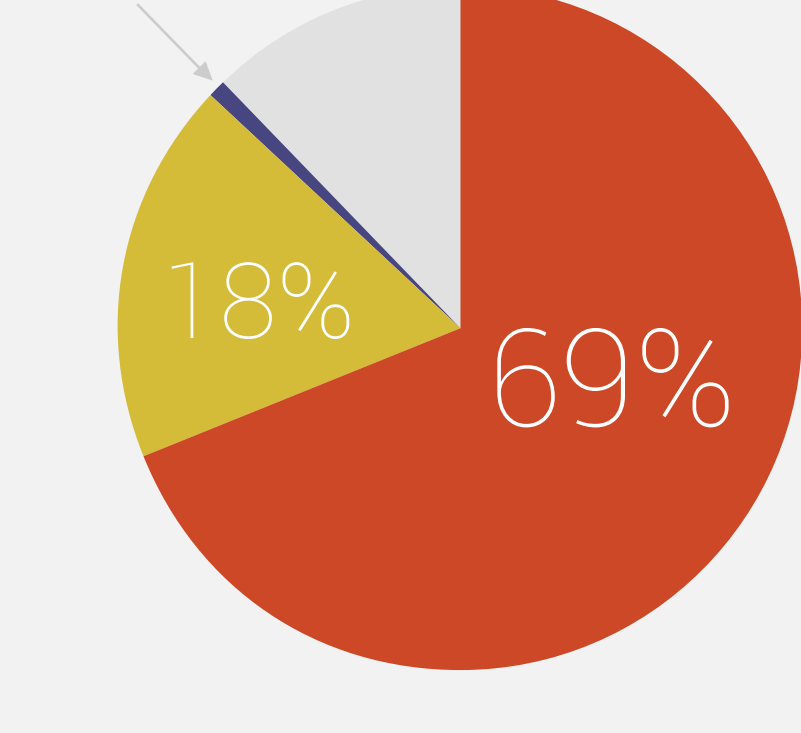


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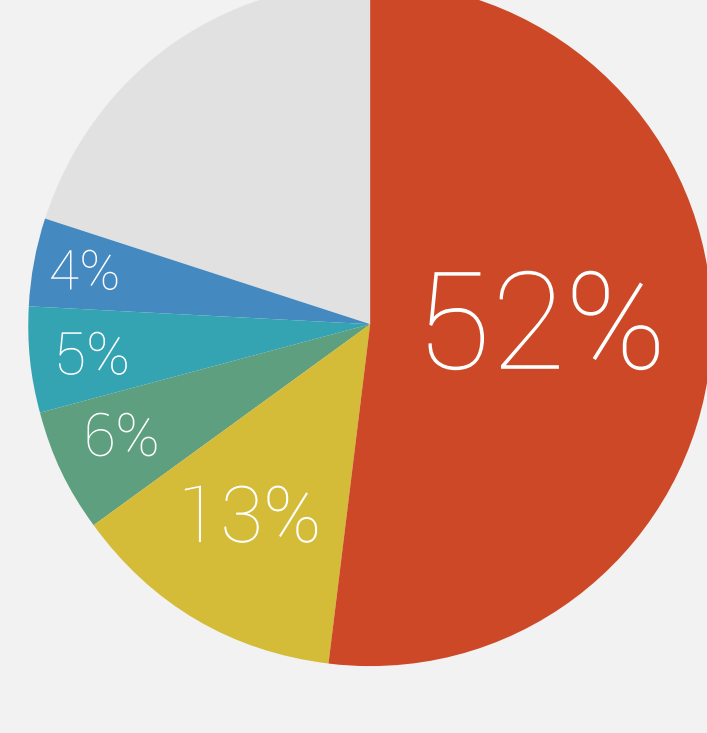
Learning a new language can expand your understanding of the world – and help you excel at whatever you choose to do in it. Just like individuals, nations also benefit from speaking more than one language. In today's globalized, multicultural world, countries are more interconnected than ever before – making multilingualism increasingly vital to every nation's economic growth.

