

Demographics of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual population: California and the CRLA Service Area

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Presentation Summary

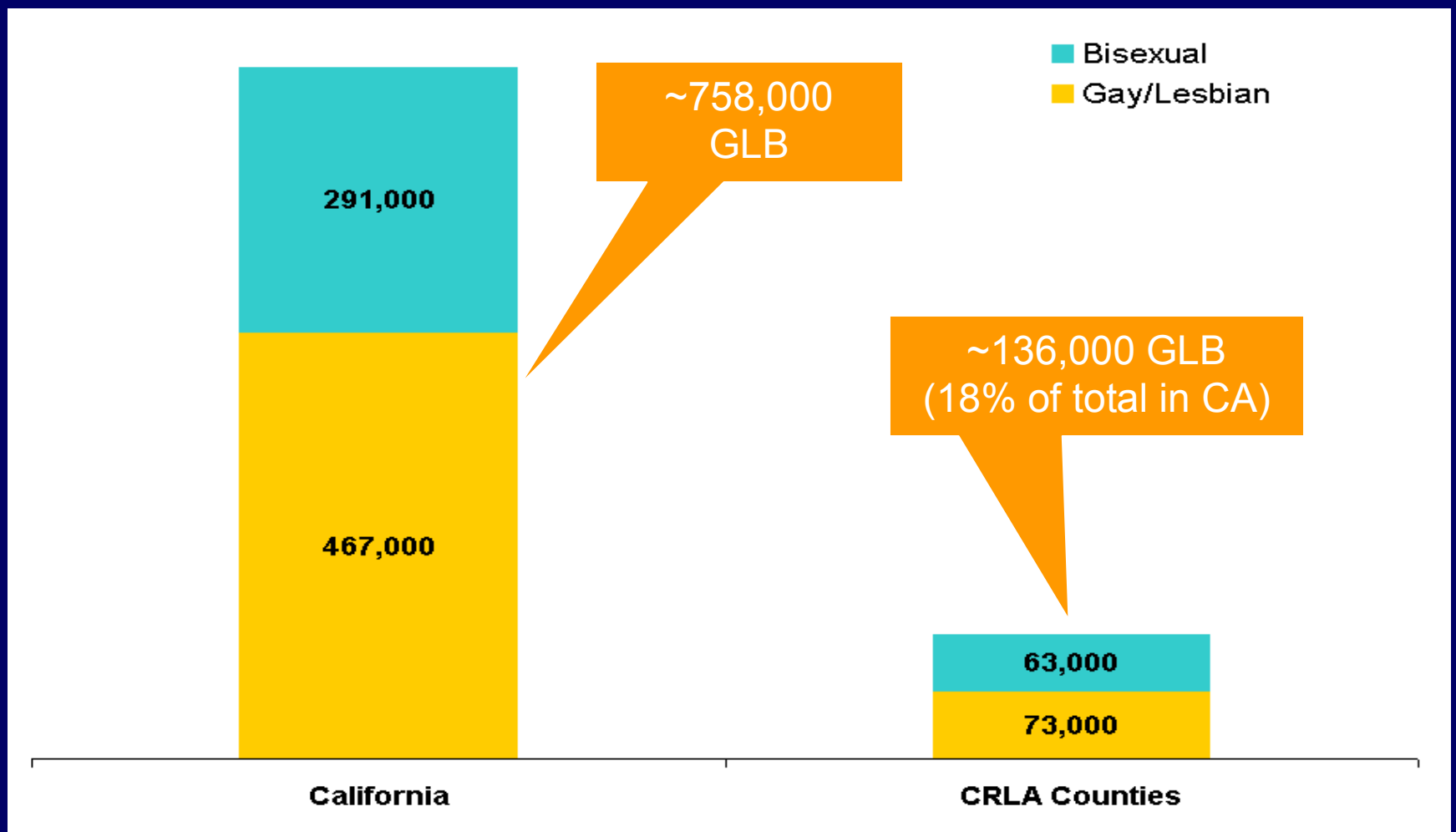
- Describe demographic characteristics of GLB people and same-sex couples in California and in CRLA counties
 - Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Riverside, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis, Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Ventura, Yuba
 - San Diego excluded as it is the most urban of the counties



