

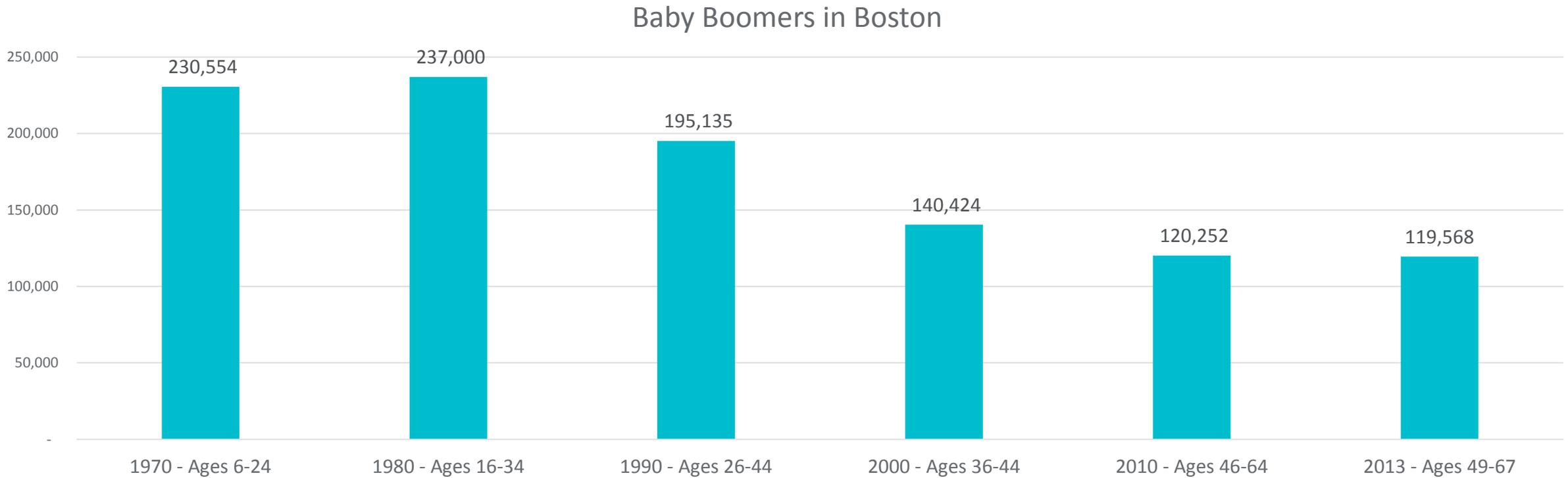
BABY BOOMERS IN BOSTON

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Summary

- The Baby Boomers are the demographic cohort born between 1946 and 1964
- In the United States, the Baby Boomers have been an influential demographic force as they have aged
- The Boston situation is different: the Baby Boom population in Boston peaked in 1980 when the Boomers were young adults
- Since 1980, the Baby Boomer population of Boston has fallen by about 50%
- There were fewer than 120,000 Baby Boomers in Boston in 2013 – 18.5% of the Boston population

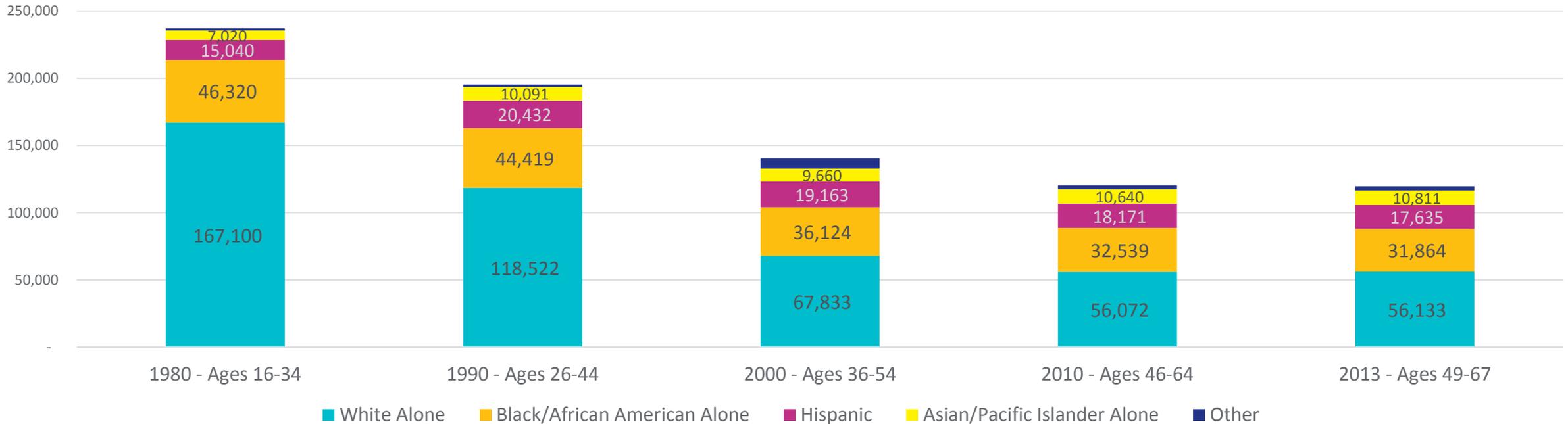
- The population of Baby Boomers in Boston reached its peak in 1980 when they were 16-34 years old
- The Baby Boomer population has been declining since then to a low of 119,568 in 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970-2000 Decennial Census, 2010 & 2013 1-year American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

