

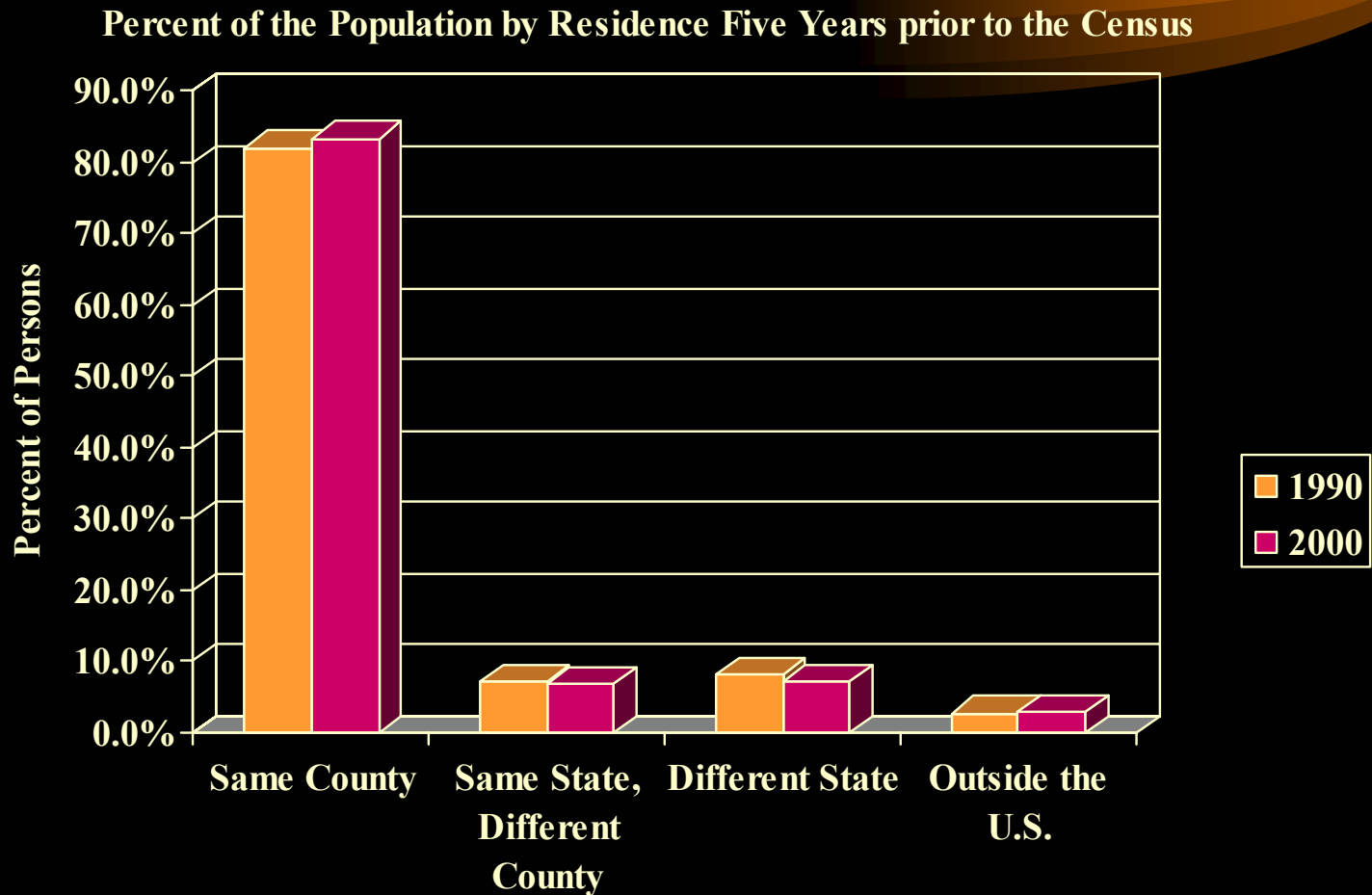
*Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress*  
*3. Population: Migration*



