

Insights on the Hispanic/Spanish speaking or Descent Population in Canada – based on 2021 Census

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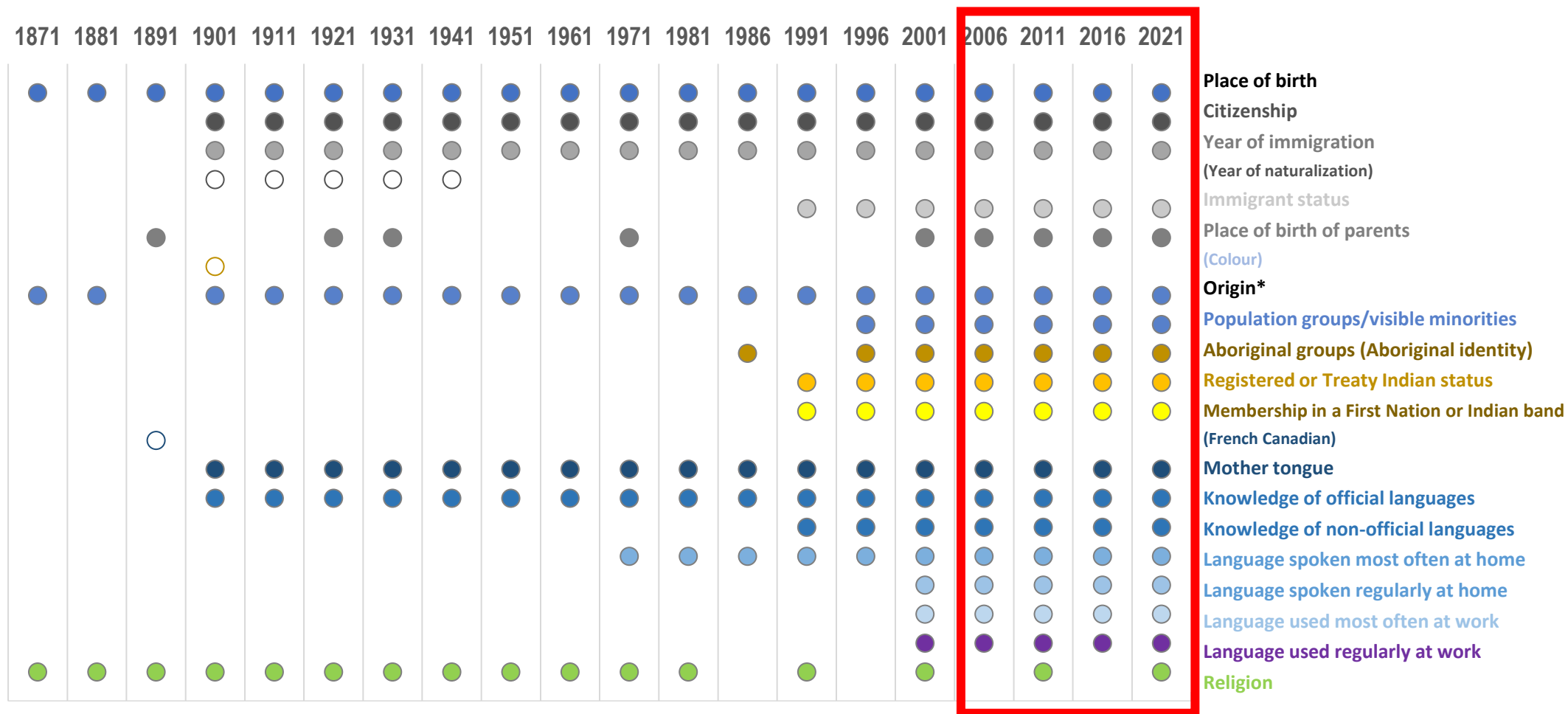
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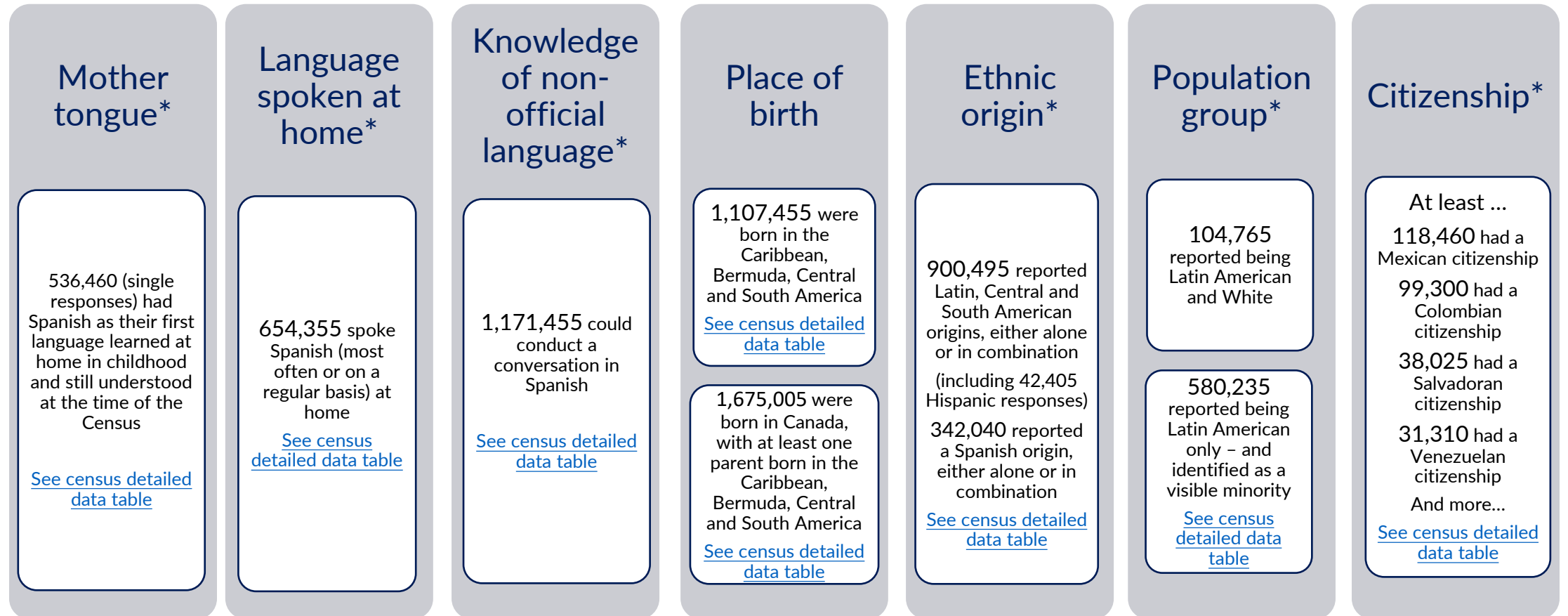
Presentation outline

- Overview of the richness and diversity of ethnocultural concepts available in the Canadian census
- Contextual information - Immigration in Canada with “Hispanic/Latin- American or Spanish-speaking” population.
- Definition and measurement of the Hispanic/Spanish speaking or descent population (“Hispanic” population)
- Proposed definition (and derivation method) of the “Hispanic” population by the Canadian Hispanic Congress
- Selected characteristics of the “Hispanic” population
 - Demographic
 - Diversity
 - Socio-economic outcomes

Evolution of the richness and diversity of ethnocultural questions in the Canadian census



Measuring the Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent population in the 2021 Census



*Including single and multiple responses.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.



