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## Volatile Demographic Trends: *How High How Low?*

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### Demographic Trends are Highly Political

What to Measure?
What Benchmarks to Compare?
What Interpretation to Draw?

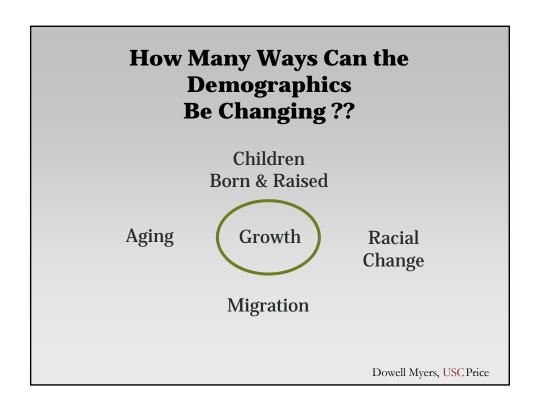
But the Demographic Trends also are Bipartisan and Even Connect us Together

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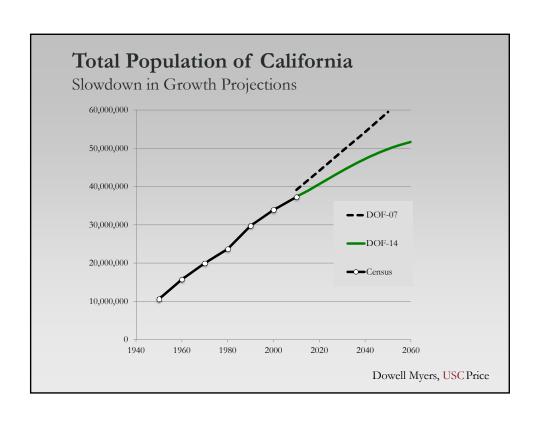
#### Why are Demographic Trends Being Recognized as so Important?

- 1. Future consumers, workers, transportation users, housing occupants, and tax payers
- 2. Differences and disparities (*critical view on trends*)
- 3. Social assets, connections and mutual benefits (pro-social view on trends)

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# The Growth Outlook has been Changing



### What Year Does California Reach 50 Million Population?

- Old Expectation = 2031
- New Outlook = 2055

  a quarter century later

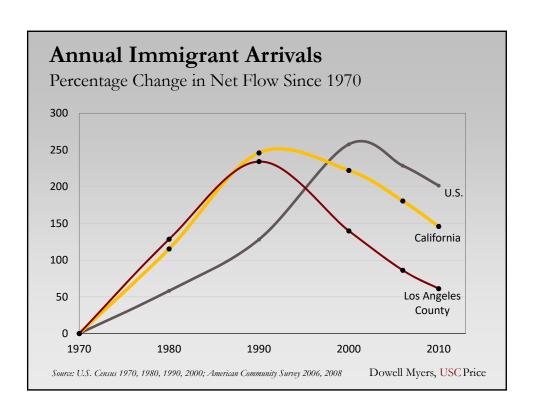
Source: California Department of Finance, 2007 and 2017

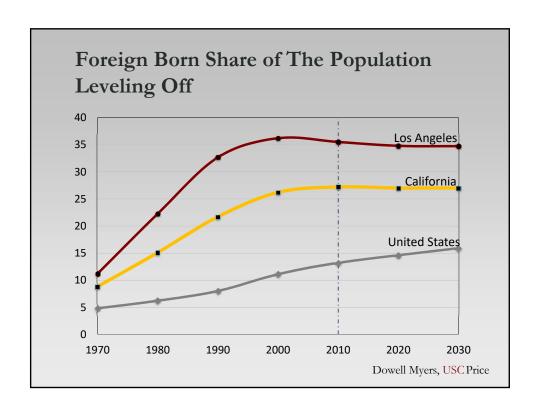
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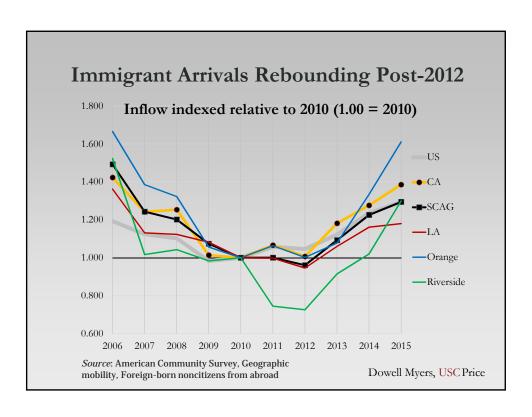
### Some of that Slowdown Could be Due to Fertility Decline

