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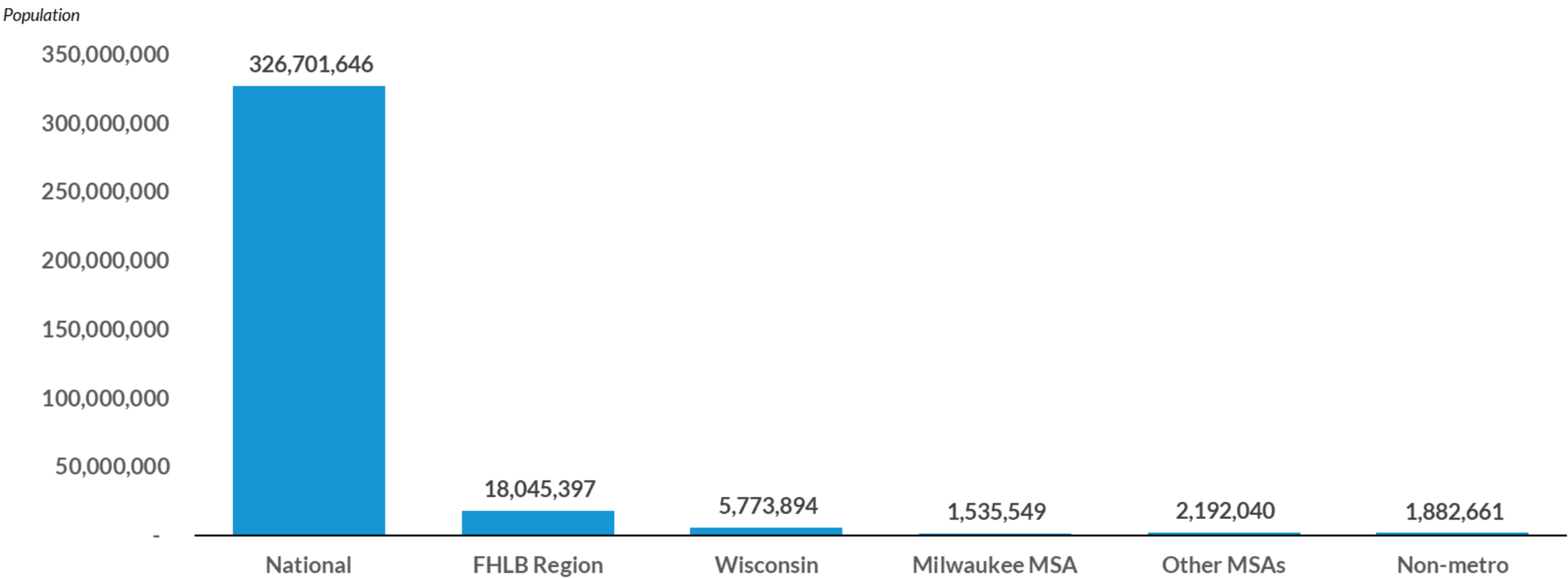
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Demographic Trends

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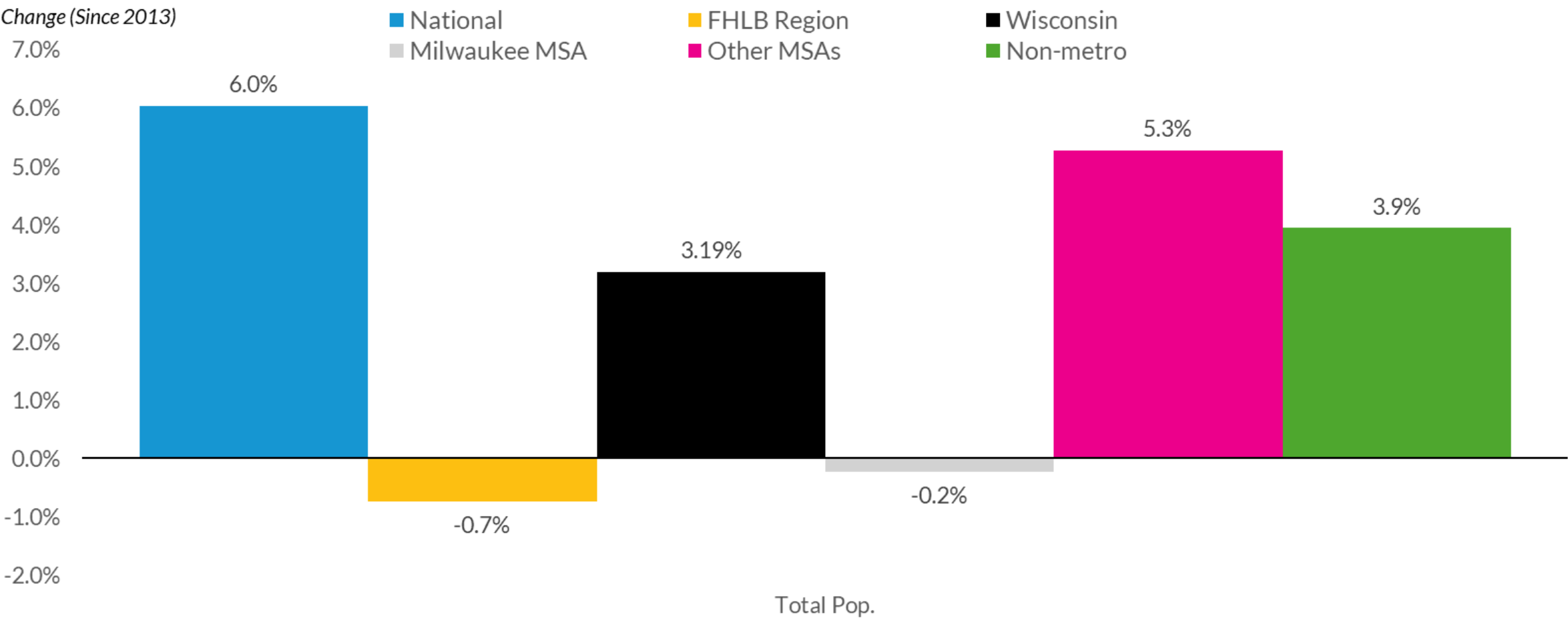
Population



Source: 2023 American Community Survey

Demographic Trends

Population Changes

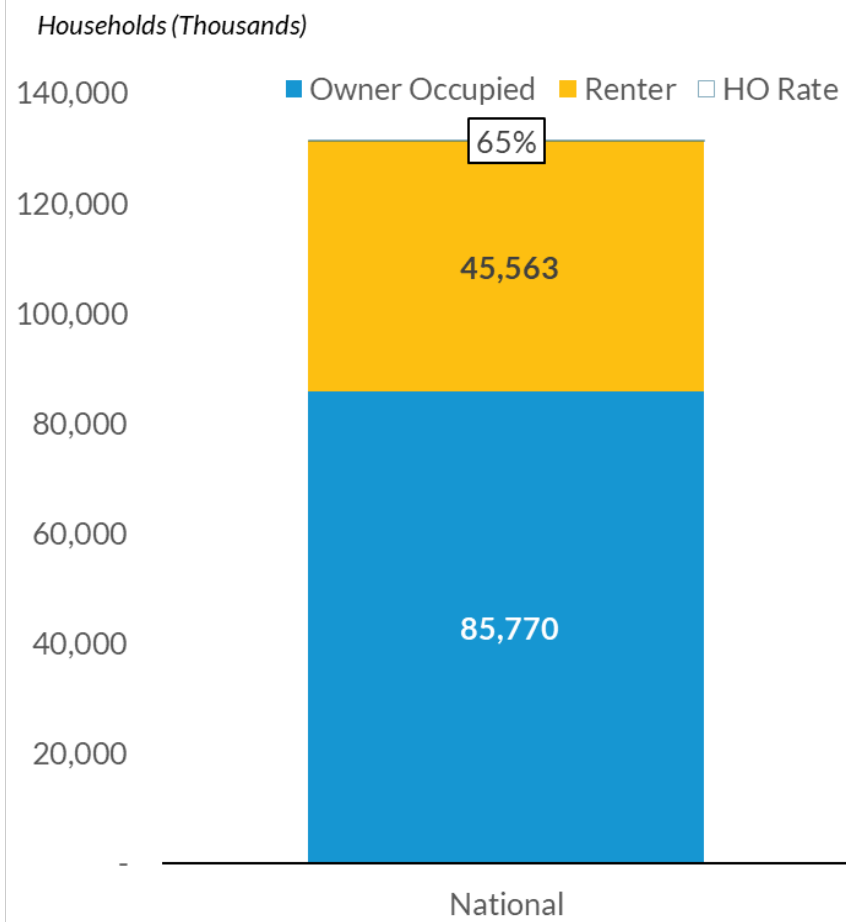


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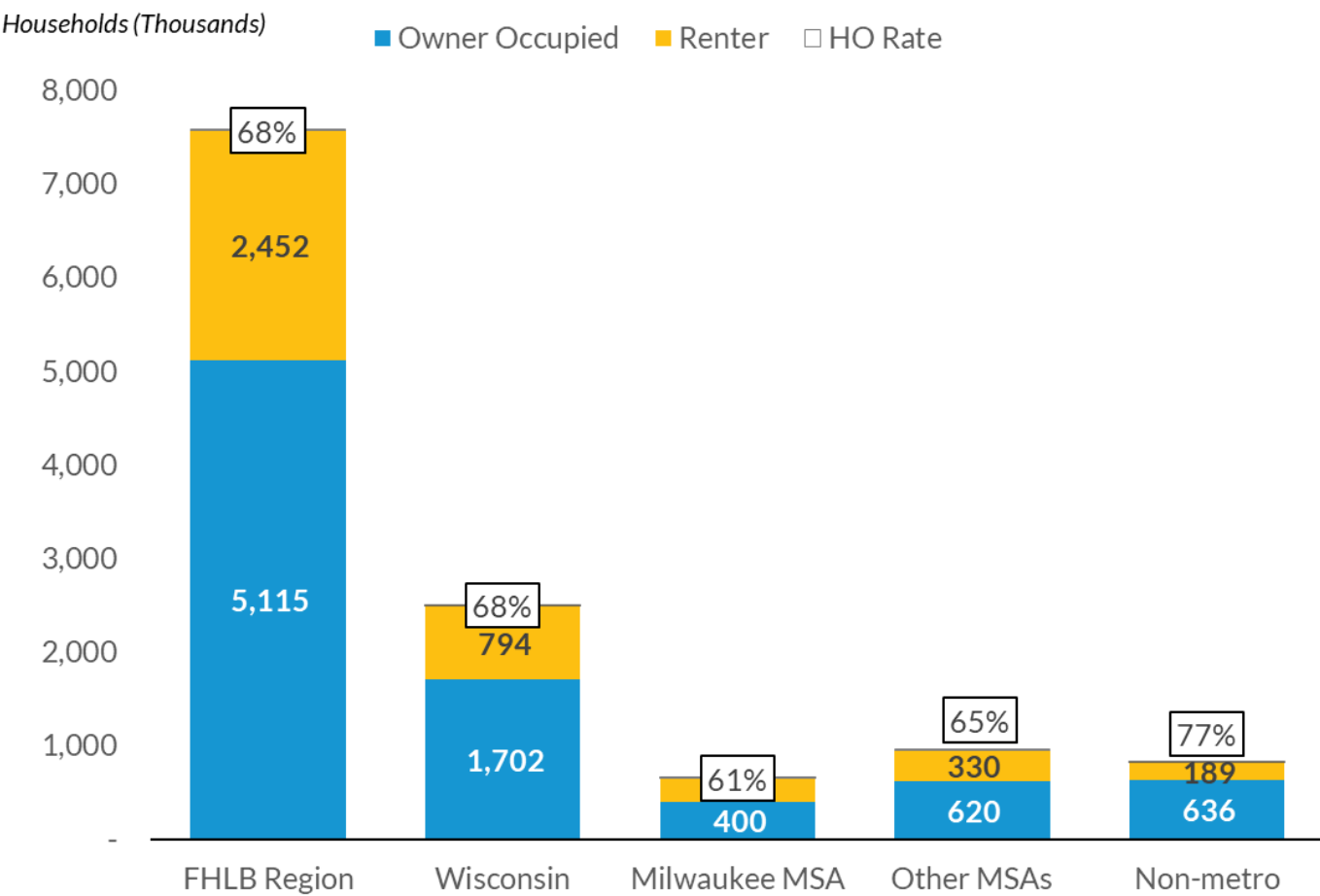
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Households, by Tenure

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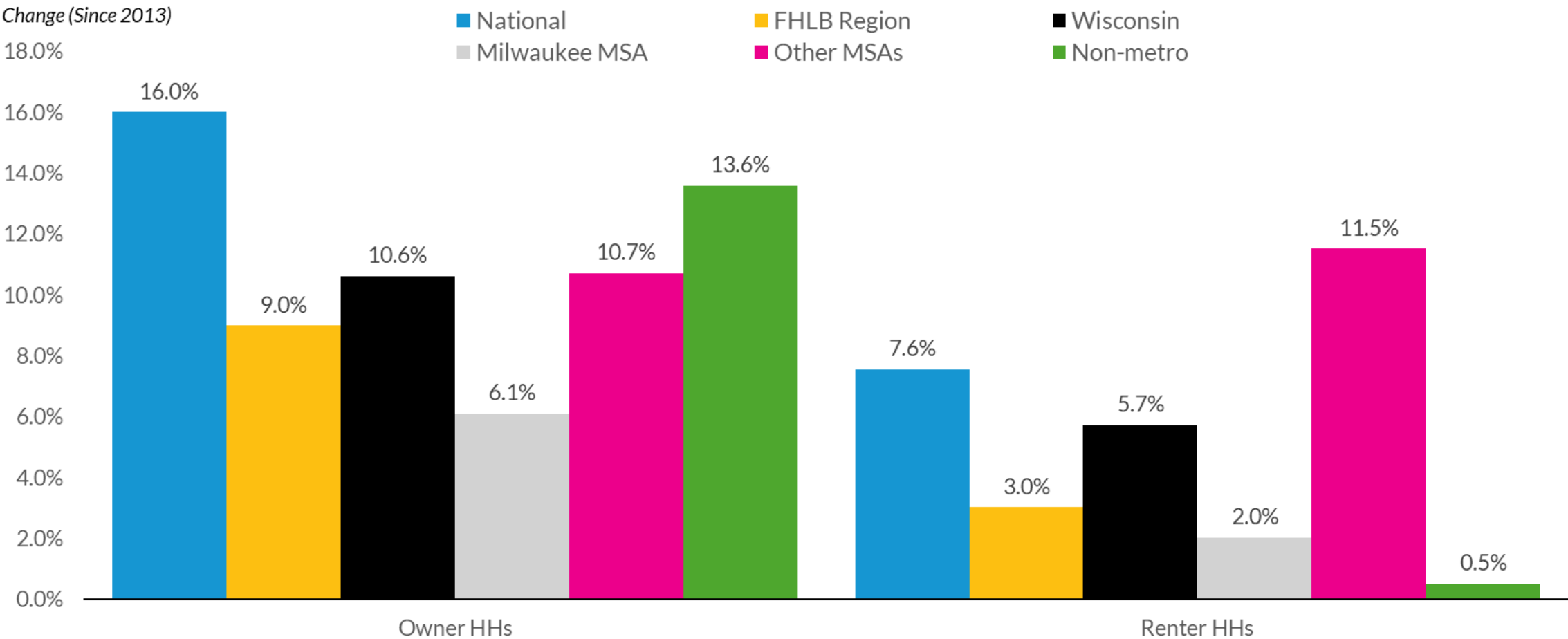
FHLB Region



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Household Count Change (2013 to 2023), by Tenure

