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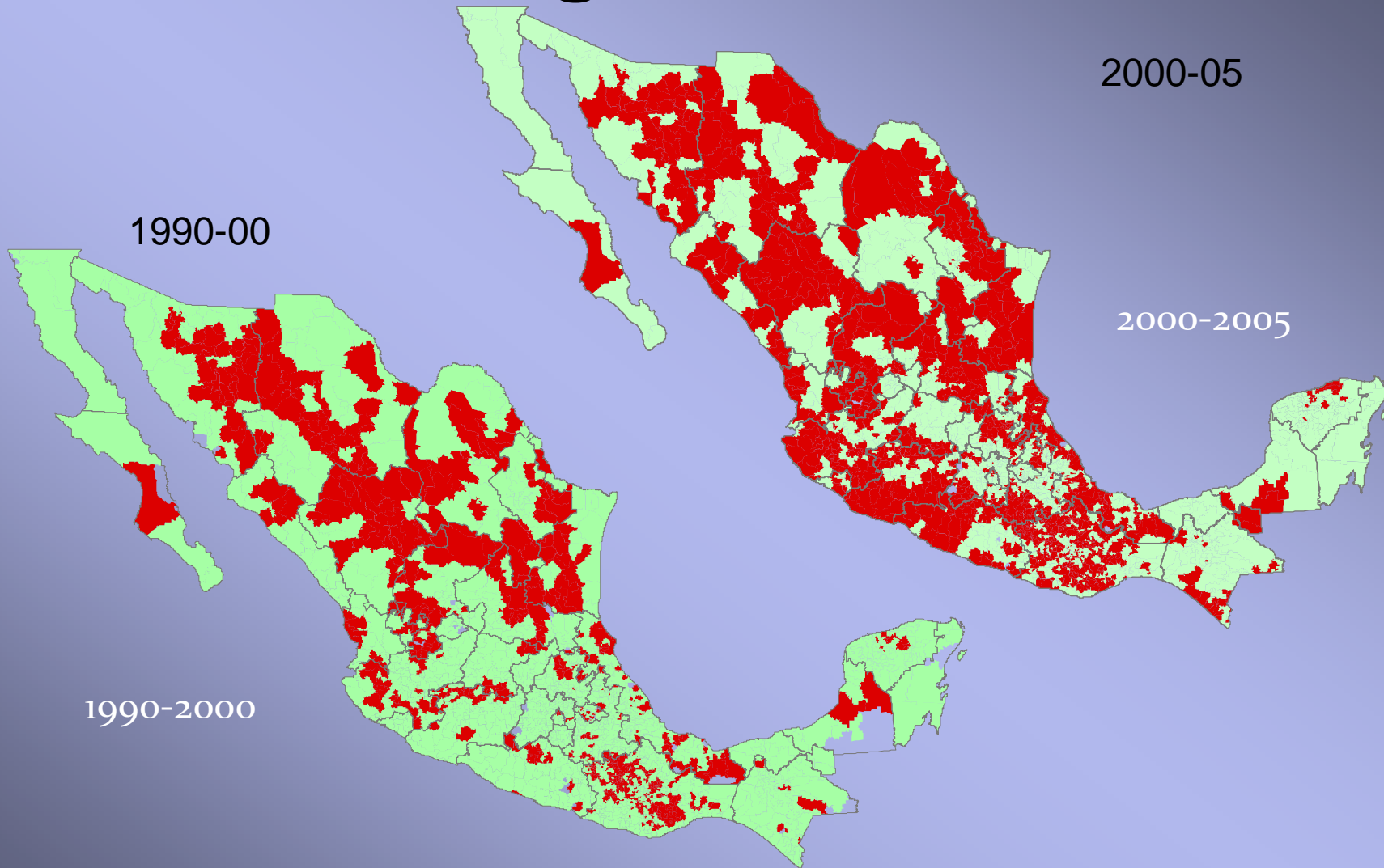
# Migration. A Complex Analytical Process

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# Internal Migration in Mexico

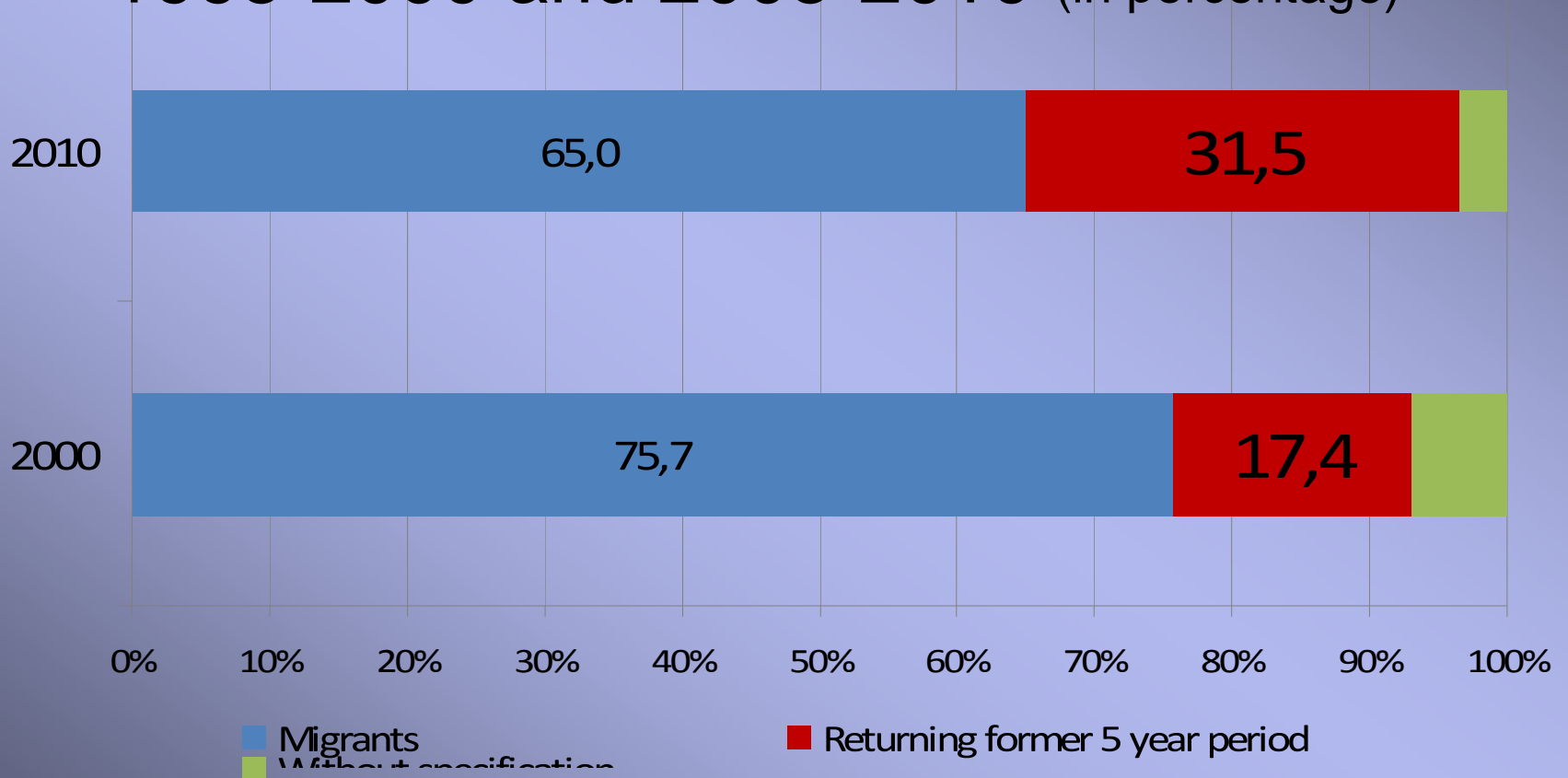


- Municipios que pierden población
- Municipios que ganan población

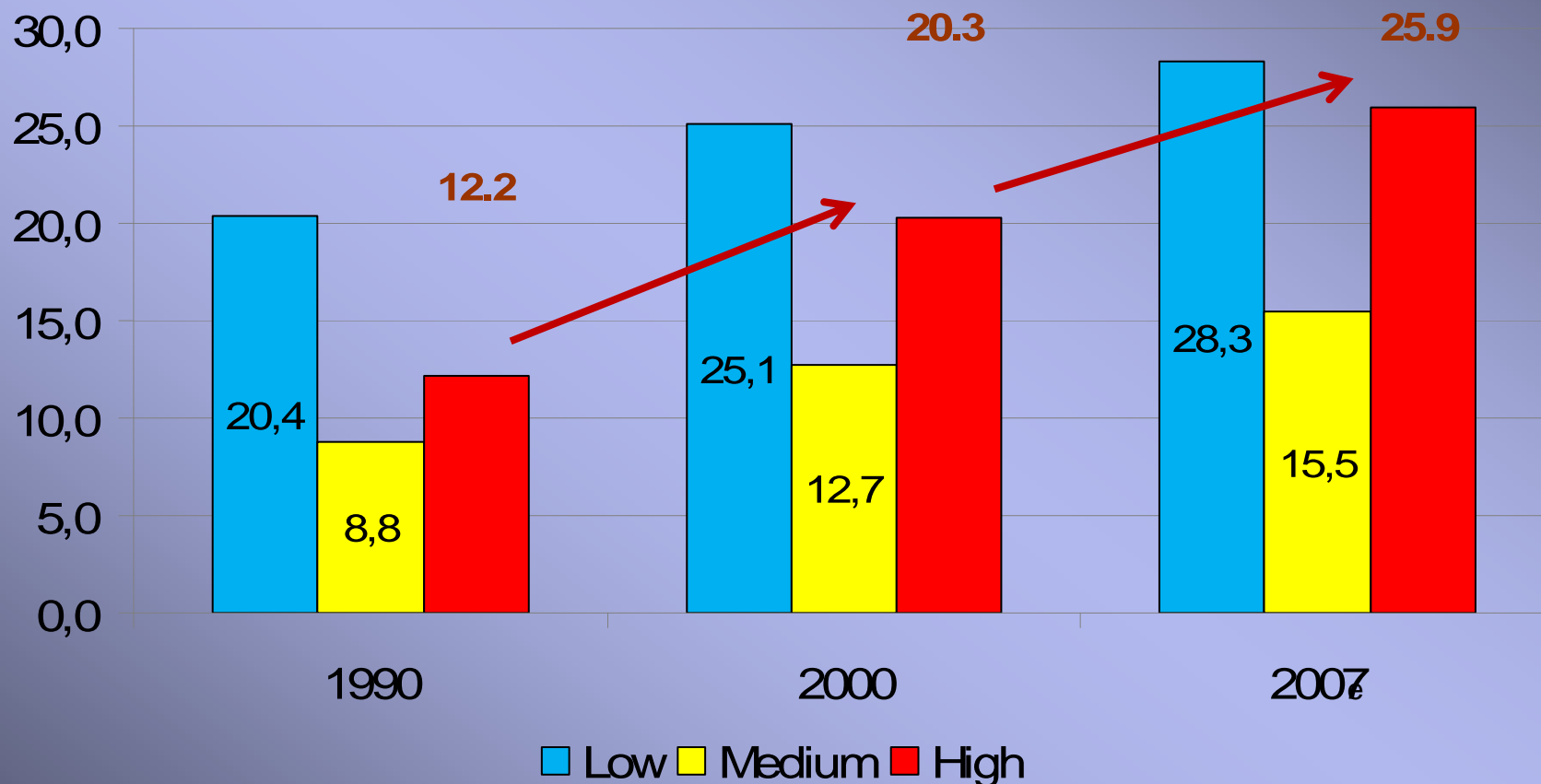
FUENTE: Censos Generales de Población y Vivienda, 199 y 2000. INEGI  
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# International Migration and (Forced)-Return

1995-2000 and 2005-2010 (in percentage)



