

# ***A PORTRAIT OF LA COUNTY*** **KEY FINDINGS**



# **A PORTRAIT OF** **LOS ANGELES** **COUNTY 2026**

TOWARD AN EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL ANGELENOS

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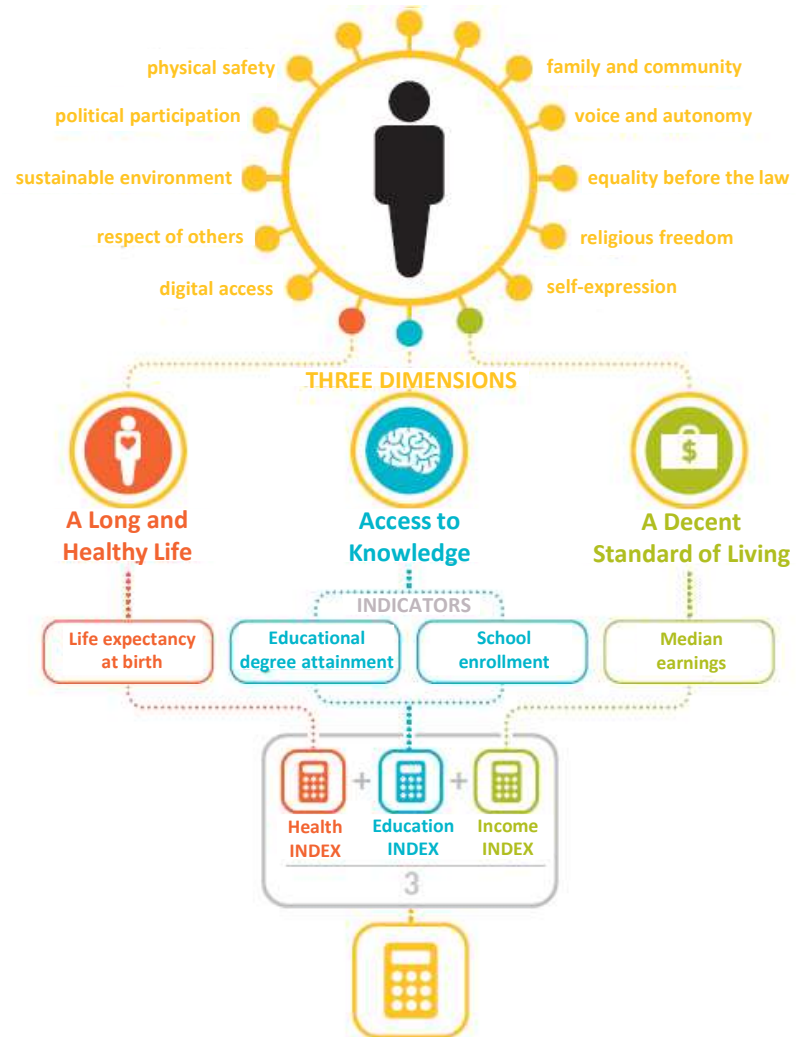
Through reports, online tools, and evidence-based research, Measure of America works with partners to breathe life into numbers, using data to identify areas of need, pinpoint levers for change, and track progress over time.

# 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.

# HOW IS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MEASURED?



## PORTRAIT OF LA COUNTY 2017: SOME IMPACTS

- The LA County Department of Mental Health—needs assessment & planning
- Served as a model for the Los Angeles County (ARDI) State of Black Los Angeles report series
- First 5 LA used the “5 LA County” framework + findings to advocate for universal pre-K
- City of LA workforce development sites relocated based on need using the neighborhood HDI scores as a guide and used as key part of procurement decisions
- Community Development Commission—assessment of impediments to housing access and compliance with the Fair Housing Act
- LA County Healthy Design Workgroup—design a place-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

Provide a well-being snapshot and track change over time for 140 localities (from 2015 to 2023) and for racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and US-born and immigrant Angelenos



Incorporate qualitative information and perspectives gleaned from facilitated group discussions and data gallery walks in five selected neighborhoods and three Countywide groups

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 in ways that can inform equitable policymaking and resource allocation and meet the needs of our key stakeholders

## DATA WALKS

- 70 people across two in-person data walks in Long Beach and the Antelope Valley
- 350-400 people across virtual data walks
- LA Opportunity Youth Collaborative & LGBT Center



I love *First 5* because [of] the idea to have education, early education, that's what it's all about, education. And if we all make the effort to drive that, focus that into those kids, the youth, the people in the early stage, to have knowledge about how to live healthy, mentally, physically and economically...I think that should be a priority for us as parents and as a community.



South LA resident

## DATA WALK TAKEAWAYS

- Rising housing costs
- Mental health
- Childcare affordability
- Unreliable public transportation
- Benefits for older Angelenos
- Pathways to career opportunities

One issue is the price of rent going up and up and wages aren't. I think everybody kind of dealing with that. Even in my community, a lot of people having to move because they can't afford where they've been staying at for years. So. Yeah, that's one thing I noticed.

– *LGBT residents*

Voices by Conversation ⌵



Health

Mental Health

Education

Work and Wages

Housing

Childcare

Transportation

Affordability

Community Resources

Immigration

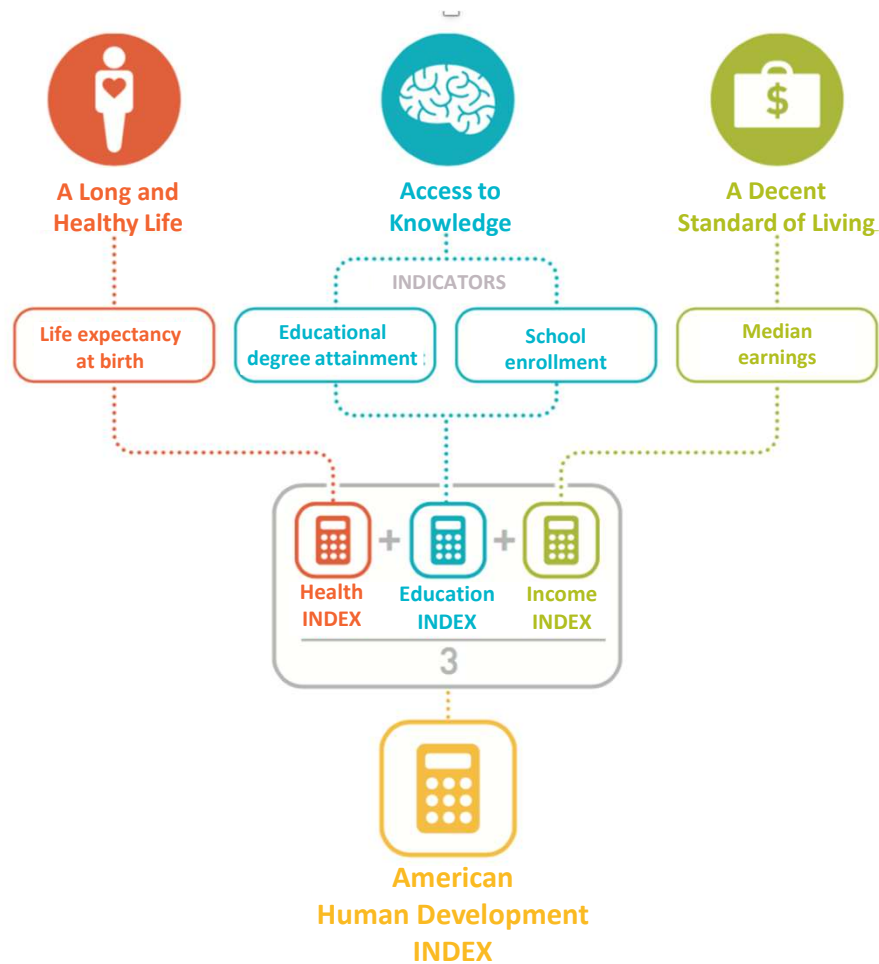
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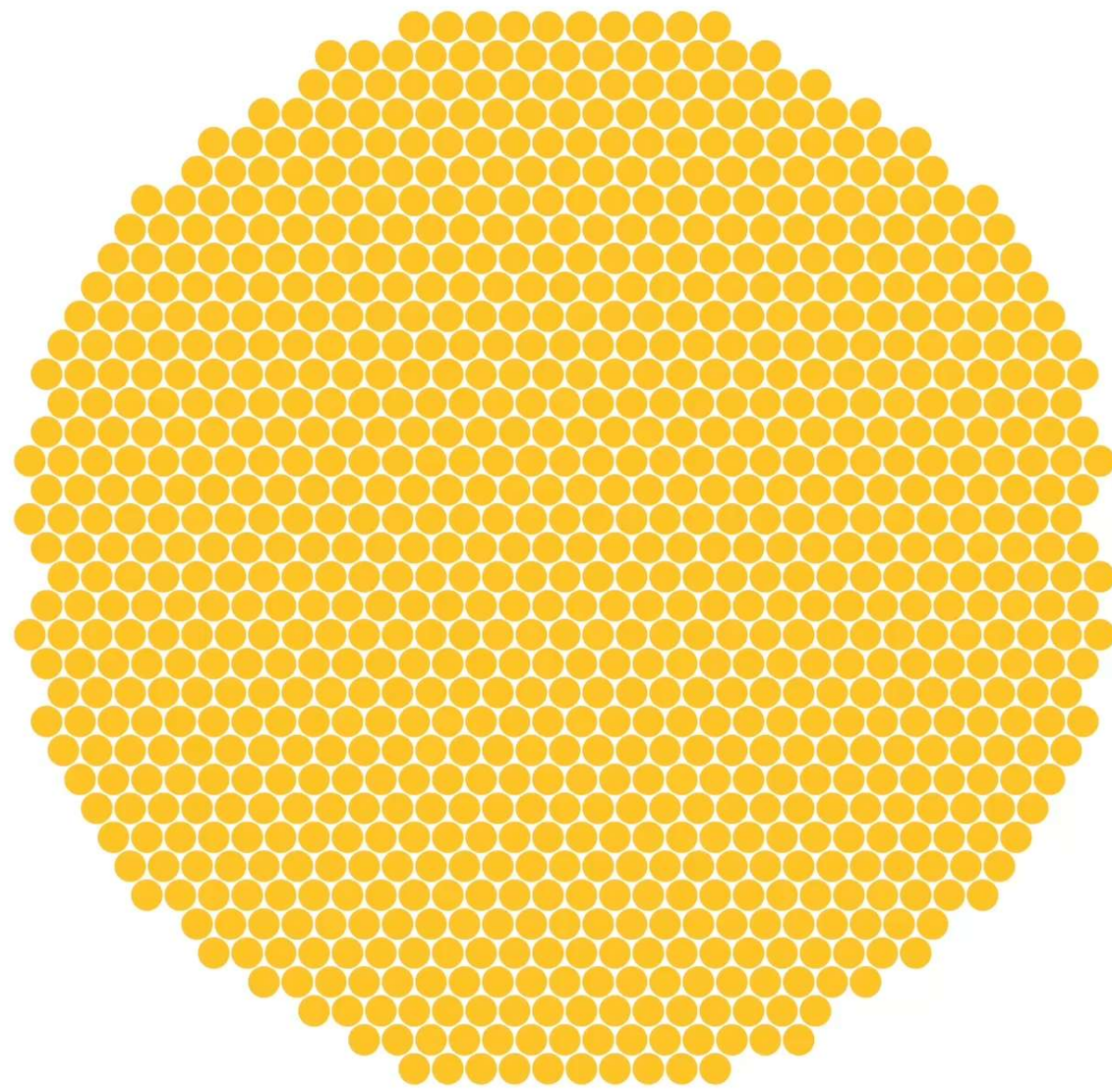
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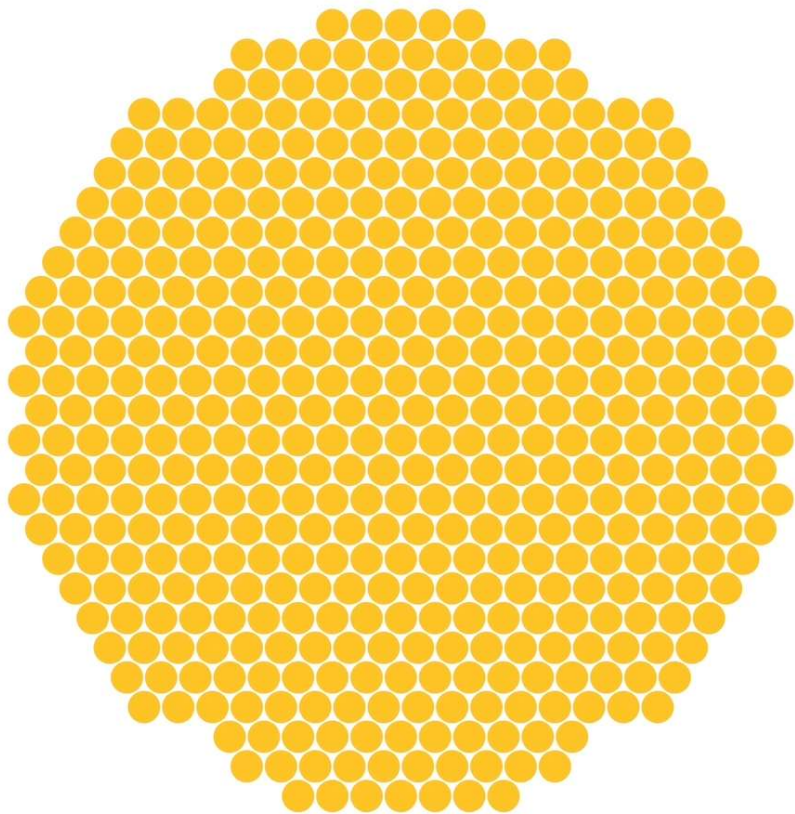
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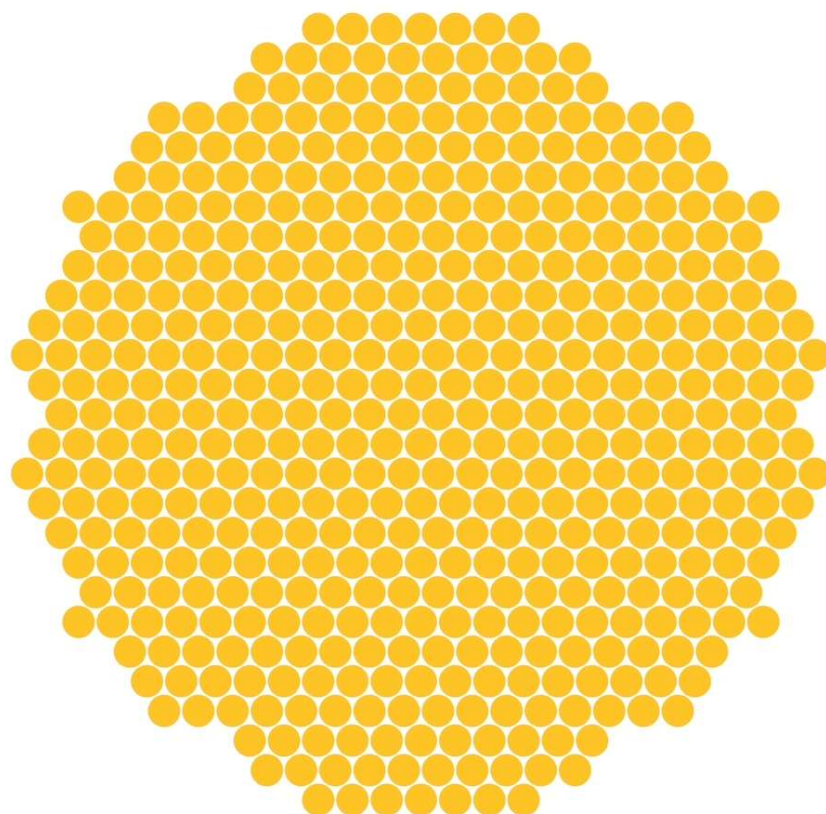




