

A PORTRAIT OF **LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2017-2018

2026!

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AGENDA

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

**Portrait Series: From Data to Action in Los Angeles
County and Beyond**

Los Angeles County Preliminary Findings

Discussion: Solutions and Recommendations

Closing Comments & Next Steps

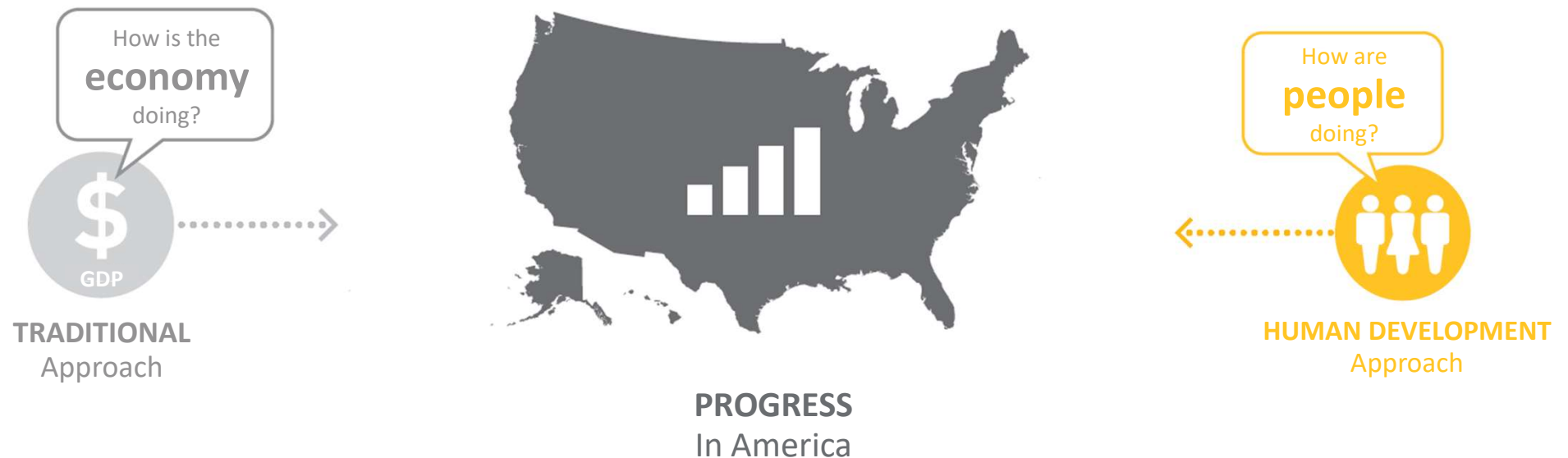
MEASURE OF AMERICA



Measure of America, a nonpartisan project of the nonprofit Social Science Research Council, provides easy-to-use, methodologically sound tools for understanding **well-being and opportunity** in America.

Through reports, online tools, and evidence-based research, Measure of America works with partners to breathe life into numbers, using data to identify areas of need, pinpoint levers for change, and track progress over time.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO MONEY METRICS LIKE GDP



Human development is about the real freedom ordinary people have to decide who to be, what to do, and how to live.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND CAPABILITIES



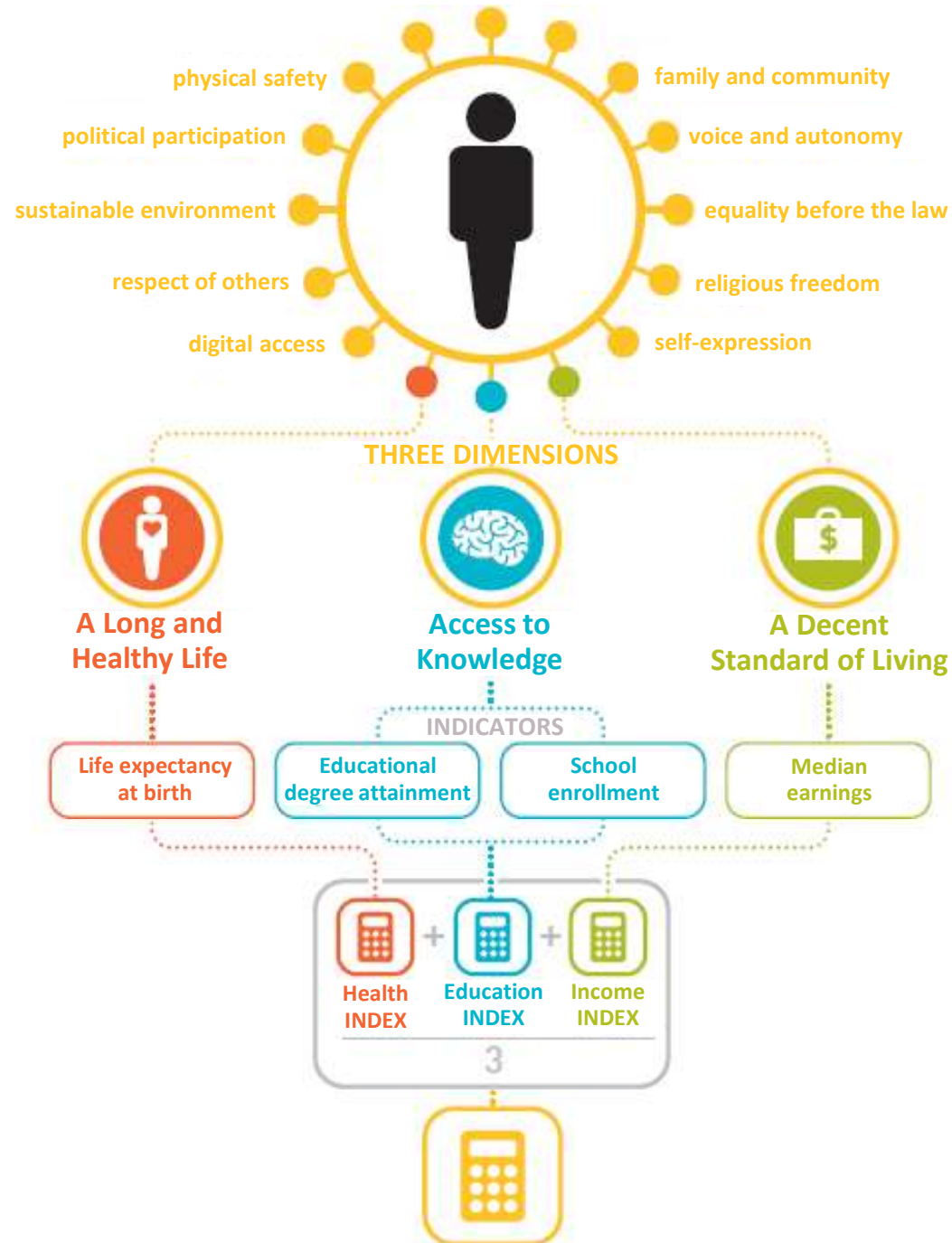
Debuted in 1990 at the UN; global gold standard for measuring well-being.

Rooted in Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen's **capabilities framework**.

Capabilities are our toolkit for living a freely chosen, flourishing life.

