

Growing Needs Among Undocumented Older Persons

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A Collaborative Report on the Aging Undocumented Population of Illinois



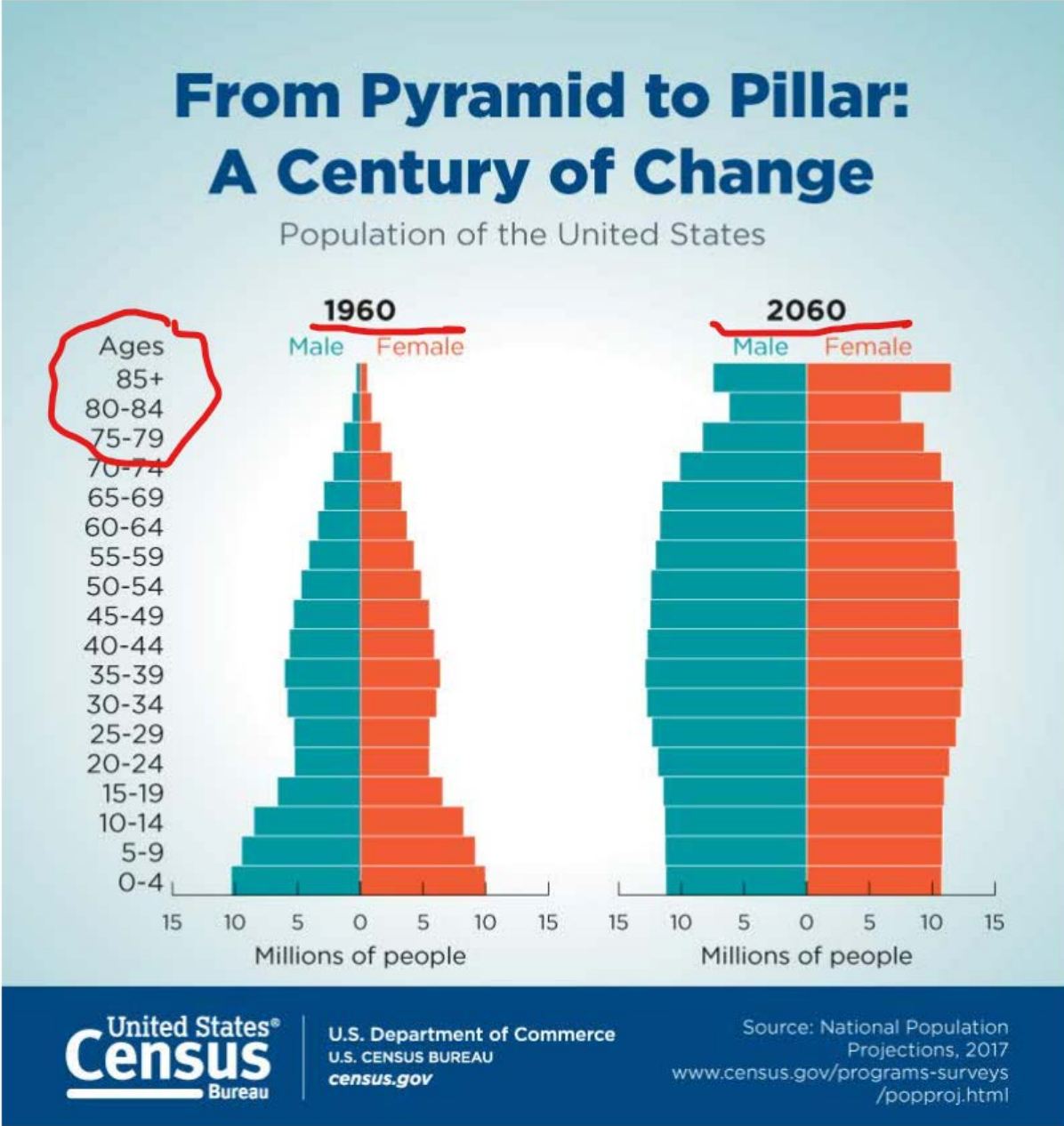
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The population of individuals over the age of 65 will grow substantially by 2030 and will more than double by 2050

