

# ARE THERE TOO MANY IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES?

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# INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

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A June 2024 Gallup survey revealed that 55% of Americans want immigration levels reduced. According to Gallup, that's the highest level seen since 2001 (<https://news.gallup.com/poll/647123/sharply-americans-curb-immigration.aspx>).

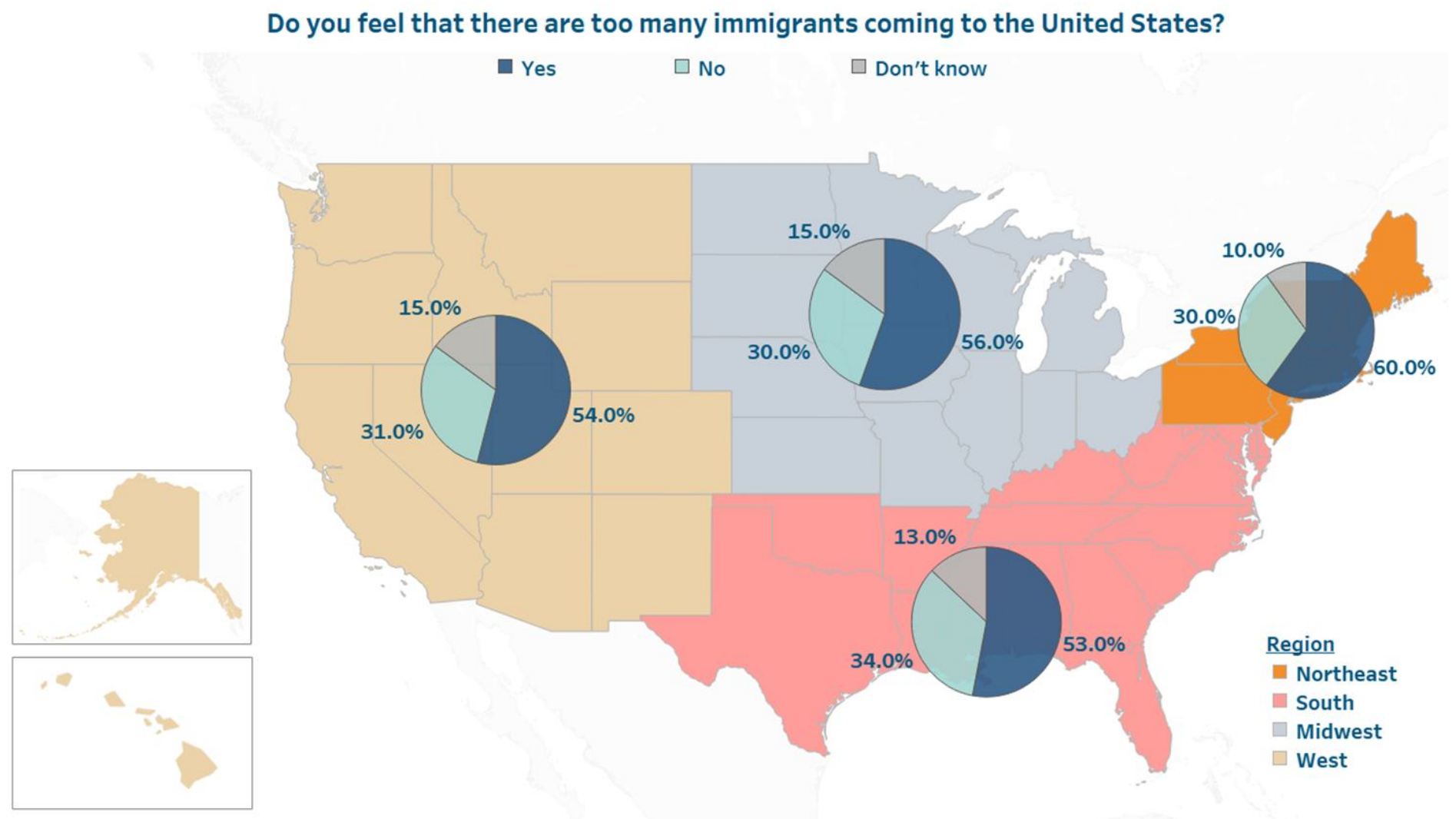
As the US elections approach, the issue of immigration has remained at the very front of the agenda and a survey conducted in the United States by the firm Leger USA for the Metropolis Institute points to similar levels of angst when it comes to immigrant numbers. The Metropolis Leger survey further reveals that the view that there are too many immigrants cuts across all demographics including those persons not born in the United States and that identify with racial minorities. The trend serves as a reminder that the issue of immigration is a concern to many of the Democrats core constituencies.