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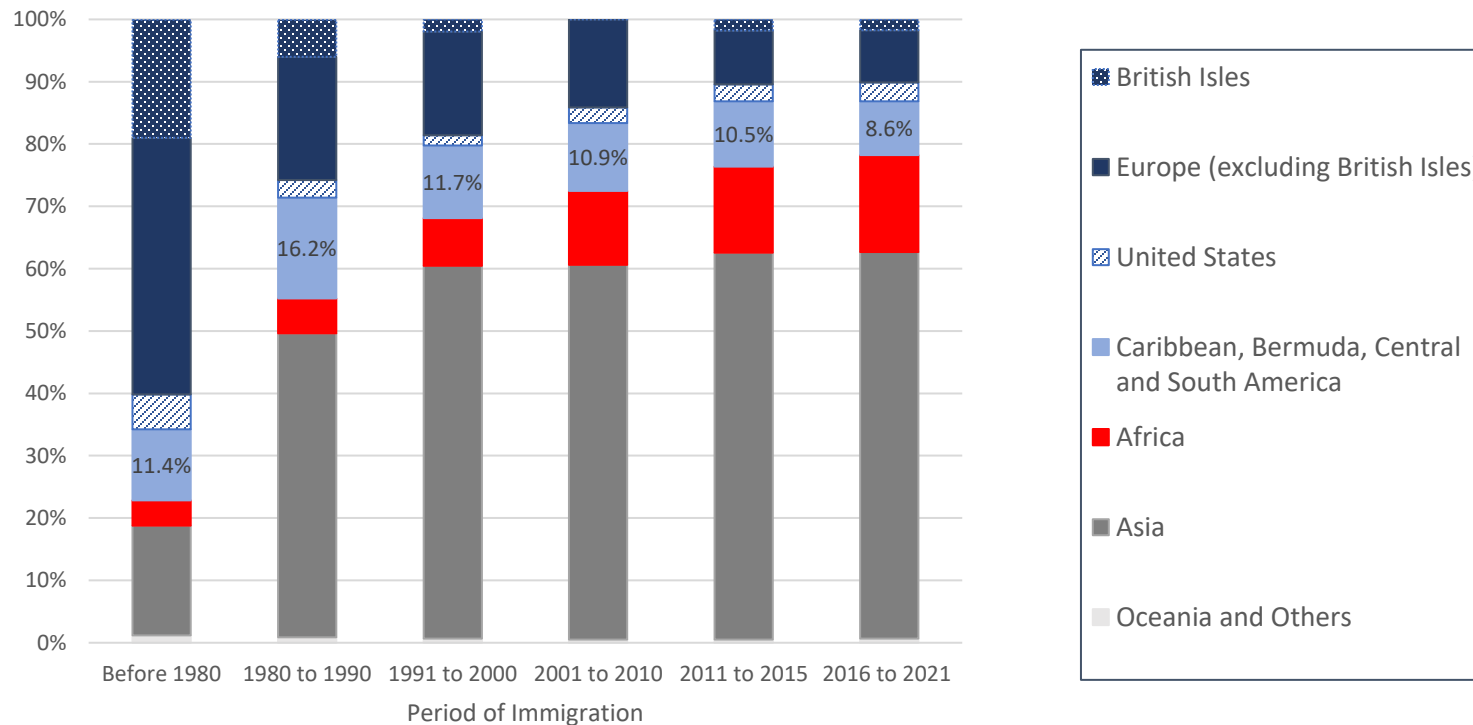
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Immigration in Canada

- Immigration from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America have been relatively stable over time

Distribution of foreign-born population, by region of birth, Canada, 2021



Recent immigrants

The proportion of recent immigrants born in the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America was 8.6% in 2021, compared to 16.2% in 1991.

Majority of recent immigrants were born in Asia and it increased from 48.7% in 1990 to 62% in 2021.



India was the leading country of birth among recent immigrants in 2021.

Mother Tongue Language Other Than English Or French

- In Canada, Spanish is the fourth most common mother tongue language other than English or French

Language	Single responses of language spoken at home	Percentage of all single mother tongue languages
Mandarin	322,295	0.13
Punjabi (Panjabi)	288,670	0.12
Yue (Cantonese)	231,825	0.10
Spanish	179,850	0.07
Arabic	133,810	0.06

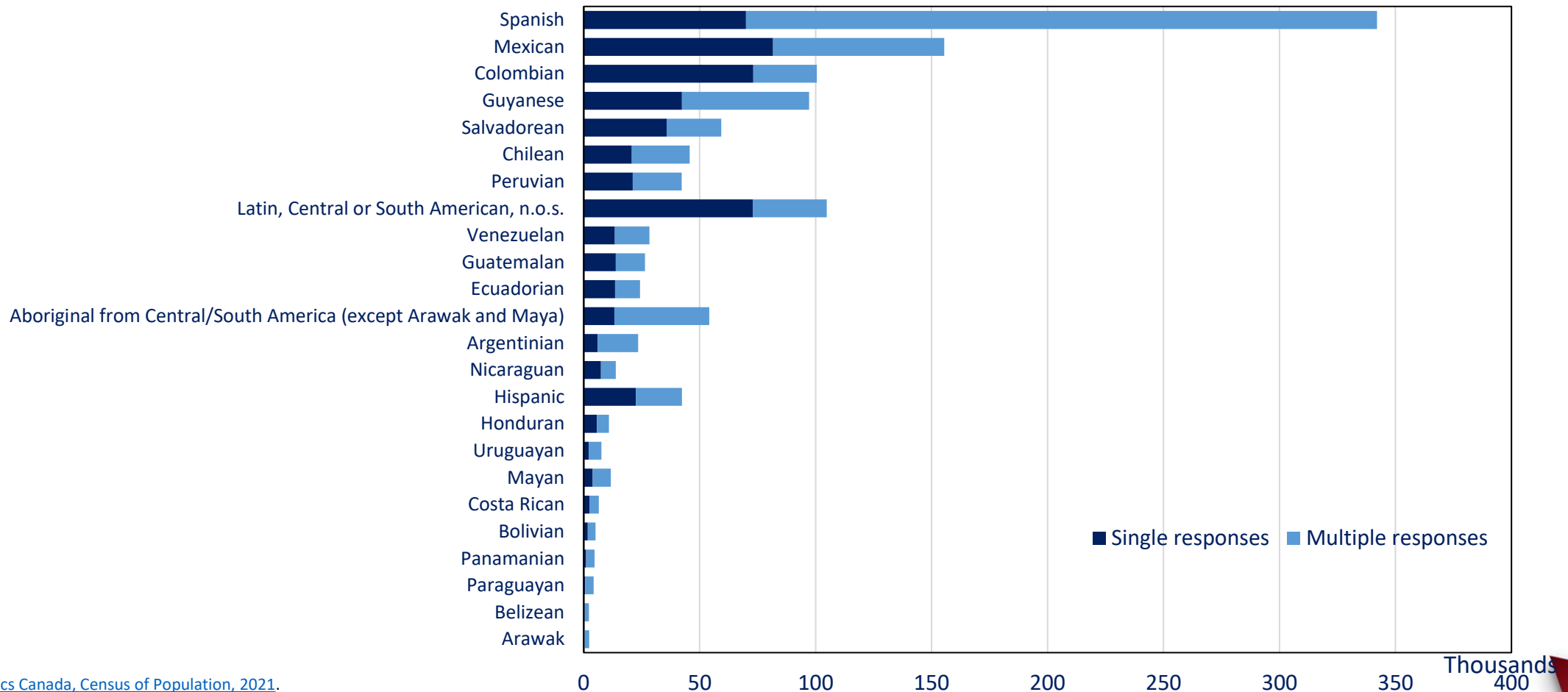
Source: [Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021](#).

- In 2021, Spanish was reported as the 4th single mother tongue language in Canada, accounting for about 7% of all the single mother tongue languages.
- The most spoken single mother language was Mandarin which accounted for about 13% of all the single mother tongue languages.



Ethnic Origins

- More than 20 different ethnic origins (which were reported either alone or in combination with other origins) can be associated with the 'Hispanic' population.



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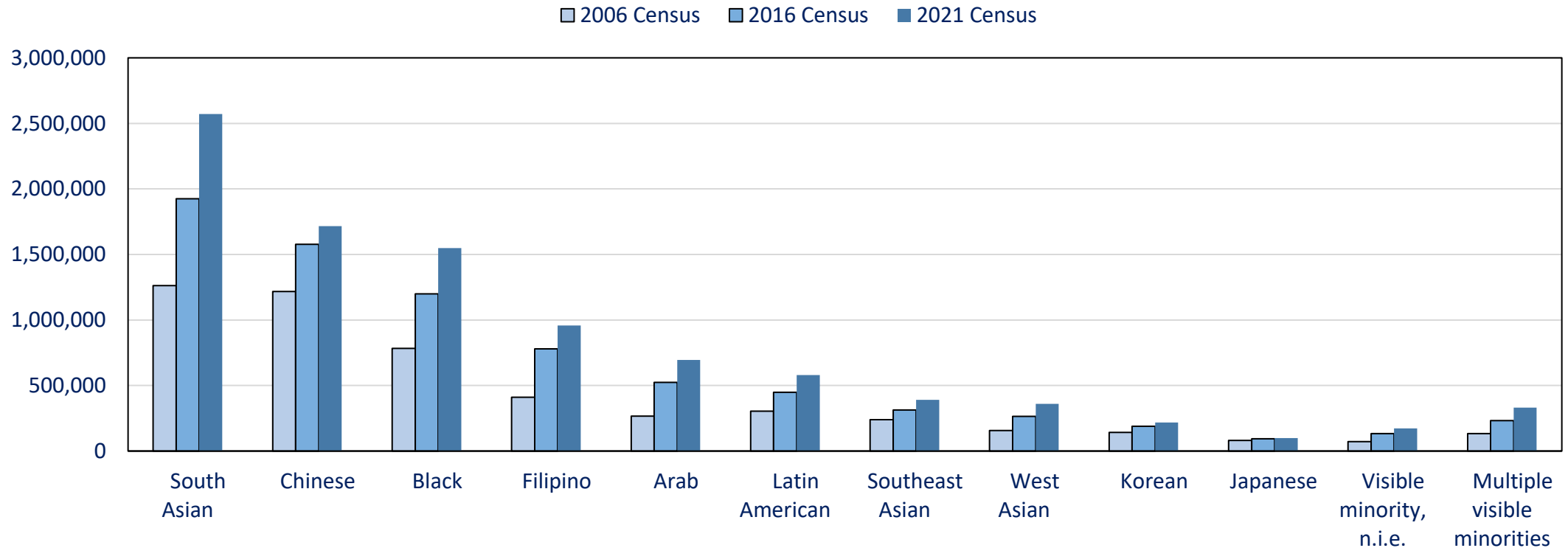
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Visible Minority

