



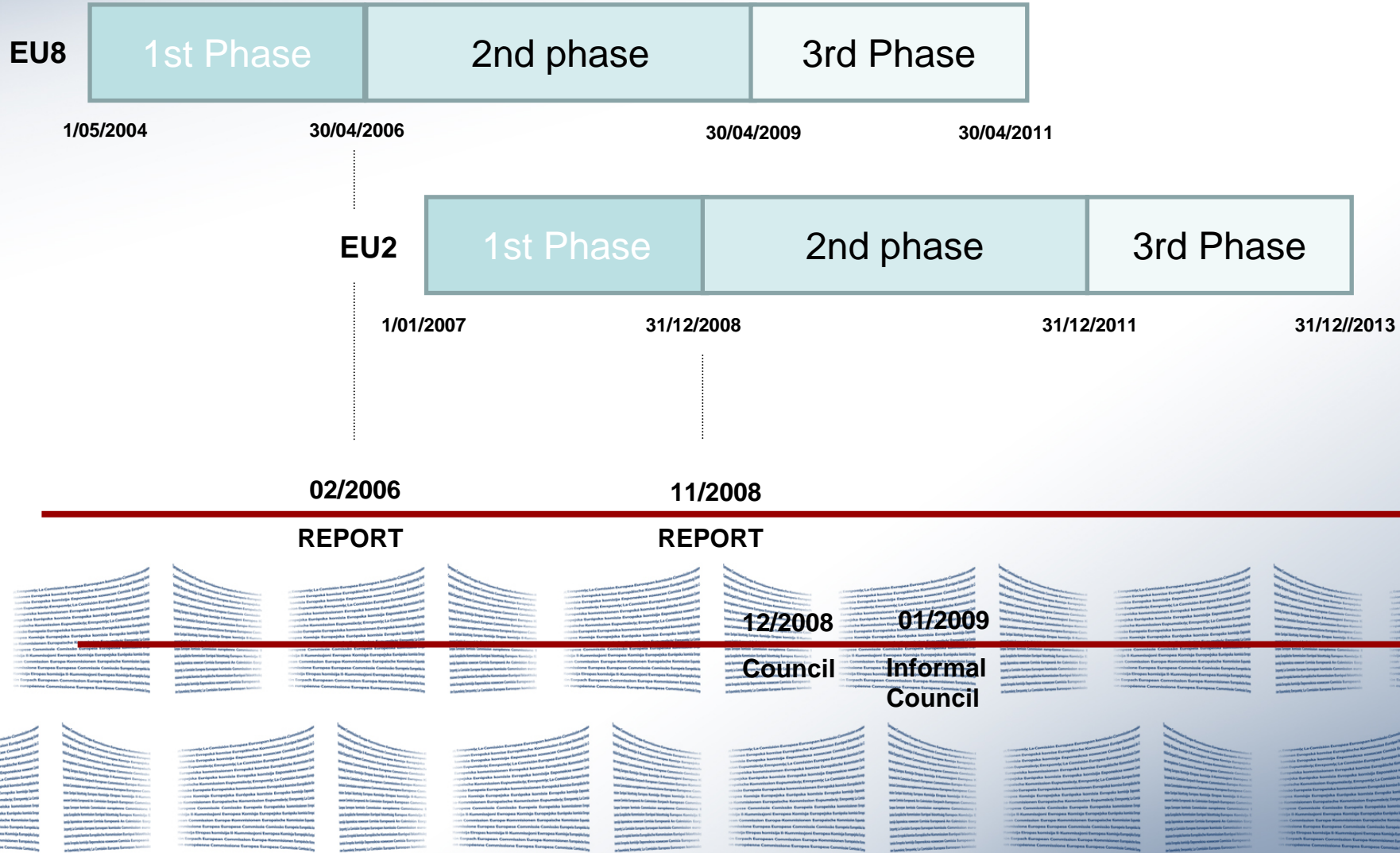
The impact of free movement of workers in the context of EU enlargement