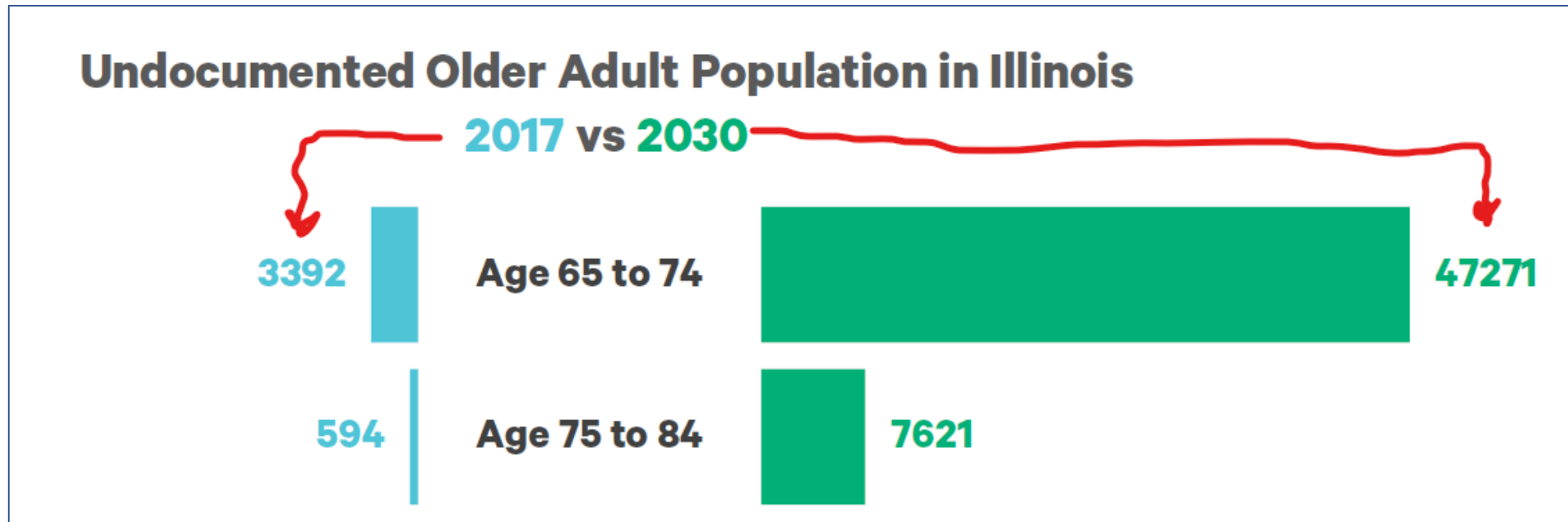
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Since 1982, no major options to get legal status for the undocumented...

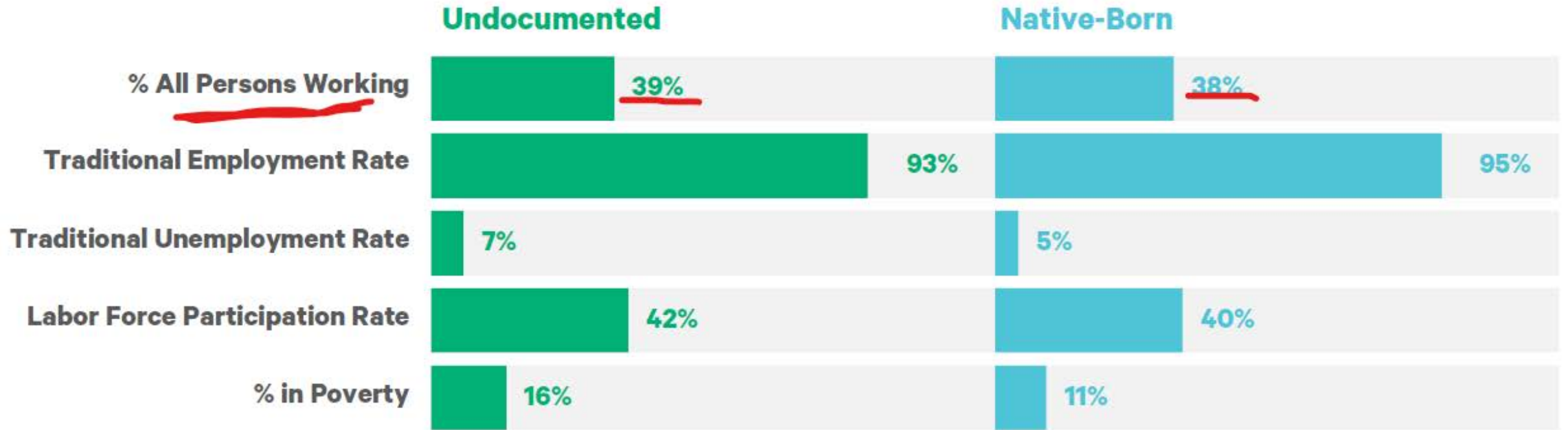


Yet older undocumented persons are here to stay.
They are moving into their 60s and 70s



