



Survey of Mexican and Central American Immigrants in the United States

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Methodology

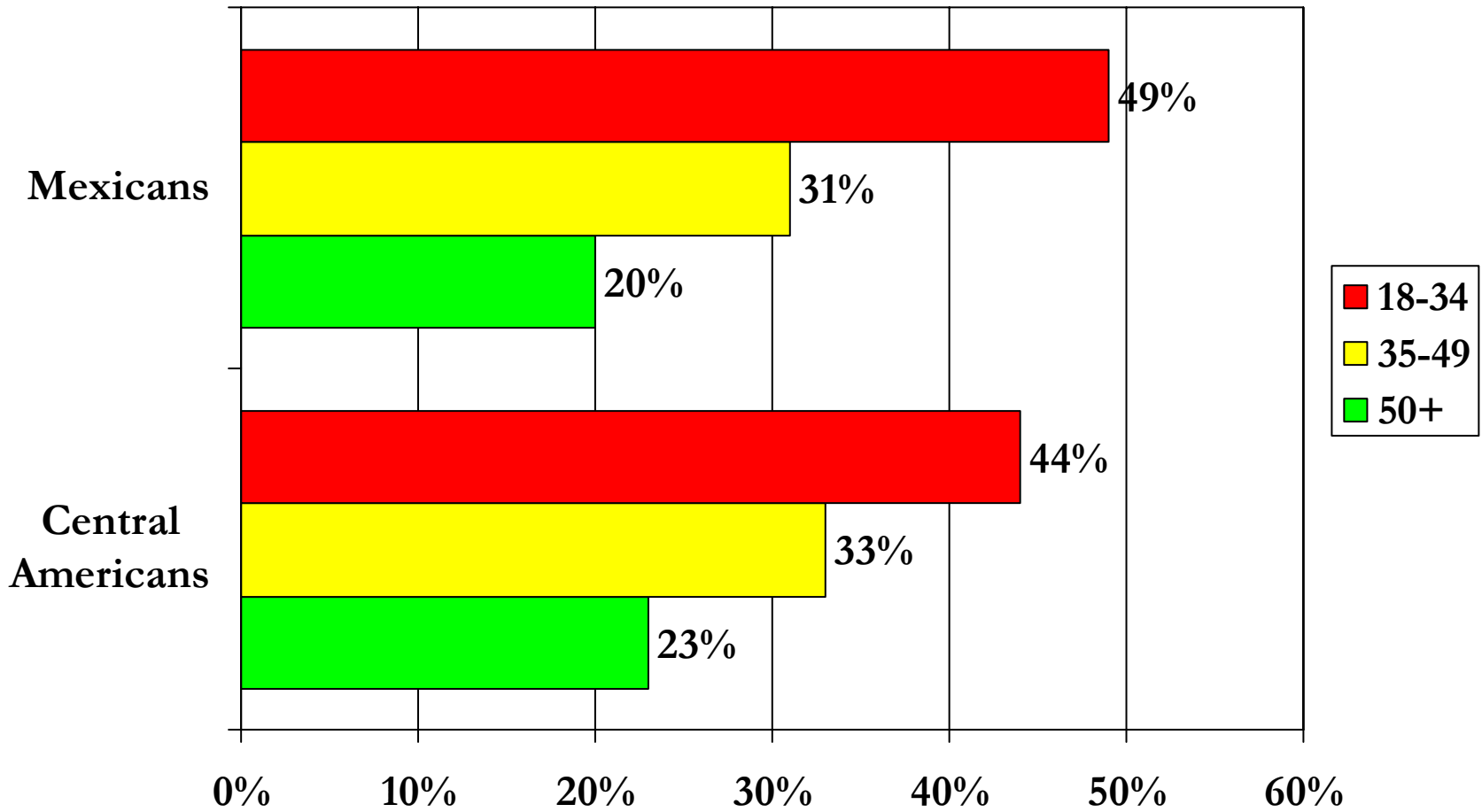
<i>Sample size</i>	900 total interviews
<i>Dates of interviews</i>	June, 2007
<i>Margin of error</i>	3 percentage points
<i>Language of interview</i>	Spanish

Demographics of Immigrants from Mexico and Central America*

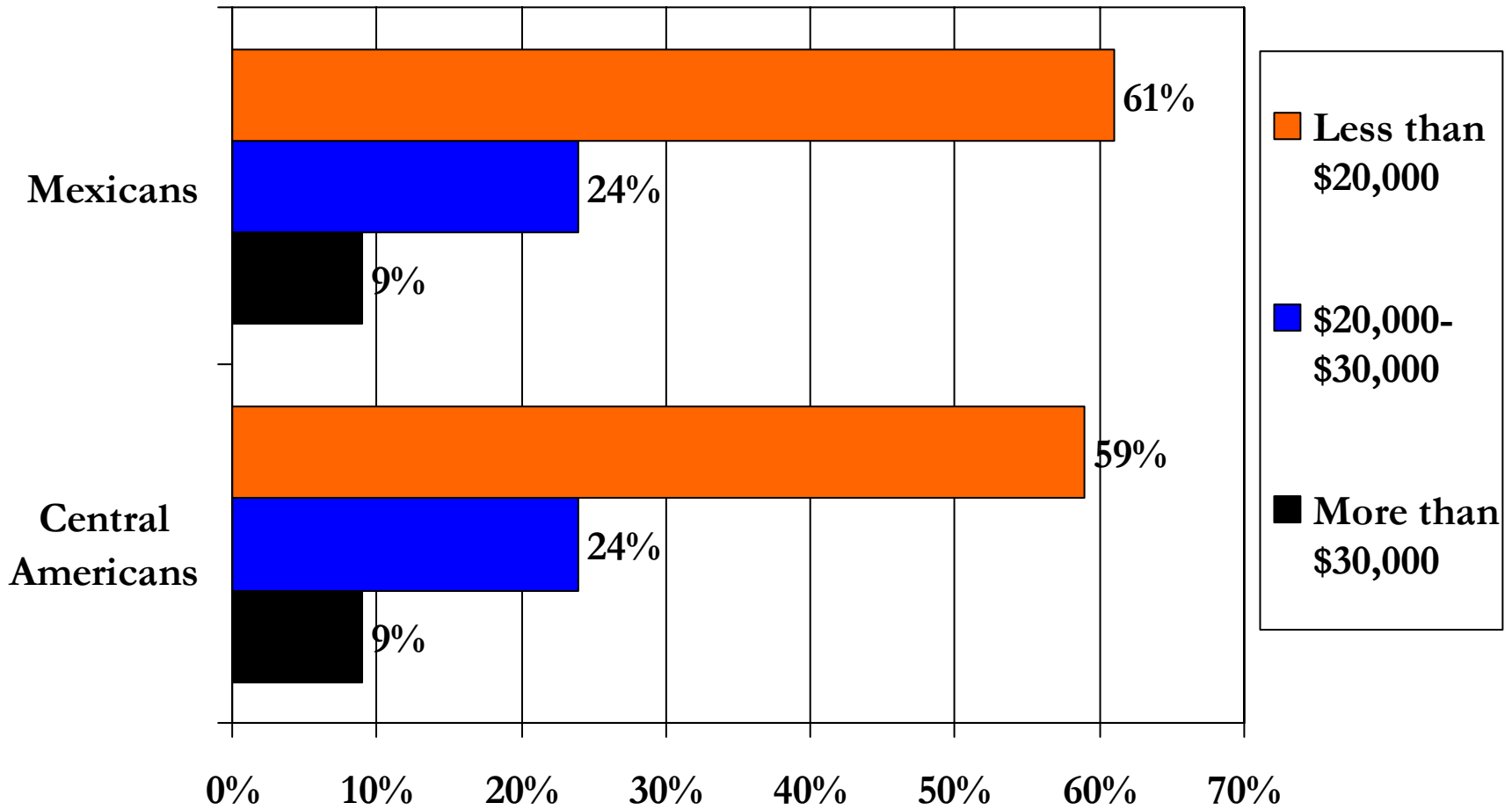


*Central America in this report refers to immigrants from Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala

