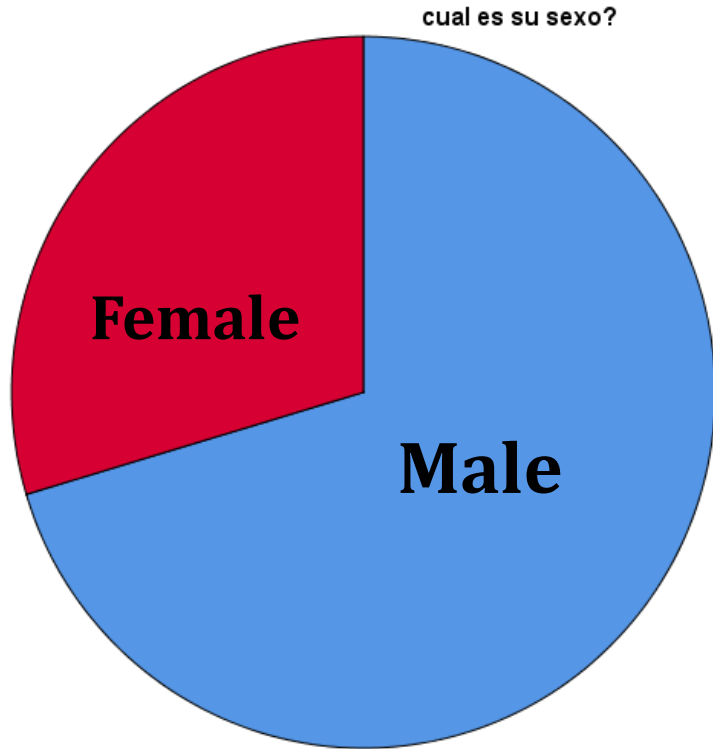


# Farmworkers in Northwest Iowa

## Part 2



# Farmworker Demographics – Human Capital



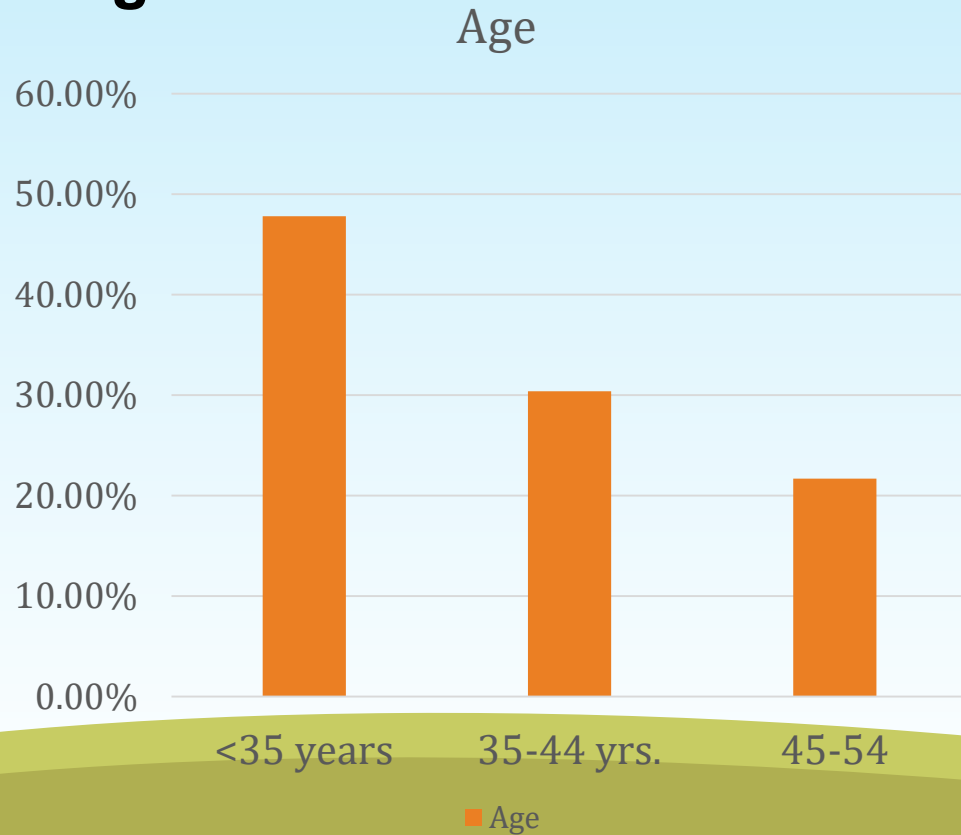
What sex are you?



