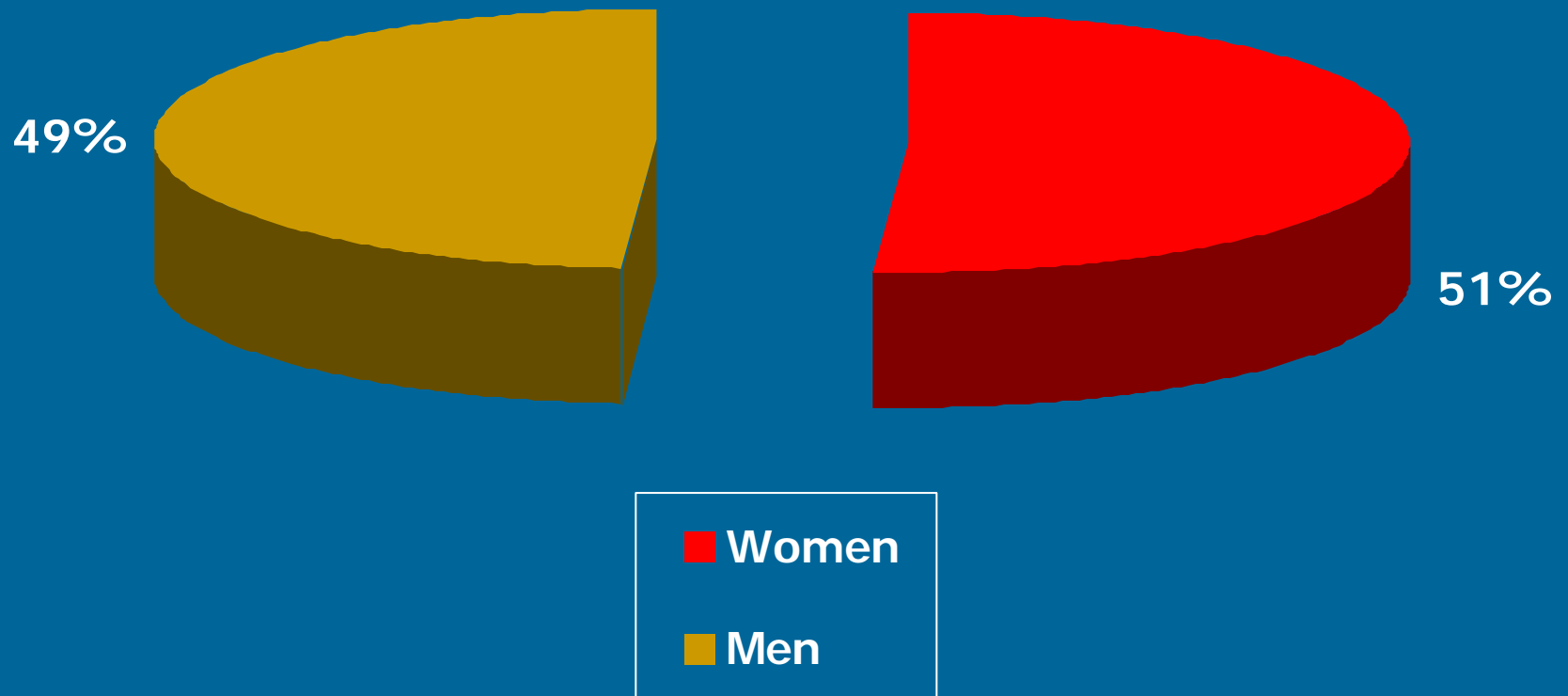


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Women Immigrants:  
*Stewards of the 21st Century Family*

