

The background of the entire image is a close-up of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The stars are in the upper left corner, and the stripes run horizontally across the rest of the image.

The United States

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**Immigrant Integration: The Impact of
Federalism on Public Policy**

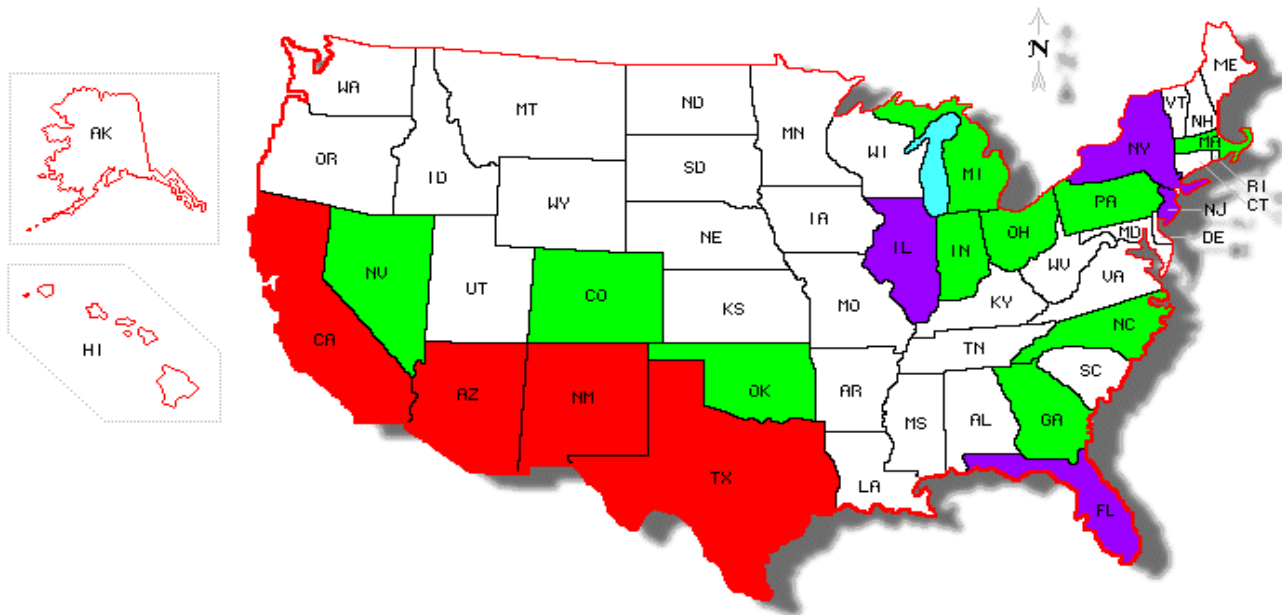
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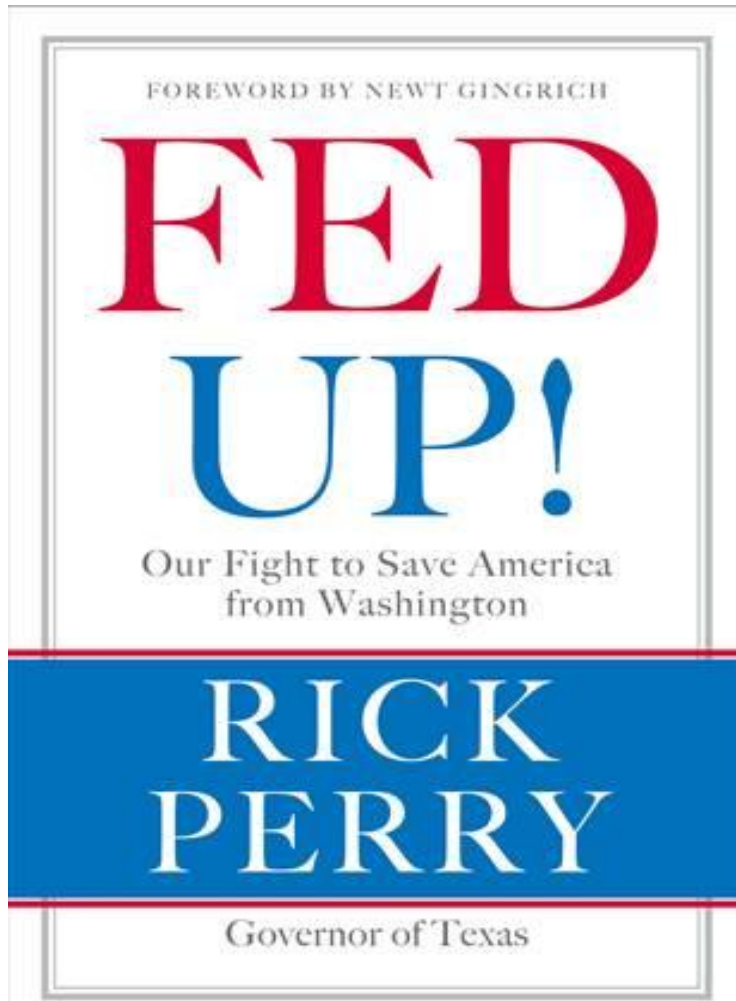
States of Interest

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- - Border States
- - Old Immigrant States
- - Miscellaneous

