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## **The Foreign-Born Population in Upstate New York**

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# Outline

- Immigration trends
- Characteristics of the foreign-born in the upstate economy
- Looking ahead: Policy issues for upstate New York



Table 1a  
Total and Foreign-Born Populations: 2000

<u>Area</u>	<u>Total</u> (000s)	<u>Foreign-Born,</u> (000s) (% of Total)
United States	281,422	31,108 <b>(11.1)</b>
New York State	18,976	3,868 <b>(20.3)</b>
New York City	8,008	2,871 <b>(35.8)</b>
Upstate New York	4,300	203 <b>(4.7)</b>
Albany	1,000	44 (4.4)
Buffalo	1,170	51 (4.4)
Rochester	1,098	63 (5.7)
Syracuse	1,032	45 (4.3)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, SF-1, SF-3, and Census 1990, STF-1, STF-3.

Note: Albany includes the Albany-Schenectady-Troy and Glens Falls metropolitan statistical areas (MSA); Buffalo is the Buffalo-Niagara MSA; Rochester is the Rochester MSA; Syracuse includes the Syracuse and Utica-Rome MSA's; upstate New York includes all six MSAs.

Table 1b  
Change in Total, Native-Born and Foreign-Born Populations:1990-2000

Change in population (000s)

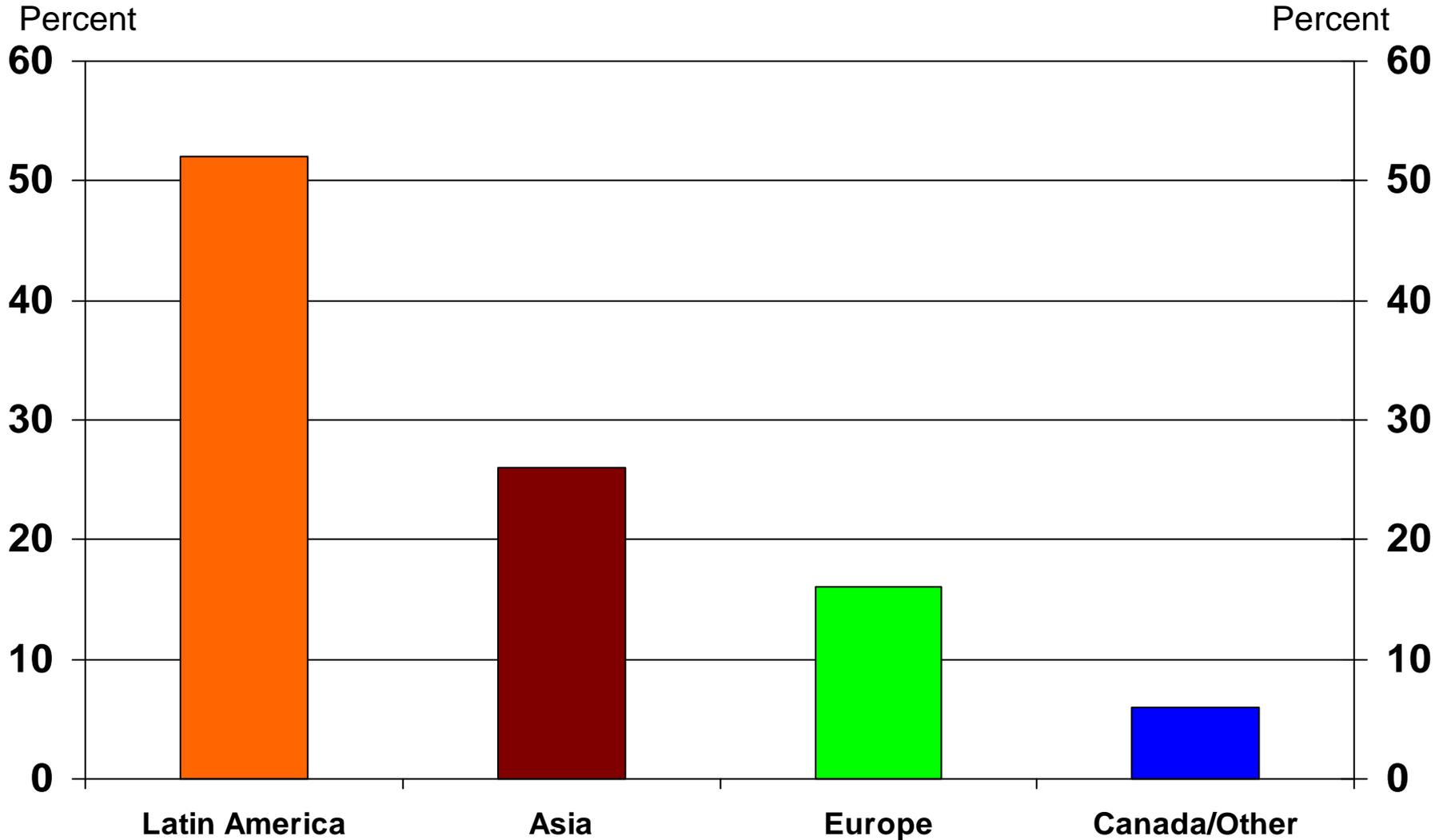
<u>Area</u>	<u>Total*</u>	<u>Native-Born</u>	<u>Foreign-Born</u>
United States	32,712 <b>(13.2)</b>	21,371	11,341 <b>(57.3)</b>
New York State	986 <b>(5.5)</b>	-30	1,016 <b>(35.6)</b>
New York City	686 <b>(9.4)</b>	-102	788 <b>(37.8)</b>
Upstate New York	10 <b>(0.2)</b>	-10	20 <b>(11.1)</b>
Albany	20 (2.0)	16	4
Buffalo	-19 (-1.6)	-18	-1
Rochester	36 (3.4)	26	10
Syracuse	-27 (-2.5)	-34	7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, SF-1, SF-3, and Census 1990, STF-1, STF-3.

