

A Look at the 1940 Census

Major Innovations of the 1940 Census

First census to:

- include a question on wages and income (under the heading on “income”)
- to ask extra questions of a 5 percent sample of the population. (two people on each page)
- designate a special day for counting transients (T-Night) April 8-9
- include a coverage and content research program following the census
- include a census of housing.

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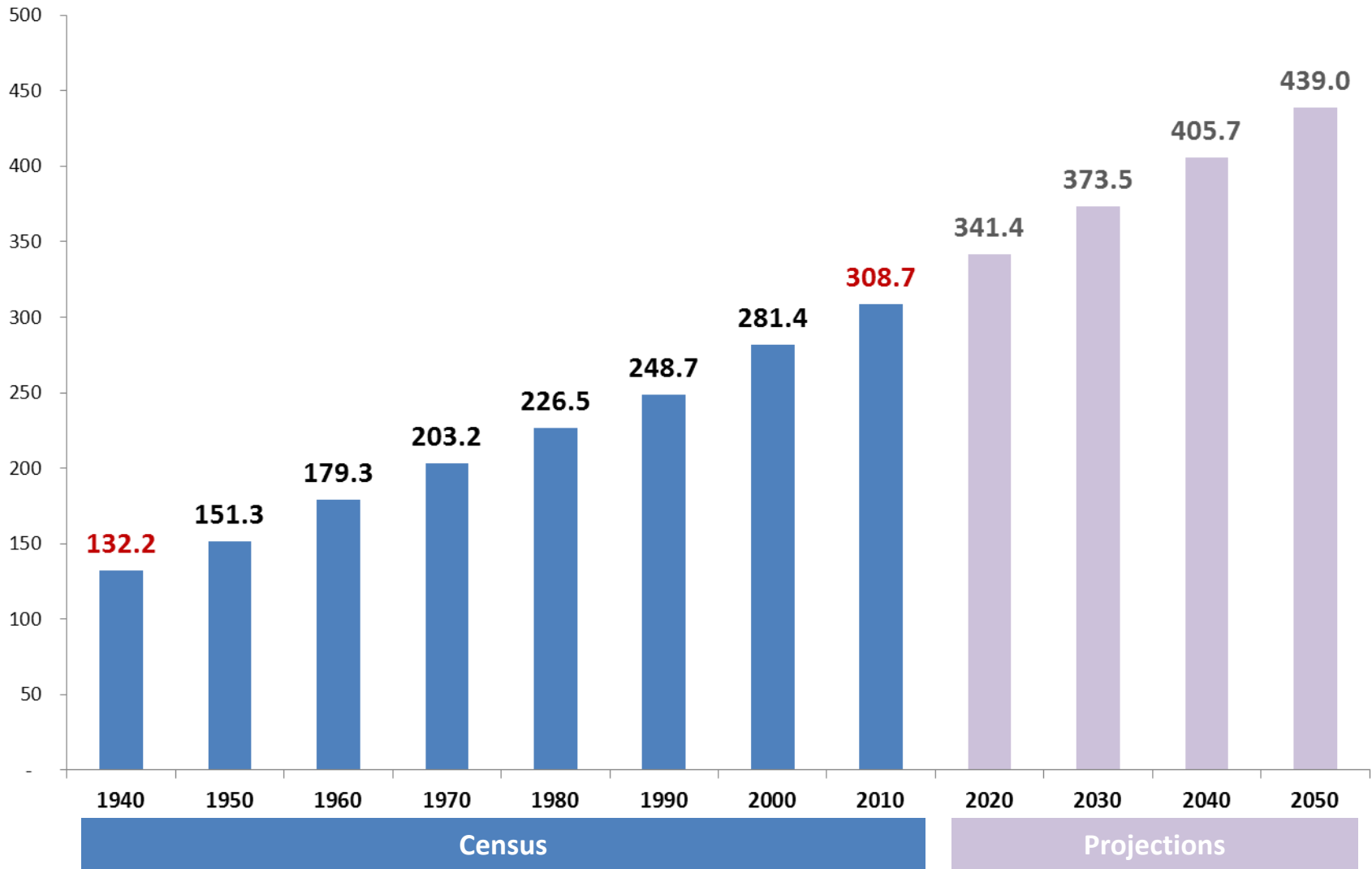
Census Sample Survey

To reconcile exploding demand for new questions with a public balking at answering and technology straining to make that many tabulations:

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS	
For Persons Enumerated on Lines 14 and 29	
Line No.	NAME
	35
14	
29	

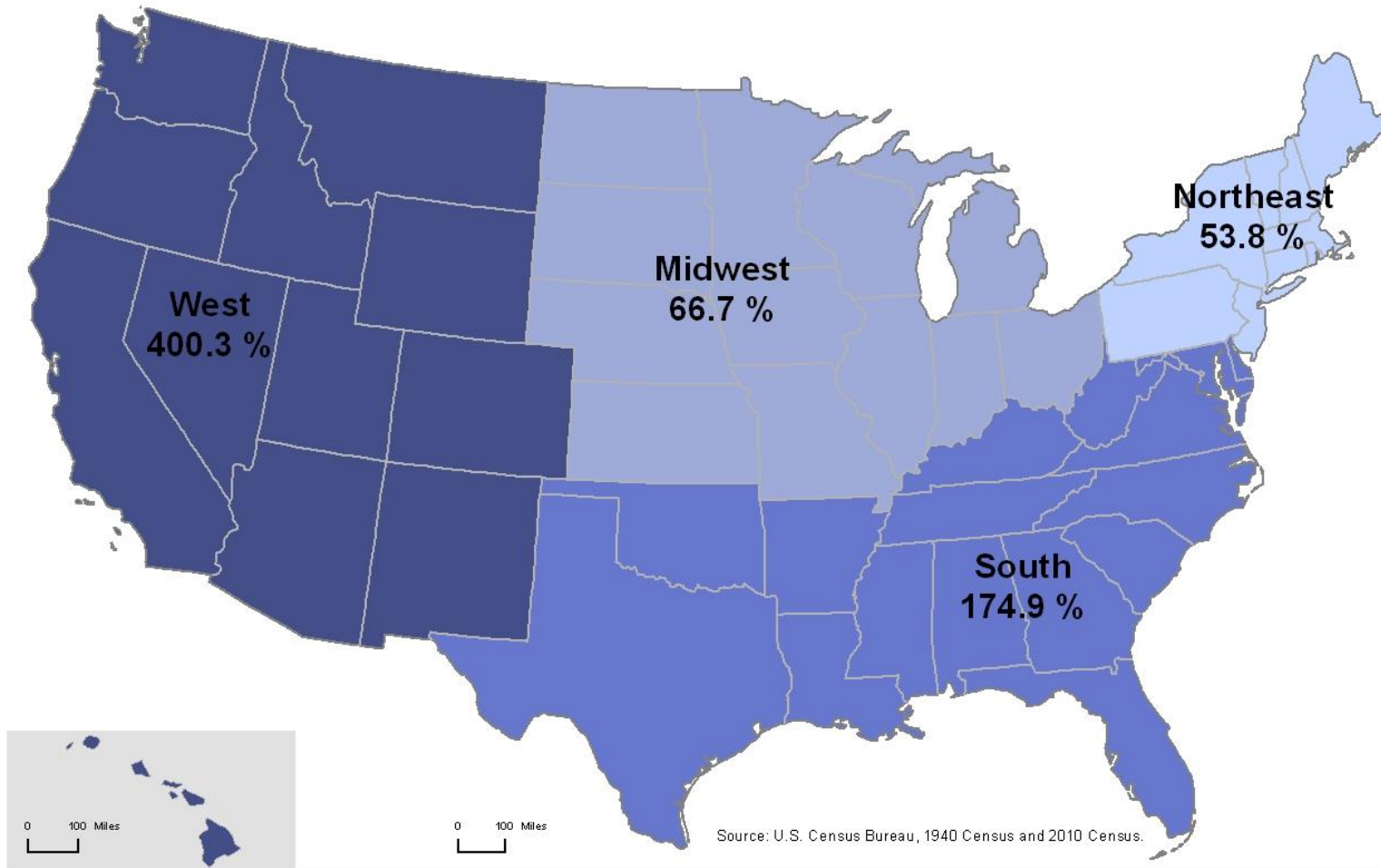
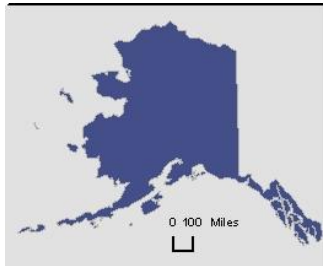
- Procedures designed by W. Edwards Deming and Morris Hansen
- Asked most frequently of people falling on lines 14 and 29
- Supplementary questions included
 - Parents' place of birth
 - Veterans status
 - If person had a Social Security card
 - Usual occupation and industry
 - Age at first marriage
 - Number of children ever born
- The implications for 2012
 - Many new questions on some people
 - Parents' place of birth had been available on everyone from the 1930 census

U.S. Population in Millions: 1940 to 2050

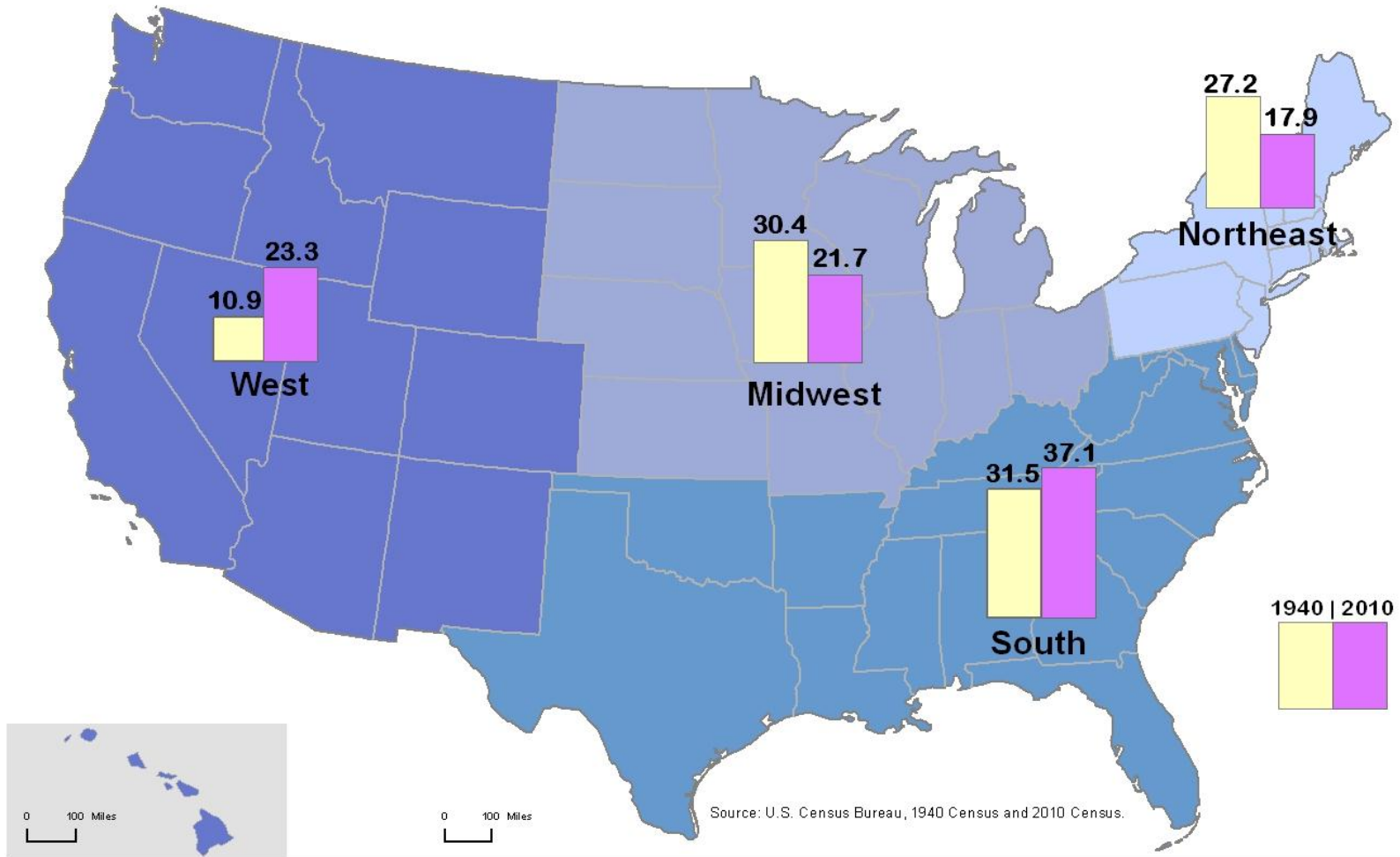
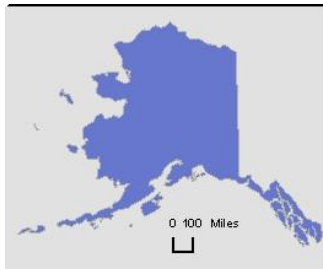