LANGUAGES MOST STUDIED IN U.S.

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LANGUAGE LEARNING ADVANTAGES

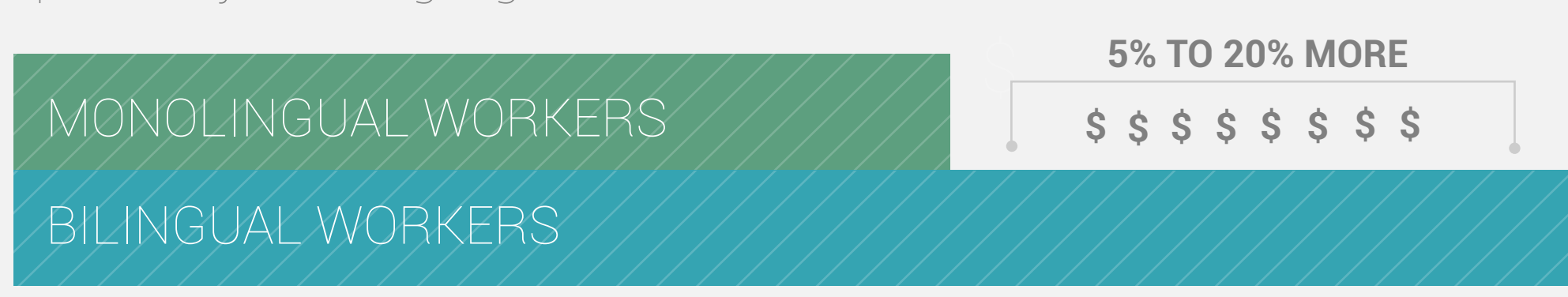
EDUCATION – ENHANCED LEARNING AND HIGHER TEST SCORES:

On the SAT, students who studied world languages for four or more years score higher on average than their peers.

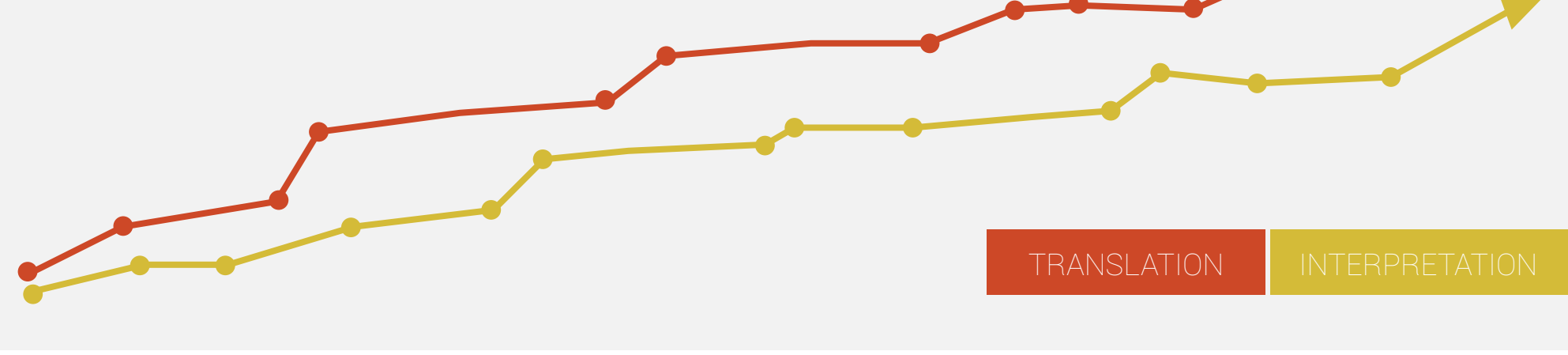


CAREER – EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES AND HIGHER SALARIES:

Bilingual workers earn 5% to 20% more than those who speak only one language

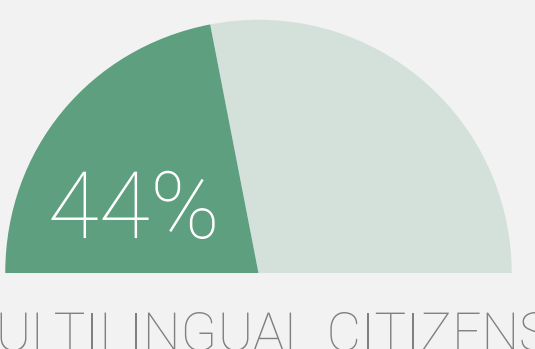
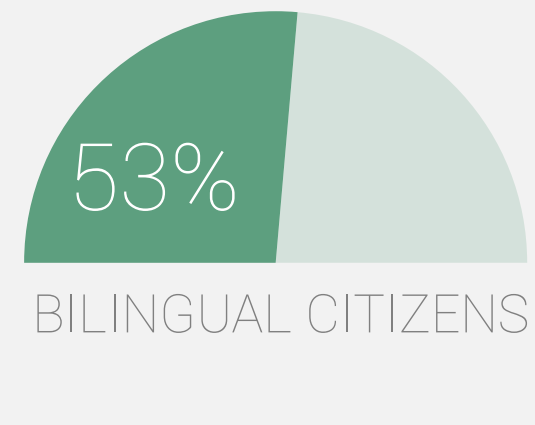


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WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING: EUROPEAN UNION VS. UNITED STATES

EUROPEAN UNION



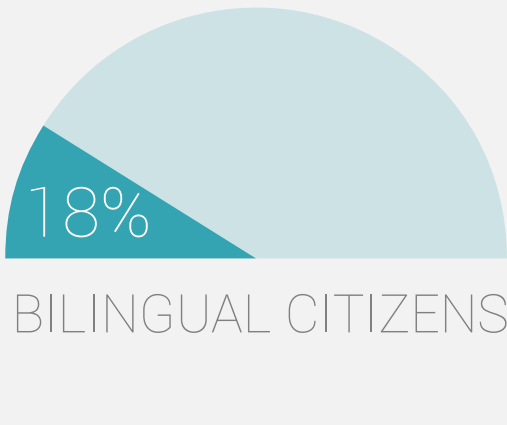
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UNITED STATES



