

Latino Family Bienestar among Texas' 12 Economic Regions

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- Socioeconomic bienestar variation across Texas' 12 economic regions
- Policy challenges

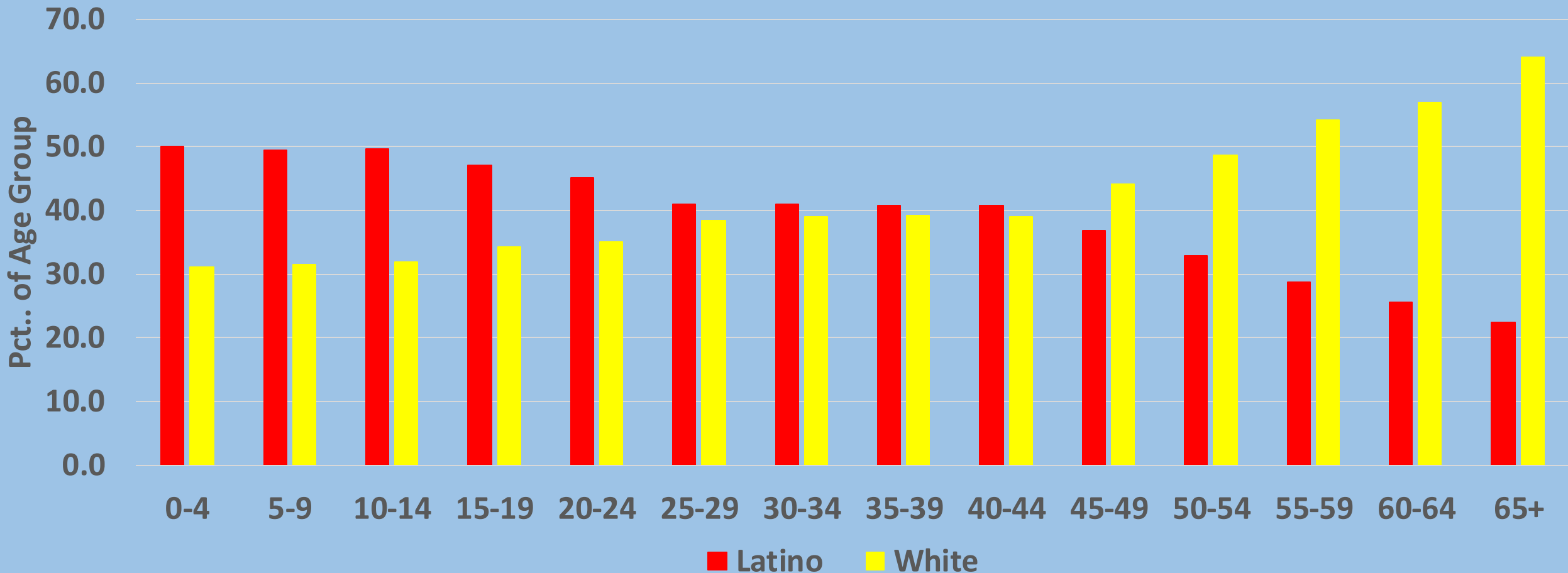
The Demographic Reality of Latinos in Texas Today

Texas Population Estimates by Race/Ethnic Group, 2016 and 2017

Race/Ethnic Group	2016	2017	Abs. Chg. 2016-17	Pct. Chg. 2016-17	Pct. of Texas Change
Latinos	10,922,506	11,156,514	234,008	2.1	58.5
Whites	11,862,697	11,886,381	23,684	0.2	5.9
Others	5,119,659	5,261,701	142,042	2.8	35.5
Total	27,904,862	28,304,596	399,734	1.4	100.0

Source: 2016 and 2017 U.S. Bureau of the Census Population Estimates for Texas. [American FactFinder]

Percentage Share of Texas Latinos and Whites in Age Groups, 2016



Source: 2016 American Community Survey Public Use File.

Voting-Related Demographics of Latinos and Whites, 2016

Race/Ethnic Group	Total	Citizen Voting Age Pop.	0-17 Population	18+ Adult Non-Citizens
Latino	10,883,279	5,185,892	3,597,069	2,100,318
White	11,843,864	9,354,940	2,325,338	163,586
Pct. Distribution				
Latino	100.0	47.7	33.1	19.3
White	100.0	79.0	19.6	1.4

Source: 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates [American FactFinder]

The Political Reality of Texas

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- Historical background
 - Loss of land and making of a proletariat workforce
 - Second-class citizens
 - Violence, including lynching, against Mexicans
 - Separate and unequal schools
 - Disenfranchisement and the poll tax
- Civil Rights era
 - Some temporary social, economic, and political gains in the 1960s-1970s
 - Undoing of Civil Rights gains beginning with Reagan presidency
- The minimalist approach of Texas regarding investment in its people
- Contemporary Latino impending majority-minority era
 - Systemic efforts to minimize Latino political power and socioeconomic standing

Socioeconomic Standing of Latino Population in Texas

Texas Children Socioeconomic Measures for Latinos, Whites, and Blacks, 2016

Socioeconomic Measures	LATINO	WHITE	BLACK
Pct. of 3 and 4 year olds in preschool	39.1	48.5	44.2
Pct. of 14-17 year olds in high school or high school graduates	97.1	97.6	98.1
Pct. of children 0-17 with health insurance coverage	87.4	94.1	94.0
Pct. of children 0-17 at or above poverty level	69.5	89.7	71.1

Source: 2016 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample.