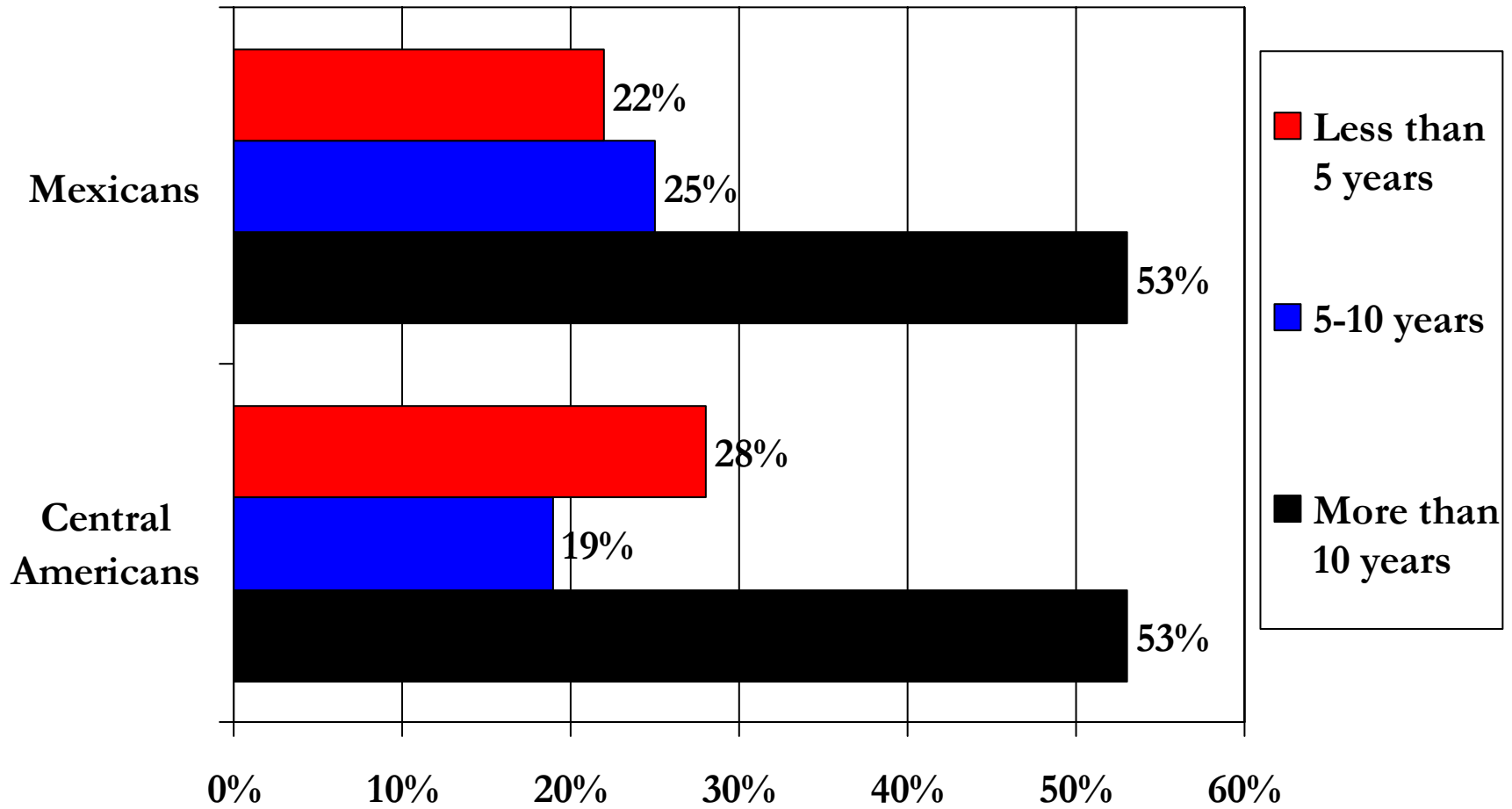
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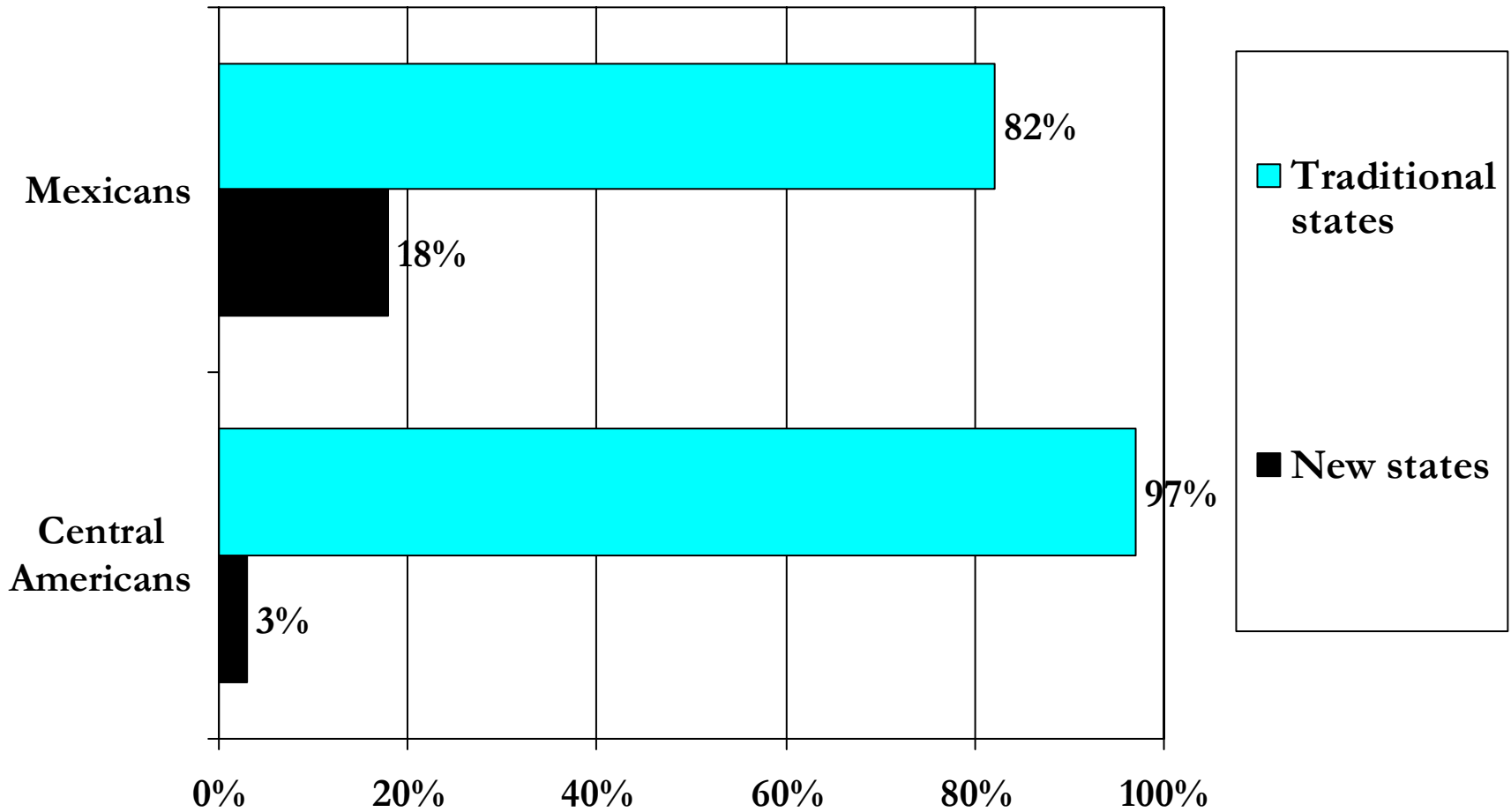
What is your current annual income before paying taxes?



