

The social situation of immigrants in Germany

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The German Socio-economic Panel (1)

What is “SOEP” ?

- ⇒ The SOEP was started in 1984
- ⇒ Longest-running longitudinal survey of private households and persons in the Federal Republic of Germany („Living in Germany“)
- ⇒ Started with 6,000 Households in 1984, in 2006 approx. 12,000
- ⇒ Over-sampling of Foreigners, Migrants
- ⇒ East Germans, Innovations, High Income

What are we measuring ?

- ⇒ Representative micro-data on persons, households, families
- ⇒ Objective (e.g. income) and Subjective (e.g. satisfaction) indicators
- ⇒ Topics in Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Geography
- ⇒ Retrospective Information on Biographical History

The German Socio-economic Panel (2)

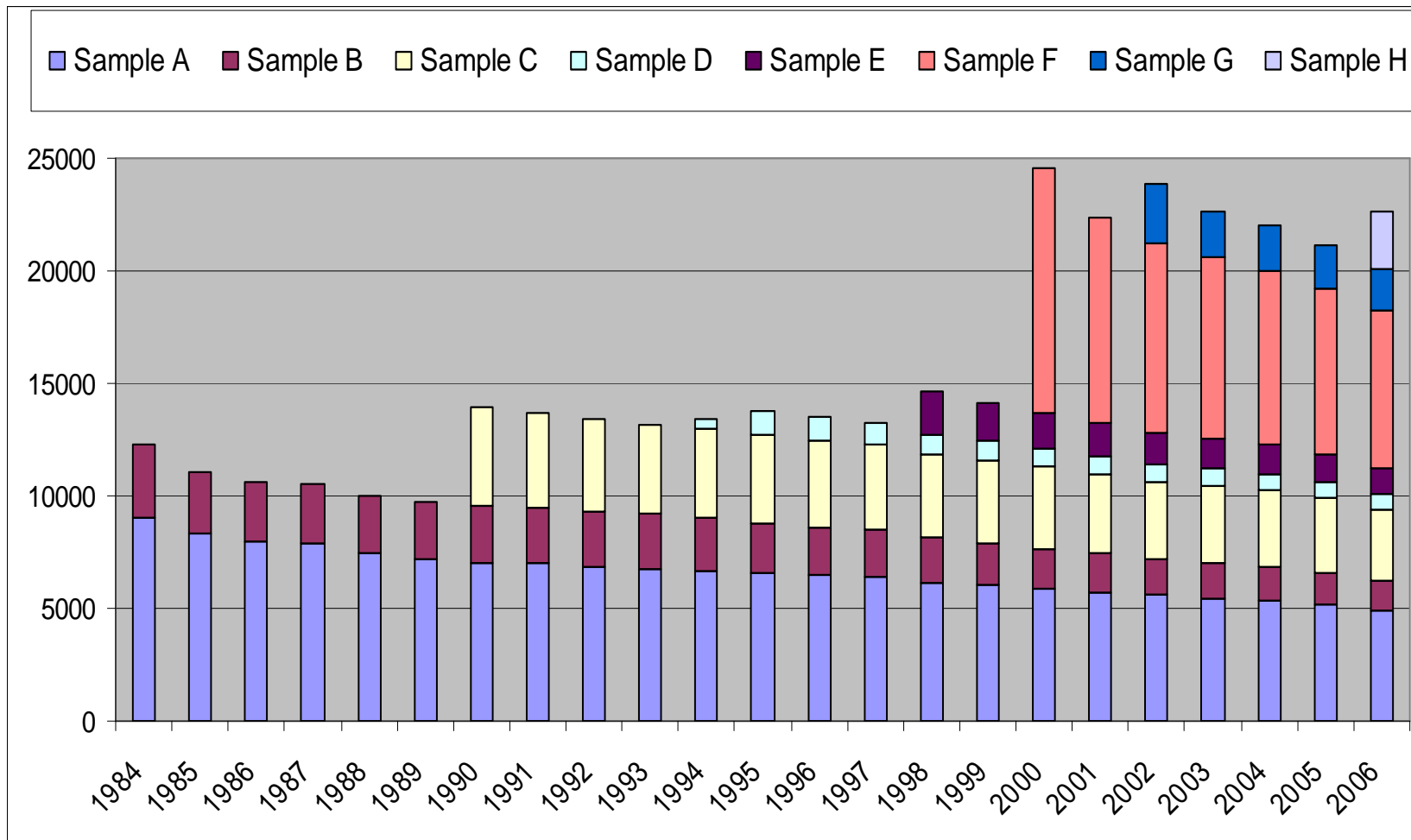
Subsamples: Multi-step random sampling process