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\*Percentage change in population in parentheses.

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**Region of Origin of Foreign-Born Residents in U.S., 2000**

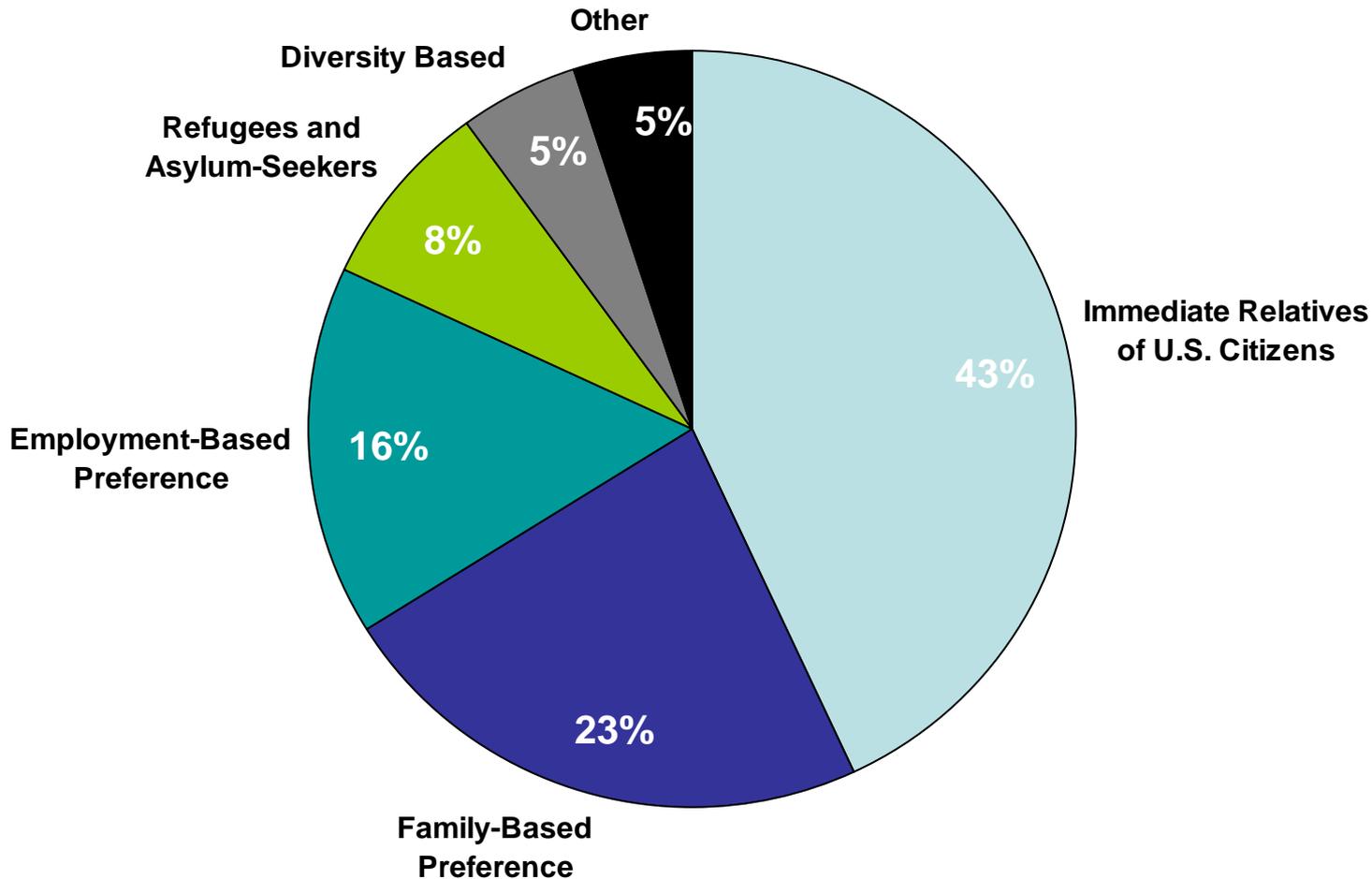