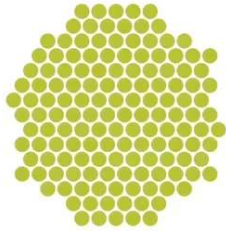
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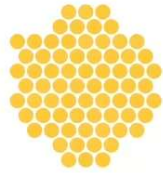
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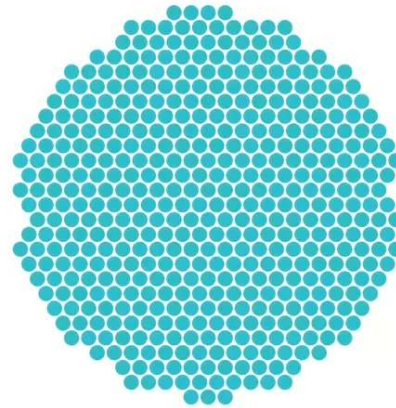
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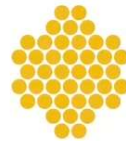
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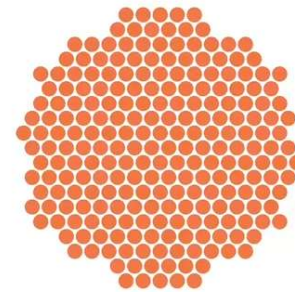
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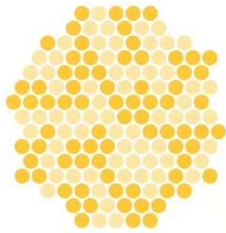
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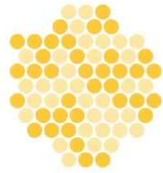
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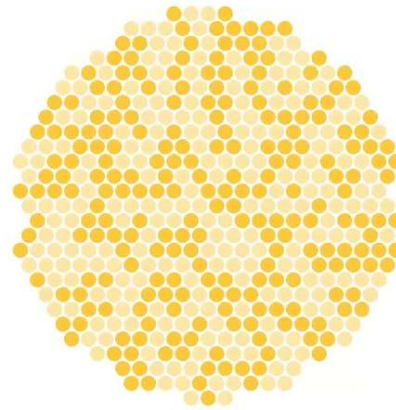
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Asian



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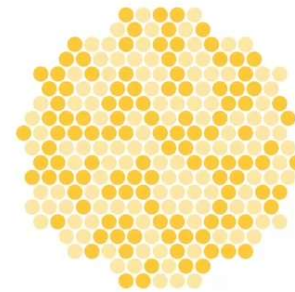
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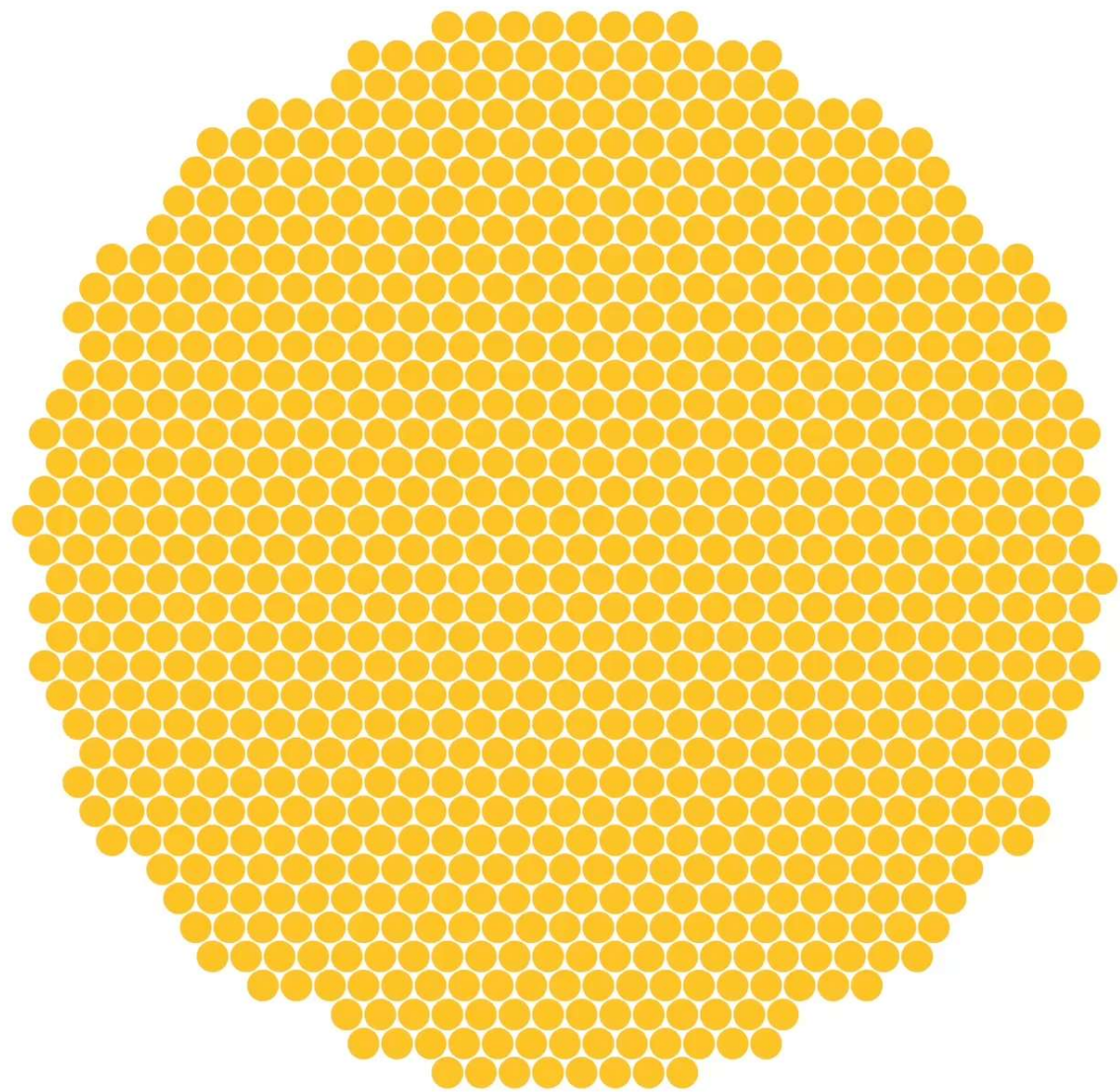
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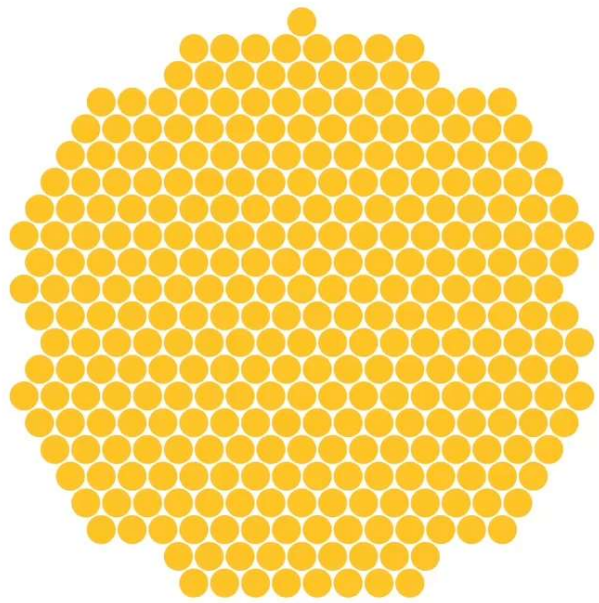


