



Buenos Principios: Latinos in the Earliest Years of Life

National and Regional Findings

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Agenda

- *Buenos Principios* background
- National and regional portrait of young Latino children
- Challenges
- Policy Solutions

Background: *Buenos Principios*

Making the case to increase investments in young Latino children

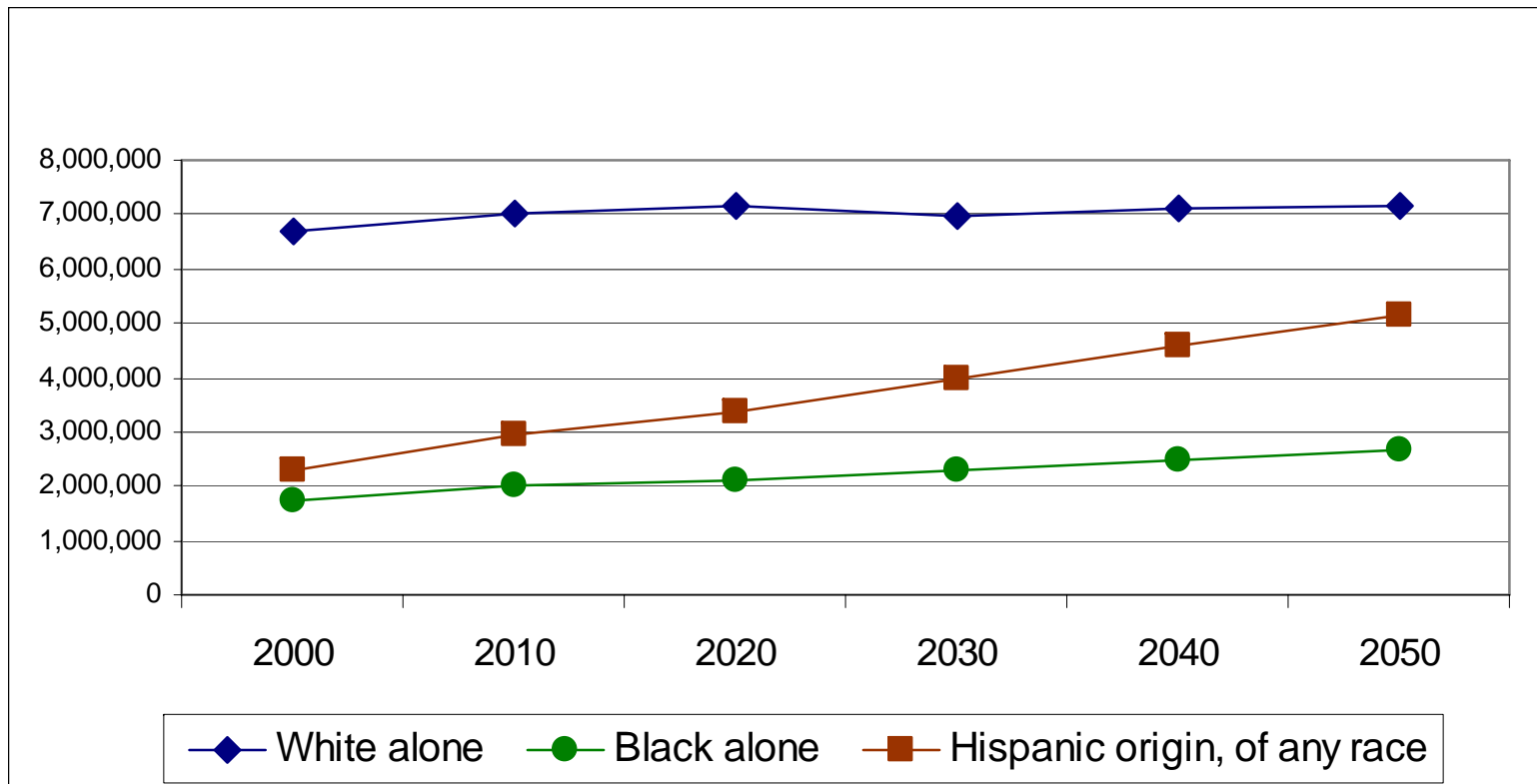
- Data Collection
- Documentation of policy recommendations
- Inform policymakers, advocates, and providers

National Portrait of Latino Children

- *Latino children represent the fastest growing segment of the U.S. child population.*

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Latino Population in the US	42.7 million	14%
Population of Latino children < age 3	2.7 million	22.5%

