

Labour Migration from Estonia in Recent Years

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Main topics

- ▶ Labour migration from Estonia's perspective
- ▶ Migration statistics
 - ▶ Number of emigrants (actual and potential)
 - ▶ Emigrant's profile
 - ▶ Reasons for leaving and returning
 - ▶ Destination countries
- ▶ Measures for better policy-making



Labour migration from Estonia's perspective

▶ Positive aspects:

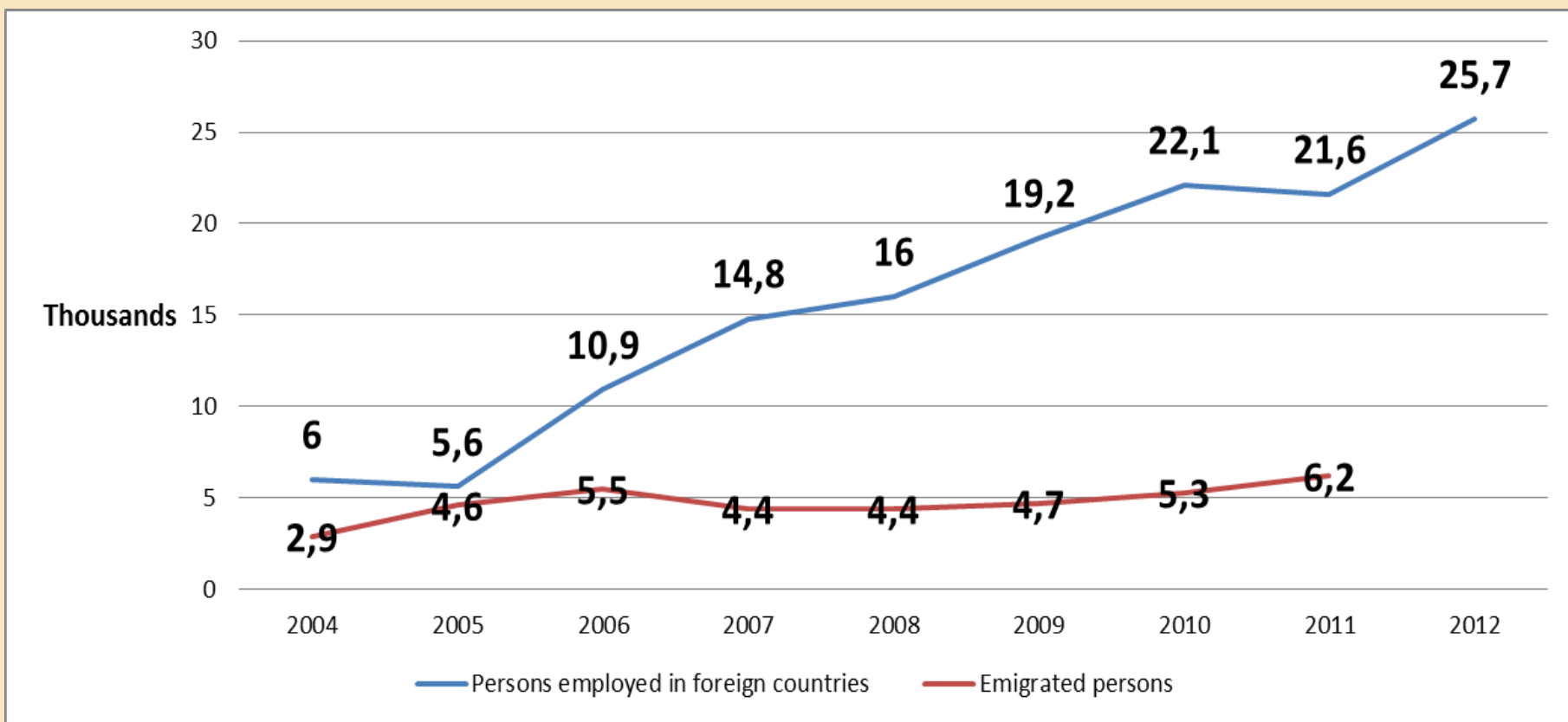
- ▶ Solution to labour market mismatch problem
- ▶ New knowledge and experience in case of returning
- ▶ Good effects on economics
- ▶ Decrease in unemployment

▶ Negative aspects:

