

Immigrants and Healthcare: Sources of vulnerability

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Individual characteristics that influence immigrants' vulnerability

Socioeconomic background

- Educational attainment
- Occupation
- Earnings
- SES in home country vs. in US

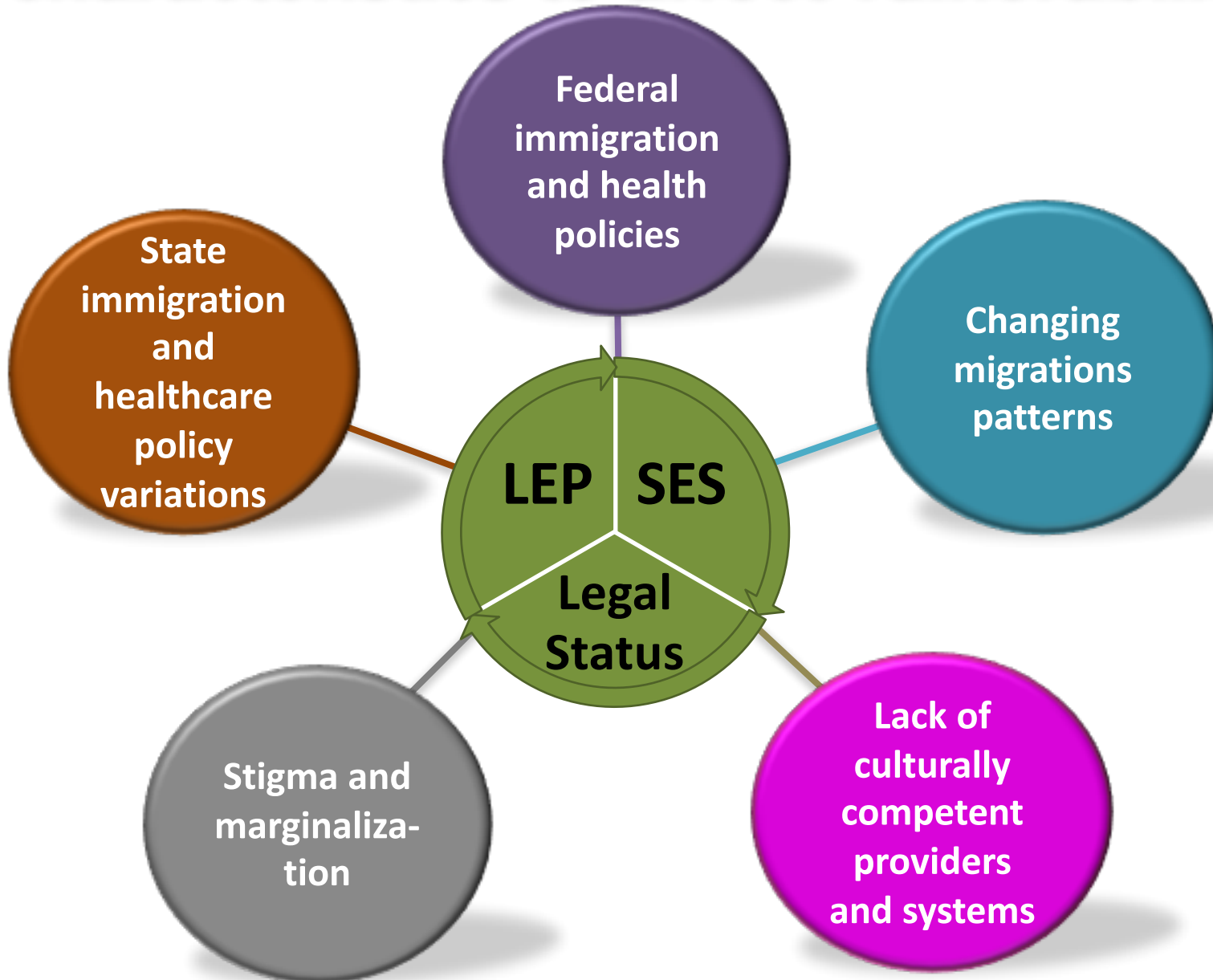
Immigration status

- Determines access to social services and jobs with benefits
- PRWORA (1996) had strong repercussions
- ACA (2010) continued these policies