Texas Ranking on Adult Socioeconomic Measures for Latinos, Whites, and Blacks, 2016

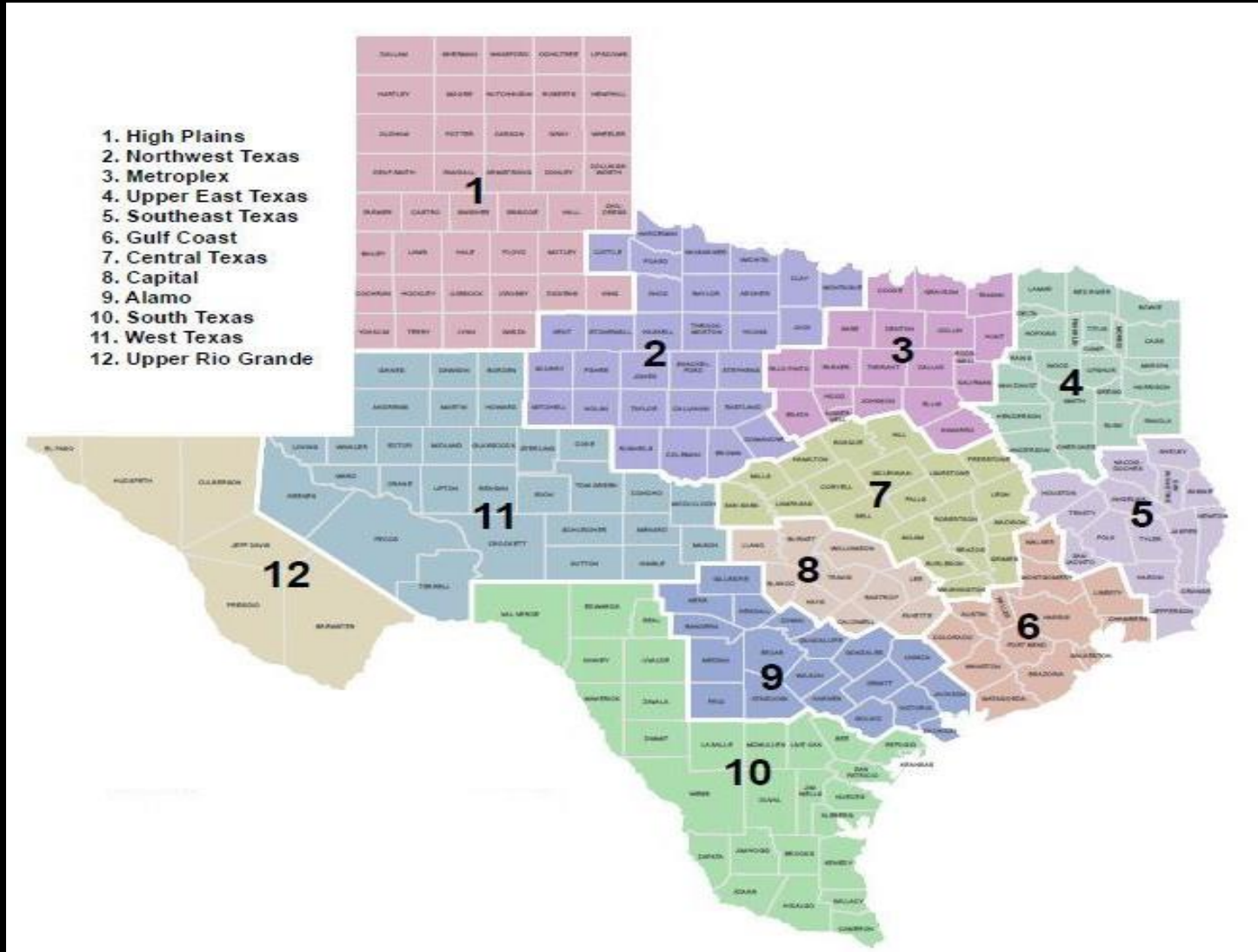
Adult Socioeconomic	LATINO	WHITE	BLACK
Pct. of householders homeowners	55.9	69.9	40.3
Pct. of persons 25+ with bachelor's degree or higher	14.2	37.5	23.2
Number STEM majors per 1,000 persons in labor force	31.0	91.3	47.5
Pct. of persons 25-64 years of age employed	72.6	75.2	70.9
Median household income	\$44,535	\$69,866	\$42,419
Pct. of persons 18-64 with health insurance coverage	62.9	86.4	79.0
Pct. of persons 18 and older at or above poverty level	81.8	91.4	82.7