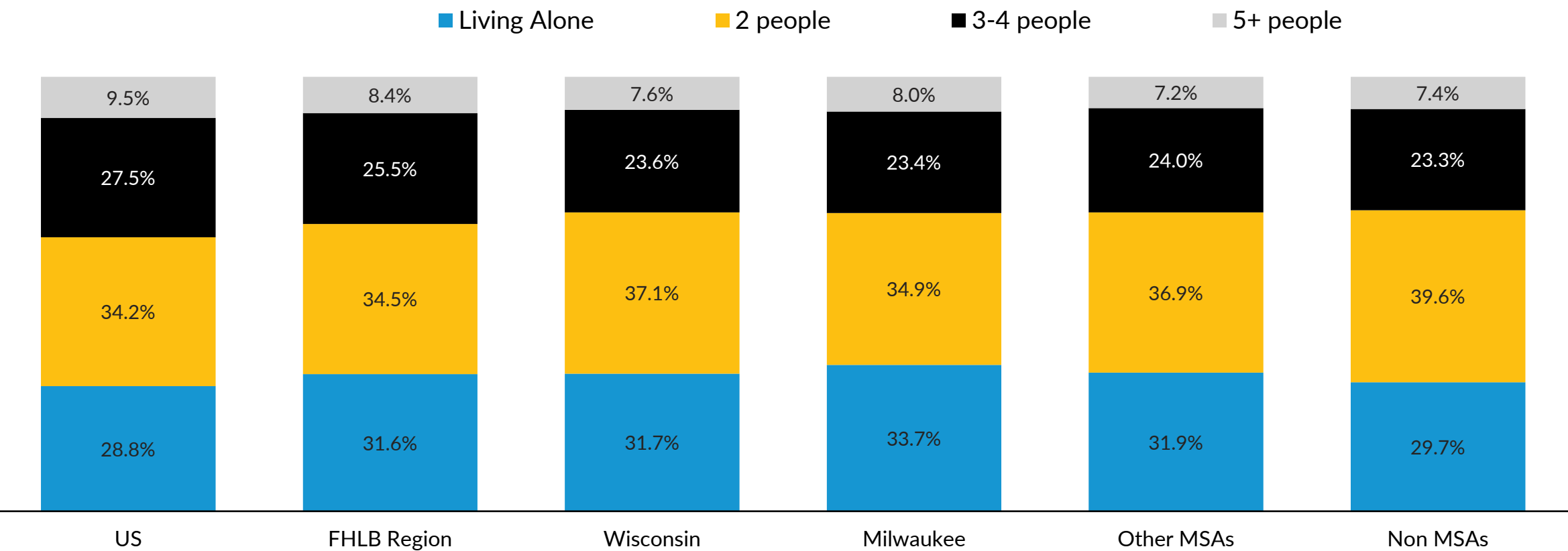


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Household Size

Households, by Household Size

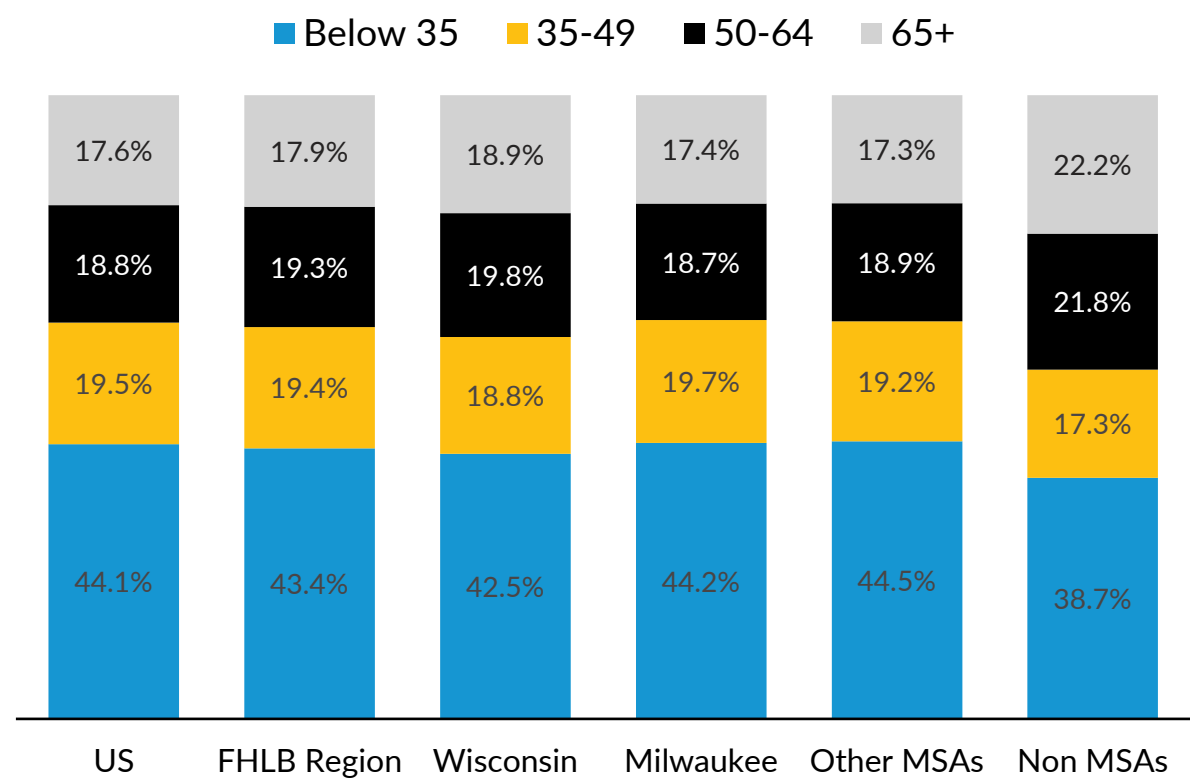


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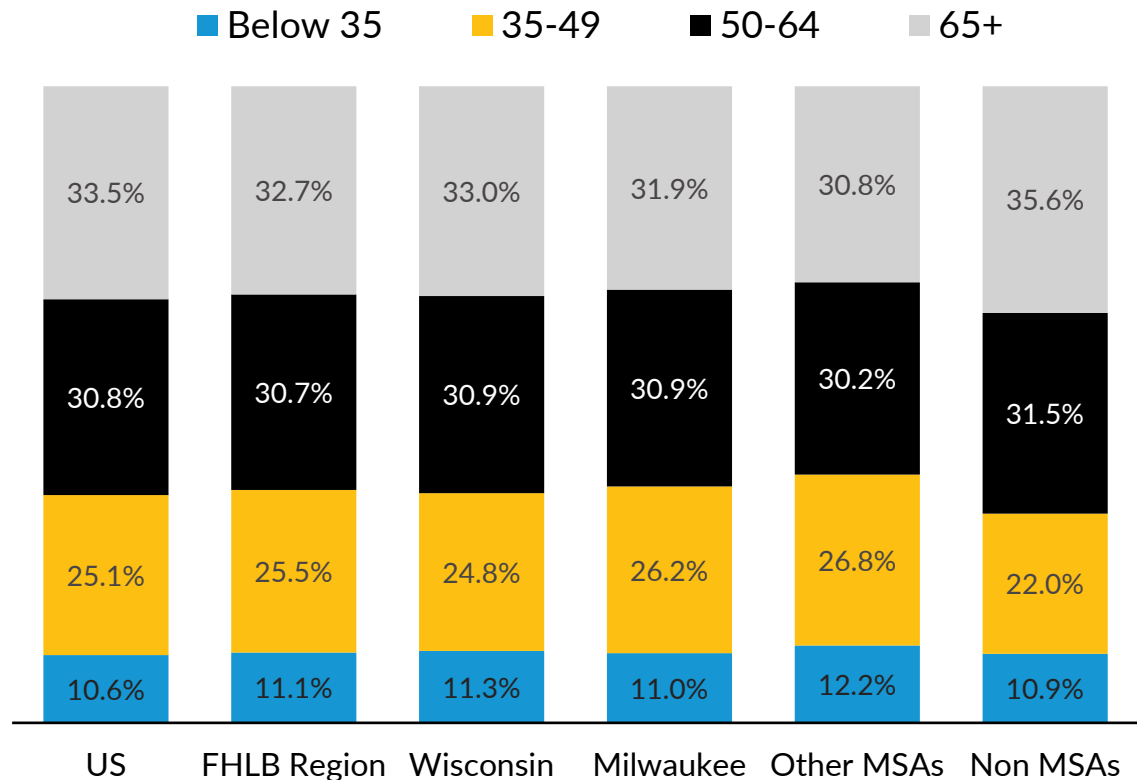
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Age Distribution

Population Distribution, by Age



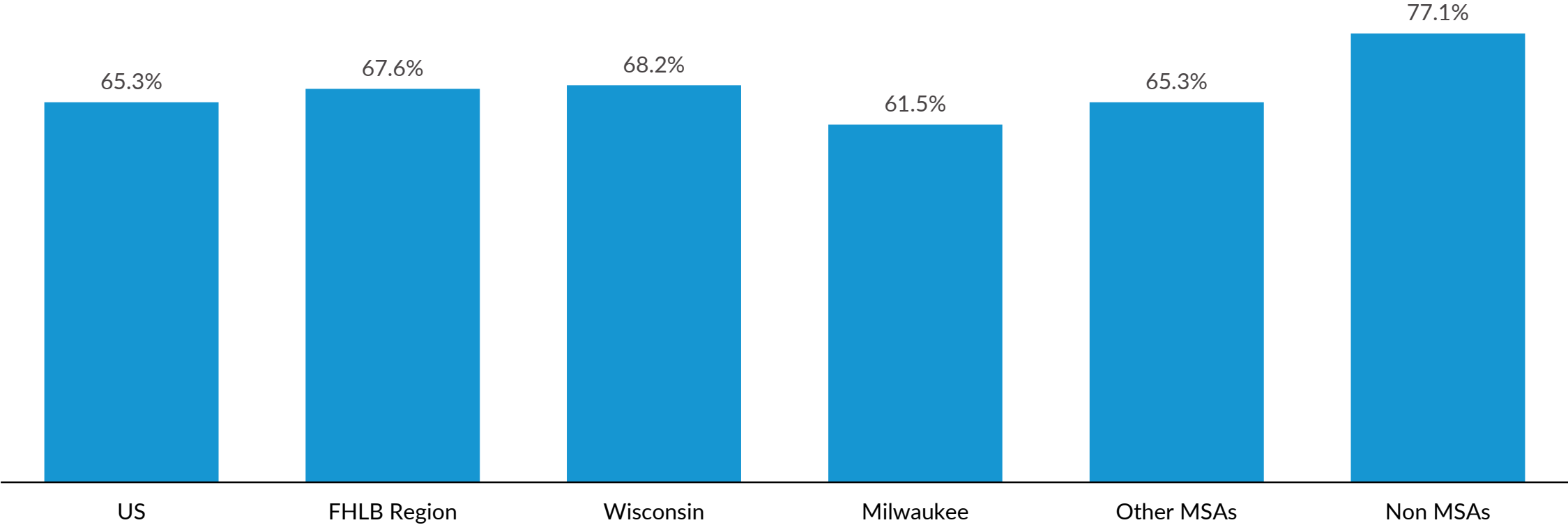
Homeowner Distribution, by Age



Source: 2023 American Community Survey

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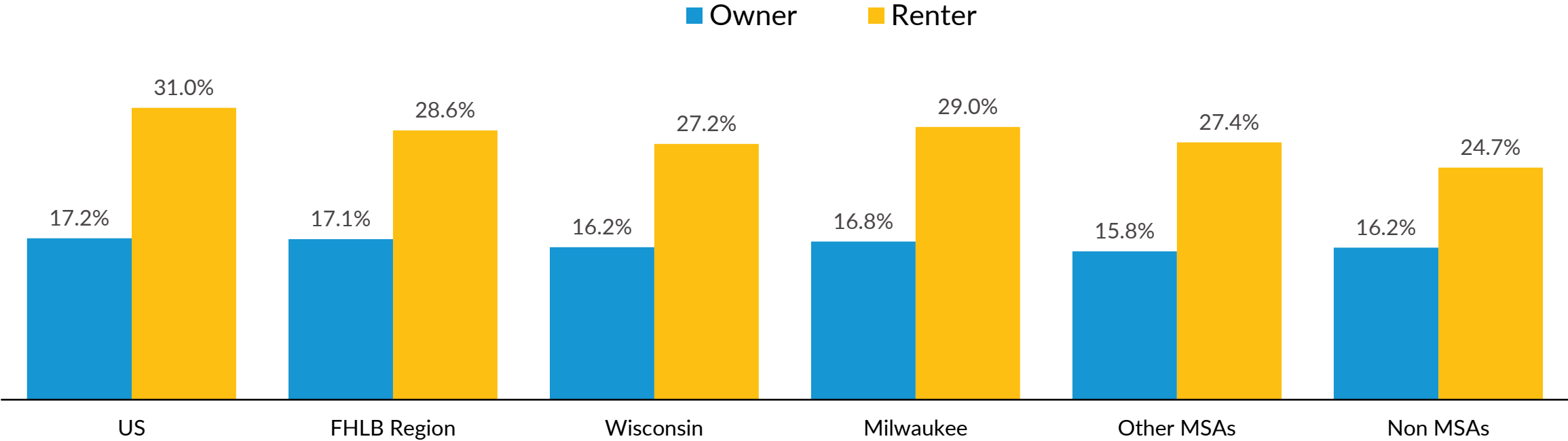
Homeownership Rates



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Housing Cost Burdens



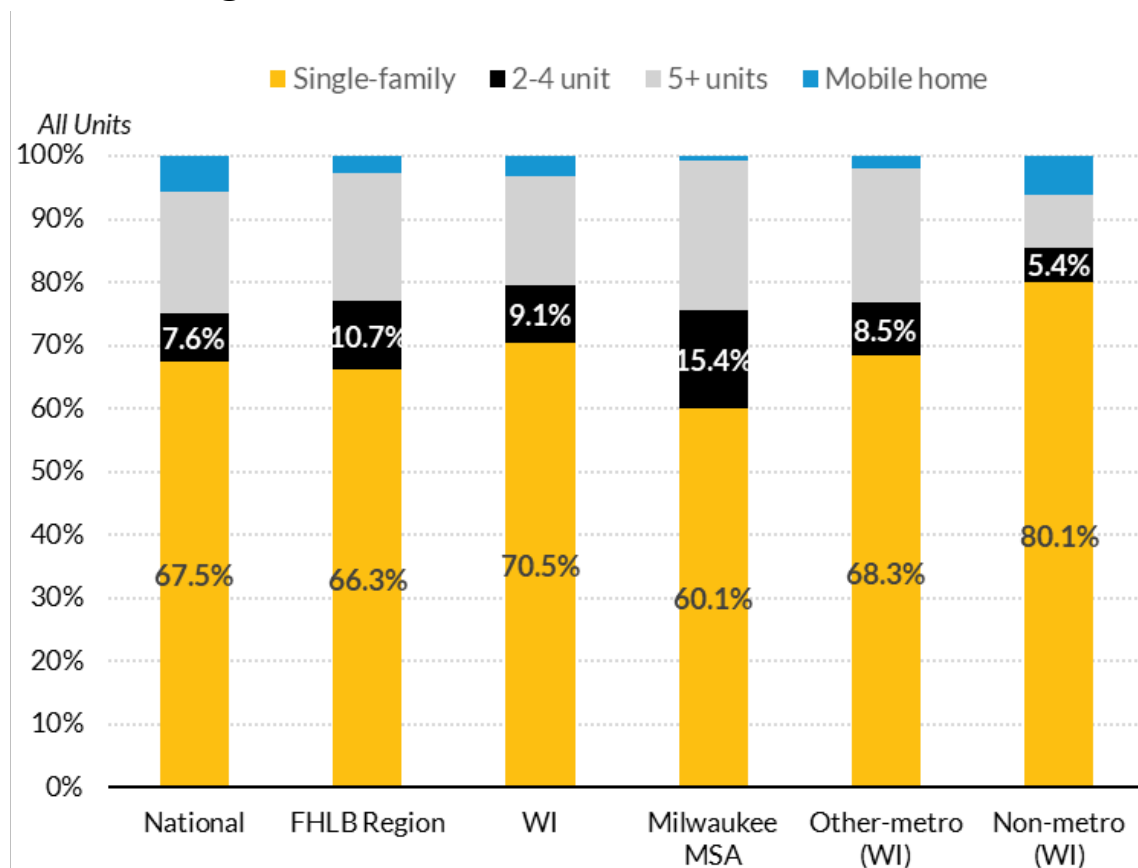
Source: 2023 American Community Survey
Note: Housing cost burden is the share of monthly household income spent on monthly housing expenses including rent or mortgage costs, utilities, insurance, taxes, and more.