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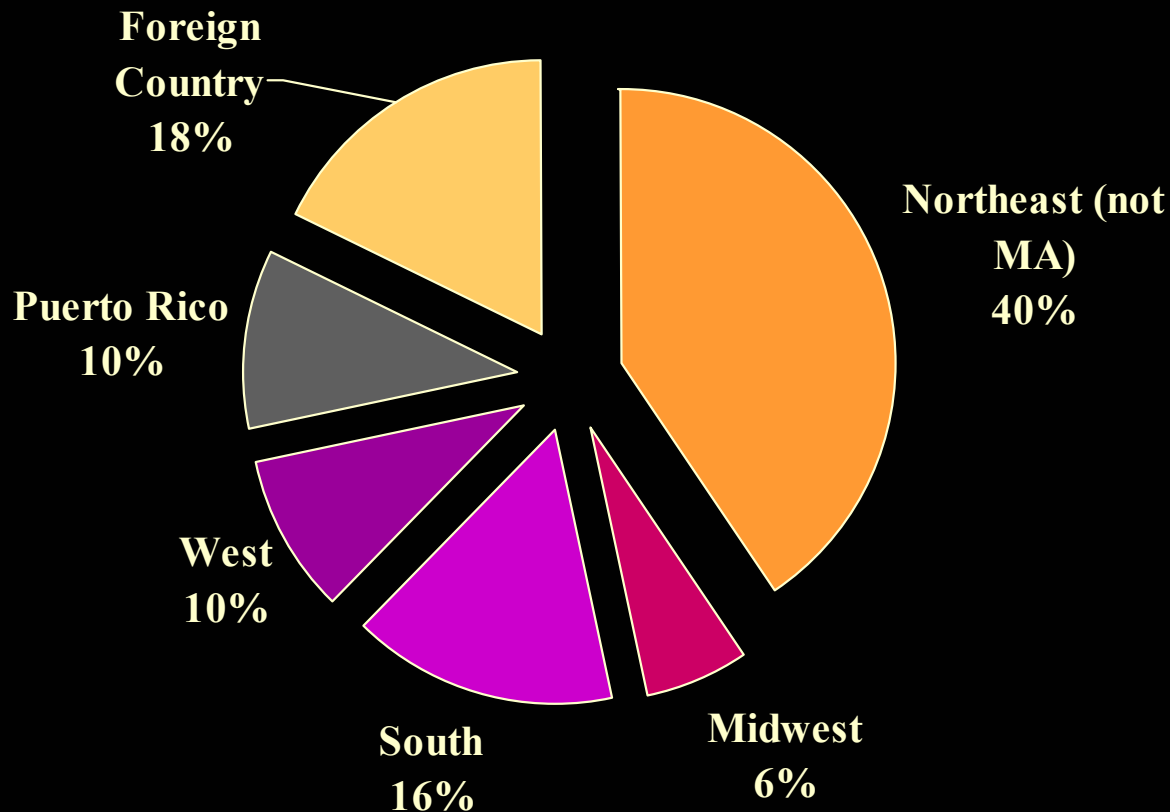
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*The region's population remains fairly stable.*