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, STF-3.

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# Chart 1b

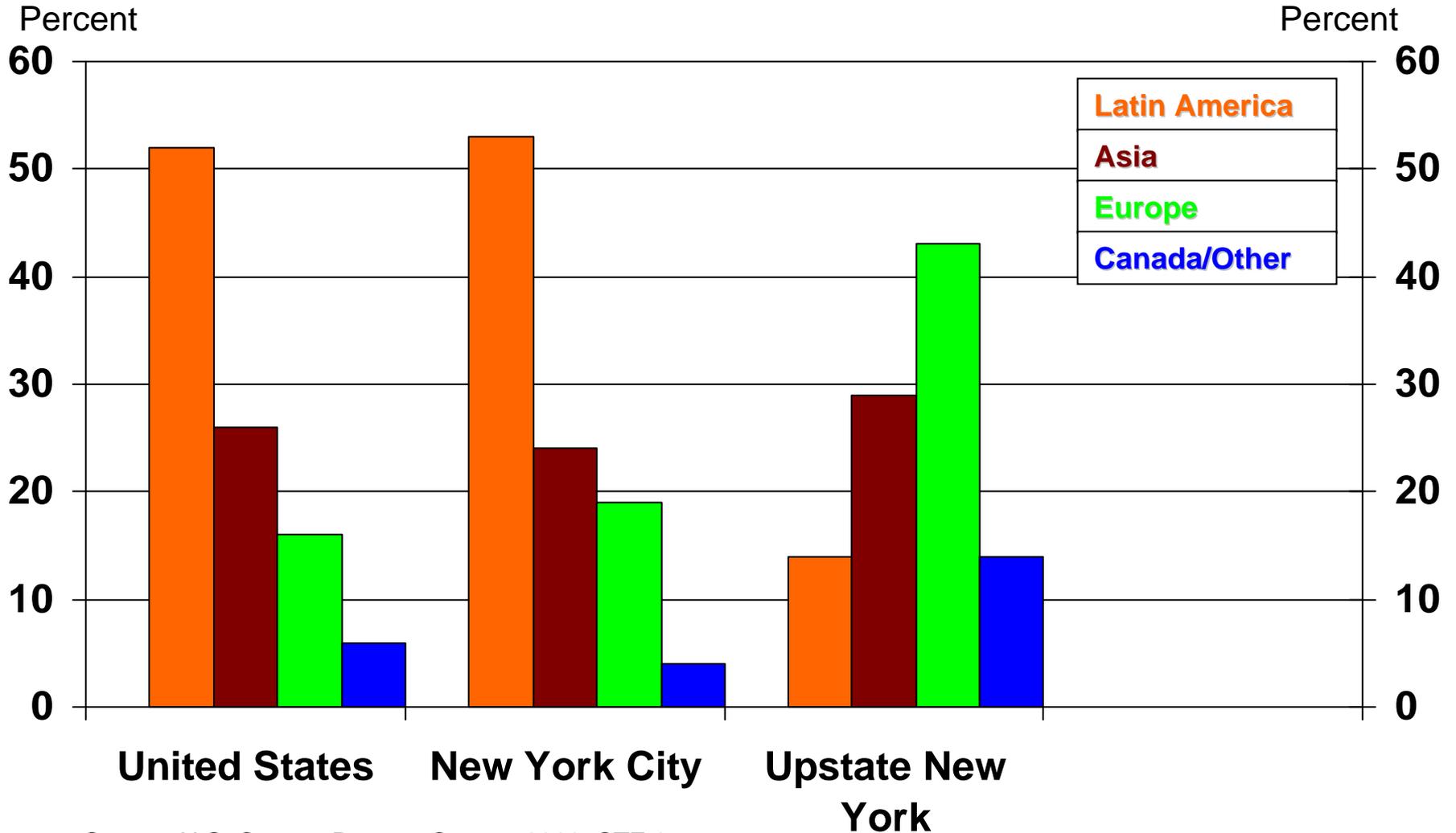
## Total Lawful Permanent Admissions, by Admissions Category, 2004