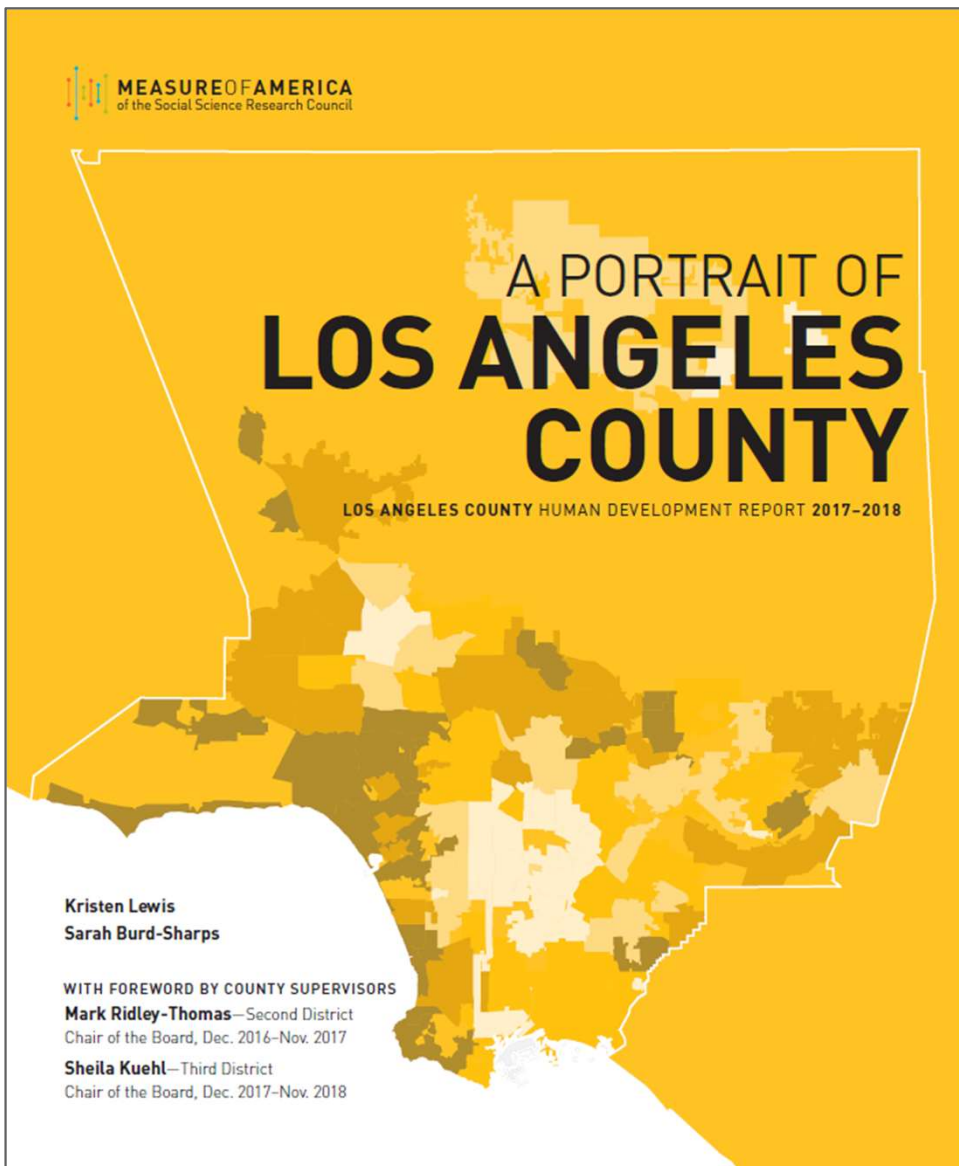
Capabilities are expanded or constrained by the things we do ourselves **and** by the conditions and institutions around us.

HOW IS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MEASURED?



PORTRAIT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2017

Produced in partnership with the LA County Office of Child Protection,
Department of Children and Family Services & Department of Public Health



SO MANY NUMBERS! HOW WE PRESENTED THE RESULTS

BY GEOGRAPHY



- 78 of 88 incorporated cities +28 Census-designated places (unincorporated) = 97% of LA County population
- 69 PUMAs
- Within LA City: 15 LA City Council Districts and 35 Community Plan Areas

BY POPULATION GROUP



- Race and ethnicity
- Gender
- Nativity

BY “THE FIVE LA COUNTIES”



- Glittering LA
- Elite Enclave LA
- Main Street LA
- Struggling LA
- Precarious LA

PORTRAIT OF LA COUNTY 2017: SOME IMPACTS

- The LA County Department of Mental Health—needs assessment & planning
- Informed the creation of the Los Angeles County Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI)
- LA County workforce development sites relocated based on need using the neighborhood HDI scores as a guide
- Community Development Commission—assessment of impediments to housing access and compliance with the Fair



LA County Healthy Design Workgroup—design a placed-based equity pilot in local communities like Florence-Graham.

The Department of Recreation and Parks—development of its new operational strategic plan to expand park access and programming

PORTRAIT OF LA COUNTY 2026

Funded by the **LA County Department of Mental Health** with support from The James Irvine Foundation, The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, Cedars-Sinai, First 5 LA, and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

Provide a well-being snapshot and track change over time for:

- 100+ places (cities, unincorporated areas, City of LA Community Plan Areas)
- Racial and ethnic groups
- Women and men
- US-born and foreign-born Angelenos

New: Incorporate qualitative information and perspectives gleaned from facilitated community conversations and data walks

Spotlight the needs of specific populations, such as Angelenos who are experiencing mental illness, are justice involved, or are unhoused

Produce report that synthesizes these analyses to inform equitable policymaking and resource allocation and meets the needs of our key stakeholders

DATA WALKS

- In-person convenings of local residents in five communities, identified in partnership with First 5: Antelope Valley, Long Beach, East LA, South LA, and the San Fernando Valley
- Virtual gatherings for other countywide communities or groups (youth, LGBTQ Angelenos)
- Facilitated conversation with community members capturing feedback and ideas
- Results will inform our final recommendations, surface important issues, and bring the real voices of community members to the report



TIMELINE

Kickoff Advisory Committee Meetings	February	2025
Data, research, writing	March-September	2025
Data Walks in communities	June-July	2025
First draft to Advisory Committees	End June	2025
Second Advisory Committee	September	2025
Final draft to Advisory Committees	October	2025
Design	September-December	2025
Report launch	January-February	2026
Outreach and dissemination	January-March	2026

WHAT DOES THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX REVEAL?



AMERICAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

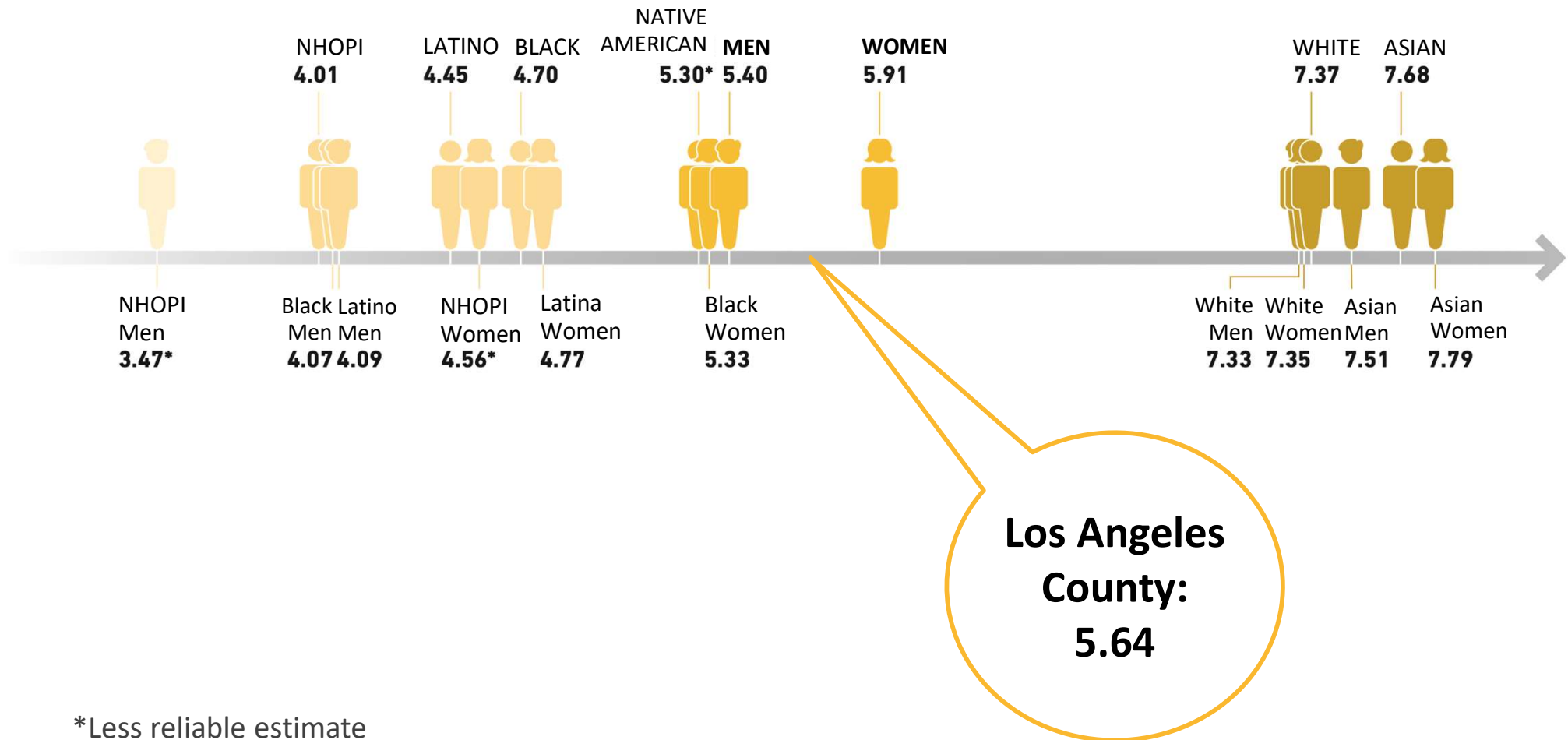
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California	5.58	78.3	15.1	37.6	14.8	78.8	48,100
Los Angeles County	5.64	80.5	18.7	36.6	13.6	79.3	44,600
Gender							
1 Women	5.91	83.6	18.5	37.8	14.3	80.4	40,400
2 Men	5.40	77.5	18.9	35.3	12.9	78.2	49,700
Race/Ethnicity							
1 Asian	7.68	86.2	10.6	55.2	18.9	86.4	56,500
2 White	7.37	80.2	4.4	56.4	23.2	81.6	70,200
3 Native American	5.30*	79.5*	15.7	20.5	7.1	80.5	45,400
4 Black	4.70	72.9	8.3	32.8	12.9	76.2	47,100
5 Latino	4.45	80.7	33.9	16.5	5.1	76.9	35,900
6 NHOPI	4.01	71.2	11.9	19.3	5.4	71.0	48,700
Two or More or Other			5.5	53.8	20.6	86.6	55,800
Nativity							
1 US Born	6.06	79.3	7.4	43.3	16.0	80.5	49,700
2 Foreign Born	4.95	82.9	33.3	28.0	10.4	68.0	39,700

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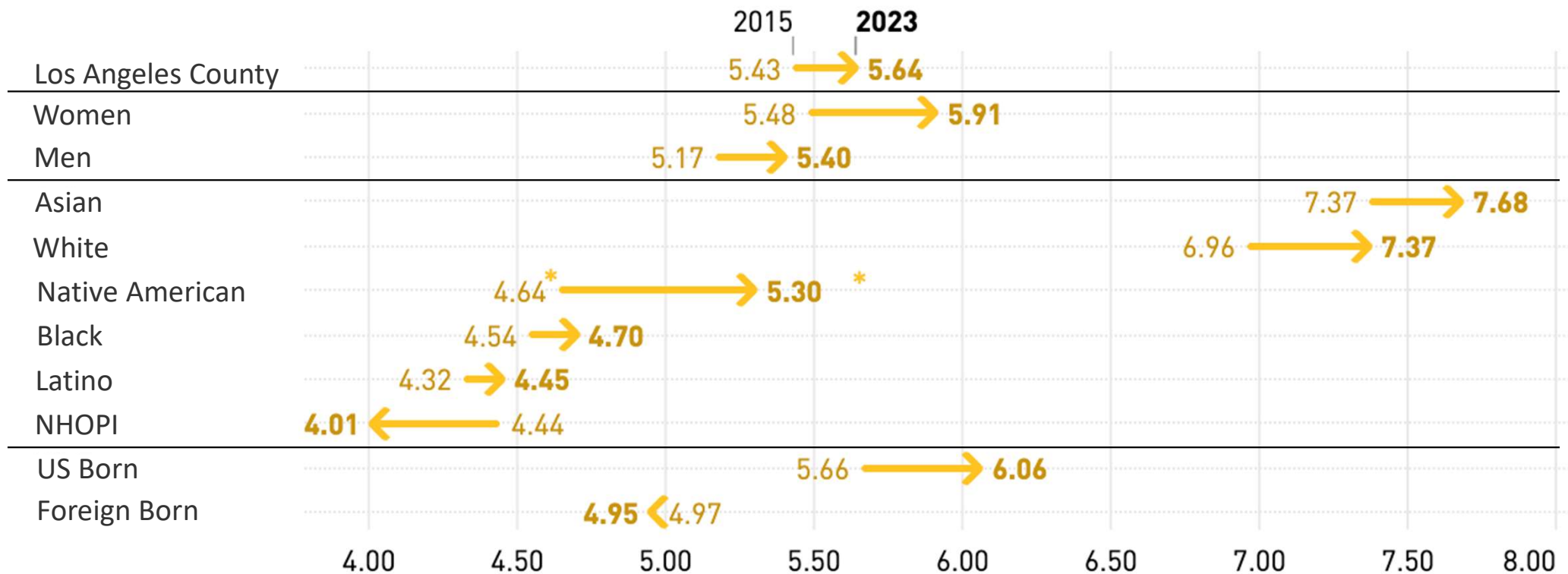
Gender and Race/Ethnicity								
1	Asian Women	7.79	88.6	11.1	54.6	17.9	87.1	51,400
2	Asian Men	7.51	83.5	10.0	56.0	20.1	85.8	61,200
3	White Women	7.35	82.8	4.3	56.7	24.1	81.4	59,300
4	White Men	7.33	77.8	4.4	56.1	22.3	81.8	80,300
5	Black Women	5.33	76.7	8.3	35.8	14.8	76.6	47,500
6	Latina Women	4.77	84.3	33.3	18.4	6.1	78.7	31,800
7	NHOPI Women	4.56*	75.3*	12.3	23.2	7.8*	76.0	43,500
8	Latino Men	4.09	77.2	34.4	14.6	4.1	75.3	39,600
9	Black Men	4.07	69.1	8.3	29.4	10.8	75.8	46,900
10	NHOPI Men	3.47*	65.9	11.5	14.8		66.5	58,600
	Native American Men			15.9	22.0	7.2*	81.2	48,100
	Native American Women			15.5	19.3	7.0*	79.6	42,900
	Two or More or Other Men			5.2	50.8	20.3	85.3	60,600
	Two or More or Other Women			5.8	56.9	20.9	87.9	50,200

