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# **Waves of Out-Migration from Estonia**

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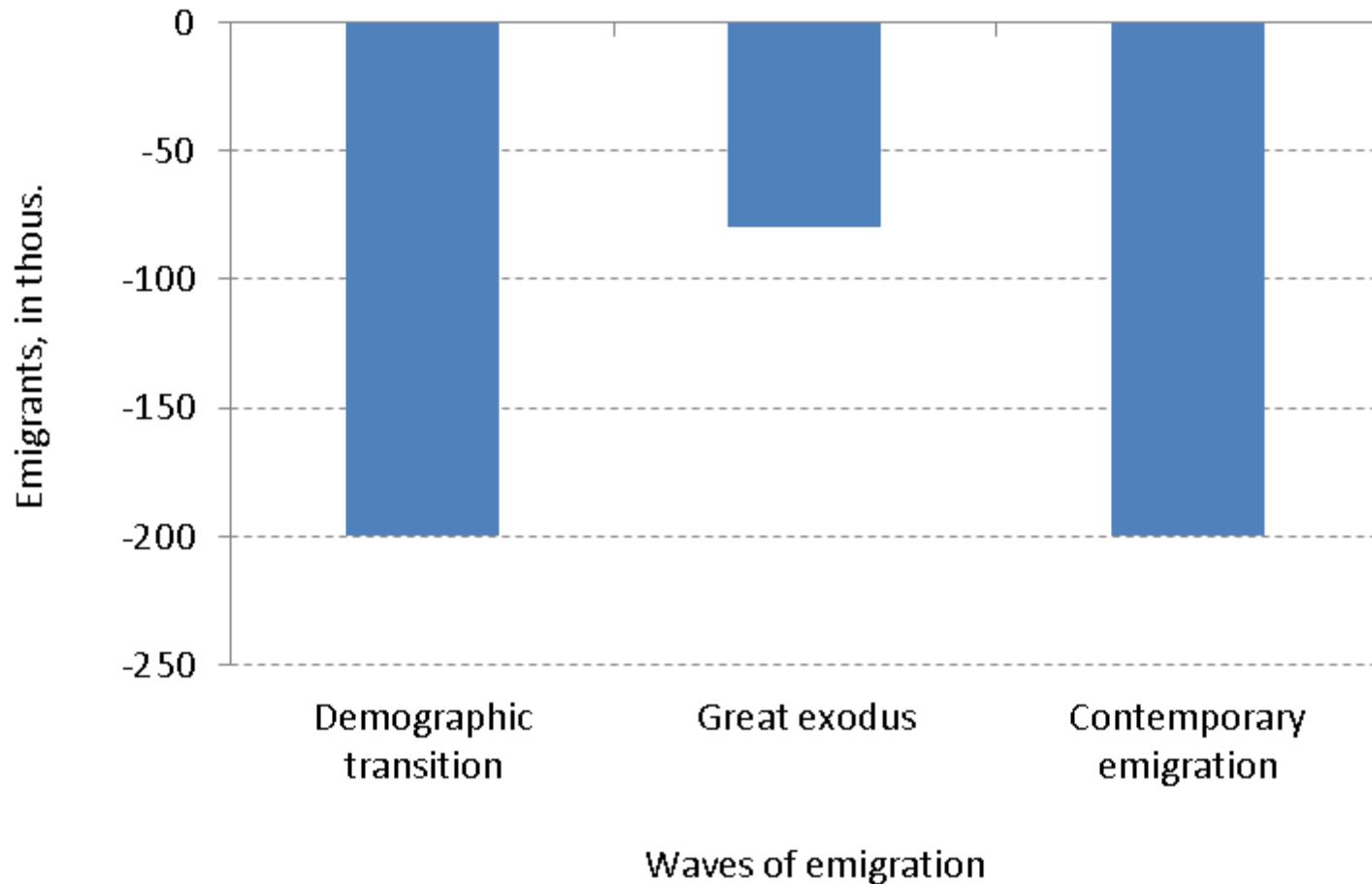
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## Outline of the talk:

- Waves of emigration from Estonia
- Emigration from Estonia in European perspective
- Main features of the contemporary emigration from Estonia
- Conclusions

