Birth Trends in Southern California

Janna Z. Goldberg June 1, 2015 26th Annual USC-SCAG Demographic Workshop How has the Great Recession affected fertility in Southern California? And what comes next?

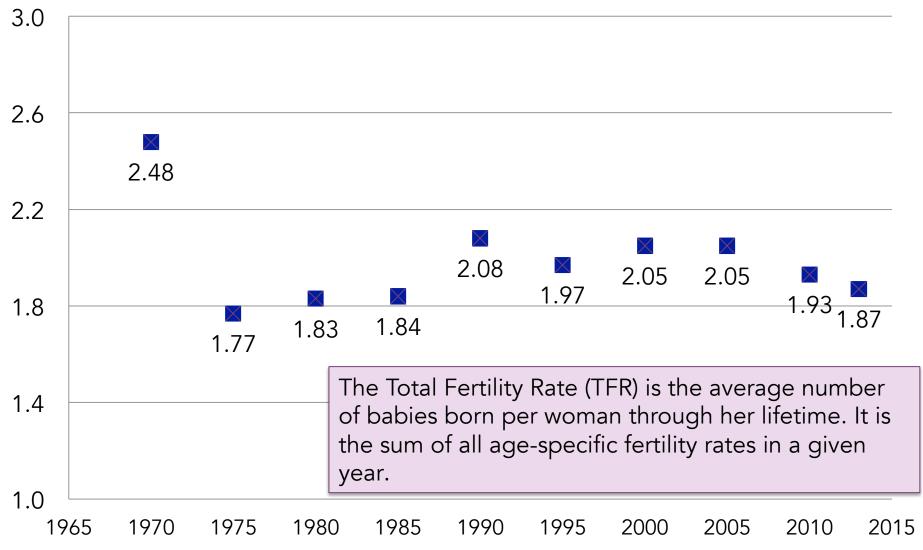
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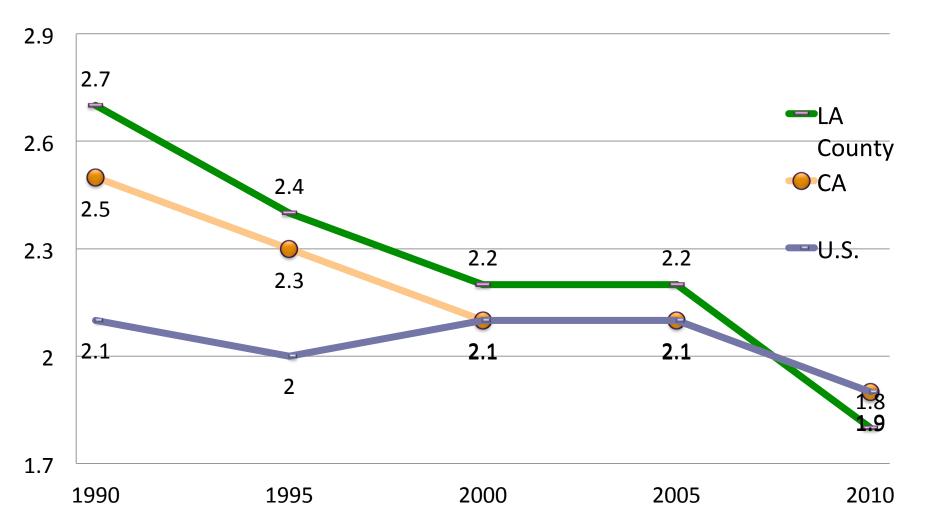
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Total Fertility Rate in the United States 1970-2013



