

Sexual Behavior of African American and Latino Youth:

The Effects of Family

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Workshop Goal

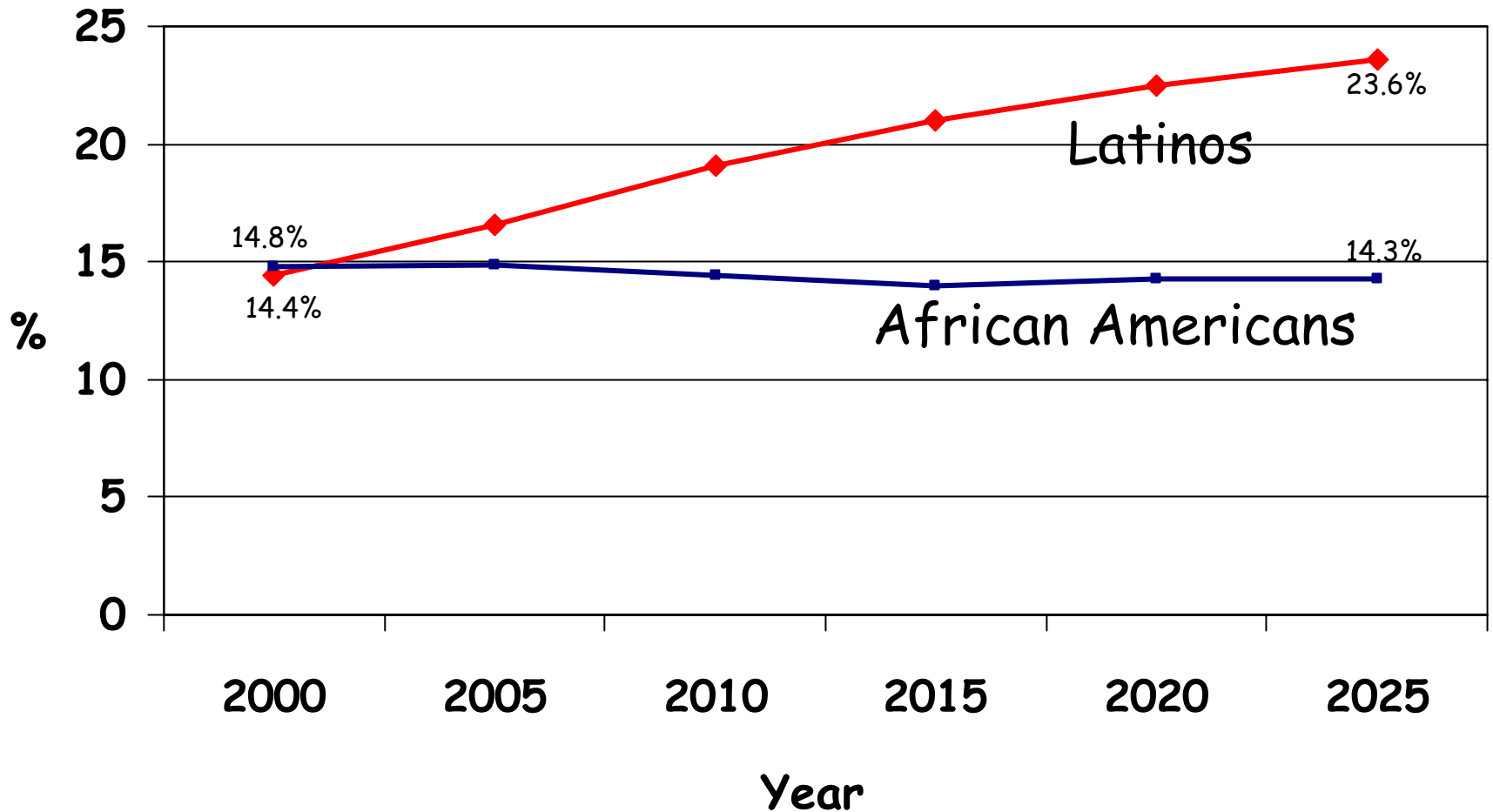
Serve as a two-way conduit between researchers and those who work with African American and Latino youth in the area of sexual and reproductive health.

Workshop Outline

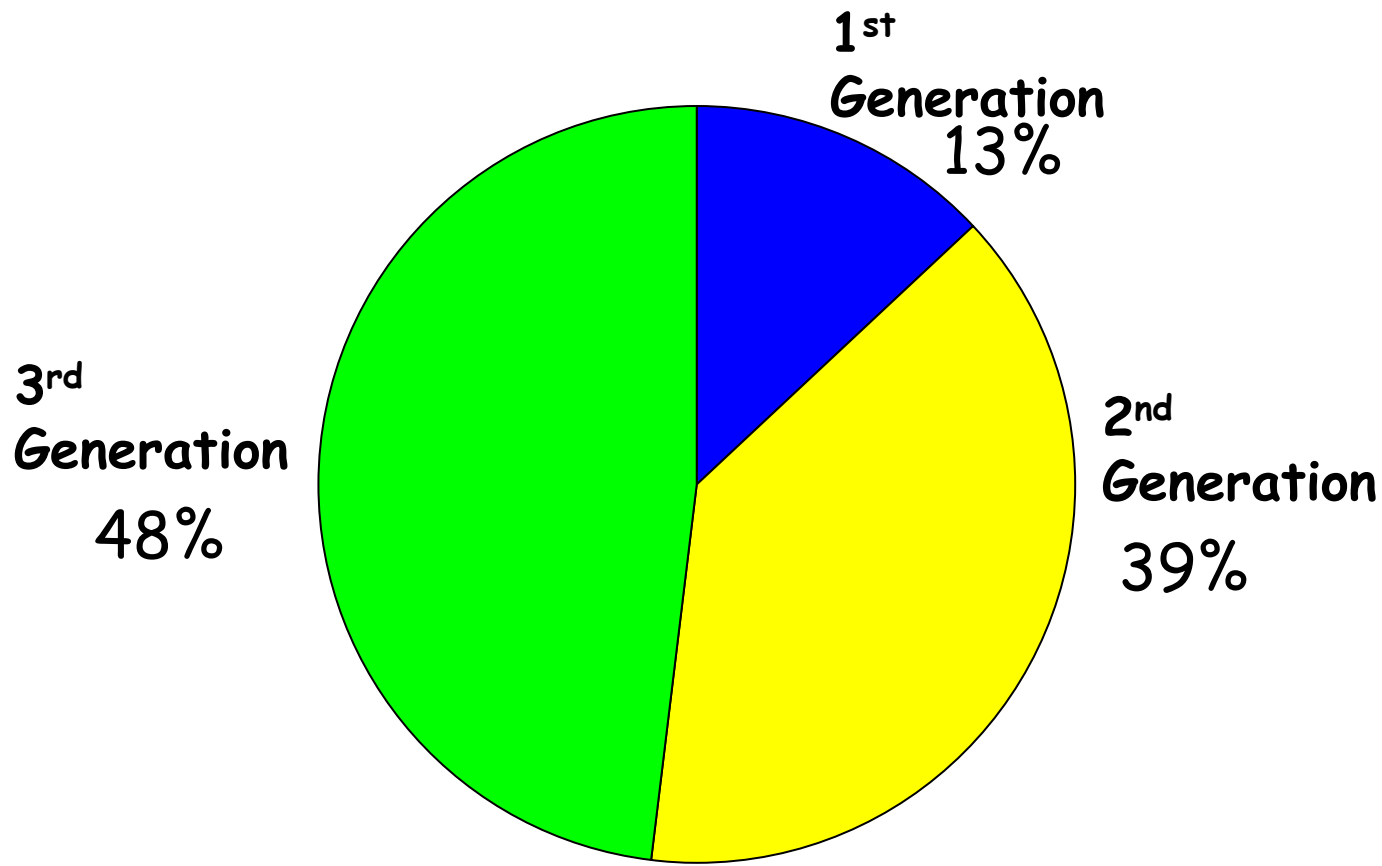
African American and Latino youth:

- Describe history and experiences
- Youth profile
- Sexual behavior
- Family effects on sexual behavior
- Implications for working with teens/programs

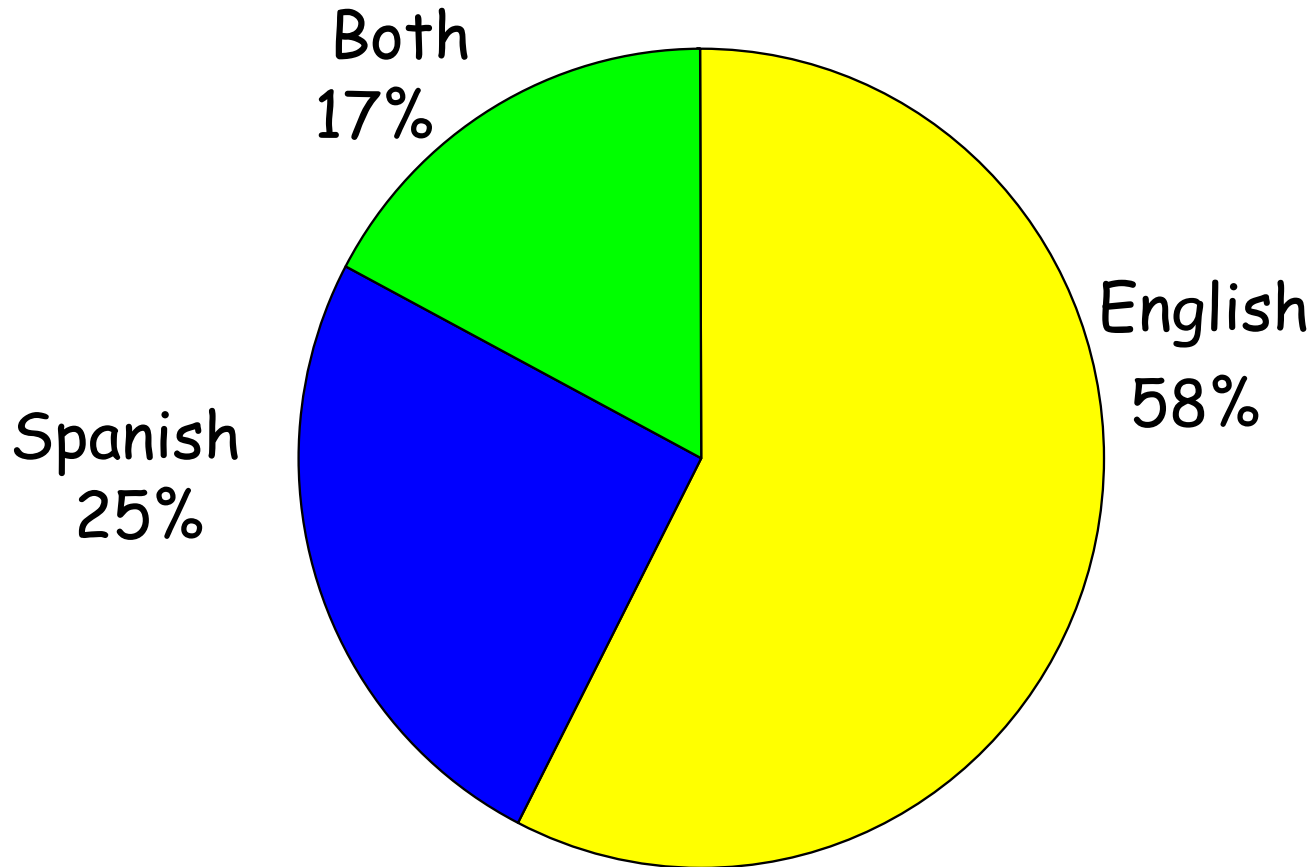
Projected African American and Latino Youth Populations