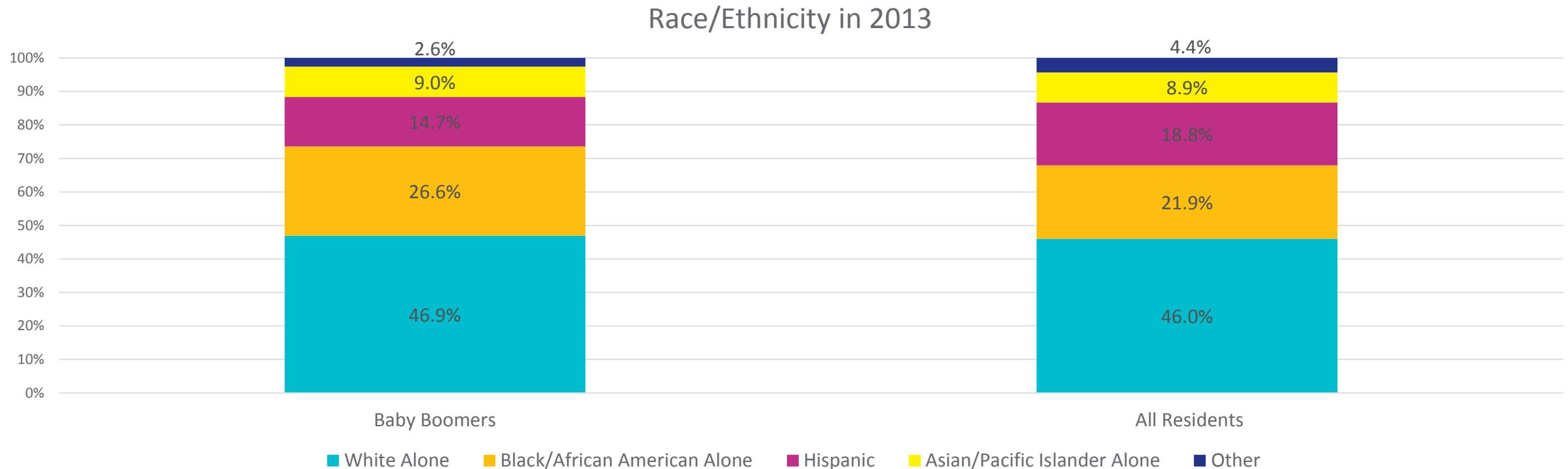
- The Baby Boomer population of non-Hispanic Whites has fallen dramatically from 167,100 in 1980 to 56,133 in 2013
- The Black/African-American Baby Boomer population has also fallen from 46,320 in 1980 to 31,864 in 2013
- The Hispanic and Asian Baby Boomer populations have increased since 1980, likely due to immigration

Baby Boomer Population by Race/Ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980-2000 Decennial Census, 2010 & 2013 1-year American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

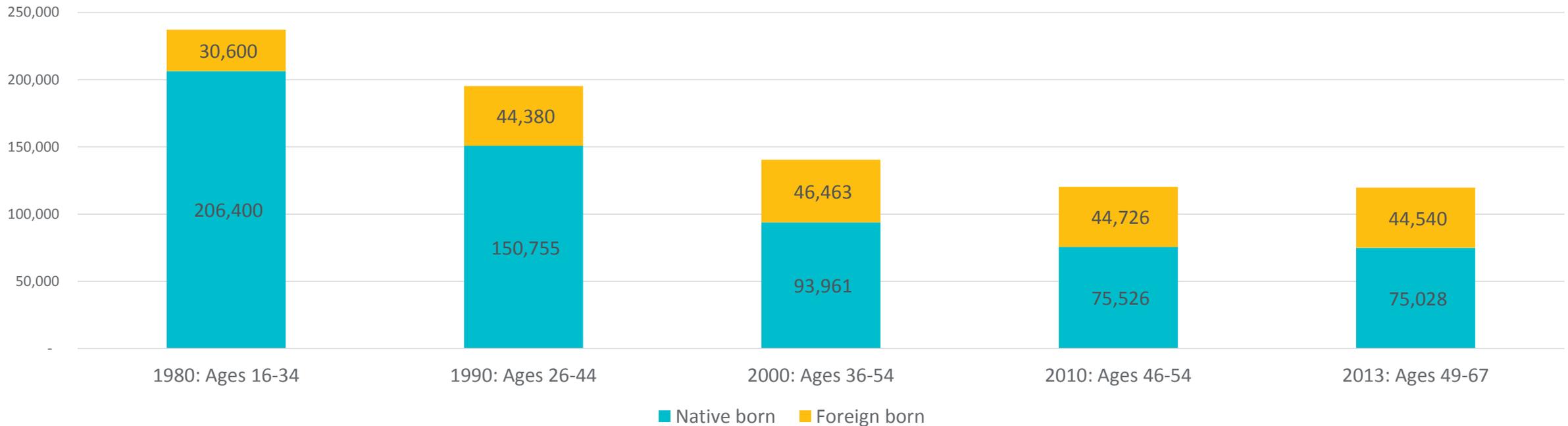
- Baby Boomers are less likely to be Hispanic than the general Boston population – most Hispanics in Boston are younger: 60% are under 35 years old
- The share of Baby Boomers who are White or Asian is similar to the Boston population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- The foreign-born Baby Boomer population jumped 1980 to 1990 and has remained stable since 1990
- The native-born Baby Boomer population fell dramatically from 1980 to 2010
- The foreign-born share of the Baby Boomer population rose from 13% in 1980 to 37% in 2013