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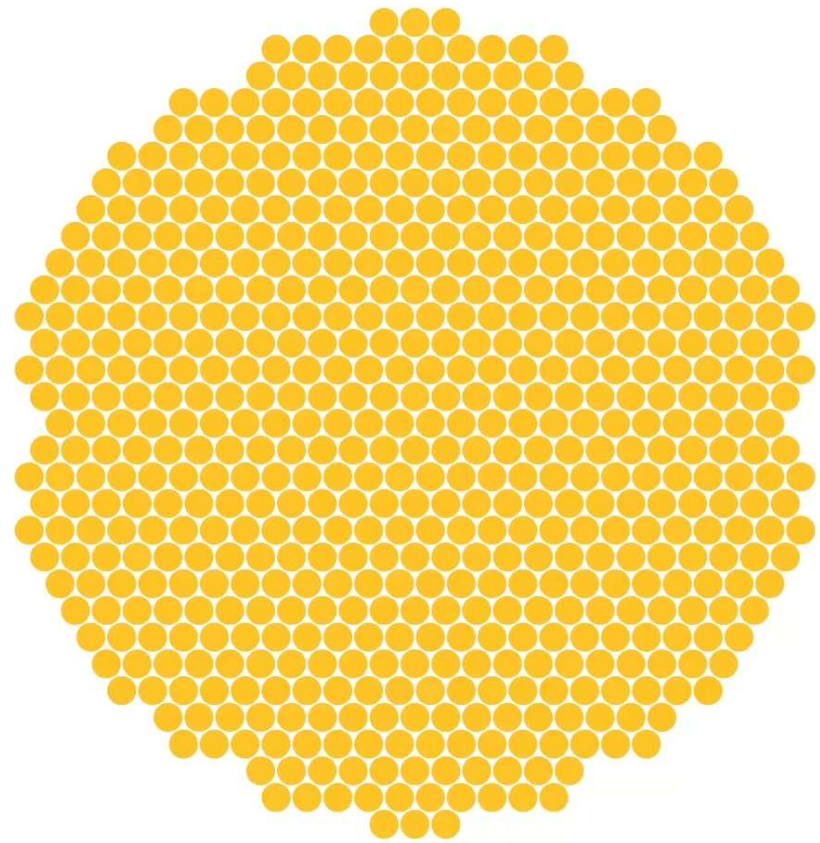


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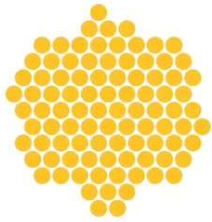




Foreign Born



US Born



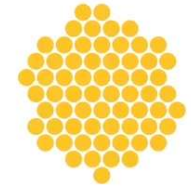
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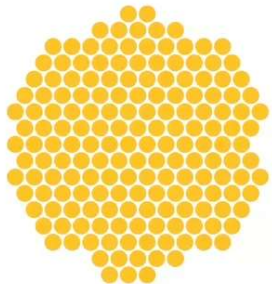
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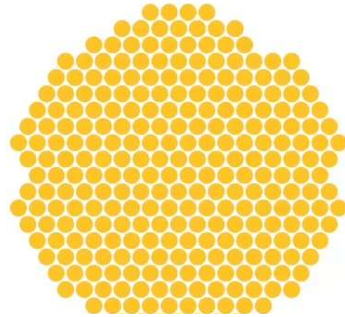
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**Black – US Born**



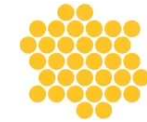
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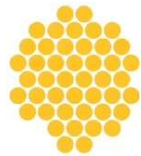
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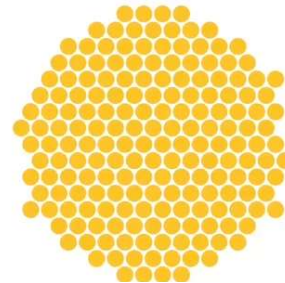
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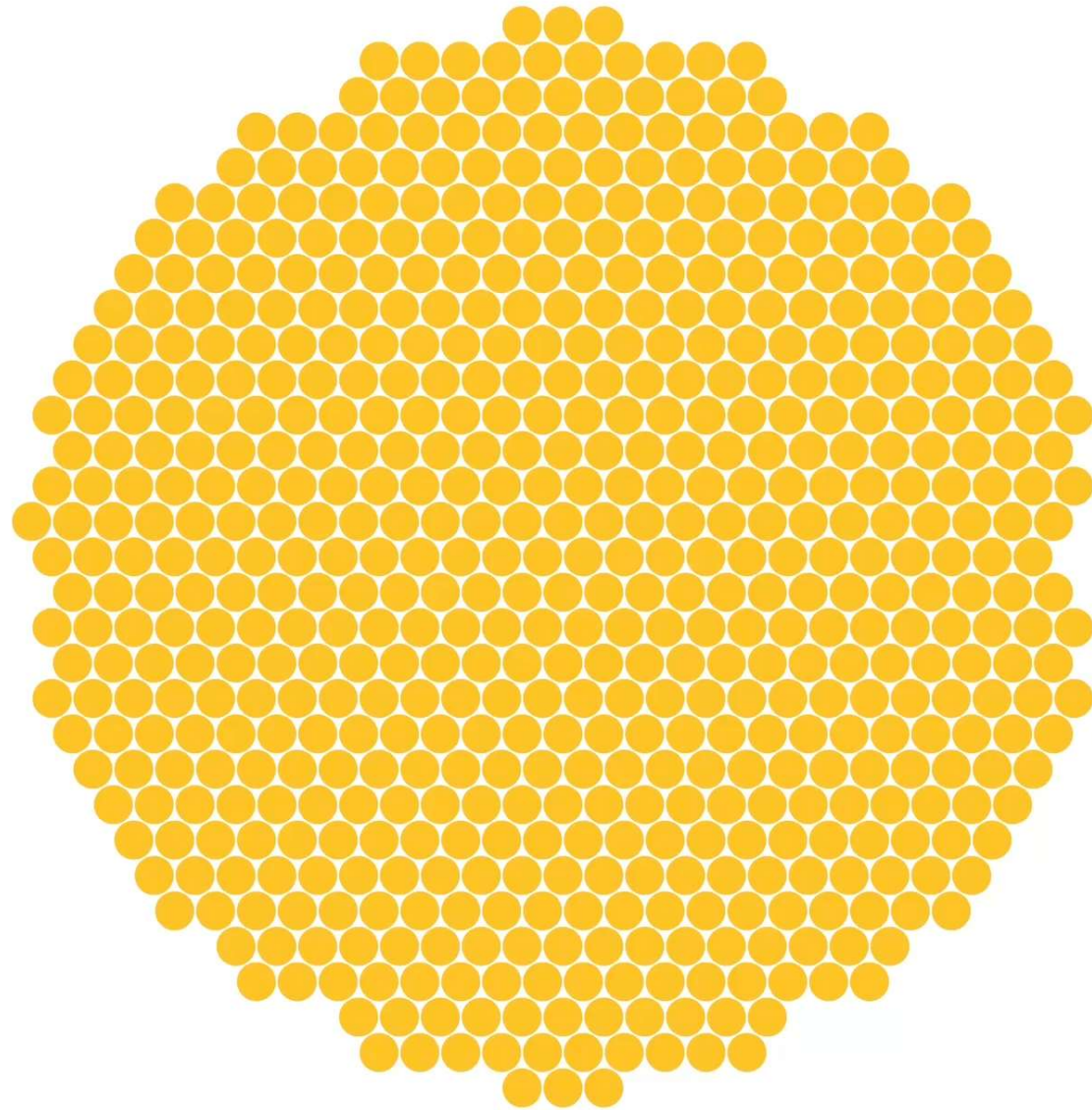
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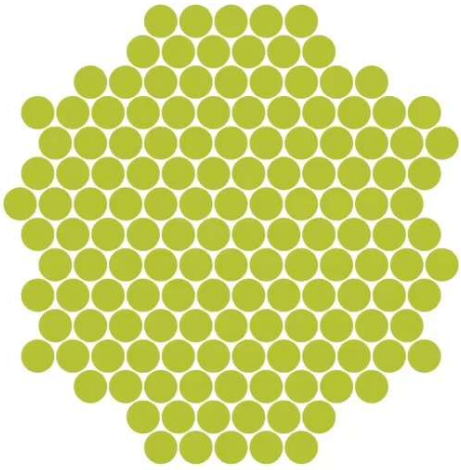


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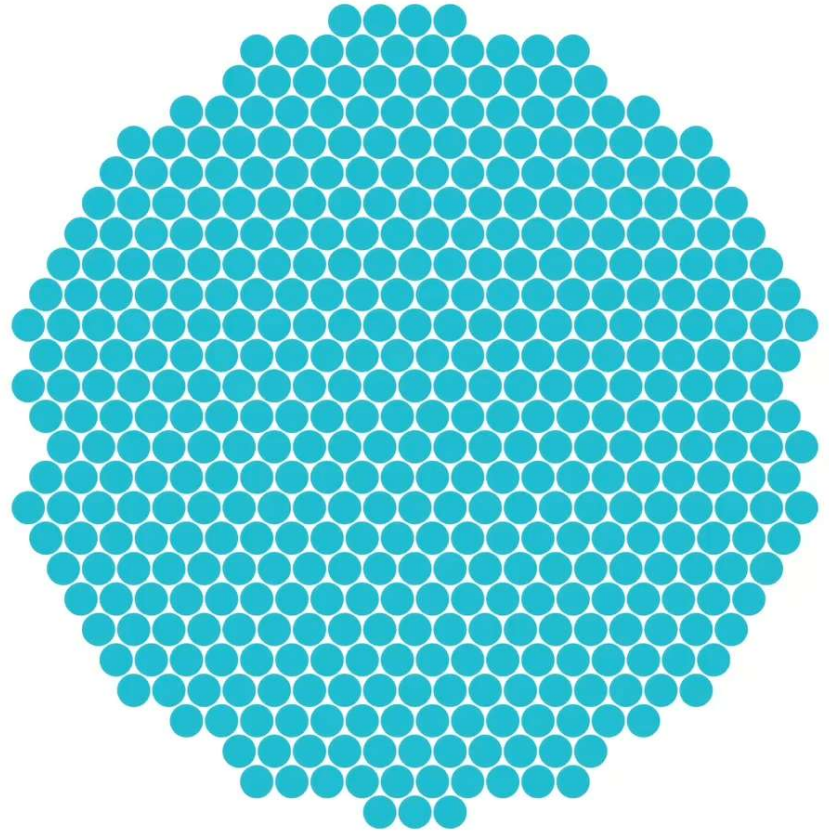