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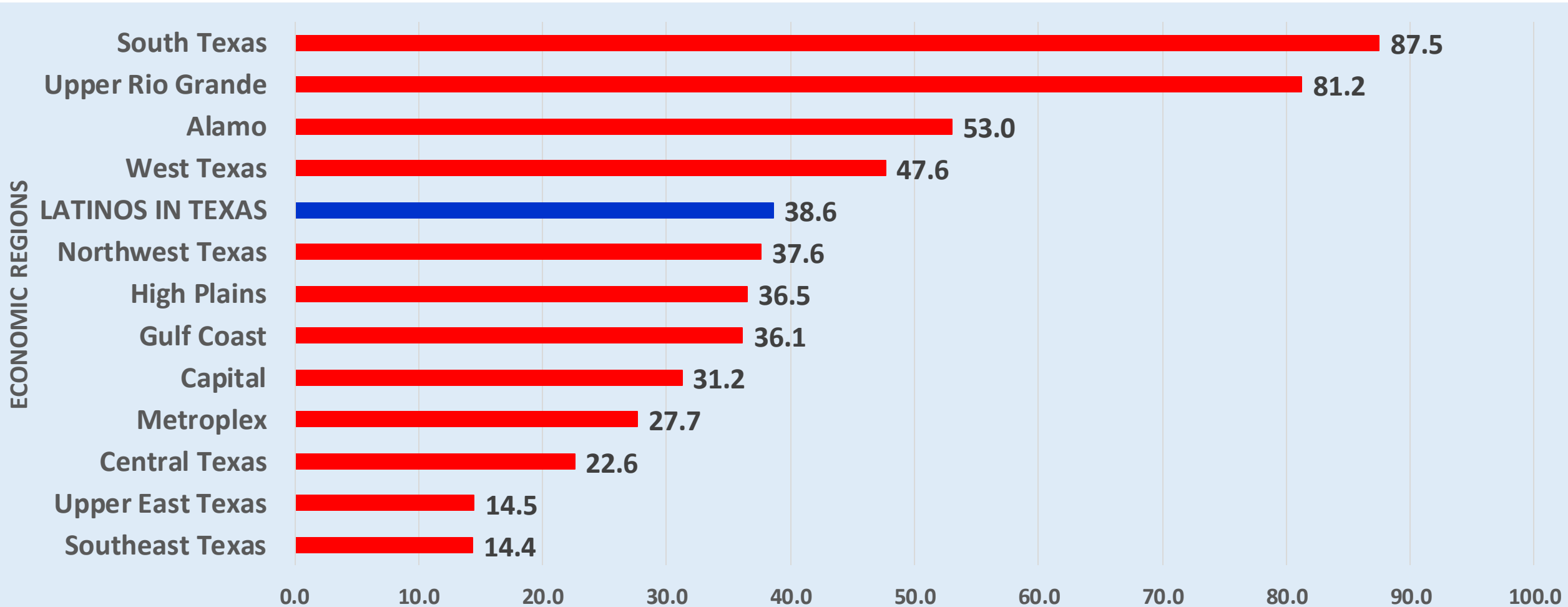
Latino Bienestar Across Texas' 12 Economic Regions

Texas 12 Economic Regions

[Source: Texas Comptroller's Office]

