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Strategy: Assessing Visual Text

Then (1940) v. Now (2010) How Has America Changed?

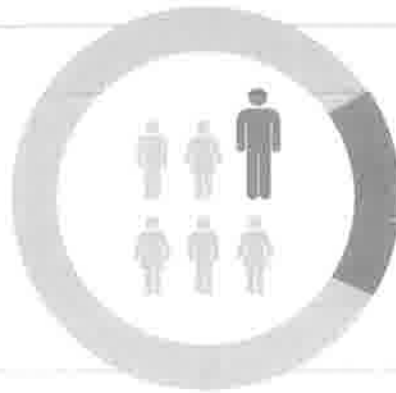
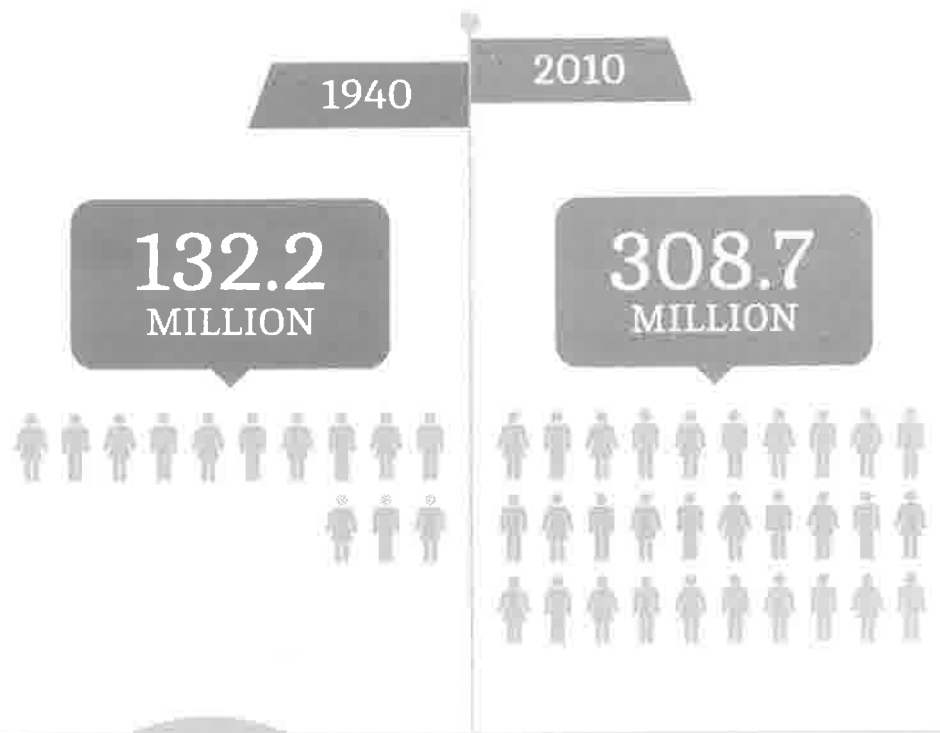
Directions: Read through the infographic with a partner and come to some conclusions and generalizations about the research and information. Use the chart below to organize your thoughts.

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| <p>What the Text Says <i>(Facts and Statements from the Text)</i></p> | <p>What the Text Means <i>(Why is this important to us or our society?)</i></p> |
| <p>Choose one statistic <i>(Explain why you think it is so significant)</i></p> | <p>Predictions You Can Make</p> |

1940-2010: HOW HAS AMERICA CHANGED?

