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REGIONAL PORTRAITS OF ECONOMIC OUTCOMES FOR FOREIGN-BORN NEW YORKERS OF COLOR (2012-2021)

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INTRODUCTION

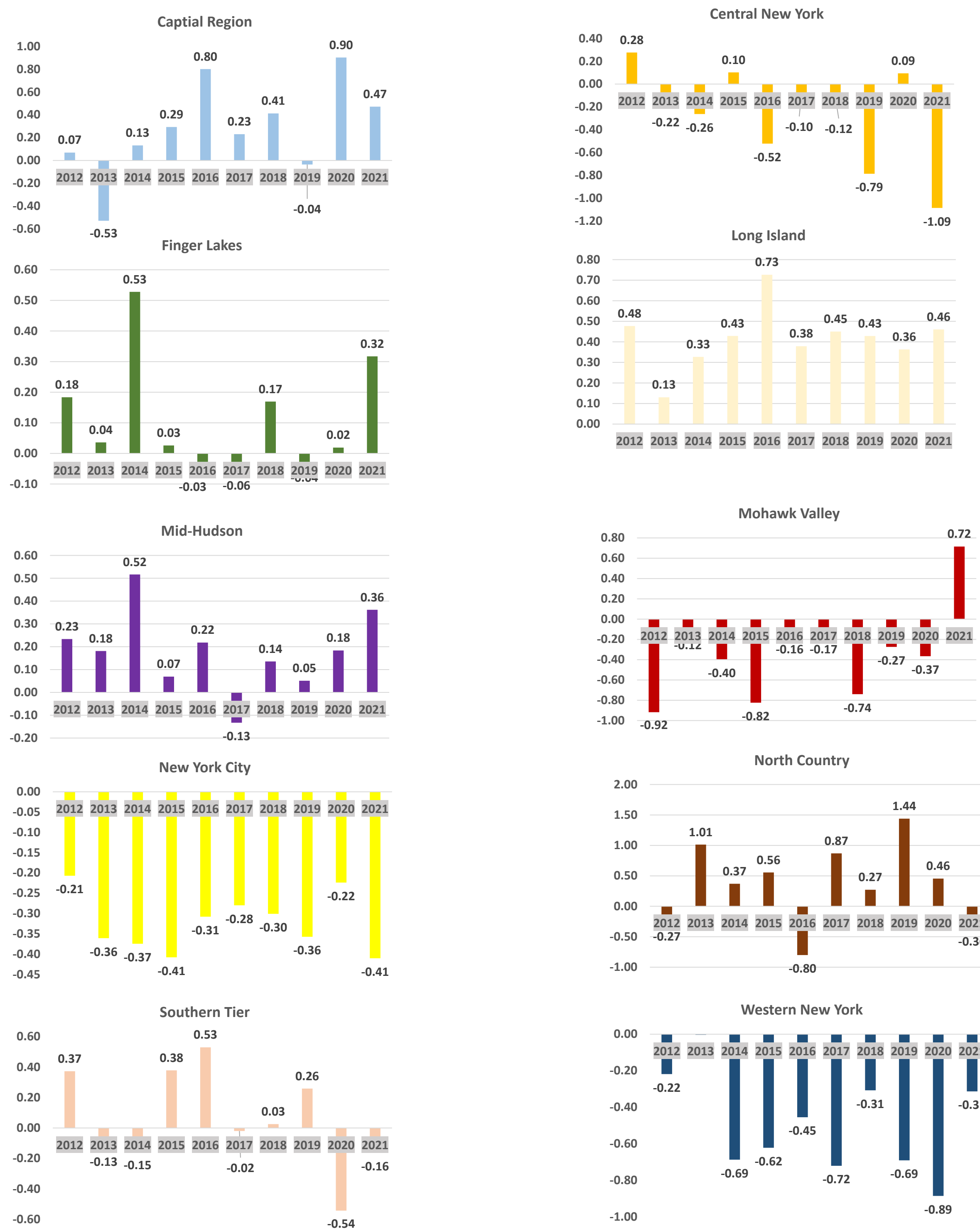
- Social identities including race, ethnicity and gender intersect with nativity status to shape economic outcomes (Refki, Ahmed & Altarriba, 2023). In this presentation, we ask where do foreign-born New Yorkers of color fare best and worst and which regions perform well in integrating foreign-born New Yorkers of color?
- Using American Community Survey (ACS) data, we explore how place with its economic, social and political forces influence non-white immigrants' economic outcomes.
- We disaggregate data for foreign-born of color and compare their economic outcomes against those who are White and native-born to isolate the impacts of nativity status, race, and ethnicity.
- We also disaggregate data for foreign-born women on color and compare their outcomes to those of their native-born White male counterparts to isolate the impacts of the intersections of nativity status with race, ethnicity and gender.
- We examine regional performance over the last 10 years (2012-2021) and assign a score to each region based on its performance in integrating their foreign-born.