- ⇒ **A** **”West-German”** residents: started in 1984, n=4528 households
Head is either German or other nationality than those in Sample B.
- ⇒ **B** **”Foreigners”**: started in 1984, n=1393 households (oversampling)
Head is either Turkish, Italian, Spanish, Greek, or Yugoslavian.
- ⇒ **C** **”East-Germans”**: started in 1990, n=2179 households
Head was a citizen of the GDR. (expansion of survey territory)
- ⇒ **D** **”Immigrants”**: started in 1994/95, n=522 households
At least one HH member has moved to Germany after 1984.
(expansion of survey population)
- ⇒ **E** **”Refreshment sample”**: started in 1998, n=1067 households
Random sample covering all existing subsamples (total population)
- ⇒ **F** **”Innovation sample”**: started in 2000, n=6052 households
Random sample covering all existing subsamples (total population)
- ⇒ **G** **”High Income sample”**: started in 2002, n=1224 households
Monthly net Household income > 7.500 DM (4.500 EUR in wave 2)
- ⇒ **H** **”Refreshment sample”**: started in 2006, n=1506 households
Random sample covering all existing subsamples (total population)

The German Socio-economic Panel (3)

Cross-sectional perspective

⇒ Number of successfully interviewed persons by sample



Source: TNS-Infratest Sozialforschung

SOEP Homepage:

<http://www.diw.de/gsoep>

Groups considered

Autochthonous, i.e. German nationality by birth
and born in Germany

Migration background, independent of the nationality

- > From the classical recruitment countries
(*Turkey, South-Western Europe,
Former Yugoslavia*)
- > Ethnic Germans (*Aussiedler*)

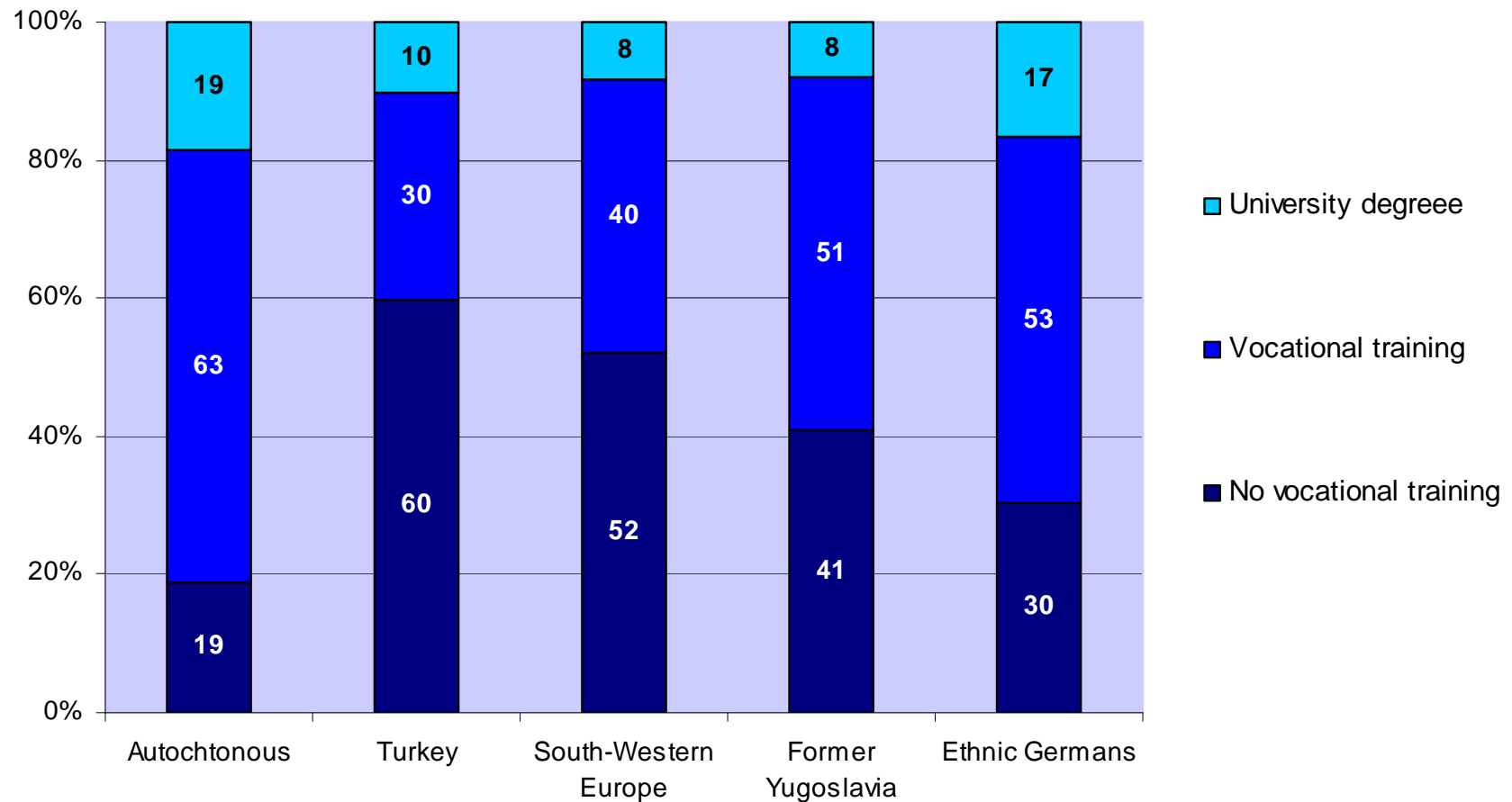
Descendants of migrants, i.e. born in Germany and foreign
origin or migrated before the age of 15 or younger.
Only those aged between 16-45 years.

