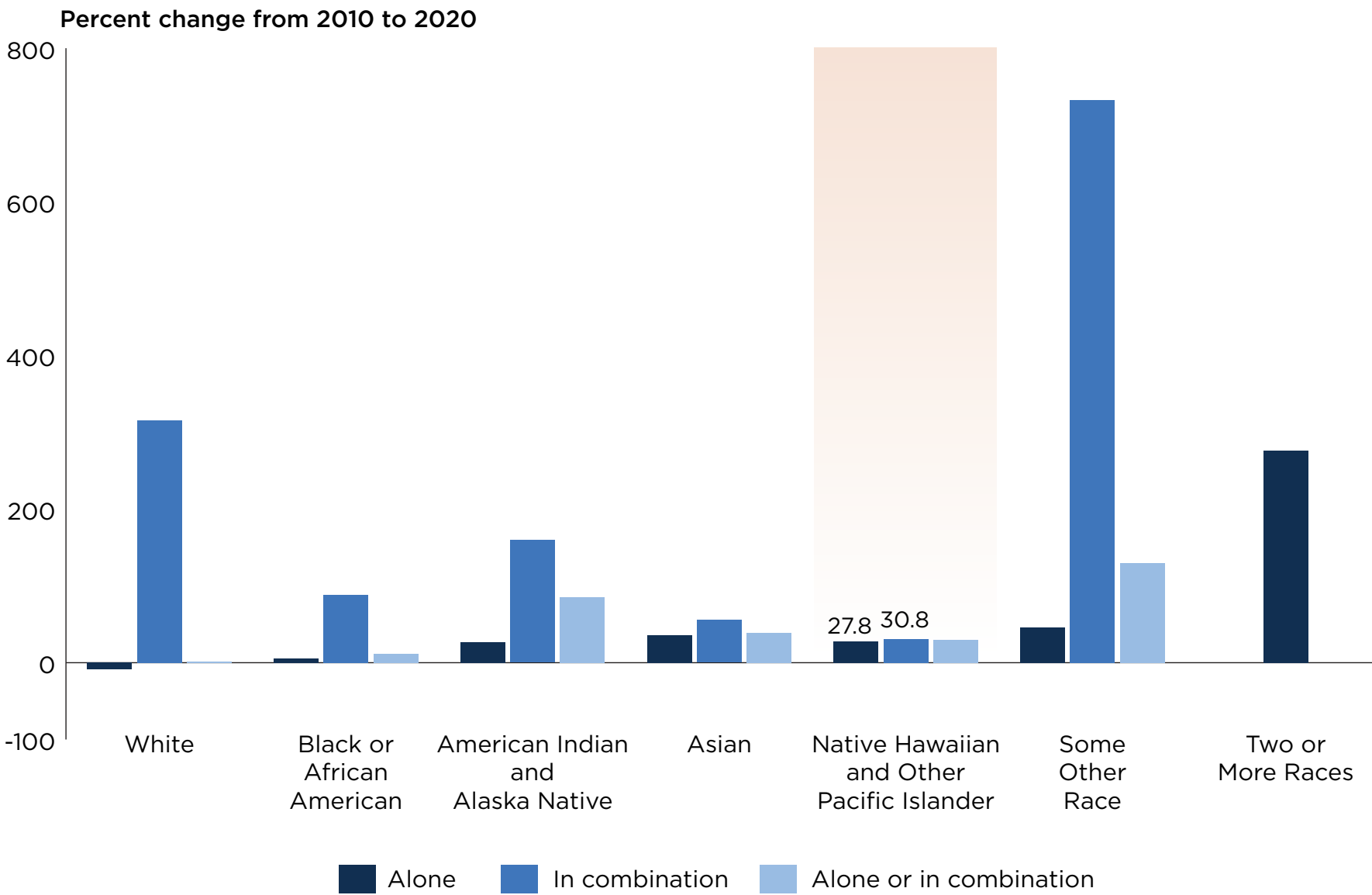
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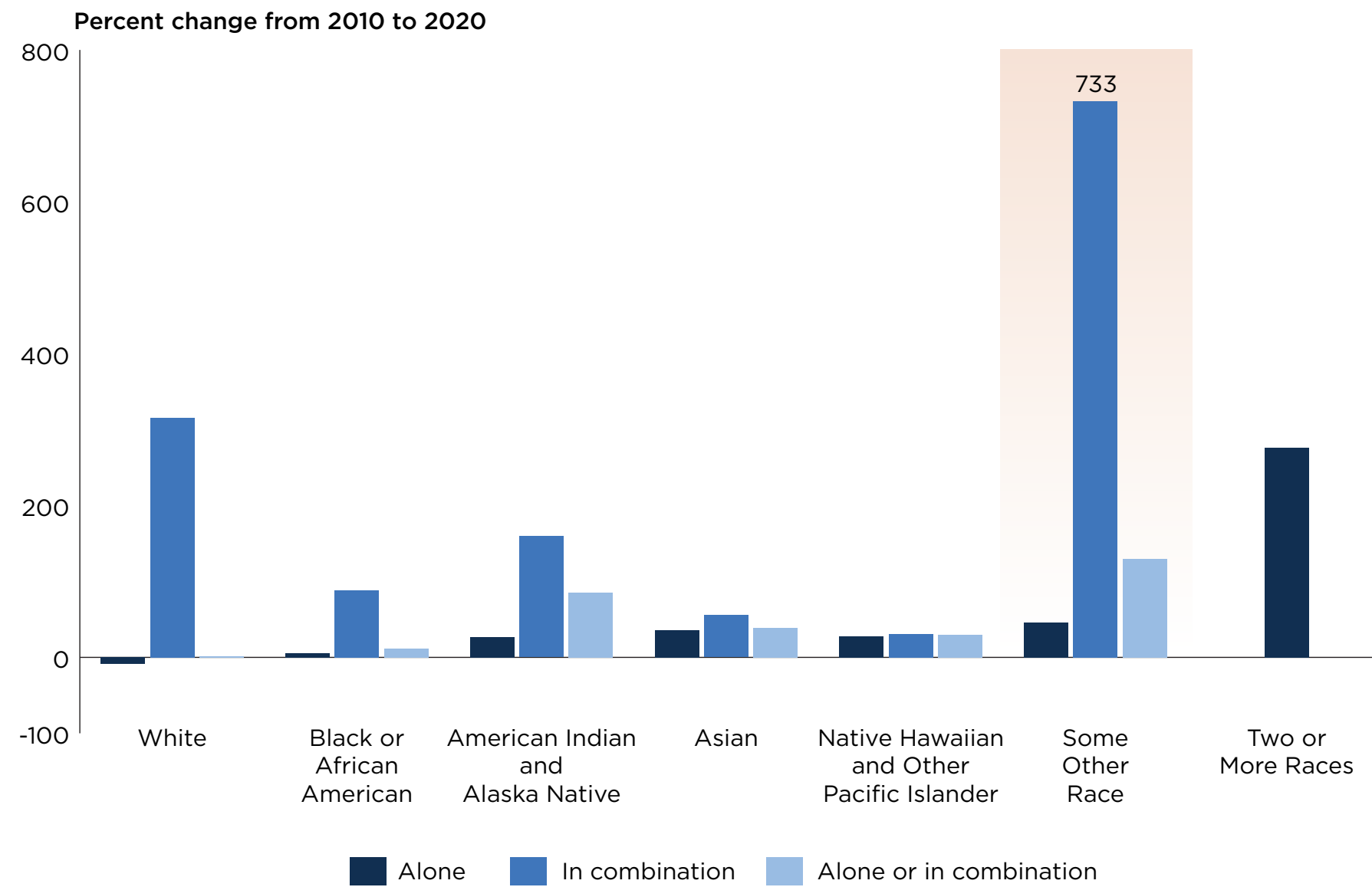
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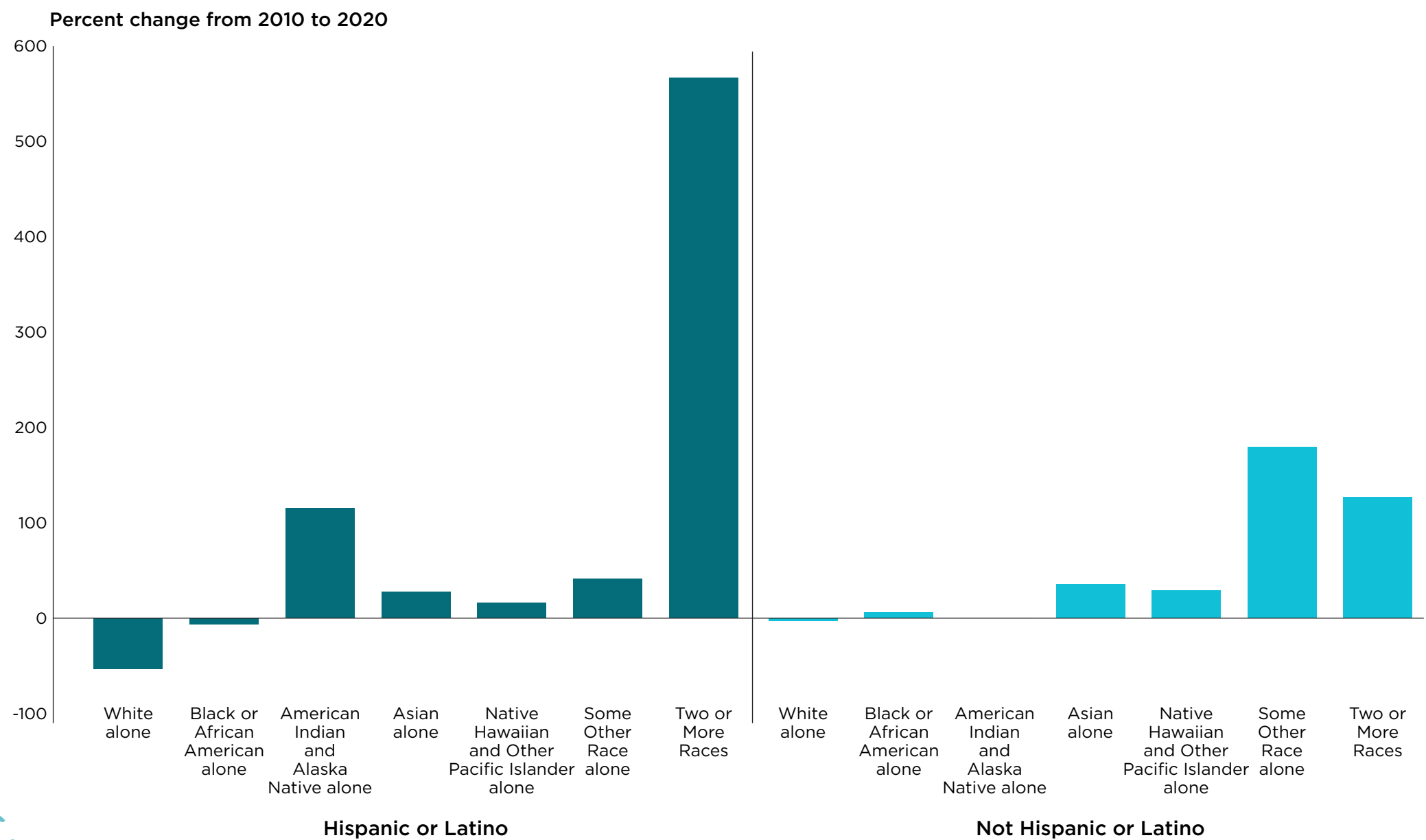
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Total:	
Hispanic or Latino	
Not Hispanic or Latino:	
Population of one race:	
White alone	
Black or African American alone	
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	
Asian alone	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	
Some Other Race alone	
Two or More Races:	
Population of two races:	
White; Black or African American	
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	
White; Asian	
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	
White; Some Other Race	
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	
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American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	
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Population of six races:	
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	