Data Sources

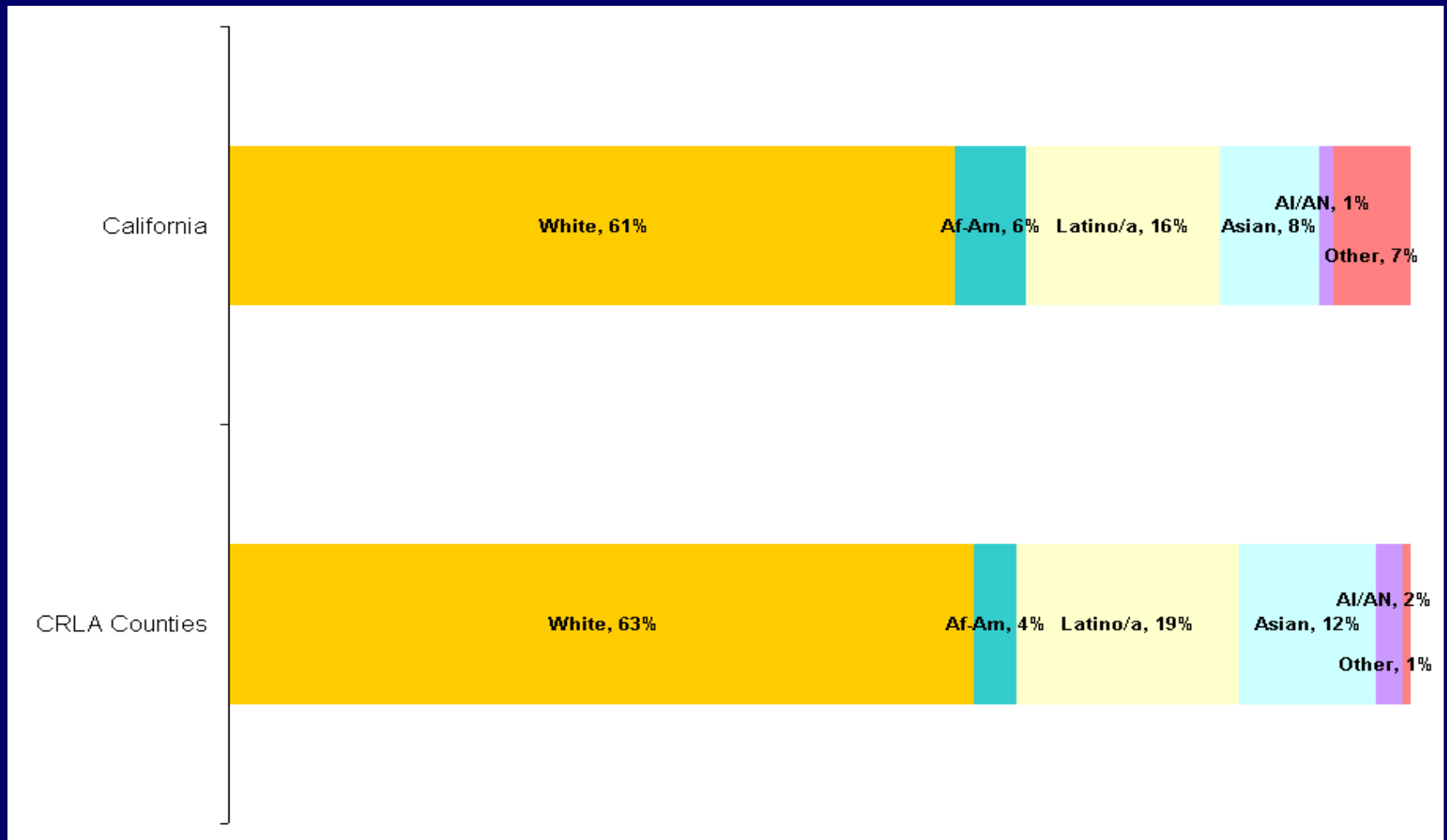
- California Health Interview Survey, 2005
 - Survey of California residents that directly asks sexual orientation
- U.S. Census Bureau: Census 2000 and American Community Survey, 2005-2006
 - Same-sex couples where one partner is identified as the “husband/wife” or “unmarried partner” of the other partner

How many GLB people are there?