Demographic characteristics in 2006

	Autochthonous	Migration background ...			
		Turkey	South-western Europe	Former Yugoslavia	Ethnic Germans
N	18252	604	419	302	784
Born in Germany (in %)	-	20	28	18	-
German nationality (in %)	-	15	5	15	98
16-30 years old (in %)	19	27	21	32	28
Nb of years in Germany (mean)	-	24	34	25	18
Household size (mean)	2,4	3,9	3,3	3,0	2,8

Source: SOEP, weighted results.

Educational level – All (2006)



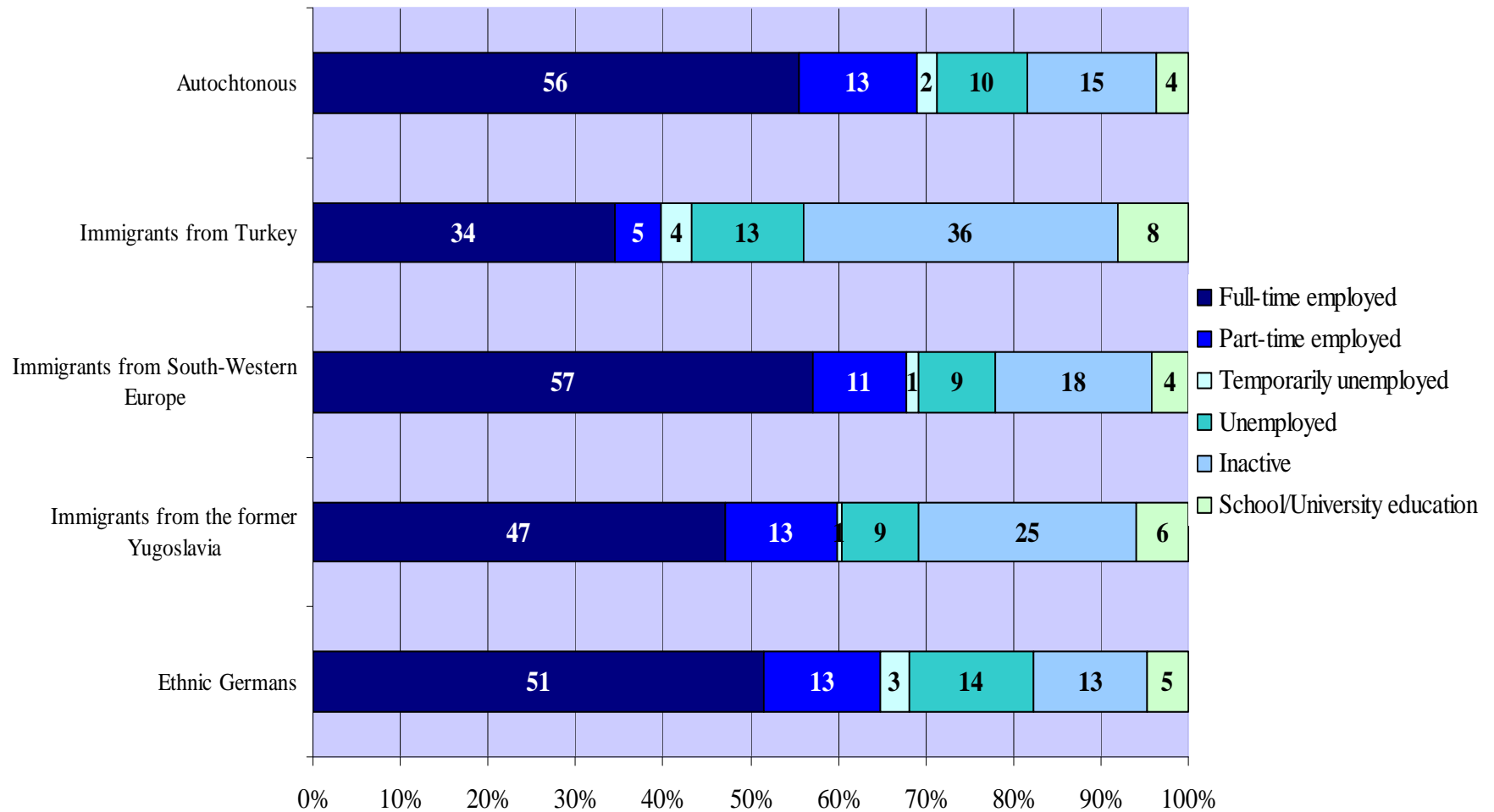
Source: SOEP, weighted results.