**White – US Born**





**Asian**



**Latino**



**Bangladeshi**



**Cambodian**



**Chinese**



**Filipino**



**Indian**



**Japanese**



**Korean**



**Pakistani**



**Taiwanese**



**Thai**



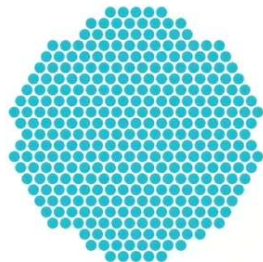
**Two or More or Other Asian**



**Vietnamese**



**Central America**



**Mexican**



**Other Latino**

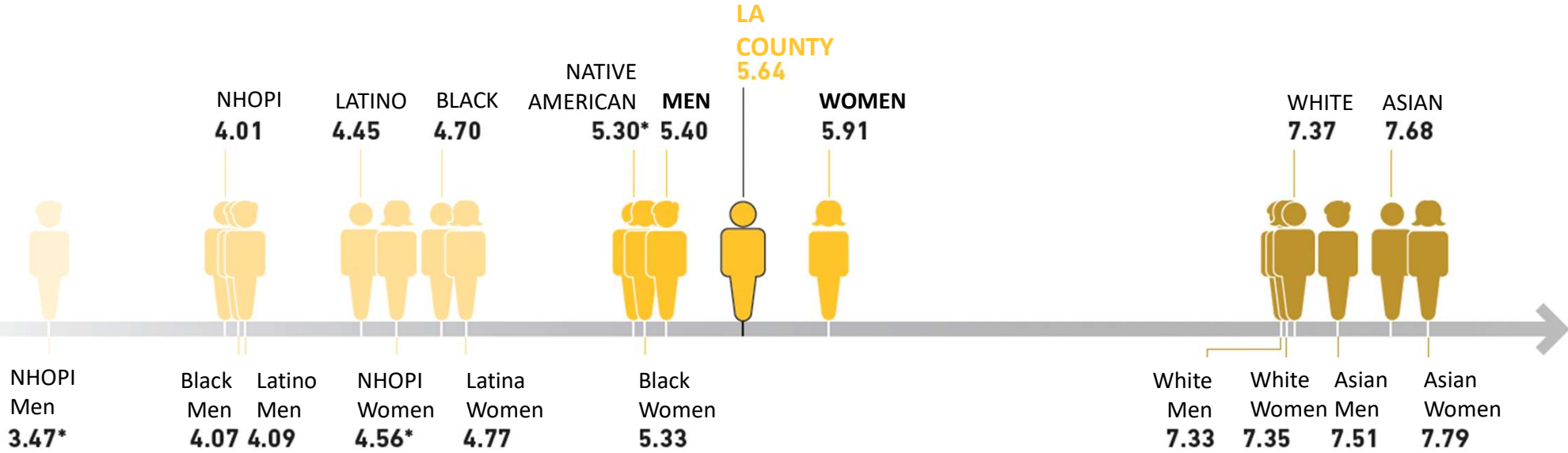


**Puerto Rico/Dominmican/cuban**



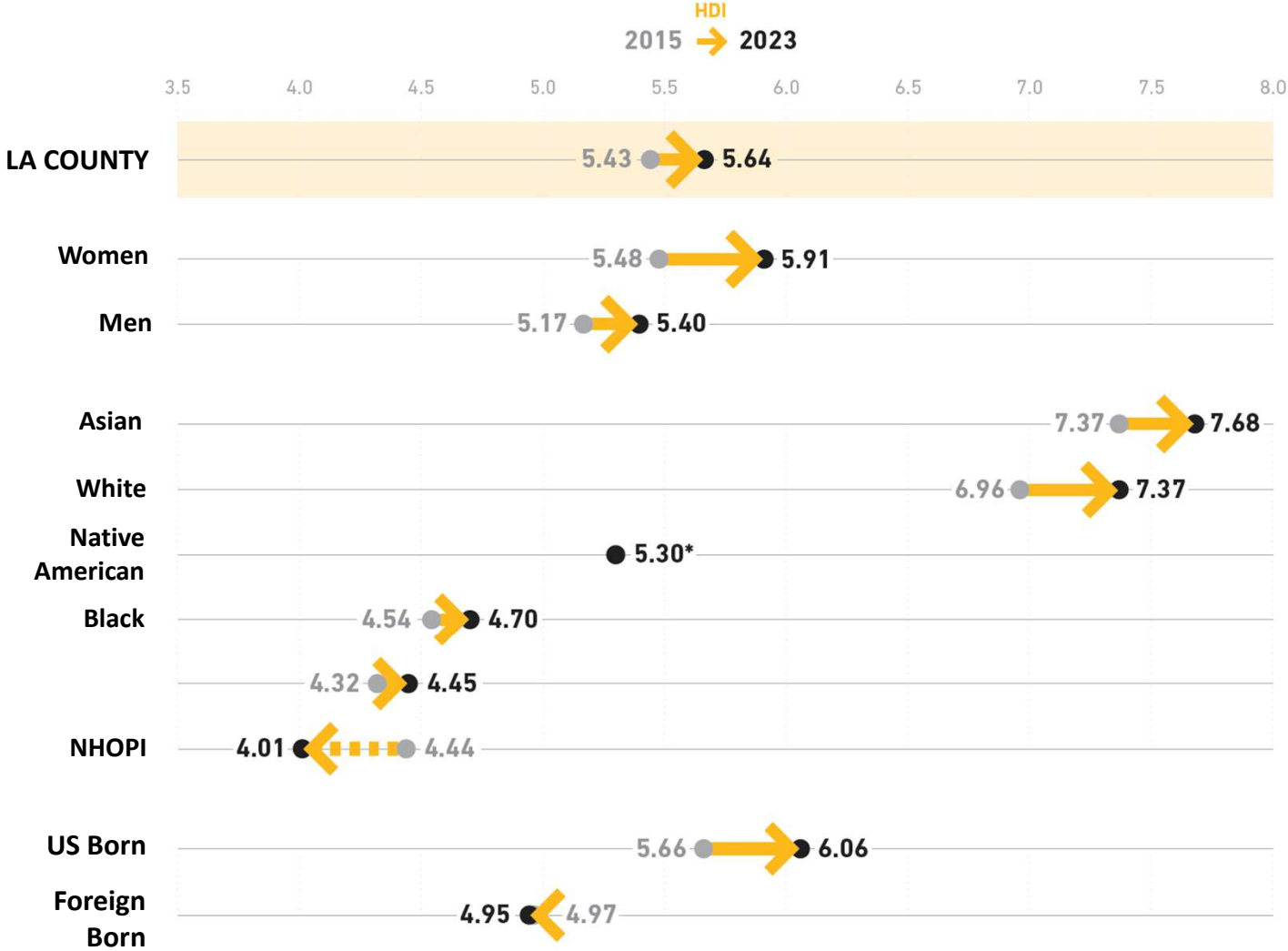
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# HDI BY GENDER AND BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