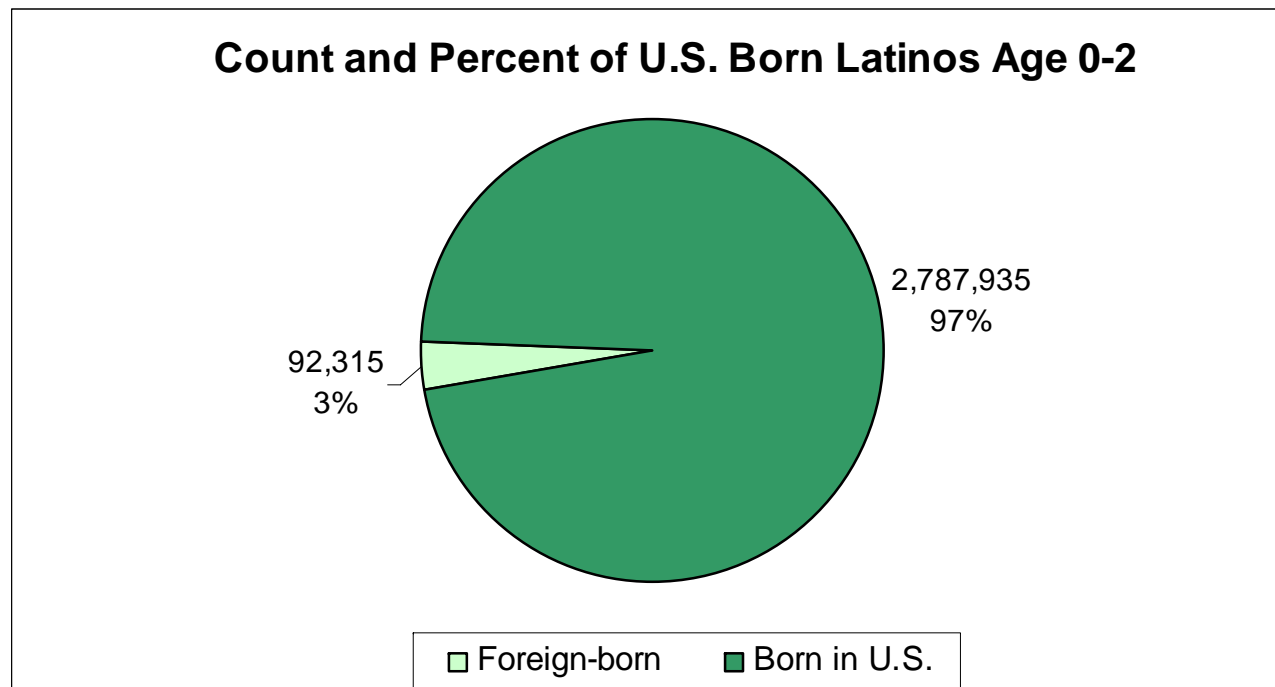
Population Growth of Latino Children Ages 0-2



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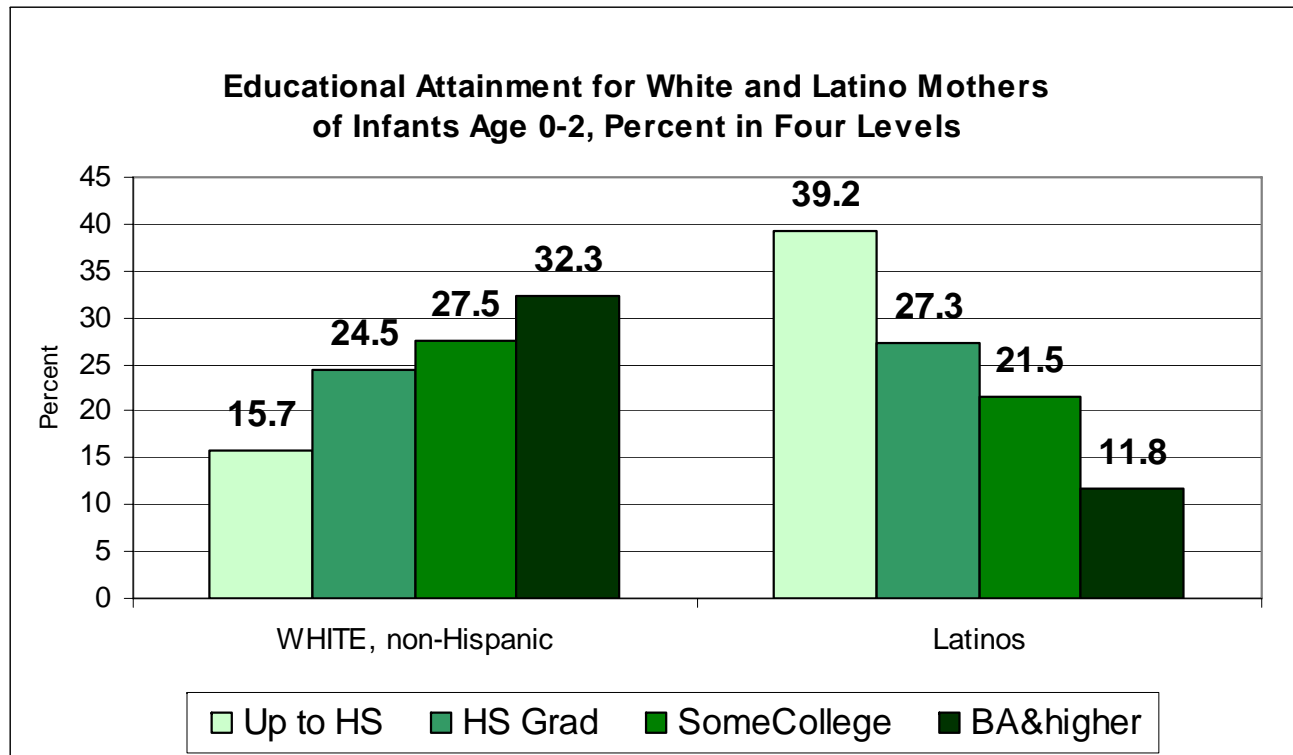
Latino Children Ages 0-2 by U.S. Born and Foreign Born Status