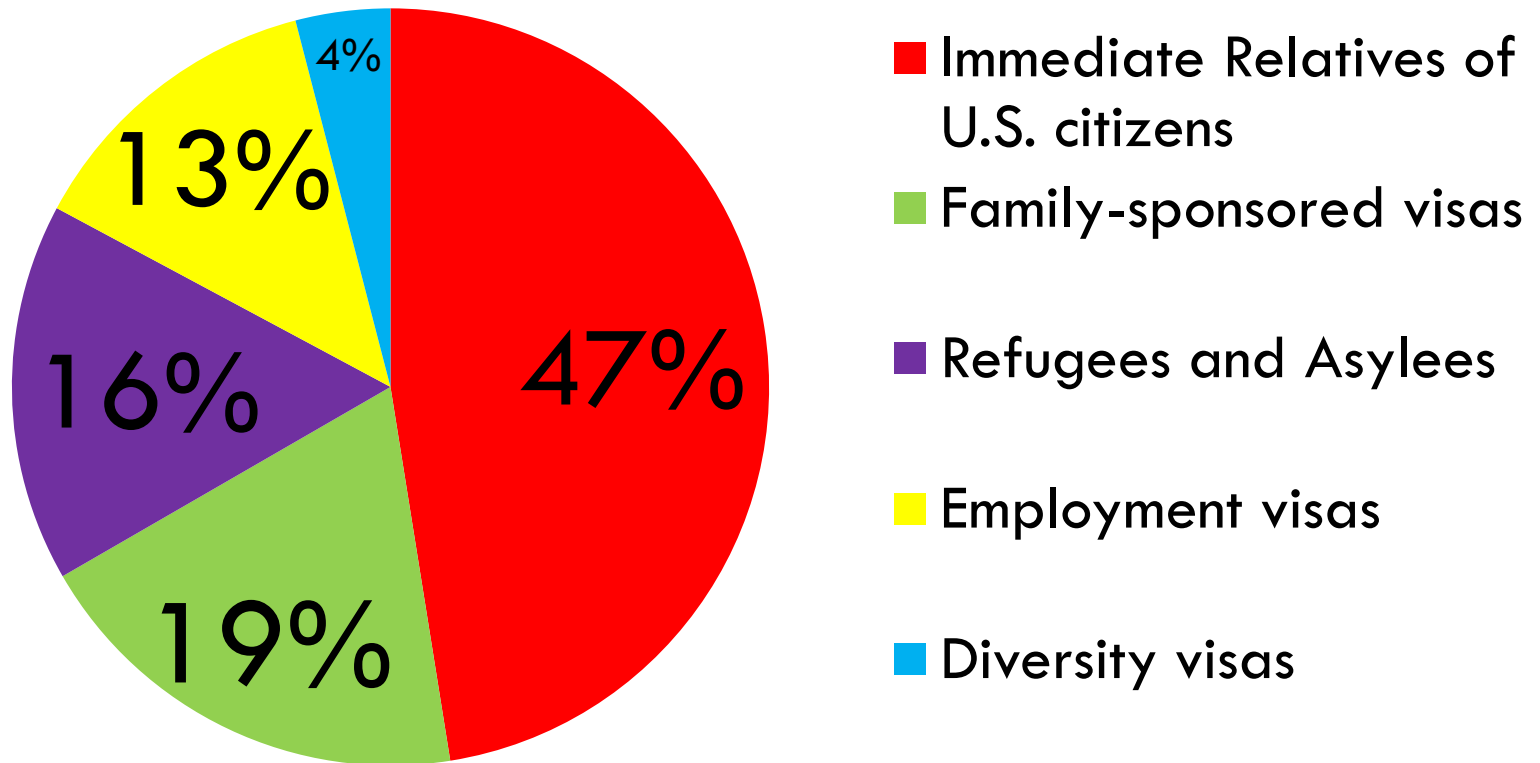


Federal Preeminence



Fiscal Year 2009 Admissions

Total New Admissions = 1.13 million
Family Admissions Dominate Flows (66%)



