

Immigrant Integration in the US in Transatlantic Context

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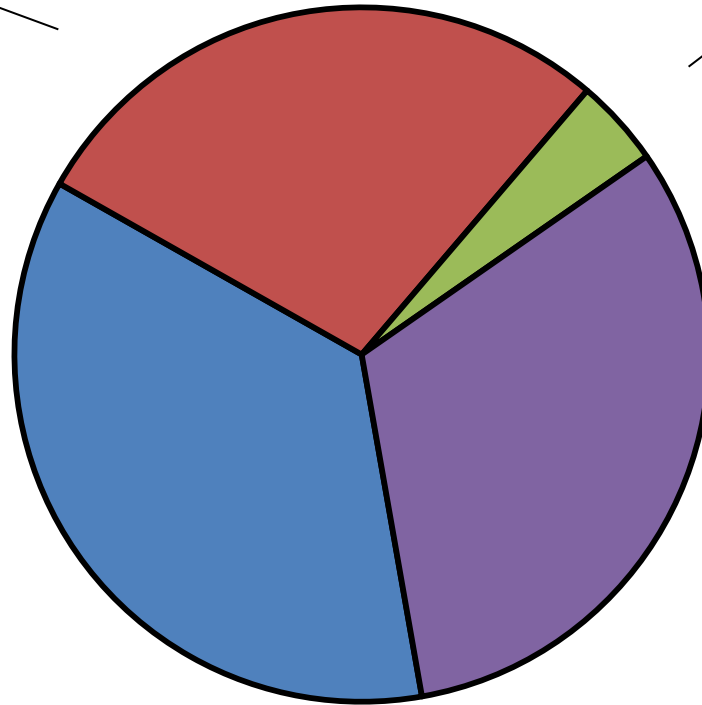
28% of Immigrants Nationwide Are Unauthorized

Unauthorized immigrants
(11.7 million) 28%

**Legal temporary
migrants**
(1.7 million) 4%

Naturalized citizens
(15 million) 36%

**Legal permanent
residents (LPRs)**
(13.3 million) 32%



41.7 million immigrants in 2012

Source: Passel, Jeffery S., and D'Vera Cohn, *Population Decline of Unauthorized Immigrants Stalls, May Have Reversed*. (Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center, 2013); Rytina, Nancy, *Estimates of the Legal Permanent Resident Population in 2012* (Washington, DHS, 2013).