2020 Census Race Reporting by Hispanic or Latino Origin



2020 Census Shows Different But Reasonable and Expected Distributions

- 2020 Census and 2010 Census race data comparisons should be made with caution, taking into account improvements.
- Results are not surprising.
- Results align with expert research and findings.
- Improvements more accurately illustrate richness and complexity of how people identify within Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards.



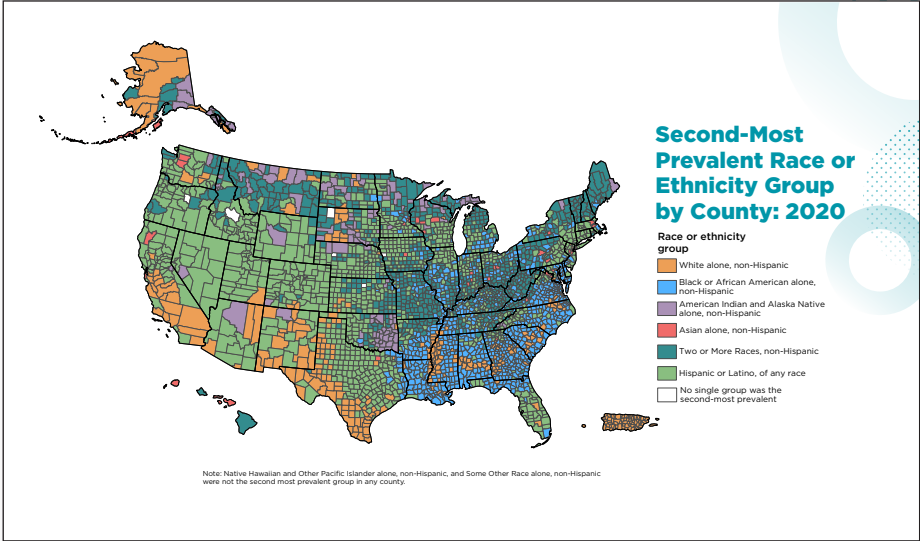
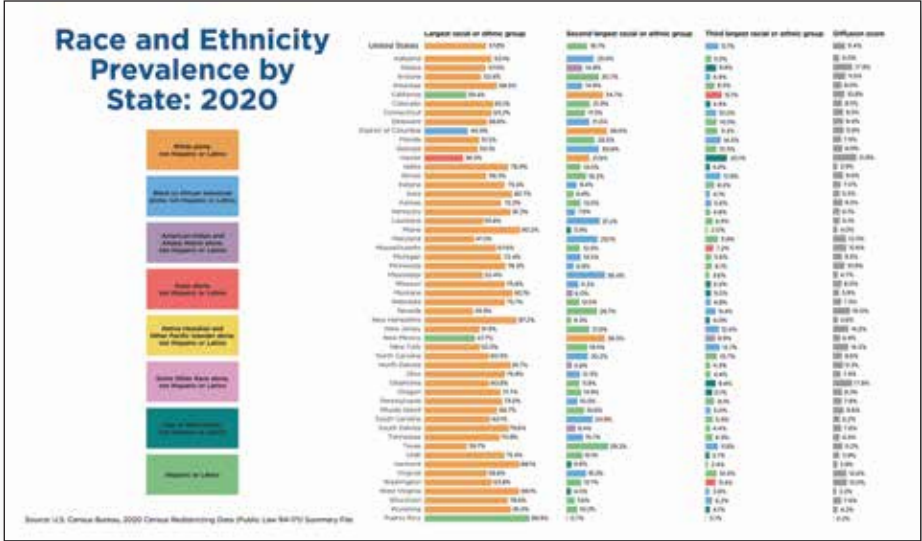
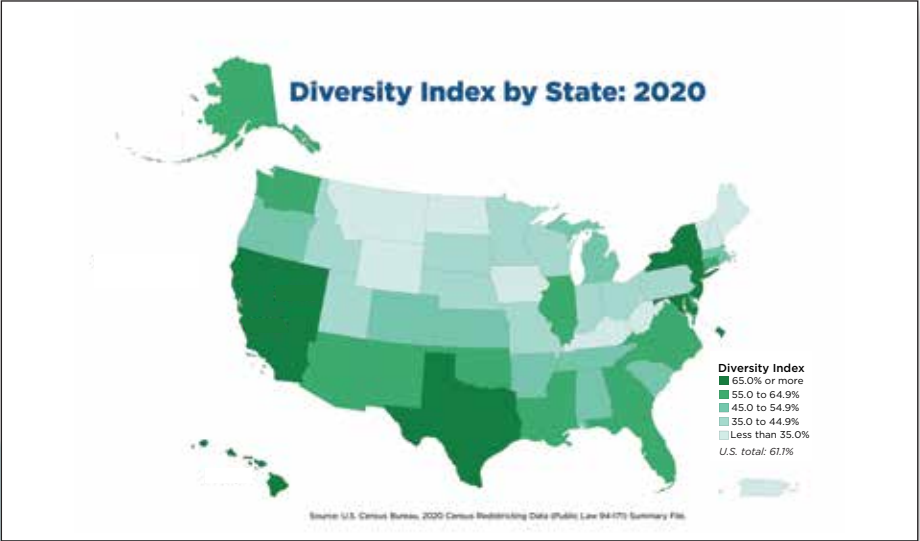
Comparing Cross-Tabulated Race and Ethnicity Data

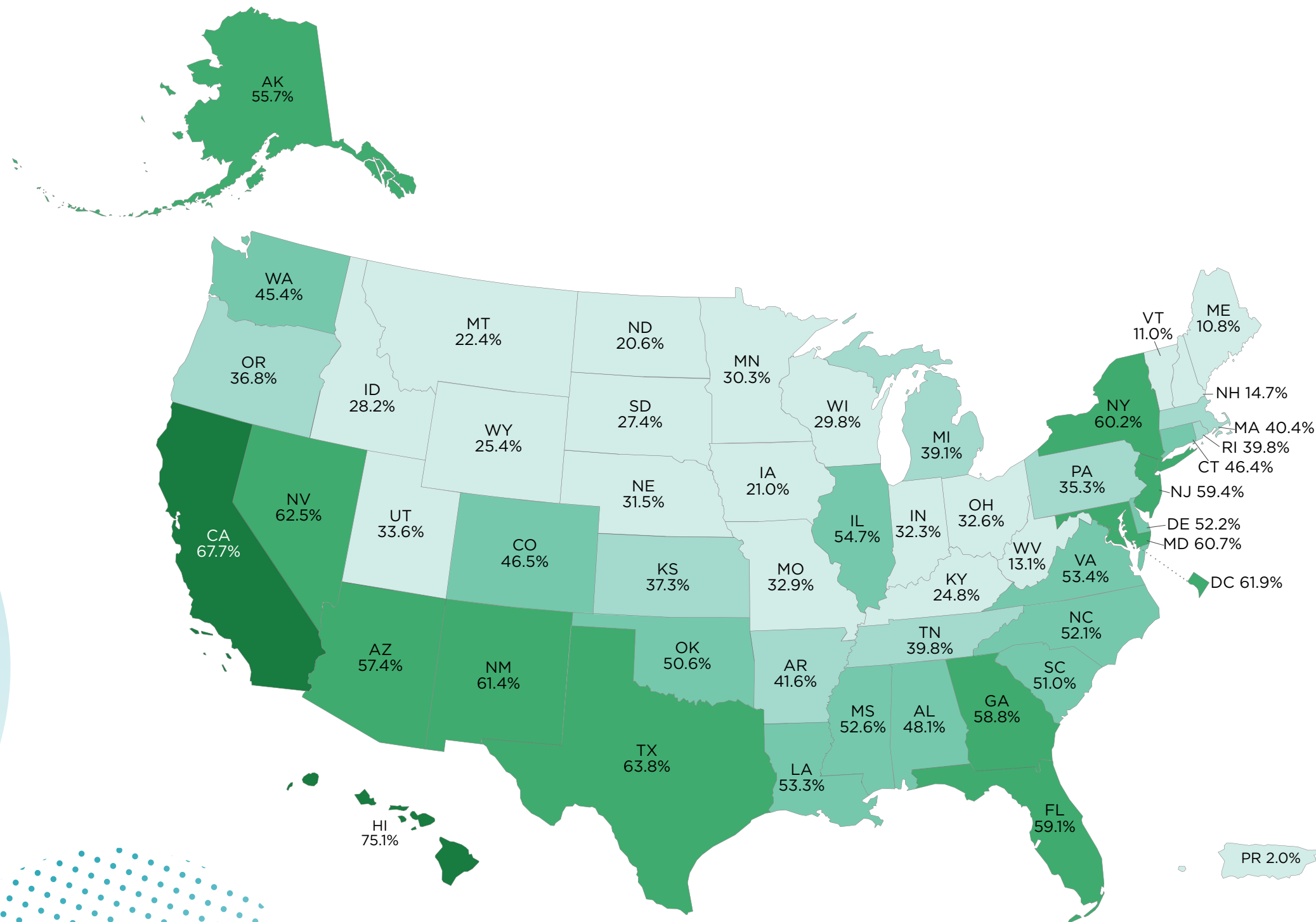
- Cross-tabulated race and ethnicity statistics are not as impacted by race reporting patterns of Hispanic respondents.
- We are confident changes in diversity measures reflect actual demographic changes, as well as improvements to 2020 Census question designs, data processing, and coding.