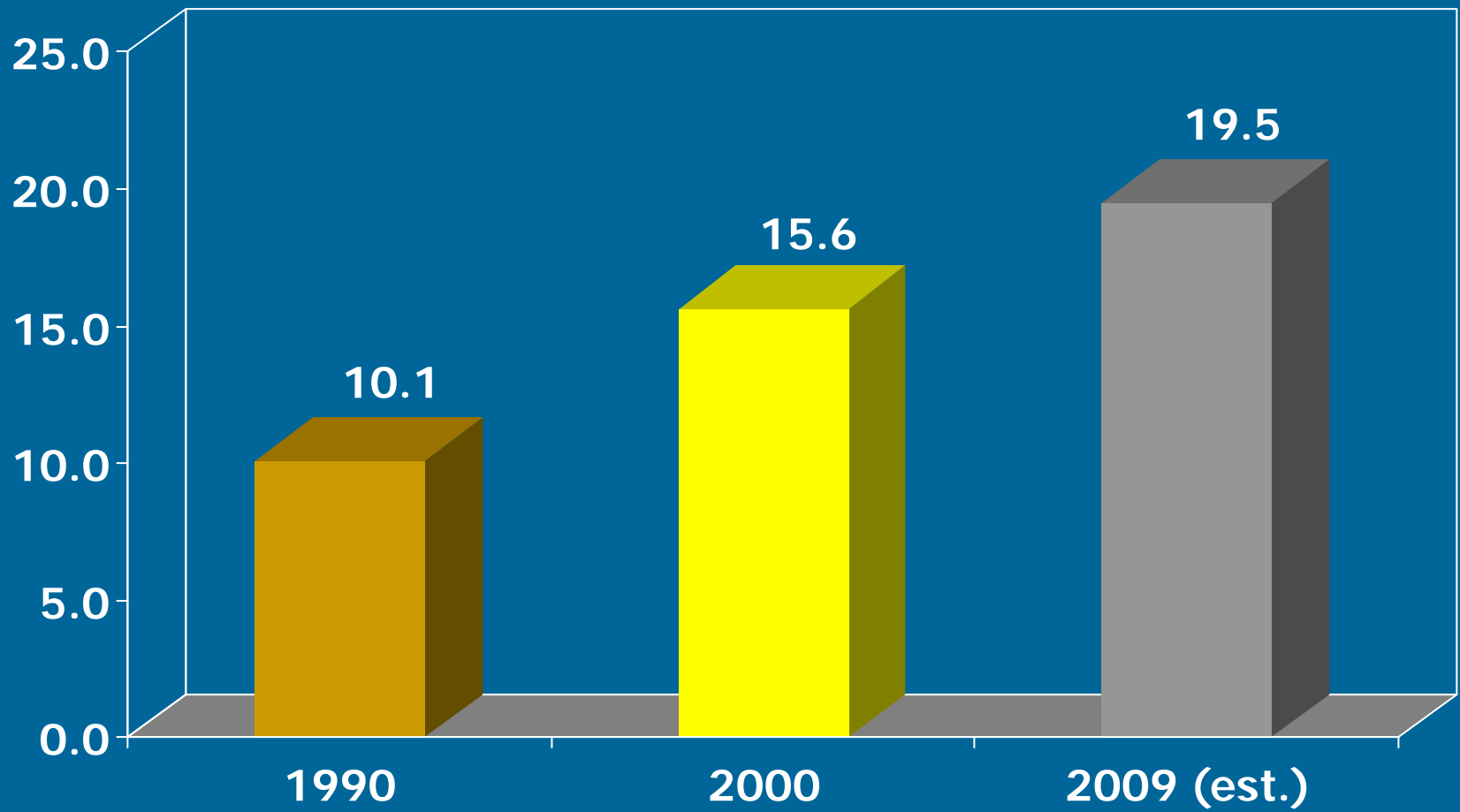


# Immigrants in the United States

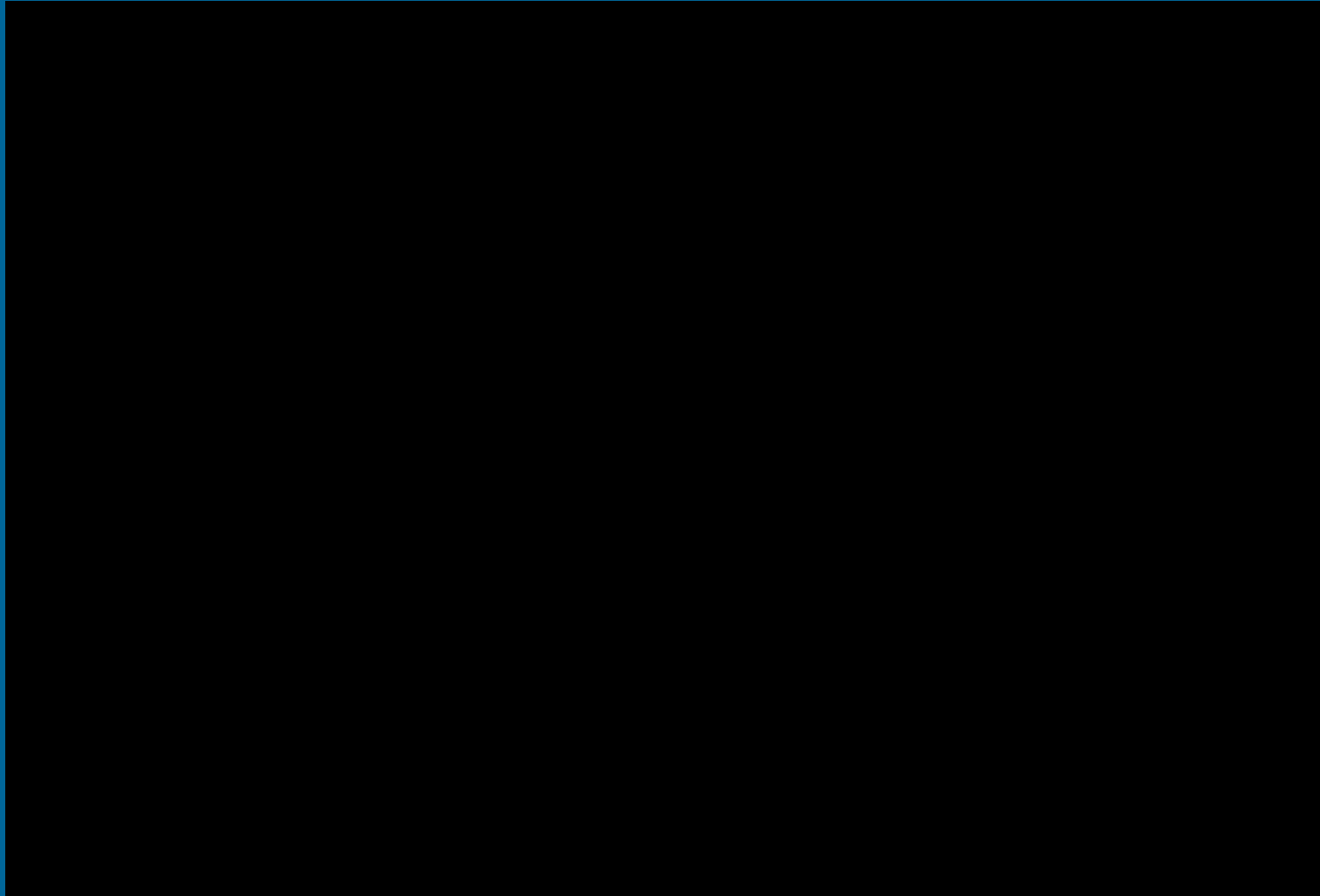


Source: United States Census, 2007

# Women Immigrants in the United States (in millions)



# *The Grapes of Wrath*



# Methodology

<i>Sample size</i>	1,002 immigrants from Latin American, Asian, African, and Arabic countries – a total of 44 different countries
<i>Margin of error</i>	3 percentage points
<i>Languages of interviews</i>	English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Hindi, Arabic, Amharic

# Countries of Origin

## *Latin America*

- Mexico
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- El Salvador
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Peru
- Bolivia
- Ecuador
- Venezuela

- Colombia
- Argentina
- Uruguay
- Paraguay
- Costa Rica
- Chile

## *Asia*

- China
- Taiwan
- Korea
- Vietnam
- India
- Philippines

## *Africa*

- Uganda
- Ghana
- Nigeria
- Kenya
- South Africa
- Liberia
- Sudan
- Cameroon
- Rwanda

## *Arabic*

- Iraq
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- Syria
- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia
- Oman
- Yemen
- Jordan
- Palestine
- Morocco
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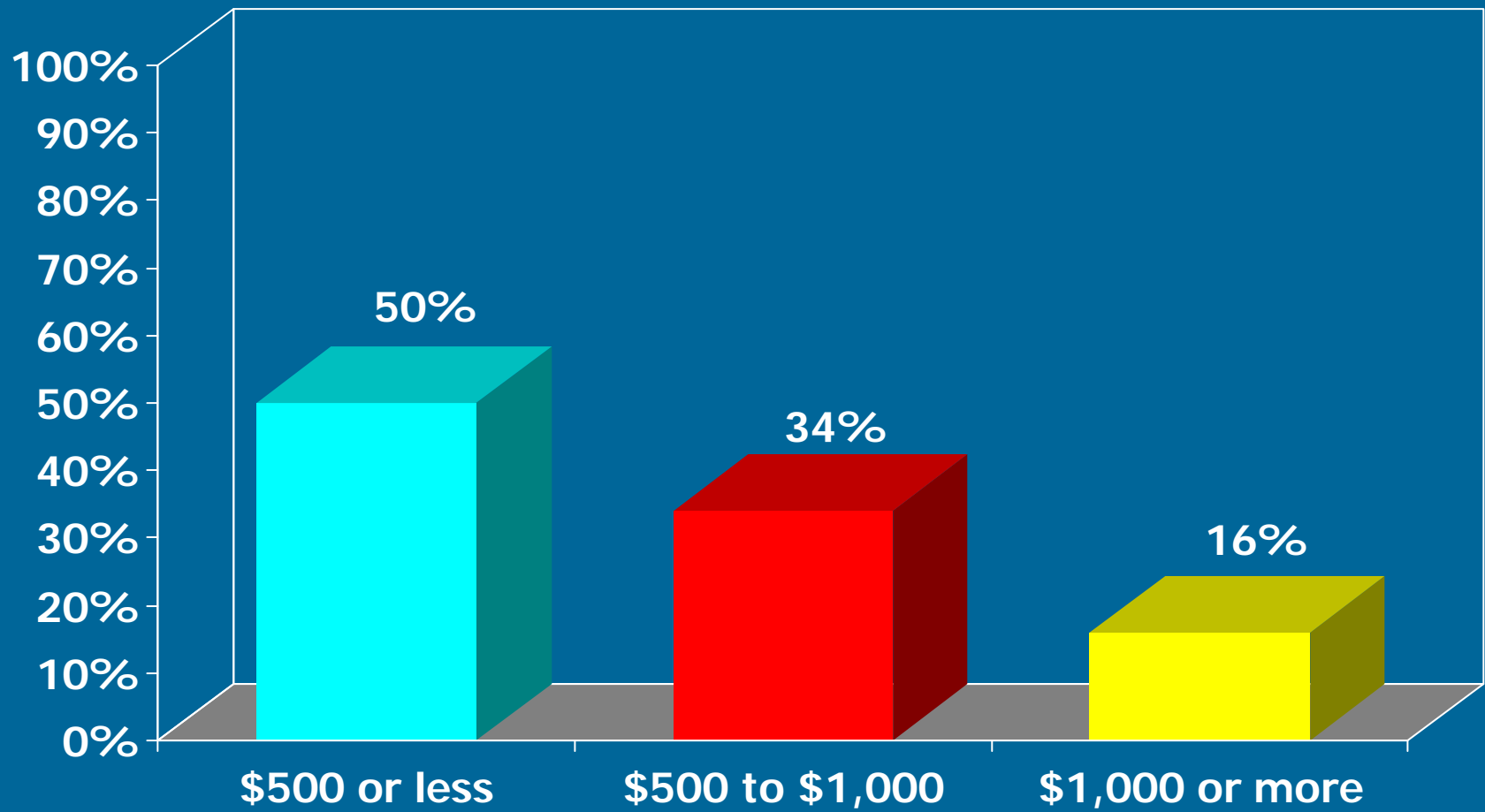
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# Public Challenges Immigrant Women Face once they Arrive

1. Immigrant women face serious economic barriers during their first years in the United States.
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Approximately how much money did you earn monthly at your first job in the U.S.?