How long have you been living in the United States?



Immigrant Adult Population in the United States



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“Traditional” States

- California, New York, Florida, Texas, New Jersey, Illinois, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, District of Columbia

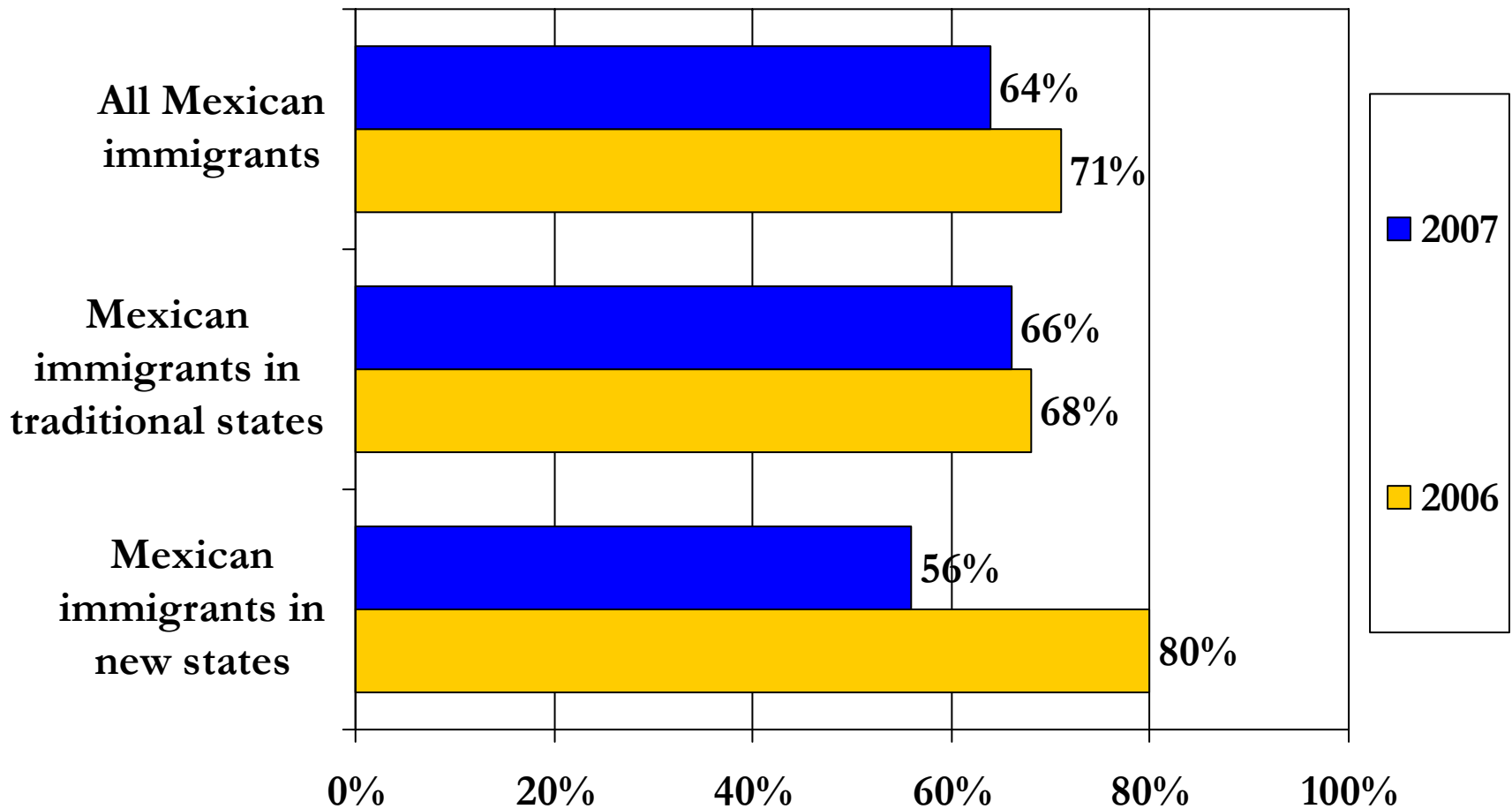
“New” States

- Remaining 40 states

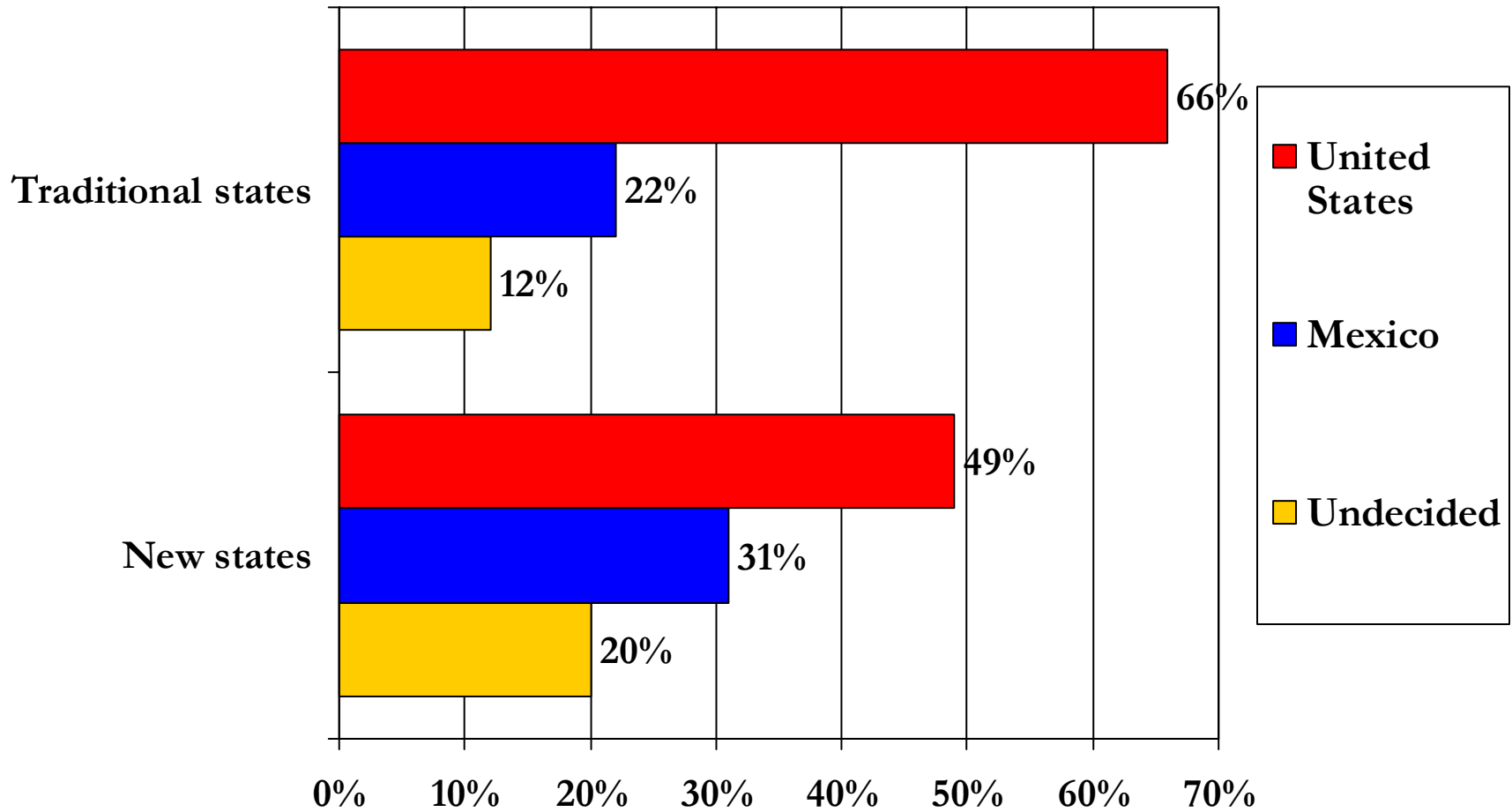
Remittances from the United States to Mexico



Percentage of Mexican Immigrant Adults that Sends Remittances



In what country do you think you will be living five years from now?



Mexican Immigrants and Remittances

- According to the U.S. Census American Community Survey and the estimates of the Pew Hispanic Center, as of June 2007, the total Mexican immigrant adult population of the United States was 10.4 million.