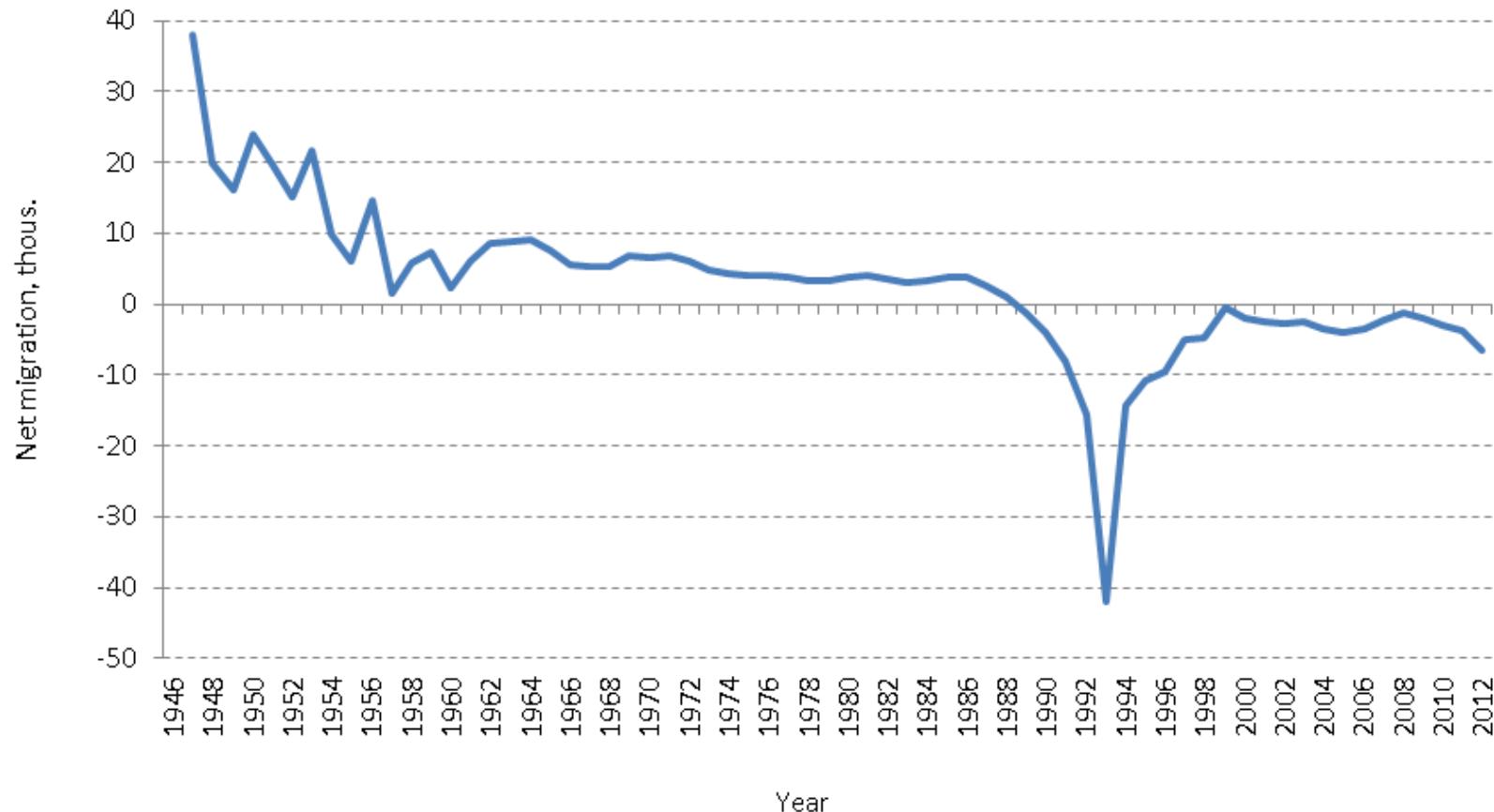
# WAVES OF EMIGRATION

# Main waves of emigration from Estonia



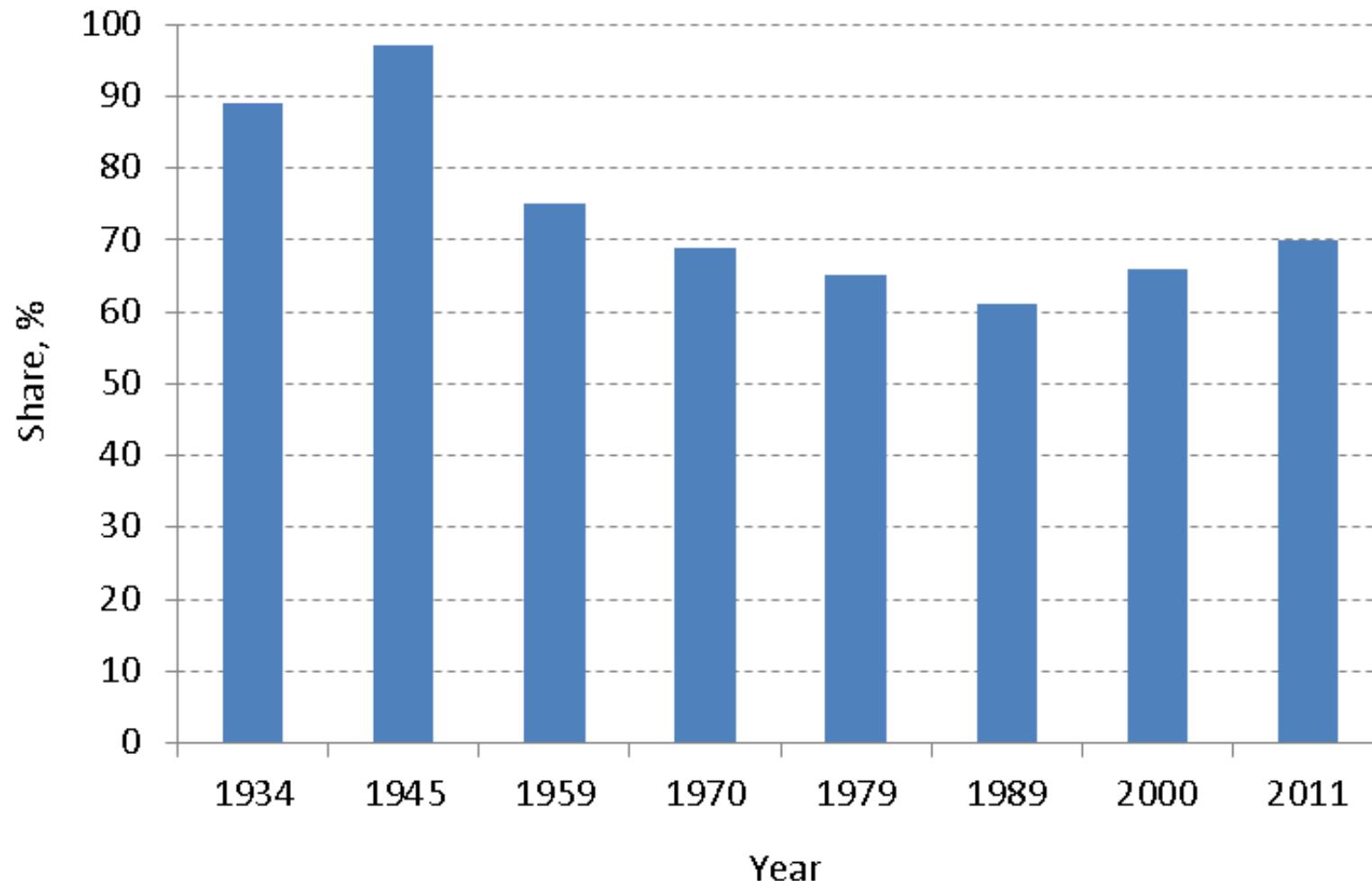
Sources: Kulu 1990, Tammaru et al .2010, Estonian Human Development Report 2013

# Net migration in Estonia, 1946–2012



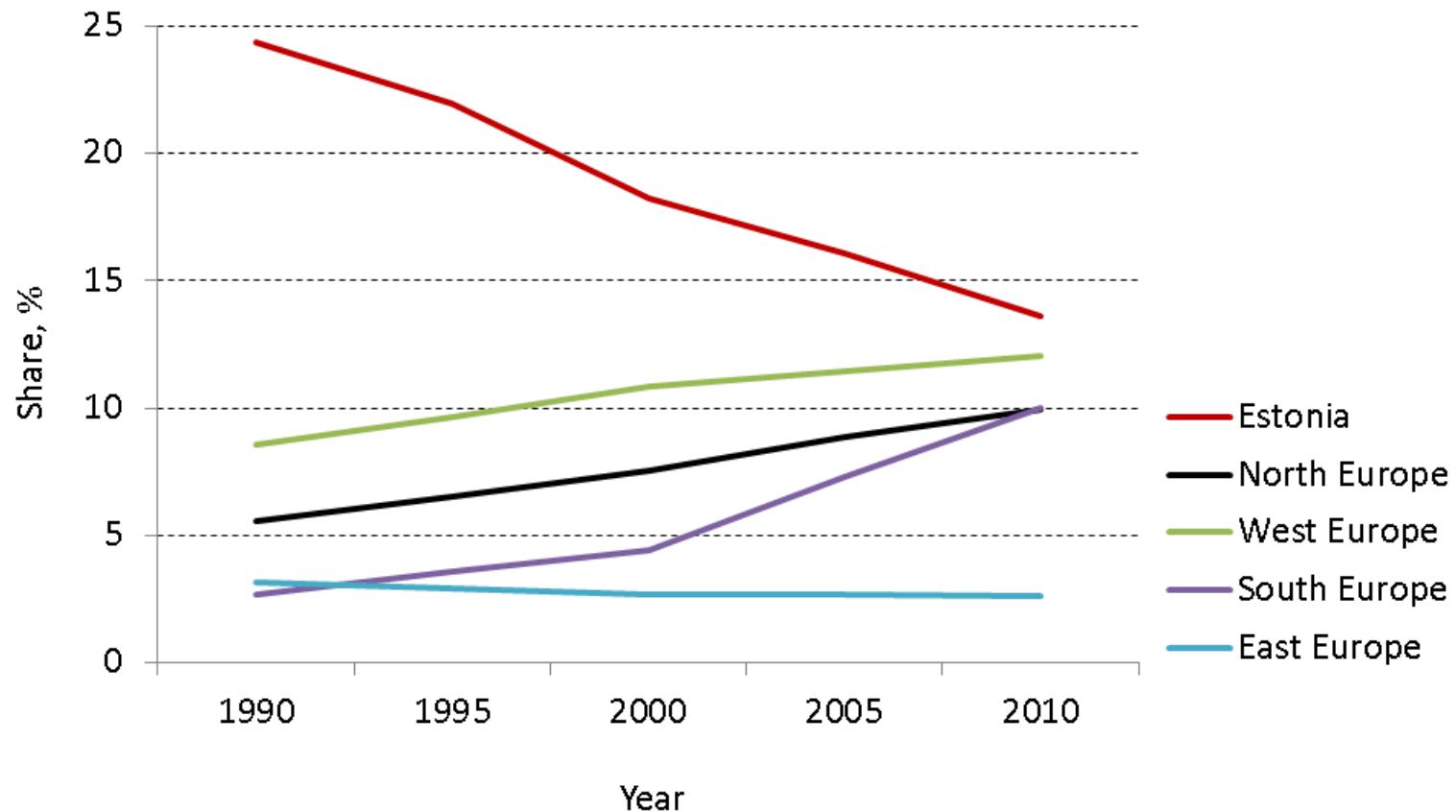
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# Share of Estonians in Estonia, 1934–2011