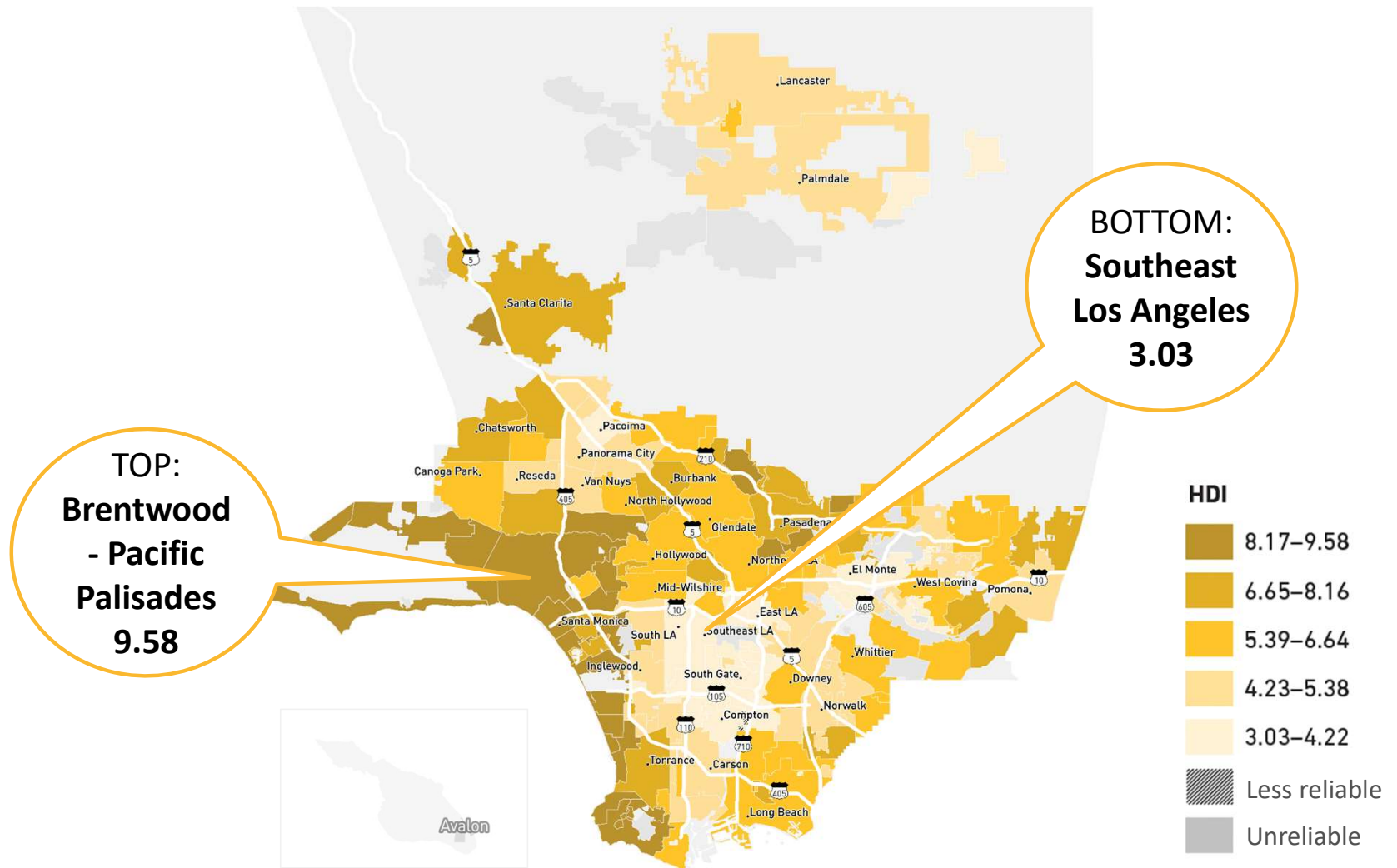


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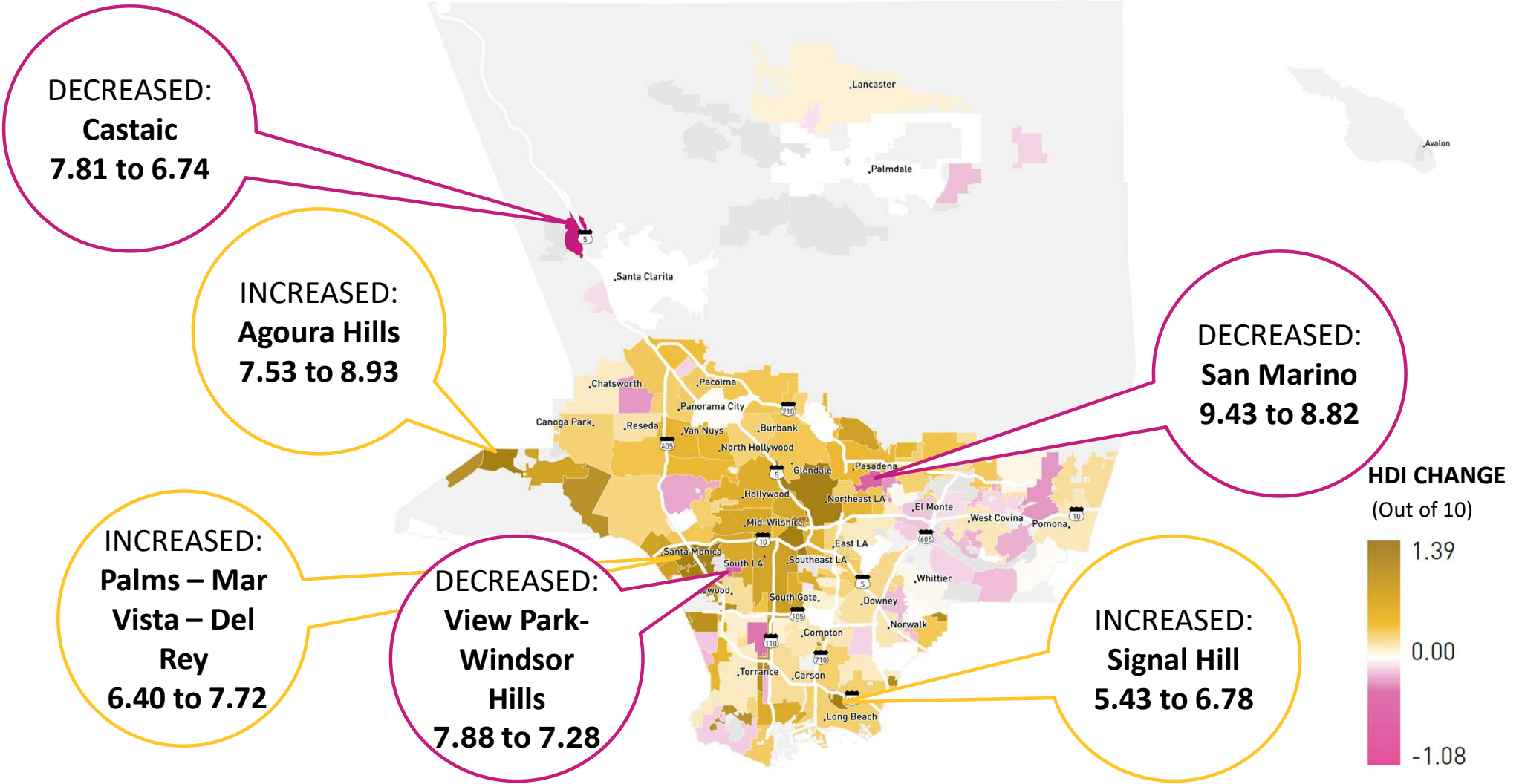
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# HDI BY PLACE



# HDI BY PLACE: CHANGE OVER TIME



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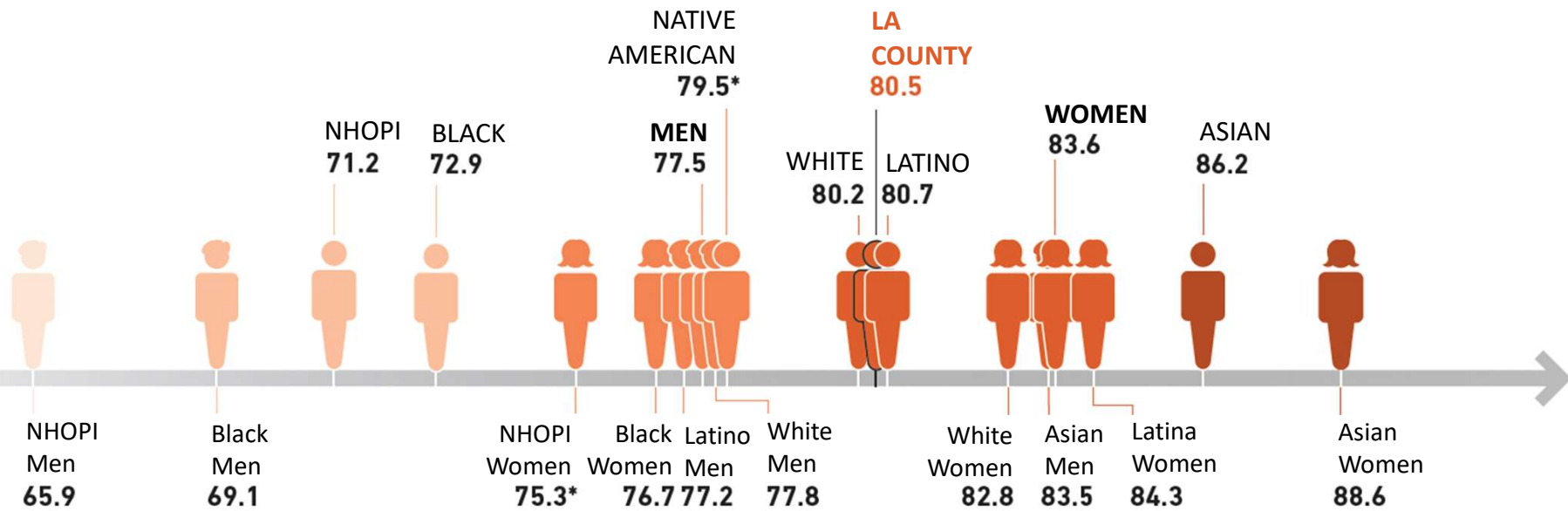
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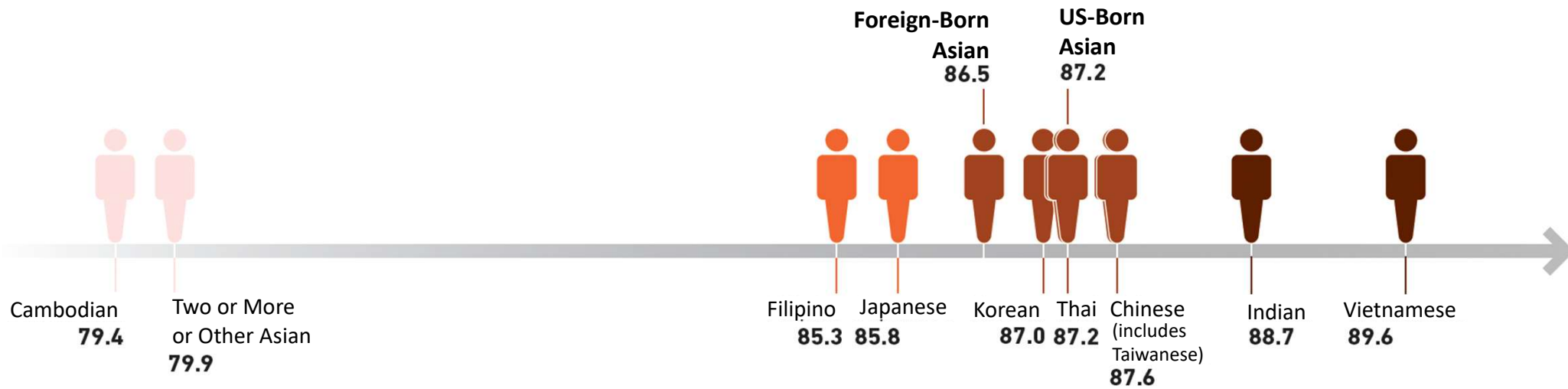


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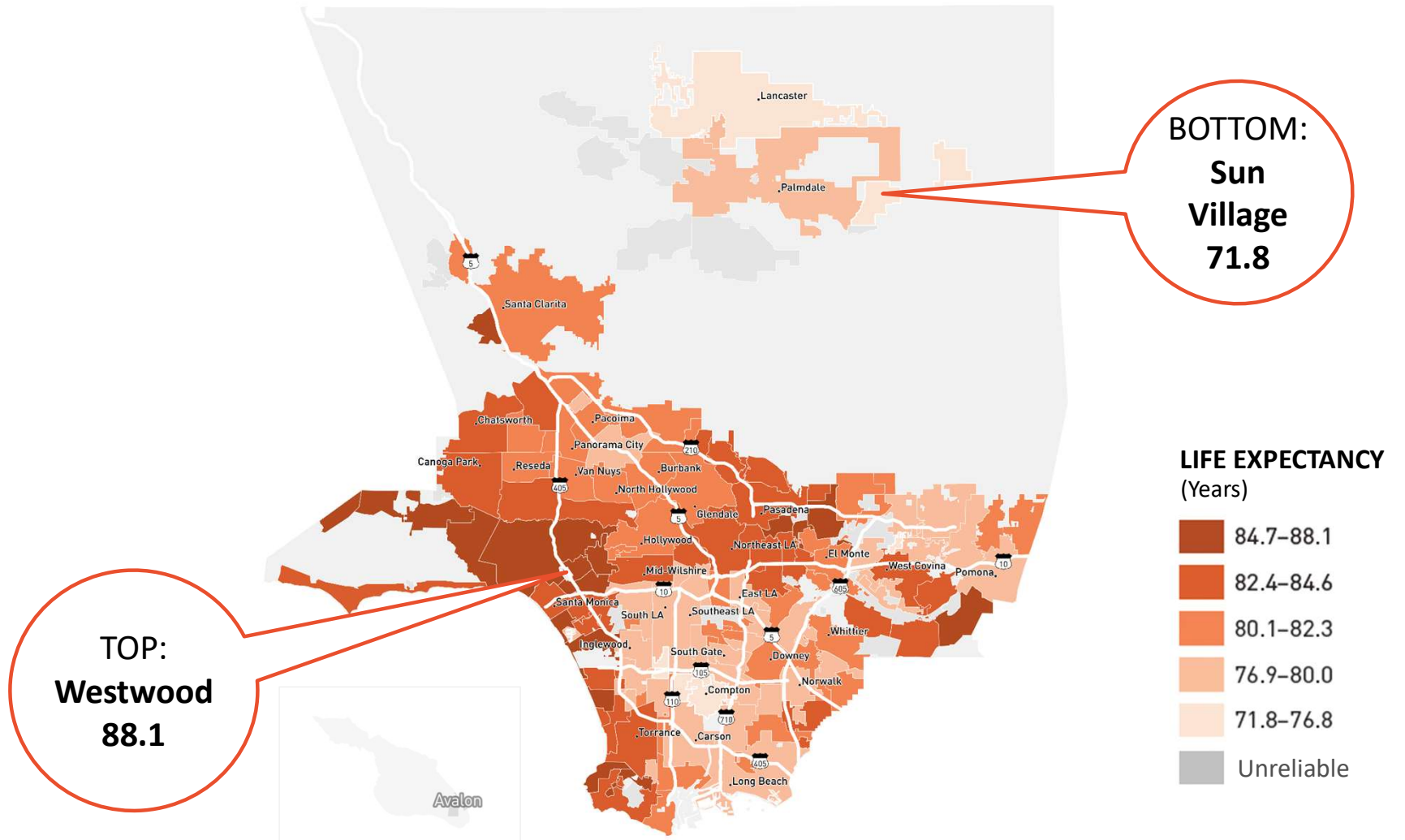