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940 to 2010 Decennial Censuses; 2008 National Population Projections

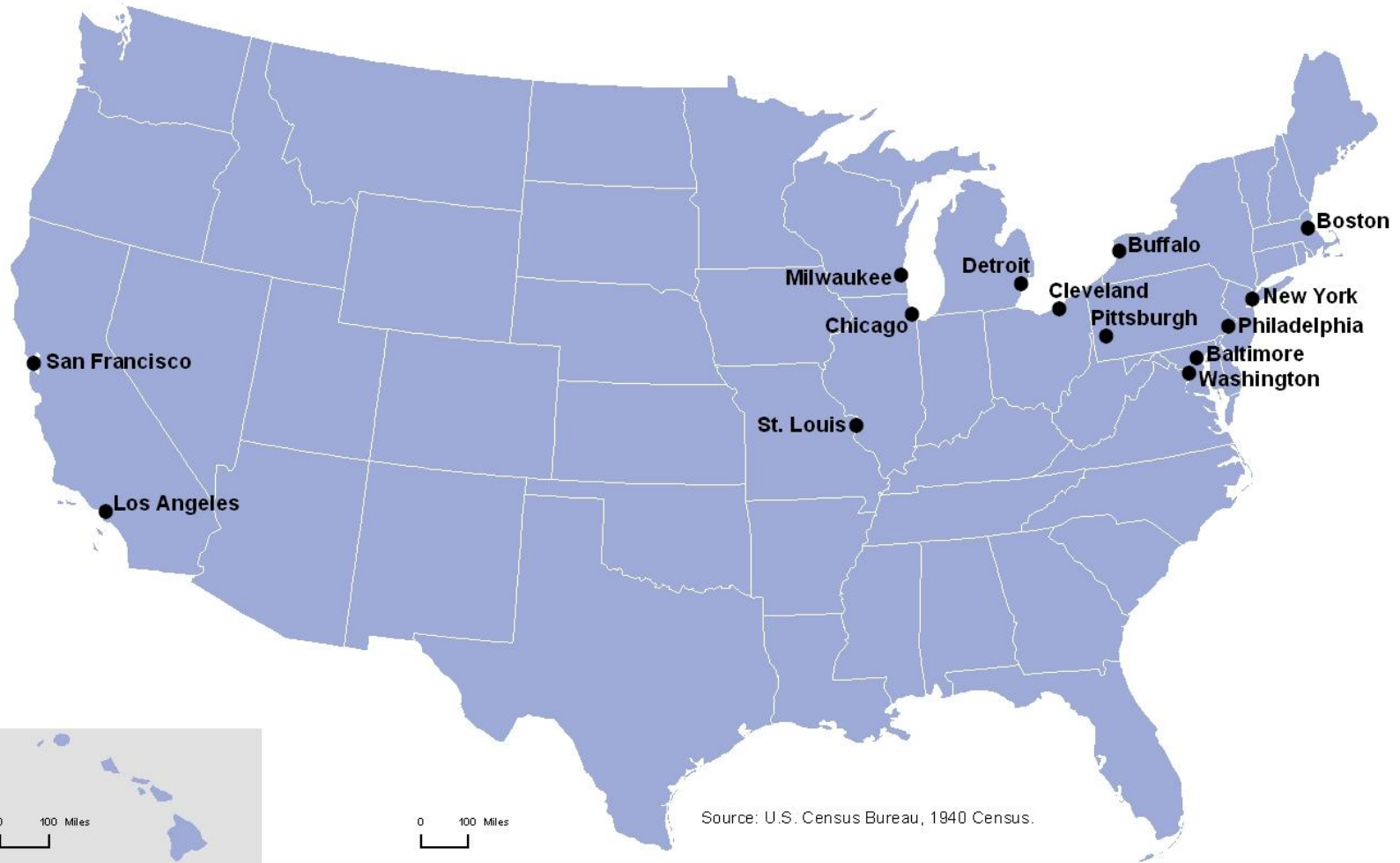
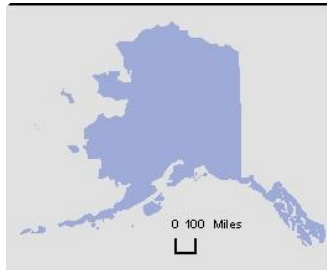
Population Change by Region: 1940 to 2010



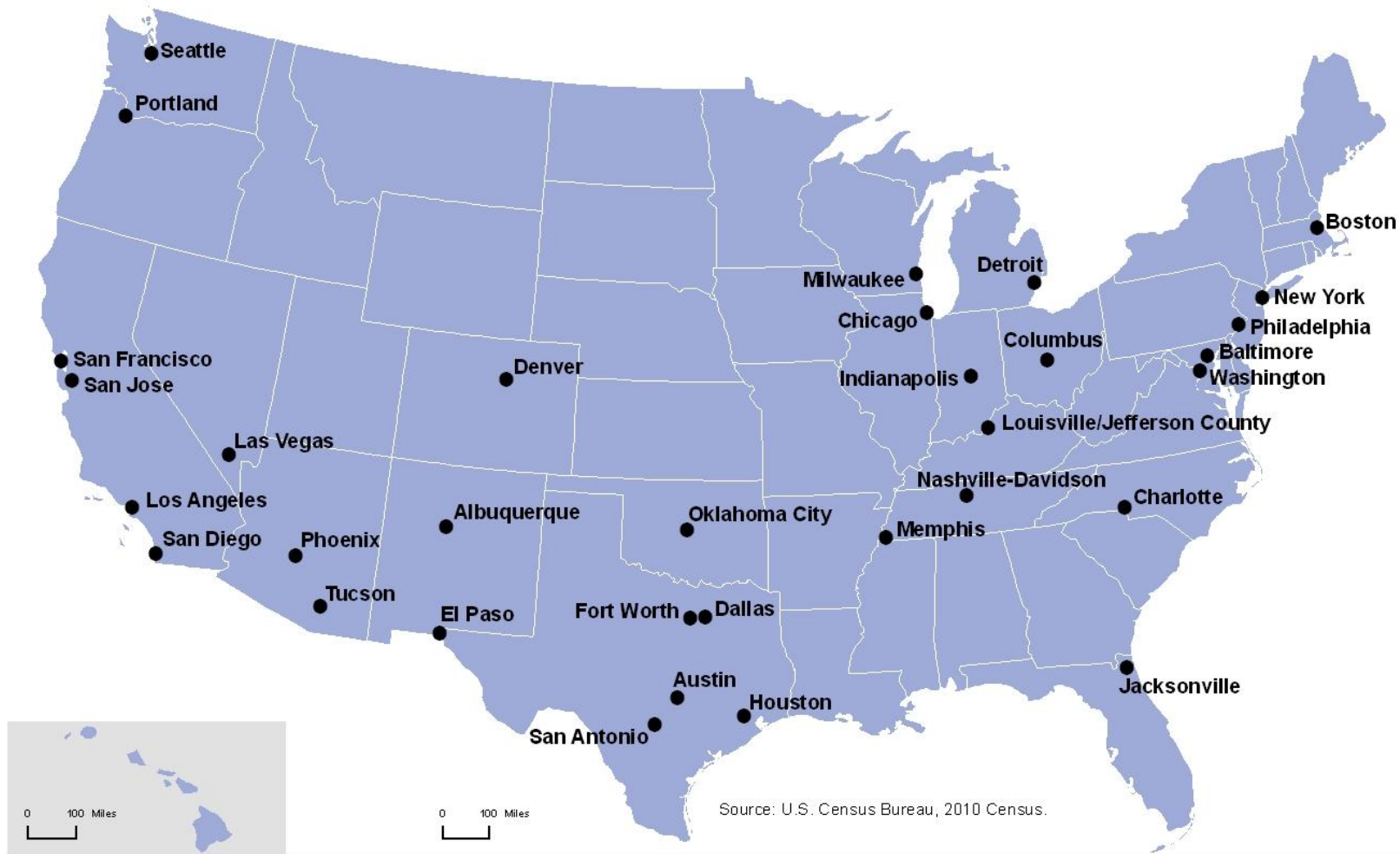
Percent of U.S. Population by Region: 1940 and 2010



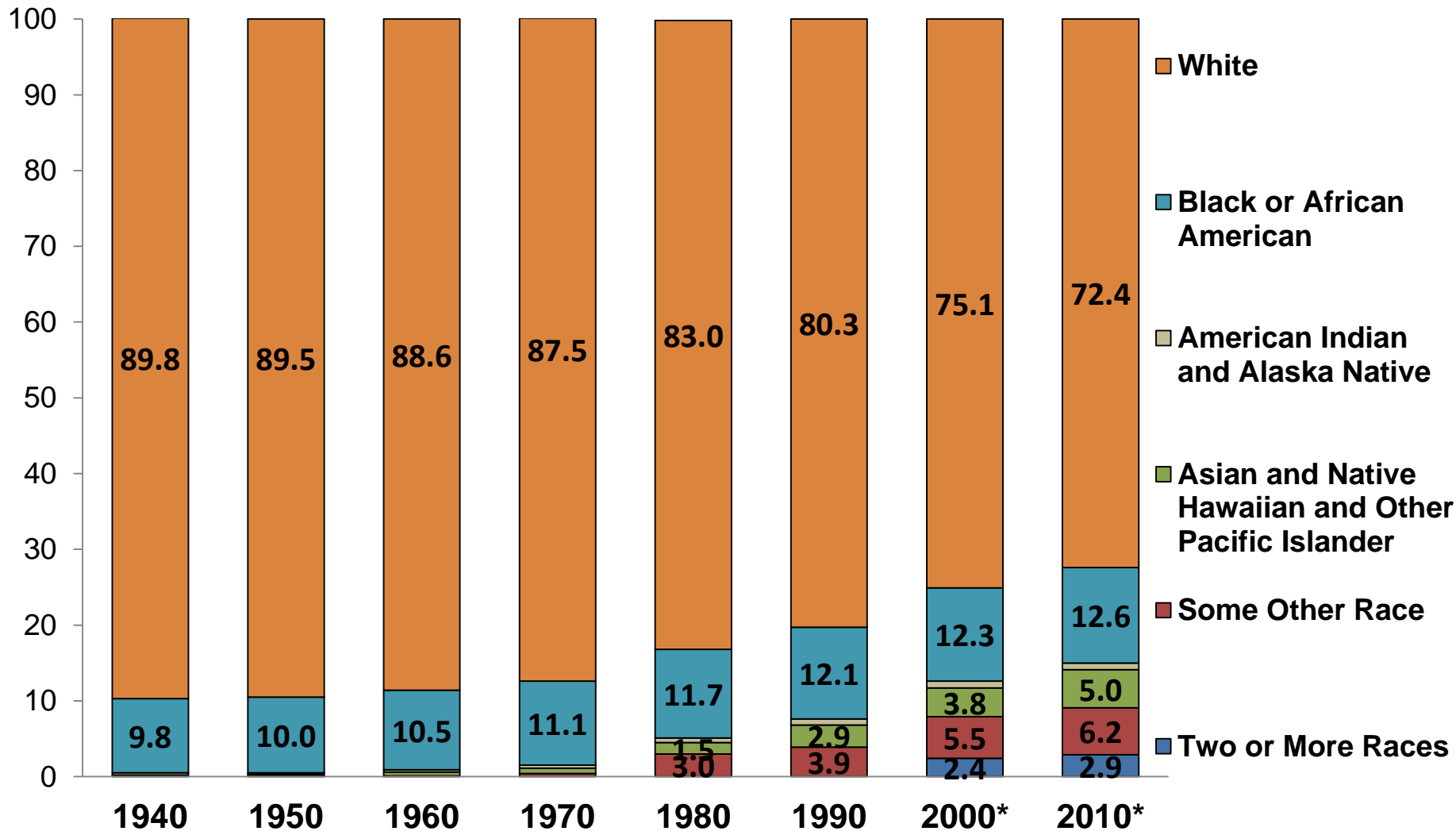
Cities of 500,000 or More Population: 1940



