



A Statistical Portrait of Infants and Toddlers in Illinois


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The Youngest Reports



The Youngest Americans: A Statistical Portrait of Infants and Toddlers in the United States

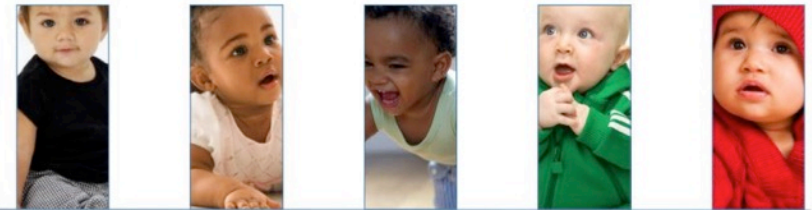


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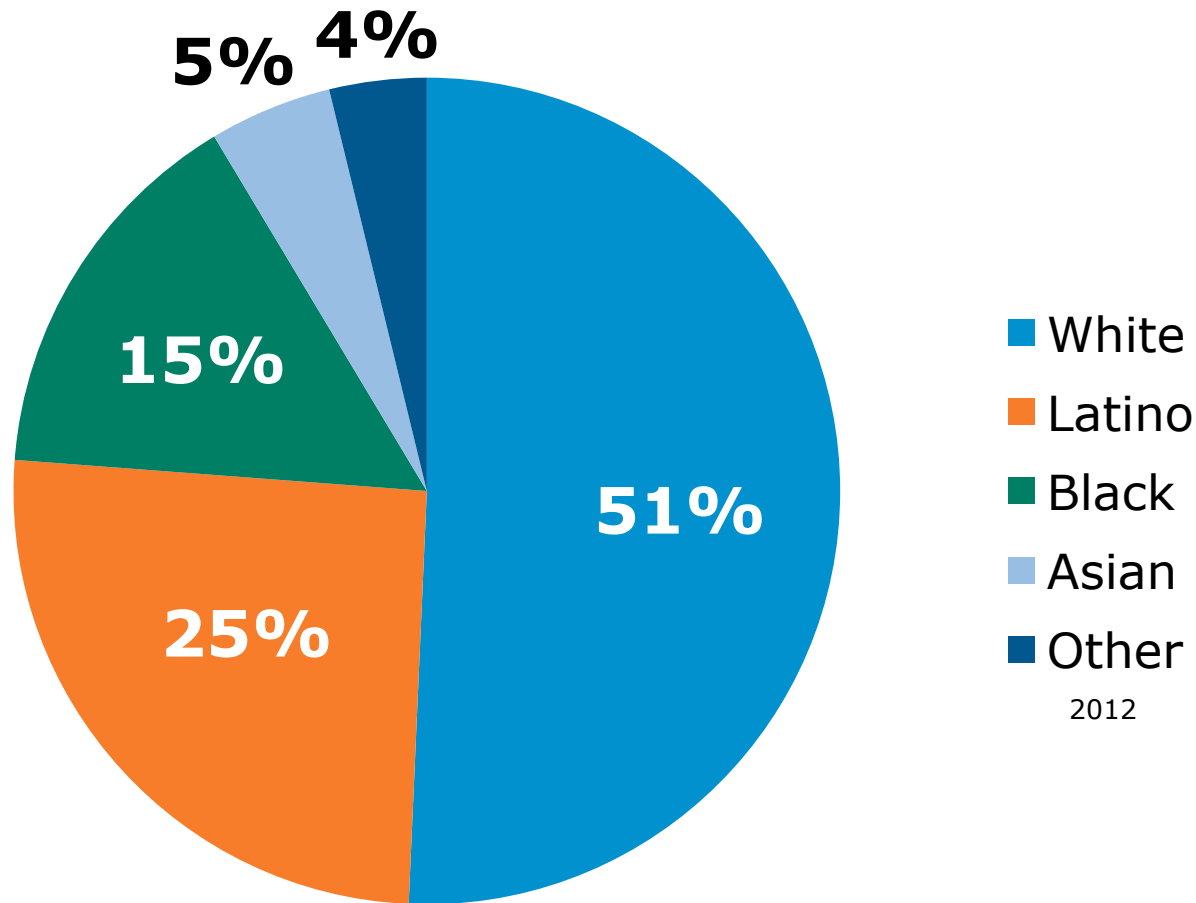
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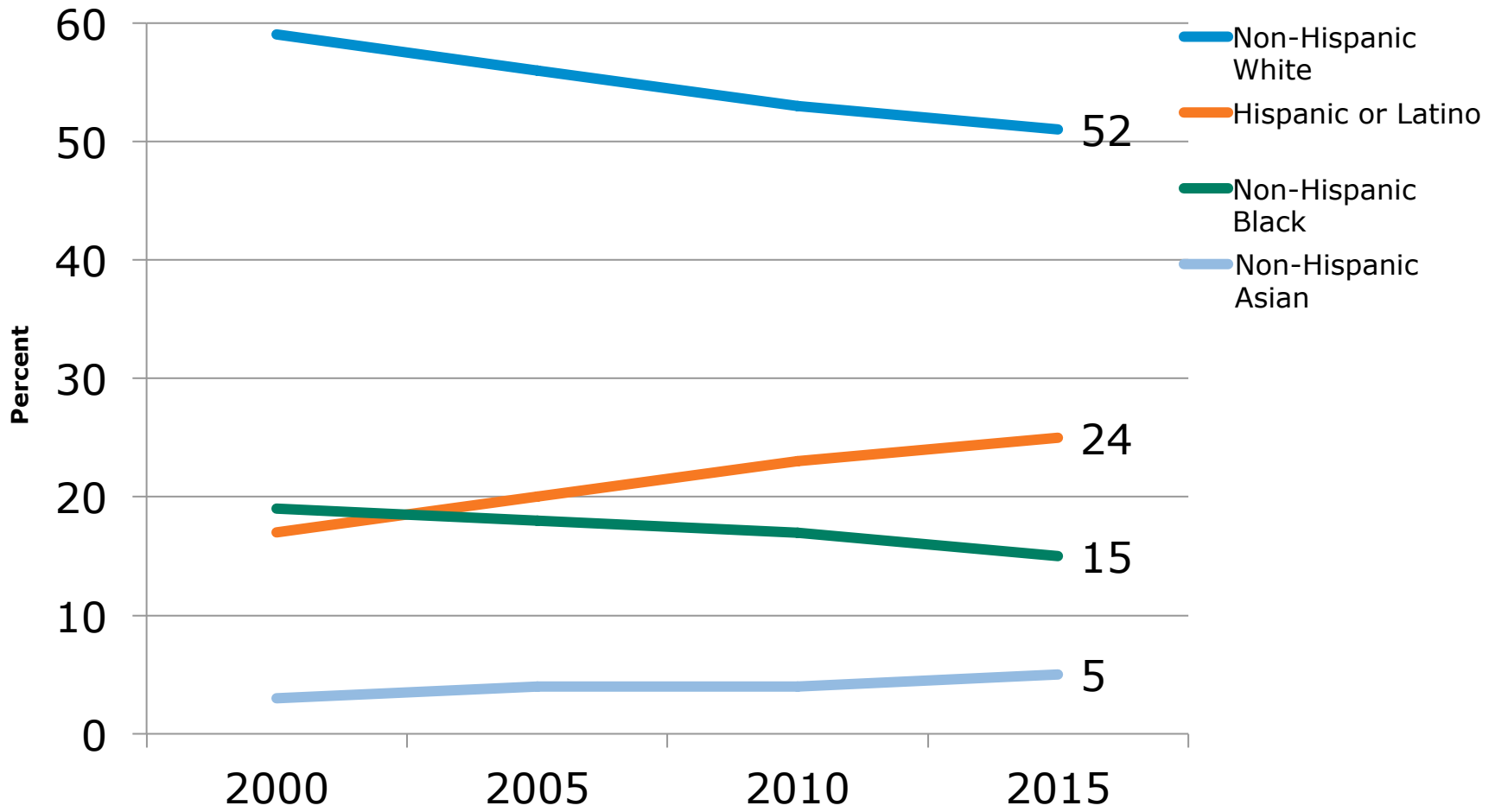
Three Patterns in the Data