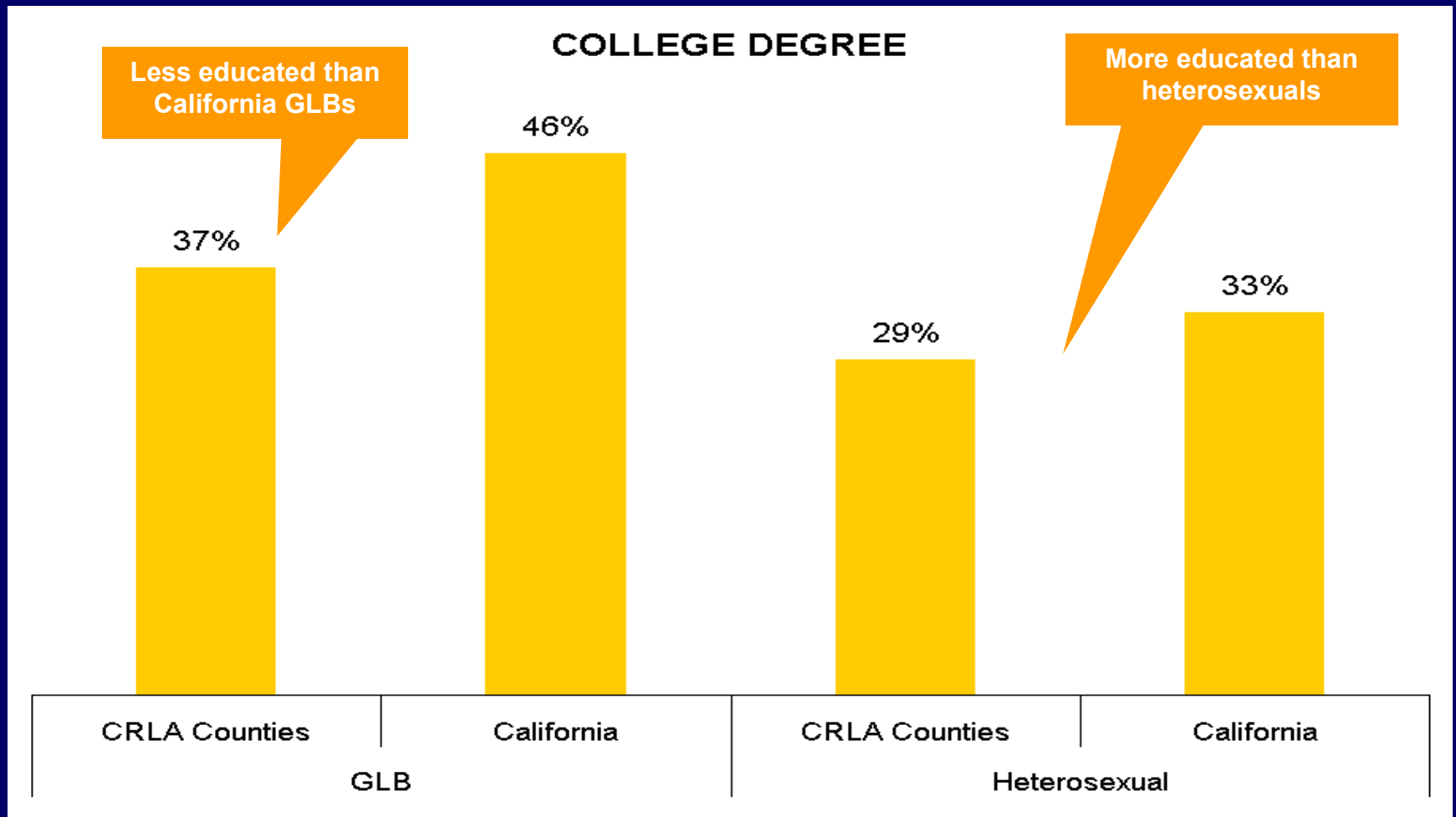
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GLB population in CRLA counties is more Latino/a than statewide GLBs



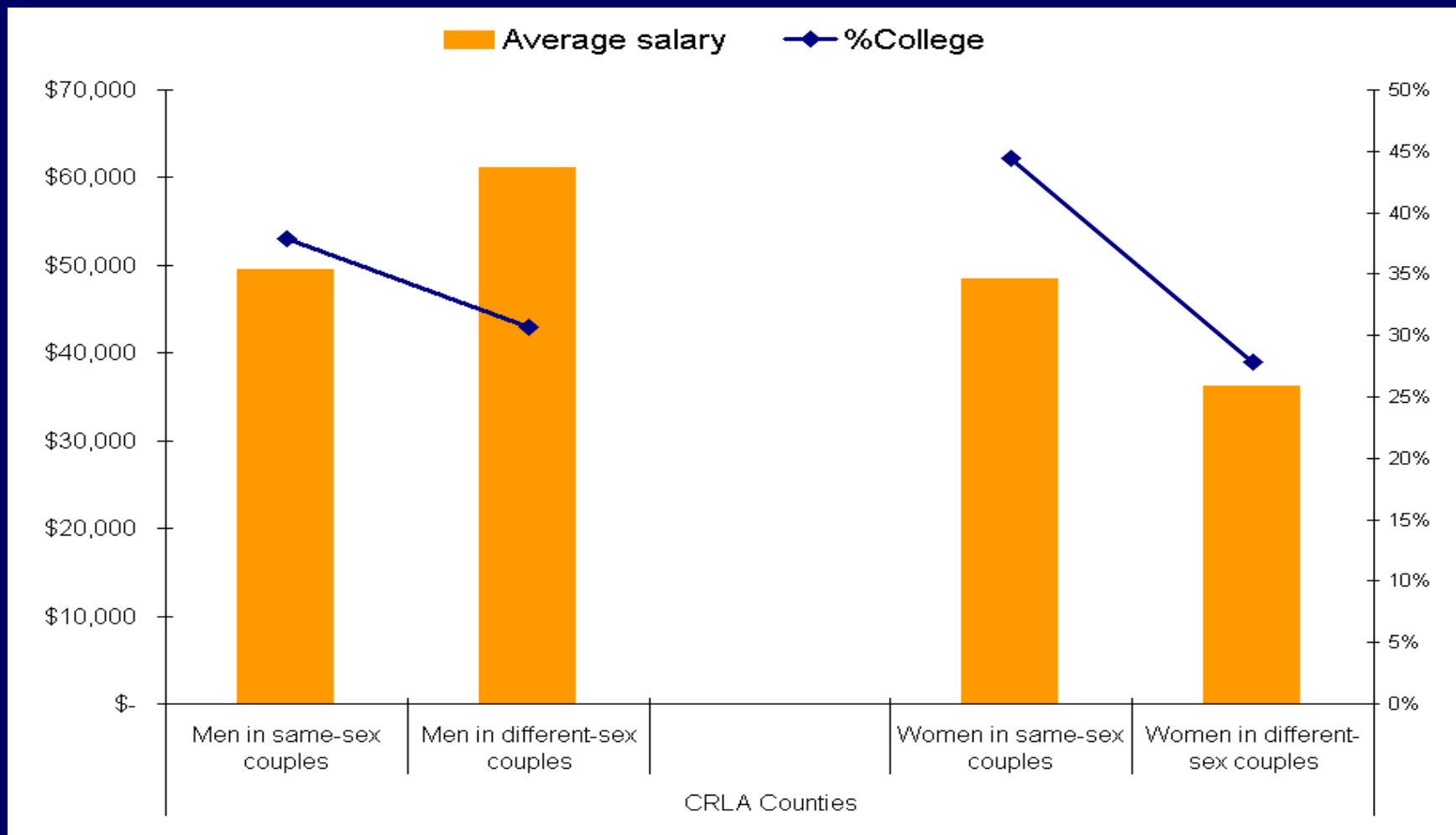
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Many GLB in CRLA counties are economically disadvantaged



