



Demographic Snapshot of Young Adults Aged 18-34 in the United States

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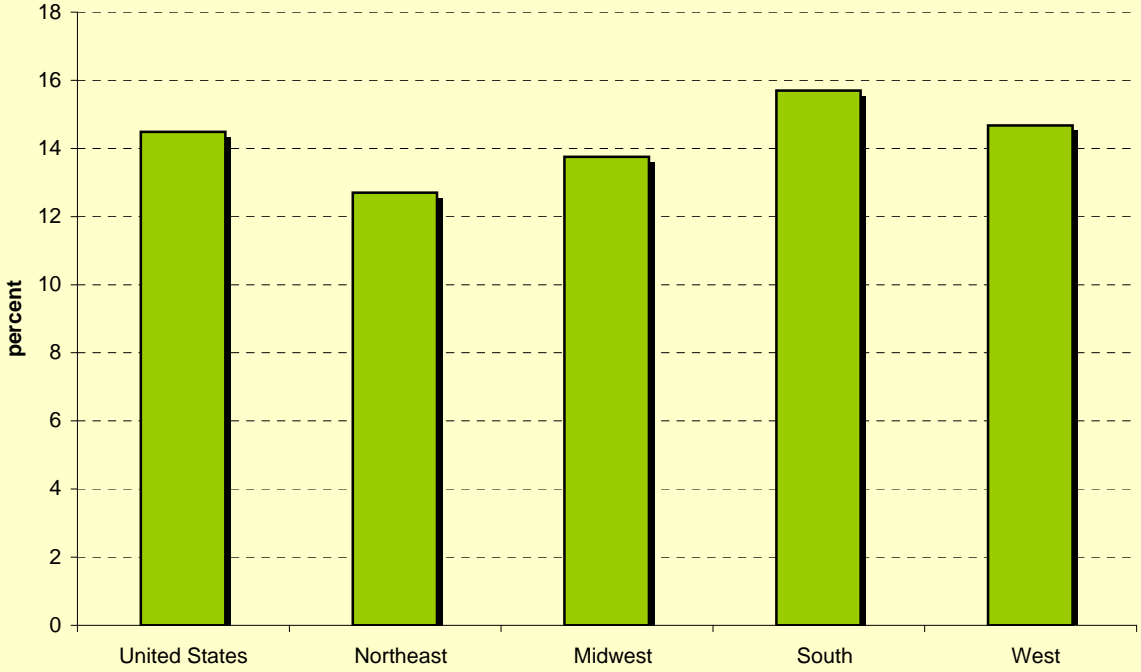
The following tables provide profiles of young adults by region (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West). Figures use merged 2003-2006 CPS files to provide demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of young adults aged 18-34.

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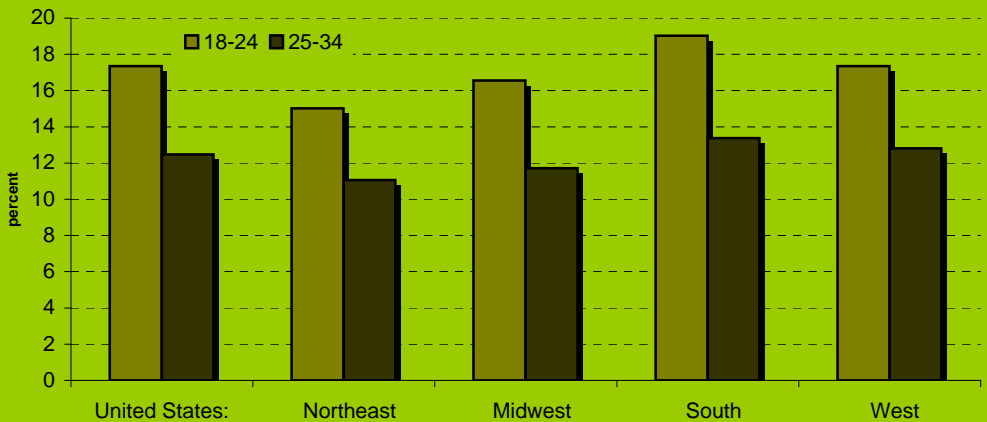
Poverty
Nativity
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Earnings and family income