- 64 percent of the Mexican immigrant adult population in the United States sent remittances to their family members during the first six months of 2007.
- There are now 6.6 million Mexican remittance senders in the United States.
- The average amount sent by each Mexican immigrant is approximately \$3,550 per year.

Total Remittances to Mexico

(in millions of US dollars)

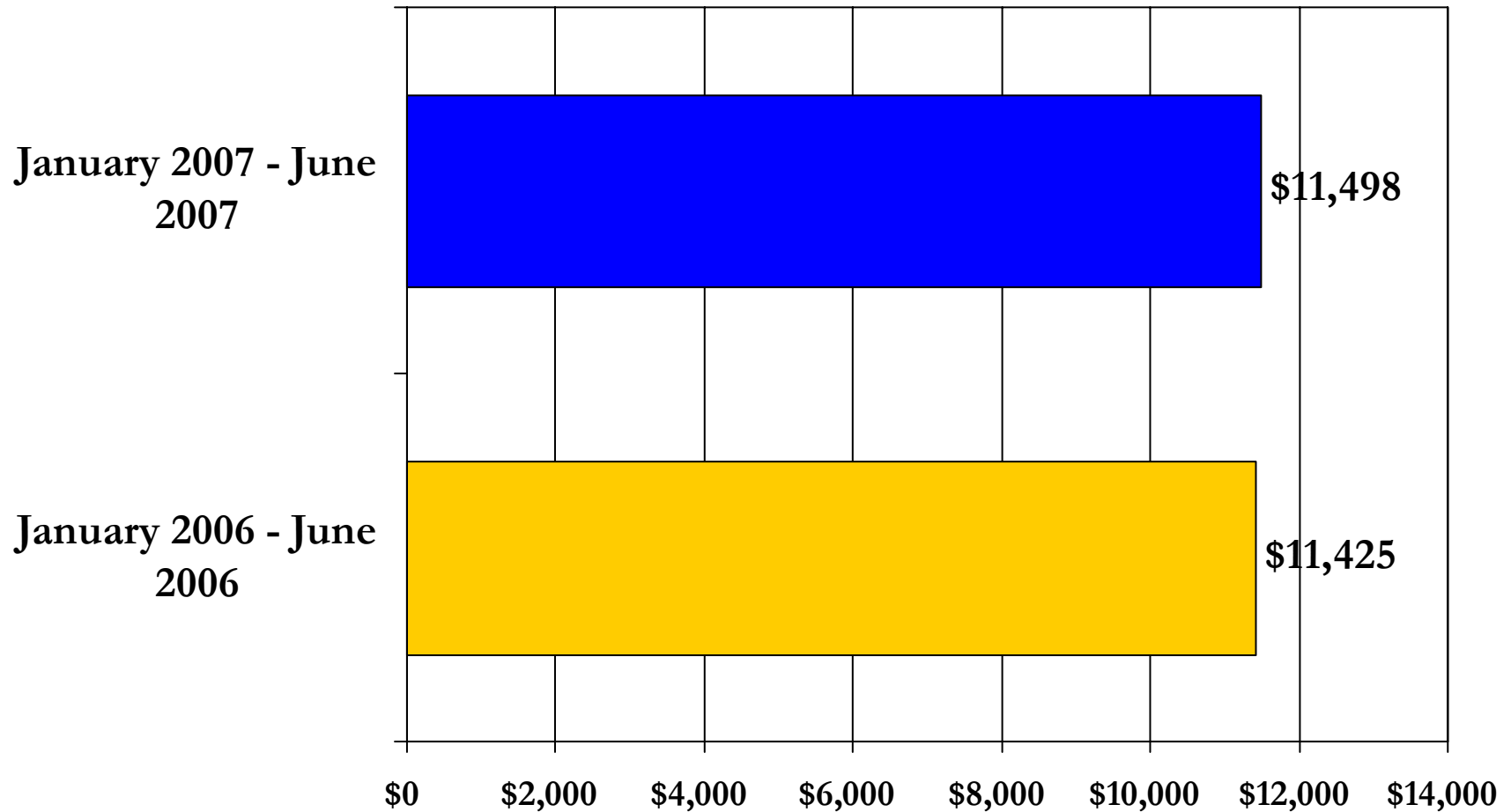
- The Central Bank of Mexico has reported that remittances totaled **US\$23.1 billion** during 2006.
- Based on this study of June 2007, it is estimated that remittances to Mexico will total **US\$23.4 billion** during 2007. This represents an increase of 1% from 2006.