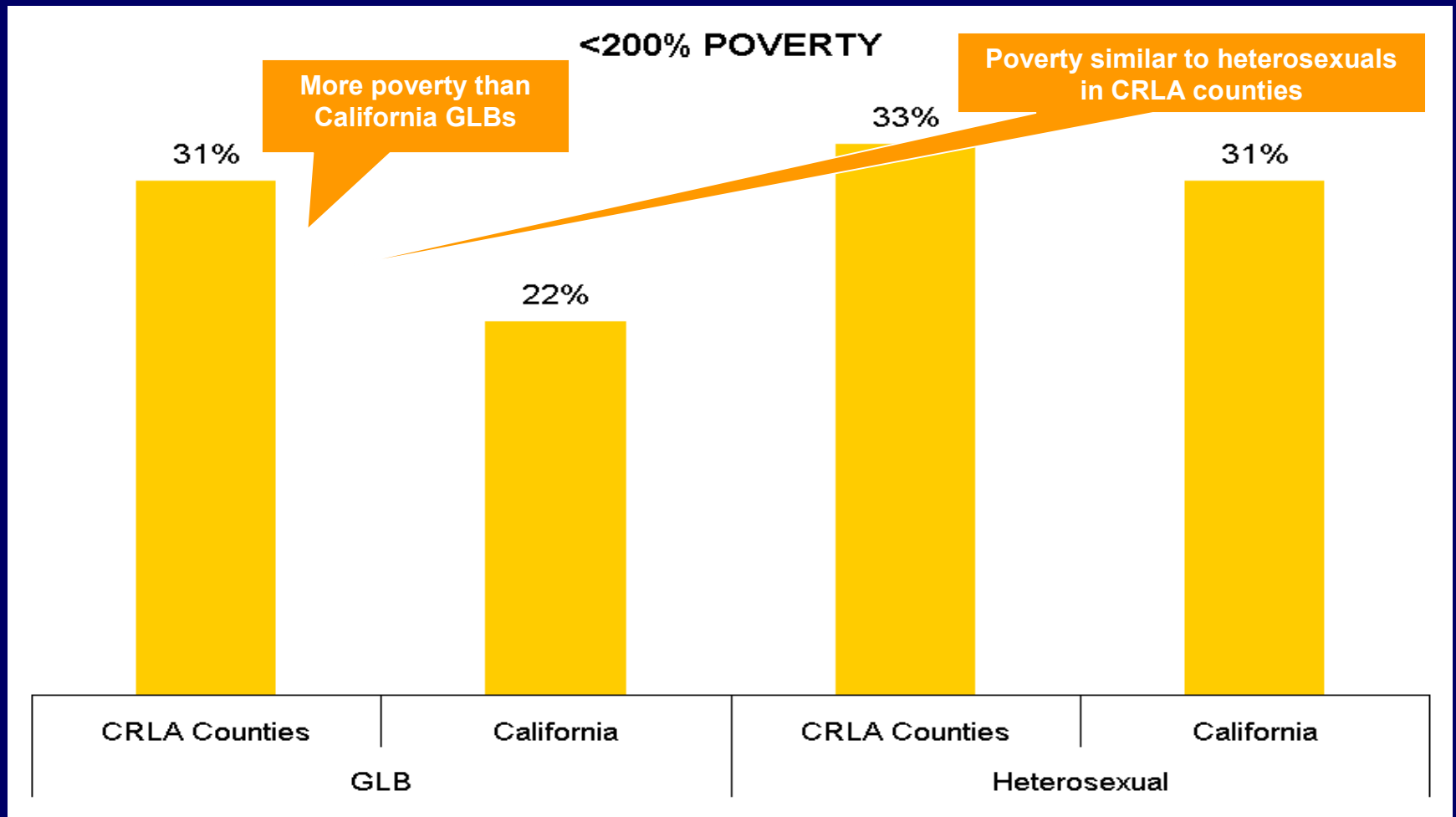
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Many men in same-sex couples economically disadvantaged



