



**conexión**  
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how  
a  
CROSSWALK  
*changed*  
the world  
(IN NASHVILLE)



# our mission

TO HELP LATINO FAMILIES  
REALIZE THEIR ASPIRATIONS  
FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
ADVANCEMENT  
BY PROMOTING THEIR  
**integration**  
INTO THE COMMUNITY







integration

a multi-dimensional experience



social  
economic  
civic

integration







integration

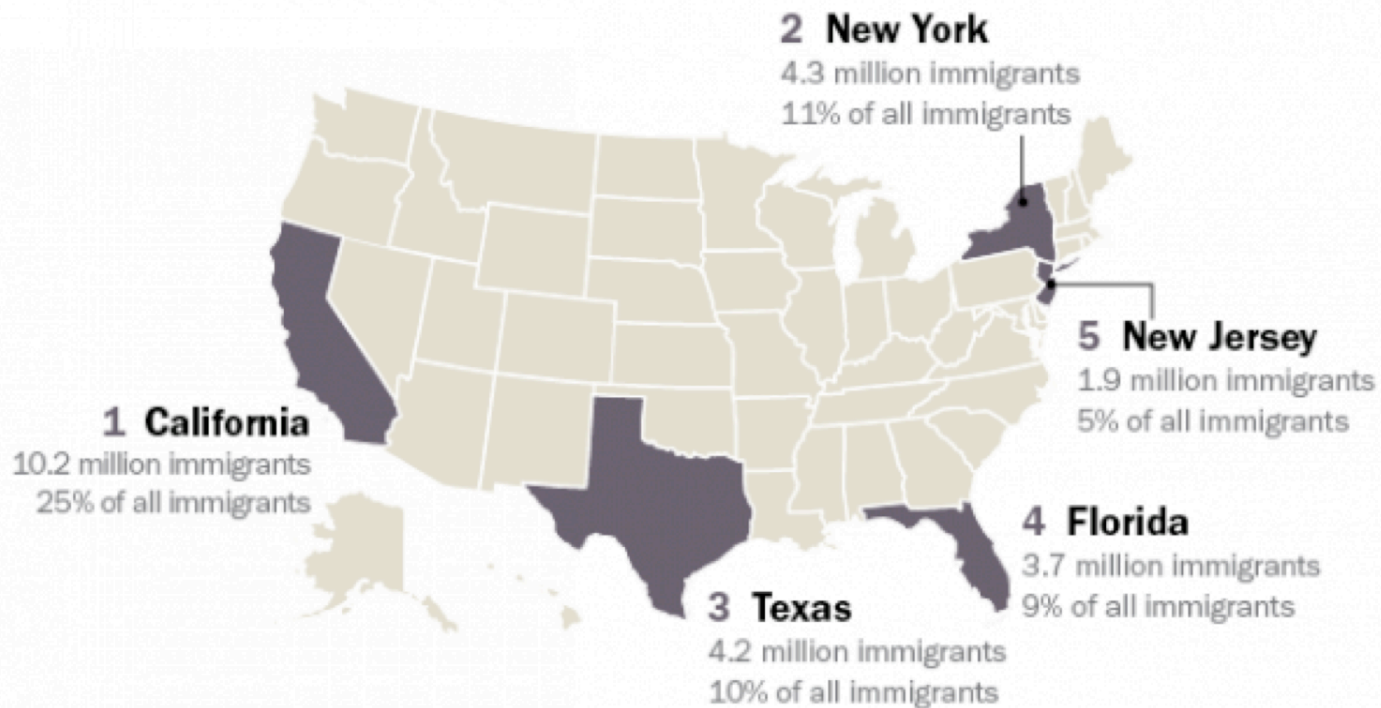
a two-way street



Why?