Remittances to Mexico

Central Bank Figures

(in millions of US dollars)

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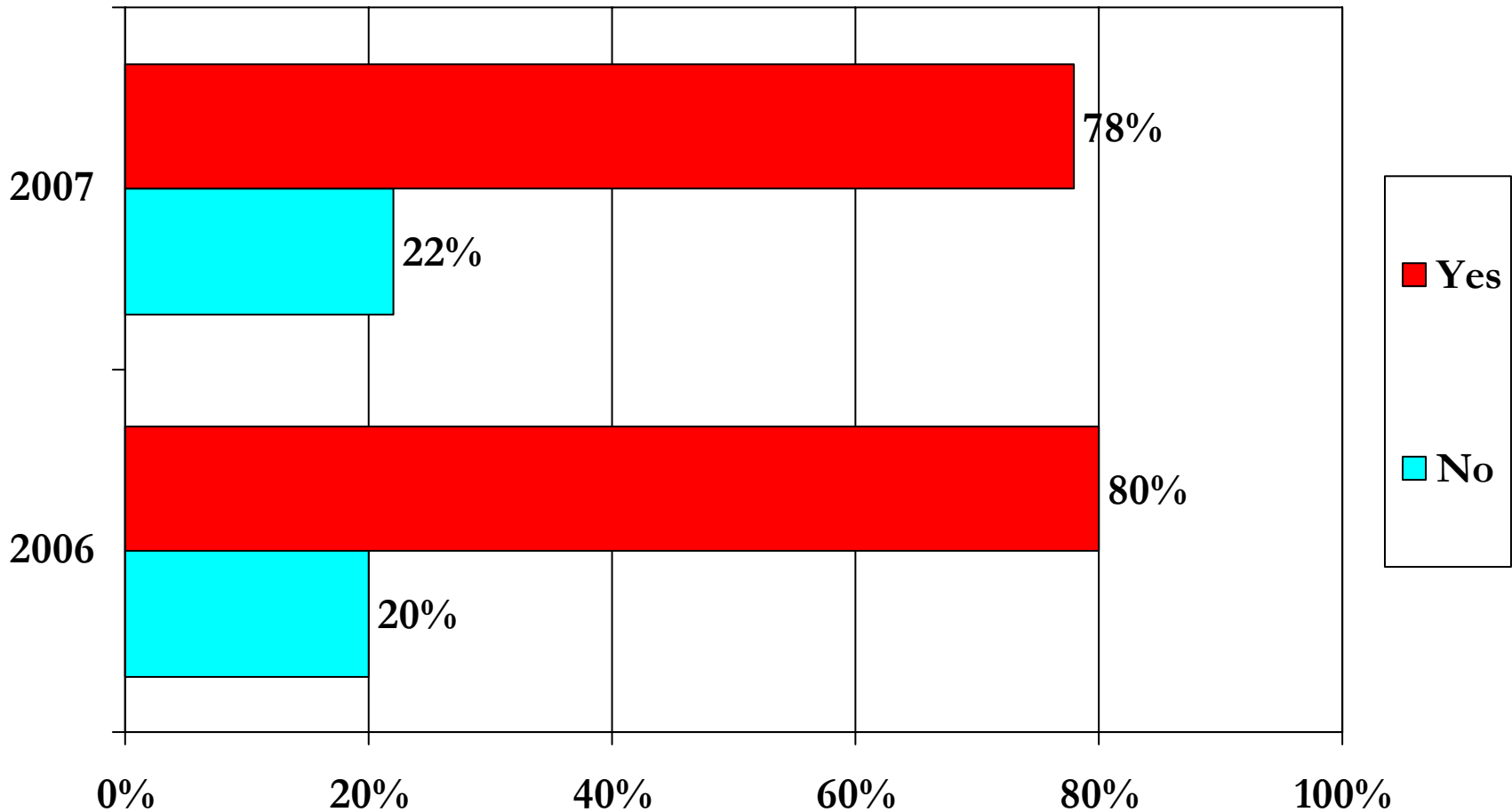


Remittances from the United States to Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala



Do you currently send money to your family member in Latin America?

All Central American Immigrants



Central American Immigrants and Remittances

- According to the U.S. Census American Community Survey and the estimates of Bendixen & Associates, as of June 2007, the total Central American immigrant adult population of the United States was 2.5 million.
- 78 percent of the Central American immigrant adult population in the United States sent remittances to their family members during the first six months of 2007.
- There are now 1.9 million Central American remittance senders in the United States.

Total Remittances to Central America

(in millions of US dollars)

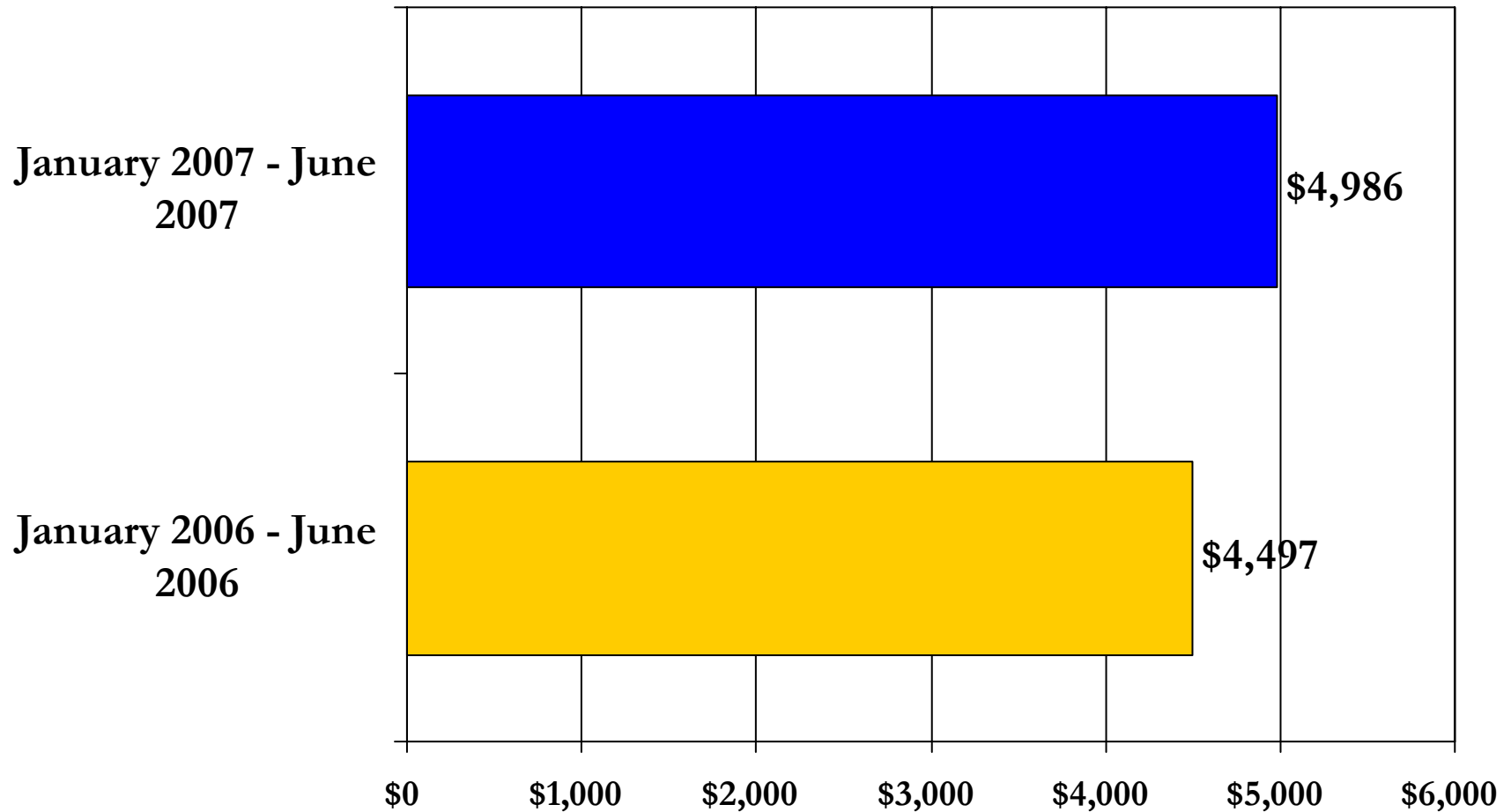
- The Central Banks of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala have reported that remittances totaled **US\$9.25 billion** during 2006.
- Based on this study of June 2007, it is estimated that remittances to Central America will total **US\$9.95 billion** during 2007. This represents an increase of 8% from 2006.