Task Force on New Americans

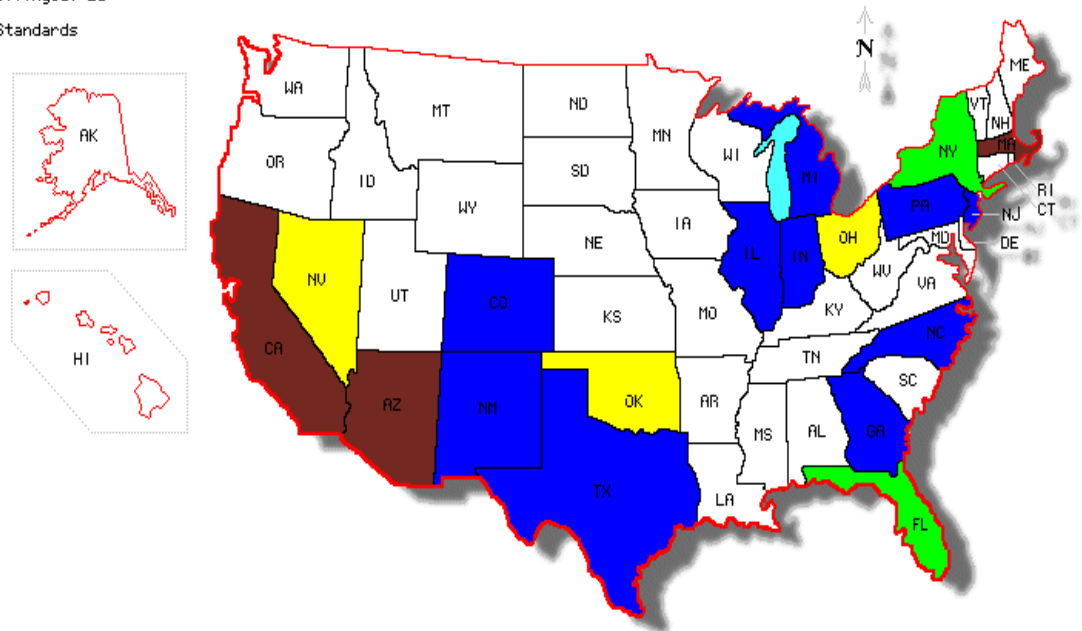
- American identity is civic
 - Common civic identity is compatible with religious and cultural diversity
 - Democracy, liberty, equal opportunity
 - English language
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- Citizenship Is an Identity
 - Emphasis on Naturalization
 - Membership in American political community as integral to self-identity
 - Government's role is to emphasize political assimilation
 - Culture and religion outside the scope of government
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- Community groups are the primary agents of integration
 - Federal government should complement and bolster community group actions

Language Acquisition

- Teacher standards for ELL instruction: 33 states
- Require teachers demonstrate competence in ELL instruction: 3 states
- Incentives to earn ESL license: 11 states
- Banned or restricted native-language instruction: 7 states

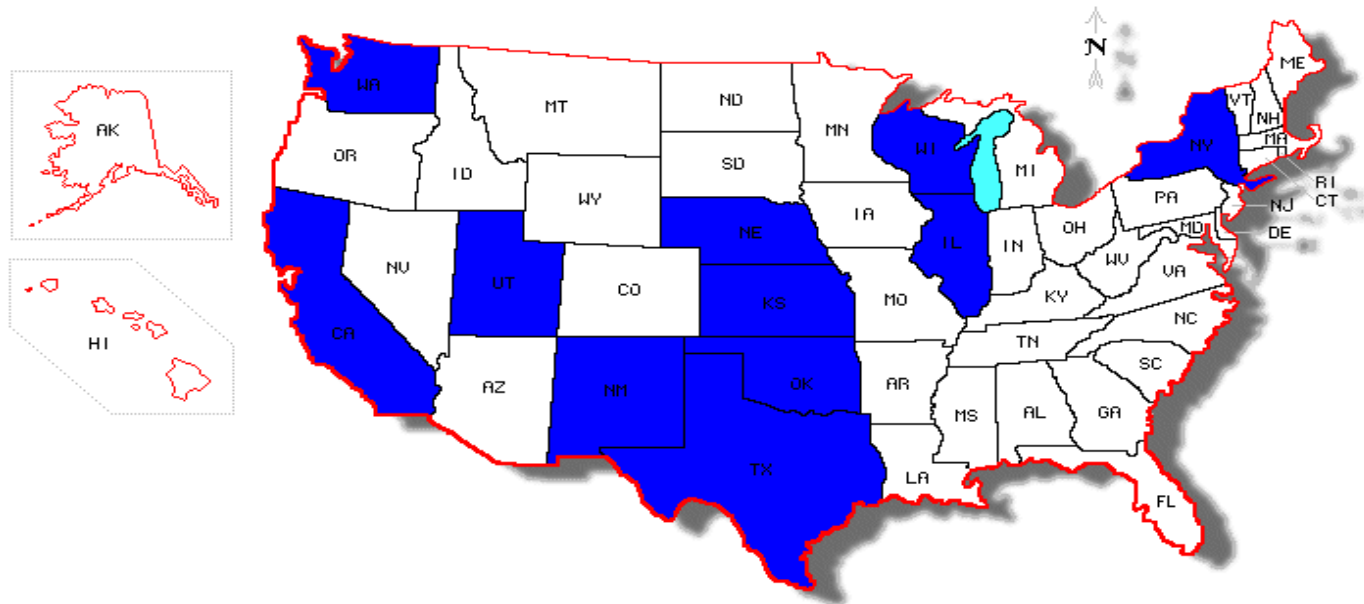
Language Acquisition Policies

- - ELL Instruct Stands
- - Teacher competence
- - Teacher incentives
- - No Bilingual Ed
- - No Standards