- **The younger you are, the more likely you are to be poor**
- **Infants and toddlers of color lag behind white children**
- **Infants and toddlers in Illinois look like infants and toddlers in the U.S.**

Half a Million Infants and Toddlers in Illinois



Child Population Trends in Illinois



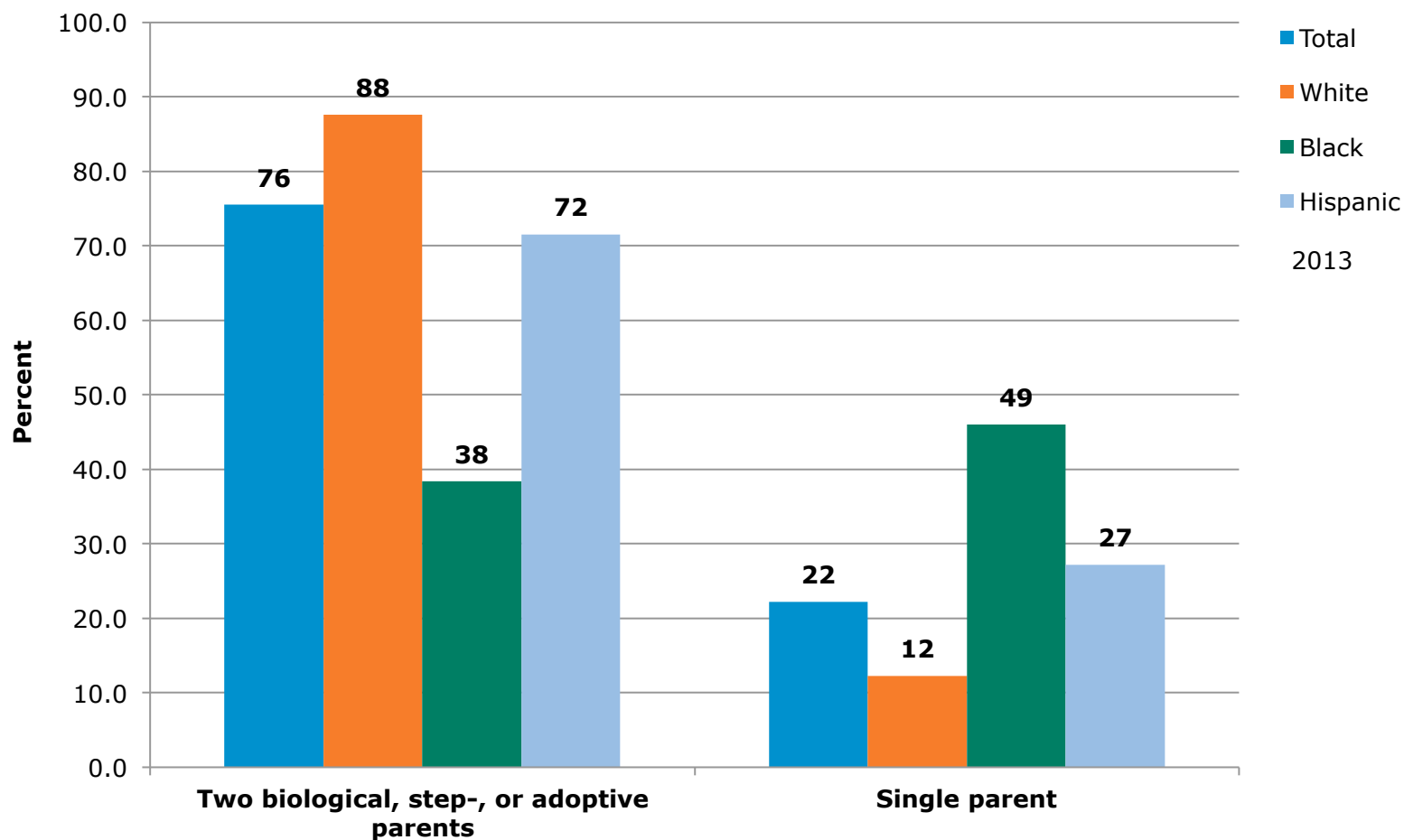
Homes with Immigrant Parents and Non-English Speakers

