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# Hispanic Immigrant's Access to Healthcare in the U.S.:

Through the Lens of Ethnicity, Income, and Length of Stay

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# Other Factors Affecting Access to Care:

- COVID-19 pandemic
- Psychological distress
- Family/generational views
- Government policies



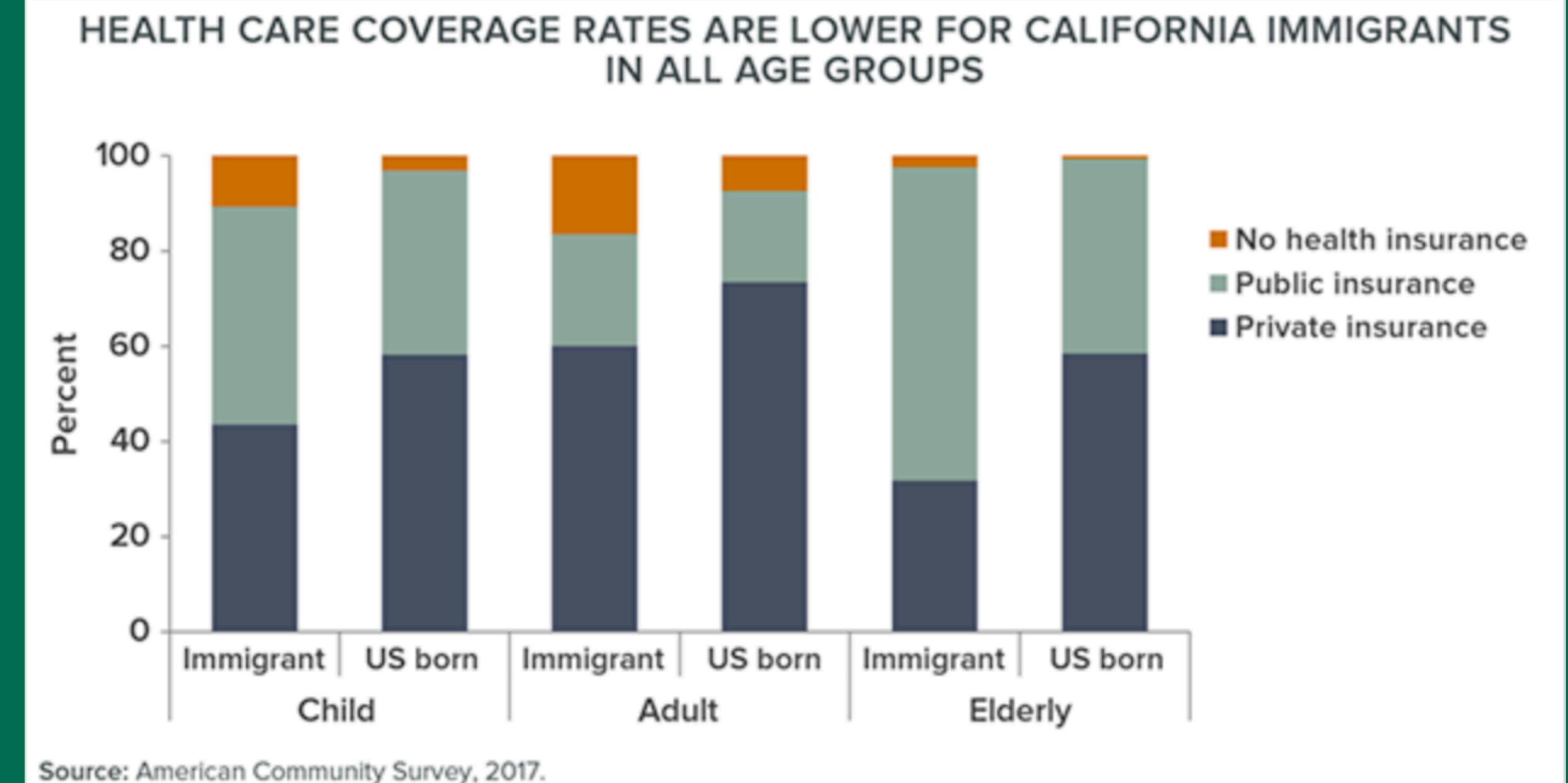
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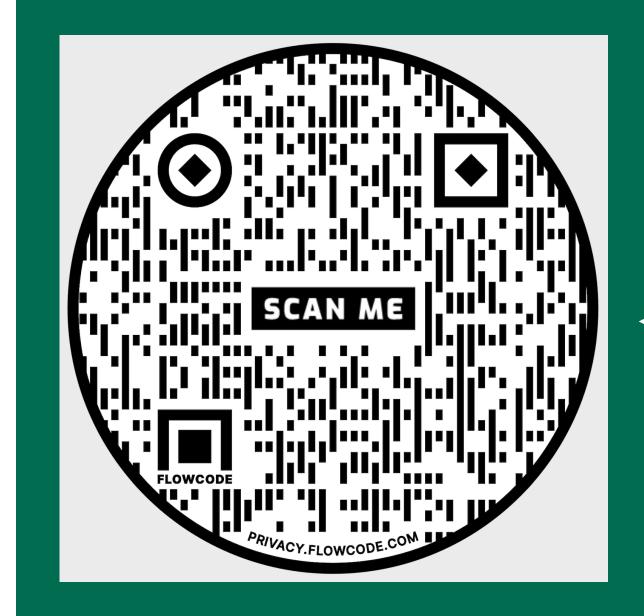
Documented Latinx Immigrants
have lesser access to healthcare
than their natural-born counterparts



Notes: Public insurance includes Medicare, Medi-Cal, Veterans Affairs coverage, and other public programs; private insurance includes employer- or union-supplied insurance, plans purchased directly (e.g., Covered California), and Tricare or other military plans. Individuals reporting both public and private coverage are considered to have private coverage. The child group includes ages 0–19, the adult group includes ages 20–64, and the elderly group includes ages 65+.

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# Why does this matter?

All citizens, regardless of immigration status, ethnicity, income, or length of stay deserve access to quality healthcare.

### **Ethnicity:**

- Hispanic immigrants are more likely than their non-Hispanic counterparts to delay care
- More likely to report emergency rooms as their main source of care
- Surveys and studies done on healthcare access do not look at ethnicity enough as a factor in health care

#### Income:

- Lower income families
   report lack of insurance
   coverage and
   unaffordable healthcare
   costs
- Even families with
   access to insurance
   cannot afford the care
   they need

## Length of Stay:

- Immigrants who spendlonger in the U.S. are morelikely to use healthcare
- When and from where an immigrant came is
   important in their access