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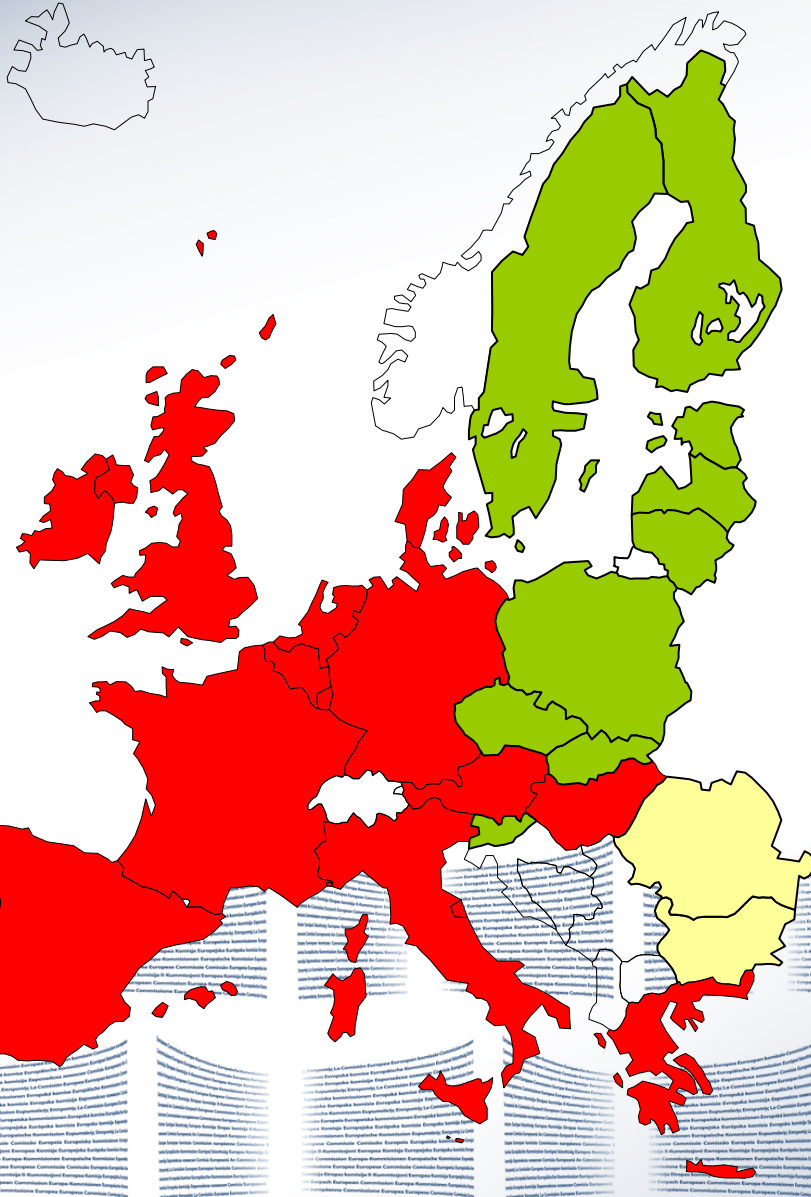


Transitional measures to the free movement of workers





Transitional measures vis-à-vis EU-2 workers



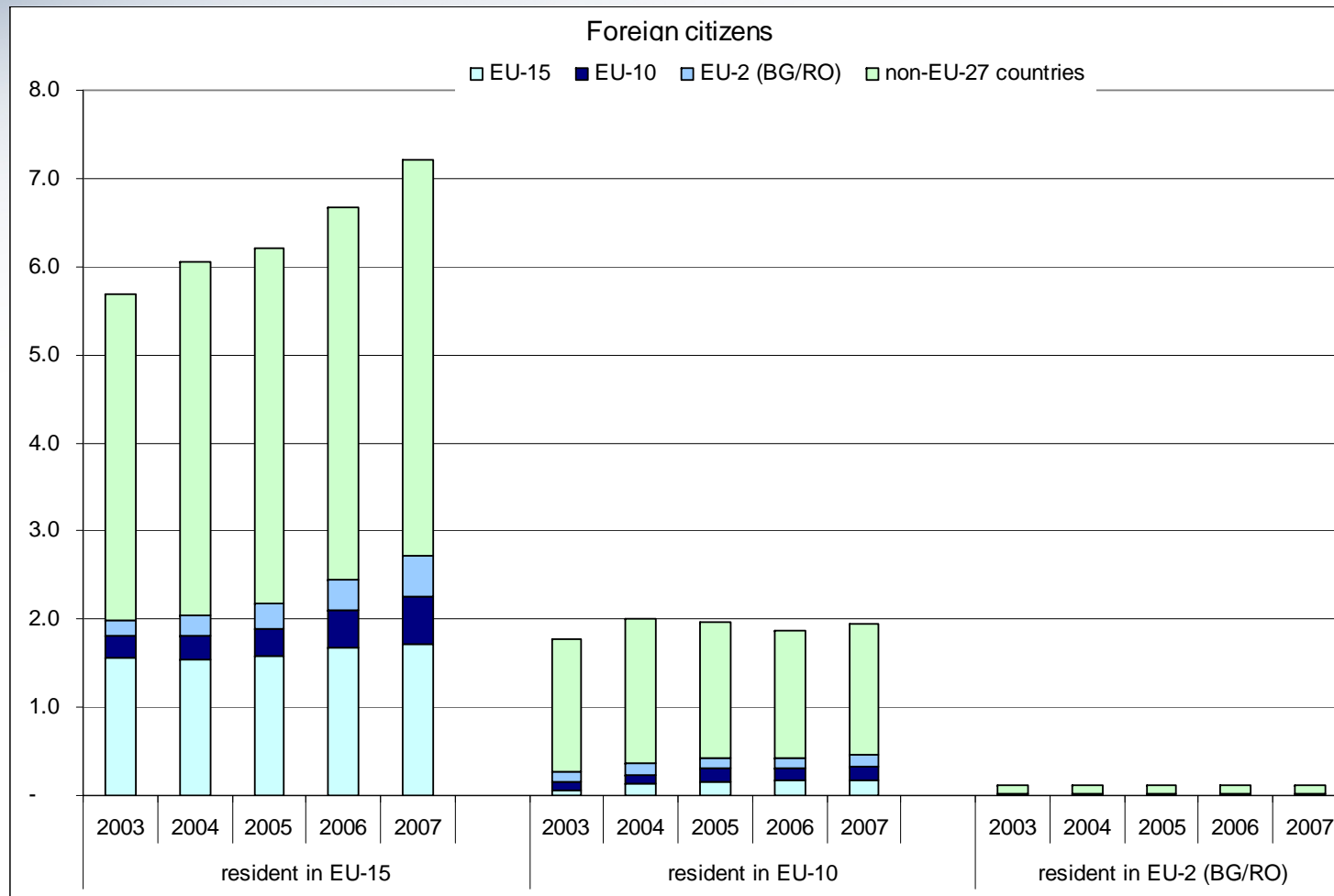
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Restrictions