The survey was conducted by the firm Leger Marketing for the Metropolis Institute over the period September 27-29, 2024 with a sample of 1006 Americans. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1612 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 3.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20.

# SURVEY RESULTS

**The majority of Americans say that there are too many immigrants coming to the United States**

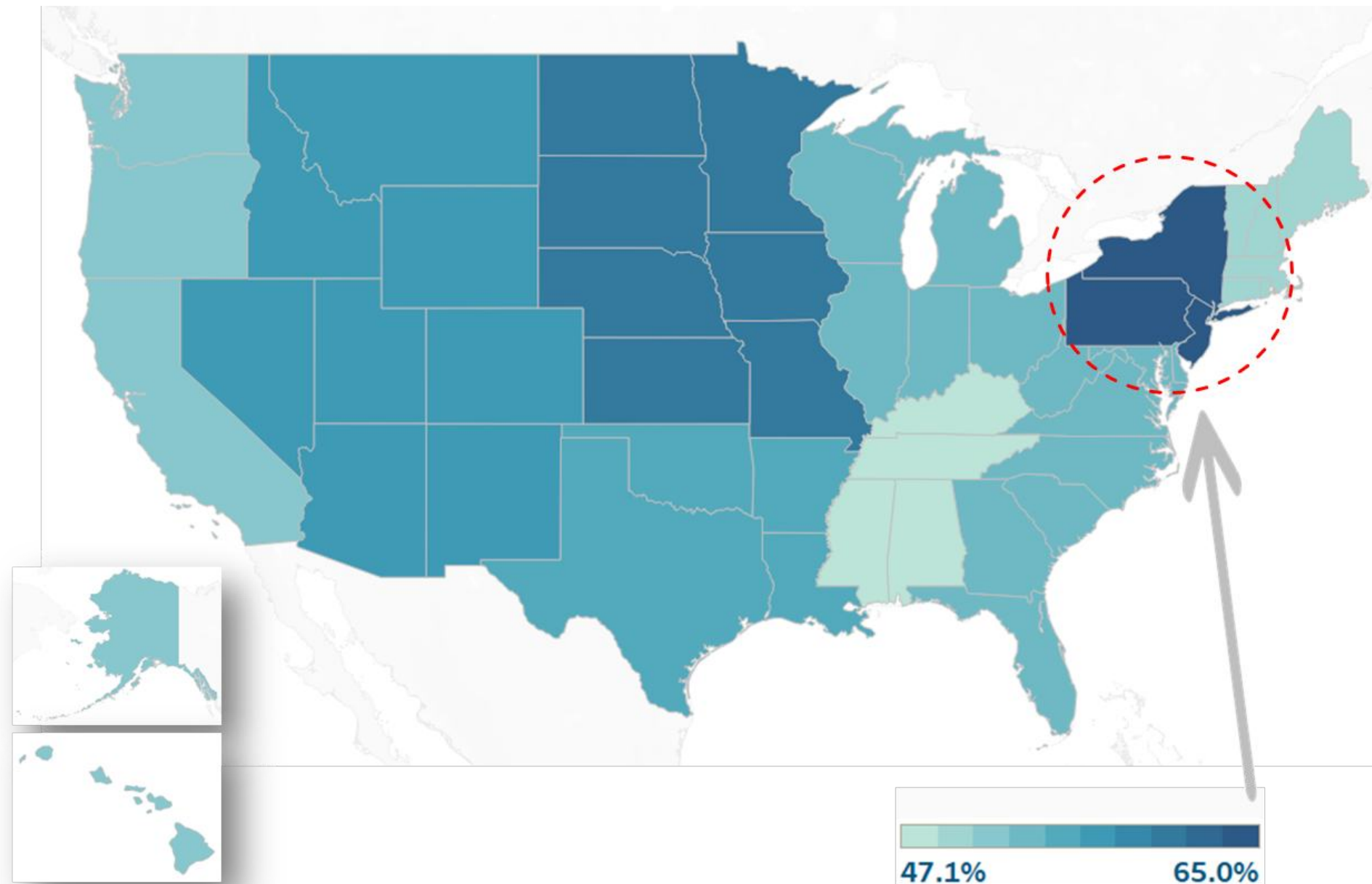
Do you feel that there are too many immigrants coming to the United States?	Total
Yes	55%
No	32%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	13%