Transitional and Mixed Immigration Statuses

- 40 percent of green card immigrants have been unauthorized

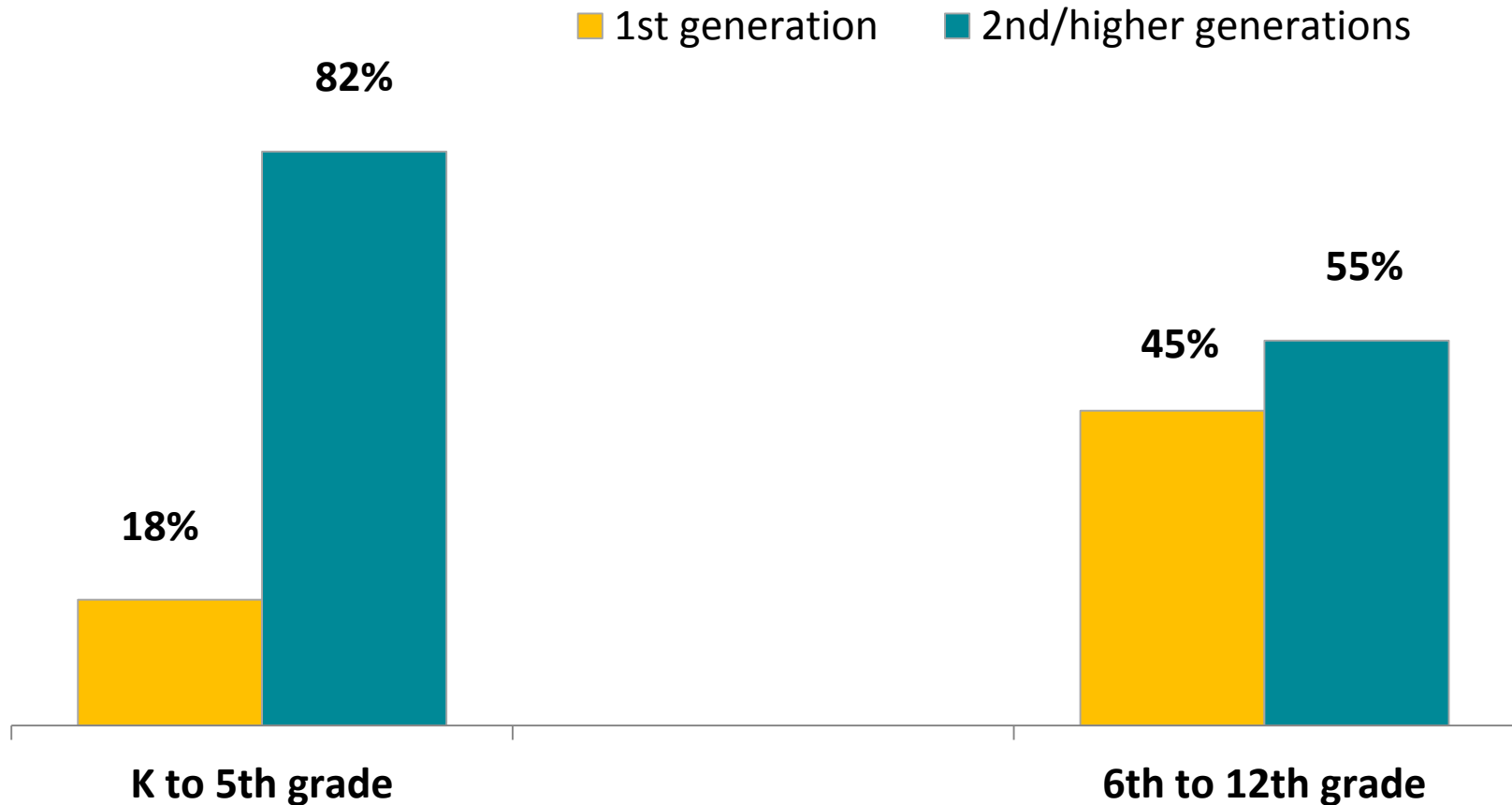
Mixed Immigration Status in Families:

- Large share of children with unauthorized parents are US citizens: **82 percent (4.5 million)**
- Married unauthorized immigrants frequently have an LPR or citizen spouse
- Half unauthorized in US 10+ years

Notes: Refers to children under 18 who were not married.