- *Nationally, the vast majority of young Latino children are U.S. citizens with at least one immigrant parent.*



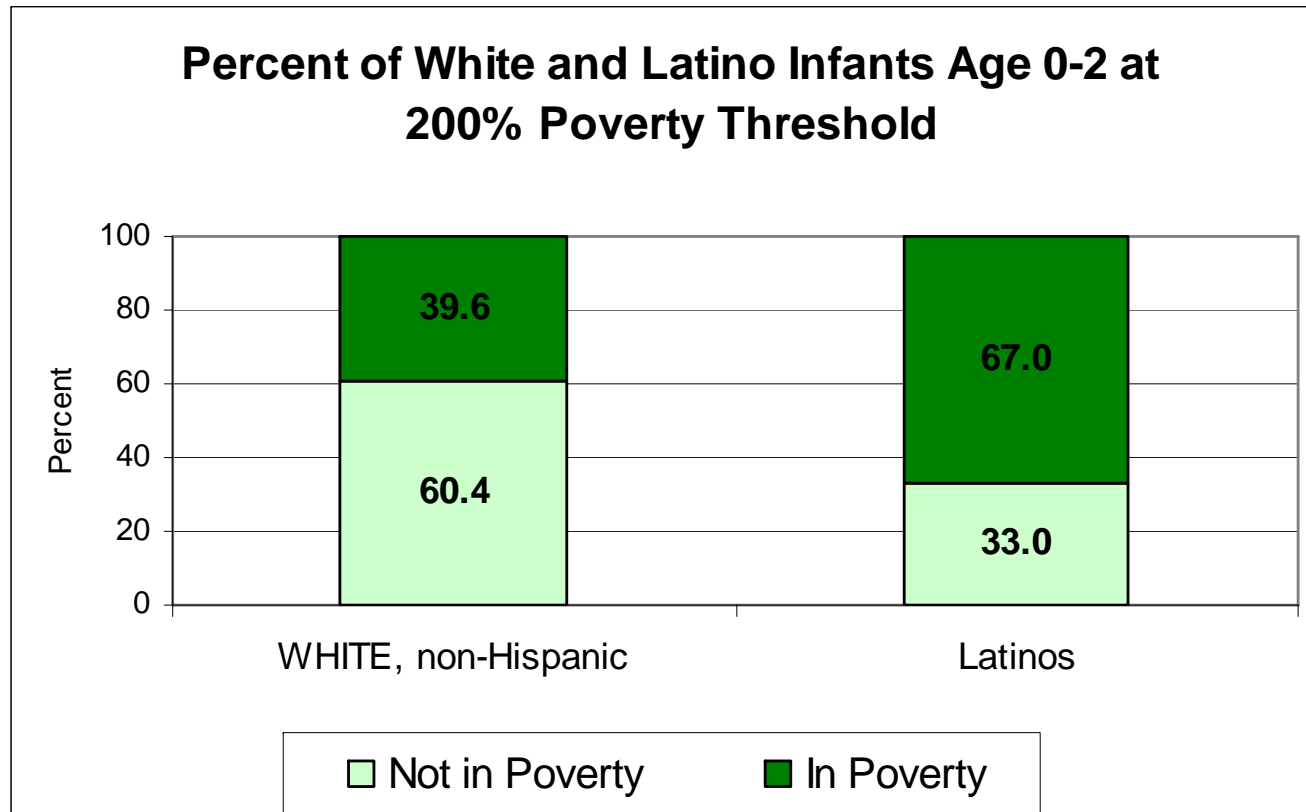
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Latina Maternal Education Levels