Measuring Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the 2020 Census

Concept of “diversity” refers to representation and relative size of different racial and ethnic groups within a population.



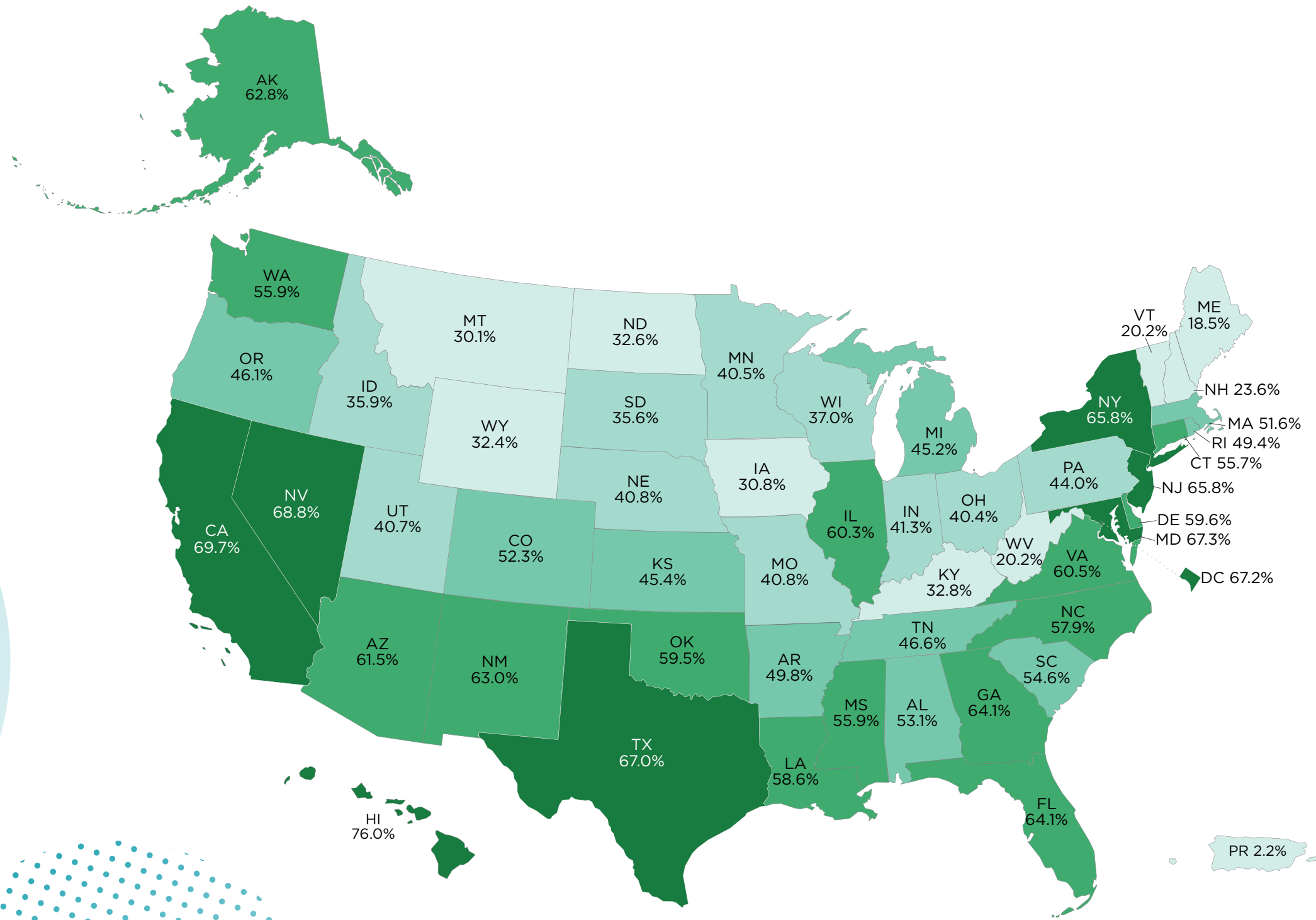


Race and Ethnicity Diversity Index by State: 2010

Diversity Index

- 65.0% or more
- 55.0 to 64.9%
- 45.0 to 54.9%
- 35.0 to 44.9%
- Less than 35.0%