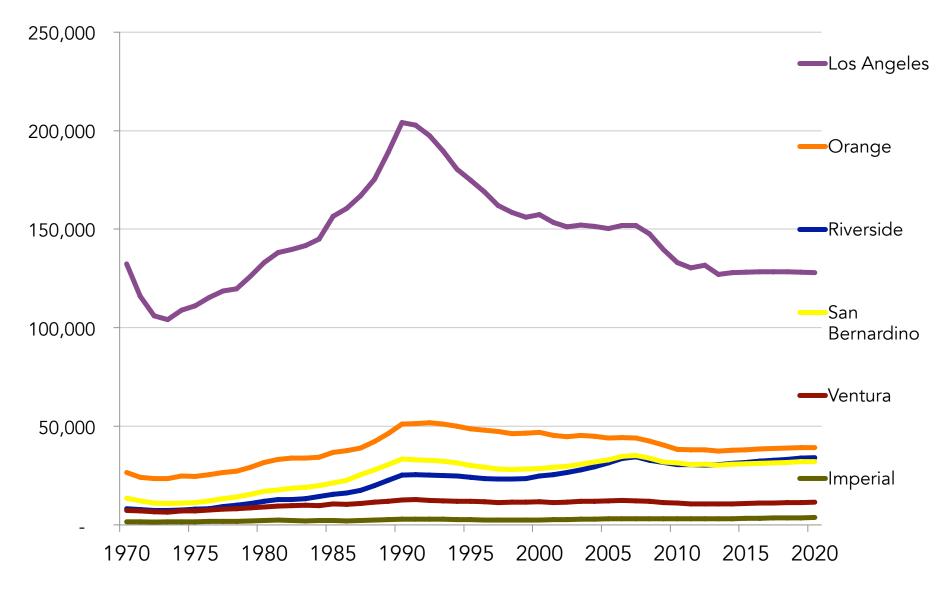
Source: Martin, JA, et al. (2015) Births: Final data for 2013. National Vital Statistics Reports

Total Fertility Rate: U.S., CA and LA County



Source: CA Department of Public Health: Birth Statistical Master File, and U.S. Census Bureau

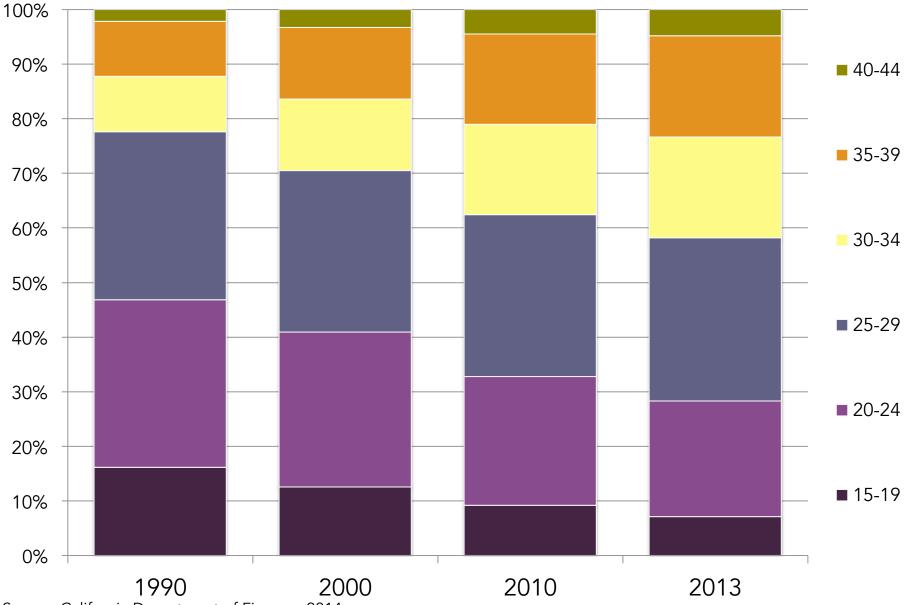
Number of Births by County, 1970-2020



Source: CA DOF Historical and Projected Births, 2014

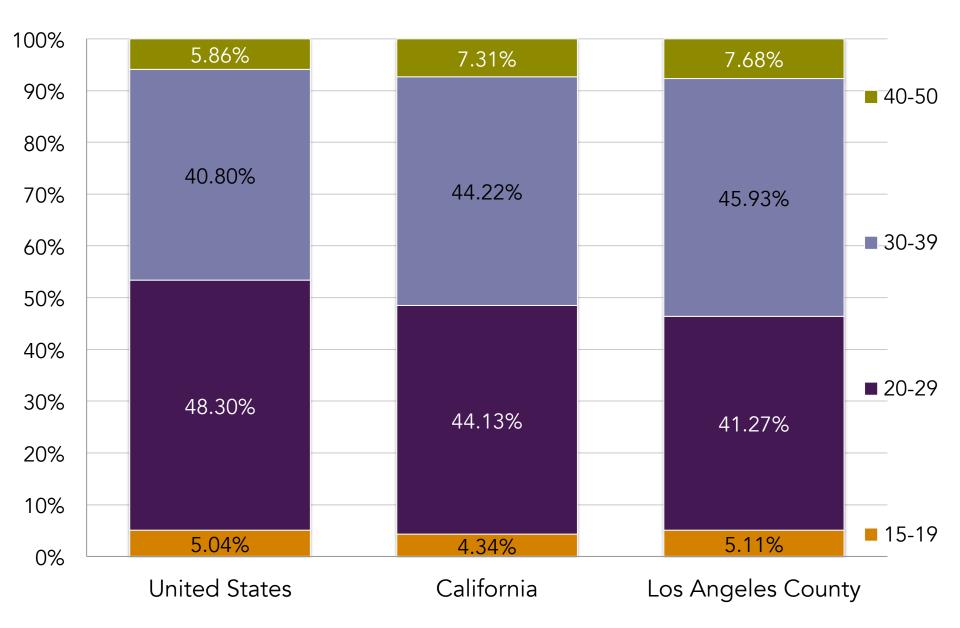
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Births by age in California



