

Community-Based Human Service Organization Coverage of Immigrants in New York City

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Introduction

Question

Do communities with foreign-born experience a gap in community-based human service organizational support similar to what is found with the poor?

Background

- Since the 1996 Welfare Reform, provision for those in need has increasingly become the responsibility of not-for-profit community-based human service organizations (CBHSOs).
- Scholarship has identified a gap in coverage of CBHSOs in impoverished communities.
- Observers found past anti-immigrant bias of immigrant communities in welfare reform which would suggest a bias.
- This all suggests the possibility of a lack of support for immigrants.

How do we answer this question?

Data and Method

Data

- National Center for Charitable Statistics 2009 Core Dataset
- 2006-2010 American Community Survey
- 2010 Decennial Census SF1

Analysis

- Ordered Probit Regression

Unit of Analysis

- Census Tracts, analogous to neighborhoods

How did we break down these data?

Dependent Variable

- Community-Based Human Service Organization Presence in Tract (0= None; 1= One Organization; 2=Two or more organizations)

Focal Variables

- Percent Foreign-Born in Tract
- Percent in Tract Living in Poverty

Key Control Variables

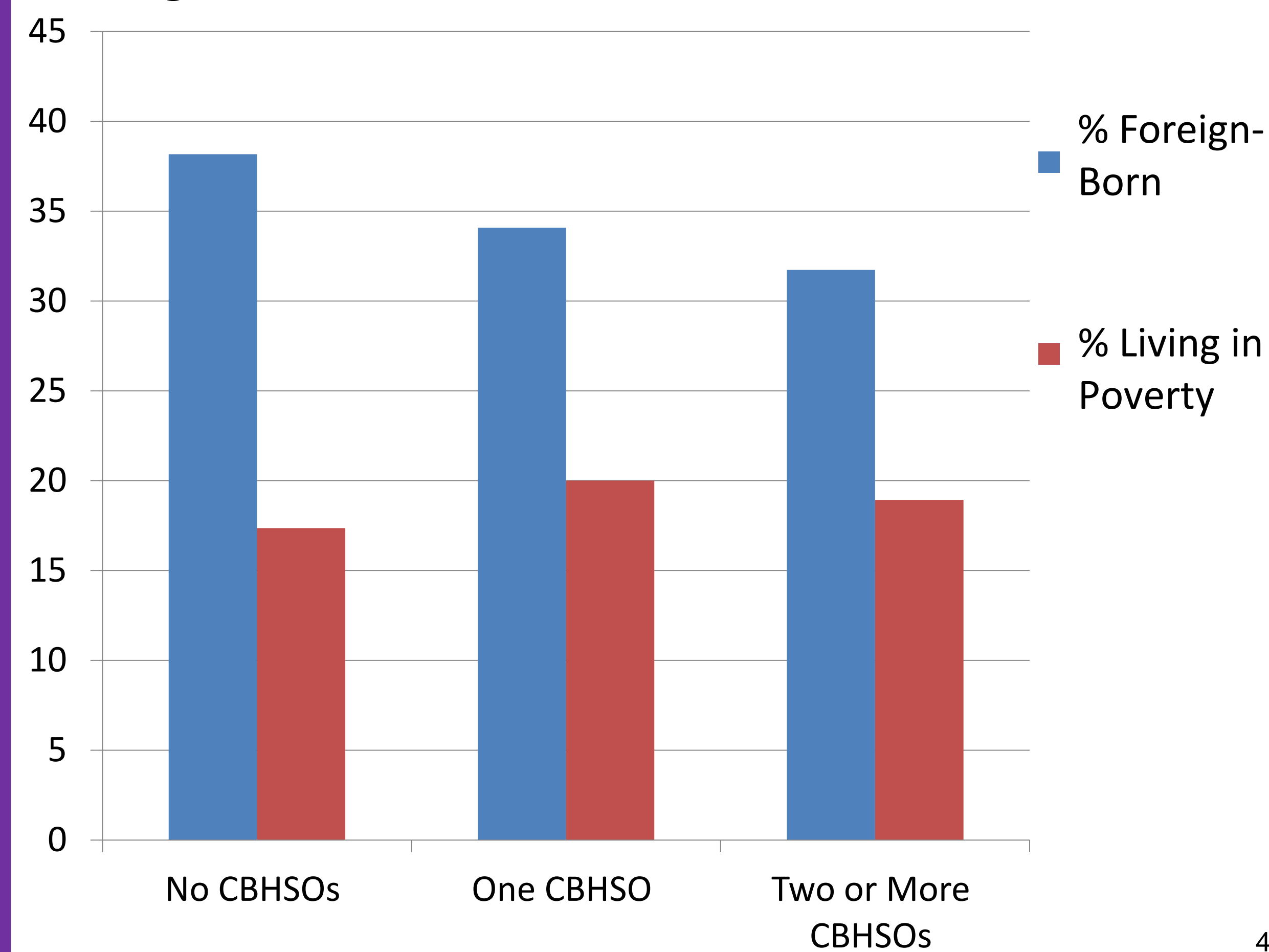
Socio-Economic

- Percent Married Households in Tract
- Percent of Kids Under 18 in Tract
- Percent Unemployed in tract

Race/ethnicity

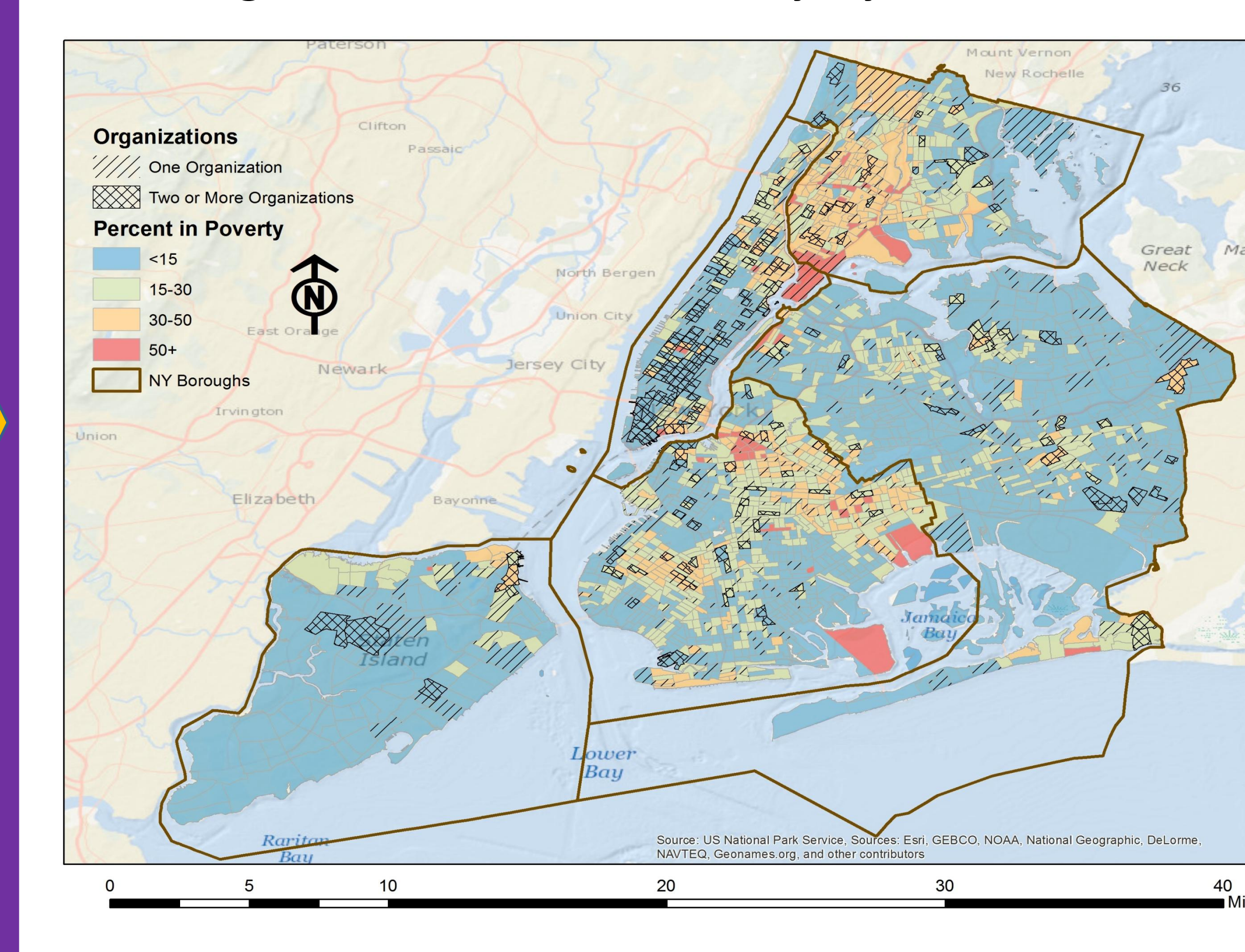
- Percent Black in Tract
- Percent Hispanic in Tract
- Percent Asian in Tract