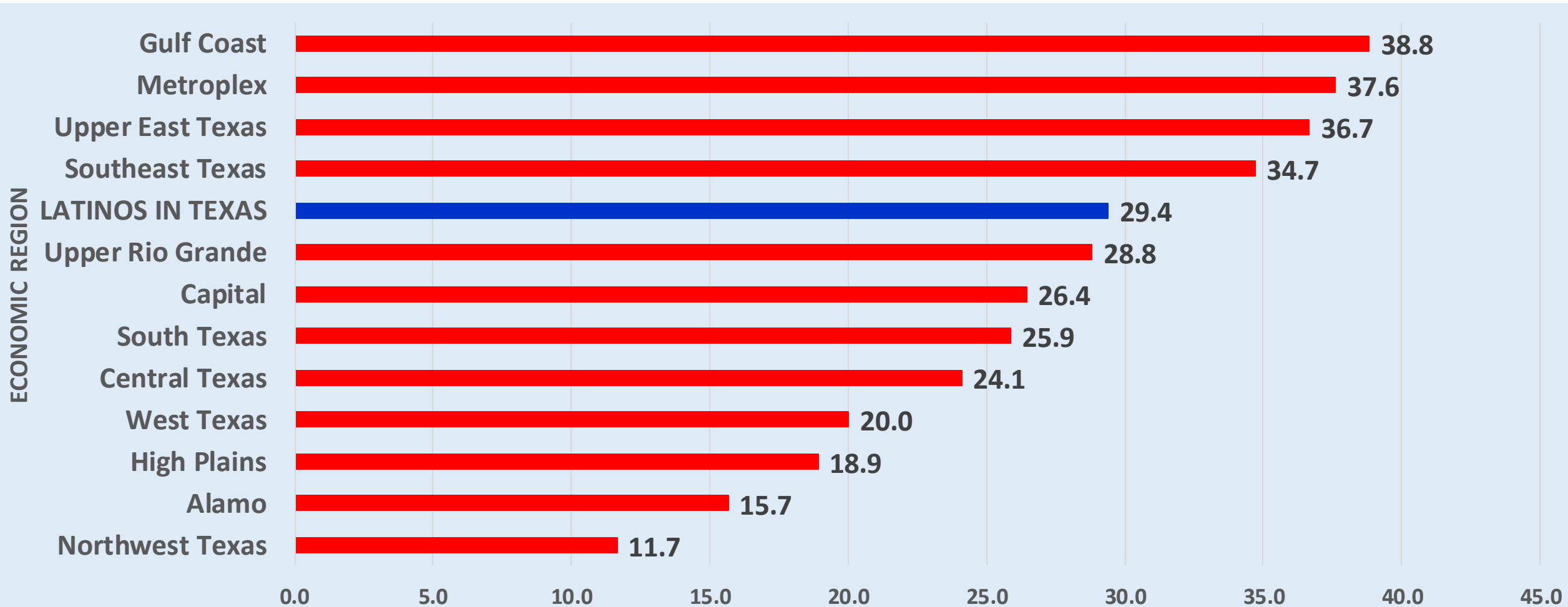


Ranking of Economic Region by Percentage of Population that is Latino



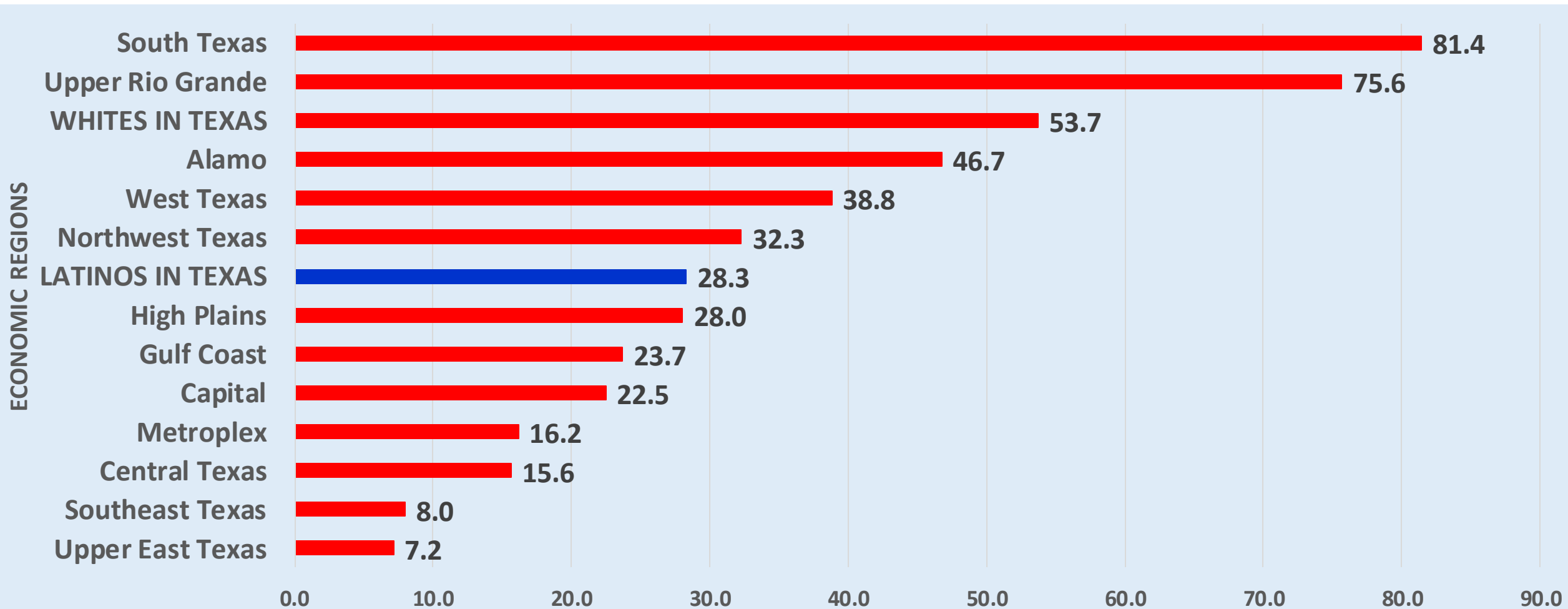
Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

Ranking of Economic Regions by Percentage of Latino Population Foreign-Born



Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

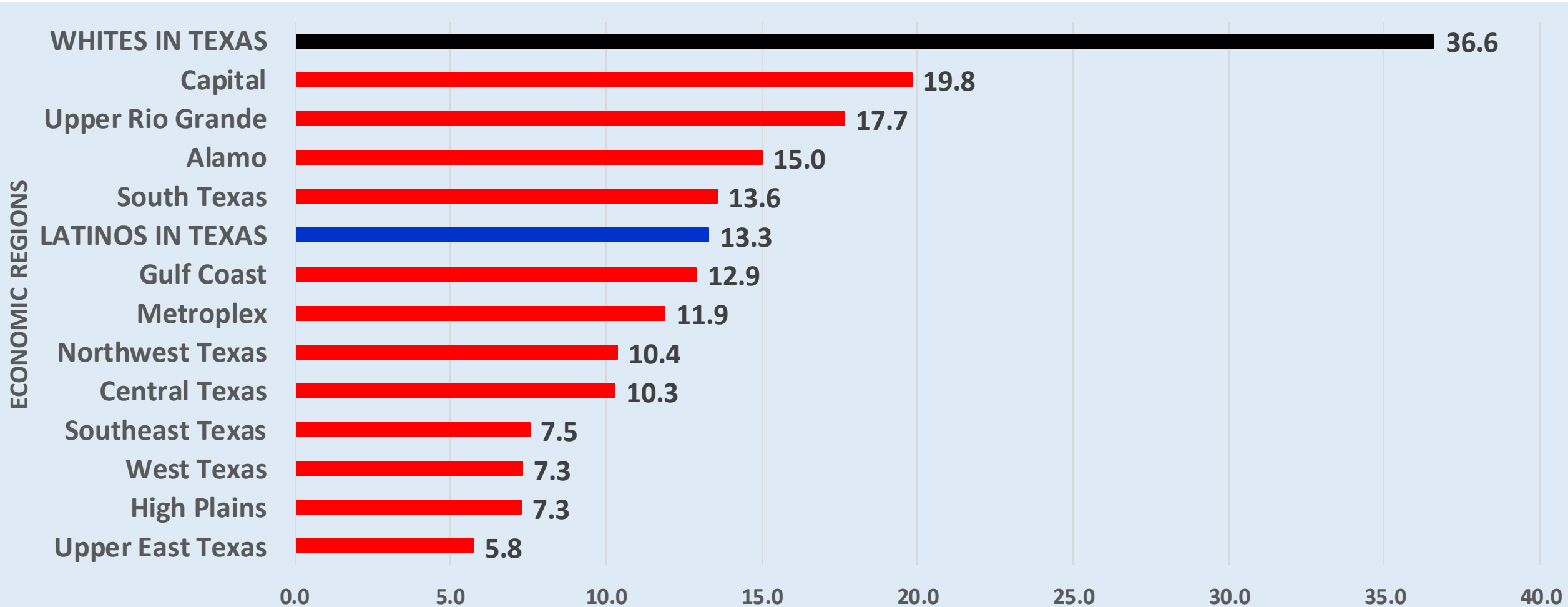
Ranking of Economic Regions by Percentage of Citizen Voting-Age Population that is Latino



