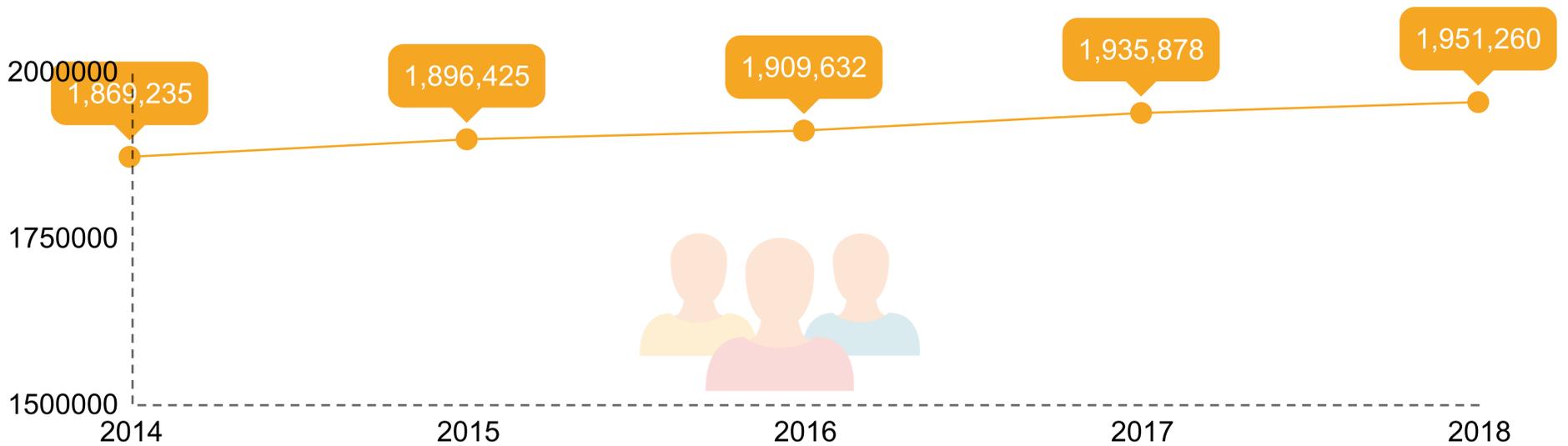


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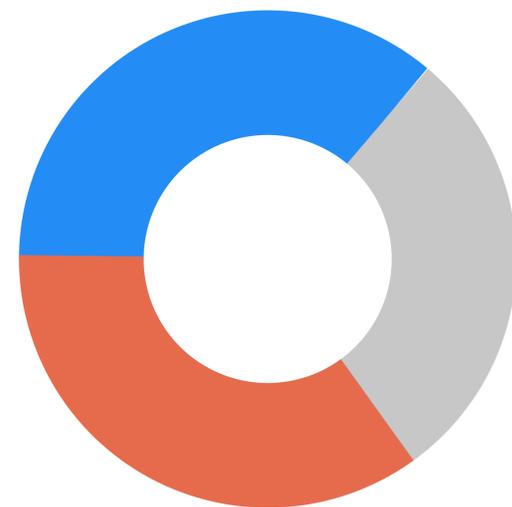
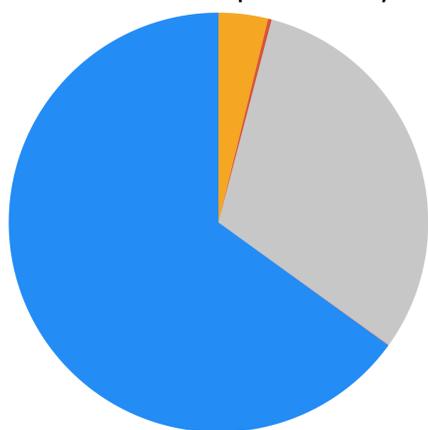
## Broward County Demographic Profile

**HISTORY** Broward County was incorporated in 1915. It is currently the 7th largest county by land area in Florida with 1,224.7 sq. miles, 65% of which is conservation area, mainly consisting of the Everglades. Broward's population growth had its most significant boom following from the 1950s. From that decade to the 1960s the population grew by 298% and 19 municipalities were established.

**POPULATION** Broward has had a 4% population growth over the past five years; going from 1,869,235 in 2014 to 1,951,260 in 2018.