*All Respondents*



*Average: \$500 / month*

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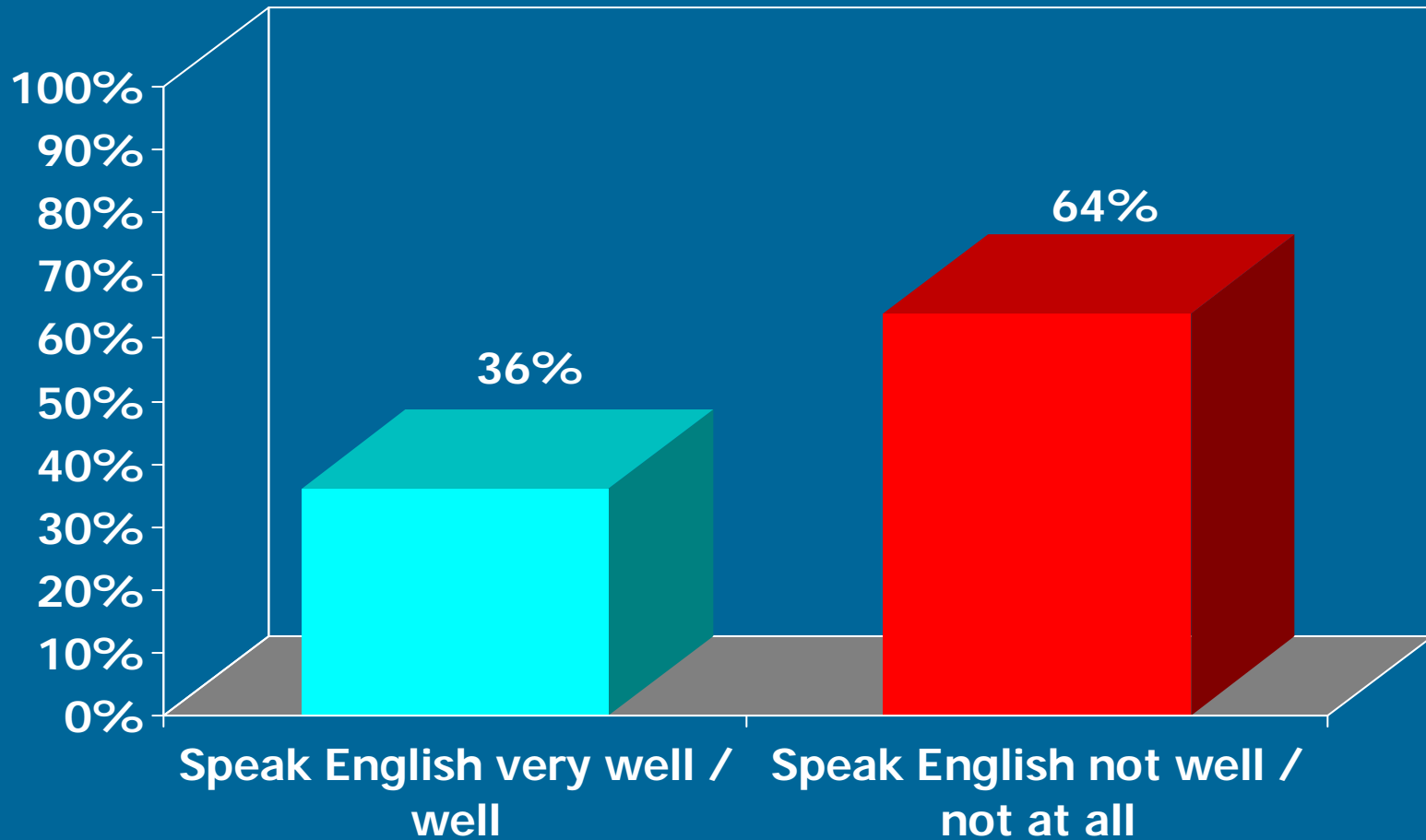
# Public Challenges Immigrant Women Face once they Arrive

2. The “language barrier” is a major problem for immigrant women. A significant percentage of them do not speak English well after living in the United States for several years.

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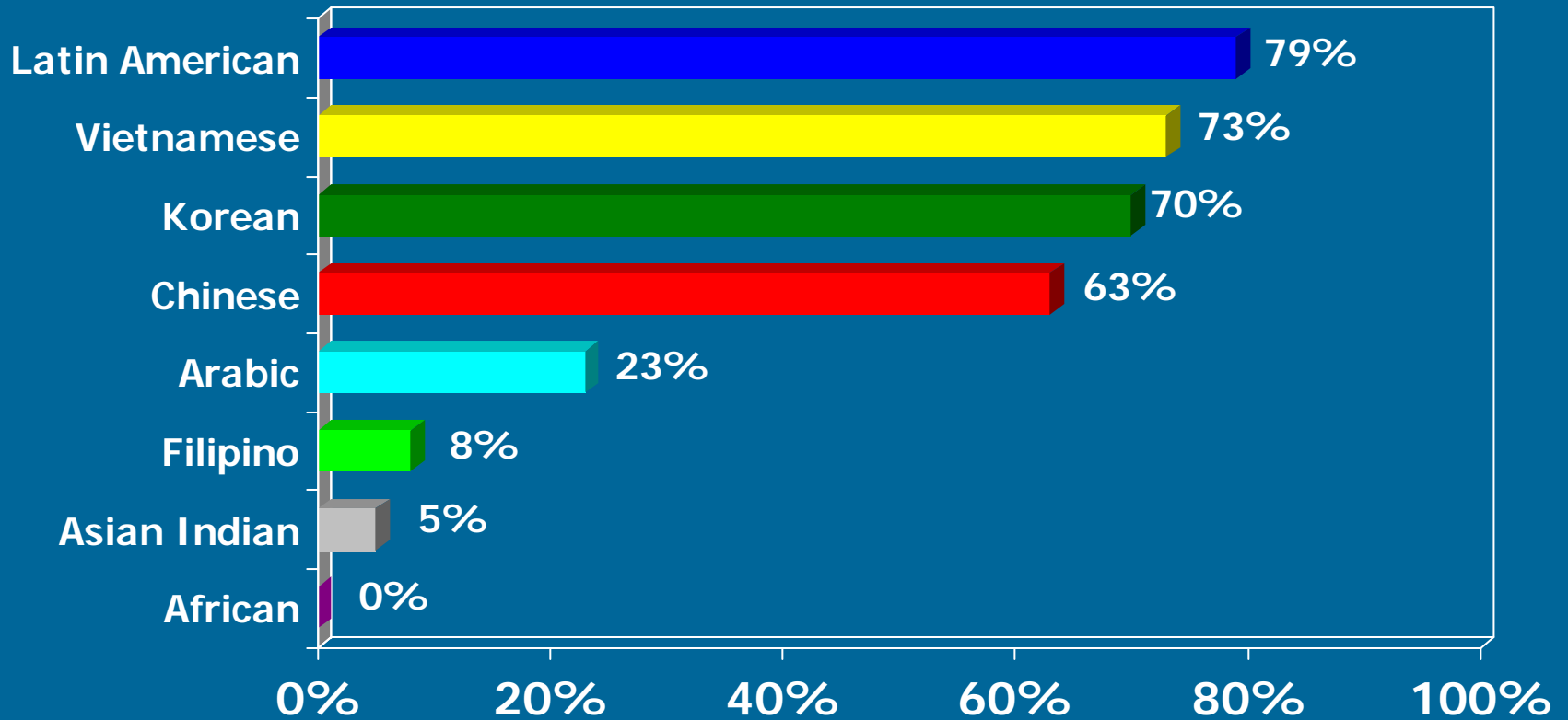
# Language Ability

*All Respondents*



# Language Ability

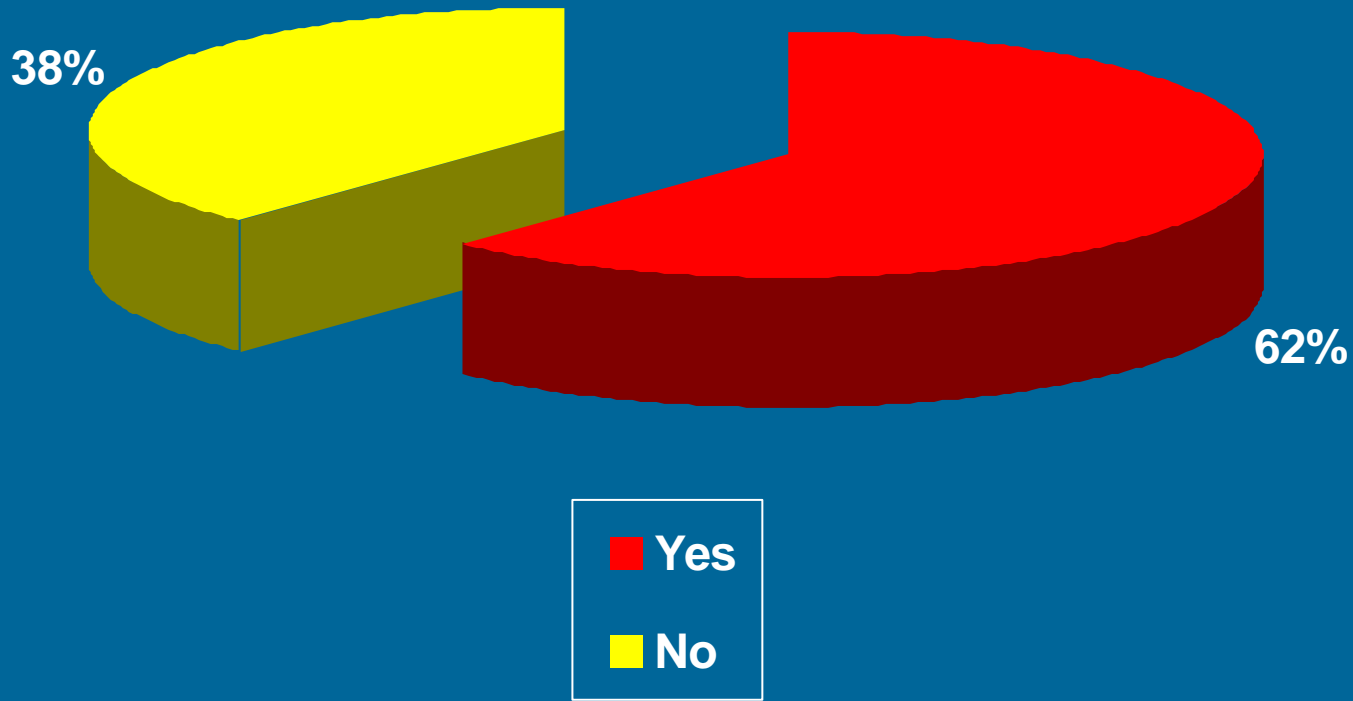
*Respondents that speak little or no English*