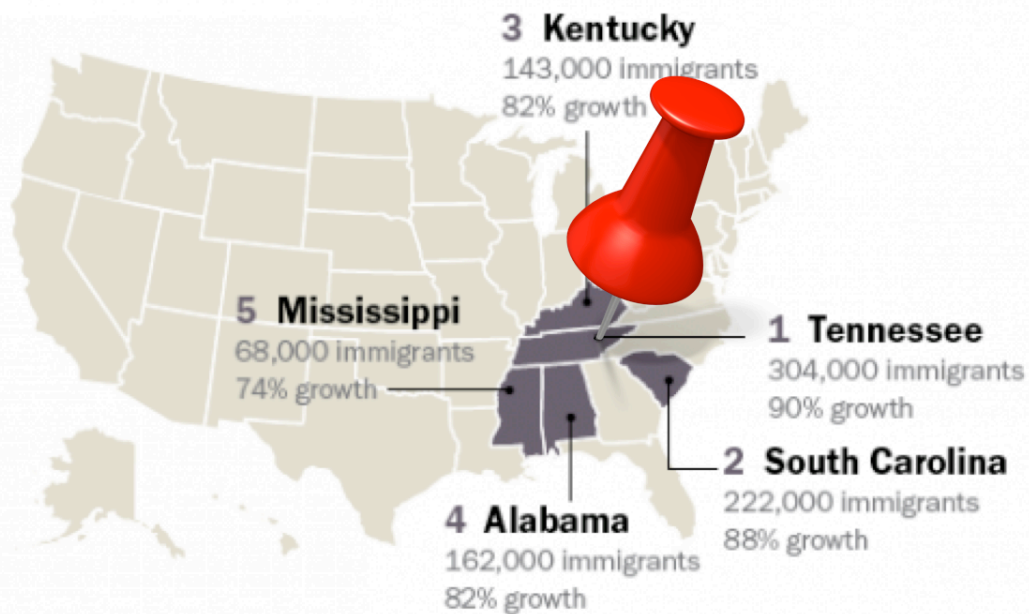
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Pew Research Hispanic Center tabulations of 2011 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)



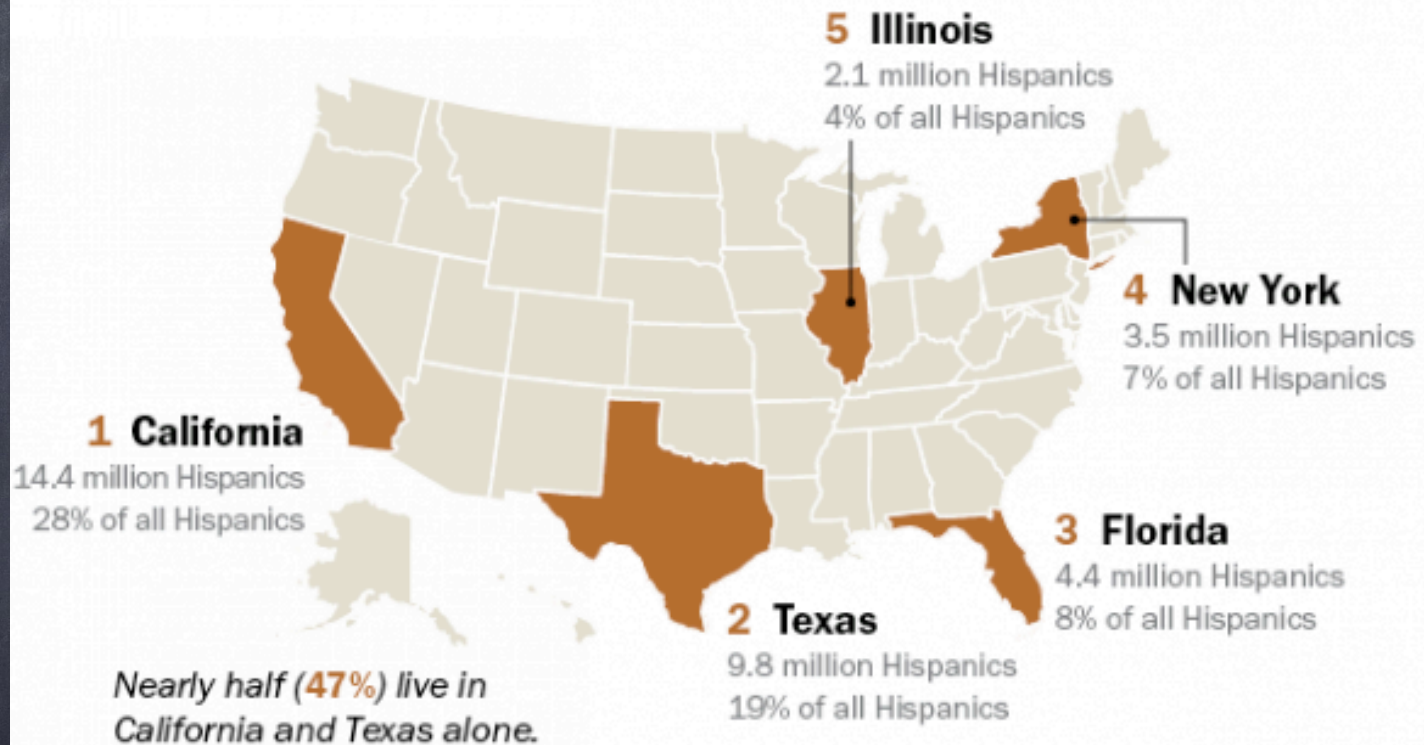
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**Two-thirds** of Hispanics live in just five states...