Remittances to Central America

Central Bank Figures

(in millions of US dollars)

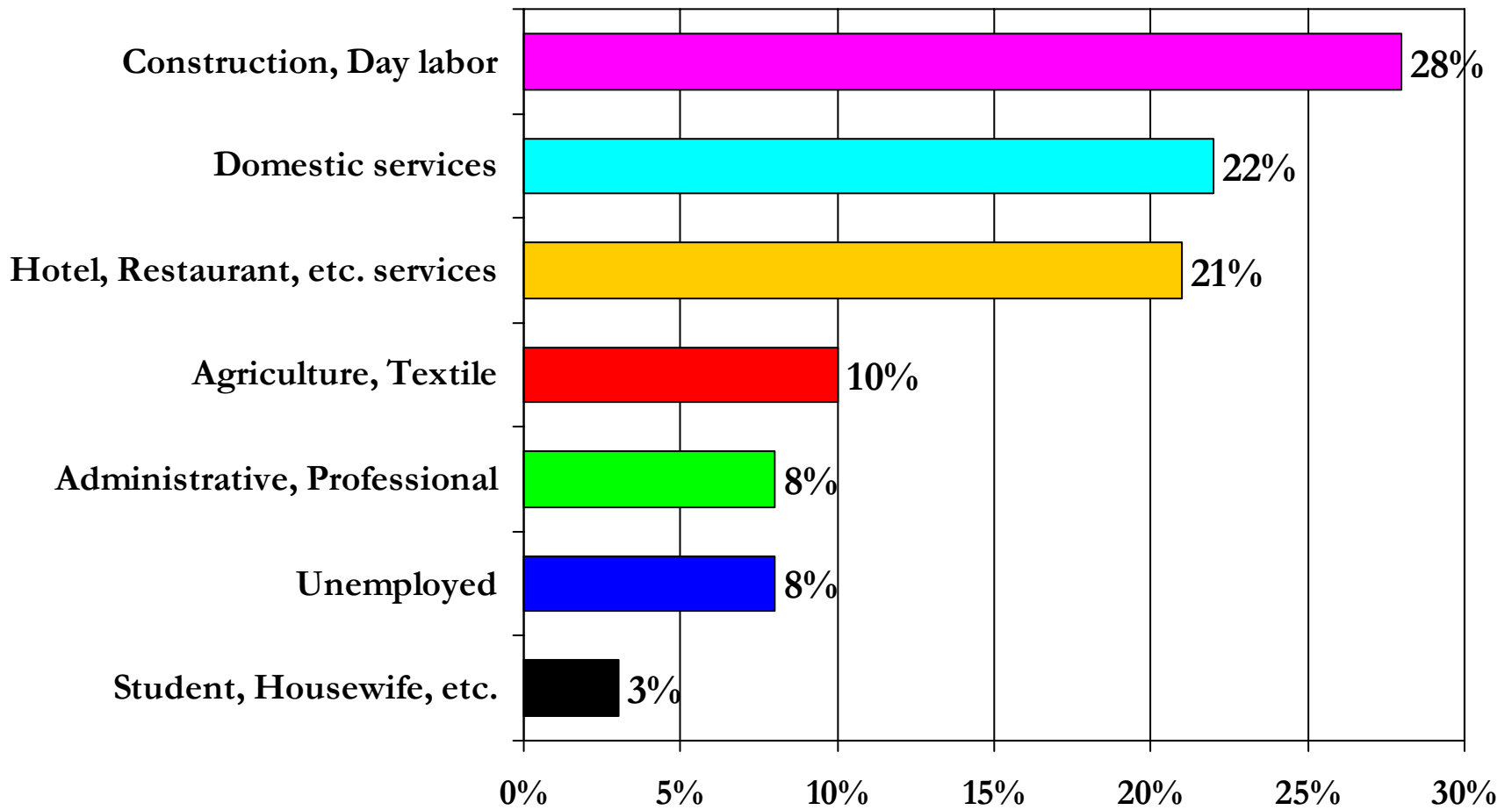
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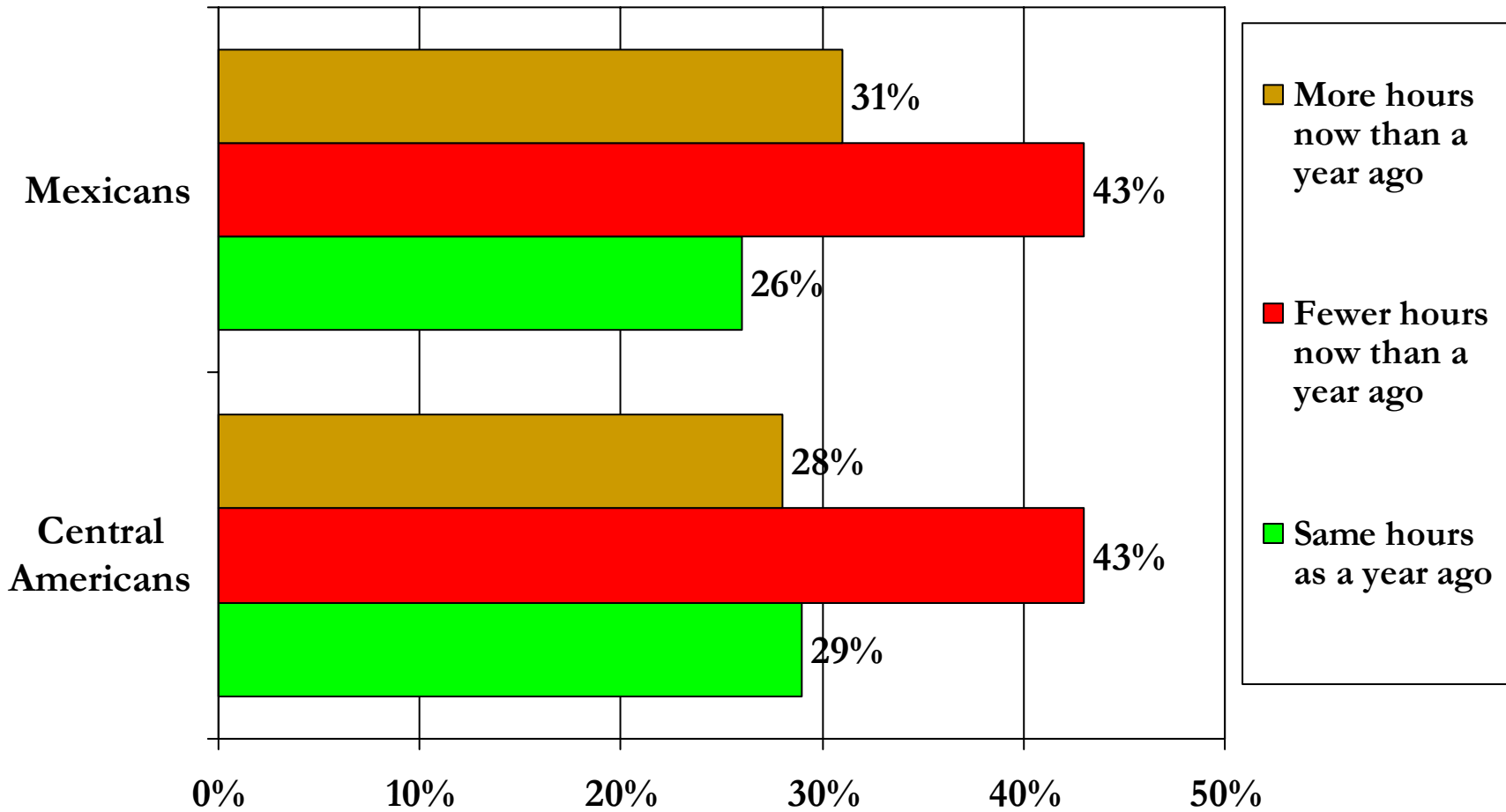
Economic Situation of Mexican and Central American Immigrants



