



# ***Emigration Intentions and Fertility Potential in Latvia***

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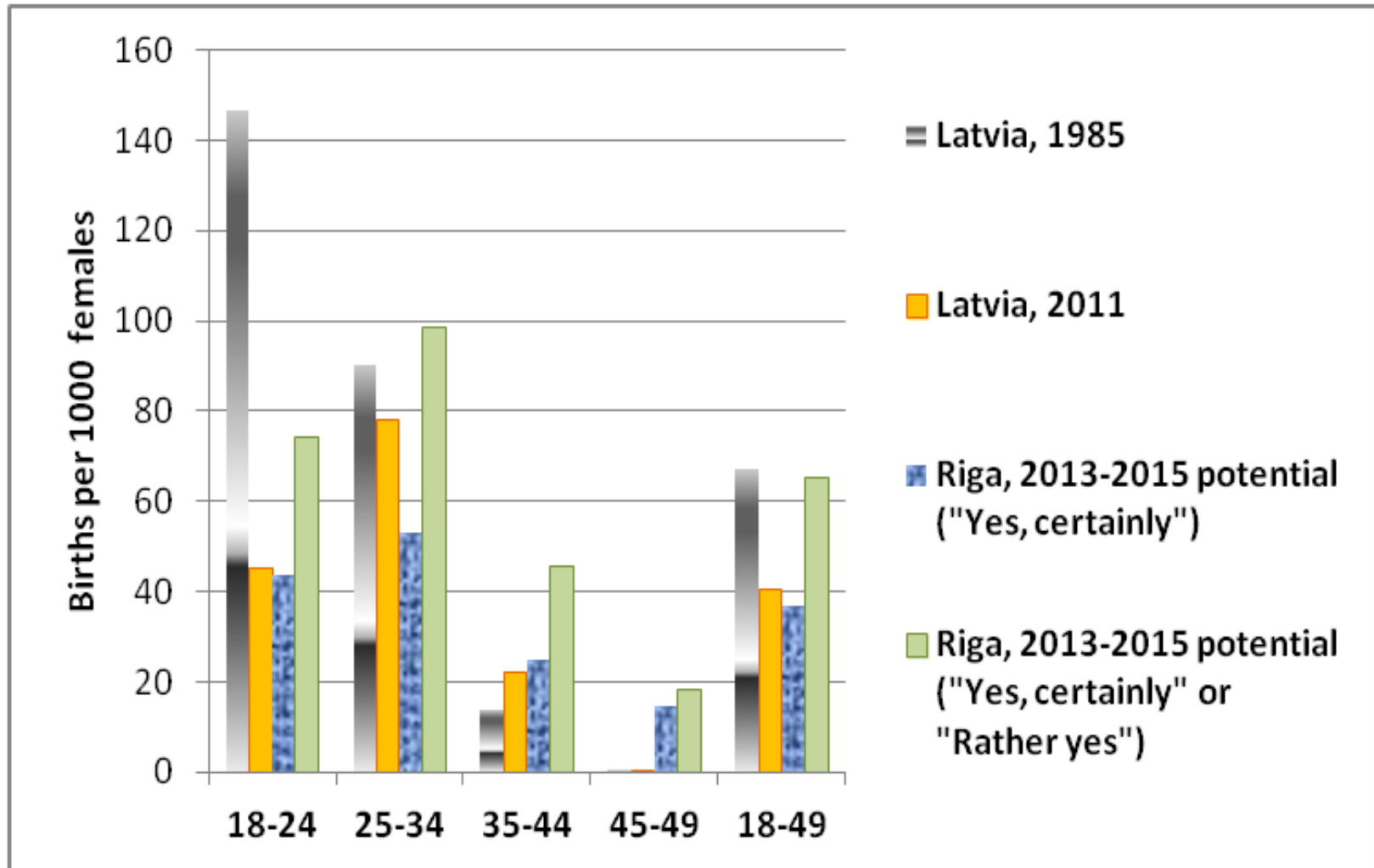
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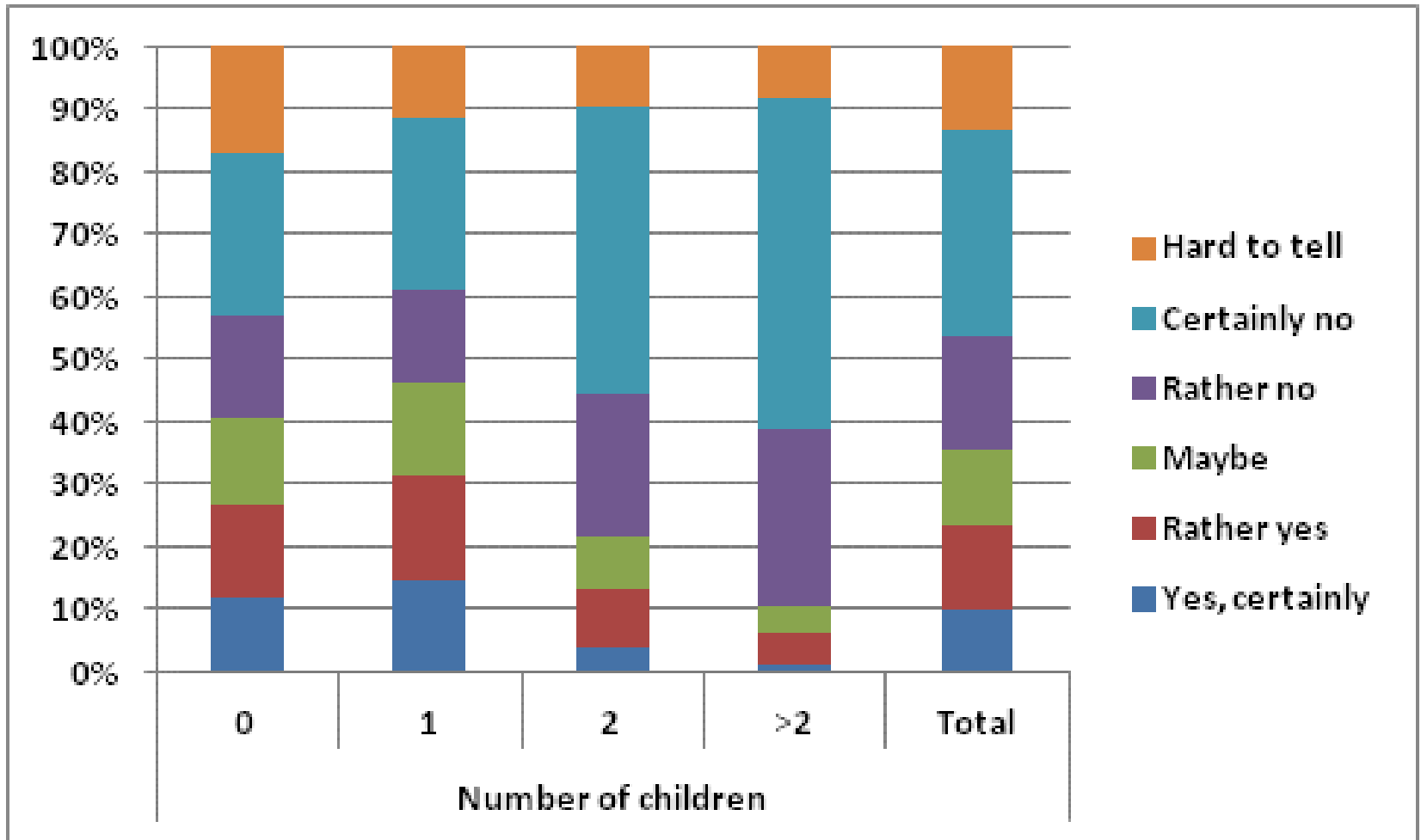
# Research questions and data