Source: 2012-2106 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

Ranking of Economic Regions by Percent of Latinos 25 and Older with College Degree

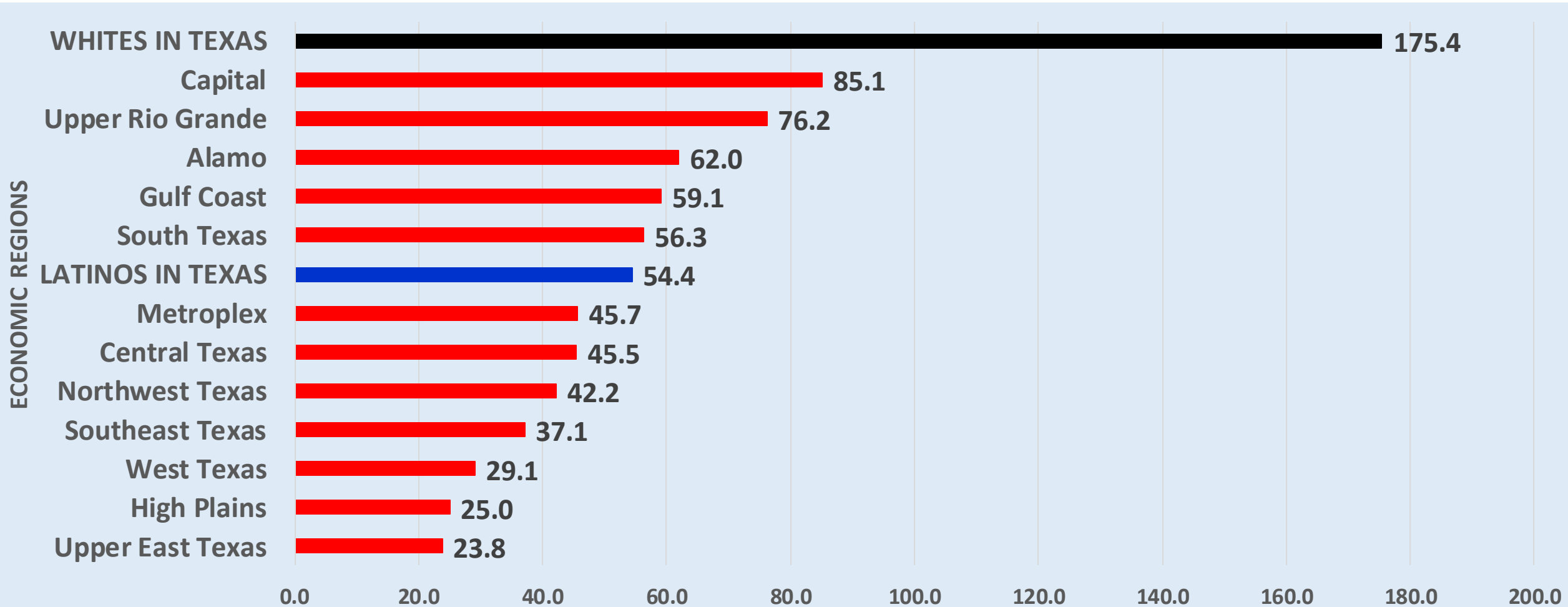
[Comparison to Whites in Texas]



Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

Ranking of Economic Regions by Number of Latino STEM Majors Per 1,000 Workers

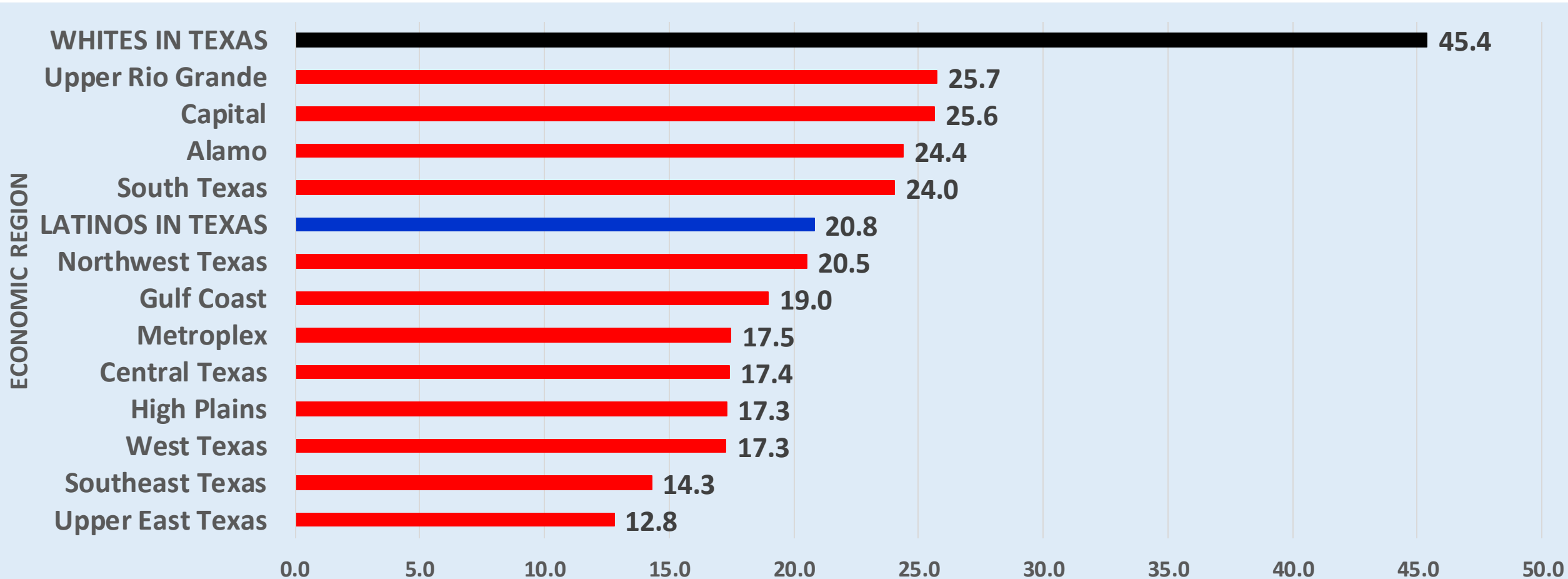
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Ranking of Economic Regions by Percentage of Latino Workers in Highest Level Occupations

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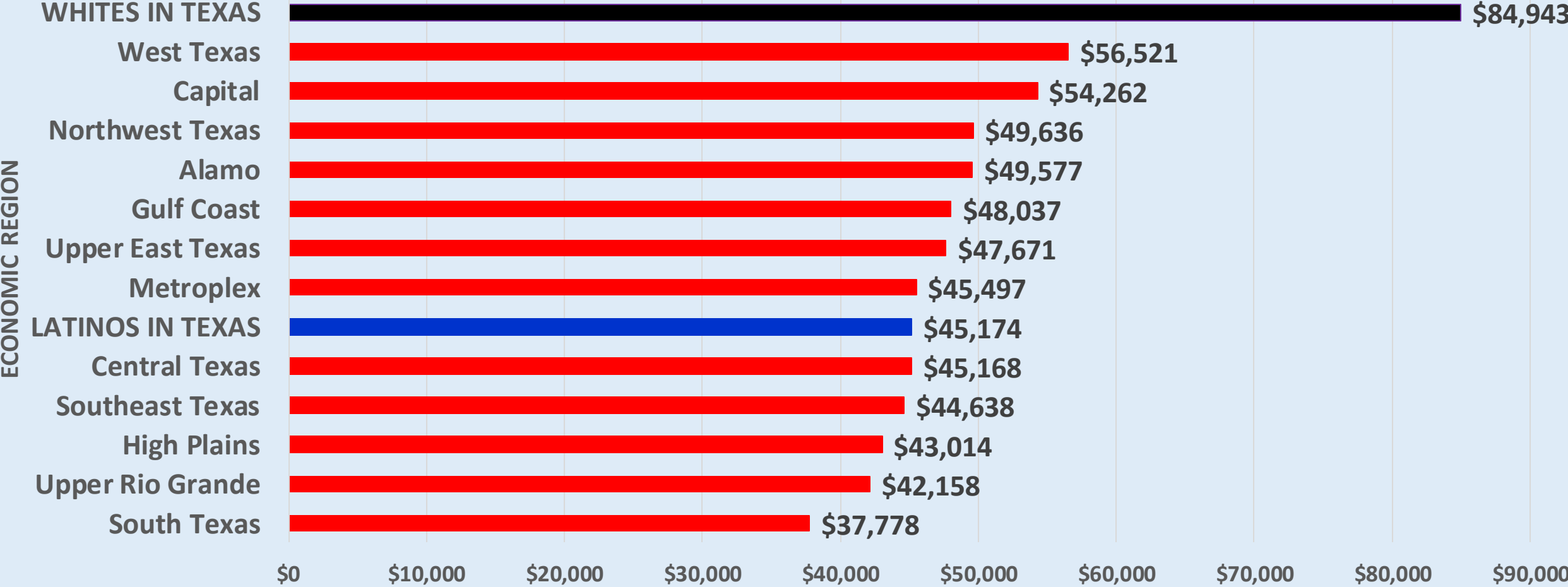


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High Level Occupations include Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations.