# Have you ever attended English-language classes?

*Asked only of respondents who speak little or no English*

*All Respondents*



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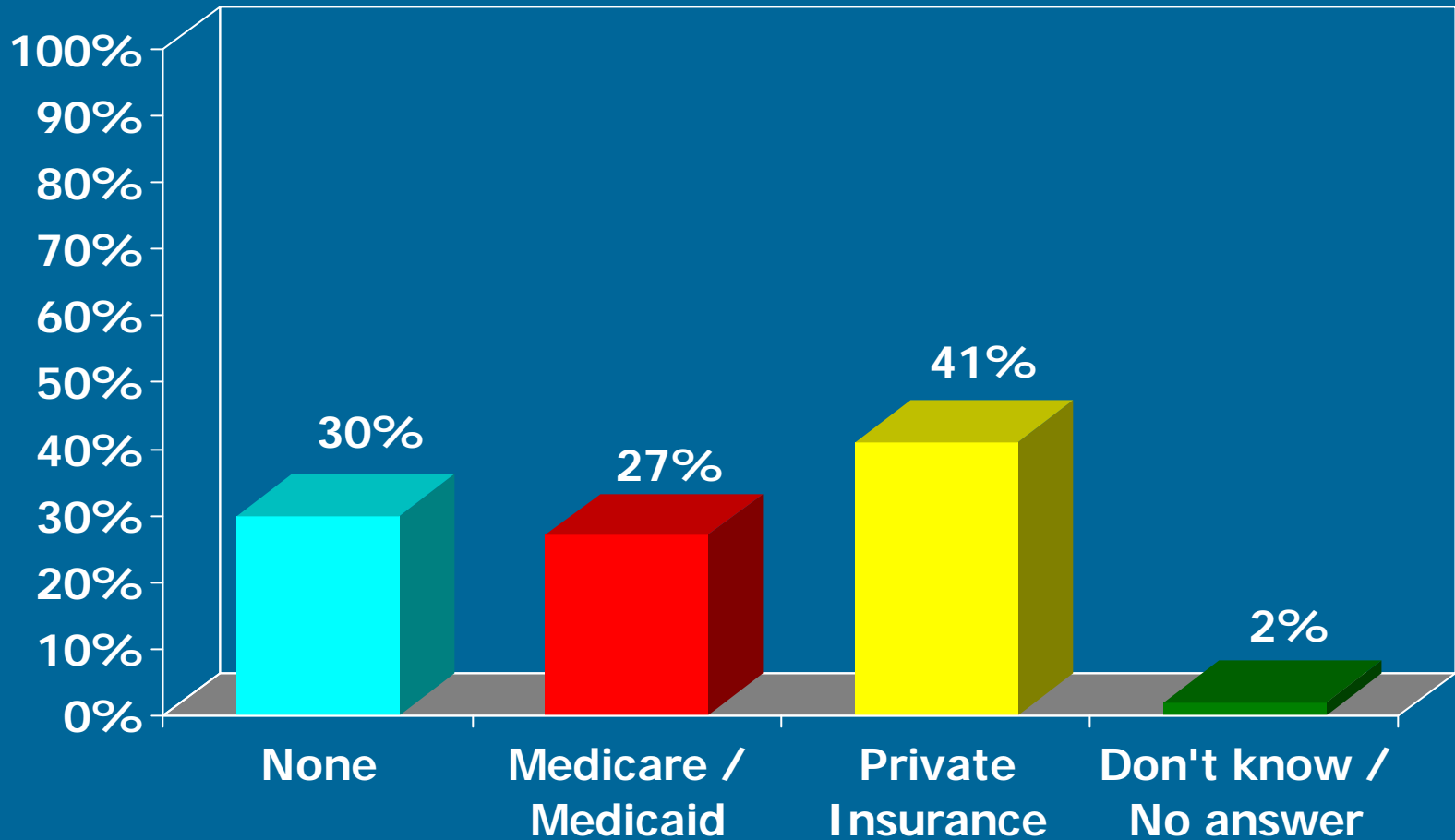
# Public Challenges Immigrant Women Face once they Arrive

3. Access to quality health care for their families is a problem that affects a substantial percentage of immigrant women.

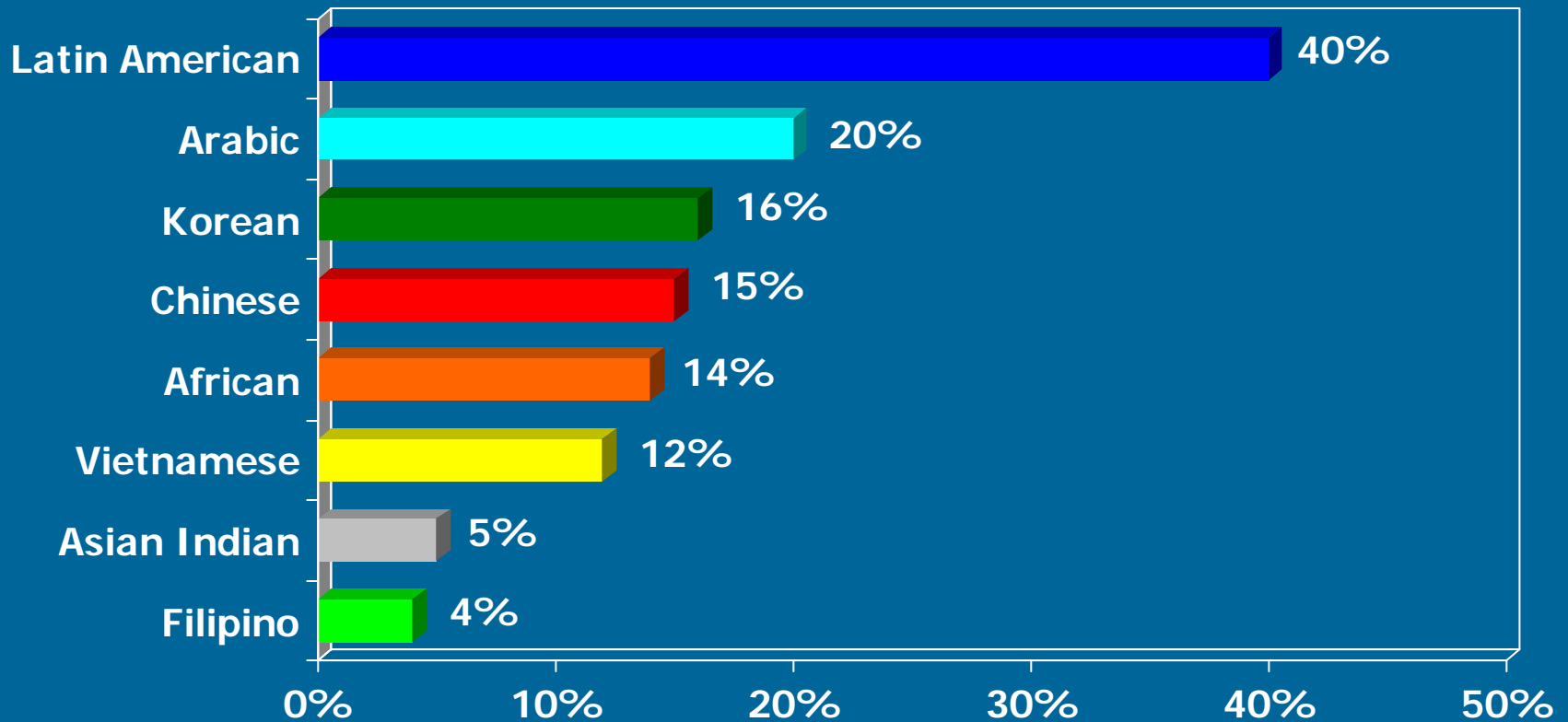
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# Health Insurance