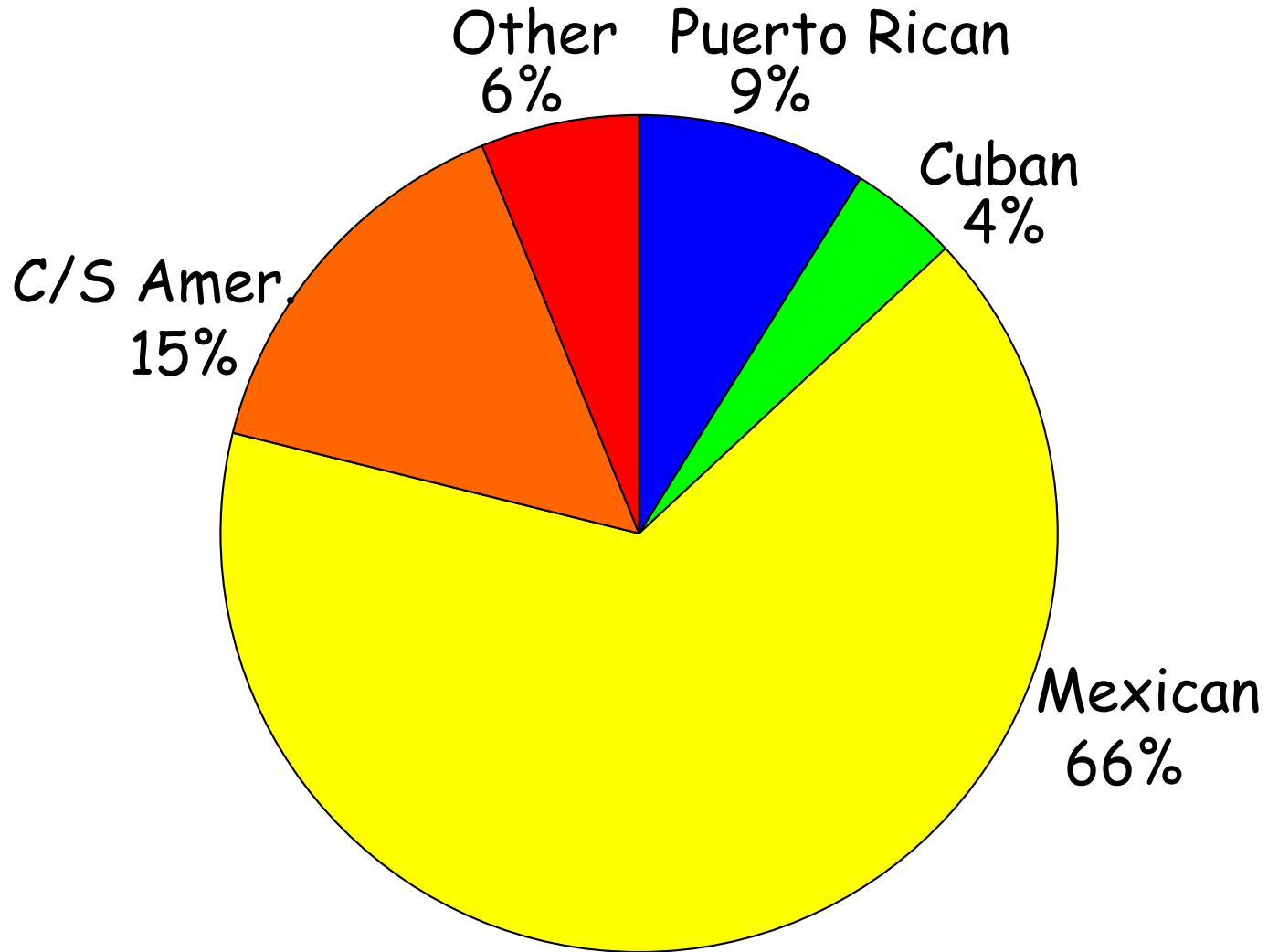
Latino Youth by Immigrant Generation



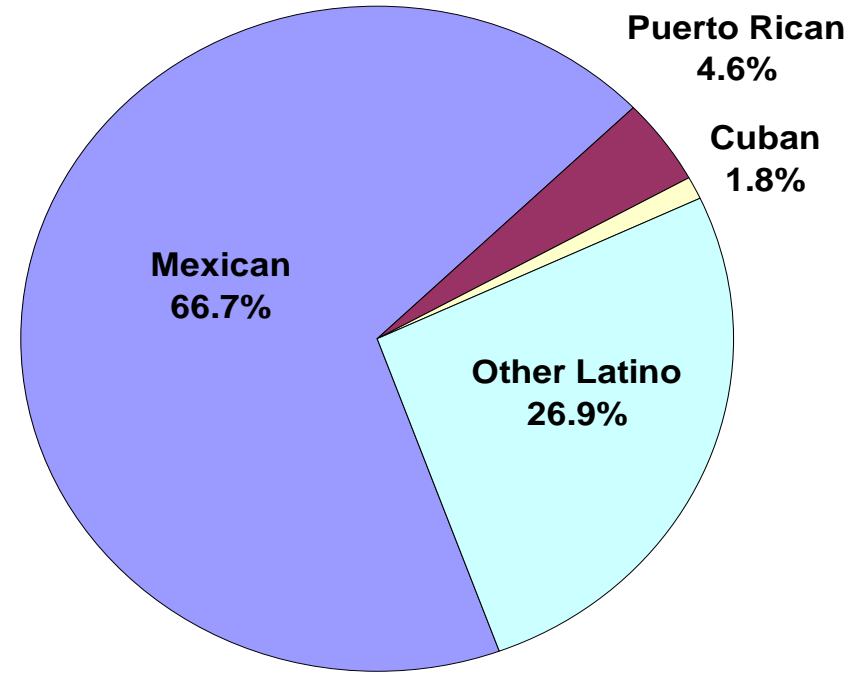
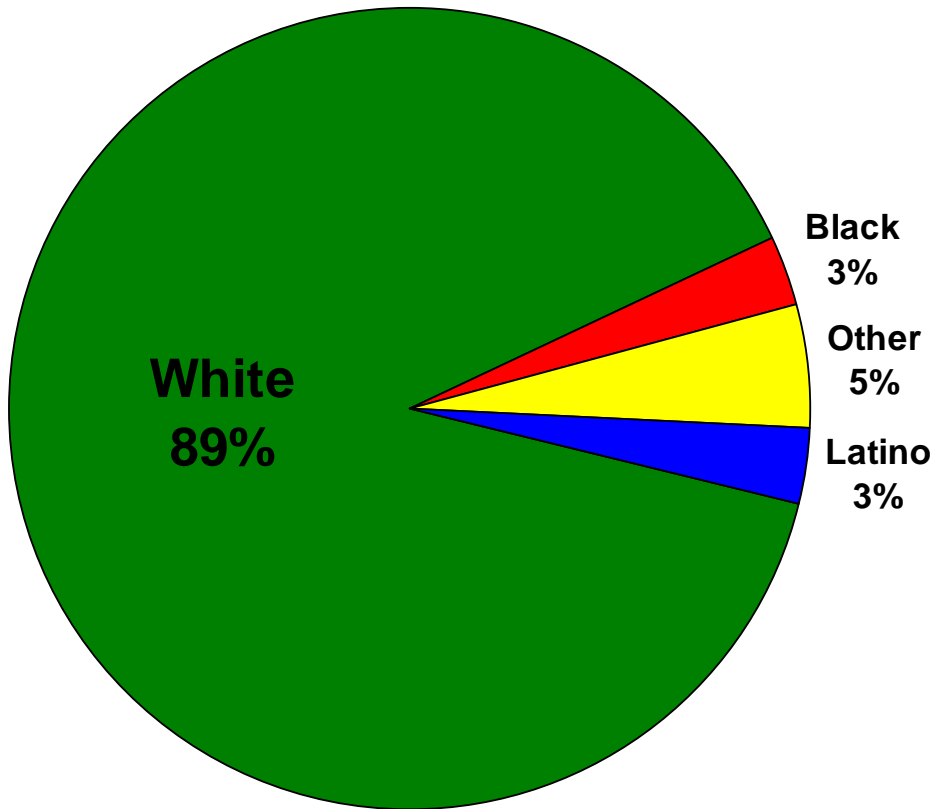
Language Latino Youth Speak at Home