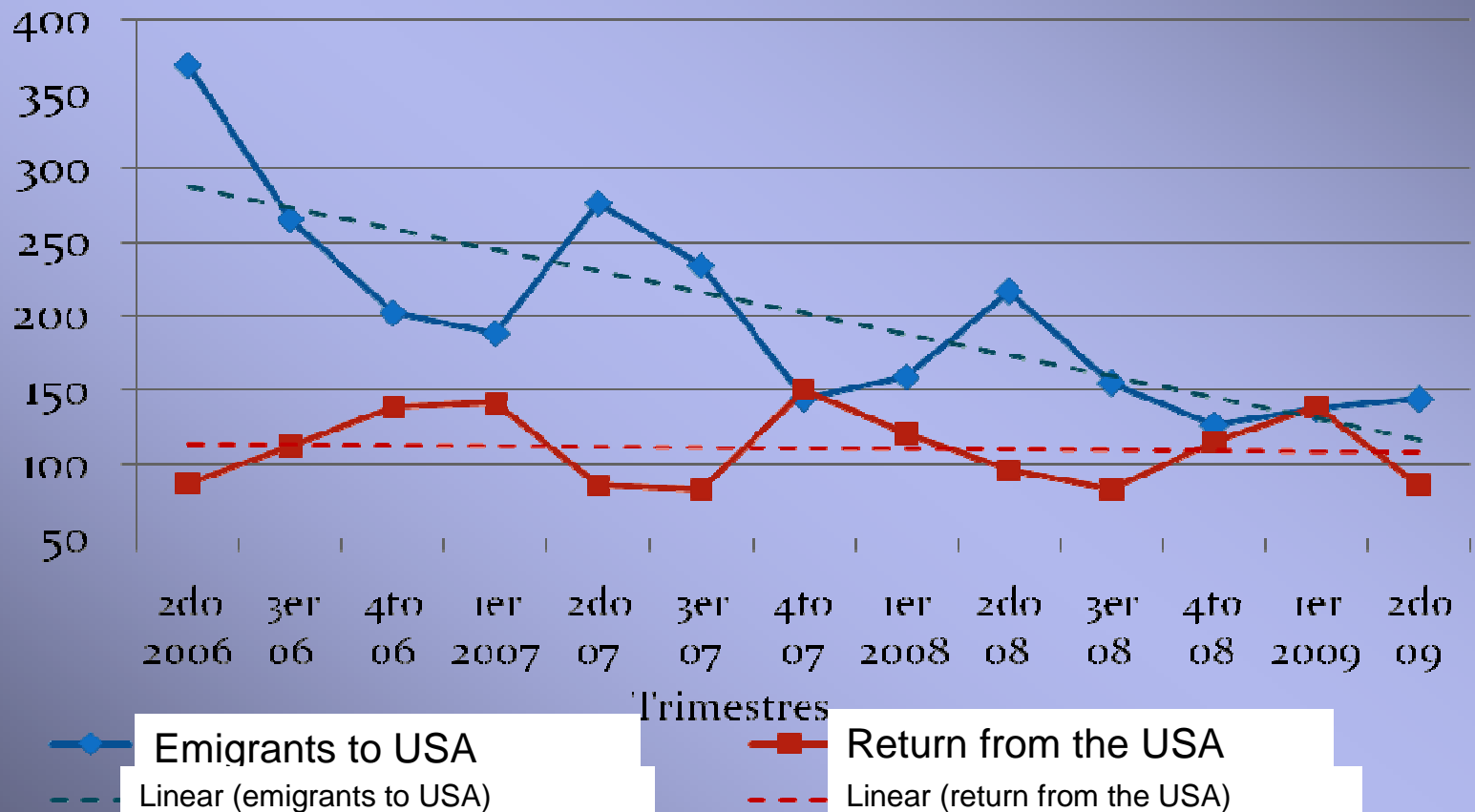
# Migrants over 25 years old, residents in OCDE countries with different levels of scolarity, 1990, 2000 y 2007 (million people)



**Source:** Fernando Lozano, 2011, based on Docquier, Lowell and Marfouk 2008.  
2007 es estimated and based on growth rate observed between 1990 and 2000.

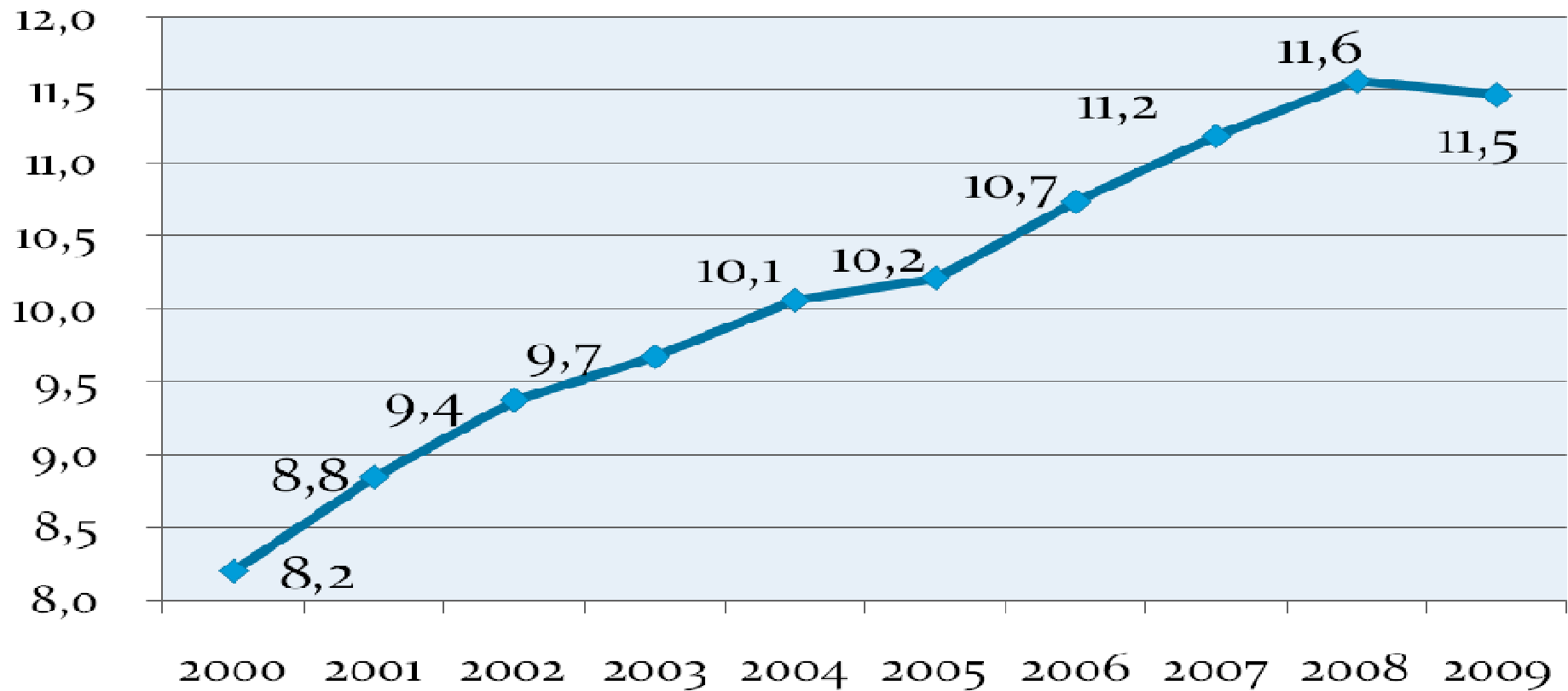
# Mexican Migrants to USA and Returning to Mexico: 2006-2009

(1,000 people)



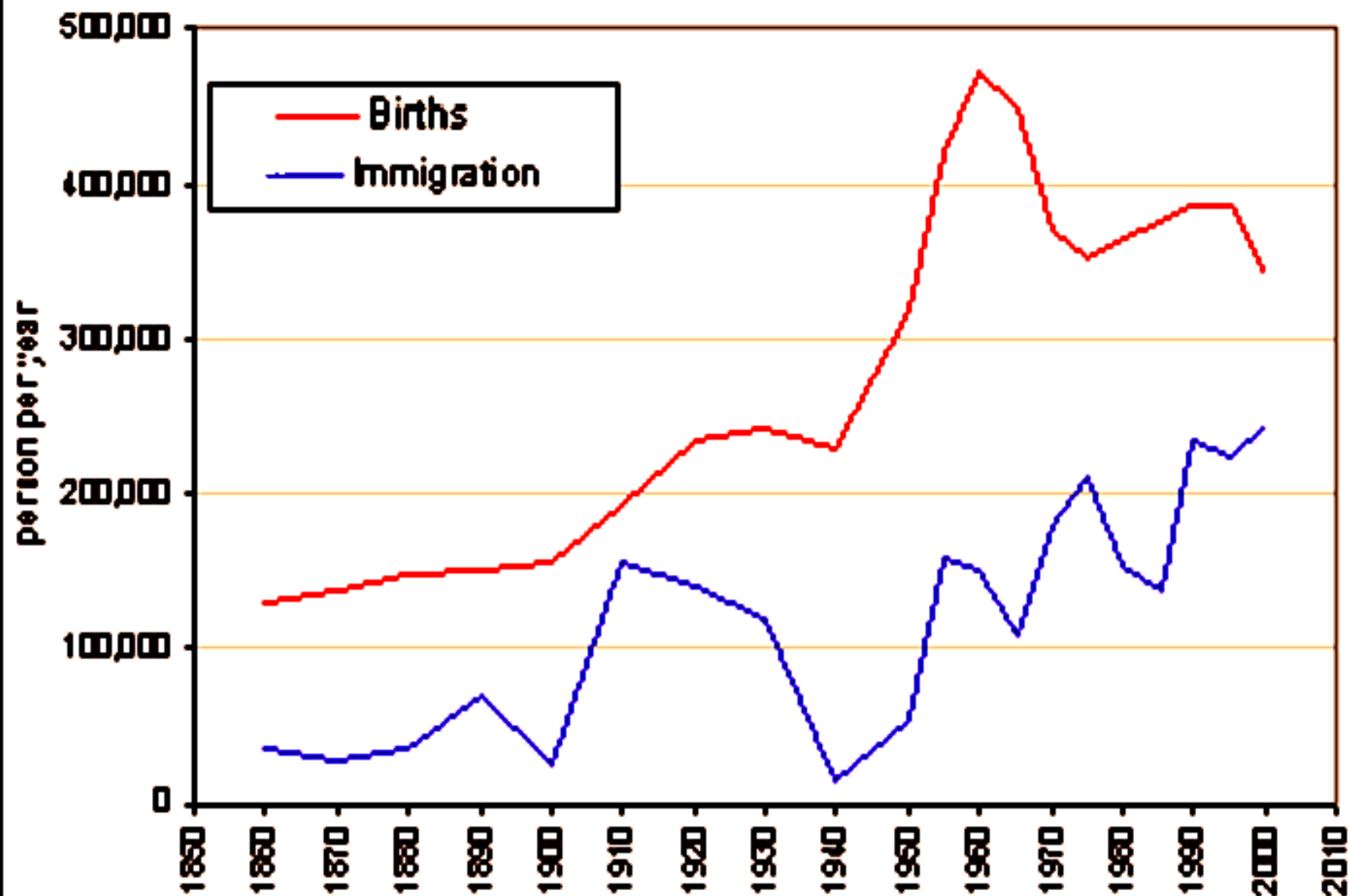
Based on the National Occupation and Employment Survey (Encuesta Nacional de Ocupación y Empleo: ENOE), 2006-2009, elaborated by Fernando Lozano 2011.