Data Source: American Community Survey, 2005-2006

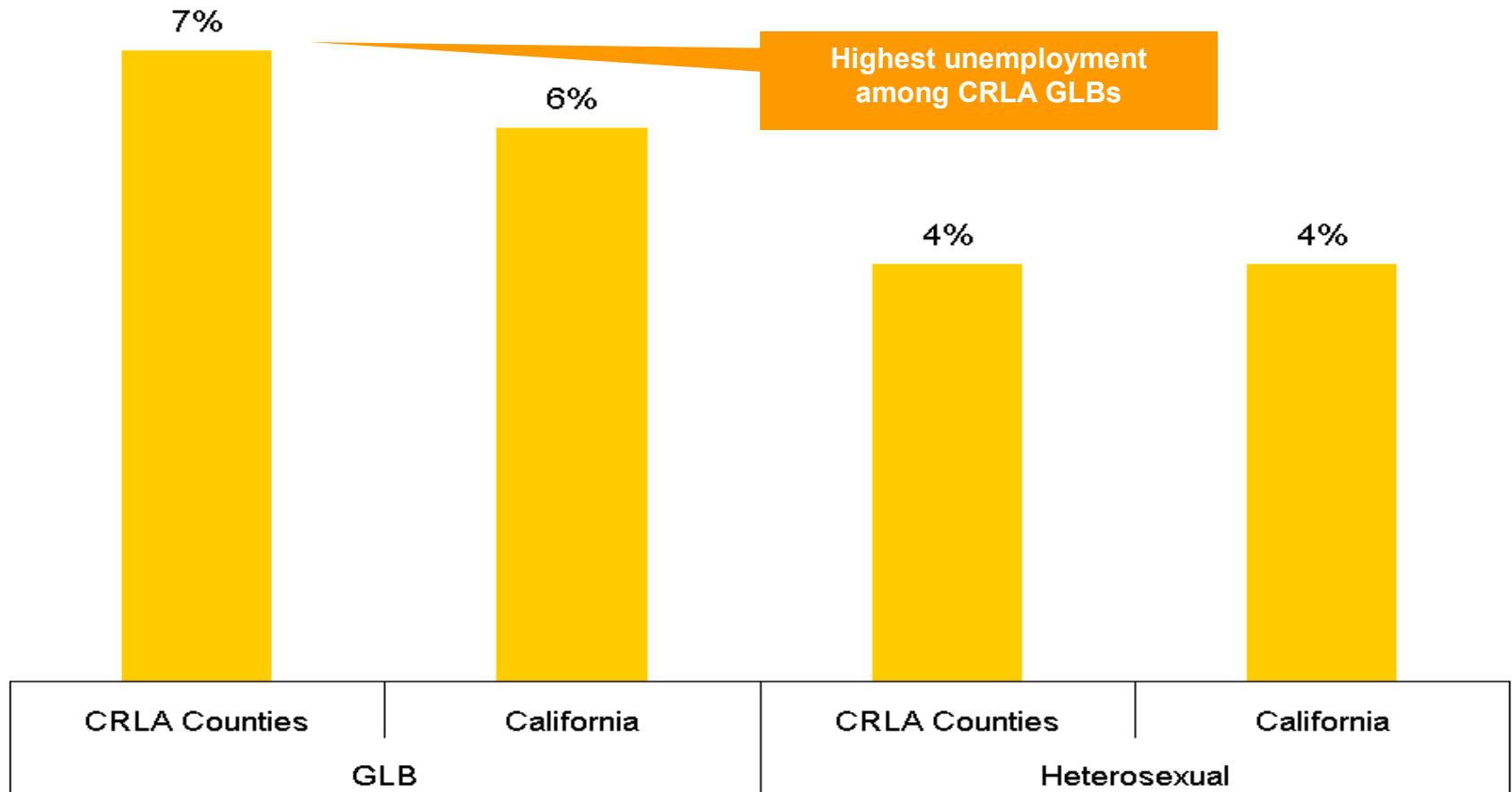
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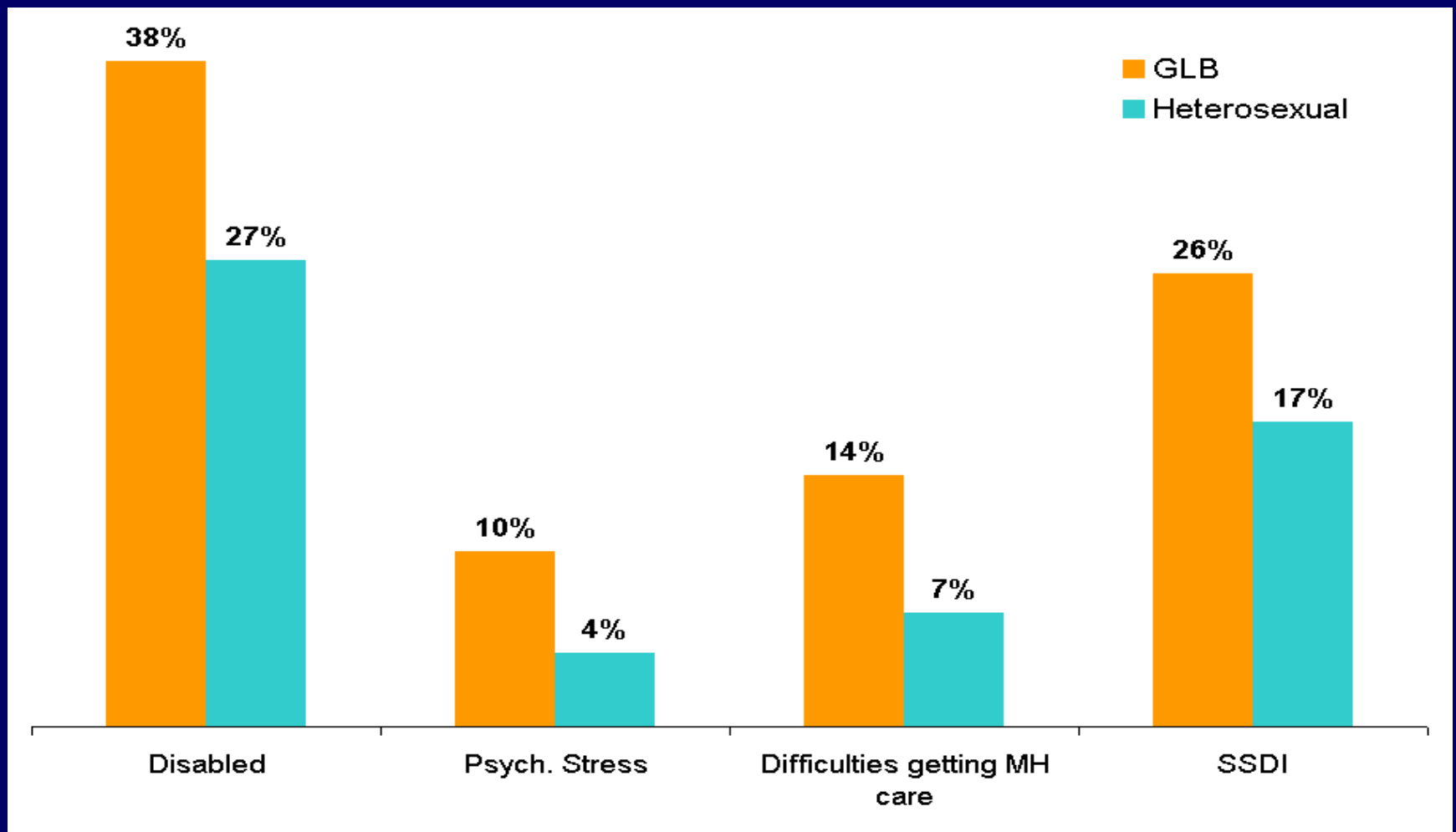