U.S. total: 54.9%

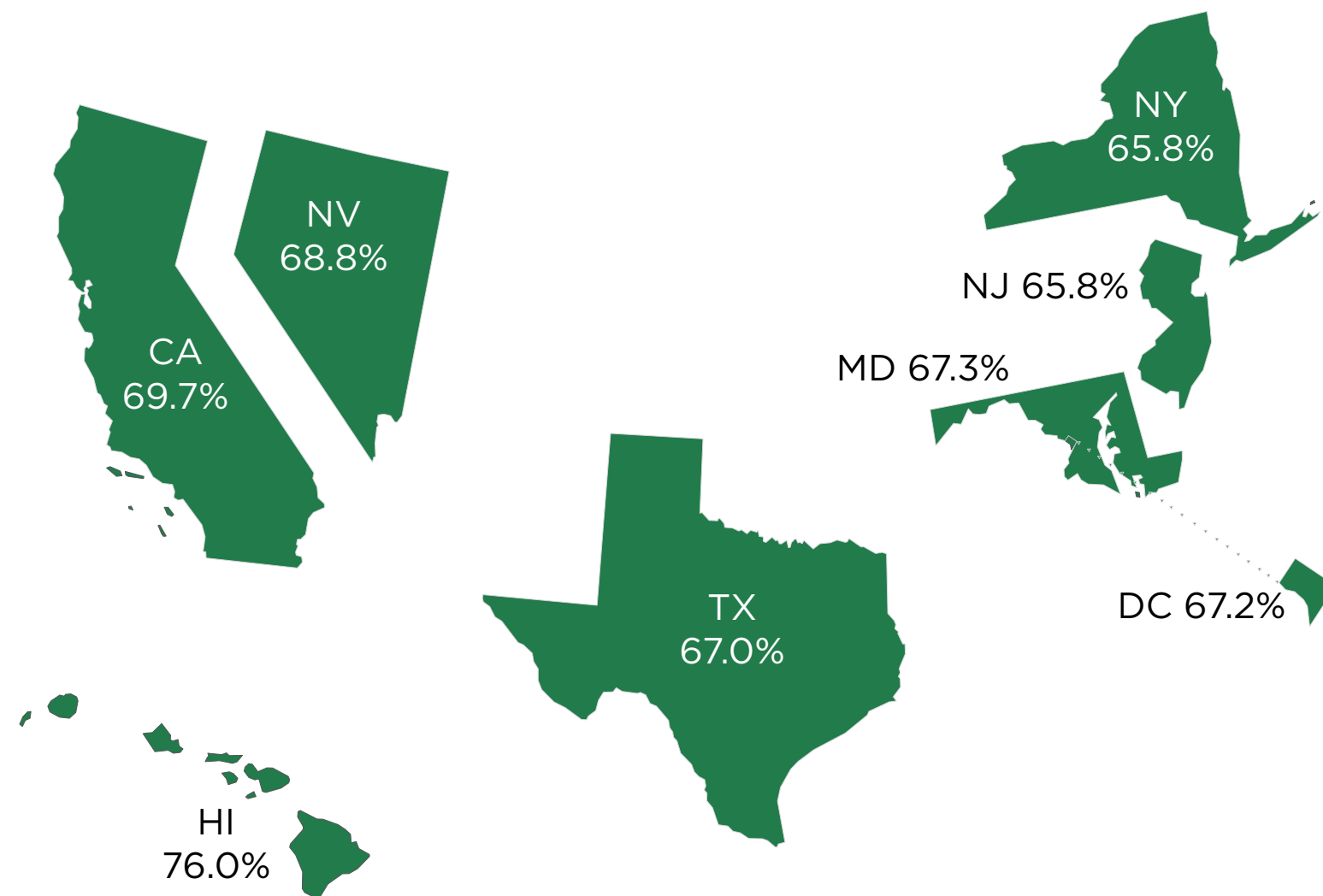


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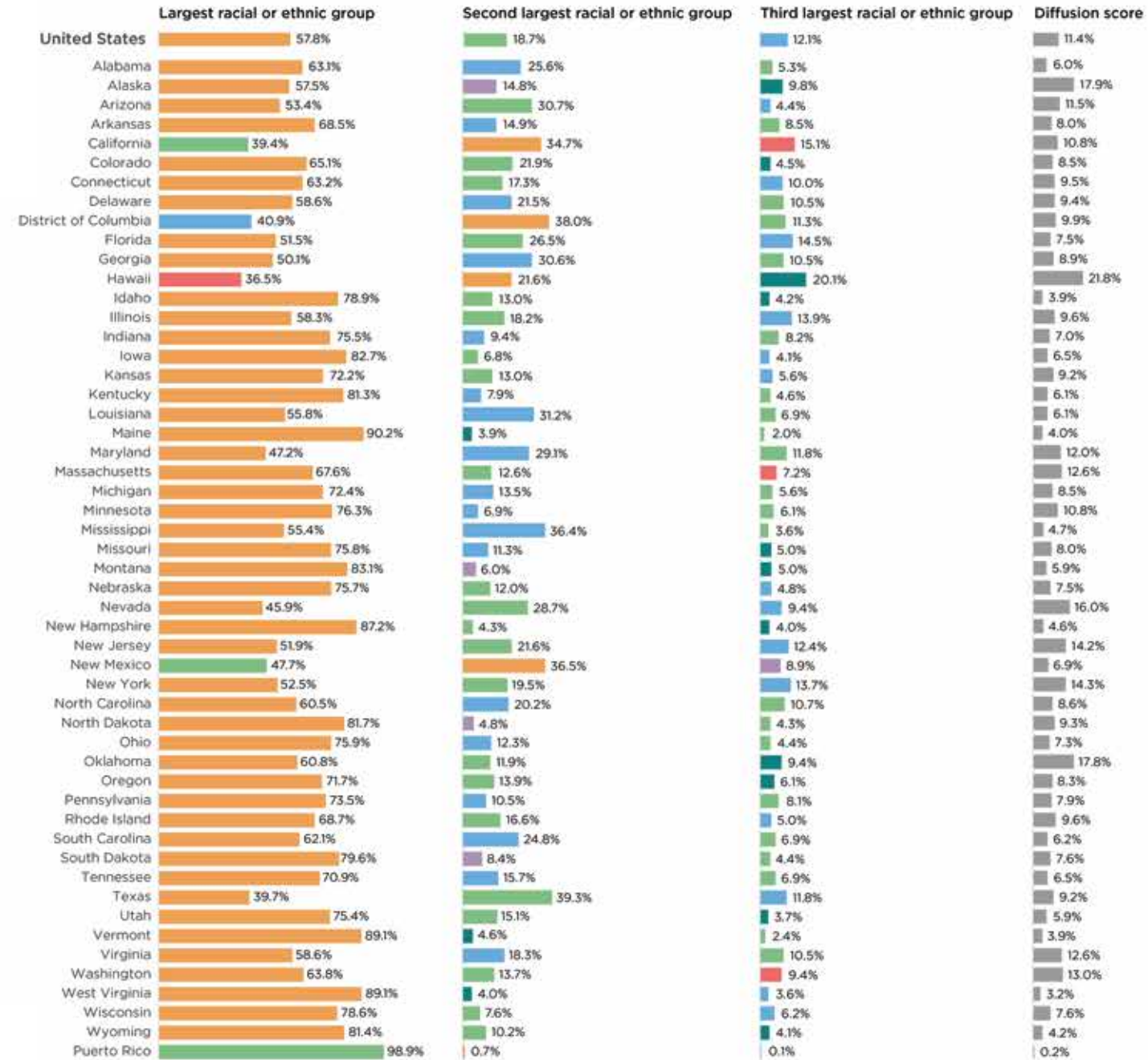
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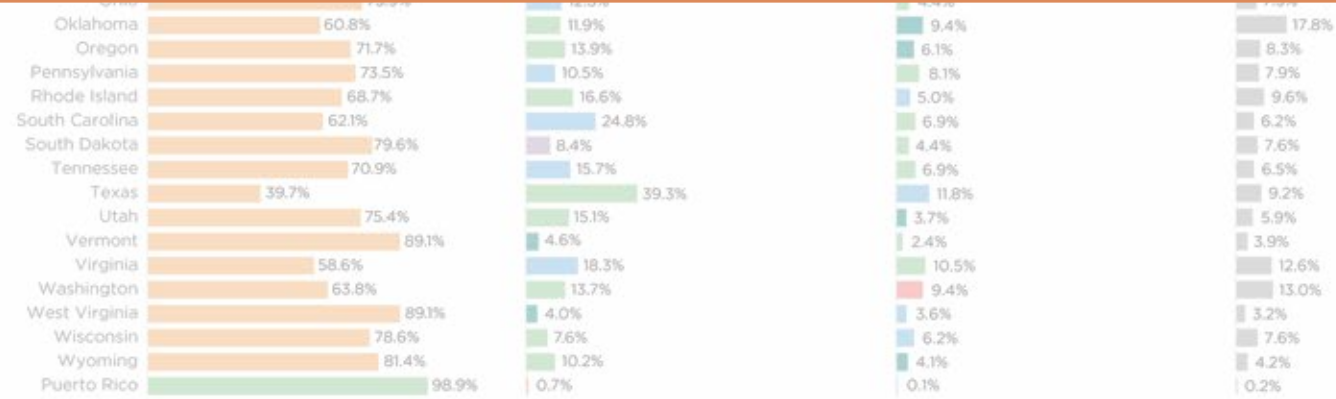