# Native Mexicans Residents in USA: 2000-2009 (in million inhabitants)



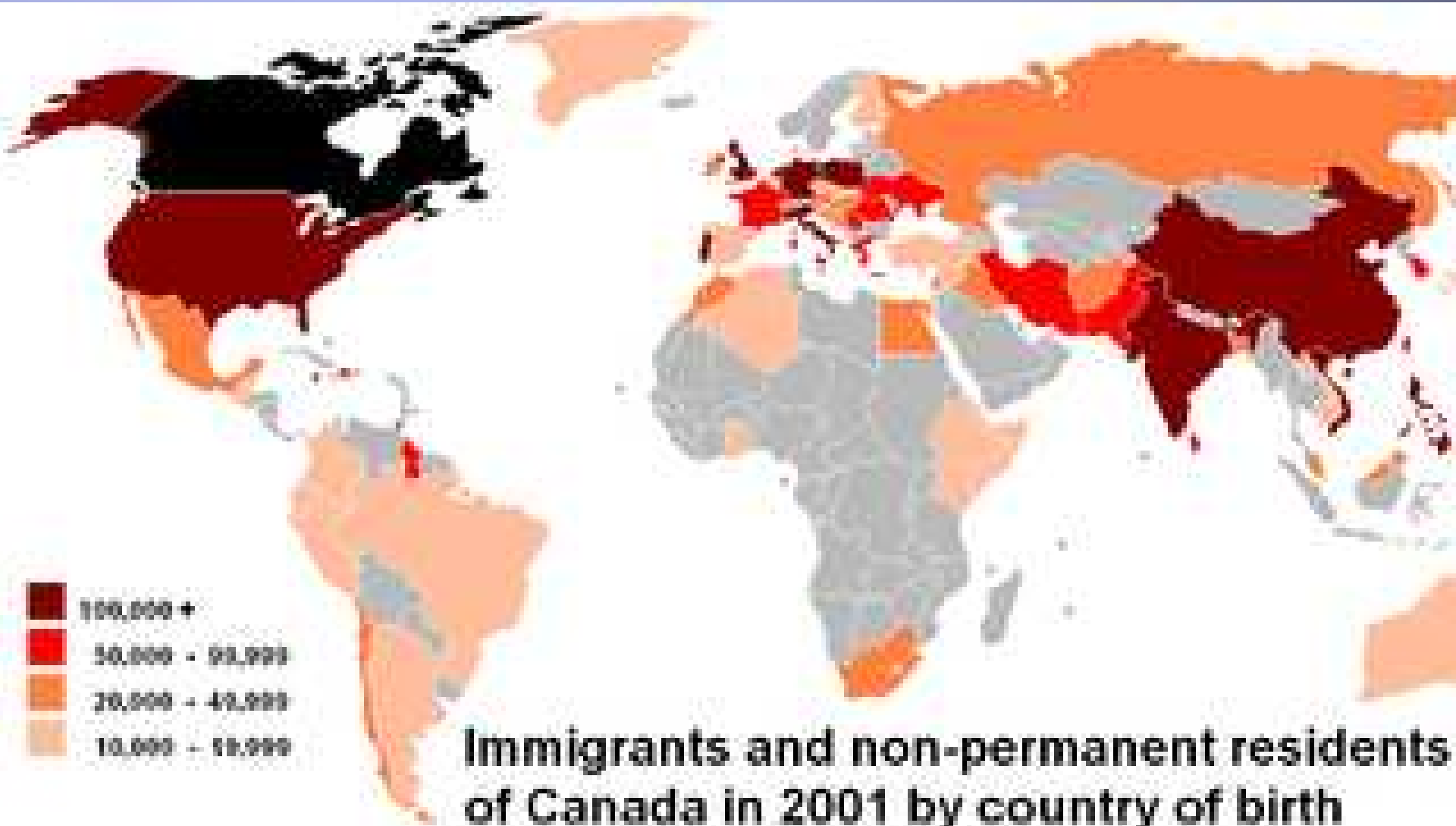
Fuente: Passel y Cohn, 2009

### Immigration in Canada (1850-2000)





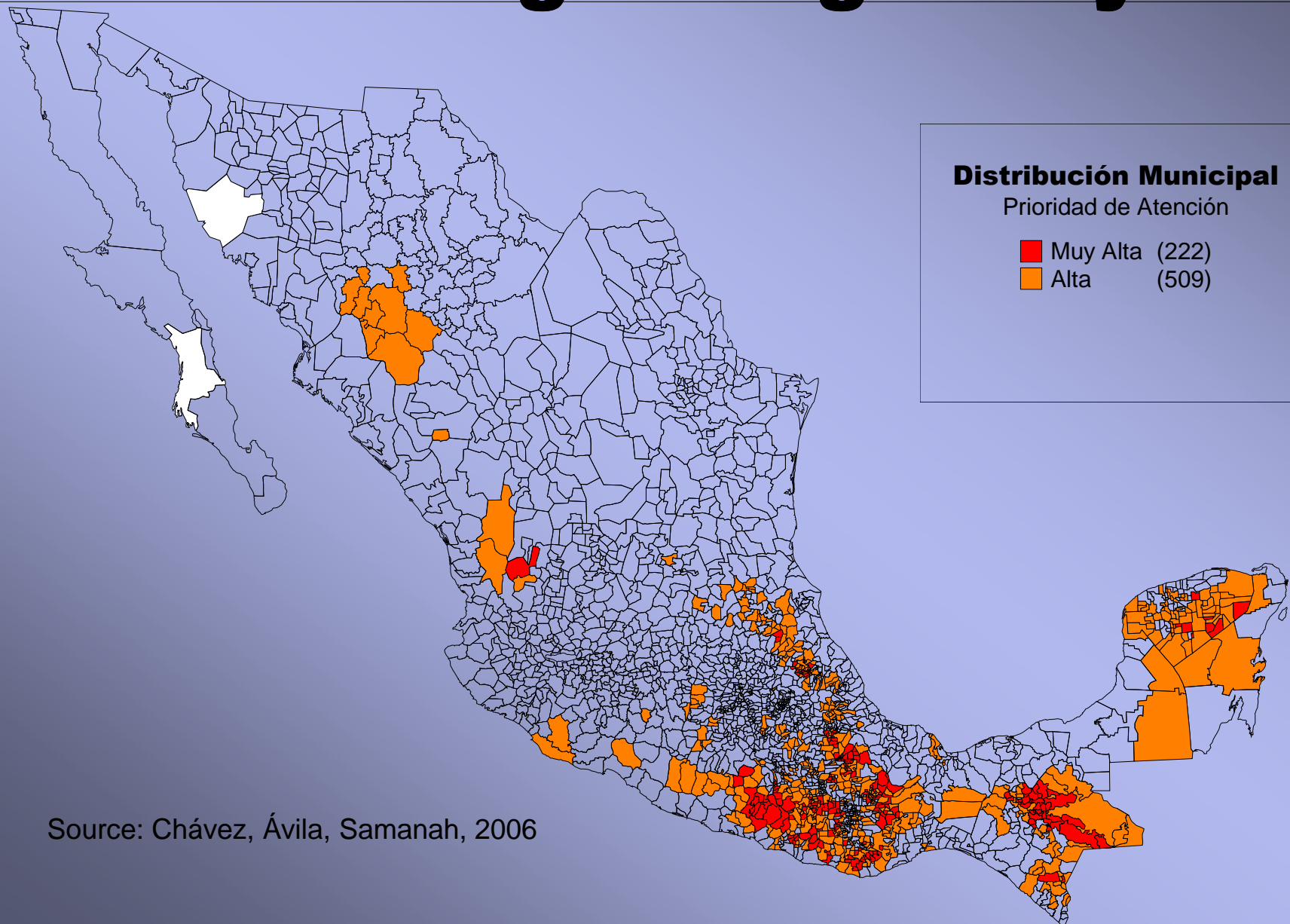
# Non permanent Inmmigrants in Canada



# Reasons for Canadian Immigration

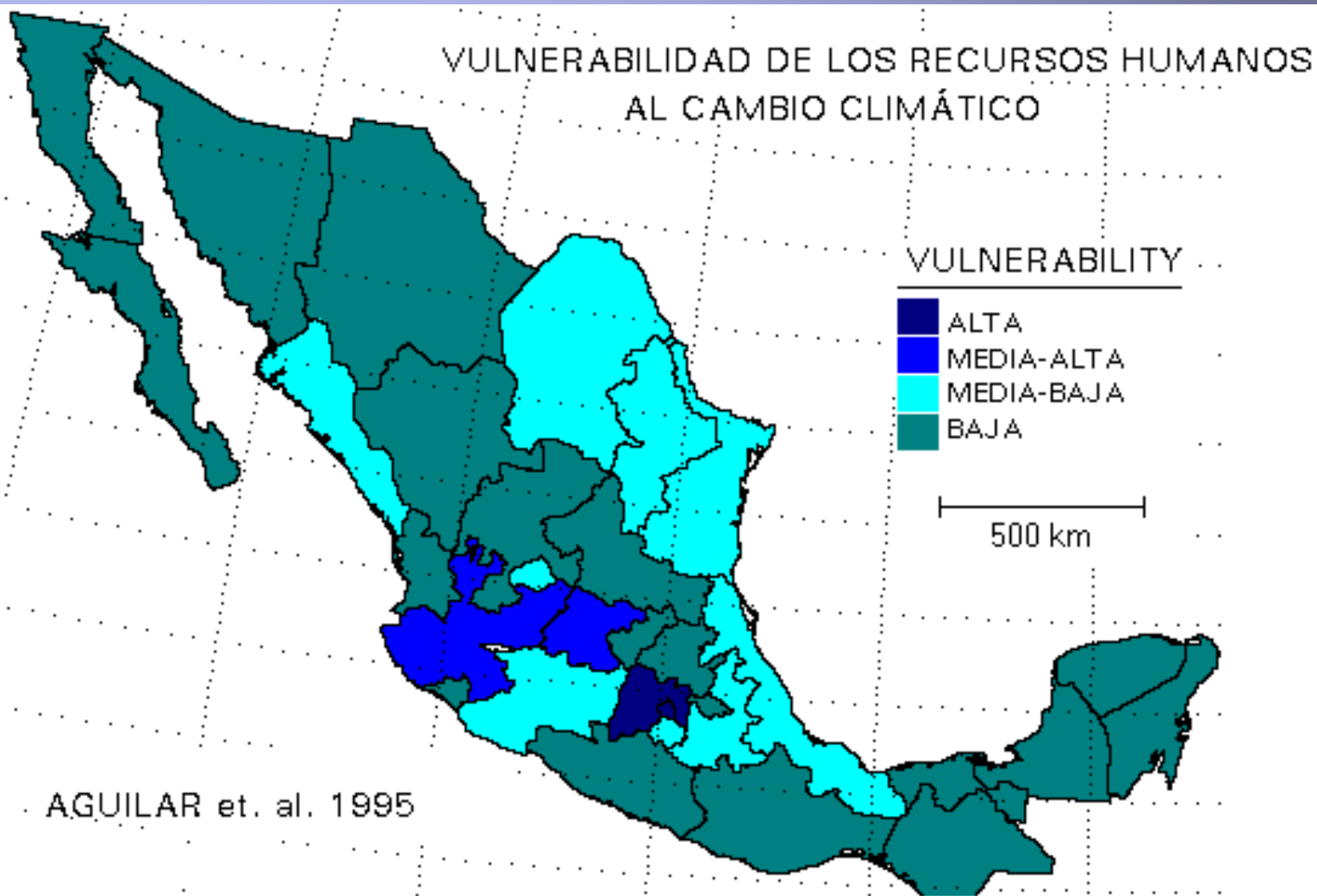
1. 2008: 250,000 immigrants:
  1. 150,000 economic reasons
  2. 66,000 family members
  3. 22,000 refugees
2. Other reasons:
  1. Skilled workers
  2. Professionals
  3. Investors
  4. Entrepreneurs
  5. Self-employed persons
  6. Experience claim (former workers and students)

# Socioeconomic Security: Poverty and High Marginality



Source: Chávez, Ávila, Samanah, 2006

# Vulnerability of Human Settlement



Vulnerability related to population density, growth, morbidity, water consumption/ scarcity / pollution and the impact of CC

# Environmental security: drought, fertility loss & erosion is affecting livelihood in Mexico

Figura 9  
Desertificación en la República Mexicana



Figura 10  
Salinización en México



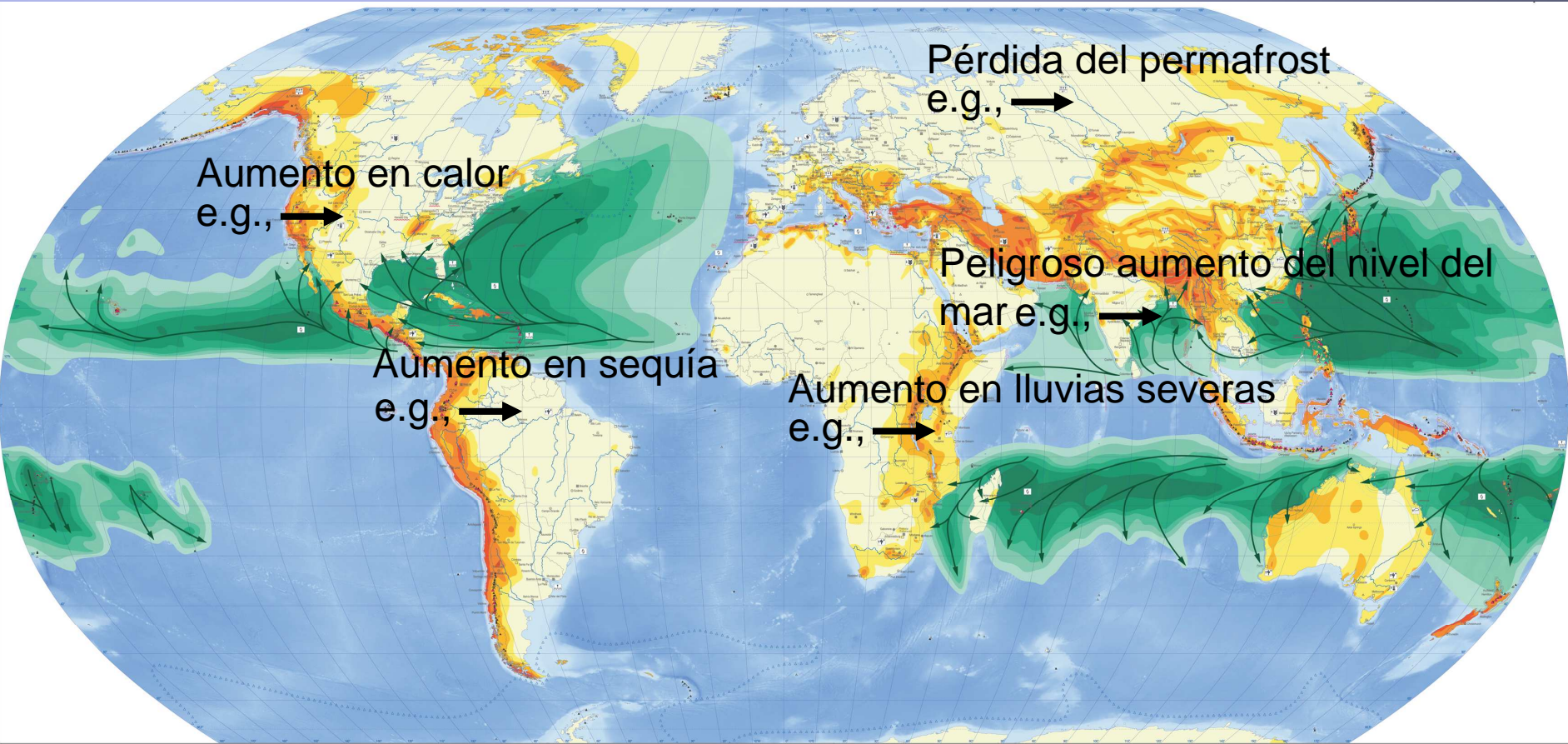
Figura 11  
Erosión hídrica en México



Figura 12  
Erosión eólica en México



# Environmental-induced migration



## Terremotos

Lightest yellow	Zone 0: MM V
Yellow	Zone 1: MM VI
Orange-yellow	Zone 2: MM VII
Orange	Zone 3: MM VIII
Red-orange	Zone 4: MM IX