Free access



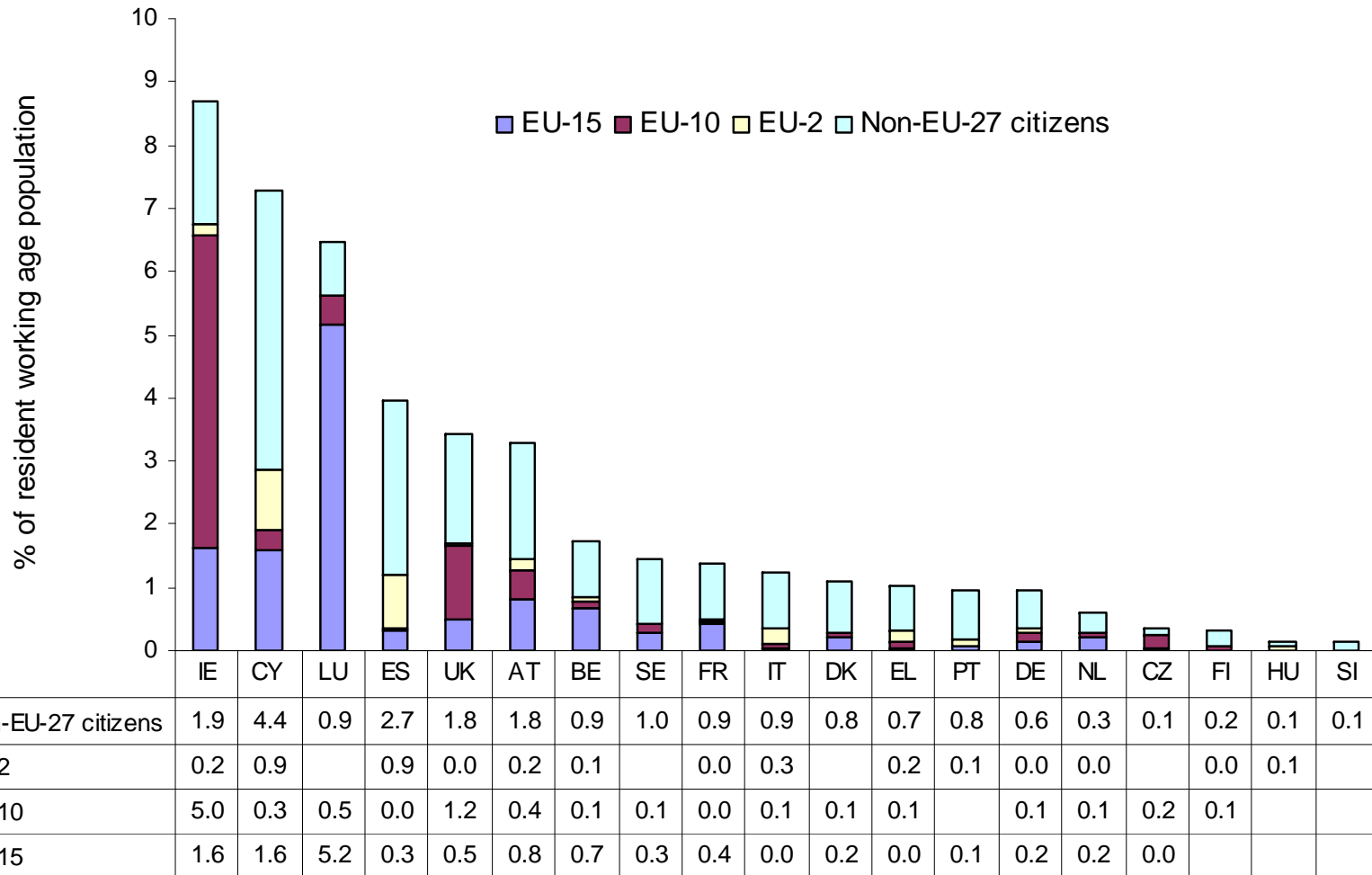
Foreign nationals 2003 - 2007



Sources: Eurostat EU LFS, Eurostat population statistics, national data sources, DG Employment estimates.