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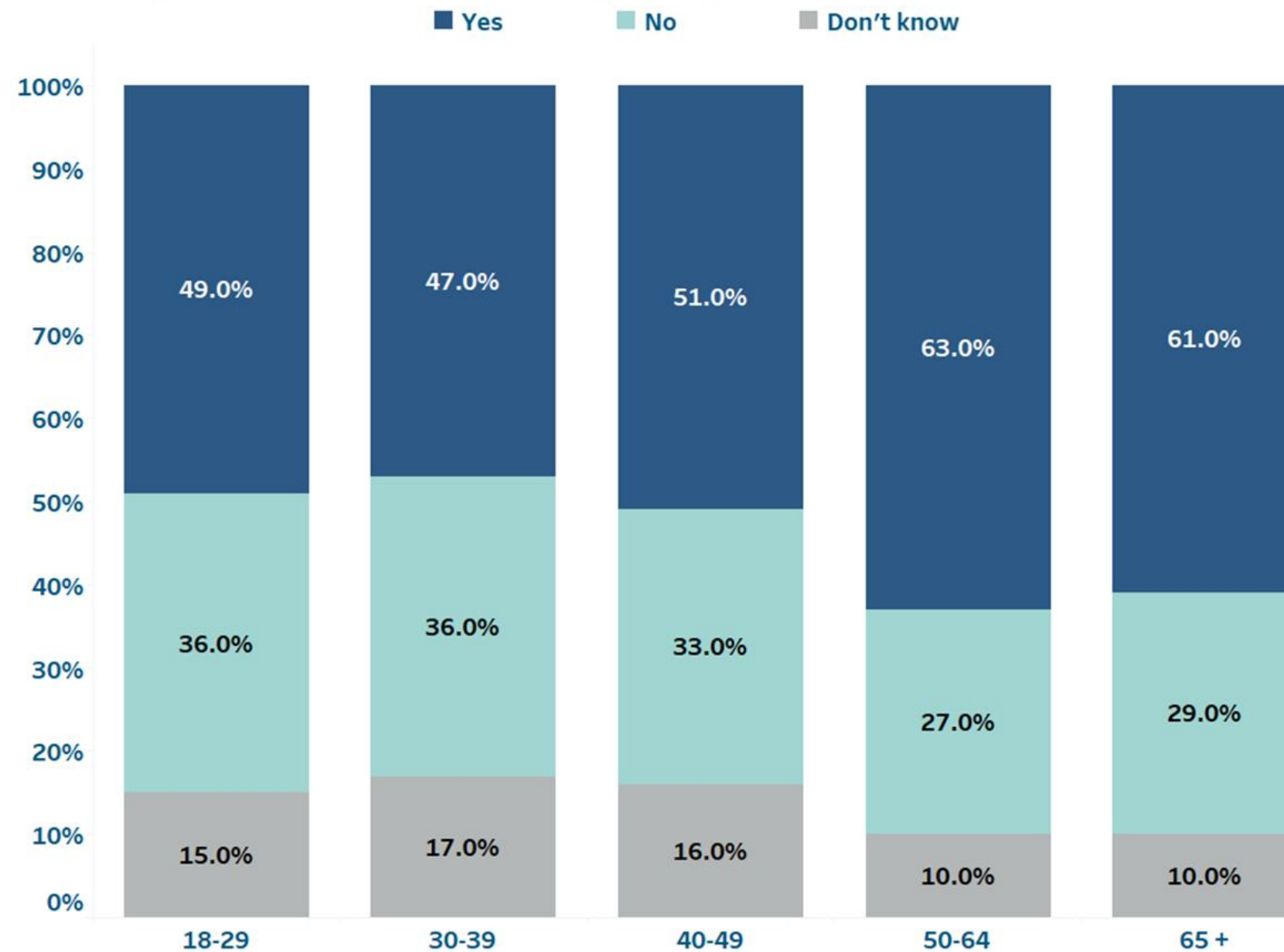
**Americans living in the Middle Atlantic are most likely to believe that there are too many immigrants**