- “Latin American” is the sixth largest visible minority group in Canada

Visible minority groups in Canada



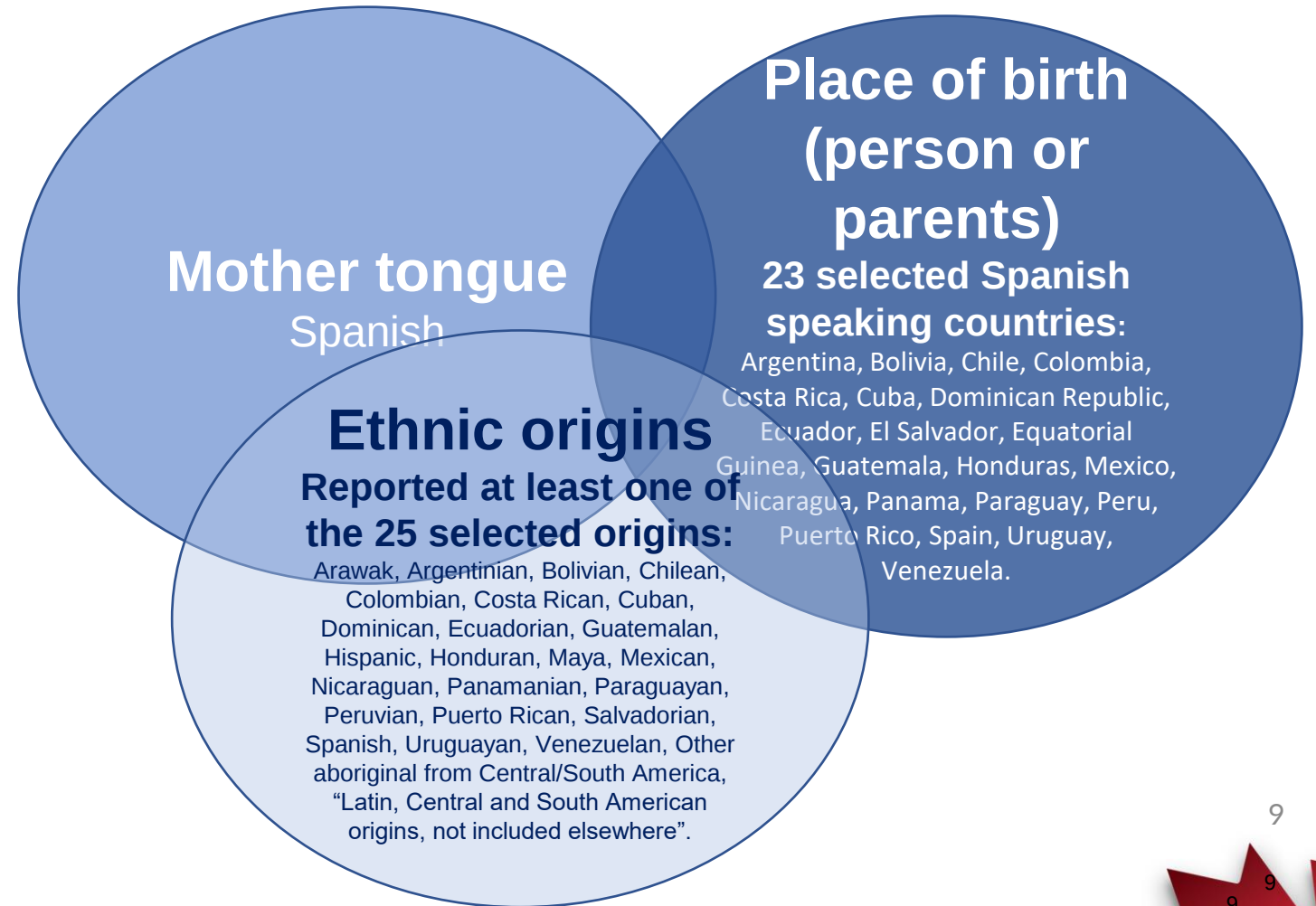
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‘Hispanic/Spanish-Speaking or Descent’ Population

- ‘Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent’ population as defined by the Canadian Hispanic Congress (CHC)

CHC definition: *“Any individual whose country of origin or that of his/her ancestors has SPANISH as one of its official - or majority - languages”.*



'Hispanic/Spanish-Speaking or Descent' Population

Total 'Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent' population as defined by the Canadian Hispanic Congress (CHC) in 2021

1,193,880

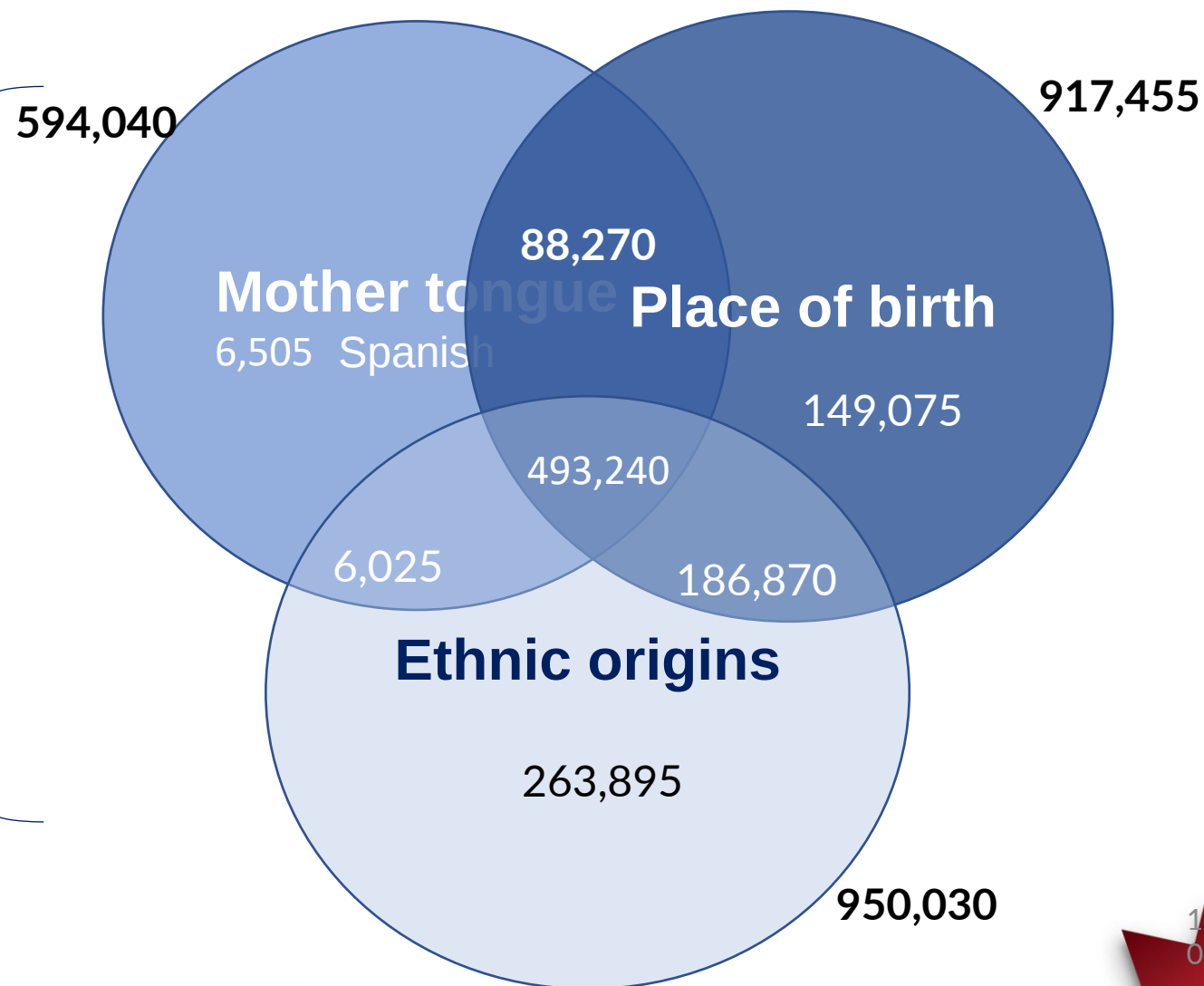
Main components

79.6% reported at least one of the selected ethnic/cultural origins

76.8% reported one of the selected places of birth for themselves or at least one of their parents.