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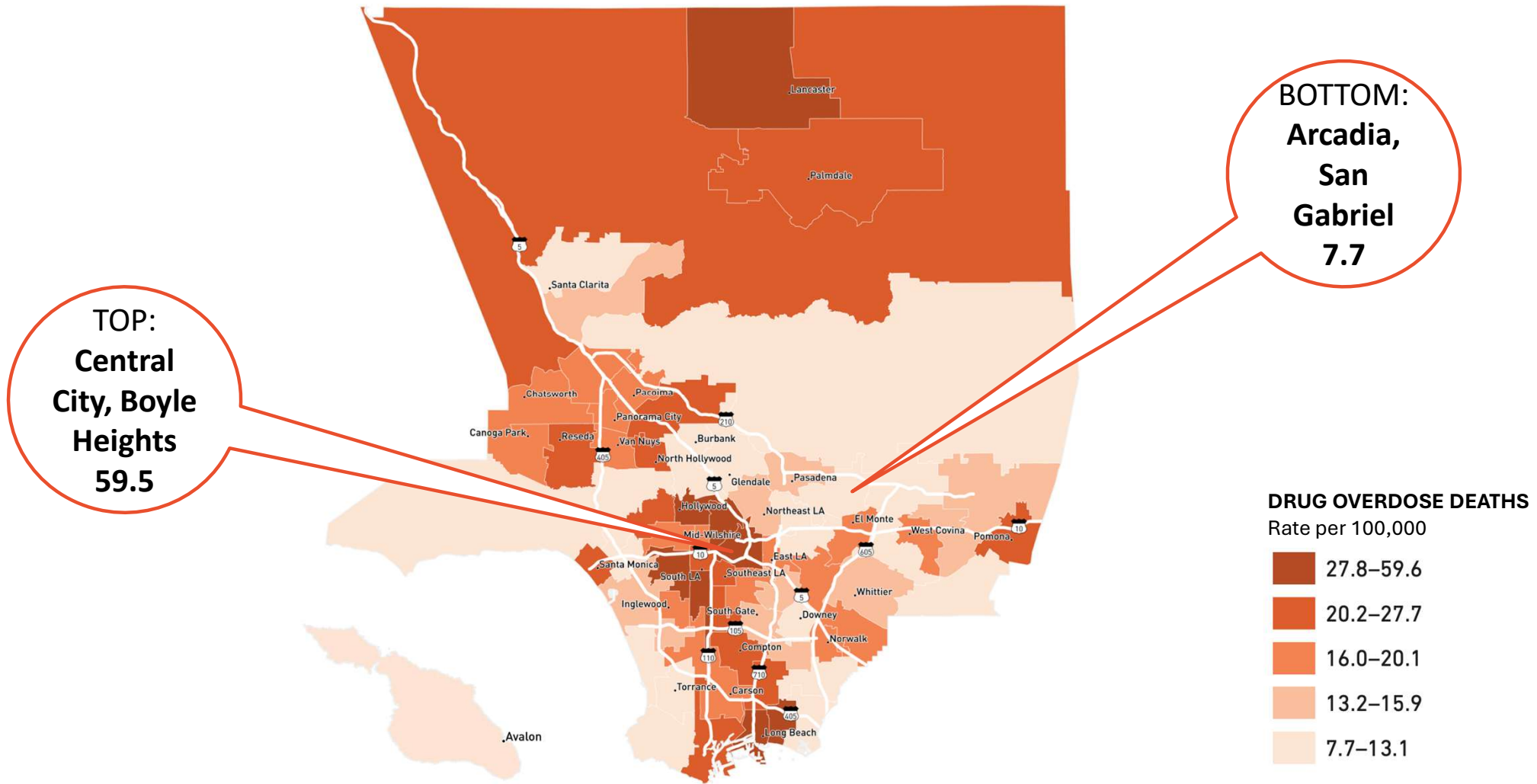
# LIFE EXPECTANCY BY ASIAN SUBGROUP



# LIFE EXPECTANCY BY PLACE



# DRUG OVERDOSE BY NEIGHBORHOOD CLUSTER



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## **ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE**



# EDUCATION BY GENDER AND BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

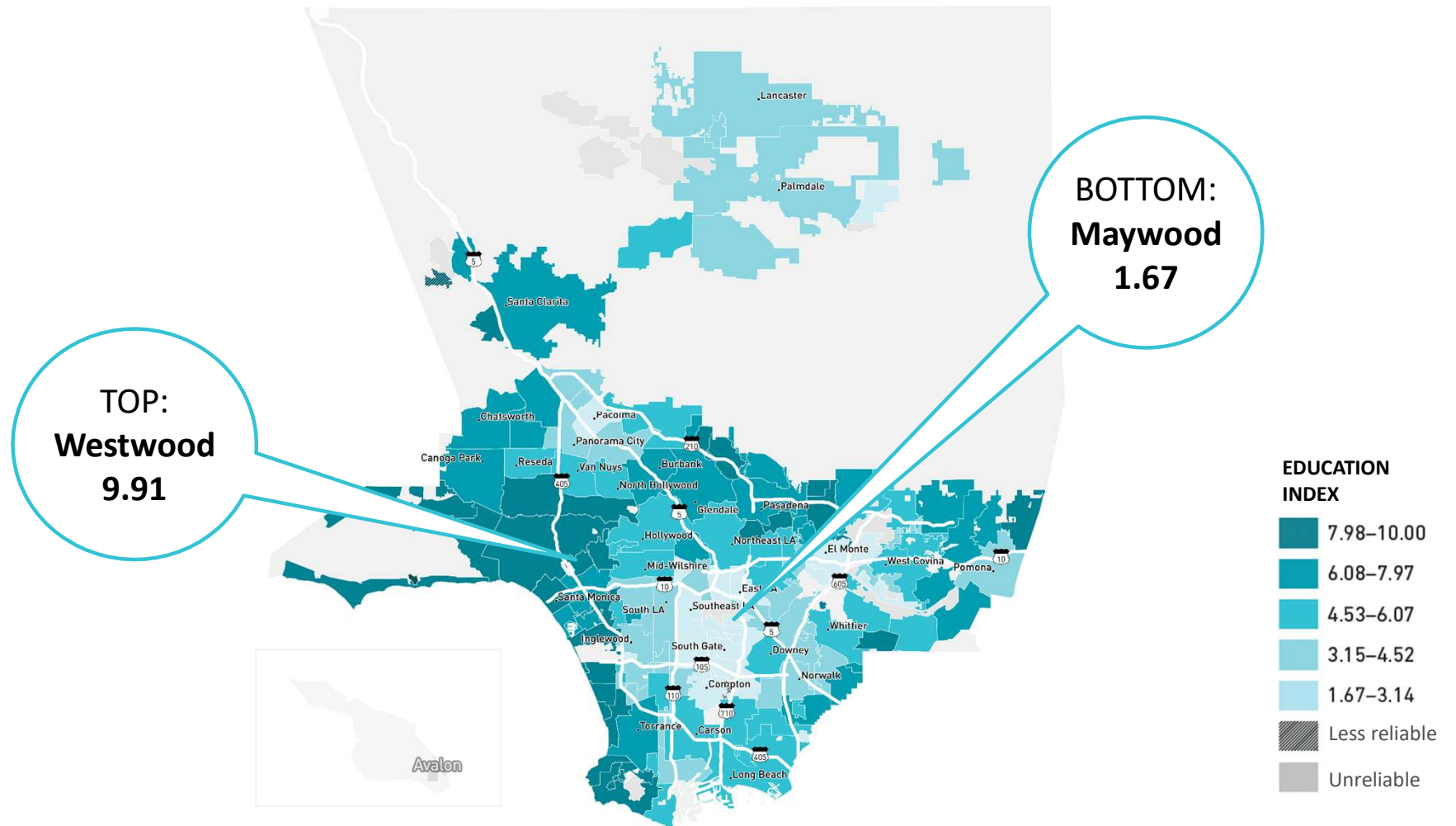
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<b>LOS ANGELES COUNTY</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>79.3</b>
<b>GENDER</b>						
Women	5.66	18.5	43.7	23.5	14.3	80.4
Men	5.26	18.9	45.8	22.4	12.9	78.2
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY</b>						
White	7.62	4.4	39.2	33.2	23.2	81.6
Asian	7.56	10.6	34.2	36.3	18.9	86.4
Black	5.43	8.3	58.9	19.9	12.9	76.2
Native American	4.70	15.7	63.8	13.4	7.1	80.5
NHOPI	3.84	11.9	68.8	13.9	5.4	71.0
Latino	3.29	33.9	49.6	11.4	5.1	76.9

# EDUCATION BY LATINO SUBGROUP

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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Foreign-Born Latino Residents	0.42	52.0	39.3	6.1	2.6	<b>54.3</b>
US-Born Latino Residents	4.95	12.9	61.7	17.5	7.9	<b>79.1</b>
<b>Latino Subgroups</b>						
Central American	2.43	43.0	44.5	9.4	3.1	<b>75.0</b>
Mexican	3.00	35.7	50.5	9.9	3.9	<b>76.6</b>
Other Latino	4.31	23.2	53.2	15.9	7.7	<b>78.1</b>
Puerto Rican / Dominican / Cuban	5.66	13.5	48.9	24.0	13.6	<b>78.4</b>
South American	6.13	12.2	49.8	24.7	13.3	<b>82.8</b>