- **26%** live with one or more immigrant parents
- **8%** live in a home with no one over the age of 14 who speaks English

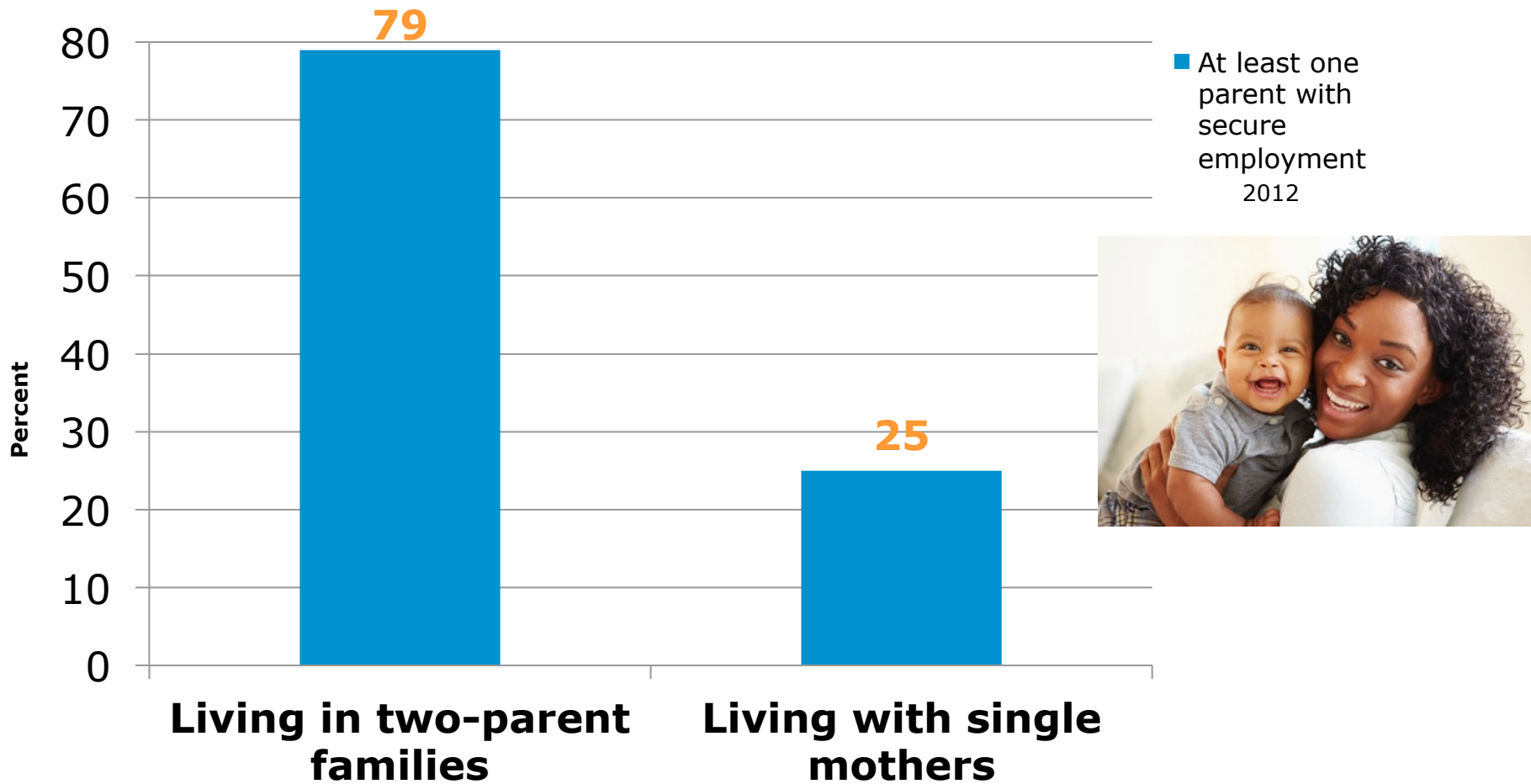


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Differences in Family Structure for Illinois Infants and Toddlers