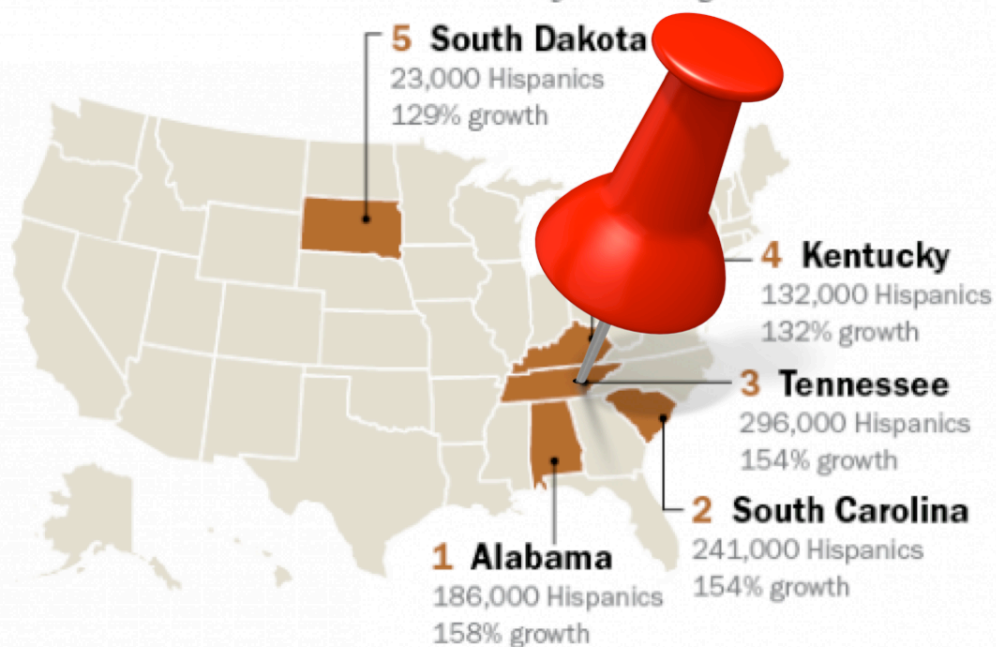


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A photograph of a family consisting of a man, a baby, and a woman. The man is on the left, wearing a light pink shirt. The baby is in the center, wearing a white shirt. The woman is on the right, wearing a grey jacket. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

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distinct subpopulations of Latinos

- ♦ foreign-born adult workers
- ♦ native-born young children



Latino pop growth  
refugee pop growth

How?

