Migration to Southern California and the Bay Area 1970-2010 and Implications for Projections

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Are there patterns in past regional migration that are useful guides for projections?

- Migration flows have varied widely in recent decades
- When can we do better than simple extrapolation of past trends?

Evidence from detailed analyses of components of population change, 1970-2010

- Two regions:

  Southern California, 6 counties, population 18.1 M

  San Francisco Bay Area, 9 counties, population 7.1 M

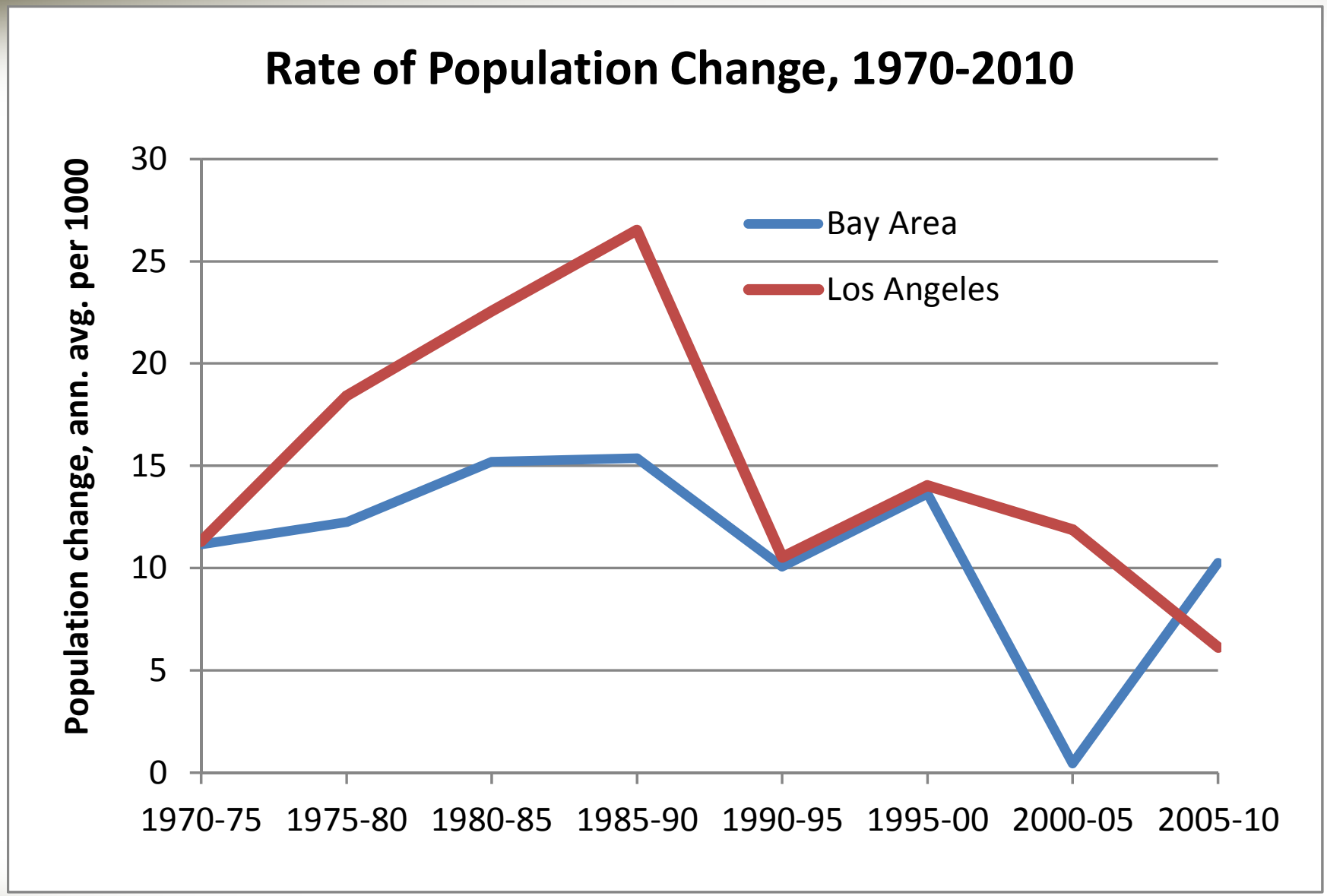
- Periods:
  -- 5-year half decades (1970-1975, 1975-1980…,2005-2010)

- Sources:
  -- Decennial Census and American Community Survey