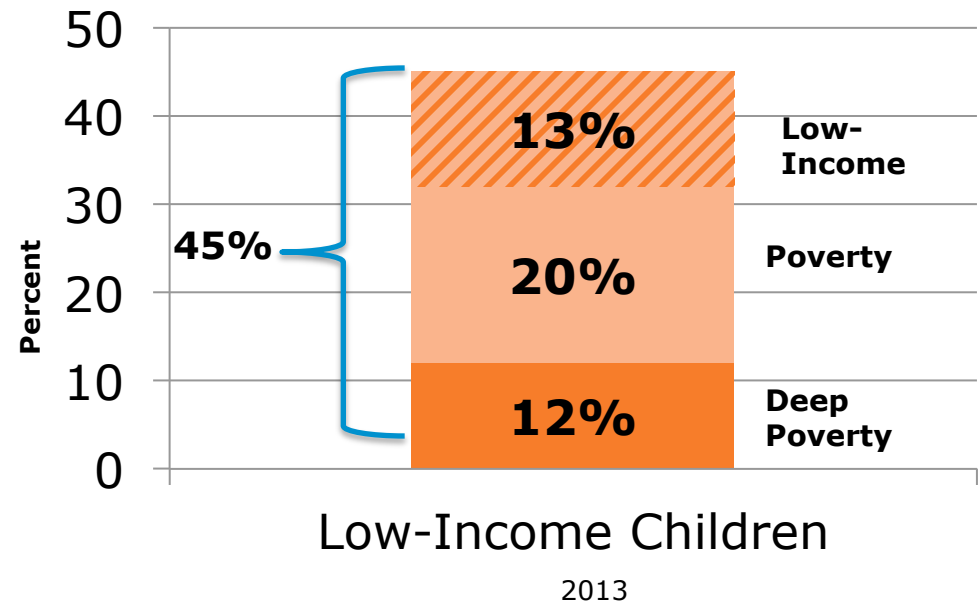


Single Mothers of Infants and Toddlers Less Likely to Have Secure Employment