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# Share of foreign born in Estonia, 1990–2010

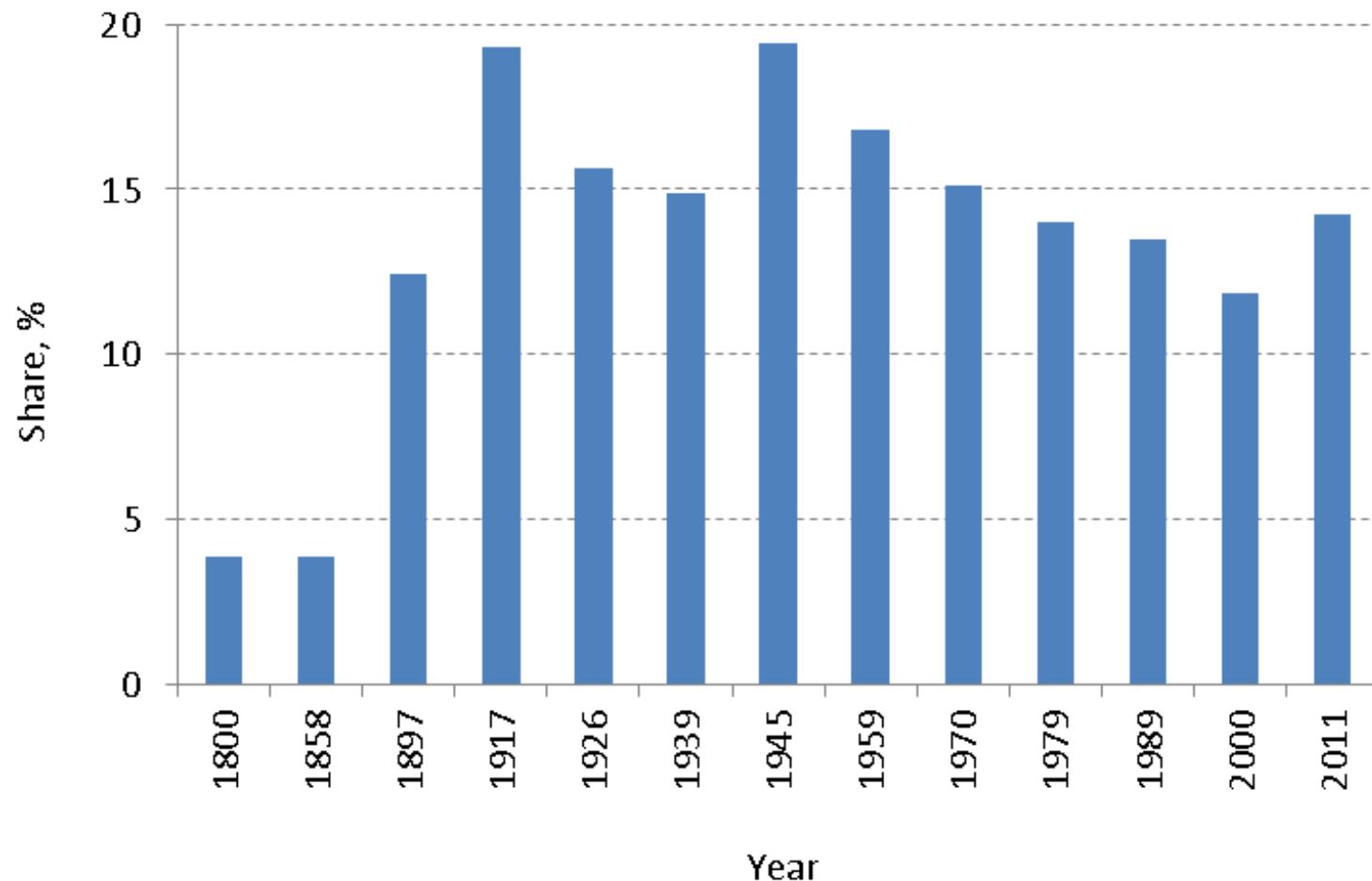


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# Estonians living at home and abroad, 1800–2011

	Estonia	Abroad	Total
1800	500 000	20 000	520 000
1917	900 000	215 000	1 115 000
1945	830 000	200 000	1 030 000
1959	890 000	180 000	1 070 000
1970	925 000	165 000	1 090 000
1979	950 000	155 000	1 105 000
1989	965 000	150 000	1 115 000
2000	930 000	125 000	1 055 000
2011	902 000	150 000	1 052 000