Source: Congressional Budget Office based on Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Statistics, *2004 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics (January 2006)*.

Note: In 2004, there were 946,142 permanent admissions.

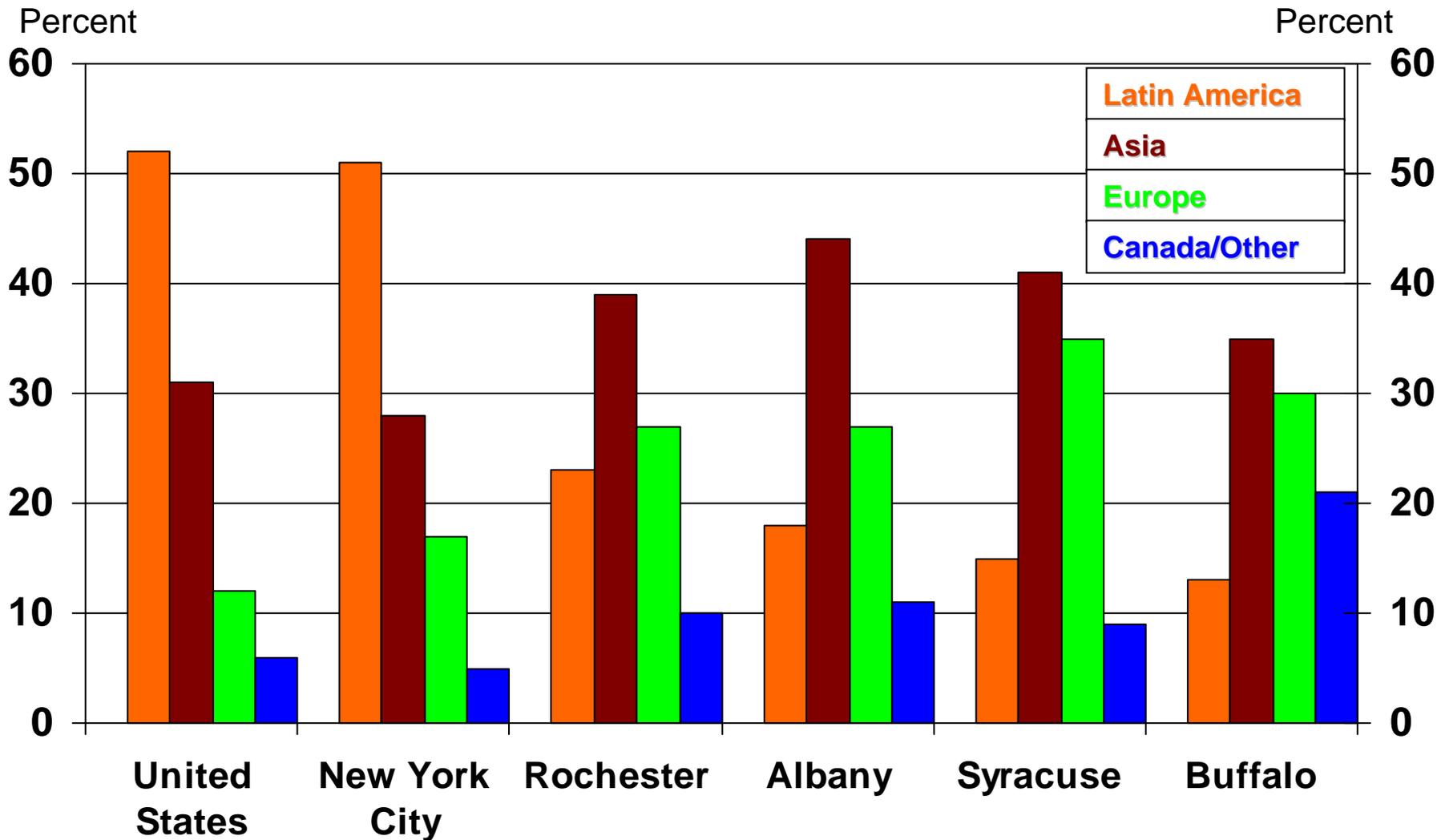