Cities of 500,000 or More Population: 2010



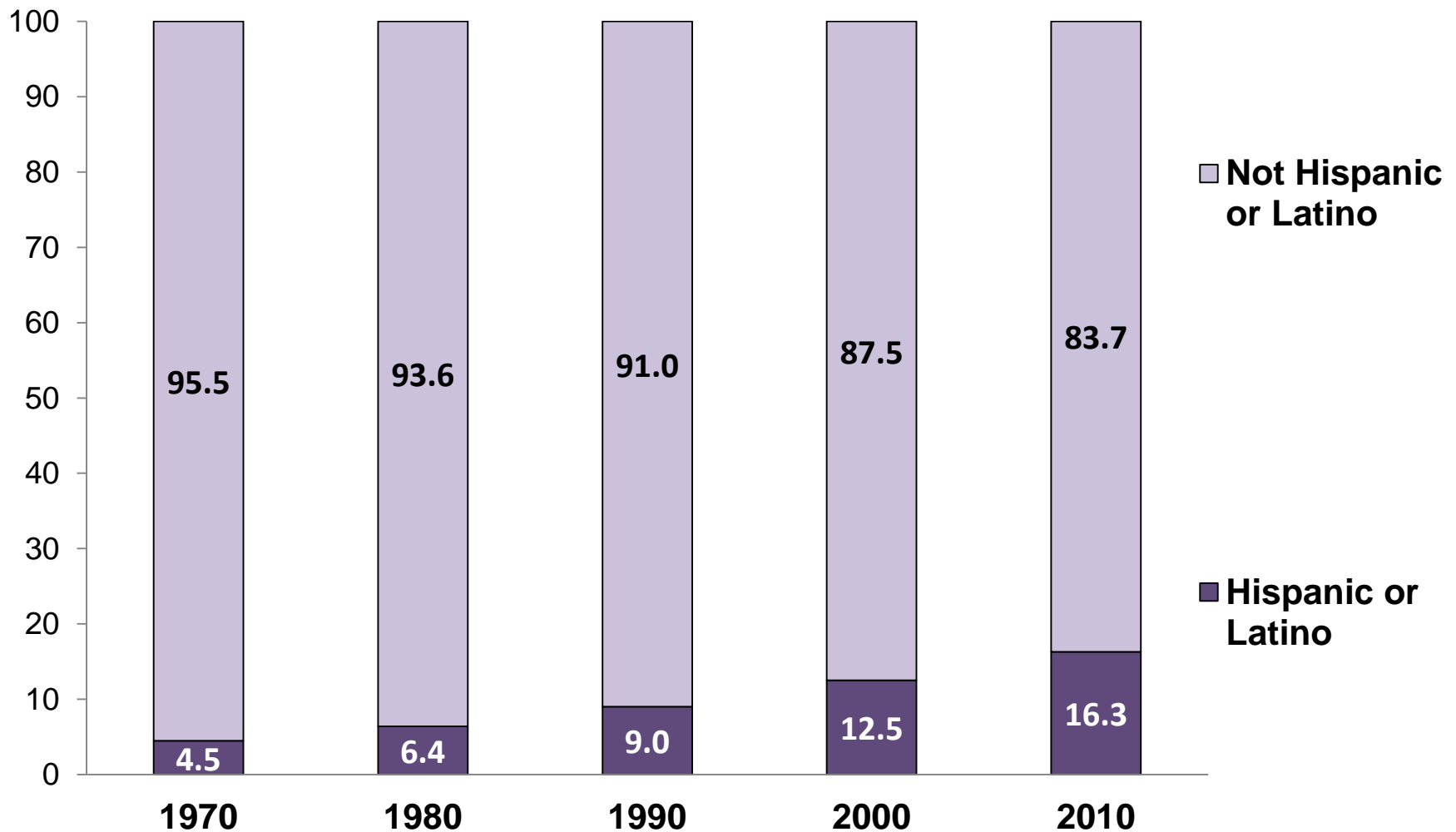
Population Distribution by Race: 1940-2010



*Data are shown for the White, Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and Some Other Race alone populations.

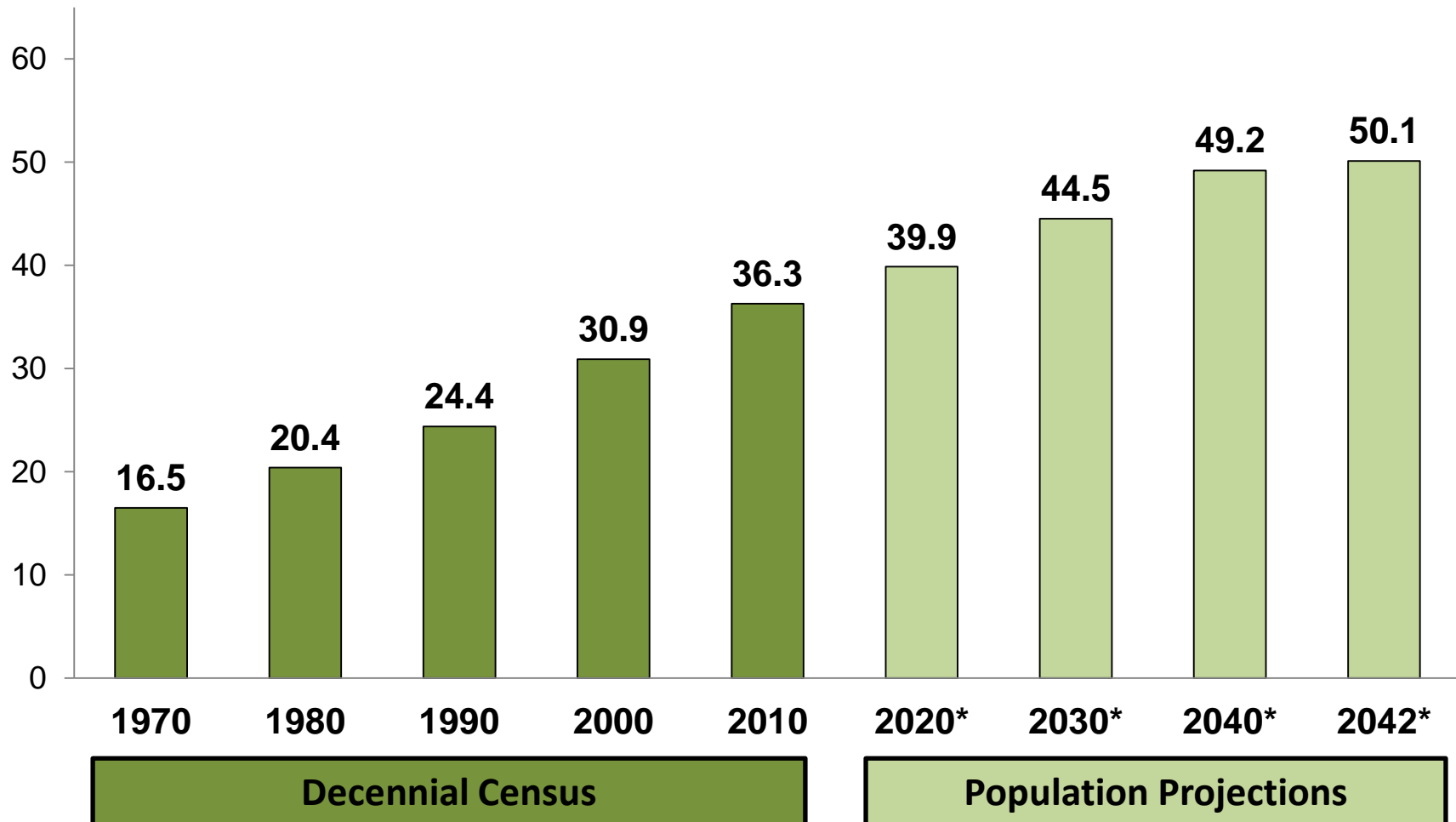
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1940 to 2010.

Population Distribution by Hispanic Origin: 1970-2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1970 (5-percent sample), 1980 to 2010.

Percent Minority: 1970-2042

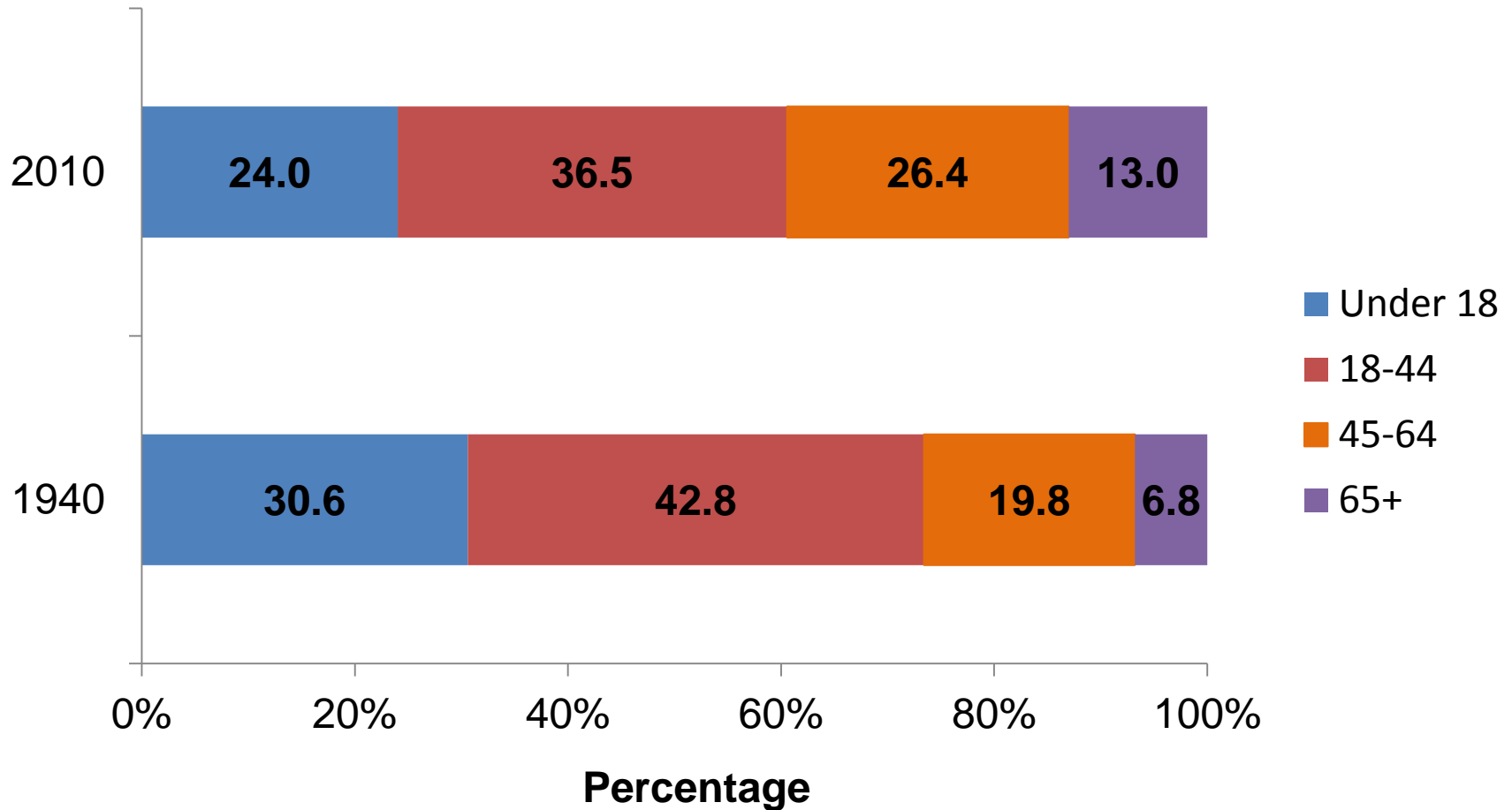


*Projected population as of July 1.

Note: "Minority" refers to people who reported their ethnicity and race as something other than non-Hispanic White alone in the decennial census.