Percent Foreign Born and Living in Poverty, by CBHSO Coverage in Tract



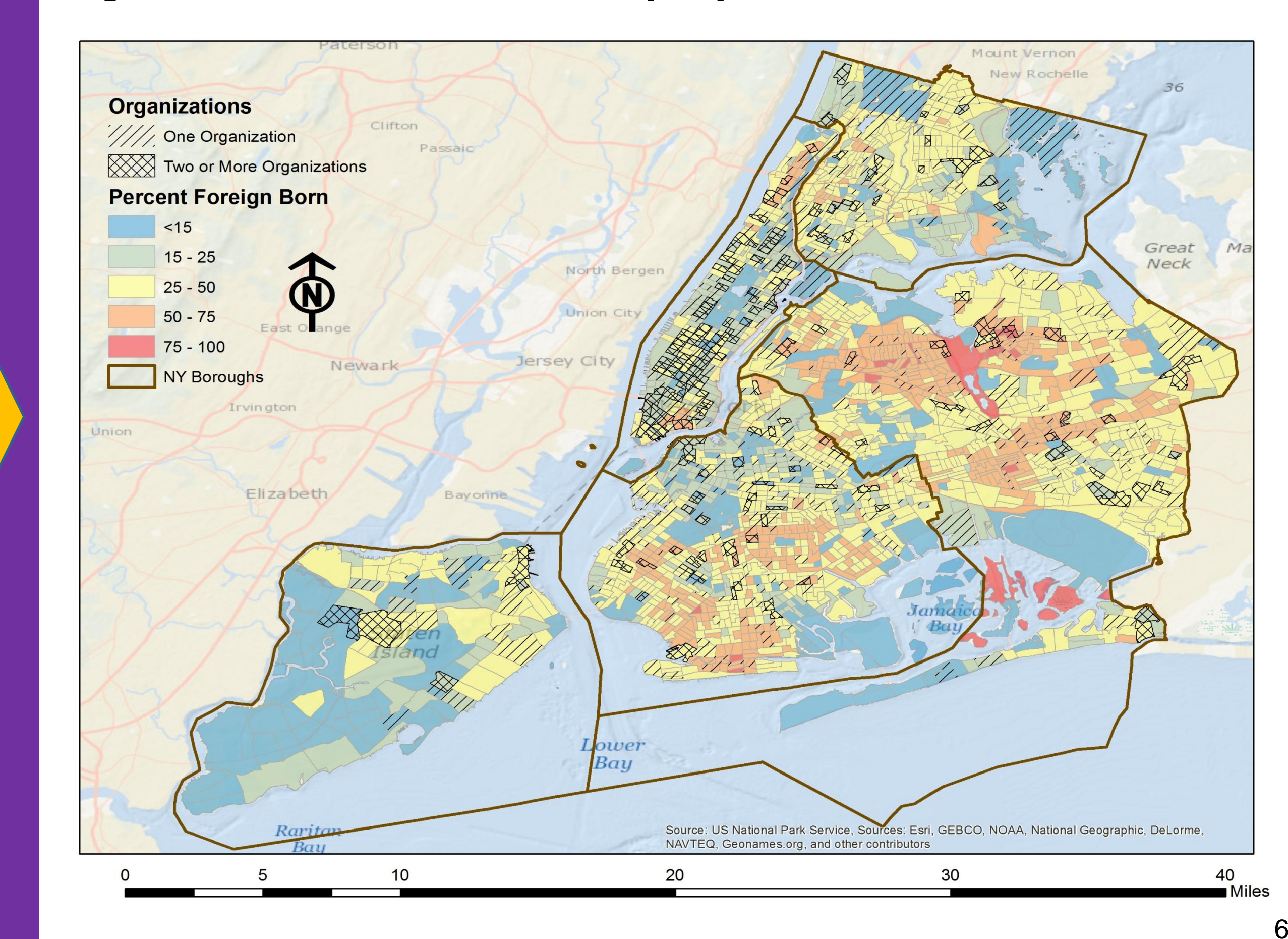
Spatially, we can see coverage gap for the poor.