HDI BY GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY



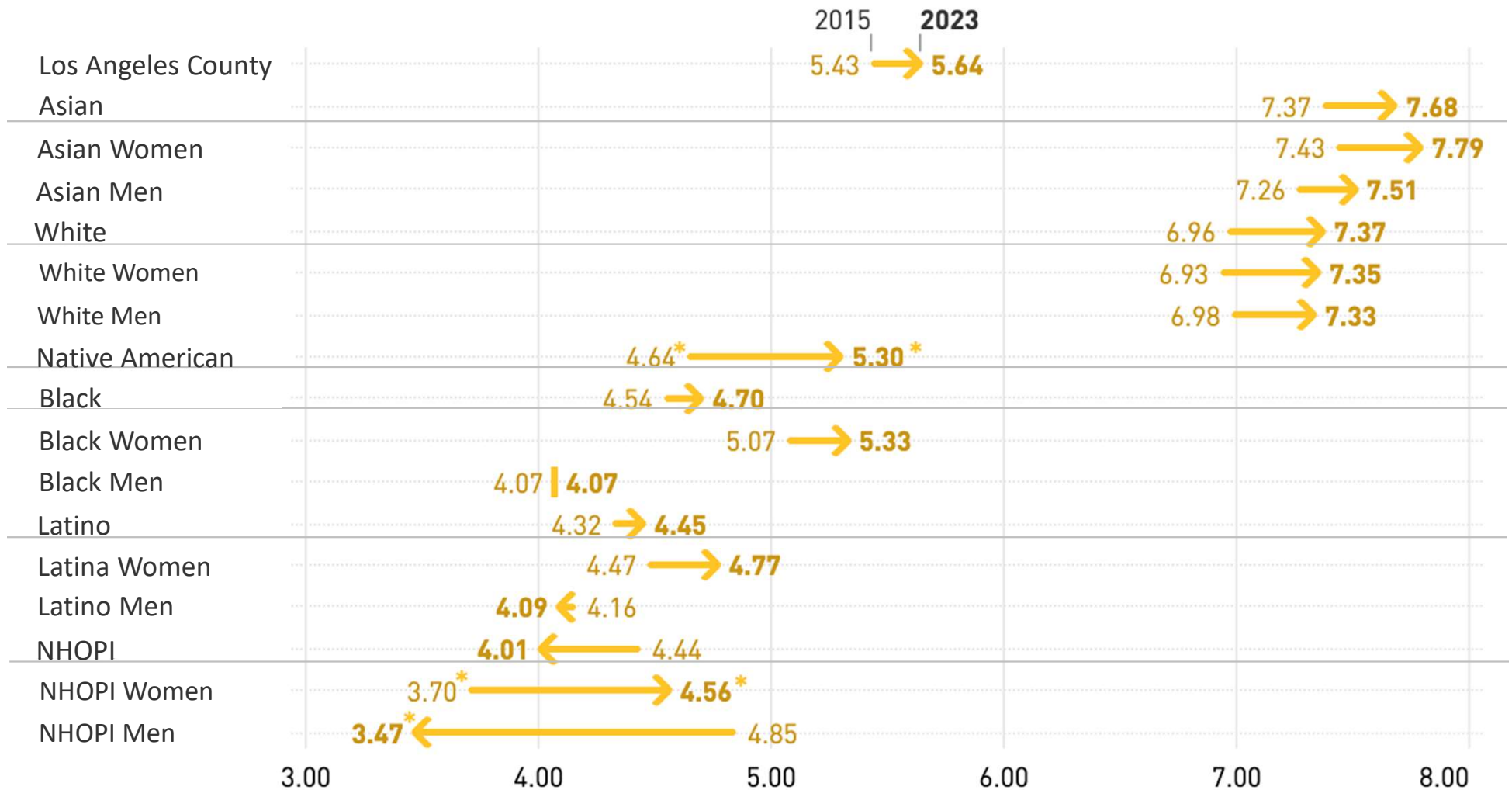
HDI BY GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY, AND NATIVITY

2015–2023



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HDI BY GENDER AND RACE/ETHNICITY, 2015–2023