Percentage of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds Living in Poverty, by Region of the Country

Following national trends, poverty among young adults is highest in the South

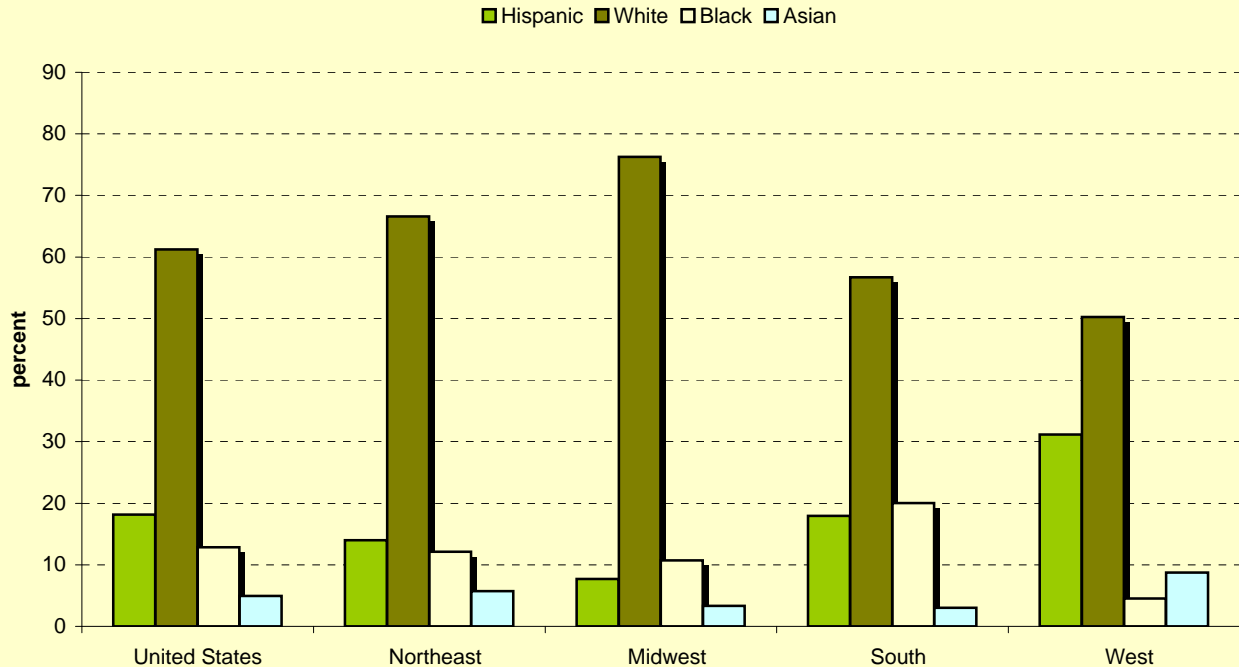


Risk of poverty is highest among the youngest young adults; poverty is highest in the South, regardless of age group