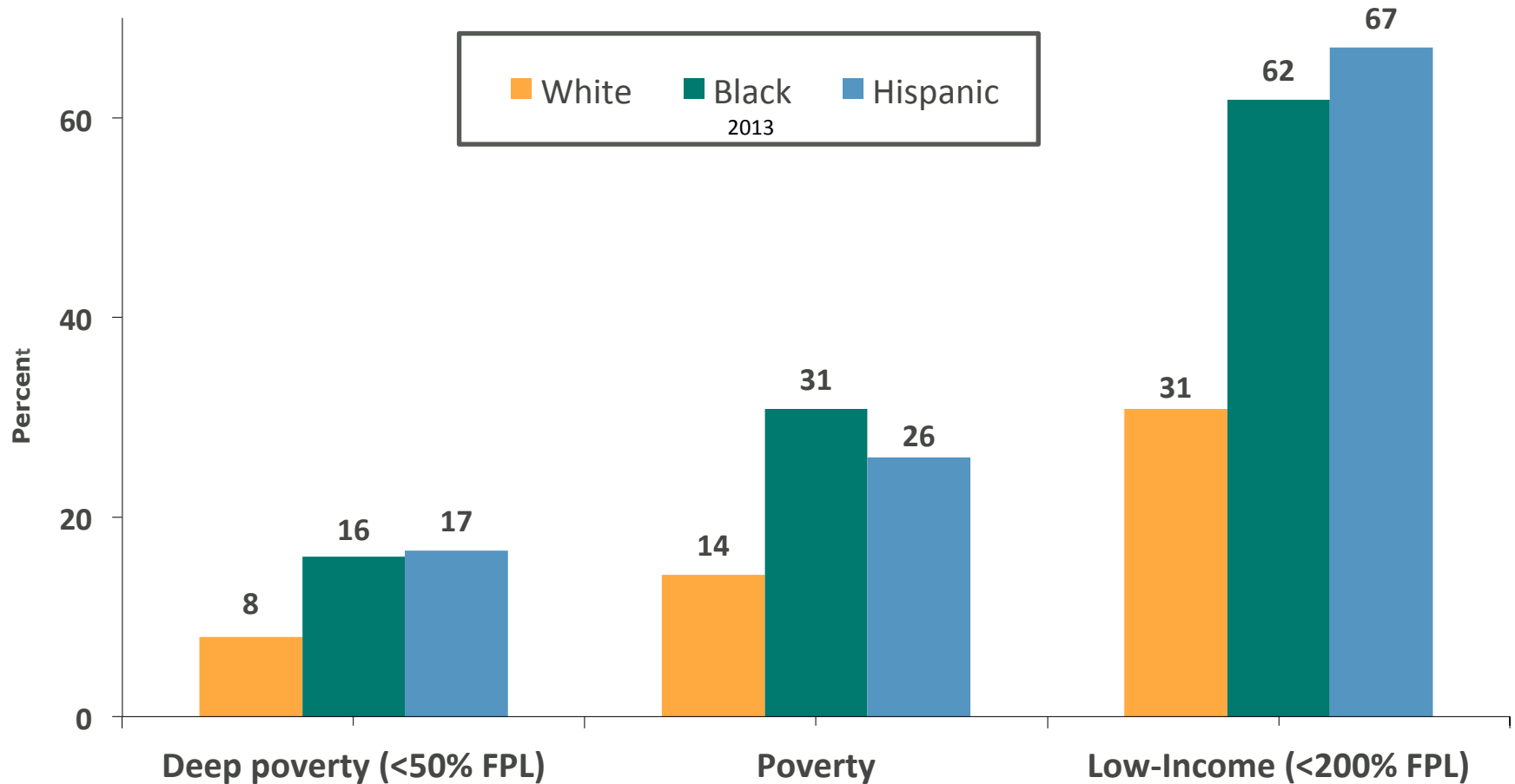


Almost Half of Illinois Infants and Toddlers Live in Low-Income Families

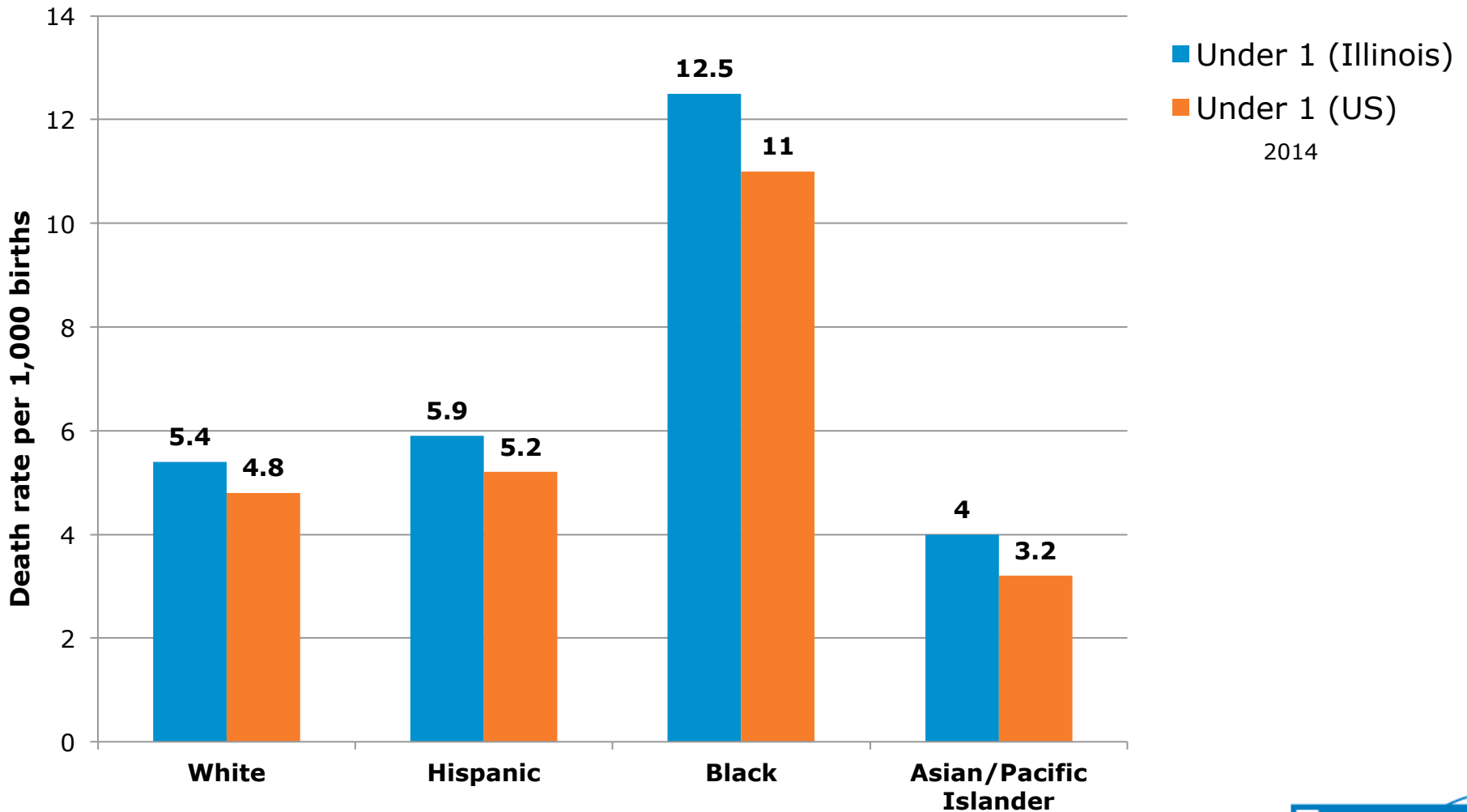
- **25%** of U.S. children under 3 live in poverty
- **20%** of Illinois children under 3 live in poverty