Most of the observed variability in population growth has been in the migration component

Components are:

- Births
- Deaths
- Net domestic migration
- Net immigration


Rate of Population Change, 1970-2010
Population change, ann. avg. per 1000
30
25
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Bay Area
Los Angeles
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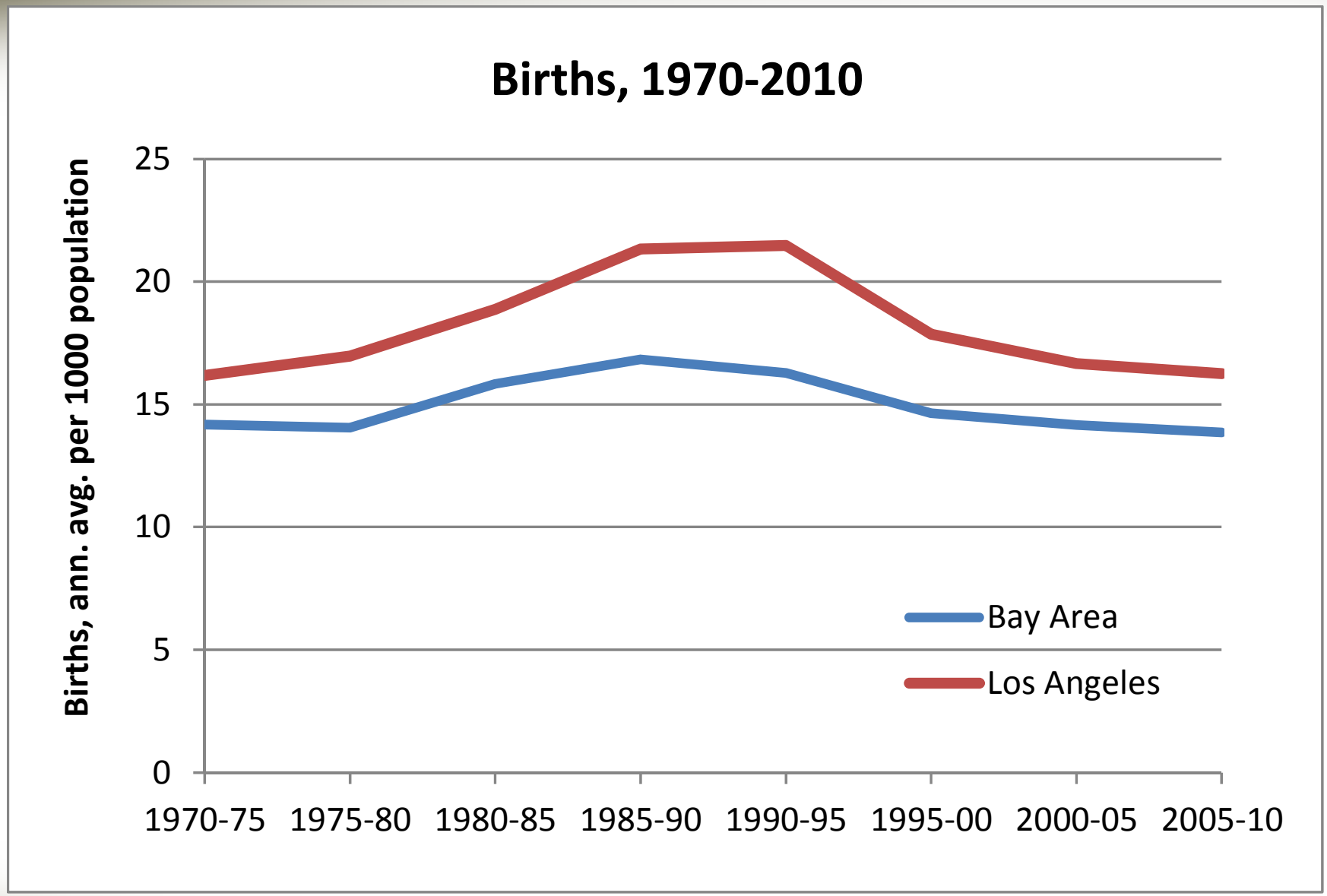
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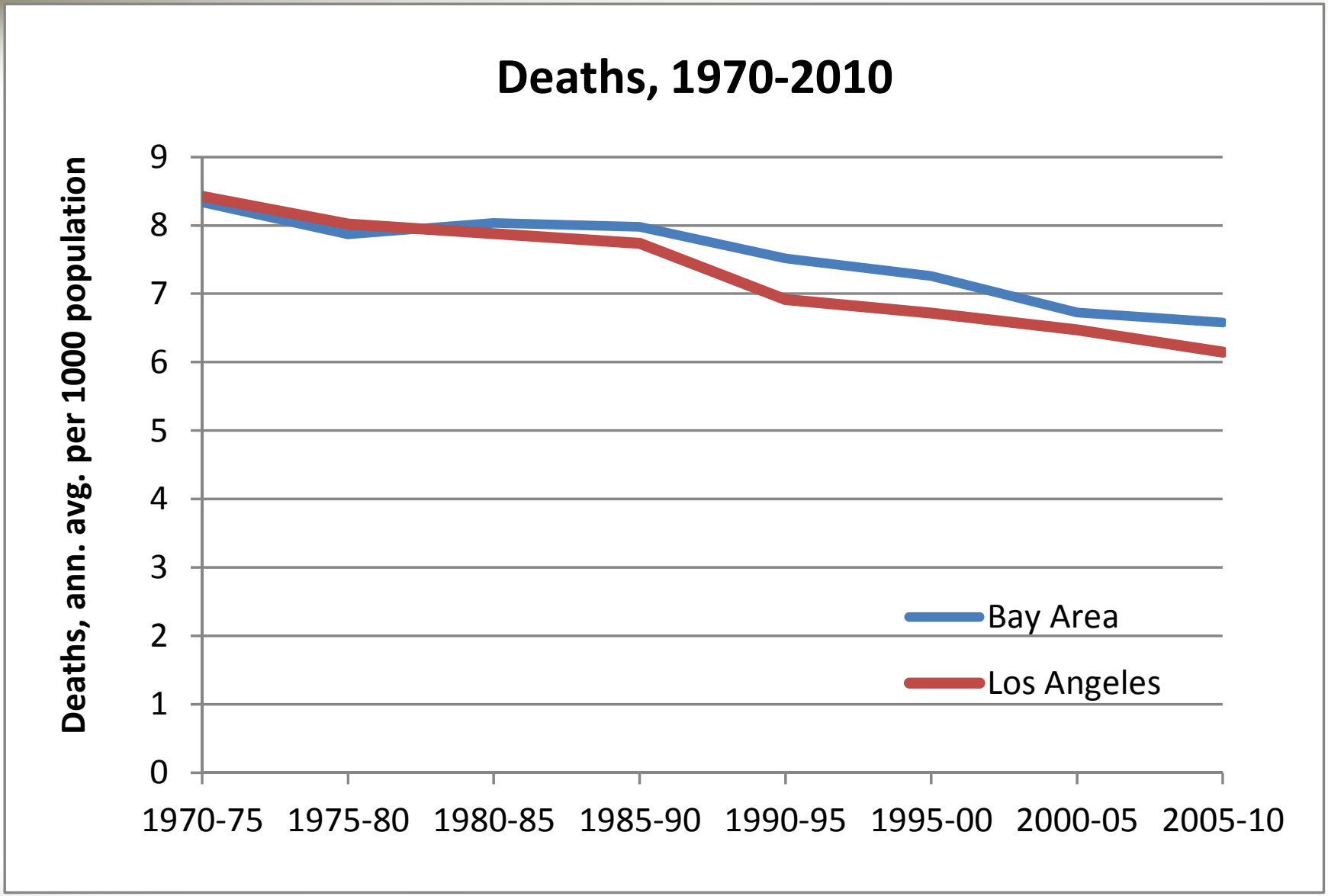
Deaths, 1970-2010
Deaths, ann. avg. per 1000 population
9
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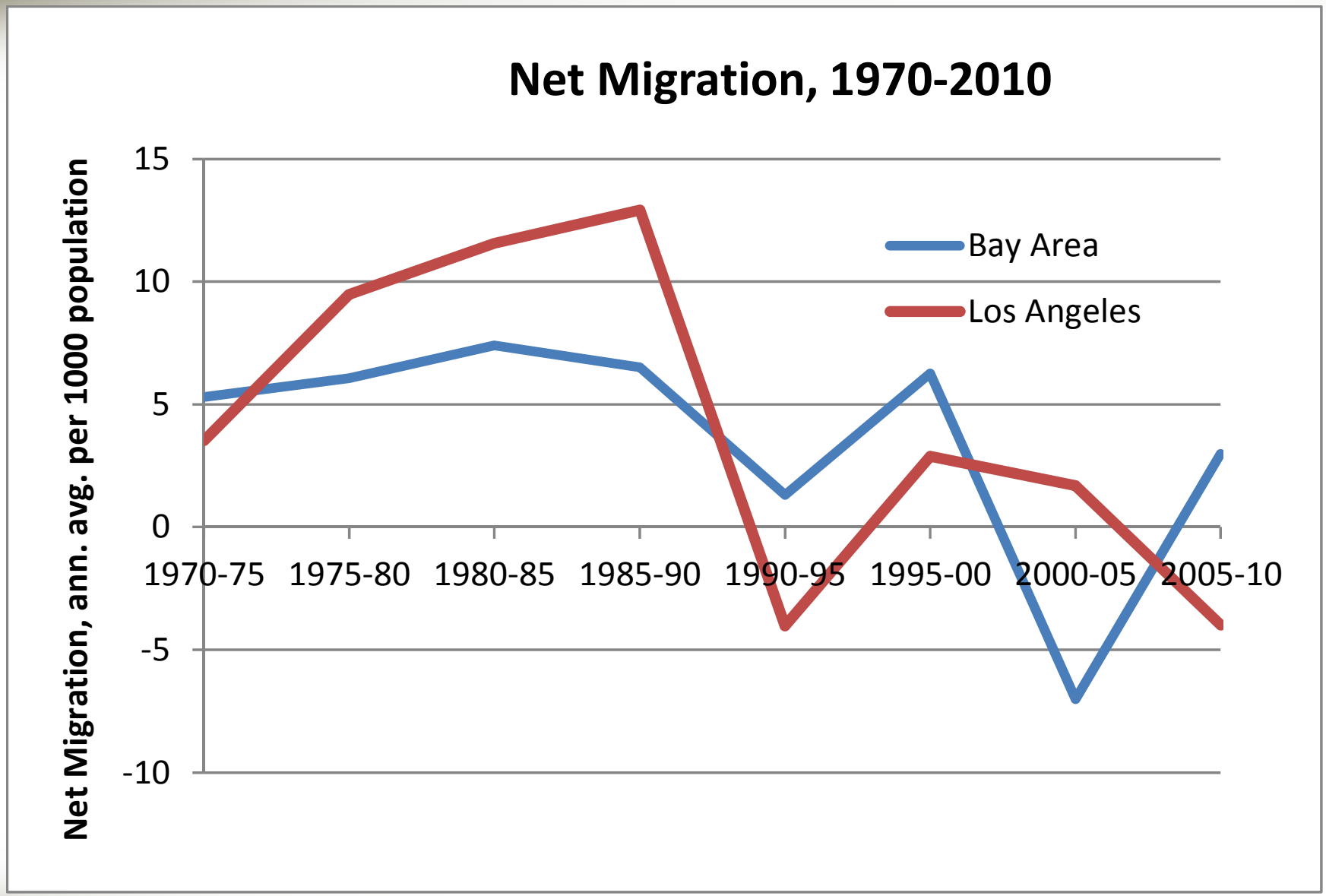
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Net Migration, ann. avg. per 1000 population