Then & Now

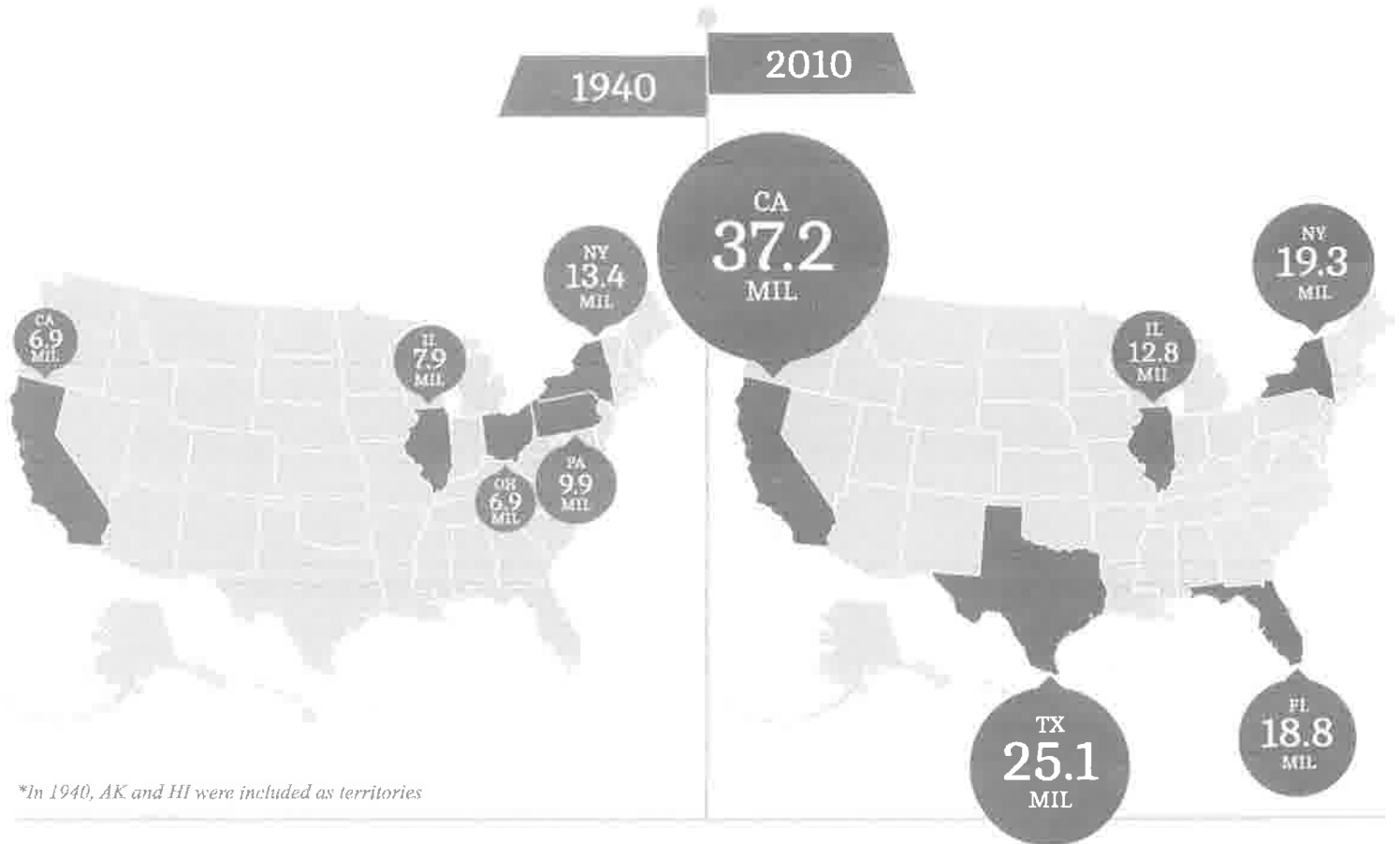
The 1940 Census came at a momentous time in our nation's history — as we recovered from the Great Depression and not long before our entry into World War II. It was also the first Census that looked deeper into the details of much of American life. Now, 72 years later, upon release of the 1940 Census forms by the National Archives, we look back and see just how much America has changed.



Nearly 1 in 6 of the people counted in the 1940 Census were also counted in the 2010 Census.