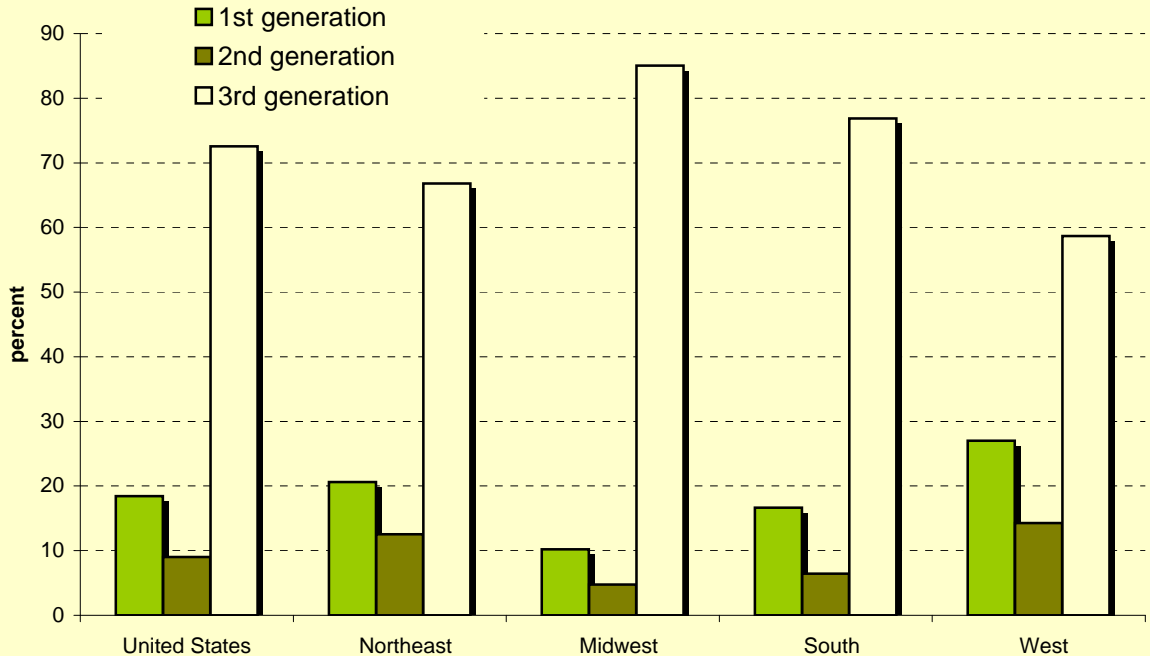
Pan-Ethnicity of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds, by Region of the Country

Whites still dominate, but Hispanics now outnumber blacks nationally, driven mainly by large Hispanic presence in West and to a lesser extent, the Northeast

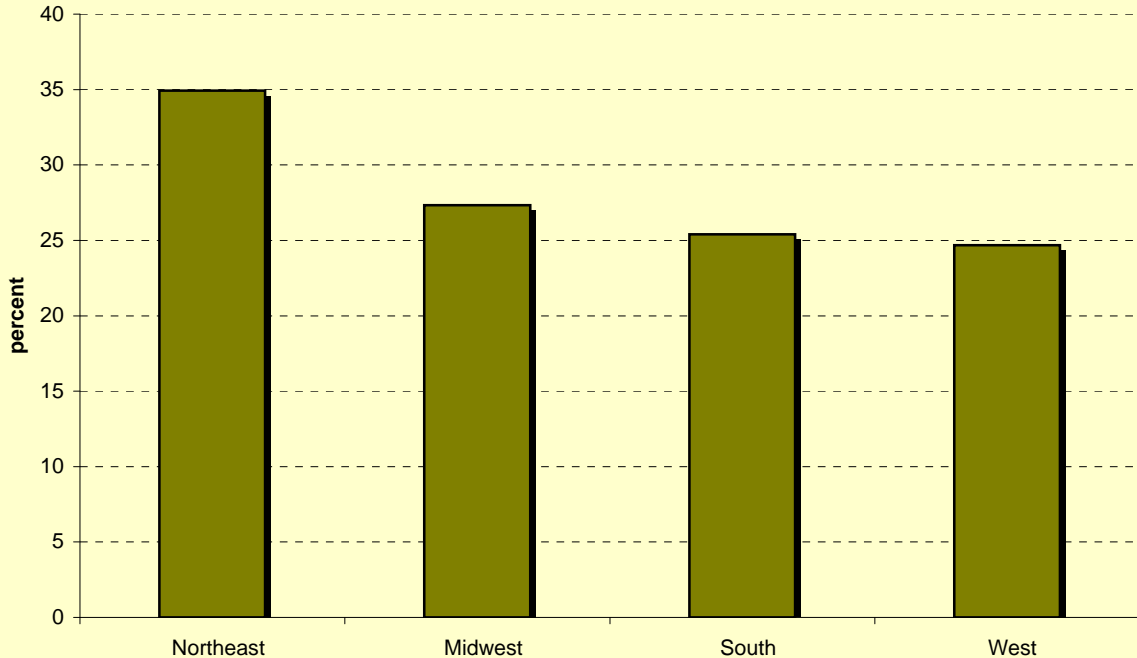


Nativity/Generation of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds, by Region of the Country