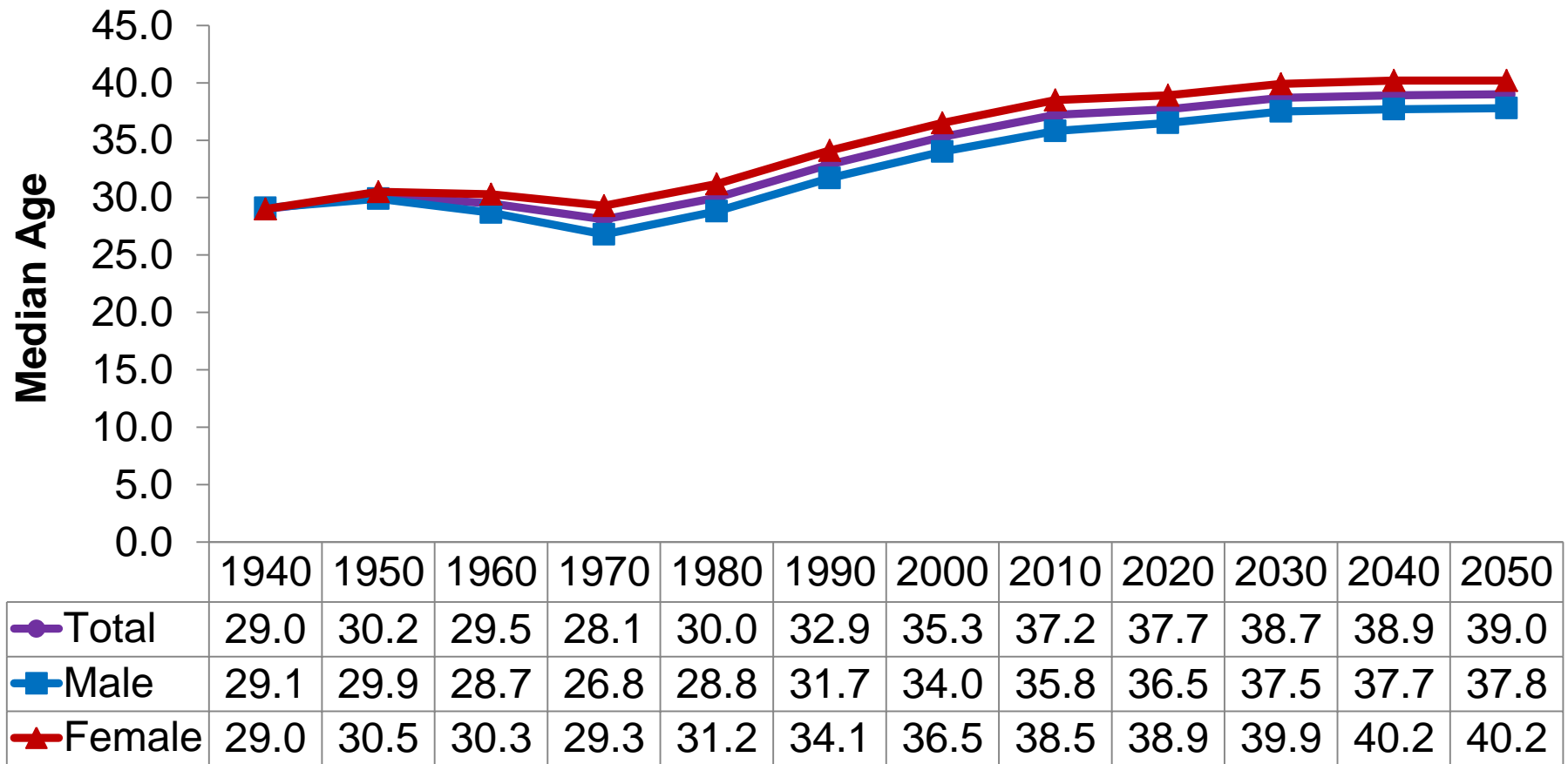
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Age Distribution: 1940 and 2010



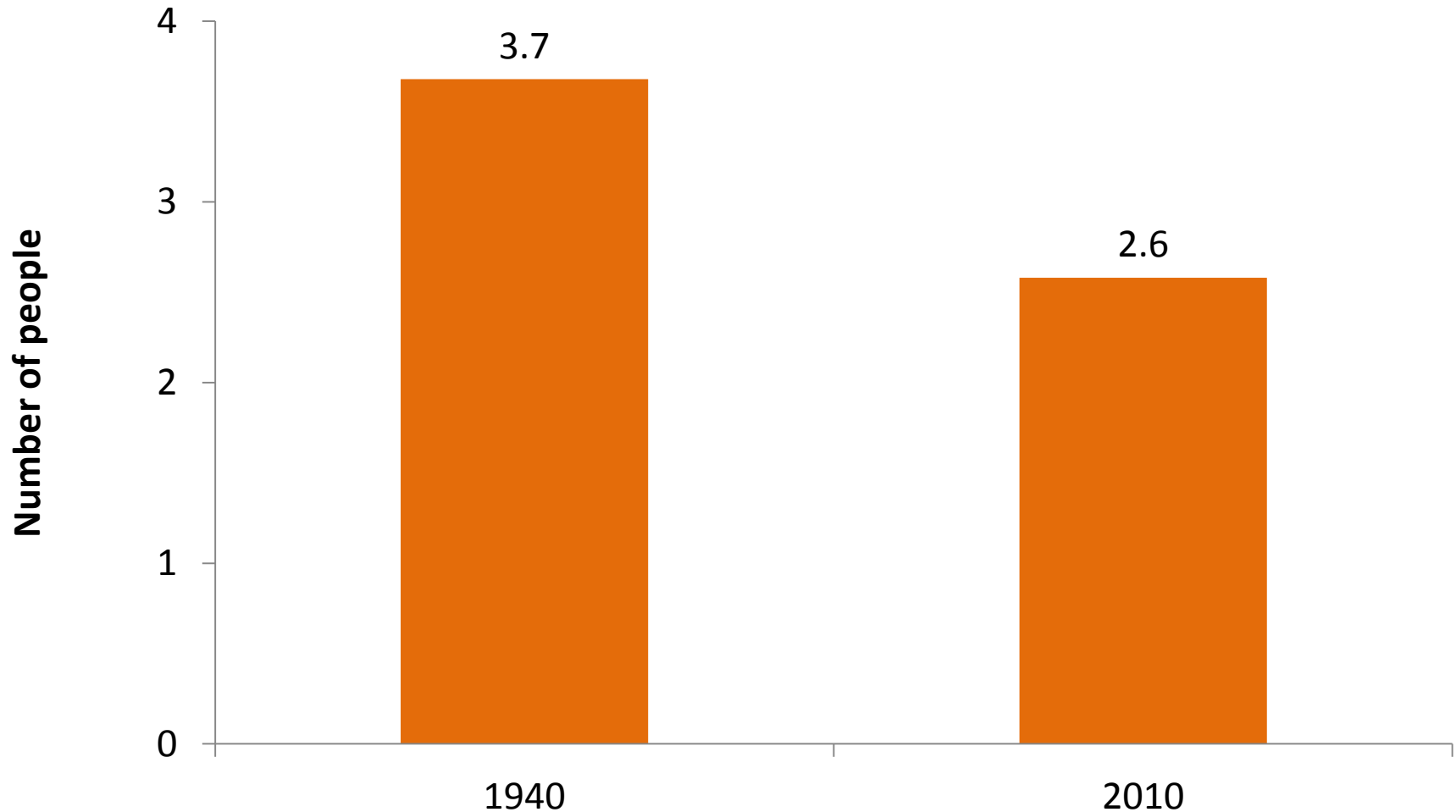
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, *1940 Census* and *2010 Census*.

Median Age: 1940-2050



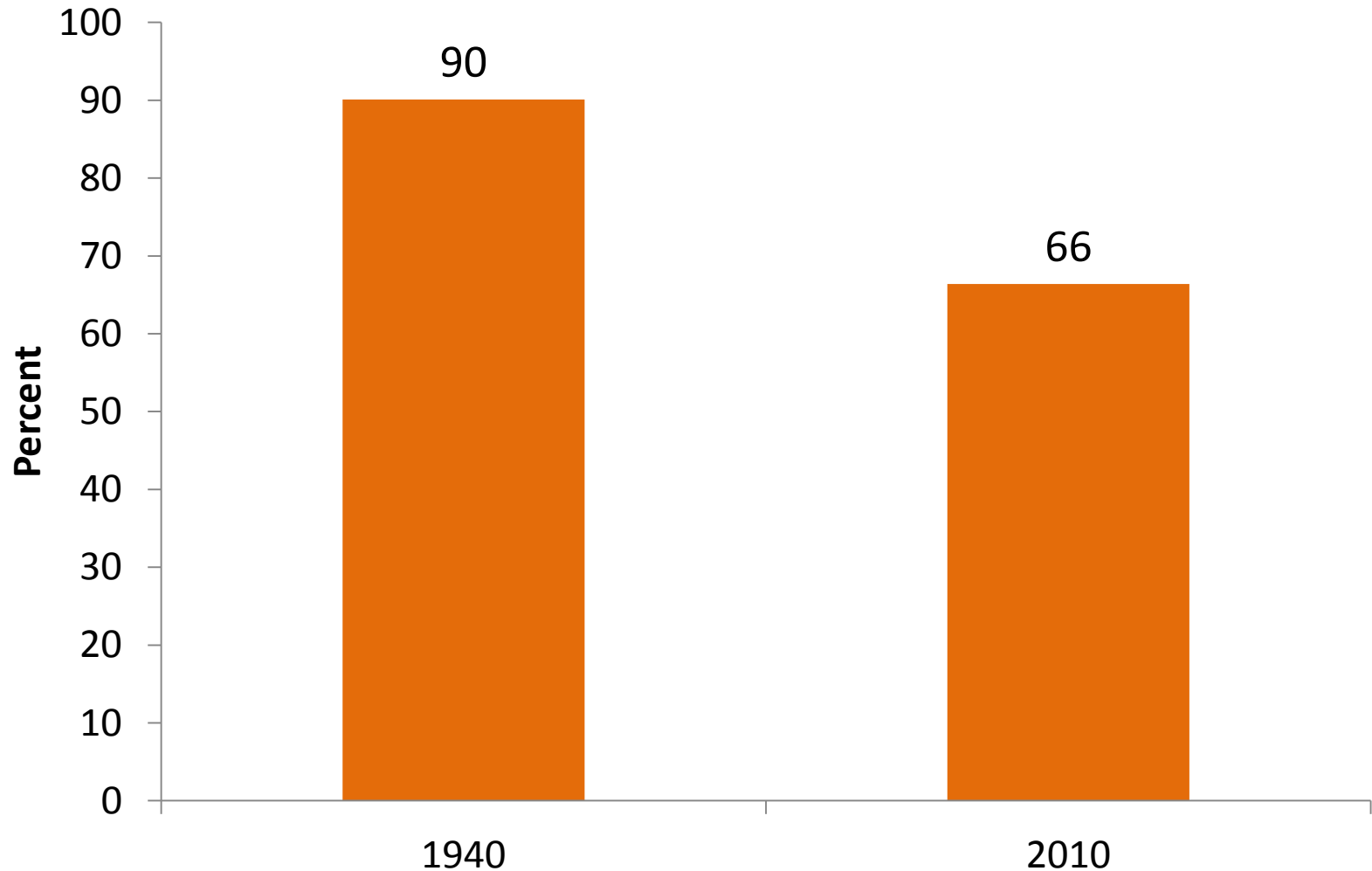
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1940 to 2010
 U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2050 Projections of the Population by Age and Sex
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Average Household Size: 1940 and 2010