Latino National Origin Groups

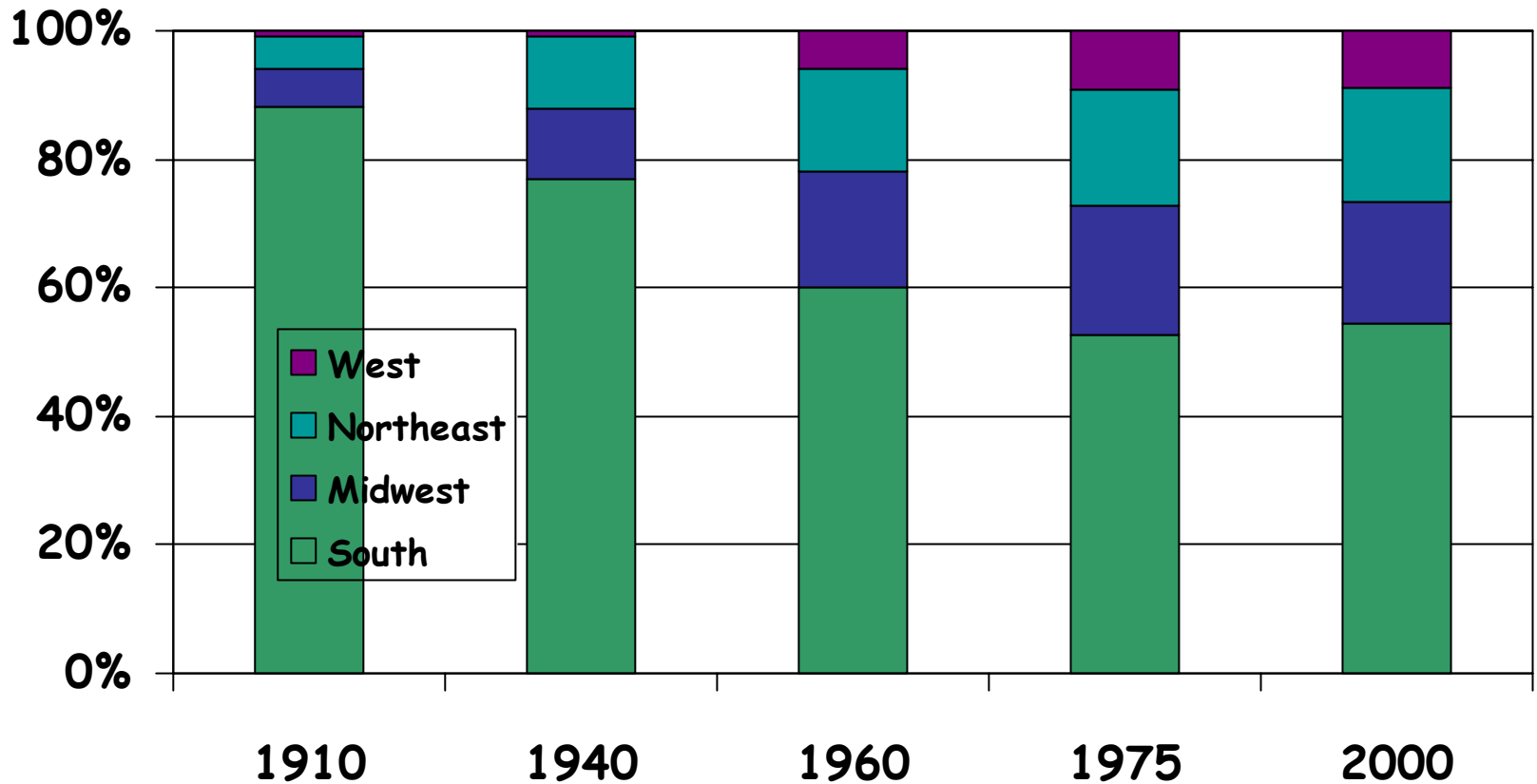


Minnesota Population Distribution by Race/Ethnicity, 2001

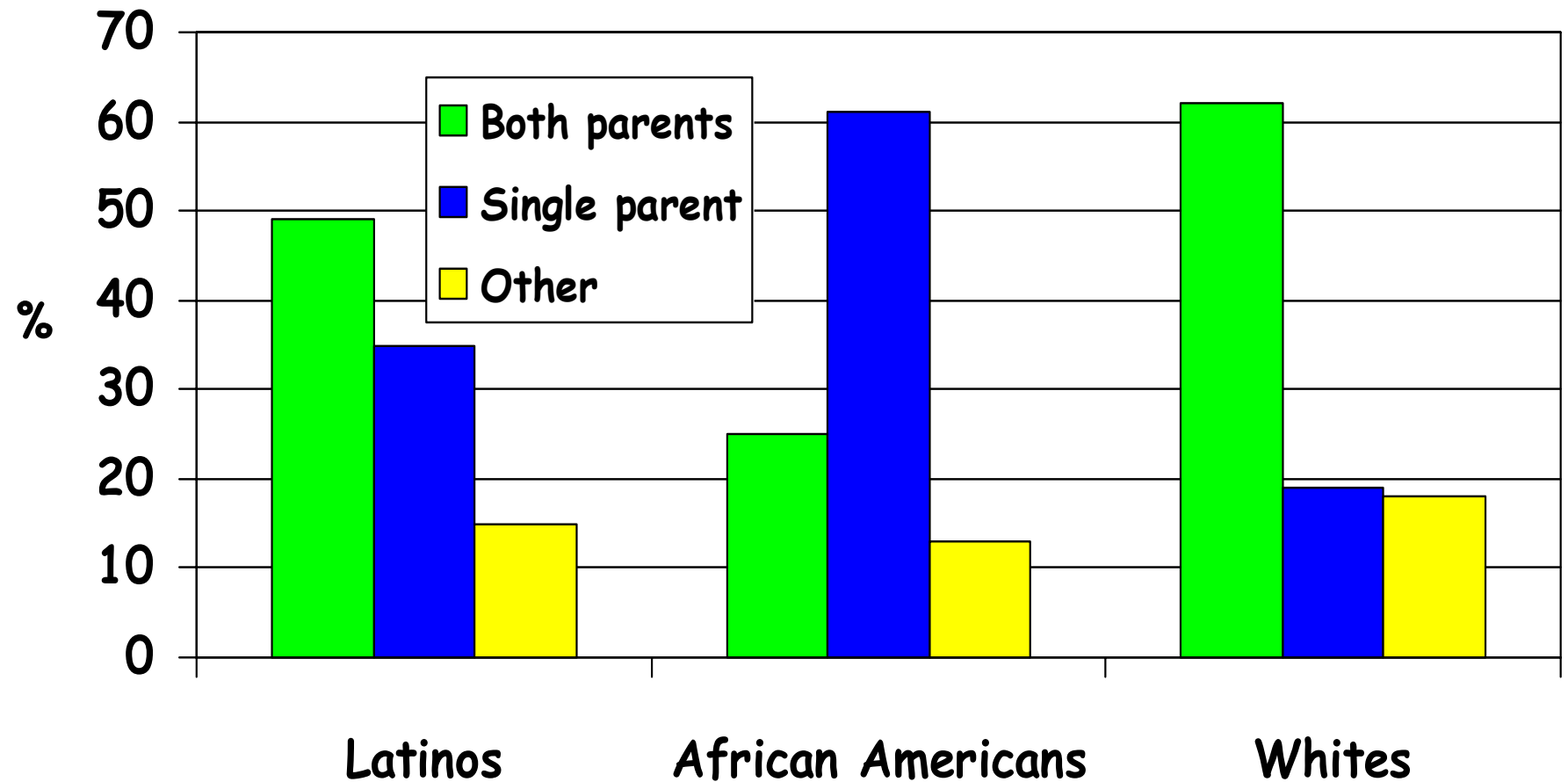


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Latino Population

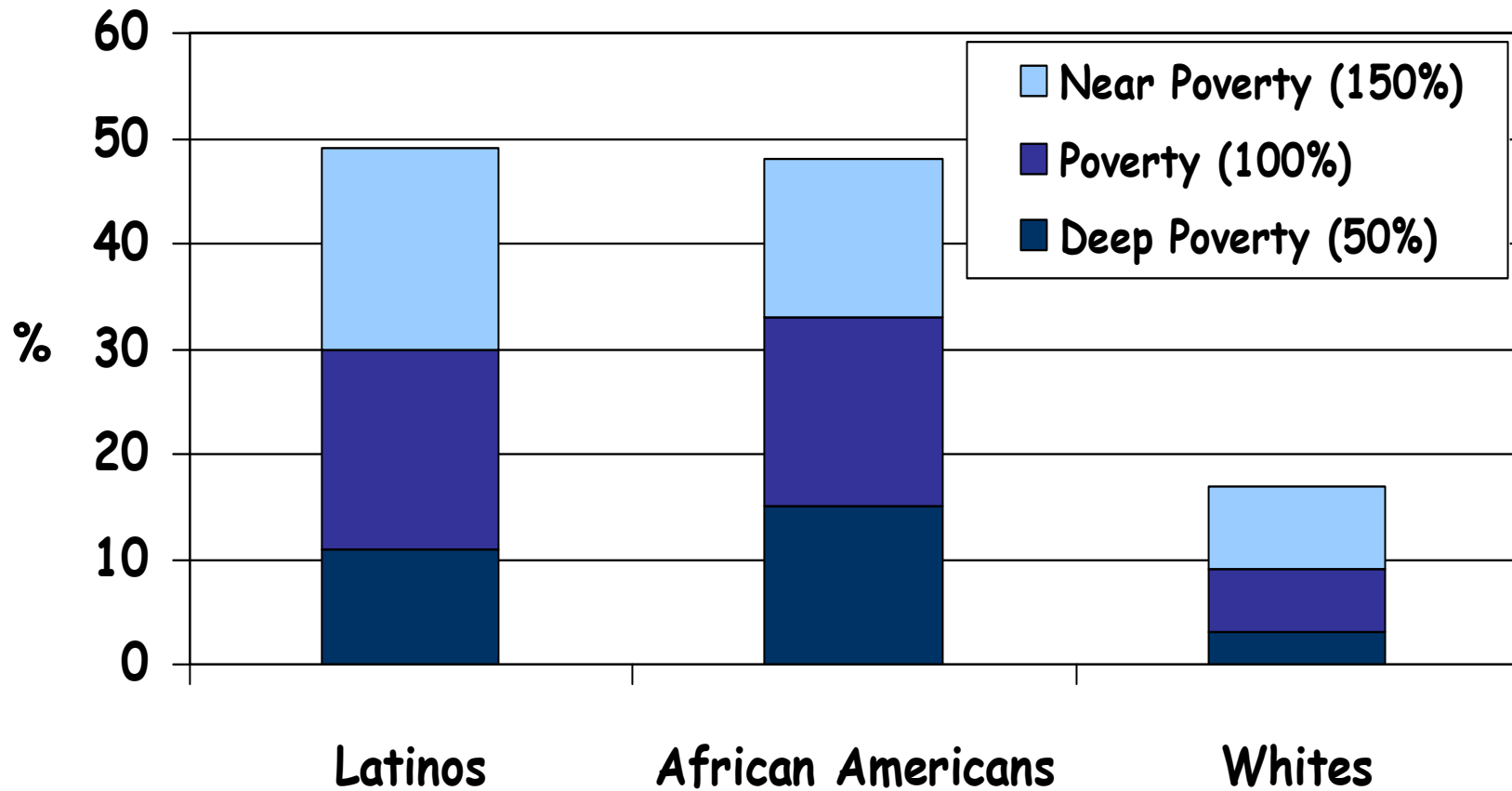
Geographic Distribution of African Americans 1910-2000



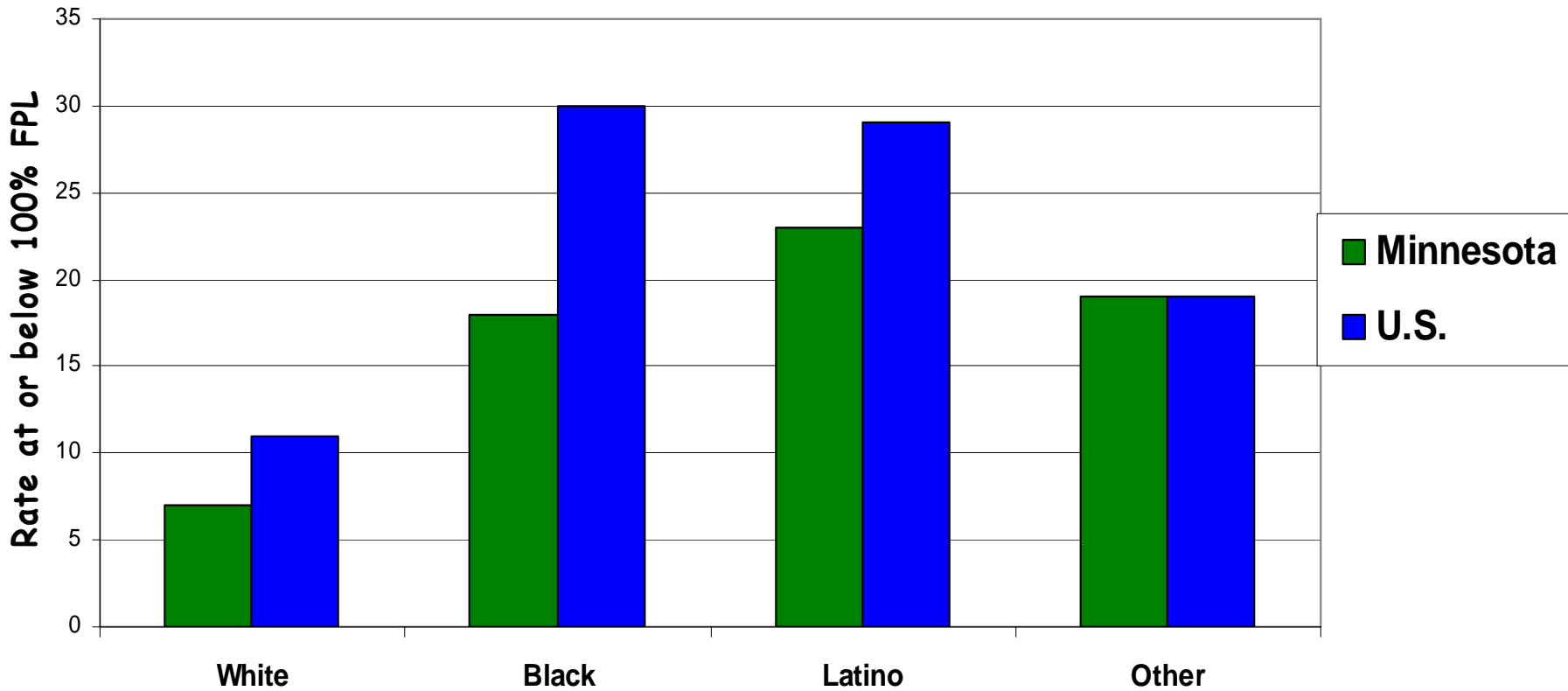
Family Structure



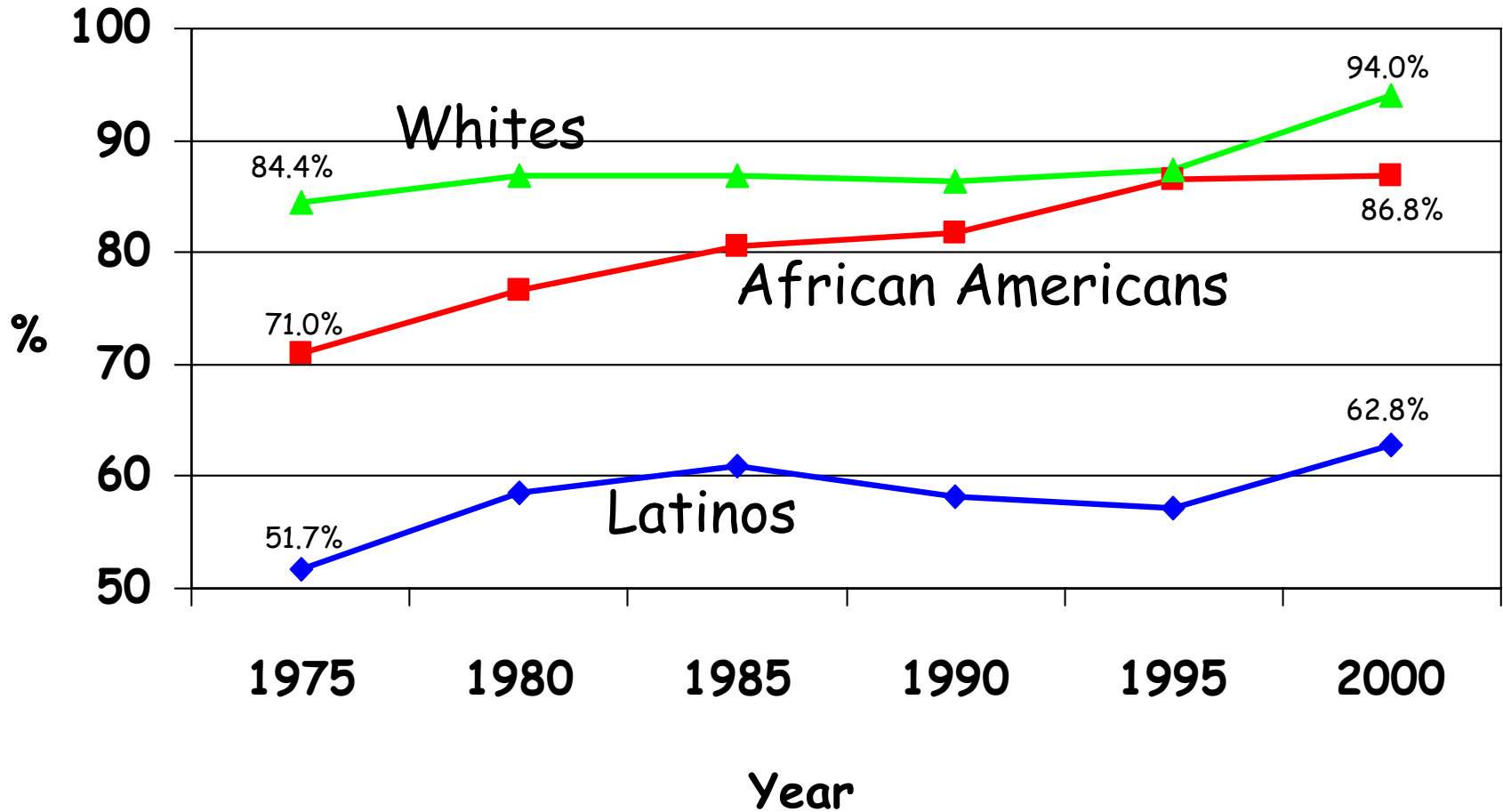
Children in Poverty



Families in Poverty Minnesota and U.S.

