



# **AMERICANS DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY ARE SETTLER COLONISTS**

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# INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

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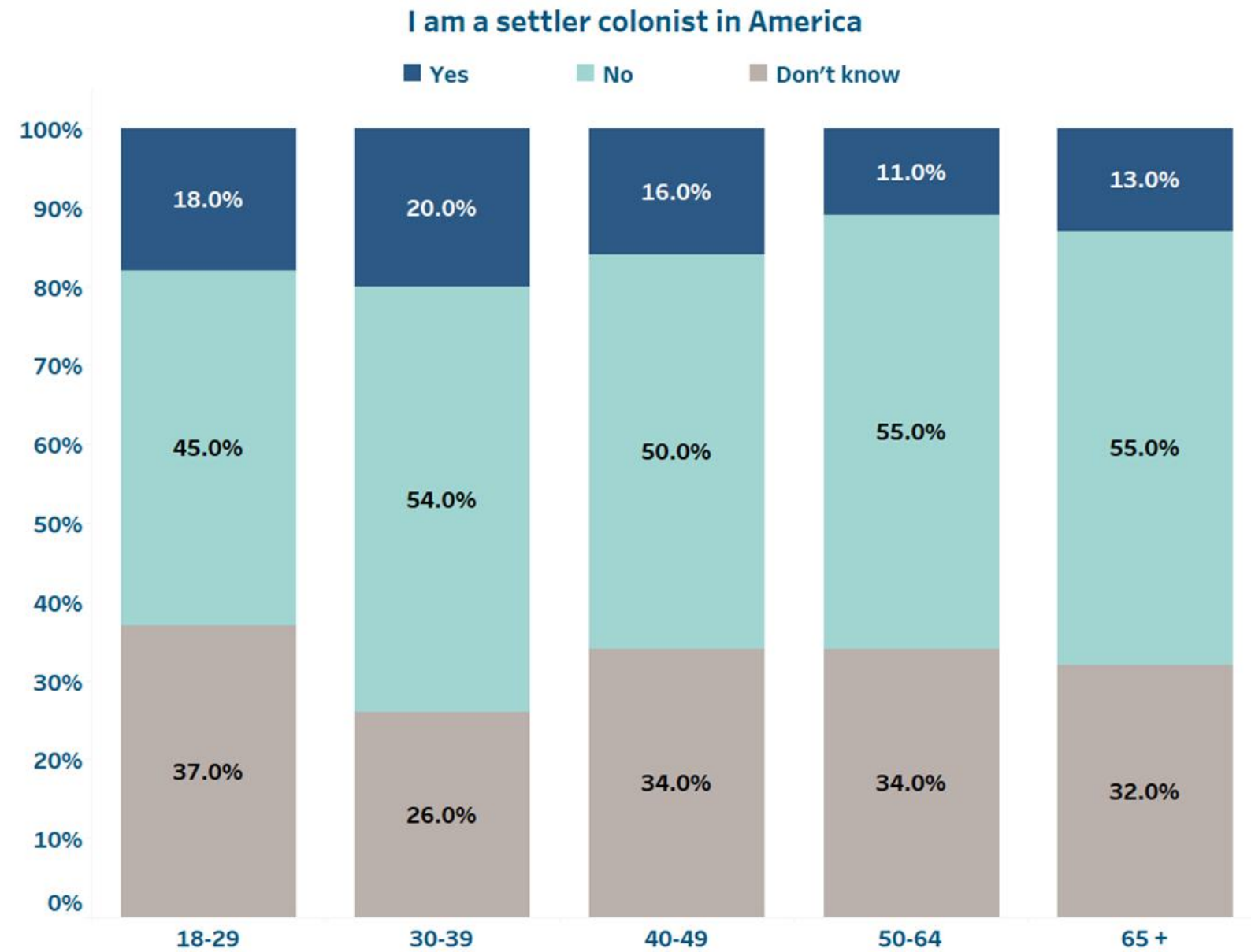
Narratives around settlement and colonization are acquiring greater importance in the academy and civil society in North America. Reminders of the important place of Indigenous peoples in North America have seen a sharp rise in land acknowledgements across the continent (more so in Canada than in the United States). There has also been more frequent reference to Indigenous and settler colonist descriptive to characterize the ‘two peoples’ of North America.