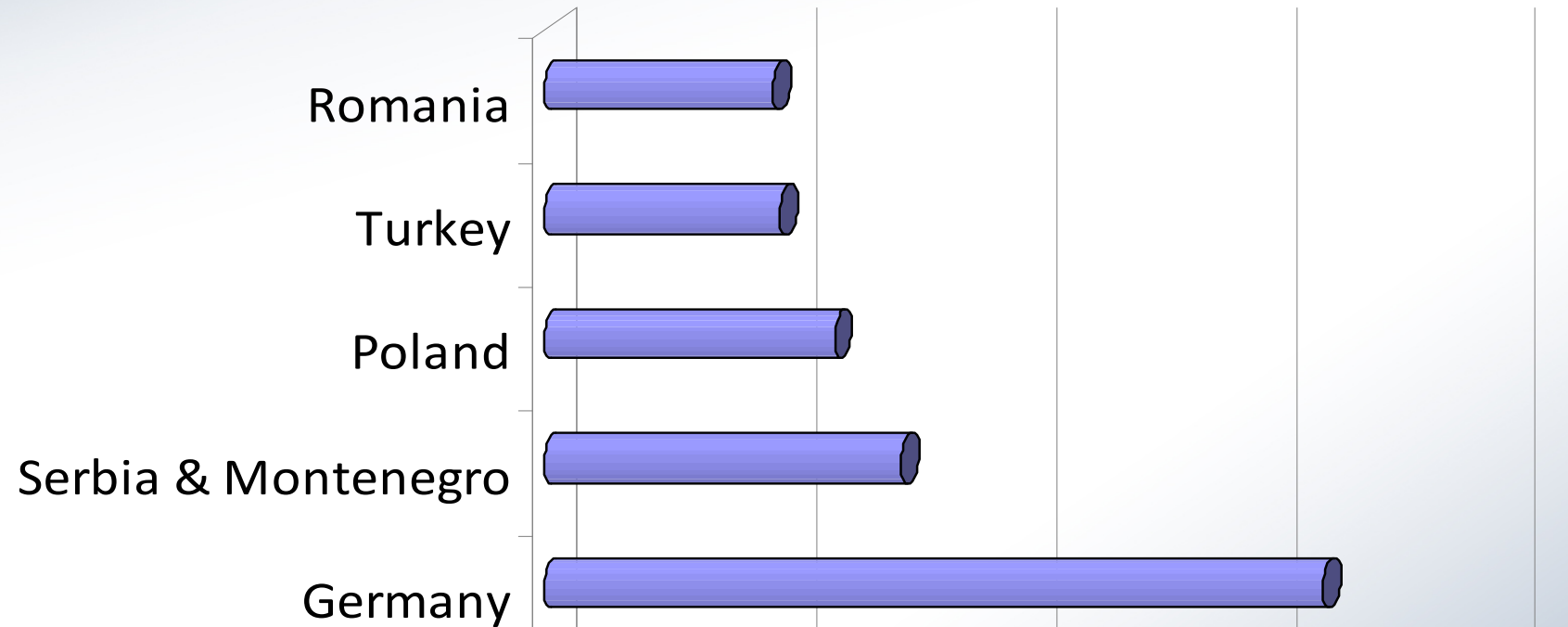
Population share of recently arrived foreigners resident four years and less in other EU Member



Sources: Eurostat EU LFS, annual data.. Notes: see chart 1, EiE 2008, chapter 3.

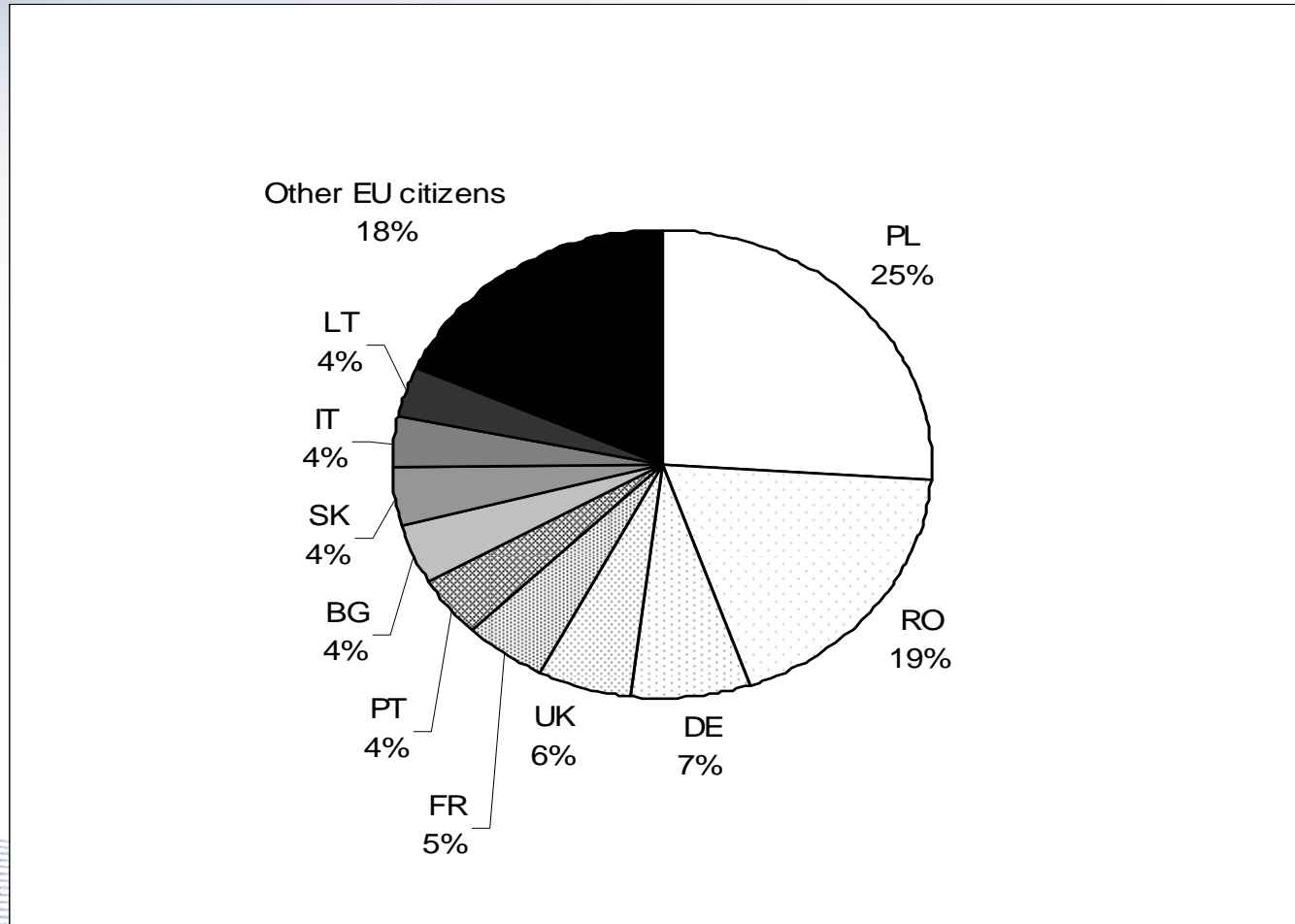


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Nationality of recent intra-EU movers after 2003