# Share of Estonians living abroad (%), 1800–2011



Sources: Kulu 1990, Tammaru et al. 2010, Suurkask 2013

# Share of Eastern diaspora in total diaspora (%), 1800–2011



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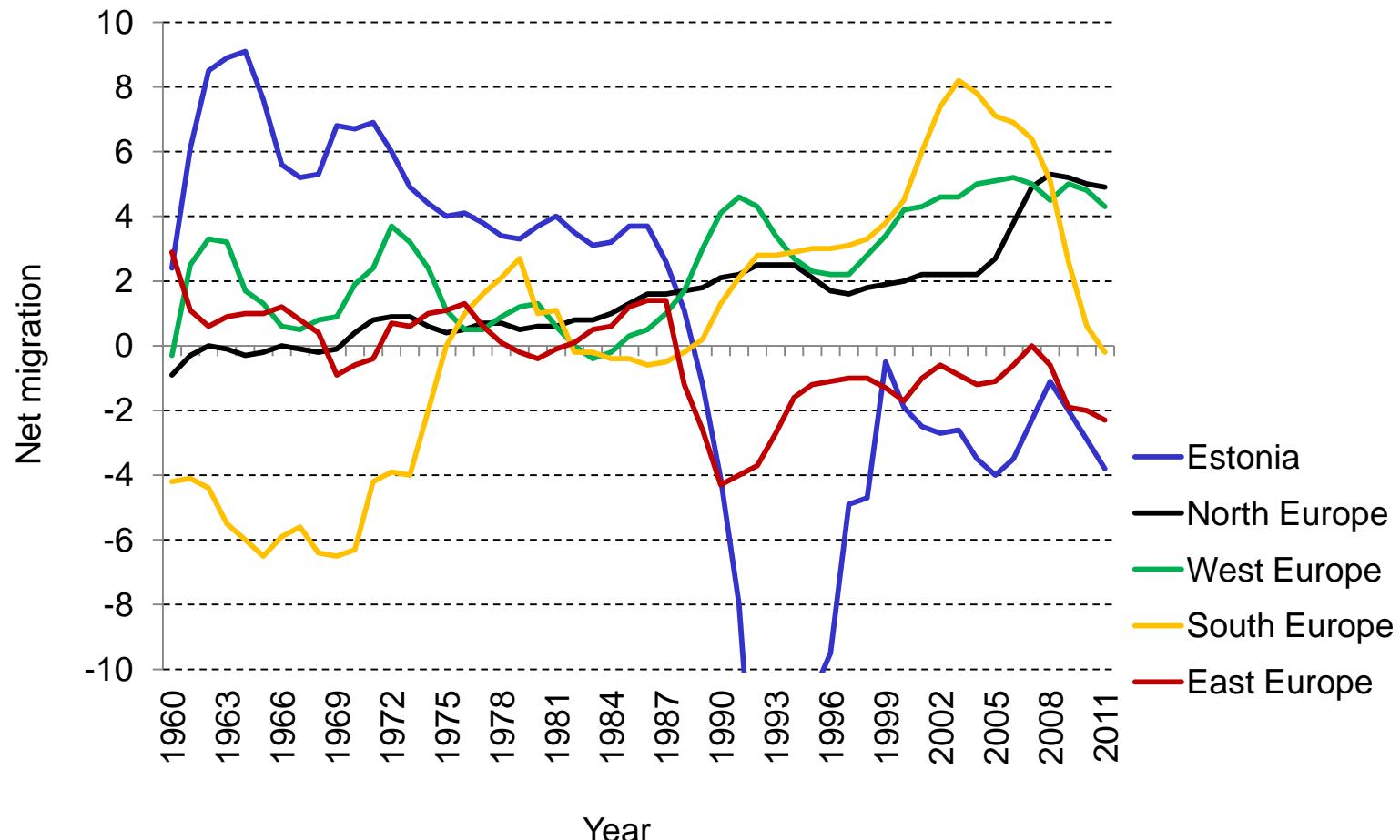
# Larger Estonian communities abroad, 2011

Finland	30 000
Sweden	25 000
USA	25 000
Canada	24 000
Russia	18 000
Australia	8 200
Germany	4 800
Norway	3 800
United Kingdom	3 600
Ireland	3 300

Sources: Statistical Offices

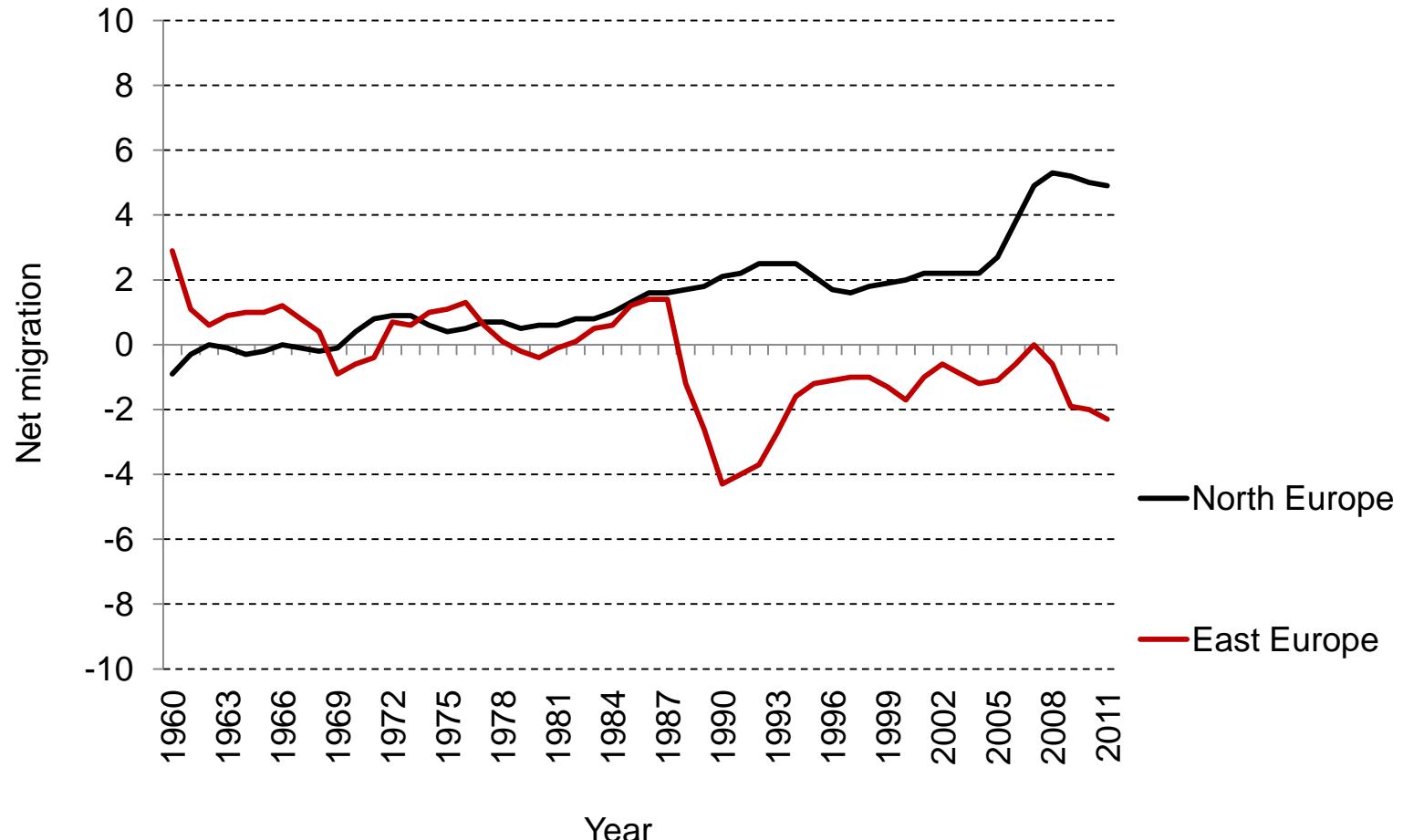
# EMIGRATION FROM ESTONIA IN EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