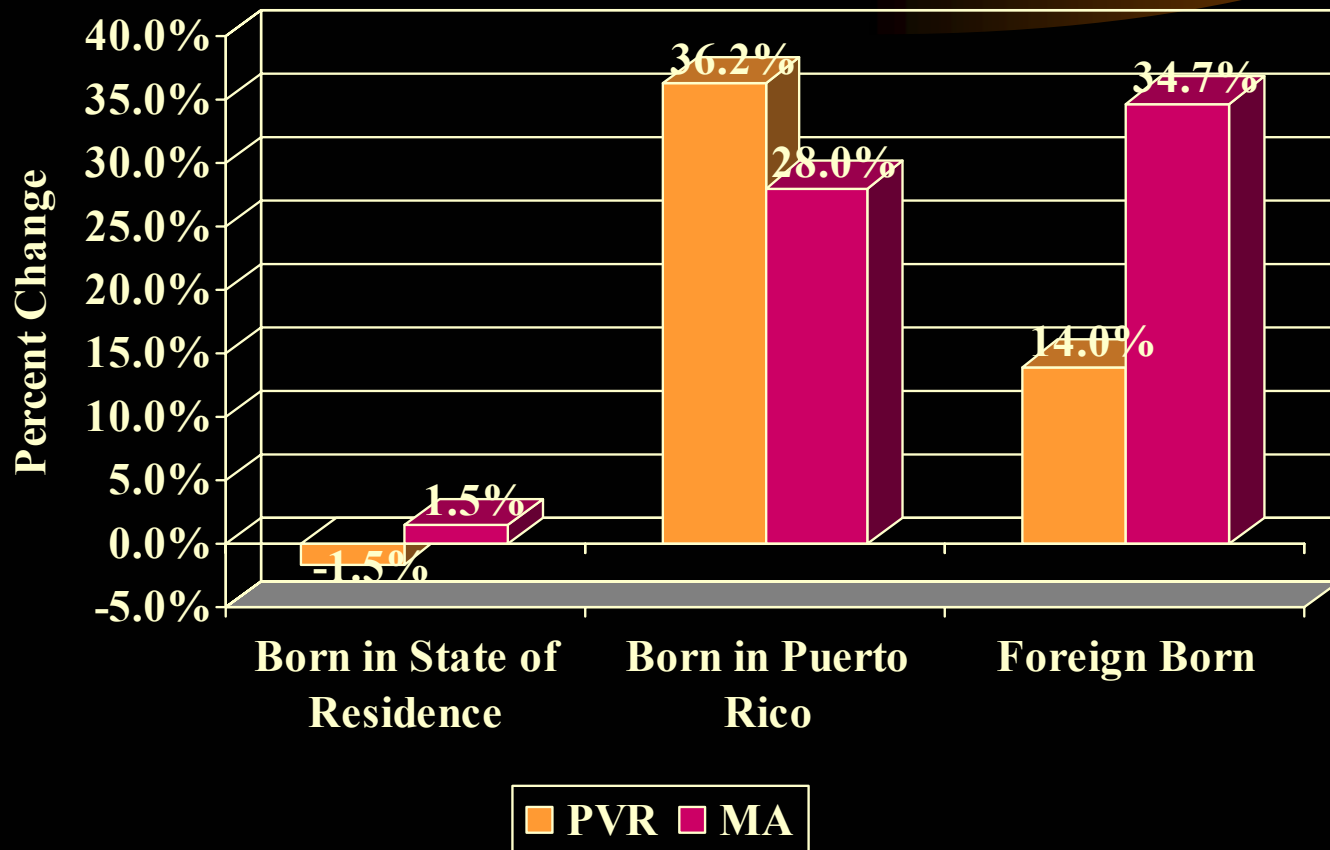
*Two-fifths of recent in-migrants come from other parts of the Northeast.*