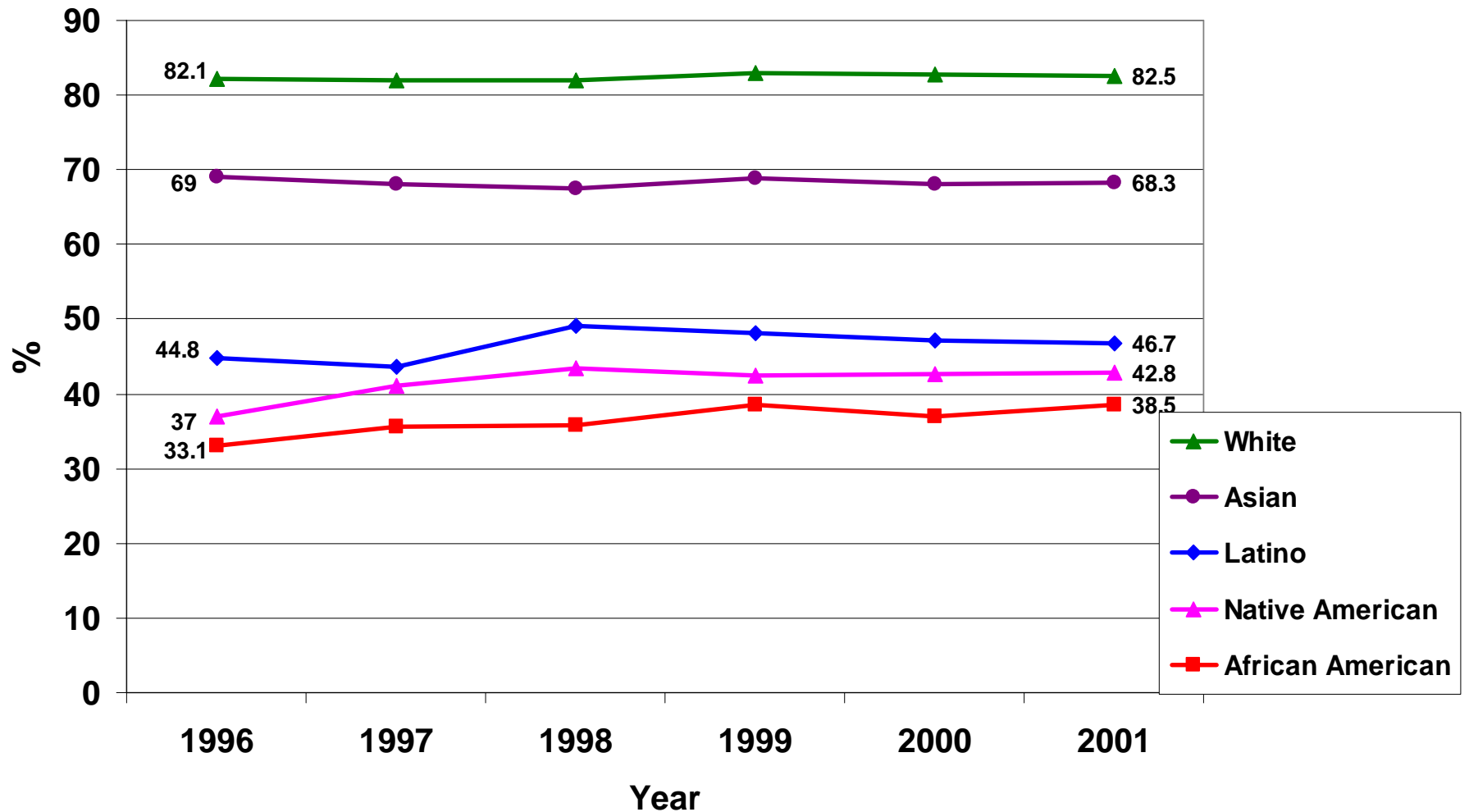


High School Graduation Rates

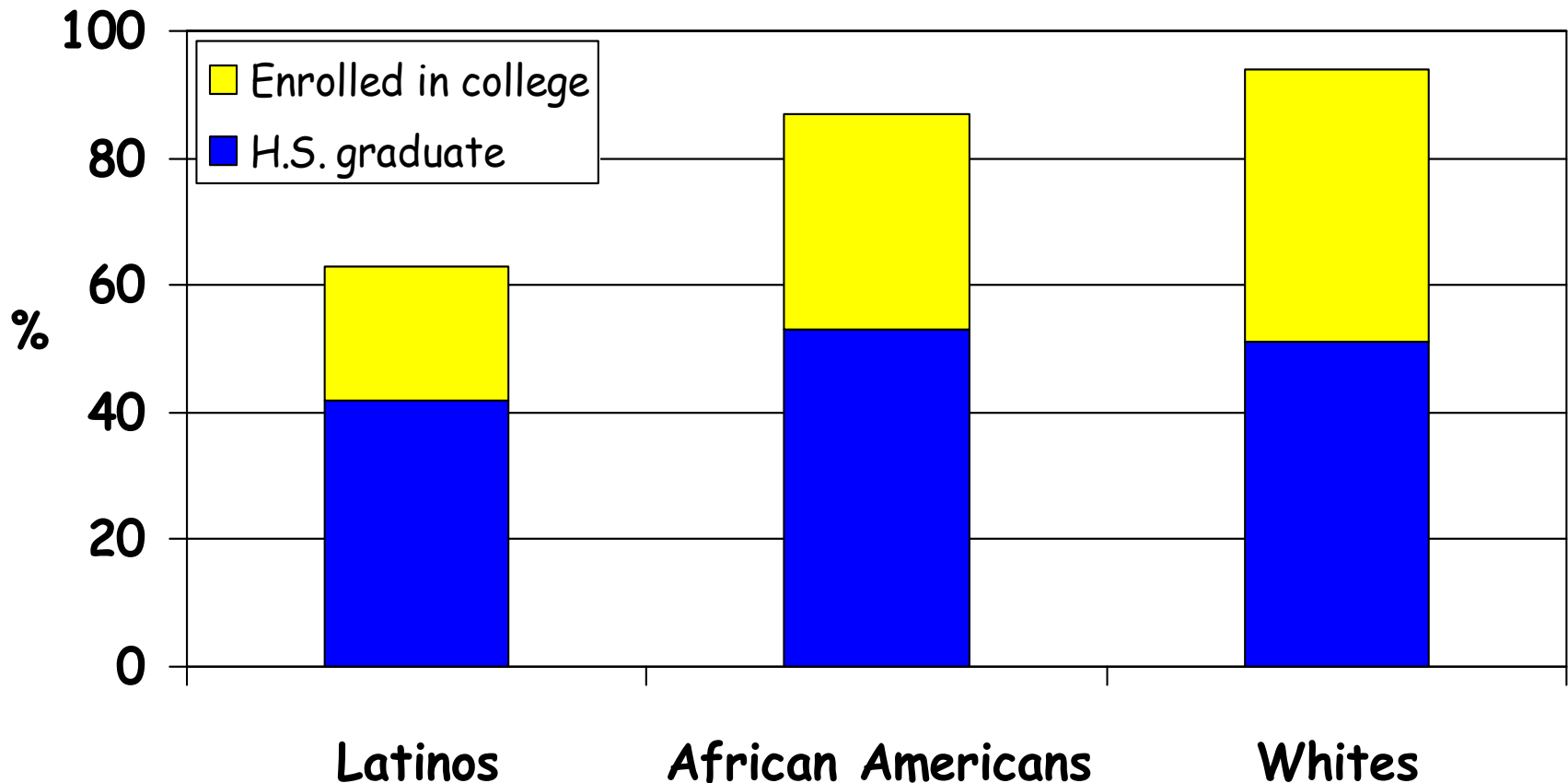


Minnesota High School Graduation Rates 1996-2001

(% of 9th grade students graduating in four years)



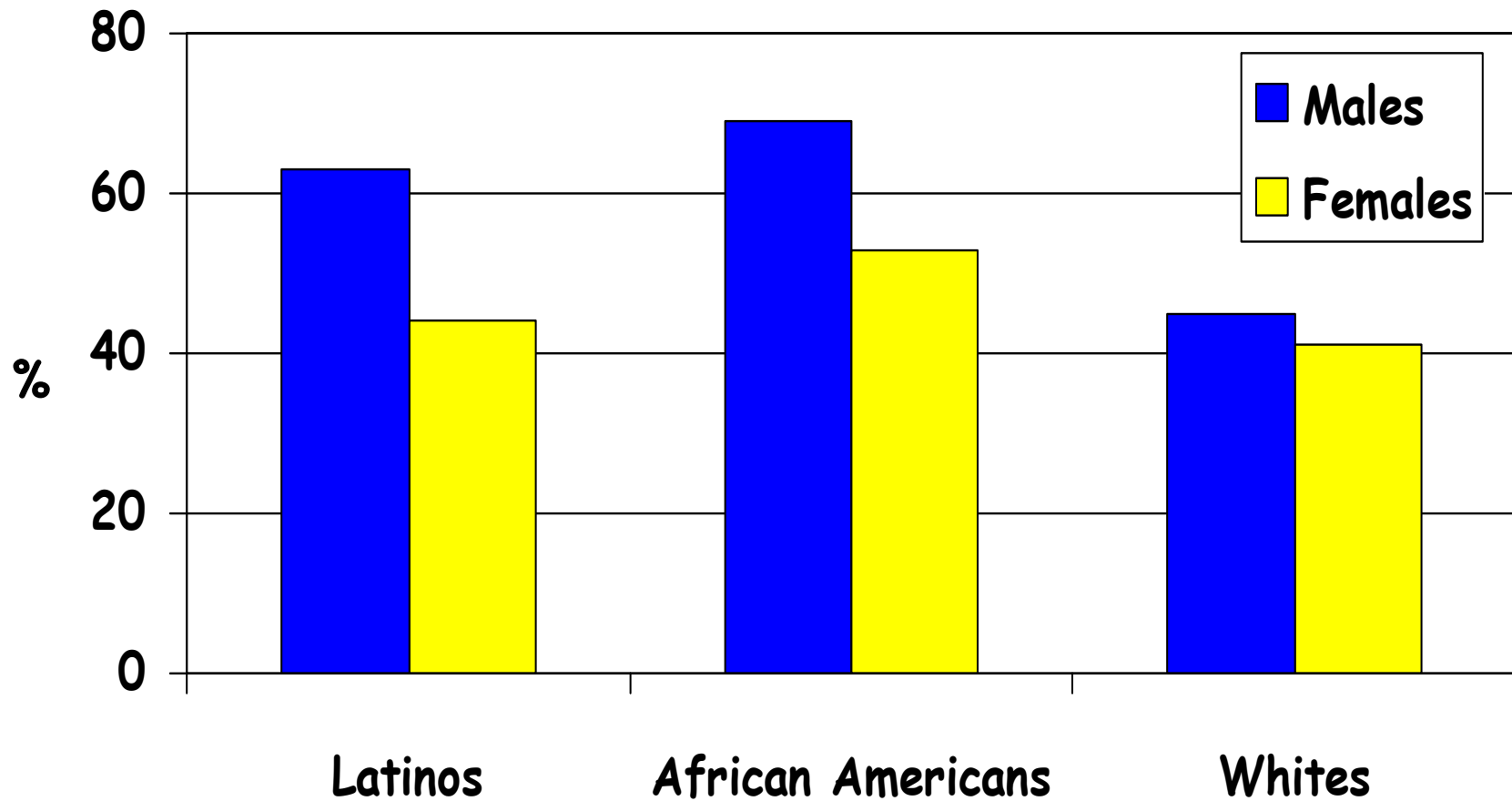
H.S. Graduation & College Enrollment among 18-24 year olds, 1999



