



Integration Nation:

Immigrants, Refugees, and
Connecticut at Its Best

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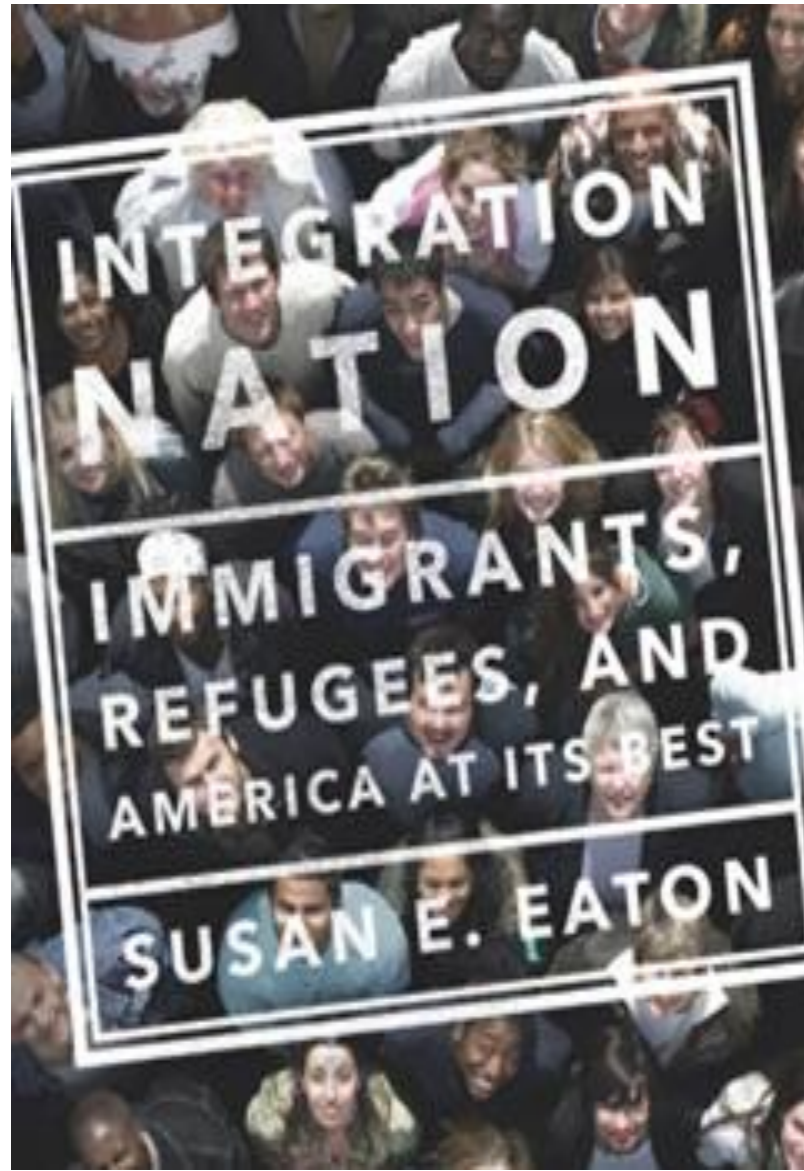
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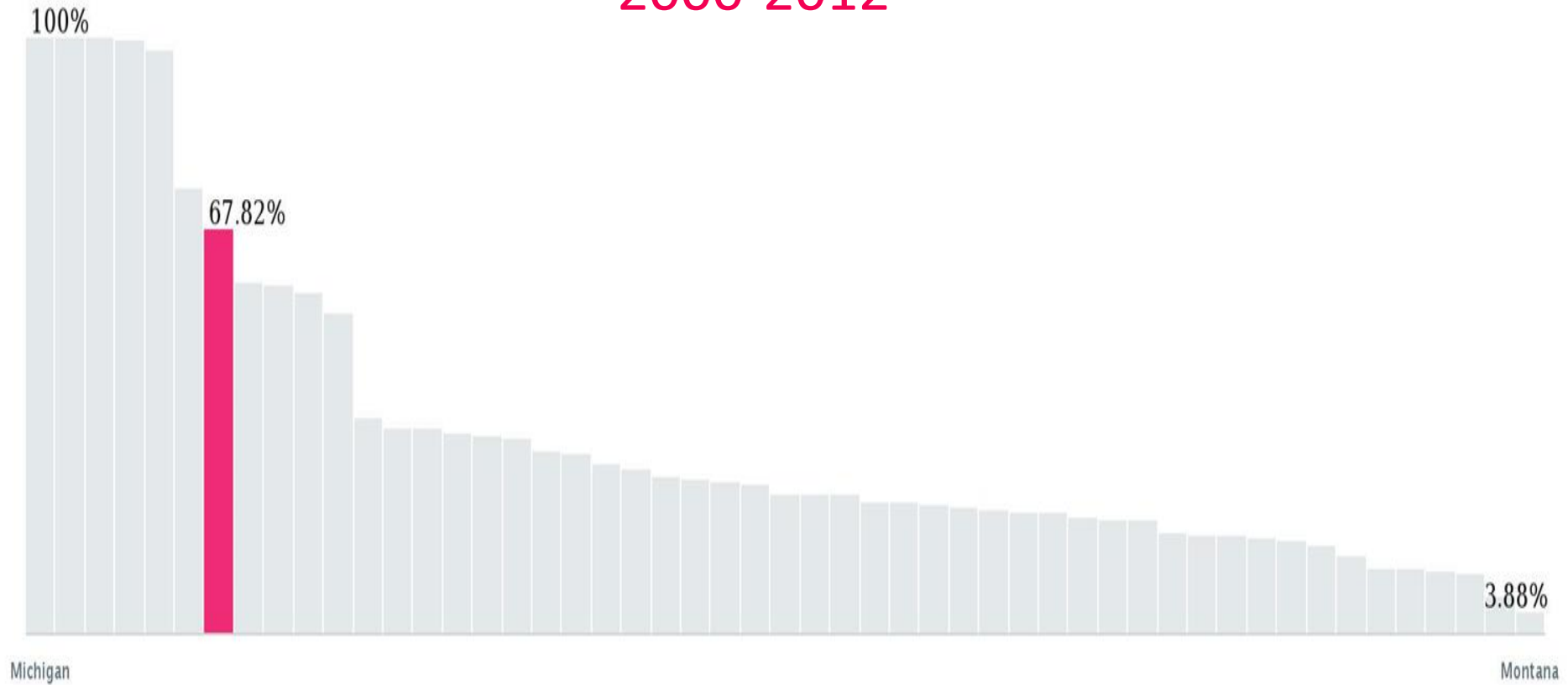
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Connecticut RELIES on Immigrants for GROWTH, WORKFORCE & REVENUE