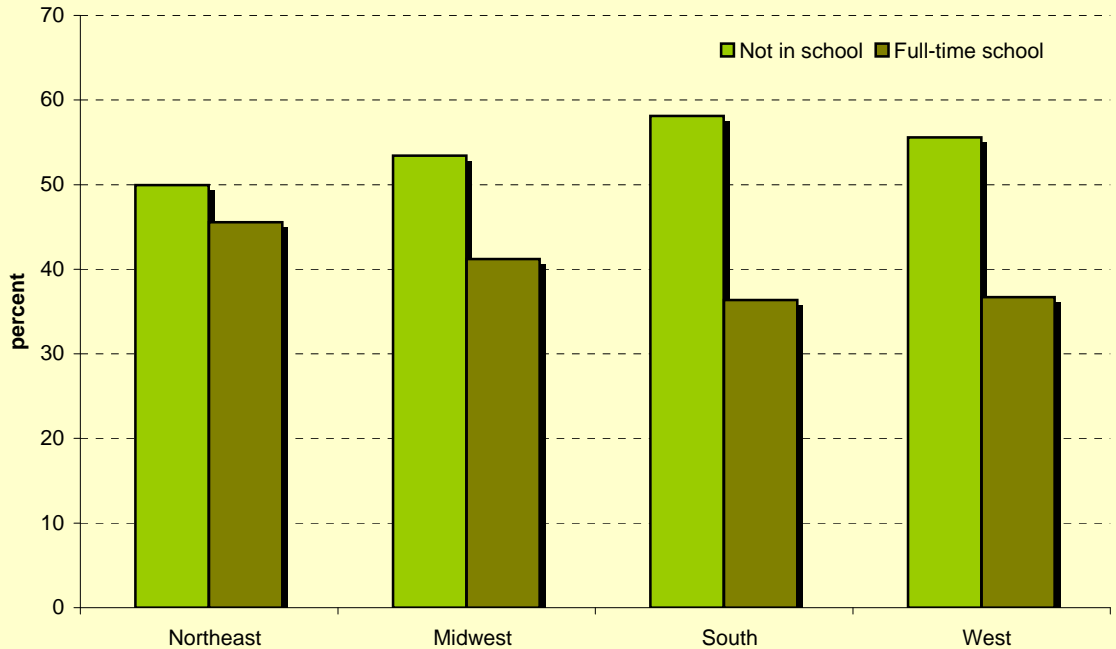
Larger presence of 1st generation youth compared with second reflects growing immigration of late



**Percentage of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds Living with Parents,
by Region of the Country, 2006**