**Percent of 2000 PVR residents, who lived outside MA in 1995, by residence in 1995**

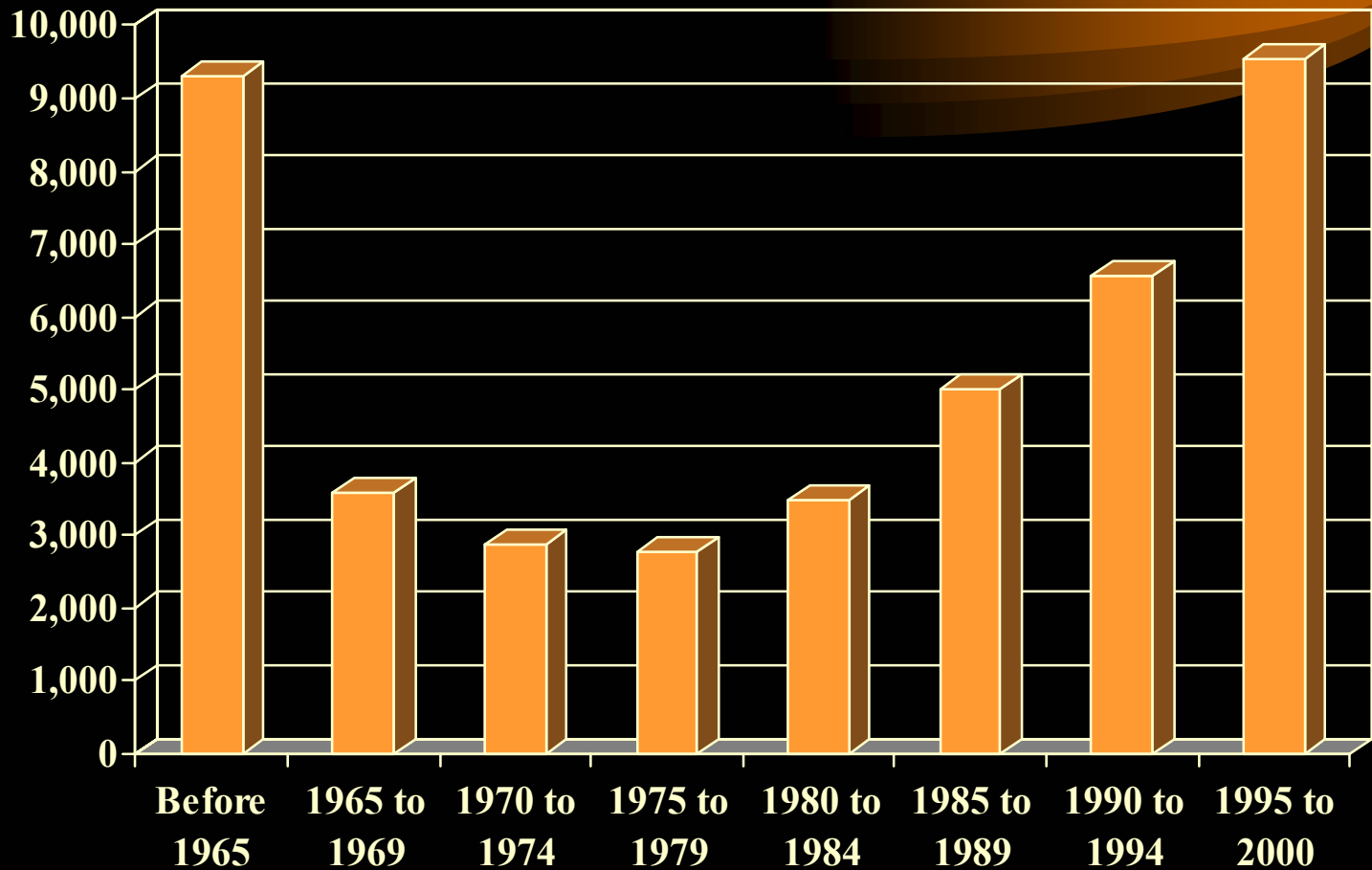


*The Puerto Rican born population grew the fastest in the region during the last decade.*

**Percent Change in Population by Birthplace, 1990 to 2000**



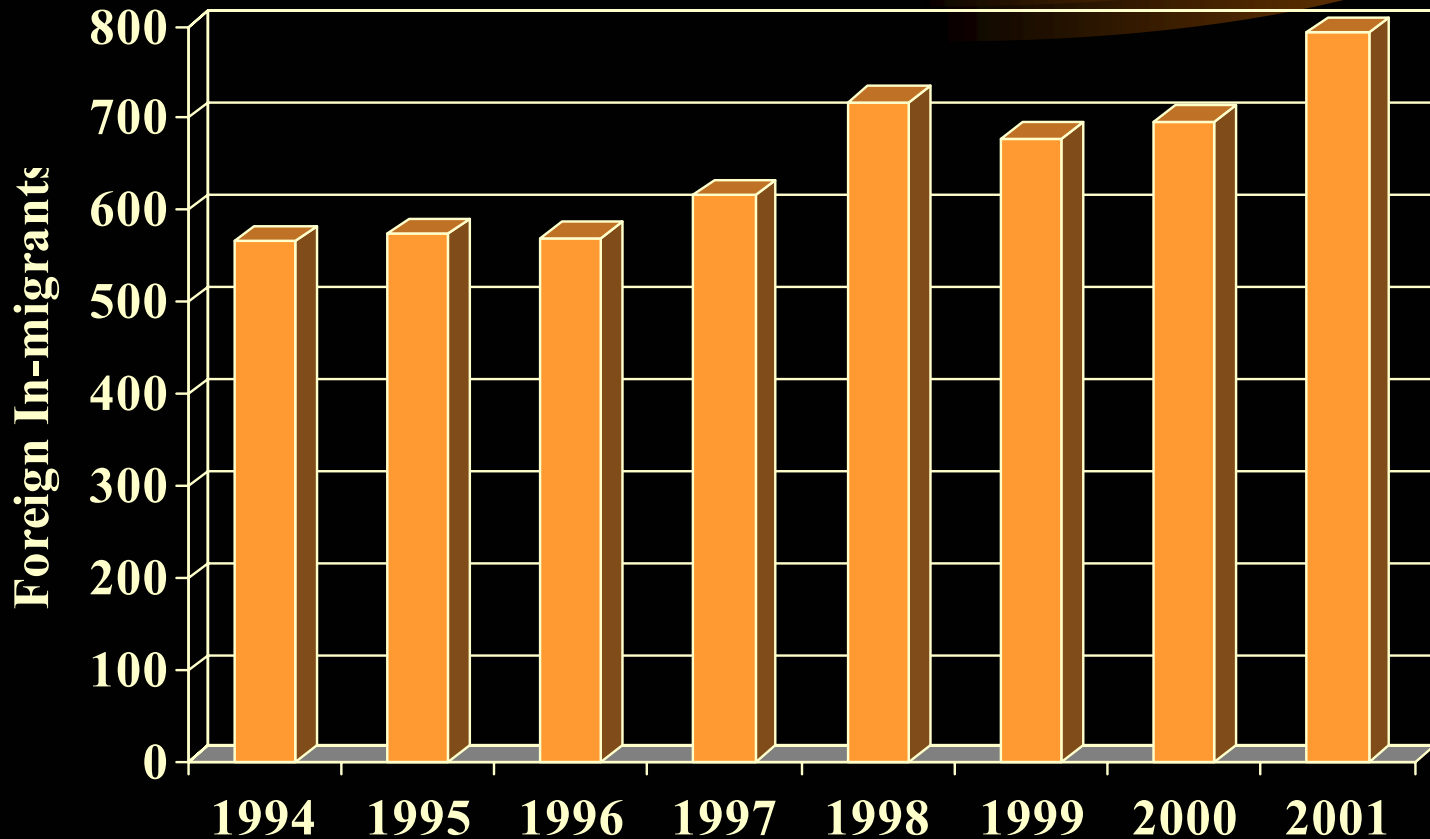
*The number of immigrants arriving every five years has steadily increased for two decades.*