- Is there a chance to get birth rates back to “normal” anytime soon?
- How big is emigration potential in Riga?
- Is emigration risk higher or lower among families with children?
- What about couples *planning to have children in the near future* – are they more or less likely to emigrate?
- Data: Riga household survey (summer 2012, N = 2007)
- Identification of couples planning/willing to have children is based on opinion of both partners

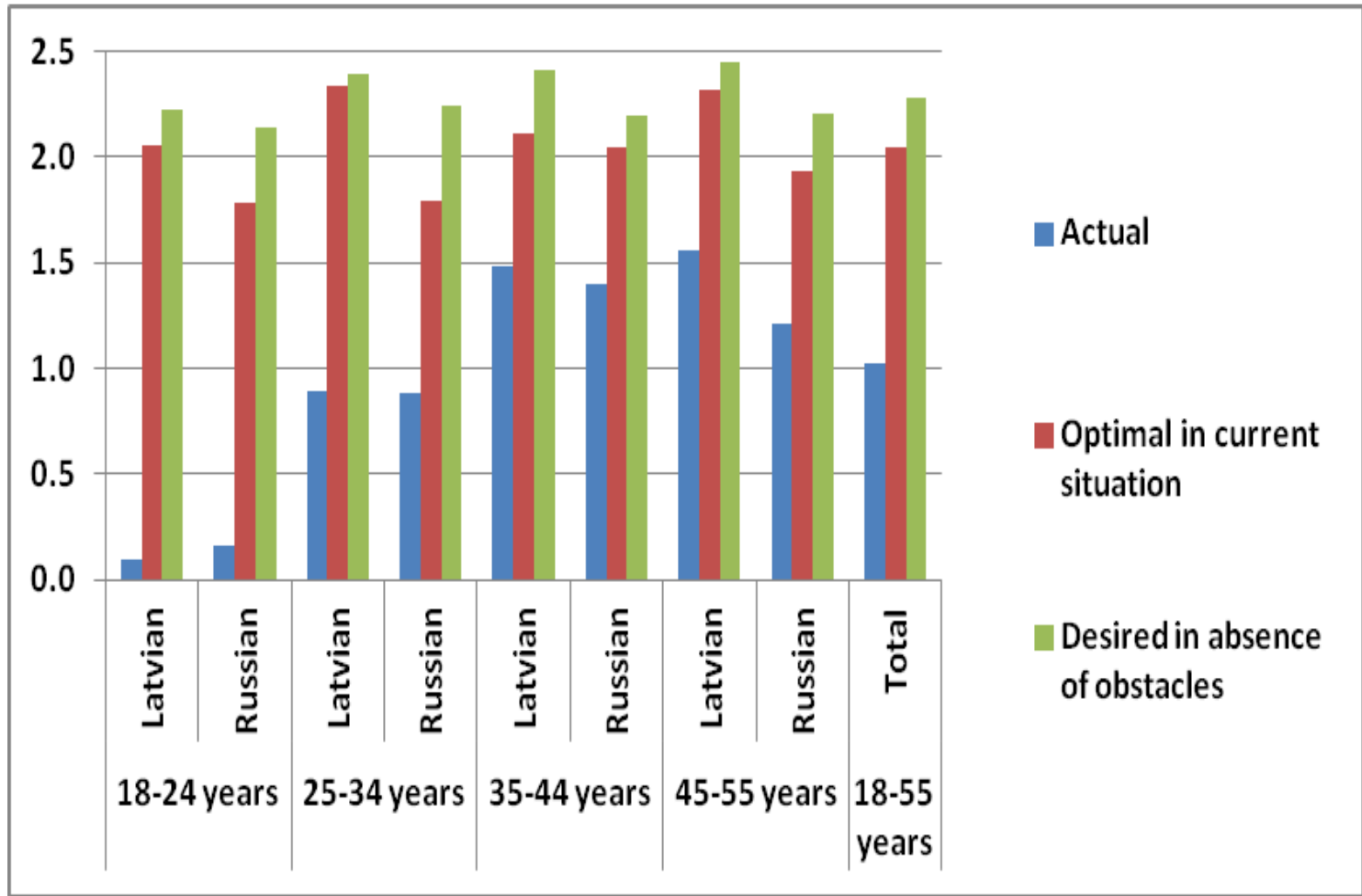
# Actual and potential fertility by age group



