

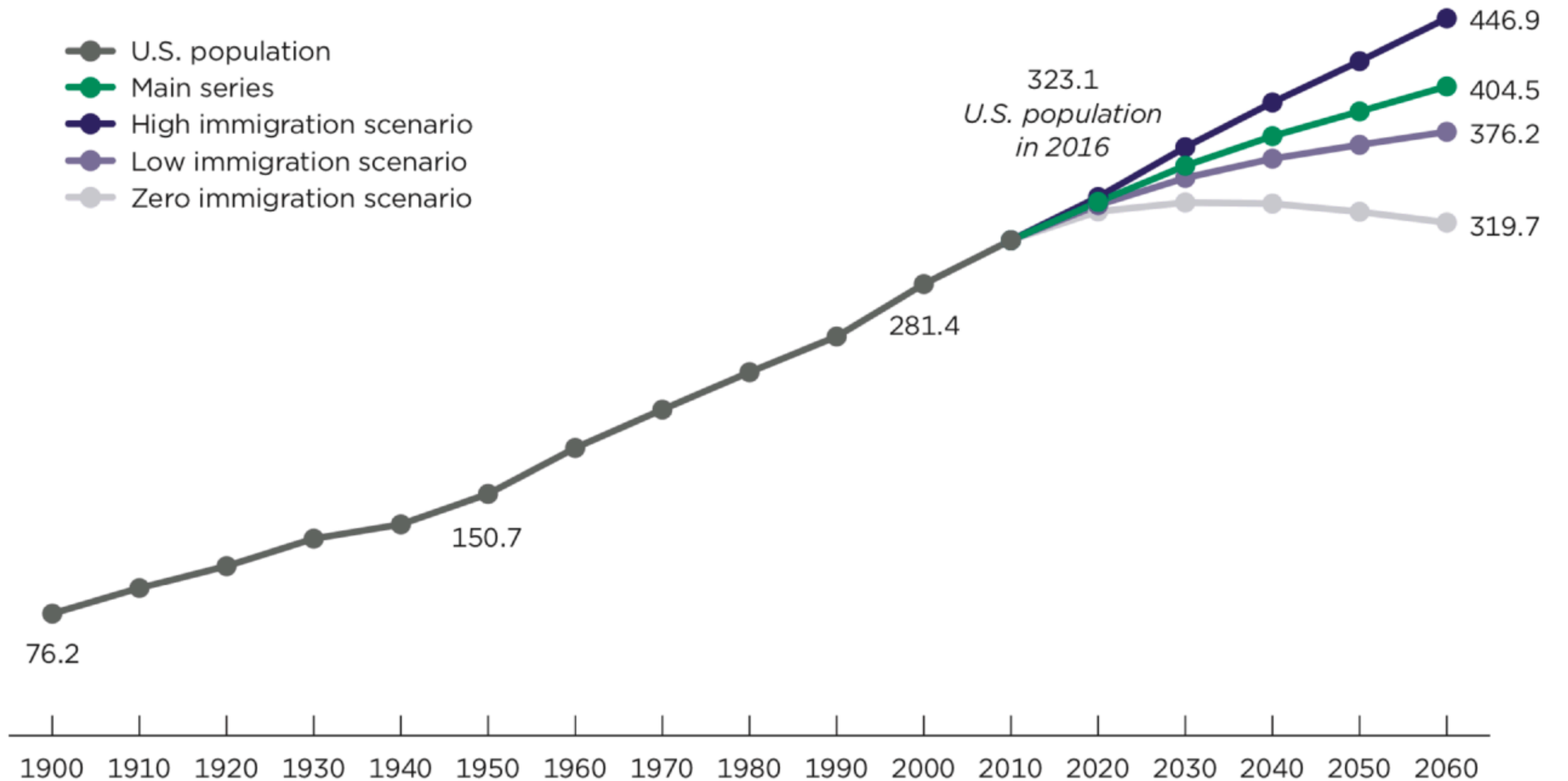
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Figure 1.

U.S. Population 1900–2016, Population Projections 2017–2060 by Immigration Scenario

(In millions)

The U.S. population would shrink under a zero immigration scenario.



Note: Census values for 1950 and earlier exclude the populations of Alaska and Hawaii.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 National Population Projections; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 National Population Estimates; U.S. Census Bureau, 1900–2000 Decennial Censuses.

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A population projection is a *guess* of the *structure* and *size* of the population in the future

Population projections are always *conditional* based upon a defined set of assumptions