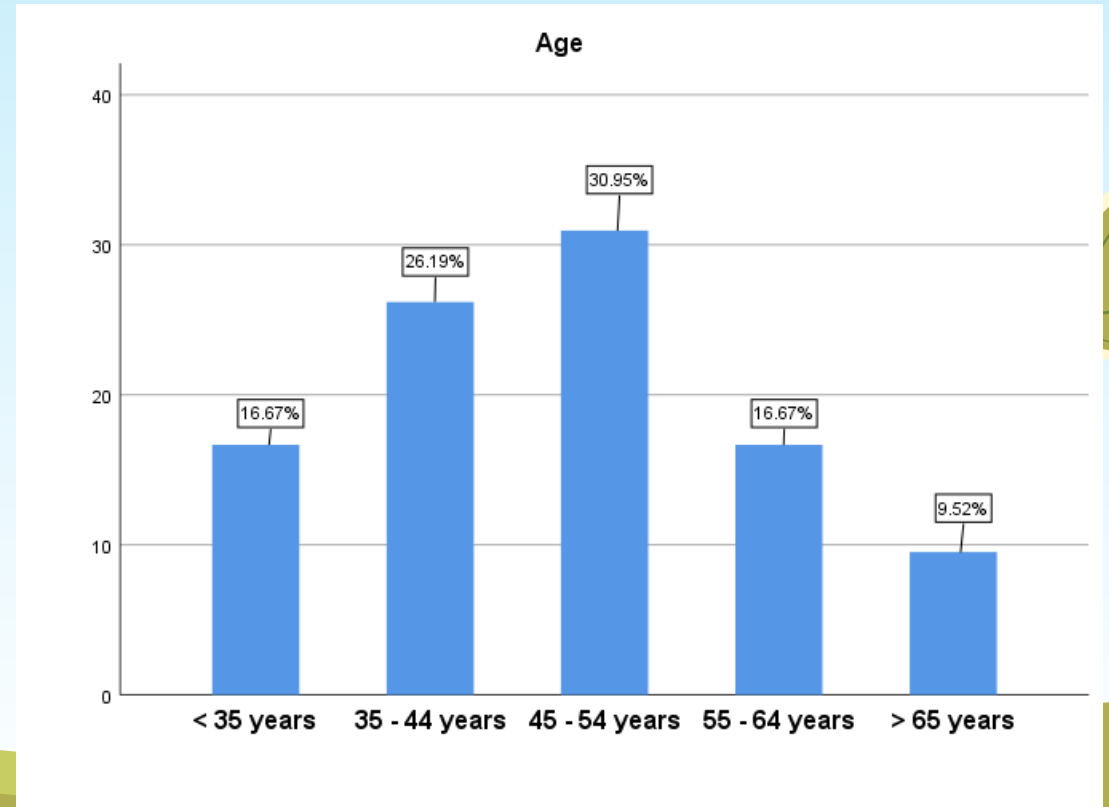
How many children live in the home?