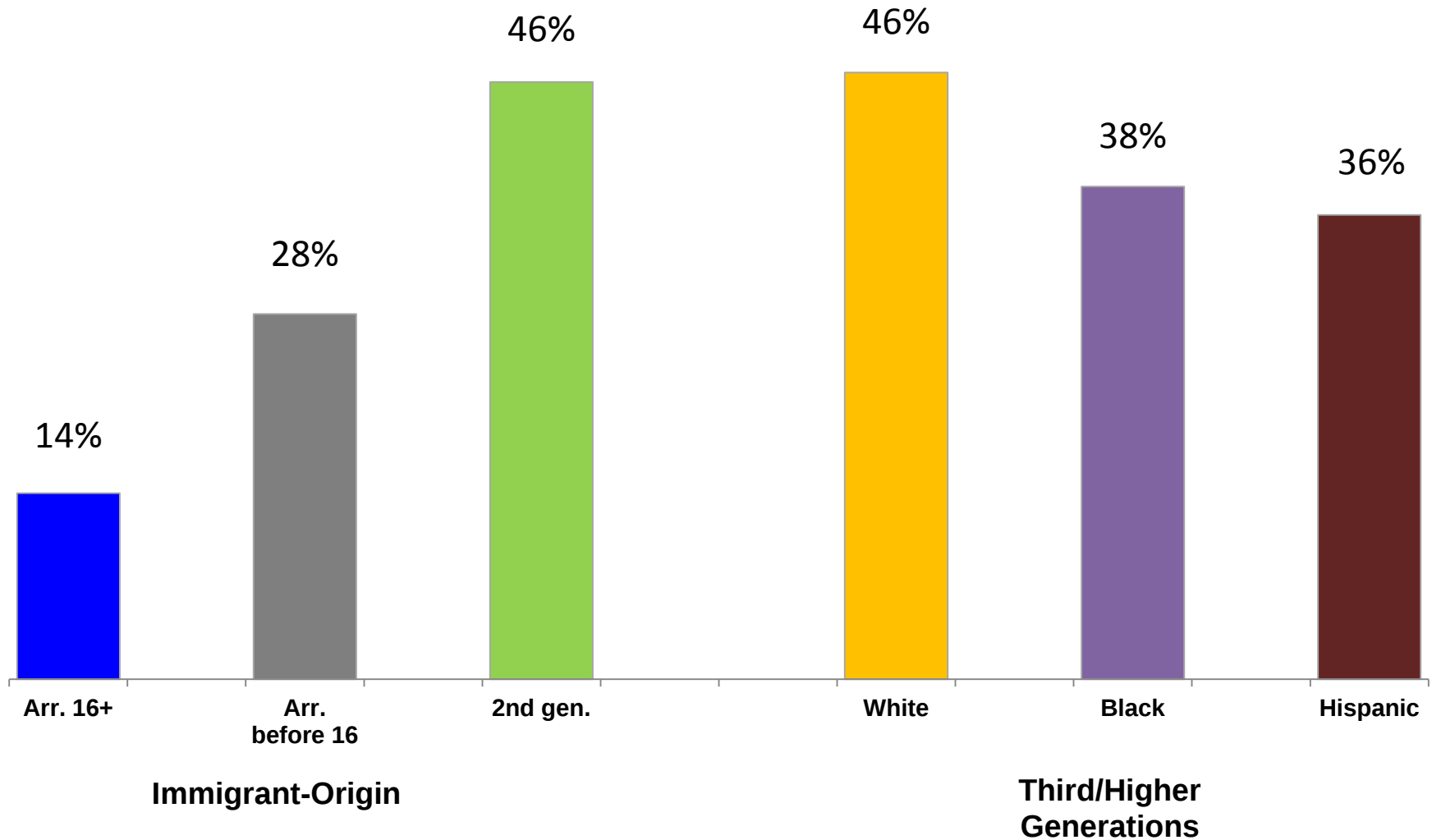
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Most English Language Learners are U.S. Born