Percent living in Poverty by Community-Based Human Service Organizations in New York City, By Tract

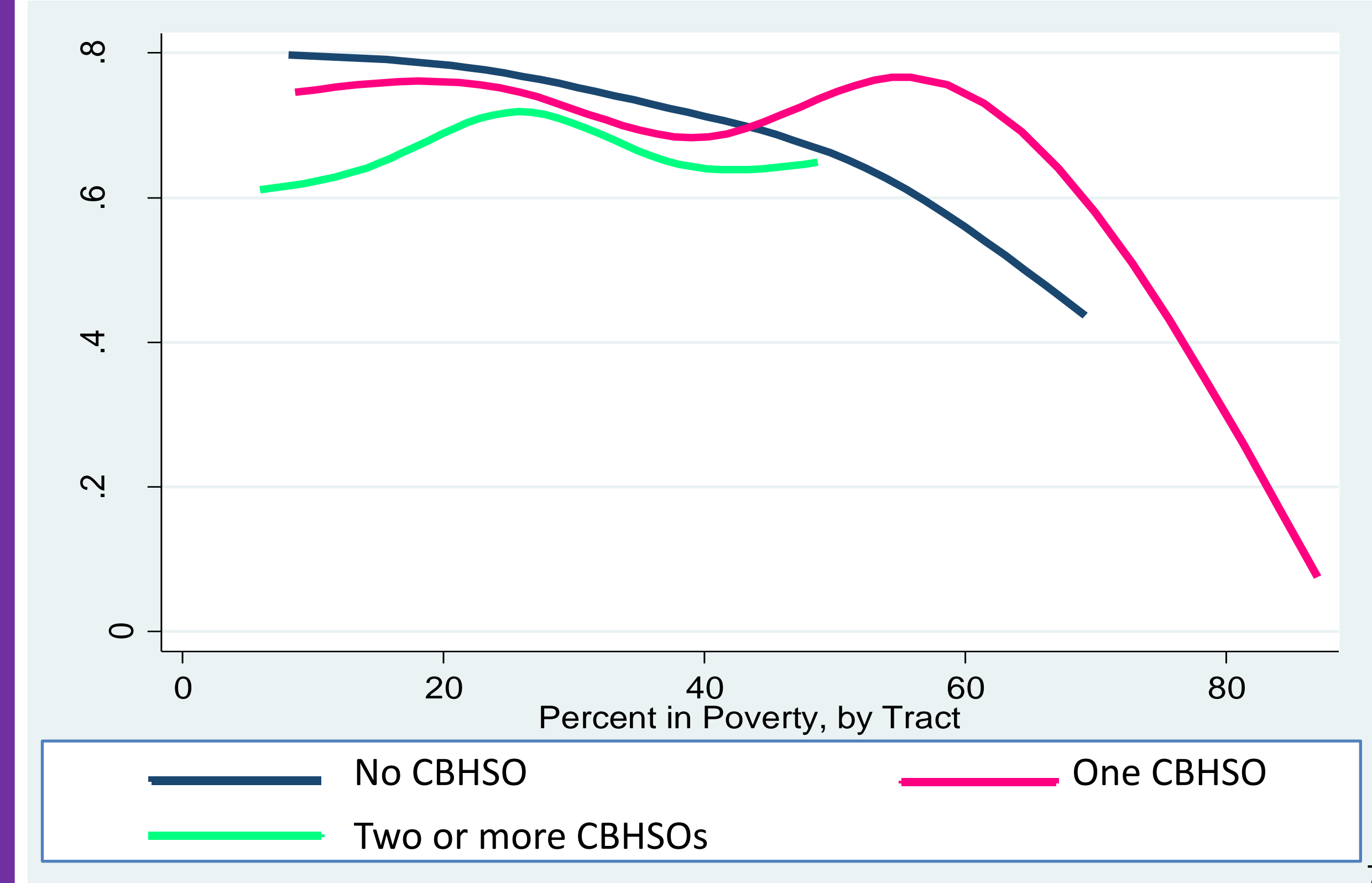


There is evidence of this gap for foreign-born, as well!

