

# Update on the Planned Citizenship Question on the 2020 Census.

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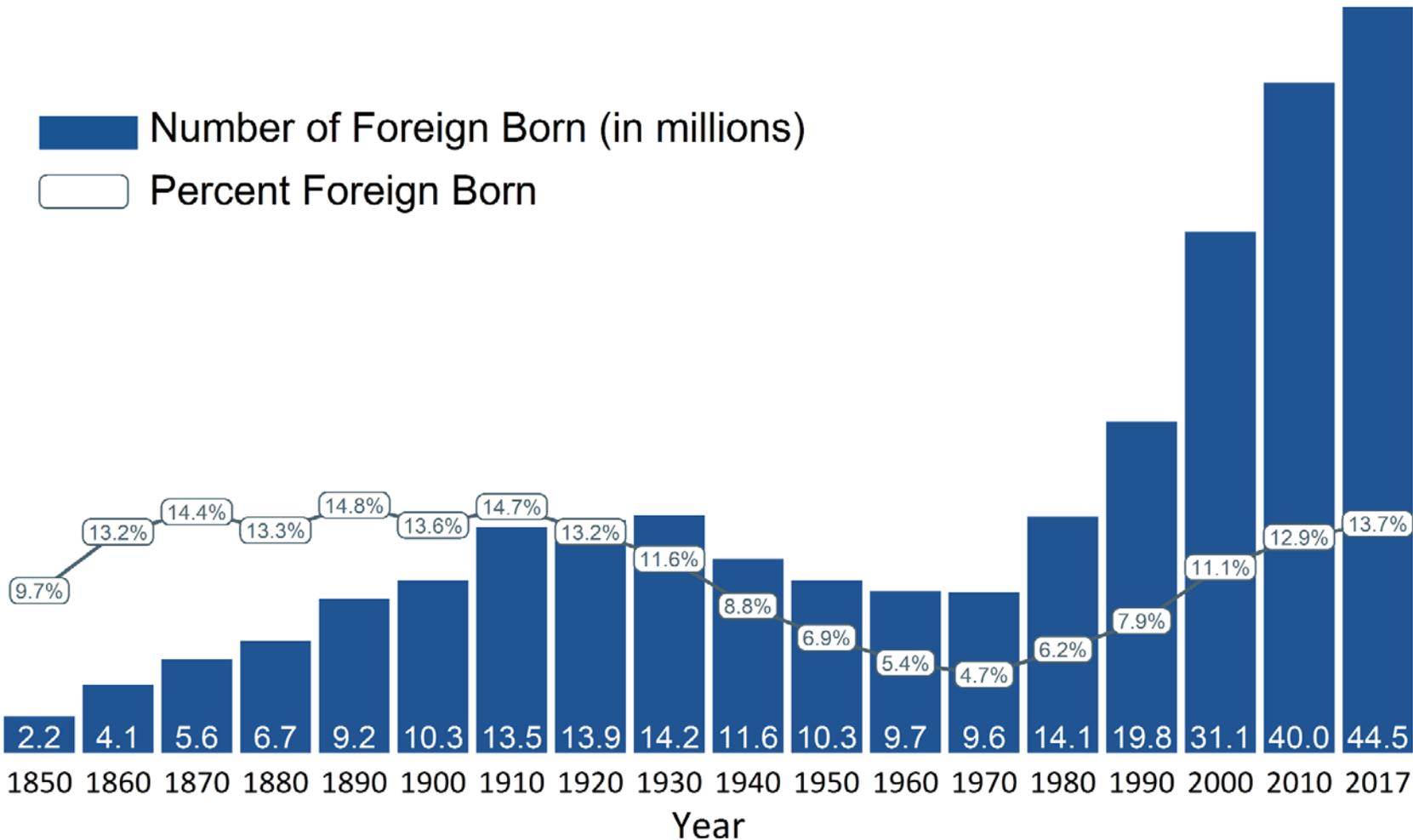
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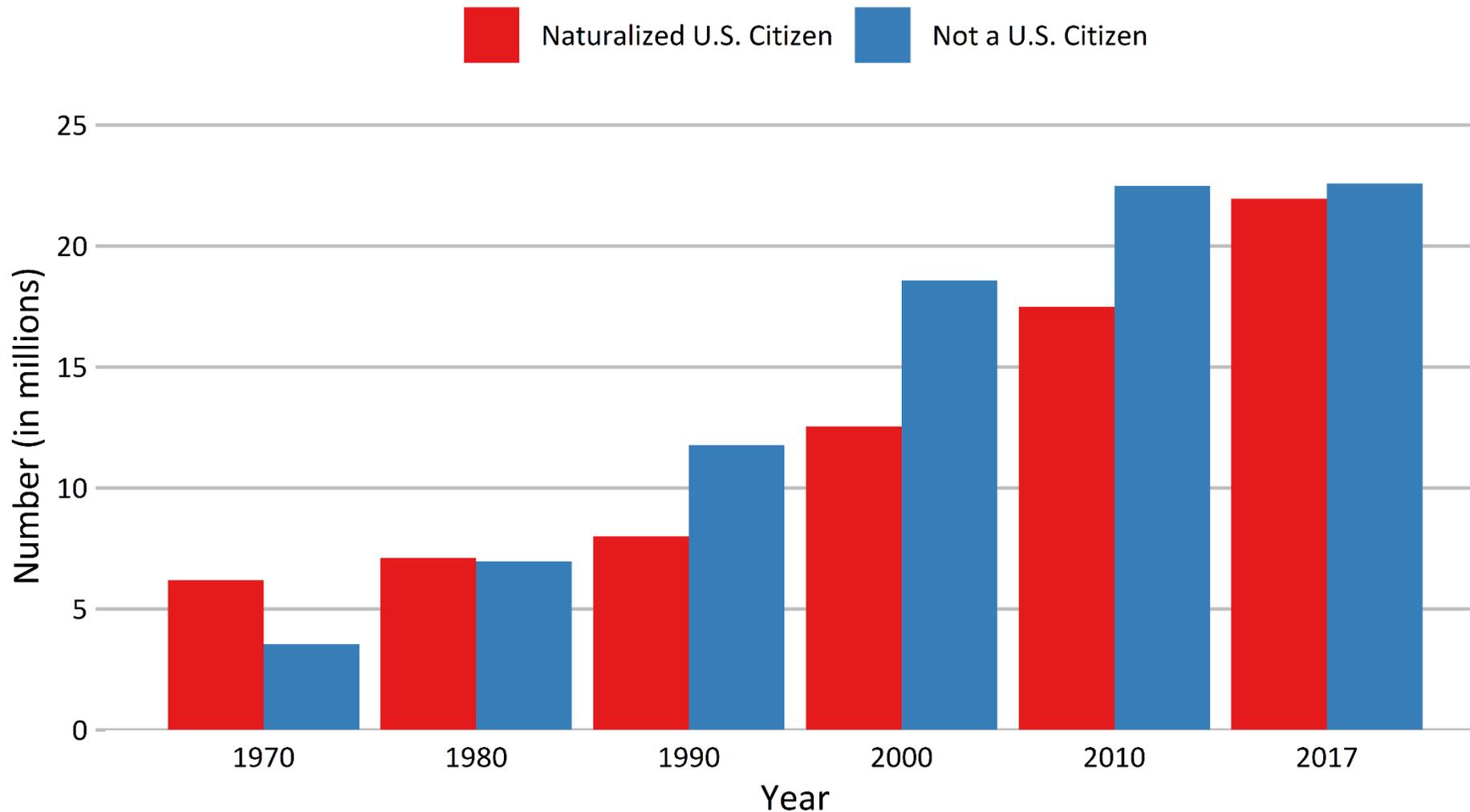
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# Number and Percent Foreign Born in the U.S.: 1850 - 2017



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1850-2000; 2010 and 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates. Estimates from 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2017 are based on samples.

# Citizenship of the Foreign Born in the U.S.: 1970 - 2017



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# Proposed 2020 Citizenship Question.

The inclusion of the citizenship question is pending due to ongoing litigation, but the Census Bureau has plans in place for whatever happens.

## Is Person 1 a citizen of the United States?

- Yes, born in the United States
- Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas
- Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
- Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – *Print year of naturalization.* ↴
- No, not a U.S. citizen

# Operational Testing Underway

- Census is conducting an operational test on the effect of the citizenship question on self-response rates.
- Study Design: Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT), which splits sampled households into a test group and a control group. RCTs are considered the most reliable method to study the effect of a treatment, such as adding a citizenship question.
- Responses accepted via internet, paper questionnaire, or telephone.
- Telephone Questionnaire Assistance available in 10 of 12 non-English languages supported for 2020: Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, French, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese.
- Sample size: 480,000 households. Oversample in areas with many non-citizens and historically low self-response.
- Schedule: June – August 2019. Results available to internal Census leadership in Fall 2019.
- End result: The results will drive marketing and partnership strategy, as well as help determine how many additional enumerators to hire and where to deploy them.



# Questions?

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