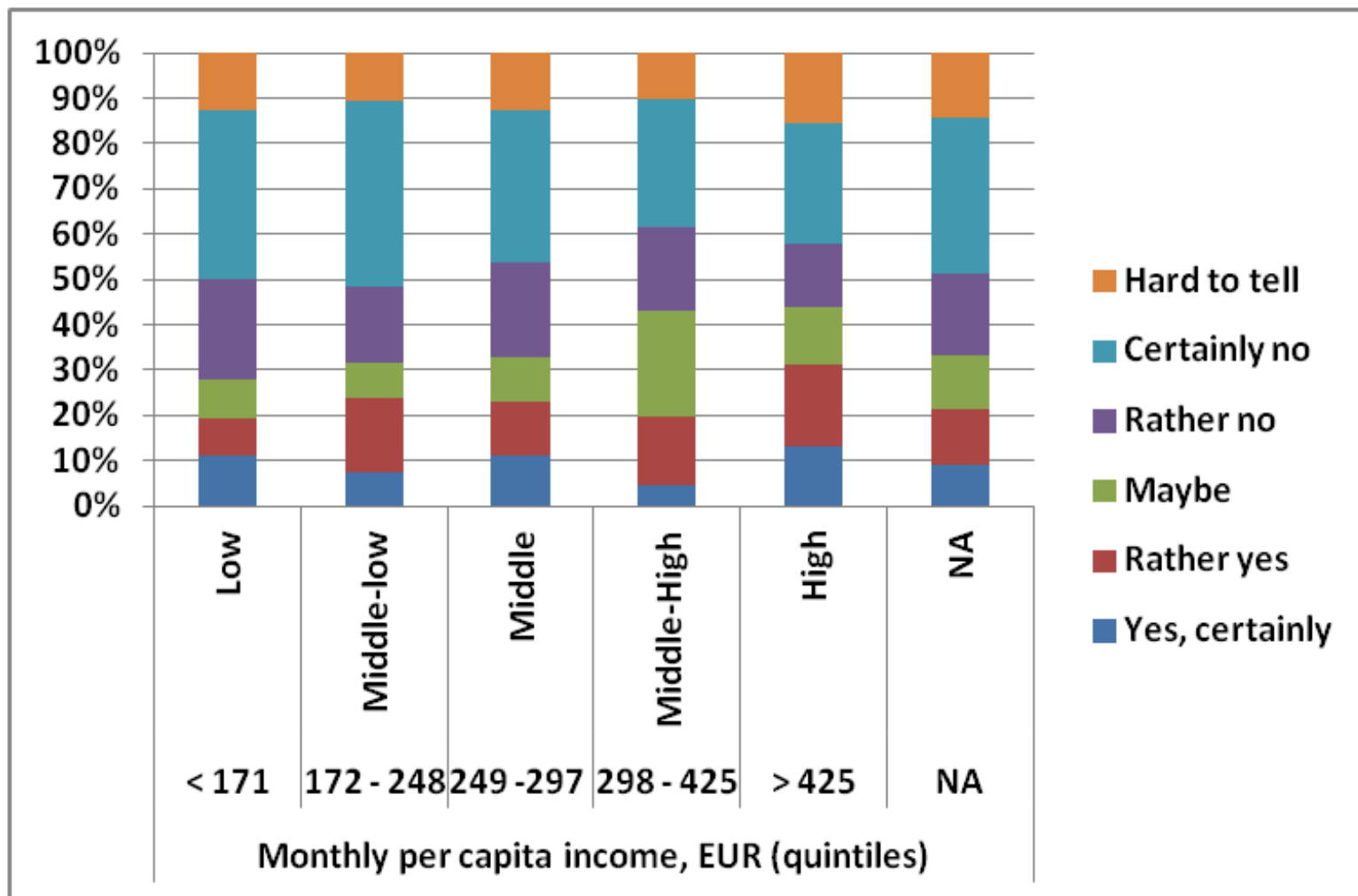
# Plans to have a child in the next three years, by the number of children respondent already has Riga, age 18-55