next panel has details

# Migration - and Immigration Have Radically Shifted but What Next??

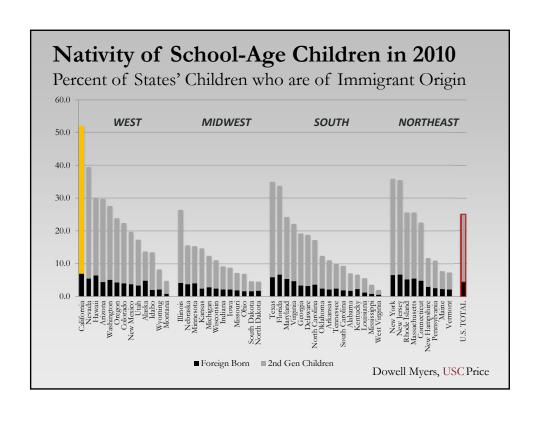


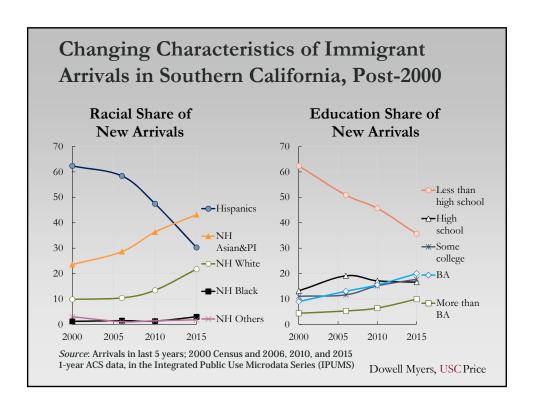


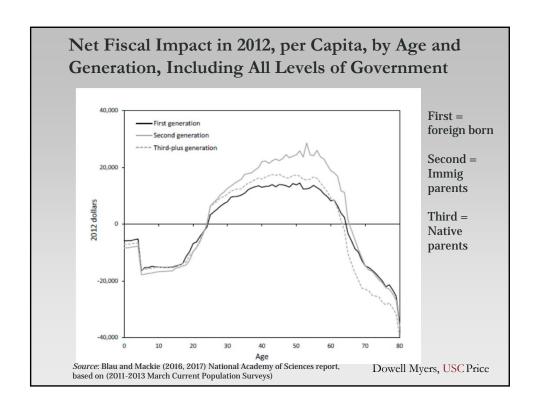


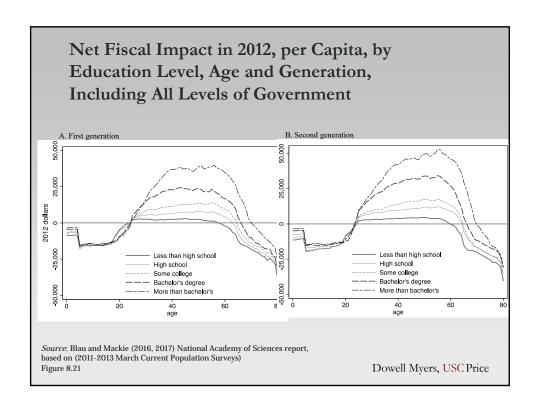
### The Immigration Trend Has Many Consequences

### Among Demographics, It's the Most Politically Contentious, and Also the Most Volatile

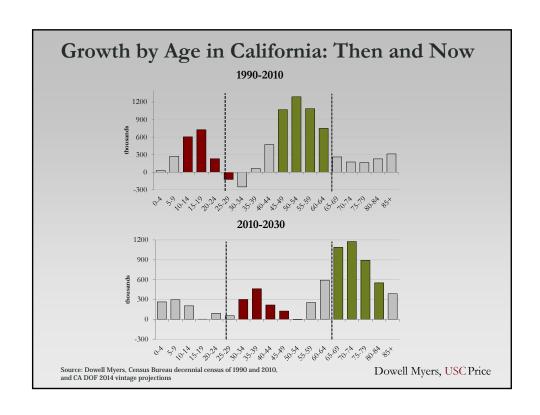


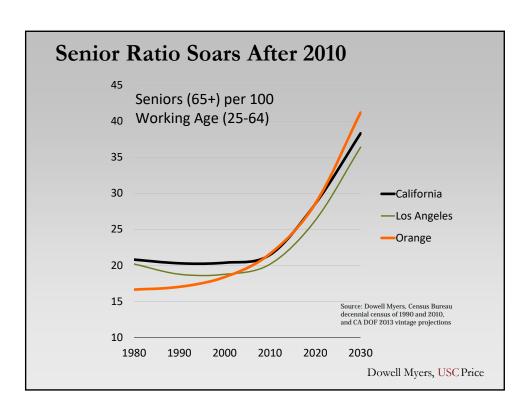






# Meanwhile Aging Continues - Unstoppable But With Different Results Each Decade

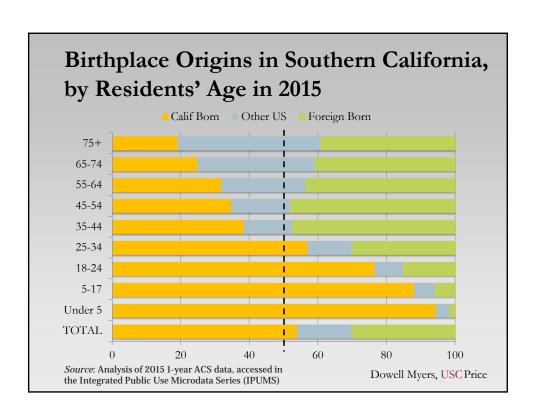


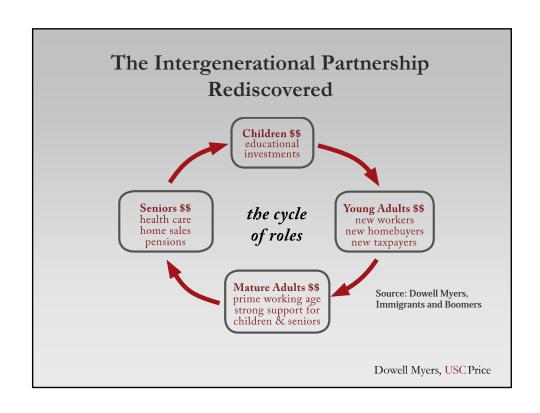


### The Homegrown Revolution

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### New Reliance on the Native Californians





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