# Human Capital: Age of farmworkers in Iowa and Latino farmers in Missouri

The median age of Iowa farmworkers is 36; the modal age is 28

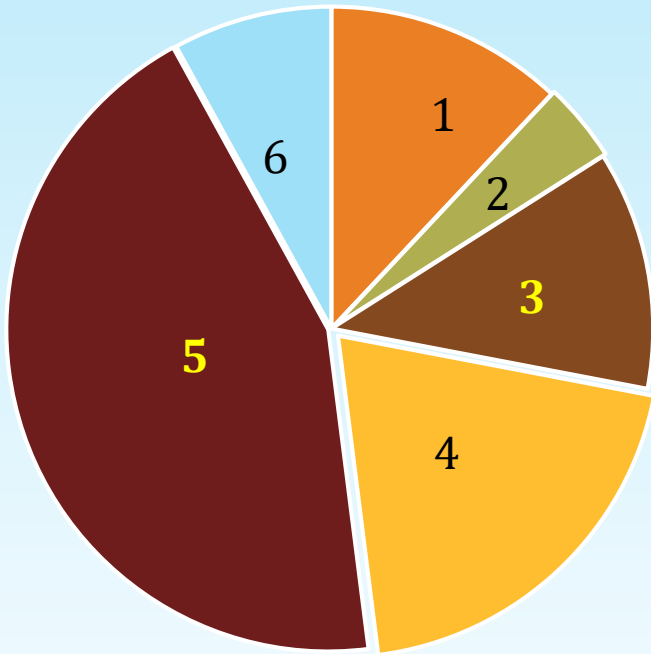


57% of Latino farmers in Missouri are between 35 and 54 years old



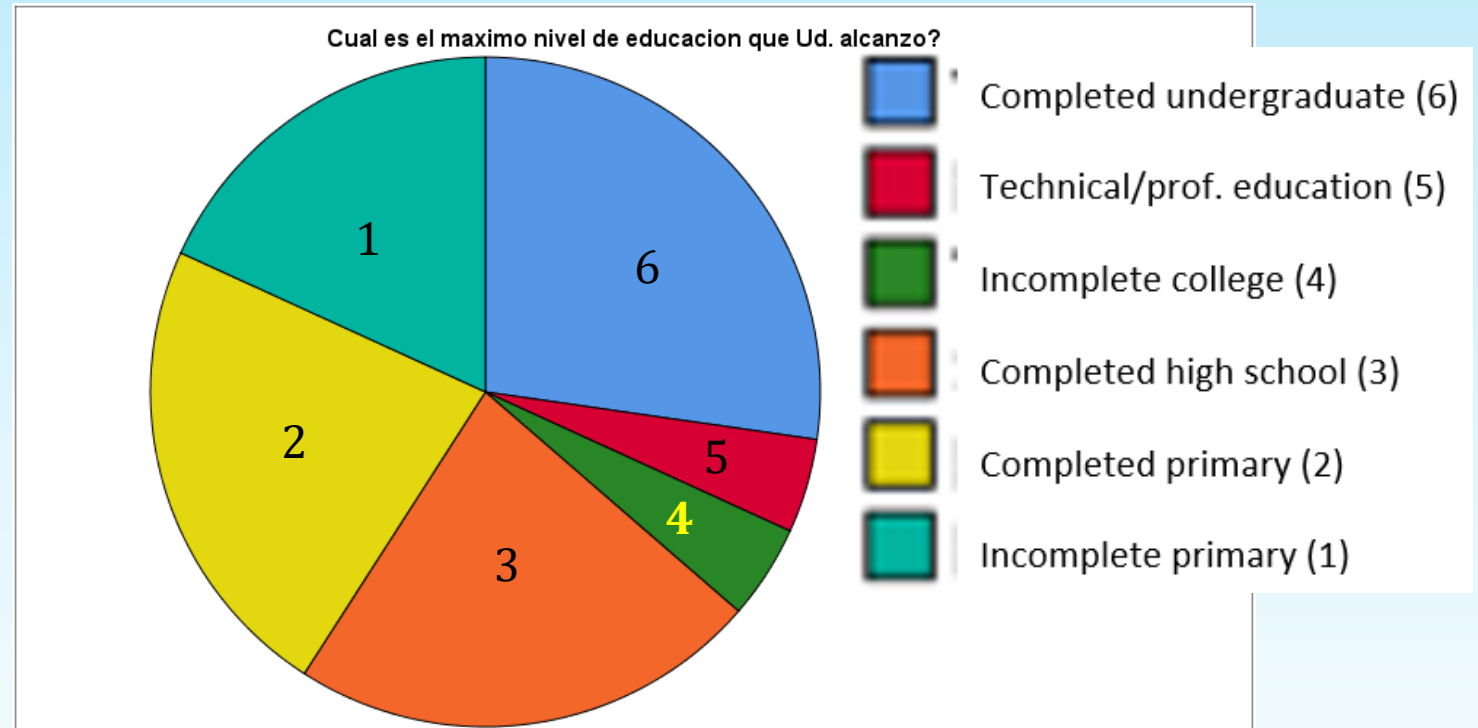
# Migratory Status and Education

## Your Migratory Status



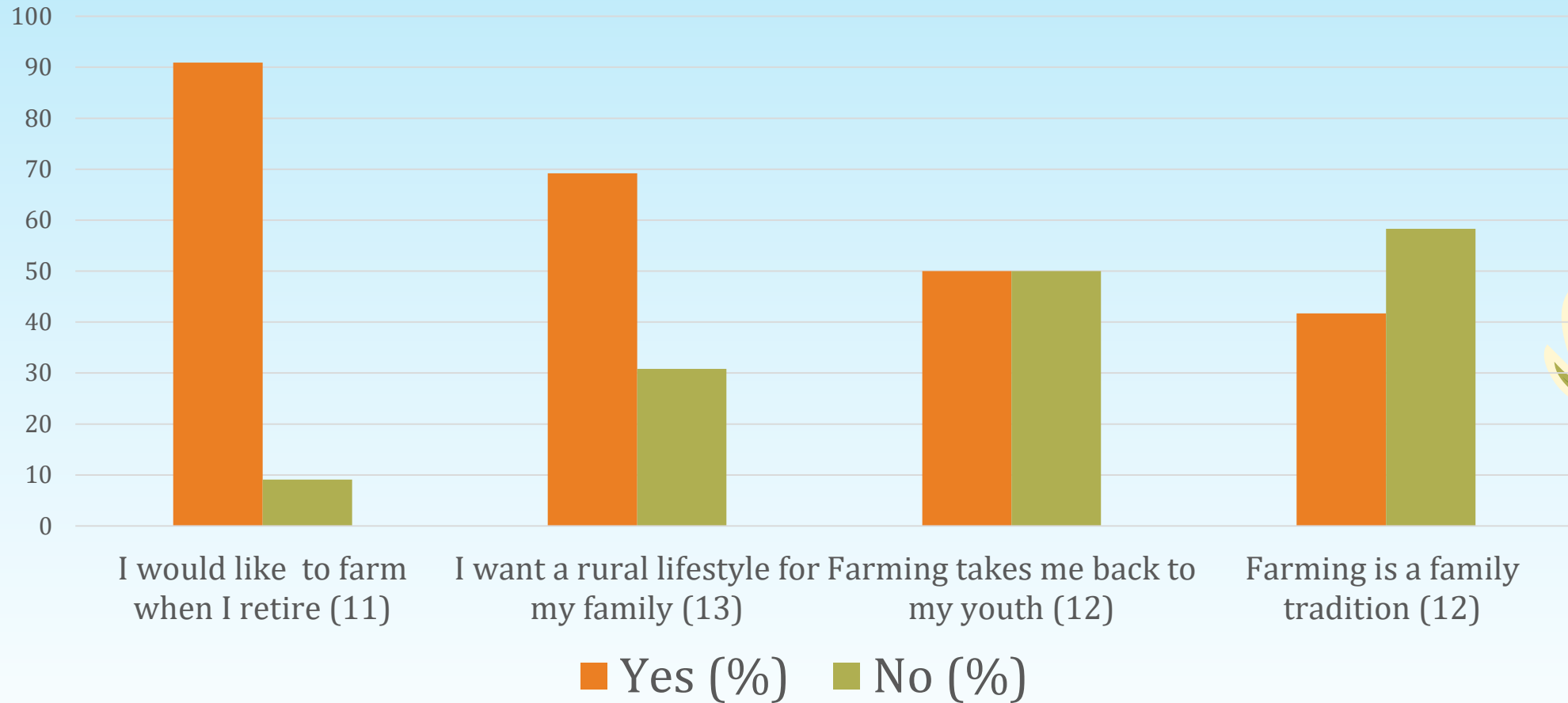
- Born in the US (1)
- Naturalized US citizen (2)
- Lawful Permanent Resident - Green Card (3)
- Temporary Resident (DACA, TPS) (4)
- Other status (5)
- No answer (6)