- ▶ Decreasing population
- ▶ Brain waste
- ▶ Problems in certain sectors

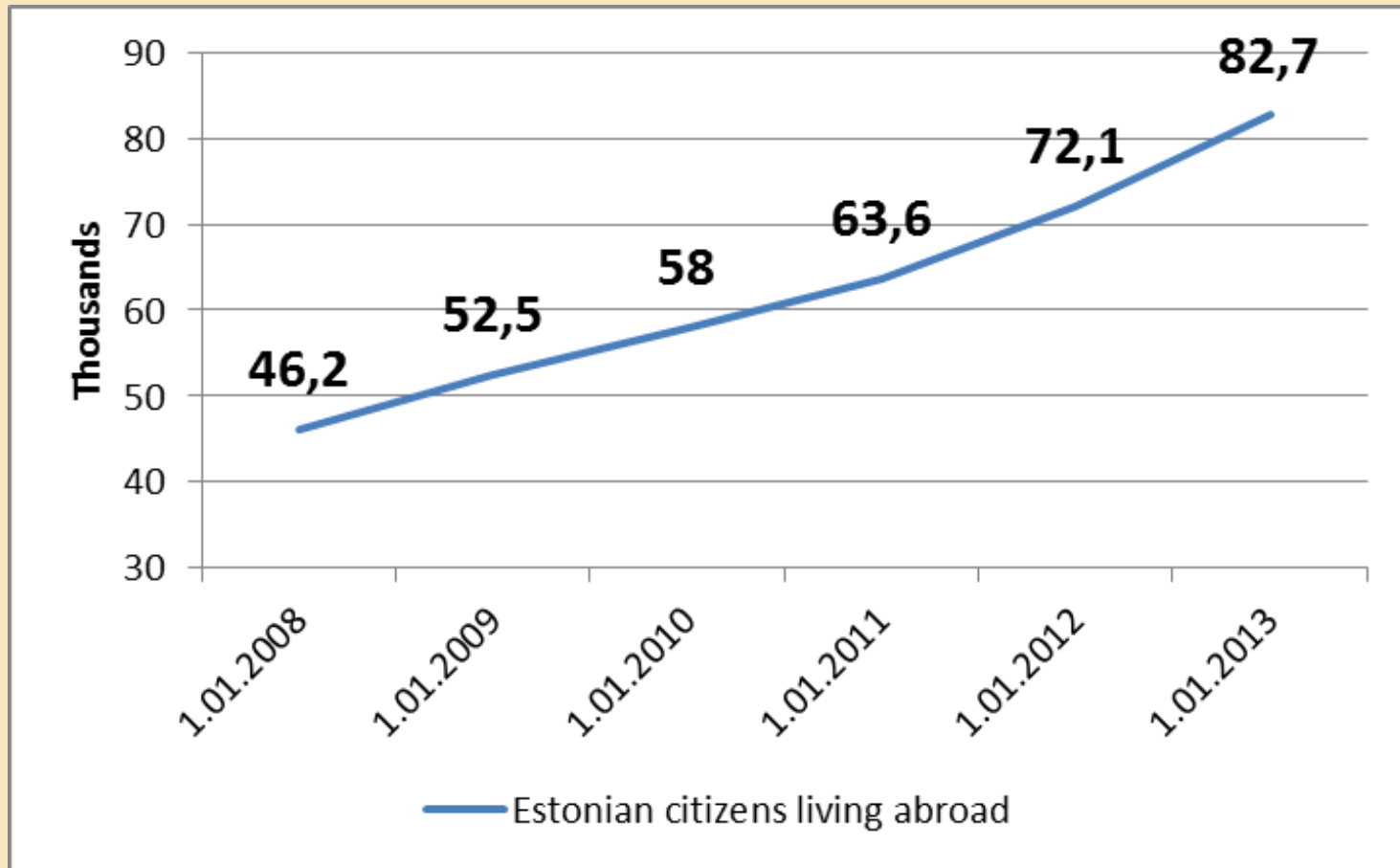


Changes in the numbers of persons working abroad and number of emigrated persons