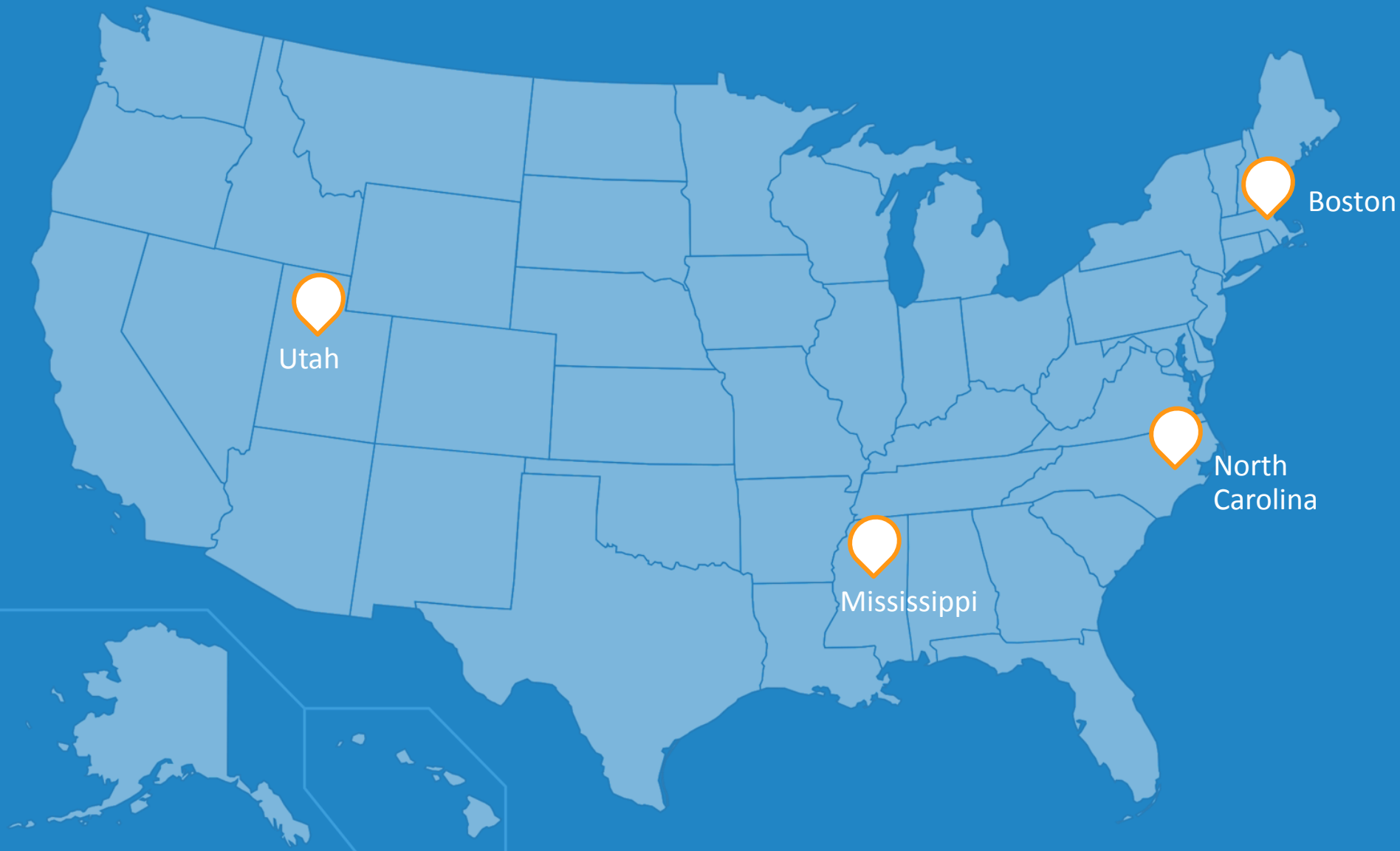
- ❑ 14 % of the population = Half a million
- ❑ GREW by 33% (2000-14) vs. 2% growth of US born
- ❑ 78% of CT immigrants are 18- 64 years old (vs. 60% of US born)
- ❑ 17 % of workforce