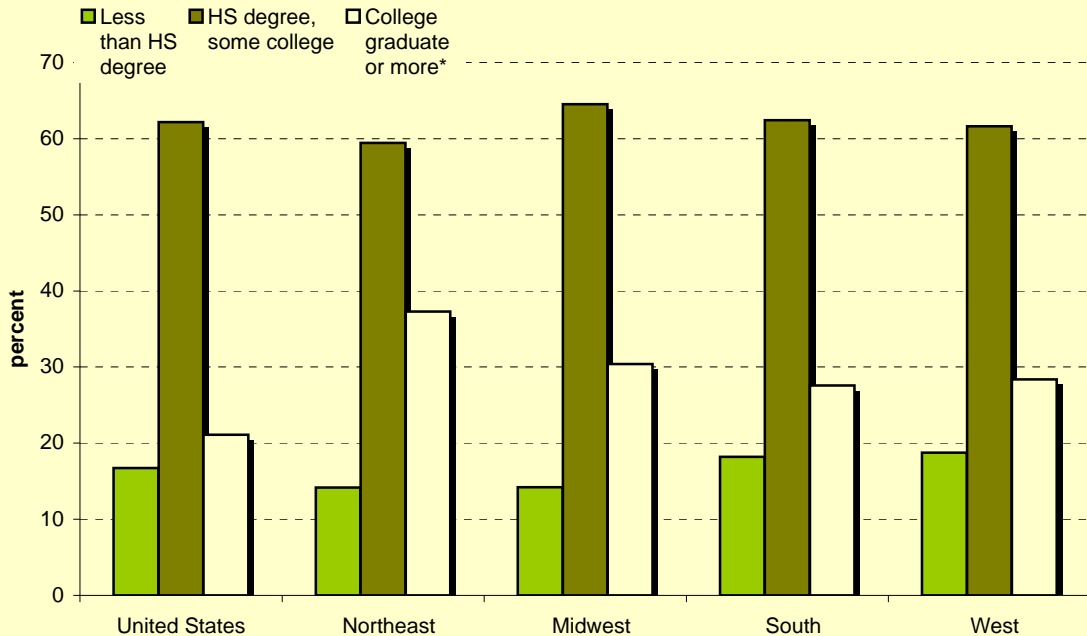
**Percent of U.S. 18-24-Year-Olds In or Out of School,
by Region of the Country, 2006**
South has fewest young adults in school, NE has most in school



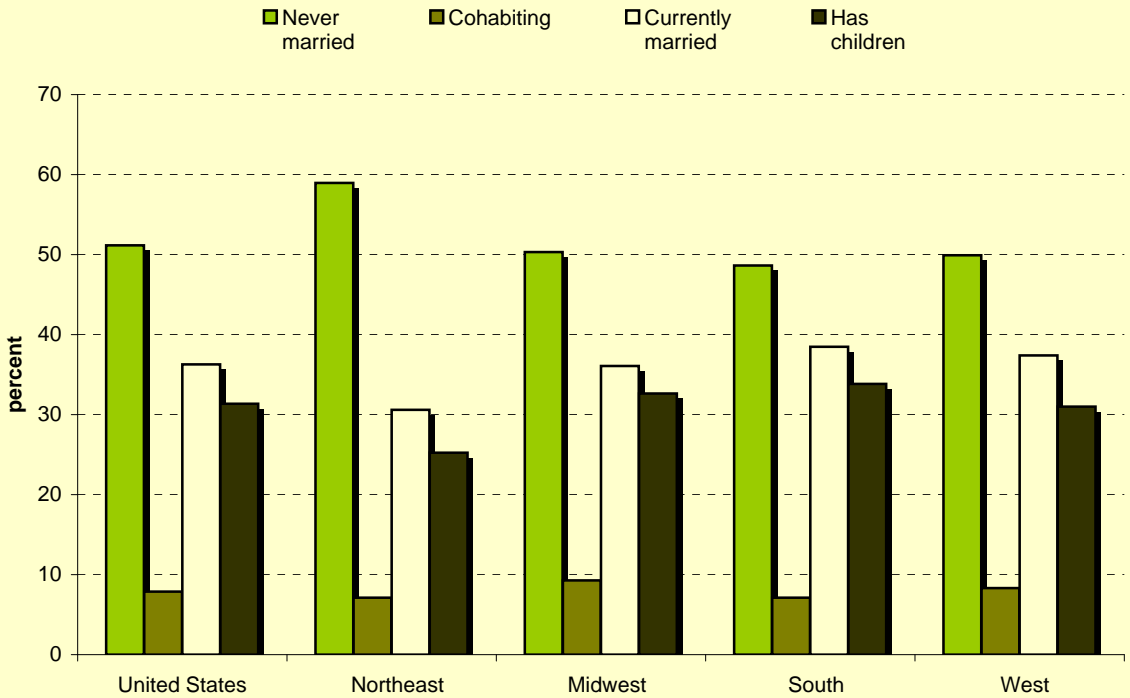
Education of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds, by Region of the Country

More youth in the NE have college degree while more young adults in the the South and West have dropped out of high school

