



## Austrian Student Social Survey

- University admission
- Motives for studying
- International students
- Reasons for choosing Austria
- Advice and Information prior to studying
- Levels of satisfaction & difficulties
- Student's future plans

### TOPICS

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- Internship experience
- International mobility
- Language skills
- Time budget
- Employment
- Student grants/financial support
- Financial situation
  - Housing situation
  - Health insurance
  - Health impairment
  - Child care
  - Sociodemographics
  - Social background



+ 6 other great people, who are not fond of pictures ☺

# 15 RESEARCHERS

at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna conducted the survey and analysed the data.

- Core report
- Report on study beginners
- Study progress and Satisfaction
- International mobility
- Doctoral/PhD students
- Female students
- Students with health impairments
- International students
- Students with children

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### REPORTS

# 2 LANGUAGES

In 2015, the questionnaire was for the first time offered not only in German, but also in English.

more than

# 200

## QUESTIONS

included in the online questionnaire

more than

# 1.000

## VARIABLES

**21%** international students

**65%** of all Doctoral/PhD students write their dissertation without holding a scholarship or being employed at the university

**22%** of all domestic students are delayed transition students

**12%** have realised an internship abroad

**5%** choose their subject of study without having a vested interest in this particular subject

**17%** are older than 30 years

**64%** didn't get paid for their mandatory internship

**21%** of full-time students consider themselves as primarily workers

**0,4%** of all students in Austria live abroad, 4% of all international students

**33%** of working students want to reduce their time spent on paid jobs in order to have more time for study-related activities (20% of all students)

**49%** report stress-related problems, e.g. to lack of motivation, concentration difficulties or health problems

**42%** report mental health problems, e.g. exam nerves, angst or depressed mood

**52%** of working students have problems reconciling studies with employment

**36%** of the average student's income is spent on housing

**33%** of international students chose Austria because of the culture and leisure activities available

**22%** of working students are employed only out of financial necessity

**77%** of all enrolments abroad were realised in the EHEA (and 75% of all internships)

**12%** have a health impairment which presents an obstacle in their studies

**33%** low intensity students (spend up to 20 hours a week on study-related activities)

**65%** of students with health impairments describe their impairment as invisible to others

Random  
Facts

# 47.000

## RESPONDENTS

The Student Social Survey is a complete enumeration survey among all regular students in Austria.

Because of the large number of cases analysis of data from very small groups, e.g. students with a small child or students with a chronic disease, are possible.

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## ADDITIONAL DATA

### SOURCES

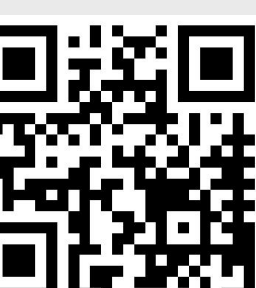
In addition to our survey data, we used some secondary data, e.g.:

- EU-SILC
- EUROSTUDENT
- National HEI Statistics
- Microcensus/ National Labour Force Survey

As well as other data sources, e.g.: Housing Statistics, Health Statistics, Population Censuses

### USE OF DATA

- **Policy making:** Development of a social dimension strategy together with the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy
- Used also by Austrian Chamber of Labour, Austrian Student Union etc.
- **Evaluations** on different HE topics, e.g. student financial support
- **Further projects**, e.g. report on STEM fields of study