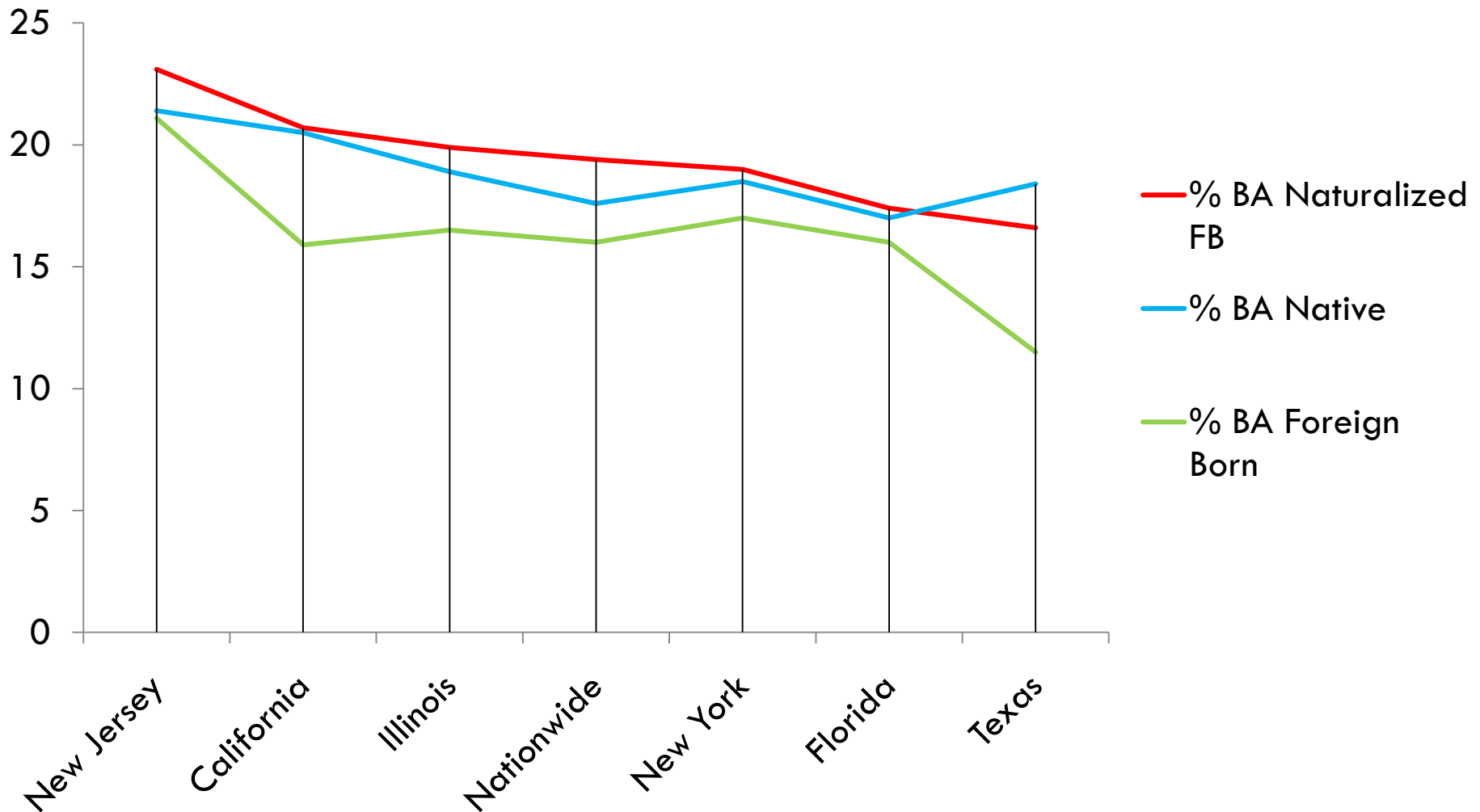


In-State College Tuition

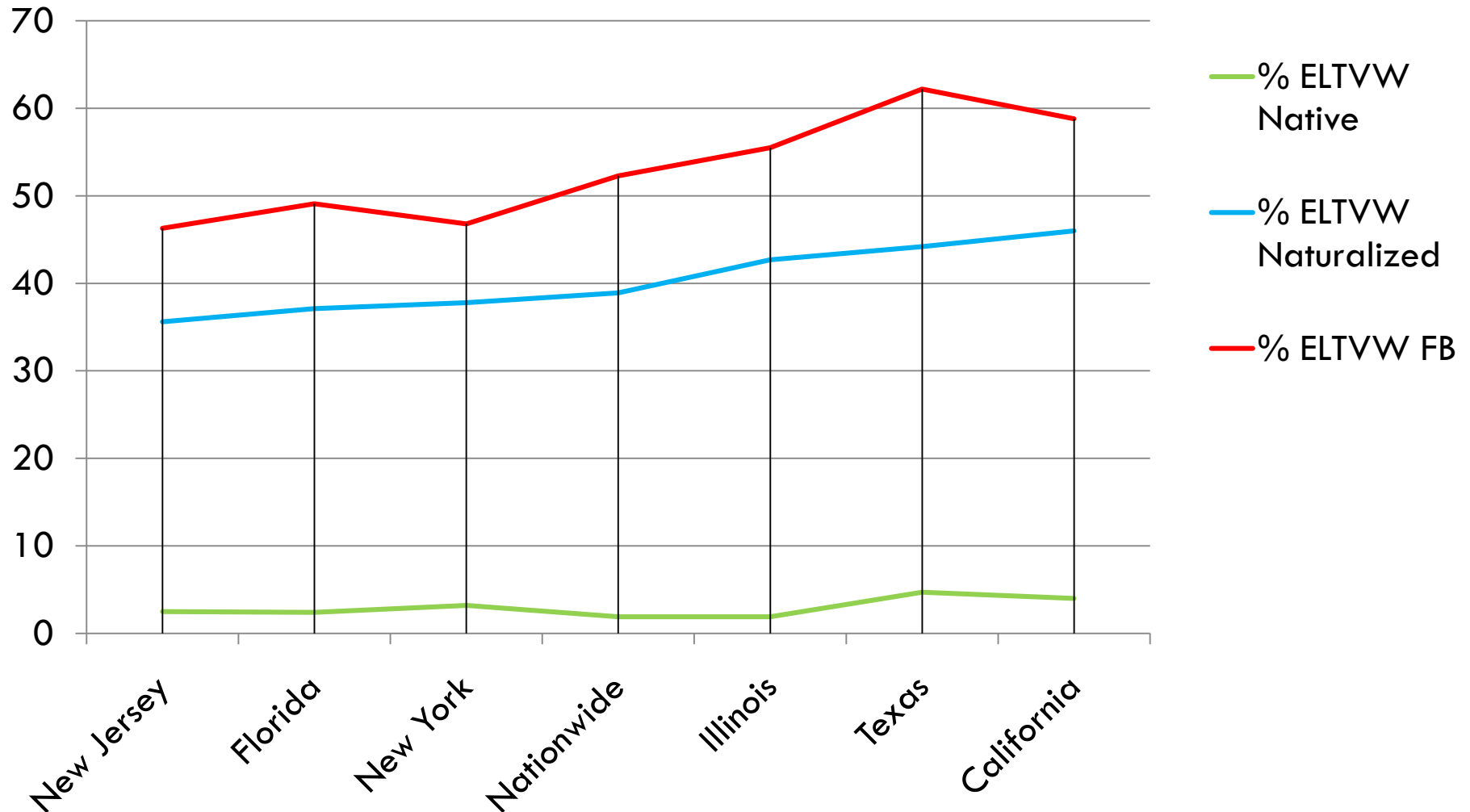
States that offer In-State College Tuition to Undocumented Immigrants