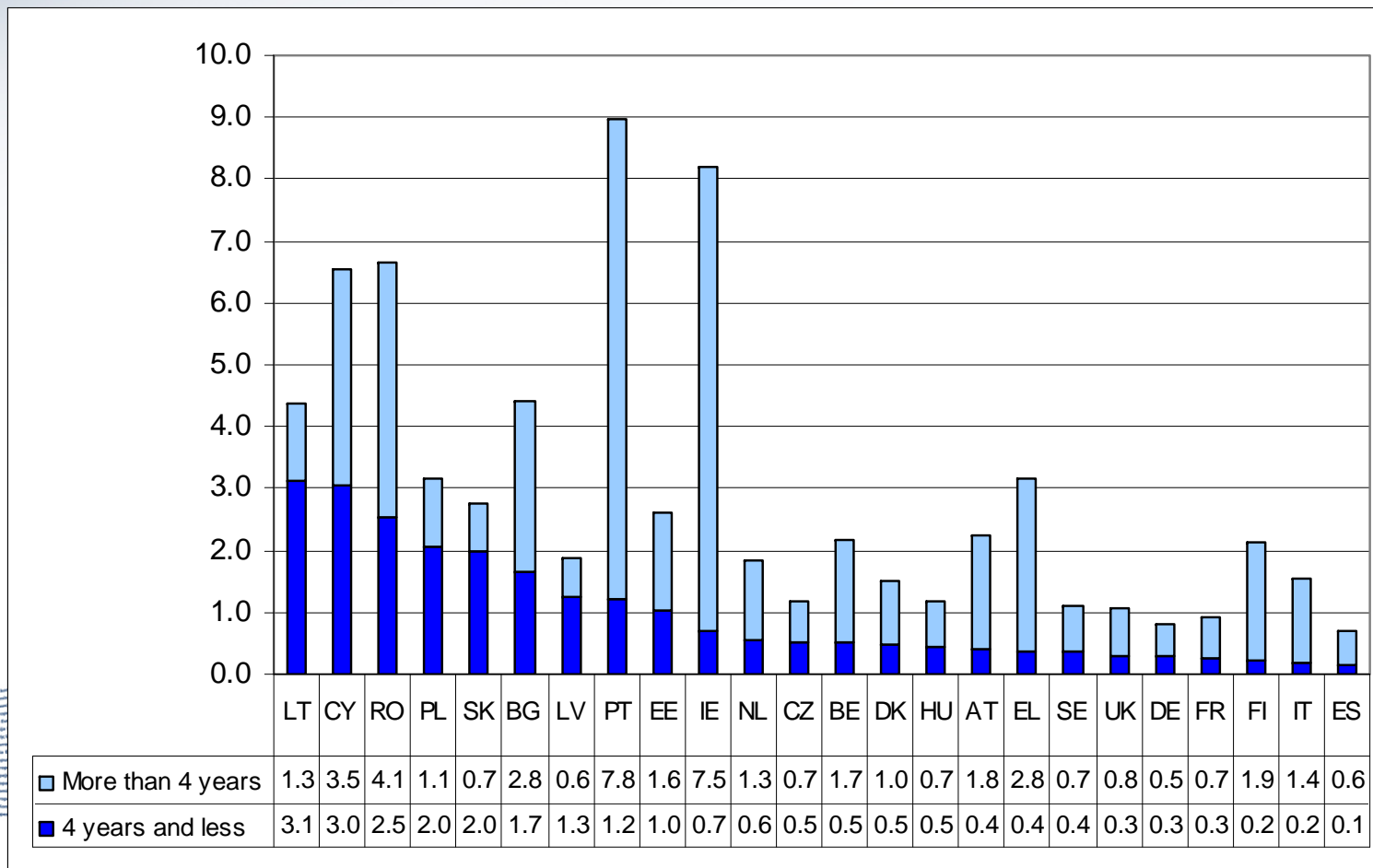


Source: Eurostat, EU Labour Force Survey, annual data 2007. Note: Recent intra-EU movers defined as persons aged 15-64 resident four years or less in another EU Member State.



How many have left?