## Huracanes tropicales

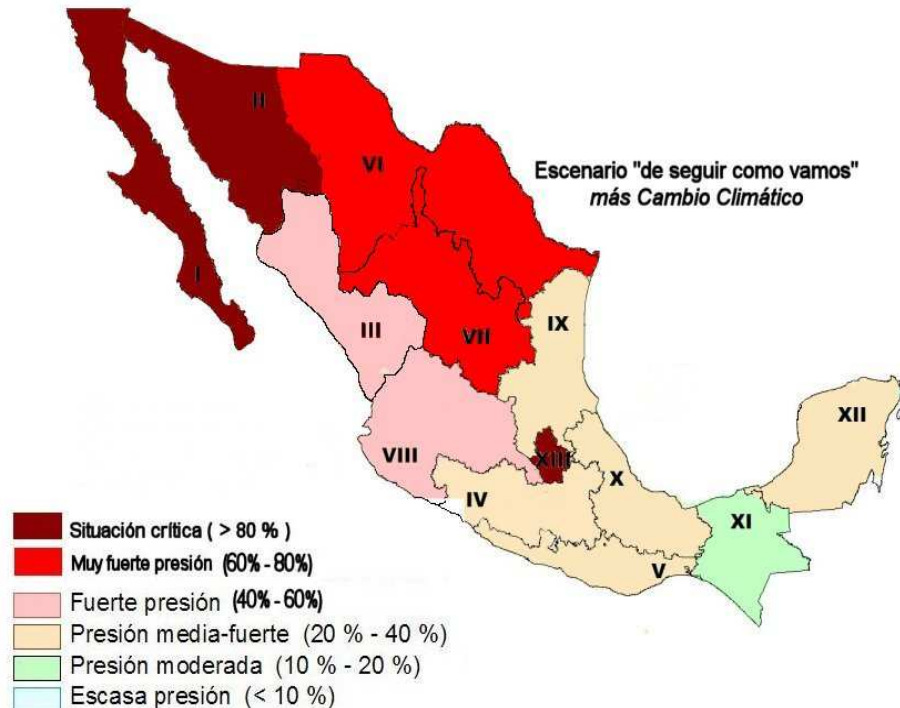
Lightest green	Zone 0: 76–141 km/h
Light green	Zone 1: 142–184 km/h
Medium green	Zone 2: 185–212 km/h
Dark green	Zone 3: 213–251 km/h
Very dark green	Zone 4: 252–299 km/h
Black	Zone 5: ≥ 300 km/h

MM: Escala Mercalli modificada, 2009



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Munich Re Group

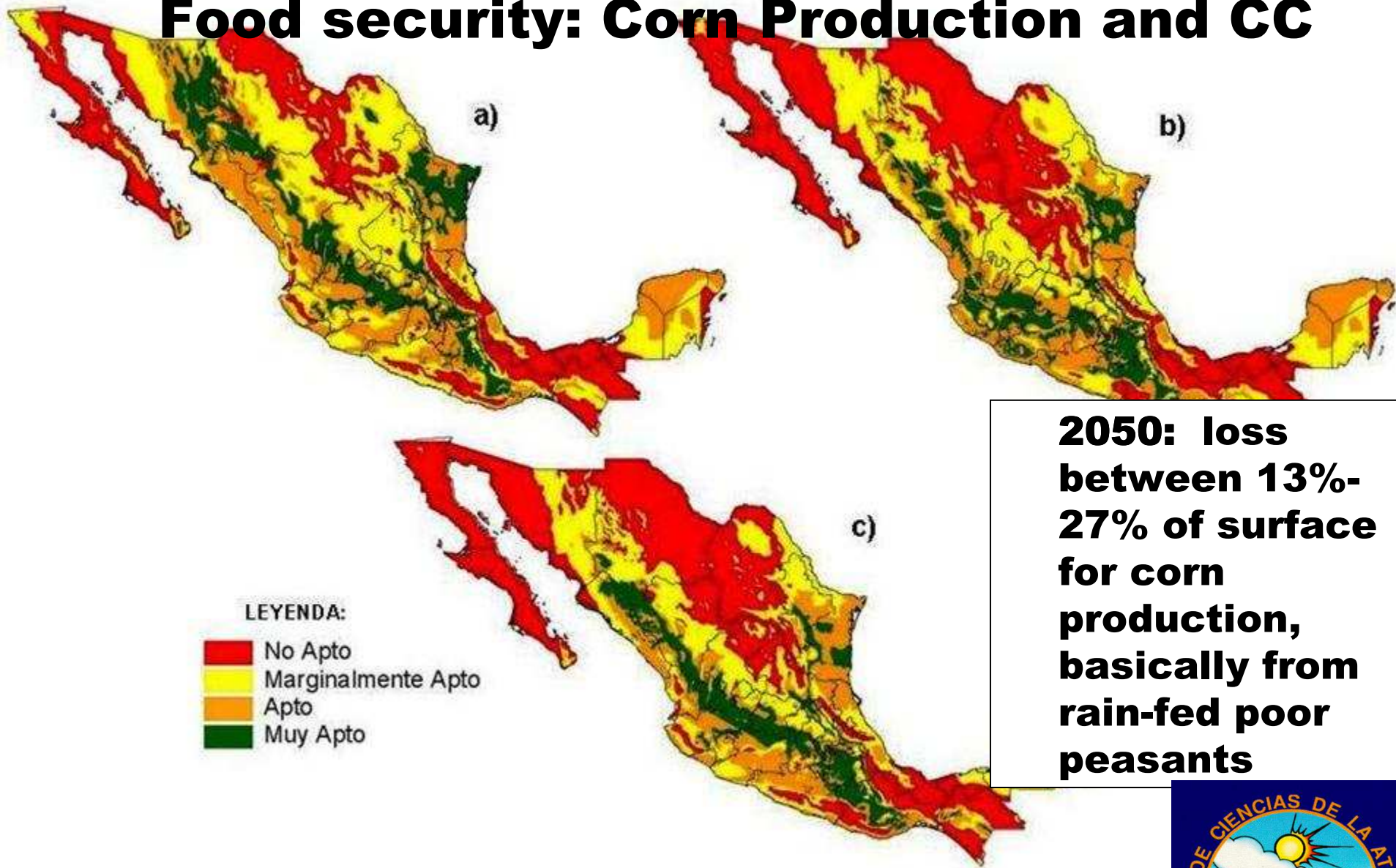
# Social Vulnerability in Mexico



2 decades:

- 75 hydro-meteorological disasters:
- 10,000 deads, million of affected
- Damages: over 10 billion US\$ (500 million/year)
- 2008: 632 storms (average 469), Tabasco flood: 1.2 million inhabitants affected; 80% of territory

# Food security: Corn Production and CC



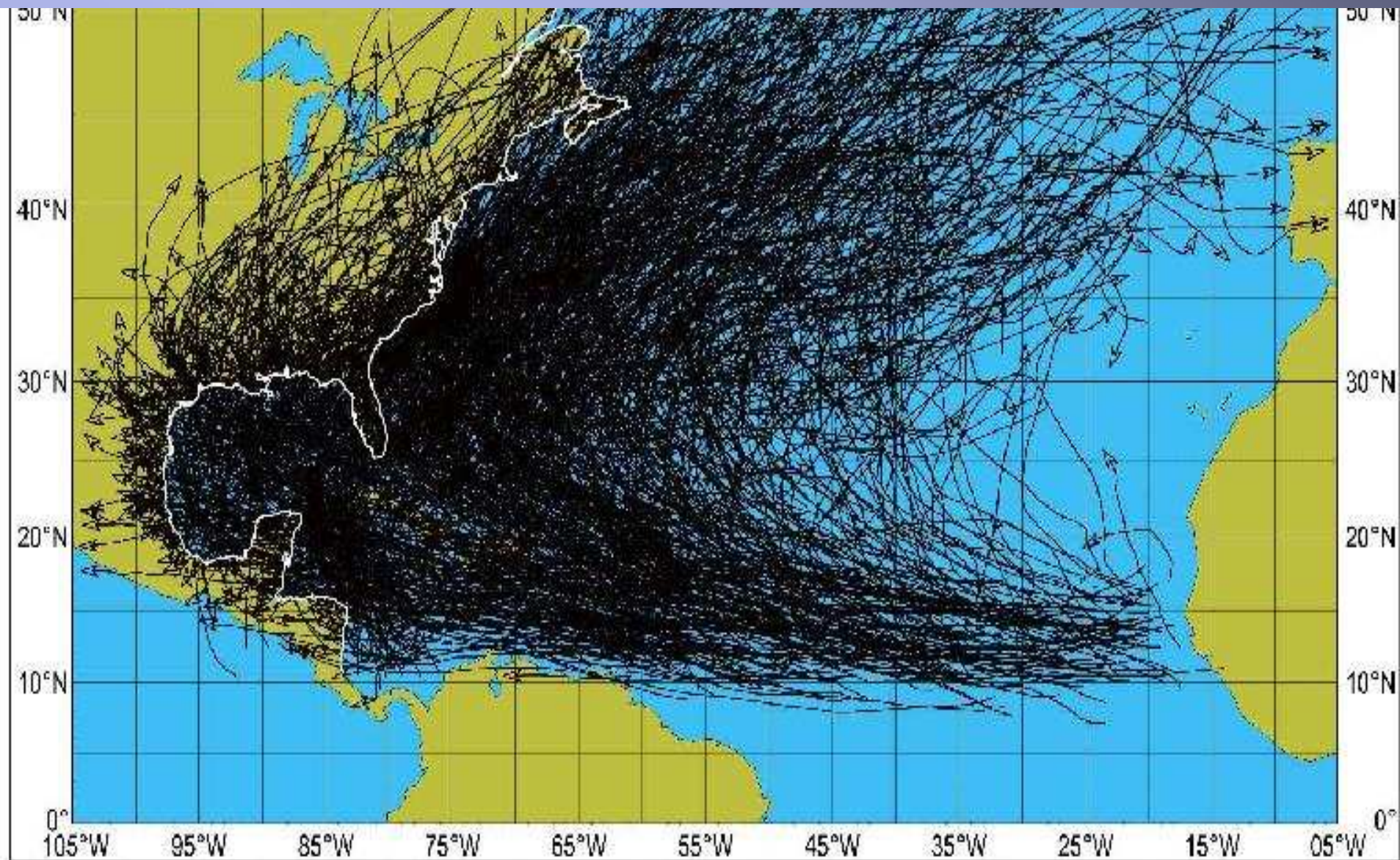
**2050: loss between 13%-27% of surface for corn production, basically from rain-fed poor peasants**

Monterroso, A. G, Rosales, 2006.