Educational level – 16-45 years old (2001 – 2006)

	Autochthonous		Descendants of immigrants				Immigrants' descendants - ALL	
	2001	2006	Turkey		Ethnic Germans		2001	2006
			2001	2006	2001	2006		
School degree								
No degree	2	1	2	4	0	0	4	3
Secondary general degree	25	23	64	63	37	33	51	46
Intermediate school degree	41	40	21	16	36	39	27	29
Upper secondary school degree	33	36	13	16	27	28	17	22
Training								
No degree	16	19	44	57	37	35	42	43
Vocational training	66	62	55	40	54	51	53	49
Academic training	18	18	1	3	9	14	5	8

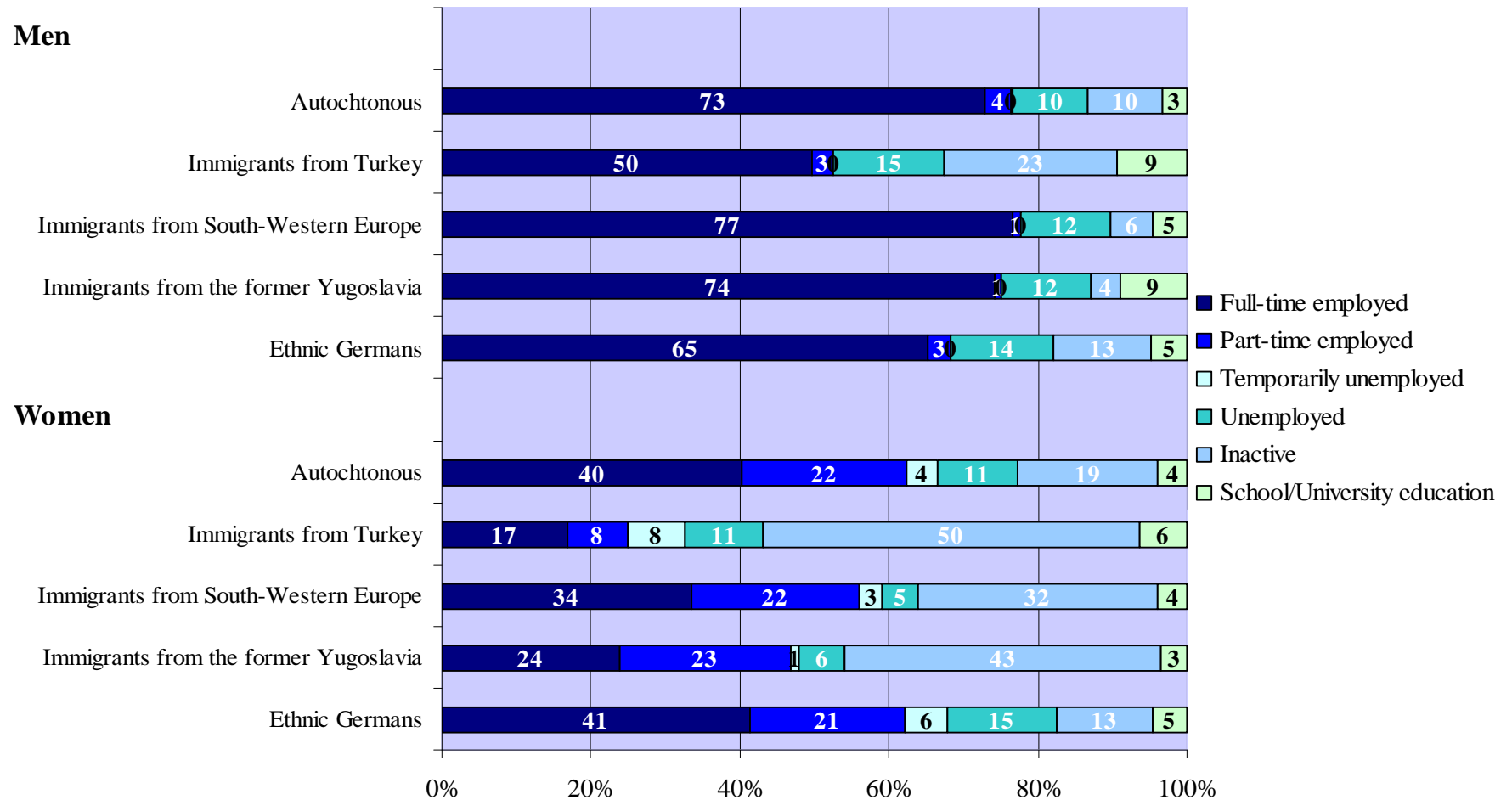
Source: SOEP, weighted results.