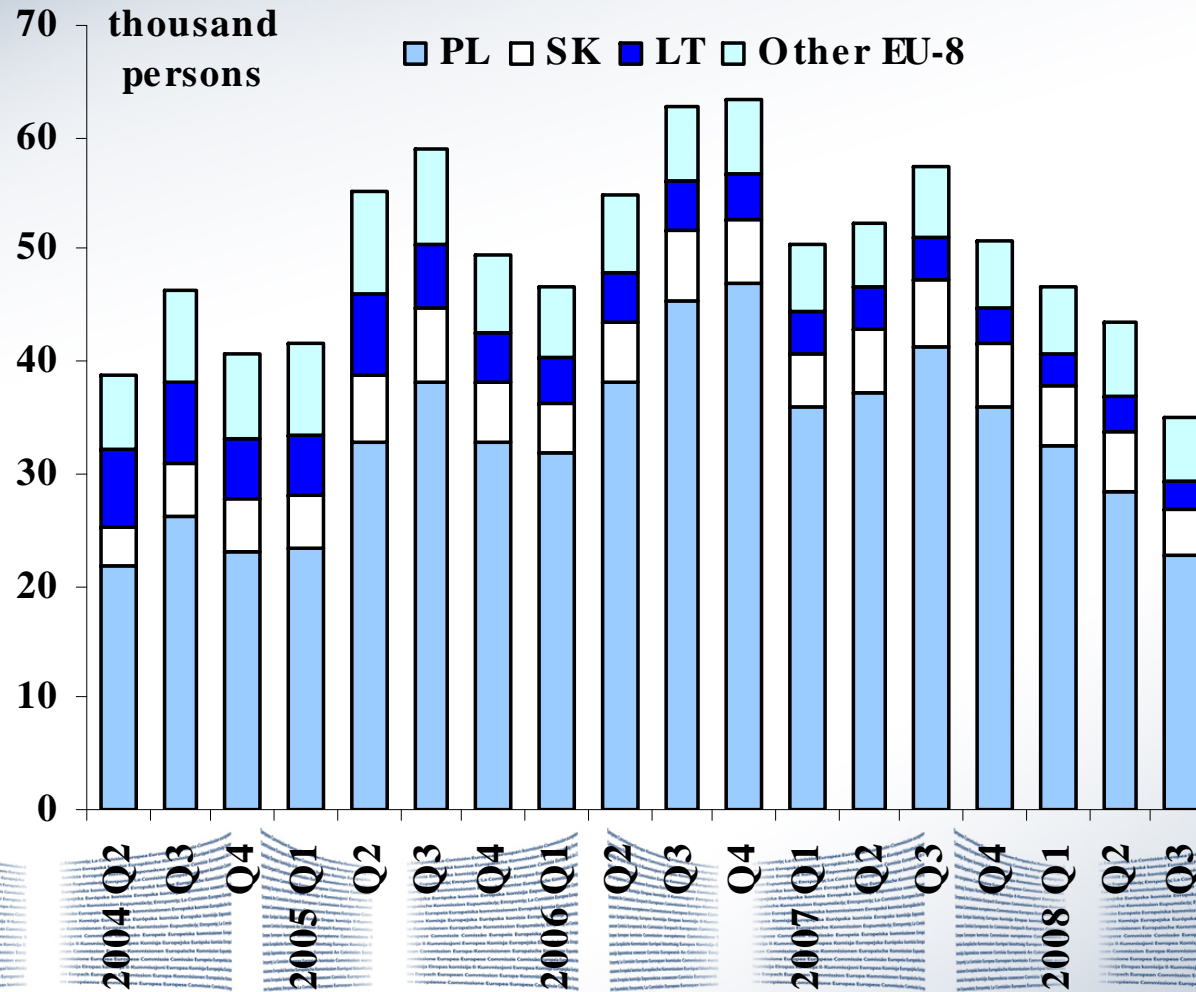
Emigrants to other EU Member States relative to home population and by duration of stay in host country, 2007 (% of working age population of home country)



Source: Eurostat, EU Labour Force Survey, annual data 2007.