## Actual and desired number of children. Couples living in Riga, by respondent's age and main family language

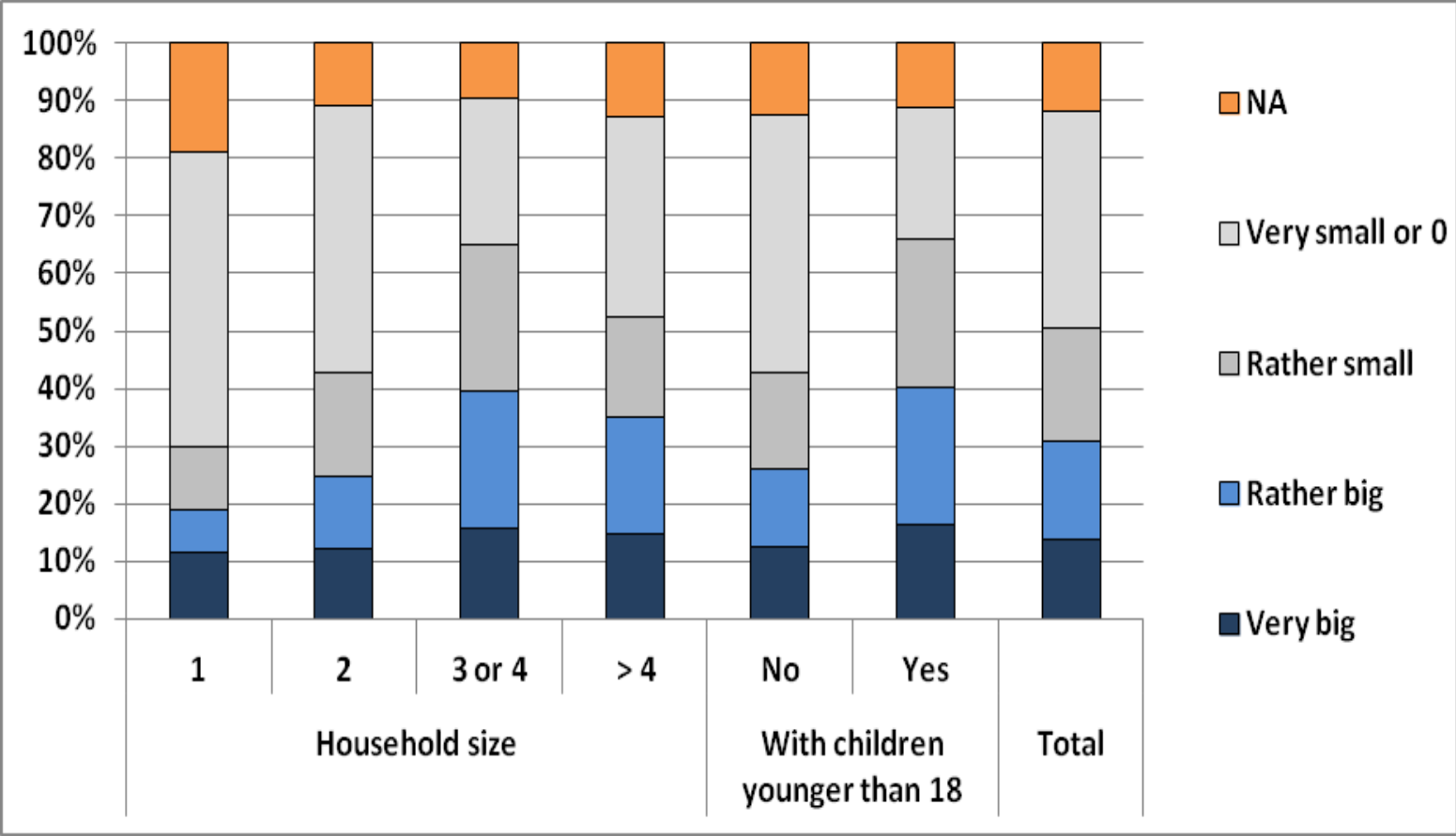


## Do you plan to have (another) child in the next three years? (Riga, age 18-55, by income quintile)



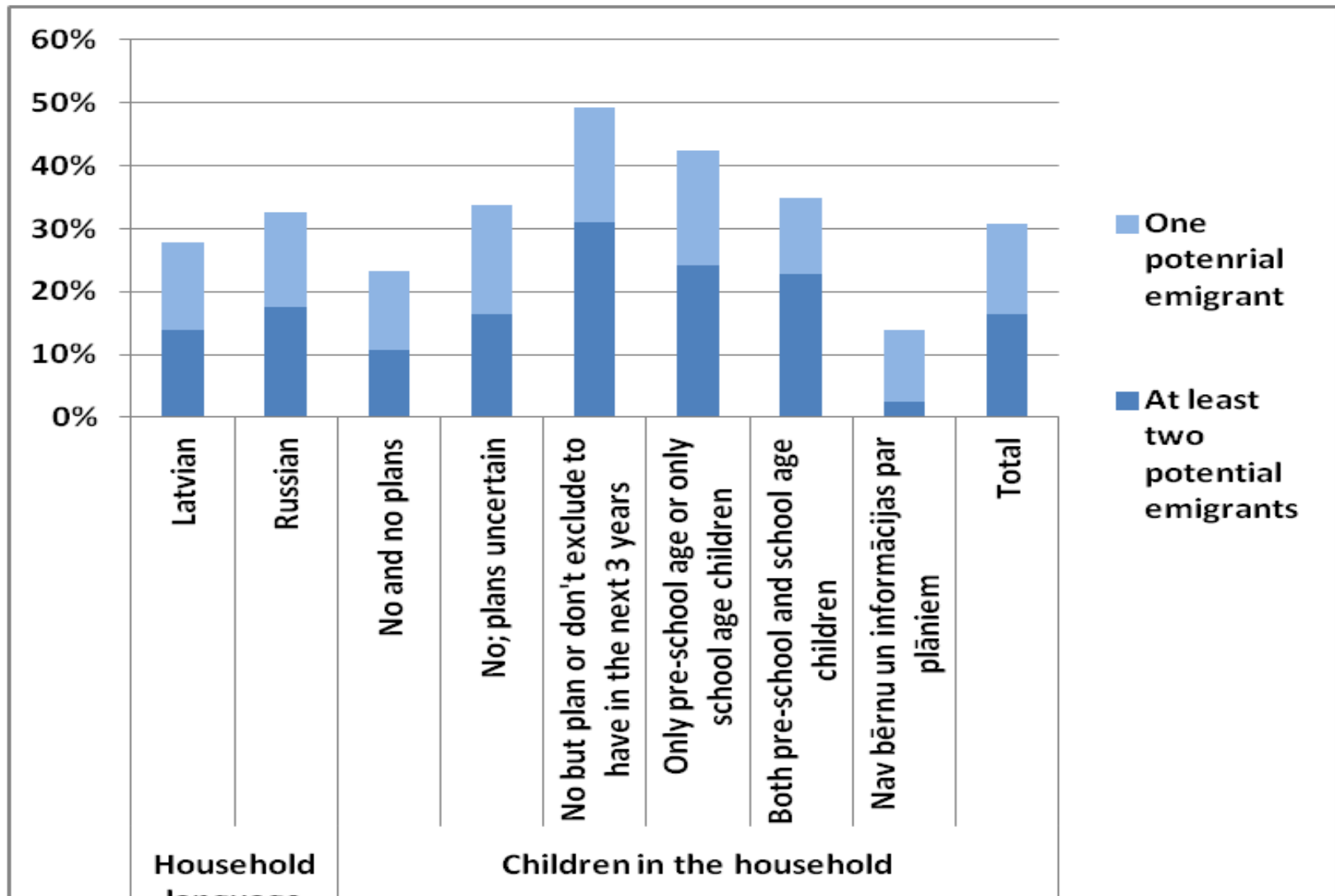