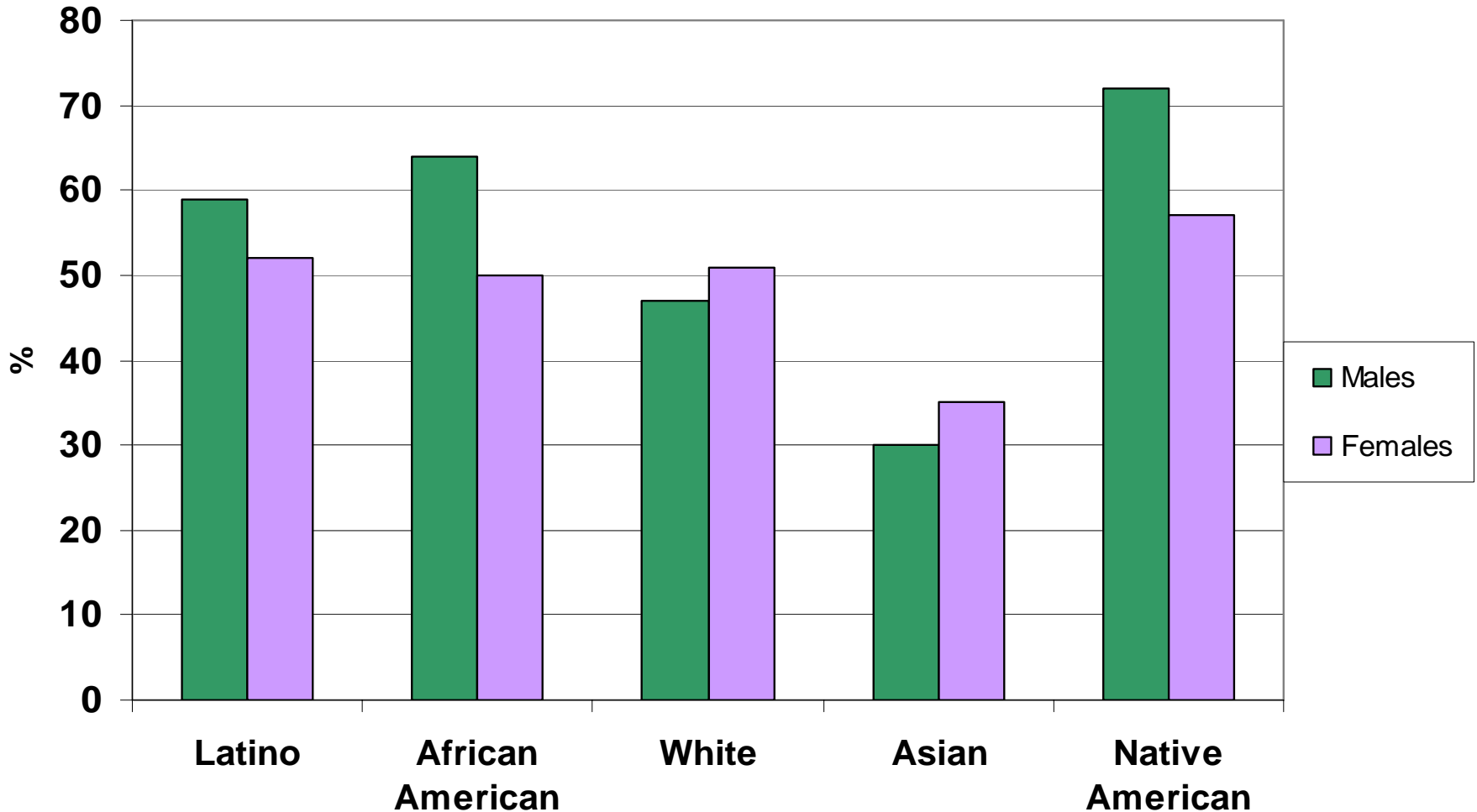
Sexual Behavior

- Sexual intercourse
- Non-voluntary sex
- Contraception
- STIs, HIV
- Pregnancy
- Abortion
- Births

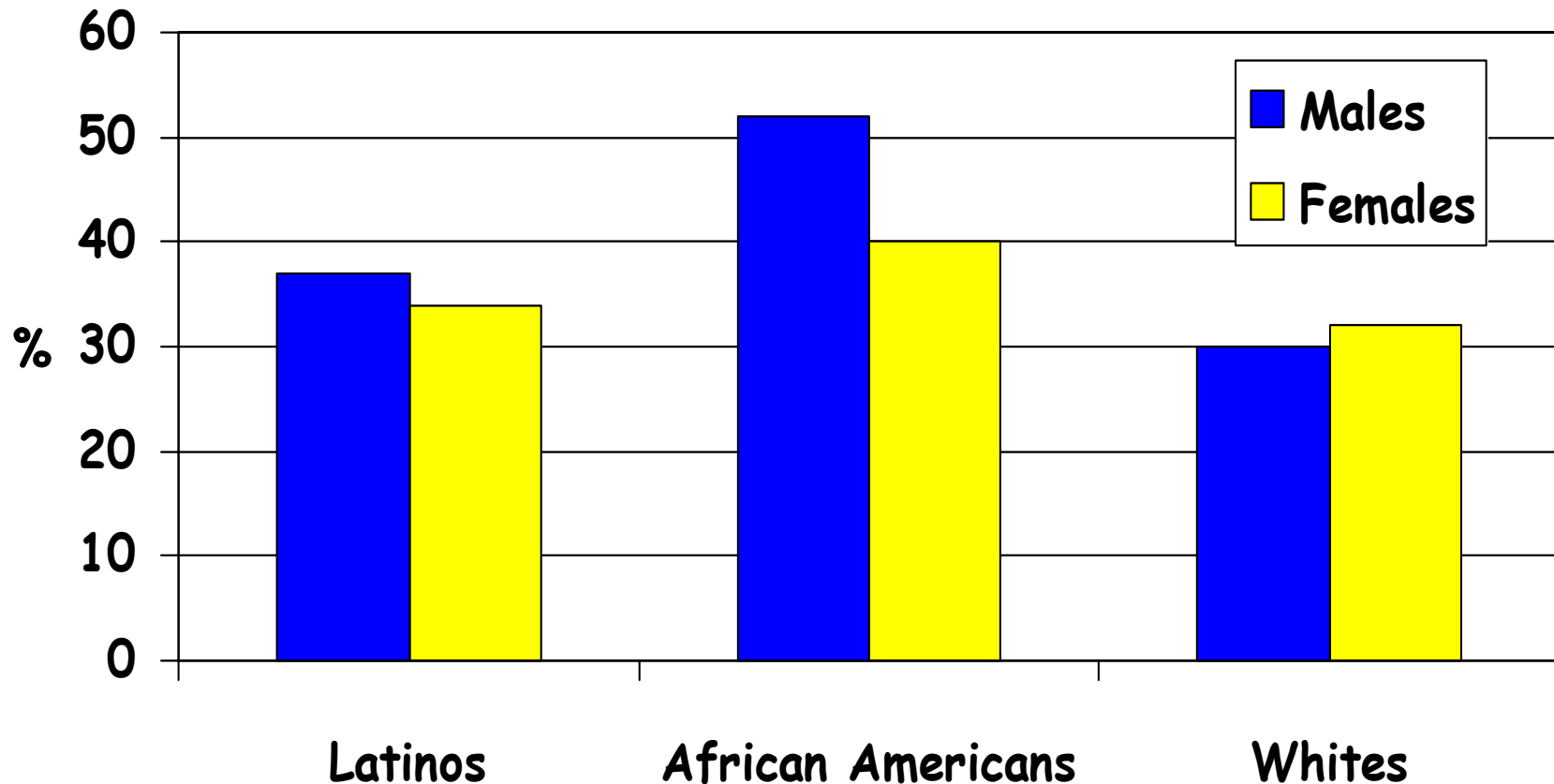
Teens Who Ever had Sexual Intercourse, 2001



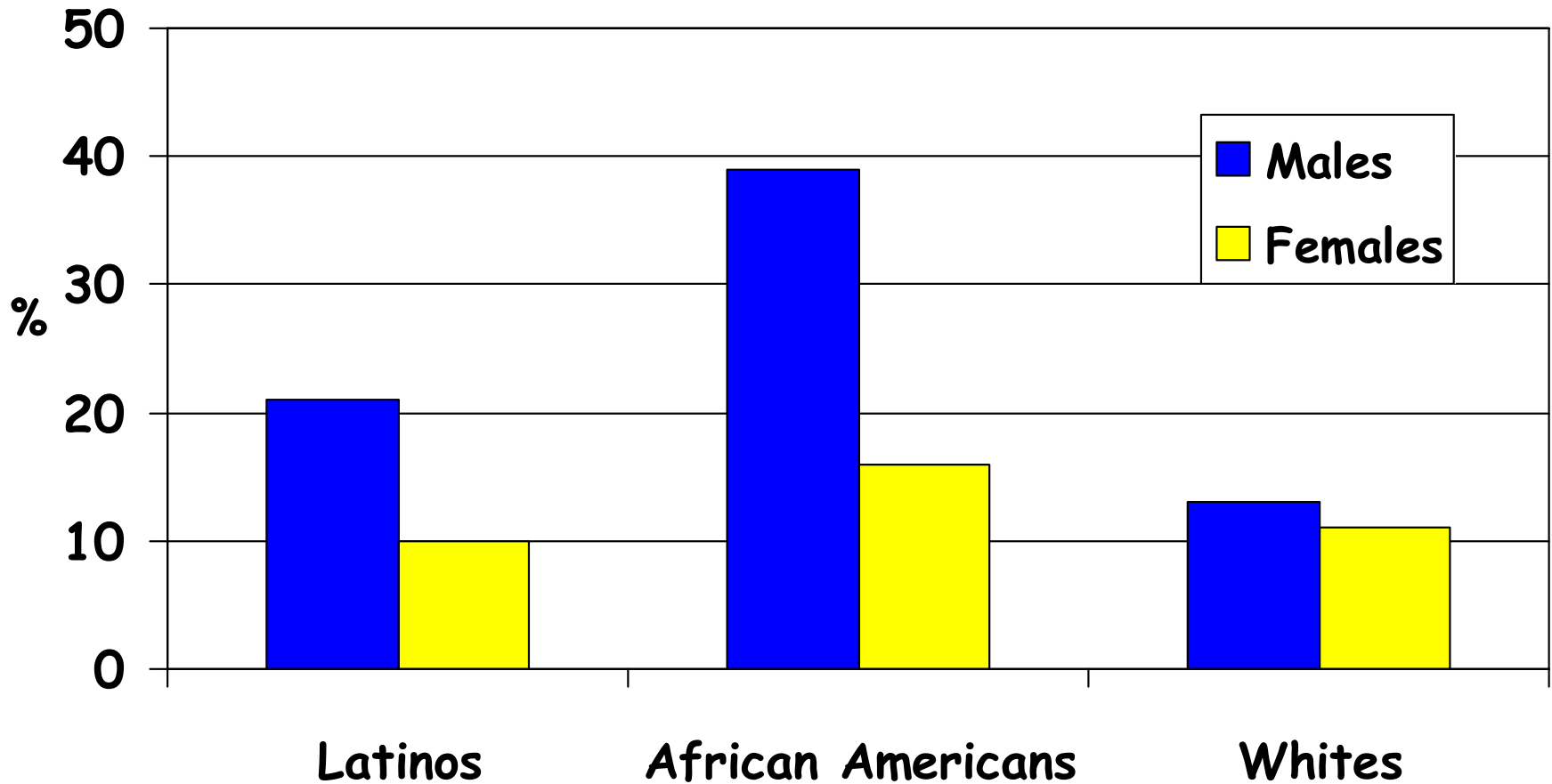
Minnesota Teens Who Ever Had Sexual Intercourse, 2001



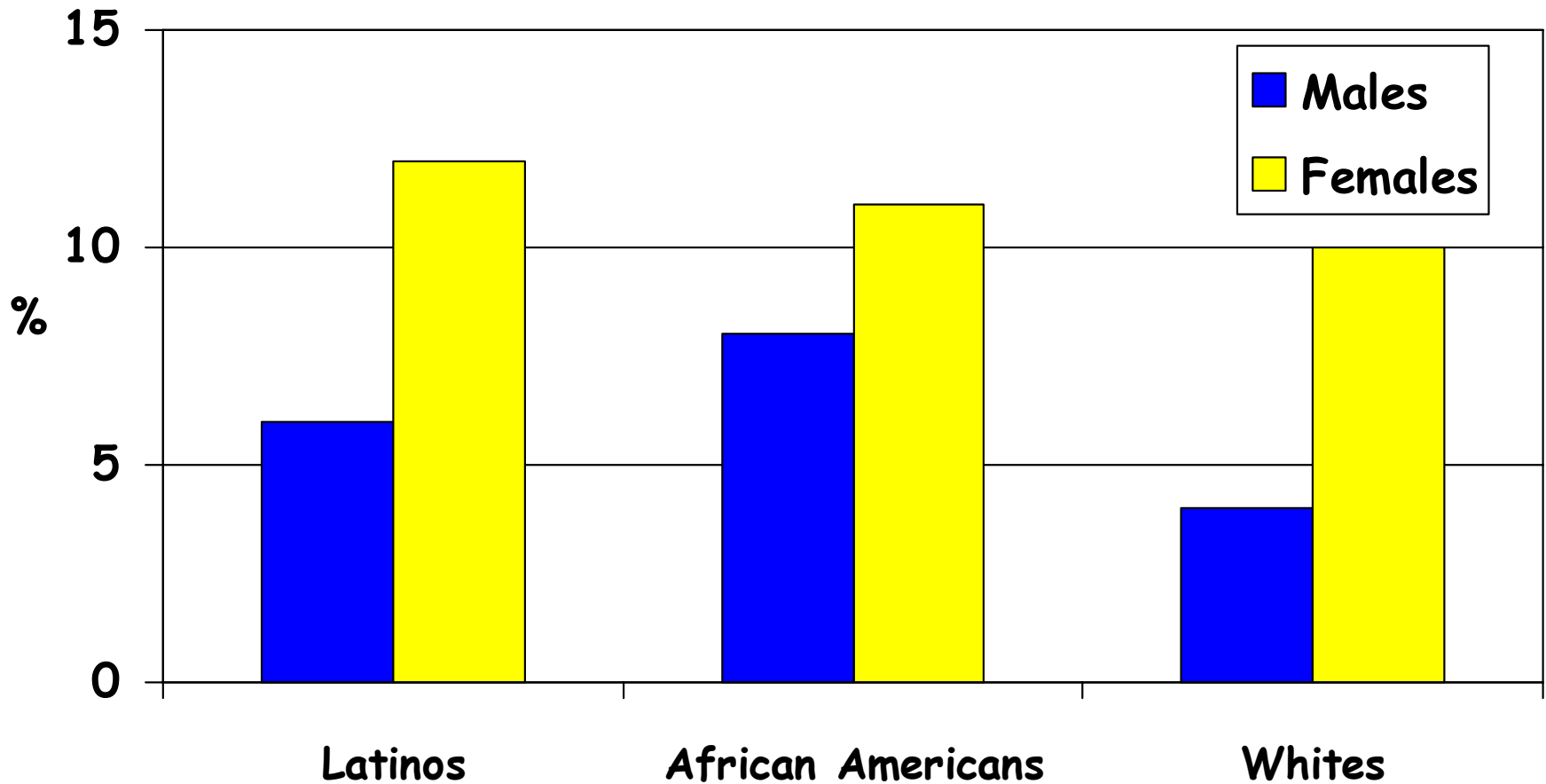
Teens Who Had Sex in the Last 3 Months, 2001