# Net migration in Europe, 1960–2011



Source: Estonian Human Development Report 2013

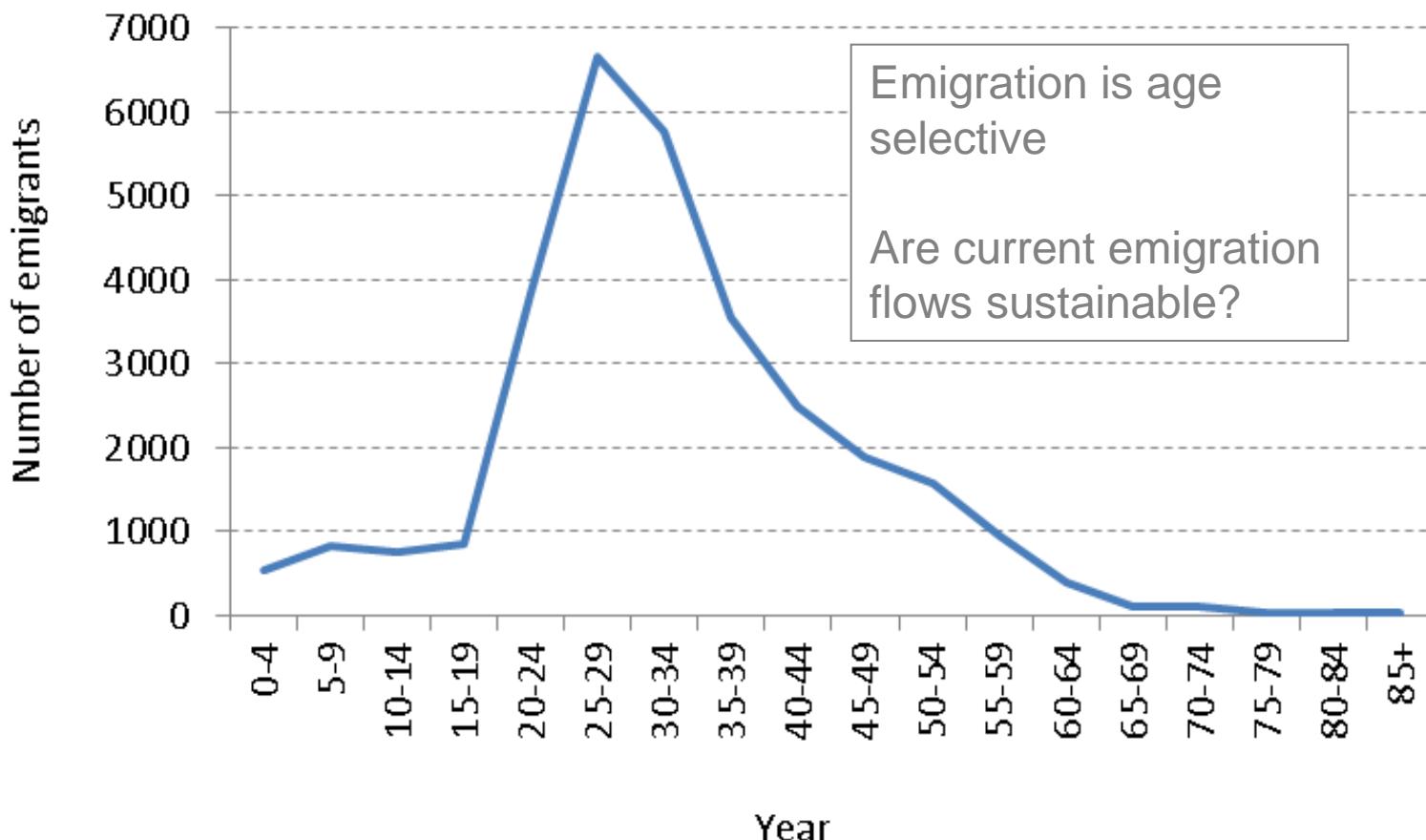
# Net migration in Europe, 1960–2011



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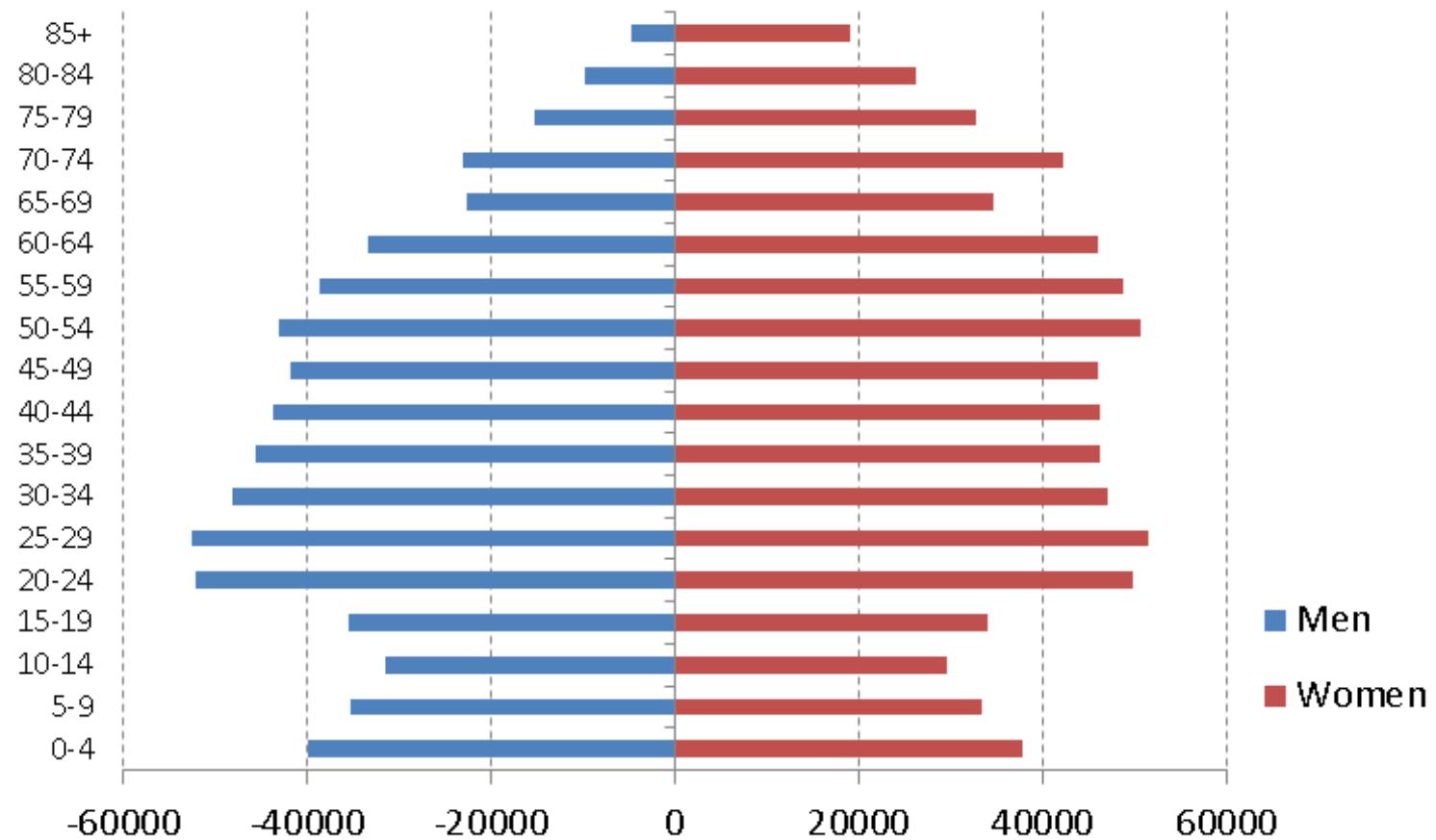
# MAIN FEATURES OF CONTEMPORARY EMIGRATION FROM ESTONIA