*All Respondents*

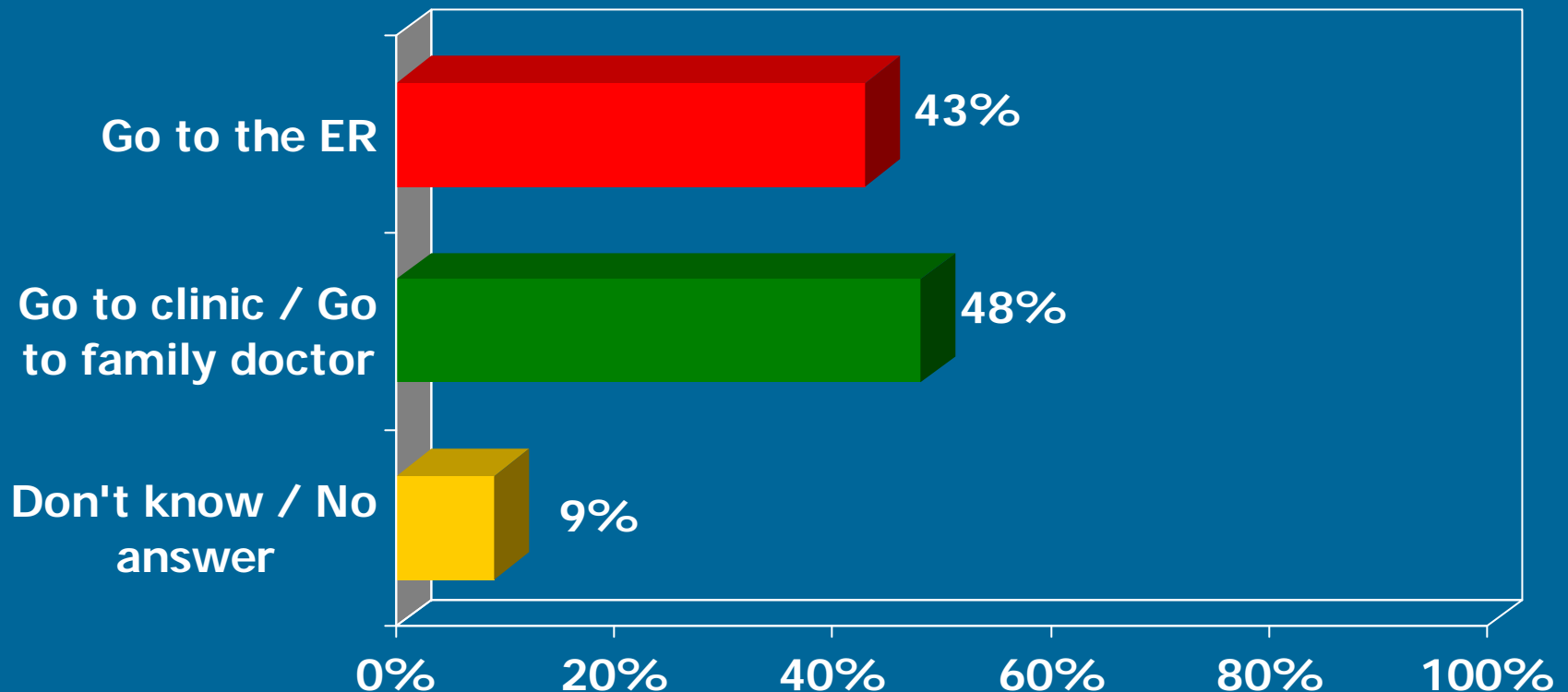


# Women Immigrants without Health Insurance



# What do you do when you or someone in your family is seriously ill?

*All Respondents*



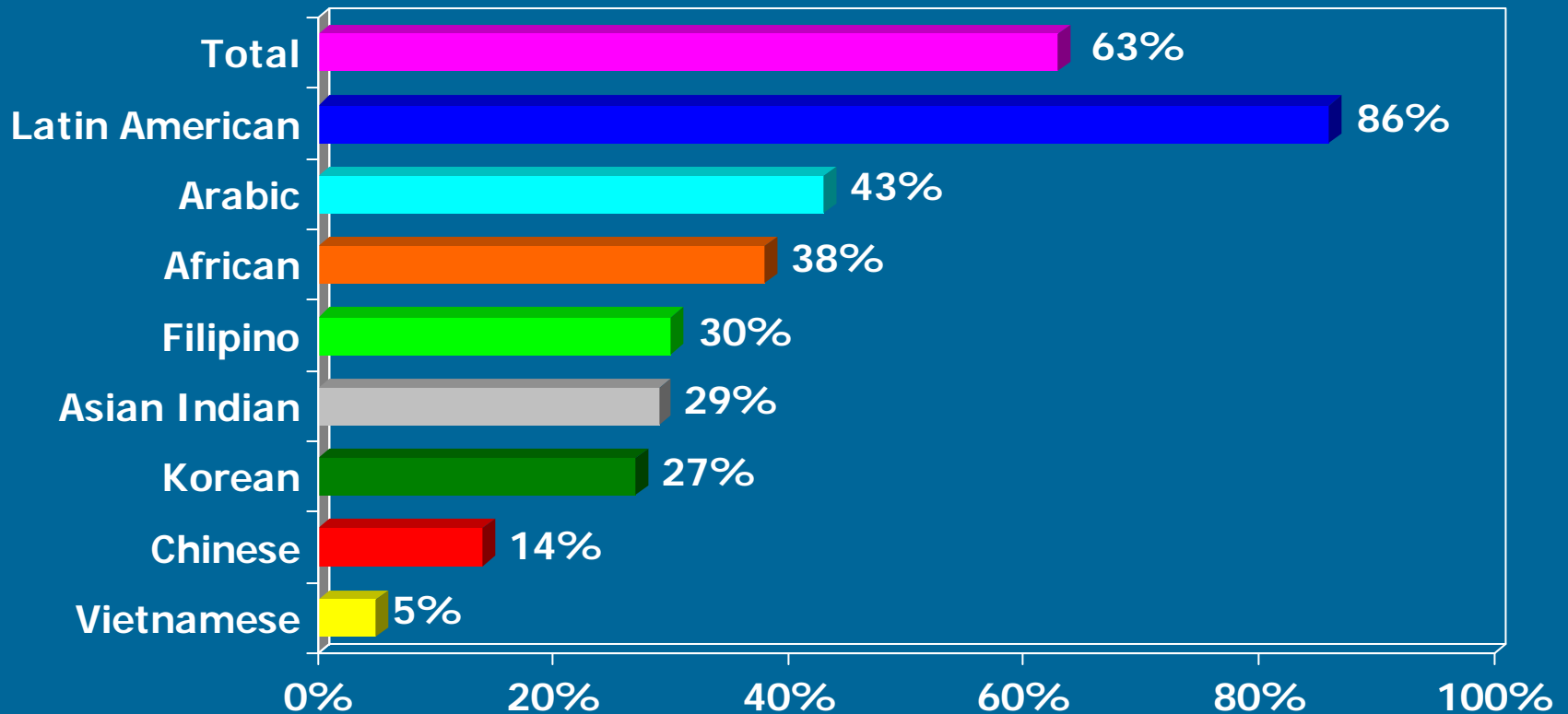
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# Public Challenges Immigrant Women Face once they Arrive

4. While all immigrant women believe discrimination against them is increasing, Latin American immigrants face the highest levels of ethnic discrimination.

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# Women Immigrants that think that Discrimination has Increased since they arrived in the U.S.



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# Private Life: Changing Themselves to Meet the Challenges of Life in America

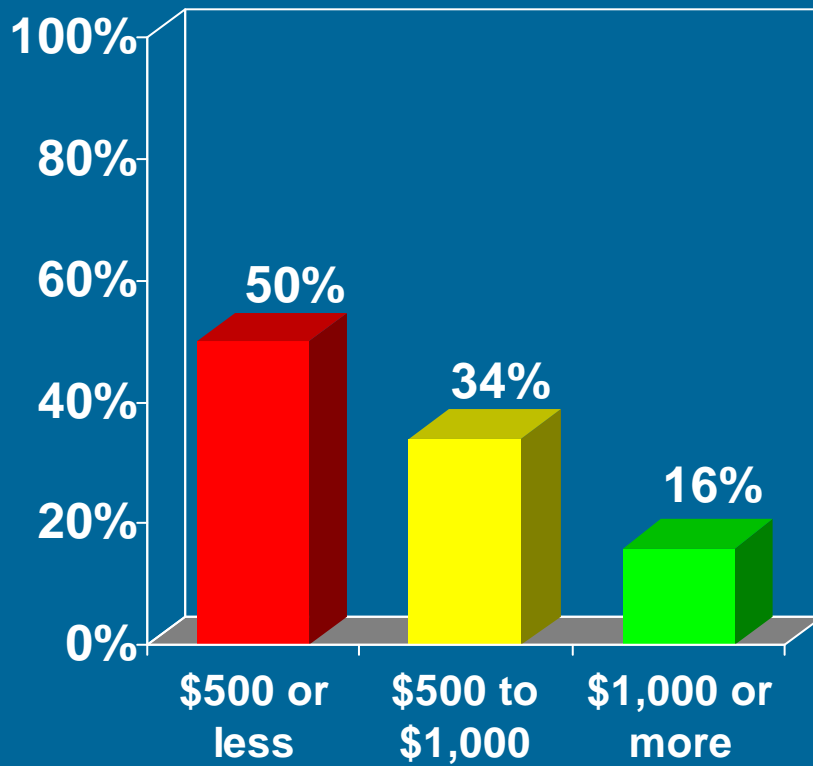
1. Immigrant women demonstrate upward professional and economic movement.