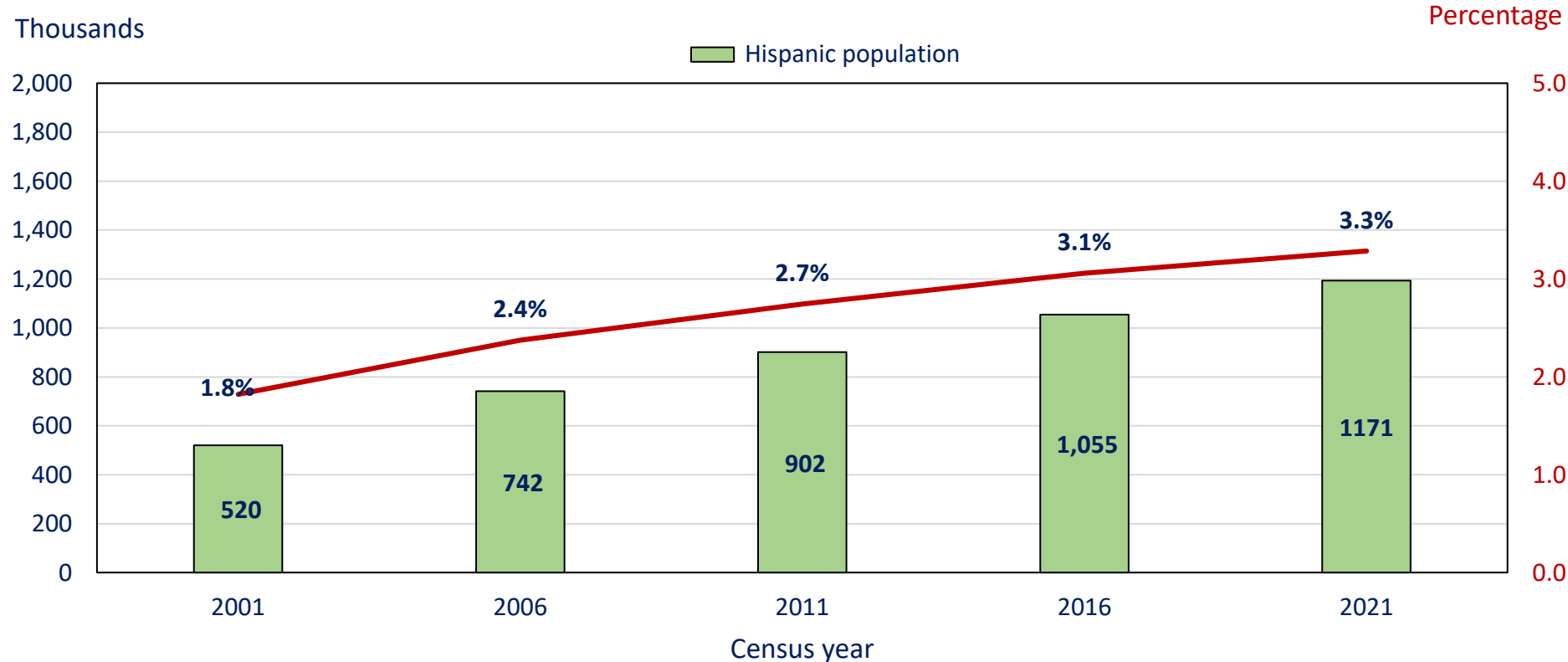
49.8% reported Spanish as their mother tongue

Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.



The “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent” population

Number and proportion of ‘Hispanic’ population (as defined by CHC) in Canada, 2001 to 2021



- The “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent” population has been on the rise since 2001, representing over a million individuals and 3.3% of the Canadian population in 2021

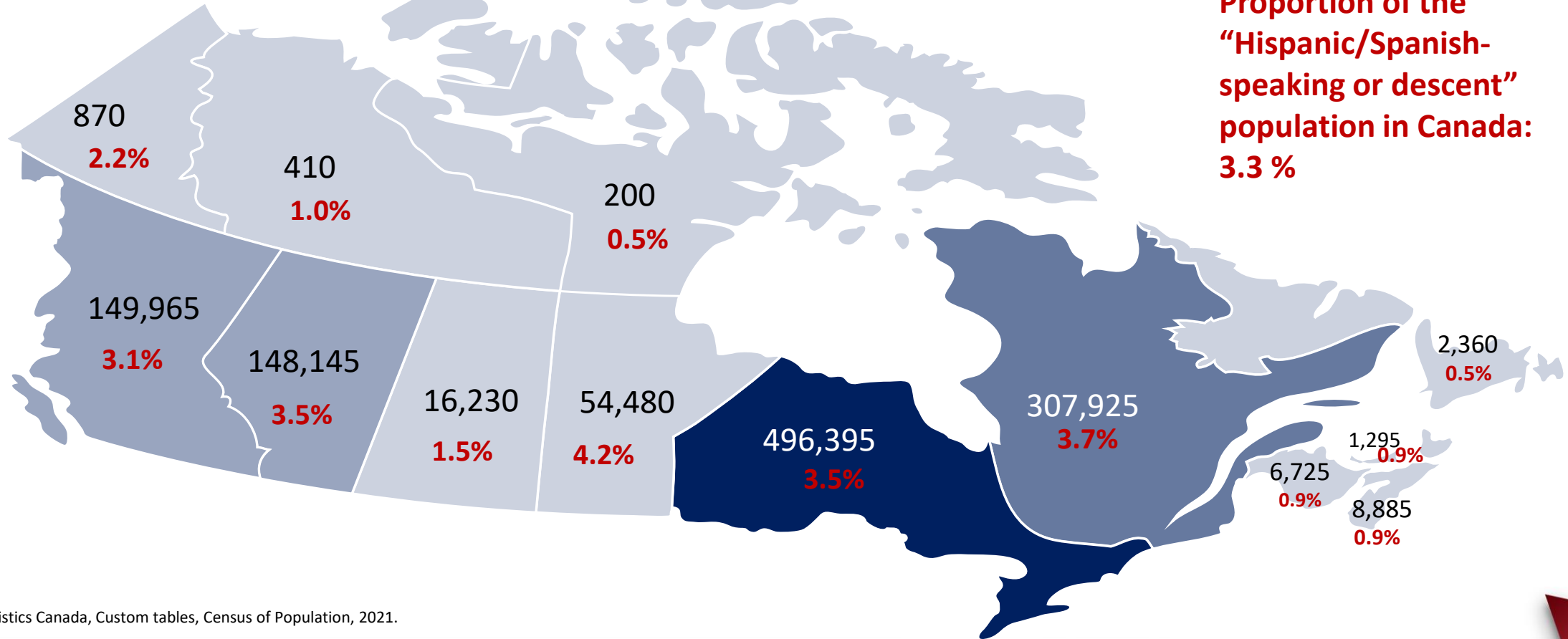
Sources: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2001 to 2006, 2016, 2021; National Household Survey, 2011.



Hispanic Population In Canada

- The share of the 'Hispanic' population in Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec is higher than the national average.

**Proportion of the
"Hispanic/Spanish-
speaking or descent"
population in Canada:
3.3 %**



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.