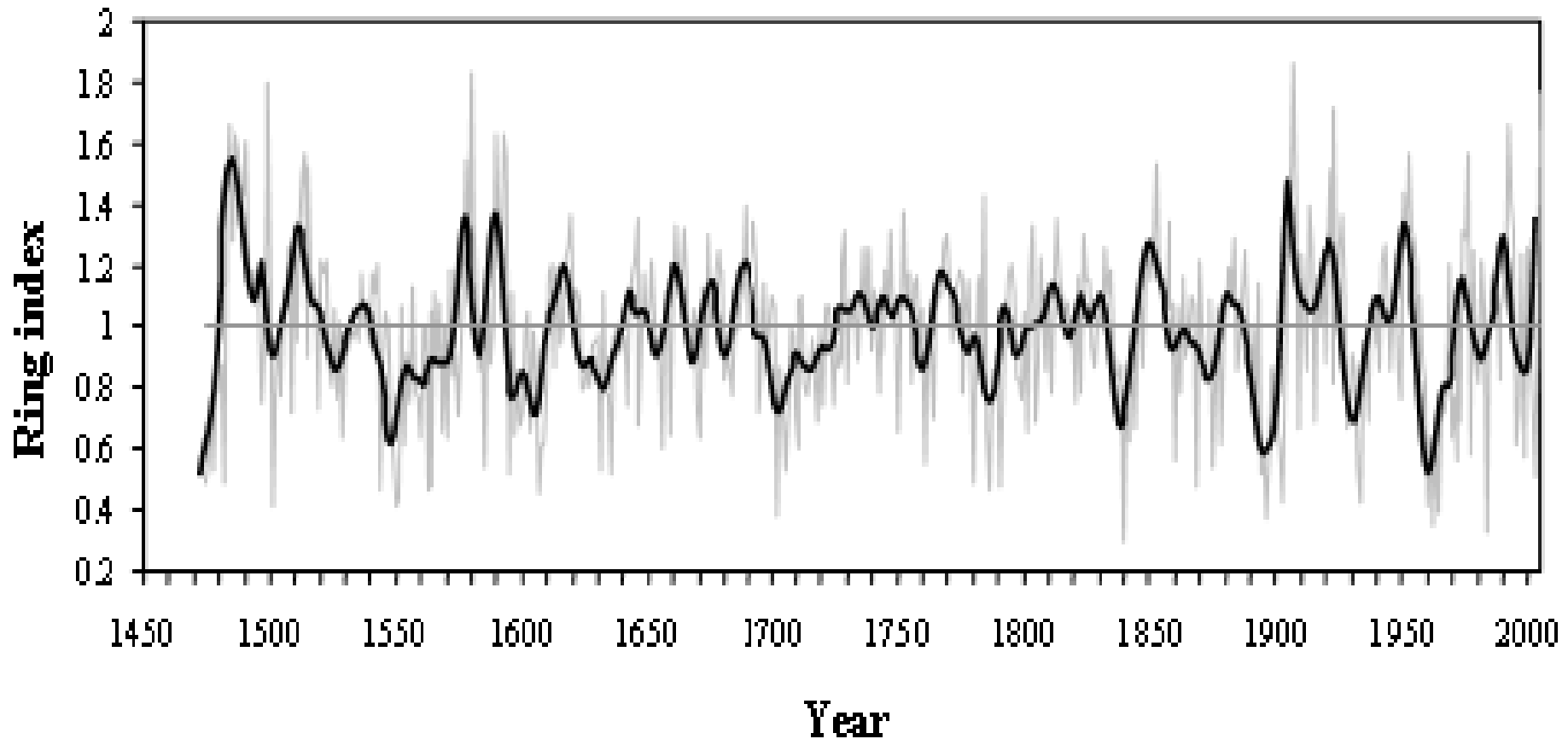




# Hurricane paths during 20iest century

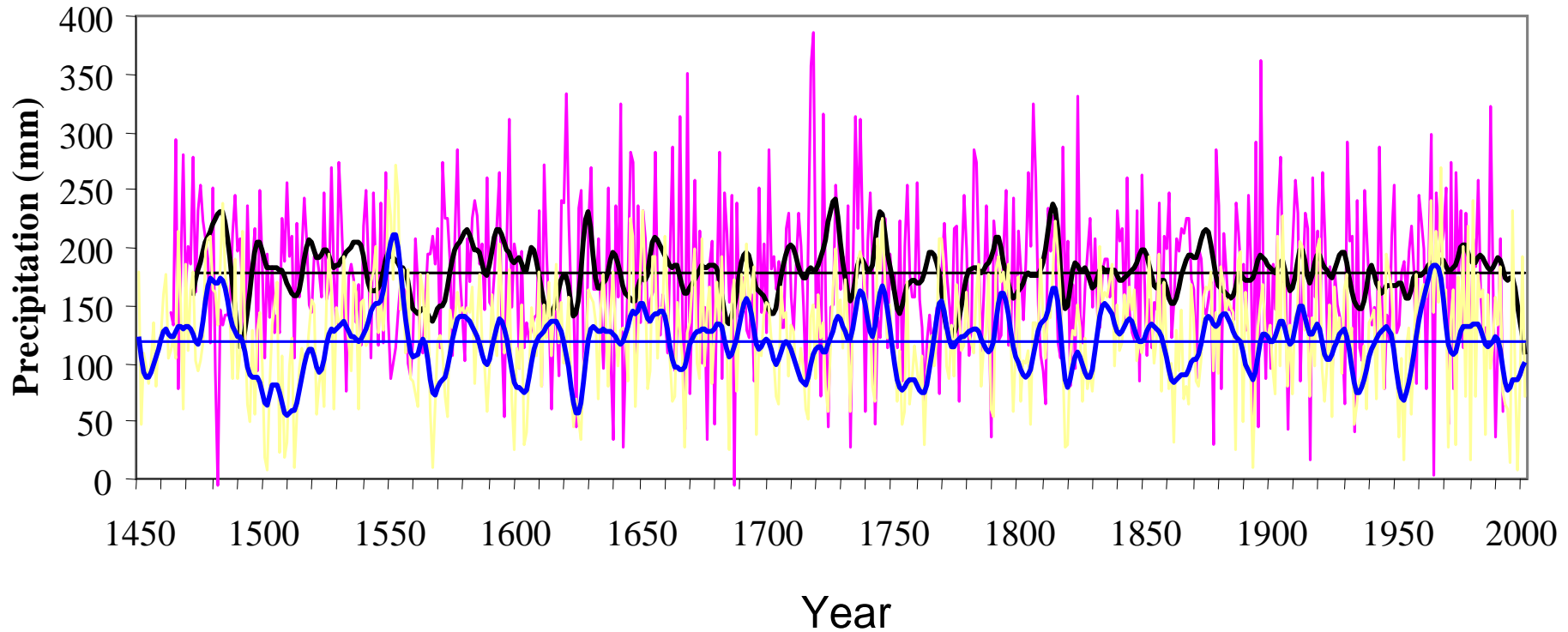


# Historical droughts: Tree rings



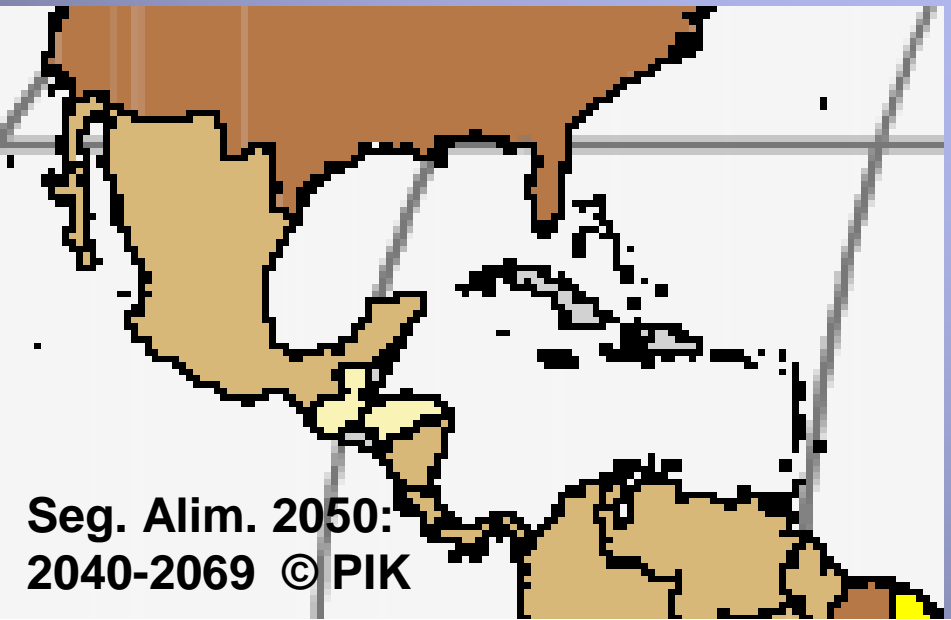
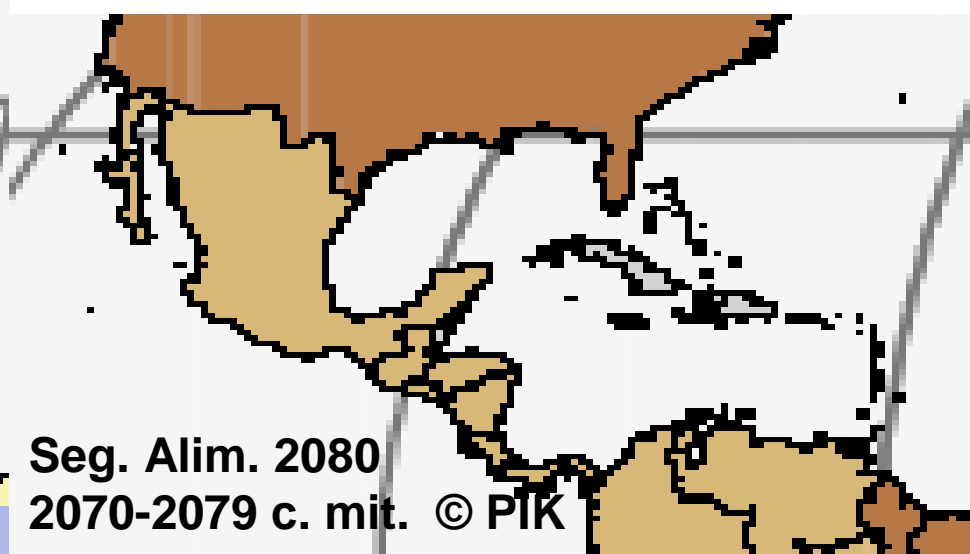
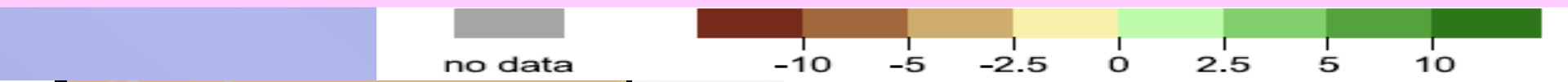
Source: Therrell et al., 2006

# Historical rainfall reconstruction



Magenta and yellow lines indicate annual rainfall variability for the northern state of **Chihuahua** and **Sonora** and Northern state of **Durango** and **Sinaloa** respectively. Black and blue lines are 10 years moving average of precipitation; horizontal lines shows mean annual rainfall. Data above the average are wet years and below are dry years (Villanueva et al., 2008).

# Projections of yield averages/ ha related to climate change: 2020, 2050, 2080 with & without mitigation



# Potential and real changes of temperature

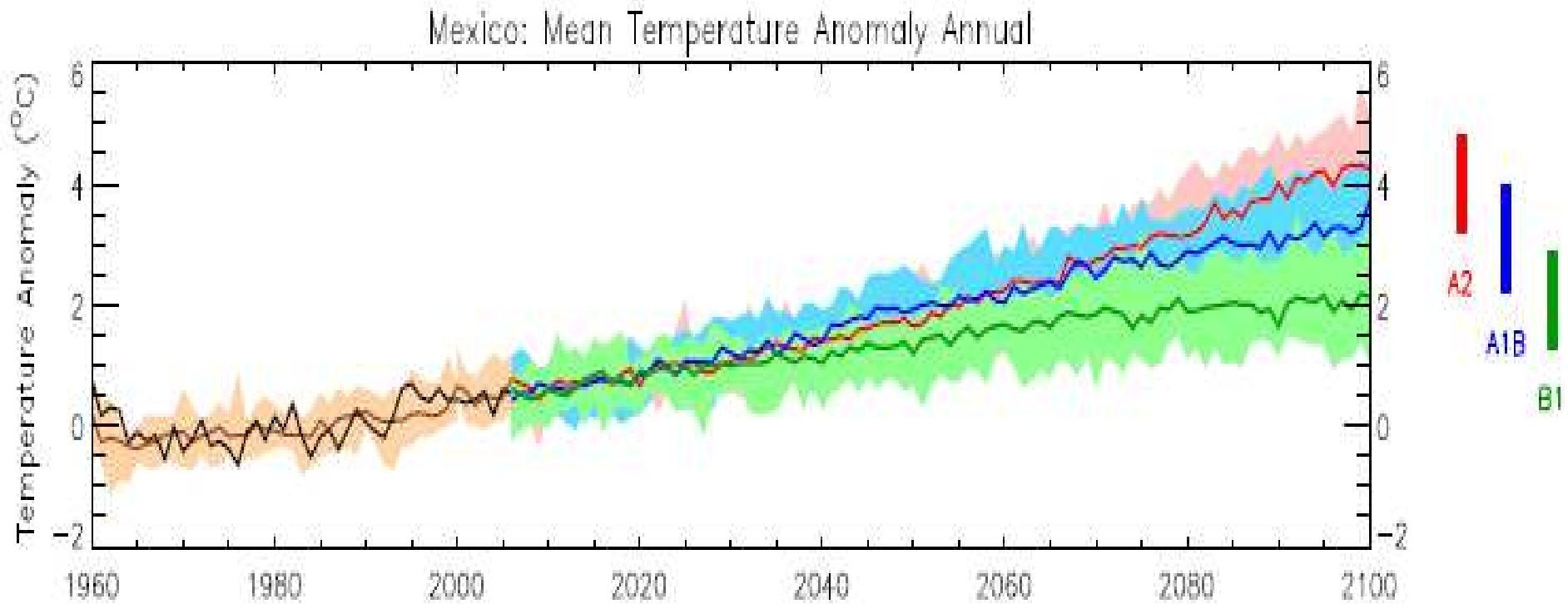
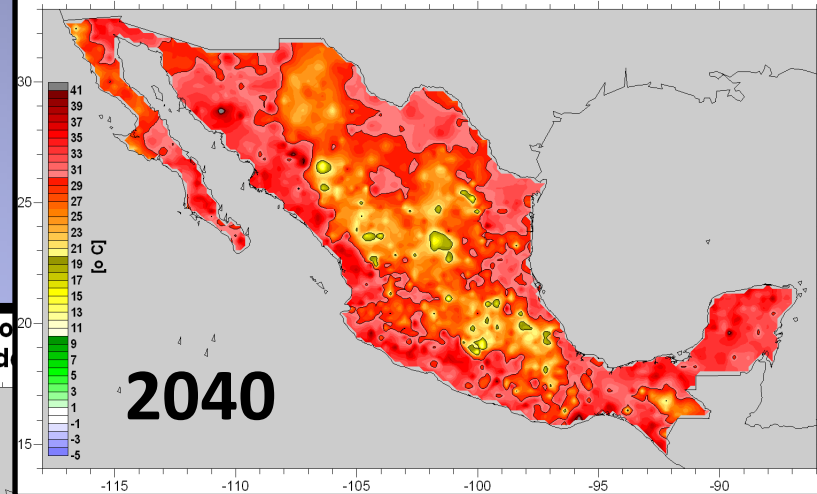