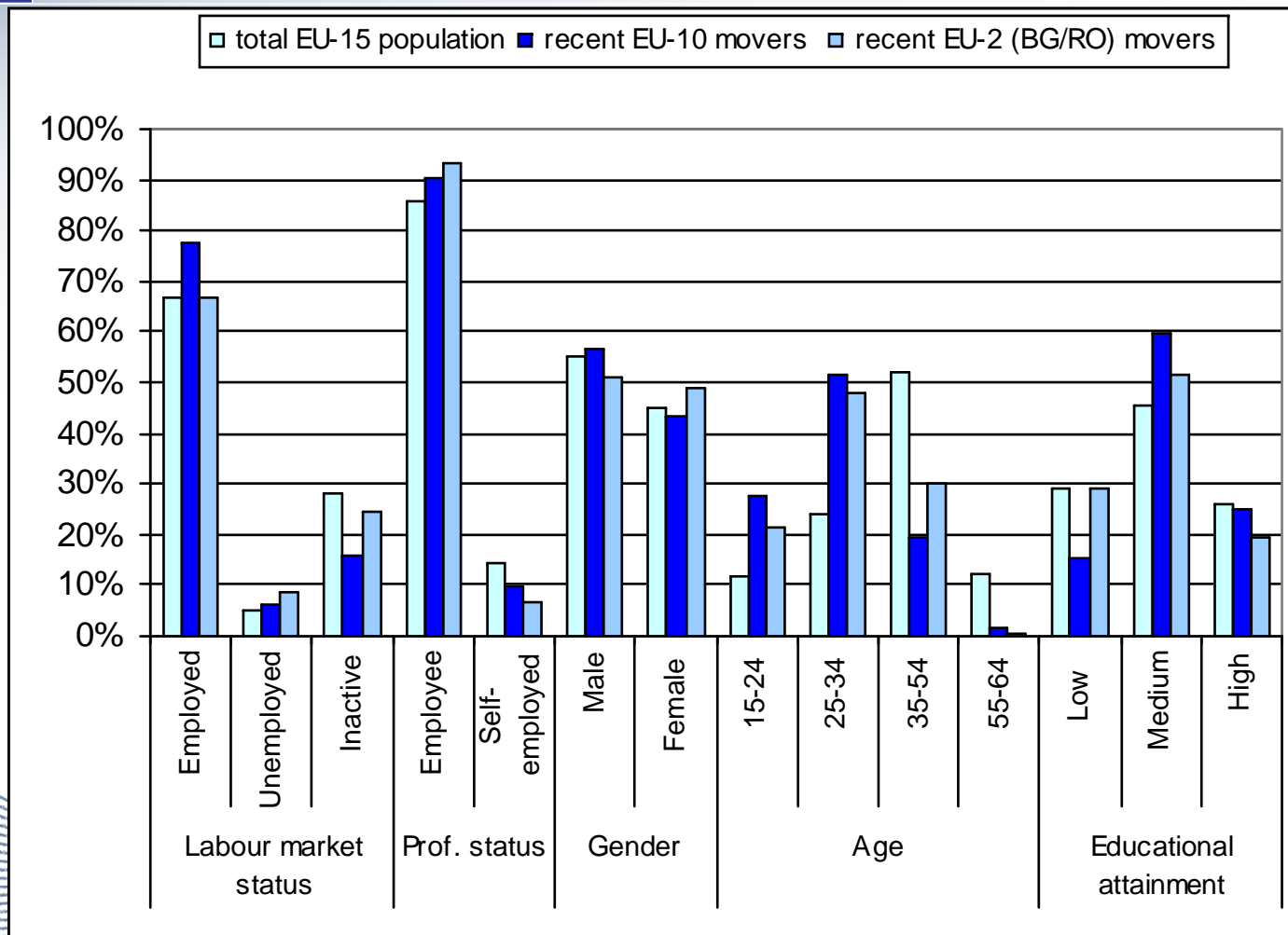
EU-8 inflows – example UK



Source: UK Home Office, Accession Monitoring Reports. Approved applicants to the workers registration scheme.



Socio-ec. breakdown of recent EU10/2 movers

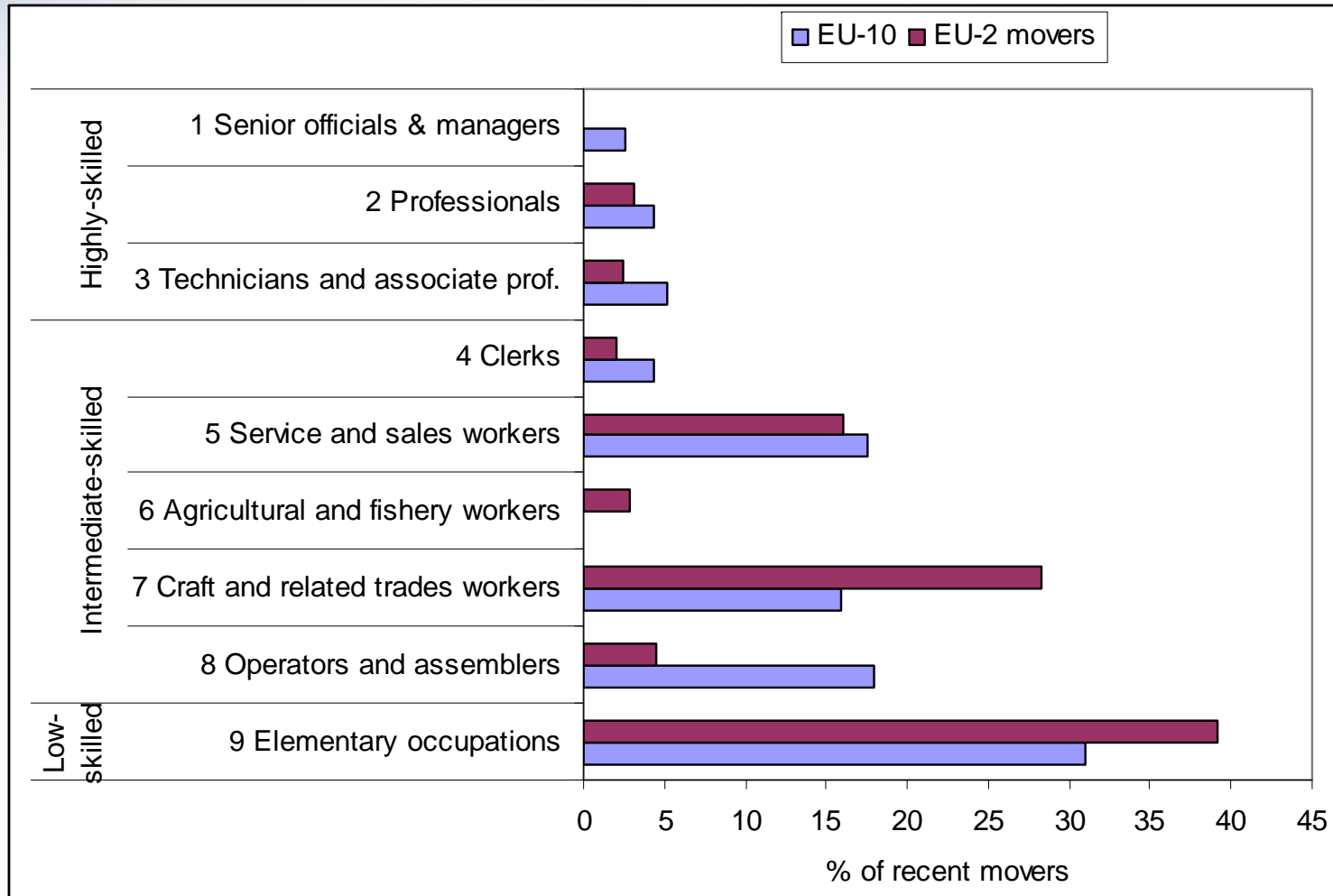


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...and in what jobs?