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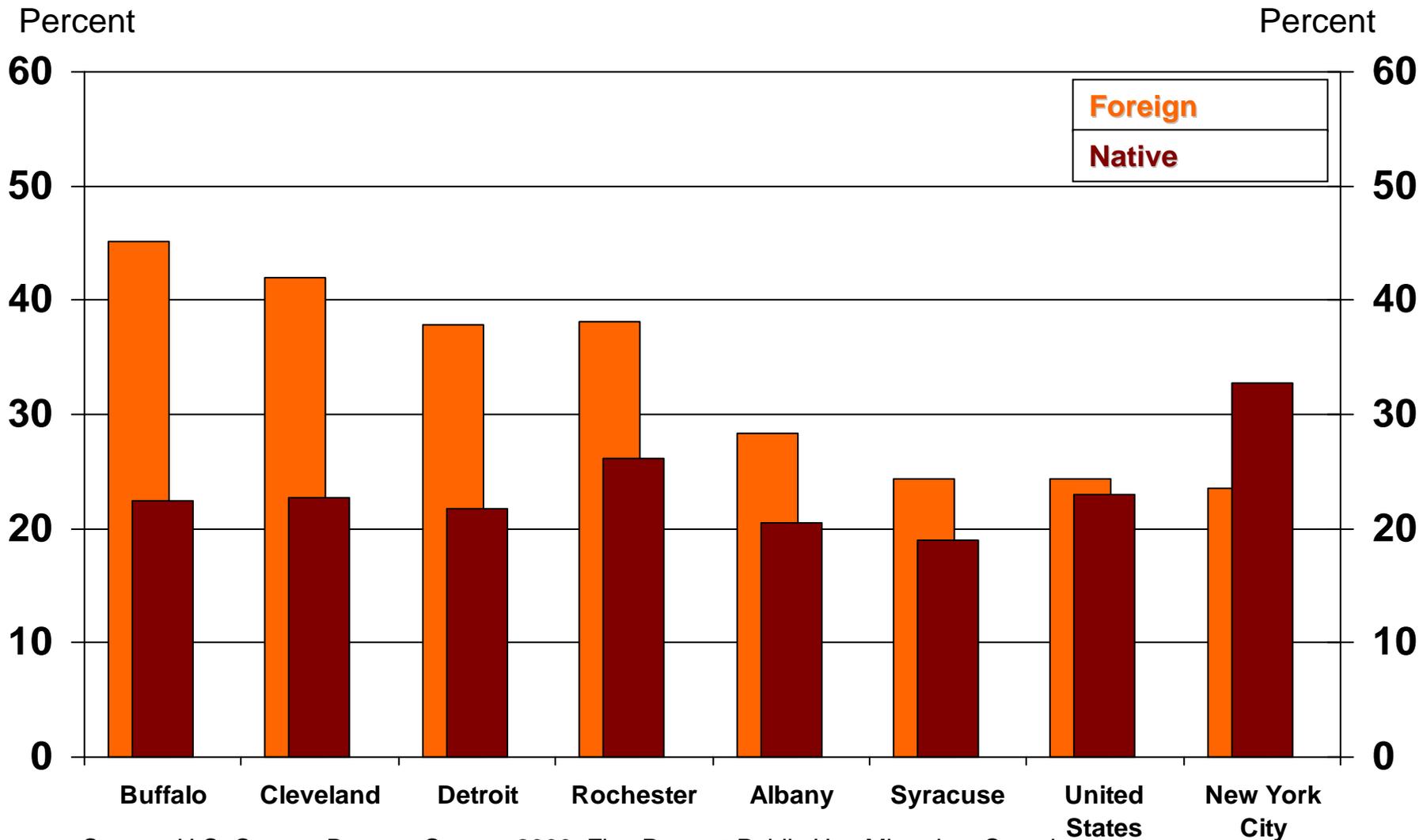
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**Region of Origin of Foreign-Born Arrivals, 1980- 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