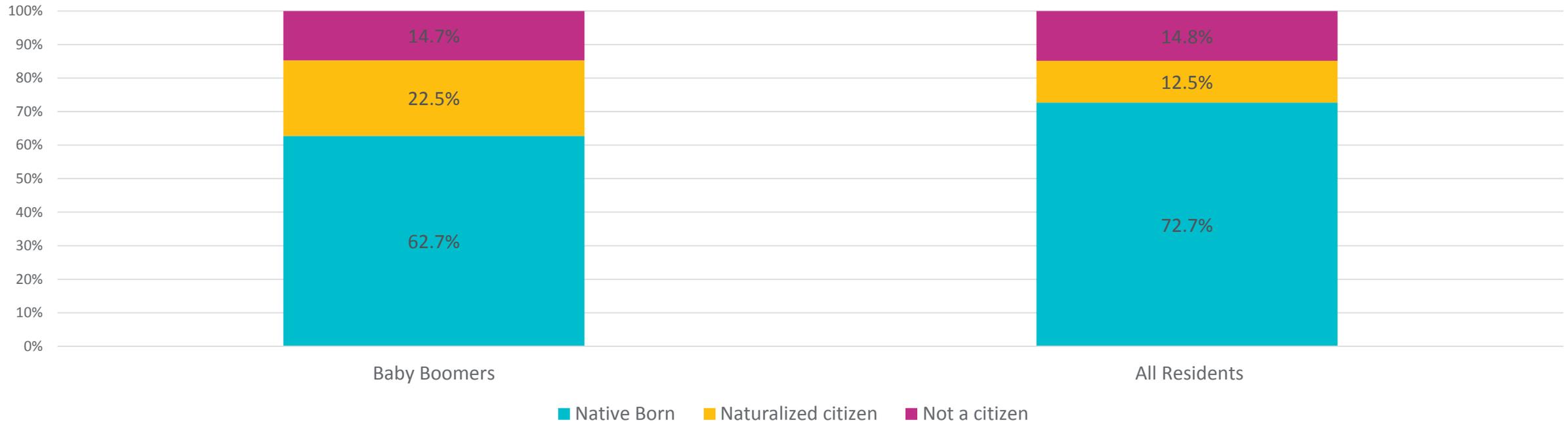
Baby Boomer Population by Nativity



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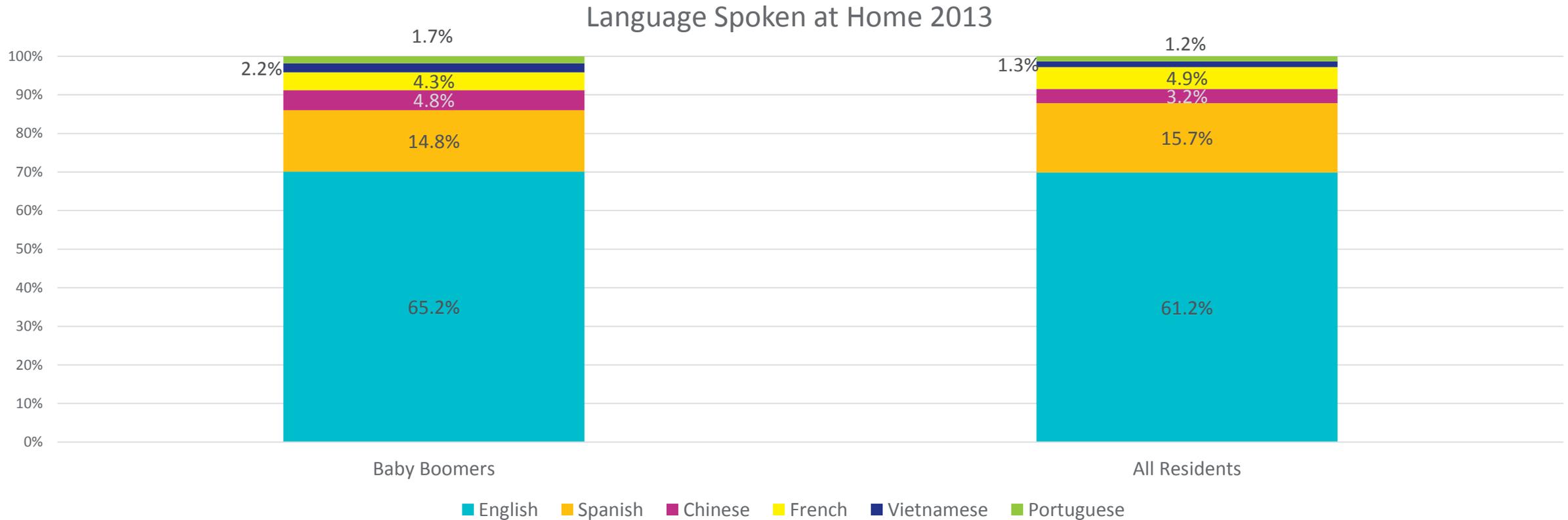
- 37.3% of Baby Boomers in Boston in 2013 were born outside of the United States, significantly higher than the foreign-born percentage for Boston as a whole: 27.3%
- 60.3% of the foreign-born Baby Boomers and 45.8% of all foreign-born residents are naturalized U.S. citizens

Citizenship Status 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

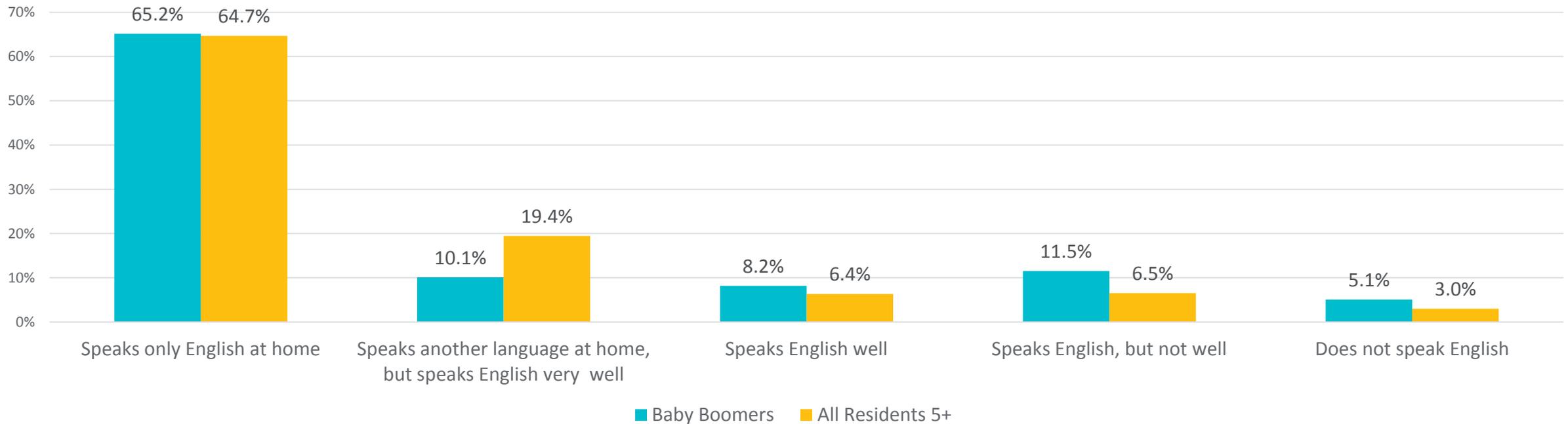
- 65.2% of Baby Boomers speak English at home, compared to 61.2% of all Boston residents
- The most common other languages are Spanish, Chinese, French, Vietnamese, and Portuguese



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- About 65% of Baby Boomers and all Boston residents age five and over speak only English at home
- Baby Boomers who speak another language at home are less likely to also speak English very well