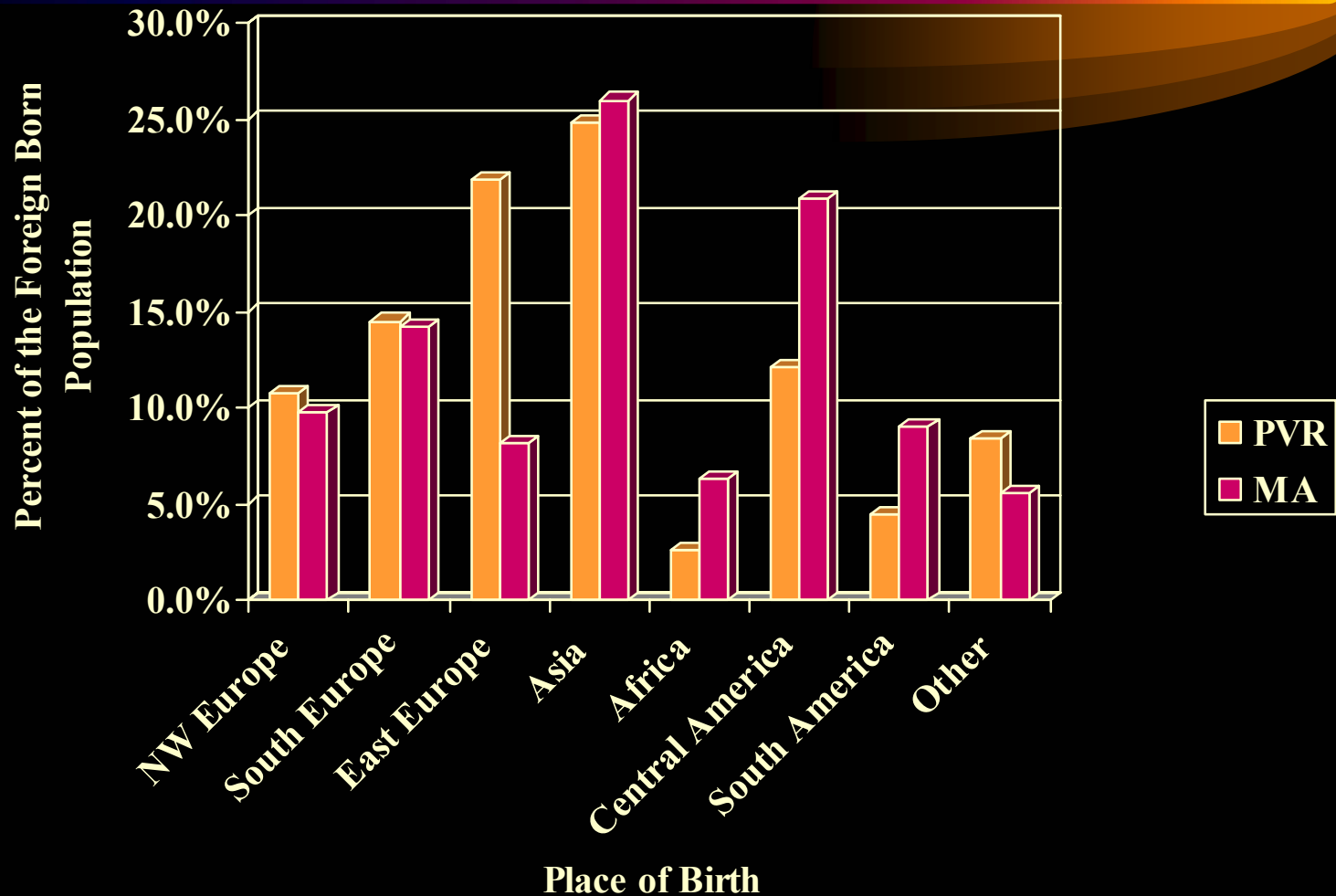
Foreign Born Population by Year of Entry