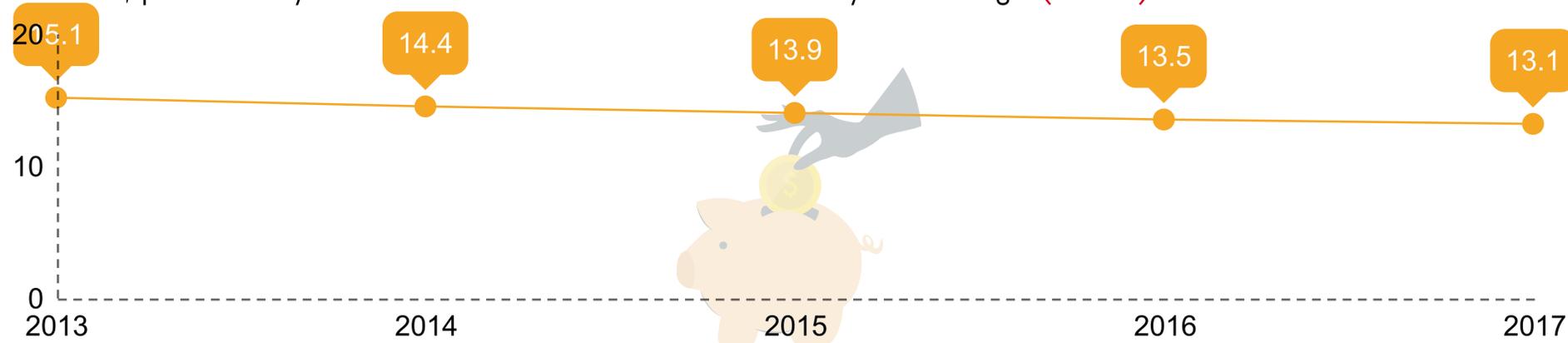
**DIVERSITY** The unique location of Broward as a coastal community and its proximity to the Caribbean has led to a very diverse population with residents from countries from around the world particularly from Hispanic or Latin countries which in 2017 represented 29.8% of the population. Furthermore, Haitian and Jamaican communities have seen population growth over the last 5 years going from 109,067 to 126,622 and 106,993 to 117,813 respectively.



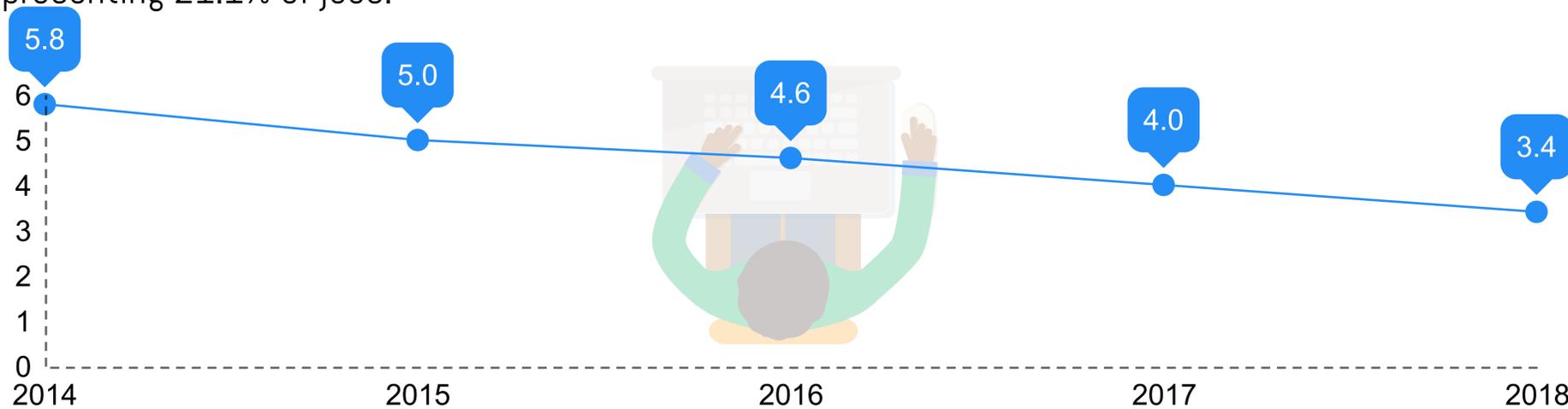
- Asian (3.81%)
- American Indian or Alas.. (0.28%)
- Black or African American (30.83%)
- Florida Native (35.89%)
- From Other U.S. State (29.10%)
- Native Hawaiian or Paci.. (0.05%)
- White (65.03%)
- Foreign Born (35%)

**MIGRATION** With stricter immigration policies being enforced throughout the country, we have seen decreases in the total population change which can be primarily contributed to the decreases of migration. Beginning in 2016 total migration was 16,201 in 2018 it went down to 10,907. Furthermore, the number of refugee, entrant and asylees into Broward has decreased by 83% from 2,493 to 418 during the same time period.