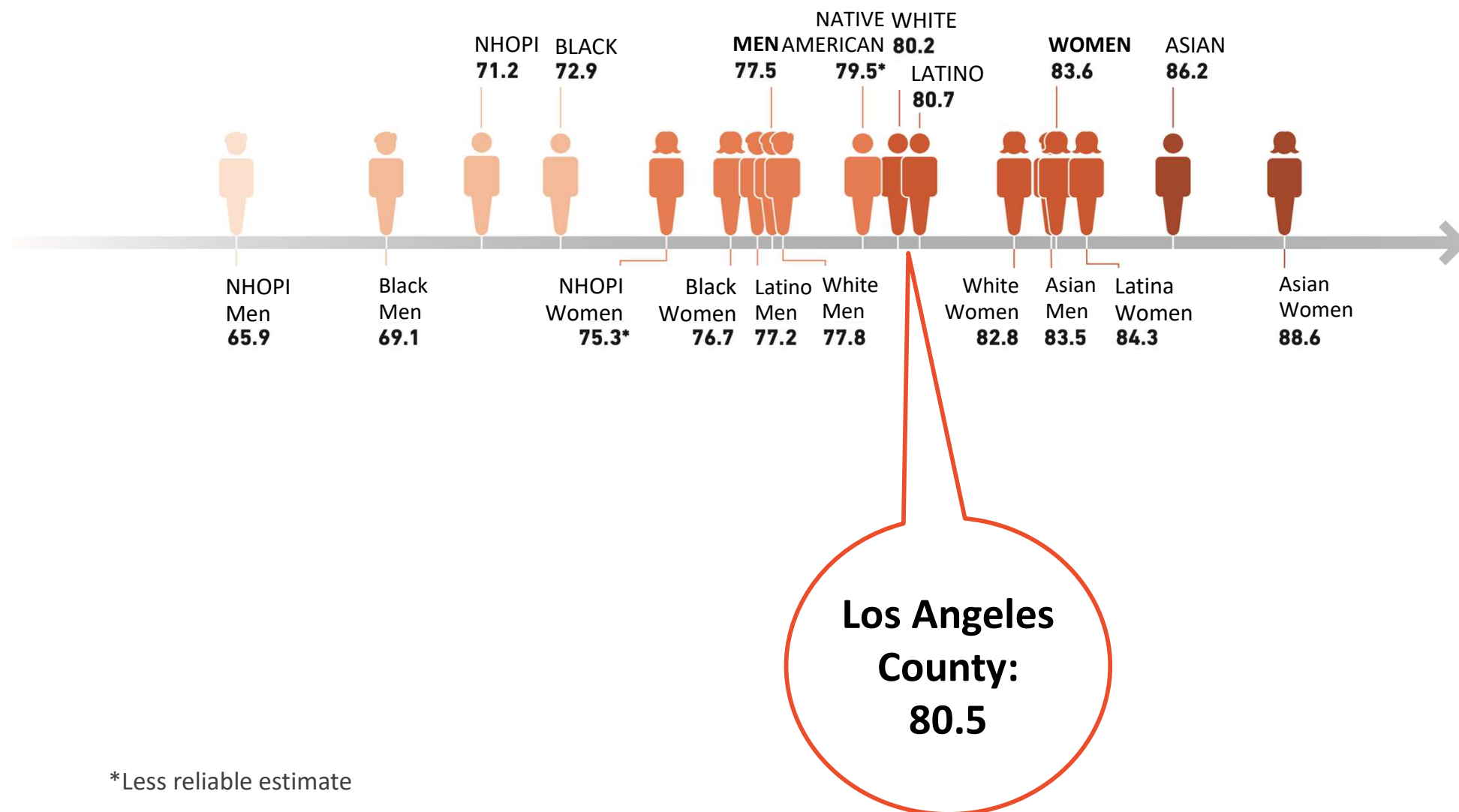


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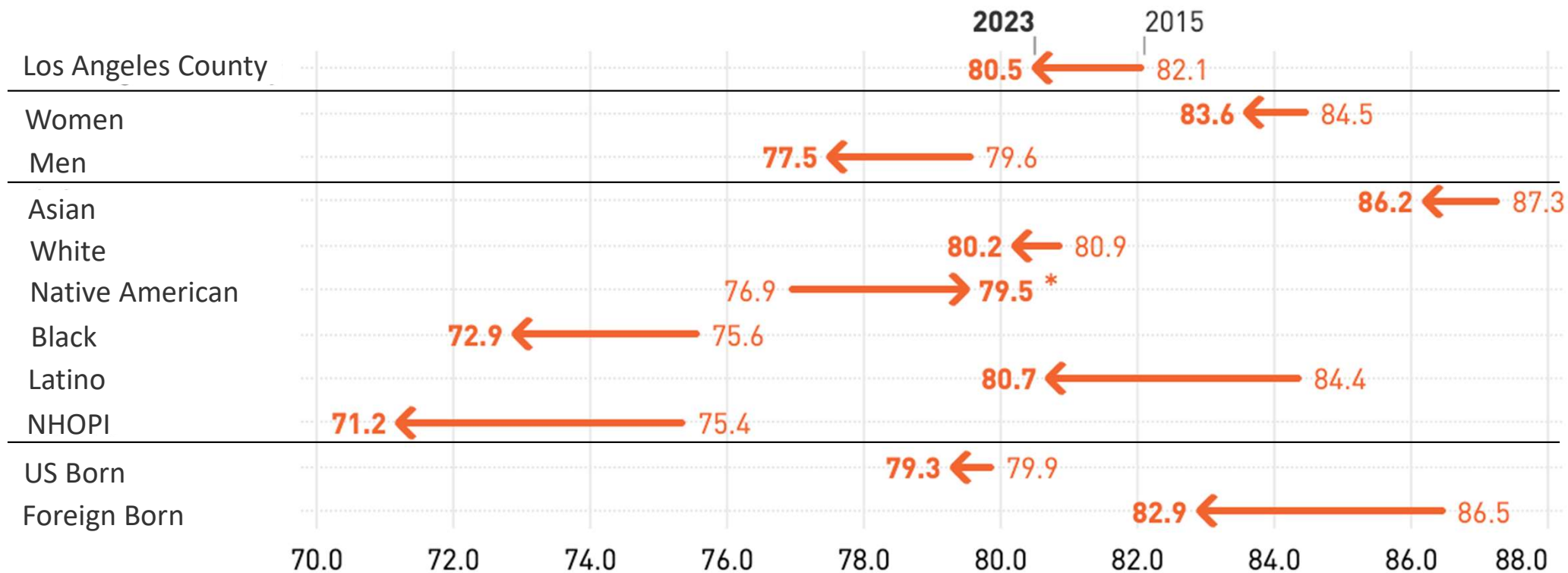
A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE



LIFE EXPECTANCY BY GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY



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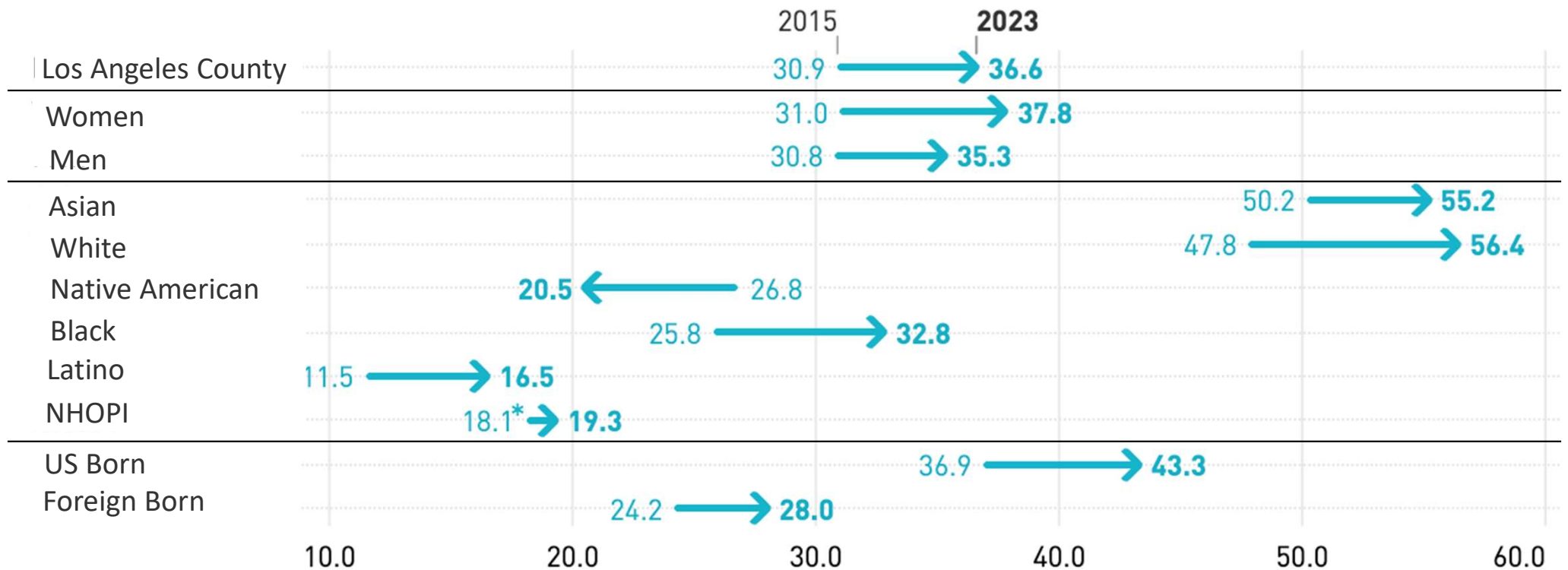
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EDUCATION BY GENDER AND BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

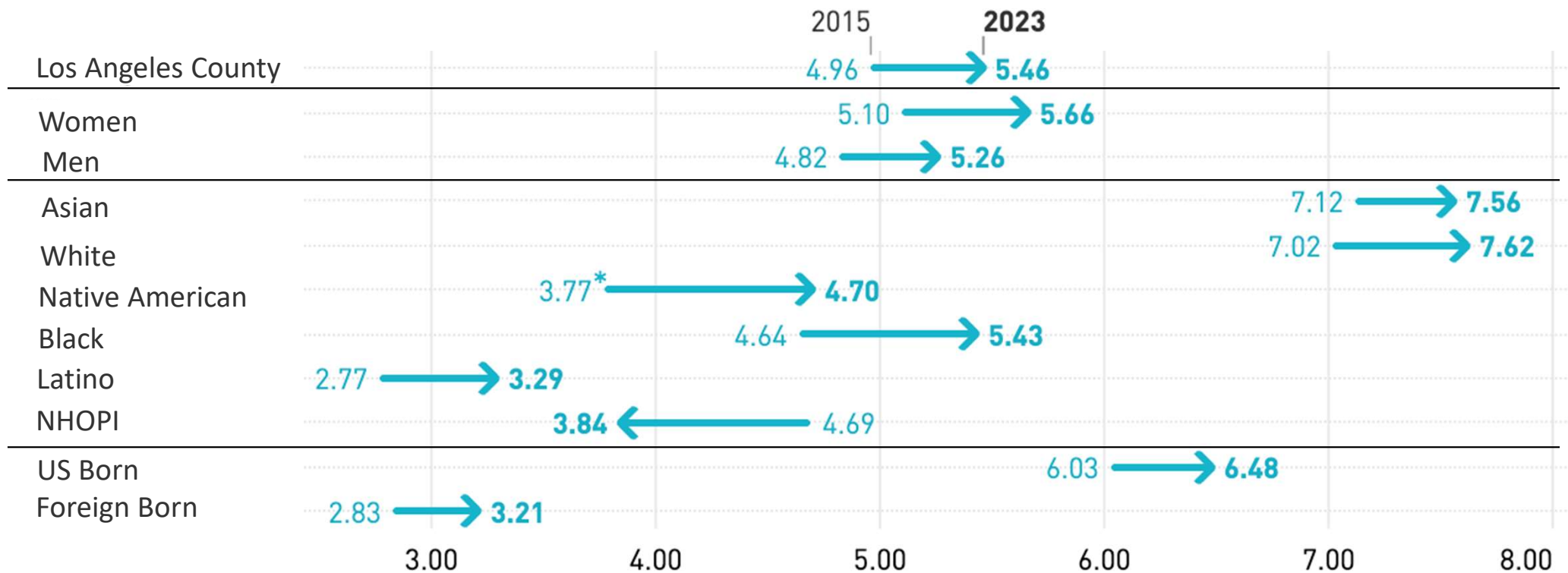
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Race/Ethnicity					
1 White	7.62	4.4	56.4	23.2	81.6
2 Asian	7.56	10.6	55.2	18.9	86.4
3 Black	5.43	8.3	32.8	12.9	76.2
4 Native American	4.70	15.7	20.5	7.1	80.5
5 NHOPI	3.84	11.9	19.3	5.4	71.0
6 Latino	3.29	33.9	16.5	5.1	76.9

