Moroccan Immigrants in Germany

A theoretical Model to explain return migration

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- Factors of Return Migration
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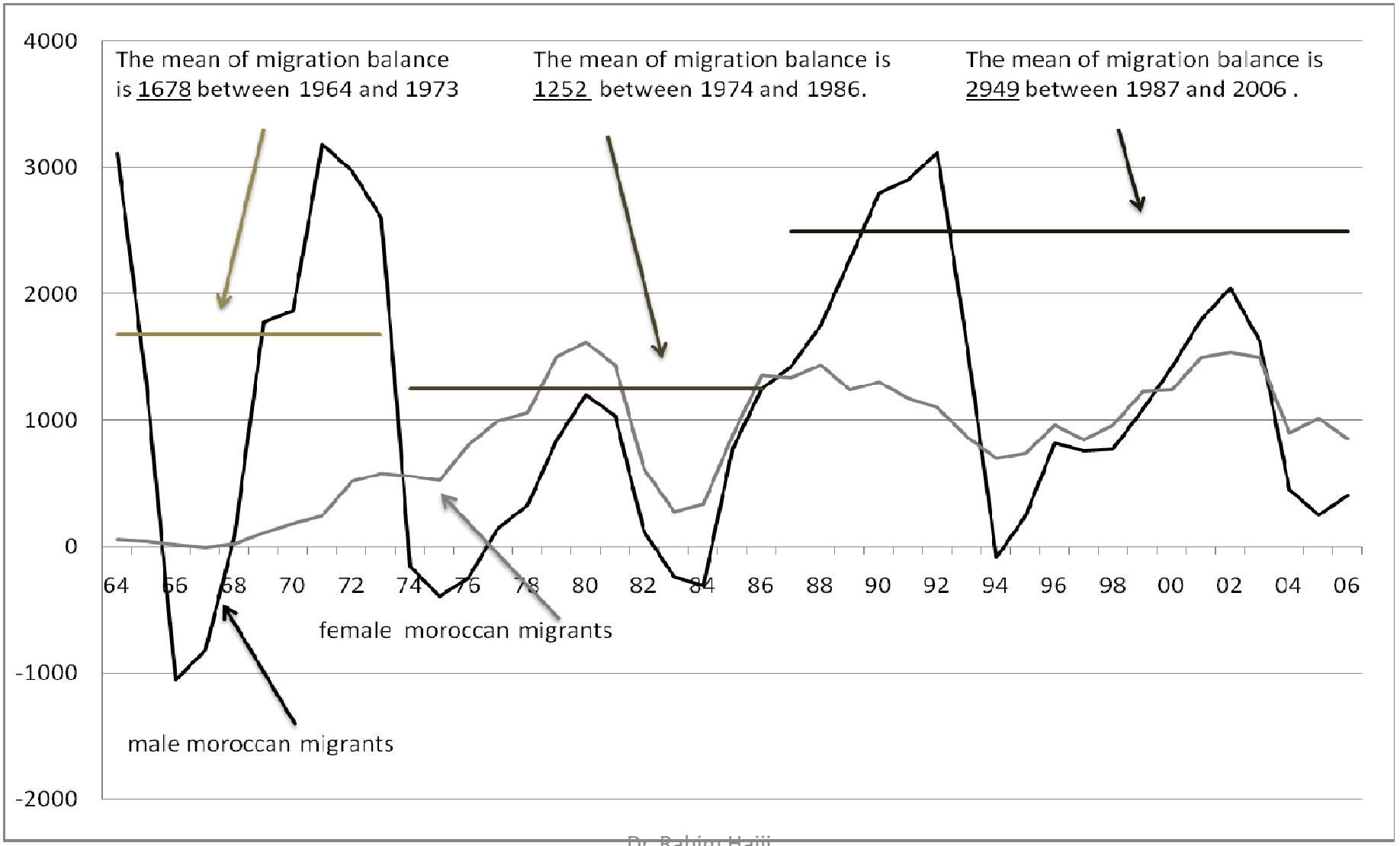
The Moroccan Migration History