Methodology

- An overall score is calculated for each region based on the difference in performance between native and foreign-born of color along seven indicators: Income, poverty, unemployment, full time work, working poor, homeownership and rent burden.
- The index score for each region is calculated based on the standardization process of getting a z-score for each region. Based on the differences in the seven economic outcomes between foreign-born of color and native-born New Yorkers, we calculate a standardized score for seven outcomes using the mean and standard deviation of each outcome across the state and then average these scores for seven scores to compose one general index score indicating the overall disparity between foreign-born of color and native-born New Yorkers in each region.
- As some outcomes (e.g., personal income, full-time work, and homeownership) are positive while the rest (e.g., poverty, unemployment, working poor, and rent burden) are negative, we reverse the standard scores for positive outcomes, so that higher index scores can be interpreted as positive and lower scores can be interpreted as negative.
- From the score zero, where the disparity of a region/county equates to the state average, higher scores indicate foreign-born New Yorkers of color are relatively faring better, and lower scores indicate they are relatively faring worse in regions in New York.
- Charts show different points in time when foreign-born New Yorkers of color faced disparities and recorded lower than state average rates in economic integration.
- Each region receives a score, and a rank among other regions to describe its performance in integrating immigrants.

WHERE DO FOREIGN-BORN NEW YORKERS FARE BEST AND WORST? HOW DO THE INTERSECTIONS OF PLACE WITH NATIVITY STATUS, RACE, ETHNICITY AND GENDER SHAPE FOREIGN-BORN NEW YORKERS' ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