BACHELOR'S DEGREE ATTAINMENT BY GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY, AND NATIVITY 2015–2023



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EDUCATION INDEX BY GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY, AND NATIVITY 2015–2023

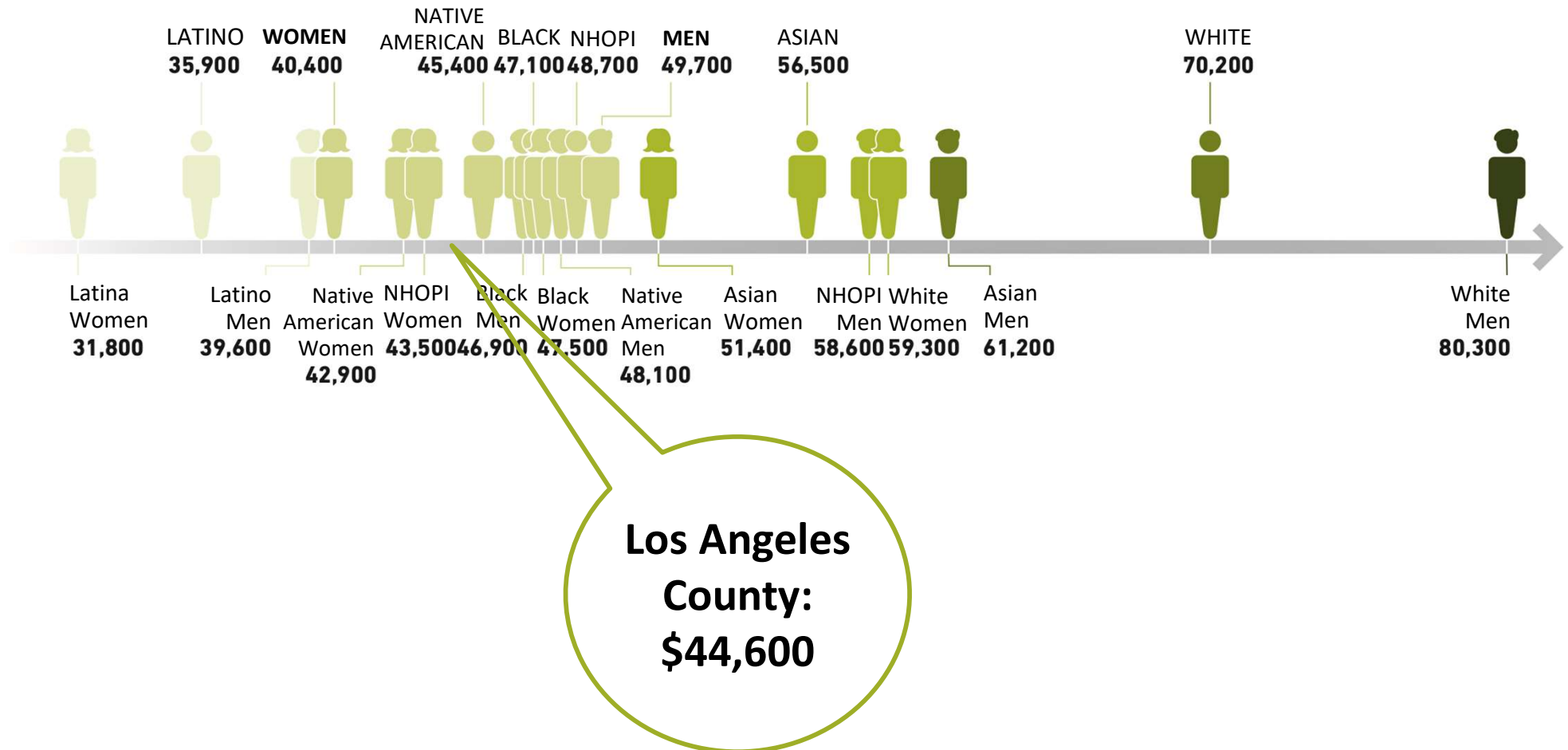


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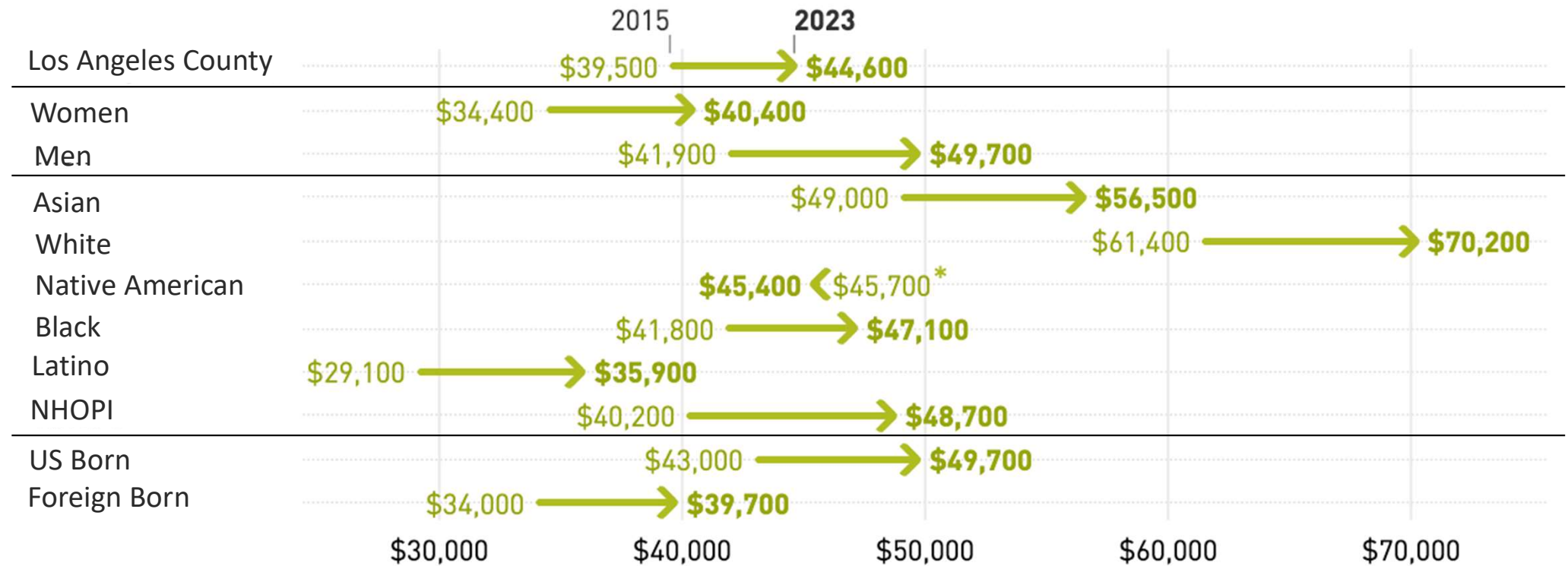
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MEDIAN PERSONAL EARNINGS BY GENDER, RACE AND ETHNICITY



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DISCUSSION BREAK

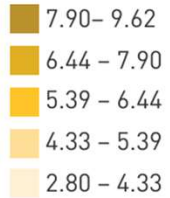
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What questions does the data raise for you?

How do your own experiences relate or compare to the data shown?