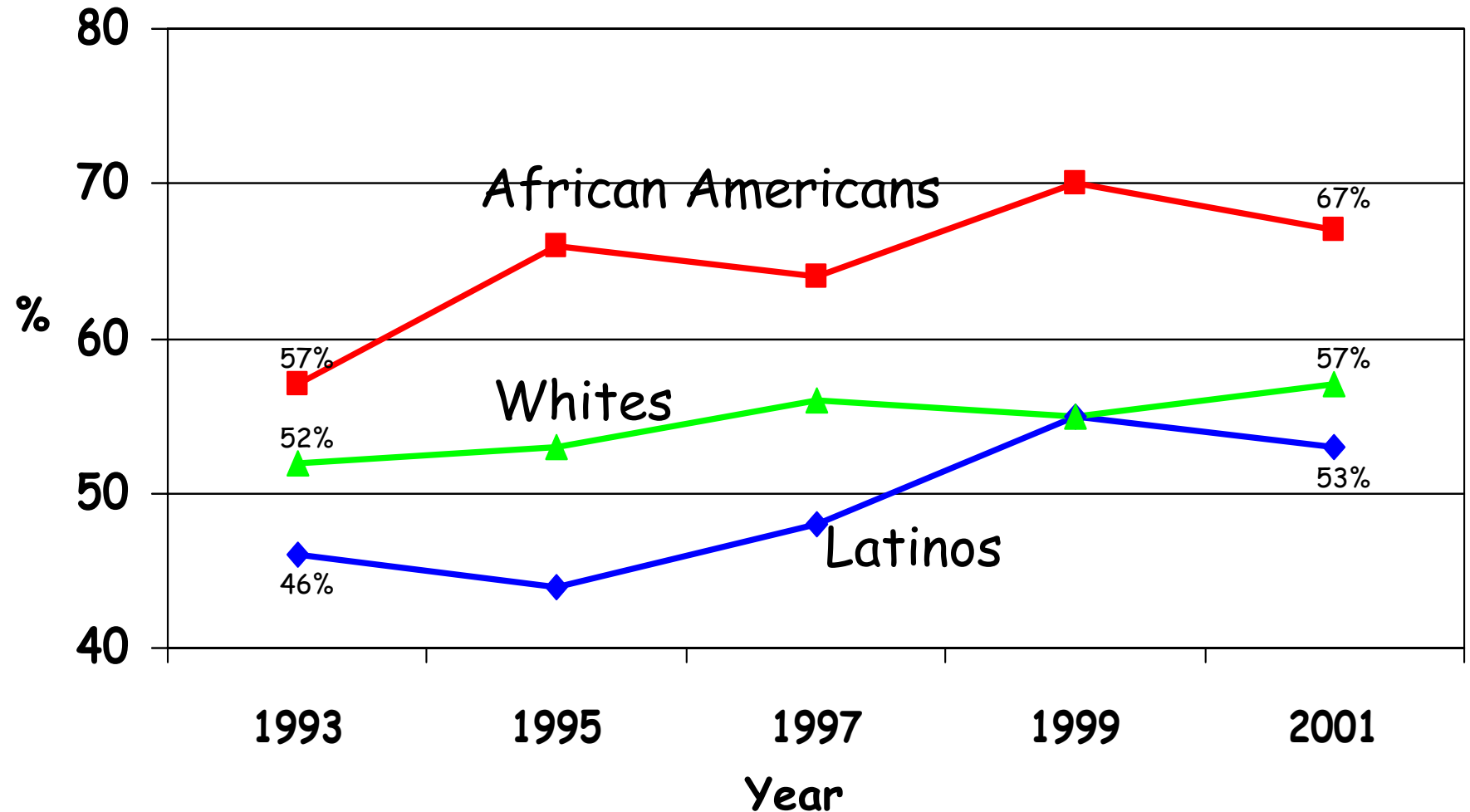
Teens Who Have Had 4 or More Sexual Partners, 2001



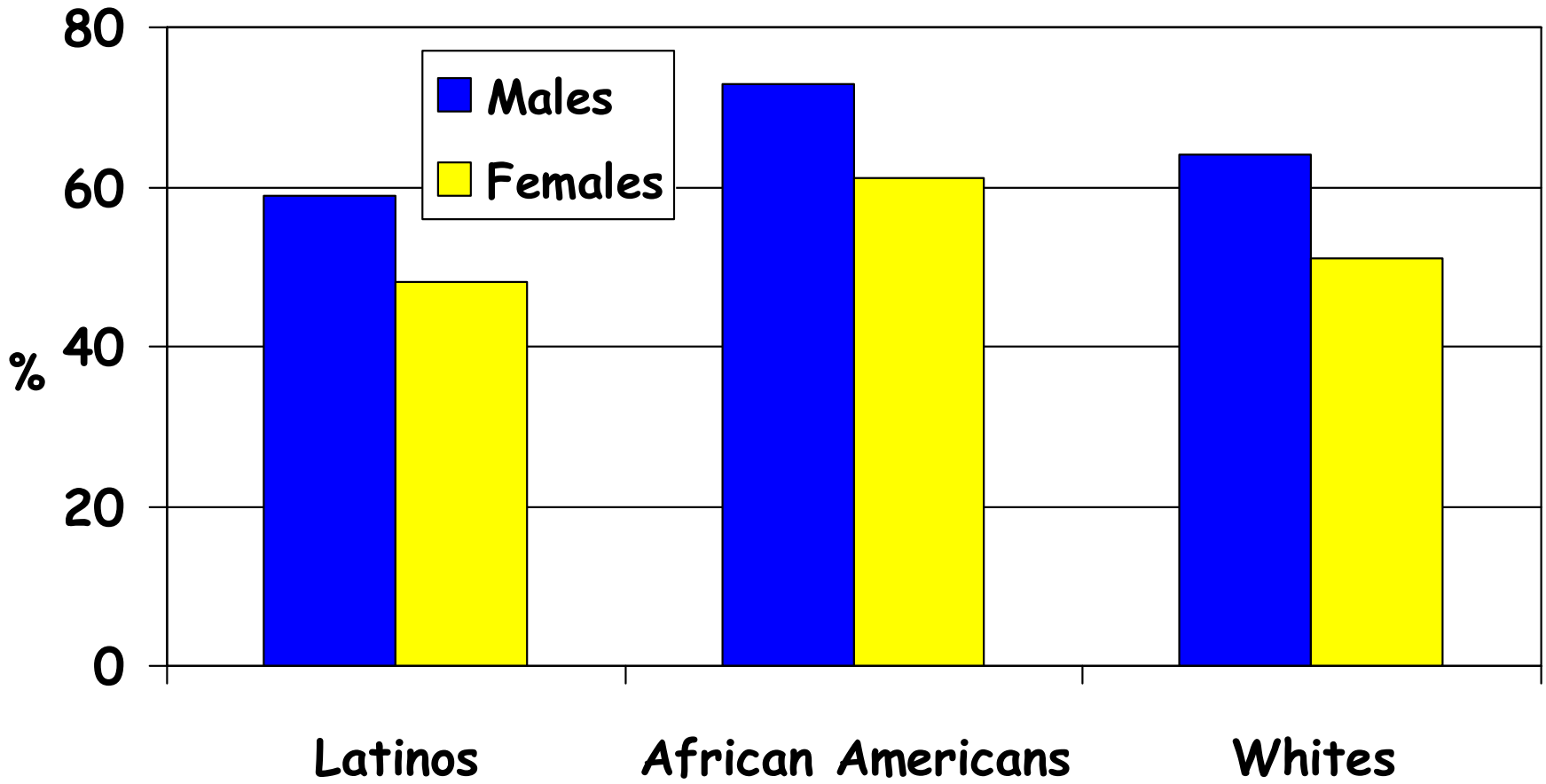
Teens Who Experienced Forced Sexual Intercourse, 2001