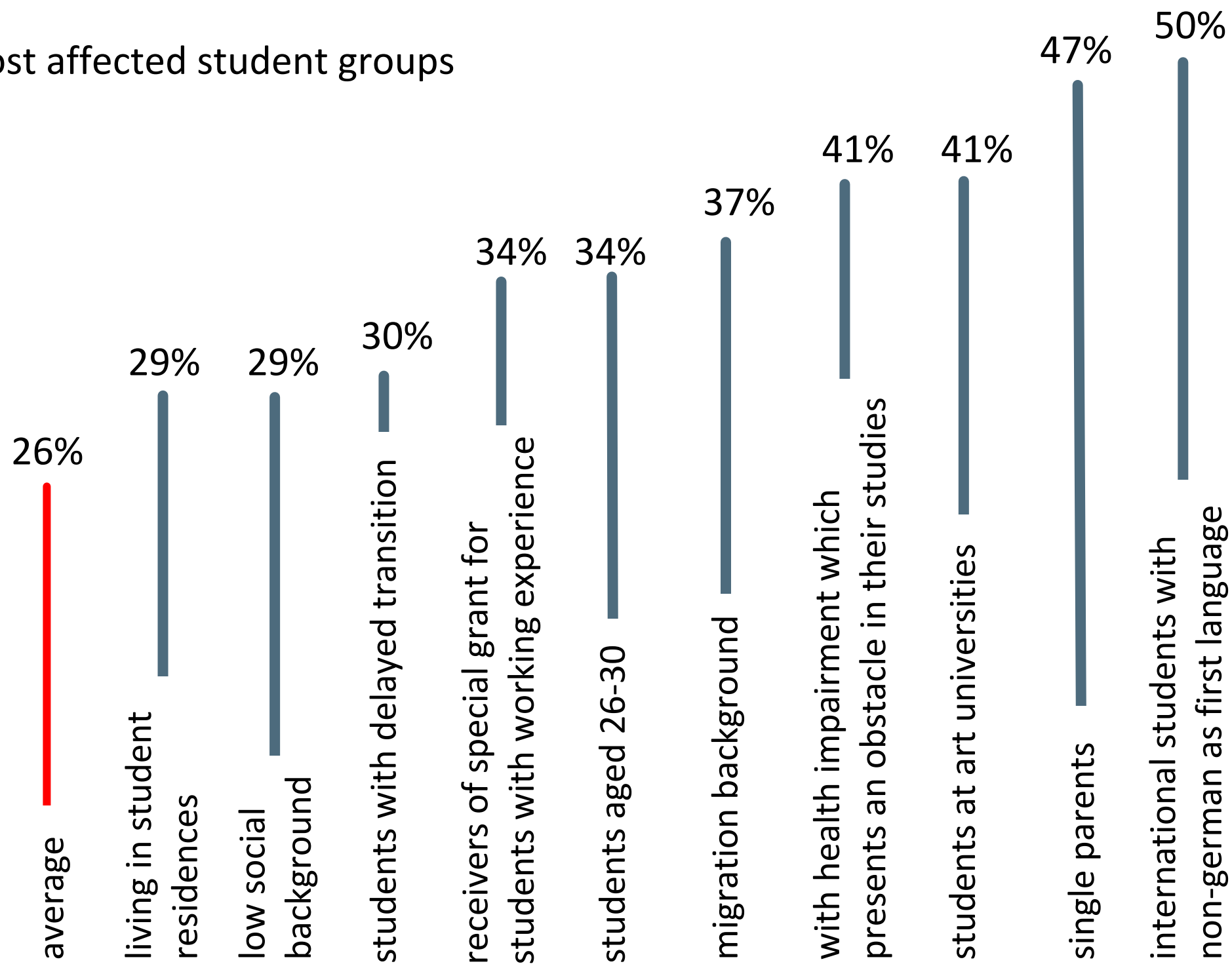


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