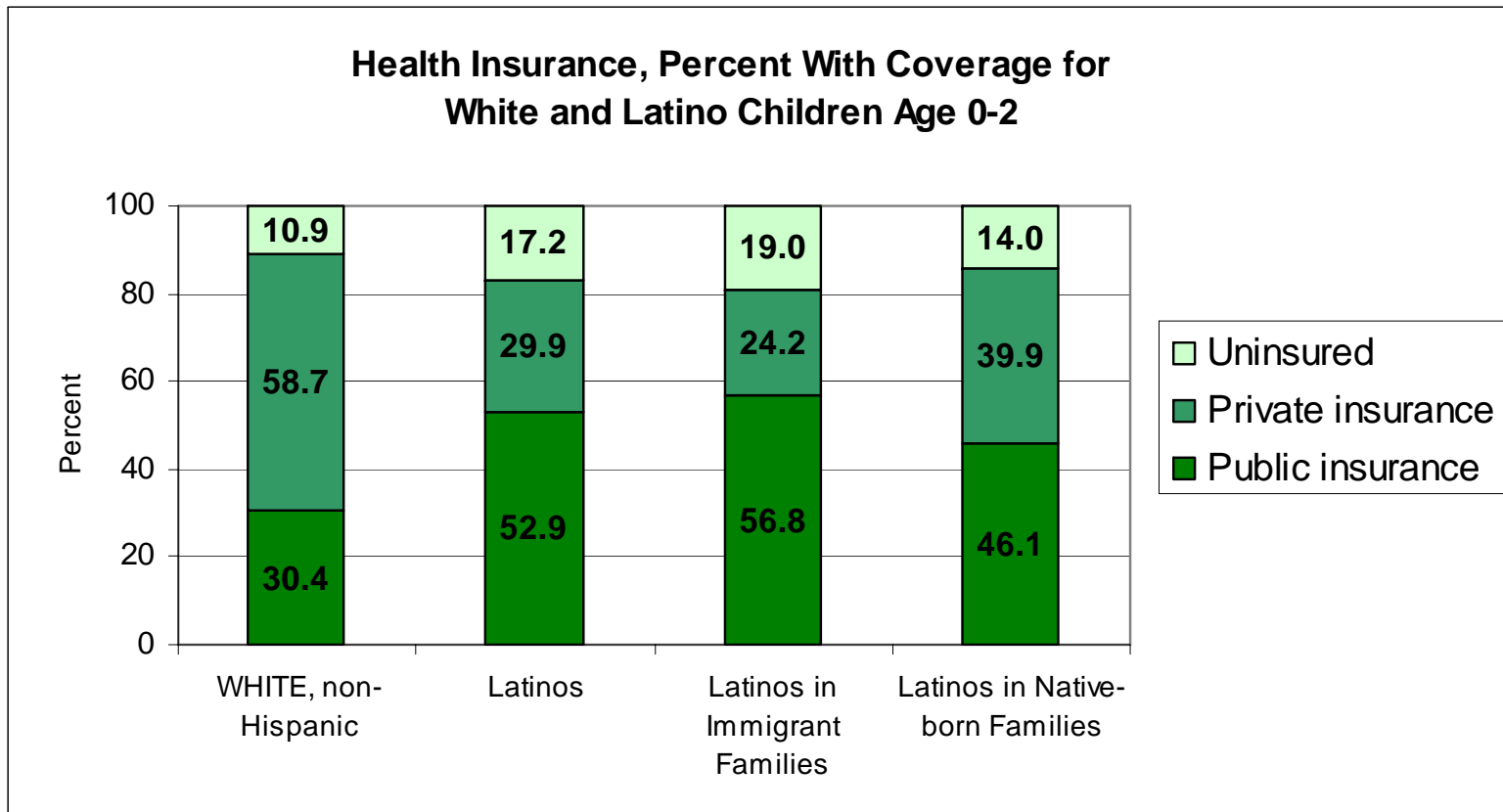
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Young Latino Children in Poverty



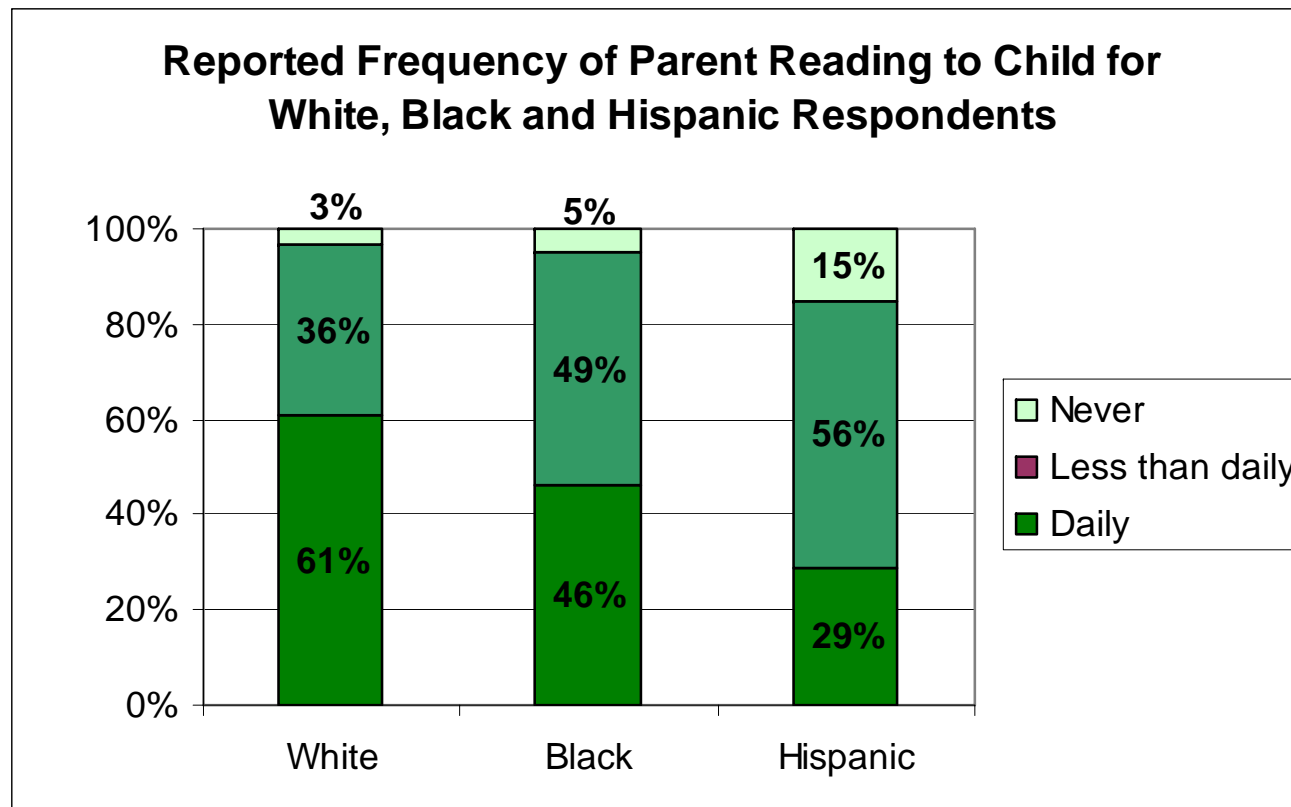
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Latino Infant Health Coverage