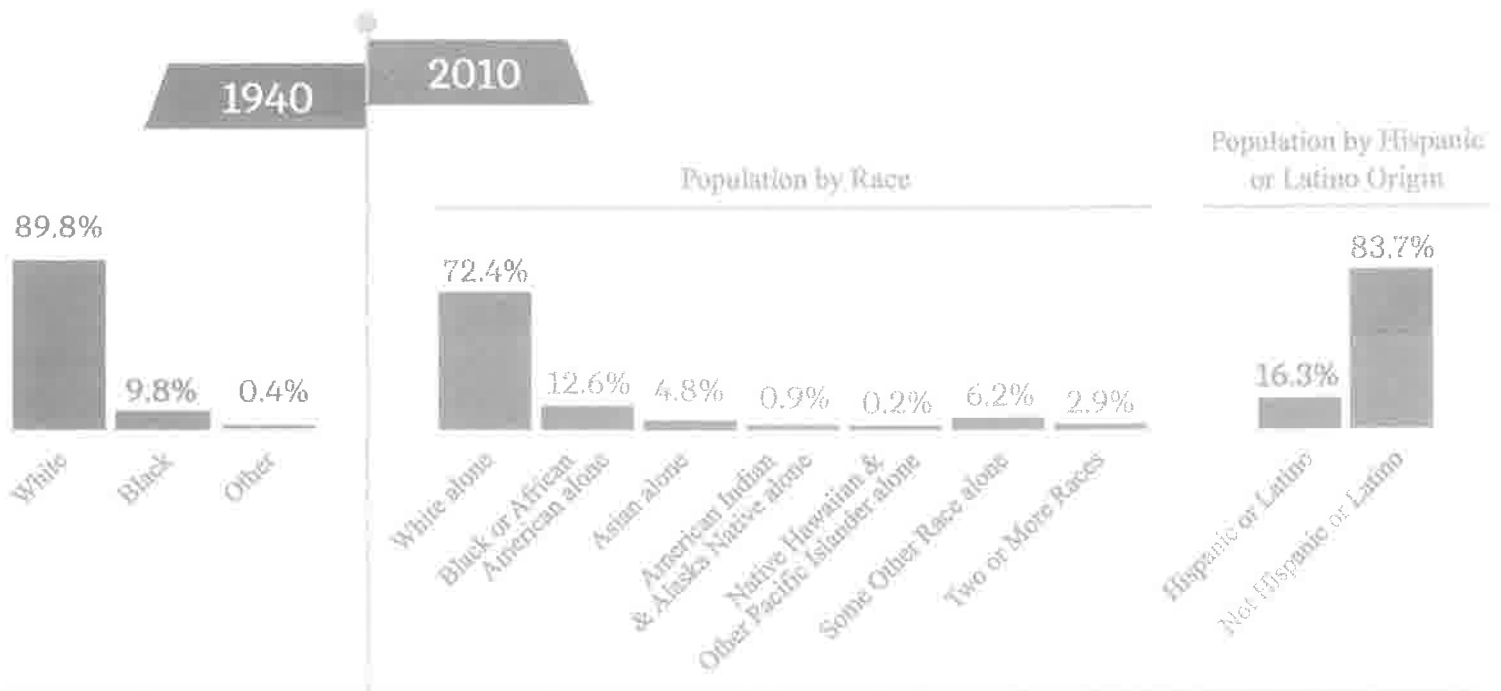
5 MOST POPULATED STATES

The overall U.S. population growth has shifted south and west, with Texas and Florida now among the most populous states.



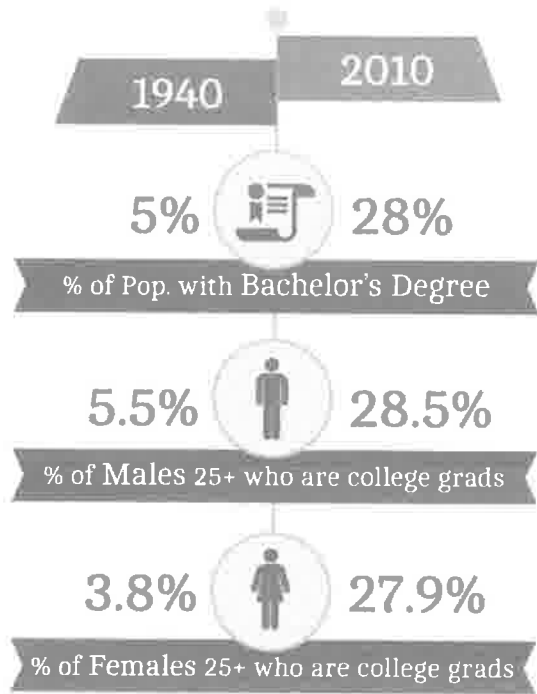
RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY

As we've grown, we've also become more diverse.