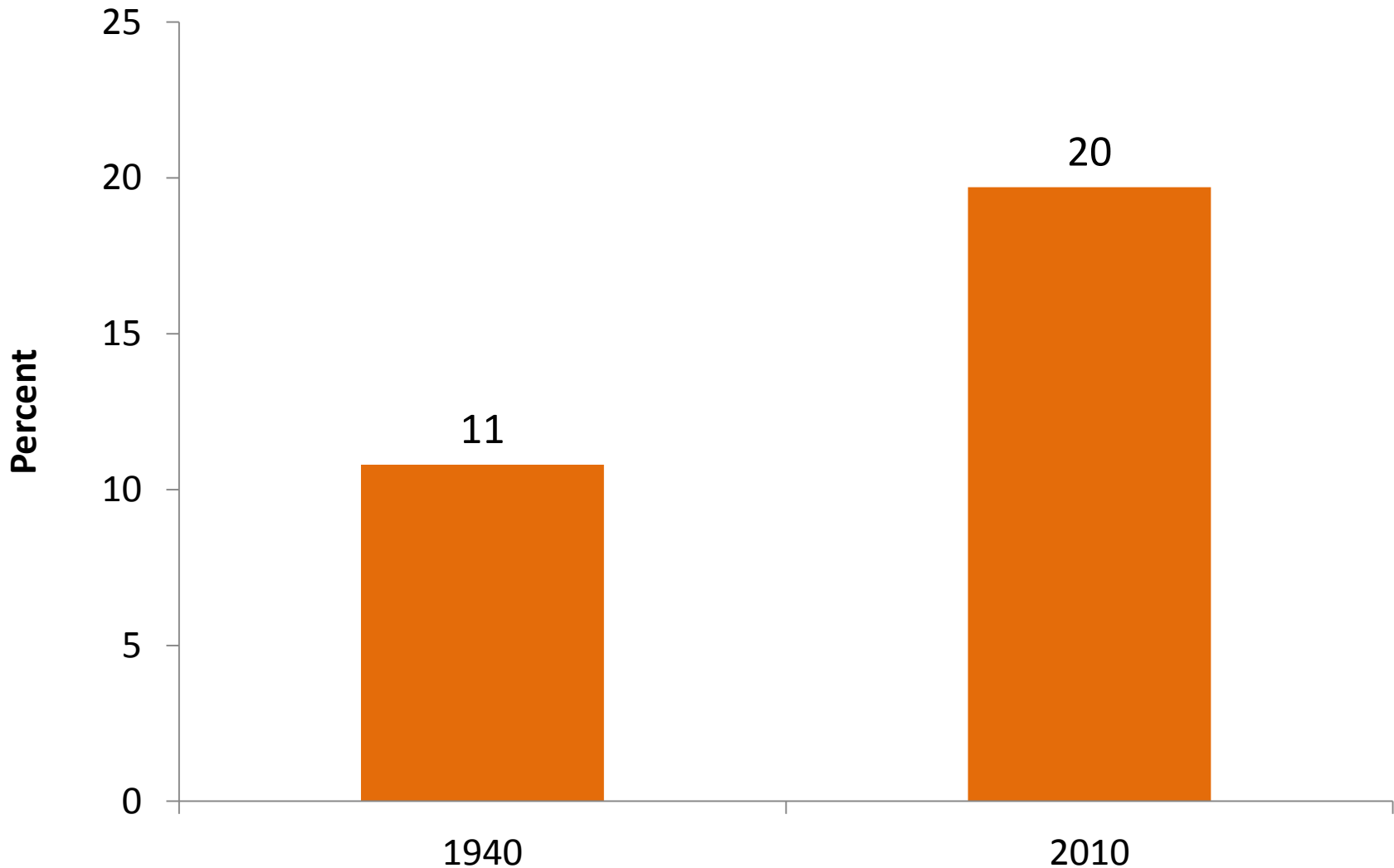
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940 and 2010 Censuses.

Percent of Households that are Family Households: 1940 and 2010



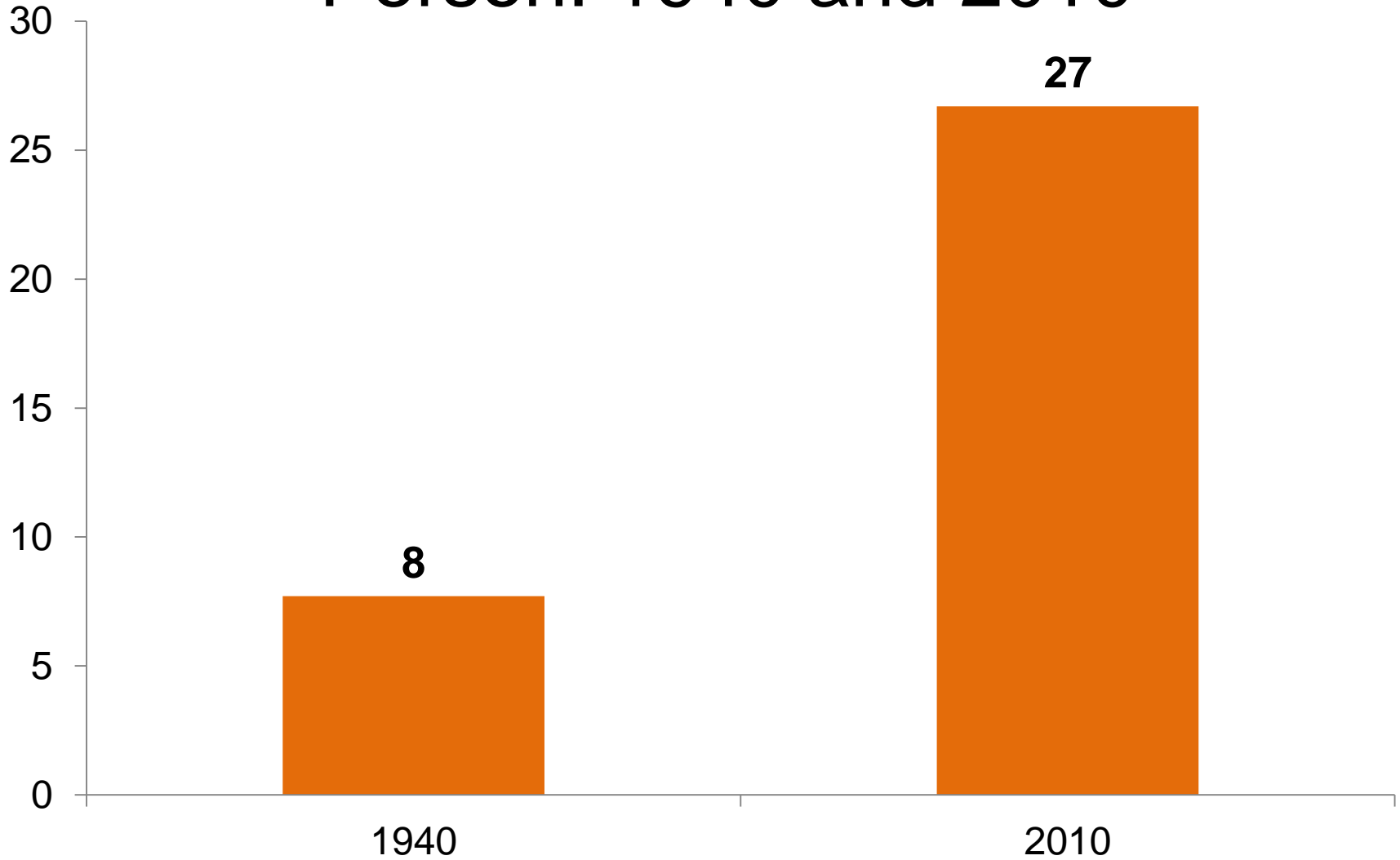
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Percent of Family Households with Female Householder, no Husband Present: 1940 and 2010



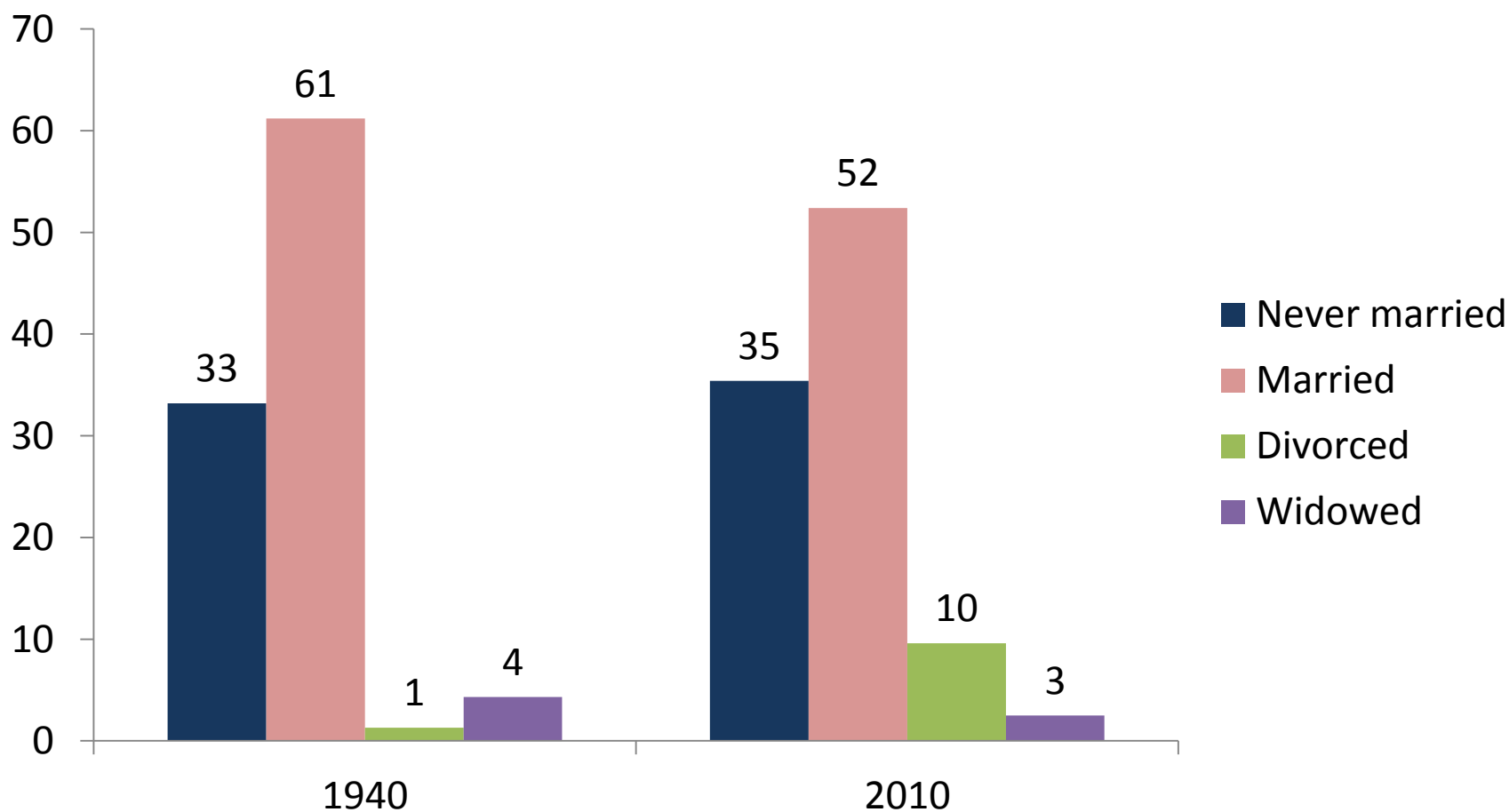
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Percent of Households with One Person: 1940 and 2010



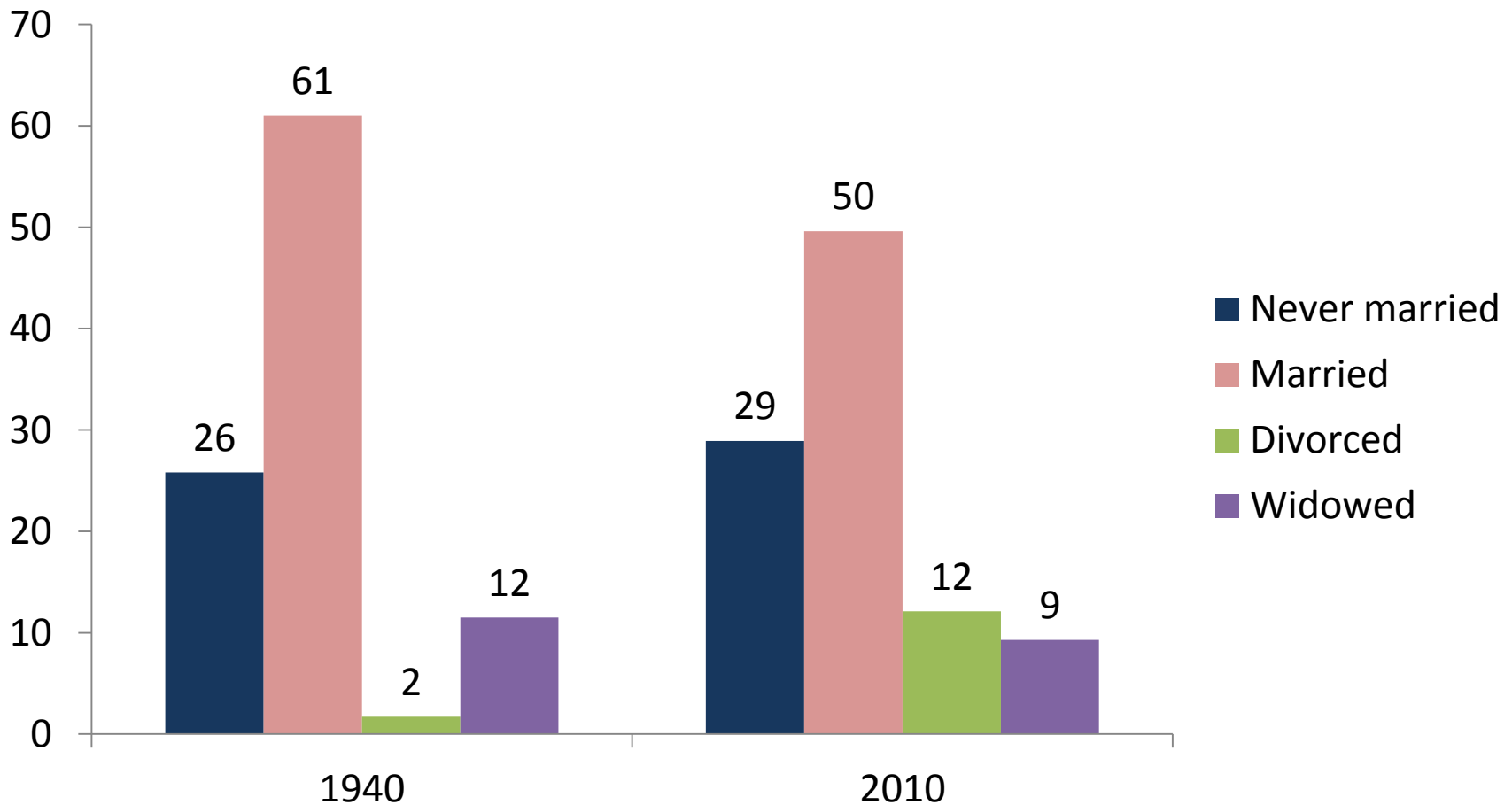
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census