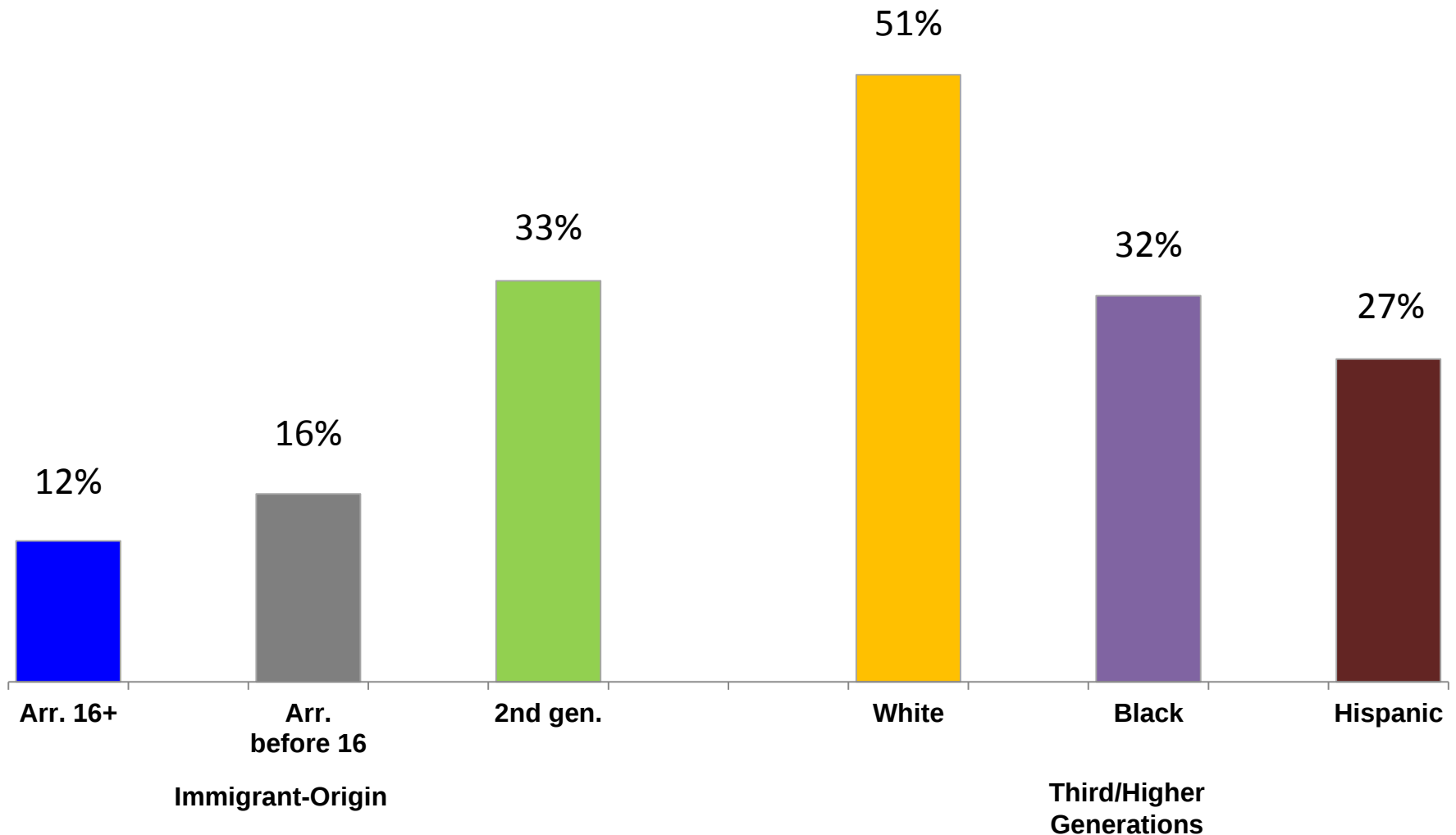
Note: The figure refers to English Language Learner (ELL) students, ages 5 to 18. Recent arrivals are persons who arrived within the previous three years. K-5th graders are children between 5 and 10; 6-12th graders are between 11 and 18.
Source: Migration Policy Institute analysis of 2011 American Community Survey.

Postsecondary Education Access Among Women Ages 19 to 24



Source: Migration Policy Institute, *Up for Grabs: The Gains and Prospects of First- and Second-Generation Young Adults* (2011).

Postsecondary Education Completion Among Women Ages 25 to 26



Source: Migration Policy Institute, *Up for Grabs: The Gains and Prospects of First- and Second-Generation Young Adults* (2011).



The Immigrant Workforce

In 2012, immigrants accounted for

- 13% of US residents
- 17% of US workers

By skill:

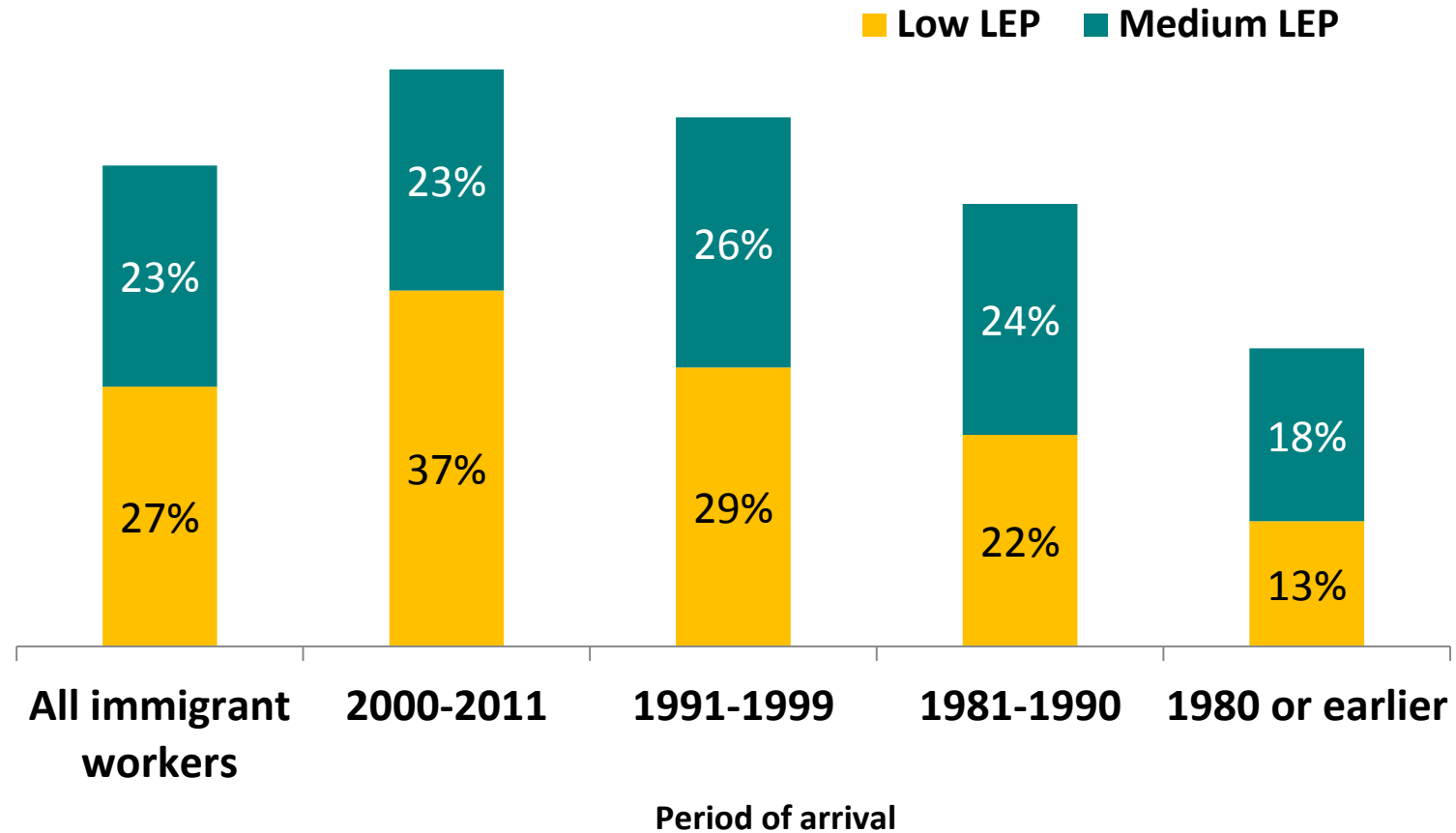
- 49% of low-skilled adult workers
- 16% of high-skilled workers
- 13% of middle-skilled workers

*Low-skilled workers (25 and older) are those with no high school diploma; middle-skilled workers – those with at least a high school diploma but less than a bachelor's degree; high-skilled workers – those with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Source: Migration Policy Institute analysis of 2011 American Community Survey (ACS).