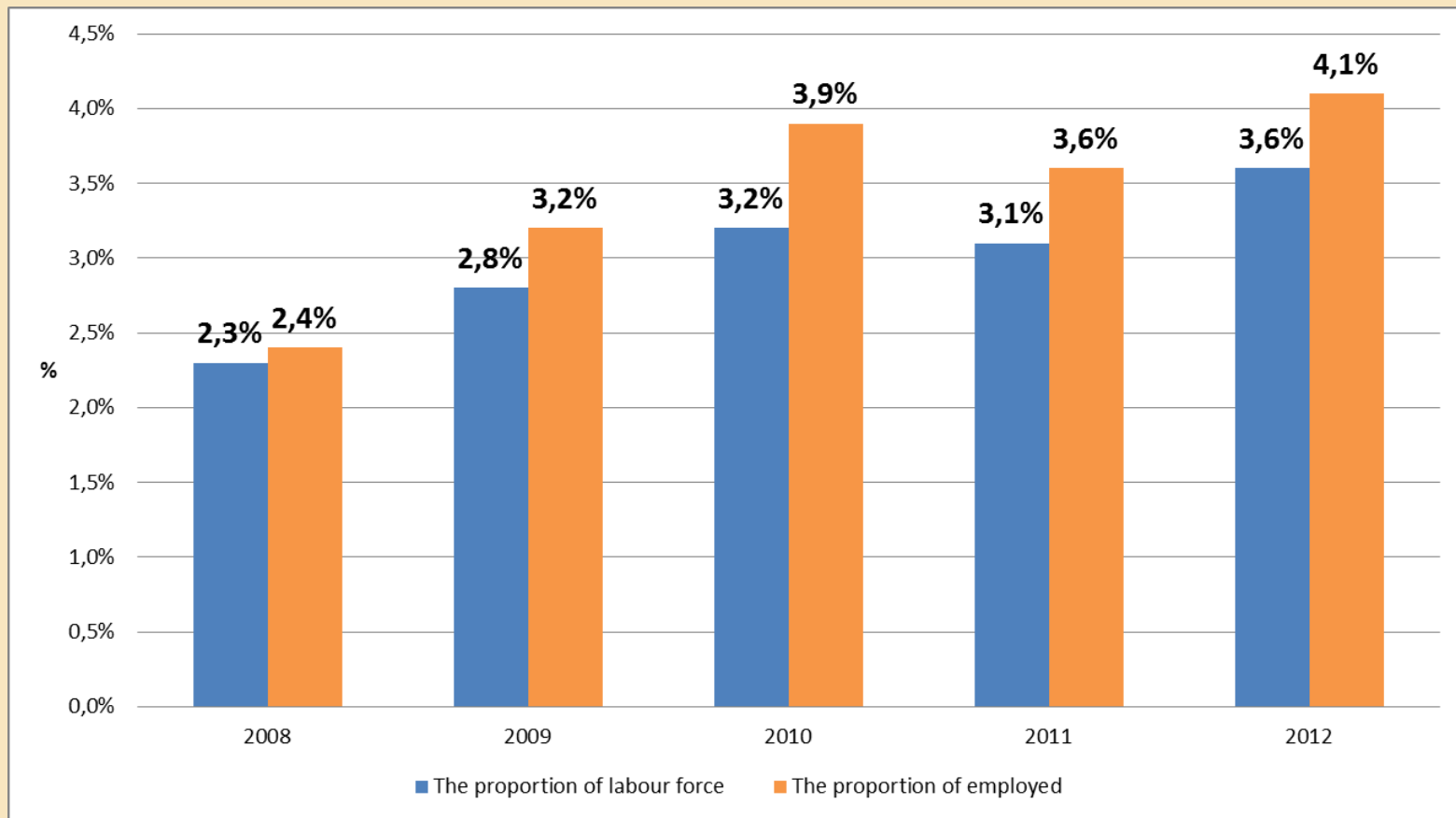


Total number of registered Estonian citizens living abroad



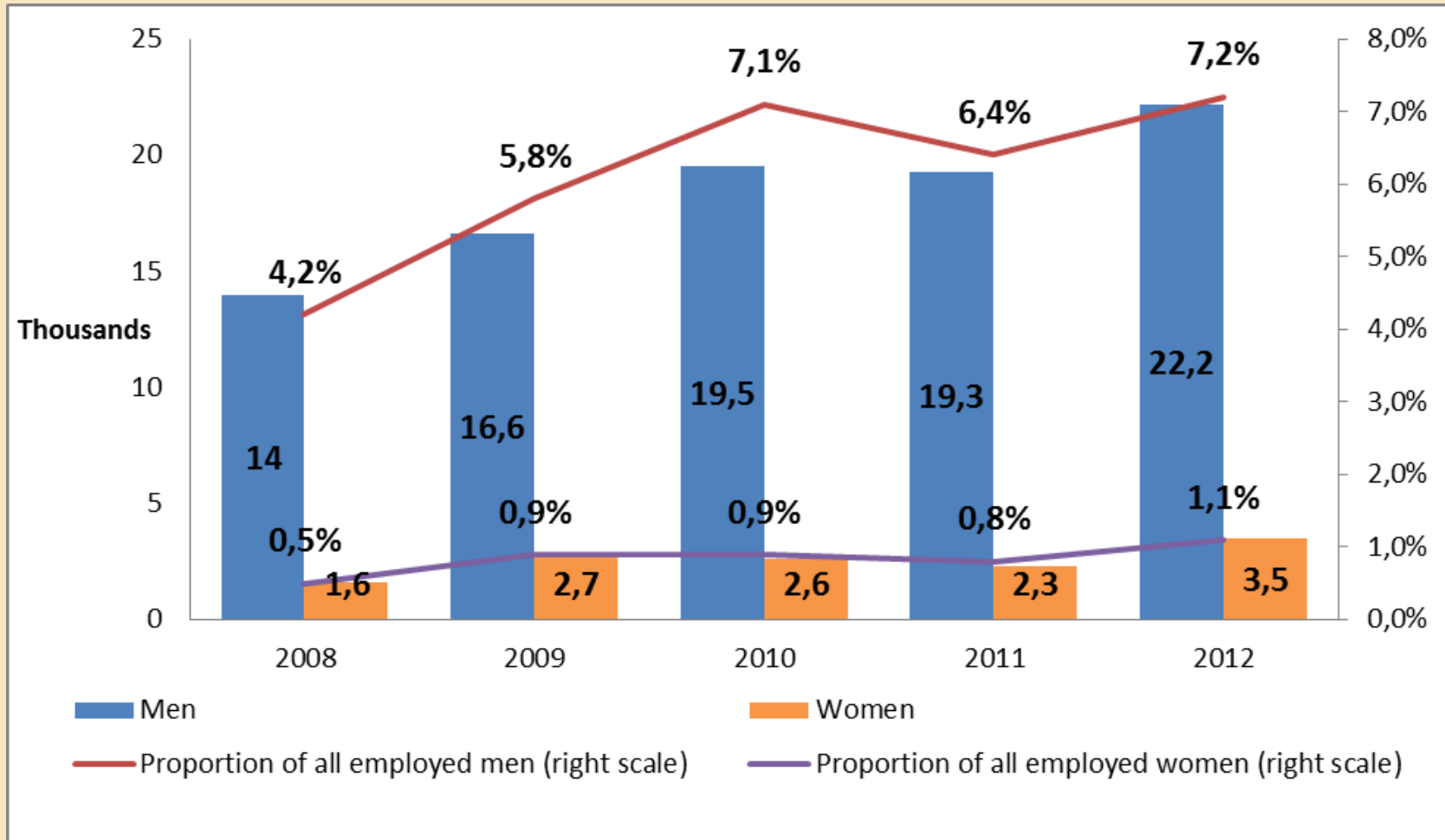


The proportion of people working abroad of all labour force/employed