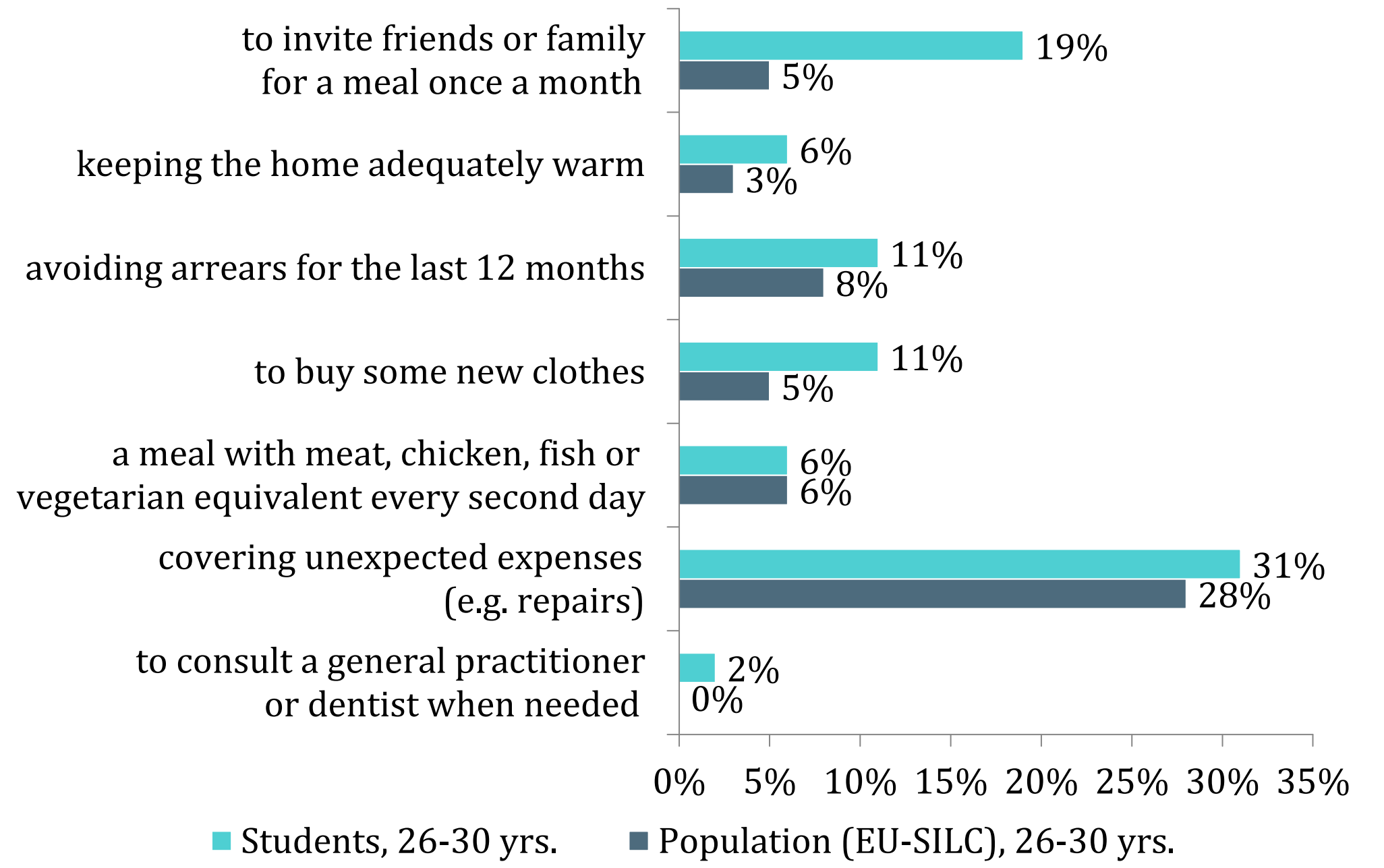
### Financial Problems