# Approximately how much money did you earn monthly at your job in the U.S.?

*All Respondents*

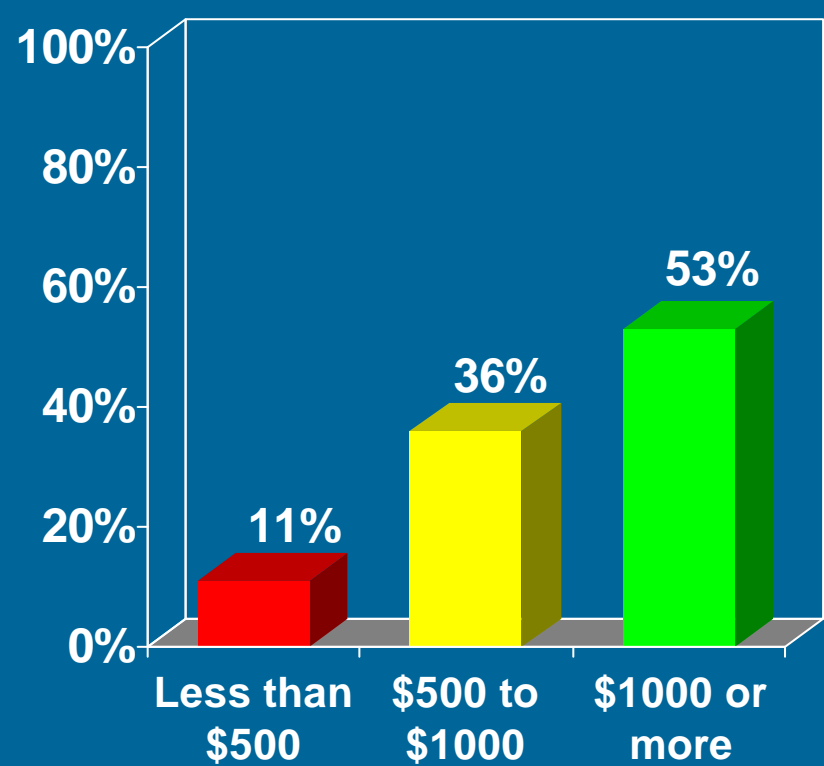
## First job

Average: \$500 / month

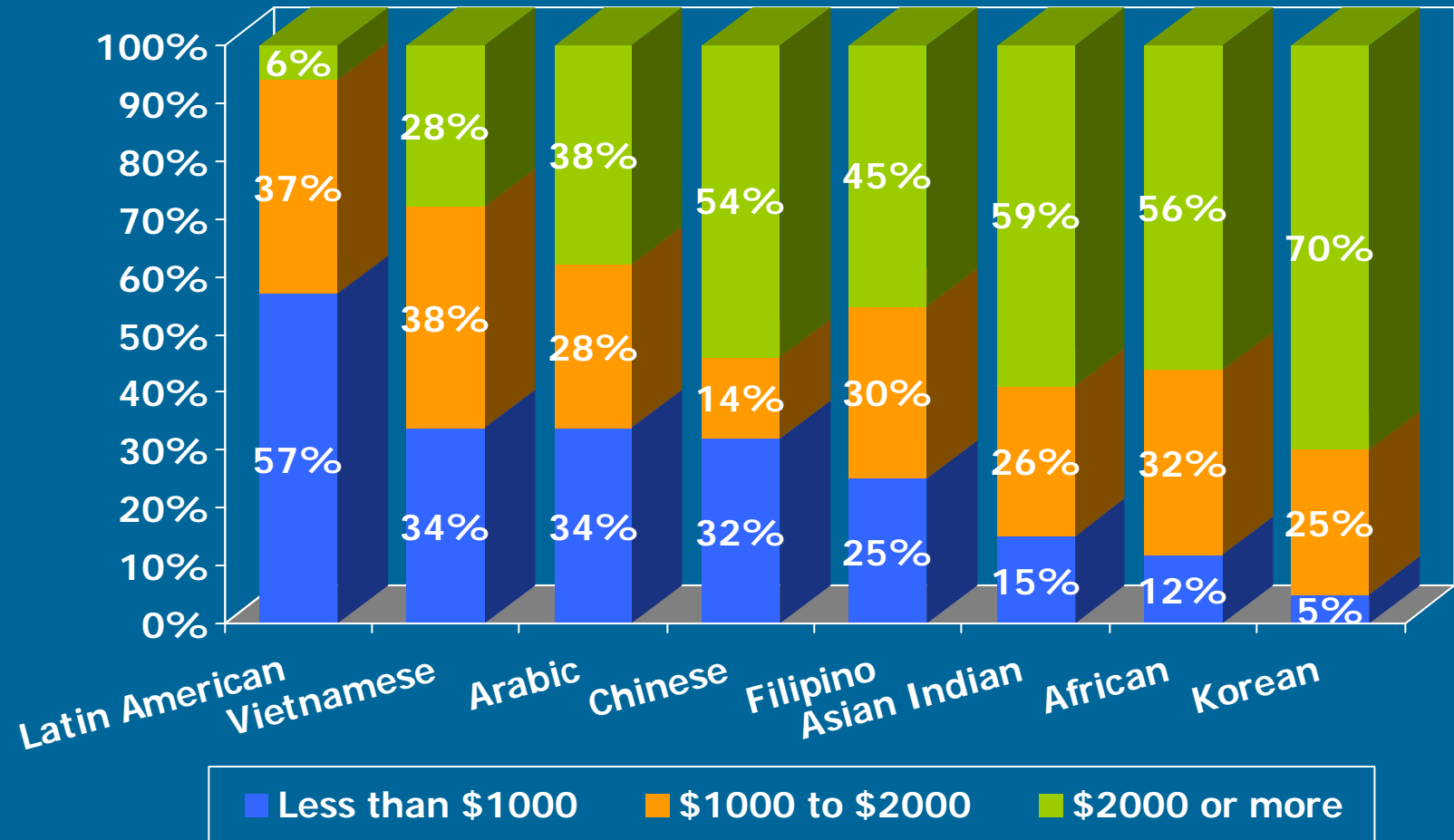


## Current job

Average: \$1,500 / month



# How much money do you earn monthly at your current job?



**Average: \$1500 / month**

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# Private Life: Changing Themselves to Meet the Challenges of Life in America

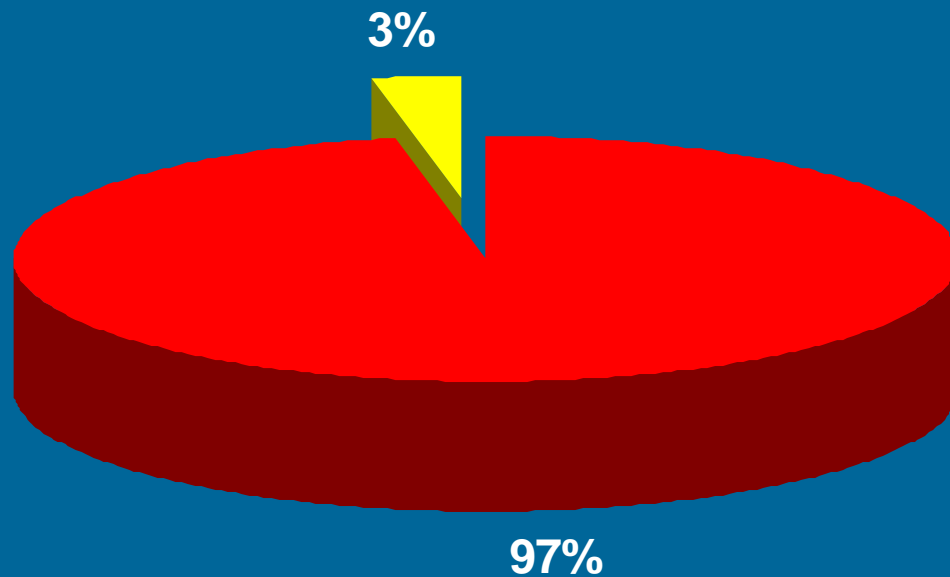
2. Immigrant women successfully keep their families intact.

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# Does your husband live with you and your family?