*Foreign immigration has been on the rise throughout the 1990s.*

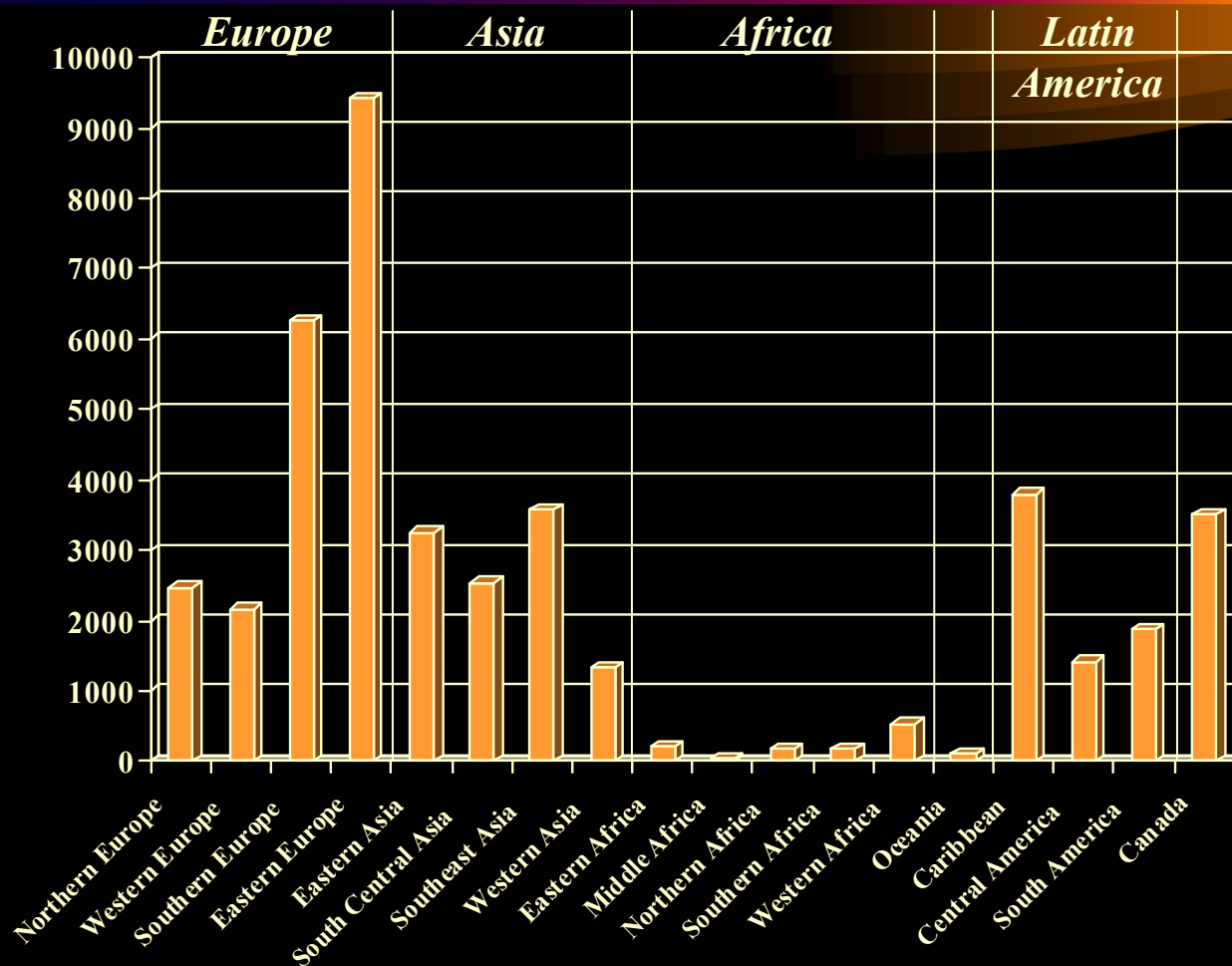
### Foreign In-migration to the Pioneer Valley Region