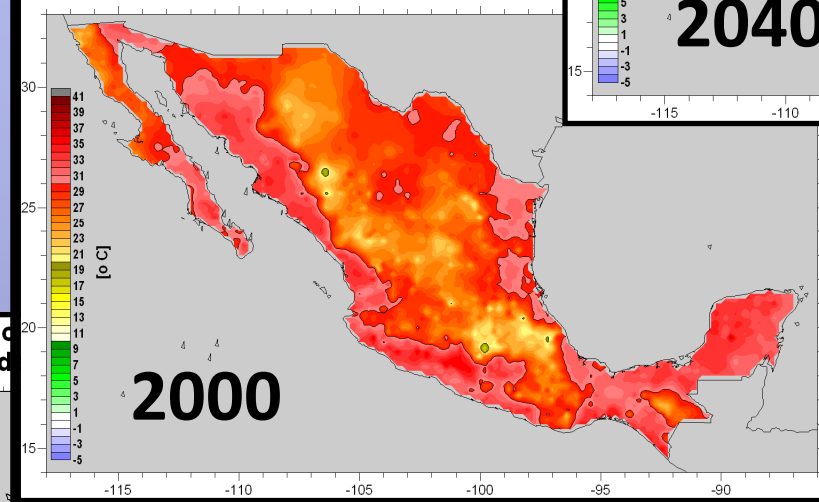
Figure 1: Trends in annual and seasonal mean temperature for the recent past and projected future. All values shown are anomalies, relative to the 1970-1999 mean climate. Black curves show the mean of observed data from 1960 to 2006, Brown curves show the median (solid line) and range (shading) of model simulations of recent climate across an ensemble of 15 models. Coloured lines from 2006 onwards show the median (solid line) and range (shading) of the ensemble projections of climate under three emissions scenarios. Coloured bars on the right-hand side of the projections summarise the range of mean 2090-2100 climates simulated by the 15 models for each emissions scenario.

# Higher temperature: droughts

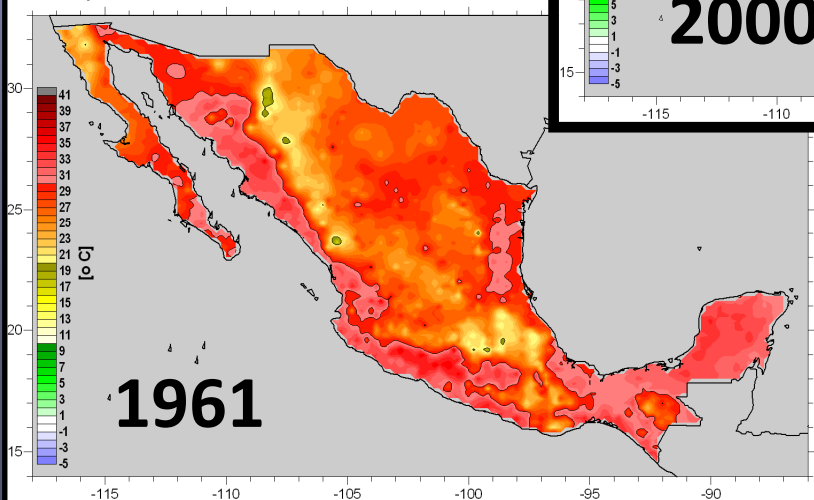
Temperatura máxima (promedio 365d) extrapolada al 2040  
(no datos directos, sino rectas de tendencia ajustadas)



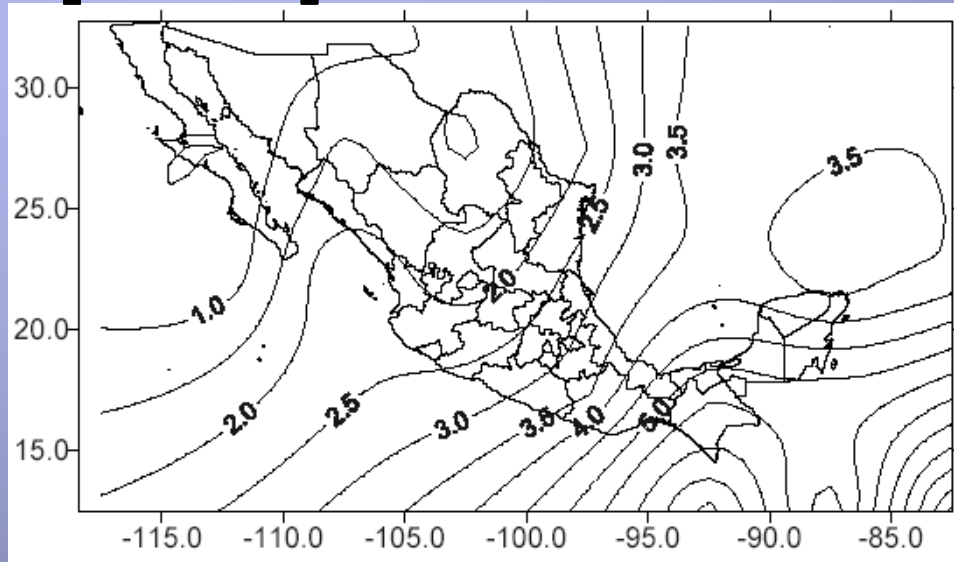
Situación de temperatura máxima (promedio 365d)  
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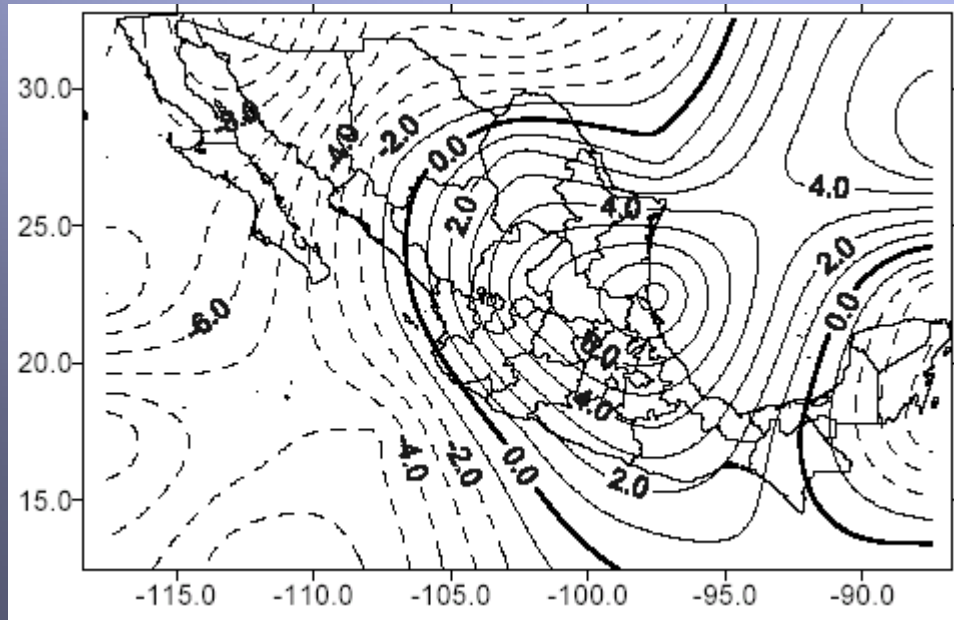
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# Potential changes in annual precipitation in Mexico for 2050

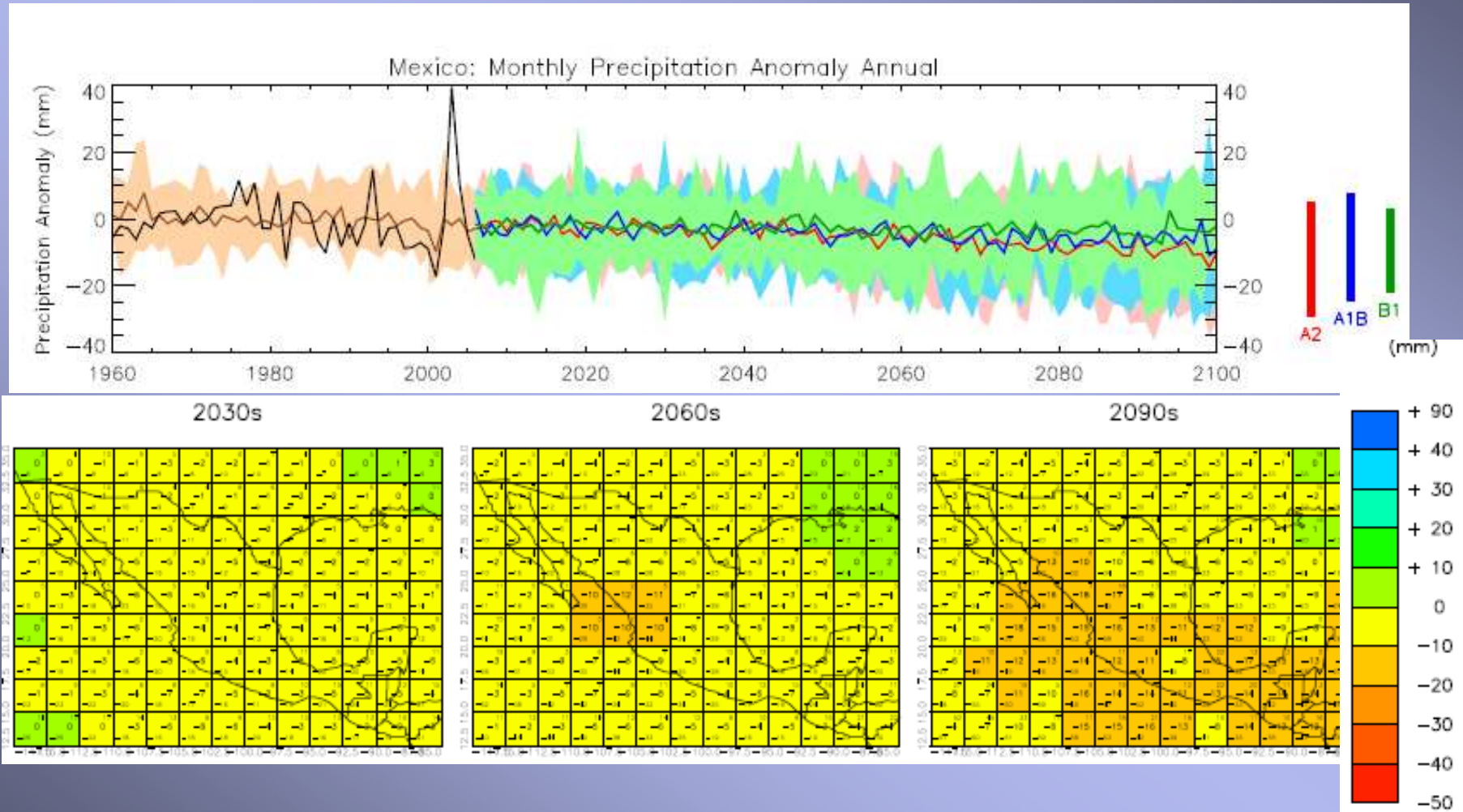


Scenario base  
(1961 – 1990) of  
average  
precipitation/year  
annual (mm/day)