Source: California Department of Finance, 2014

Births in 2013 by age groups: U.S., CA, LA County



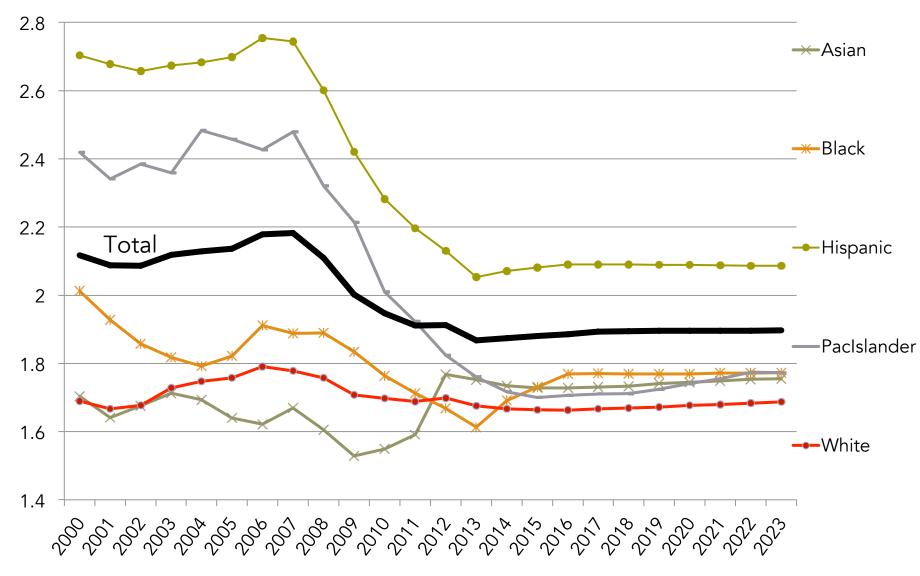
Changes in marriage and fertility

- Not only are fewer women having babies, but significantly fewer of those babies are to married mothers
- Age at first marriage continues to rise; during and post Recession marriage and childbearing delayed
- Births on the rise to unmarried women than married in most SCAG Counties, although some rise in presence of unmarried partner

Marital Status of Mothers by County			
	2006	2013	
Los Angeles Married Unmarried <i>partner</i>	67.2% 32.8% <i>8.5%</i>	59.6% 40.4% 11.6%	
Orange Married Unmarried <i>partner</i>	76.7% 23.3% 6.0%	77.0% 23.0% 7.2%	
Riverside Married Unmarried	68.0% 32.0% <i>9.5%</i>	54.5% 45.5% 14.3%	4.50/
<i>partner</i> San Bernardino	7.576		15% fference
Married Unmarried <i>partner</i>	68.9% 31.1% 12.1%	54.0% 46.0% 13.8%	
Ventura Married Unmarried <i>partner</i>	70.6% 29.4% 10.6%	63.0% 37.0% 5.4%	