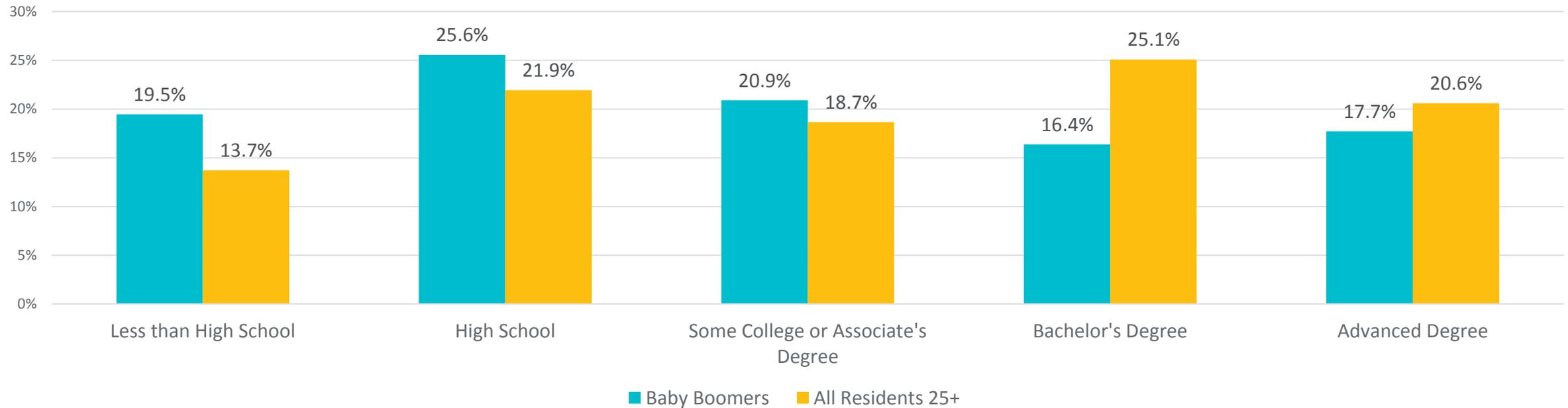
English Proficiency - 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Baby Boomers in Boston are fairly evenly distributed at all educational levels
- Overall Baby Boomers have somewhat lower educational attainment: 34.1% have a Bachelor's degree or higher compared to 45.7% of all Boston residents age 25 and over

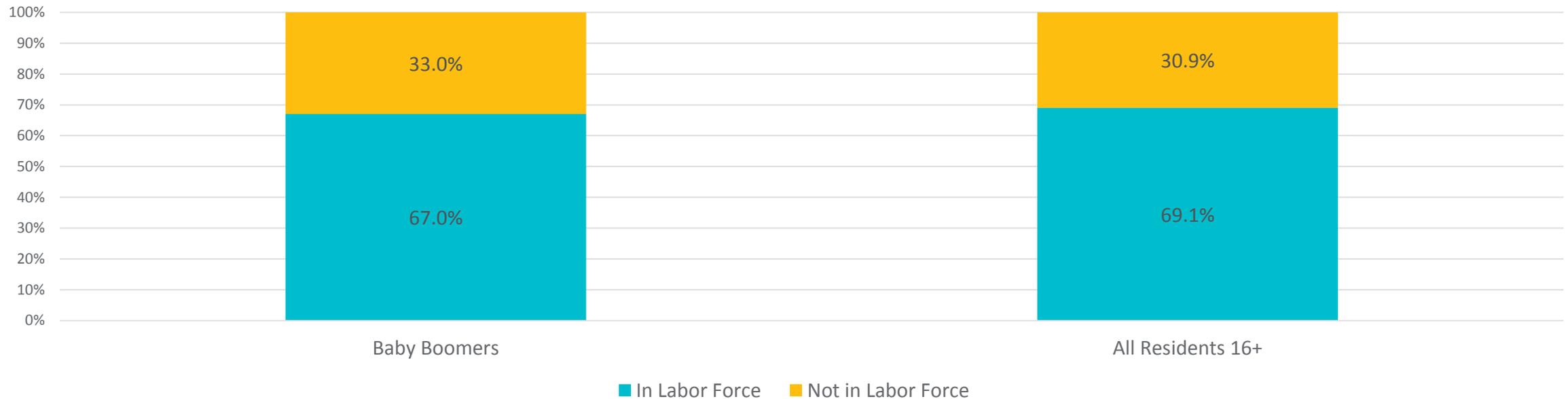
Educational Attainment



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- About two thirds of Baby Boomers in Boston are in the labor force, either working or looking for work – slightly lower than the labor force participation rate for all residents age 16+ which is 69.1%
- Labor force participation rates are about the same for men and women

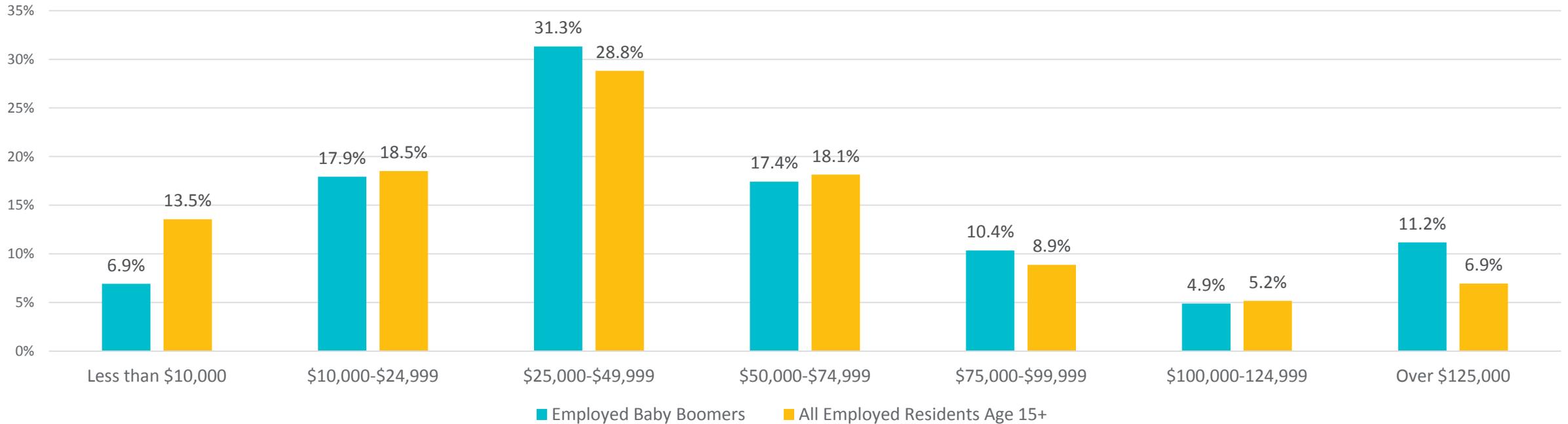
Labor Force Participation 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Employed Baby Boomers have a median personal income of \$45,000, compared to \$40,000 for the total employed population age 15+
- While Baby Boomers have less education on average, they may have many years of work experience
- 11% of Baby Boomers make over \$125,000 a year