Most affected student groups



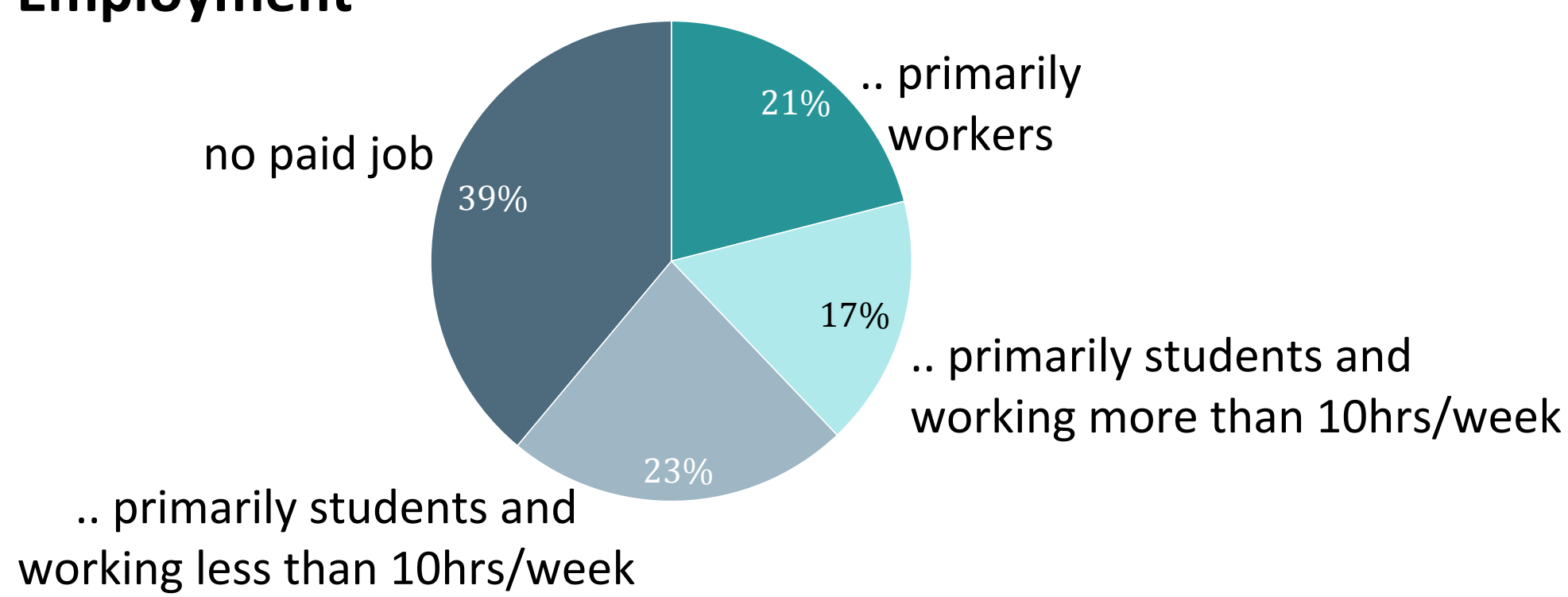
### Financial Deprivation

Share of students/population (aged 26-30) who can't afford the following basic needs