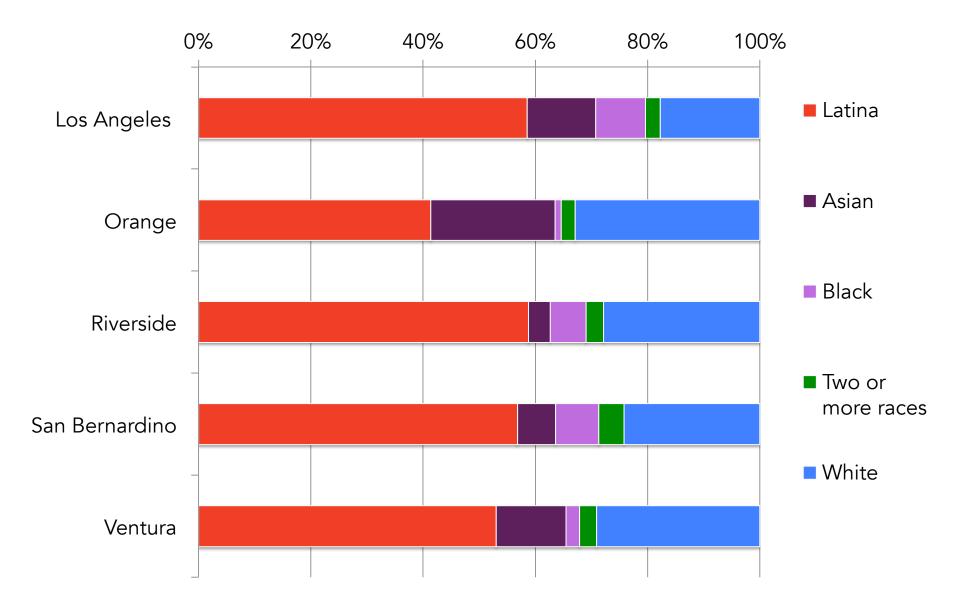
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table B13004

Total Fertility Rate in California, by Race/Ethnicity, 2000-2023

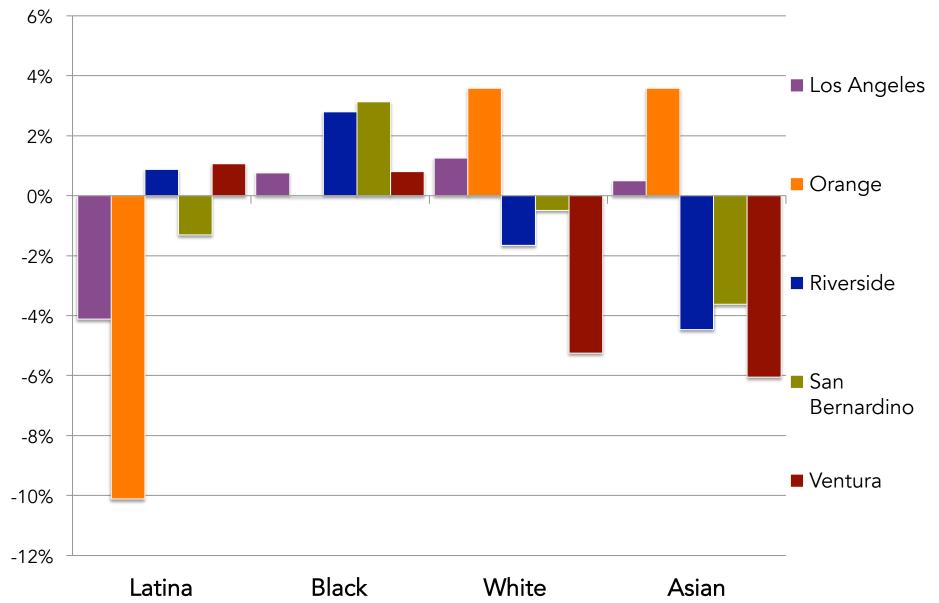


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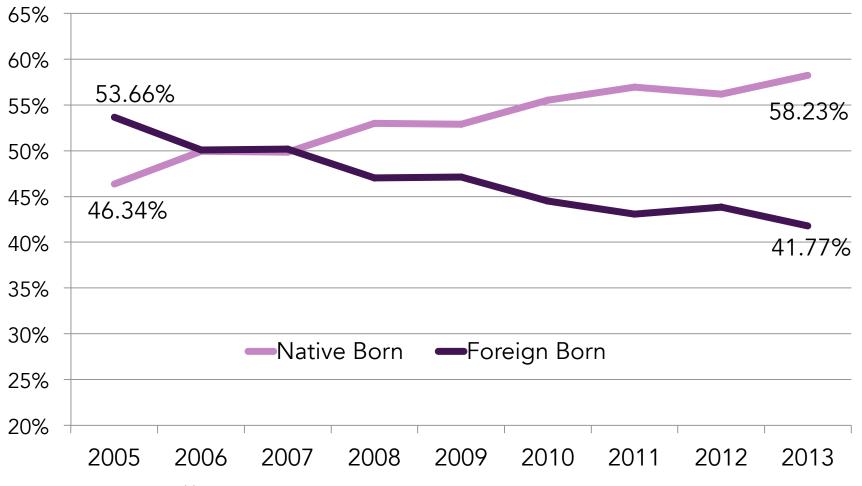
Births by race/ethnicity 2013