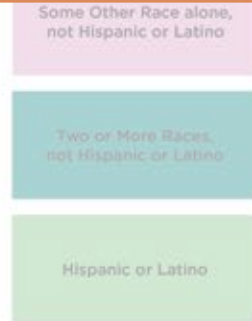
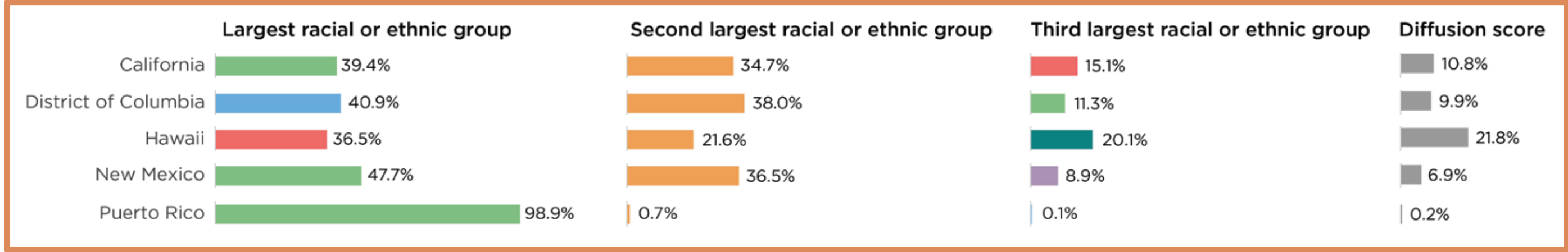
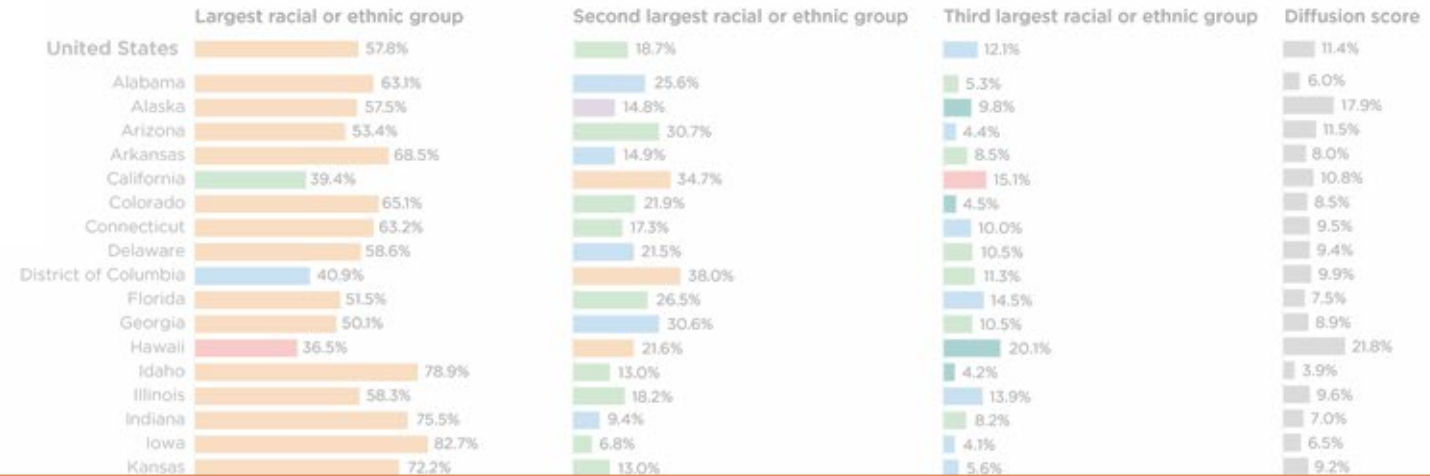
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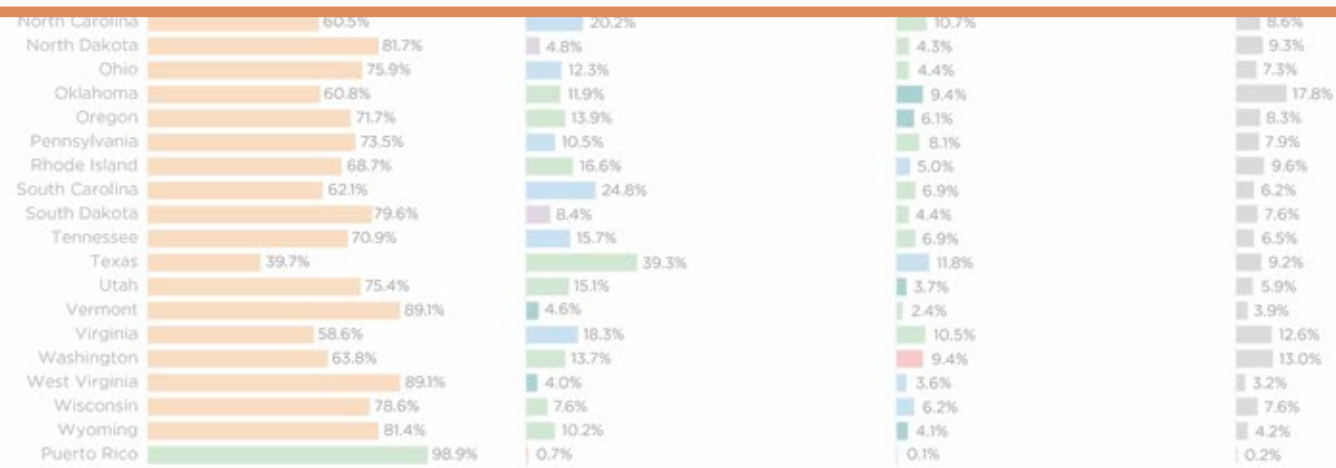