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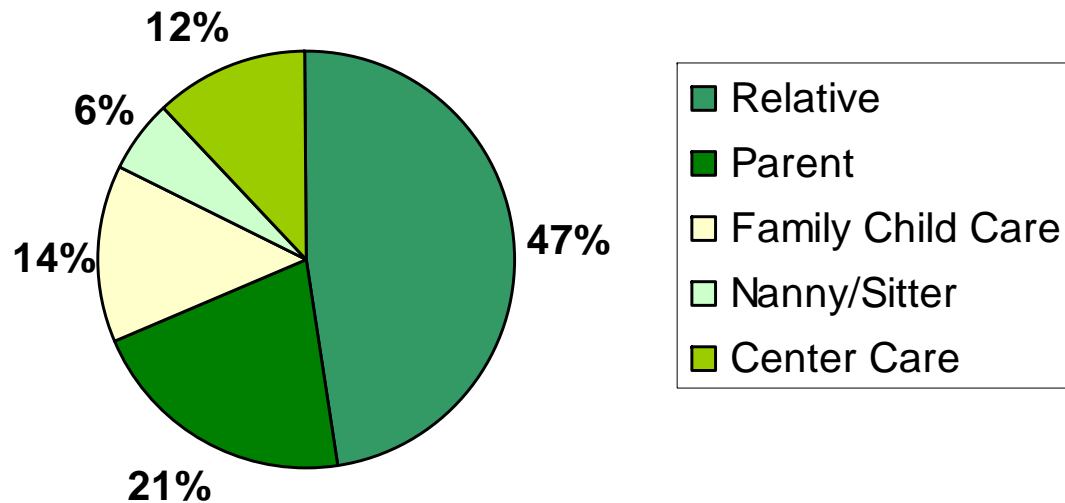
Latino Family Literacy Activities



Source: Flores, Glen, Sandra C. Tomany-Korman, and Lynn Olson, "Does Disadvantage Start At Home? Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health-Related Early Childhood Home Routines and Safety Practices," *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, Vol. 159, No. 2, February 2005.

Child Care for Latino Families

Primary Child Care for Latino Children Under Age 3 in Two Parent Families, Both Employed



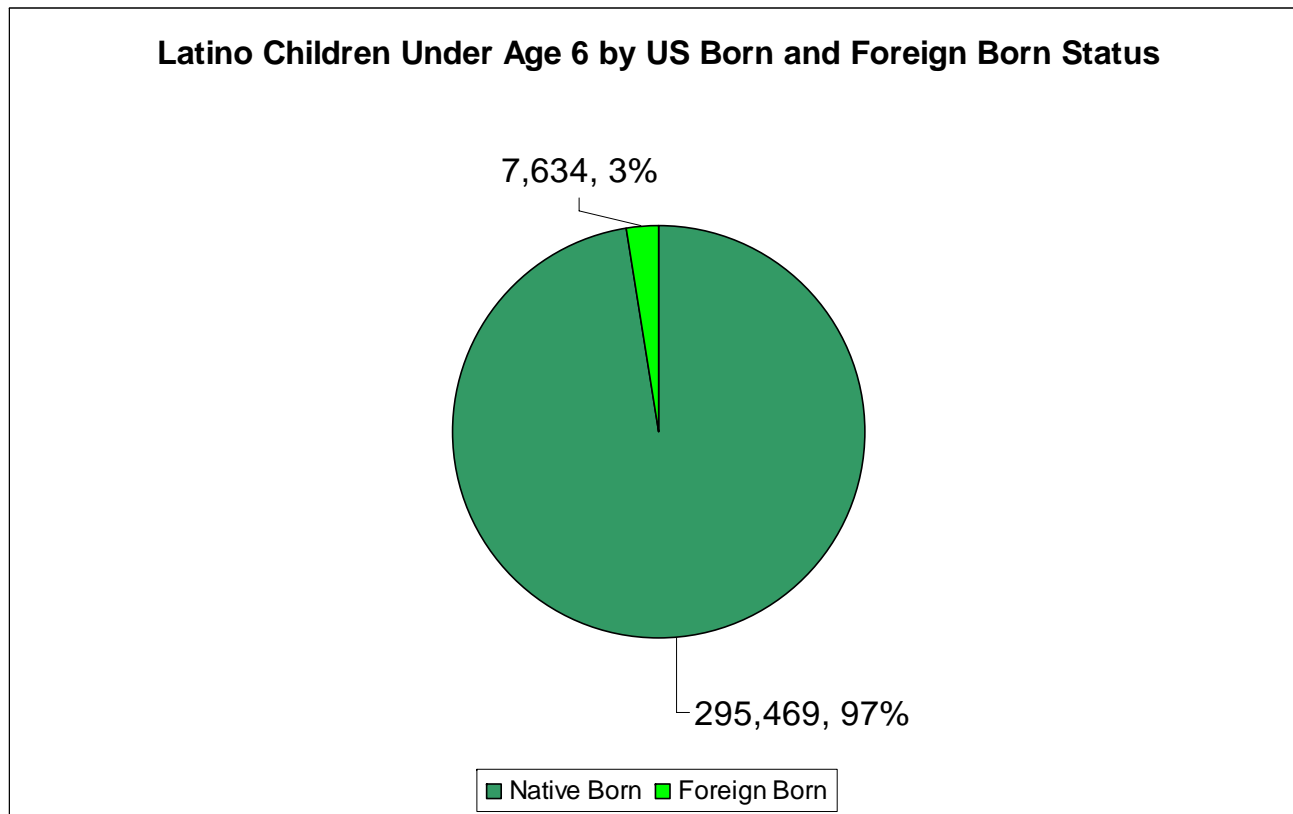
Source: Capizzano, Jeffrey, Gina Adams, and Jason Ost, *Caring for Children of Color: The Child Care Patterns of White, Black, and Hispanic Children Under the Age of Five*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute, February 2006