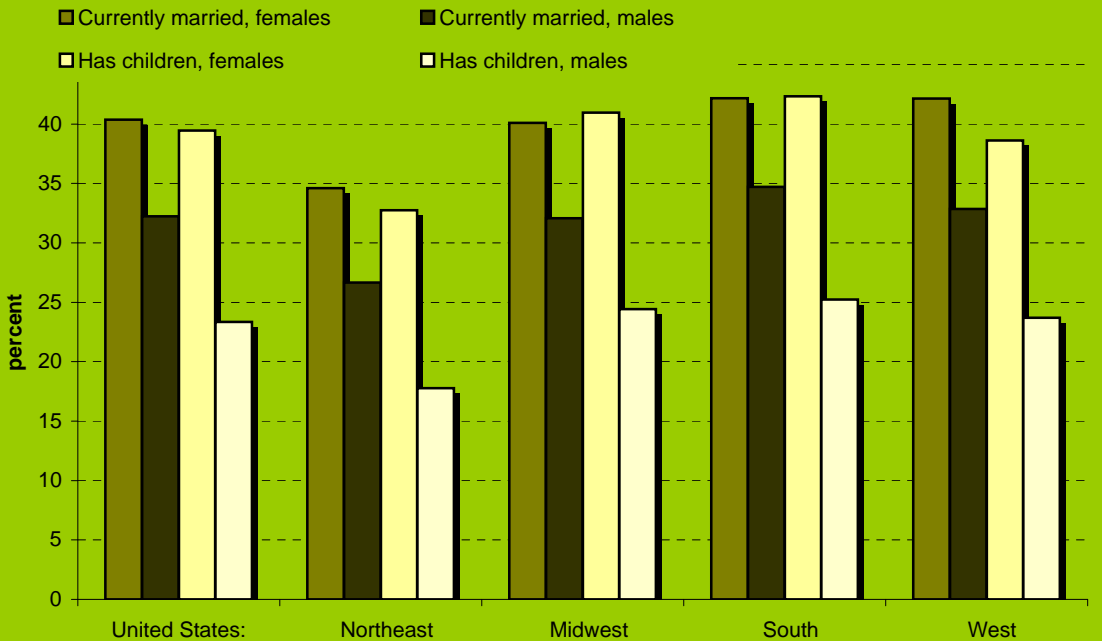
(*College graduation rates are here reported only for 25-34 year olds)



Marital Status of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds, by Region of the Country, 2006



More women are married and have children, ostensibly with older men. Young adults in NE are least likely to be married or have children; those in the South are most likely



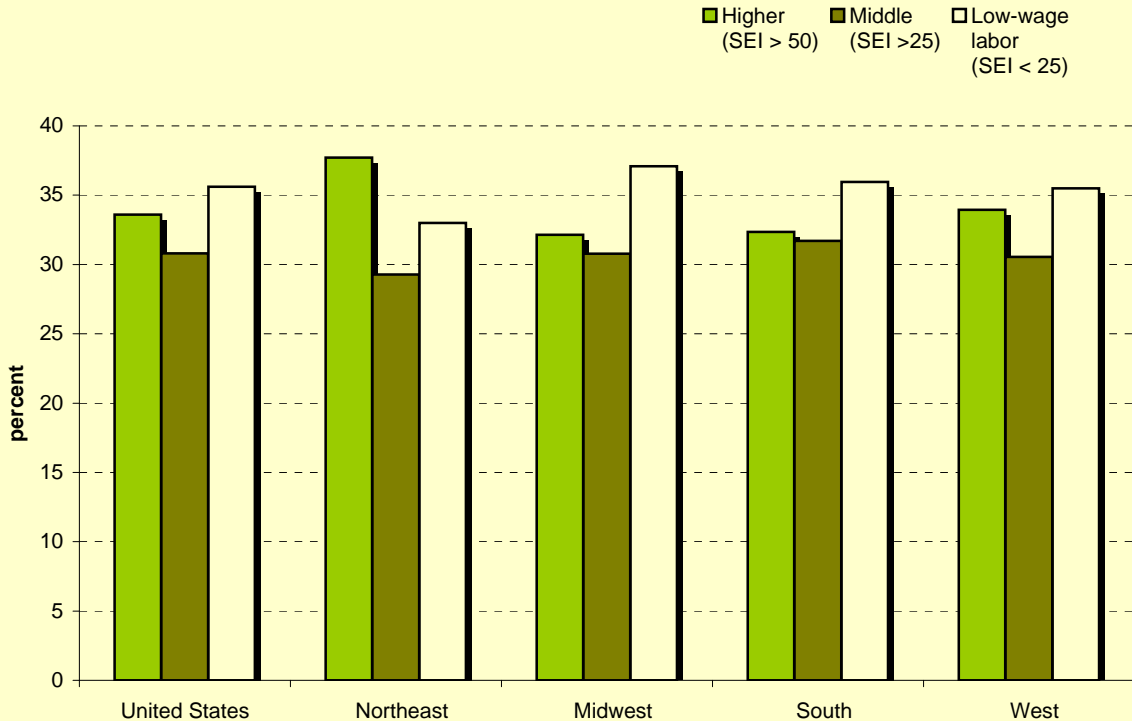
Employment Status of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds, by Region of the Country