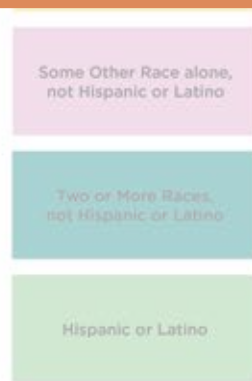
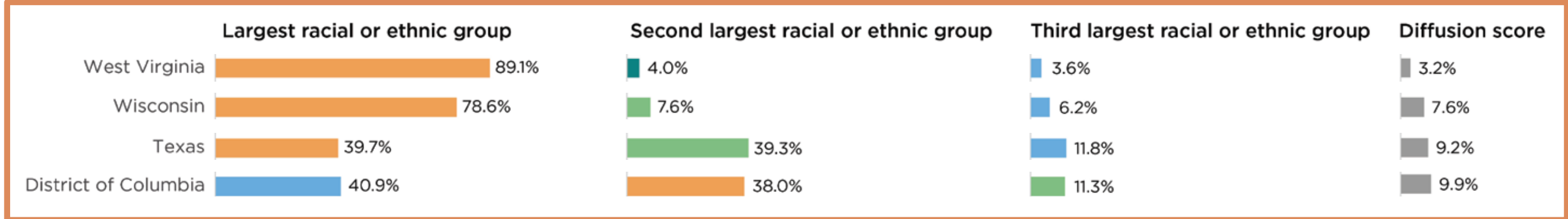
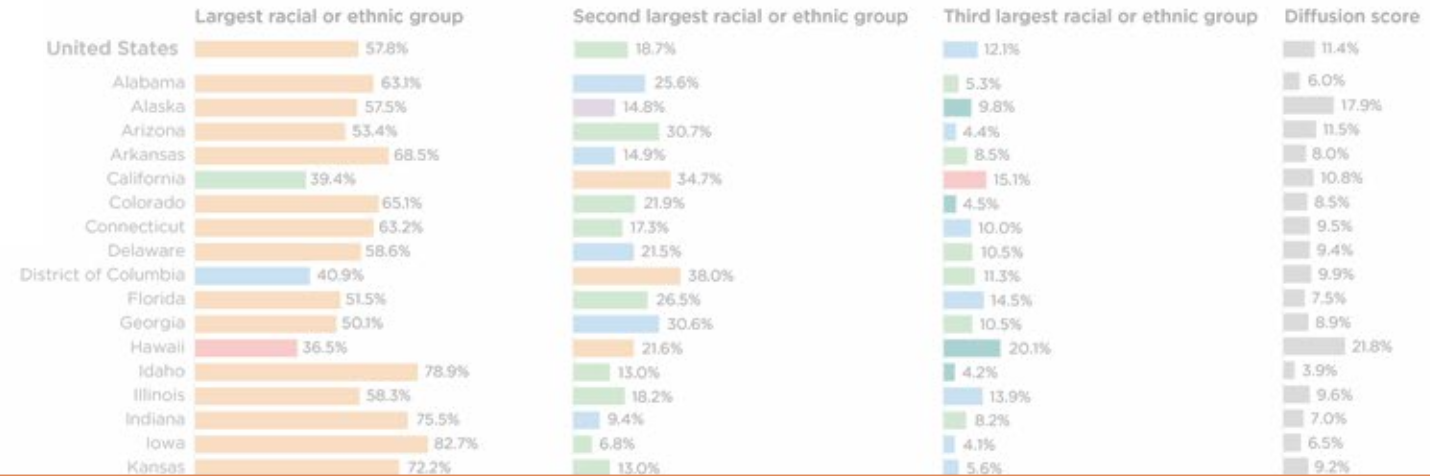
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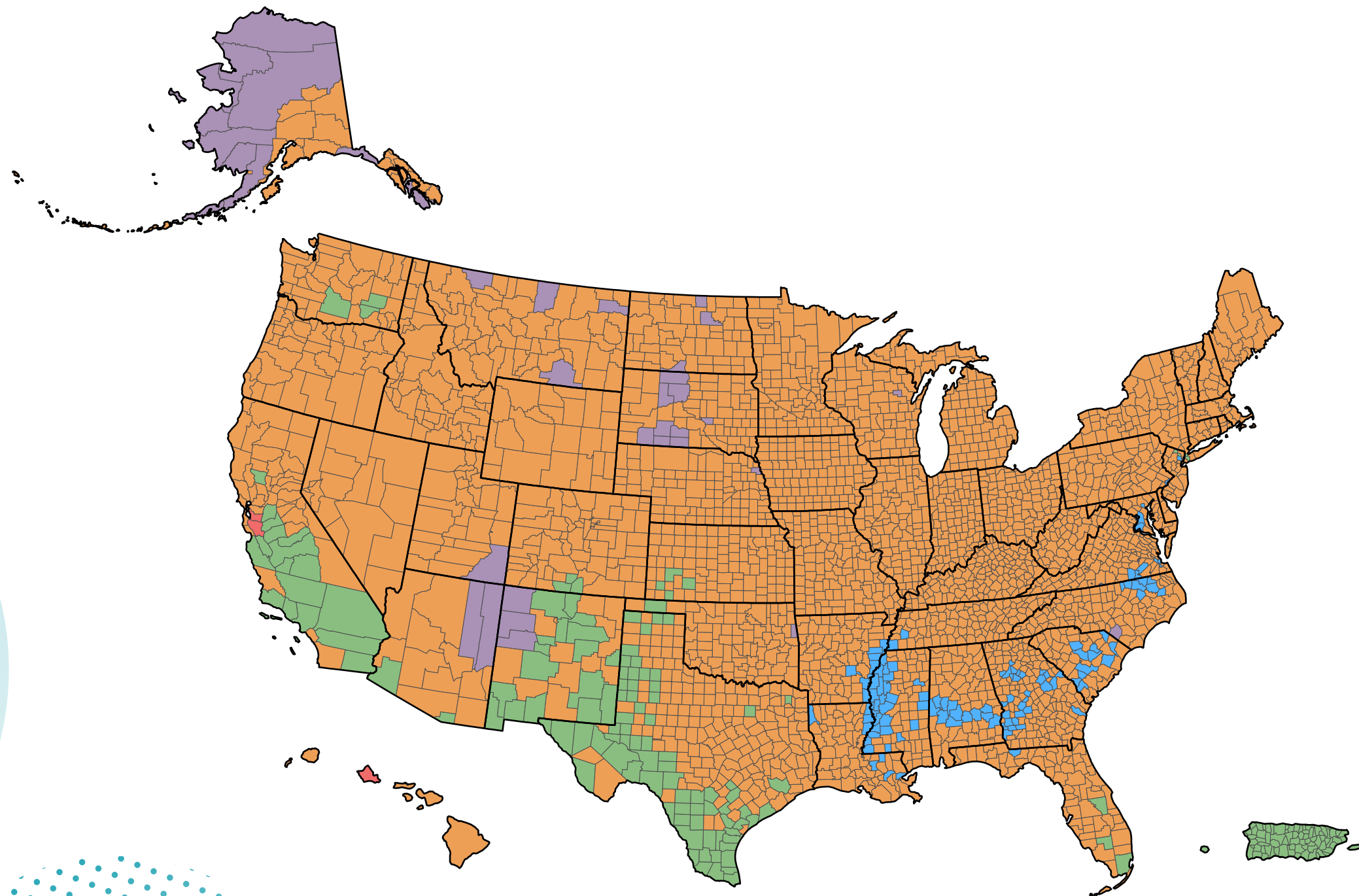