# EDUCATION INDEX BY PLACE

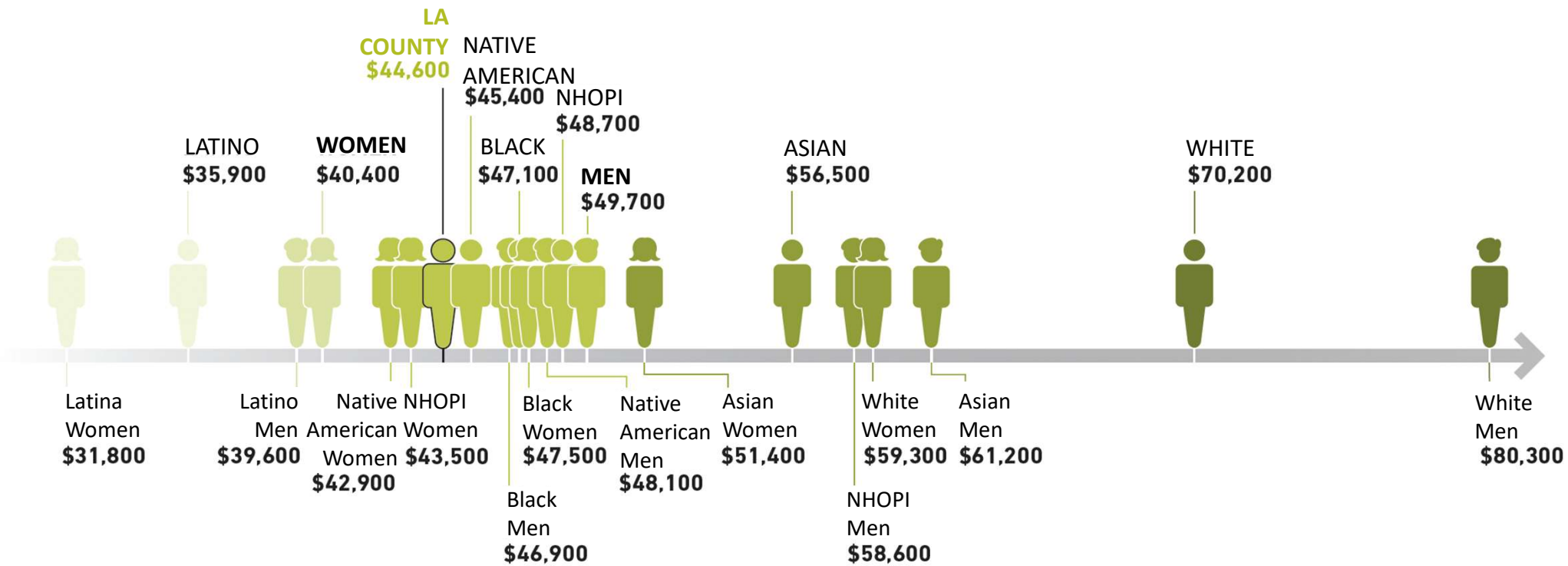


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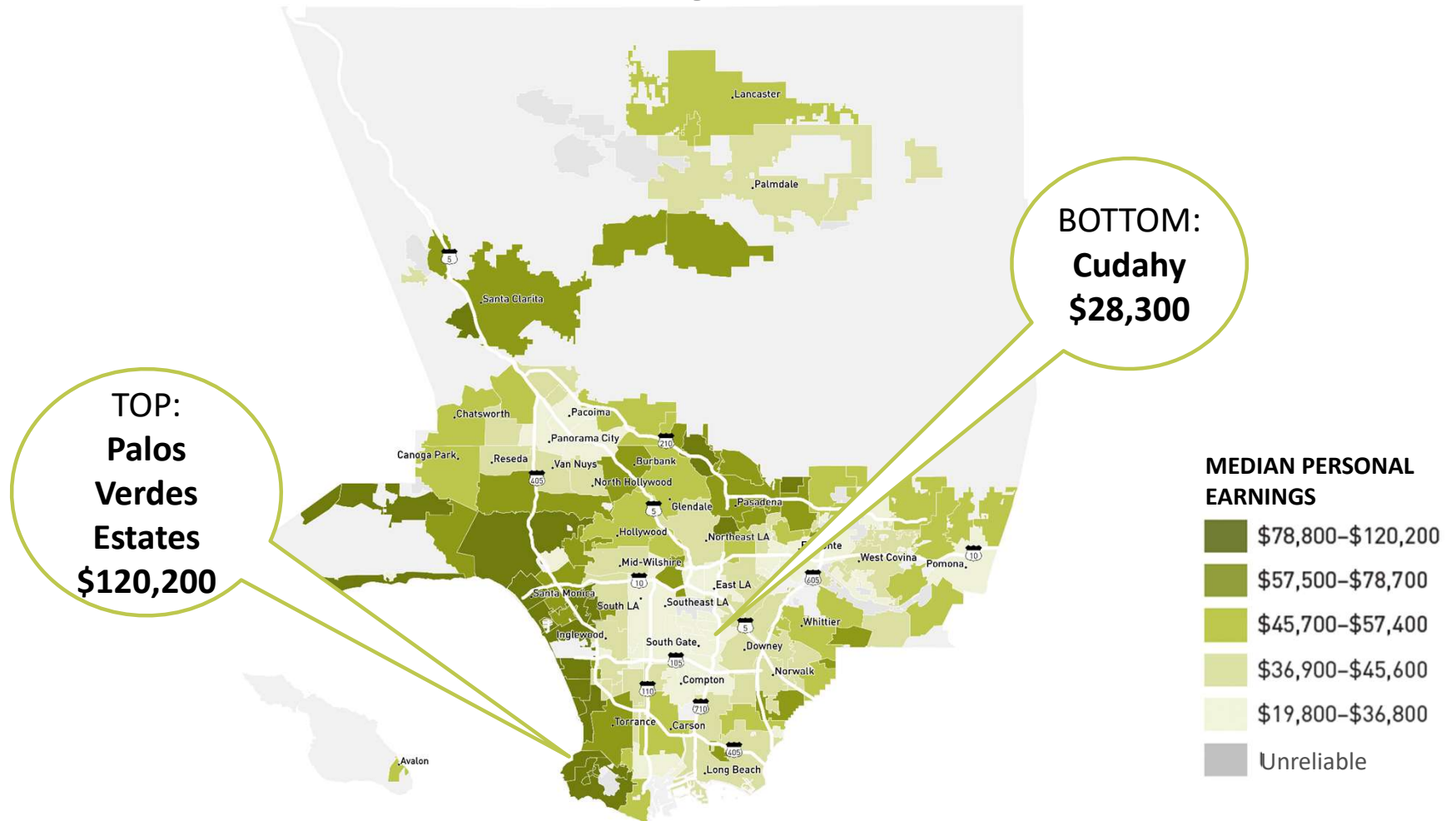
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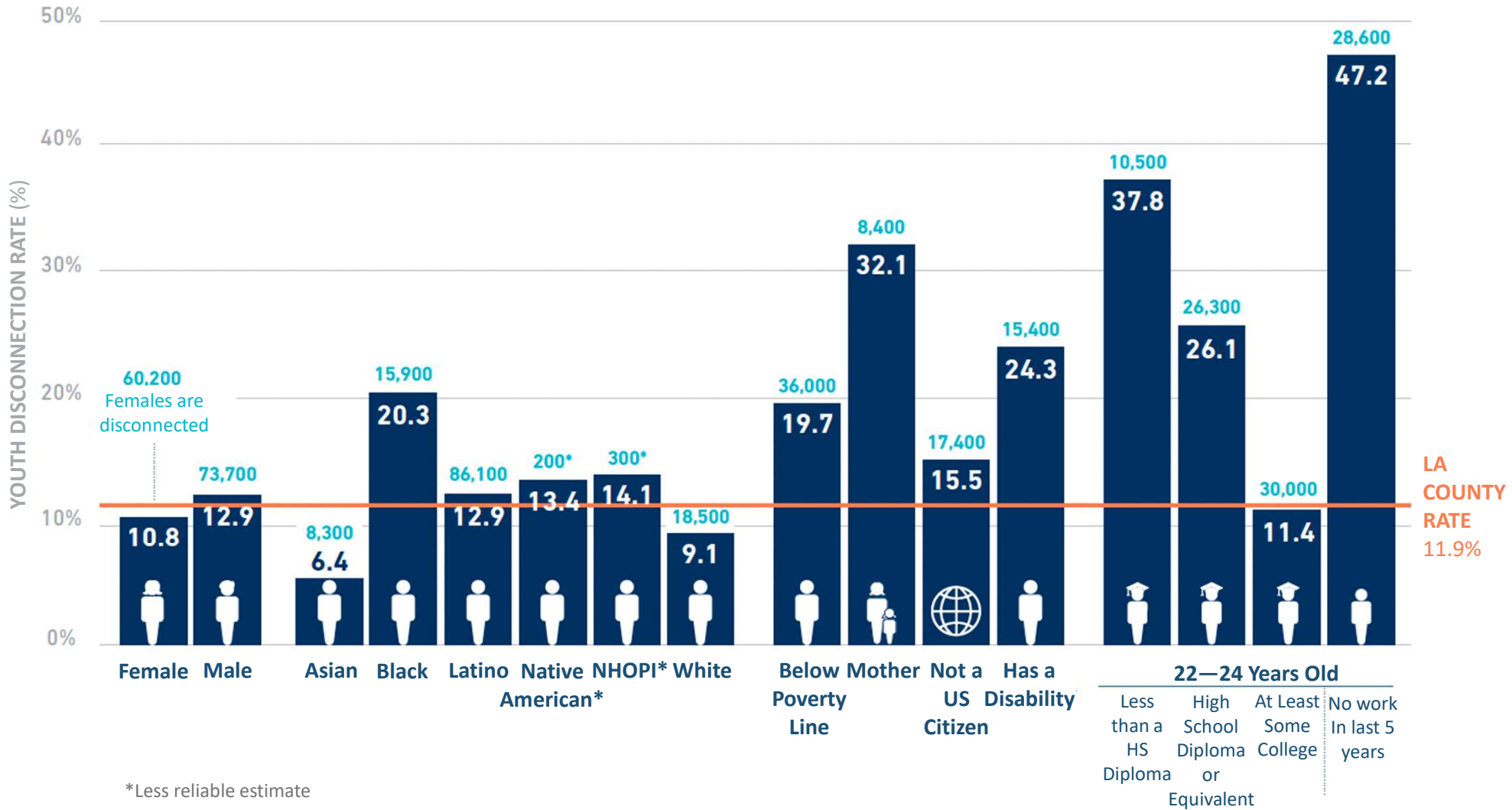
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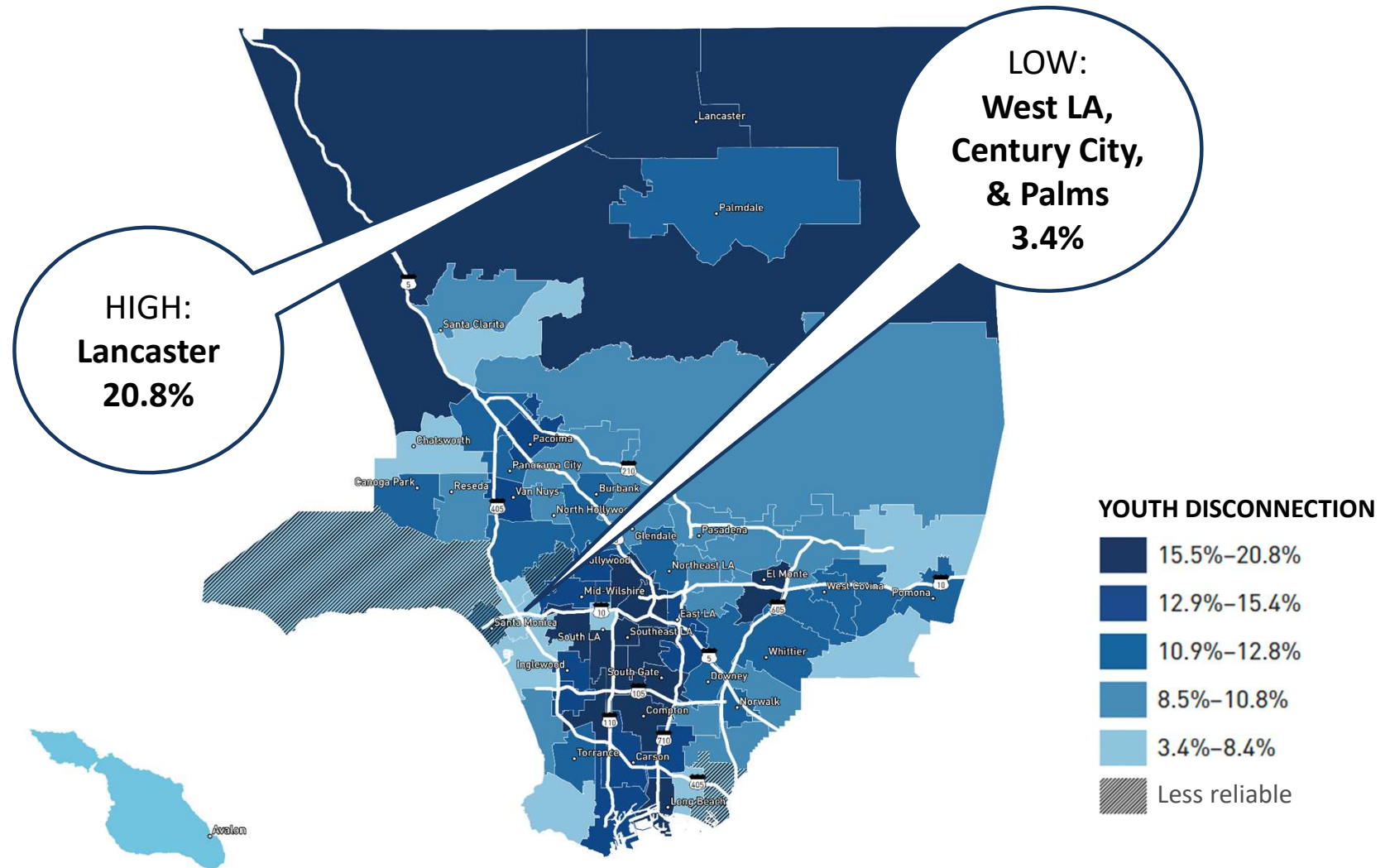
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# WHO IS DISCONNECTED IN LA COUNTY?