## What is the highest level of education that you attained?

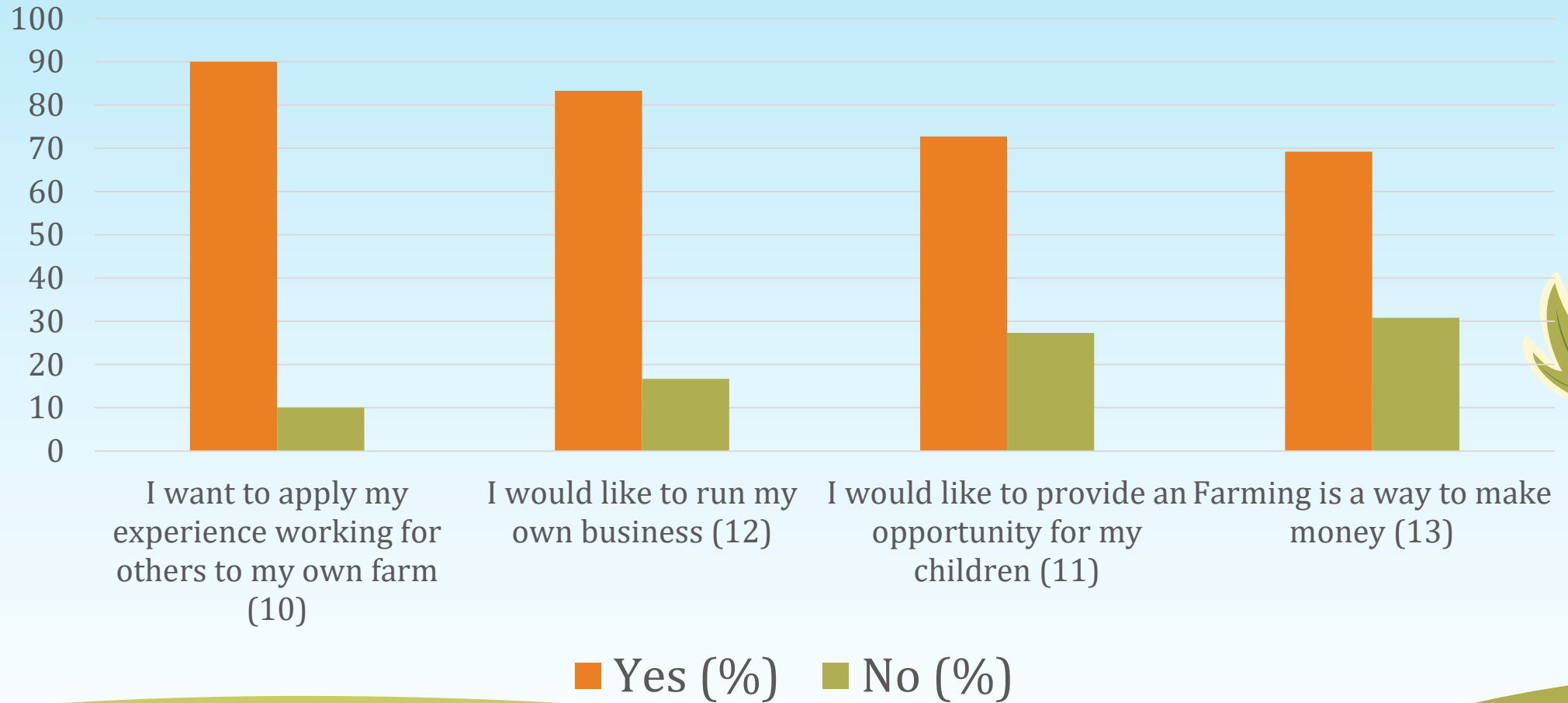


- Completed undergraduate (6)
- Technical/prof. education (5)
- Incomplete college (4)
- Completed high school (3)
- Completed primary (2)
- Incomplete primary (1)