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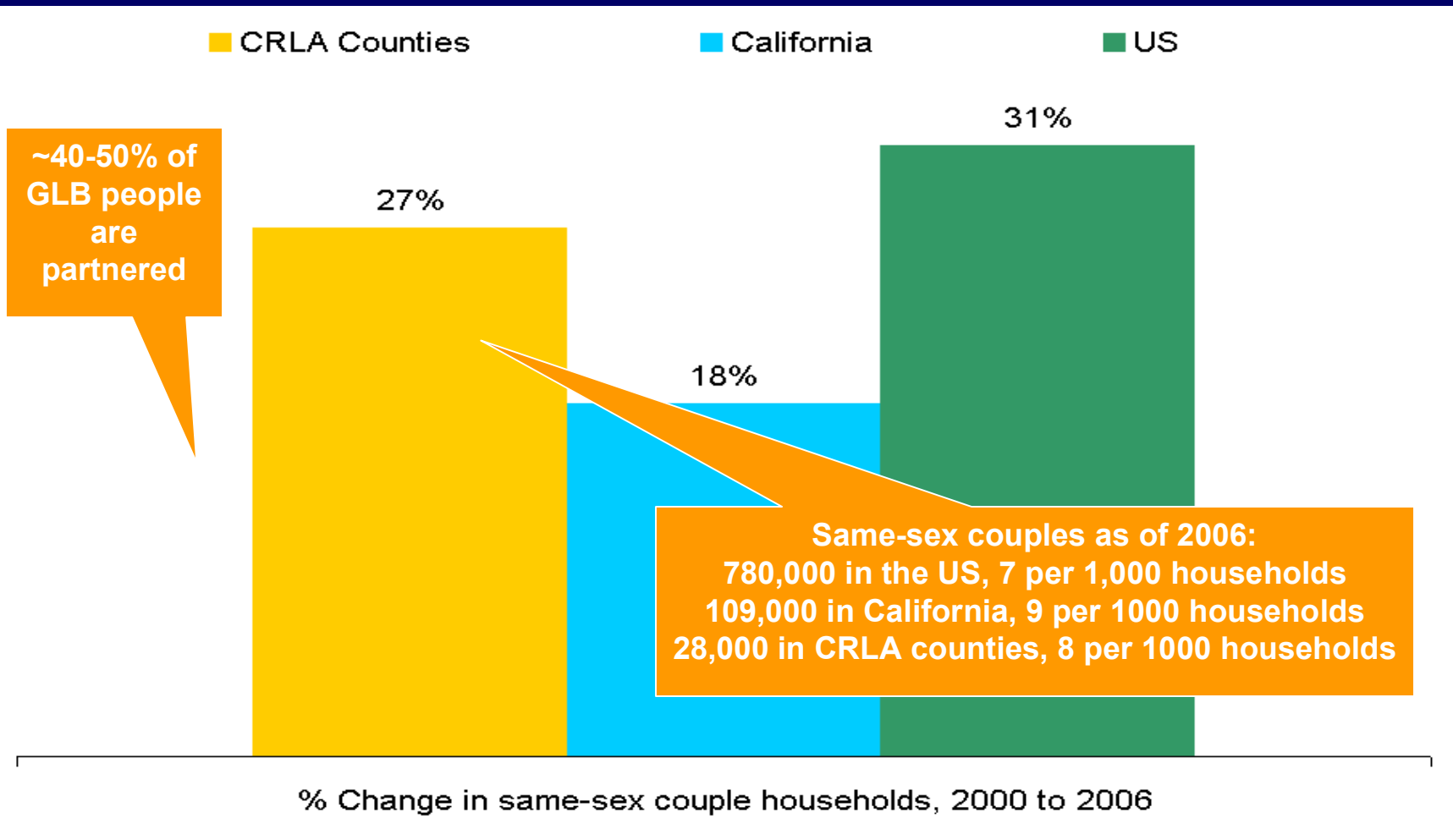
Data Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2005