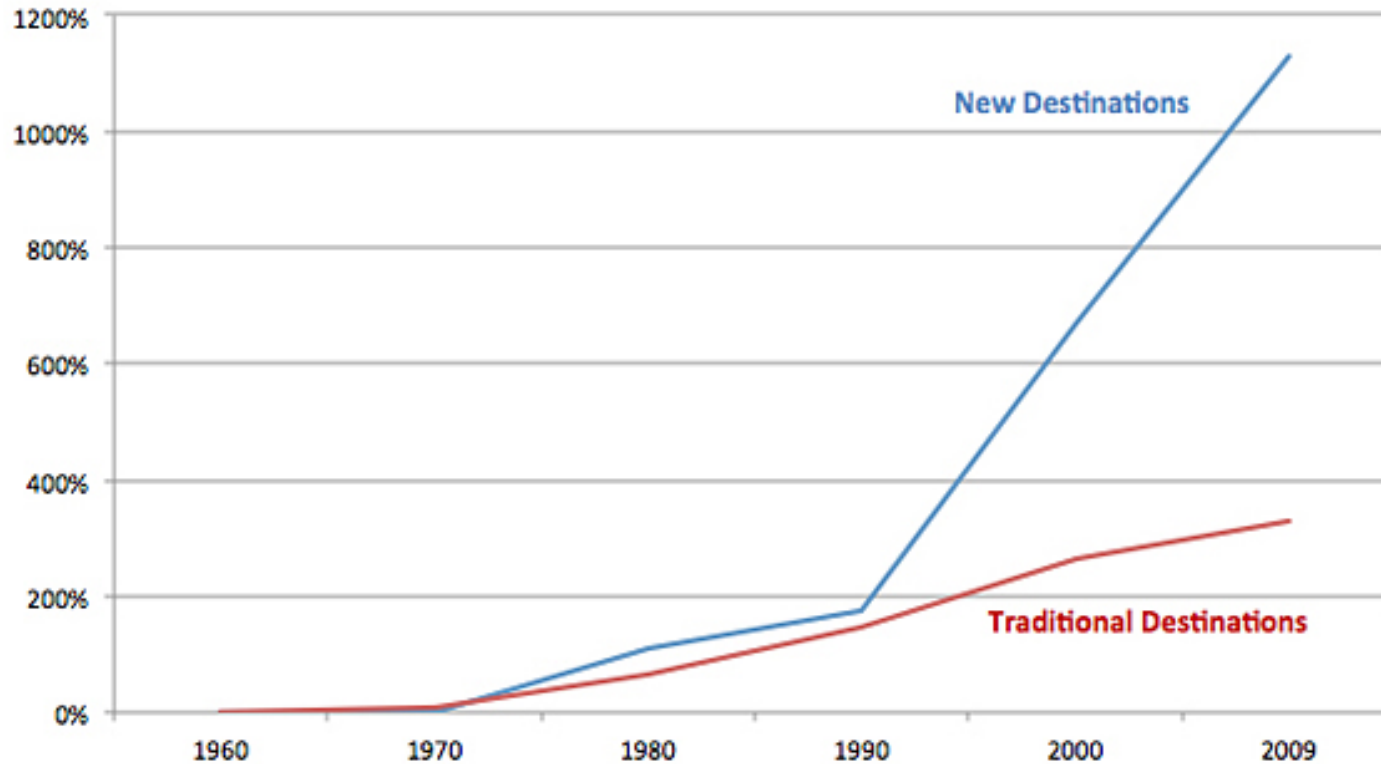
Limited English proficiency

- Affects healthcare access and quality
- Translates into negative effects on health