Housing Stock

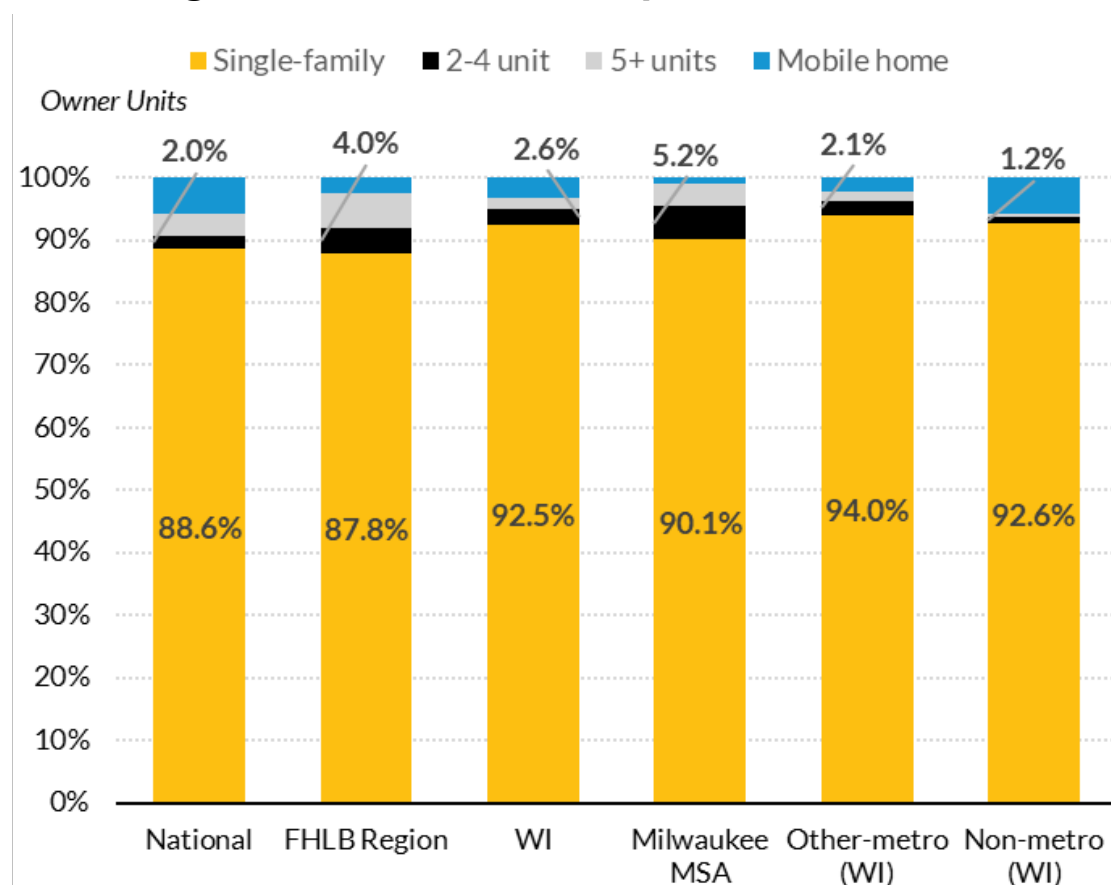
Housing Stock

Housing Stock Composition

Housing Stock, All Units



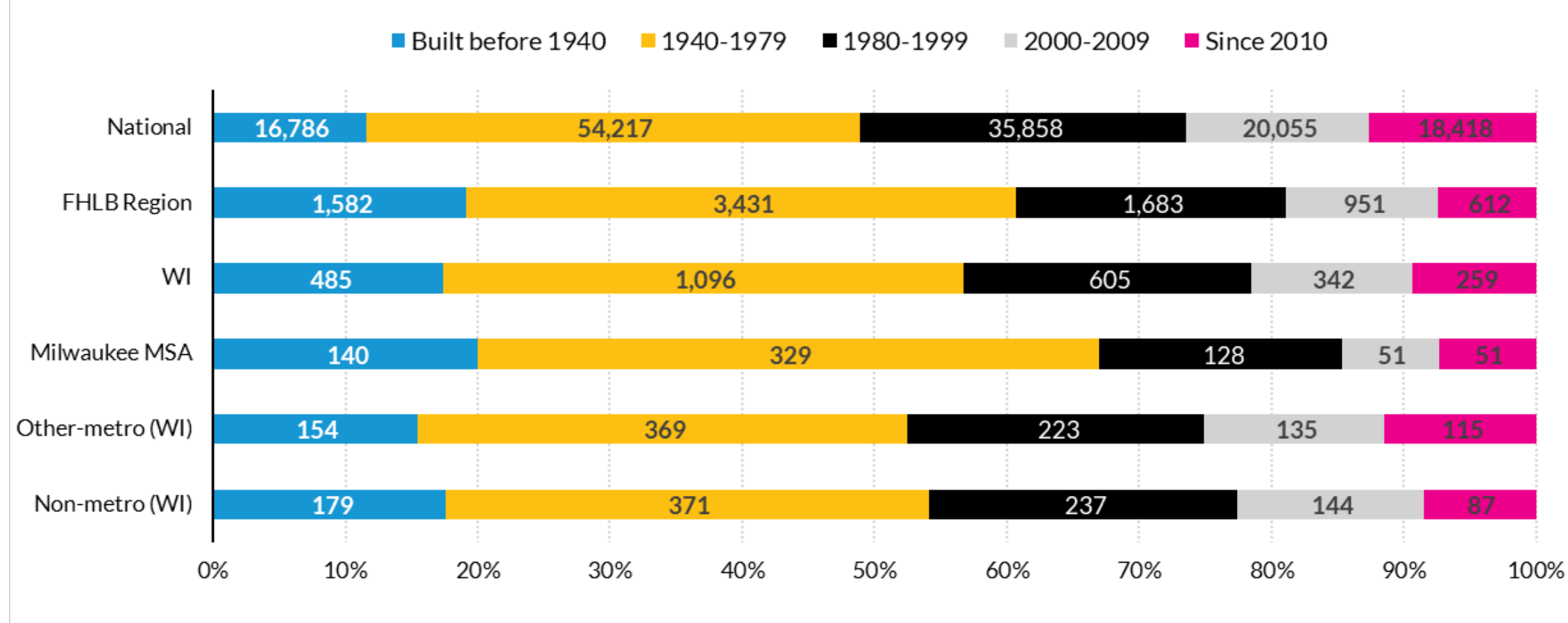
Housing Stock, Owner-Occupied Units



Source: 2023 American Housing Survey

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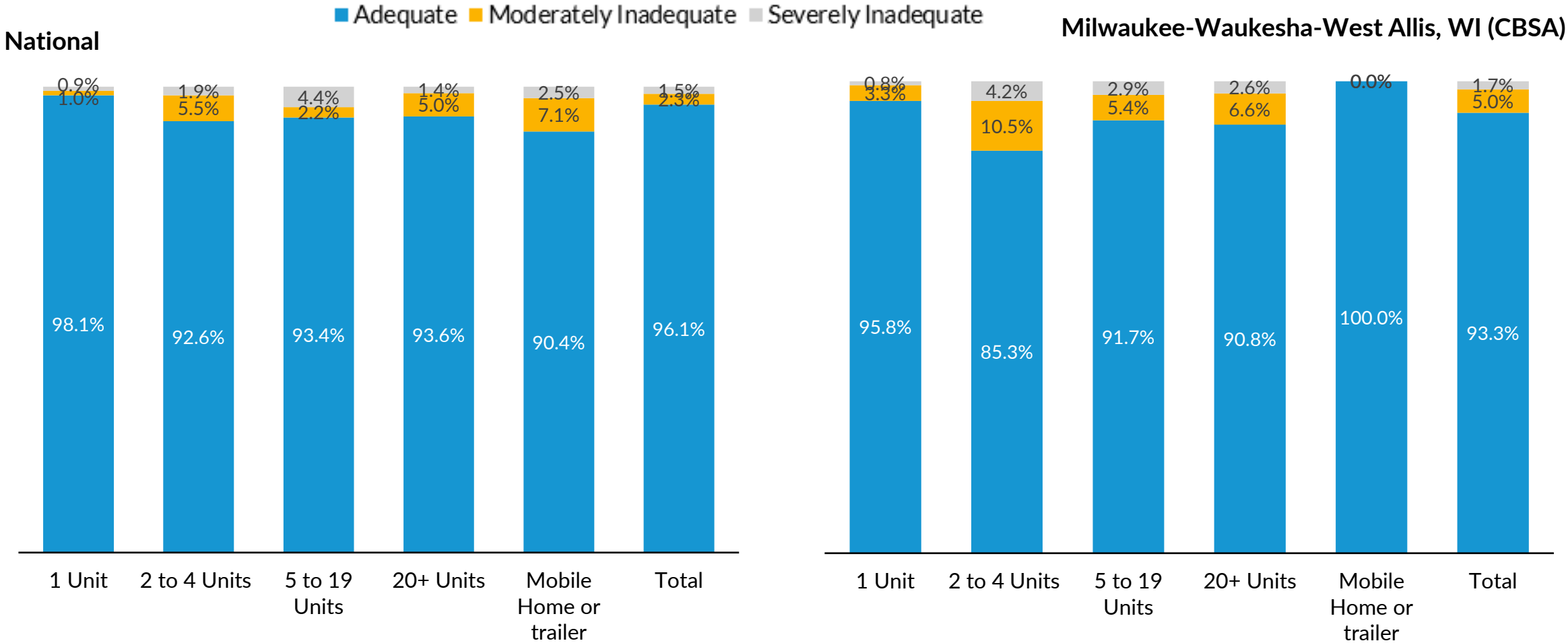
Age of Housing Stock (Count in thousands)



Source: 2023 American Community Survey.

Housing Stock

Property Condition, by Housing Type

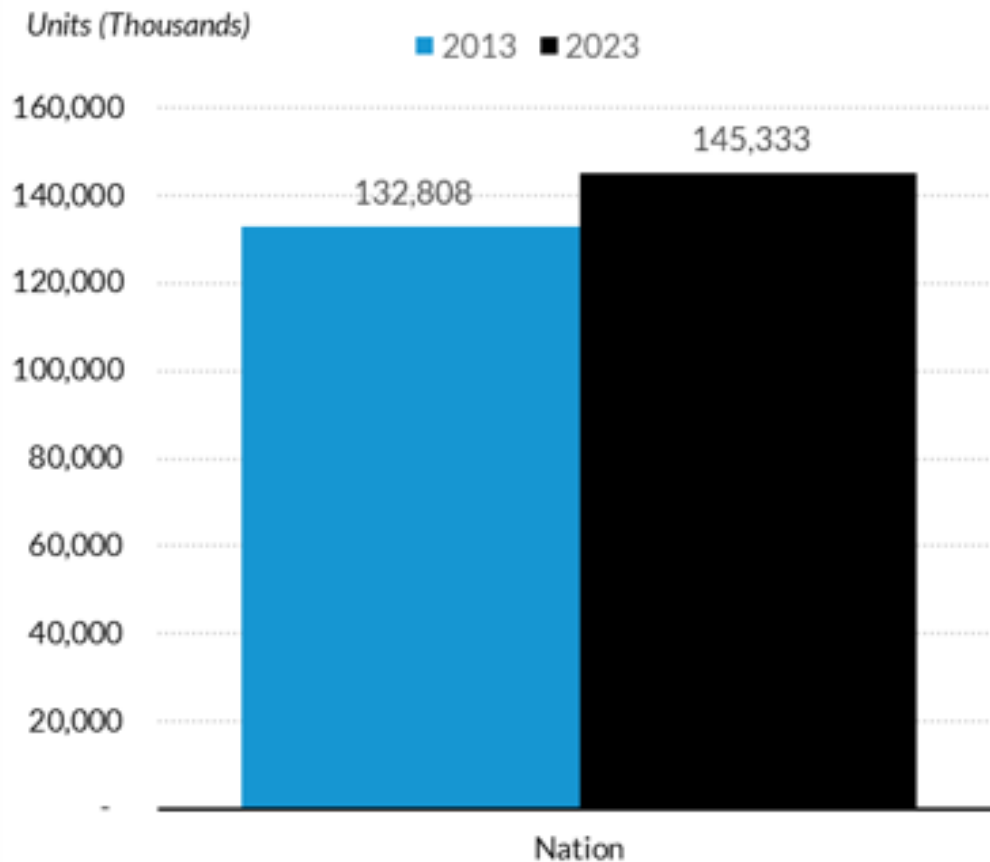


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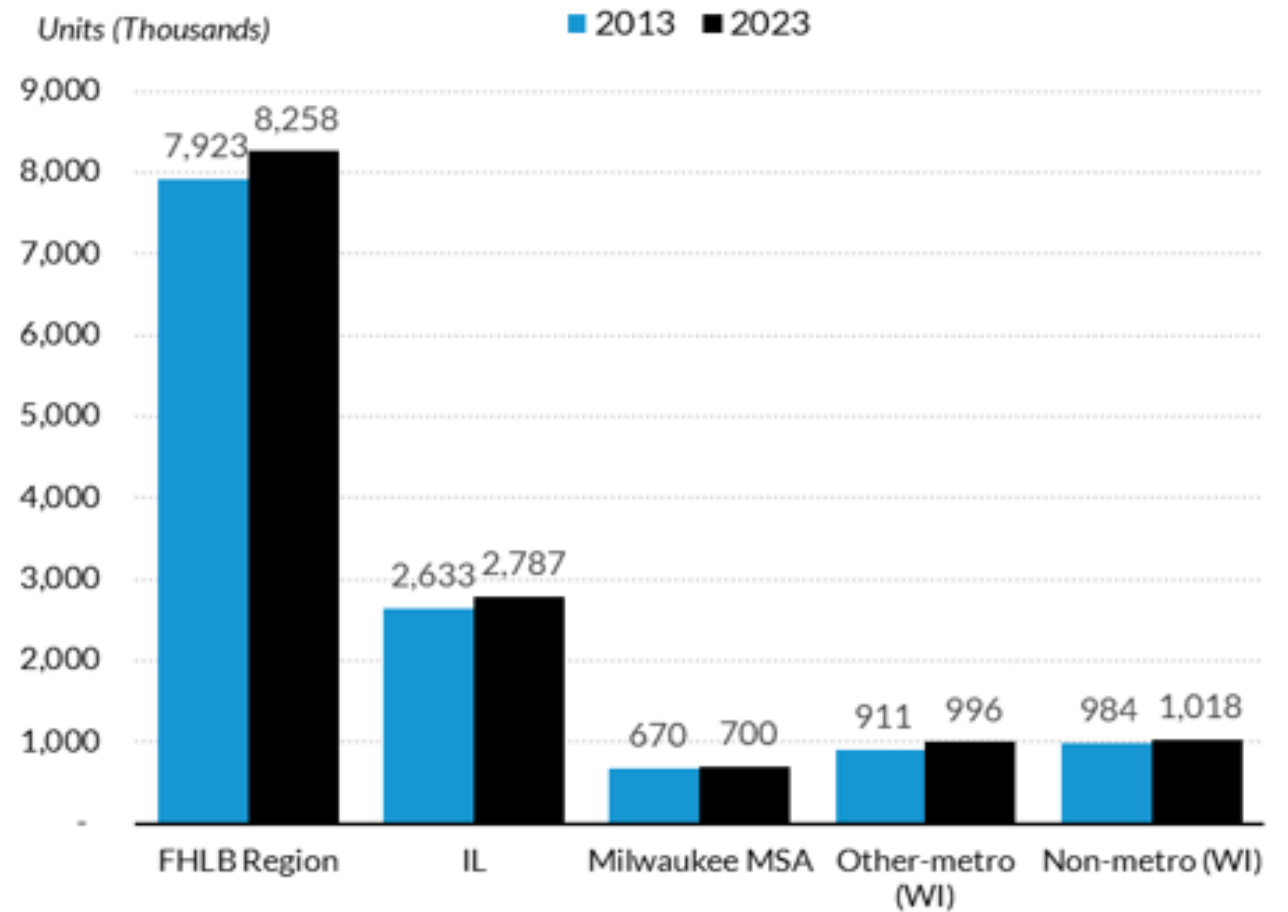
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Total Housing Units, Over Time

National



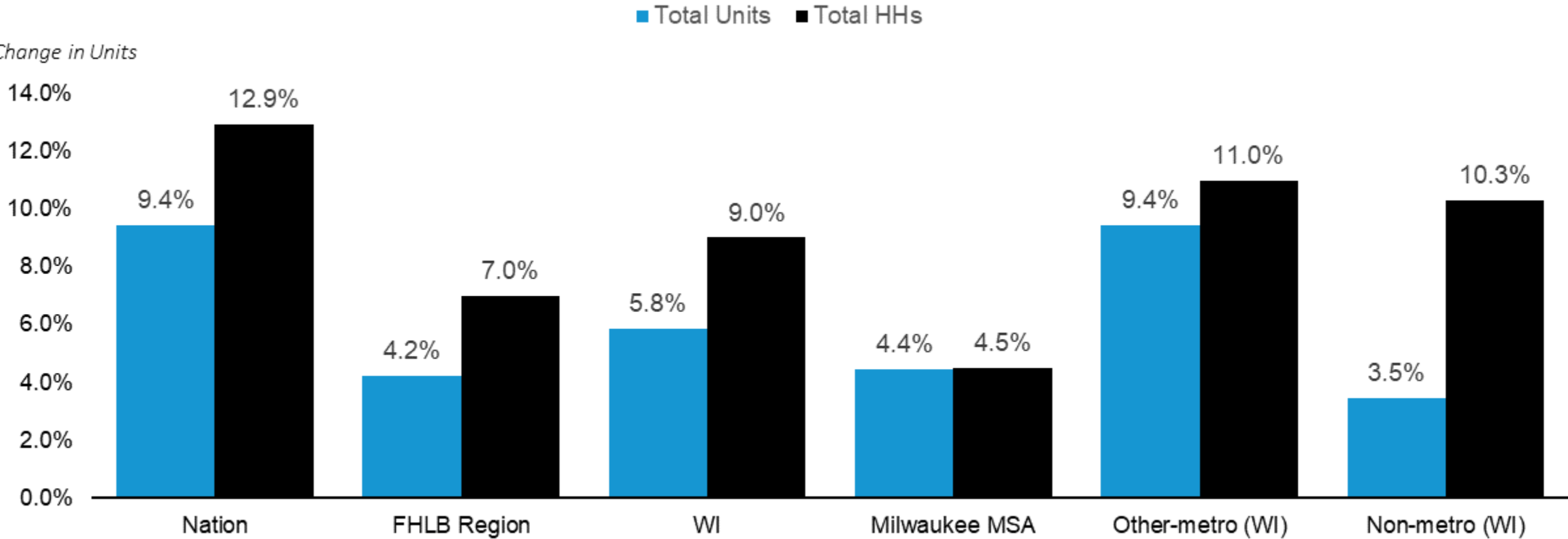
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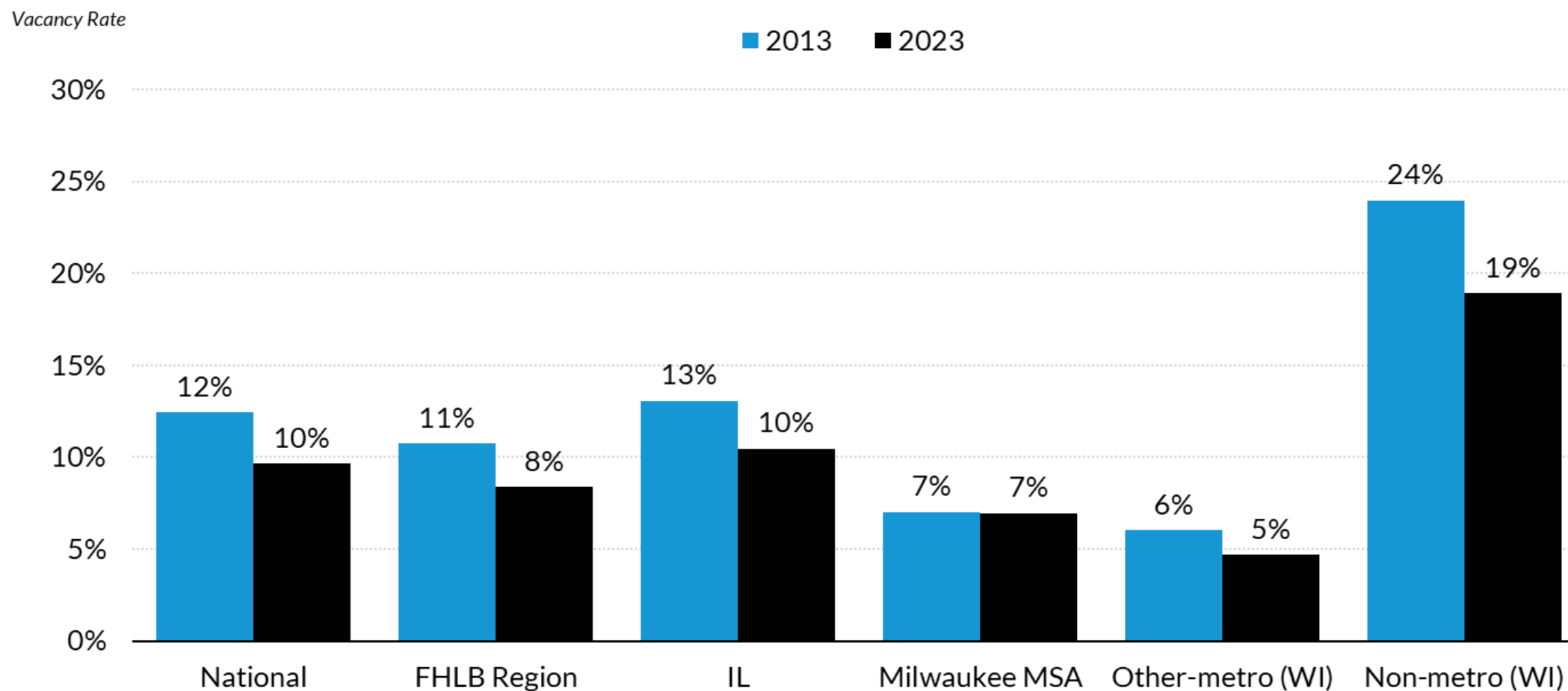
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Change in Housing Units and Households, 2013-2023



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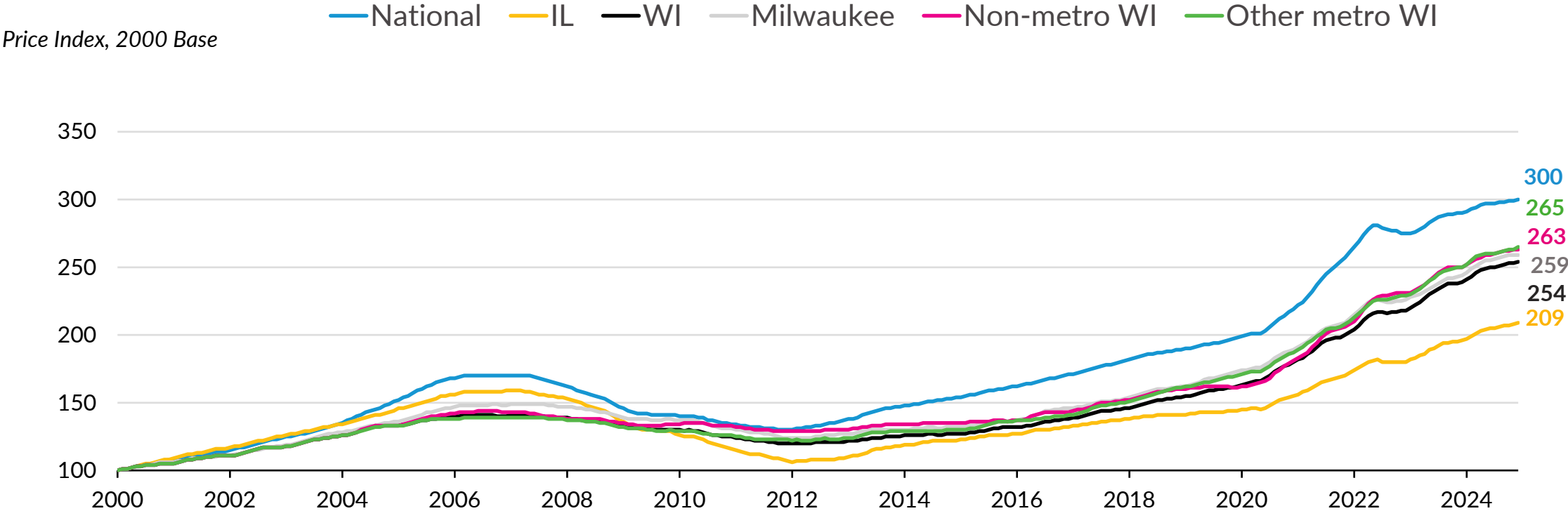
Housing Stock Vacancy Rates, Over Time



Source: 2013 & 2023 American Community Survey.