# Why would you like to farm? Community and family reasons (Cultural Capital)

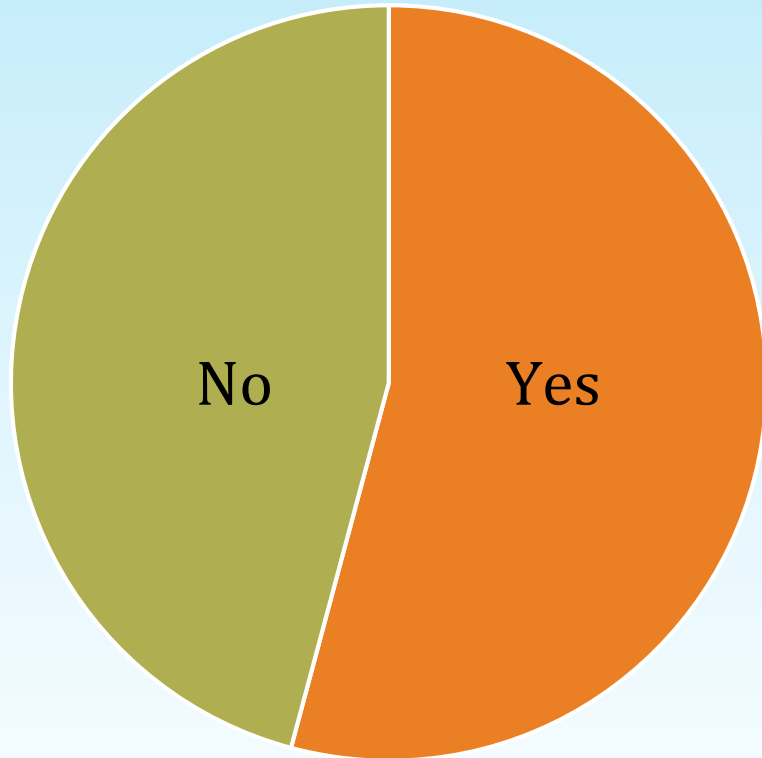


# Why would you like to farm? Commercial reasons (Financial Capital)

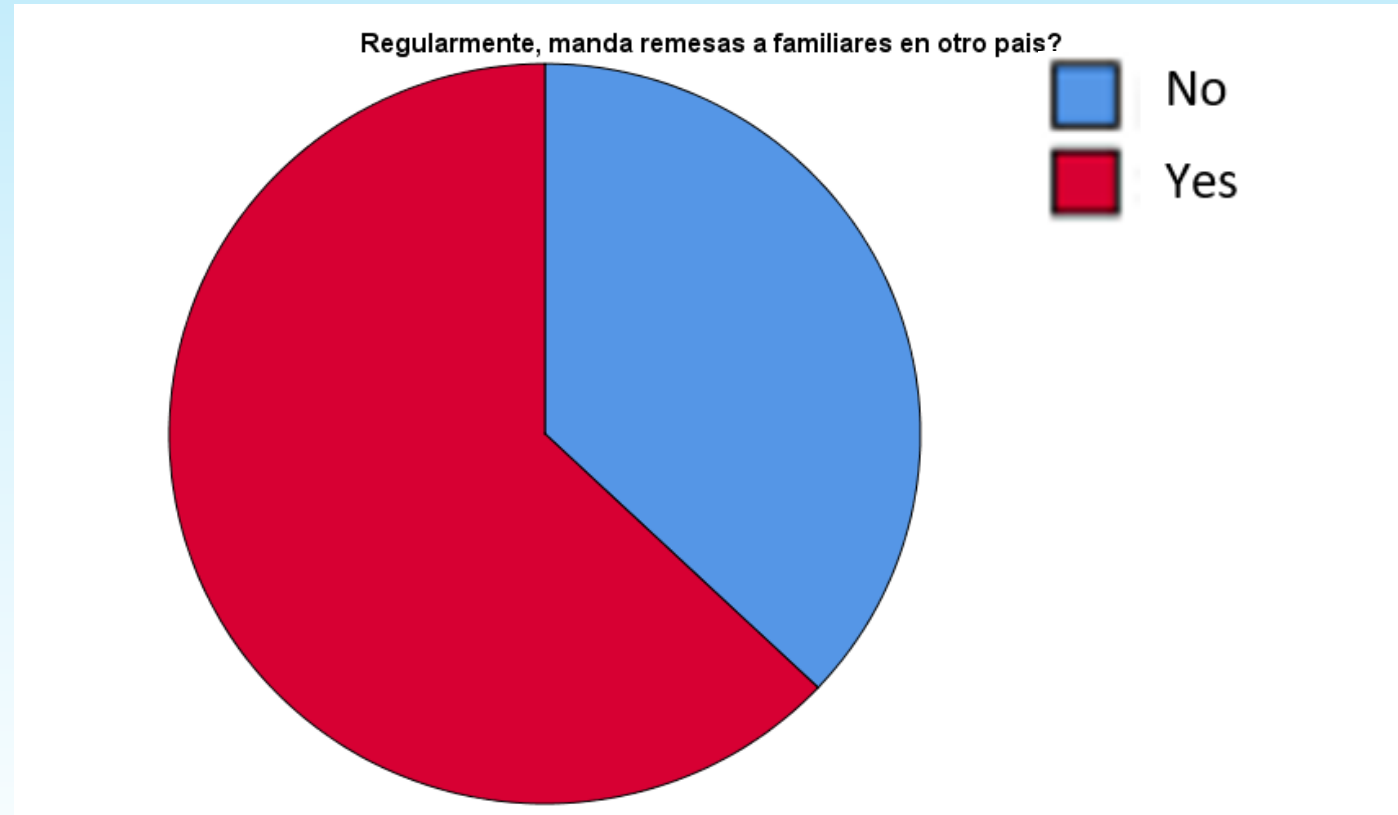


# Financial capital: Savings

Are you saving money for specific goals of your household?