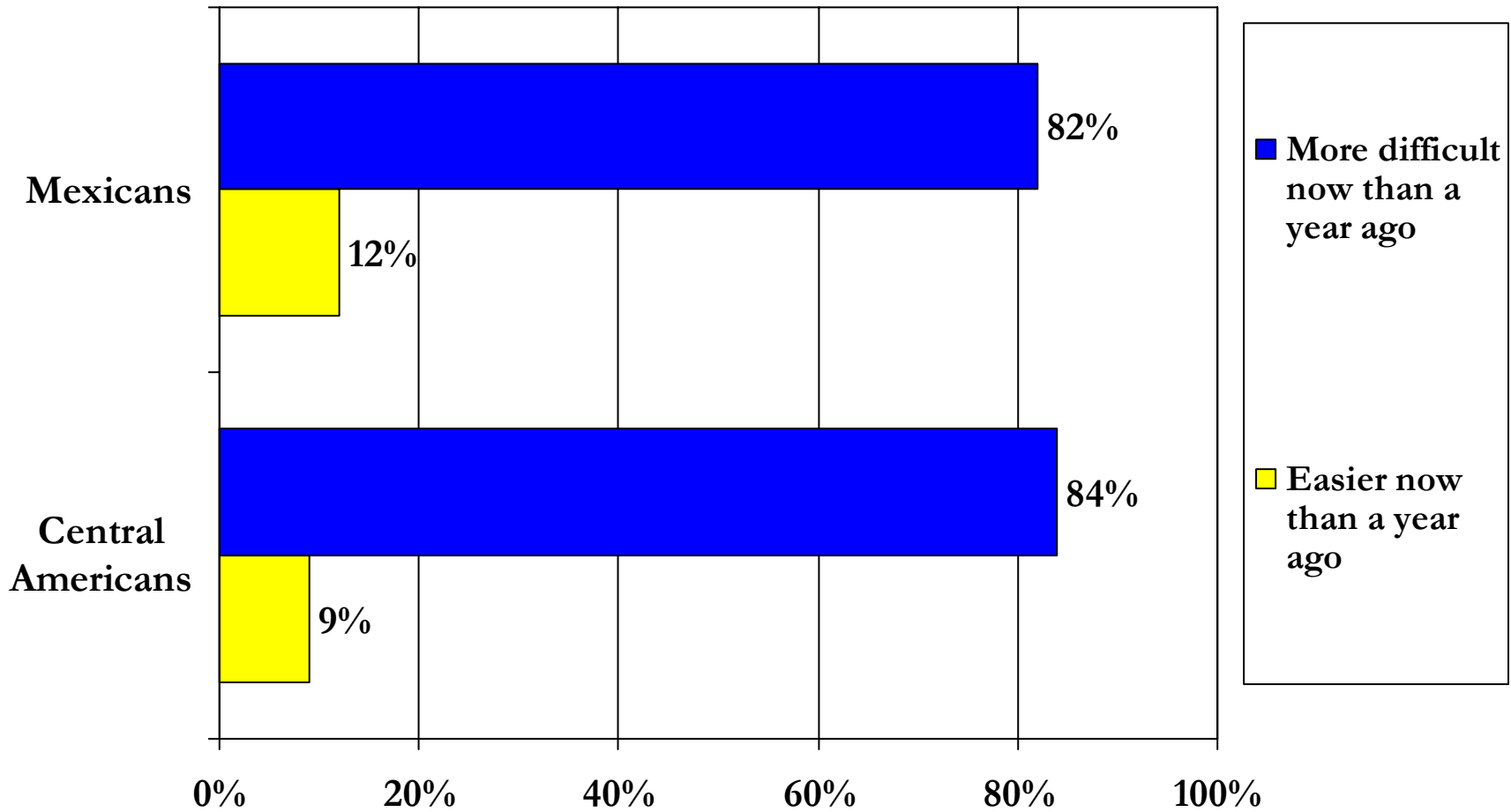
What type of work do you do in the United States?



Would you say that you are working more or fewer hours now than a year ago?



Is it easier or more difficult now than a year ago for a Latin American immigrant to get a good-paying job in the United States?