# **Emigration intentions**

# Likelihood that in the next three years some household member might move to live and work abroad, by household type

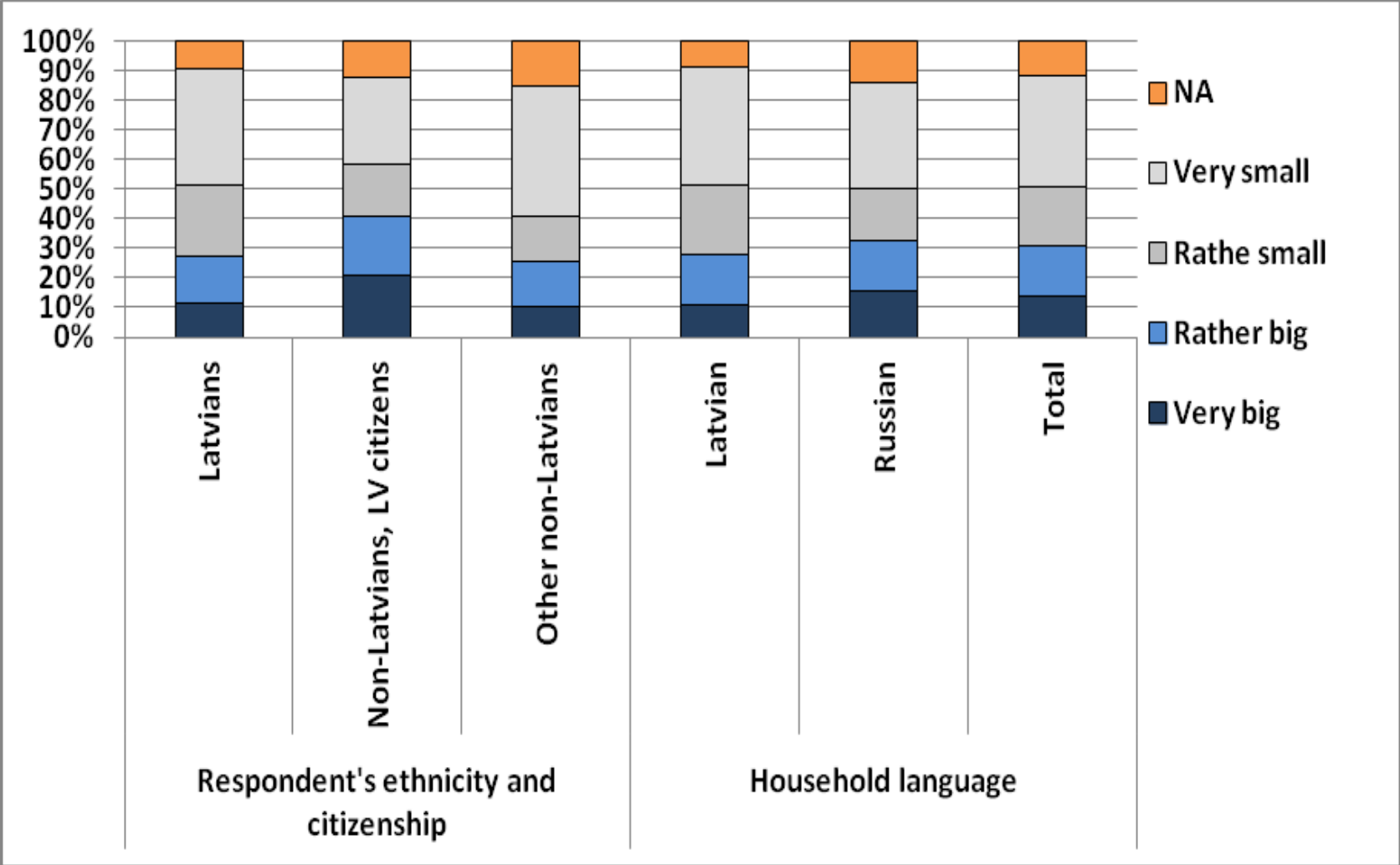




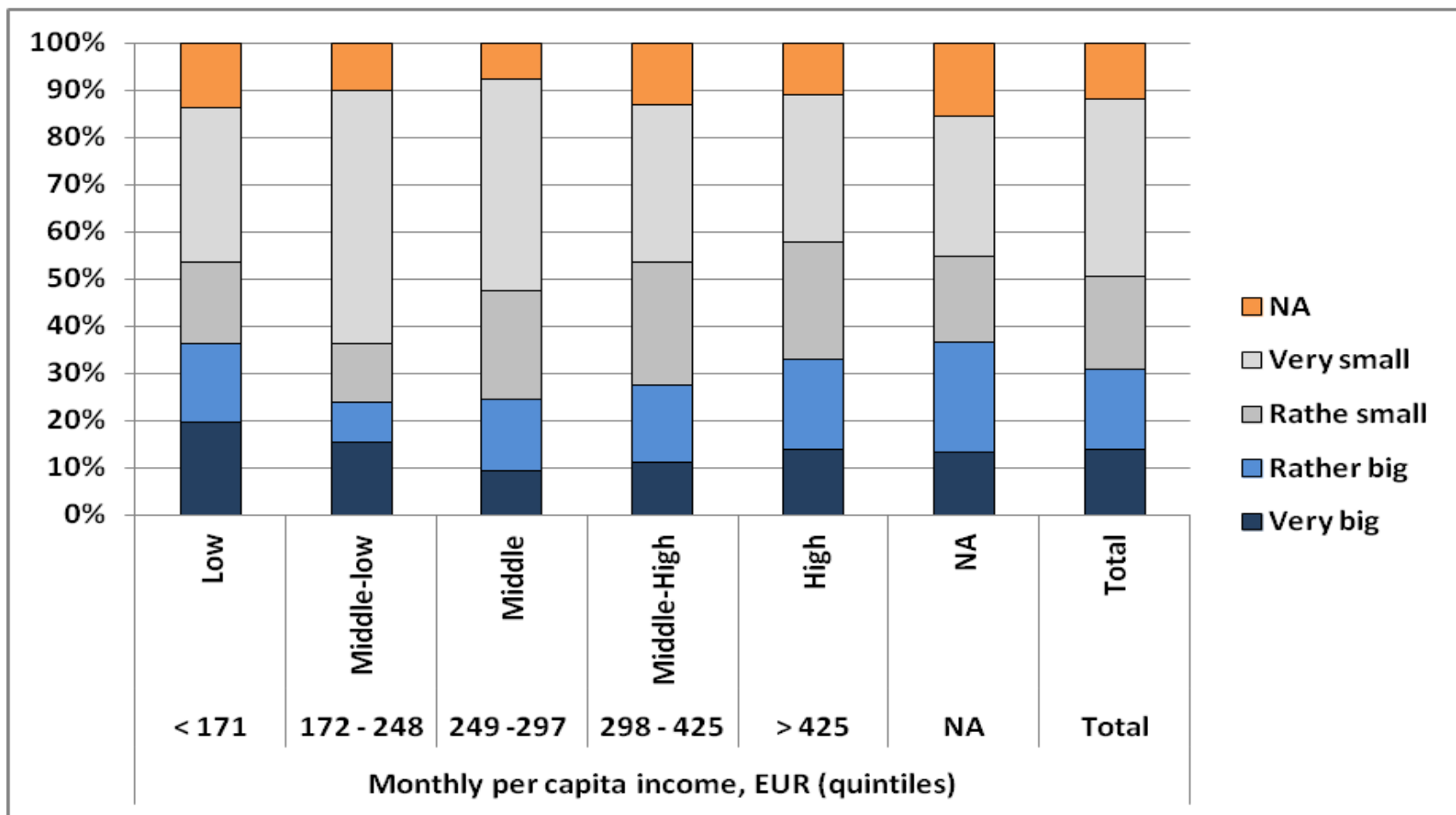
## Share of households with one or more potential emigrants, by main household language and by presence of children