Ranking of Economic Regions by Latino Median Family Income

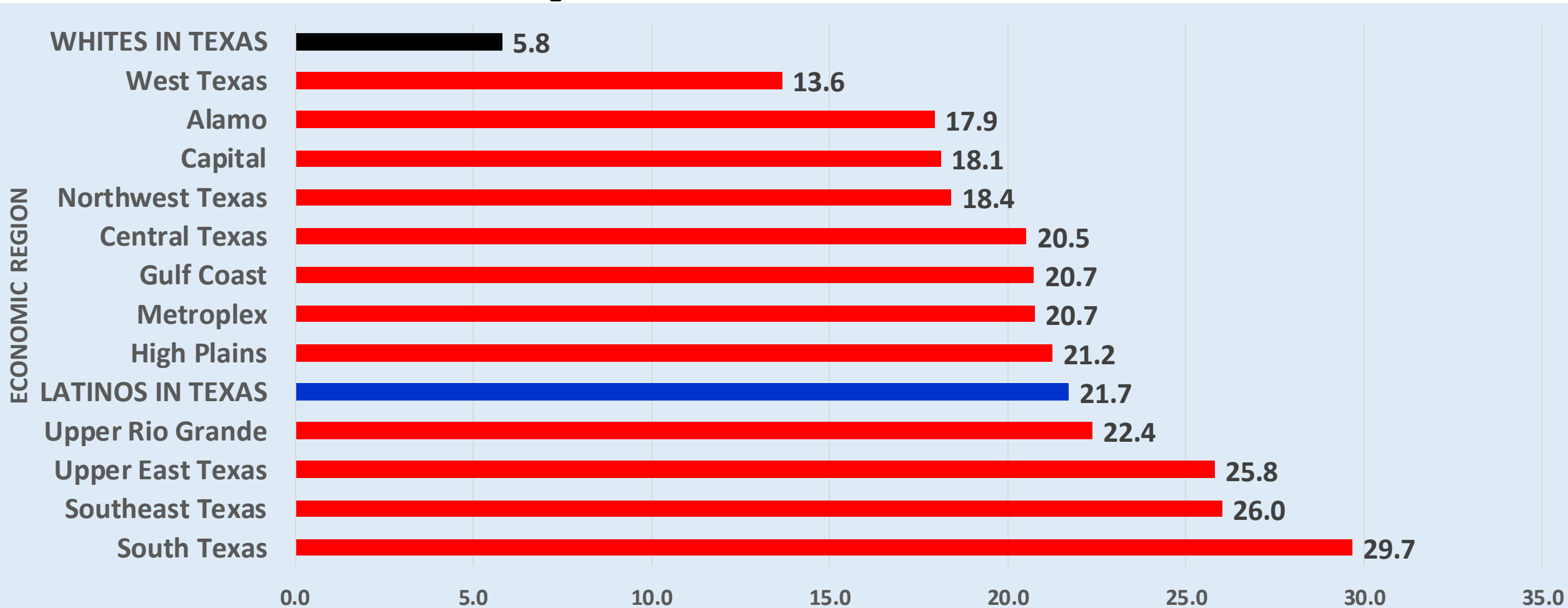
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Ranking of Economic Regions by Percentage of Latino Families in Poverty

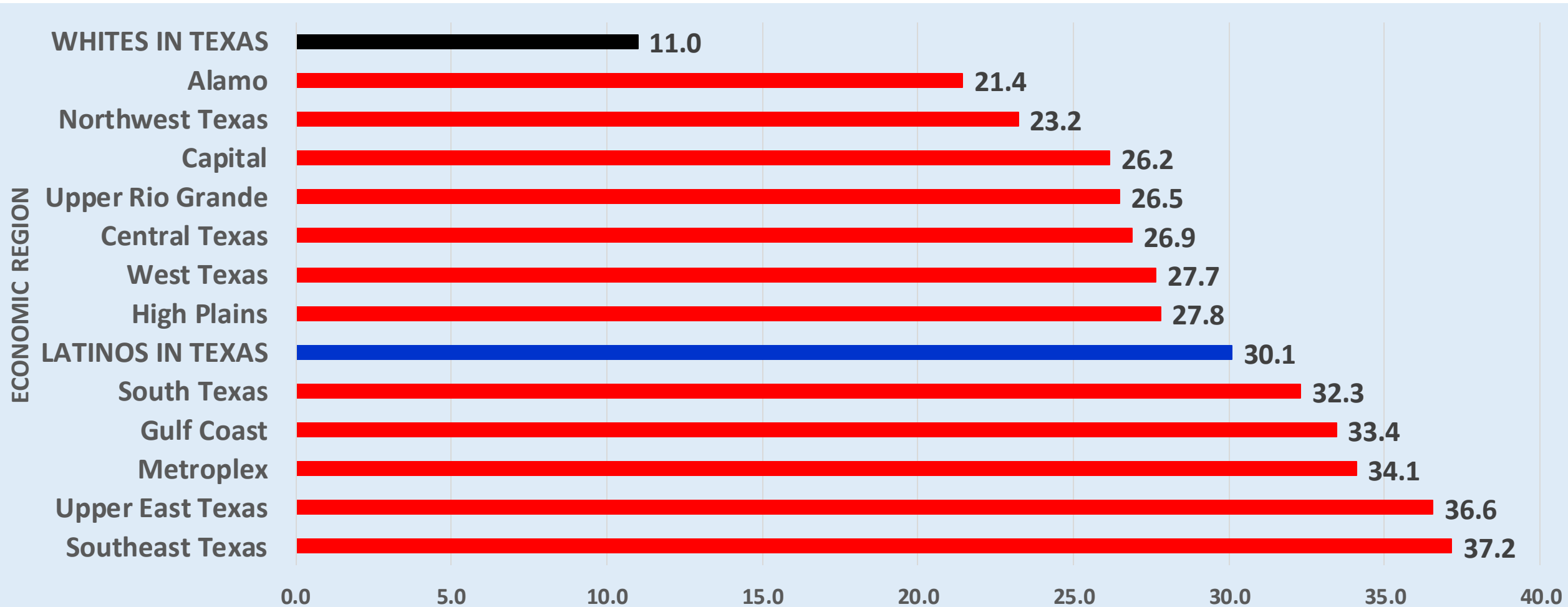
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Ranking of Economic Regions by Percentage of Latinos Without Health Insurance Coverage