greater needs

nativism

anti-immigrant bills



create  
nonprofit  
collaborative

A PROJECT *and a process*























# Casa Azafrán







### BEST NEW RESOURCE FOR CULINARY STARTUPS: MESA KOMAL, CASA AZAFRÁN

Located inside Conexión Américas' gleaming global community center, Casa Azafrán Mesa Komal is a gorgeous commercial kitchen available for catering, cooking classes, and other food-related enterprises. A busy community calendar includes canning workshops, pop-up brunches and supper clubs celebrating international culture and budding immigrant entrepreneurs can find resources similar to those bringing such hopeful results at the Nashville Farmers' Market. CARRINGTON FOX













# Immediate neighborhood



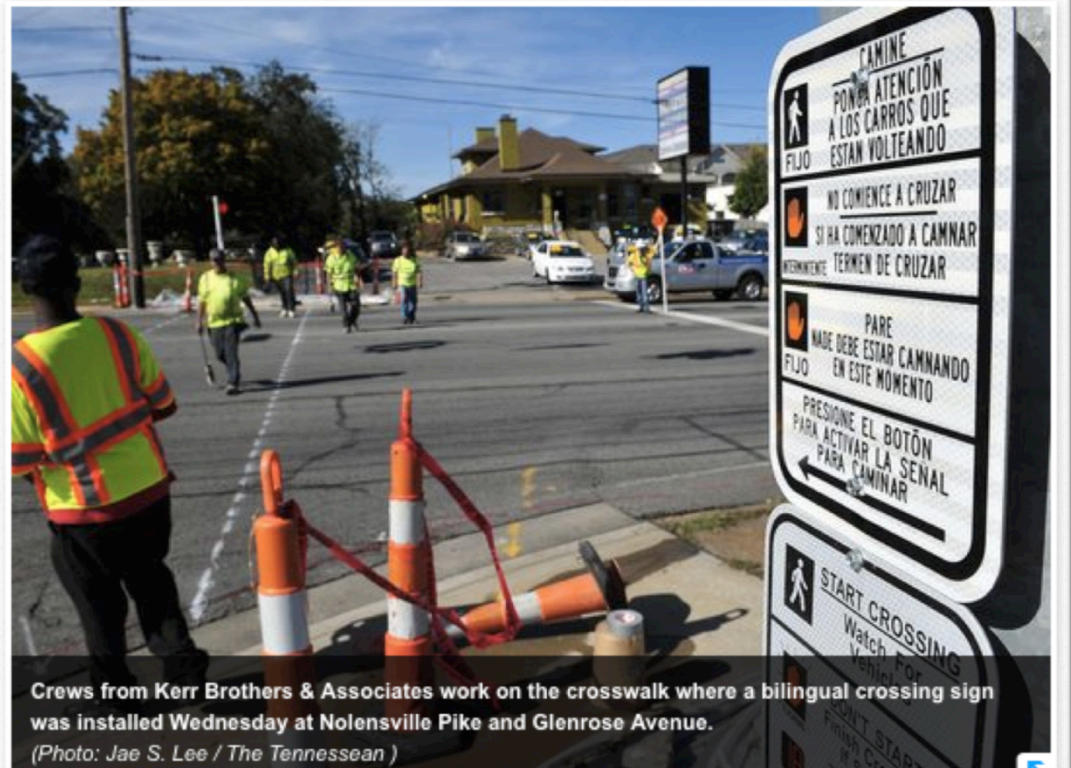


A crosswalk, por favor





# Public Works at Work



Crews from Kerr Brothers & Associates work on the crosswalk where a bilingual crossing sign was installed Wednesday at Nolensville Pike and Glenrose Avenue.  
(Photo: Jae S. Lee / The Tennessean)