Portrait of Latino Children in New York

- *Data available for children under age 6*

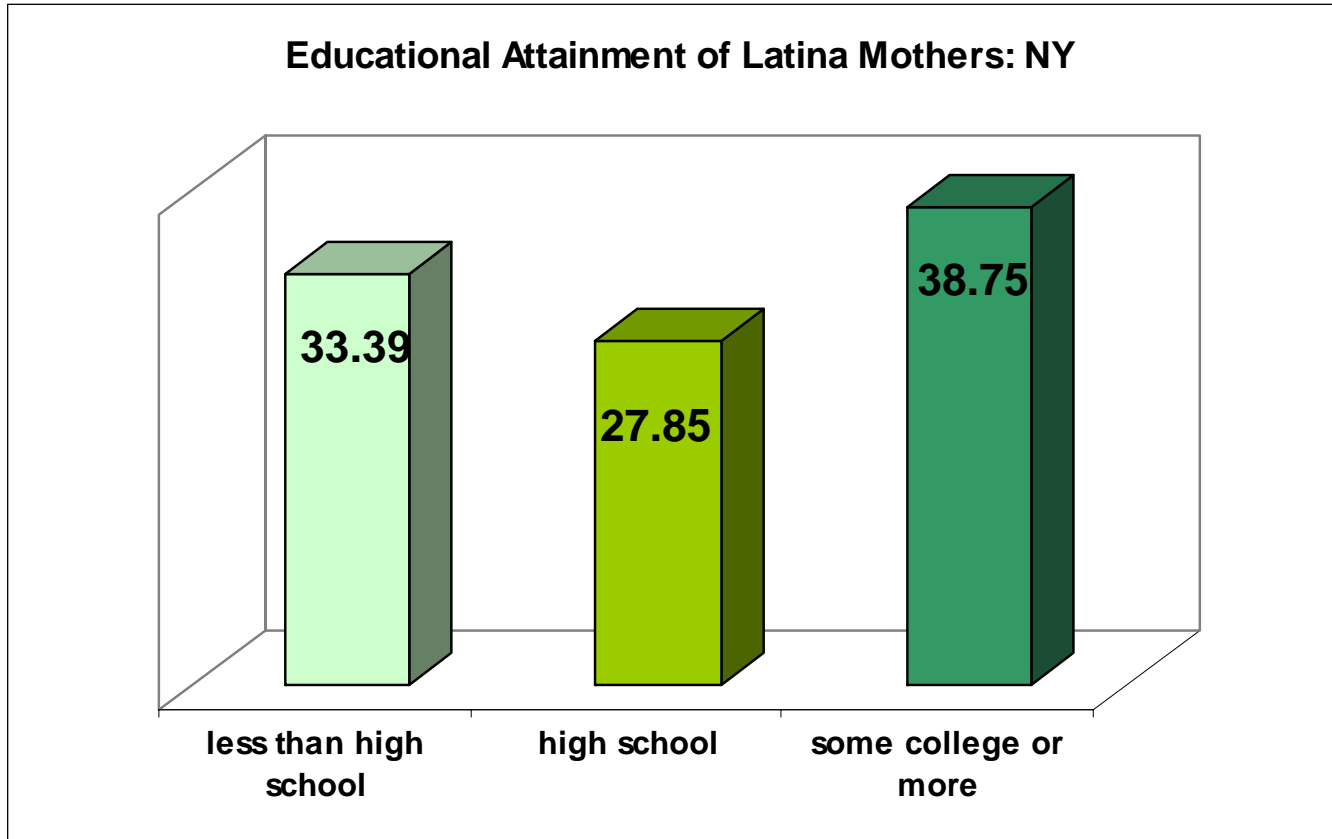
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Latino population in	3,139,590	16.26%
Population of Latino children < age 6	303,103	21.22%