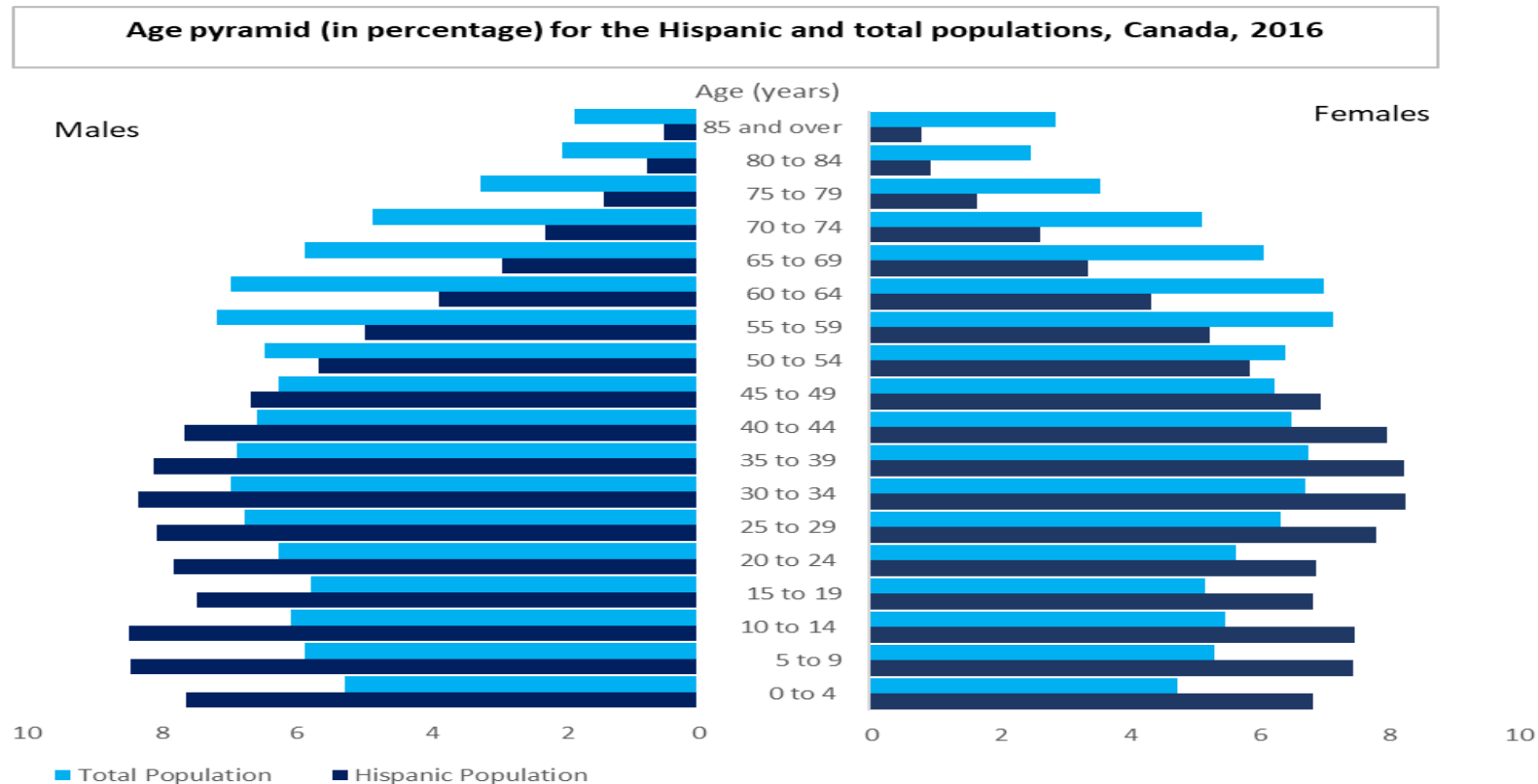
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Age Distribution of the Hispanic Population

- The “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent” population is young, with a median age of 31 years



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.

Household Characteristics of the Hispanic Population

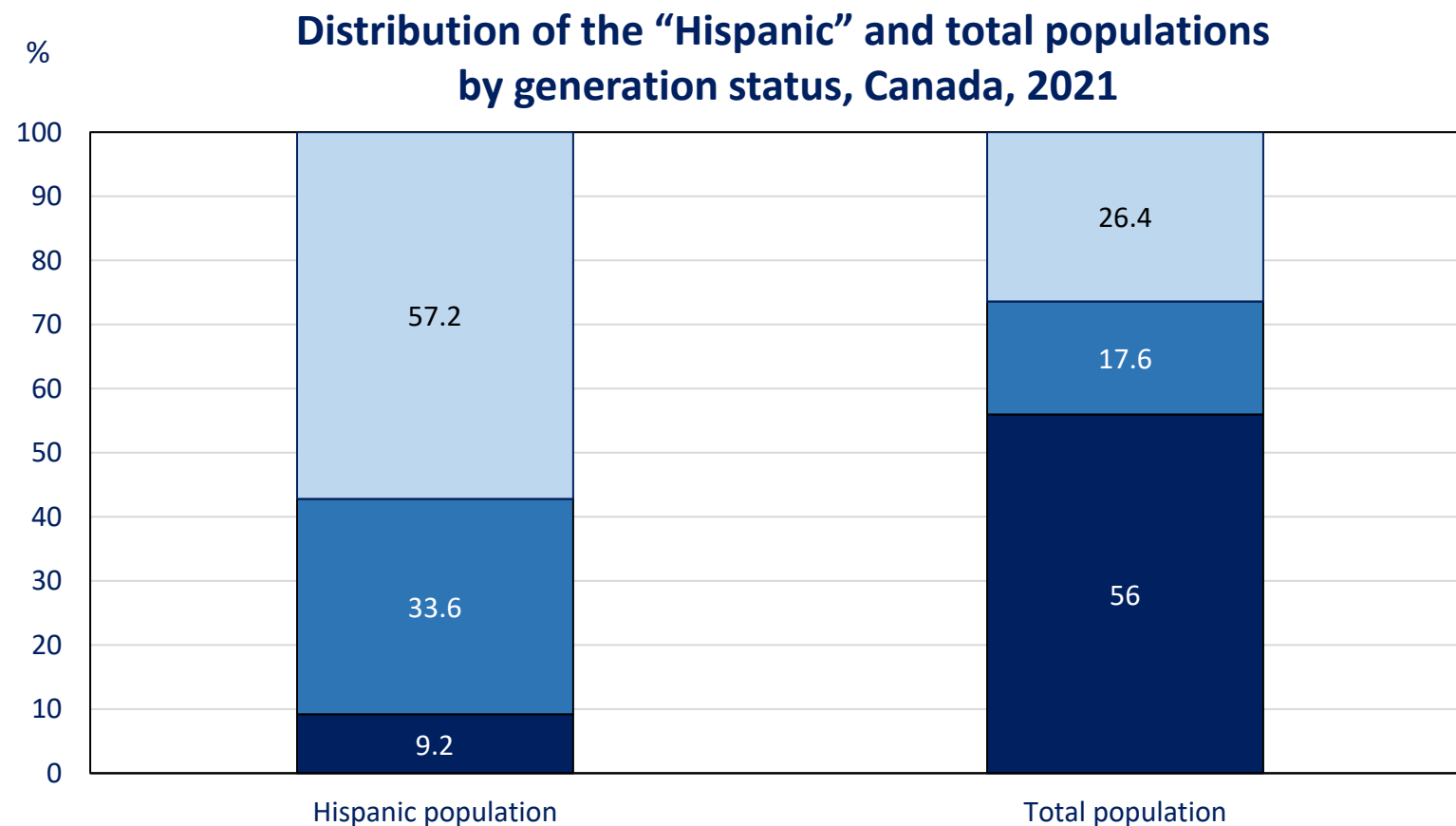
- In 2021, almost half of the “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent” population were living in a household with a couple and children.

Living arrangements in the household	'Hispanic' population (%)	Total population (%)
In a couple without children	40.6	1.3
In a couple with children	29.1	1.0
In a lone-parent family	9.7	0.3
Persons in multigenerational households	5.1	0.2
Living with others (relatives or non-relatives)	7.3	0.2
Living alone	8.2	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.

Generation of Immigrants

- Nine in ten people in the “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent” population had an immigrant background



Generation status indicates for how many generations a person and their family have been in Canada

- ☐ **First generation**
Persons who were born outside Canada
- ☐ **Second generation**
Persons who were born in Canada and had at least one parent born outside Canada
- ☐ **Third generation or more**
Persons who were born in Canada with both parents born in Canada