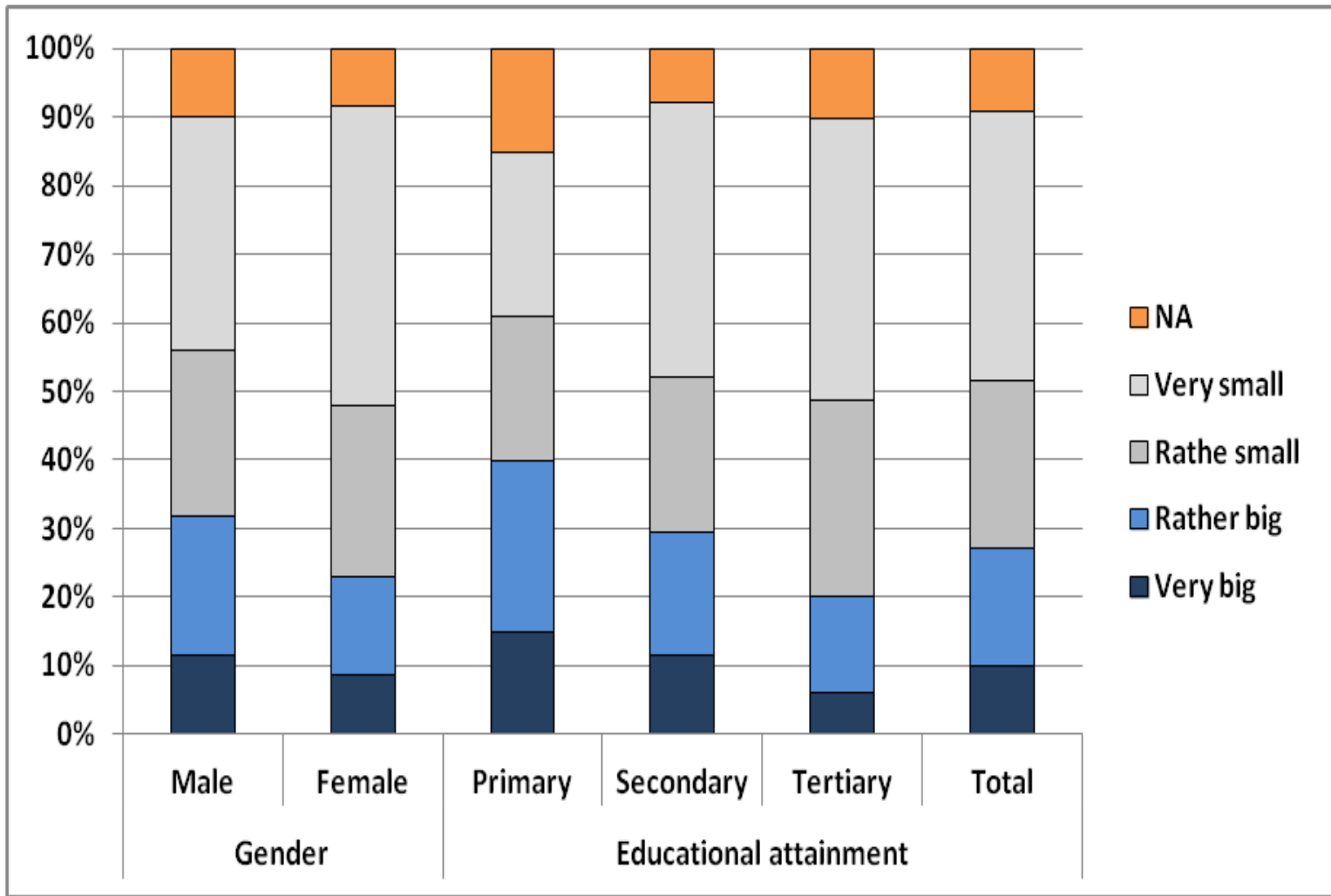
# Likelihood that in the next three years some household member might move to live and work abroad, by main household language and respondent's ethnicity & citizenship



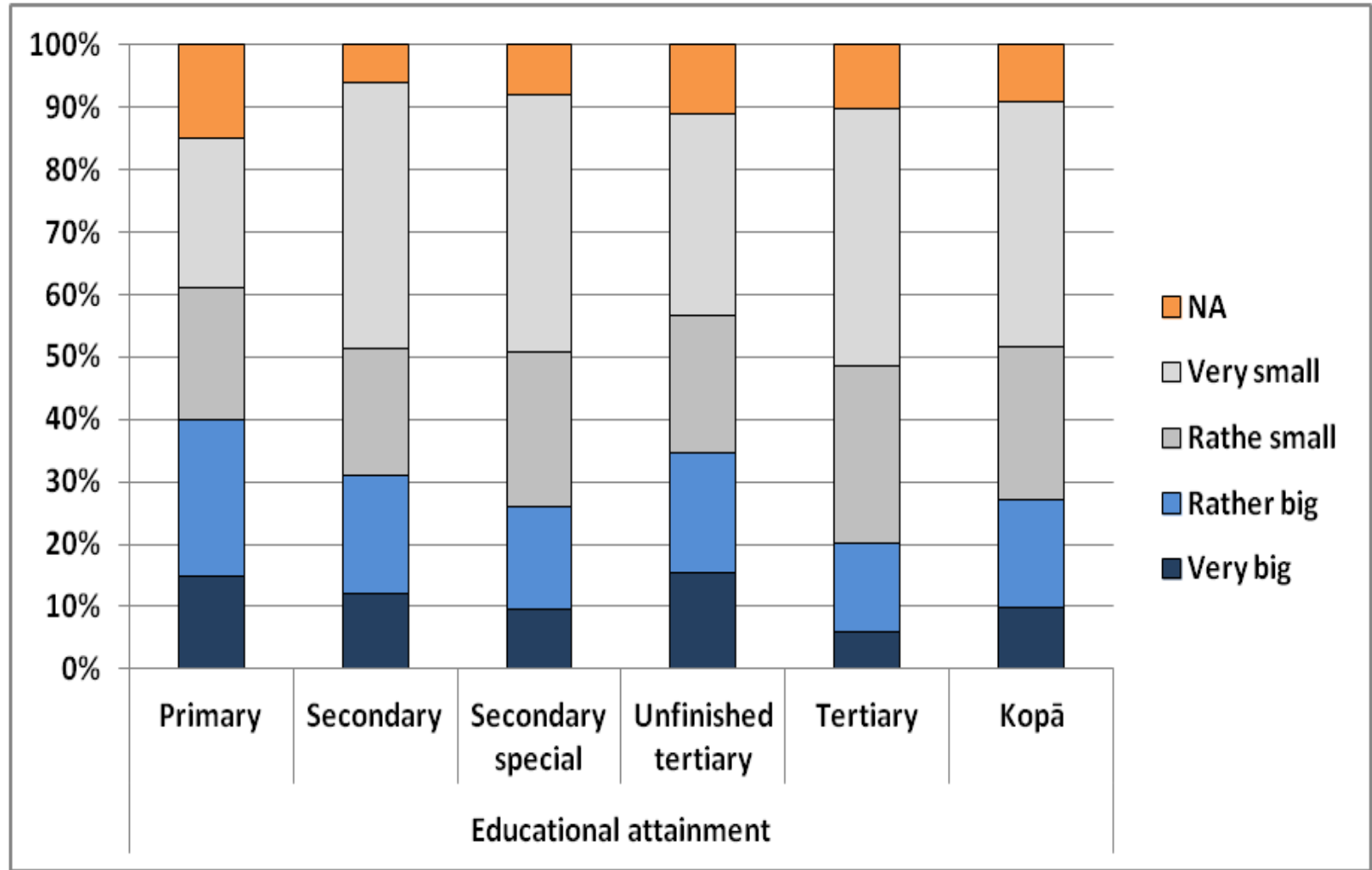
## Likelihood that in the next three years some of the household members might move to live and work abroad, by income quintiles pēc ienākumiem uz vienu ģimenes locekli