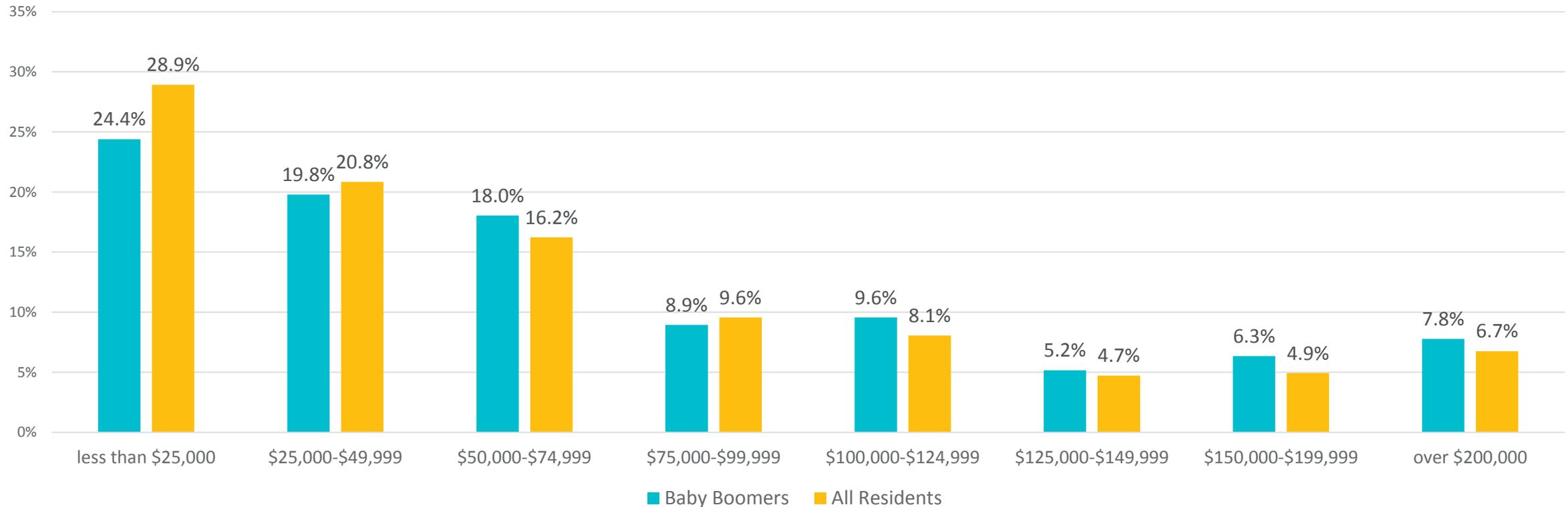
Personal Income of Employed Residents 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Baby Boomer households have higher family incomes on average than the general Boston household population
- Median family income for Baby Boomer households is \$57,600 compared to \$50,000 for all Boston households
- Only 17.6% of Baby Boomers live below the Census poverty threshold compared to 26.6% of all Boston residents

Family Income Distribution 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

Note: The poverty threshold depends on household size and composition. The poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children in 2013 was \$23,624. Income distribution excludes those living in group quarters

- Non-Hispanic Whites are the largest group of Baby Boomers to have incomes less than \$25,000
- However, as a share of their population, Black/African-American, Hispanic and Asian Baby Boomers are more likely to be low income
- 44% of Hispanic Baby Boomers have family incomes under \$25,000

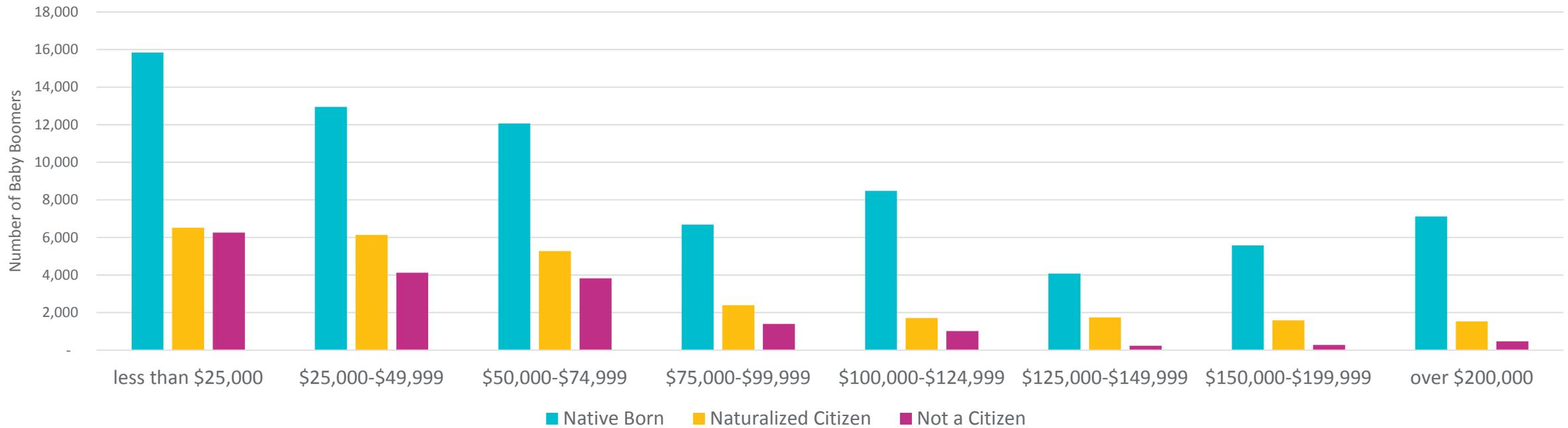
Baby Boomer Family Income by Race 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

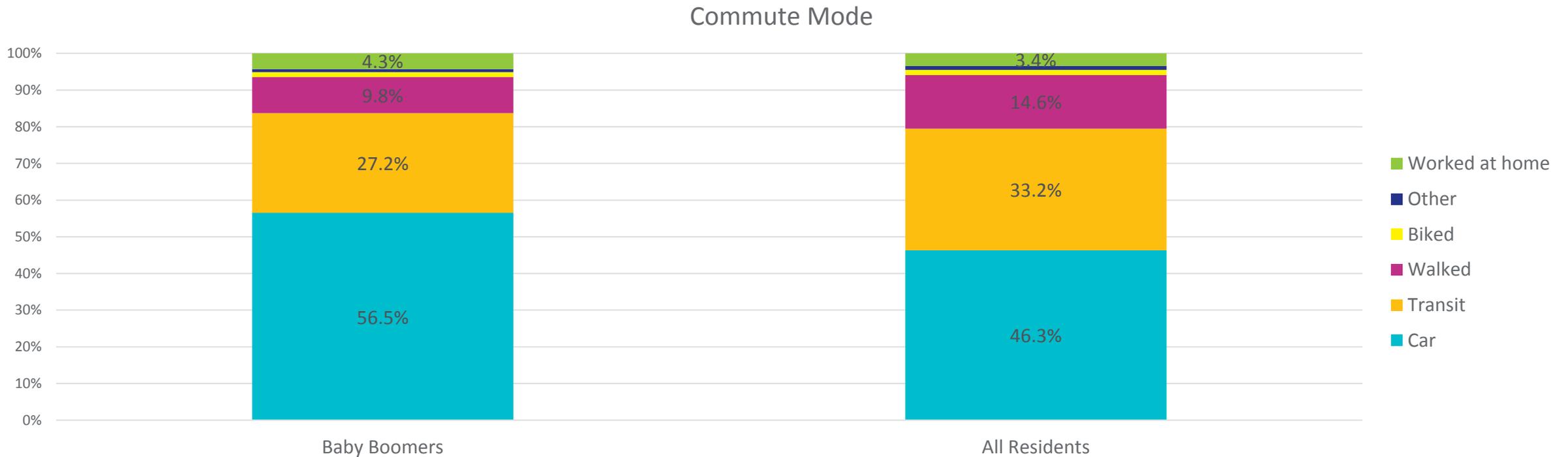
- Native-born Baby Boomers have higher family incomes than foreign-born Baby Boomers
- 23% of Native-born Baby Boomers have family incomes over \$125,000 compared to only 13.1% of foreign-born Baby Boomers
- Baby Boomers who are naturalized citizens have higher family incomes than those who are not citizens