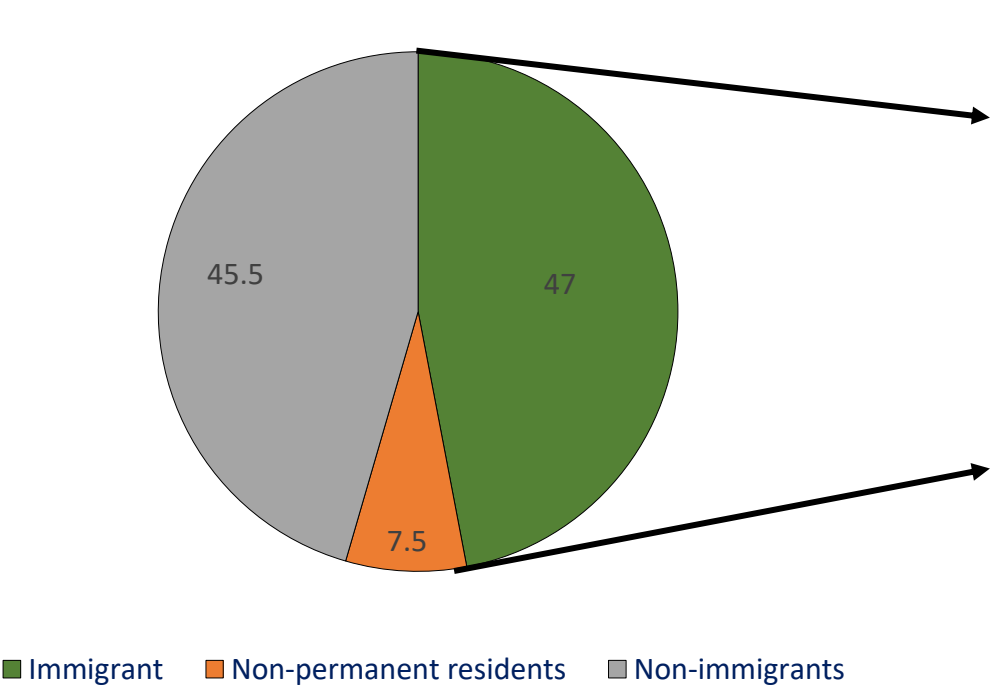
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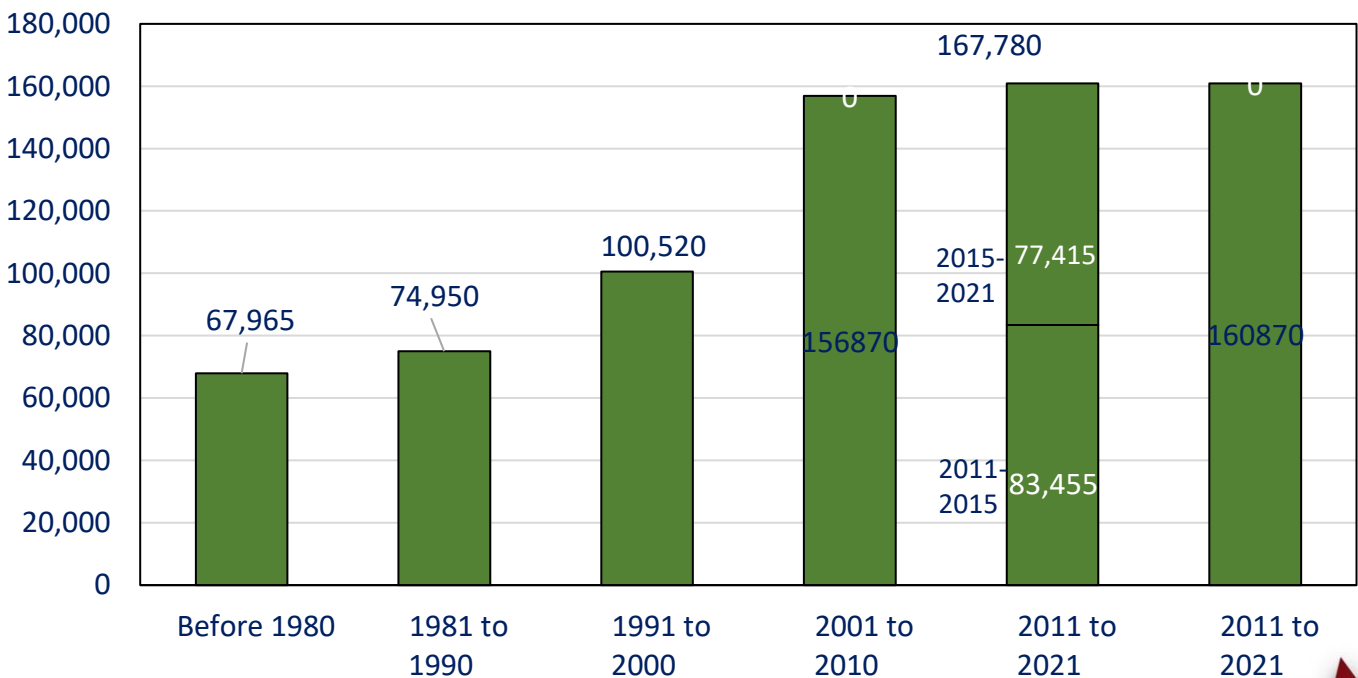
Hispanic Immigrants and Period of Immigration

- About half of the “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or decent” population is, or has ever been, a landed immigrant

Immigrant status for the ‘Hispanic’ population, Canada, 2021



Period of immigration for ‘Hispanic’ immigrants population, Canada, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.



“Hispanic” Immigrants and Place of Birth

- In 2021, 50 places of birth were reported by “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent” immigrants

Top countries of birth for ‘Hispanic’ immigrants, Canada, 2021

	number	percent
Total	561,170	100.0
Mexico	90,585	16.1
Colombia	80,570	14.4
El Salvador	49,445	8.8
Philippines	41,575	7.4
Peru	31,415	5.6
United States	15,790	2.8
Brazil	7,830	1.4
France	7,665	1.4
Other	206,175	36.7

Main admission categories for ‘Hispanic’ immigrants who were admitted between 1980 and 2021

- Economic immigrants (39.3%)
- Immigrants sponsored by family (33.4%)
- Refugees (24.8%)
- Other immigrants (2.5%)

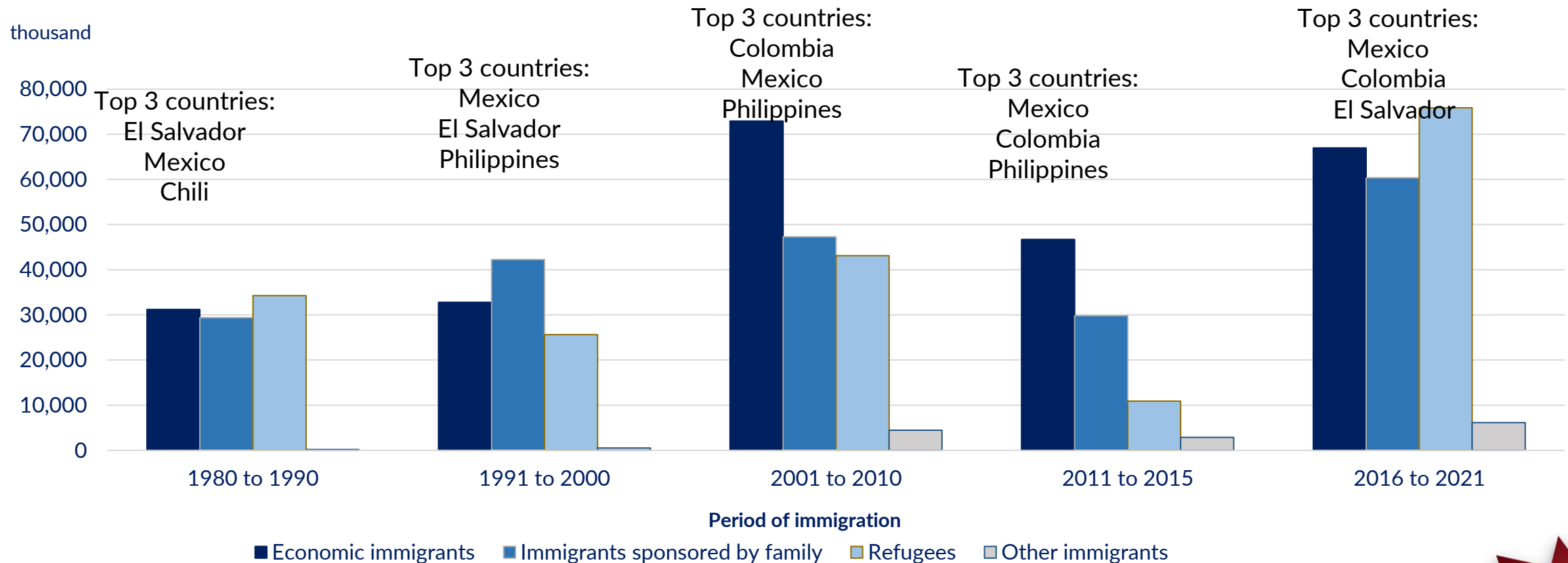
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Immigrant Admission Categories

- The main immigrant admission categories and source countries have changed over time.