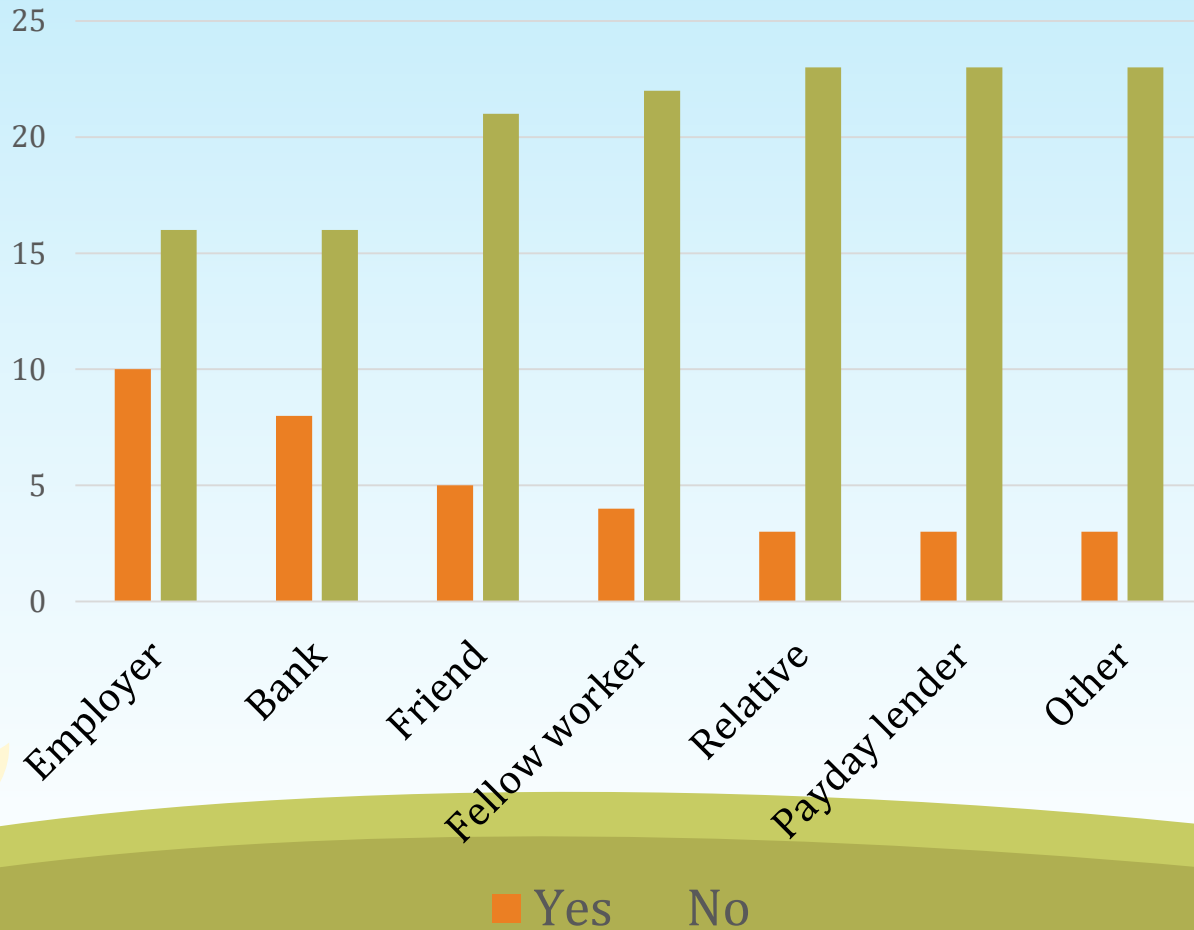


Do you regularly send remittances to family members in another country?