Marital Status, Males 15 Years and Over: 1940 and 2010



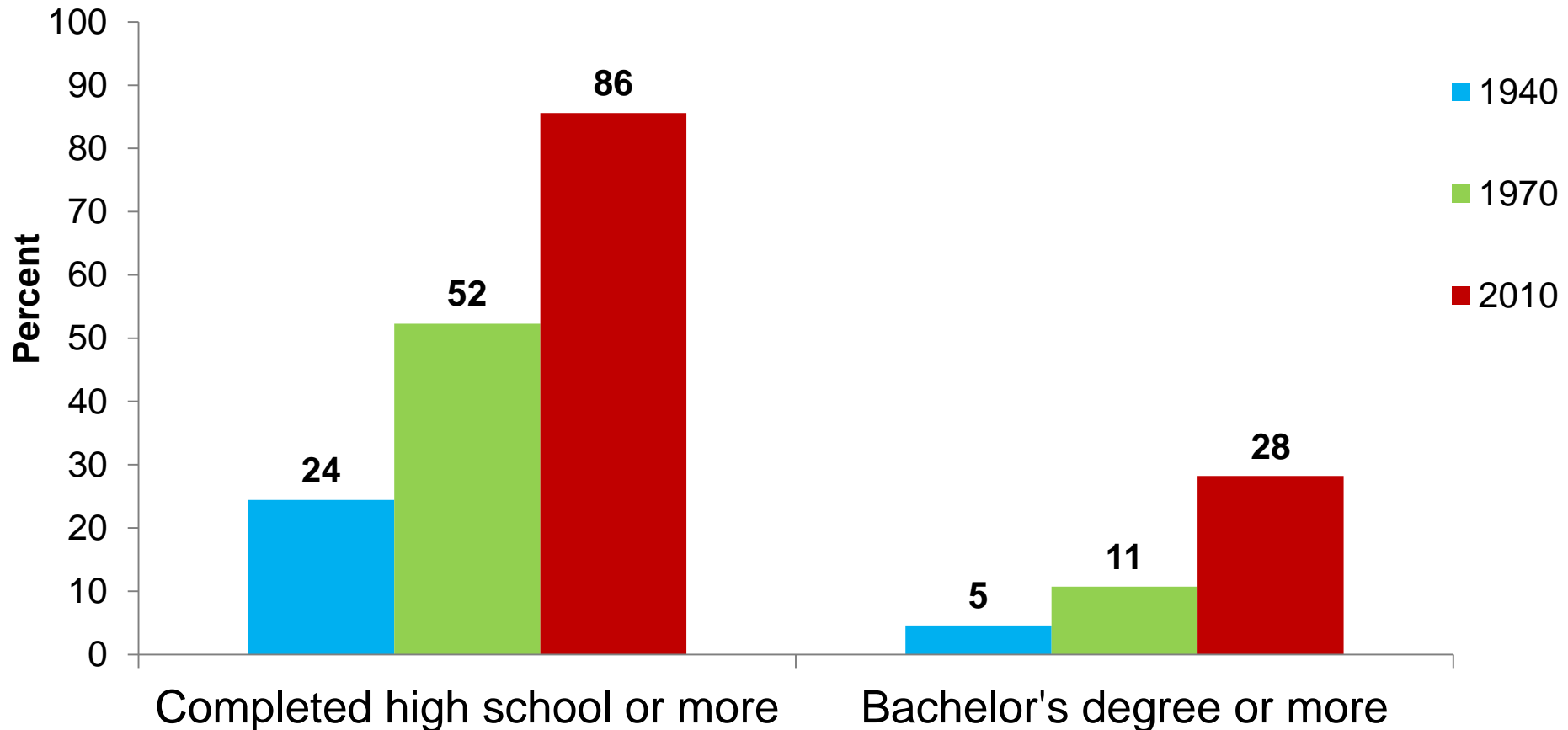
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940 Census, and 2010 American Community Survey.

Marital Status, Females 15 Years and Over: 1940 and 2010



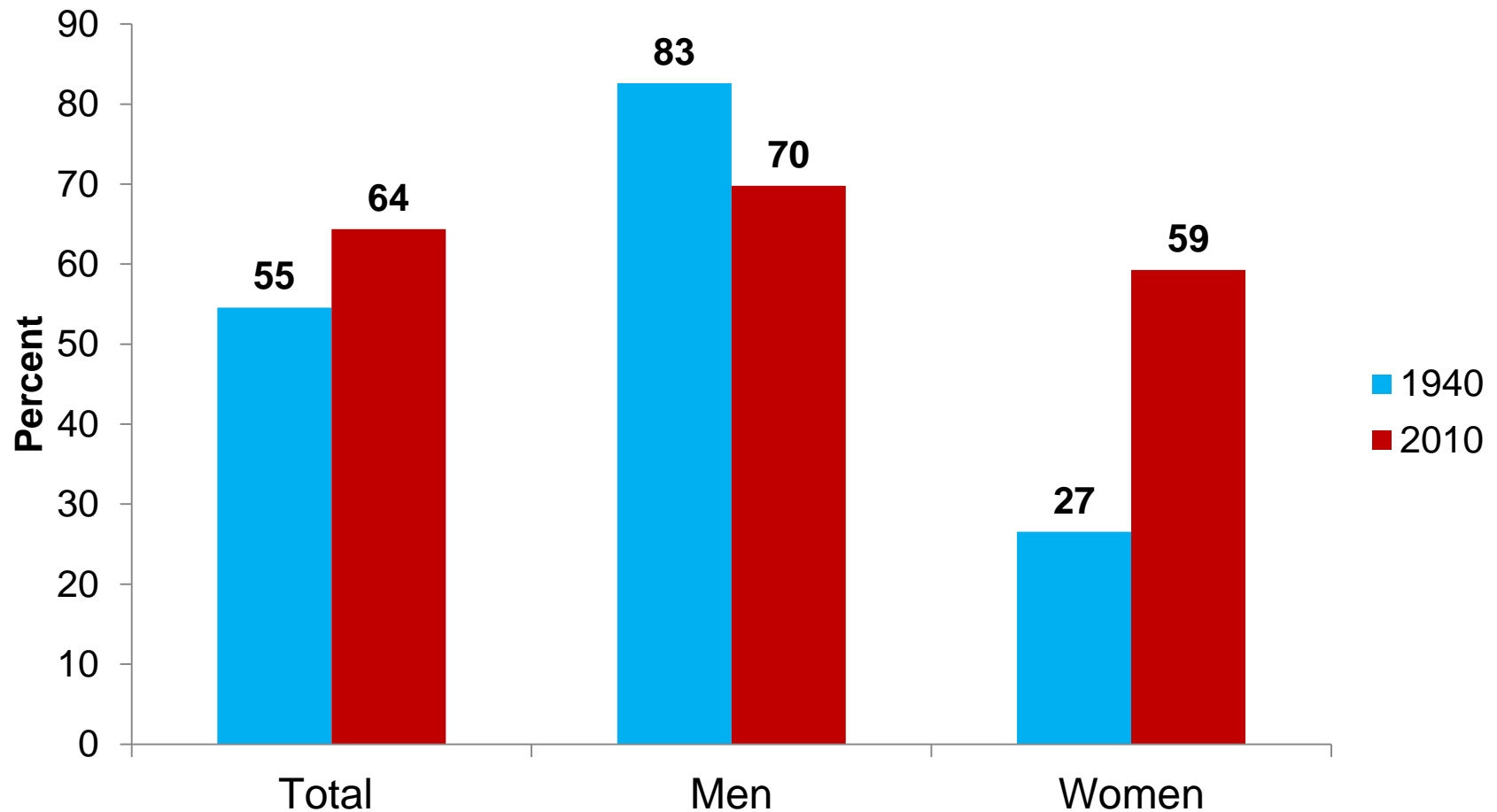
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940 Census and 2010 American Community Survey.

Percent of Population 25 Years & Over Who Completed High School; Percentage Who Completed a Bachelor's Degree: 1940, 1970, and 2010



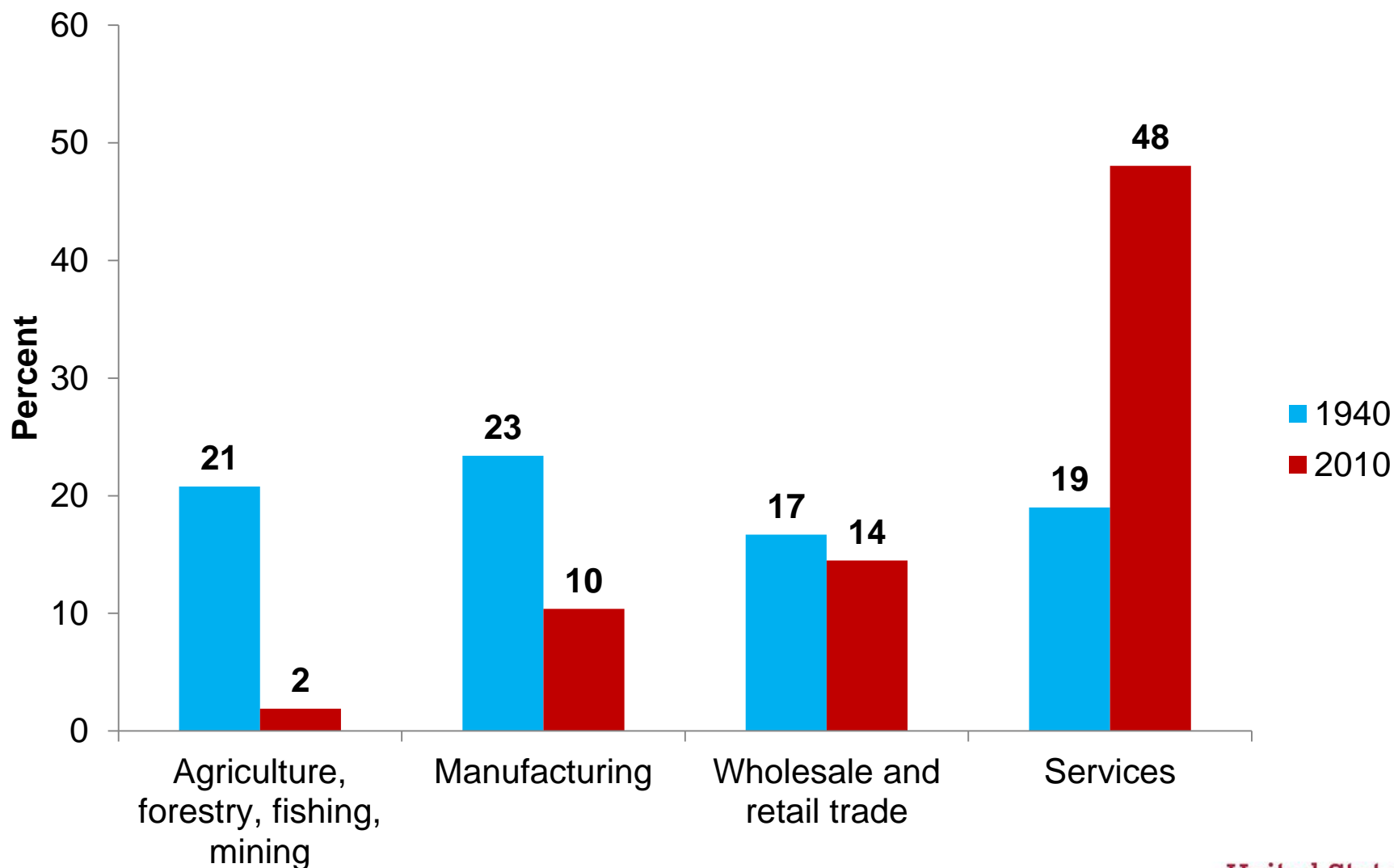
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940 and 1970 Censuses, and the 2010 American Community Survey