# First bilingual crosswalk signal in Nashville!



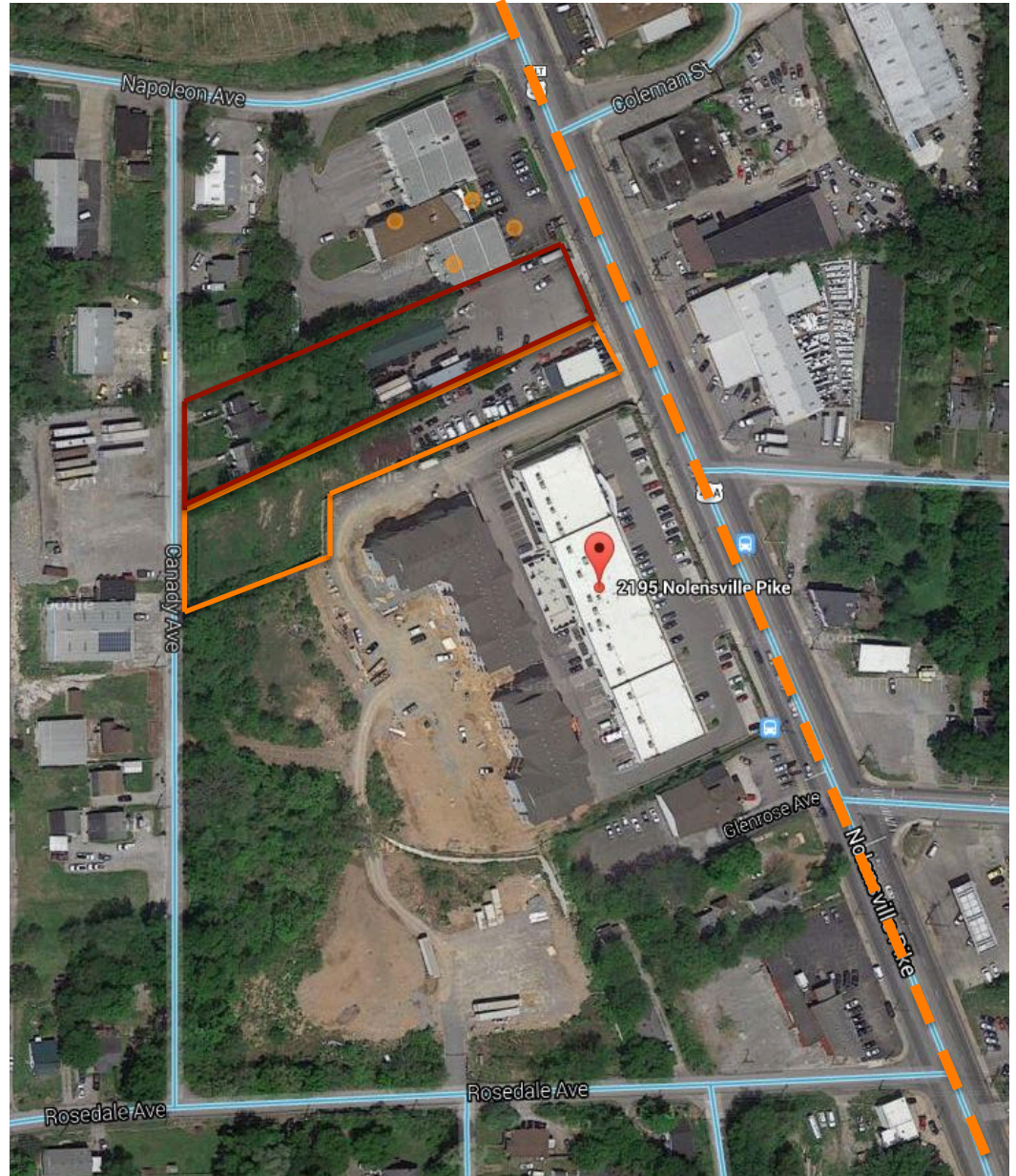
(and soon-to-be first street mural/crosswalk too)



# What's next?

Public Park

BRT Light





## Phase 1



## Play Park and Multi-purpose Amphitheater

1. Existing building retrofitted for public rest rooms and rooftop outdoor classroom
2. Bridge over driveway
3. Crosswalk
4. Natural play area
5. Building Mural
6. Castle play area
7. Educational wall walk
8. Amphitheater
9. Food truck power hook up
10. Parking
11. Public art piece



## BRT Stop Before / After





# Middle Tennessee *Transit Vision* [middleTNtransit.org](http://middleTNtransit.org)