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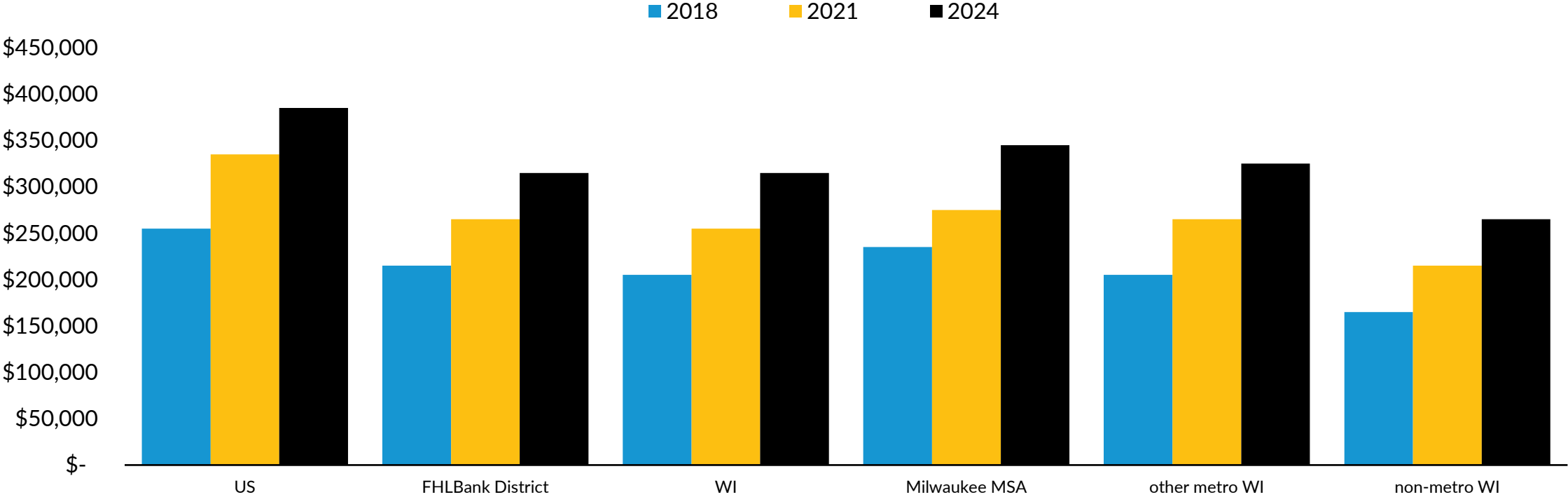
House Price Appreciation



Source: Intercontinental Exchange House Price Index and Urban Institute calculations.

Housing Stock

Median Home Purchase Prices

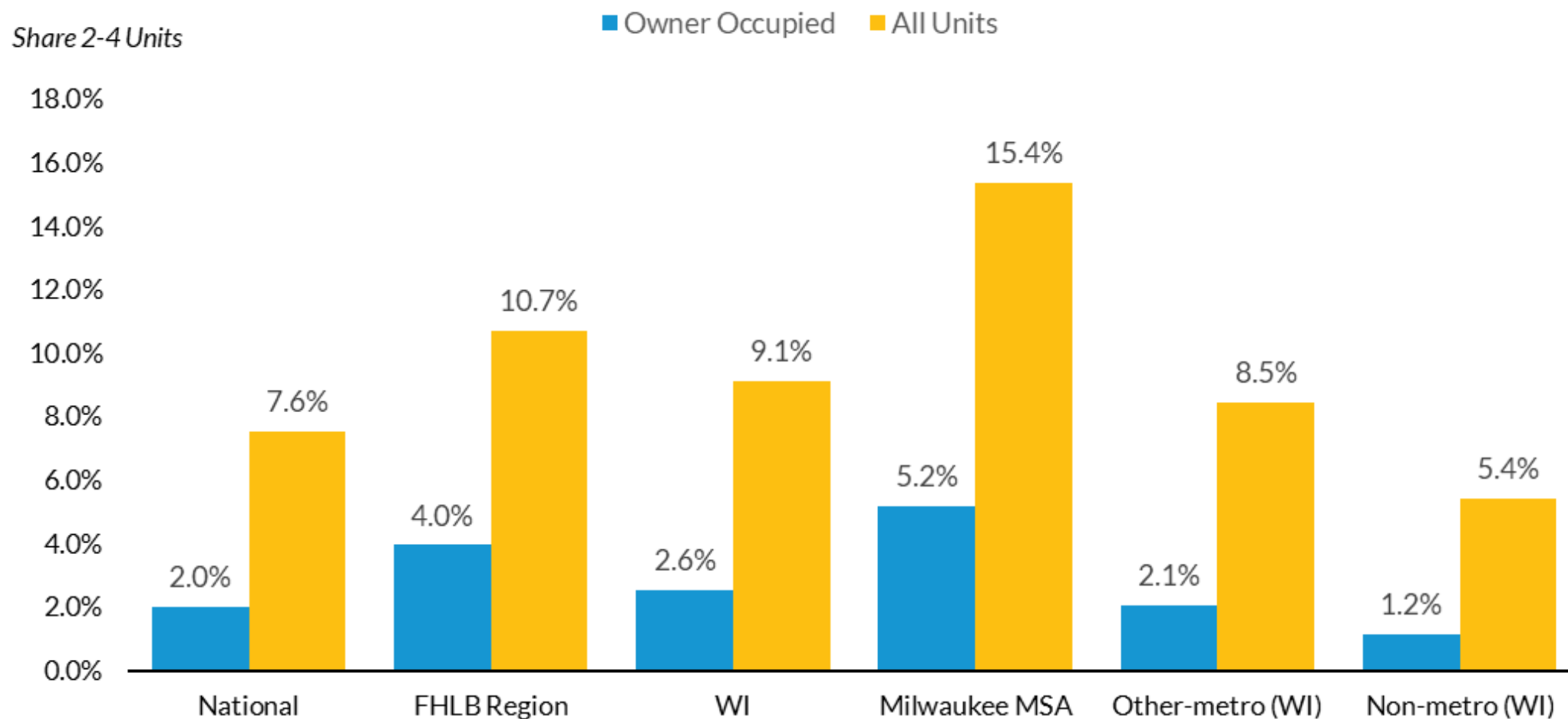


Source: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act.
Note: 1st Lien, 1-4 Unit, Owner-Occupied Home Purchase Loans

2-4 Unit Homes

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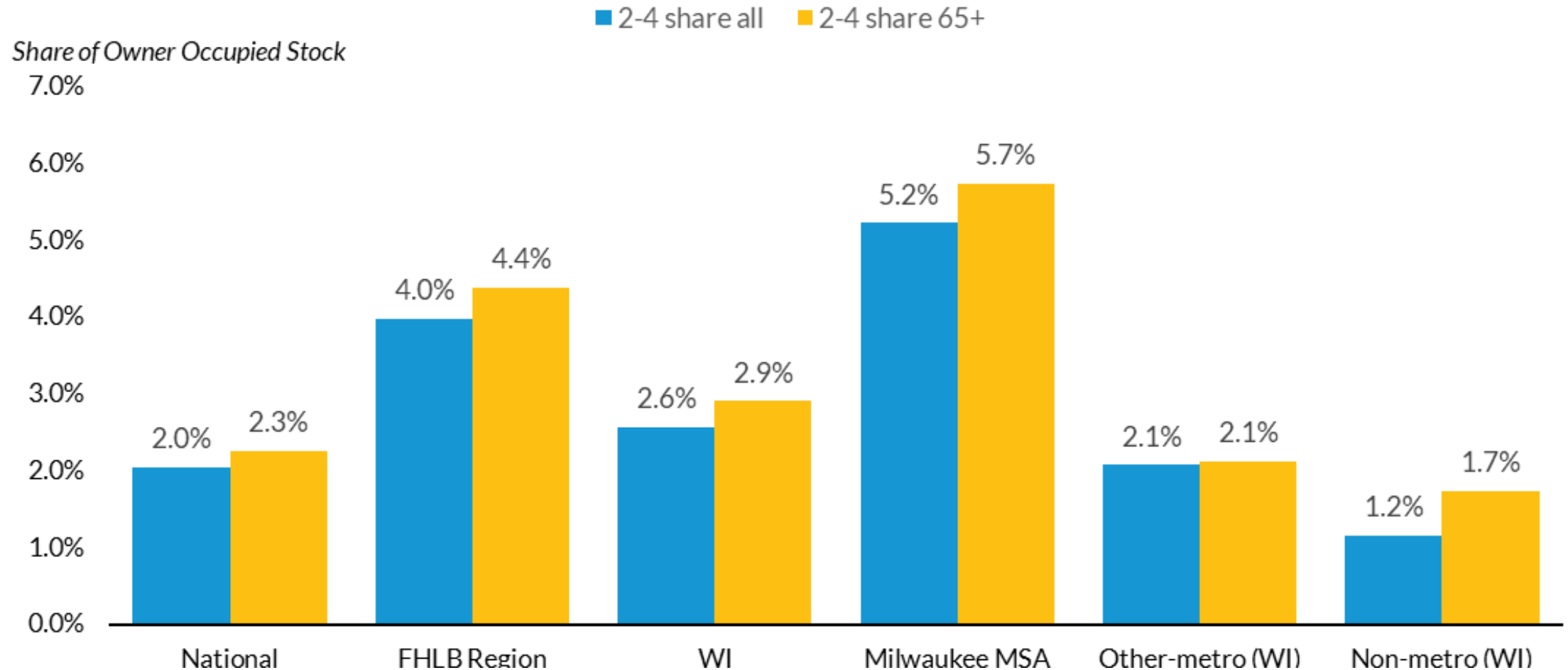
2-4 Unit Homes as a Share of Total Housing Stock



Source: 2023 American Community Survey.

2-4 Unit Homes

2-4 Units as a Share of Owner-Occupied Stock, by Age of Householder

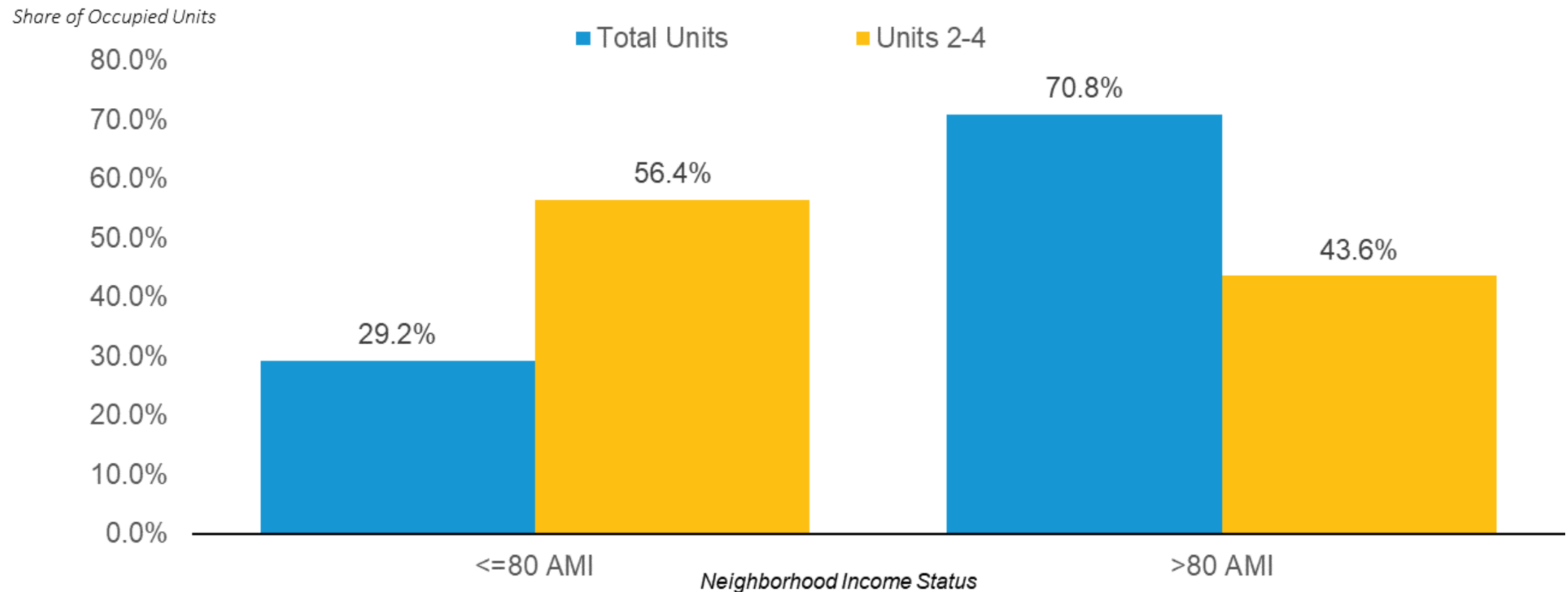


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2-4 Unit Homes

2-4 Units by Tract Demographics

By Neighborhood Income (Milwaukee MSA)

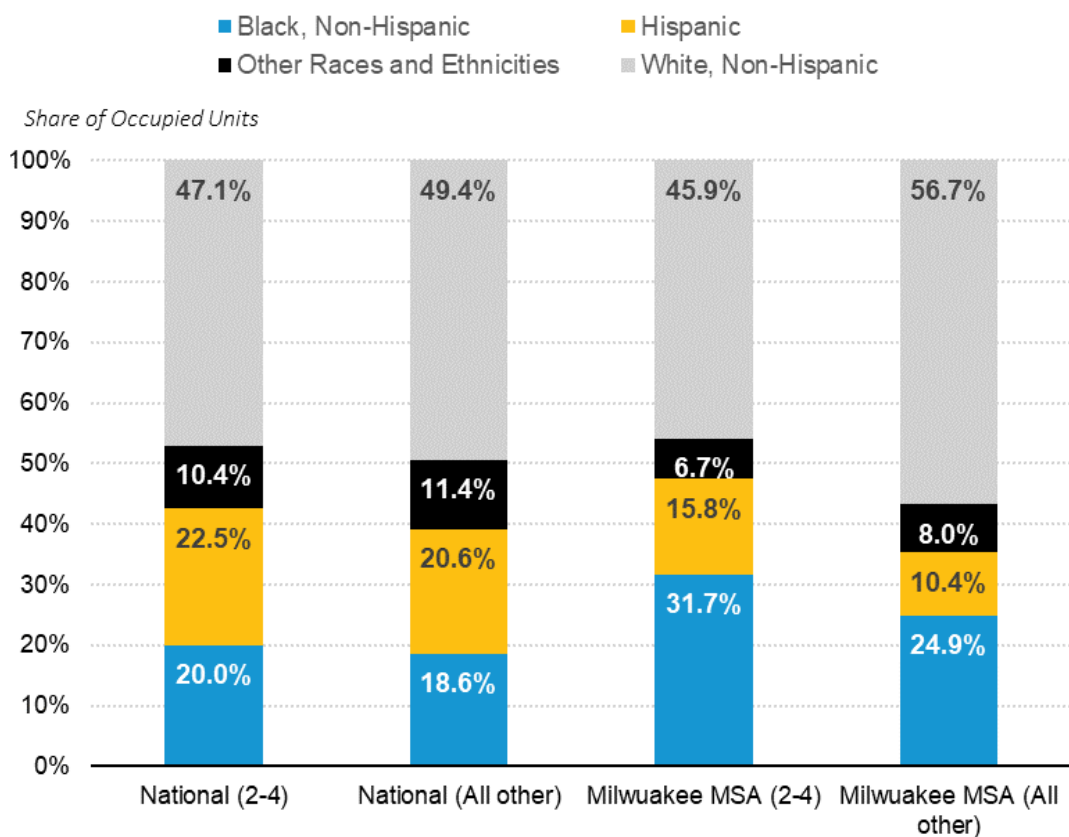


Source: 2023 American Community Survey and FFIEC

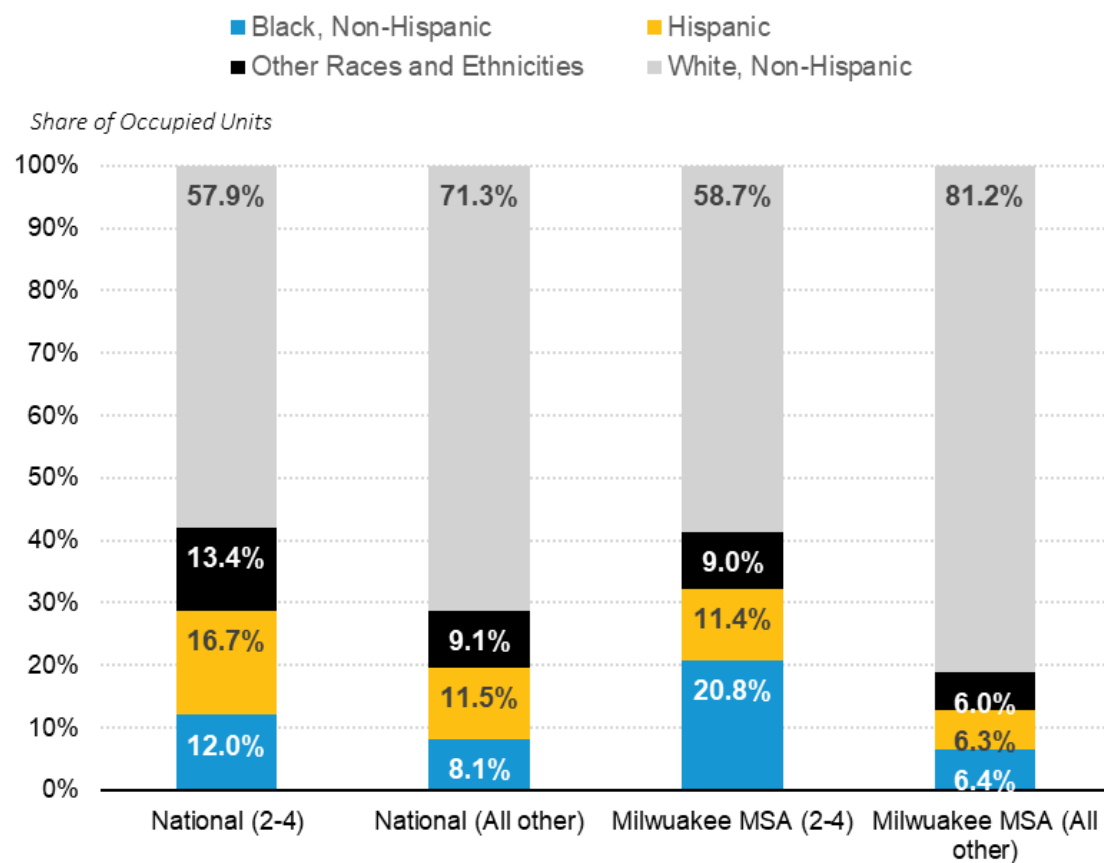
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Renters