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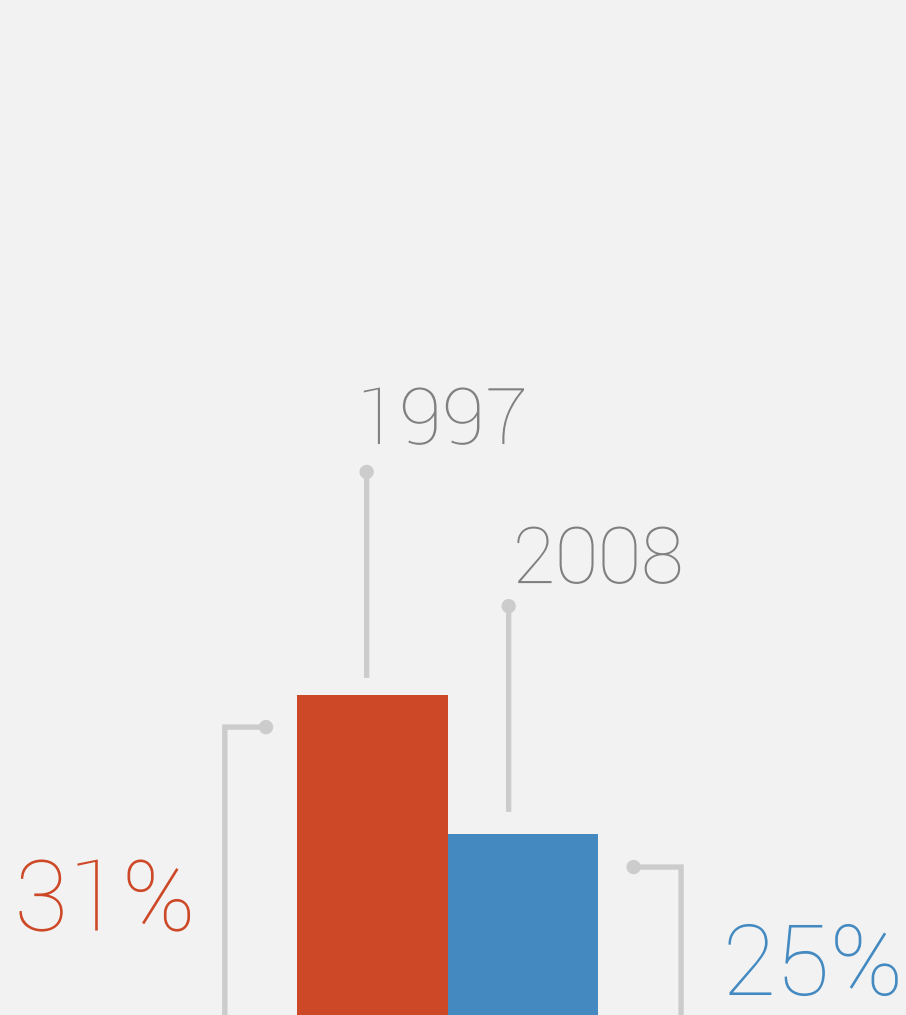
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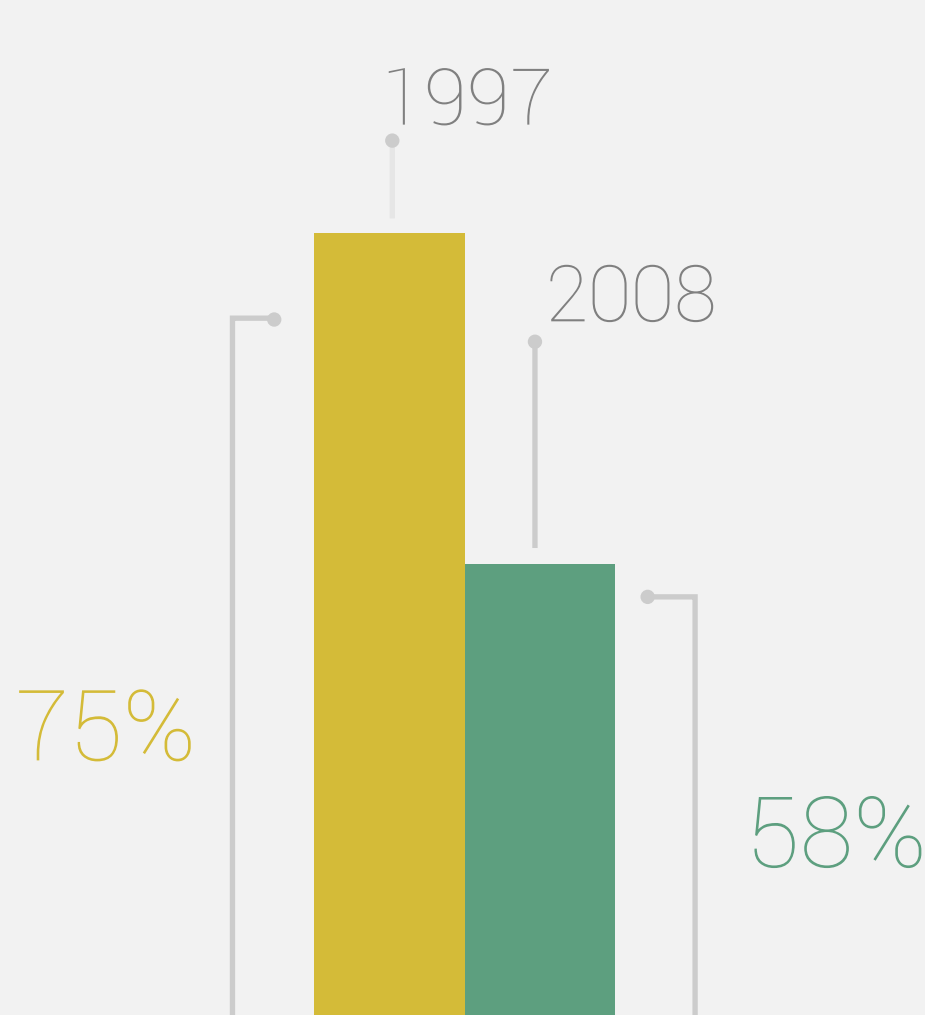
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K-12 WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING IN U.S. SCHOOLS