Baby Boomer's Family Income by Citizenship



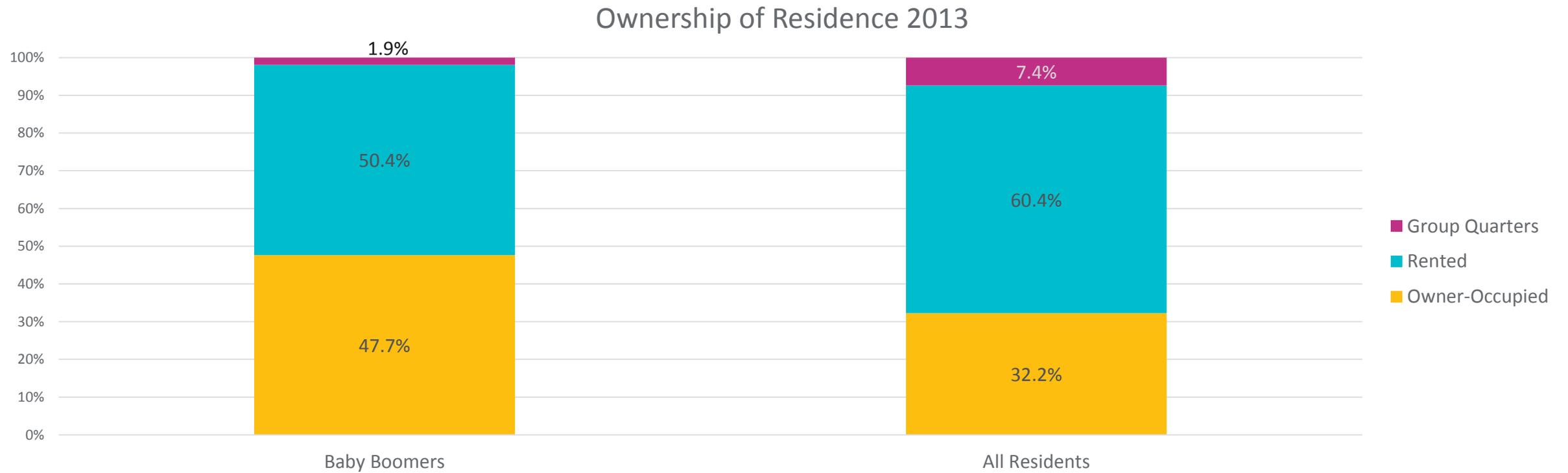
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- 56.5% of employed Baby Boomers living in Boston commute to work by car, compared to 46.3% of all employed residents
- 73.9% of Baby Boomers live in a household with at least one vehicle, compared to 68.5% of all Boston residents
- Baby Boomers are less likely to take public transportation or walk to work than the general employed population



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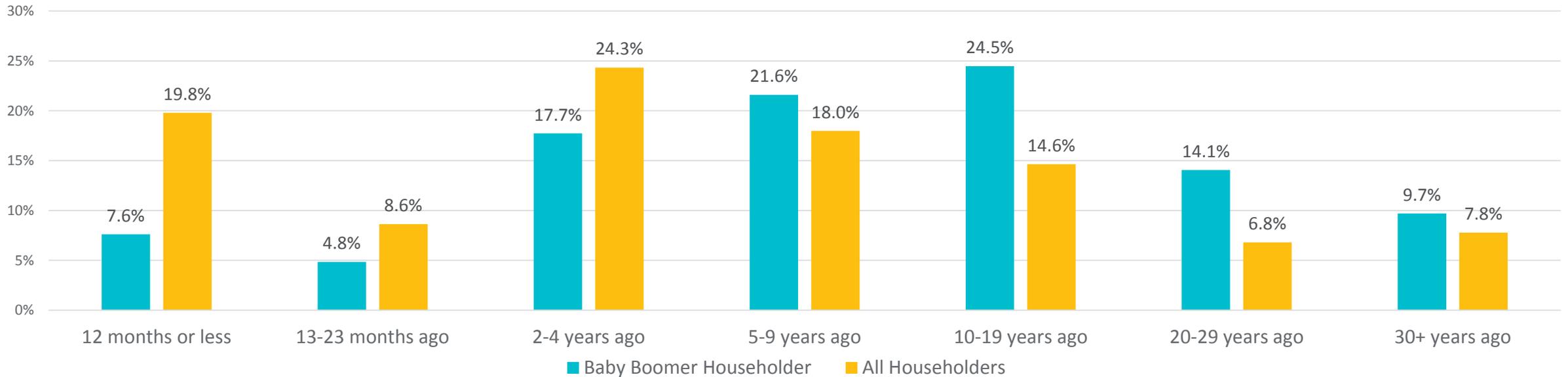
- 47.7% of Baby Boomers live in owner-occupied housing, compared to only 32.2% of all Boston residents



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Baby Boomers are less transient than the general population of householders
- Over half of all Boston householders have lived in their current residence less than four years, compared to only 30% of Baby Boomer householders
- Baby Boomer householders have lived in their current residence for a median of about 10 years, compared to about 4 years for all householders