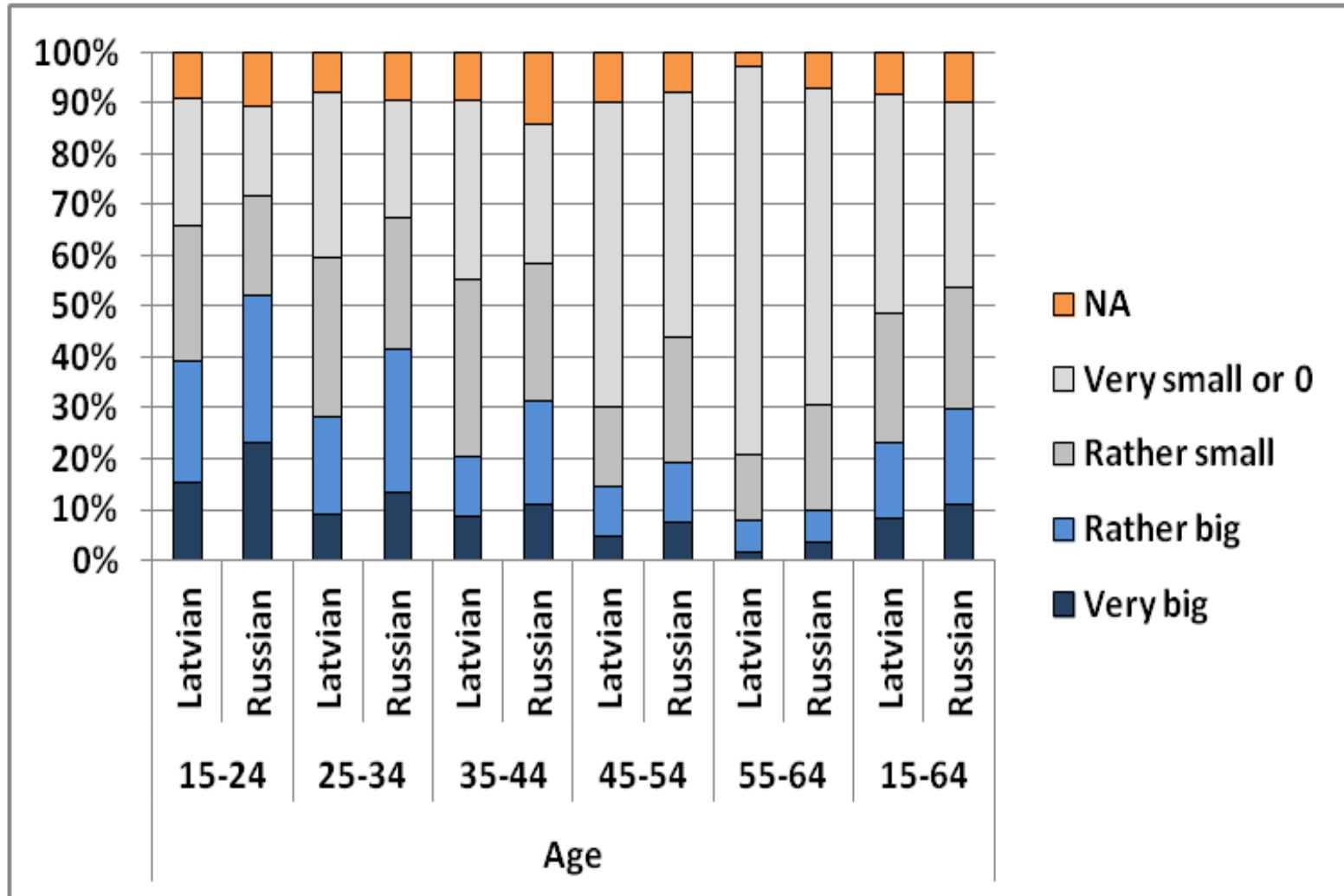
## Likelihood that in the next three years a person aged 15-64 might move to live and work abroad, by gender and educational attainment