Status of activity in 2006 - All



Source: SOEP, weighted results.

Status of activity in 2006 – by gender



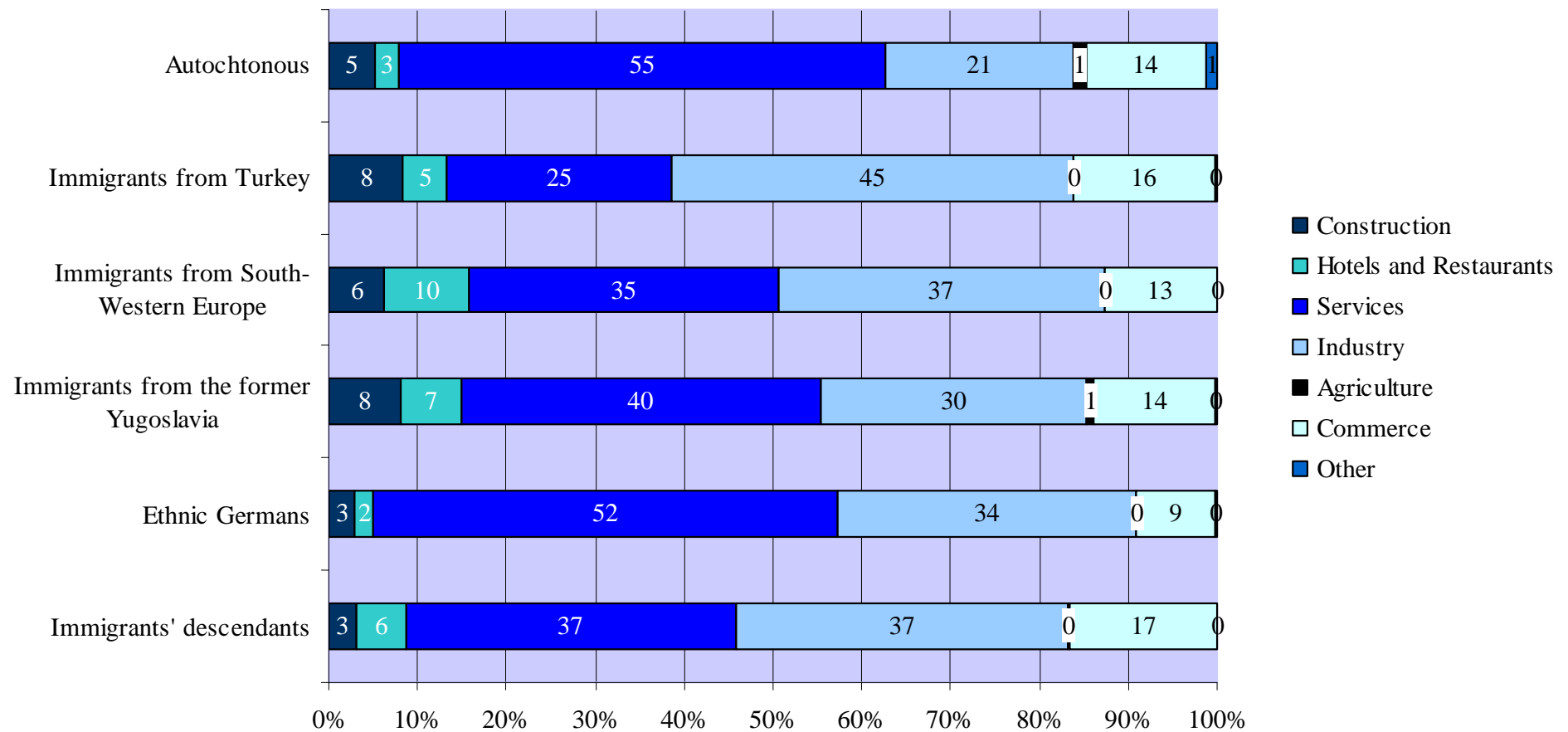
Source: SOEP, weighted results.