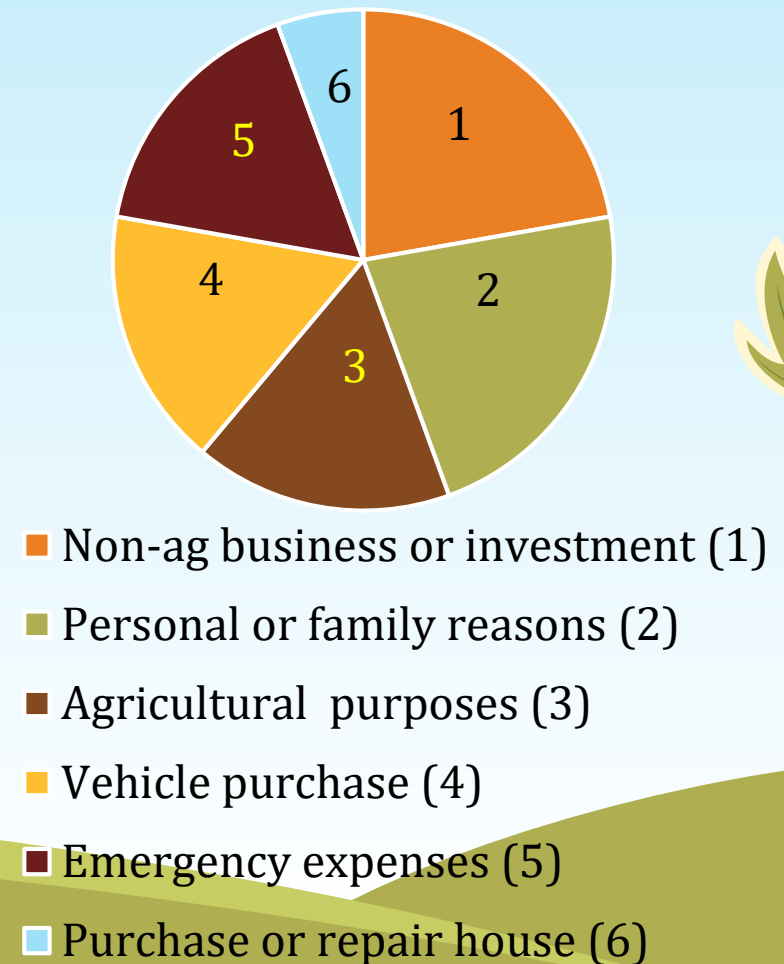


# Sources and Uses of Financial Capital

Farmworkers receiving loans in the past five years by source

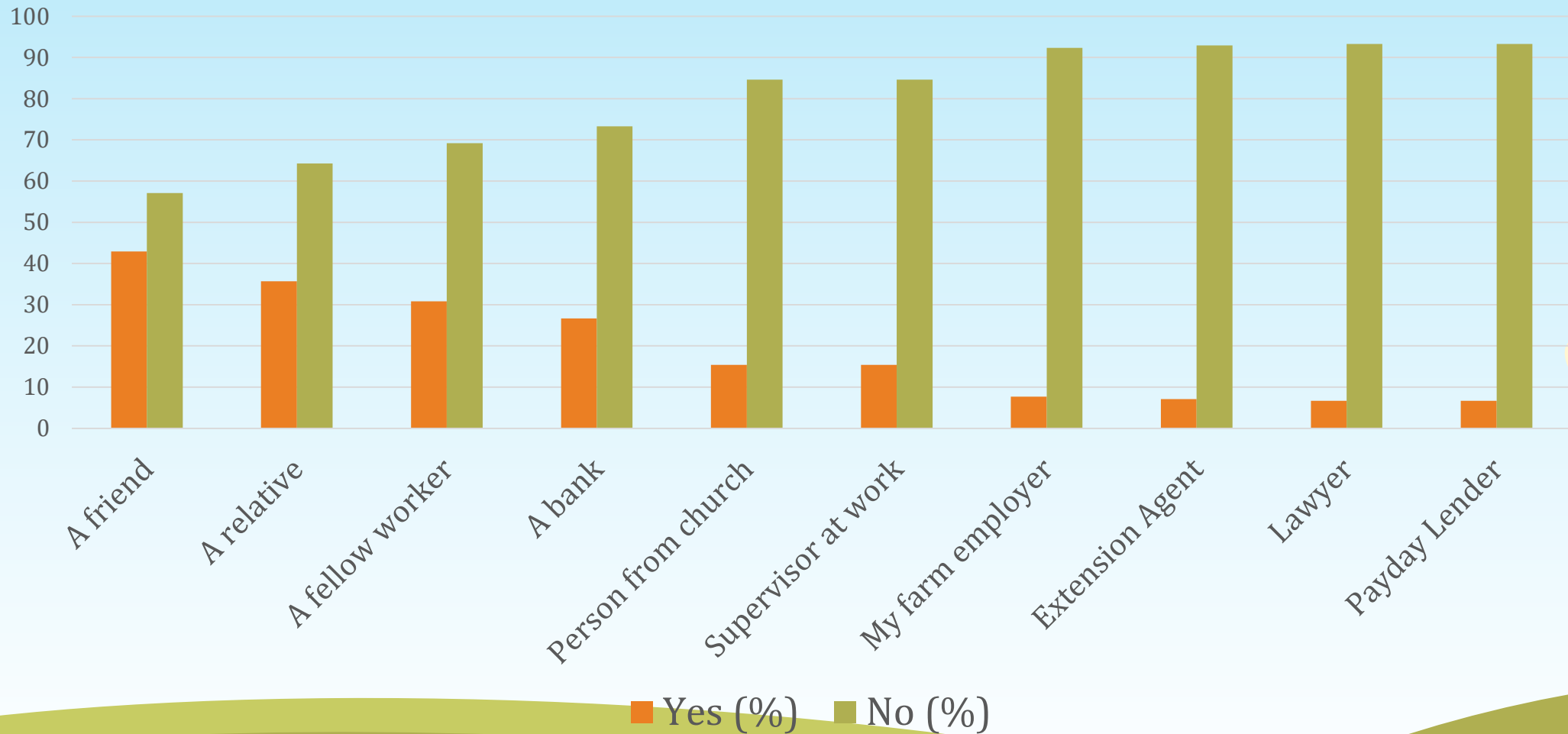


What was your purpose in seeking these loans?