# Age distribution of emigrants, 2000–2011



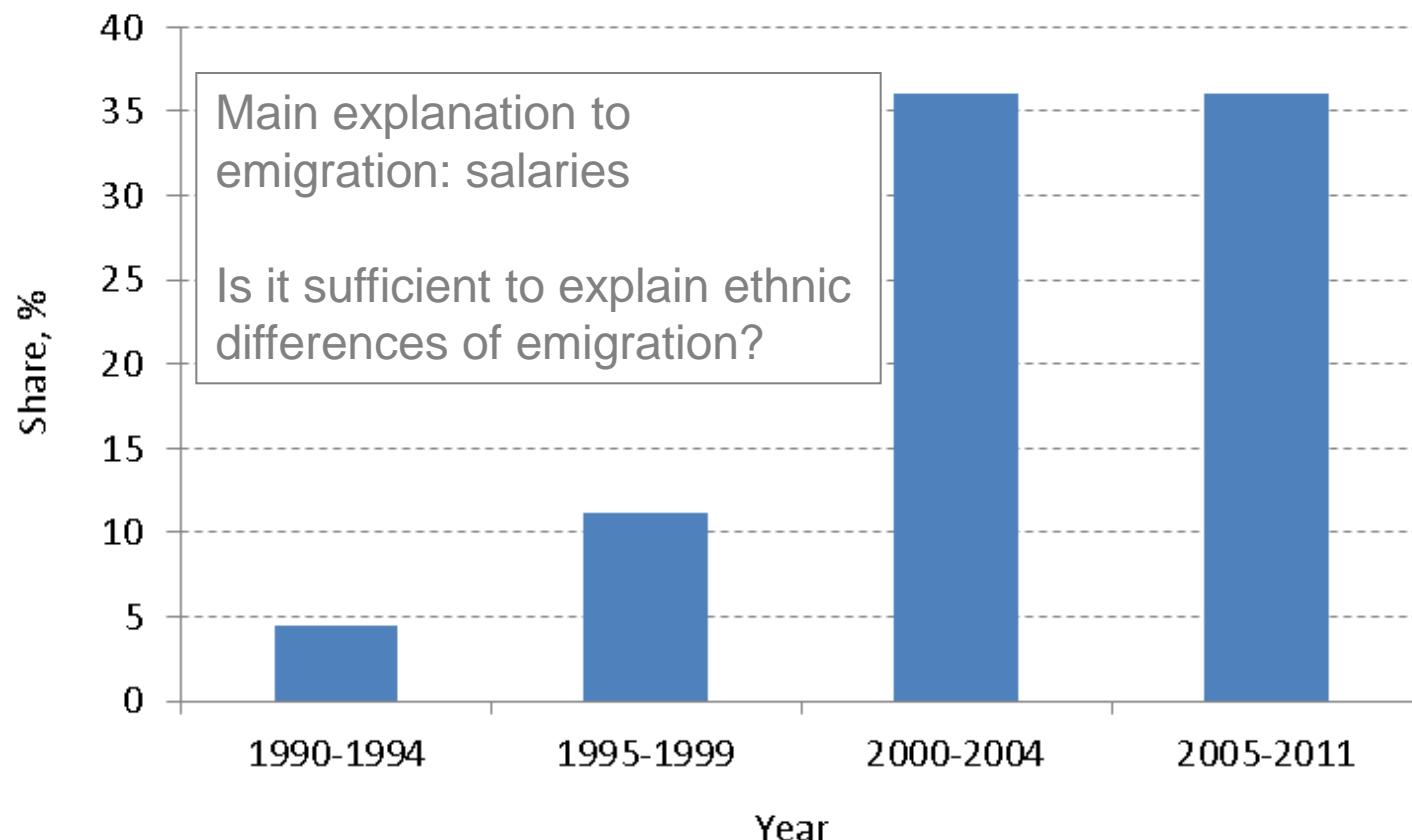
Source: Census 2011

# Population pyramid of Estonia, 2011



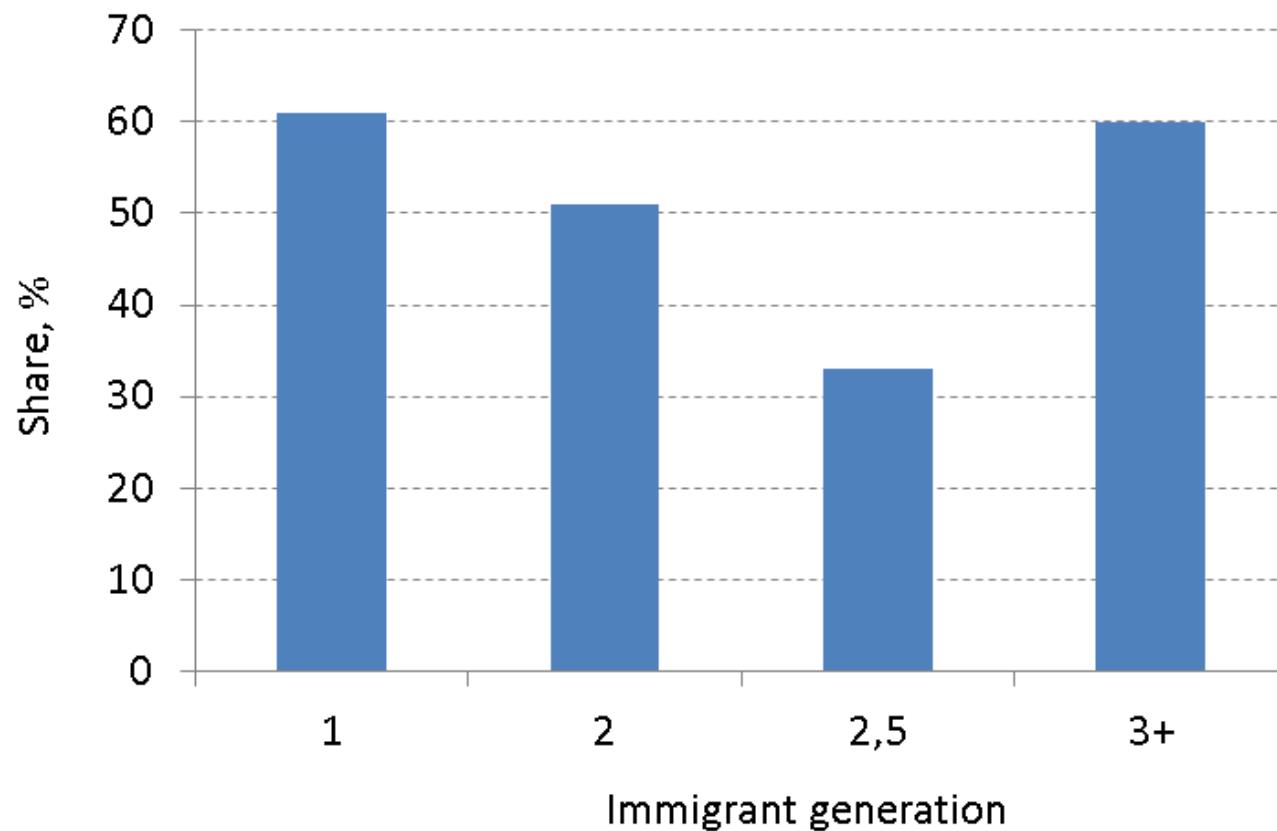
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# Share of Estonians among emigrants, 1990–2011