% of Growth = IMMIGRANTS CONNECTICUT - 7th Nationally 2000-2012



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PolicyLink/PERE National Equity Atlas, www.nationalequityatlas.org



Utah

Mississippi

North
Carolina

Boston



BOSTON

WHAT IS FOUND IN TRANSLATION?













NORTH CAROLINA

WEALTH FOR EVERYONE

PUPUSERIA Y TAQUERIA ORELLANA MENU

- PUPUSAS DE: CHICHARRON, QUESO
Y MIXTEADAS
- YUCA FRITA CON CHICHARRON
- TACOS Y TORTAS DE:
 - CARNE ASADA, POLLO, CHORIZO
 - AL PASTOR, CARNITAS Y LENGUA
 - ALITAS DE POLLO CON PAPITAS
 - TACOS DE FLOTE FRITO
 - PASTAS DE PATATA
 - CHICHARRON
 - REFRESCOS Y AGUAS FRAS

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A BILINGUAL BOON





PATHS TO HIGHER GROUND



COMMON THEMES

- Interdependence; better together; two-way street
- Affirmative. “What are we for?” Not, “What are we against?”
- Positive. Immigration = assets and a chance to build something better.

NEXT STEPS?

- Supportive state and federal policies; funding from gov and philanthropy
- A narrative strategy that elevates stories of welcoming and successful integration; vocal leadership
- Coordinated, multi-sector solutions; organizing that is inclusive



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“Look, our state has changed... The little rural communities, little towns are all changing. If you celebrate that, if you give our young people a place to blossom and grow and to really integrate, if you create the opportunity for all of us to integrate and to each come over to the other’s perspective a little bit, how can that not be good for everyone?”

- *Howard Stephenson*

Thank you!



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