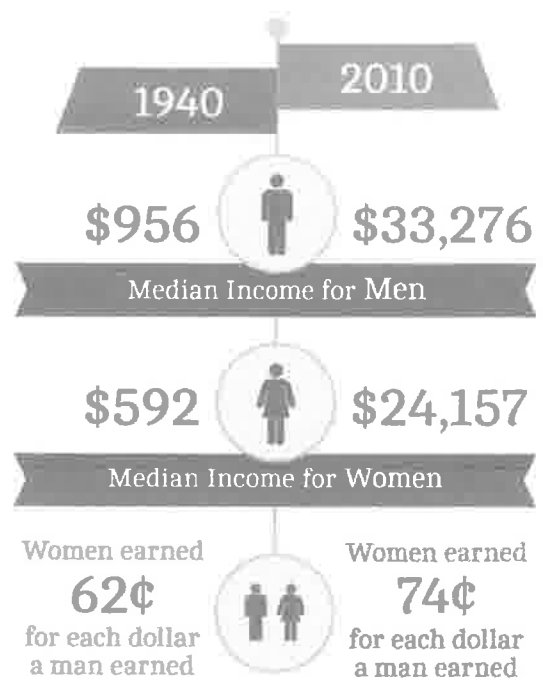
EDUCATION

Improved access to education means far more people today are college graduates.



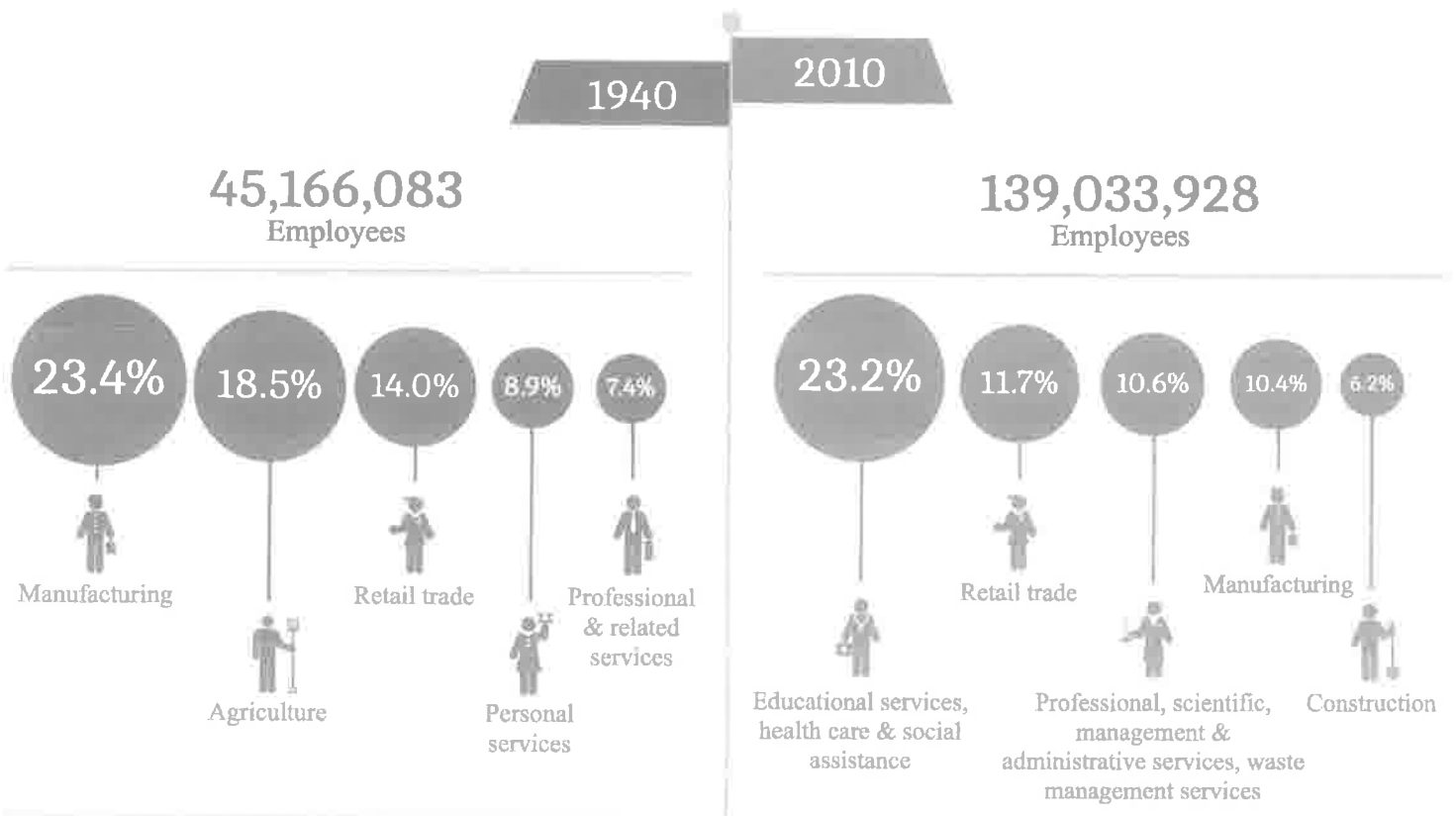
EARNINGS

Women still make less money in the workplace than men...but the wage gap is shrinking.