Half of All Immigrant Workers Are Limited English Proficient

Percent of immigrant workers (age 25 and over) who are LEP

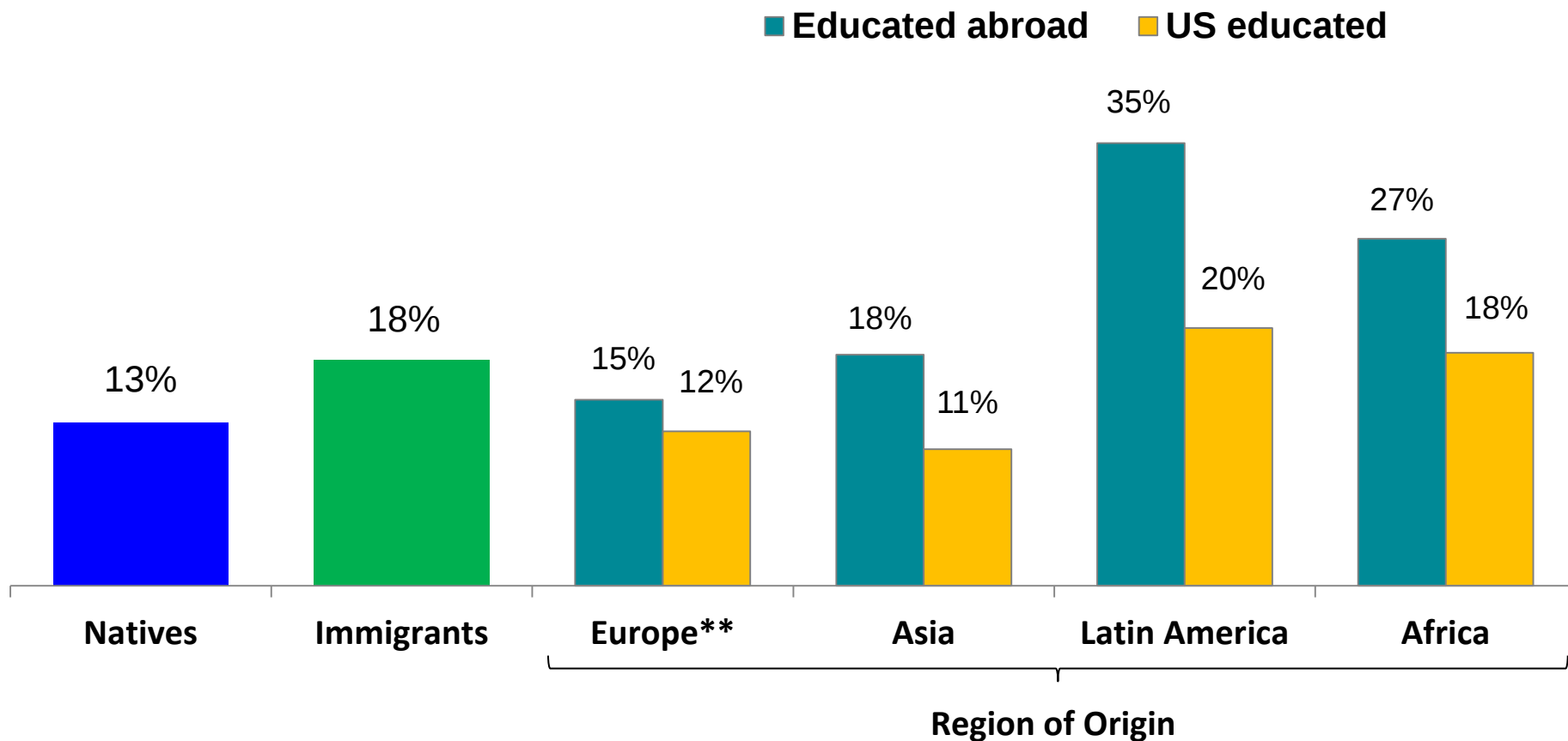


Notes: *Limited English proficient* (LEP) are persons reporting speaking English less than “very well.” They include *medium LEP* (i.e., those speaking English “well”) and *low LEP* (i.e., those speaking English “not well or not at all”)

Source: Migration Policy Institute analysis of 2011 American Community Survey.

Almost 1-in-5 College-Educated Immigrants Work in Unskilled Occupations

Percent of college-educated workers in unskilled occupations*



Notes: *"Europe" refers to Europe, Canada, and Oceania. "Unskilled occupations" require no more than modest on-the-job training (e.g., construction laborers, drivers, and maids).

Source: Migration Policy Institute analysis of 2011 American Community Survey.



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