# Social Capital: Who would you go to if you wanted to start your own business?









# COVID-19, meatpacking workers, and farmworkers

- Meatpackers were slow to apply measures to slow the spread of COVID-19
  - In Iowa, Latinos make up 6.2% of the population, but 22.8% of the cases of COVID-19
  - The press reflected concerns of CAFOs about euthanizing hogs, chickens, and perhaps even fat cattle, and concerns about wellbeing of CAFO operators; concerns about the workers were slower in coming.
  - Politicians took the word of the large national and international meatpackers that they had the situation “under control.”
  - Impacts on Sioux County which has lots of farmworkers, small specialty packing plants, and mostly agriculturally-related small manufacturing plants, have so far been modest: there are 8 COVID-19 cases confirmed in Sioux County; no deaths have been reported.
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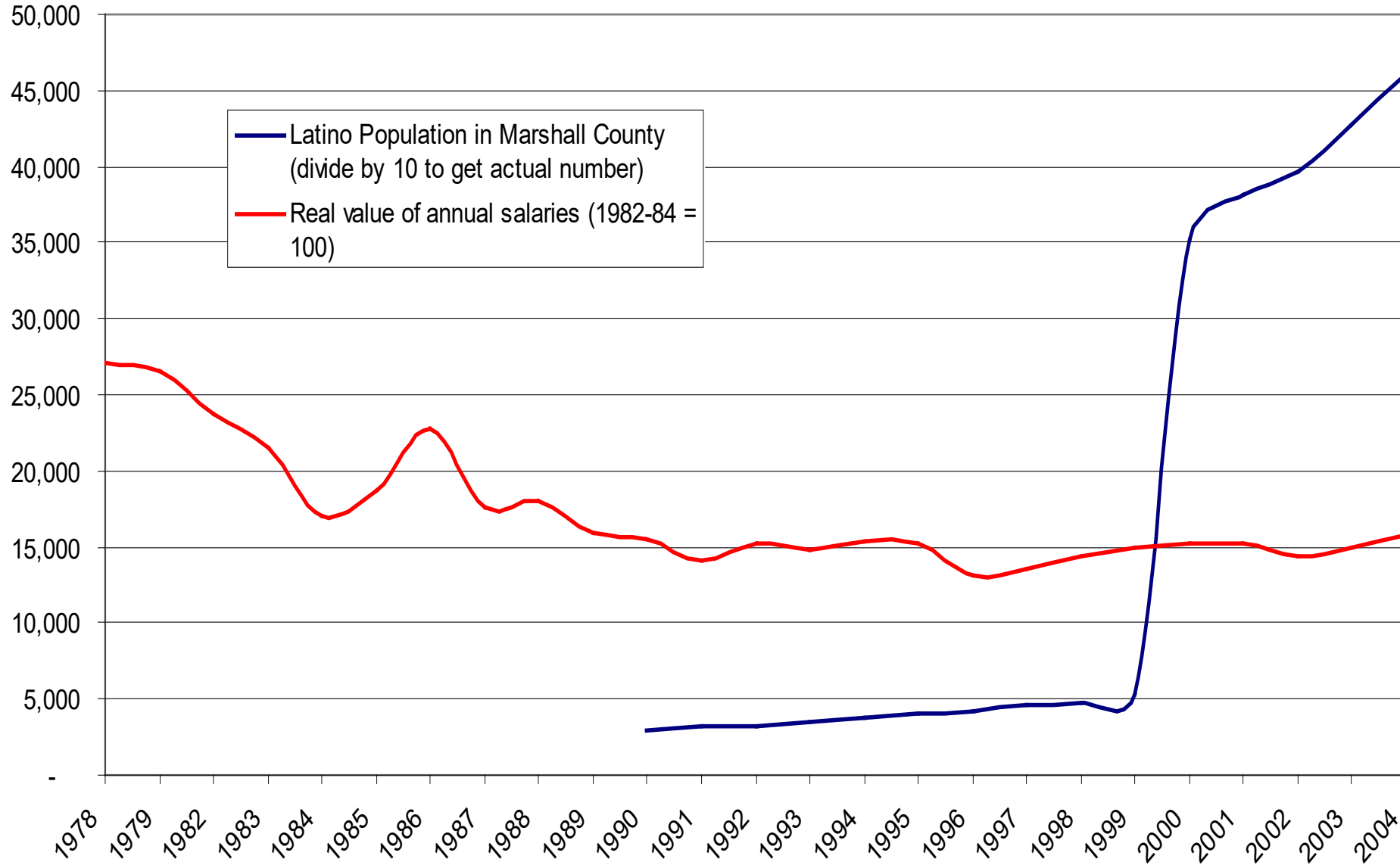
# The IBP Revolution



- Shifted meatpacking away from big cities to the source of the meat
  - Broke the power of labor unions- salaries declined
  - Boxed beef deskilled butchering occupation and removed it from the retail store
  - Speeding up of the line has made physical demands and working conditions much worse; less desirable job for those with options
  - Lower wages required recruiting an immigrant labor force
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**Figure 1. Latino population in Marshall County and real value of annual salaries  
(adjusted for the CPI) in the meatpacking plants in Iowa**

Source: County Business Patterns-State Data Center of Iowa



*¿Preguntas?*