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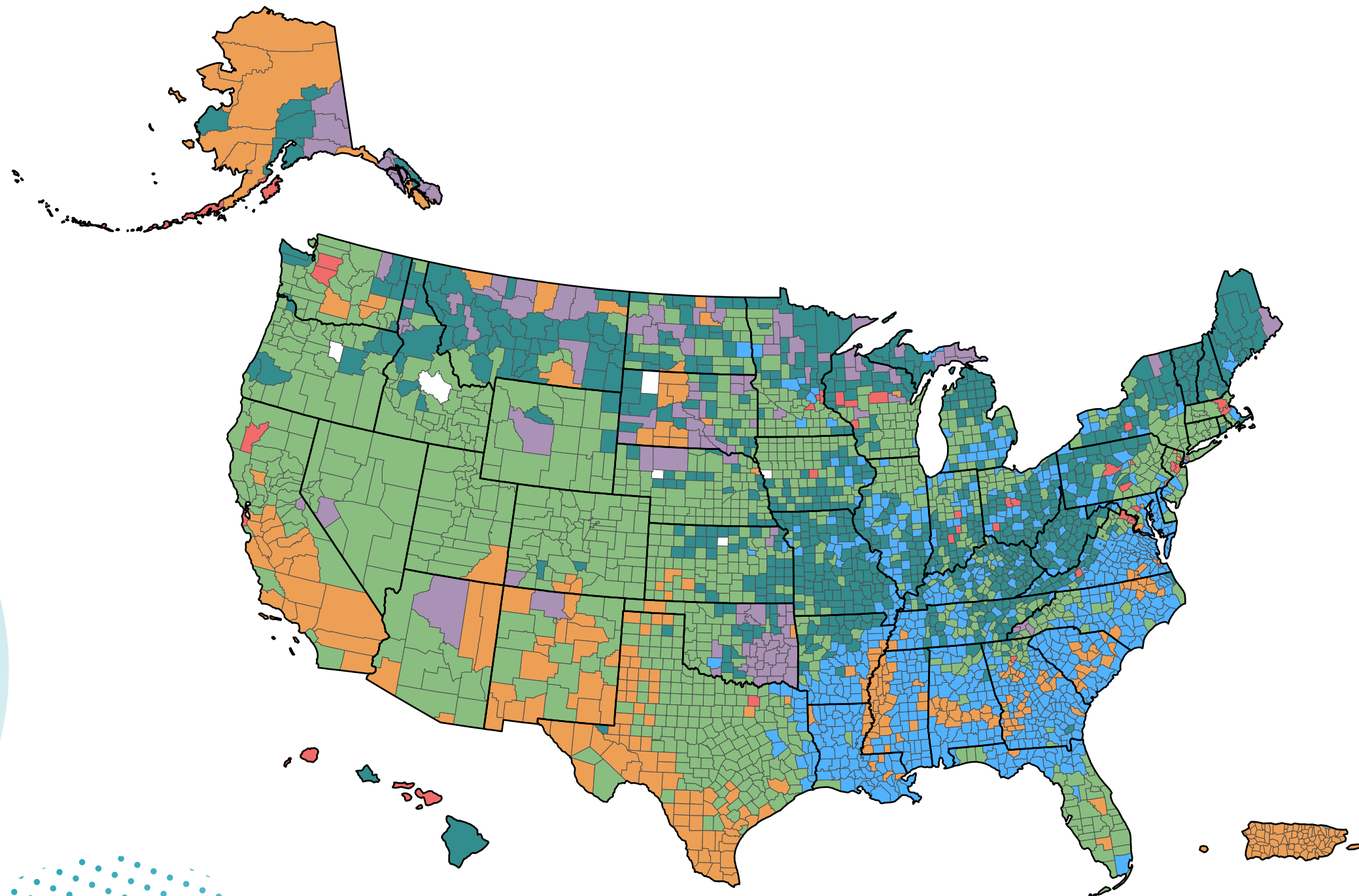
Most Prevalent Race or Ethnicity Group by County: 2020

Race or ethnicity group

- White alone, non-Hispanic
- Black or African American alone, non-Hispanic
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone, non-Hispanic
- Asian alone, non-Hispanic
- Hispanic or Latino, of any race

Note: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, non-Hispanic, Some Other Race alone, non-Hispanic, and Two or More Races, non-Hispanic were not the most prevalent group in any county.

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Second-Most Prevalent Race or Ethnicity Group by County: 2020

Race or ethnicity group

- White alone, non-Hispanic
- Black or African American alone, non-Hispanic
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone, non-Hispanic
- Asian alone, non-Hispanic
- Two or More Races, non-Hispanic
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- No single group was the second-most prevalent

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