'Hispanic' immigrants by period of immigration and broad admission category, Canada, 2021

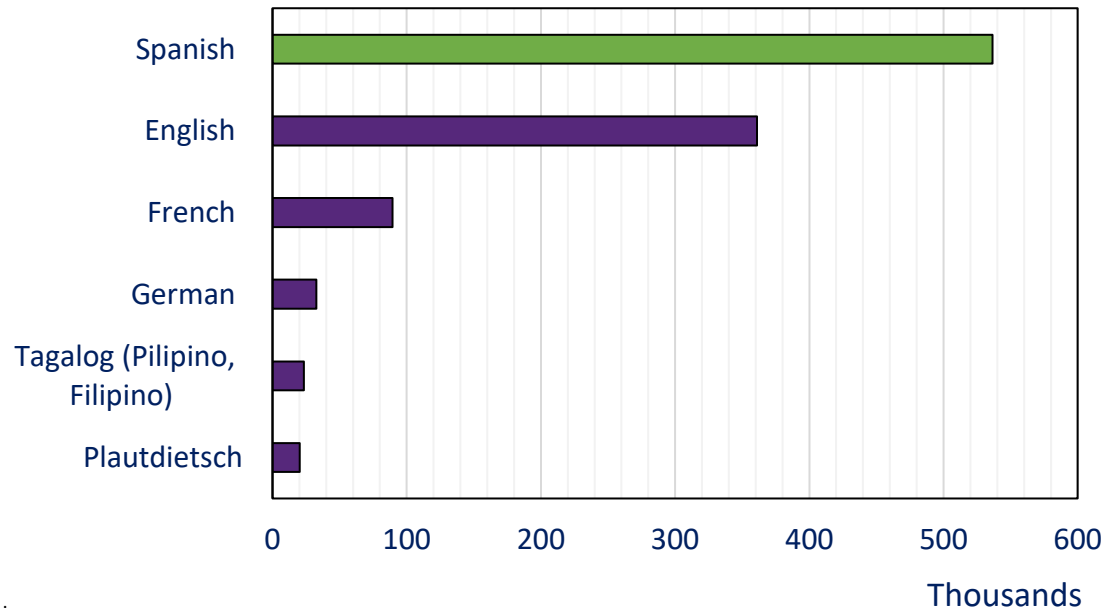


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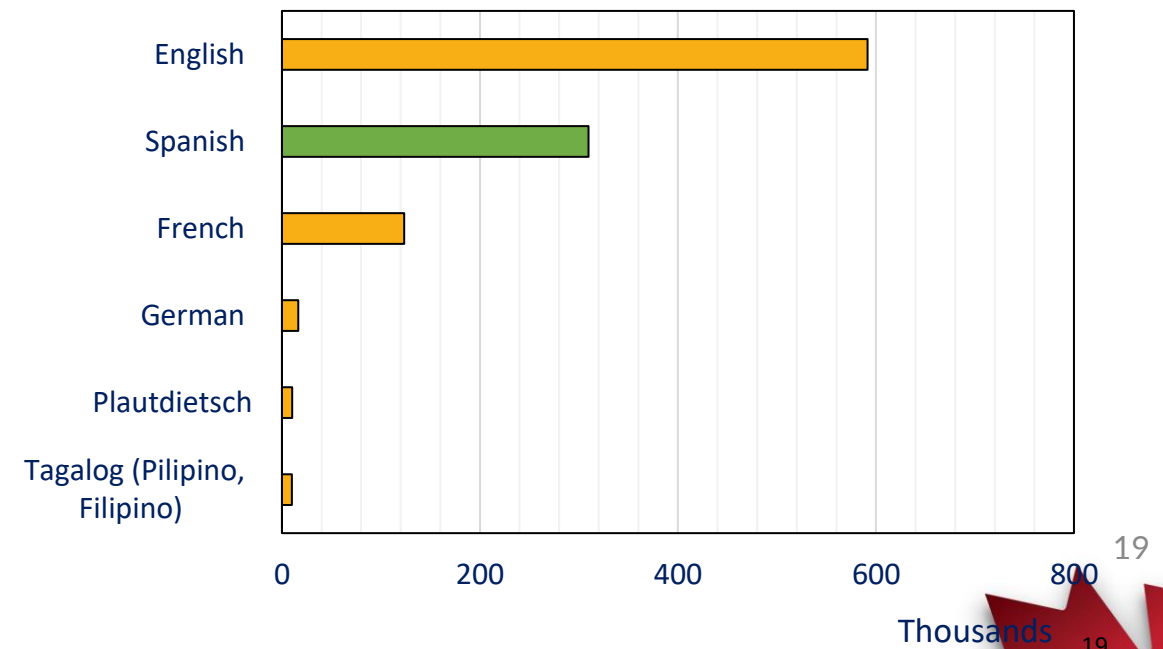
Mother Tongue and Language Spoken

- Although Spanish was the most common mother tongue among the “Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent” population in 2021, more people reported English as their language spoken most often at home

**Mother tongue languages¹ reported
for the ‘Hispanic’ population**



**Languages spoken most often at home¹
for the ‘Hispanic’ population**



1. Single response

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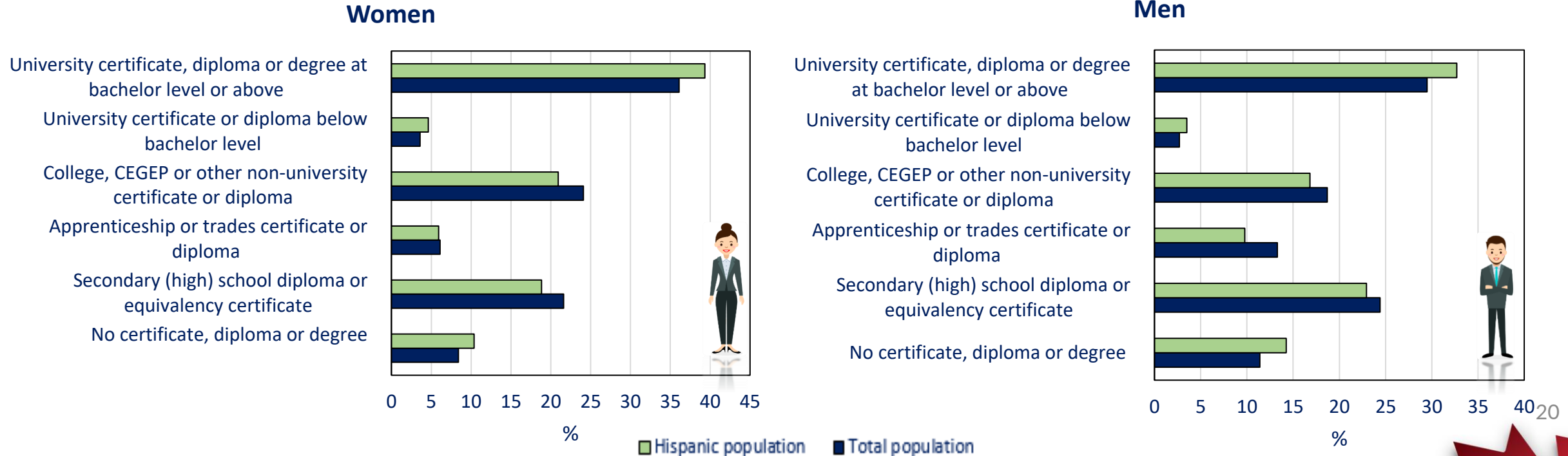
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Education

- The 'Hispanic' population is more likely to hold a university certificate, diploma or degree, compared to the total population

Highest certificate, diploma or degree for the 'Hispanic' population and total populations aged 25 to 64 years, Canada, 2021

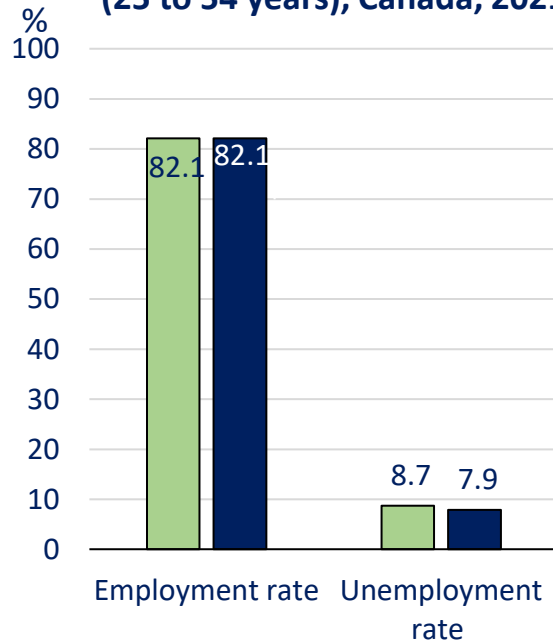


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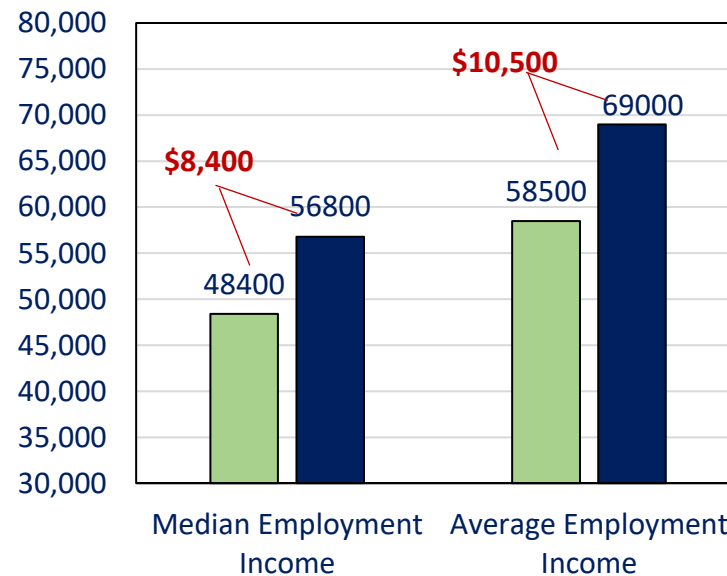
Employment and Income

- The employment rate of the 'Hispanic' men is same as the non-Hispanic men.