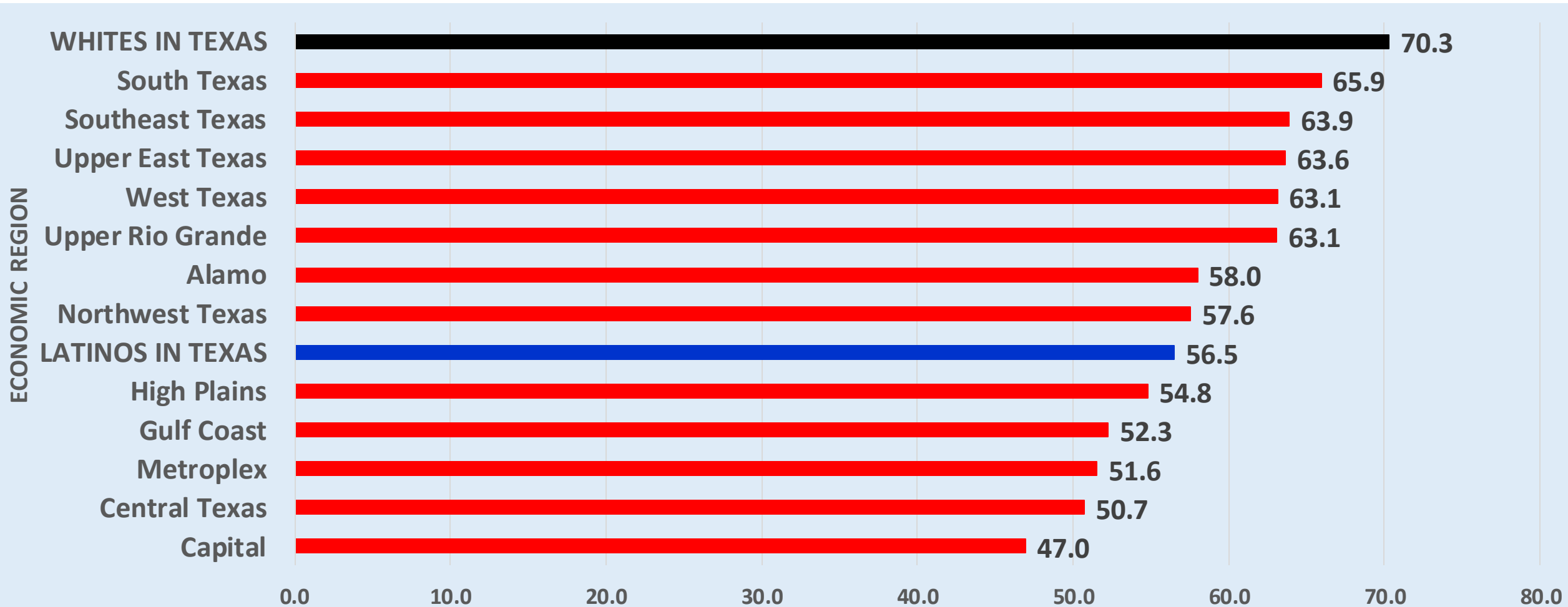
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Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

Ranking of Economic Regions by Percentage of Latino Housing Units Owner-Occupied

[Comparison to Whites in Texas]



Source: 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

Overall Ranking of Economic Regions

Ranking	Economic Region	Average Ranking	Pct. Latino	Pct. Foreign-Born	Pct. CVAC Latino
1	Alamo	3.1	53.0	15.7	46.7
2	Capital	3.4	31.2	26.4	22.5
3	Upper Rio Grande	4.9	81.2	28.8	75.6
4	Northwest Texas	5.1	37.6	11.7	32.3
5	West Texas	6.0	47.6	20.0	38.8
6	Gulf Coast	6.3	36.1	38.8	23.7
7	South Texas	6.6	87.5	25.9	81.4
8	Central Texas	7.4	22.6	24.1	15.6
9	Metroplex	7.6	27.7	37.6	16.2
10	Southeast Texas	9.0	14.4	34.7	8.0
11	High Plains	9.1	36.5	18.9	28.0
12	Upper East Texas	9.4	14.5	36.7	7.2

Policy Challenges

- Eve of Latinos becoming largest racial/ethnic group in Texas
- Major policy challenges
 - Education
 - Healthcare insurance
 - Income
 - Poverty
- Important differences in family socioeconomic bienestar across 12 Economic regions
 - Highest ranked: Alamo, Capital, and Upper Rio Grande
 - Lowest ranked: Upper East Texas, High Plains, and Southeast Texas

...But a ray of hope!...

Latino and White Children Turning 18 Years of Age in Texas, 2016

Segment	Latino Children	White Children
Total number children in 2016	3,597,069	2,325,338
Total number of children turning 18 every....		
Year	199,837	129,185
Month	16,653	10,765
Week	4,163	2,691
Day	595	384
Hour	25	16
10 minutes	4.13	2.67

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