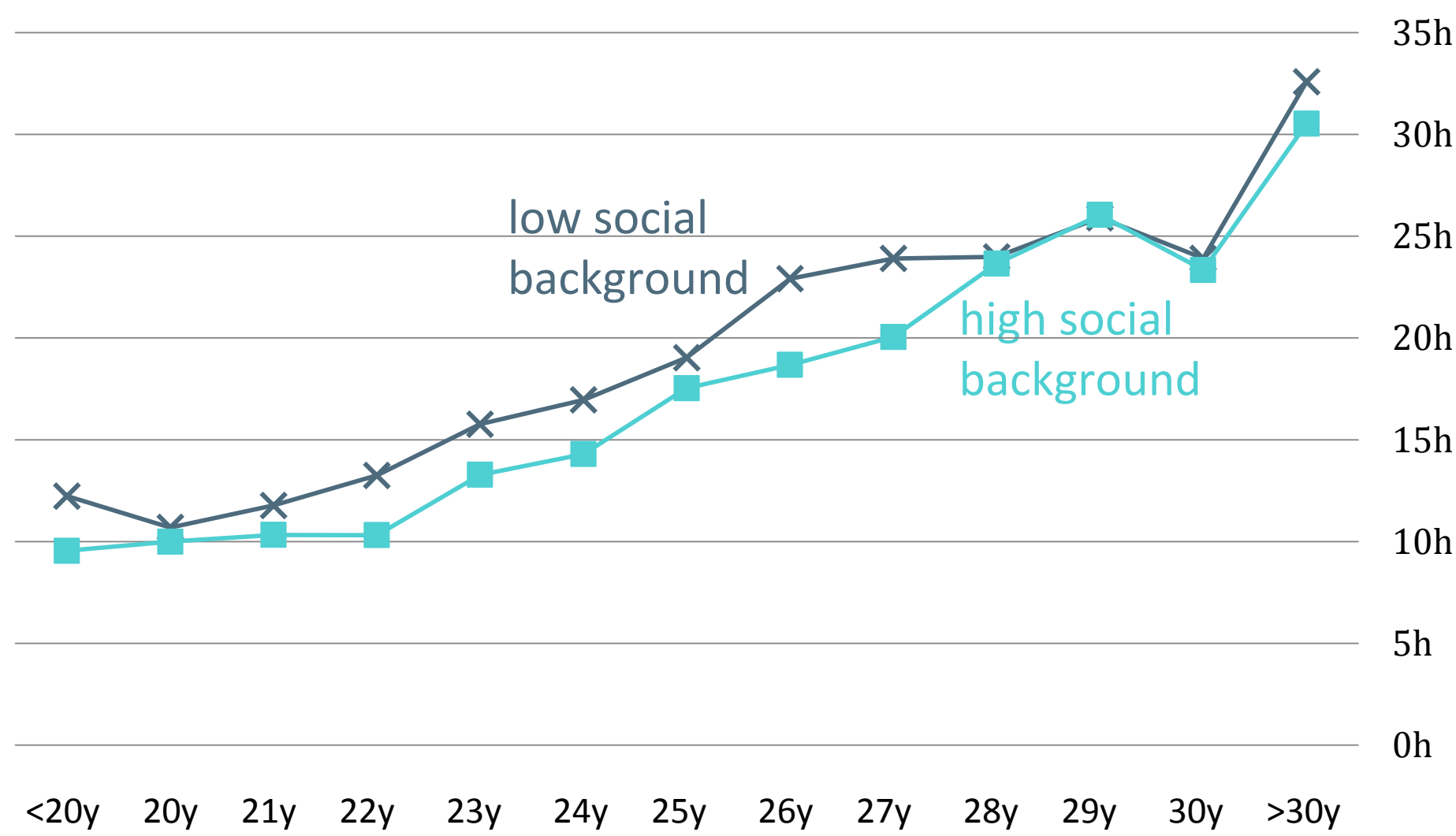


### Employment

Students consider themselves as...