Occupation of recent EU-10/2 movers (age group 15-64), 2007
(% of total per group)

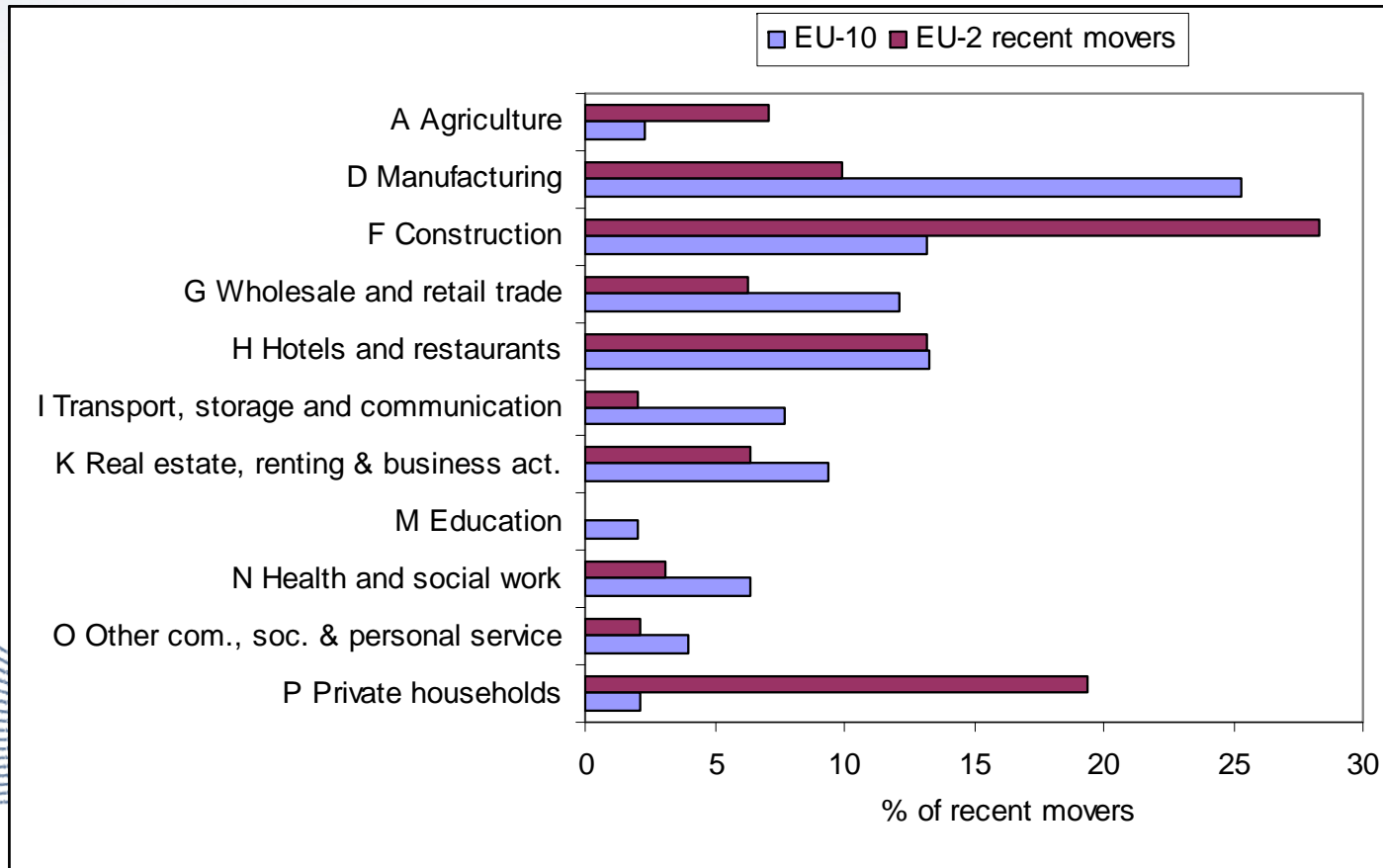


Source: DG Employment calculations based on EU LFS annual data.



In what sectors do they work ...?

Employment of recent EU-10/2 movers by economic activity (age group 15-64), 2007
(% of total per group)



Source: DG Employment calculations based on EU LFS annual data.



Labour market impacts

Range of recent studies find that post enlargement intra-EU migration has had...

- ...little or no negative impact on wages and employment of local workers and not led to serious labour market imbalances in receiving countries;
- ...moderate impacts also across different skill groups of workers;
- ... no substantial negative labour market impact in structurally weak regions as migrants tend to move into regions with higher wages and better job opportunities and not into regions with high unemployment.



Macroeconomic impacts

Recent research also shows that mobility from the EU-10/2 ...

- ...has had a clearly positive impact on economic growth in the EU;
- ...has helped to reduce inflationary pressures in most receiving countries ;
- ... has had a neutral or positive impact on public finances and the welfare state at the national level.



Thank you for your attention!

For more information see:

The impact of free movement of workers in the context of EU enlargement, COM(2008) 765. Available at:

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