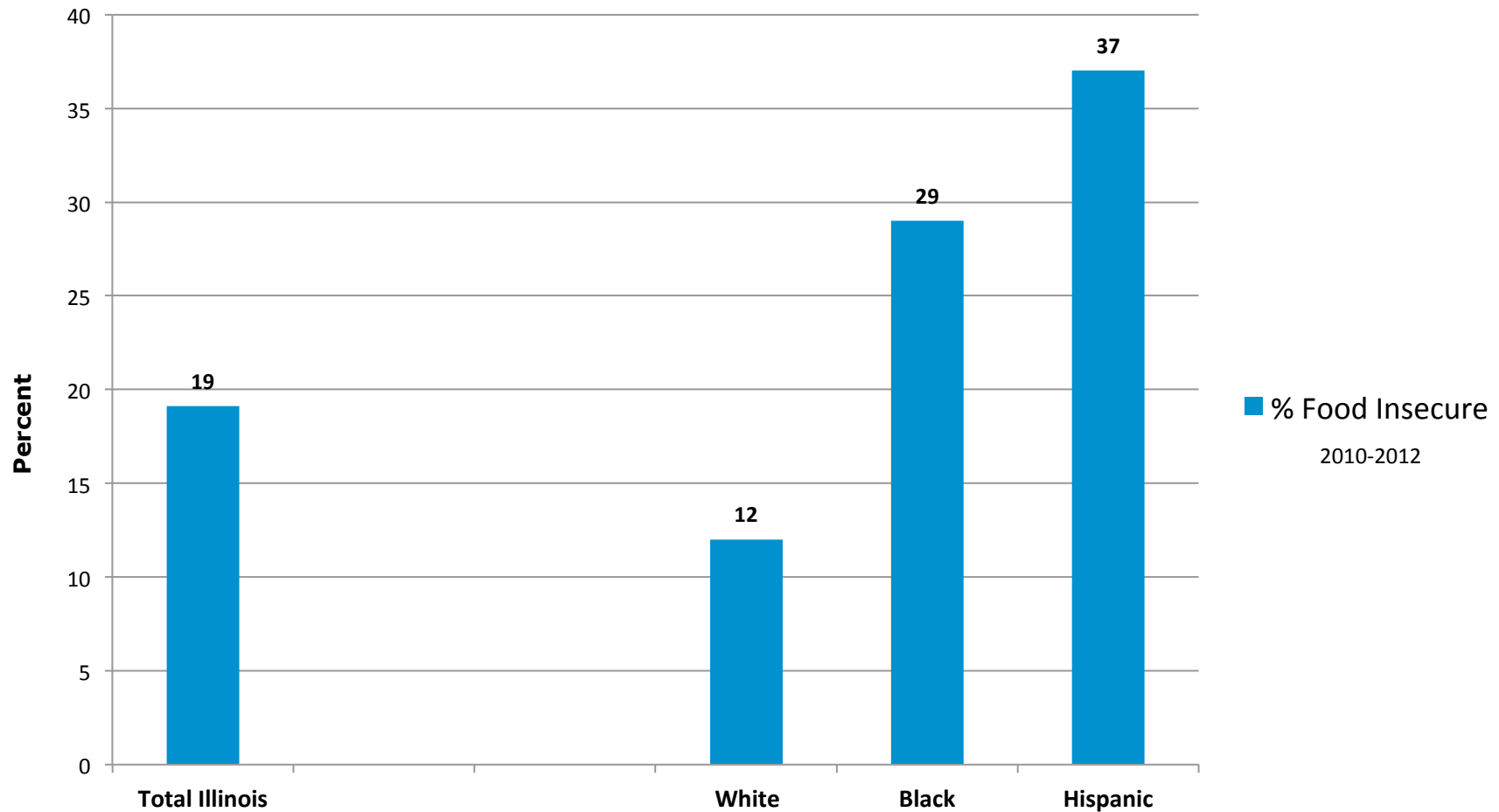
Black and Latino Families Twice as Likely to be Low-Income



Illinois Infants of All Races/Ethnicities at Greater Risk of Infant Mortality



Nearly 1 in 5 Infants and Toddlers Live in Food Insecure Households



3 out of 5 Mothers of Hispanic Infants and Toddlers Have a High School Education or Less



2011-2013

63% of Hispanic mothers of infants and children have a high school education or less

Illinois' Children in Poverty Least Likely in the U.S. to be Sung to or Told Stories Every Day

- **In poverty:** Illinois ranks last among all the states.
- **Family income > 4 times poverty:** Illinois ranks eighth best.



2011-2012

We Know Enough to Act