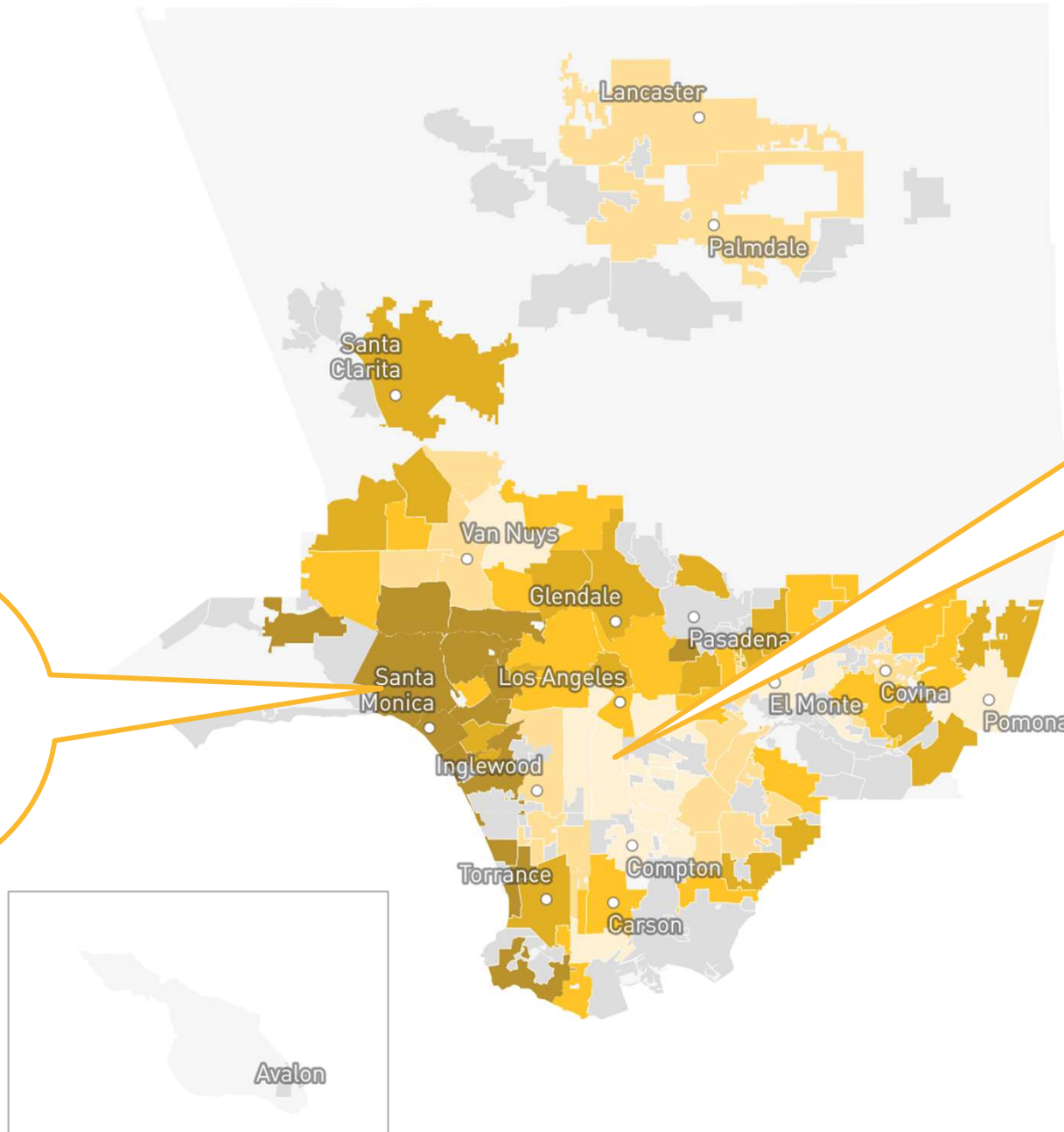
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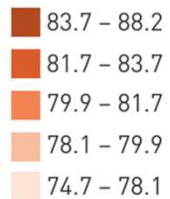
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Los Angeles
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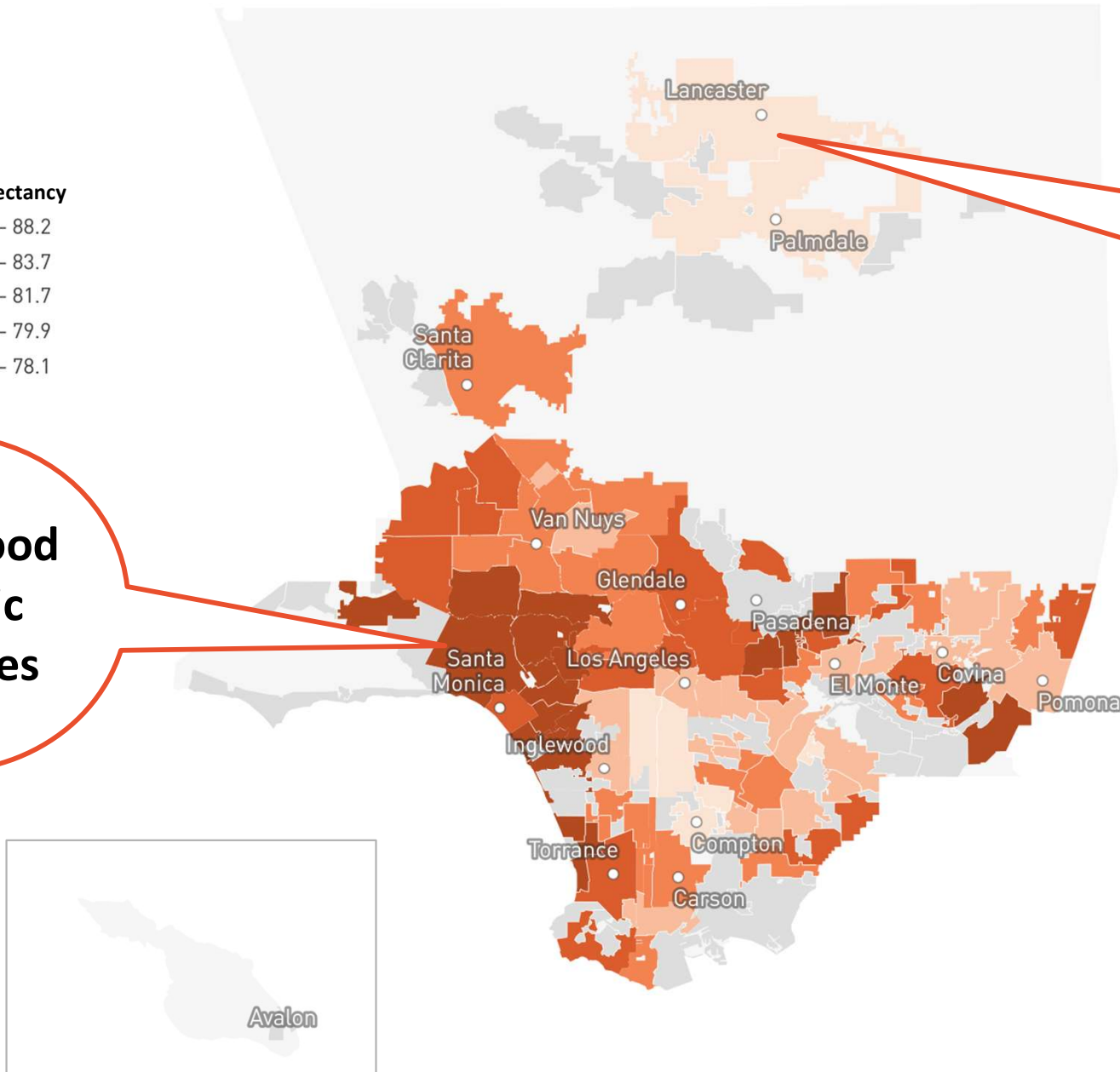
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Life Expectancy



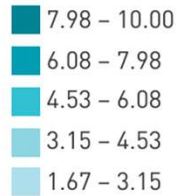
TOP:
Brentwood
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88.2