NY: Latino Children Ages 0-6 by U.S. Born and Foreign Born Status



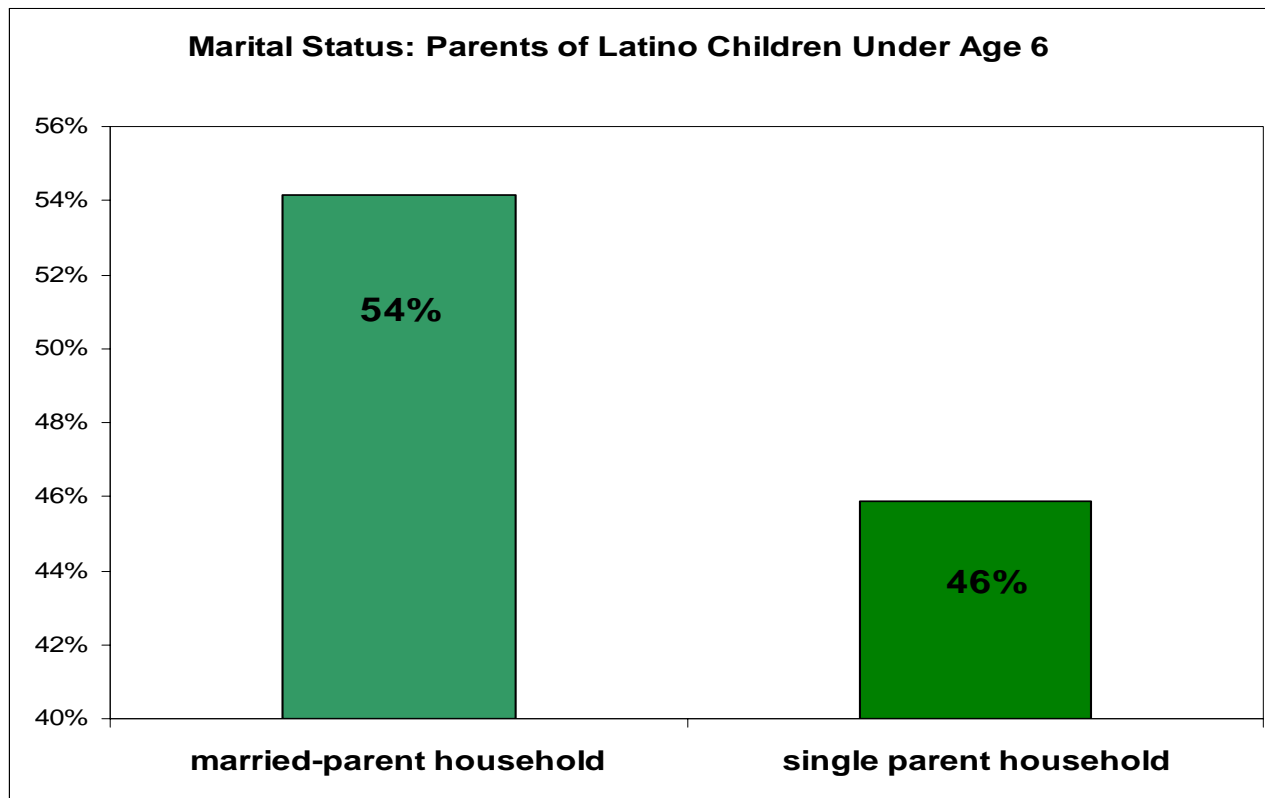
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NY: Latina Maternal Education



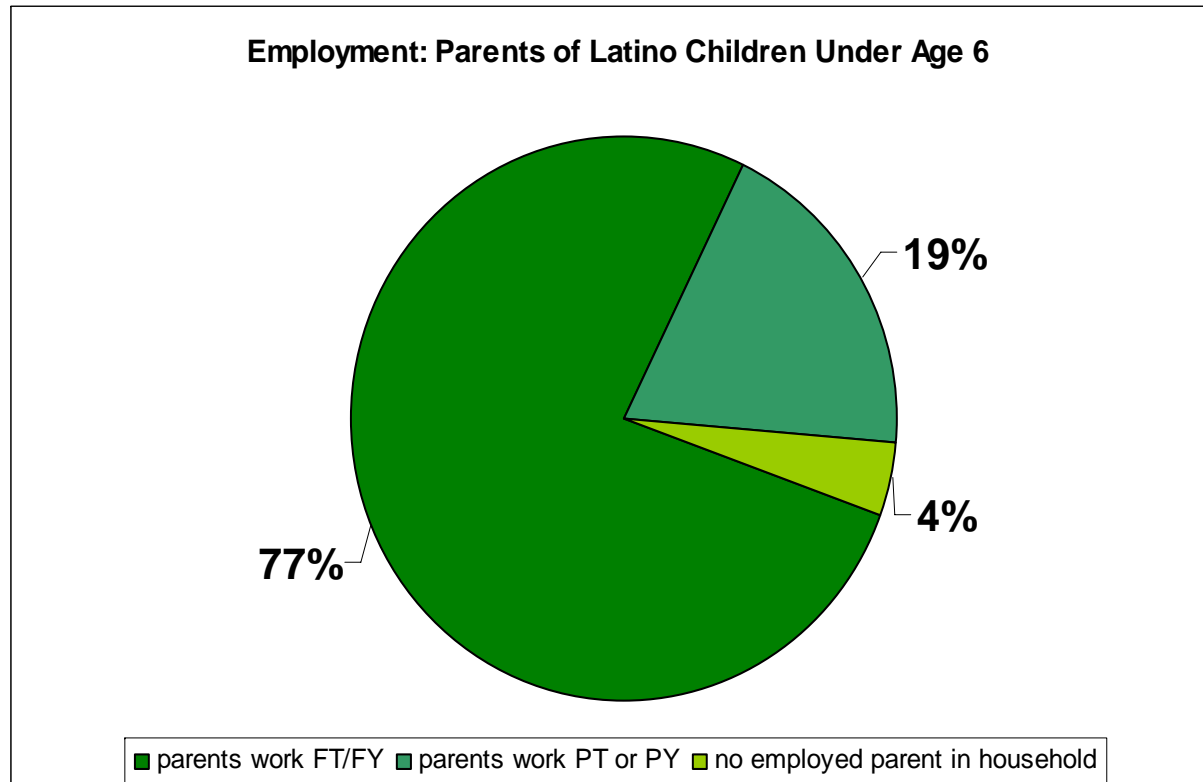
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NY: Marital Status of Latino Parents