*Nearly half of foreign born persons in the region were born in Europe.*



*The region's largest groups of immigrants are from Eastern and Southern Europe.*

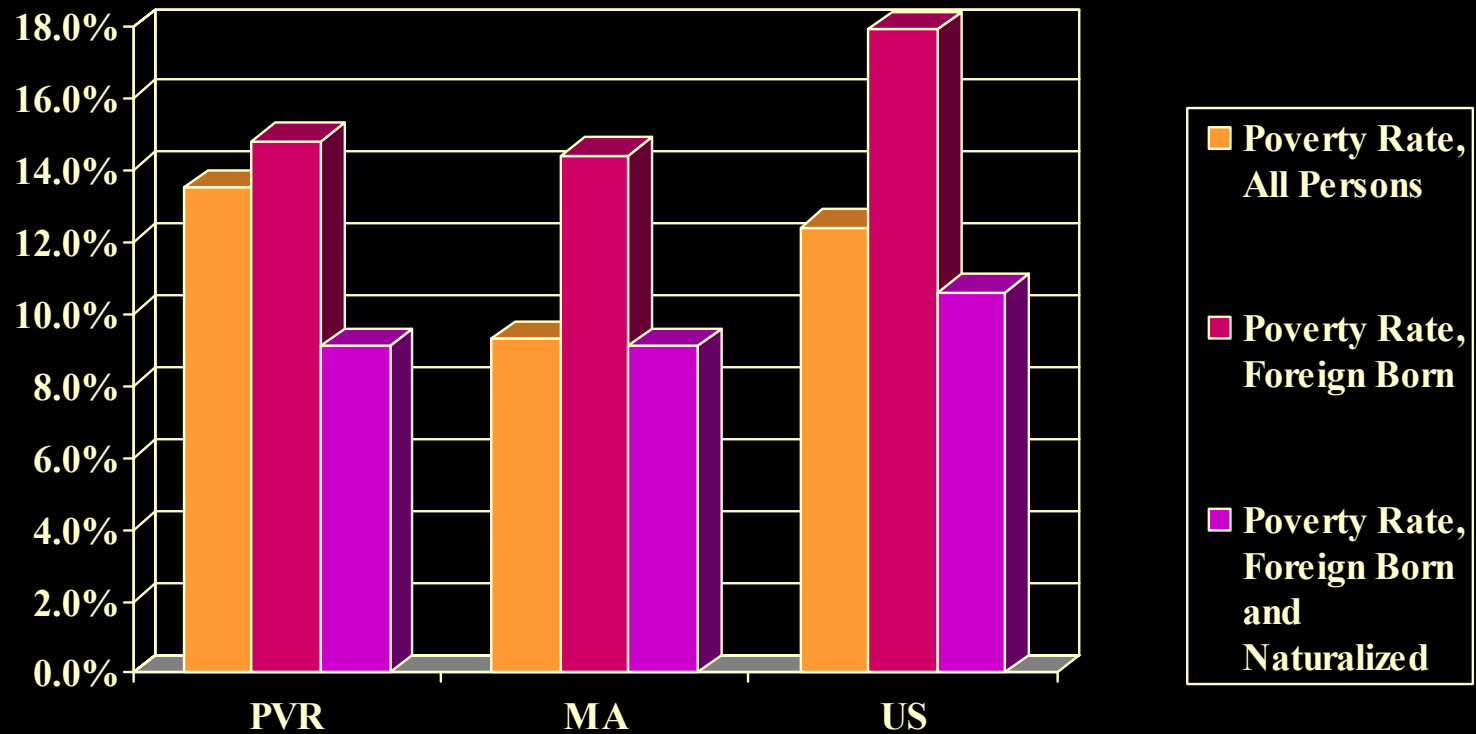


*95 percent of the foreign born population live in 12 of the region's communities.*