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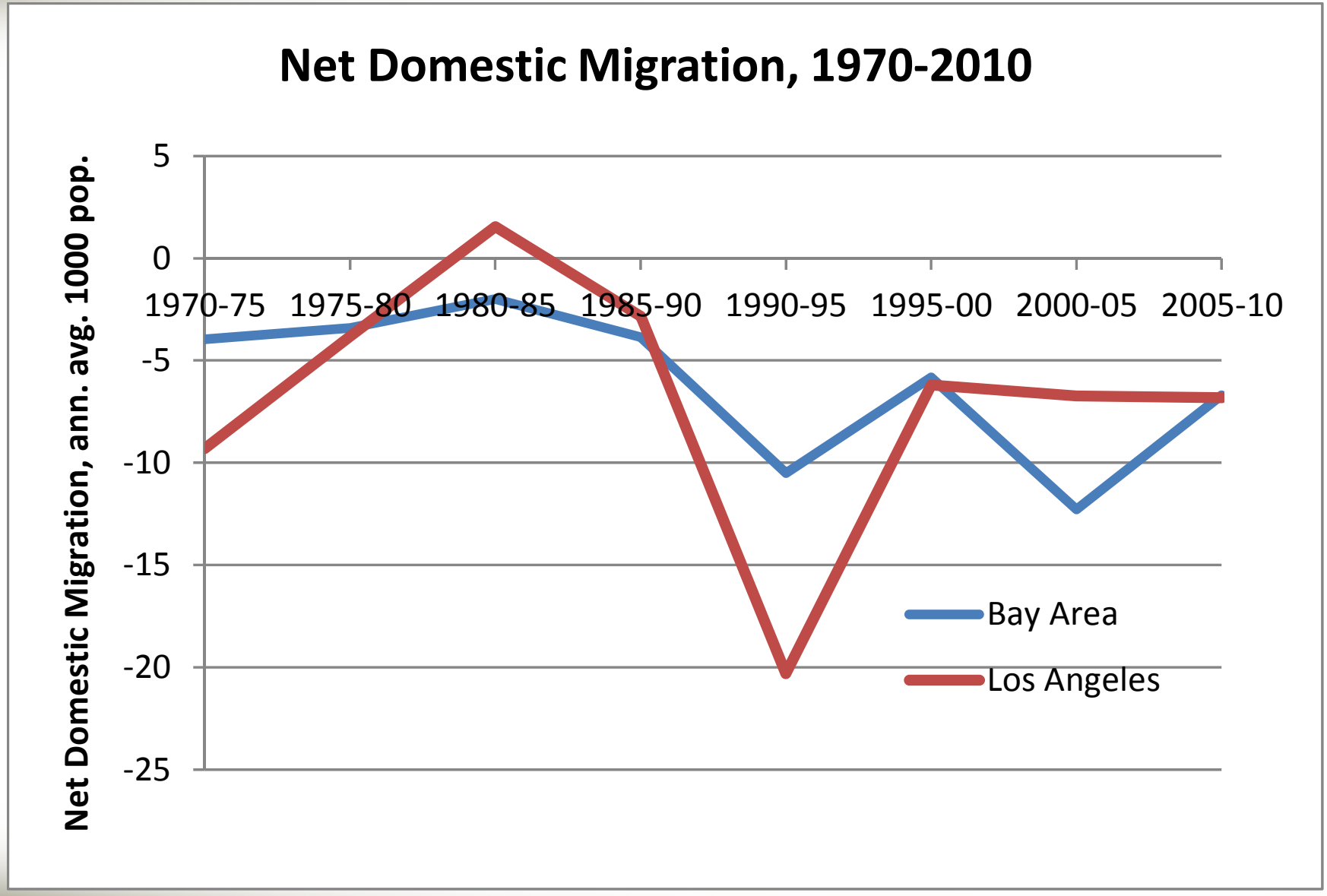
In both metropolitan regions, most of the observed variability in population growth has been in migration

- Variability = uncertainty for forecasting
- This means that extrapolation of recent rates is apt to produce large errors in projections