# SURVEY RESULTS

Americans over the age of 50 are more likely to believe that there are too many immigrants

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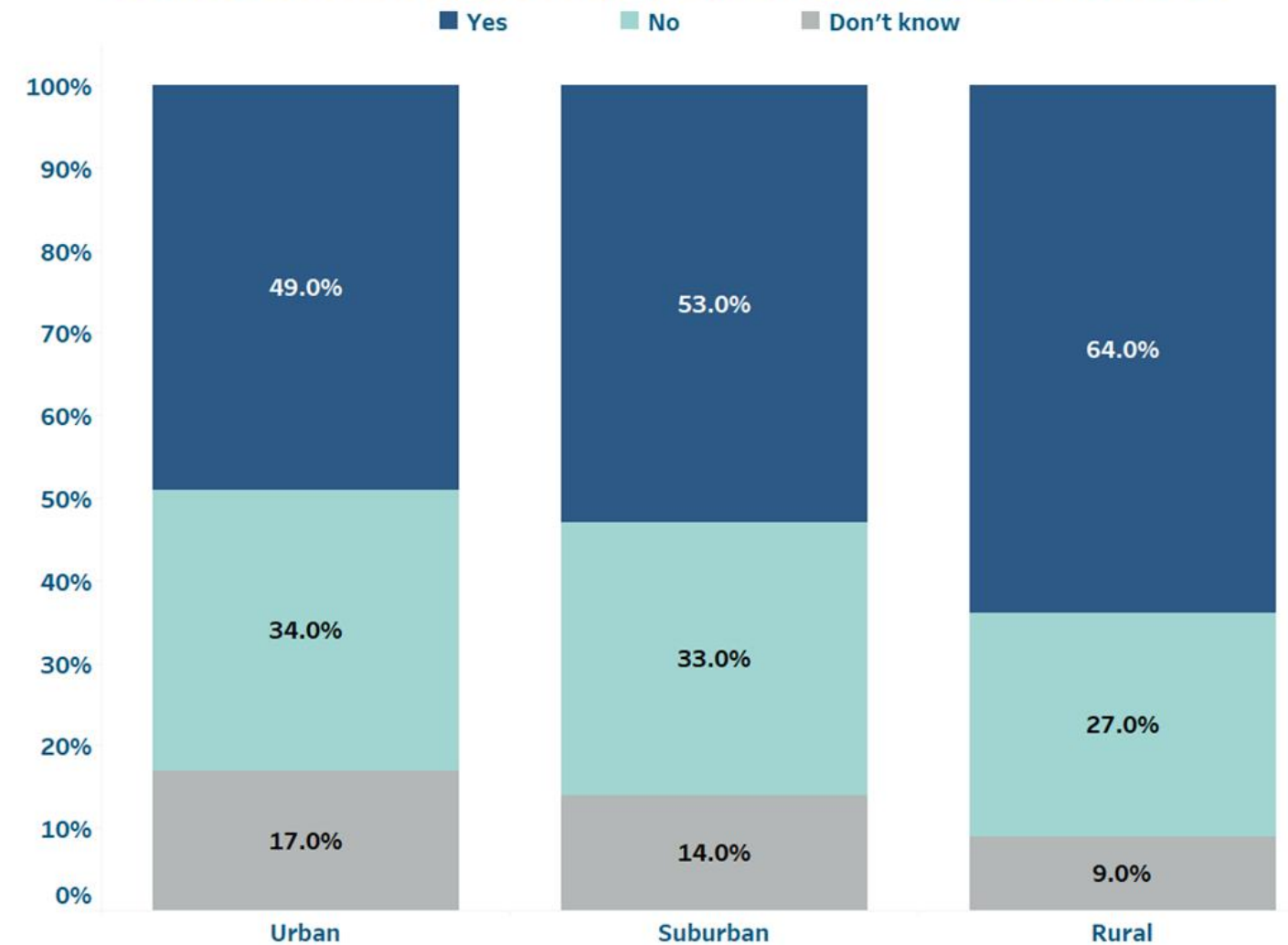
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**Americans in rural areas are more likely to believe there are too many immigrants**