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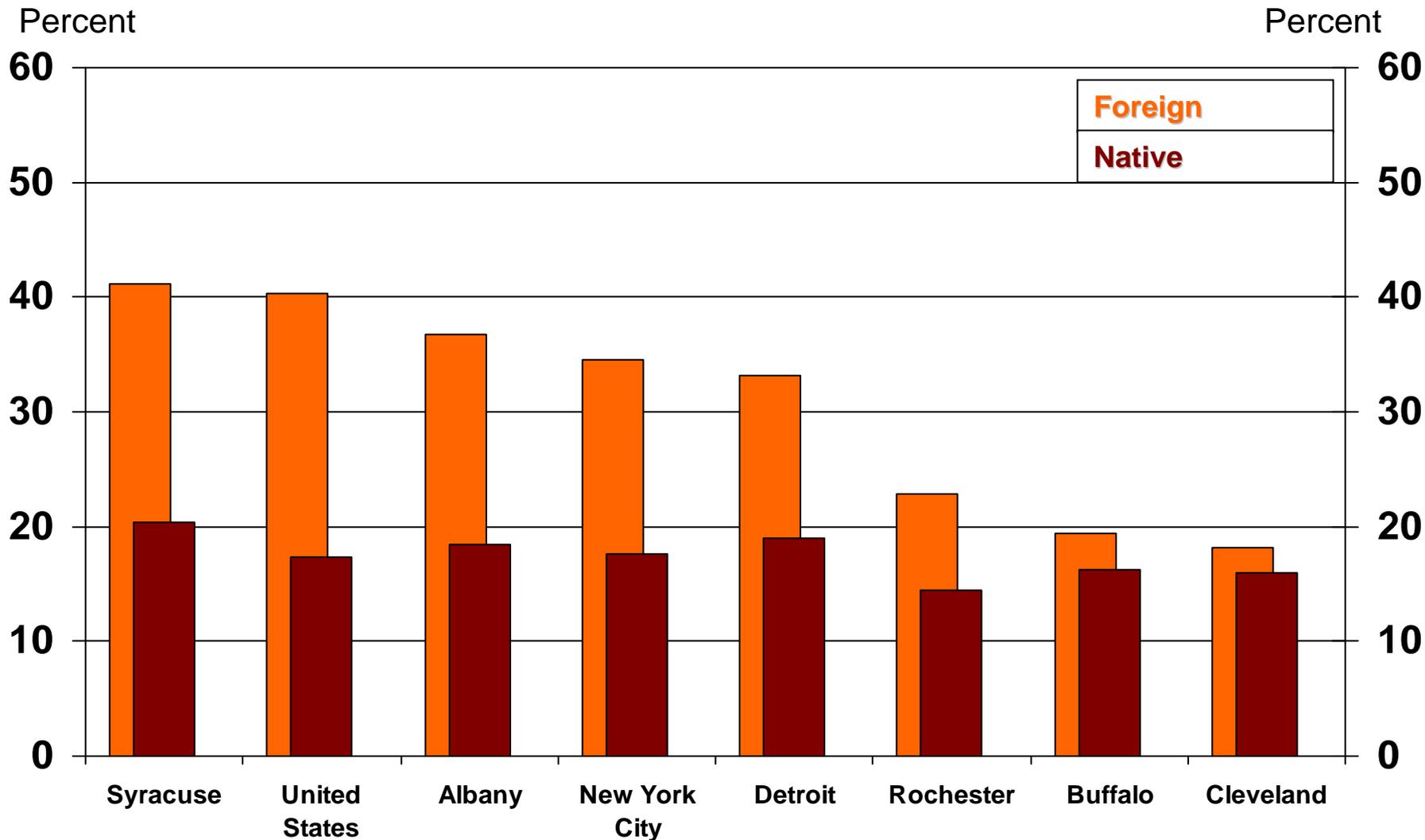
**Chart 3**  
**Foreign- and Native-Born Residents Aged Twenty-Five and Over**  
**with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