The indigenous-settler binary is however a form of labeling that appears to be widely rejected by North Americans as revealed in a survey in the United States asking whether Americans agree that they are settler colonists. 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.

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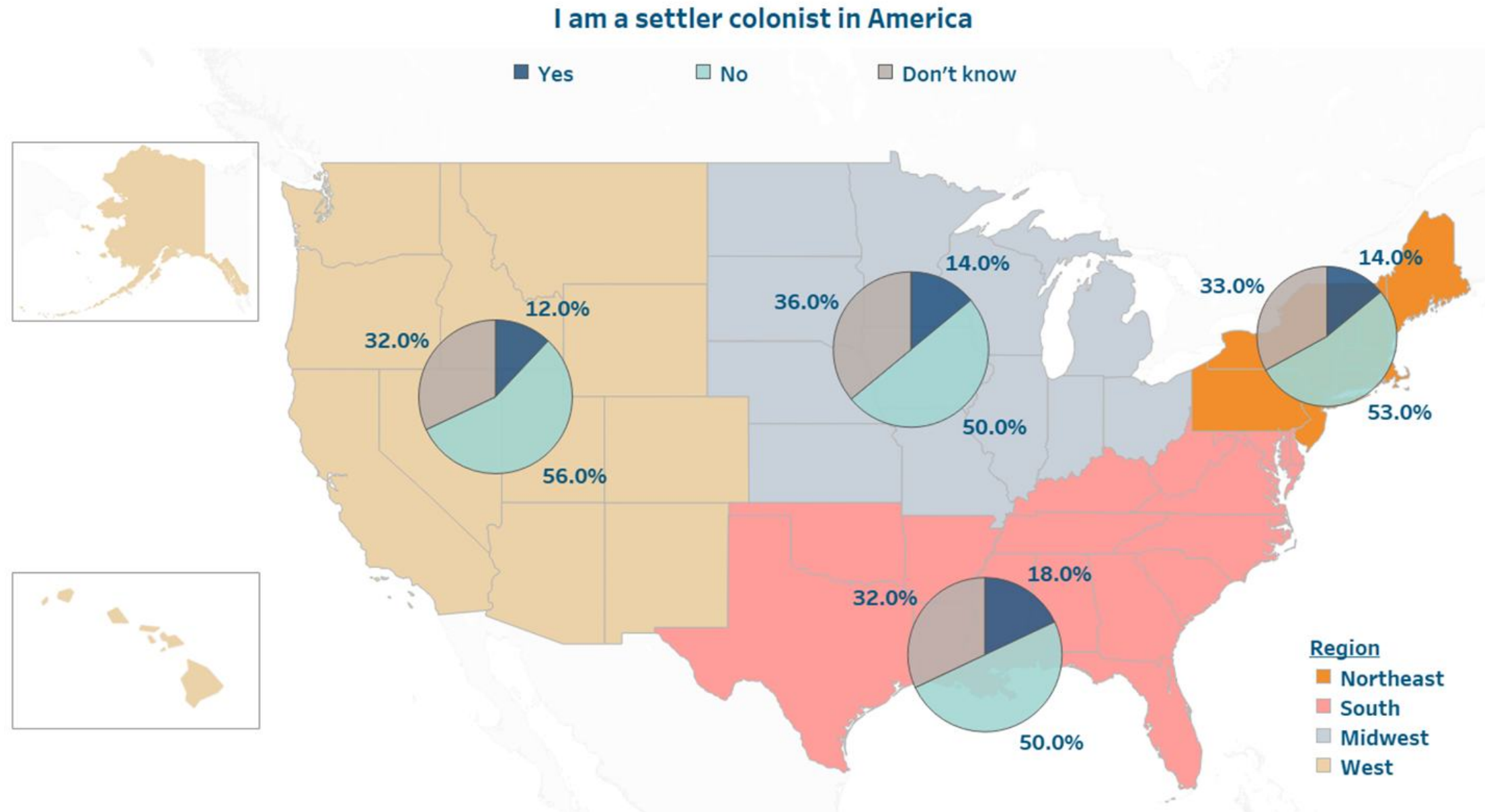
Some one in six Americans agree that they are settler colonists in America

