

# Mexican American Education Across the Generations

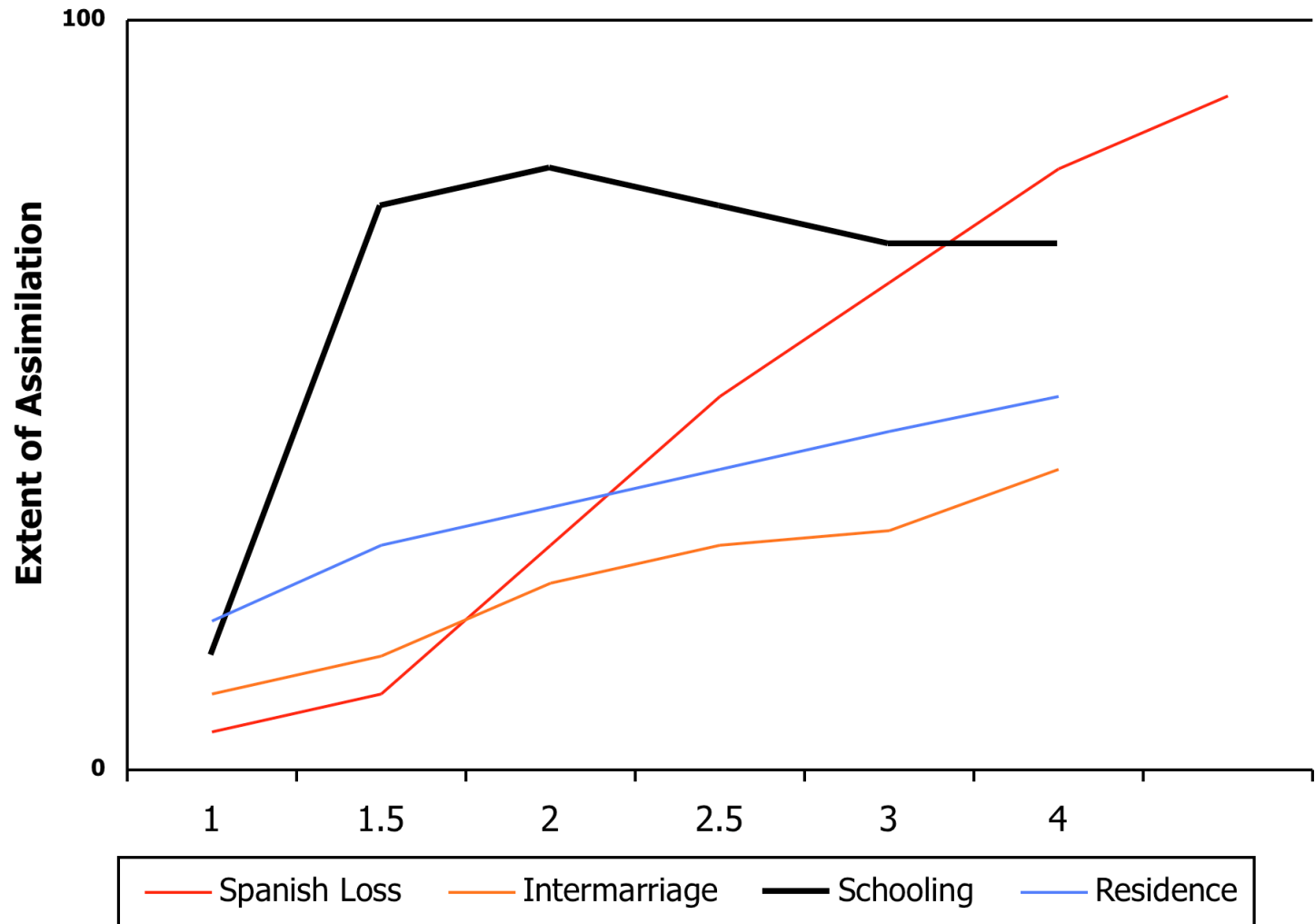
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# Cross-Sectional Patterns across Generations since Immigration, 2000



# Education for Select Race/Ethnic Groups, 1970 and 2000, U.S. Born in Five Southwestern States

	Years of School		Percent High School Graduate		Percent College Graduate	
	1970	2000	1970	2000	1970	2000
Mexican origin	9.7	12.3	44	74	3	13
White	12.3	14.1	75	90	15	35
Black	10.9	13.2	54	84	5	17
Asian	--	14.7	--	95	--	54

Generation Since Immigration	Original Respondents (OR)	Children of OR	Grandchildren of OR*
1	30%	_____	_____
2	48%	84%	_____
3	57%	87%	84%
4	_____	73%	85%
5+	_____	_____	82%
Years in School	1930s-1950s	1950s-1980s	1980s-1990s

Figure 5.2 Percent High School Graduates for Original Respondents and their Children and Grandchildren by Generation since Immigration

\*As reported by children of OR for those age 20 or more

Generation Since Immigration	Parents of OR	Original Respondents (OR)		Children of OR
1	4.1		7.4	—
2	6.1		10.0	13.4
3	—		10.4	13.4
4+	—		—	12.7
Years in School	1900s-1930s		1930s-1950s	1950s-1980s
Anglo Average	9.5		12.5	14.2

Figure 5.1 Average Years of Schooling for Parents of Original Respondents, Original Respondents and Children by Generation since Immigration

Table 5.2 Years of Schooling and Highest Degree Obtained for Original Respondents and Children by Generation since Immigration

	<i>Original Respondents, 1965</i>				<i>Original Respondents, 2000</i>				<i>Children, 2000</i>		
	<i>Gen. 1</i>	<i>Gen. 2</i>	<i>Gen. 3</i>		<i>Gen. 1</i>	<i>Gen. 2</i>	<i>Gen. 3</i>		<i>Gen. 2</i>	<i>Gen. 3</i>	<i>Gen. 4</i>
Years of education	6.8	9.0	9.3		7.4	10.0	10.4		13.1	13.1	12.4
HS Graduate.	16%	30%	33%		30%	48%	57%		84%	87%	73%
College Graduate	2%	2%	4%		7%	6%	5%		13%	14%	6%
Relative odds Mexican to Anglo											
HS Graduate	.062	.143	.164		.143	.308	.442		.583	.744	.300
College Graduate	.116	.116	.236		.427	.362	.298		.278	.302	.119

Source: Mexican American Study Project Survey, 2000