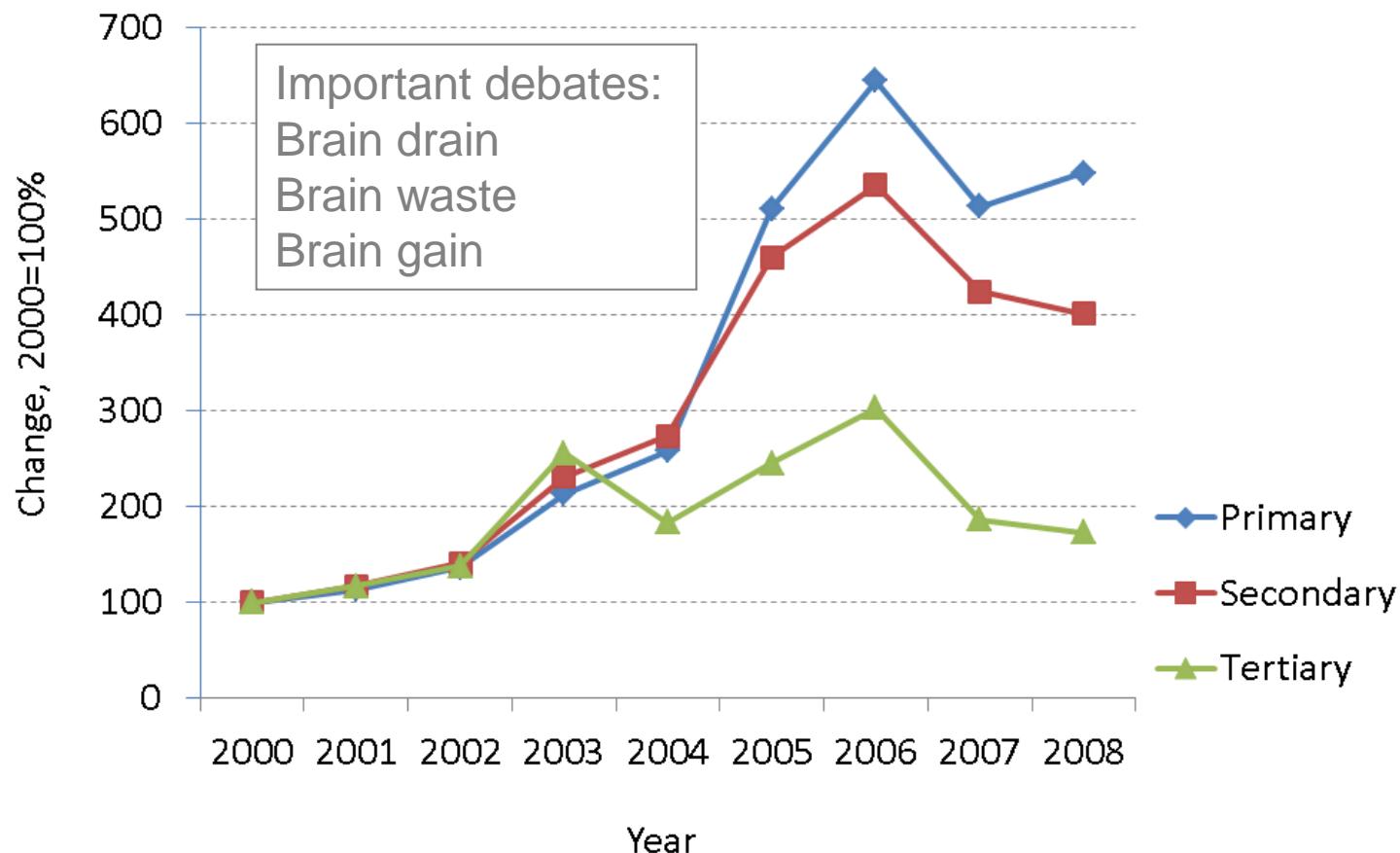
Source: Statistics Estonia

# Firm intentions to stay in Estonia by immigrant generation, 2011



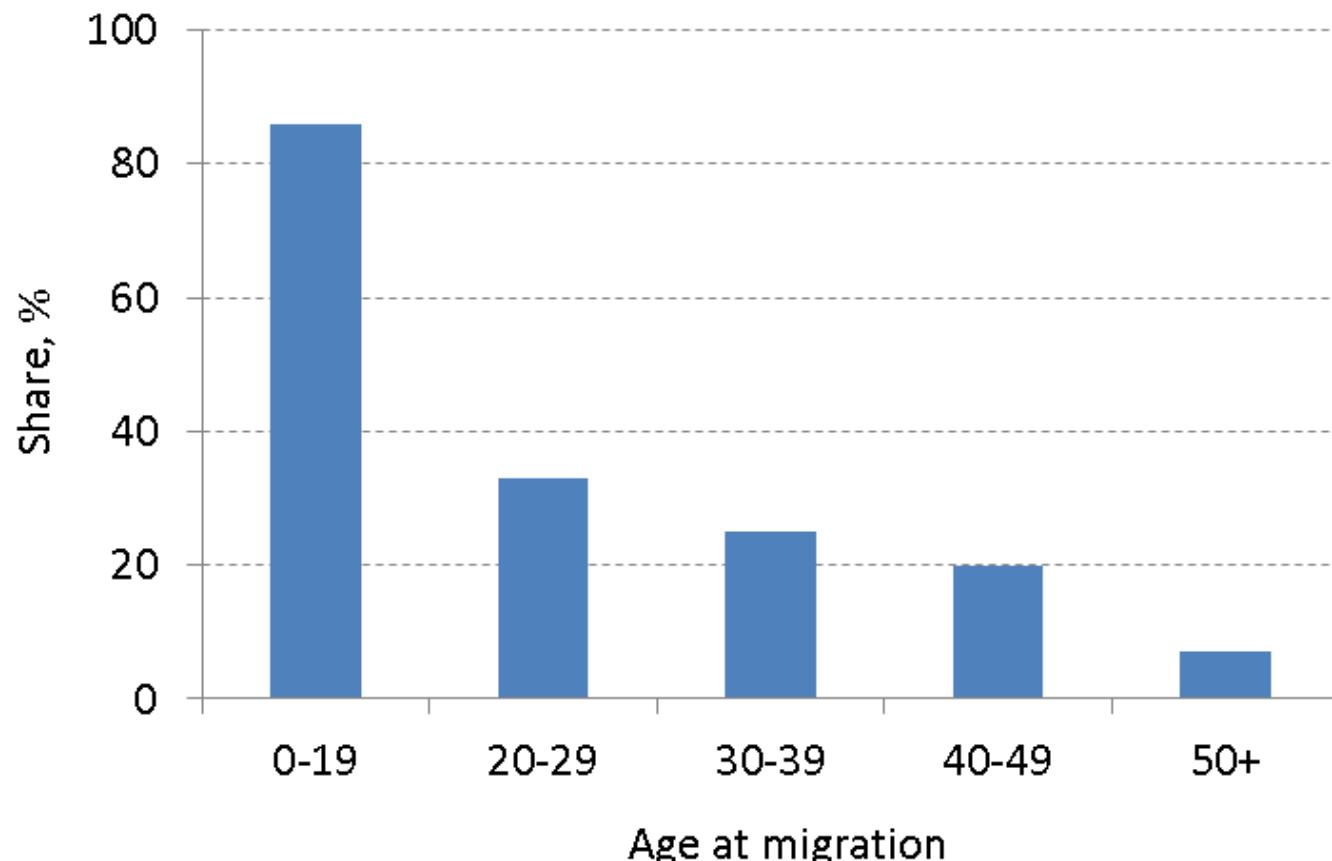
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# Emigration by education in 2000–2008, 2000=100%