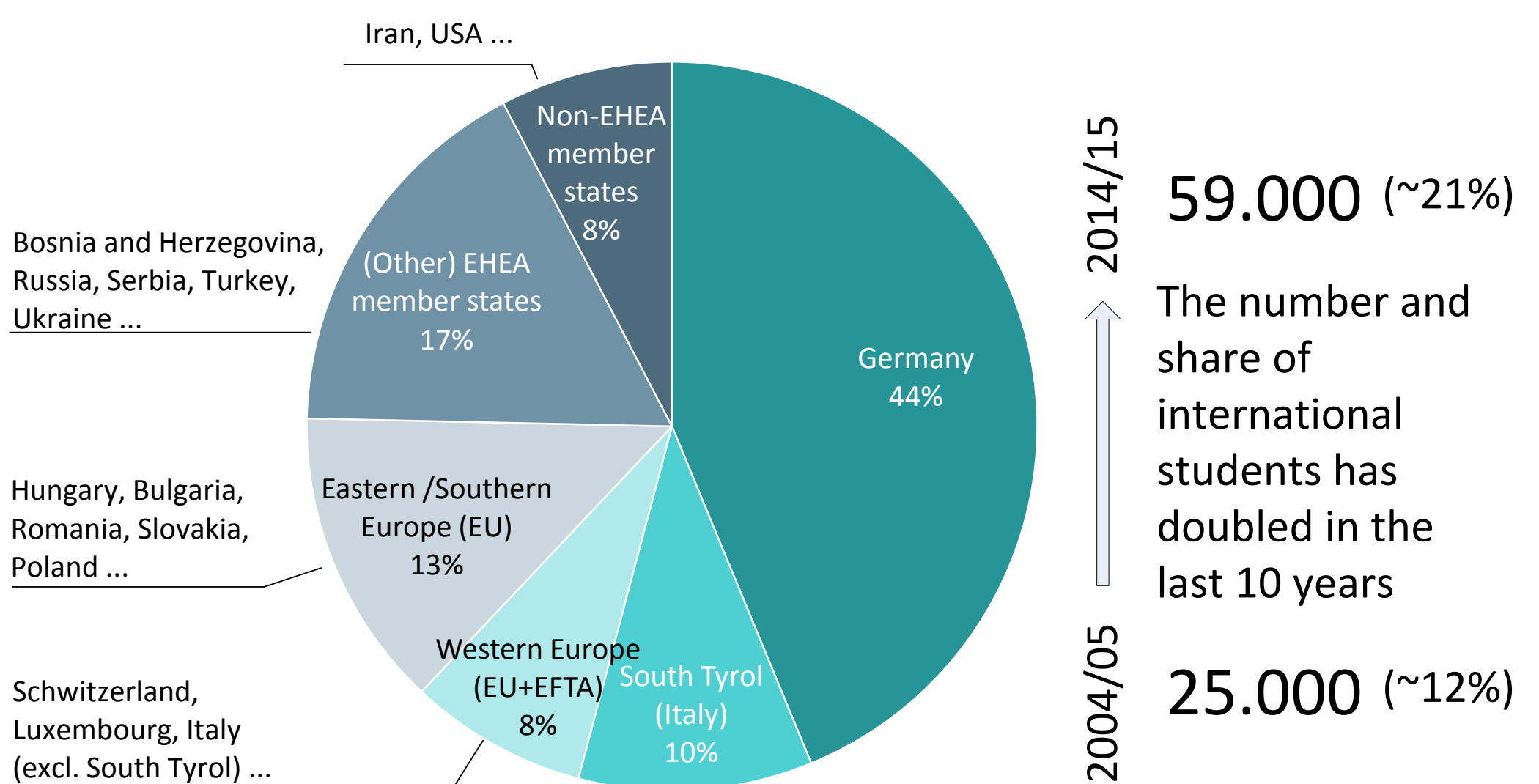


Social background by age and time spent on paid jobs per week (only working students)



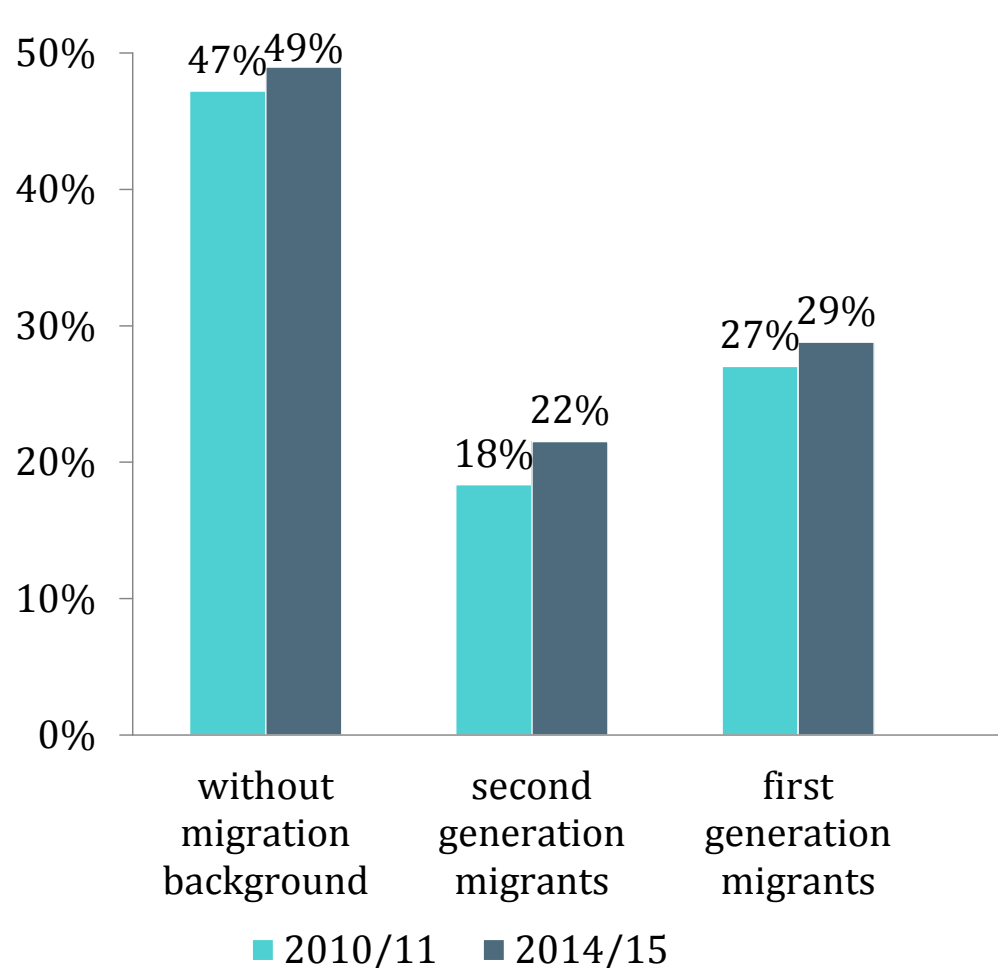
### International Students

79% domestic students			21% international students	
74% without migration background [at least one parent born in Austria]	2,5% 2nd generation	3,0% 1st generation	12% native language German	8% other native language