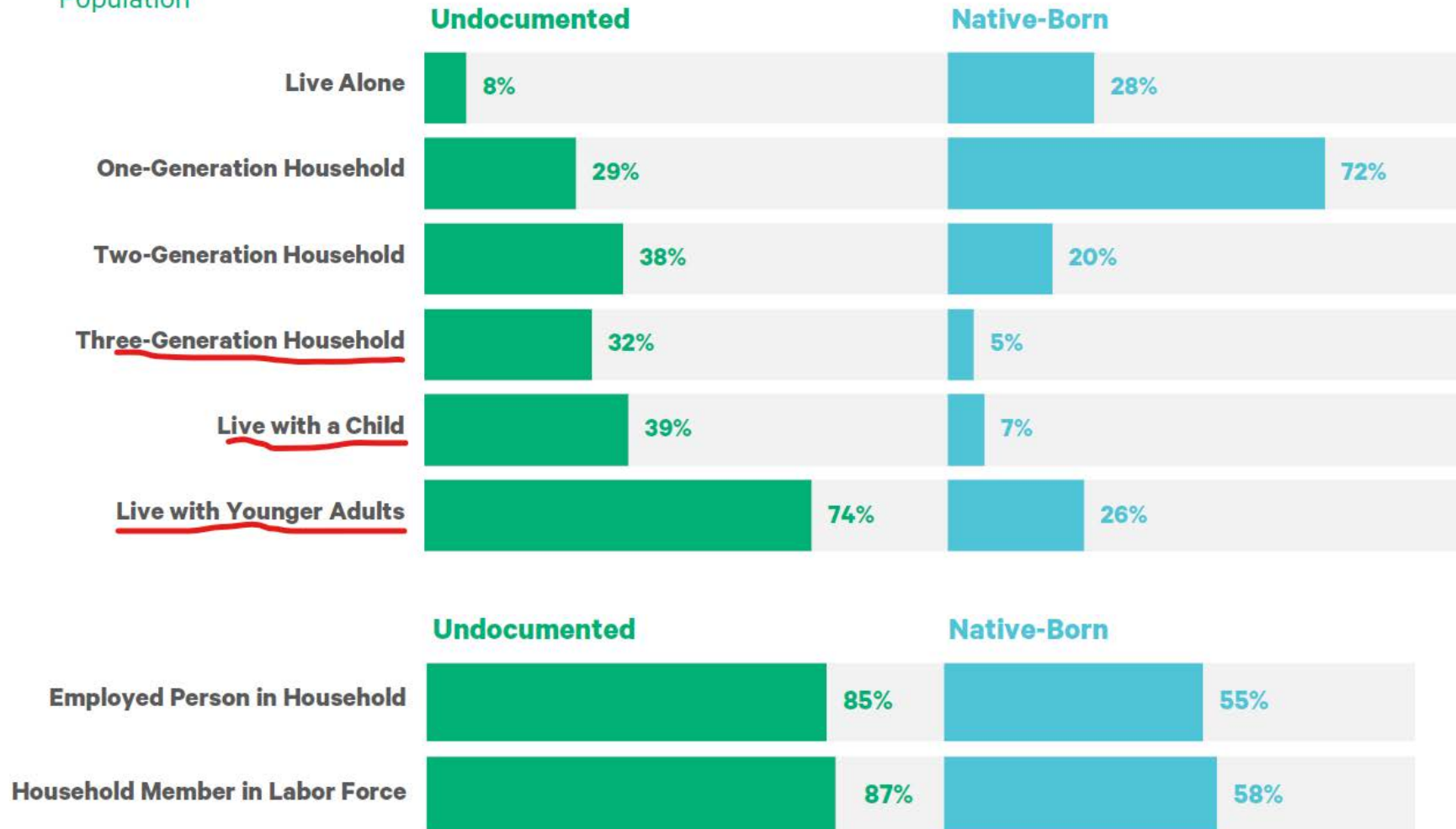
In many ways, older undocumented look like any other Illinois resident.

Figure 4: Undocumented Illinois Residents 55 and older compared to Native Born Groups (2017)



However, older undocumented tend to have much closer family ties.

Figure 5: Housing Arrangements of Illinois Undocumented Older Adults 55 and up, Compared to Native Born Population



What are some things we need to recognize?

Some ideas for the start of a long list:

Cultural competency and geriatric preparedness

Geography and transportation

Cultural perceptions and norms of health and mental health care

Importance of shared language and culture