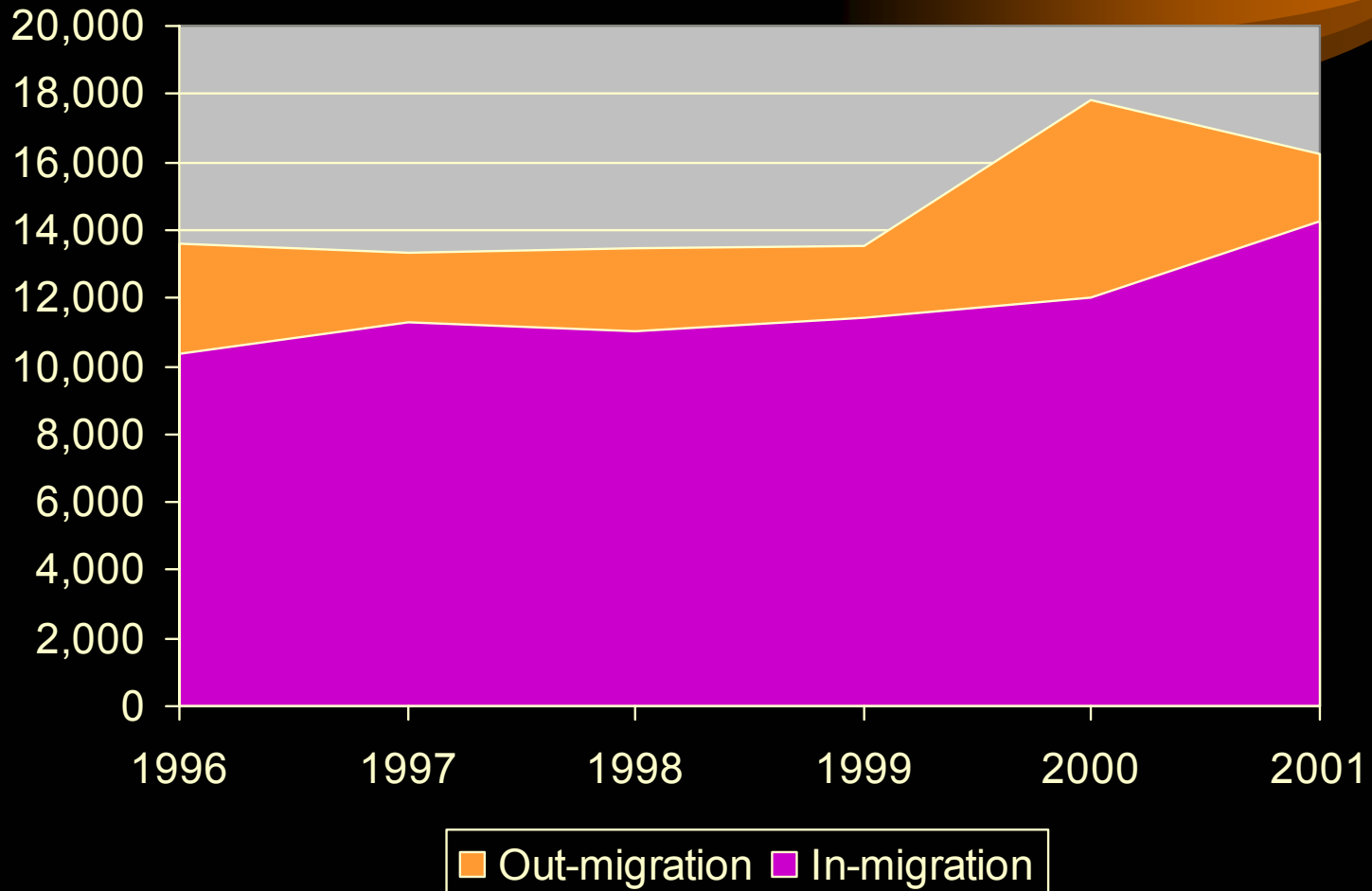
	Percent of the Community's Population that is Foreign Born	Percent of the Region's Foreign Born Population Living in the Community
Amherst	7.7%	16.8%
West Springfield	7.1%	12.4%
Westfield	4.2%	10.4%
Springfield	3.1%	29.1%
Northampton	2.6%	4.6%
Chicopee	2.4%	8.1%
Monson	2.3%	1.2%
South Hadley	2.3%	2.5%
Agawam	1.5%	2.6%
Ludlow	1.5%	2.0%
Longmeadow	1.5%	1.4%
Holyoke	1.4%	3.6%

*Foreign immigrants to the region have been integrated into the economy.*

**Poverty Rates of Various Populations for the Region,  
State, and Nation**



*The gap between out-migration and in-migration is narrowing.*



*Net domestic out-migration is costly - those leaving are wealthier than those coming.*

**Net Loss of Personal Wealth as a Result of Domestic Out-Migration**