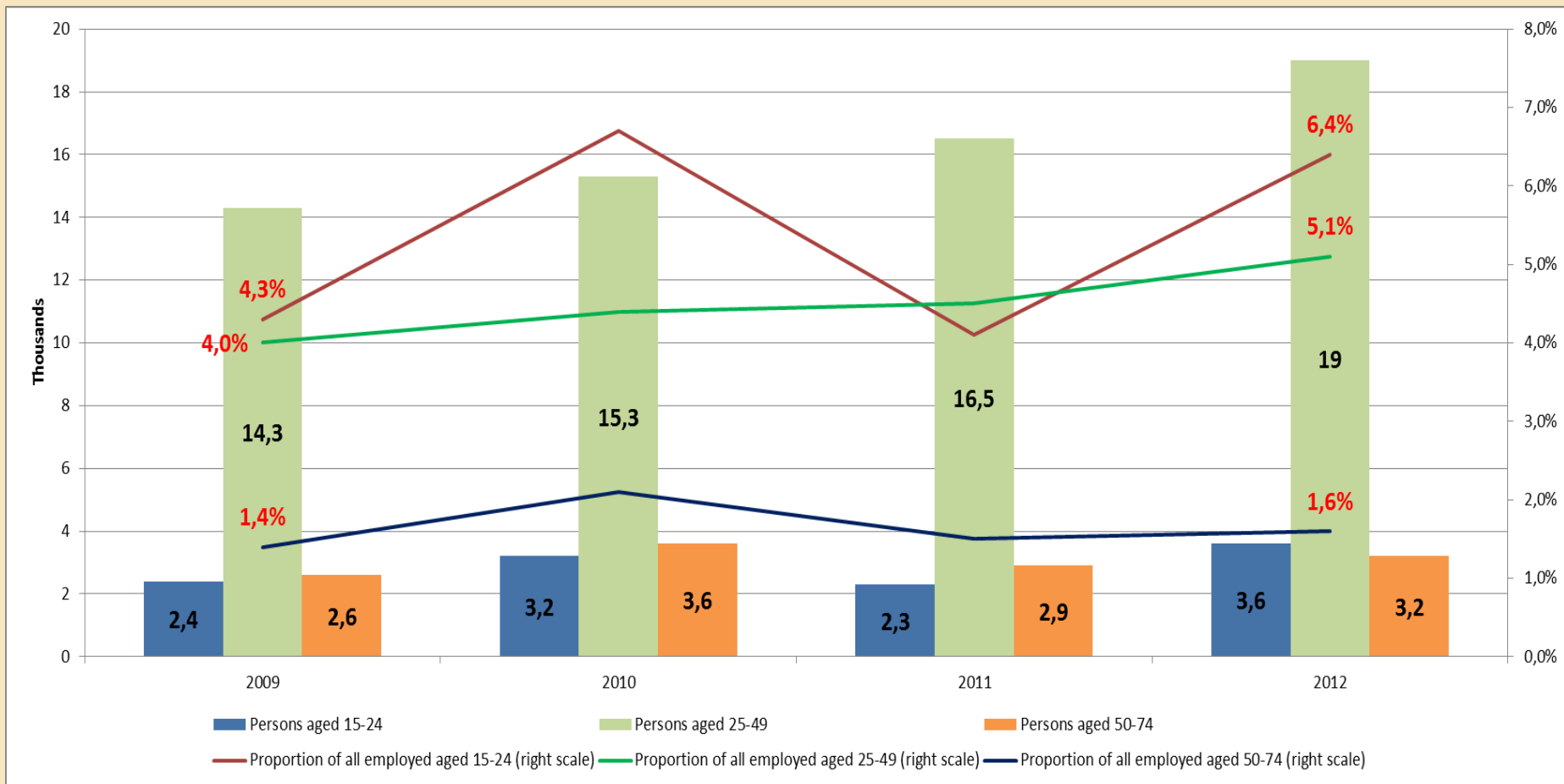


Distribution of people working abroad, by sex



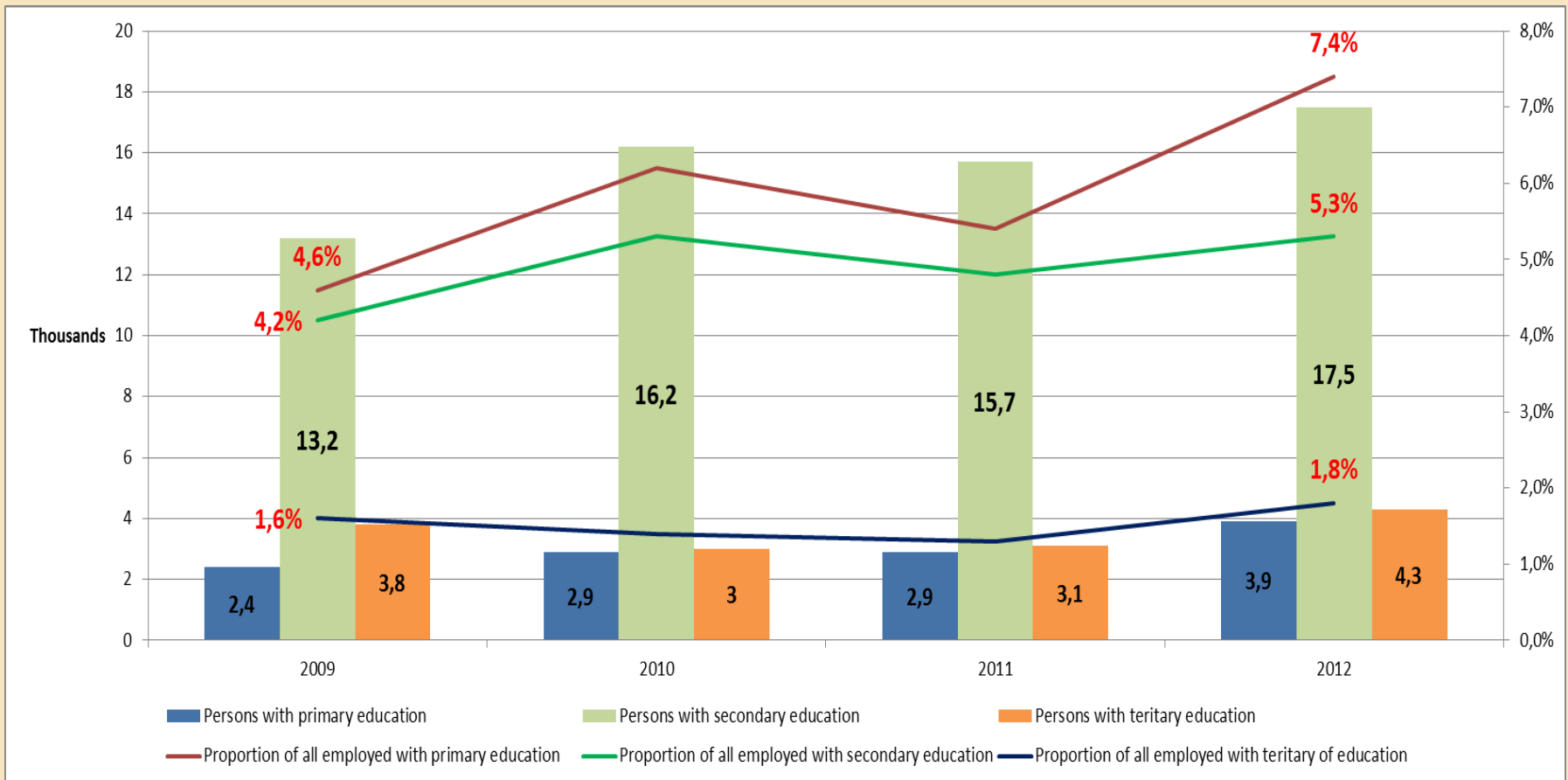


Distribution of people working abroad, by age



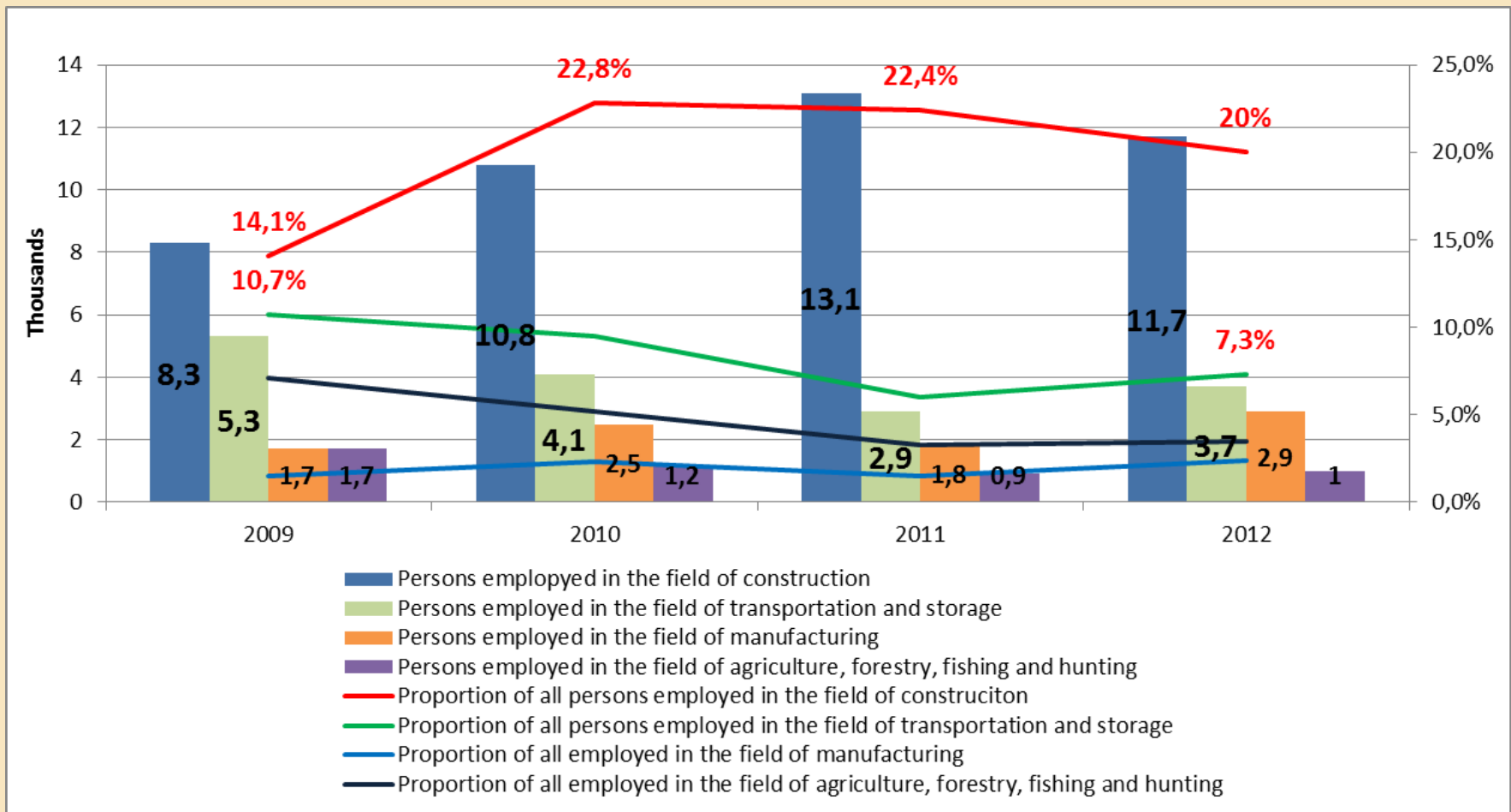