When Boston householder moved into residence

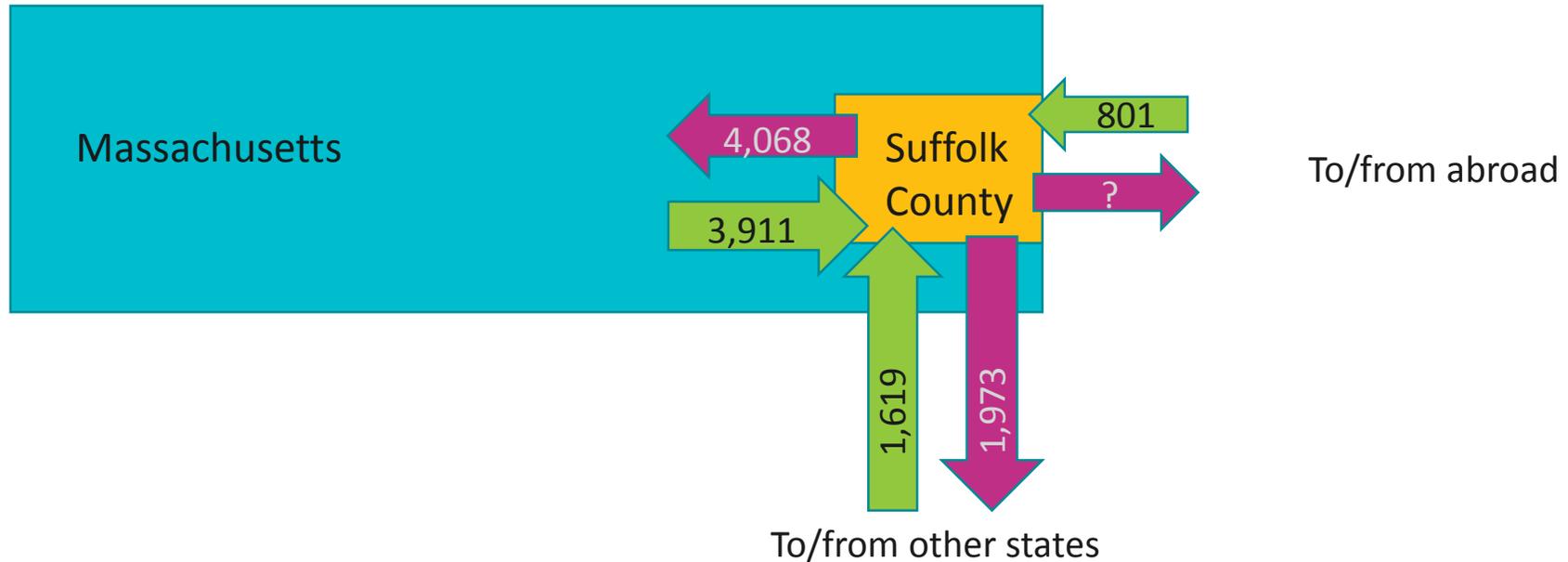


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

Note: The U.S. Census defines a householder as one of the adults in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented. If the housing unit is owned or rented jointly, either party may be considered the householder.

- About 6,331 Baby Boomers moved to Suffolk County 2012-2013: 62% from elsewhere in Massachusetts, 26% from other states, and 13% from abroad.
- At least 6,041 Baby Boomers left Suffolk County 2012-2013: 67% went elsewhere in Massachusetts and 33% went to other states. An additional unknown number of Baby Boomers left for other countries.

Migration of Baby Boomers in and out of Suffolk County: 2012-2013

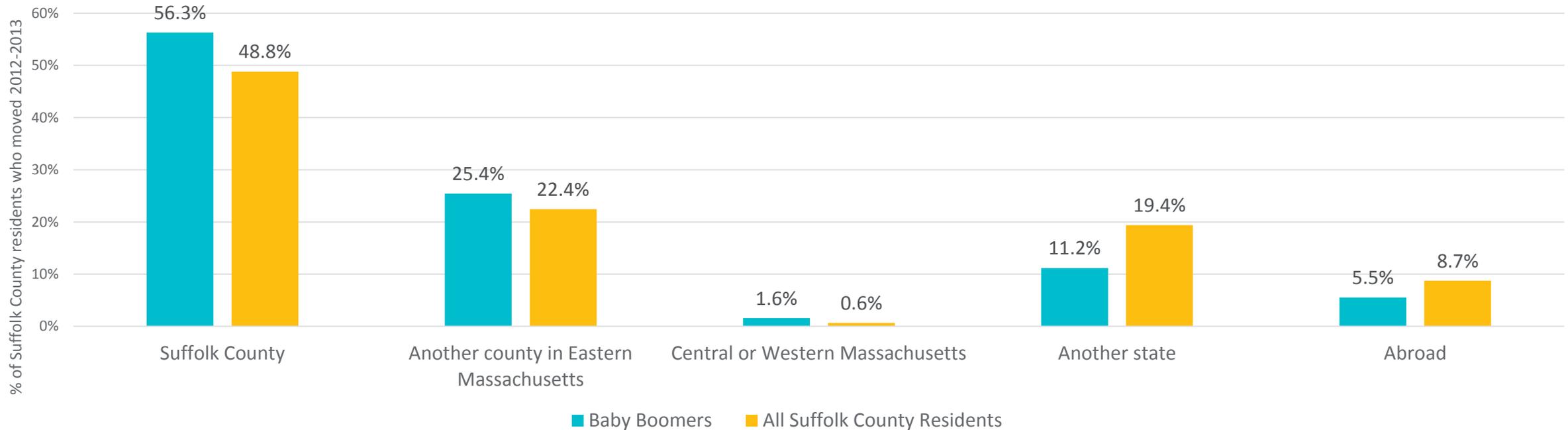


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

Note: Information was not available for those who left the United States. Since they did not reside in the U.S. in 2013, they were not captured in the 2013 American Community Survey

- The approximately 14,500 Suffolk County Baby Boomers who moved to a new residence 2012-2013 generally did not move far
- 56.3% moved within Suffolk County and 83.3% moved within Massachusetts
- The general population of movers is more likely to come from further away – 19.4% moved from another state and 8.7% moved from abroad