Owners

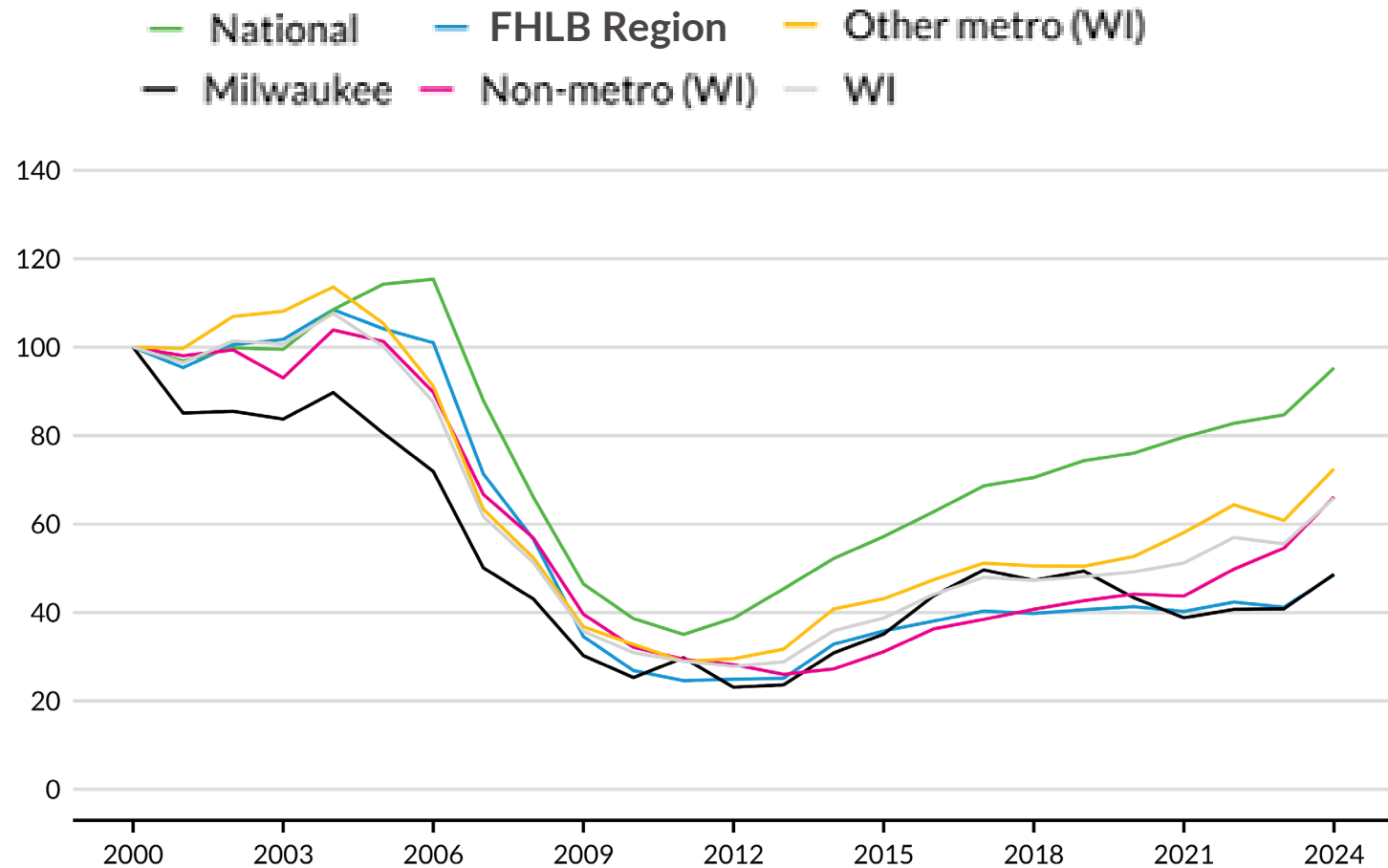


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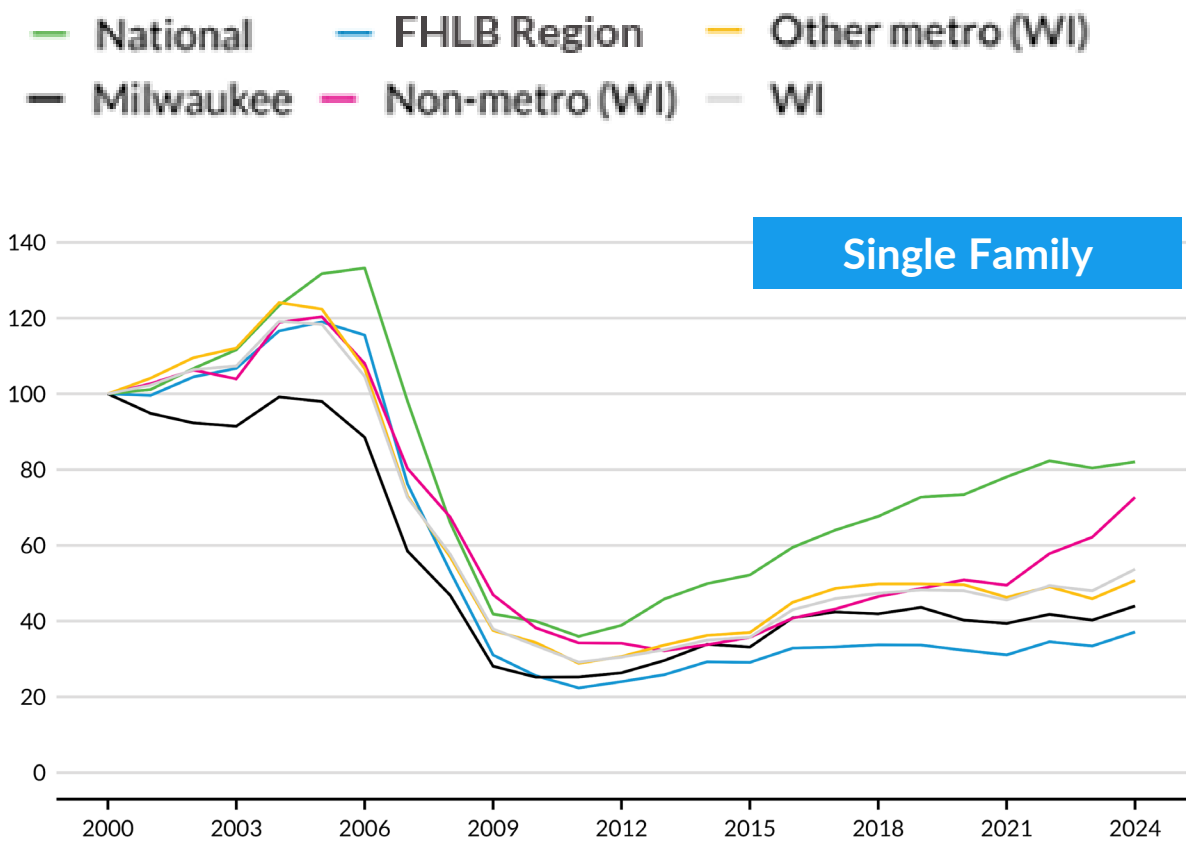
Housing Construction

Total Construction Index (2000 Base)



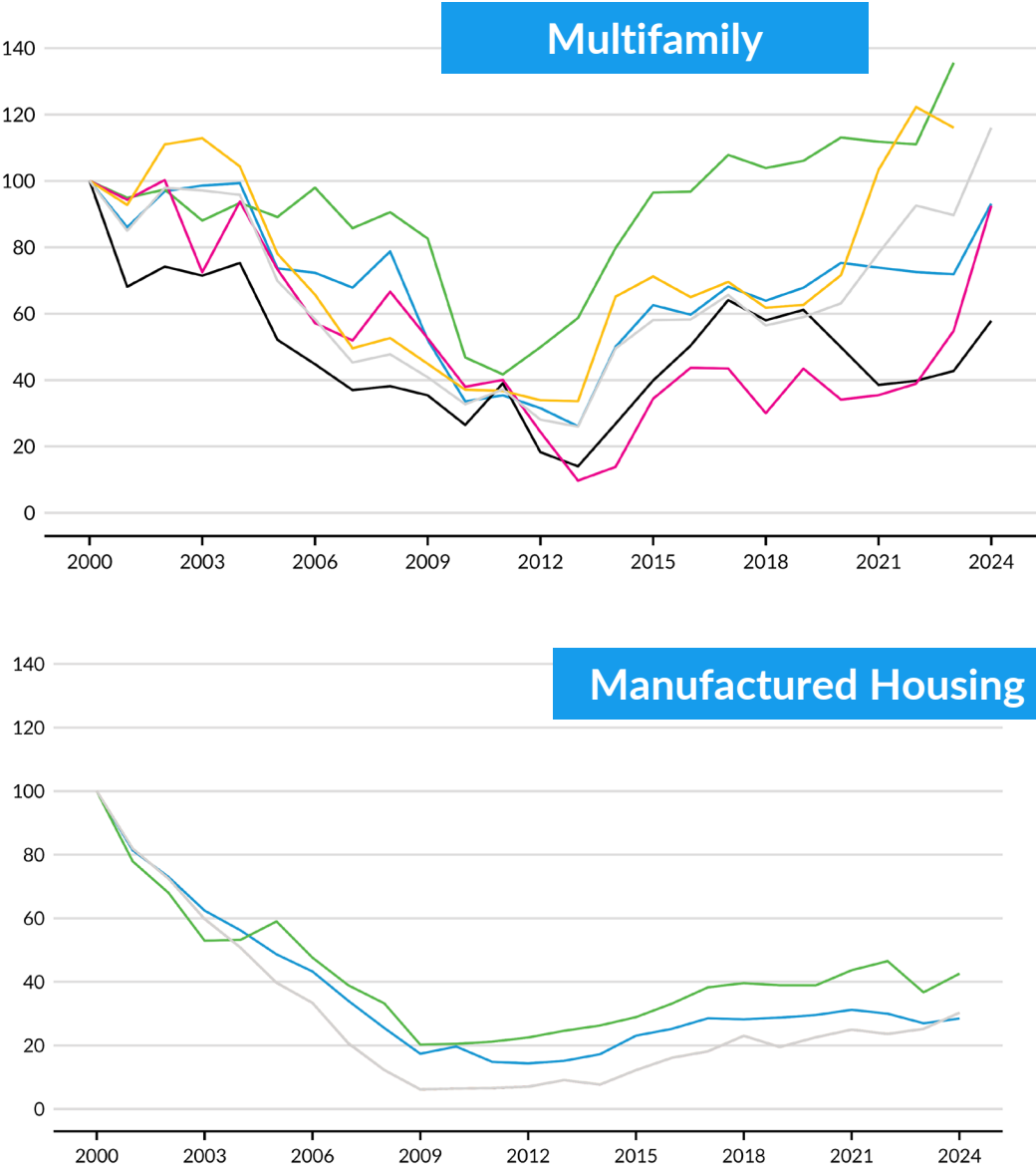
Source: Moody's Data Buffet, US Census Bureau's New Residential Construction and Urban Institute calculations.

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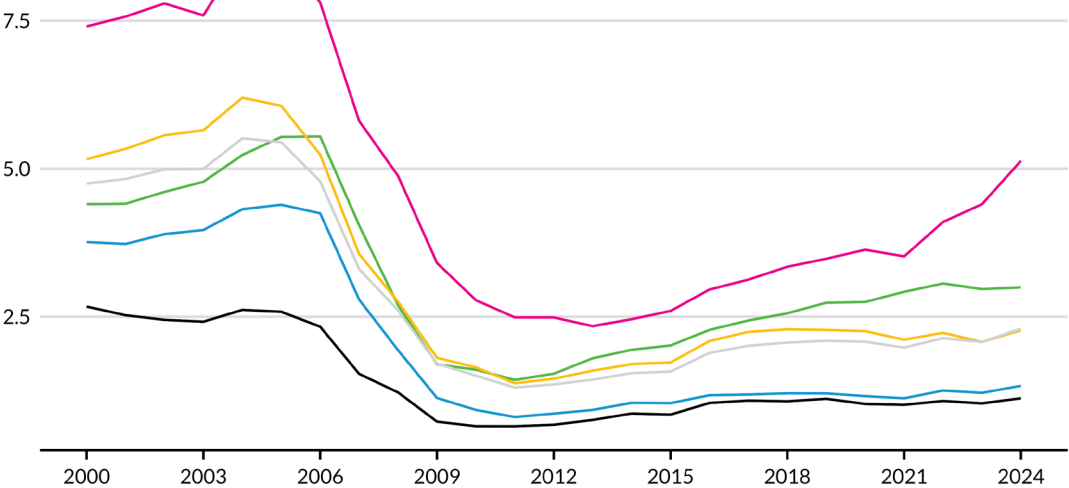
Note: Non-Metro (IL) removed from multifamily index due to data validity concerns. Manufactured housing in Wisconsin is concentrated in non-metro areas, making changes similar within the state.



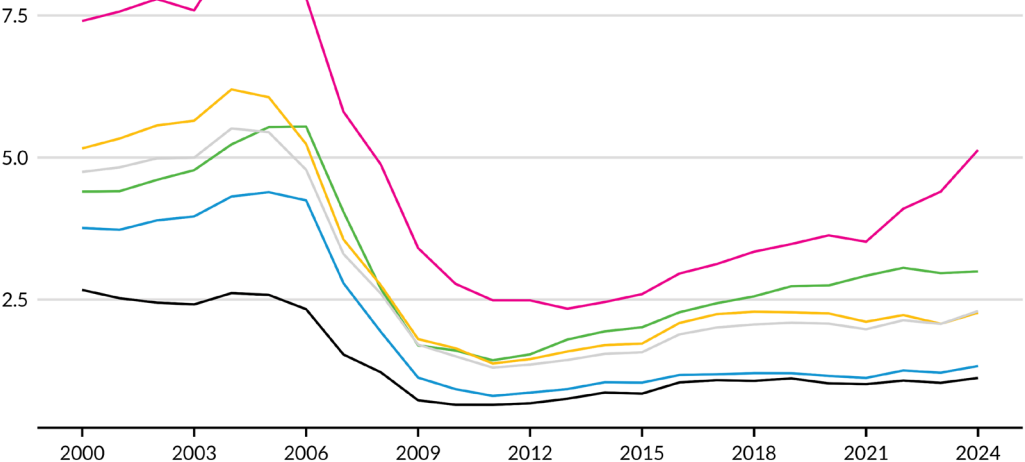
Housing Construction Construction Indices (2000 Base)

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— Milwaukee — Non-metro (WI) — WI

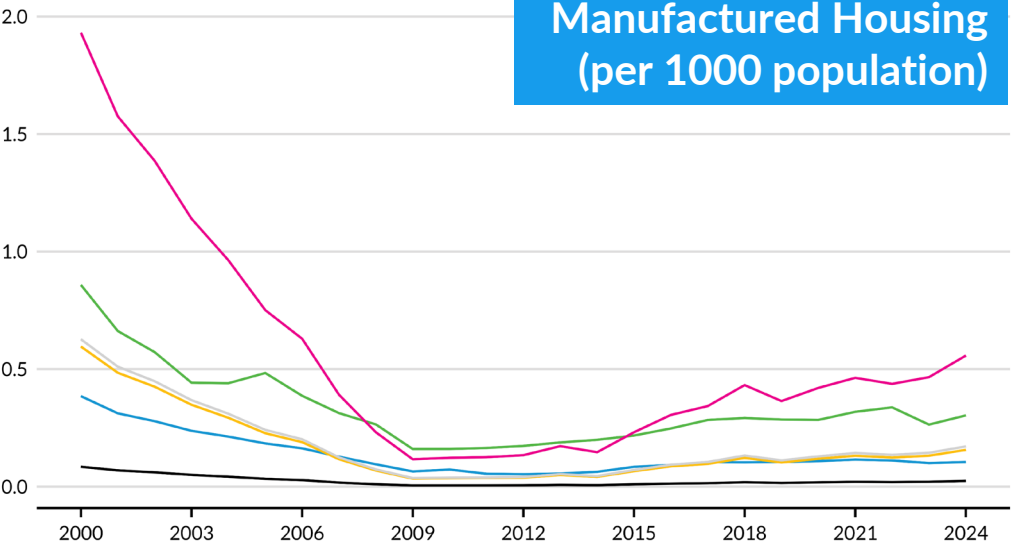
Single Family (per 1000 population)



Multifamily (per 1000 population)



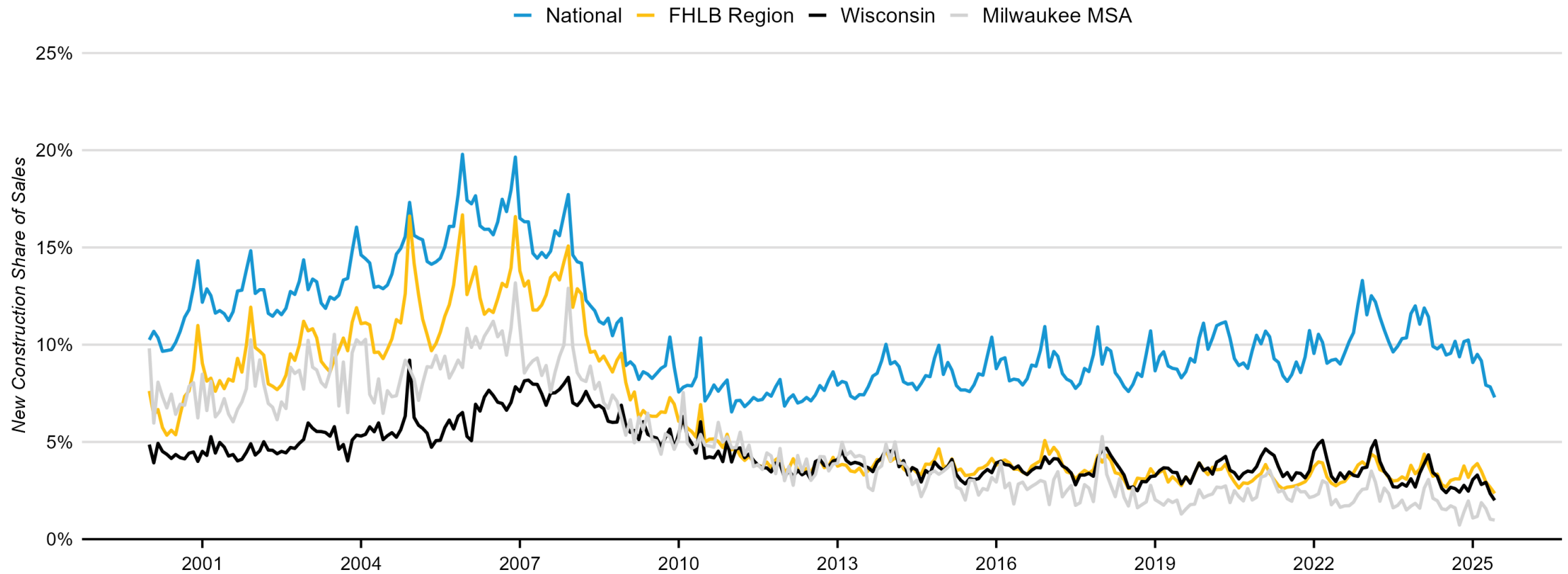
Manufactured Housing (per 1000 population)