Condom Use at Last Sex, 1993-2001

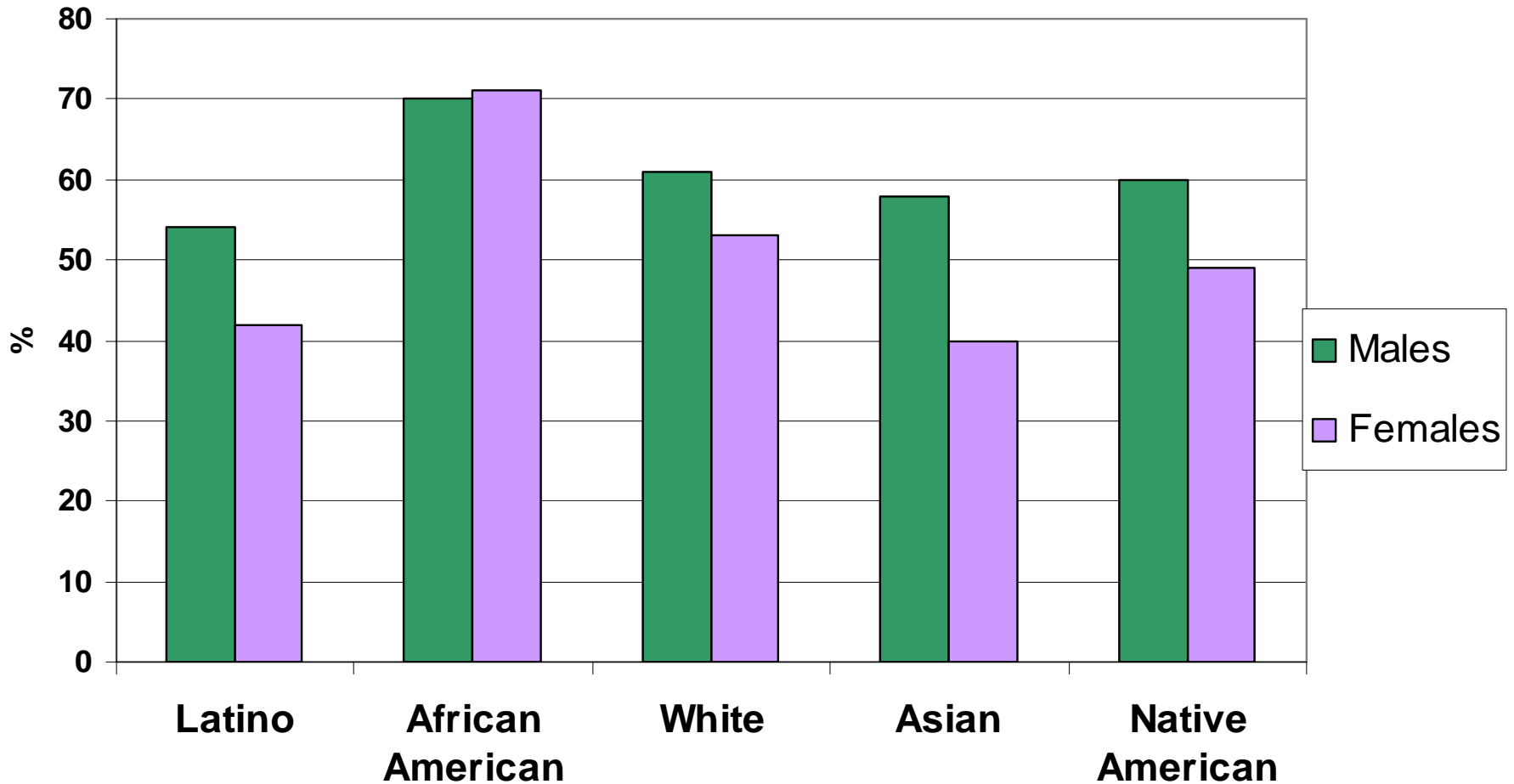


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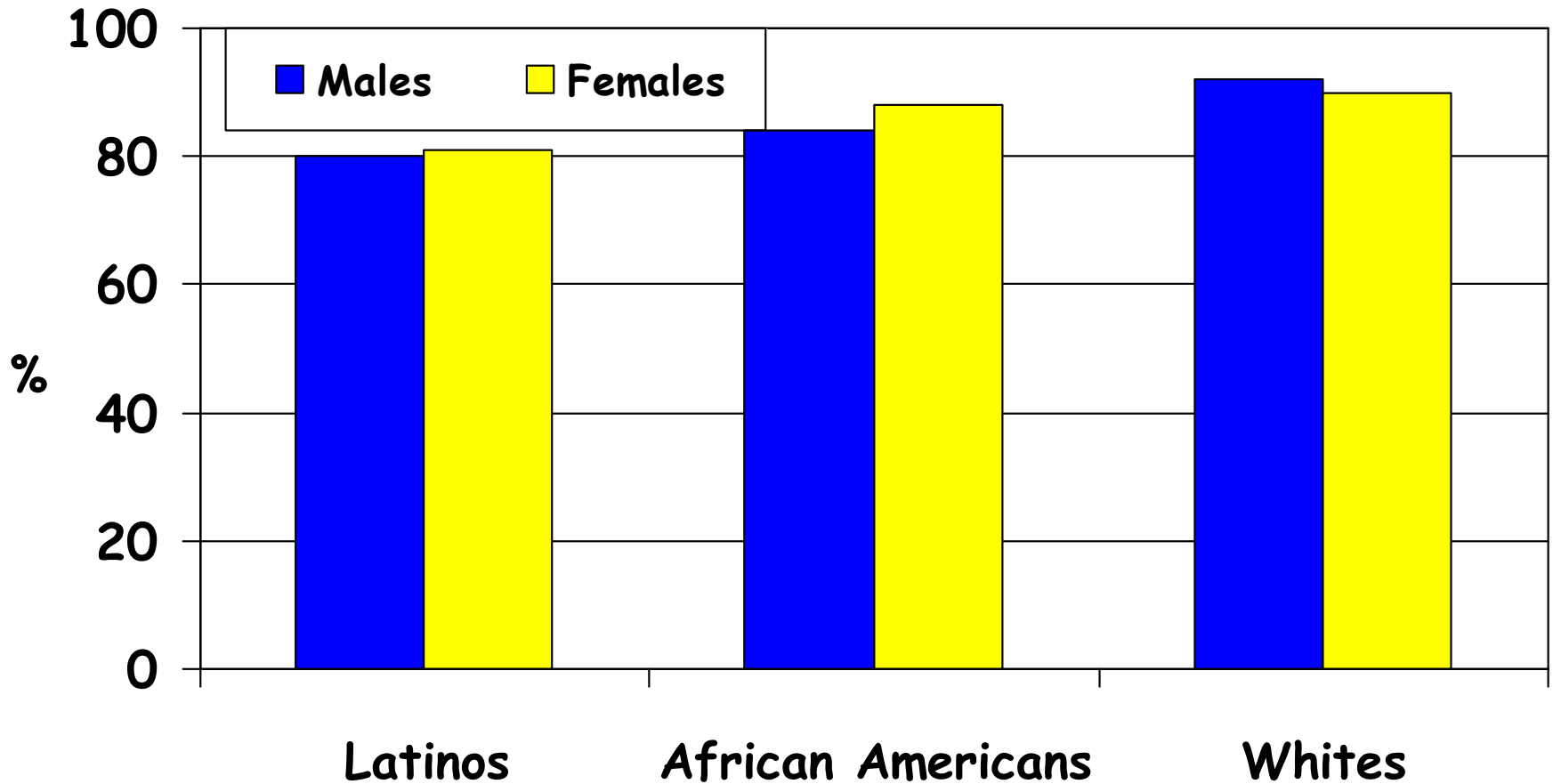


Minnesota Teens

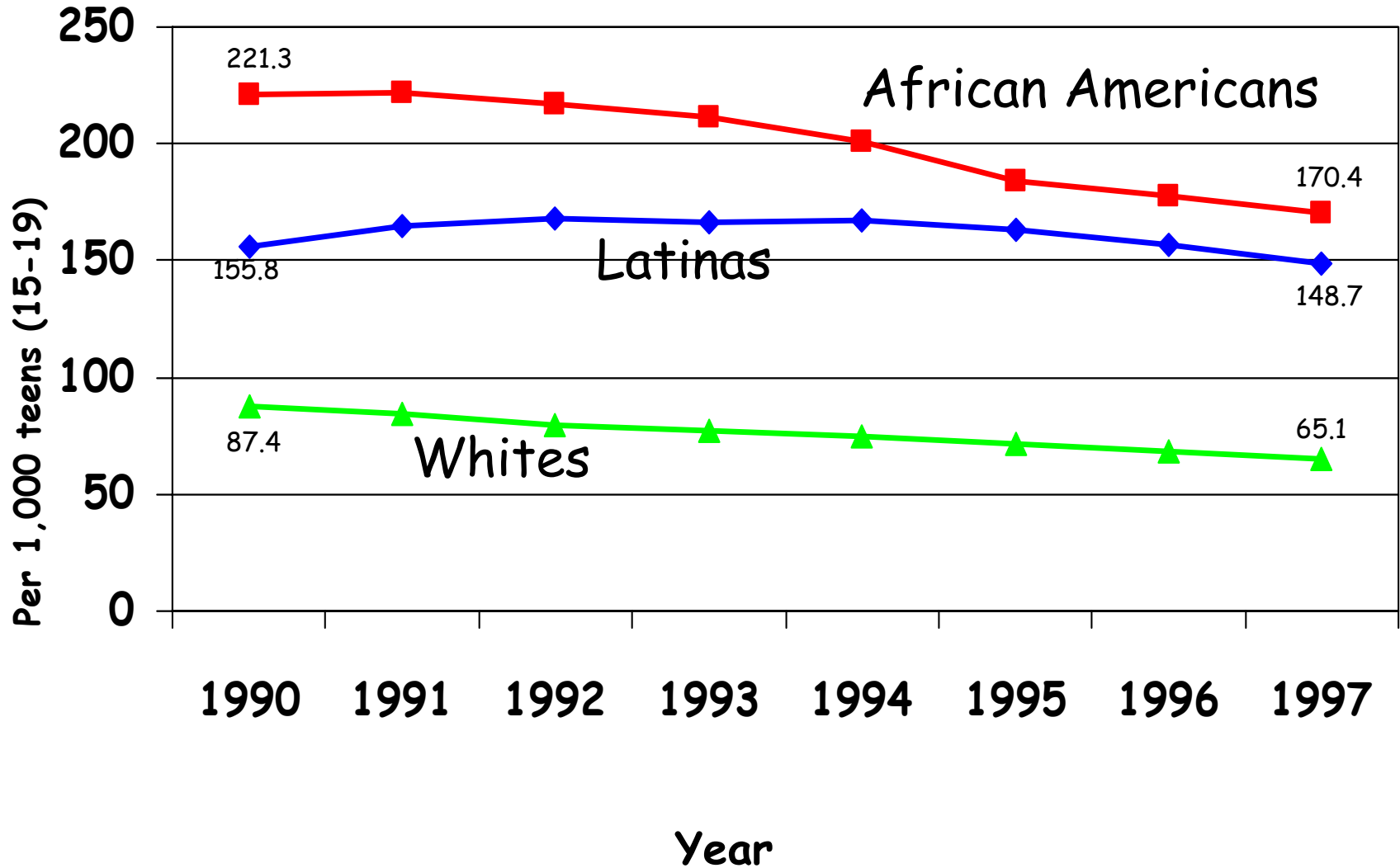
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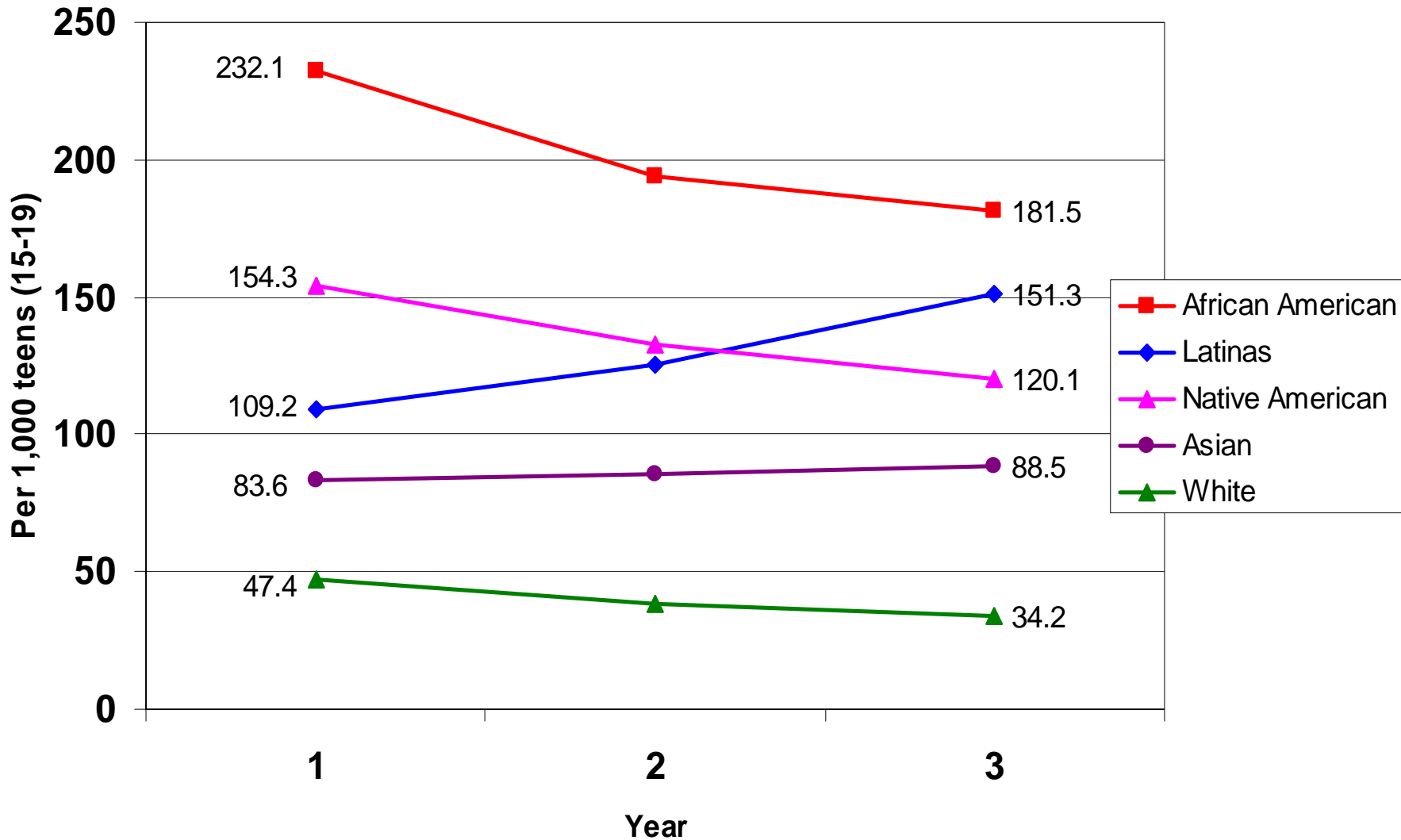
Received HIV/AIDS Education in School, 2001