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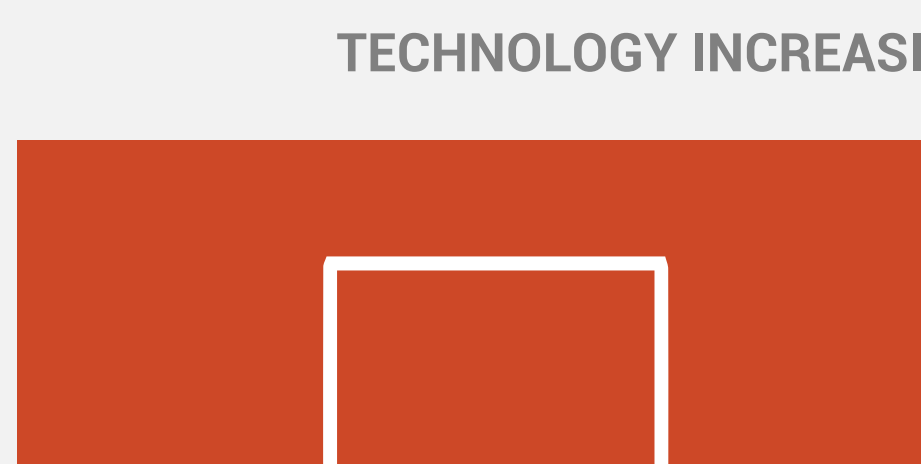


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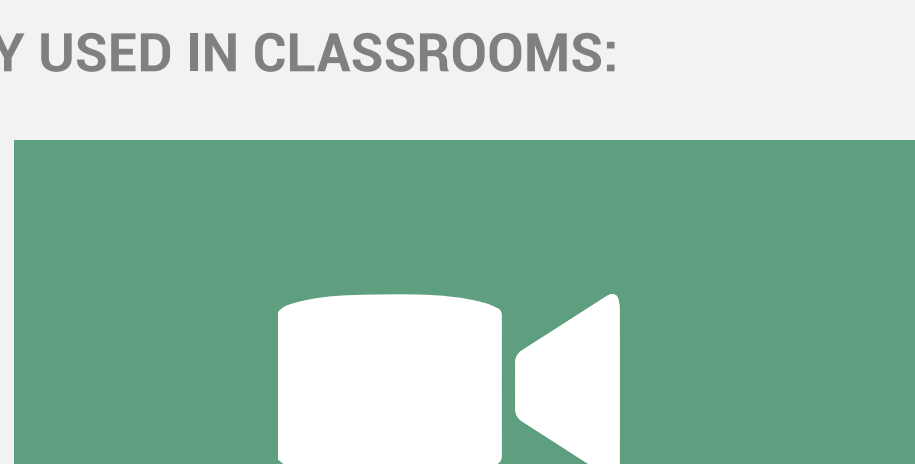
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