*Asked only of married respondents*

*All Respondents*

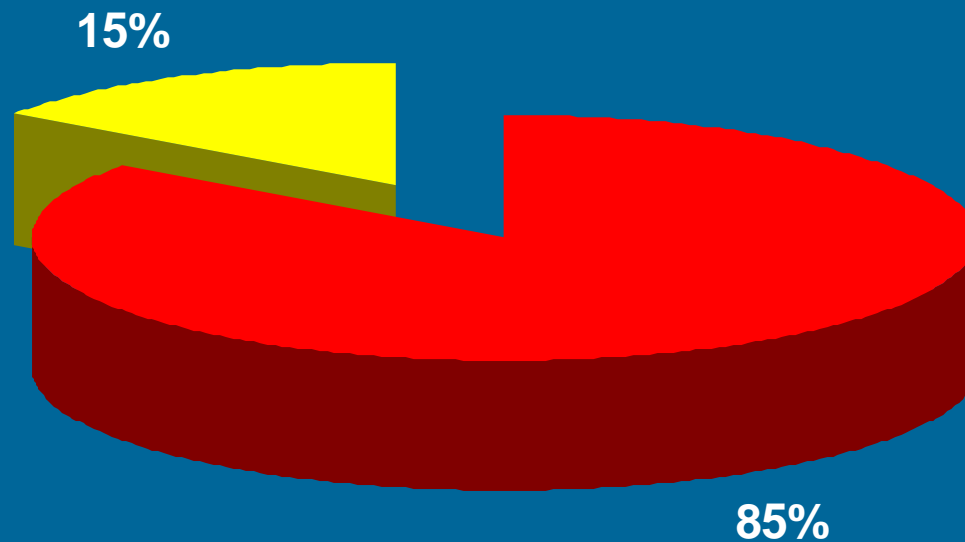


■ Yes, in the same city

■ No, in a different city /  
state / country

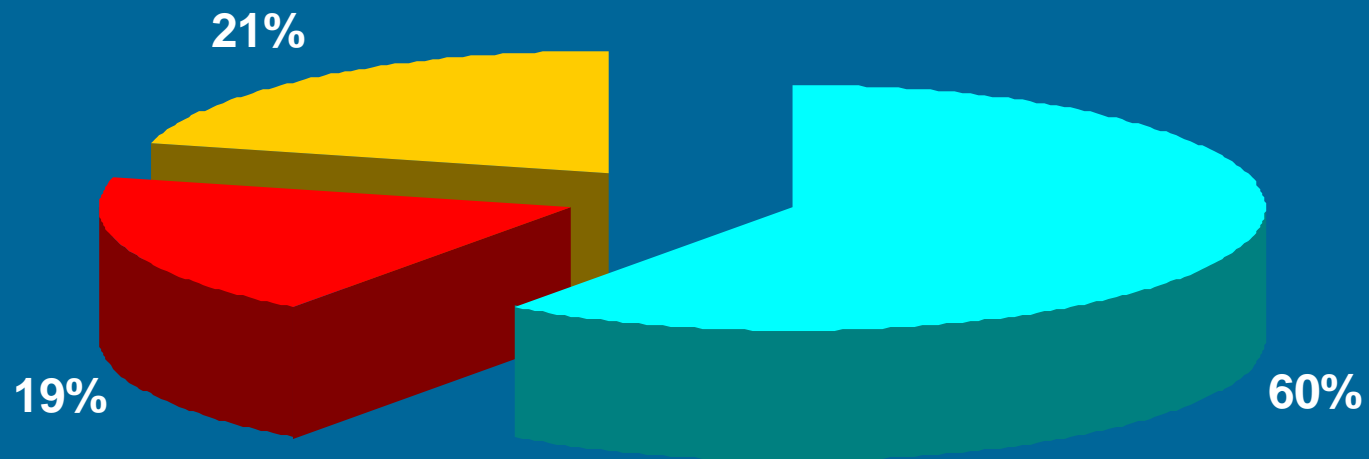
How many of your children under 18 years of age remained behind in your home country when you came to the U.S.?

*All Respondents*



If you were forced to return to your home country by the U.S. government, would you bring your children born in the U.S. with you or would you leave them in this country?

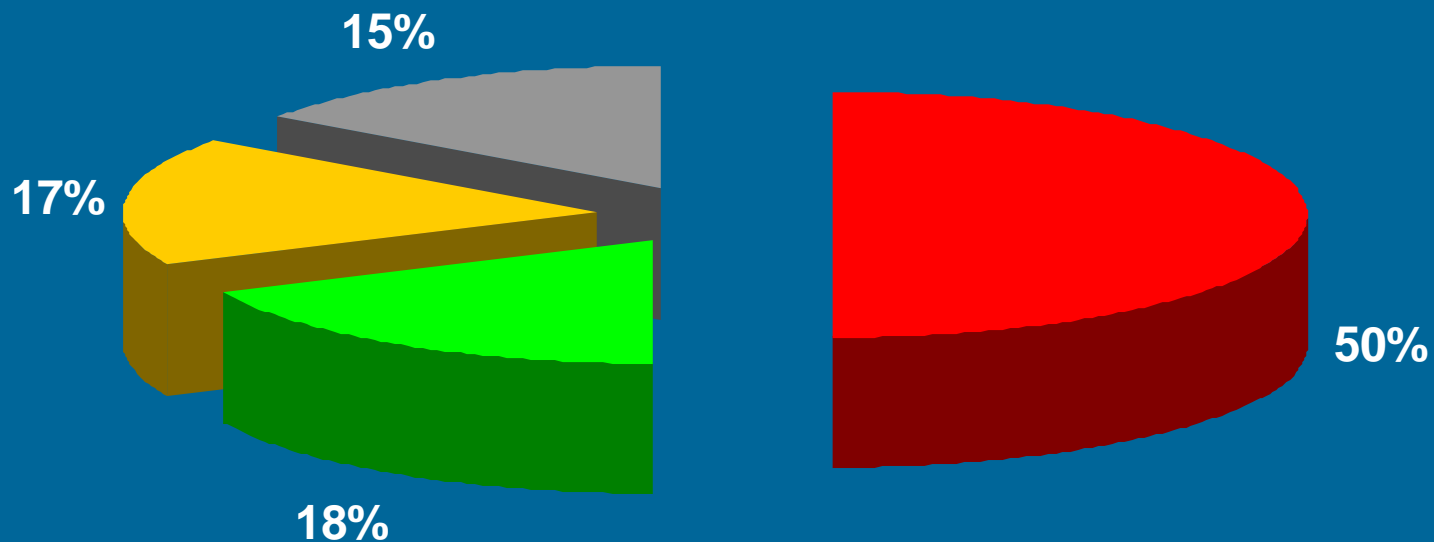
*All Respondents*



- Bring my children born in US
- Leave them in US
- Don't know

# What is the biggest challenge you face as a woman immigrant in the United States?

*All Respondents*



- Helping my children achieve success
- Being able to hold my family together
- Making enough money to take care of my family
- Something else / Don't know

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# Private Life: Changing Themselves to Meet the Challenges of Life in America

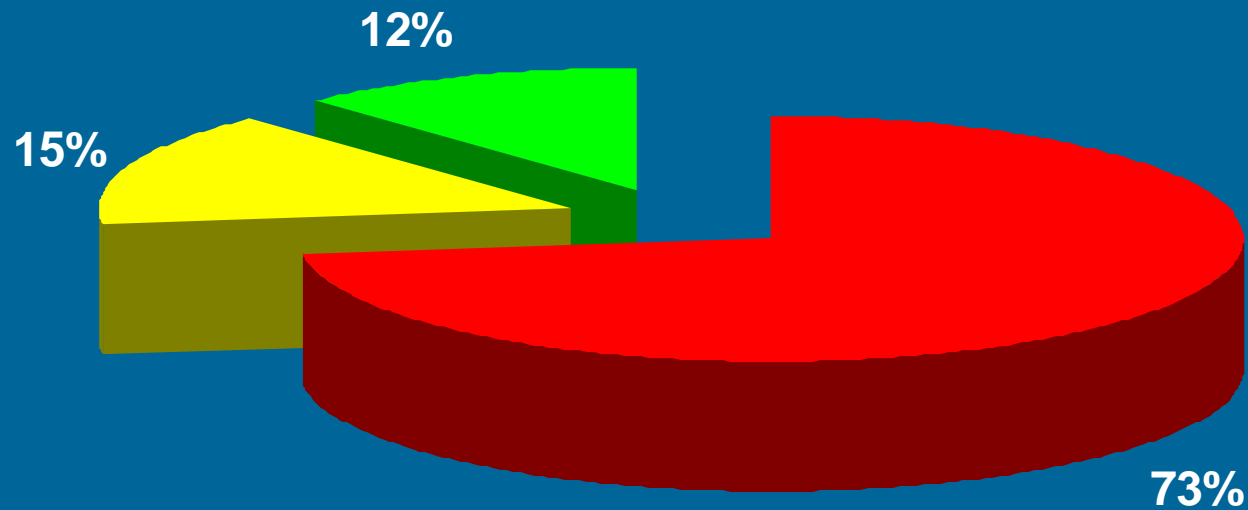
3. Immigrant women assume new roles and responsibilities in the United States.

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*Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?*

I have become more assertive at home and in public since I came to the United States.

*All Respondents*

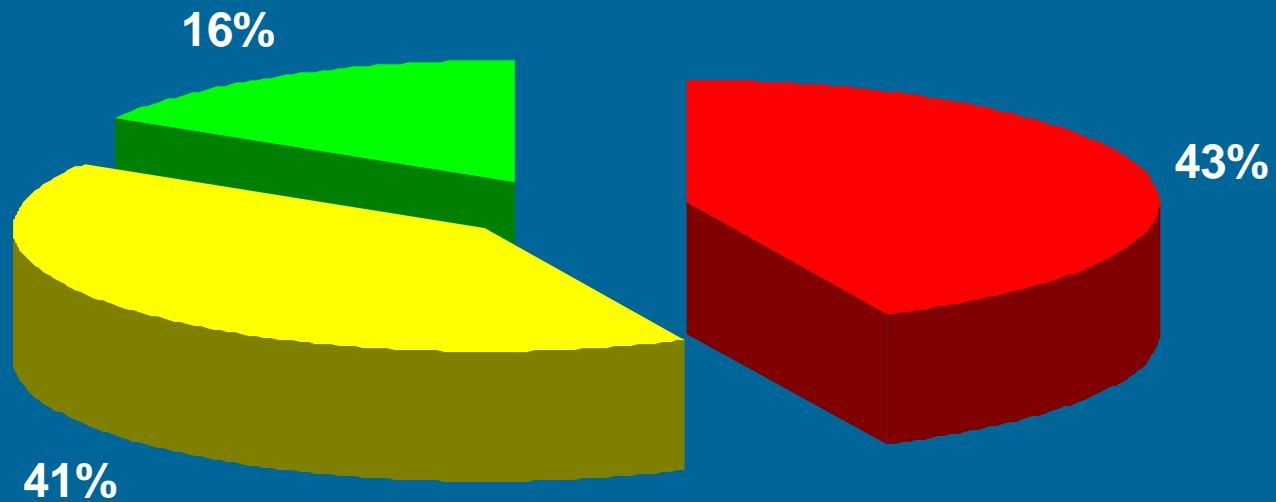


- Agree
- Disagree
- Don't know / No answer

*Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?*

Many of my responsibilities in the U.S. are usually handled by men in my home country.