I am a settler colonist in America	Total
Yes	15.0%
No	<b>52.0%</b>
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	33.0%



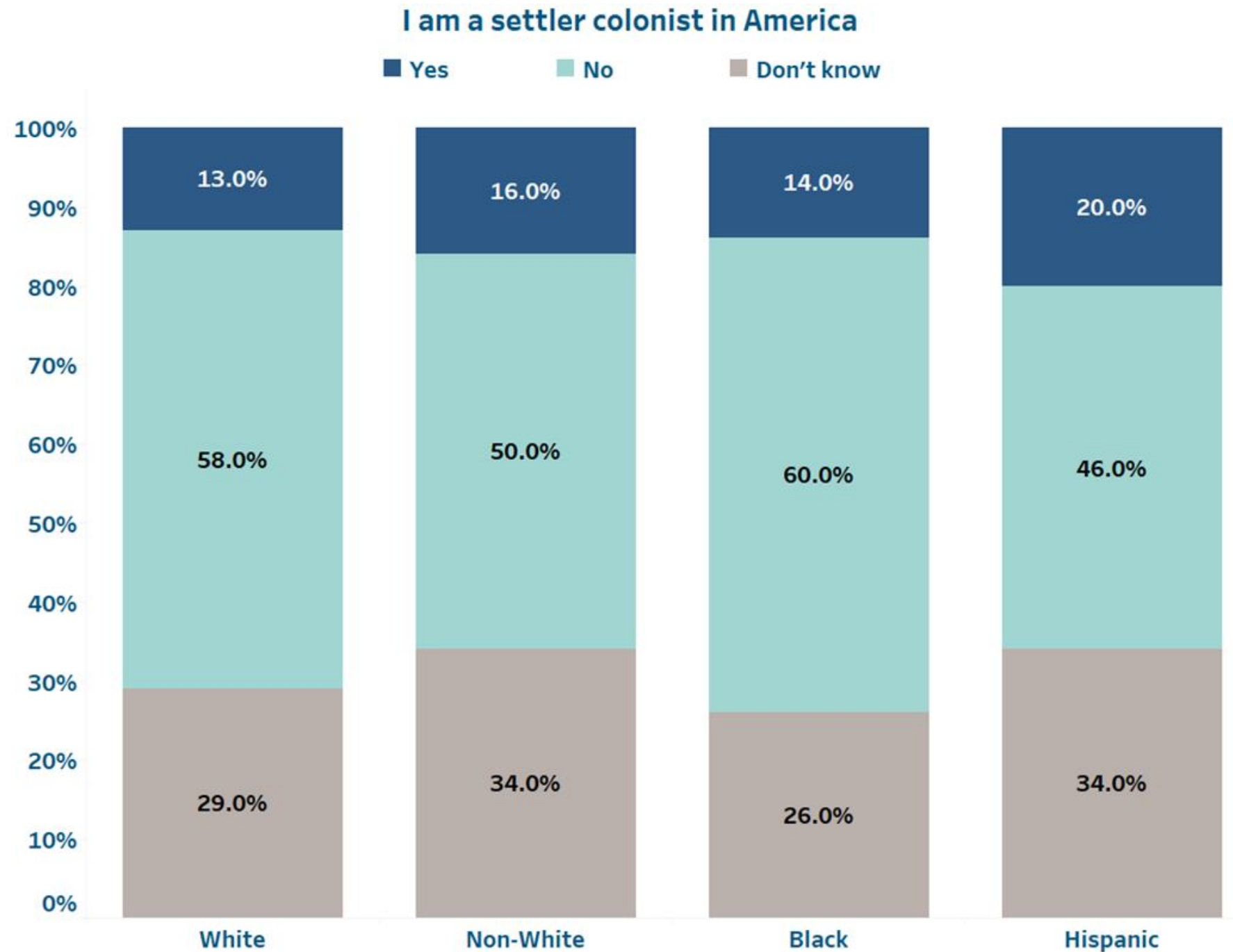
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Relatively little variation in the extent to which Americans regard themselves as settler colonists