Work status is fairly similar across the regions; but slightly more NE young adults are not working, likely because more are in school (see education figure)



Occupational Status Index of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds, by Region of the Country

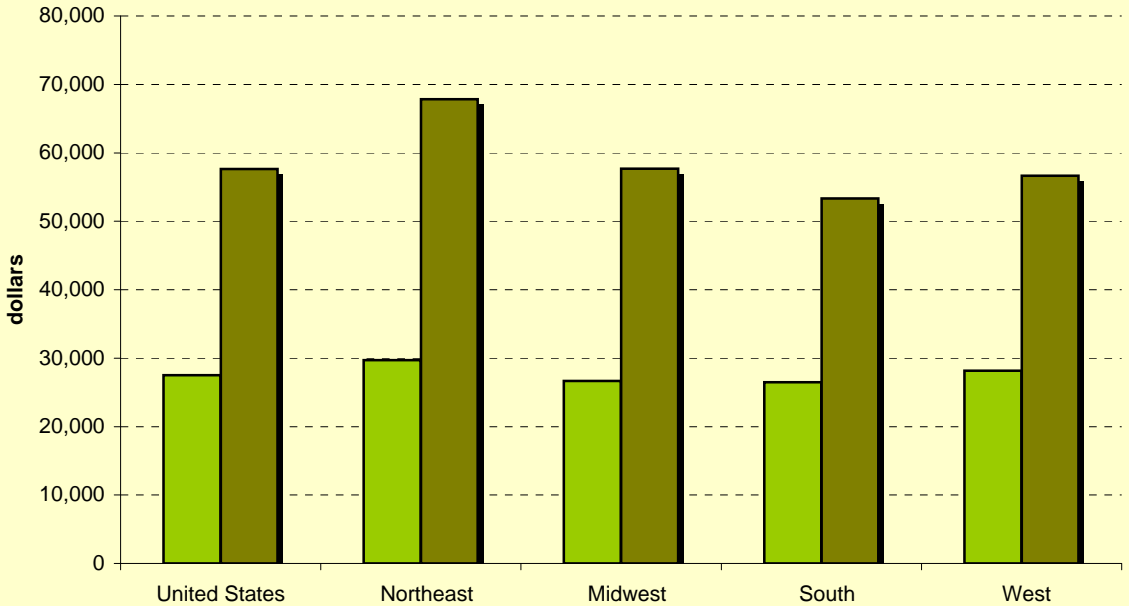
Youth in the NE are more likely to work in higher status jobs while those in the Midwest more often work in low-wage jobs



Annual Earnings and Income of U.S. 18-34-Year-Olds, by Region of the Country

Family income is higher in the NE, although personal earnings of young adults are fairly similar

■ Personal earnings ■ Total family income



Except in the West, family income is higher among youth born in the 1980s than those born in the 1970s