- There are both similarities and differences between the variations in the two regions

Have domestic migration and immigration varied in parallel or followed different paths?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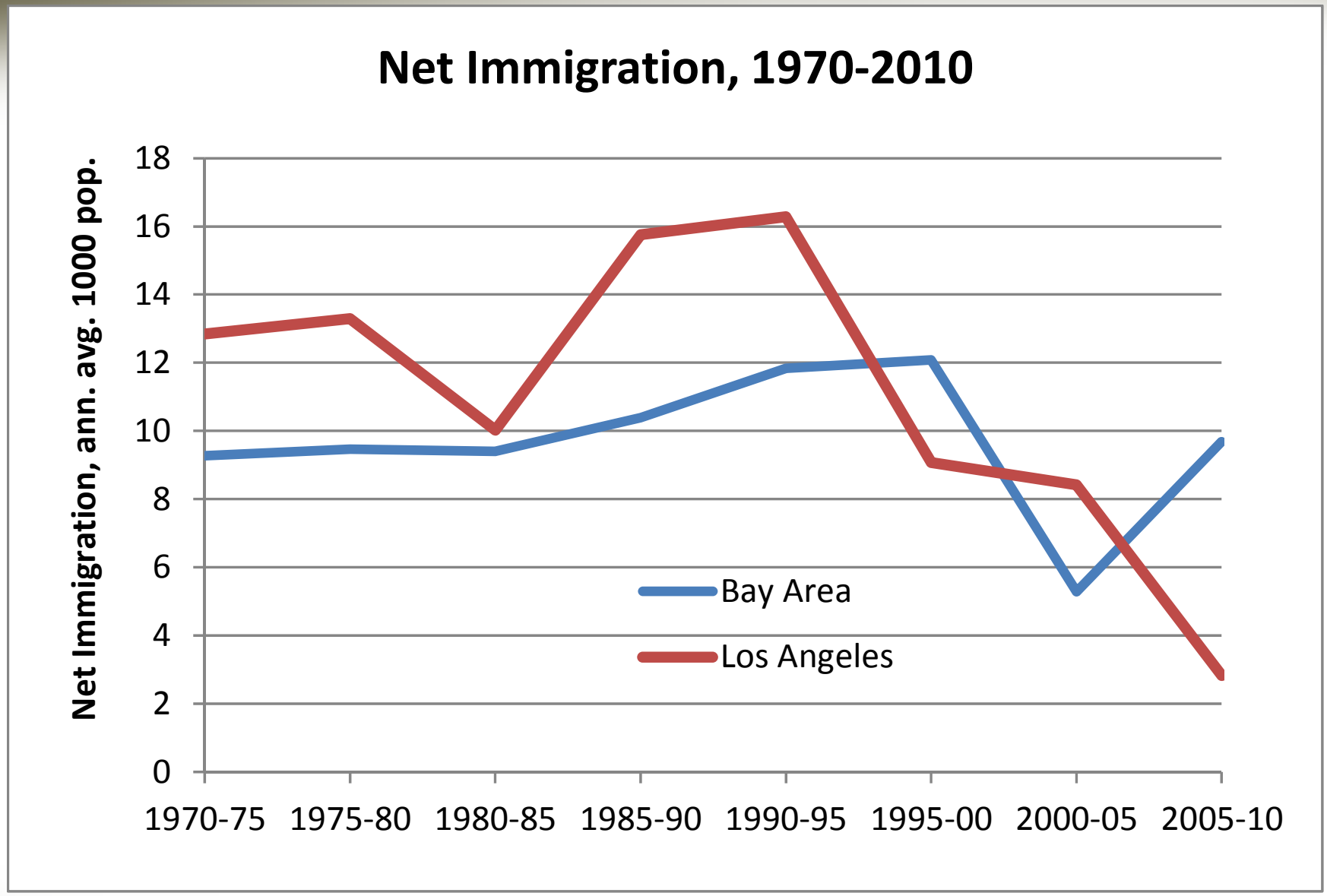
Net Immigration, 1970-2010
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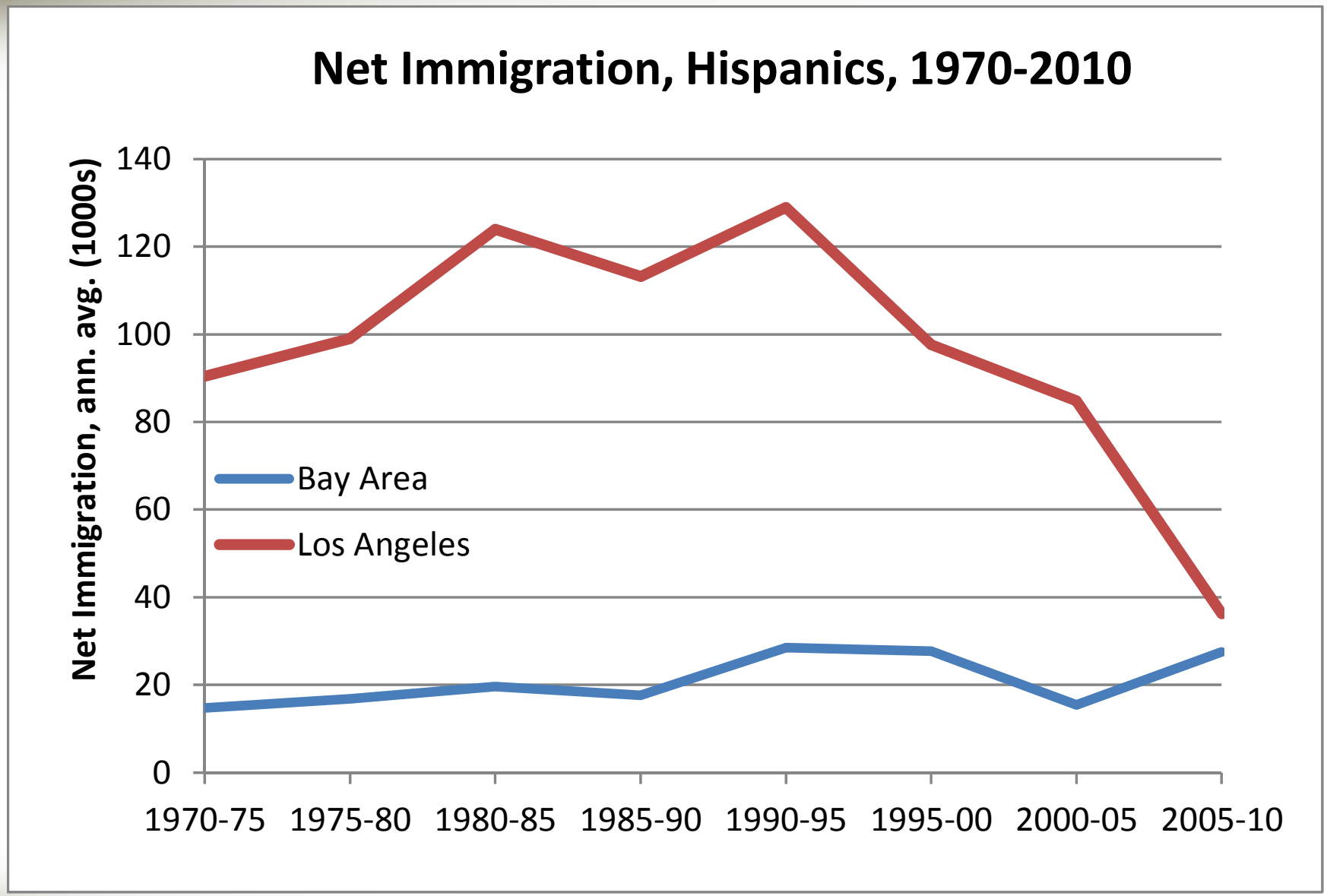