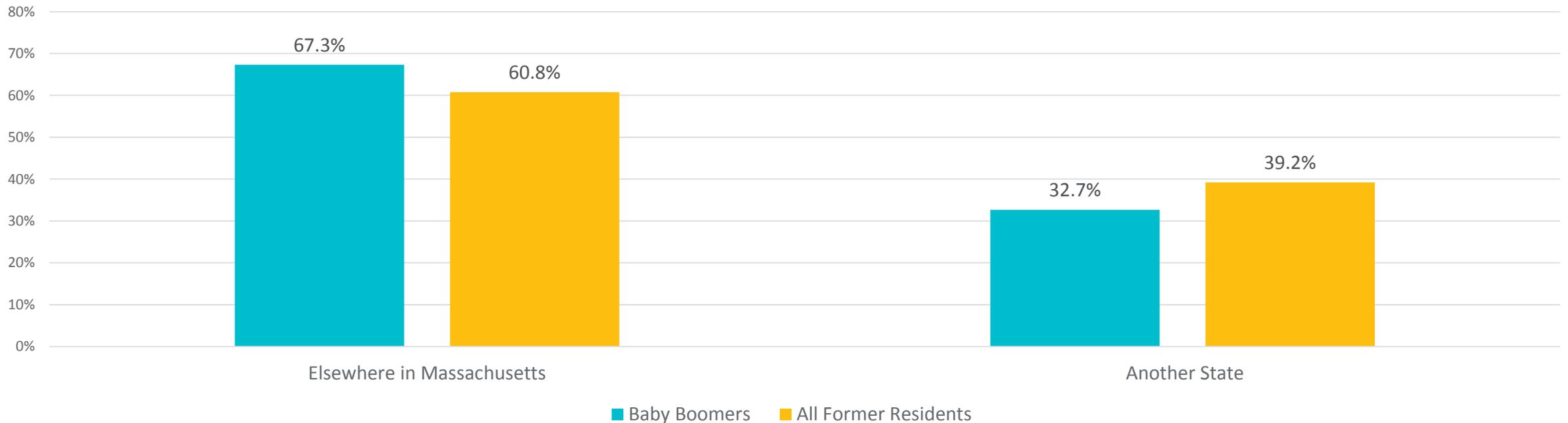
Location of Previous Residence – Suffolk County Residents who moved 2012-2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Approximately 6,041 Baby Boomers moved from Suffolk County in 2012-2013 to other parts of the United States
- About two-thirds moved elsewhere in Massachusetts and one-third moved to another state
- Florida, New Hampshire, and Texas were the top destinations for Boomers who left Massachusetts

Current Residence of Former Suffolk County Residents 2013

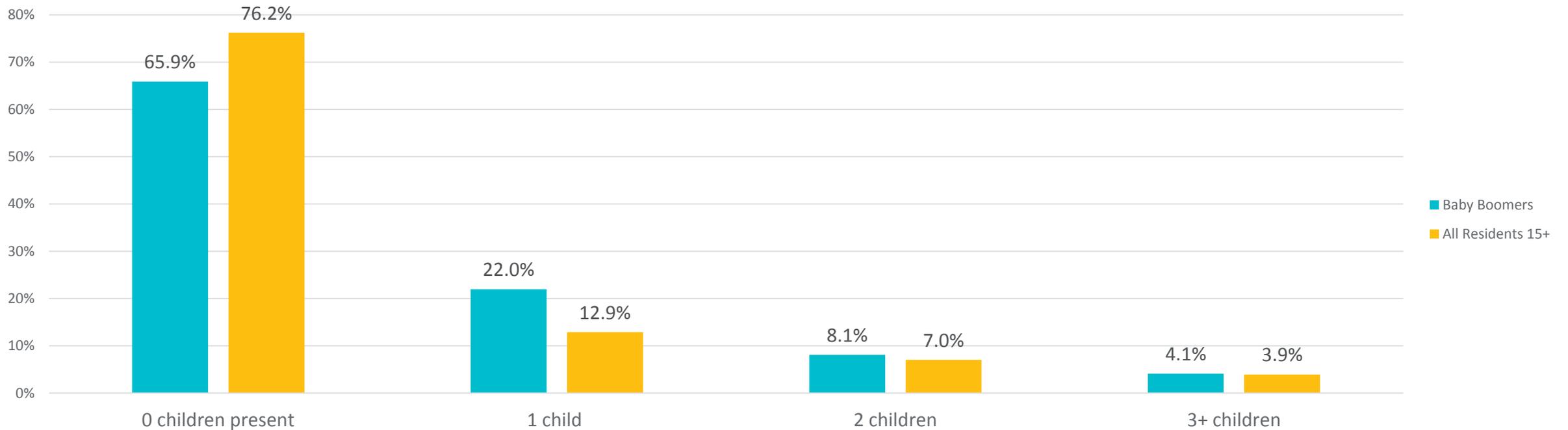


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

Note: Information was not available for those who left the United States

- 34.1% of Baby Boomers live with one or more of their own children
- Only 23.8% of all Boston residents age 15+ live with a child of their own

Number of Own Children in Household - 2013

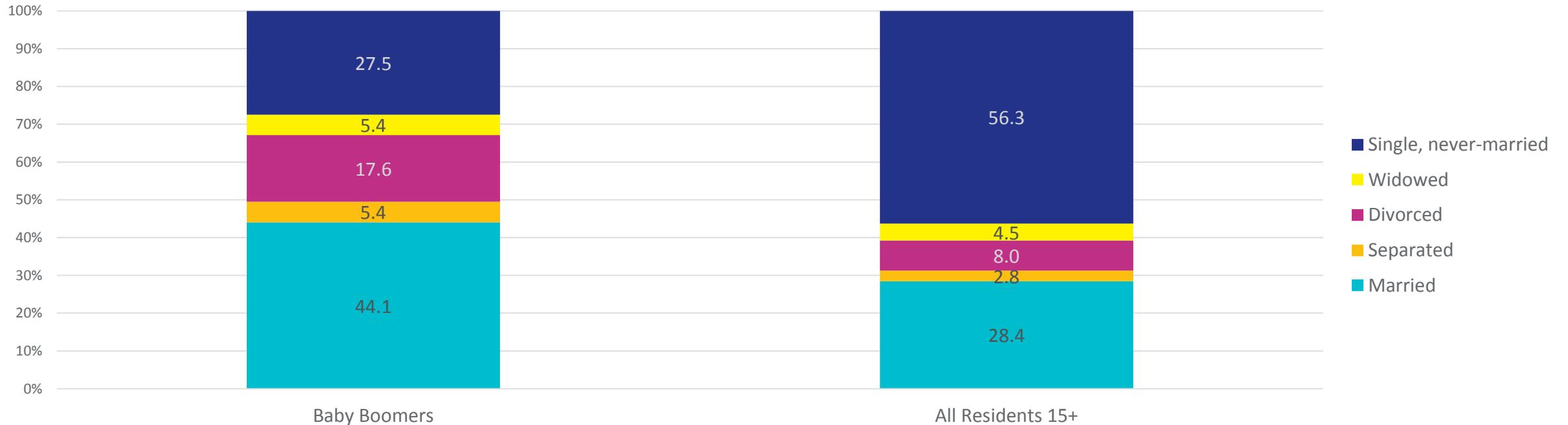


Note: "Own children" includes biological, step, or adopted children of any age.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis

- Almost 44% of Baby Boomers are currently married, but 27.5% are single and have never been married and 28.4% are divorced, widowed, or separated
- In comparison, only 28% of all residents age 15 and over are currently married

Marital Status 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey, IPUMS, BRA Research Division Analysis