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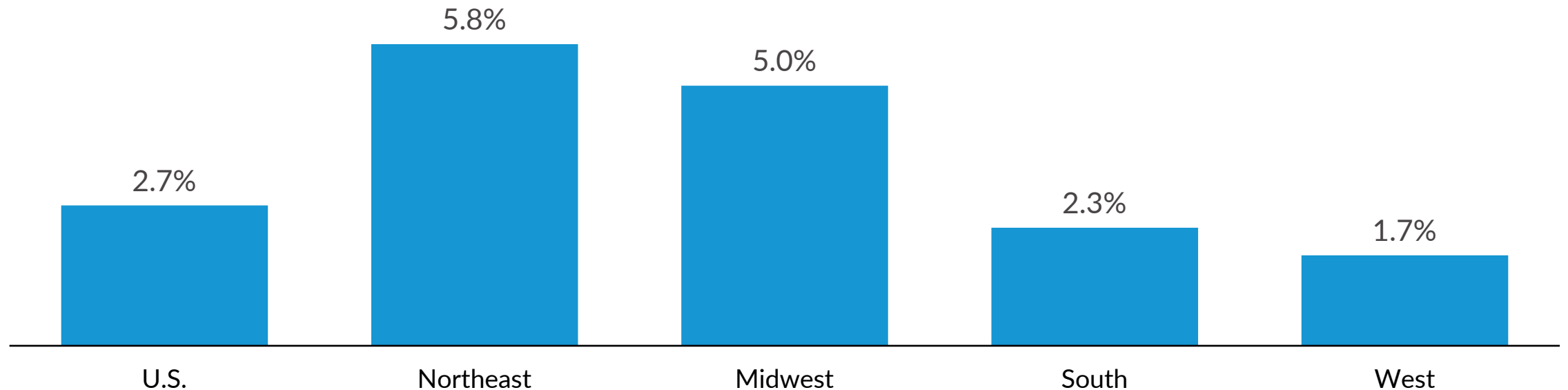
Share of Home Sales, New Construction



Source: Core Logic Market Trends and Urban Institute calculations

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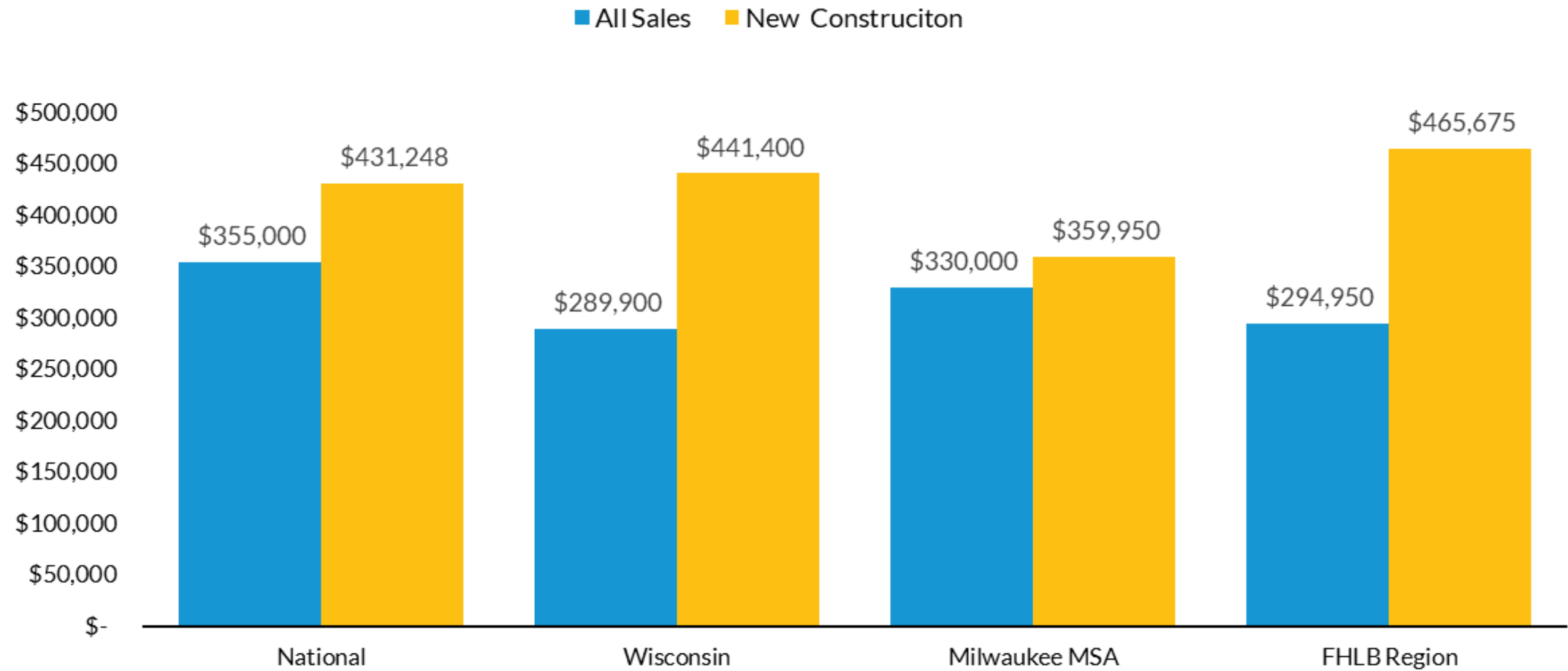
Share of Modular and Panelized Completions in New Single-Family Construction



Source: Urban Institute calculations of U.S. Census Bureau and HUD Survey of Construction data.

Housing Construction

Median Home Sale Value

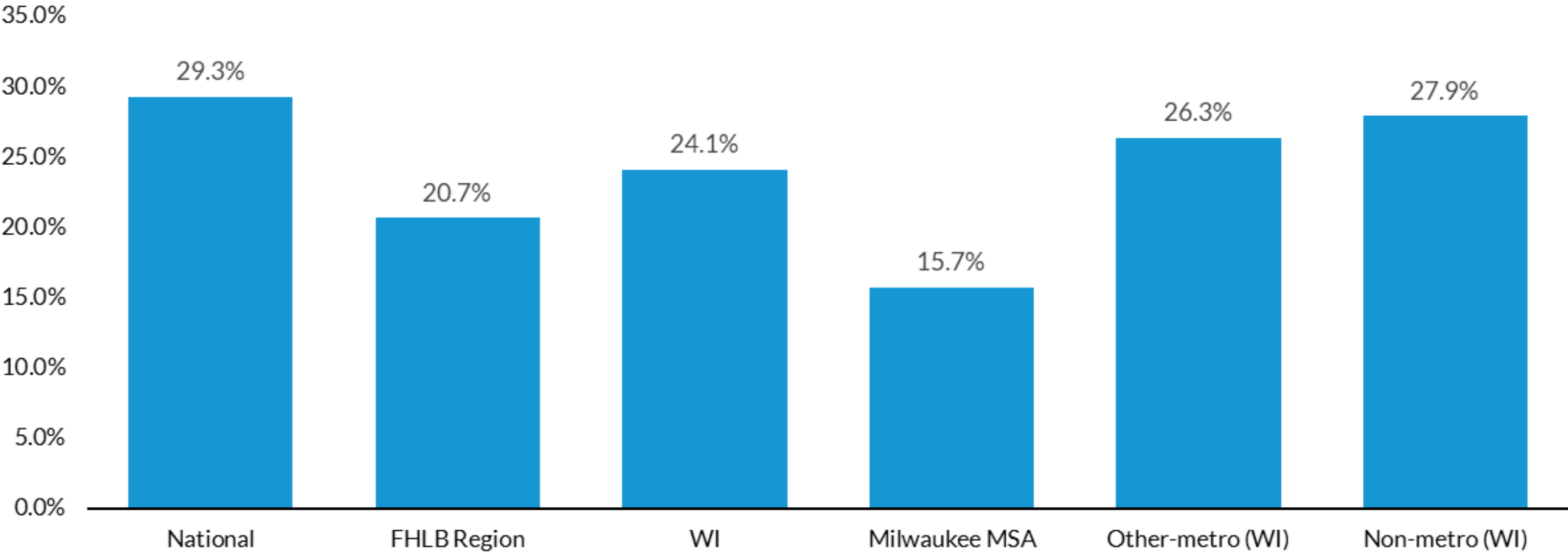


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Housing Construction

Units Built After 2000, as a Share of Total Households

Units 2000+ to Households Ratio

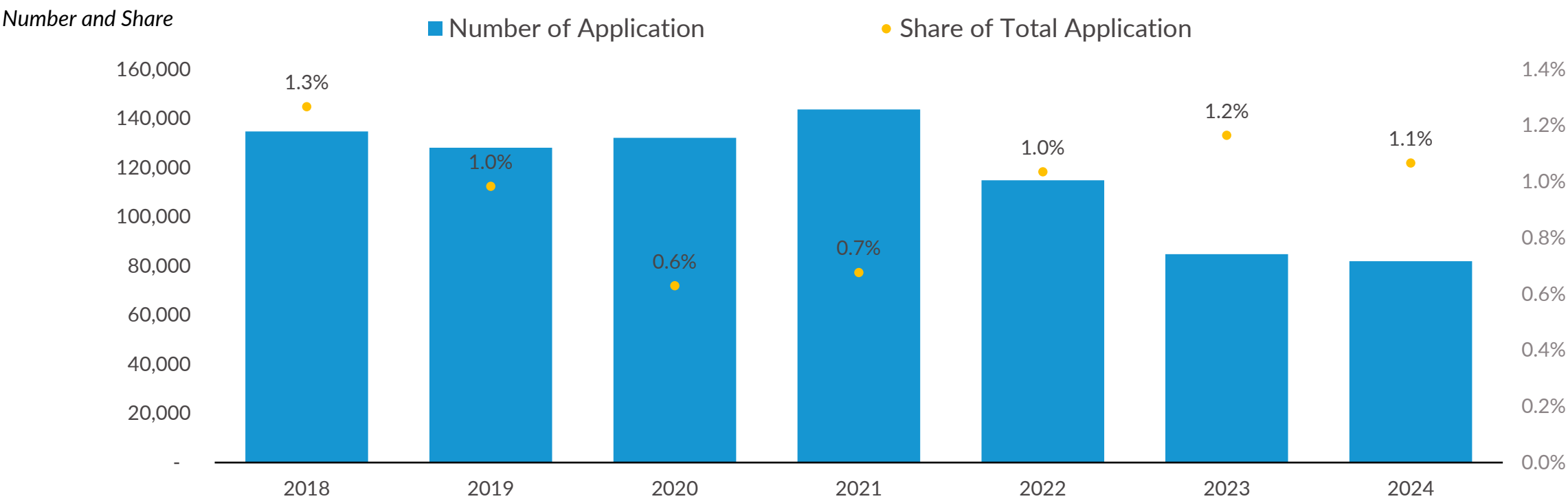


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Renovation Financing

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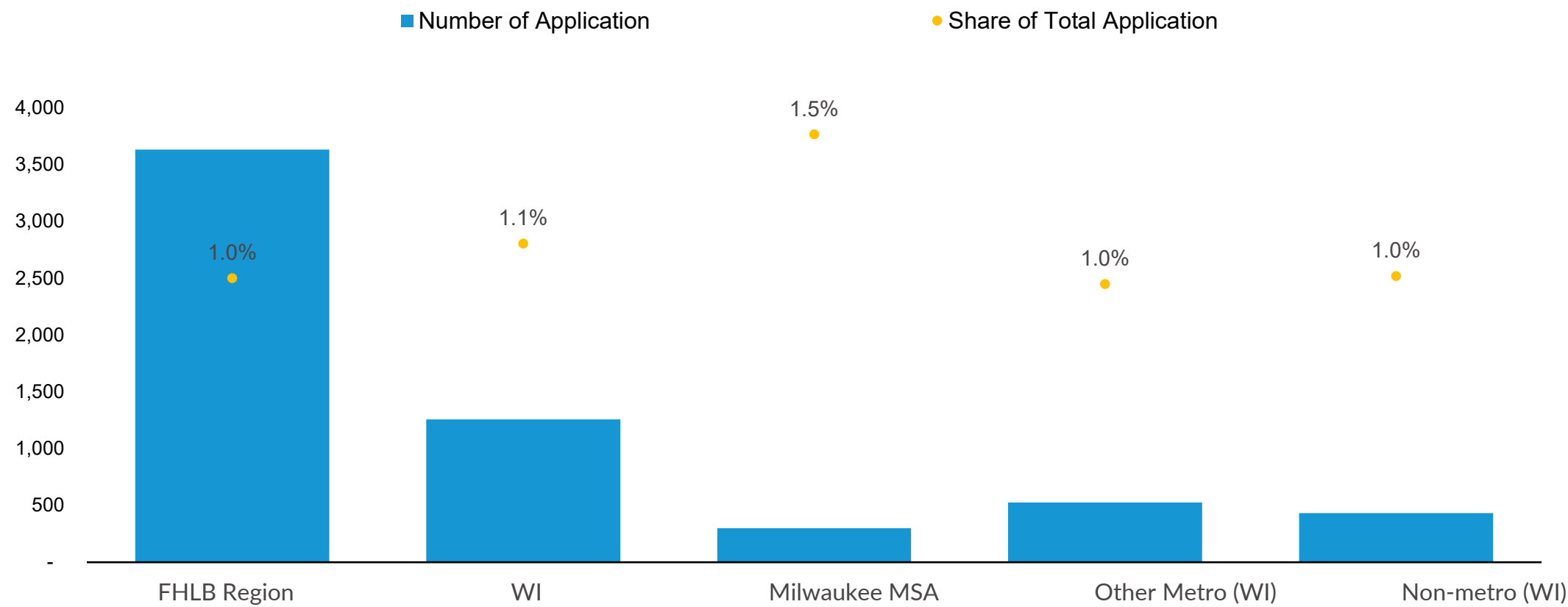
Home Improvement Loan Applications, US



Source: 2024 Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and Urban Institute calculations

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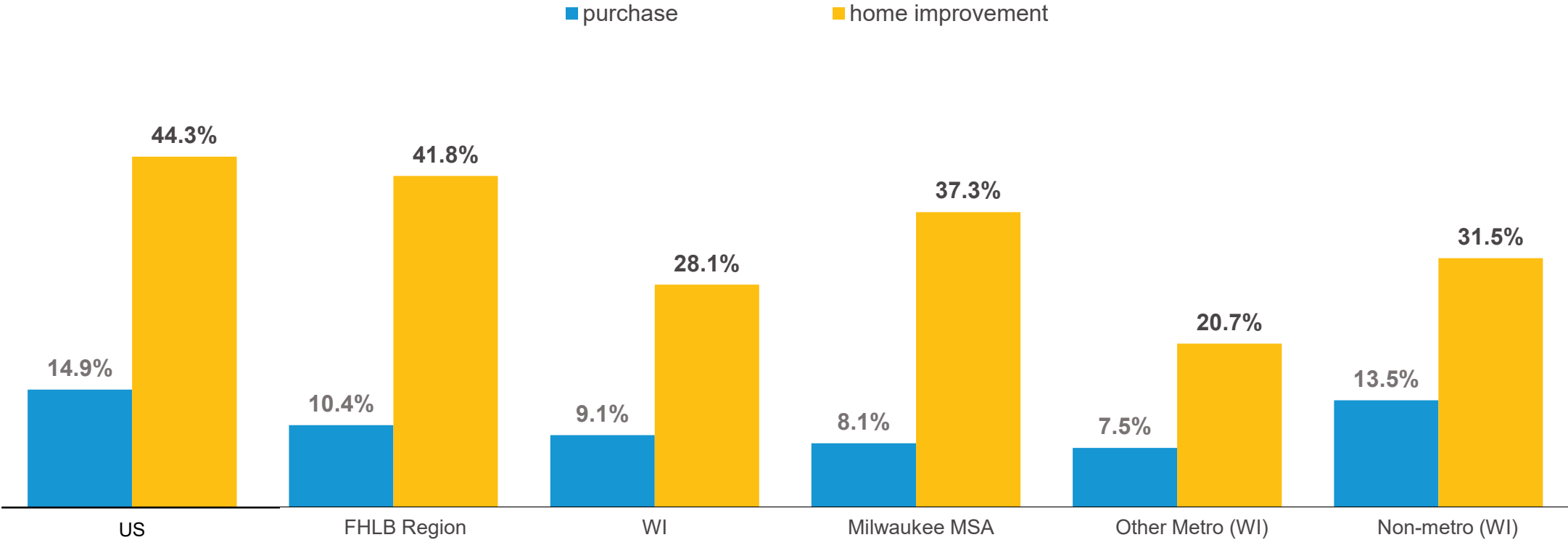
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Home Loan Denial Rates