Net Immigration, Hispanics, 1970-2010
Net Immigration, ann. avg. (1000s)
140
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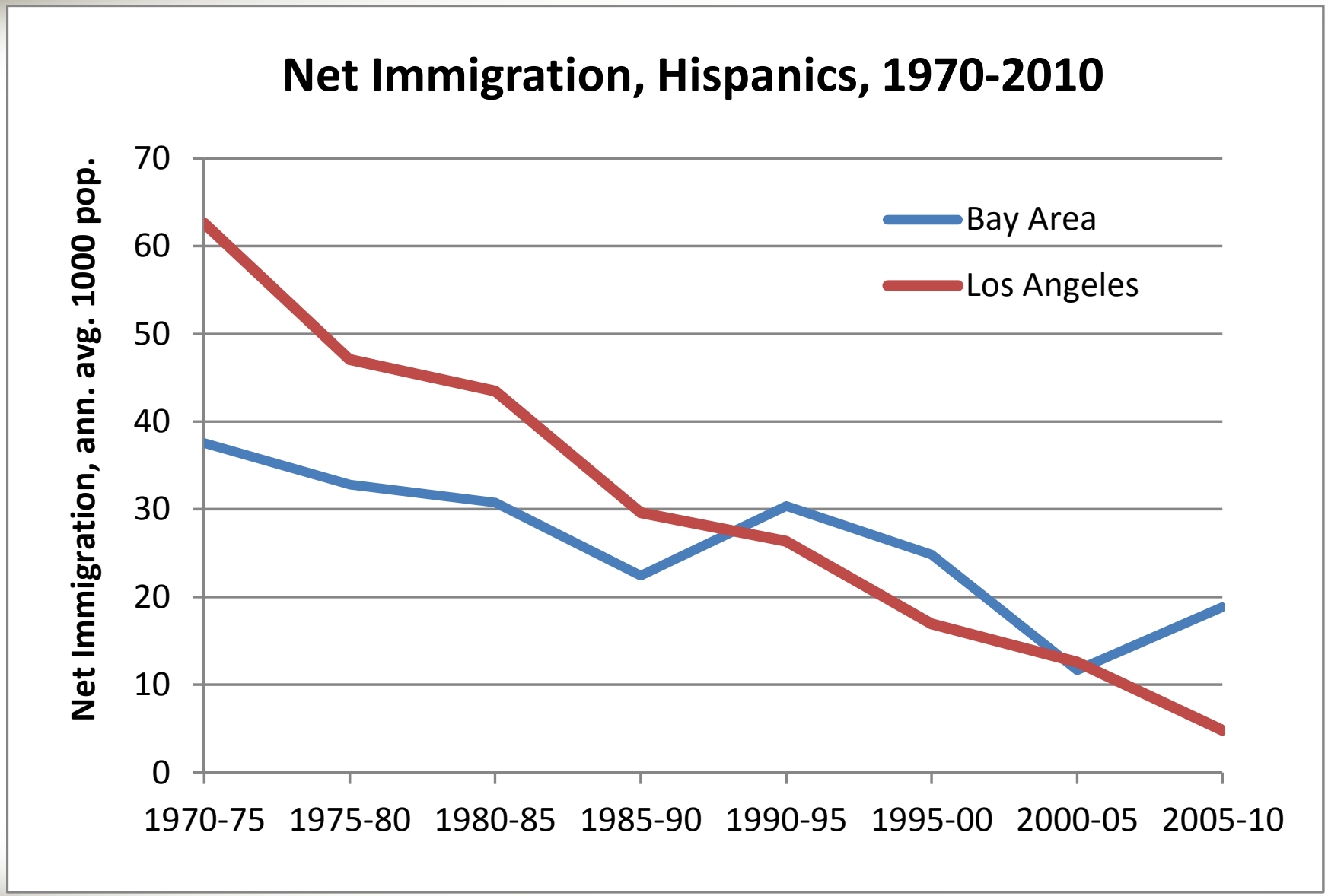
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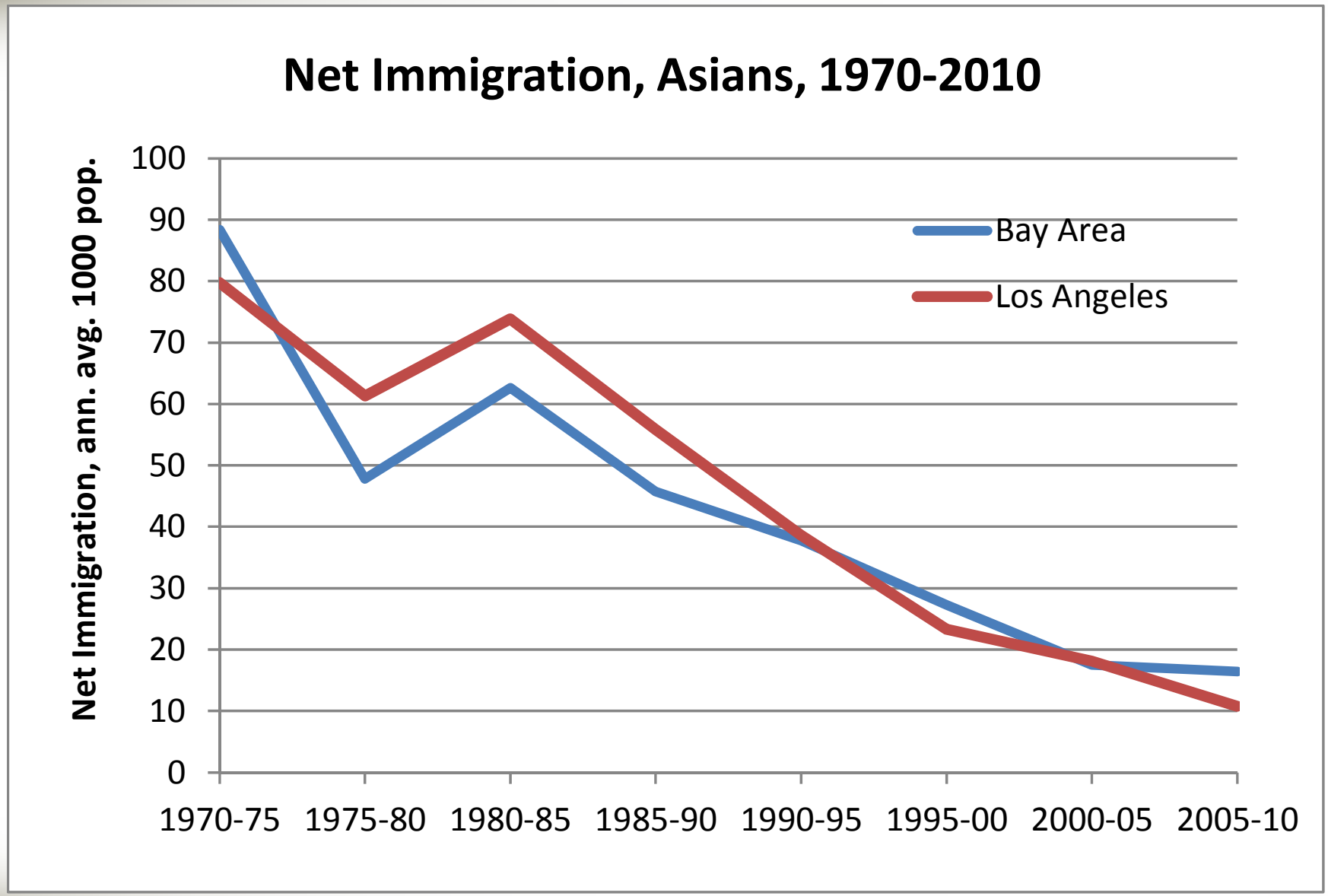
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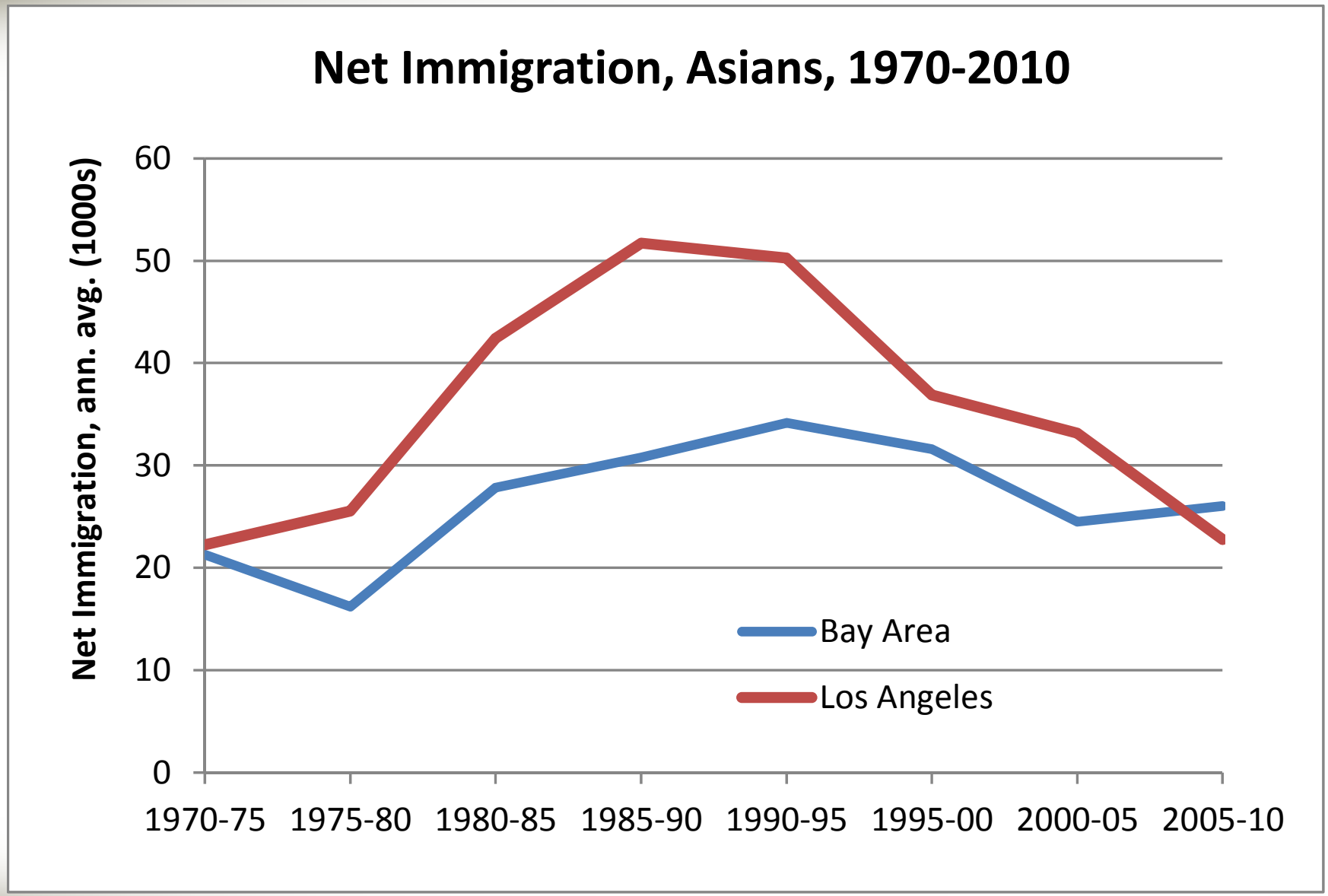