Percent of People 16 Years and Over in the Labor Force, by Sex: 1940 and 2010



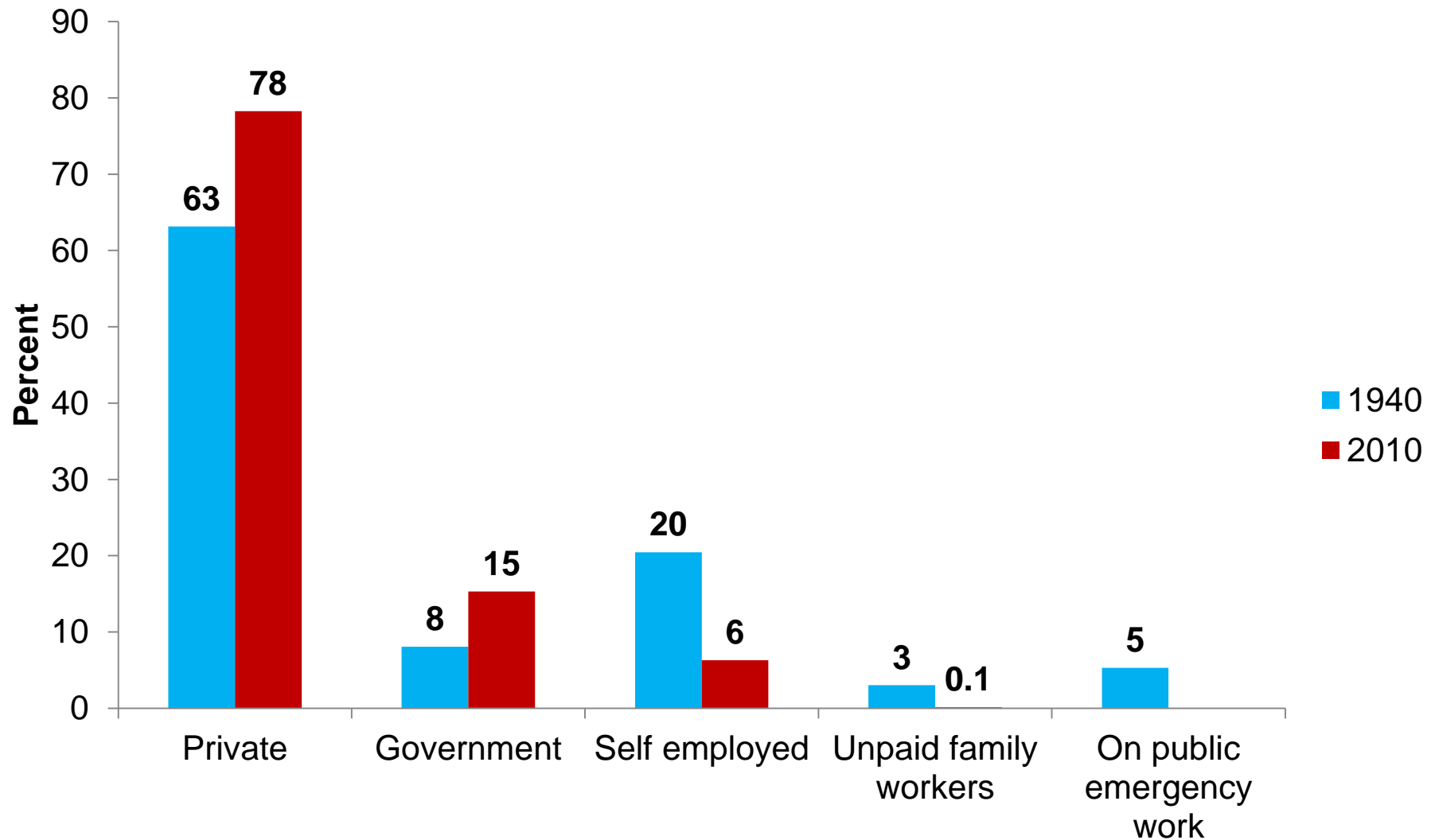
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Percent of Employed People in Selected Industries: 1940 and 2010



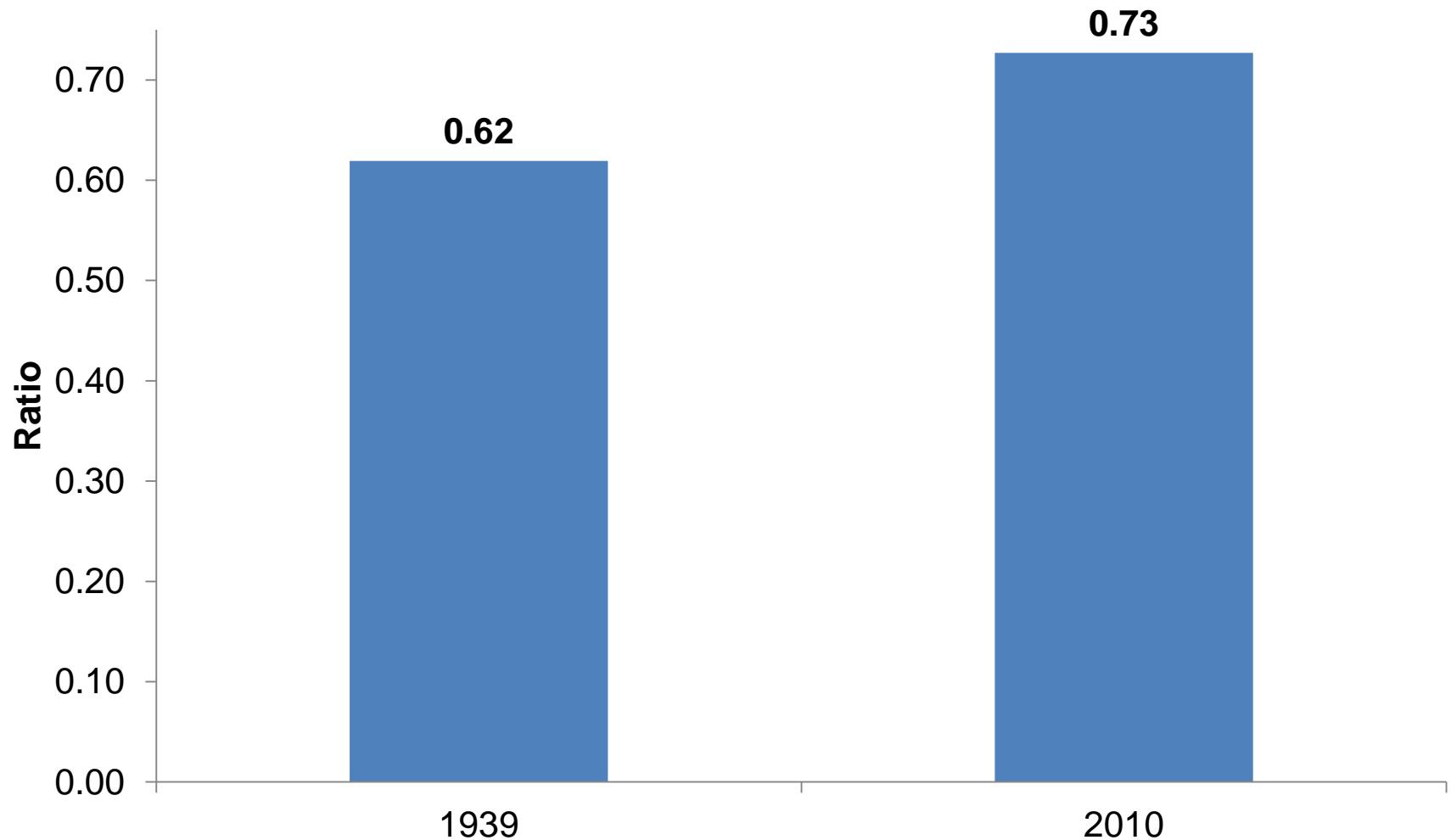
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Percent Distribution of Employed People by Class of Worker: 1940 and 2010



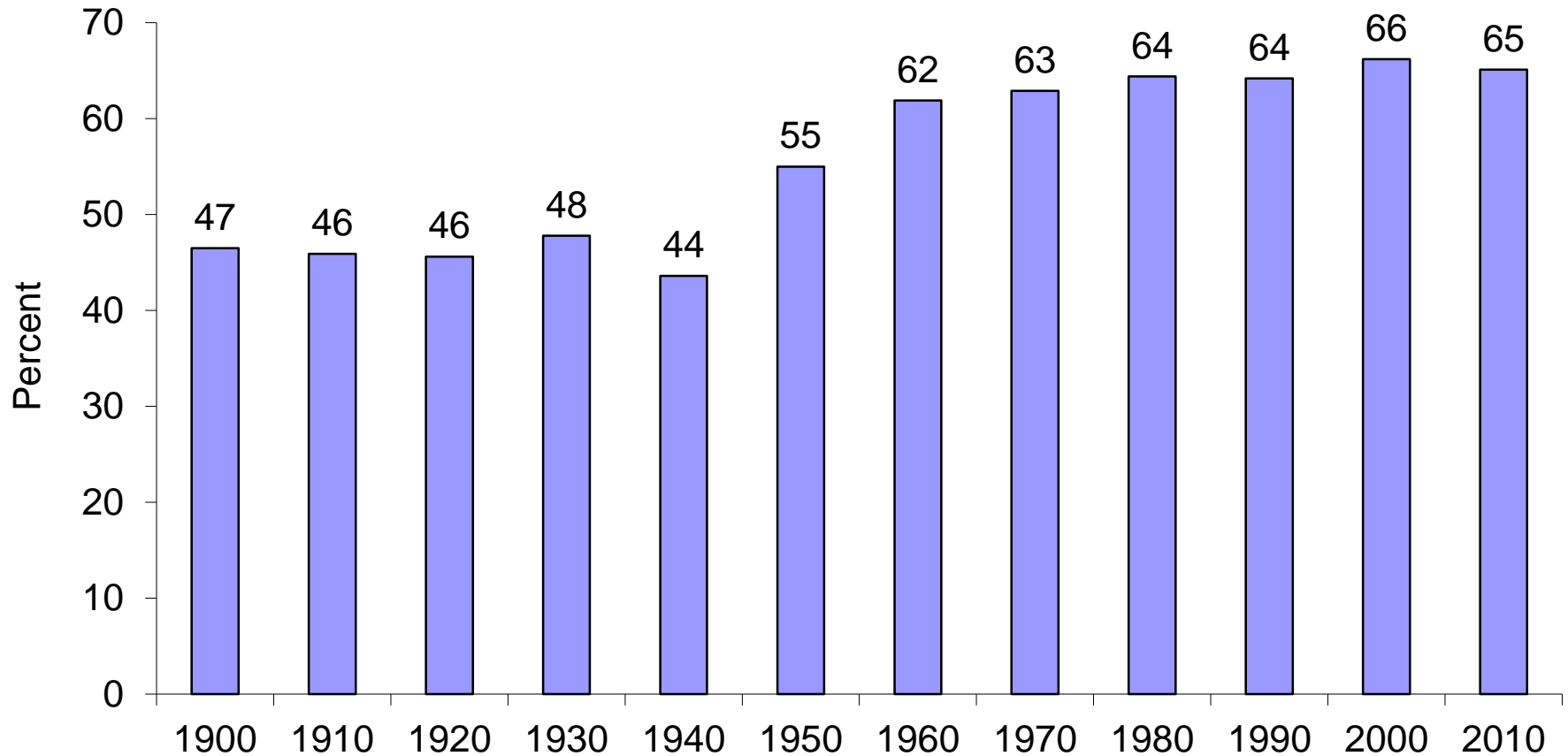
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Female to Male Wage and Salary Ratio: 1939 and 2010