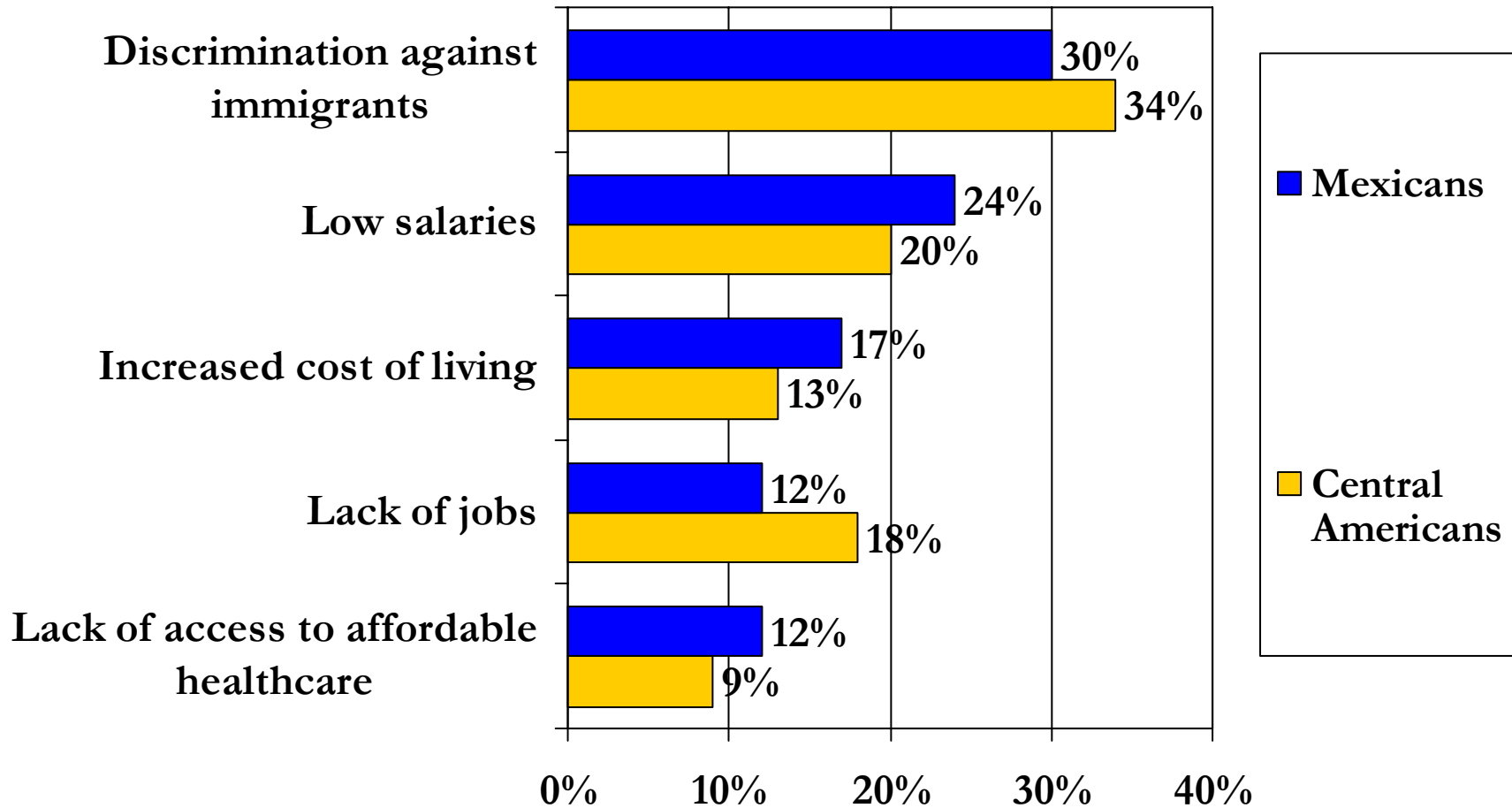
Why do you think it is more difficult now than a year ago for immigrants to get a good-paying job?

- Immigration laws (documents required) 45%
- Not enough jobs 21%
- Education requirements 12%
- English language 9%
- Discrimination 7%
- Company fears 3%
- Political situation 2%

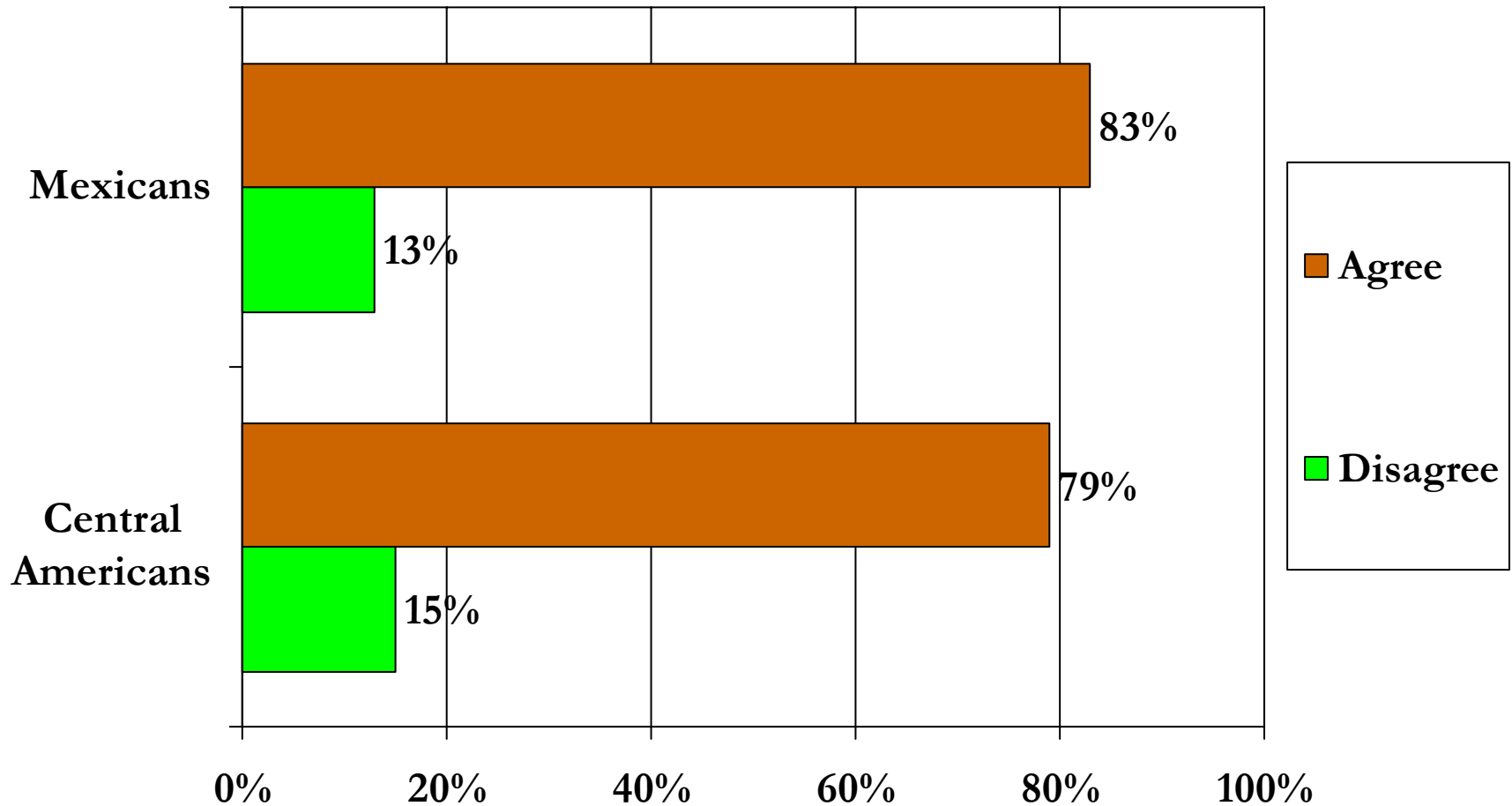
Discrimination Against Immigrants



What is the biggest problem currently for you and your family in the United States?



“Discrimination against Latin American immigrants is growing in the United States”



Legal Status