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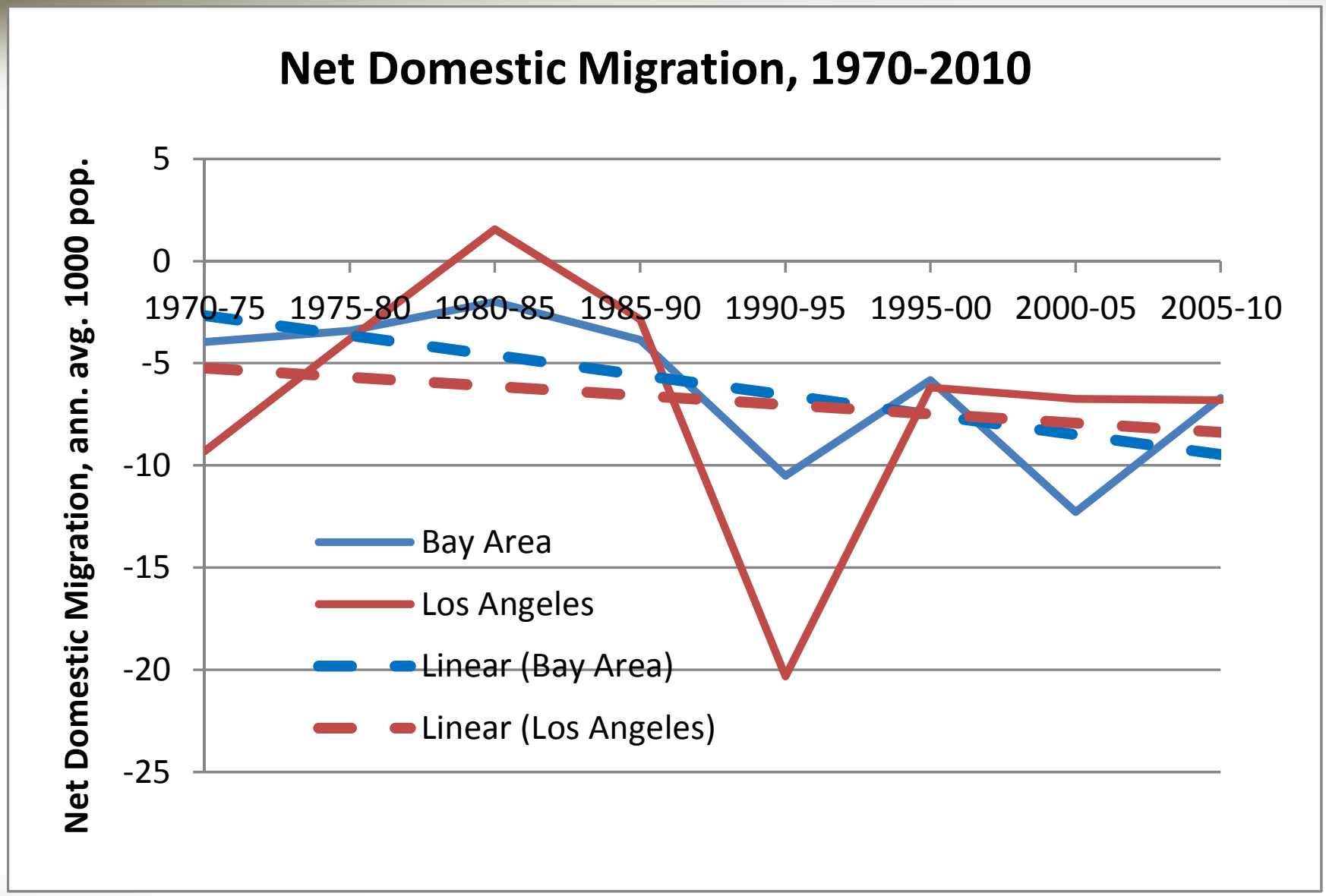
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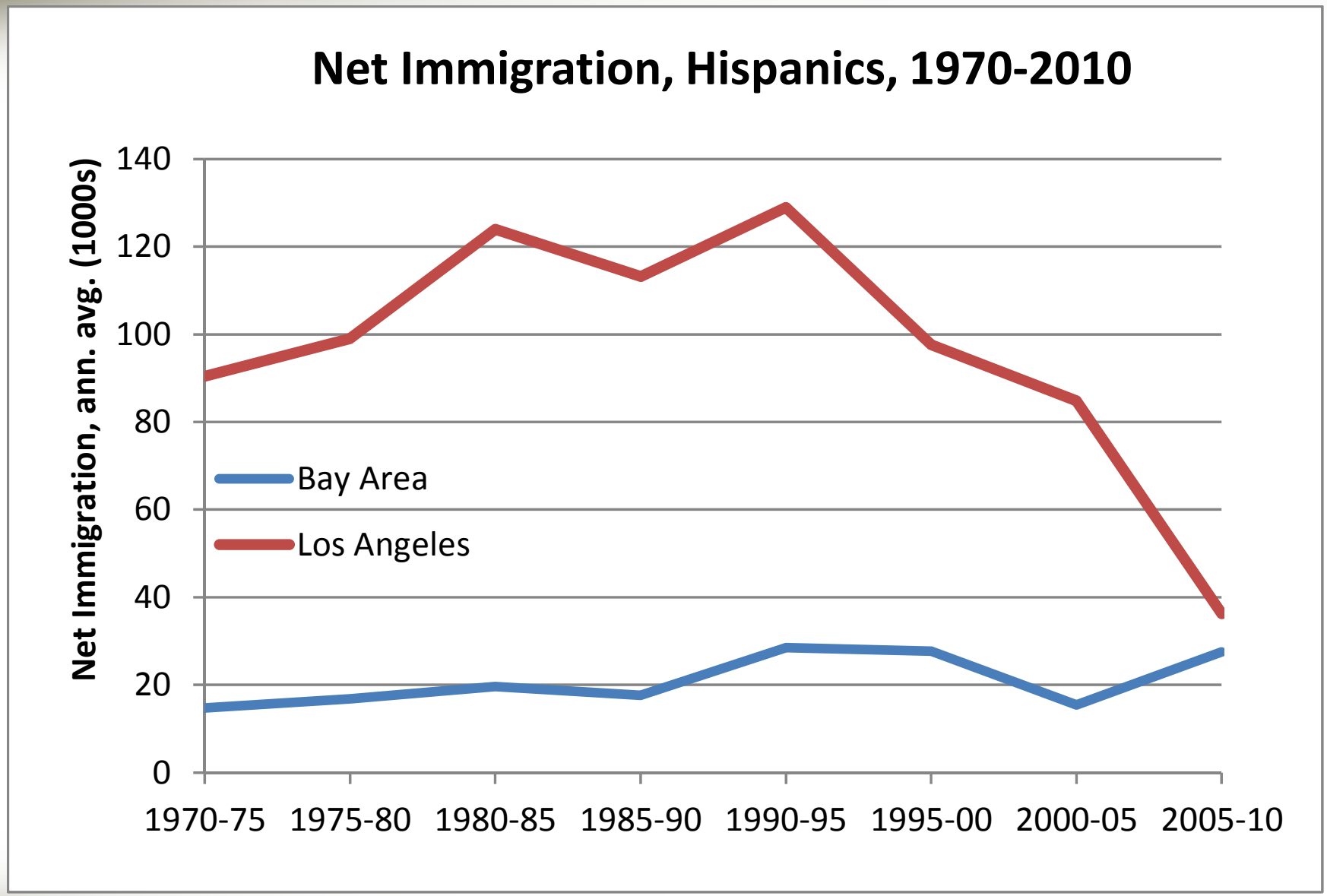
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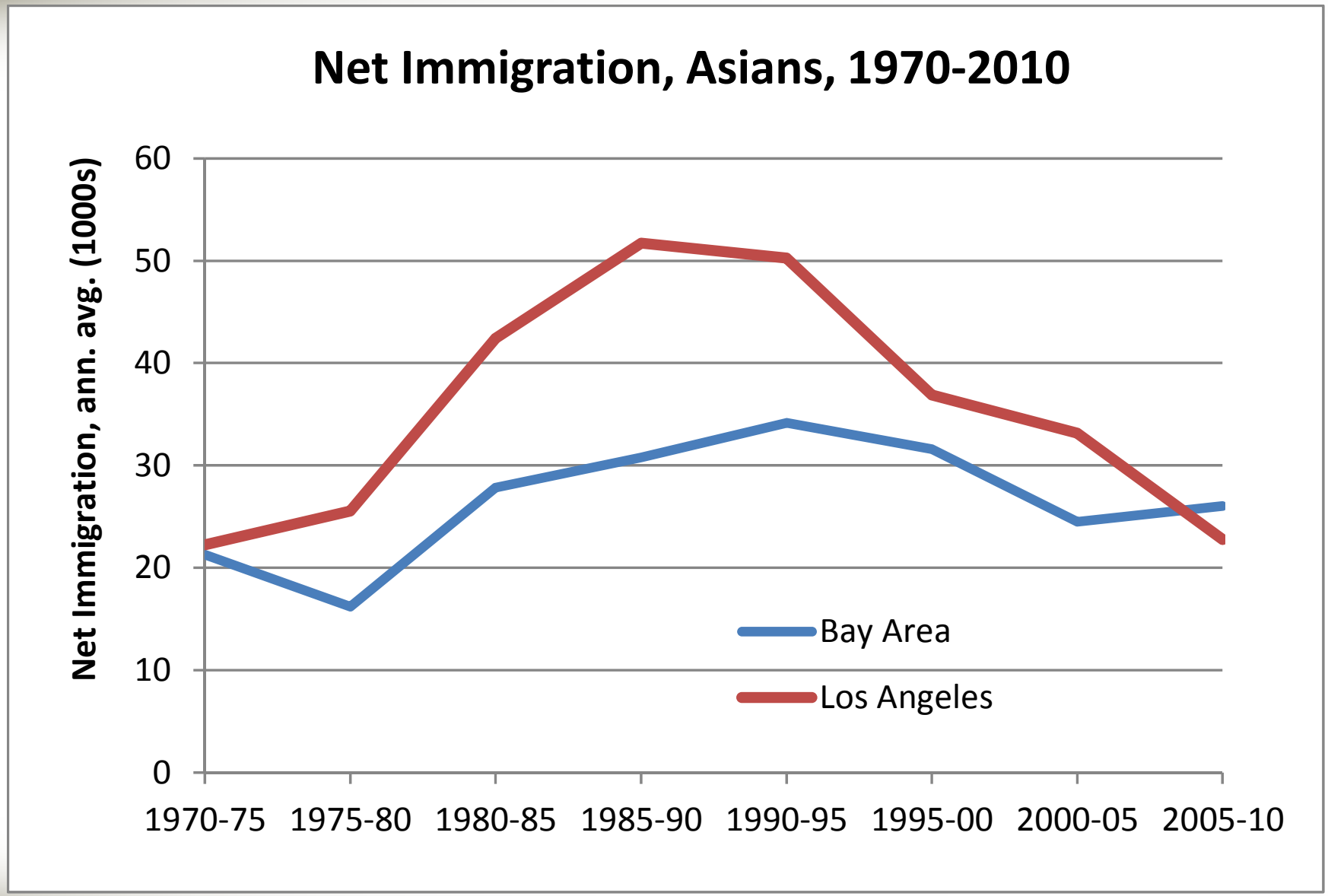
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