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**Chart 4**  
**Foreign- and Native-Born Residents Aged Twenty-Five and Over**  
**without a High School Degree, 2000**



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# Potential Impacts on the Upstate Economy

- Increase competition with native-born workers
- Expand output through complementarities with native-born occupations, particularly in some key sectors
- Add to the region's population and *brain gain*
- Provide an impetus for economic growth

## Table 2

# Top Ten Occupations of Foreign- and Native-Born Workers Aged Twenty-Five and Over in Upstate New York, 2000

Foreign-Born	Native-Born
<b>Post-secondary teachers</b>	Secretaries and administrative assistants
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	Elementary and middle-school teachers
<b>Physicians and surgeons</b>	Registered nurses
<b>Miscellaneous assemblers and fabricators</b>	Drivers/sales workers and truck drivers
Registered nurses	Managers of retail sales workers
<b>Computer software engineers</b>	Retail salespersons
Janitors and building cleaners	Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides
<b>Cooks</b>	Janitors and building cleaners
<b>Laborers and materials movers</b>	Customer service representatives
<b>Other production workers</b>	Managers of offices and administrative support workers

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Five Percent Public Use Microdata Sample.

Note: Occupations in bold are unique to the foreign-born. The foreign-born are arrivals from 1980 to 2000. Individuals without earnings are excluded. Upstate New York includes six metropolitan statistical areas; Albany-Schenectady-Troy, Buffalo-Niagara, Glens Falls, Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica-Rome.

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**with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher and Aged Twenty-Five and Over**  
**in Upstate New York, 2000**

Foreign-Born	Native-Born
Post-secondary teachers	Elementary and middle-school teachers
Physicians and surgeons	Registered nurses
<b>Computer software engineers</b>	Post-secondary teachers
Elementary and middle-school teachers	Accountants and auditors
Registered nurses	Secondary-school teachers
<b>Computer programmers</b>	Lawyers
Managers, all other	Managers, all other
<b>Physical scientists, all other</b>	Social workers
<b>Medical scientists</b>	Physicians and surgeons
<b>Computer scientists</b> <b>and system analysts</b>	Education administrators

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# Looking Ahead

- What role can immigrants to upstate New York play in the region's population and economy?
- Should policies be used to facilitate immigration to upstate New York? If so, what types of policies might be effective?