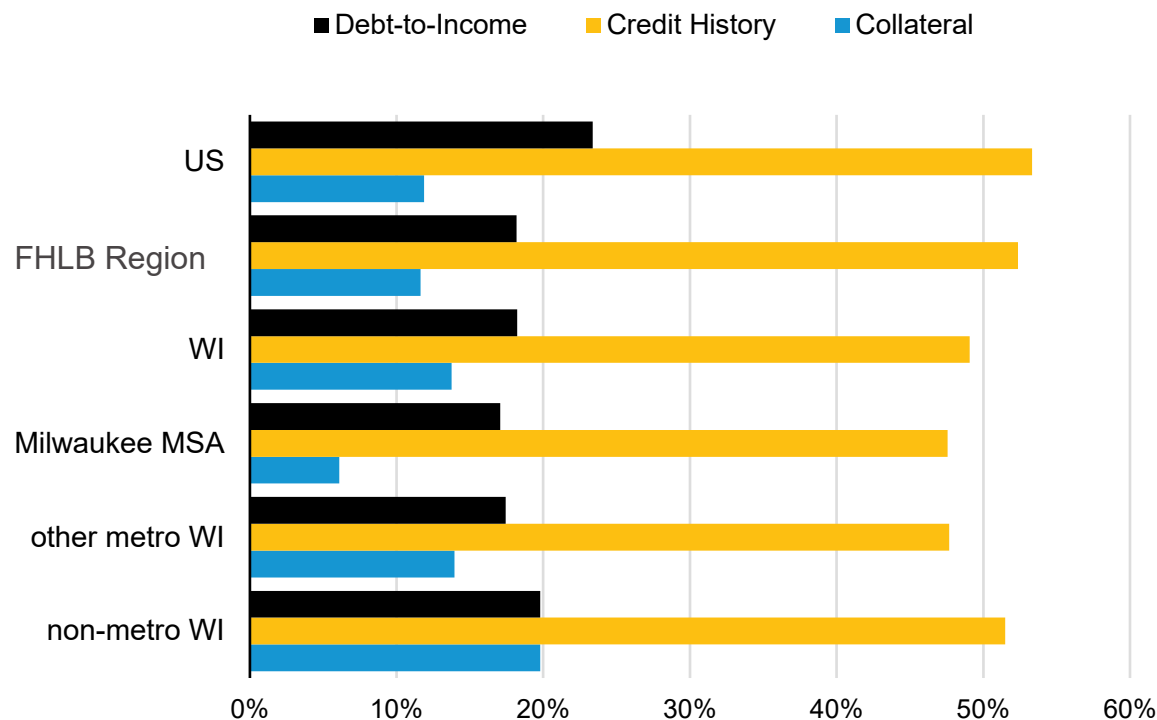


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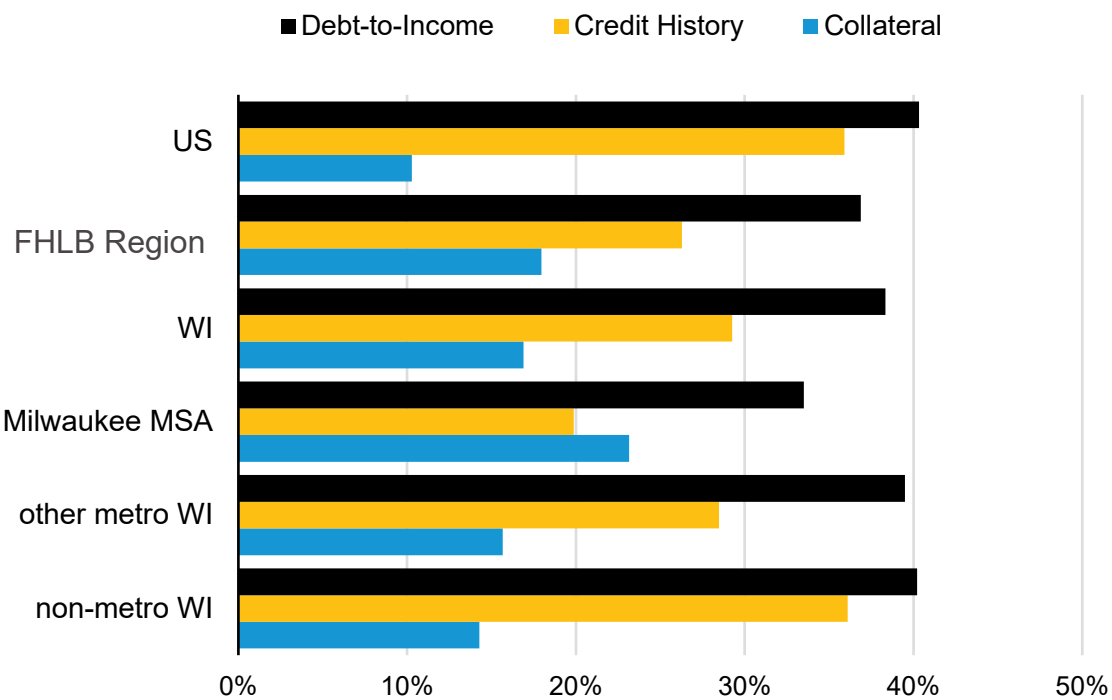
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Top 3 Denial Reasons

Home Improvement Loans



Home Purchase Loans



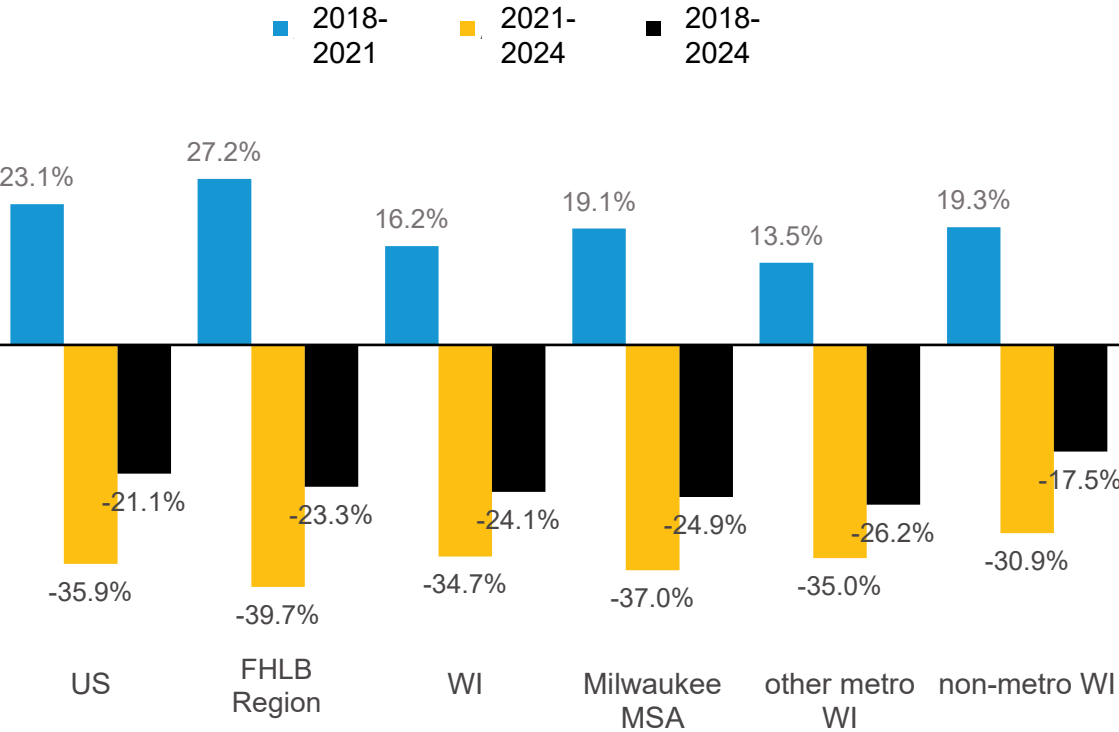
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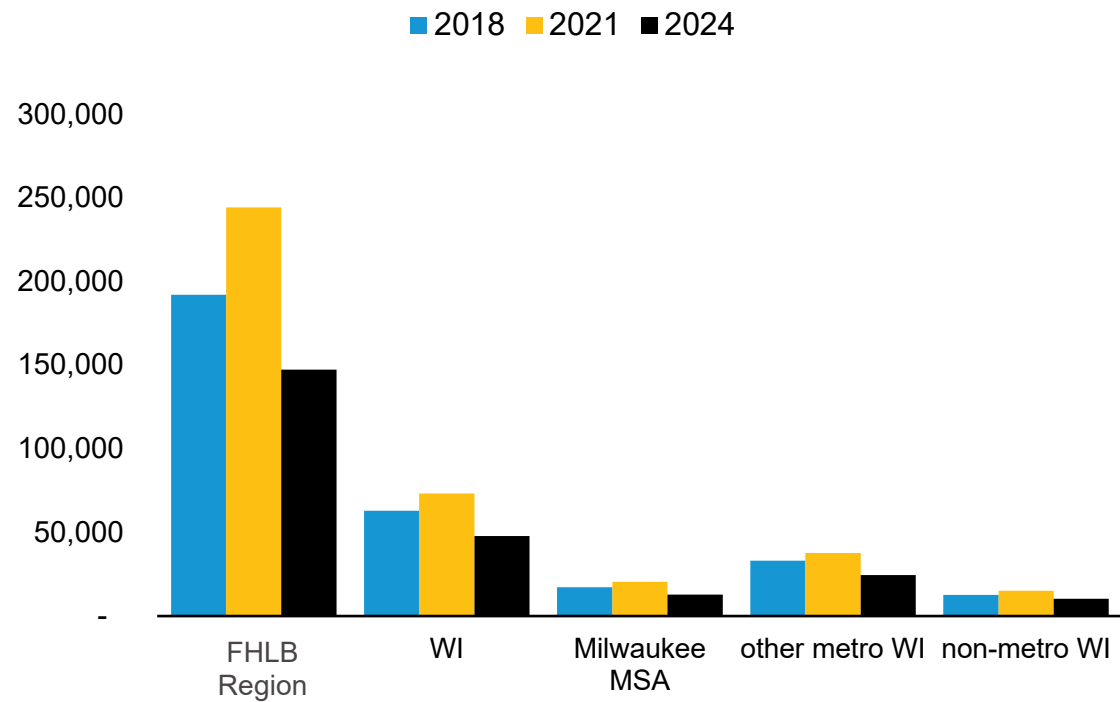
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Home Purchase Originations

Changes in Home Purchase Originations



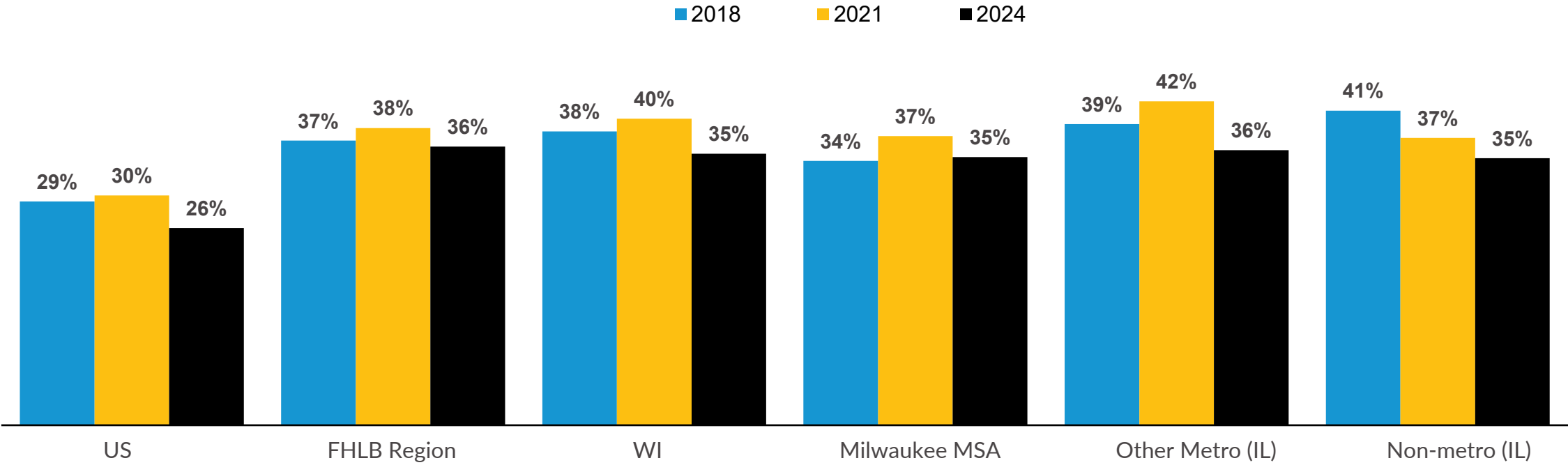
Home Purchase Origination



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Mortgage Financing Share of Low-Income Borrowers

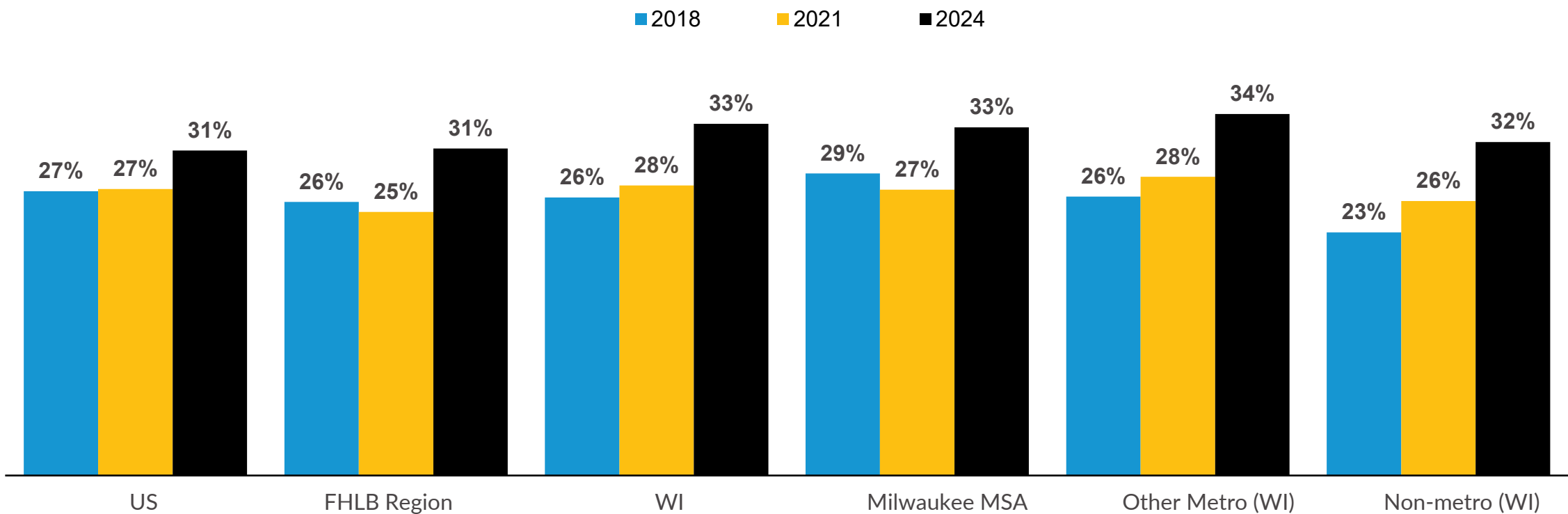
Household Income ≤ 80% Area Median Income



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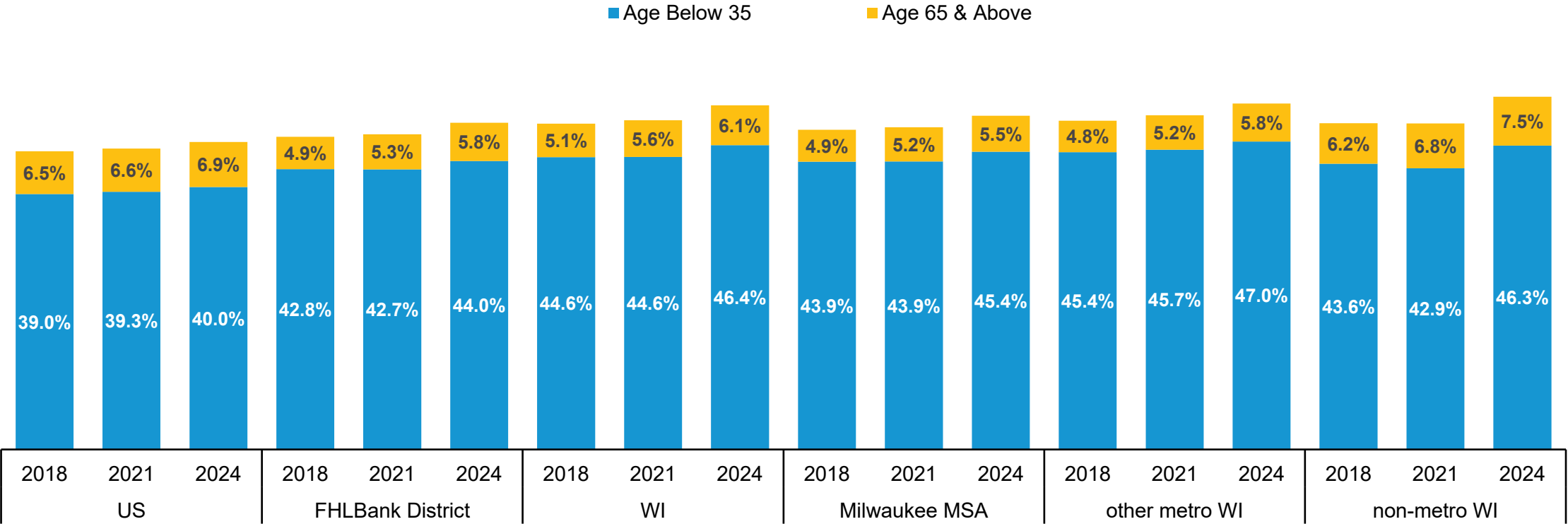
Borrowers with 20% or More Down Payment



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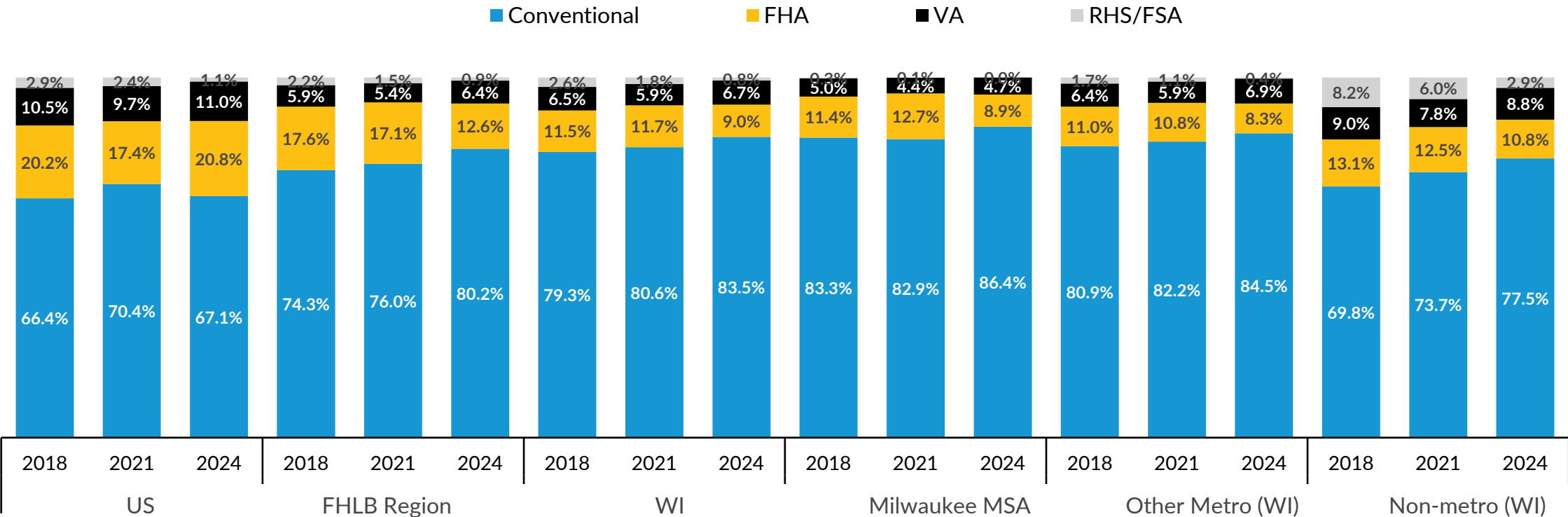
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Share of Younger and Older Borrowers