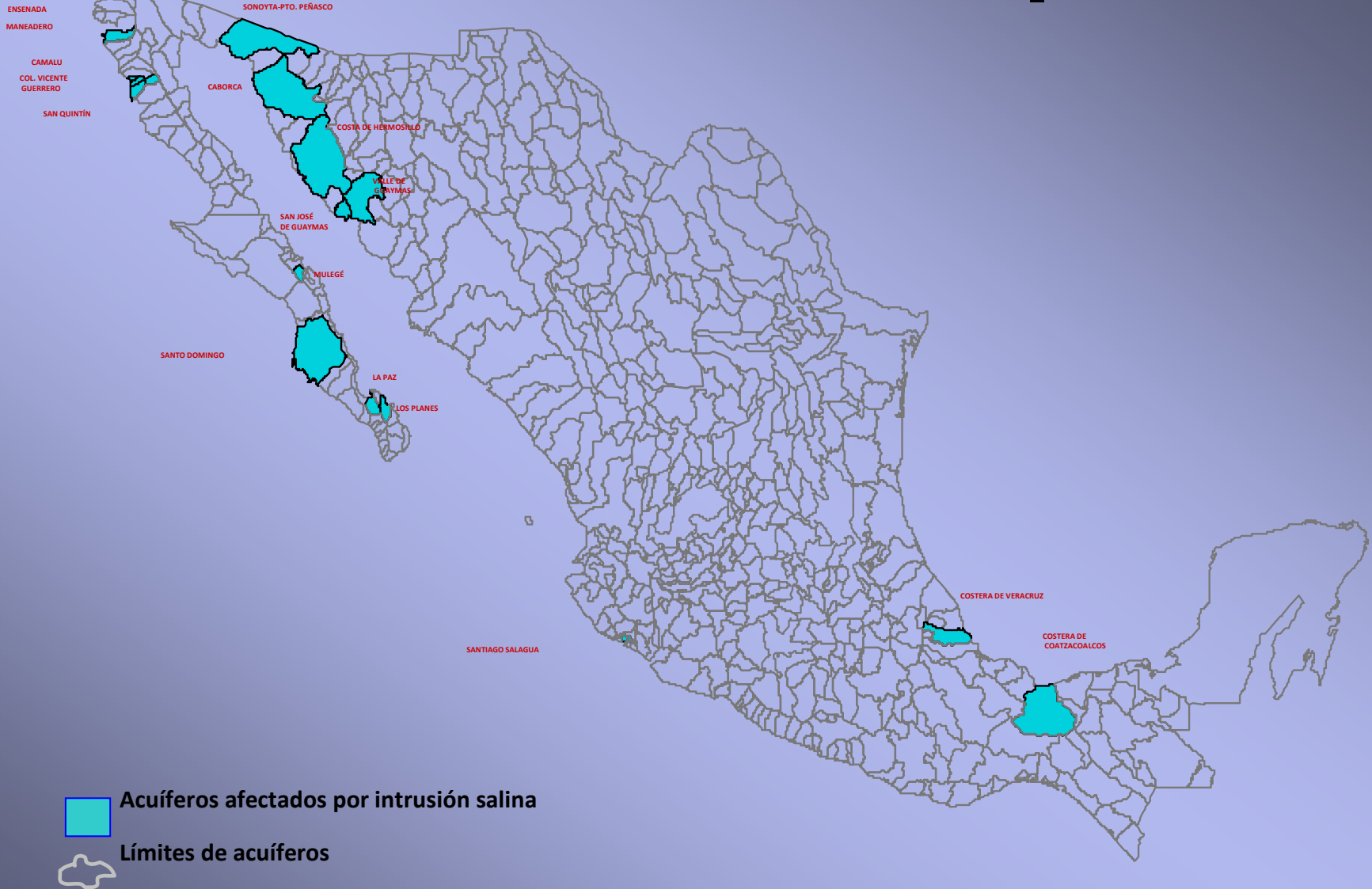
% of changes in average  
annual precipitation  
depending on medium  
sensitivity. The interrupted  
lines represent decrease.  
Model ECHAM4

# Precipitation anomalies

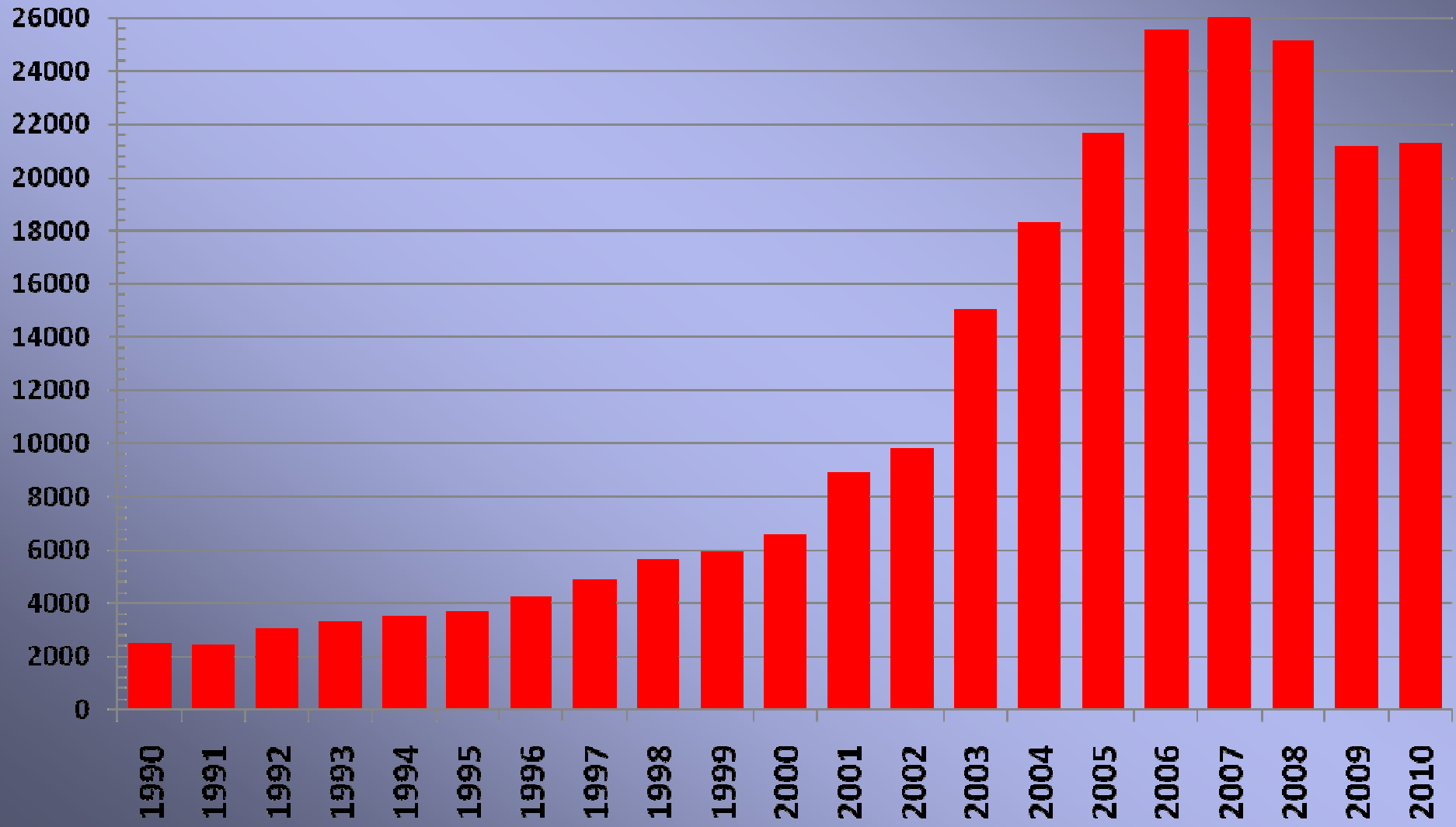




# Seawater intrusion in aquifers



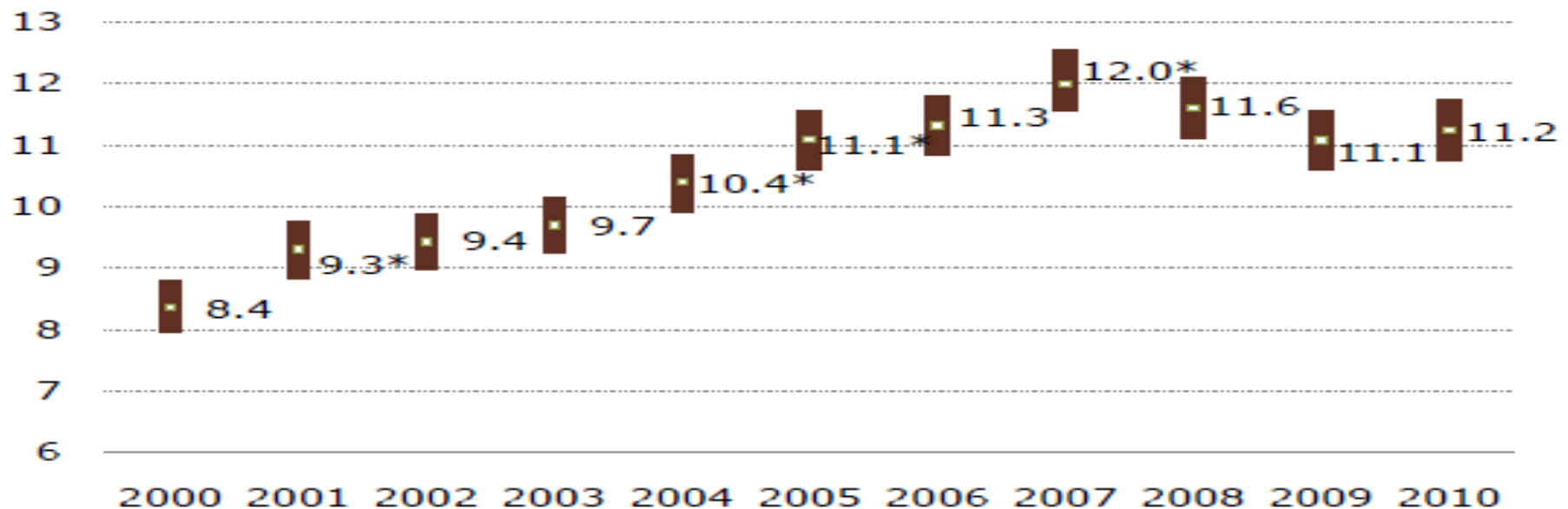
# 4. Economic security: remittances from the USA: 1990-2010



# 6. Financial crisis and migration

## Estimates of the U.S. Unauthorized Immigrant Population, 2000-2010

(millions)

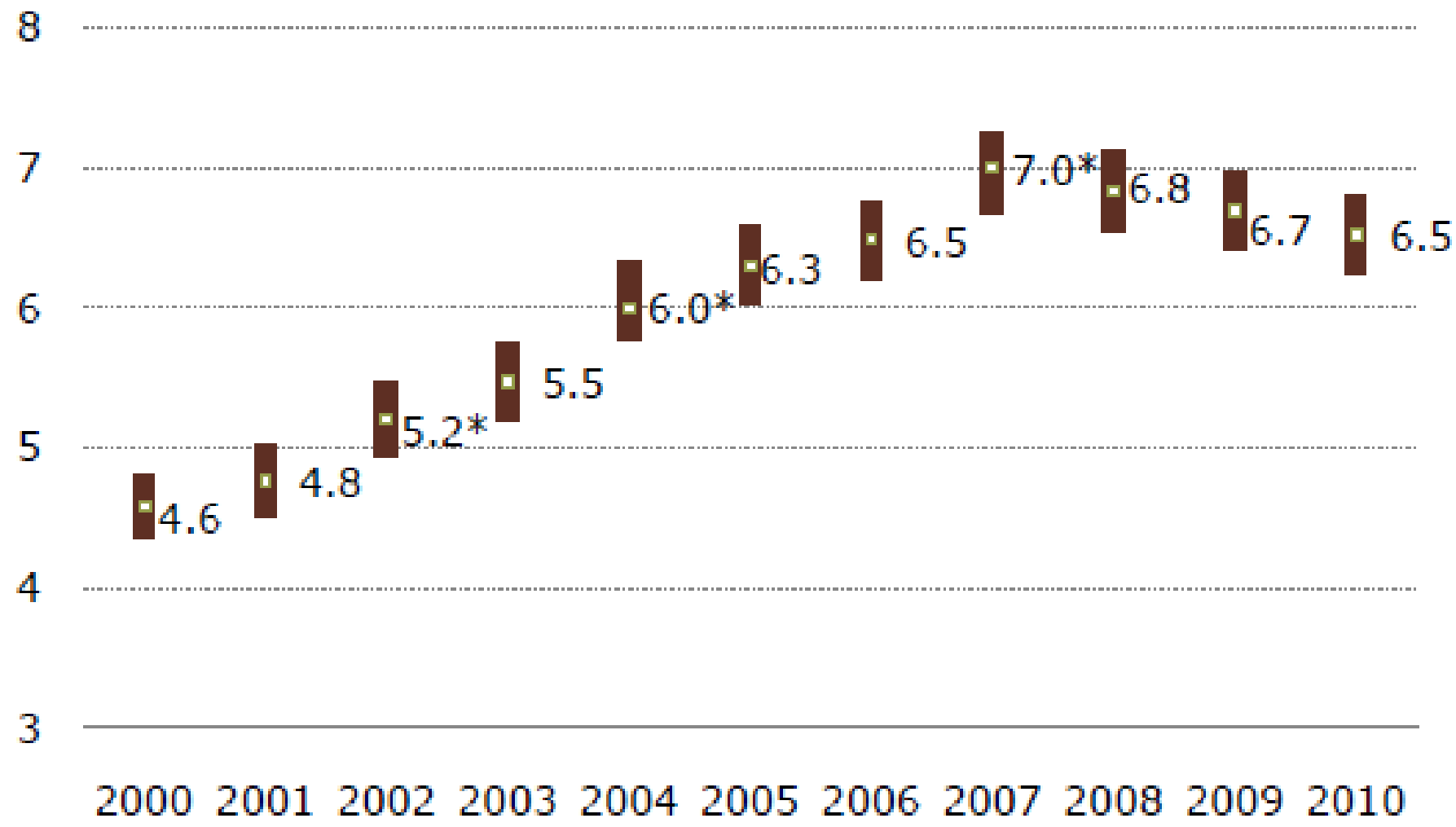


Notes: Bars indicate low and high points of the estimated 90% confidence interval. The symbol \* indicates the change from the previous year is statistically significant.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center estimates based on residual methodology applied to March Supplements to the Current Population Survey. See Methodology.