BOTTOM:
Lancaster
74.7



EDUCATION INDEX BY PLACE, 2023

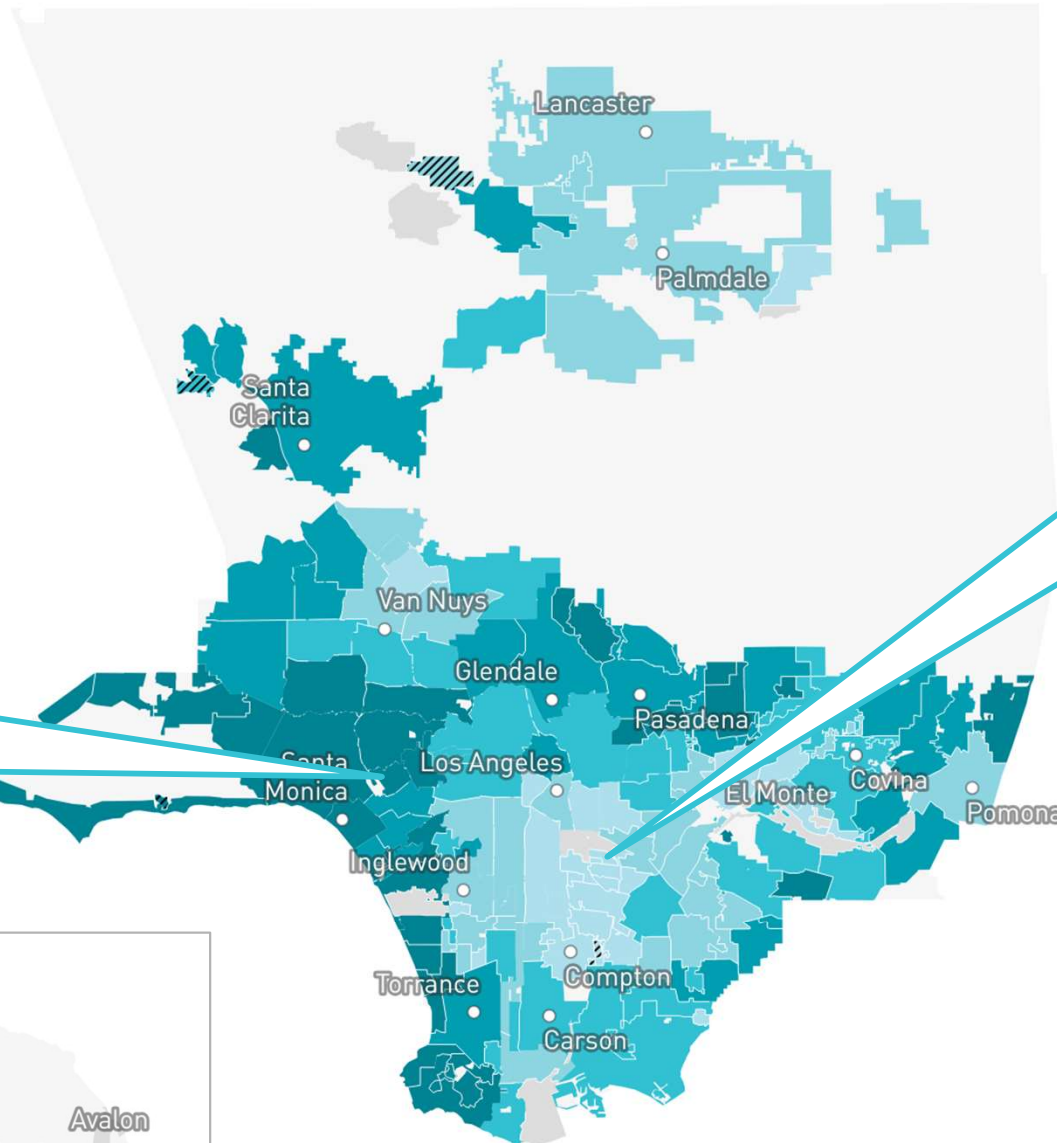
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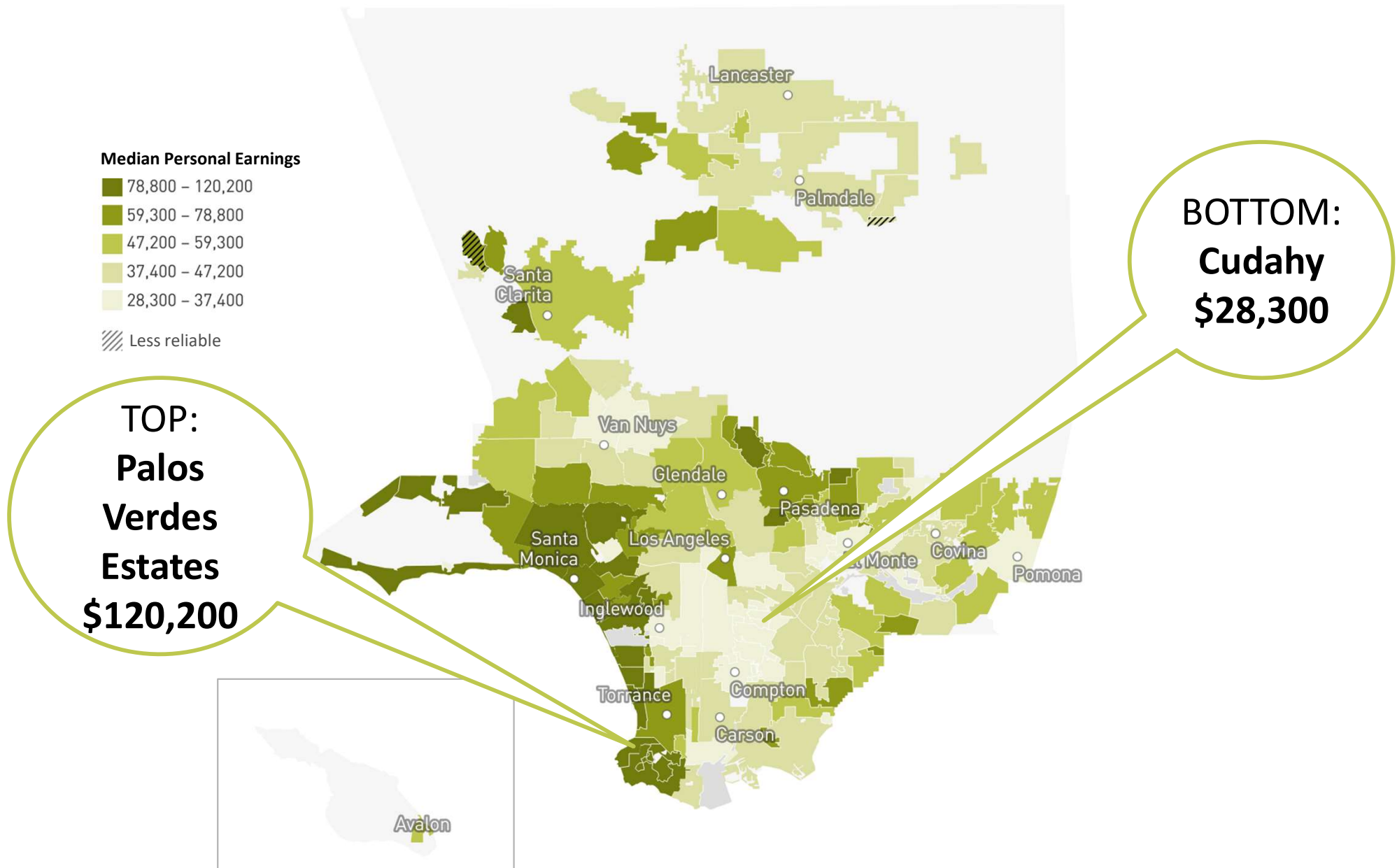
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Westwood
9.91

BOTTOM:
Maywood
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MEDIAN PERSONAL EARNINGS BY PLACE, 2023



DISCUSSION

What changes need to happen to achieve greater equity for all Angelenos, especially given recent crises and threats to people's well-being, including the fires and the ICE raids?

What interventions or solutions would make the biggest difference to your community?

WHAT'S NEXT?





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