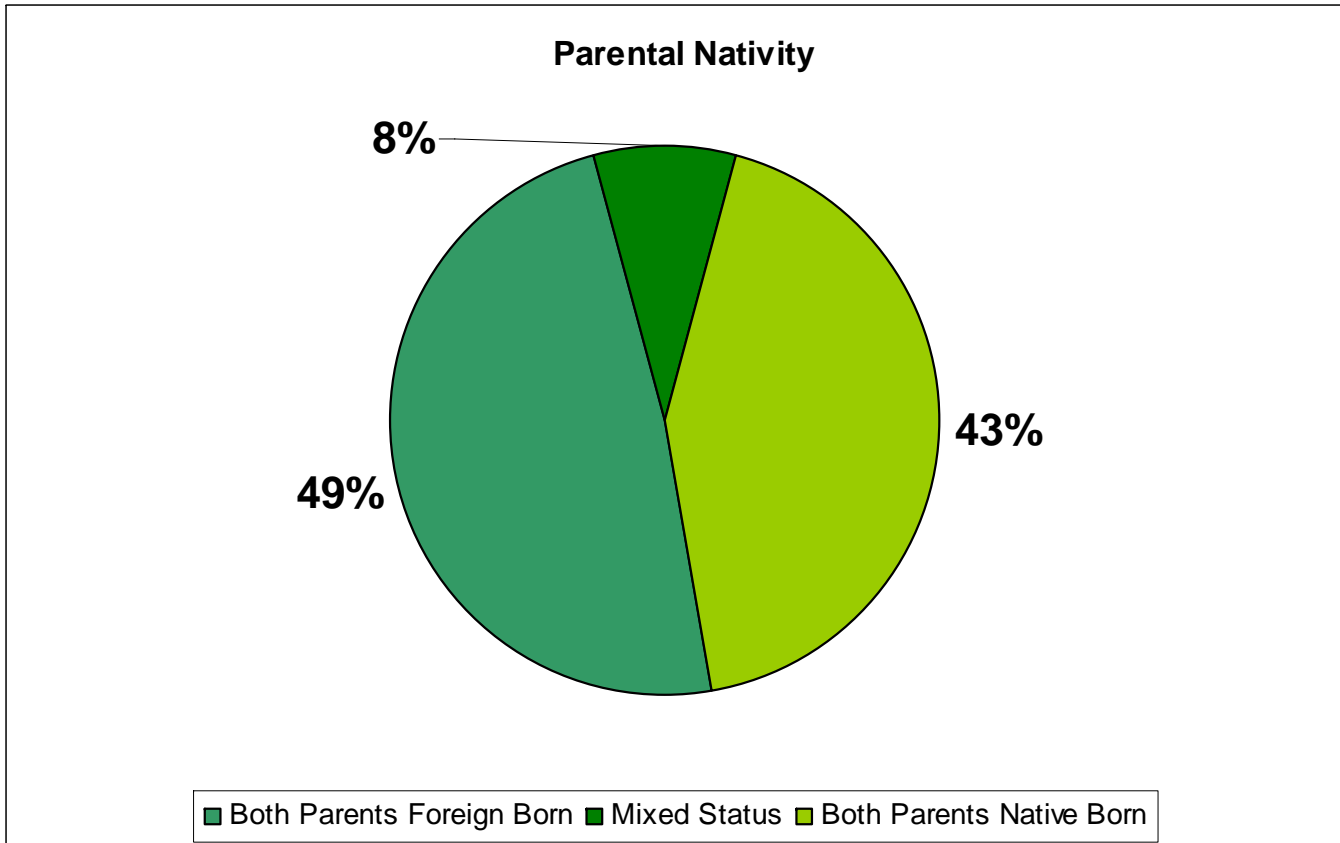
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NY: Latino Parent Employment



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[NY: Latino Parent Nativity]



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Challenges

For Families:

- Lack of access to social services
- Lack of culturally and linguistically appropriate practices

For Advocates

- Data Collection
- Research on Best Practices

[Policy Solutions]

- Even Start
- Early Head Start
- SCHIP
- Child Care and Development Block Grant

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