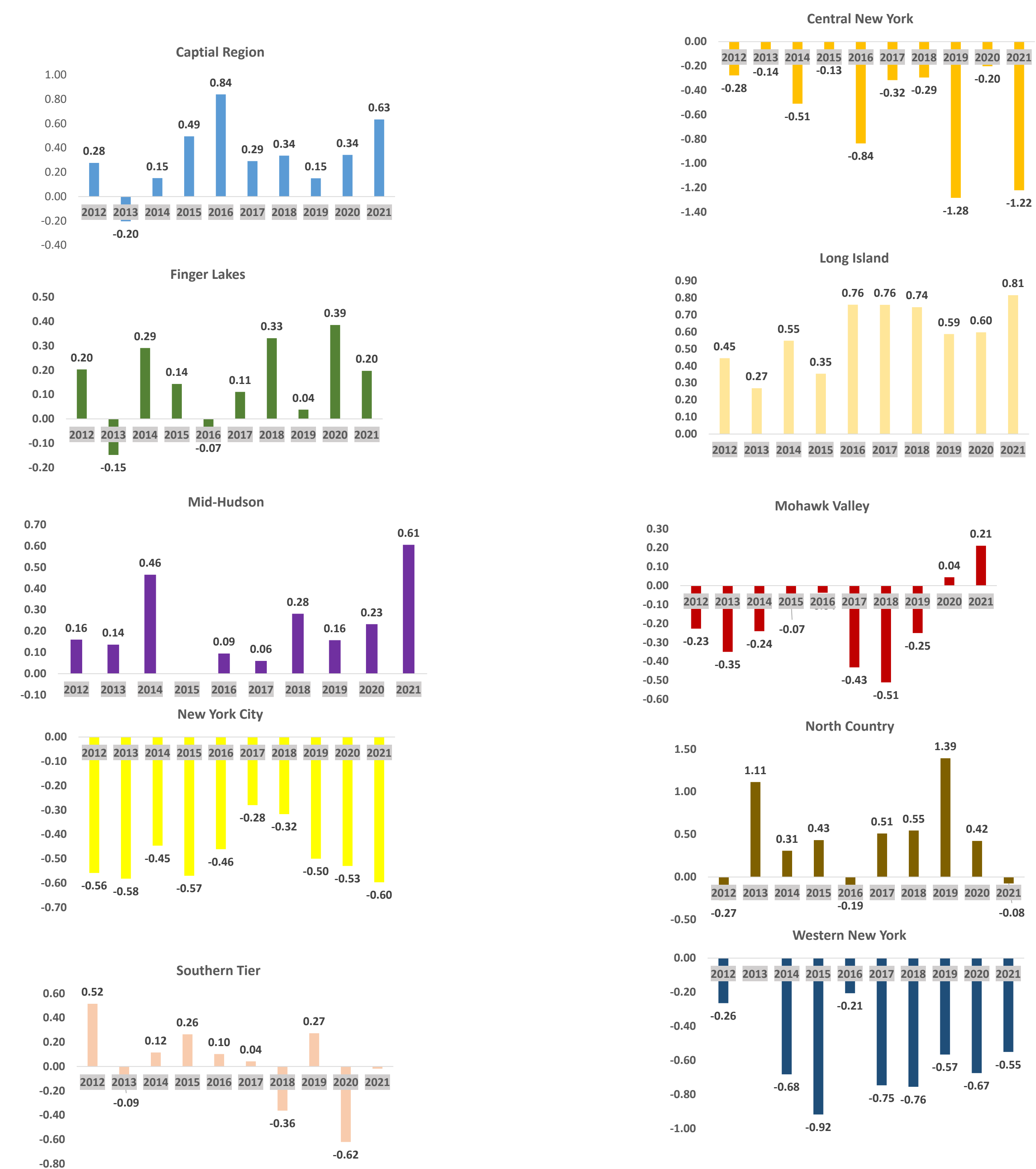
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2021 Regional Rank for Foreign-Born Women of Color

Region	Rank
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Central New York	10
Finger Lakes	5
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NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL MAP



Source: The New York State Department of Economic Development: <https://esd.ny.gov/local-regional-film-offices-new-york-state>

HIGHLIGHTS

- In these analyses, all foreign-born New Yorkers are English proficient which rules out the forces of limited English proficiency in determining economic outcomes. Further studies are needed to delve deeper into how these forces drive low and high performance seen in this analyses.
- In Central New York, New York City and Western New York, foreign-born of color and foreign-born women of color consistently recorded below state average in the last 10 years showing disparities facing these population.
- Long Island and Mid Hudson consistently recorded above state average for this population over the last decade.
- The consistency in outcomes in these regions warrants further analysis to understand forces at play and deepen understanding of the nature of interaction of social identities, nativity status and place.
- A mixed picture emerges when we examine regional outcomes in 2019 and 2020 at the height of the COVID 19 pandemic. Generally, regions that were performing well before the pandemic continued to perform well and vice versa.

For Further Information

For further information, please visit the Data Gateway of the Institute on Immigrant Integration Research & Policy at www.nyimmigrants.org.

The Data Gateway measures the impacts of nativity status with other social identities, including race/ethnicity and gender on economic integration in each region and county of New York State.

For data requests, please contact the Institute on Immigrant Integration Research & Policy.