### Migration background

Share of persons who enroll in higher education in the course of their lives\*

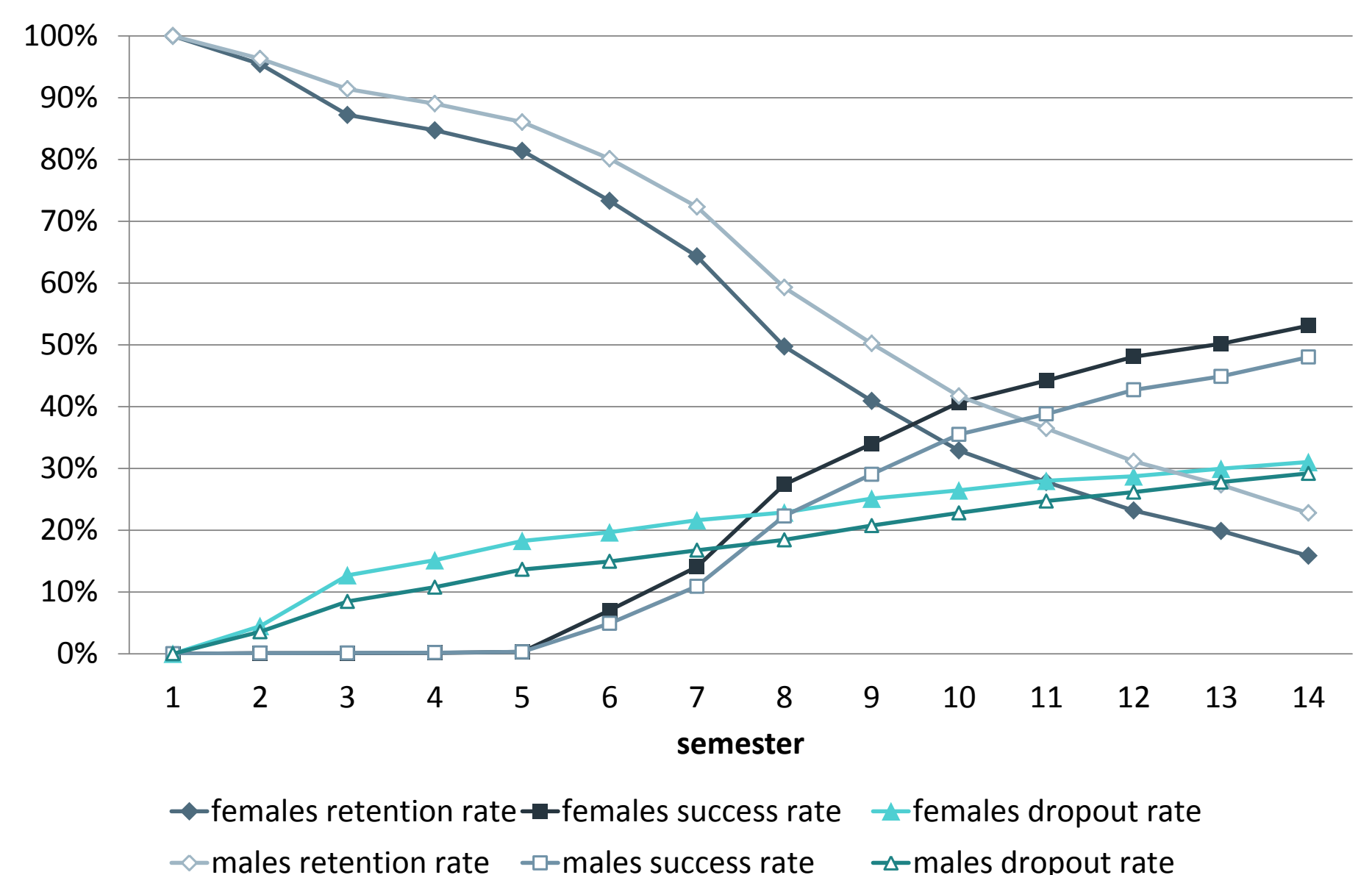


Persons with migration background have a lower chance of entering HE:

22% of all 2nd generation migrants – but 49% of all students without migration background – enter higher education.

\* based on a combination of Student Social Survey data & Labour Force Survey data

### Retention – Success – Dropout (bachelor university students; entrants winter term 2008/09)



- Female success rates are higher than male success rates: 53% vs. 48%
- But more men than women are still enrolled after 14 semesters: 23% vs. 16%
- If women drop out they drop out earlier than men