Occupational status in 2006

	Autochthonous		Migration background ...								Immigrants' descendants
	2001	2006	Turkey		South-western Europe		Former Jugoslavia		Ethnic Germans		
			2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	
Blue-collar workers											
Untrained	12	11	55	40	41	41	48	37	39	39	24
Trained	15	14	23	25	22	20	22	10	21	17	22
White-collar workers and civil servants											
With simple duties	5	4	3	10	4	4	4	13	6	9	10
With qualified duties	40	41	13	12	15	19	18	32	21	22	33
With managerial duties	17	18	2	3	5	8	4	5	8	7	5
Self-employed	11	12	5	10	13	8	4	4	5	6	6

Source: SOEP, weighted results.

Sectoral distribution of the working population in 2006 according to the origin



Source: SOEP, weighted results.

Income situation of the working population in 2006 according to the origin

	Autochthonous		Migration background ...								Immigrants' descendants
	2001	2006	Turkey		South-western Europe		Former Jugoslavia		Ethnic Germans		
			2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	
Mean											
Monthly Net income	1399	1520	1275	1384	1284	1467	1136	1145	1147	1205	1159
In %											
Low income (50%-Mean)	22	24	17	24	23	21	24	33	33	32	34
High income (200%-Mean)	7	9	1	5	3	7	1	1	4	3	2

Source: SOEP, weighted results, without family members working for self-employed relatives and without apprentices and trainees.

Working conditions and subjective indicators in 2006

	Autoch- tonous	Migration background ...				Immigrants' descendants
		Turkey	South-western Europe	Former Jugoslavia	Ethnic Germans	
Type of contract (%)						
Limited	10	13	20	8	12	17
Unlimited	90	87	80	92	88	83
Worries about job security (%)						
Very concerned	18	33	24	21	28	24
Somewhat concerned	44	48	36	38	48	42
Job satisfaction (Mean)	6,8	5,8	6,3	7,3	6,8	7,3

Source: SOEP, weighted results, without family members working for self-employed relatives and without apprentices and trainees.

Household income and poverty rate (2001-2006)

	Autochthonous		Migration background ...							
			Turkey		South-western Europe		Former Yugoslavia		Ethnic Germans	
	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006
Monthly household equivalent income (mean)	1537	1678	1020	1135	1348	1479	1095	1060	1230	1320
Poverty rate (60% median)	11	16	24	26	11	15	33	32	23	21

Source: SOEP, weighted results, without family members working for self-employed relatives and without apprentices and trainees.

Conclusions

1. Population with a migration background is young and should be at the core of social policy measures : Increasing their educational level is the challenge in Germany
2. Persistence of a high segmentation of the labor market along lines related to the migration background
3. The dimension of gender should be more taken into account in the study of integration processes
4. Problem of comparing “apples and oranges”?
Which reference group?

Thank you for your attention!