**Those areas where opposition is greatest have the fewest number of immigrants**

What type of area do you currently live in?			
Were you born in the US?	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Yes	89.0%	91.4%	97.8%
No	10.4%	8.4%	<b>2.2%</b>
I prefer not to answer	0.7%	0.2%	
Total	100%	100%	100%

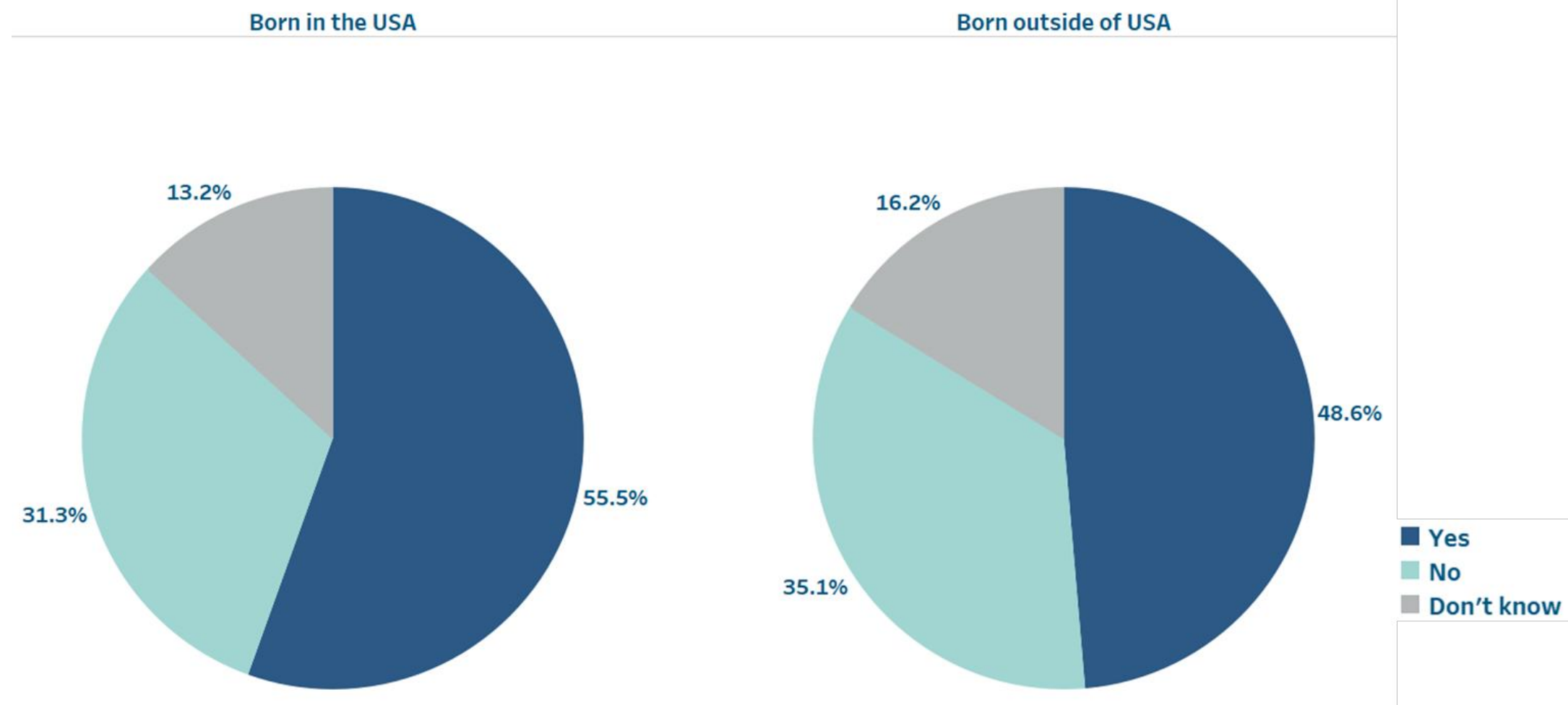
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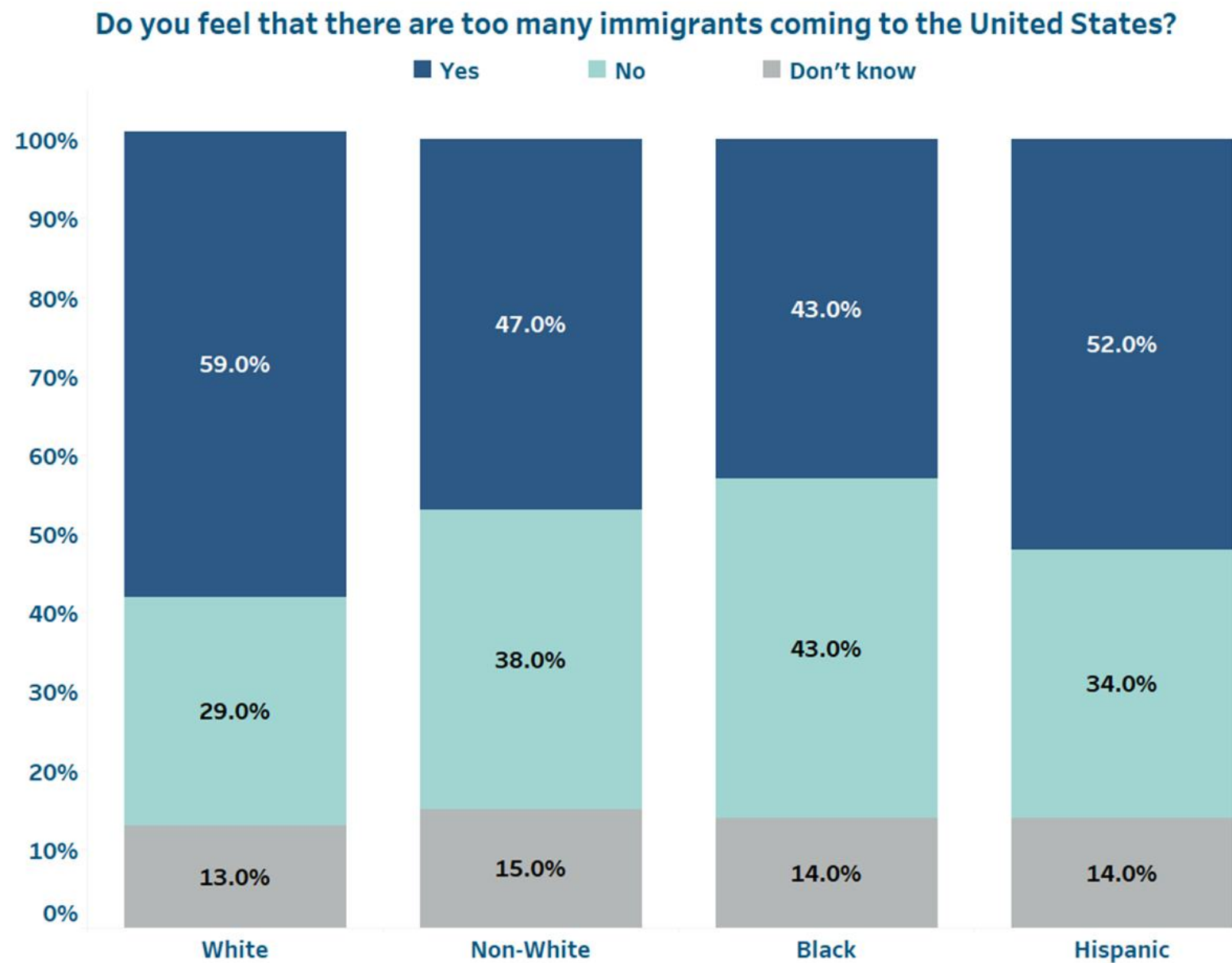
**Foreign-born Americans are only somewhat less likely than us to think there are too many immigrants**