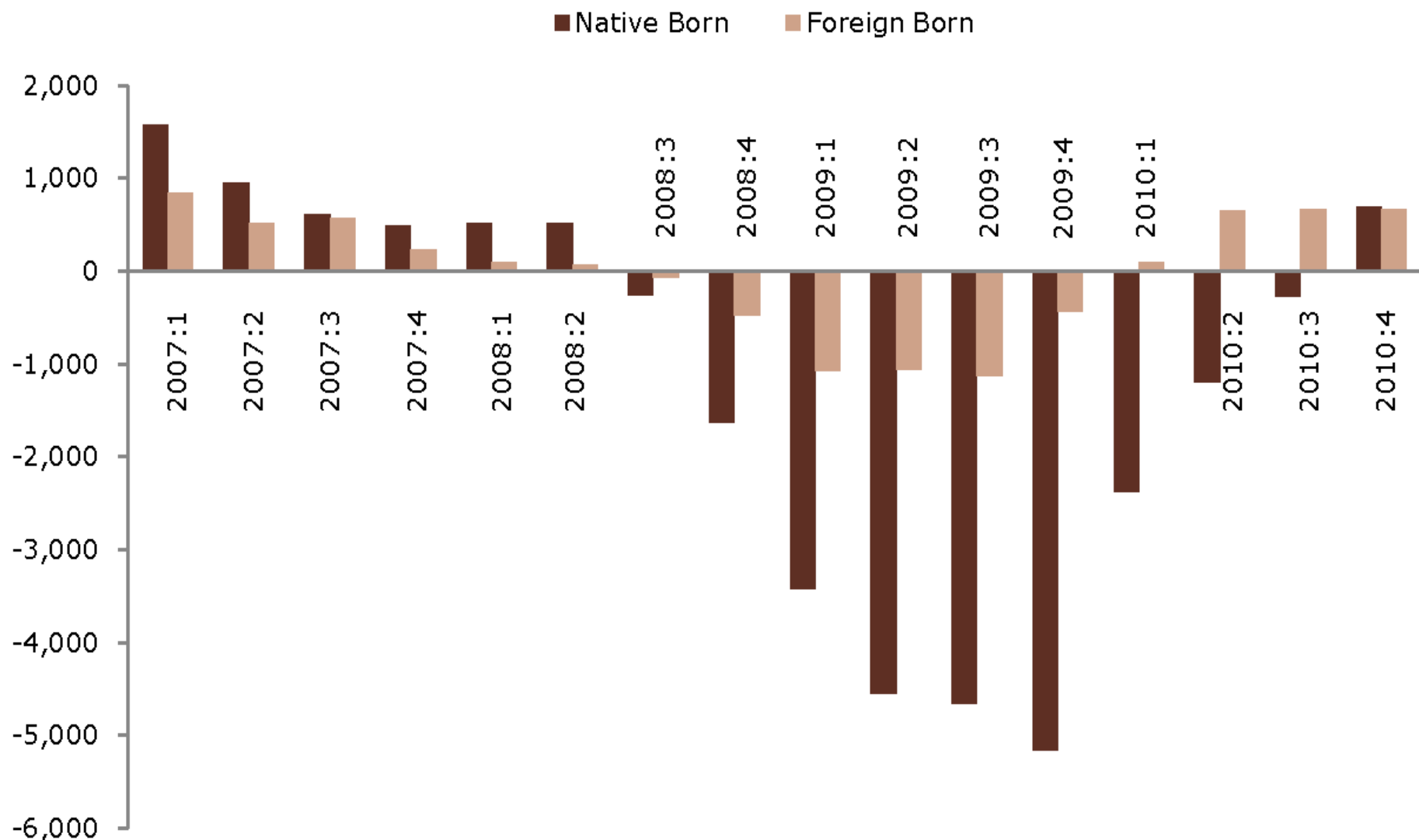
# Estimates of the U.S. Unauthorized Immigrant Population from Mexico, 2000-2010

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# Change in Employment Over the Same Quarter Last Year for Foreign-Born and Native-Born Workers, 2007 to 2010

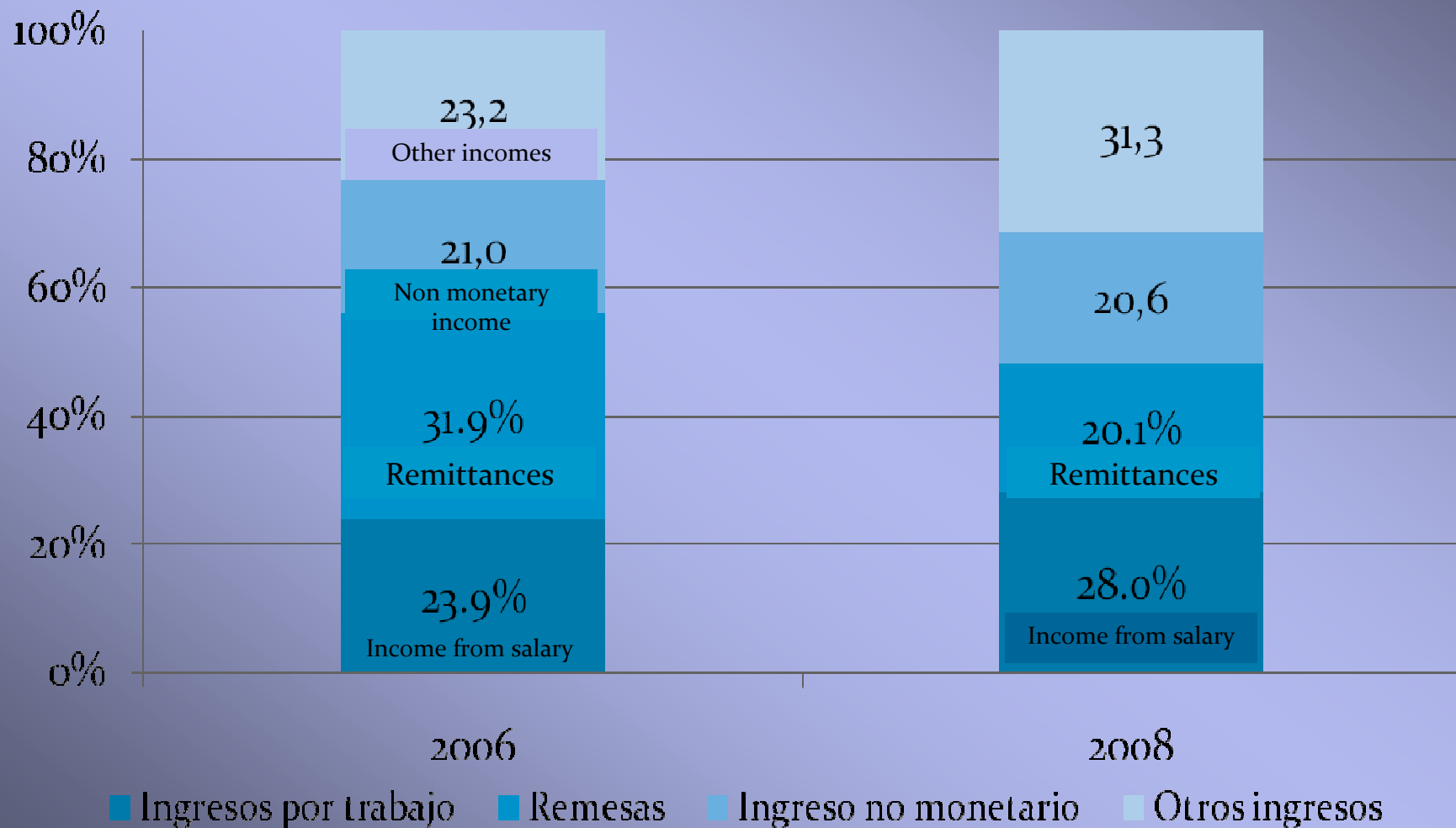
*(nonseasonally adjusted; ages 16 and older; numbers in thousands)*



Note: Data are adjusted to account for the effects of annual revisions to the CPS.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of Current Population Survey data

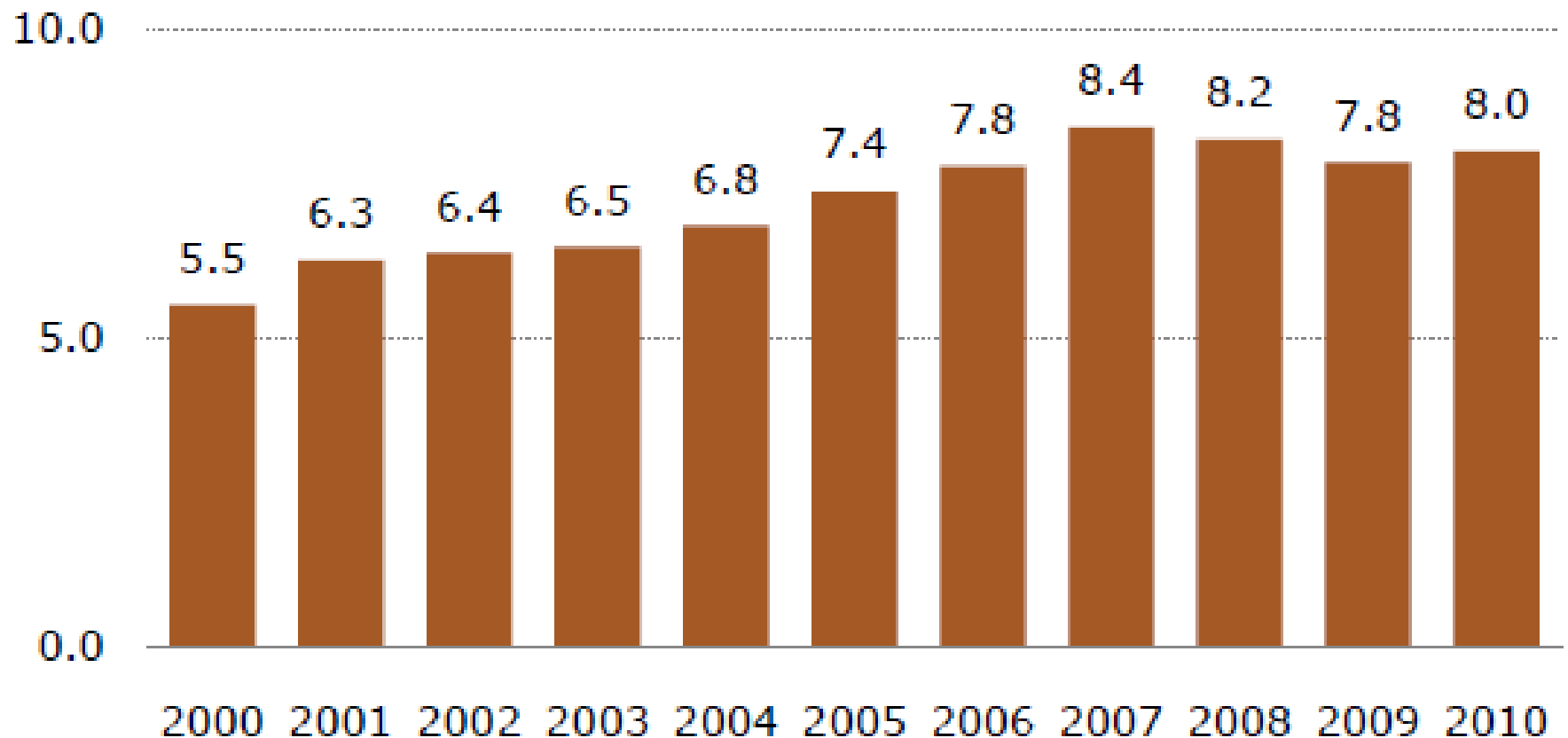
# Changes of remittances at family level: 2006 and 2008



Source: Fernando Lozano, elaborated on microdata from ENIGH, 2006 y 2008

# Unauthorized Immigrants in the U.S. Civilian Labor Force, 2000-2010

*(millions)*



Note: Includes employed and unemployed workers.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center estimates based on augmented March Supplements to the Current Population Survey. See Methodology.

# Some conclusive remarks

- An agreement between Mexico, Canada and USA with annually contingent of low qualified people that are legally accepted
- The trafficking of arms from the US to Mexico and the high US drug consumption and the money laundering in the USA, Canada and Mexico must be addressed
- Mexico: environmentally induced migration could decrease with rural development policy
- Cooperation between the USA, Canada and Mexico should support the weaker country as an ethical compensation for historical and current higher levels of green house gas emissions
- Prevailing Hobbesian mindset of military solution to migration reflect strategies of business as usual
- A wider human, gender and environmental security: a 'HUGE' security approach (Oswald 2009) reduces tensions, illegality and migration
- A new sustainability paradigm must be developed.
- A new worldview, mindset and policy require changes in thinking and action towards a fourth sustainability revolution.
- Sustainability in development and peace will be able to develop the sophisticated political strategies to address the causes of socioeconomic and environmental induced migration.





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