Distribution of people working abroad, by ISCED levels of education



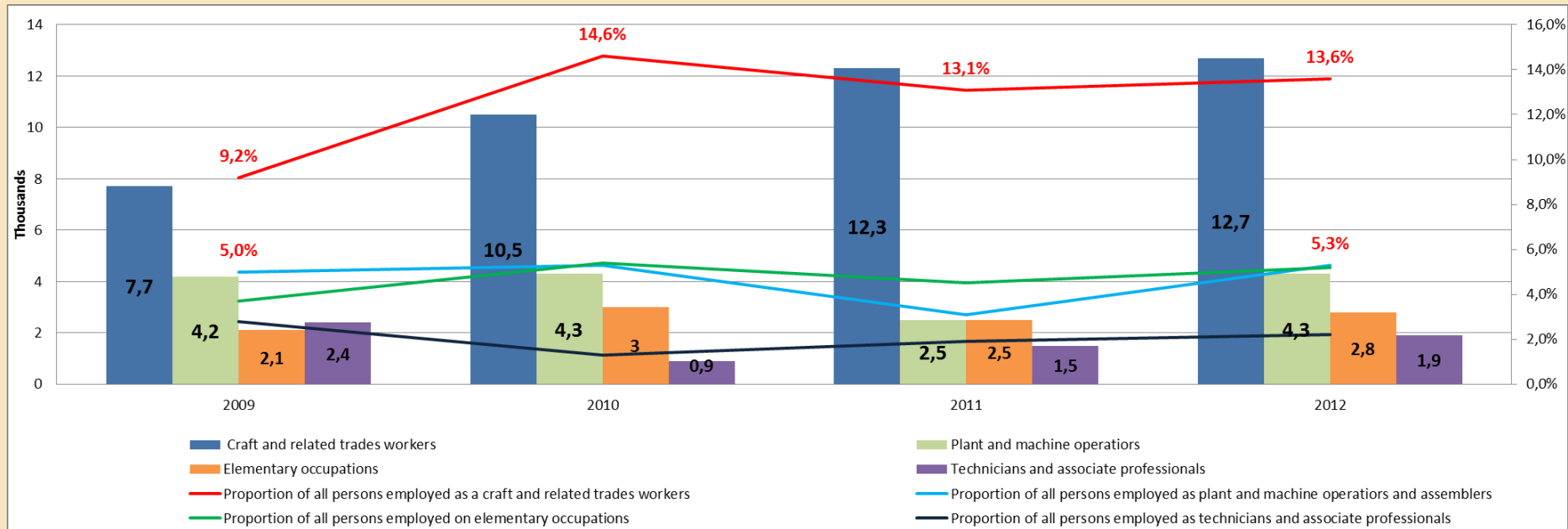


Distribution of people working abroad, by industry



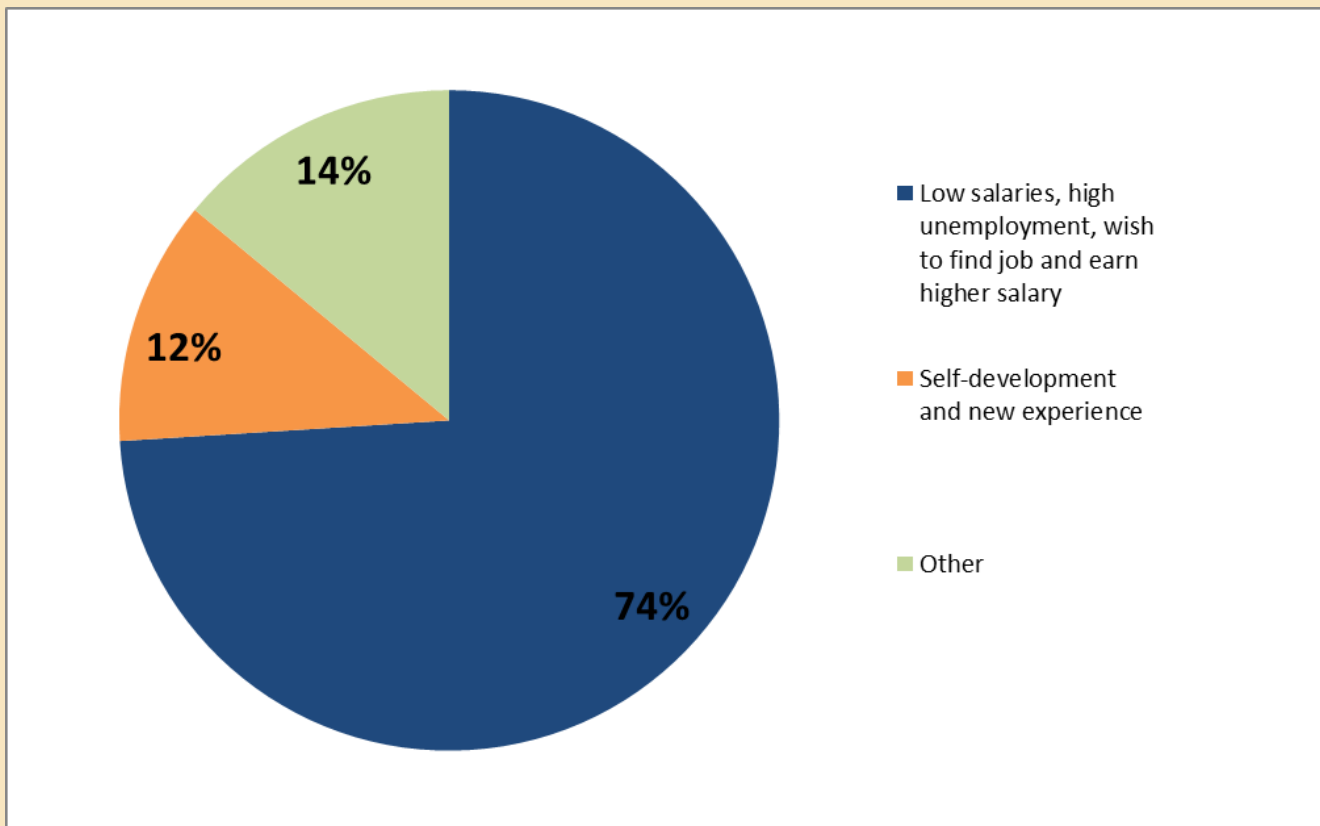