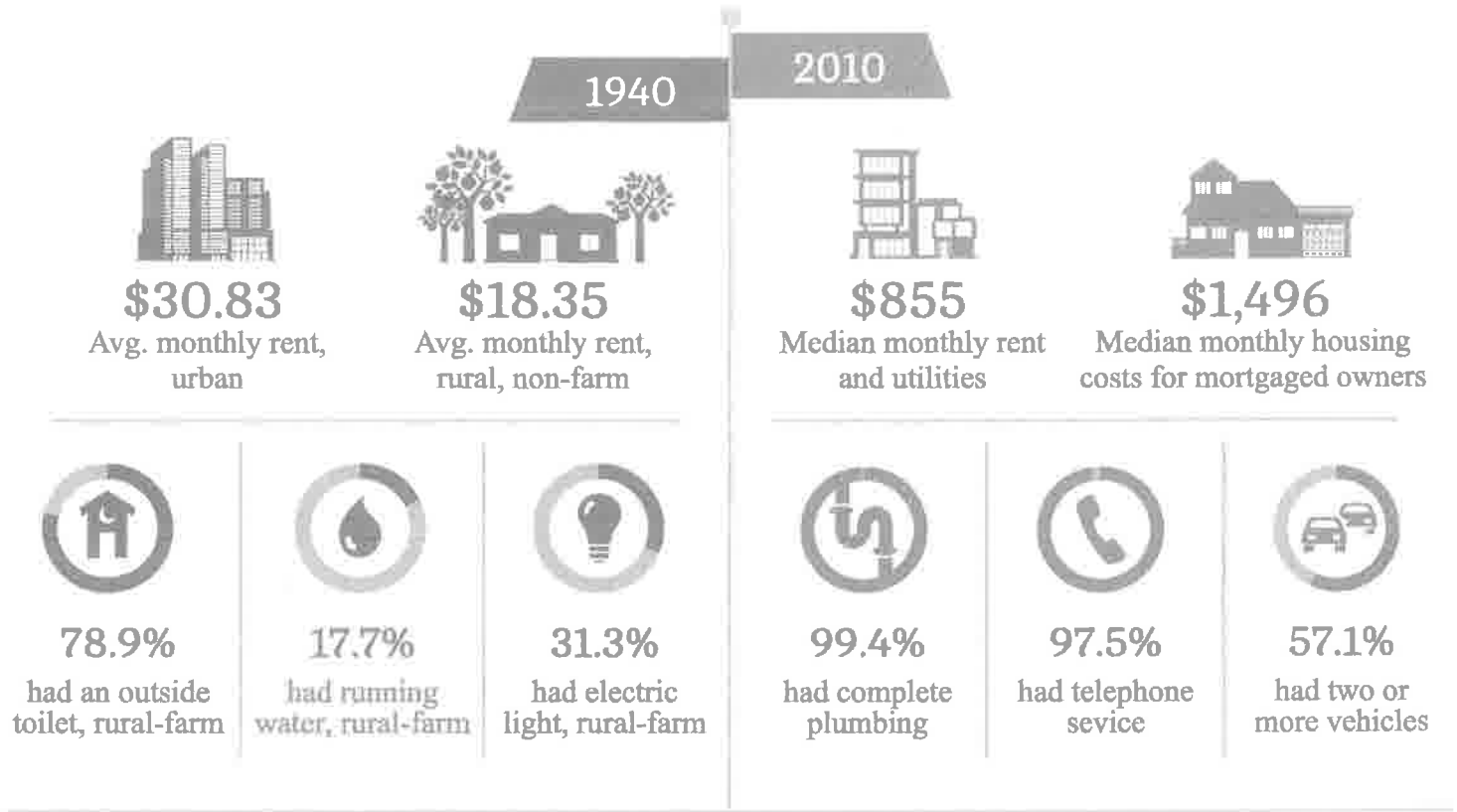
TOP INDUSTRIES

Our workforce and industries have changed dramatically over time.



HOUSING

The average American home in 1940 was much different than its modern counterpart.



MARITAL STATUS

Even the terms we use to determine who's single and who's married have changed over time.