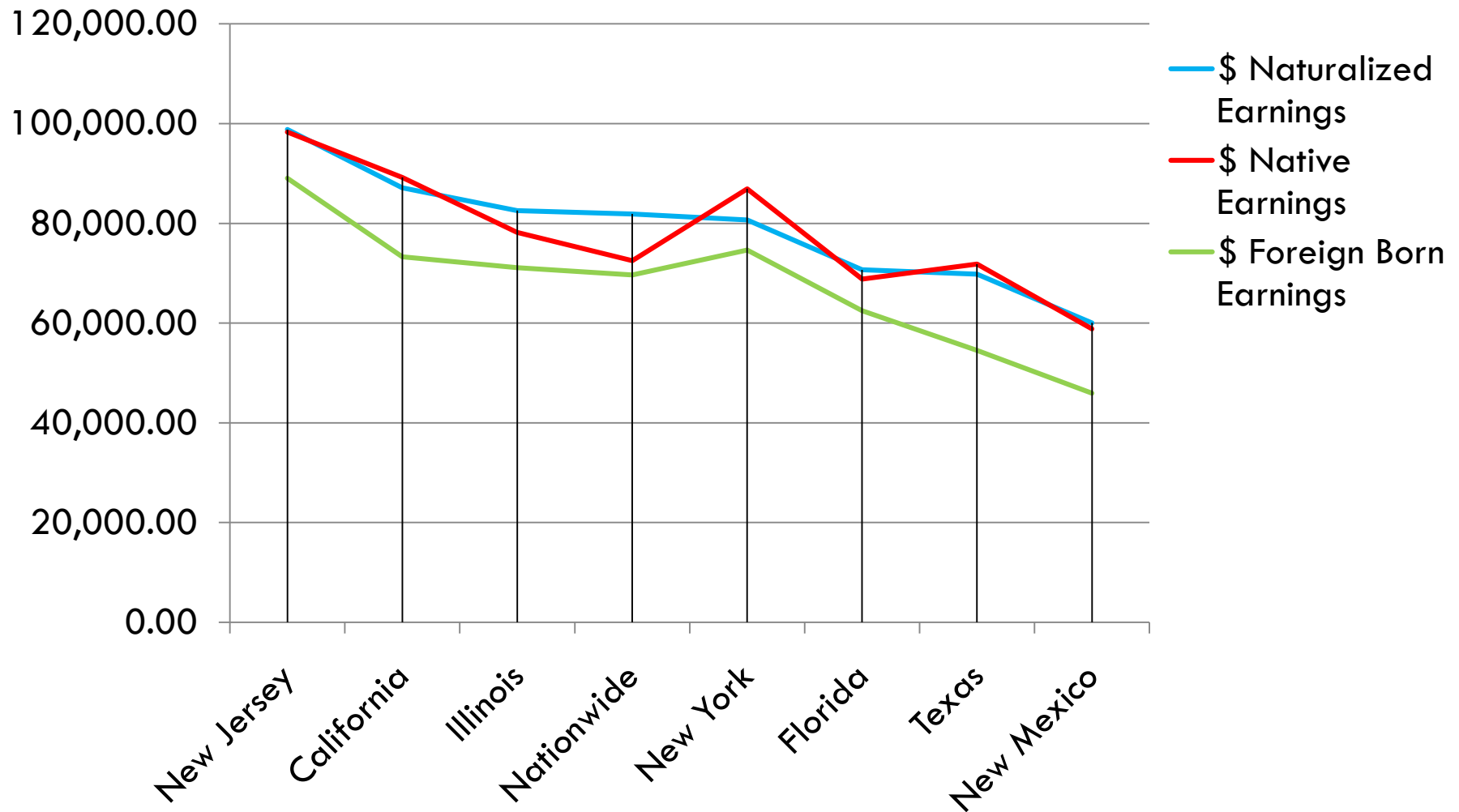
Educational Attainment



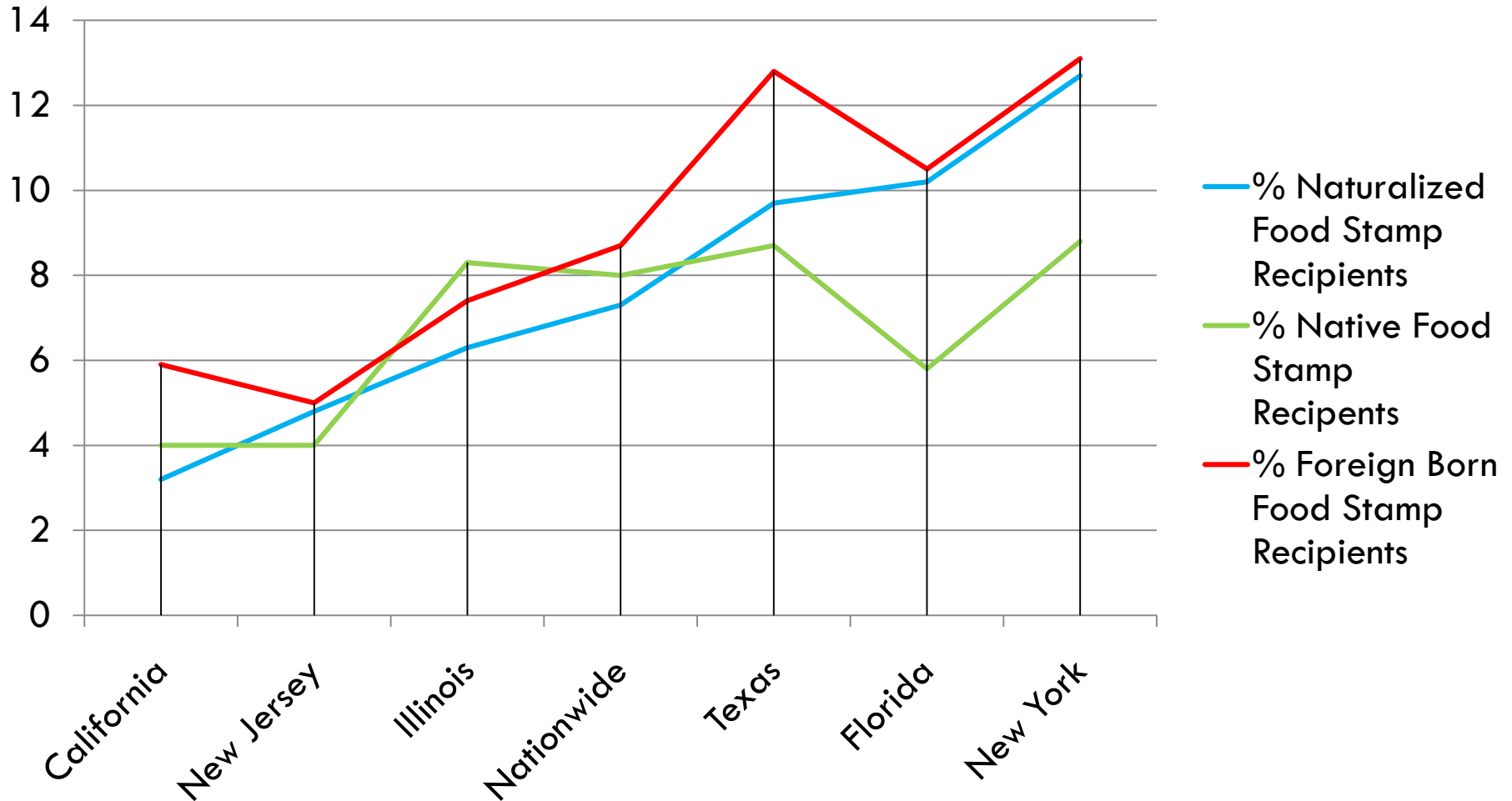
English Language Proficiency



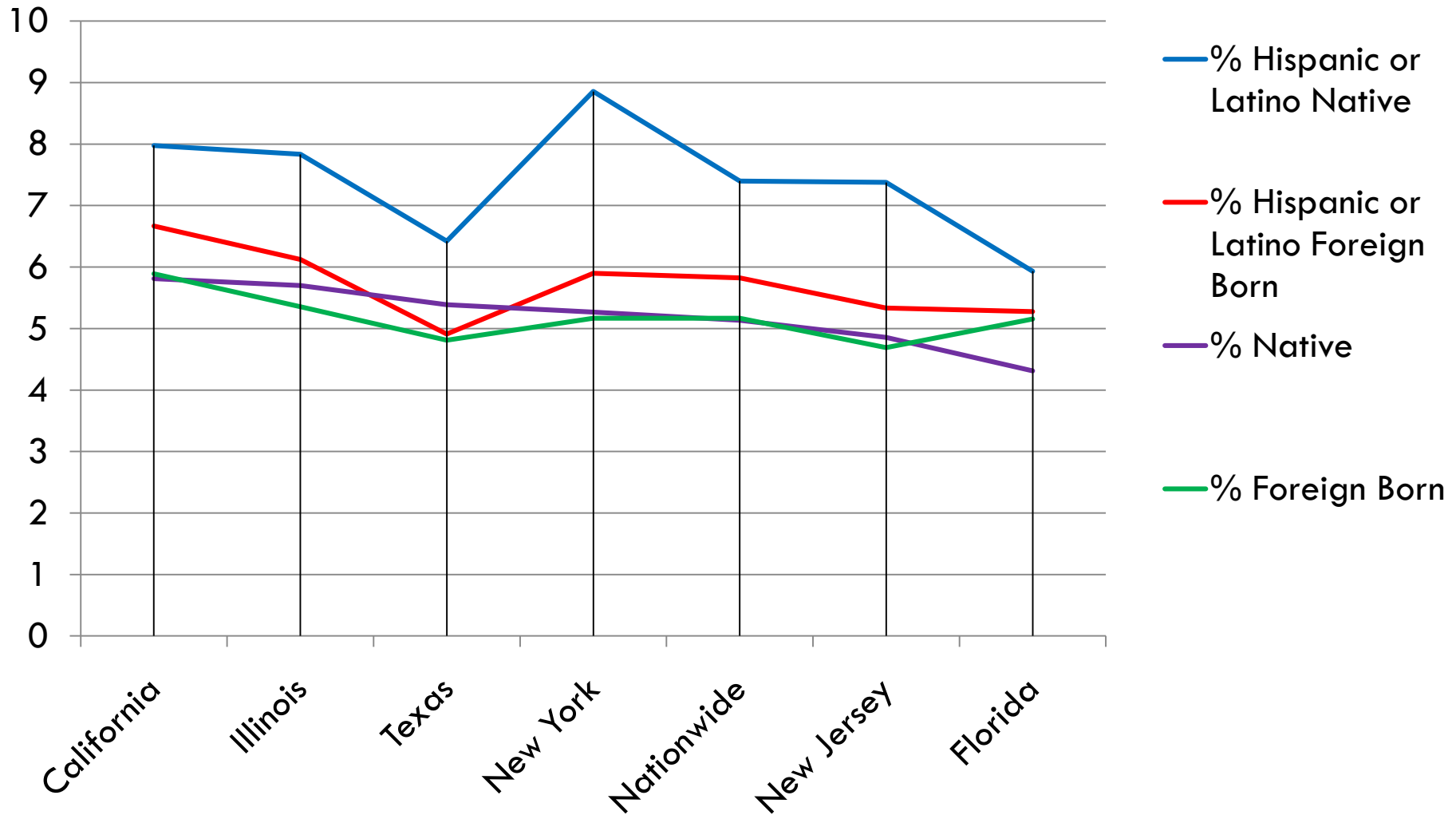
Average Annual Income



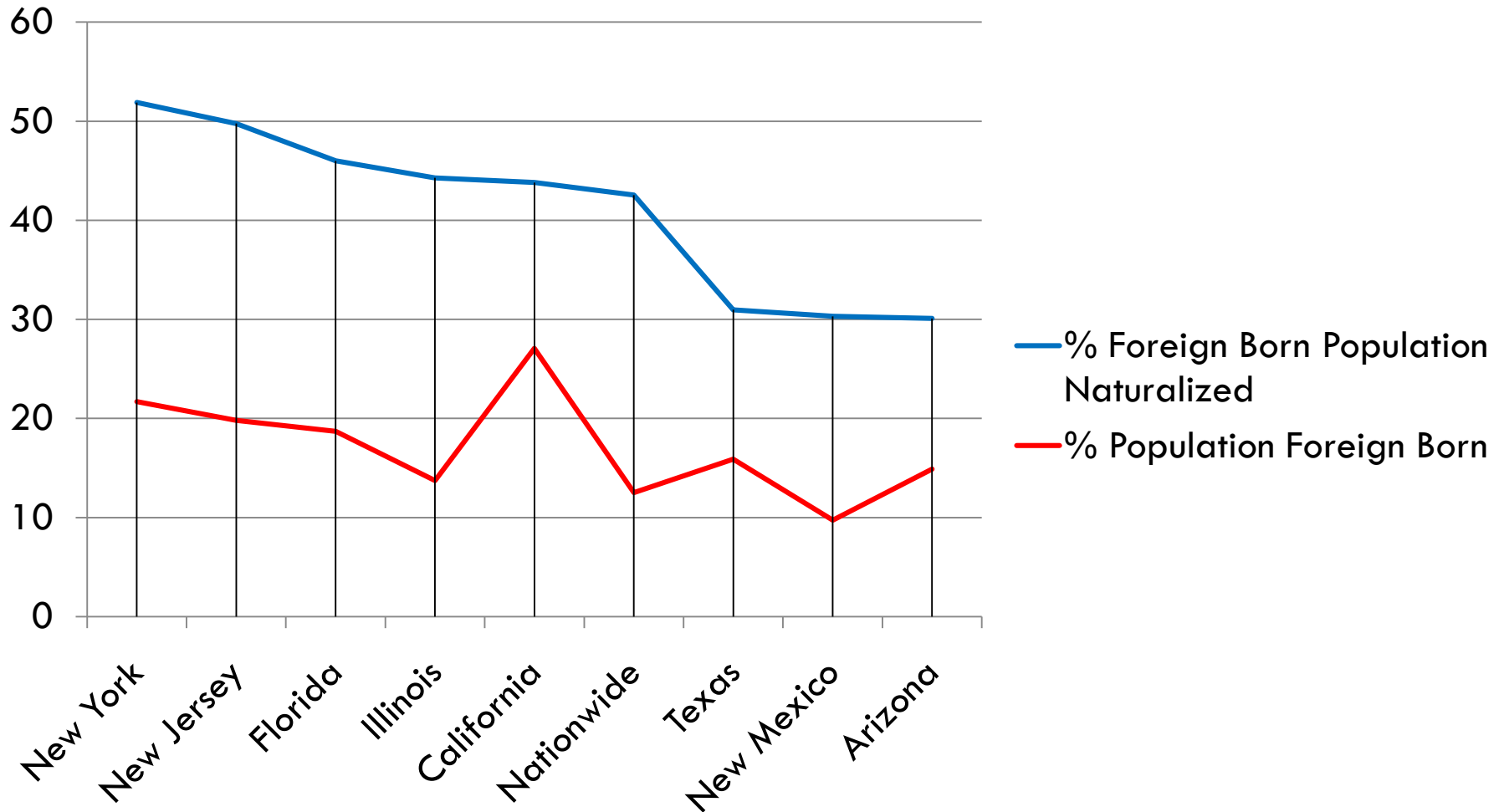