Percent Foreign-Born by Community-Based Human Service Organizations in New York City, By Tract

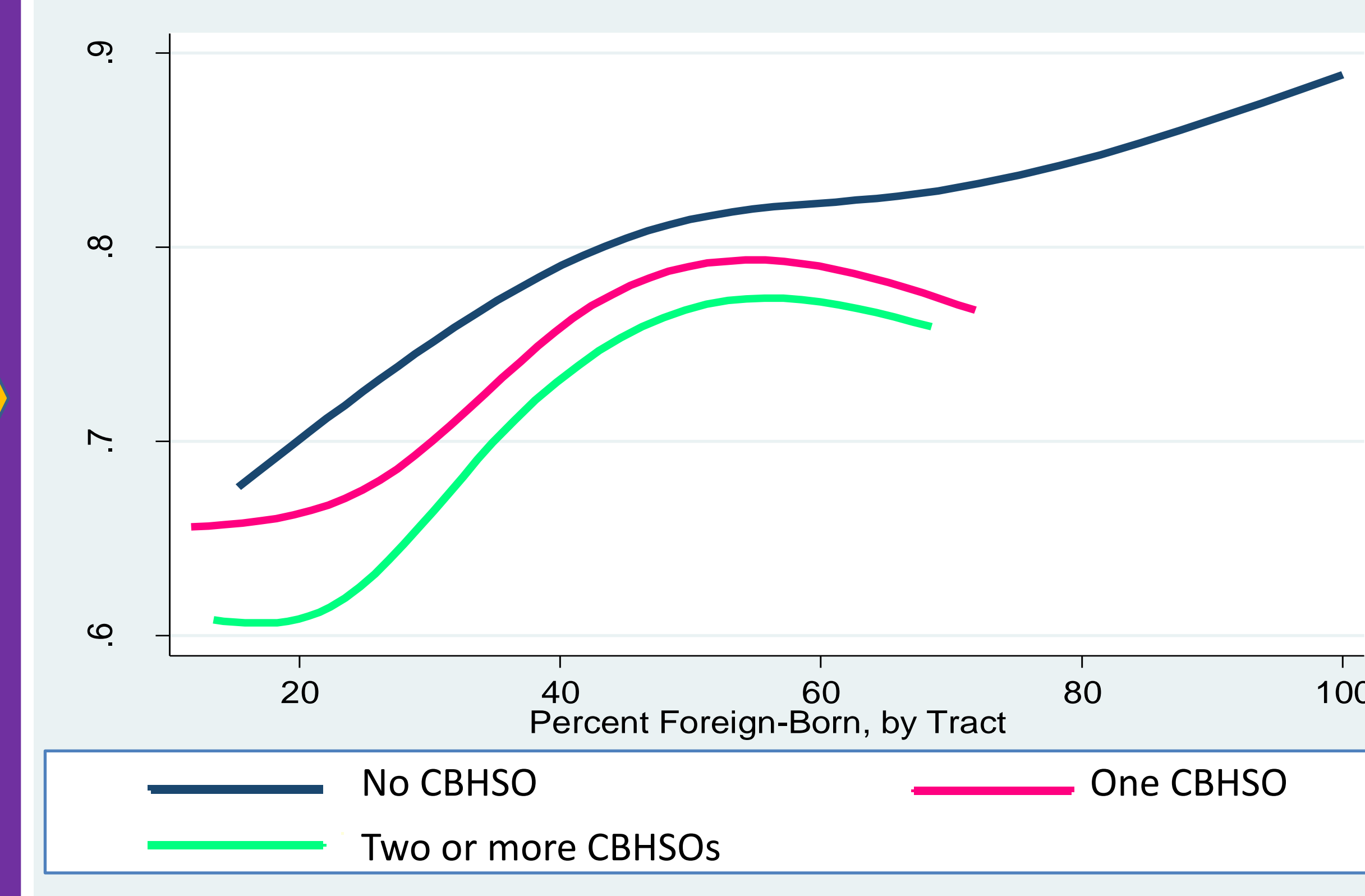


Predicted Probabilities of CBHSO Coverage in Tract, by Percent Living in Poverty



A similar trend can be found with the foreign-born.

Predicted Probabilities of CBHSO Coverage in Tract, by Percent Foreign-Born



What can we conclude?

Do immigrant communities experience a gap in community-based human service organizational support? *Yes and No.*

Yes

- CBHSO of neighborhoods with high immigrant presence is low.

No

- CBHSOs have a decent presence in areas with moderate immigrant communities.

What can we draw from these findings?

- The trend of CBHSO coverage is similar to those found for the poor.
- This opens questions as to why places with high or low immigrant presence are less likely to get support.
- There are likely other social and political forces at work influencing organizational location decisions.

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