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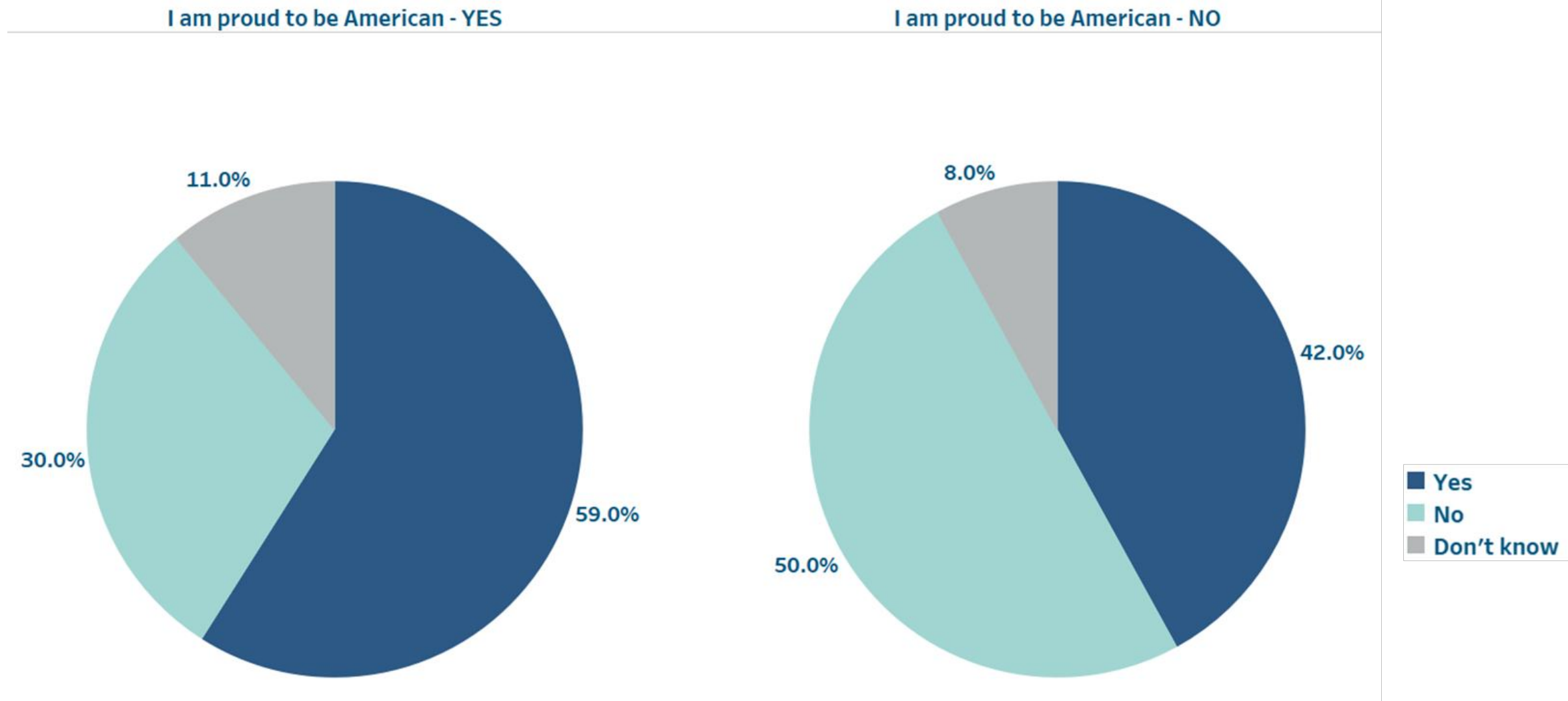
**Americans identifying as White are most inclined to feel that there are too many immigrants but significant share of others share the sentiment**



# SURVEY RESULTS

Those expressing pride in being American are more likely than others to say there are too many immigrants

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