Structural factors interact with individual characteristics to affect vulnerability

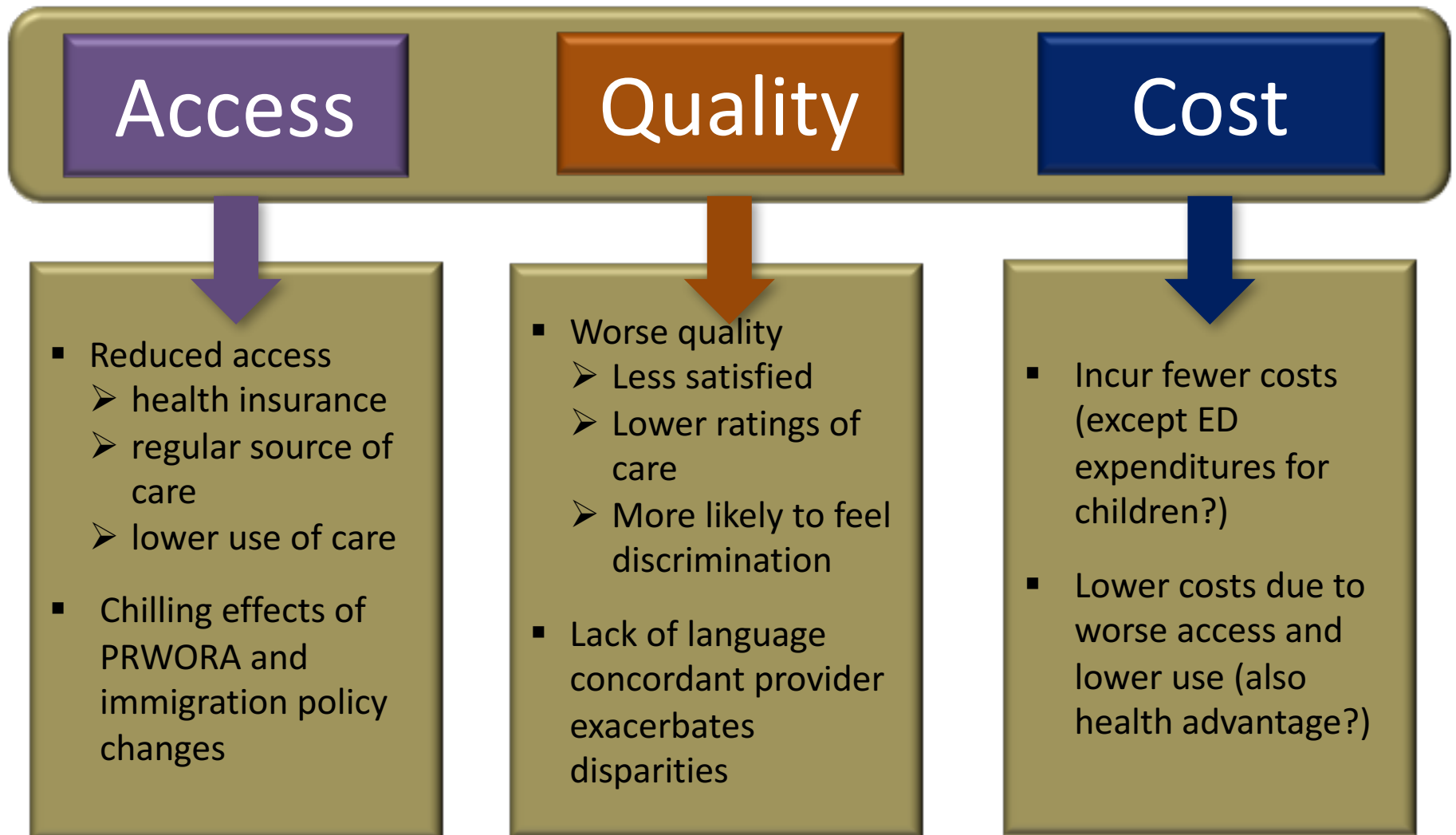


Growth in immigrants in new vs. traditional destinations

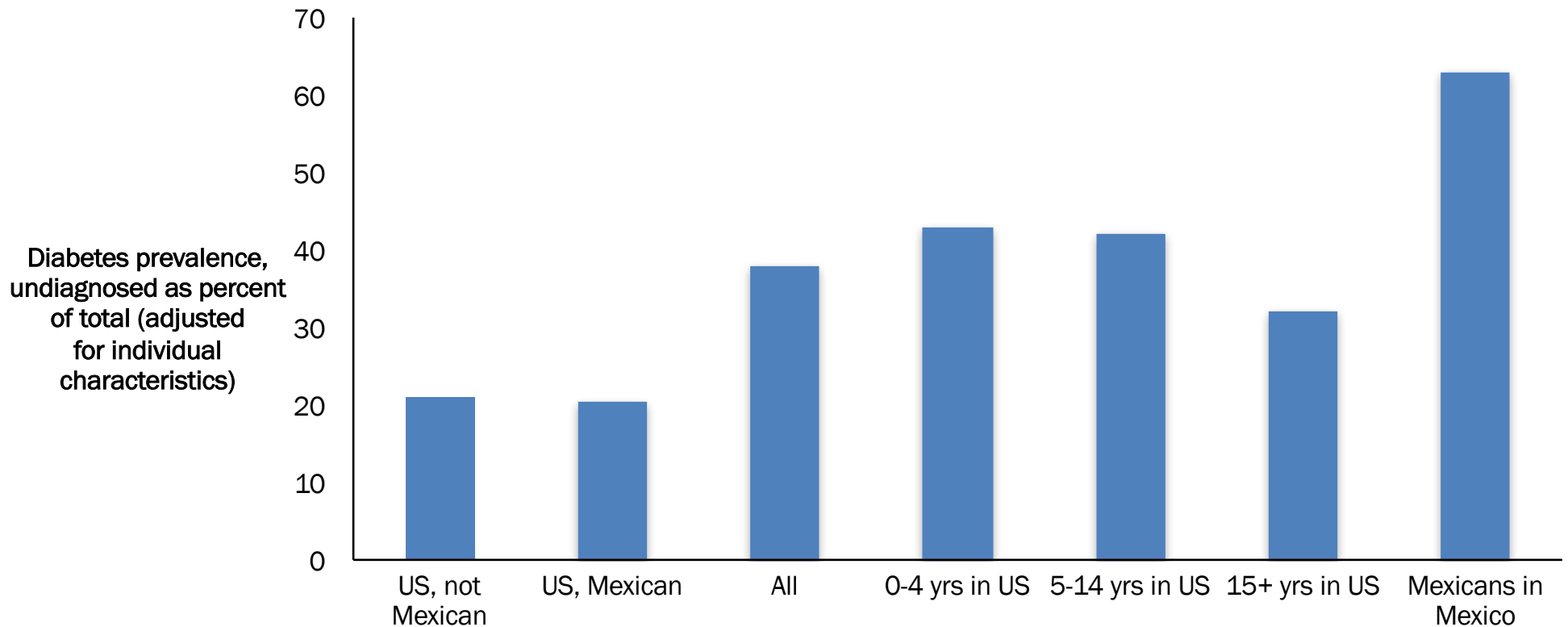


Source: www.migrationpolicy.org

How do immigrants' characteristics and structural factors affect immigrants' healthcare experiences?



Undiagnosed diabetes high among Mexican immigrants



Source: Barcellos et al. 2012

Implications

Health Policy

- Healthcare access and insurance expansions
- Access to language services
- Strengthening health safety net infrastructure in new destinations

Research

- Non-financial barriers to care
- Effects of immigration status/LEP on quality (especially processes)
- ACA implementation/repeal and effects on immigrants' healthcare and health outcomes





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