Distribution of people working abroad, by occupation



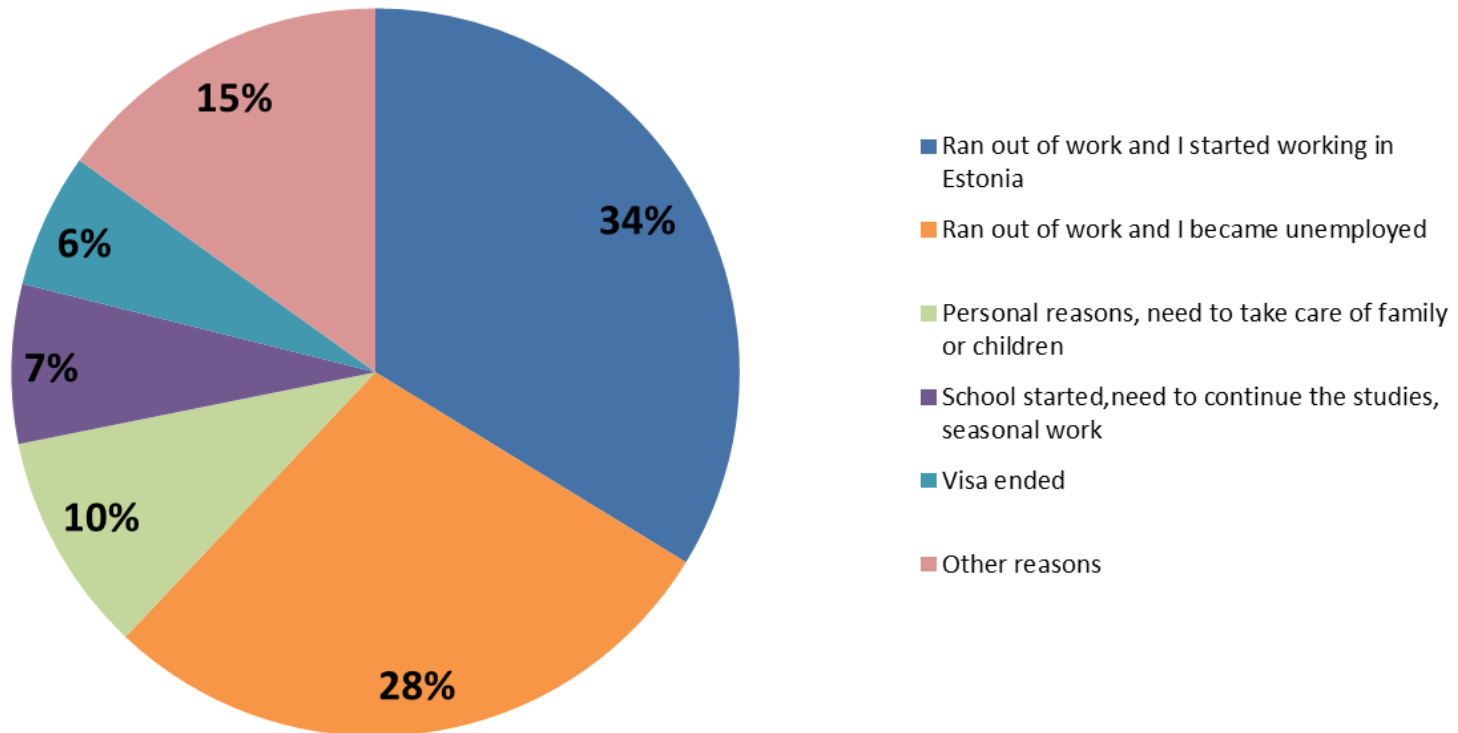


Reasons for working abroad





Reasons for returning to Estonia



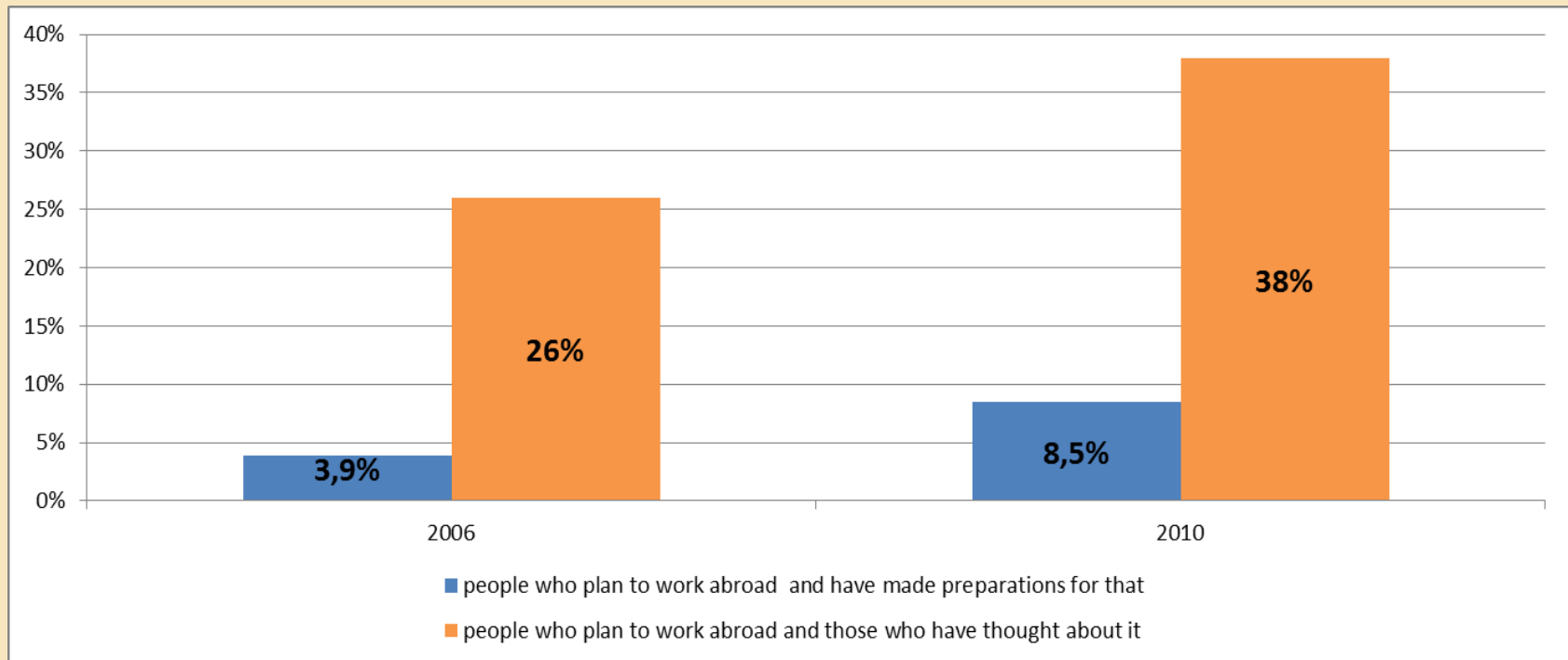


Migration potential of working-age population in Estonia in 2010

- ▶ Survey about the migration intentions and actual migration of residents of Estonia
- ▶ Potential migrants = people who plan to work abroad and have also made preparations to that end