GLB in CRLA counties have physical and mental health challenges



Data Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2005

Same-sex couples becoming more visible in CRLA counties



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2006

Many same-sex couples raising children

~8,300 same-sex couples raising ~17,000 children

26%

34%

53%

Same-sex male couples

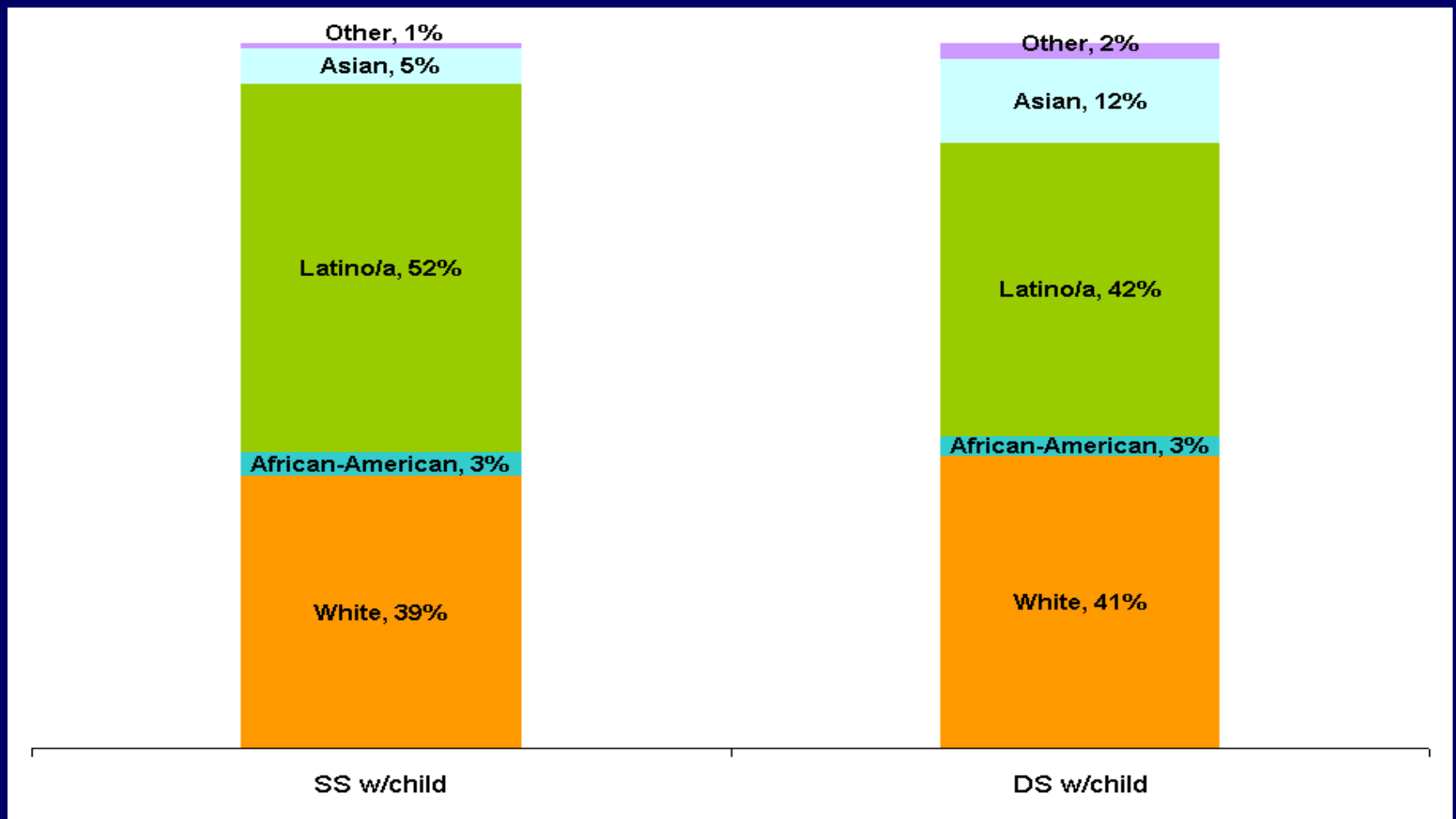
Same-sex female couples

Different-sex couples

CRLA Counties

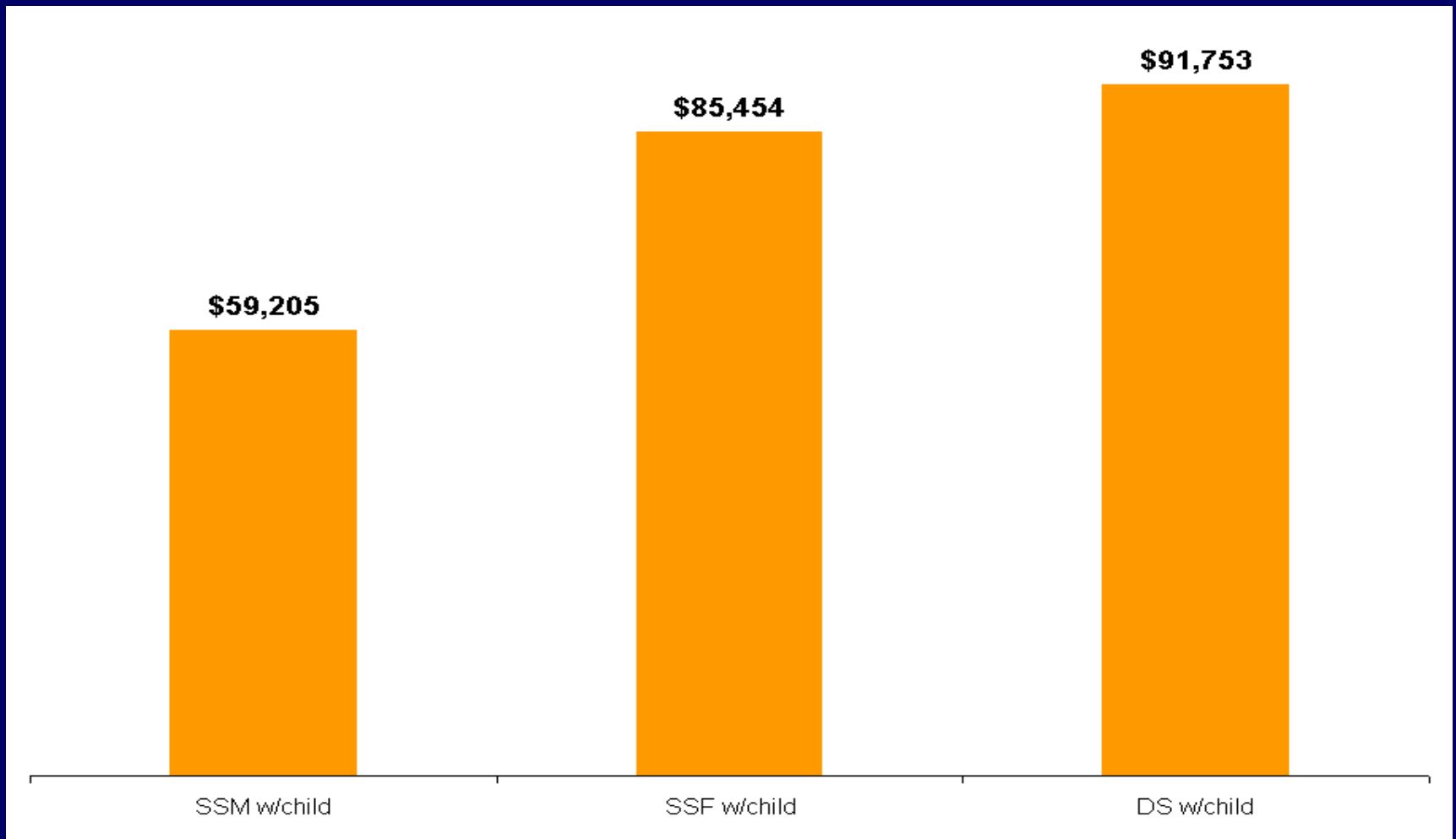
Data Source: American Community Survey, 2005-2006

Majority of same-sex couples with children in CRLA counties are Latino/a



Data Source: American Community Survey, 2005-2006

Same-sex couples with children are economically challenged



Data Source: CRLA Counties, American Community Survey, 2005-2006

The counts in CRLA counties

- 136,000 GLB people
- 28,000 same-sex couples
 - 8,300 same-sex couples raising 17,000 children

GLB in CRLA counties vs. California

- Economically disadvantaged
- Health challenged
 - More likely to be disabled, report psychological stress, and report difficulties getting MH services
- Challenged in getting MH services
- “Coming out” at a faster rate
- More likely to be raising children

GLB vs. others in CRLA counties

- More educated, but despite this...
 - 1/3rd are poor (like heterosexuals)
 - Men in same-sex couples earn less than men in different-sex couples
- Health is challenged
- Same-sex couples with children are poorer than different-sex couples with kids
 - Less white and more Latino/a