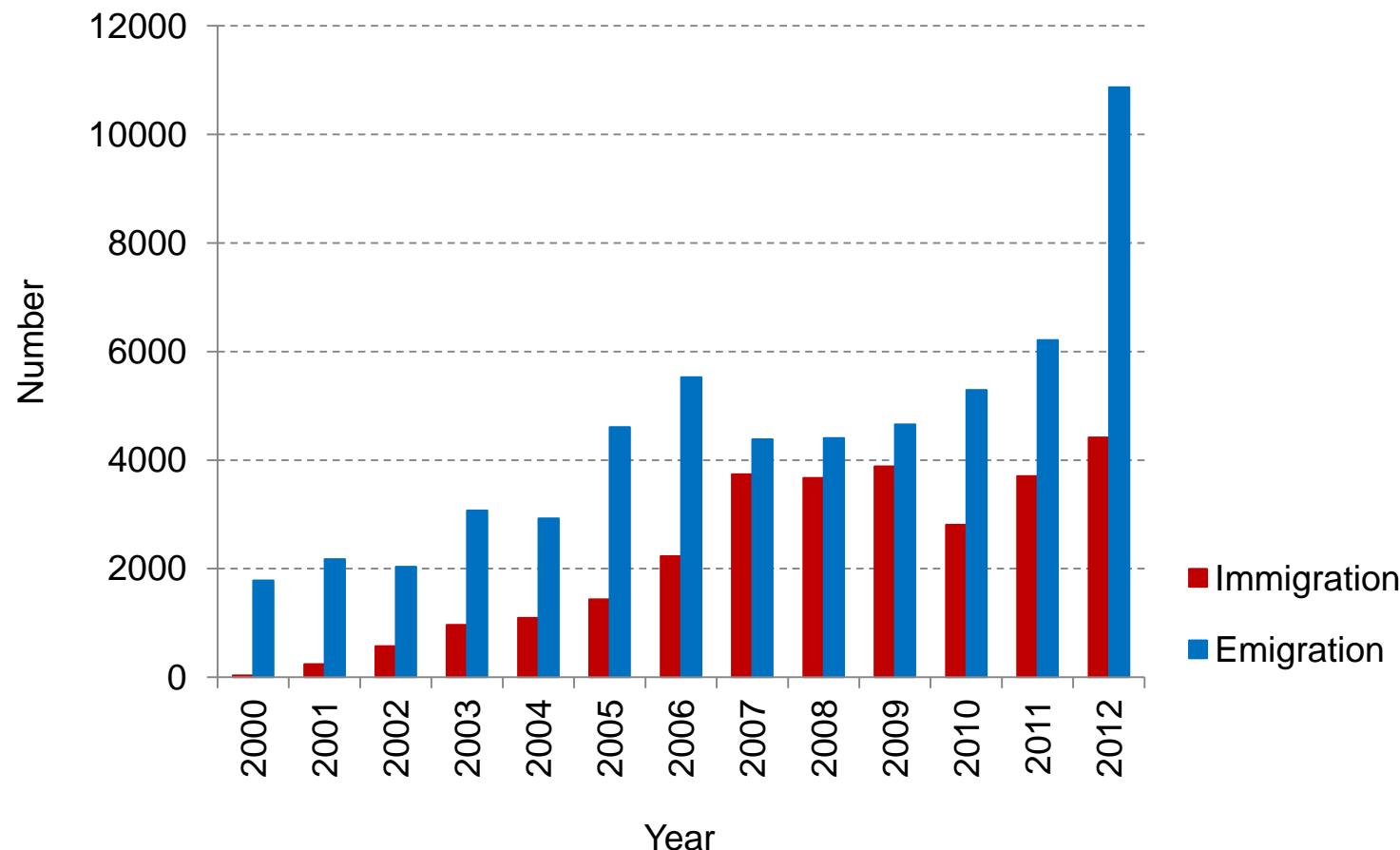
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# Studying in Finland by age of migration (%)



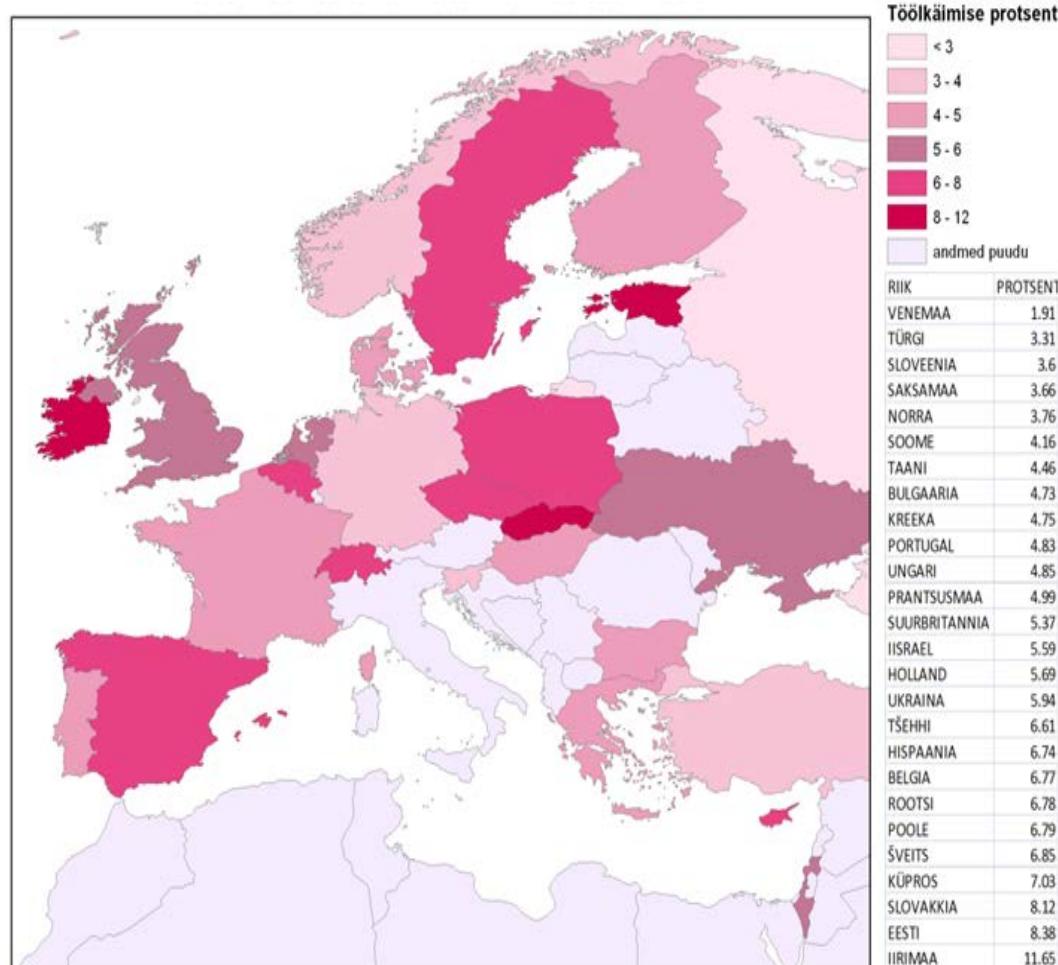
Source: Survey Estonians in Finland 2009

# Emigration and immigration Estonia, 2000–2012



Sources: Statistics Estonia

# People with work experience abroad, %



Source: European Social Survey 2008

# CONCLUSIONS

# Main findings

- Strong ethnic dimension in emigration: Estonia has become more Estonian
- Diaspora change:
  - Diversification
  - Russia -> Finland
- Emigration has spread to lower educated population groups since EU enlargement, skill improvement abroad
- Return migration takes place as well

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