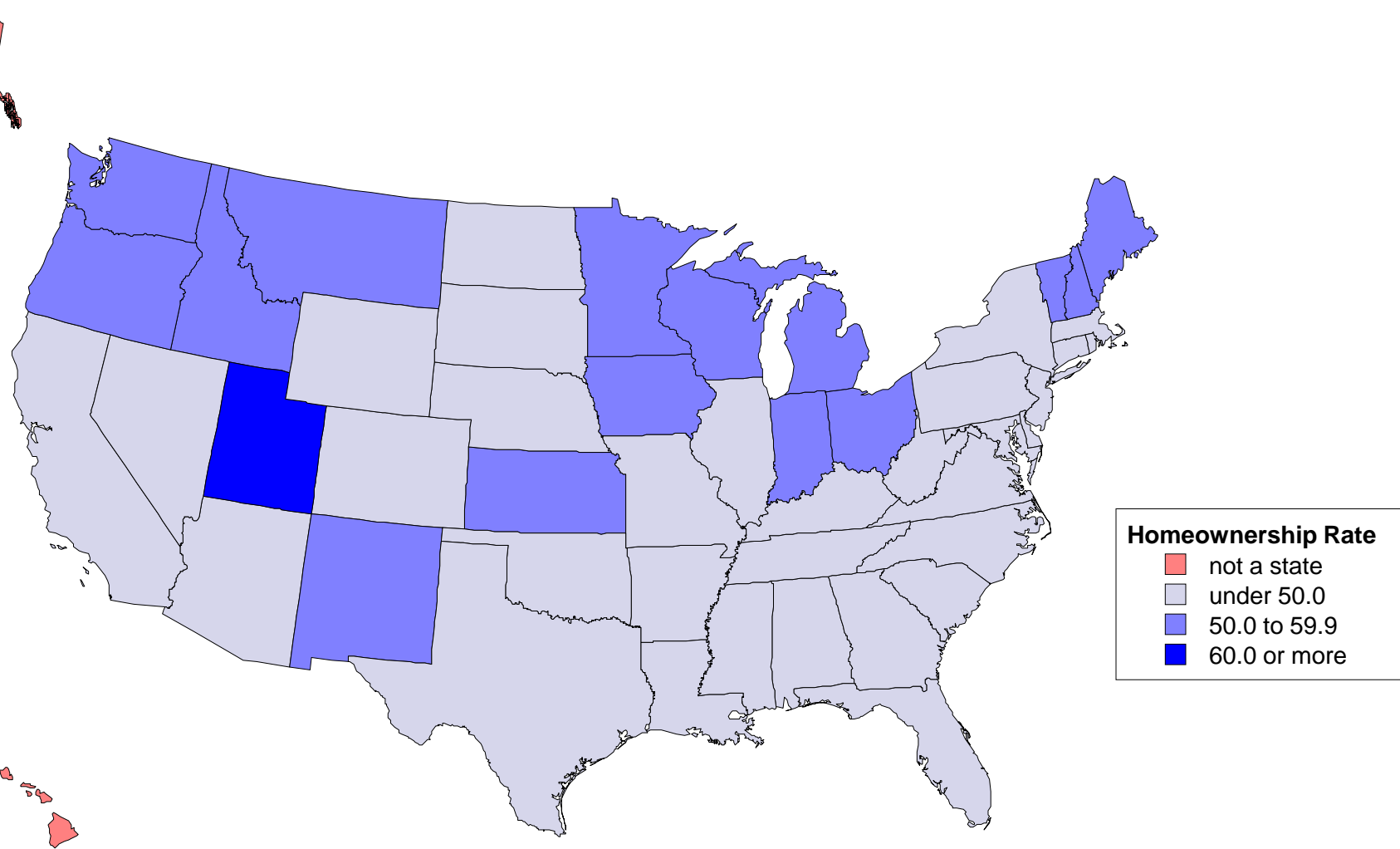
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U.S. Homeownership Rates: 1900 to 2010



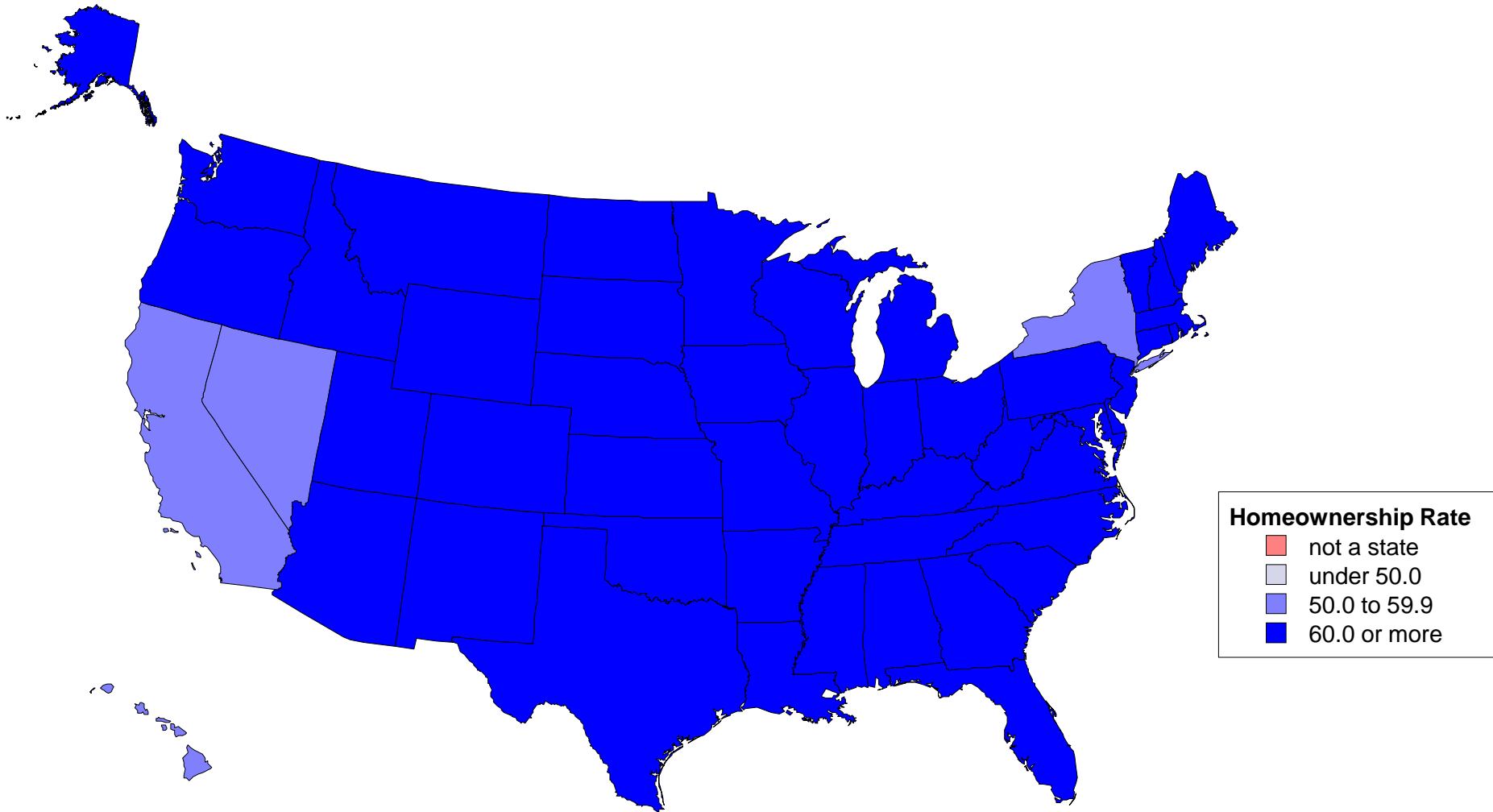
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940 Census of Housing.

State Homeownership Rates: 1940



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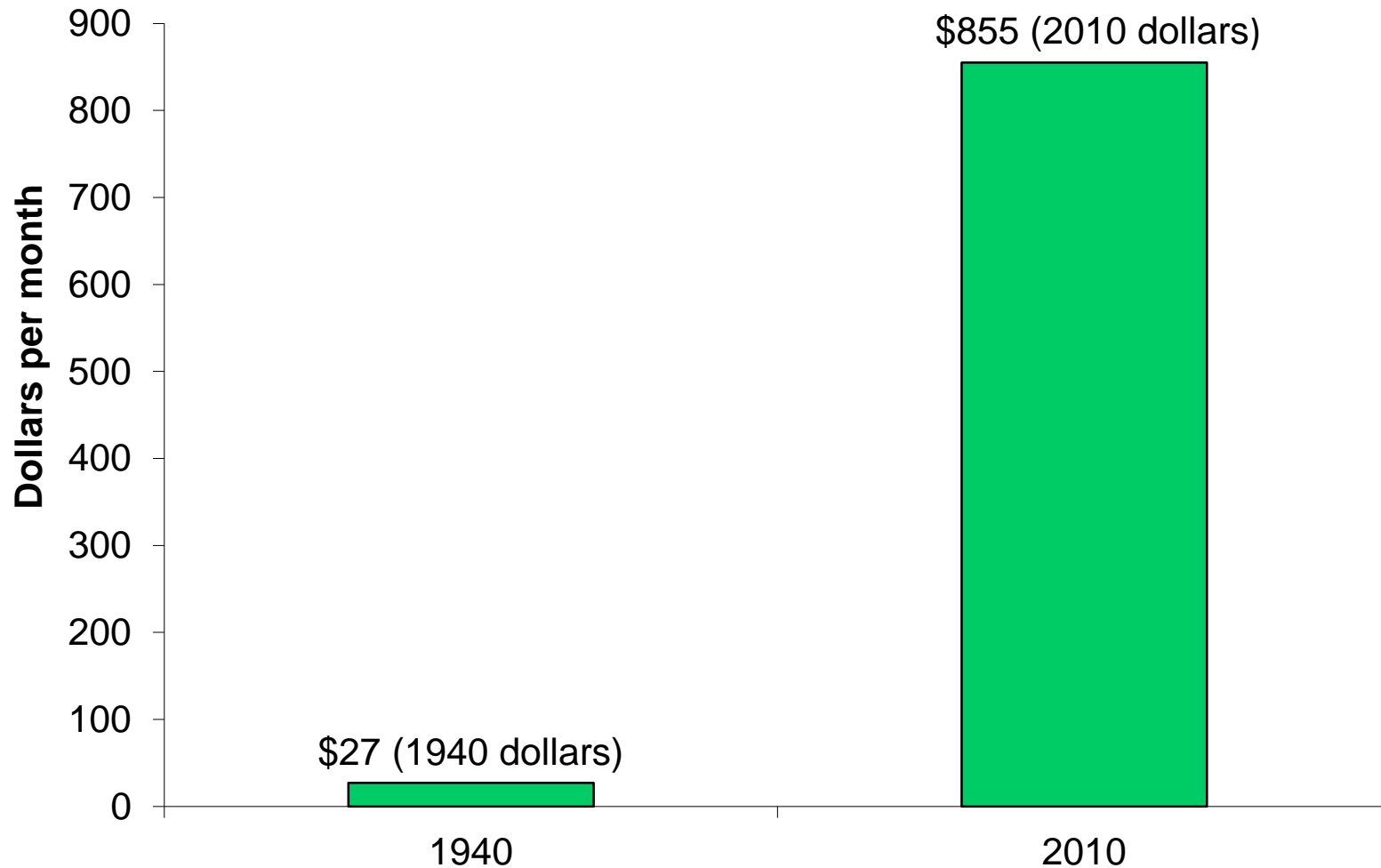
State Homeownership Rates: 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census of Housing

U.S. Median Gross Rent: 1940 and 2010

(in current dollars)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940 Census of Housing and 2010 American Community Survey

1940 CENSUS

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1940 Census Questions

- Where did you live on April 1, 1935
- What were your wages or salary for 1939
- What was your highest level of education
- Supplemental schedule





Finding Someone on the Census

- There is no name index yet
- Enumeration district maps
- Enumeration district descriptions