**POVERTY** 13.1 percent of all Broward residents and 94% of families fall below 100% of the poverty line. Of the total number of families that are in poverty, the group that is the most effected is female-led families, particularly those with related children under 5 years of age (264%).

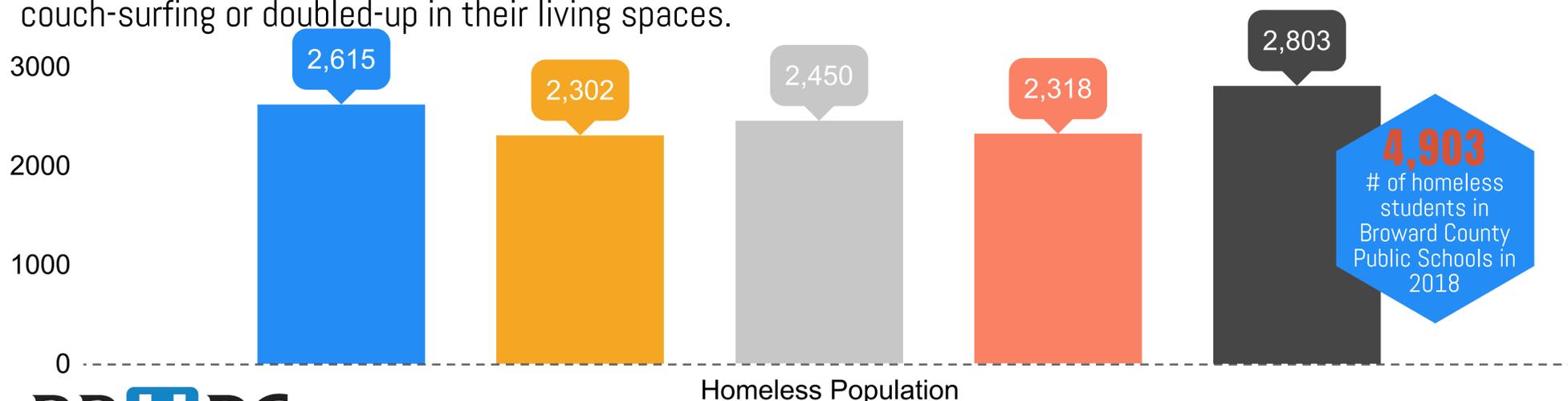


**EMPLOYMENT** Unemployment rates have been steadily declining since 2010 reaching an 11-year low of 34% in 2018. Educational, health and social services continues to be the largest industry in Broward representing 21.1% of jobs.



Despite the consistent decline in unemployment across the nation there are two significant issues to track in the upcoming years: [underemployment](#) and the negative impact of [replacing human labor with artificial intelligence](#). Underemployment refers to three types of workers: **high-skilled employees with low-skill jobs, part-time workers who want full-time jobs, and skilled workers with low-paying jobs**. Because there is no standard of measuring underemployment, the Bureau of Labor Statistics does not currently have an official data set, however, in 2017 Gallup estimated that there were 12.6% Americans who were underemployed compared to 4.9% that were unemployed.

**HOMELESSNESS** Homelessness in Broward has fluctuated over recent years, reaching a 5-year high in 2019 at 2,803. Factors that contributed to this increase included high volunteer turnout and better incentives for participants who took the survey. An important note to make about homeless statistics is the difference in definition of homeless between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the McKinney Vento Act which defines homelessness for school districts and includes individuals who are couch-surfing or doubled-up in their living spaces.



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Source: Broward.org Demographic Data; American Community Survey (2017, 2018); DCF's Refugee Services and Council on Homelessness Reports (2018); Gallup (2017); Smart Assesst "How Many Americans Are Underemployed?" (2019); PIT (2019)