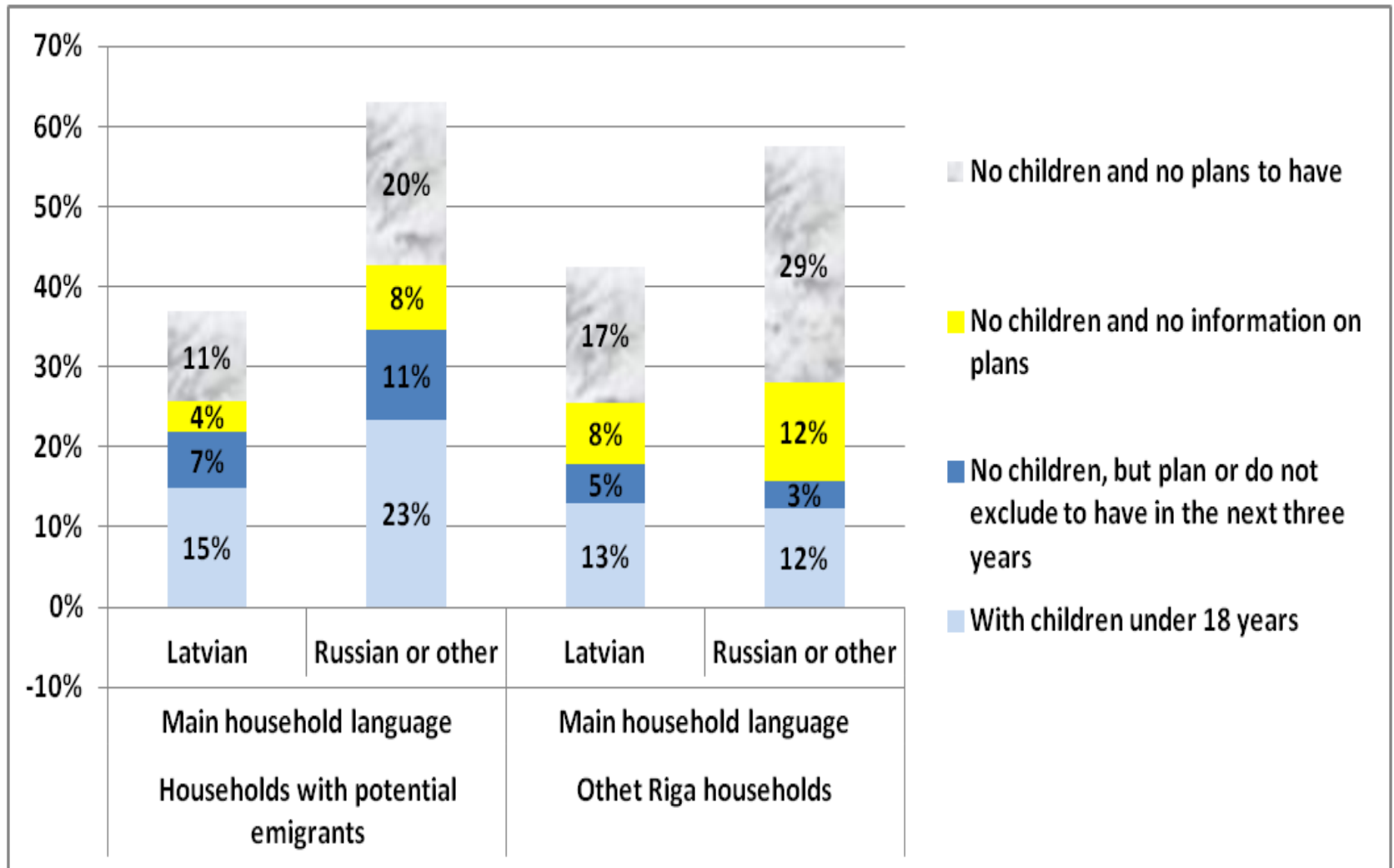
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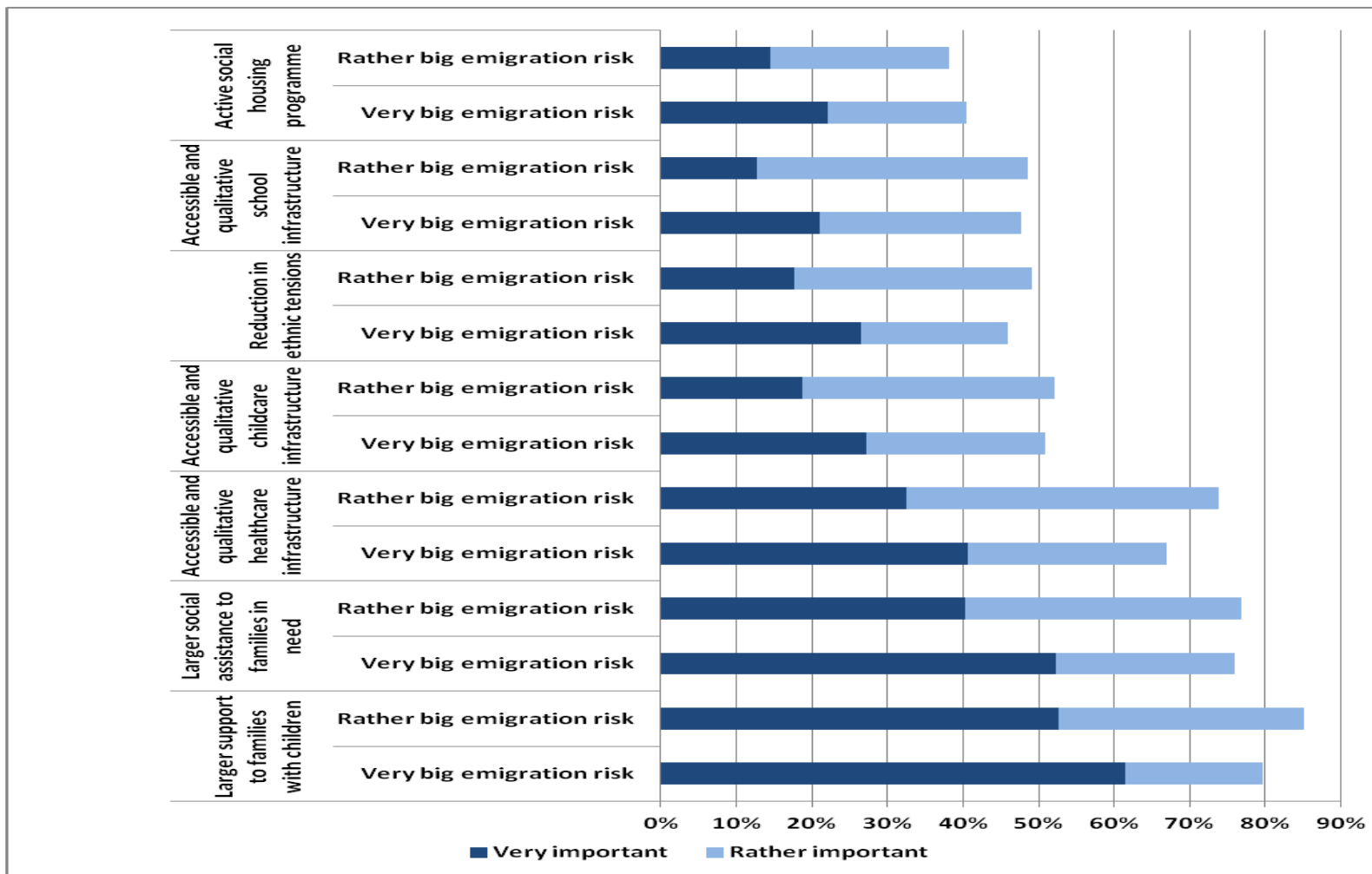
## Likelihood that in the next three years a person aged 15-64 might move to live and work abroad, by age and main household language



## Households with and without potential emigrants, by main language and presence of children



# How important would be given policy improvements for you to stay in Latvia or to encourage to return from abroad your friends/family members?





# Main findings

- On average, families with the largest demographic potential are more likely to emigrate than others
- In Riga, 55% of Latvian-speaking families, which have children below 18 years or plan to have children in the next three years, and 69% of their Russian-speaking counterparts plan or consider emigration in the next three years
- When other factors are controlled for, families with one or two children are more likely to emigrate than others, while couples which plan to have children in the next three years are neither more nor less likely to emigrate than those without such plans (this follows from econometric analysis not included in the presentation)

Thank you for attention!