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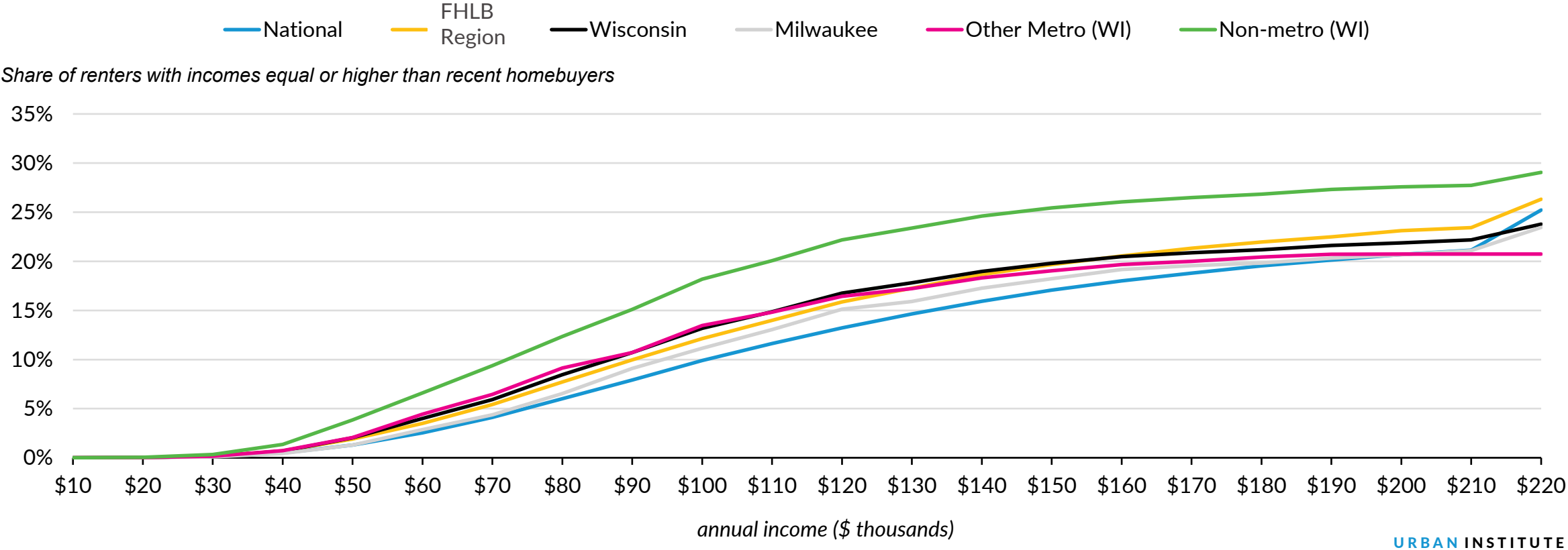
Mortgage Financing Loan Channels



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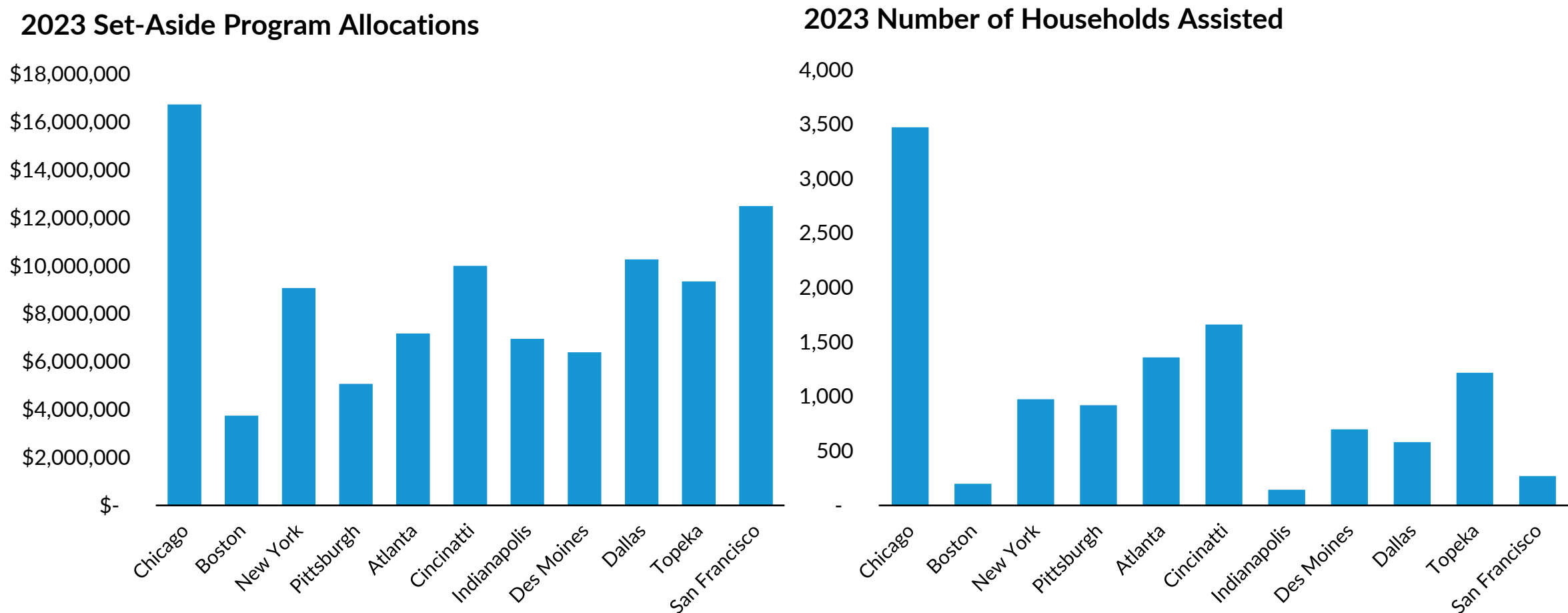
Renters' Ability to Purchase, by Income



Source: 2023 Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, Intercontinental Exchange house price indices and Urban Institute Calculations.
Note: Annual income in thousands of dollars, final category (\$220,000) includes all incomes greater than \$220,000,

Mortgage Financing

AHP Set-Aside Programs for Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance

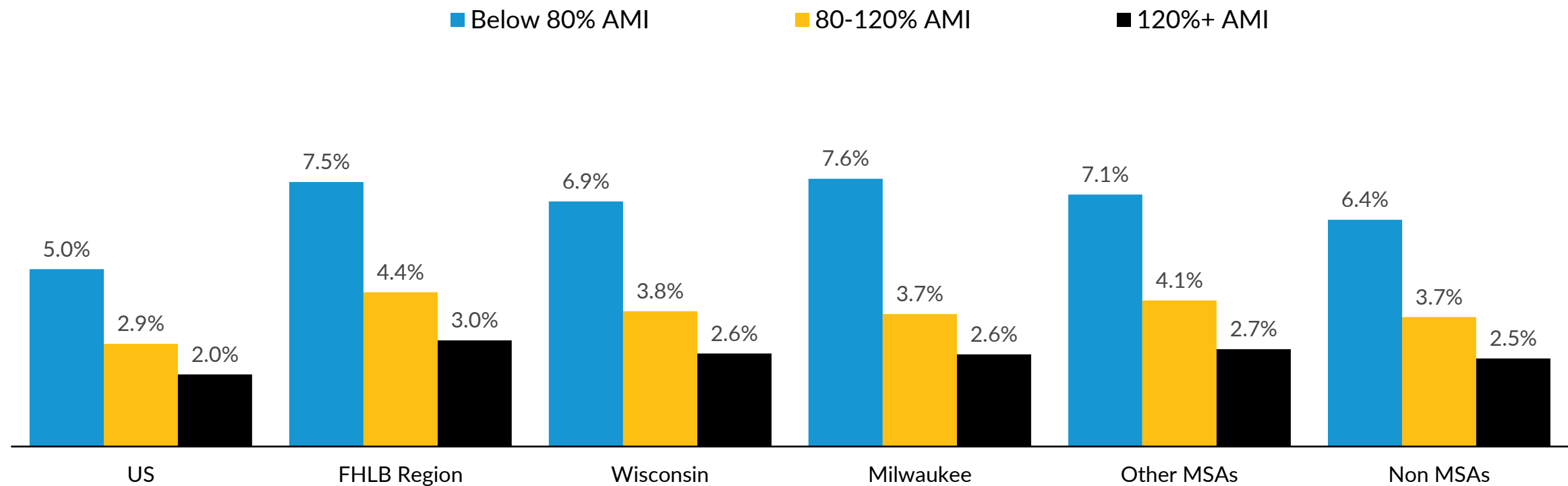


Source: 2023 FHLB Mission Activity AHP

Tax liens, Small Dollar Mortgages and Delinquencies

Tax Liens

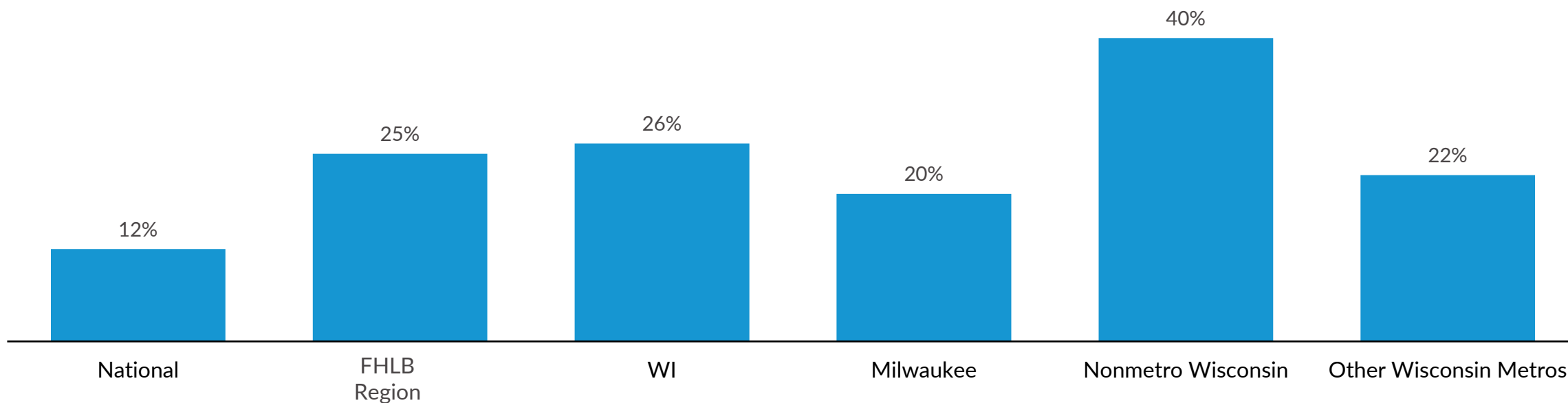
Property Tax Burdens, by Income Level



Source: 2023 American Community Survey
Note: Property tax burden is the share of monthly household income used to pay monthly property taxes payments.

Small Dollar Mortgages

Share of Sales under \$100k



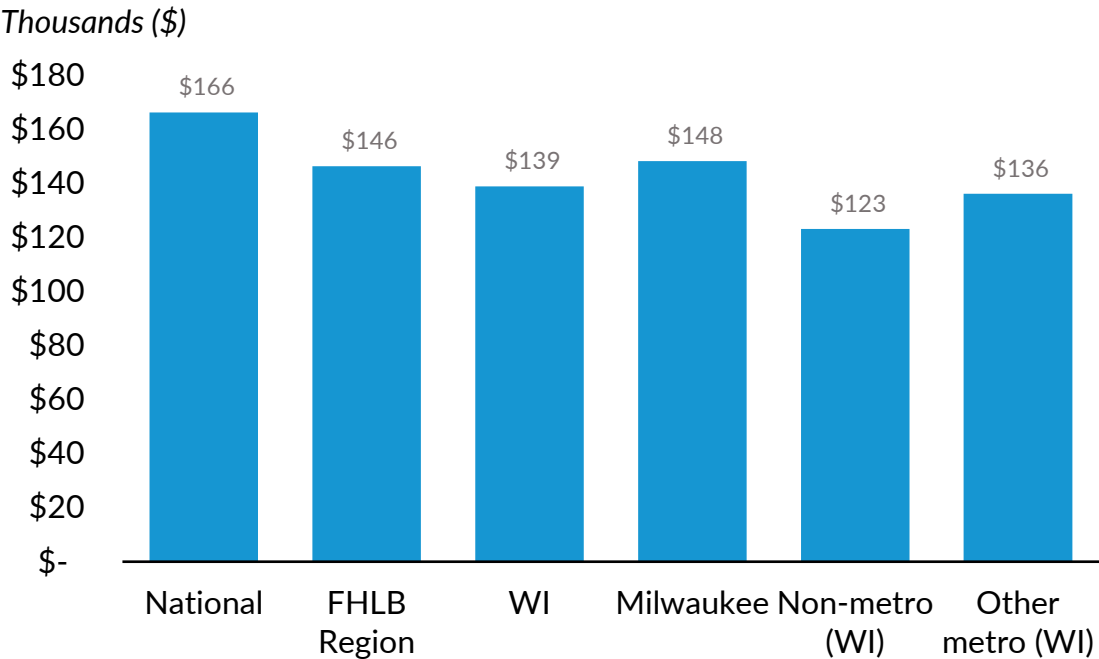
Source: Property Records Data and Urban Institute Calculations.

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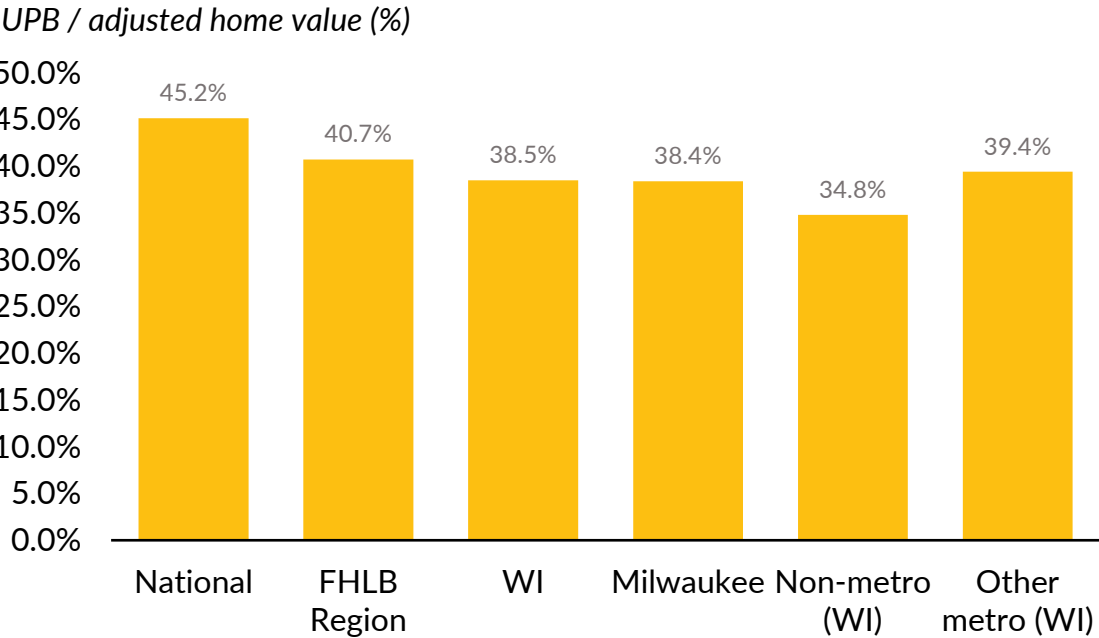
Mortgage Characteristics

Current Unpaid Balance and Current LTV Ratio

Median Current Unpaid Principal Balance



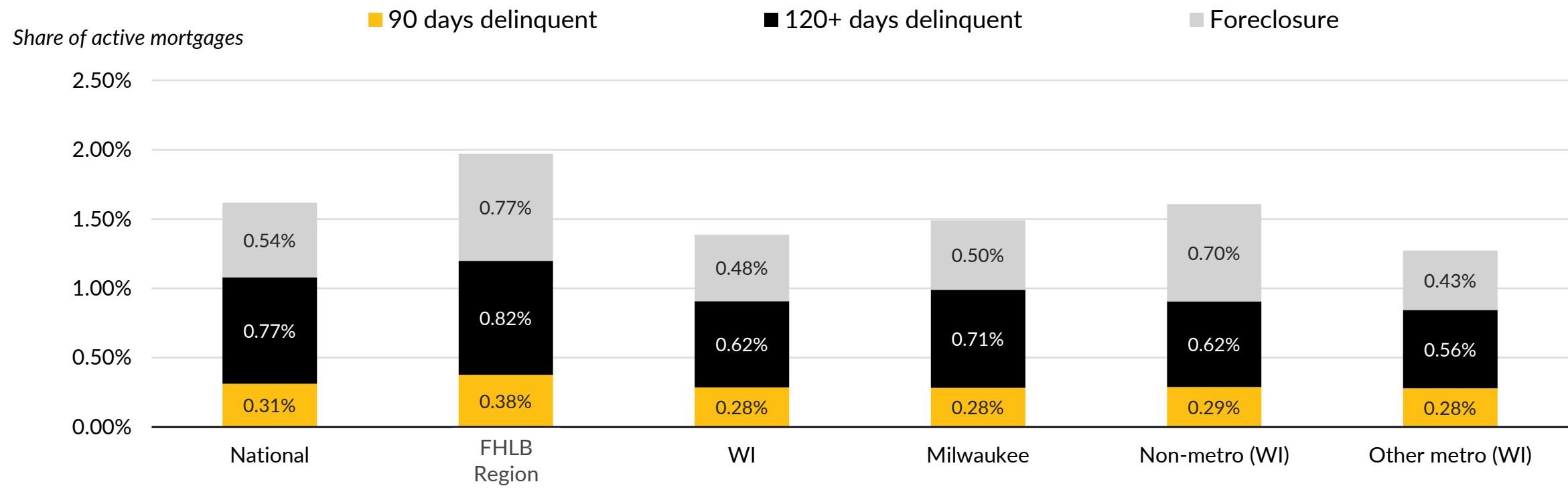
Median Current LTV



Source: Intercontinental Exchange monthly performance and Urban Institute Calculations.
Note: As of May 2025. UPB = unpaid principal balance

Delinquencies

Serious Delinquency Rates, as of July 2025



Source: Intercontinental Exchange mortgage performance and origination data and Urban Institute Calculations.

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