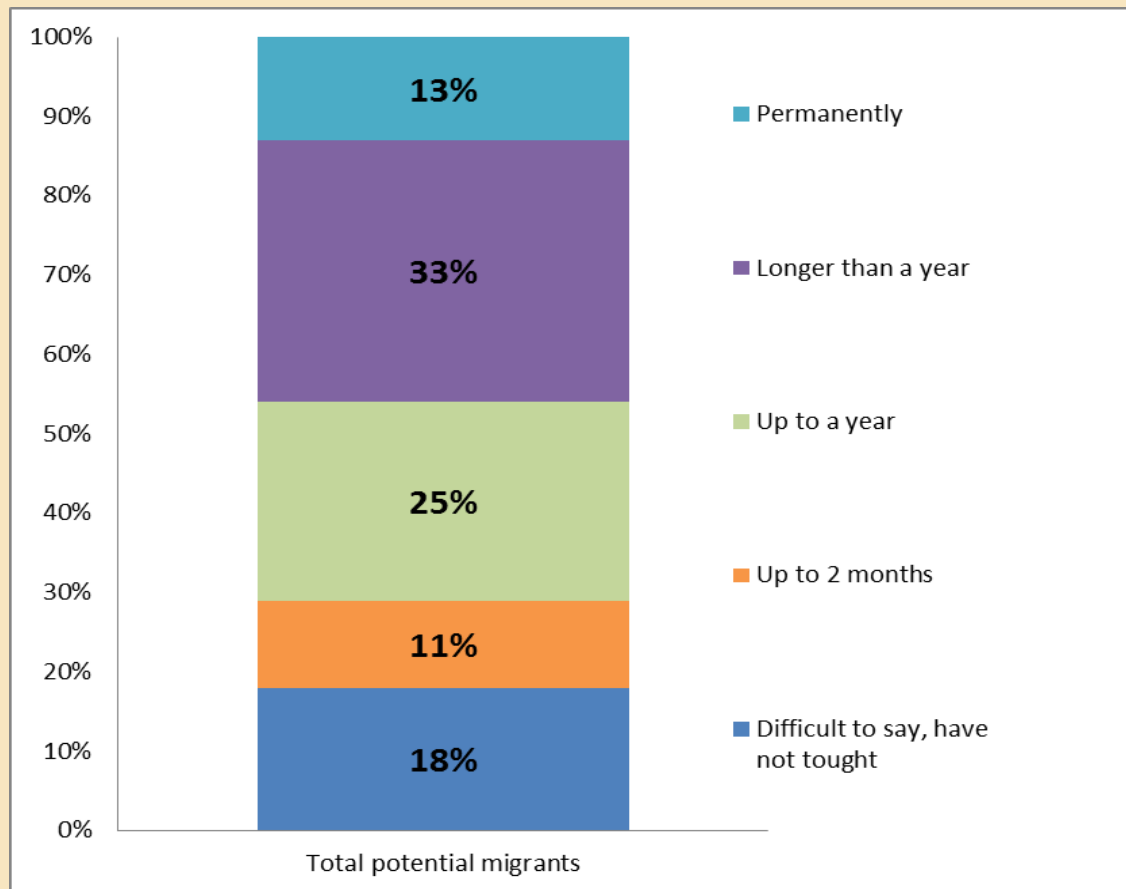
Proportion of potential migrants of all working age population



Source: Veidemann, B., (2010) „Migration potential of working-age population in Estonia in 2010“, Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia, Labour Policy Information and Analysis Department

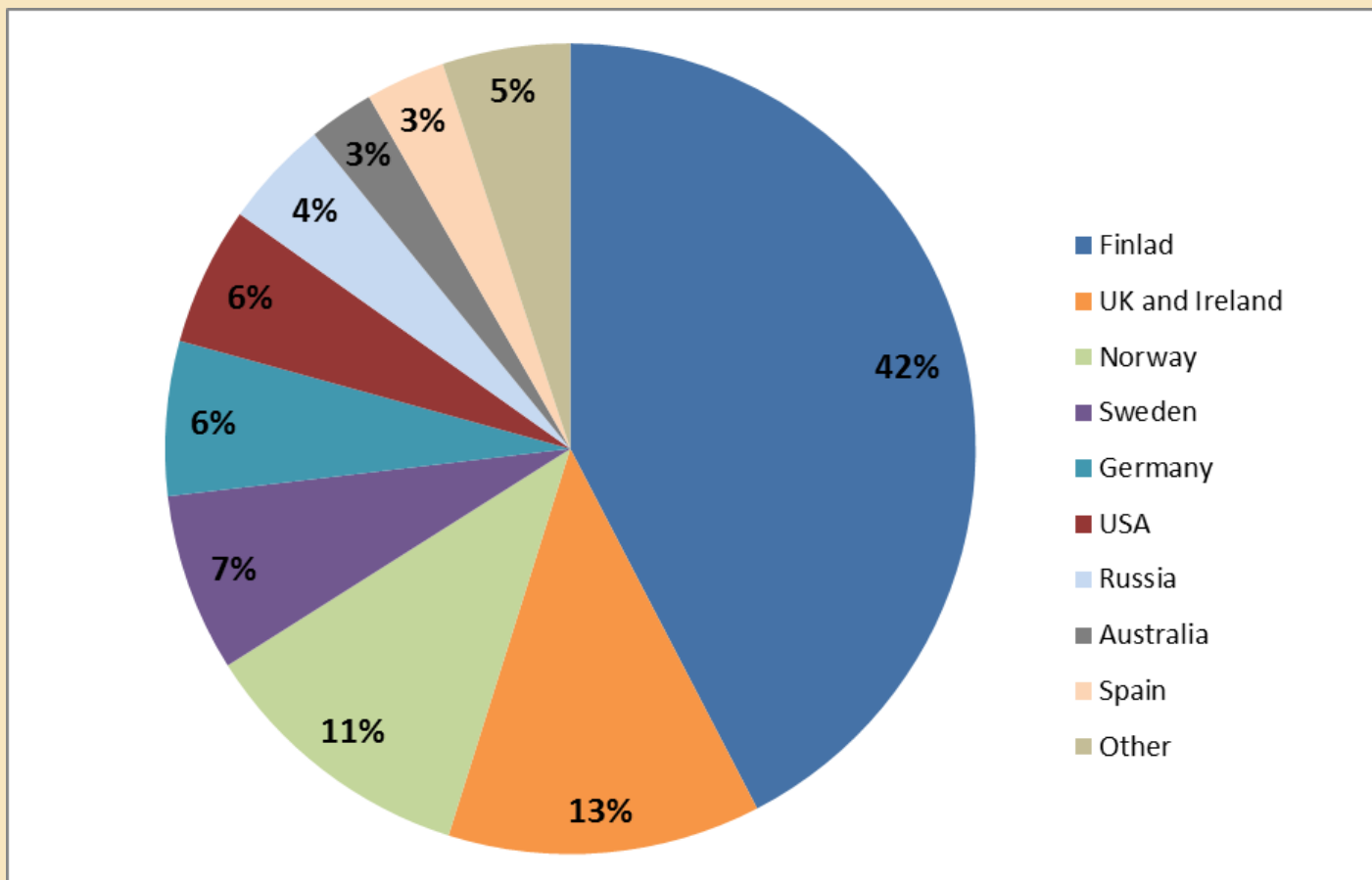


Period of time how long potential migrants plan to stay abroad





Most preferred destination countries for people wanting to work abroad





Measures for better policy-making

- ▶ Improving data collection about migration and labour mobility
- ▶ Improving data exchange between countries
- ▶ Informing citizens about their rights - preventing fraud and work exploitation
- ▶ Ensuring safety
- ▶ Supporting people to return



Thank you!

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