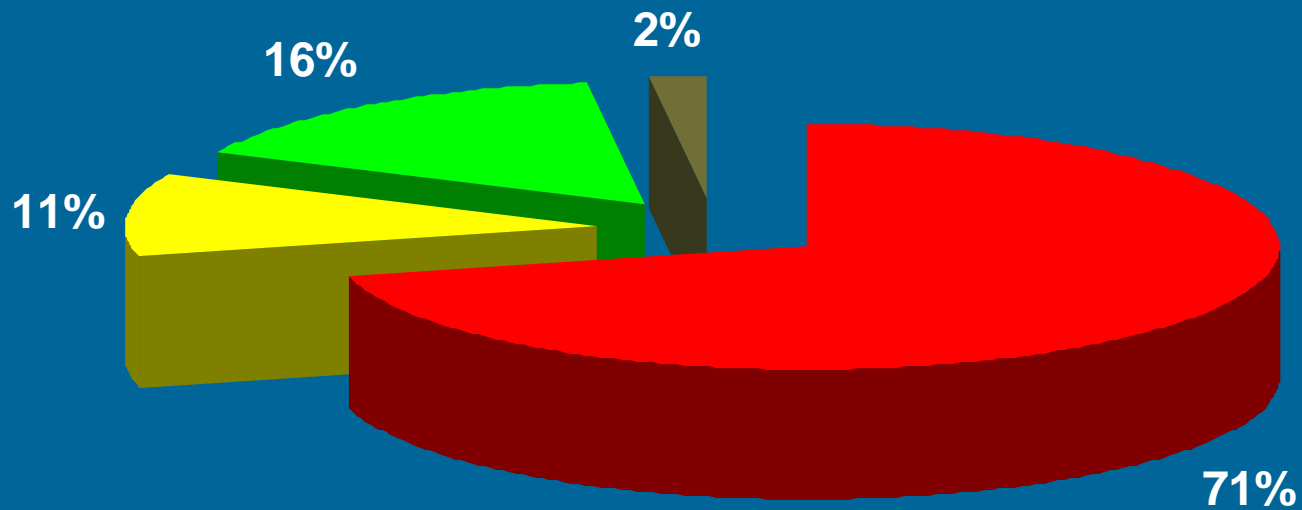
*All Respondents*



# Who decides about the finances of the family?

*Asked only of married respondents*

*All Respondents*

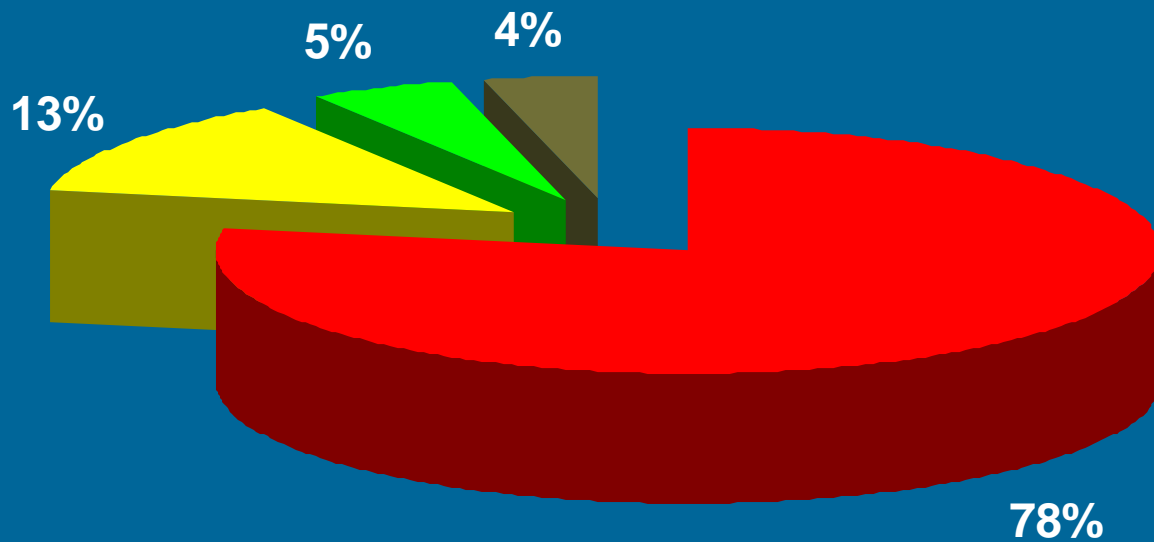


- We make these decisions together
- I am the decider
- My husband is the decider
- Don't know / No answer

# Who decides about the size of your family?

*Asked only of married respondents*

*All Respondents*



- We make these decisions together
- I am the decider
- My husband is the decider
- Don't know / No answer

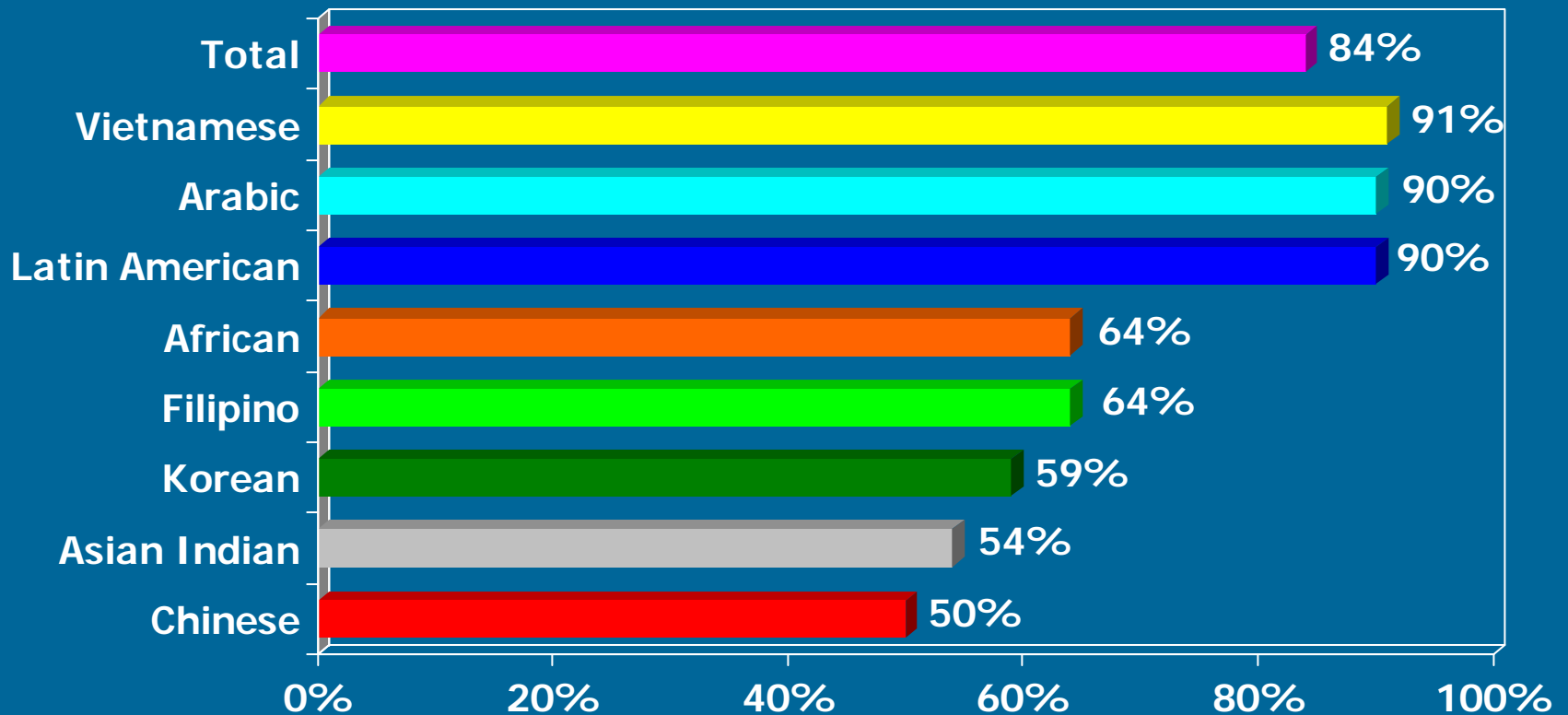
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# Private Life: Changing Themselves to Meet the Challenges of Life in America

4. Immigrant women are the catalysts for their families becoming citizens of the United States.

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# Women Immigrants that would like to become citizens of the United States



# Women Immigrants that are “the catalysts” within the family in the citizenship process