Welfare Dependency



Unemployment, 2000-08 Average

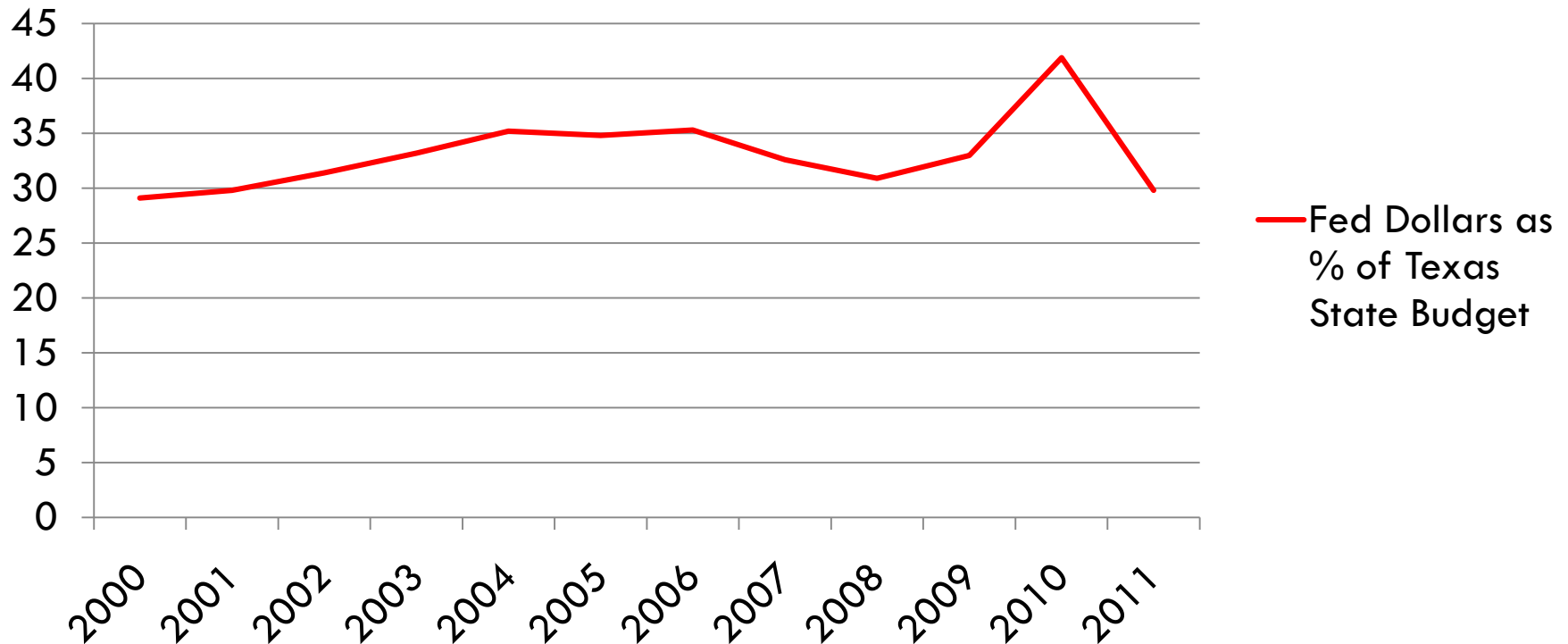


Naturalization Rates



Conclusions: Fiscal Federalism

- States and localities cannot survive without federal funds
- Access to federal funds induces states and localities toward promoting integration and naturalization
- Texas: Federal Funds as Percentage of All Funds (an example of the big picture):



Conclusions: The Naturalization Effect

- Relative success of naturalized foreign born is striking
- Naturalized immigrants successful across socioeconomic indicators
- Pattern largely independent of state
- Most successful immigrants are the target of federal integration policies
- Result of federal government concentrating resources on naturalization?