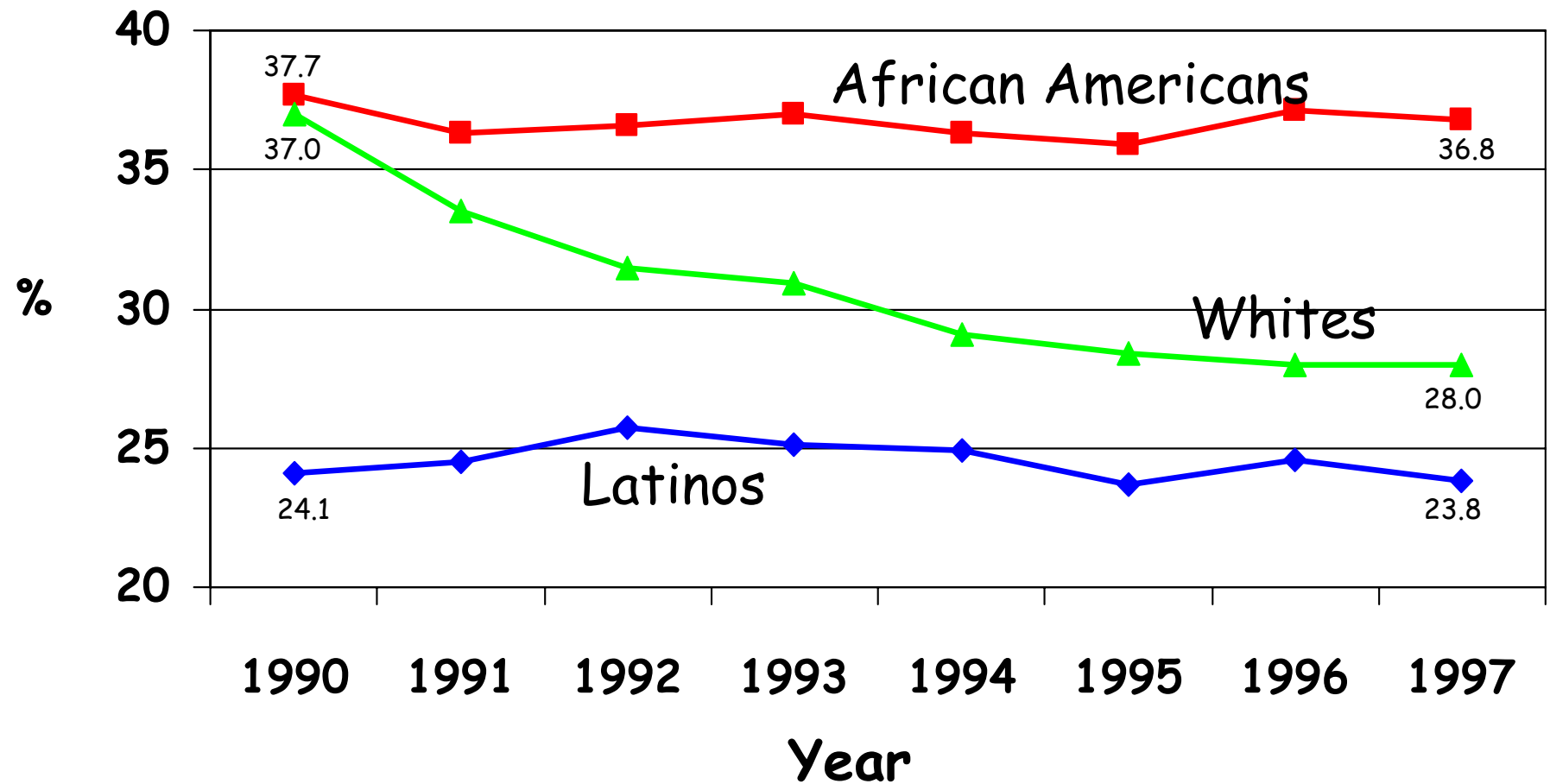
Pregnancy Rates 1990-1997



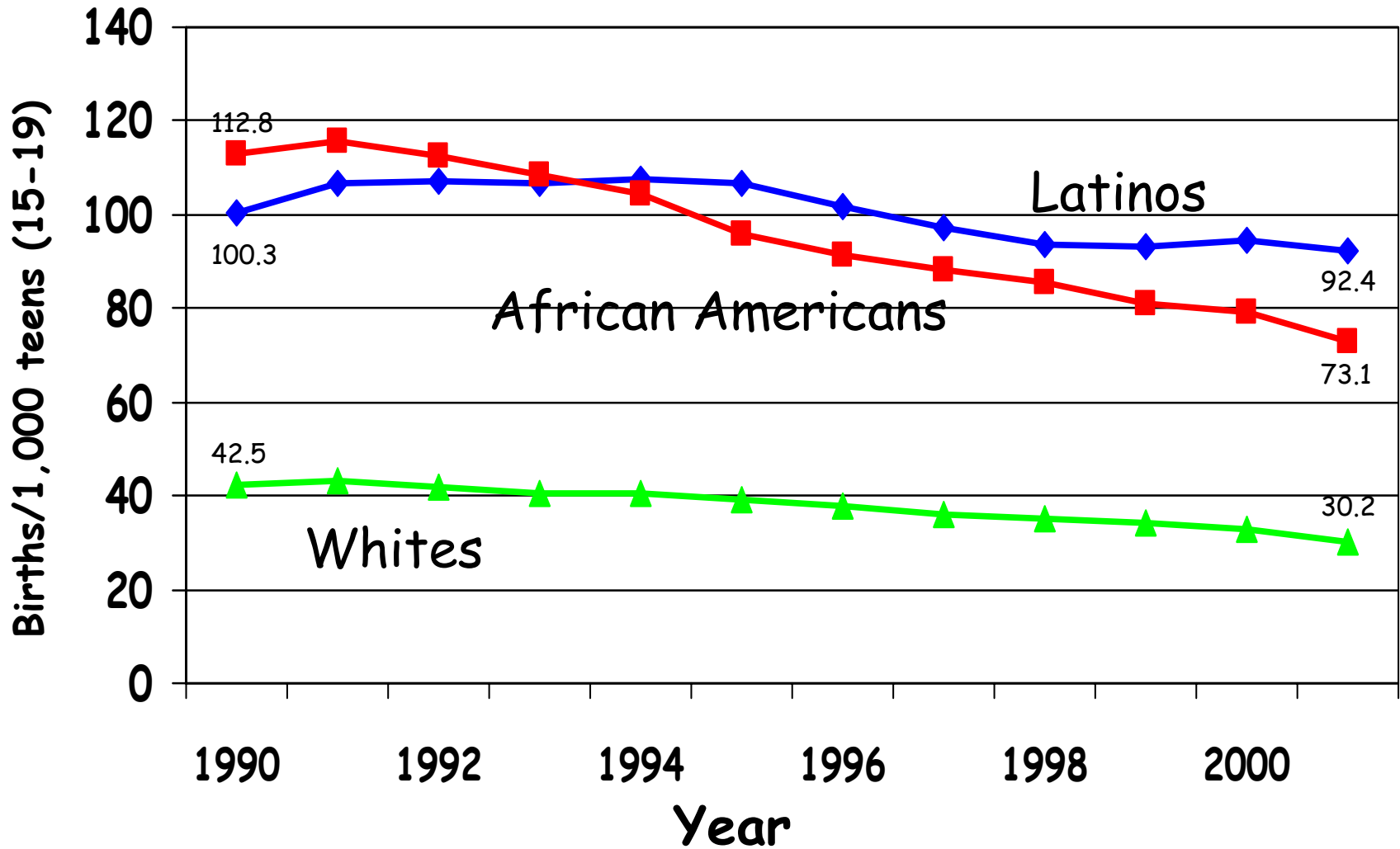
Minnesota Teen Pregnancy Rates, 1990-1998



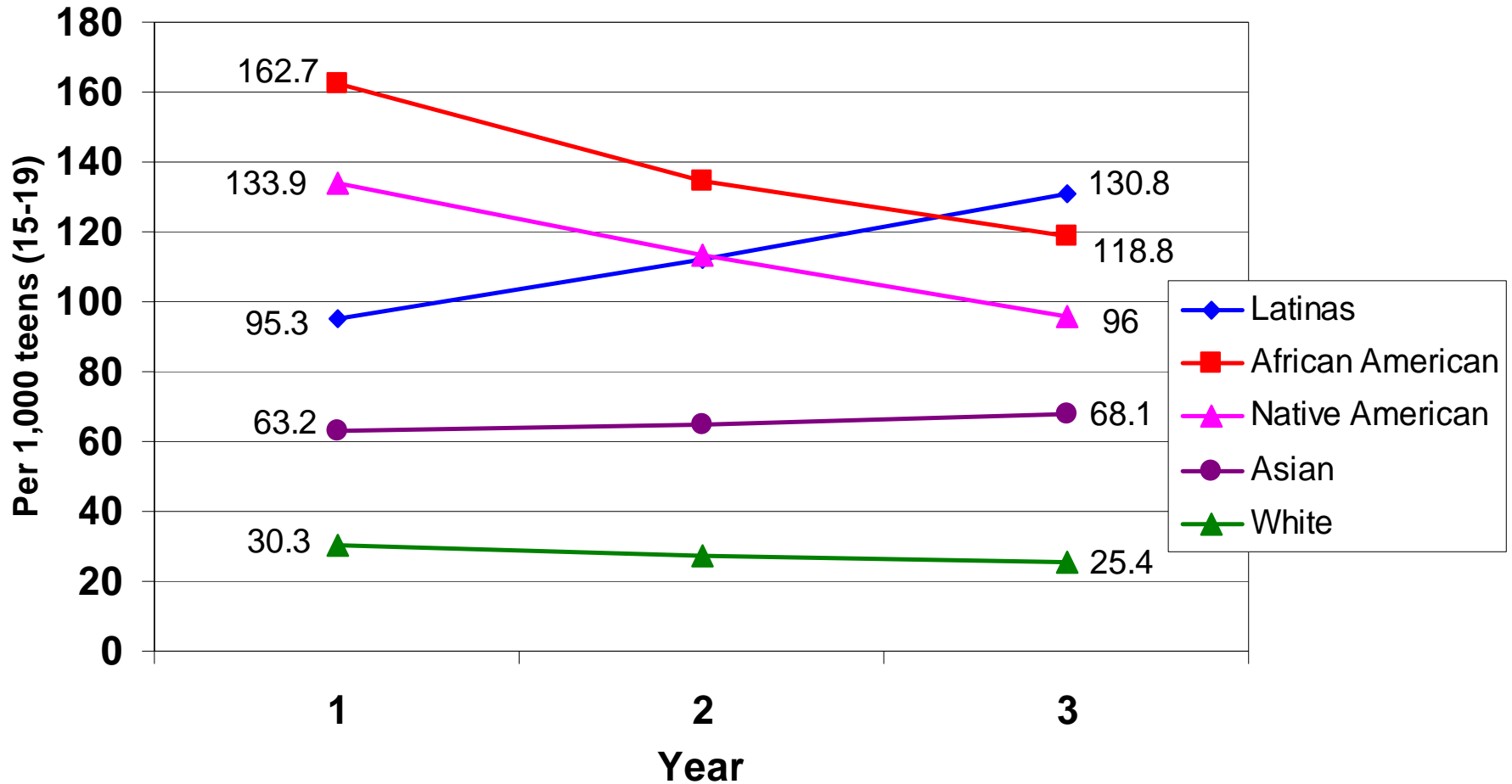
Proportion of Teen Pregnancies Aborted, 1990-1997



Teen Birth Rates, 1990-2001



Minnesota Teen Birth Rates, 1990-1998



Family Factors

- **A. Family Structure**
 - Parents (A-1)
 - Siblings (A-2)
- **B. Family Environment**
 - Parental warmth, support (B-1)
 - Parent-teen communication (B-2)
 - Parental monitoring, control (B-3)
- **C. Family Resources**
 - Income (C-1)
 - Mother's education (C-2)

Family Structure

If live with both parents:

Older age at first sex

More likely to use contraception (AA)

Less likely to have multiple partners (AA)

Less likely to become pregnant (LT)

More likely to have an abortion if pregnant (LT)

Less likely to expect to have a teen birth (LT)

Less likely to have a teen birth (LT)

Siblings

If have older brothers:

Earlier age at first sex (AA)

If have older sister who is teen parent:

More likely to have had sex

School & career goals less important

More approval of sex at younger ages

More accepting of teen parenthood

Parental Support

If perceive parental support:

More likely to delay sex

More likely to use condoms

Less likely to have multiple partners

Parent-teen Communication

If have responsive mother:

More likely to delay having sex

More likely to talk to partner about
contraception

More likely to use condoms

If discuss peer norms about sex with mother:

Less likely to have sex

More likely to use condoms

Parent-teen Communication

If talk about sex with mother (girls):

Less likely to be sexually active (LT)

More likely to use condoms (LT)

Less likely to get pregnant (LT)

If satisfied with relationship with mother:

Less likely to have sex (AA)

More likely to use contraception (AA)

Parental Monitoring

Stricter parental monitoring:

Does not influence age at first sex

Less likely to have sex often

Less likely to have multiple partners

Parental Monitoring

If parents are permissive:

More likely to have sex (AA)

More likely to have multiple partners (girls) (AA)

Less likely to use condoms (girls) (AA)

If parents are moderately strict:

Less likely to have sex at an early age (AA)

If parents are very strict:

More likely to have sex (AA)

More likely to use contraception (AA)

Family Income

If live in a low-income family:

More likely to intend to have sex (girls) (LT)

More likely to have ever had sex

No effect on condom use (boys) (LT)

More likely to become pregnant (LT)

Less likely to have an abortion

Maternal Education

If mother has a high school education:

Less likely to have had sex

More likely to choose abortion (LT)

Teen mothers more likely to finish H.S.