Employment and unemployment rates for the core-aged men group (25 to 54 years), Canada, 2021

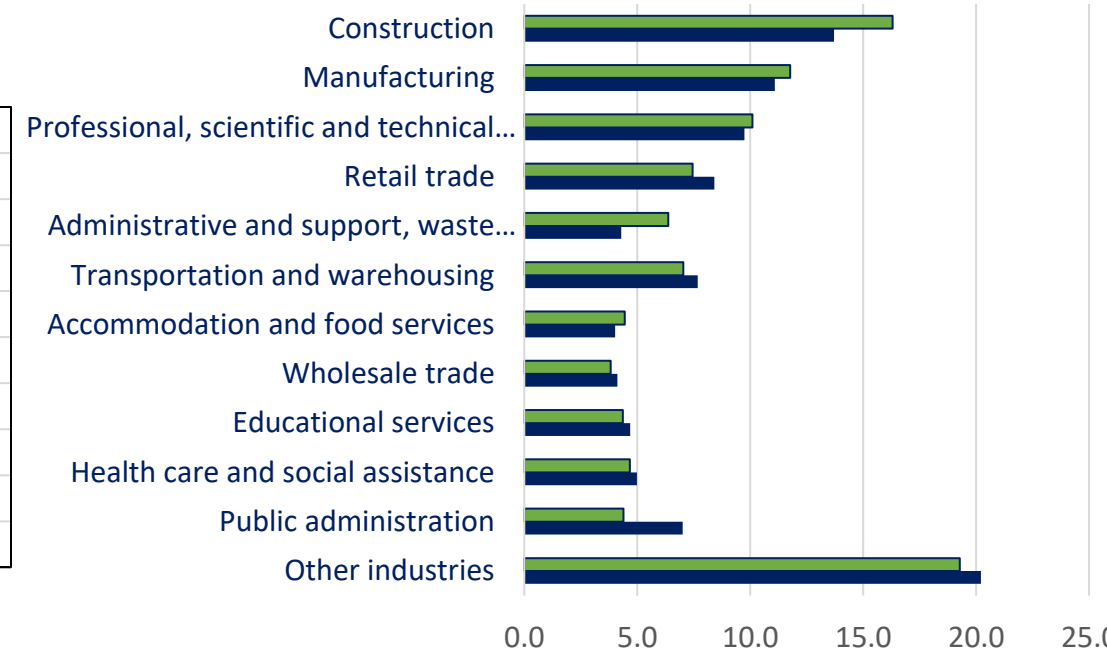


Annual median salaries in 2020 of men workers aged 25 to 54 years, Canada



■ Hispanic population ■ Non-hispanic population

Industry for the core-aged men group (25 to 54 years), Canada, 2021

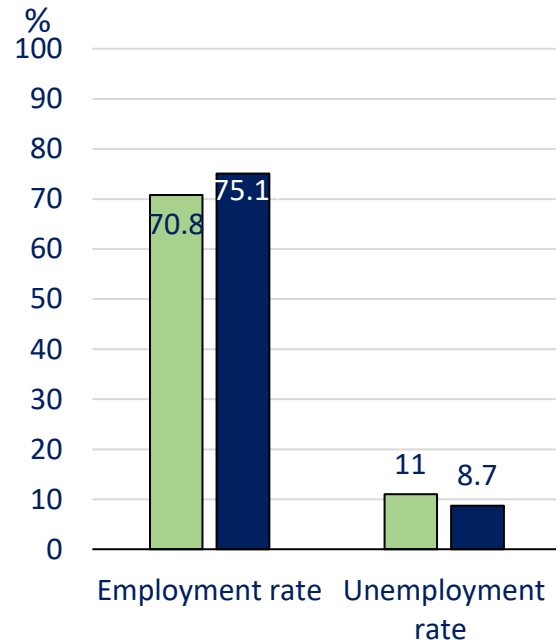


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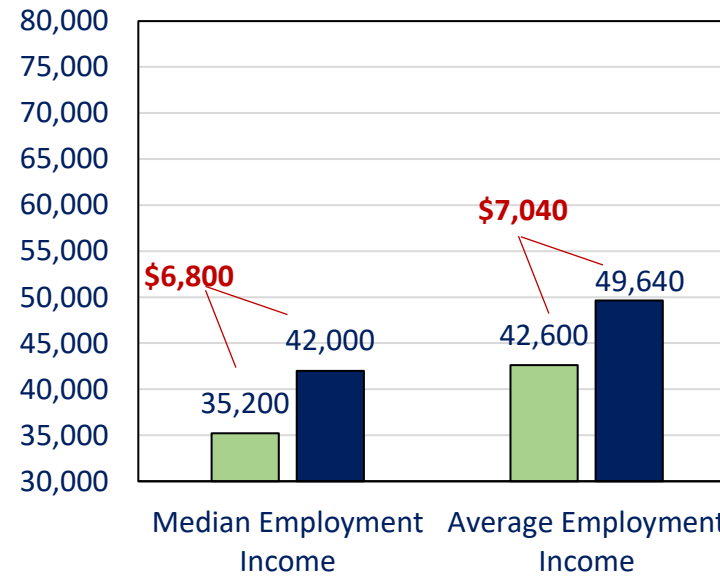
Employment and Income

- The employment rate of the 'Hispanic' women is smaller than the non-Hispanic men.

Employment and unemployment rates for the core-aged women group (25 to 54 years), Canada, 2021

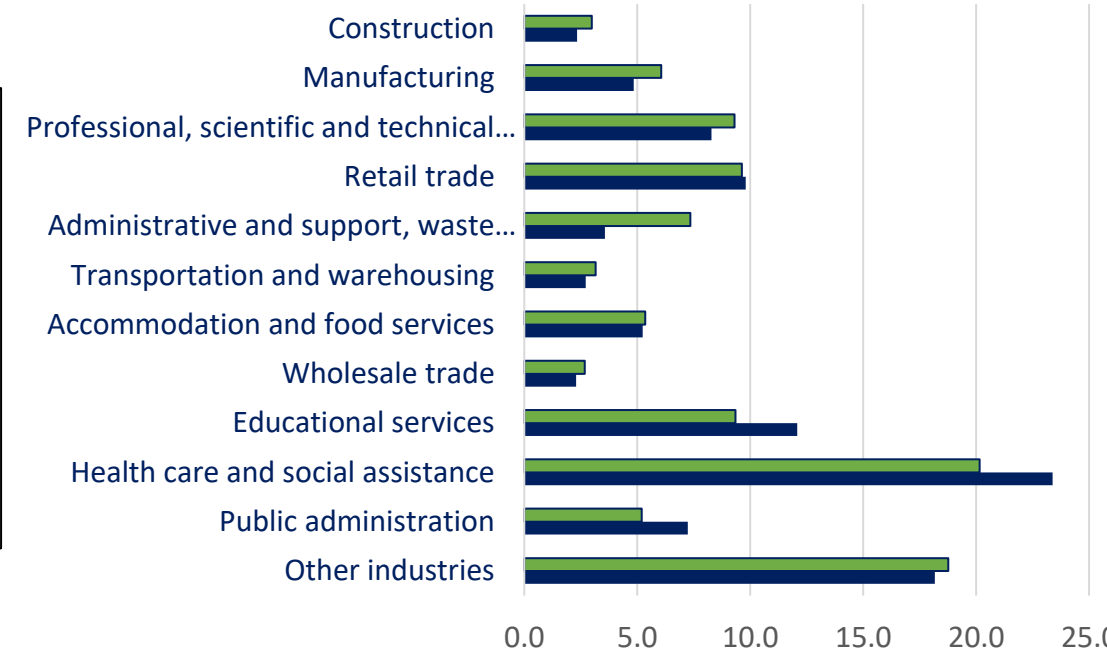


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