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**Hispanic Americans are somewhat more likely than other racialized groups to see themselves as settler colonists**

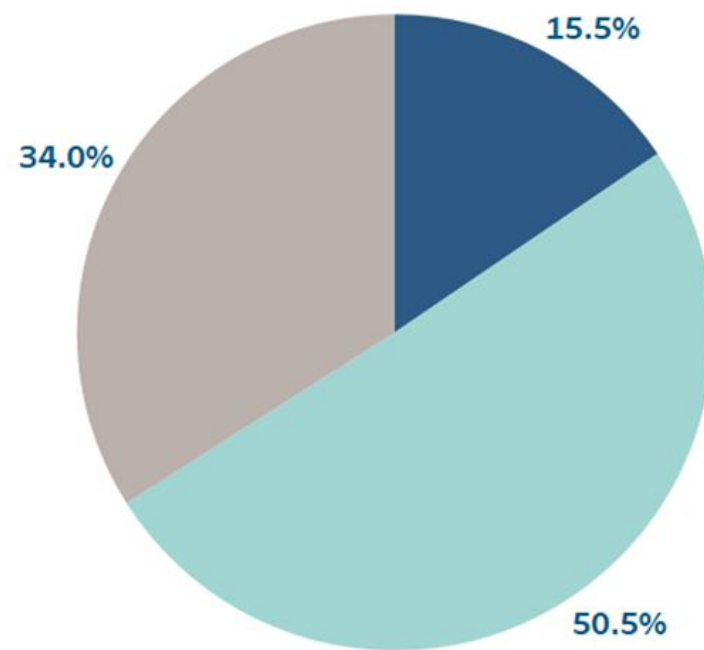


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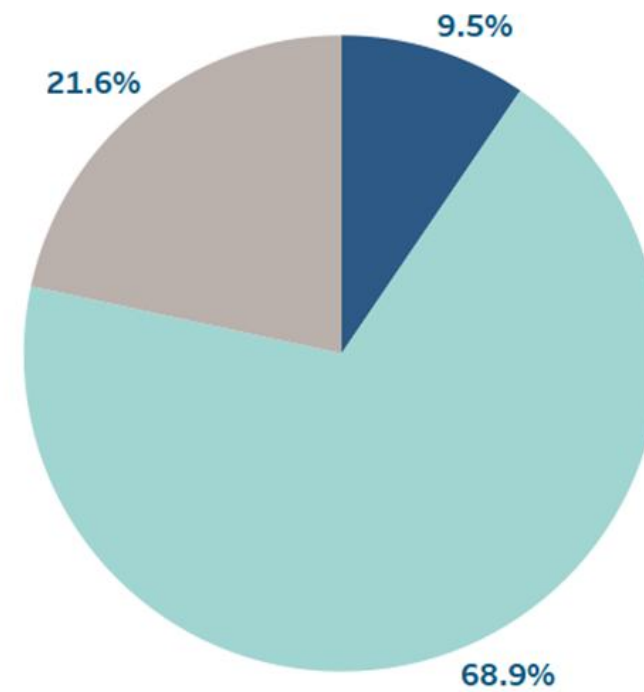
**One in six American born define themselves as settler colonists compared with one in ten foreign born**

I am a settler colonist in America

Born in the USA



Born outside of USA



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