Change in Percent Share of Births 2007-13

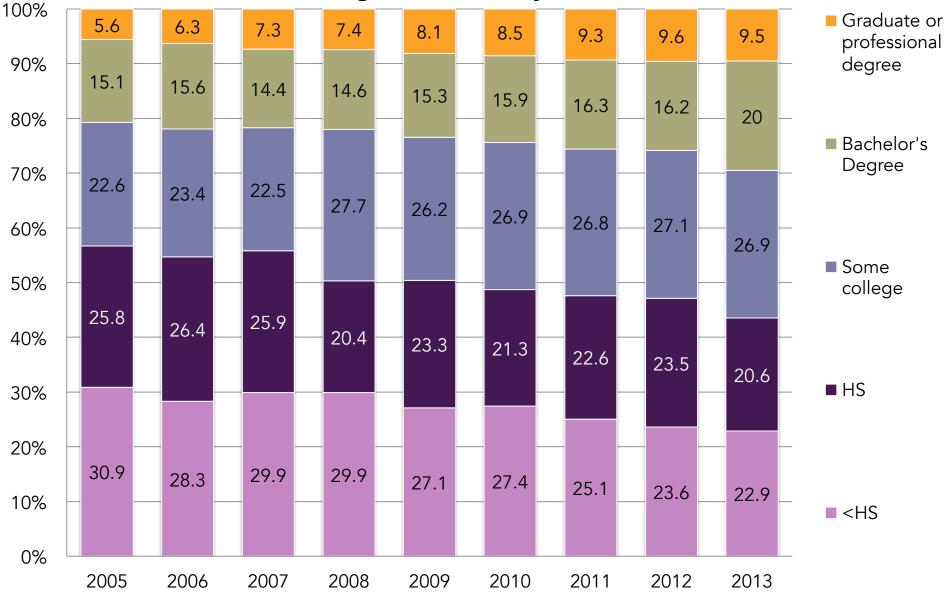


Percent distribution of births by nativity of mother Los Angeles County, 2005-2013



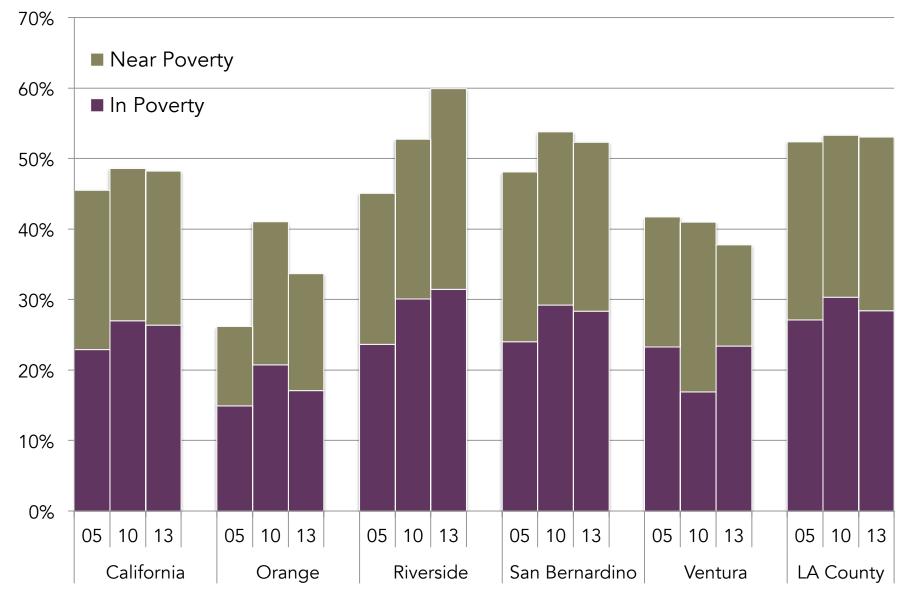
Source: ACS 1-year estimates, Table S1301, 2005-2013

Educational attainment of mothers Los Angeles County 2005-13



Source: ACS, Table S1301, 2005-2013

Poverty Status of mothers



Source: ACS Table B13010, 2005, 10, 13

Conclusions

- Births to native born women now outnumber births to immigrants
- Latina births have been most affected by the recession
- Births to married women have declined, but births to women with partners have gone up
- What does this all mean?

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Thank you

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