# YOUTH DISCONNECTION BY NEIGHBORHOOD CLUSTER



# AGENDA FOR ACTION

## Three cross-cutting imperatives:

- Address disparities in well-being among Angelenos
- Prioritize places where the well-being of children and families is at risk
- Implement prevention programs and services

What needs to change is to capture things before they happen. We need to be ready. Not get ready, but we need to be ready preparing for these things. We have a lot of foster children who once they turn 18, they will have nowhere to go. They are all over in the community. We got homeless. It's getting more and more tents and people sleeping on the street. We need to help the people.



Antelope Valley resident

# AGENDA FOR ACTION



- Address premature mortality
- Improve access to mental health and substance use prevention and treatment
- Invest in high-quality early care and education for children from birth to age five
- Help young people successfully transition to thriving adulthoods
- Expand economic opportunity and security
- Keep people housed and increase access to affordable housing
- Support threatened communities
- Decrease justice involvement and support community reentry
- Disaster recovery and climate resiliency

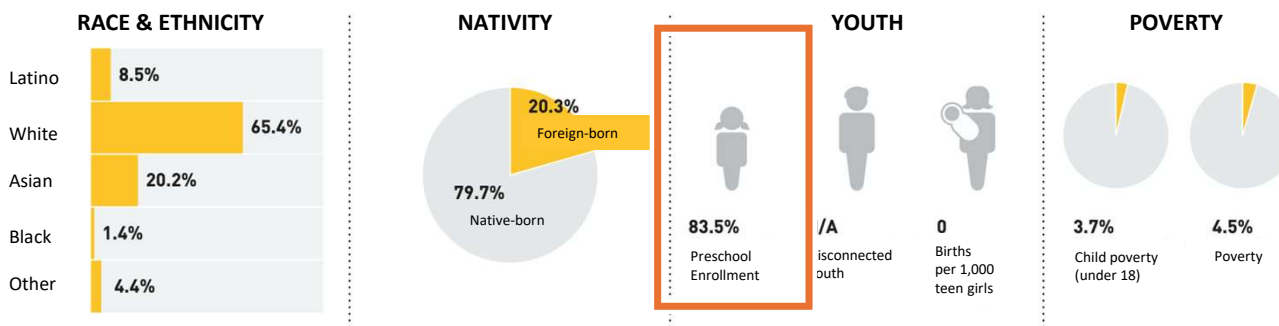
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- First 5 & Universal Pre-K

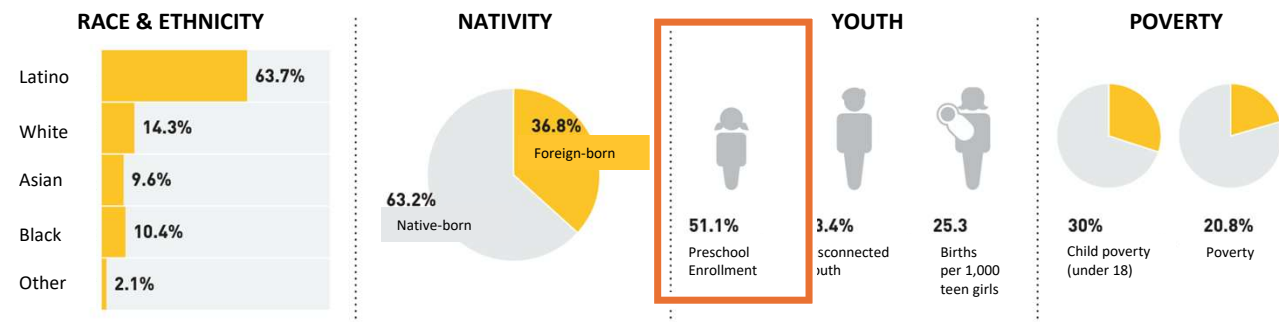
**FIGURE 1** Glittering LA Well-Being Statistics

160,000 residents



**FIGURE 4** Struggling LA Well-Being Statistics

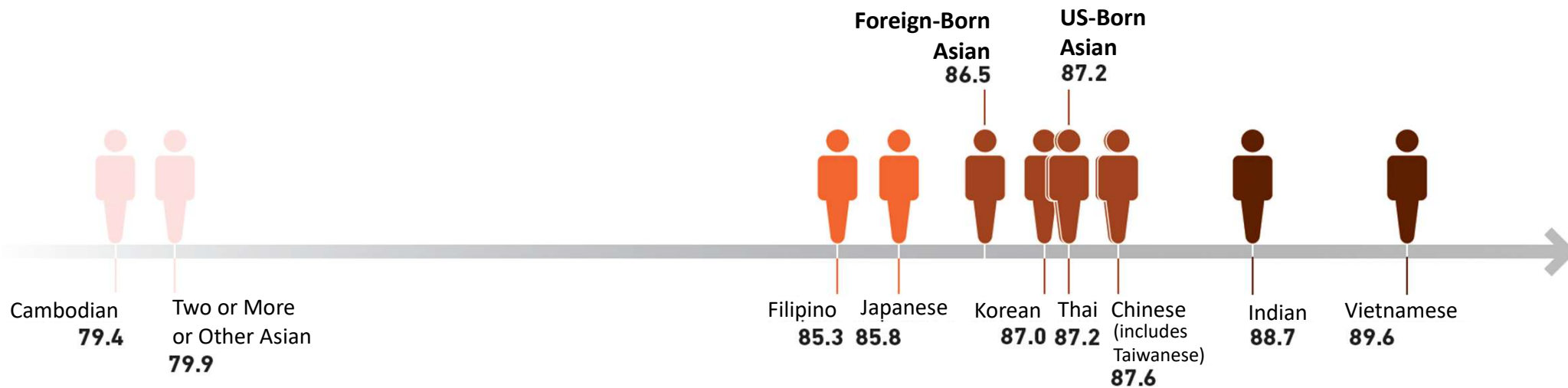
5.1 million residents



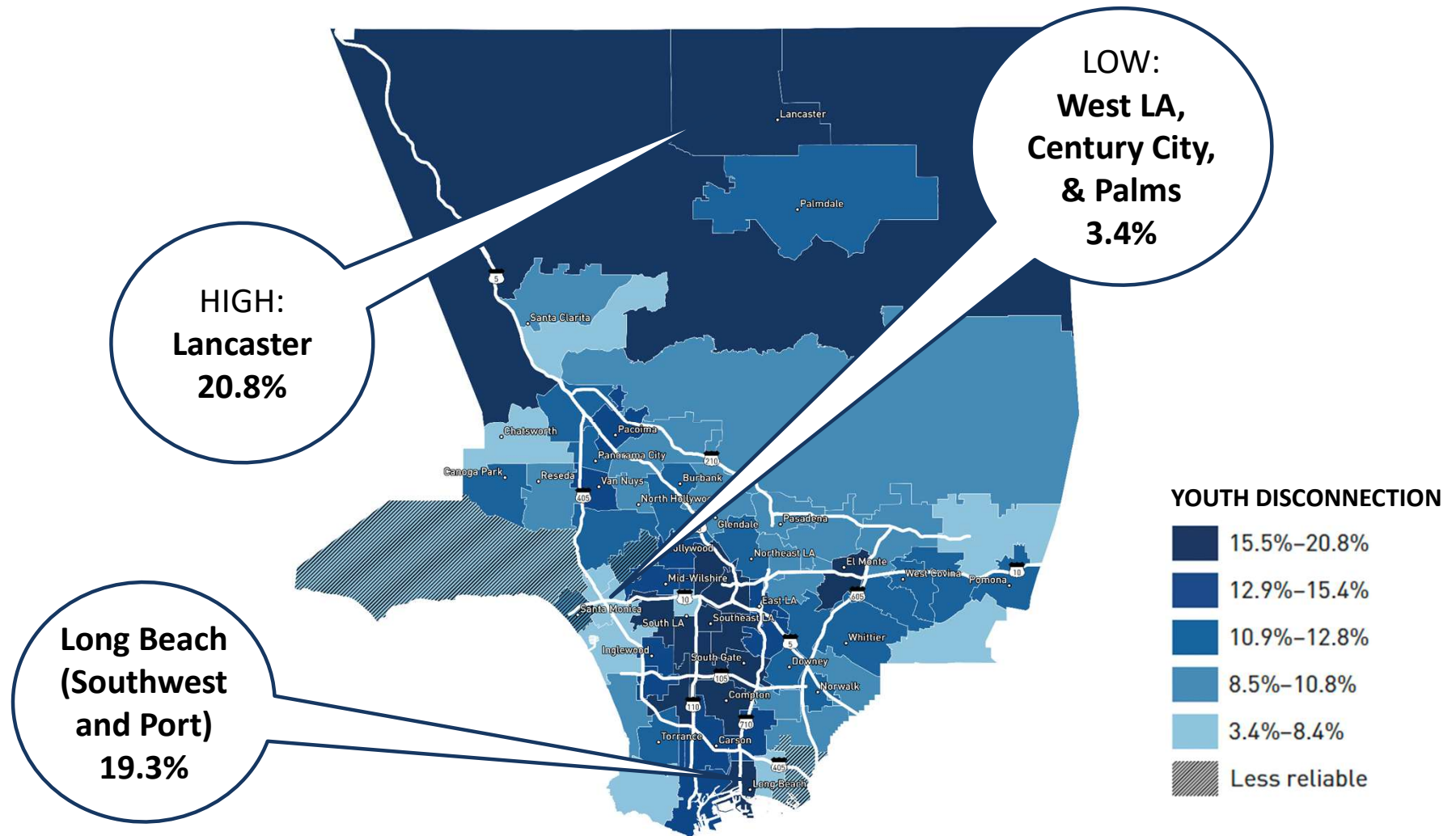
# EXAMPLE USE CASE



- Well-Being in Long Beach



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