- After 2nd World War, Germany‘s economic growth is strong.
- The economy calls for Labour Migration
- 1962, Germany signs with Morocco a contract about Labour Migration
- 1973, Germany cancels the contract due to global economic crisis

The Moroccan Immigration in Figures I



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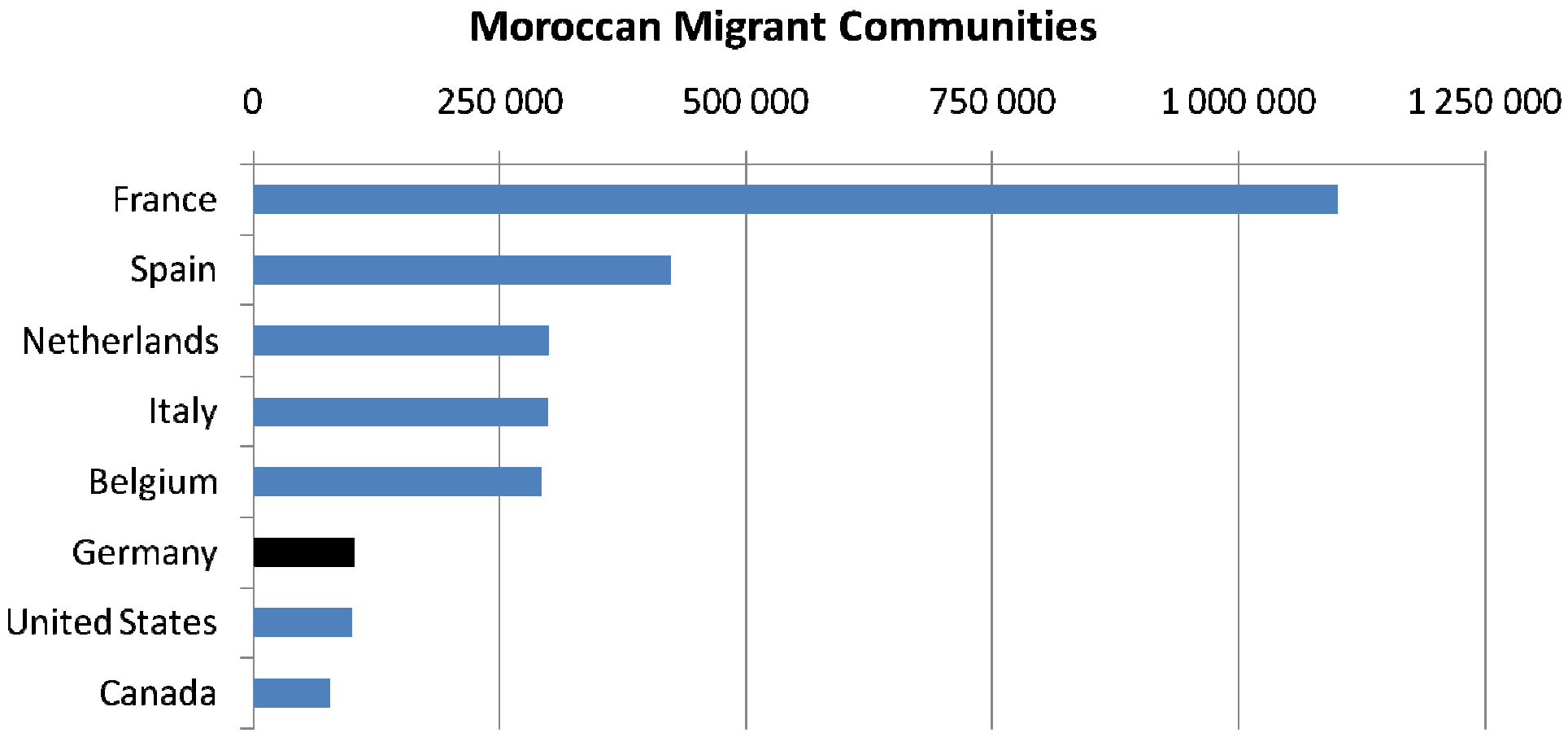
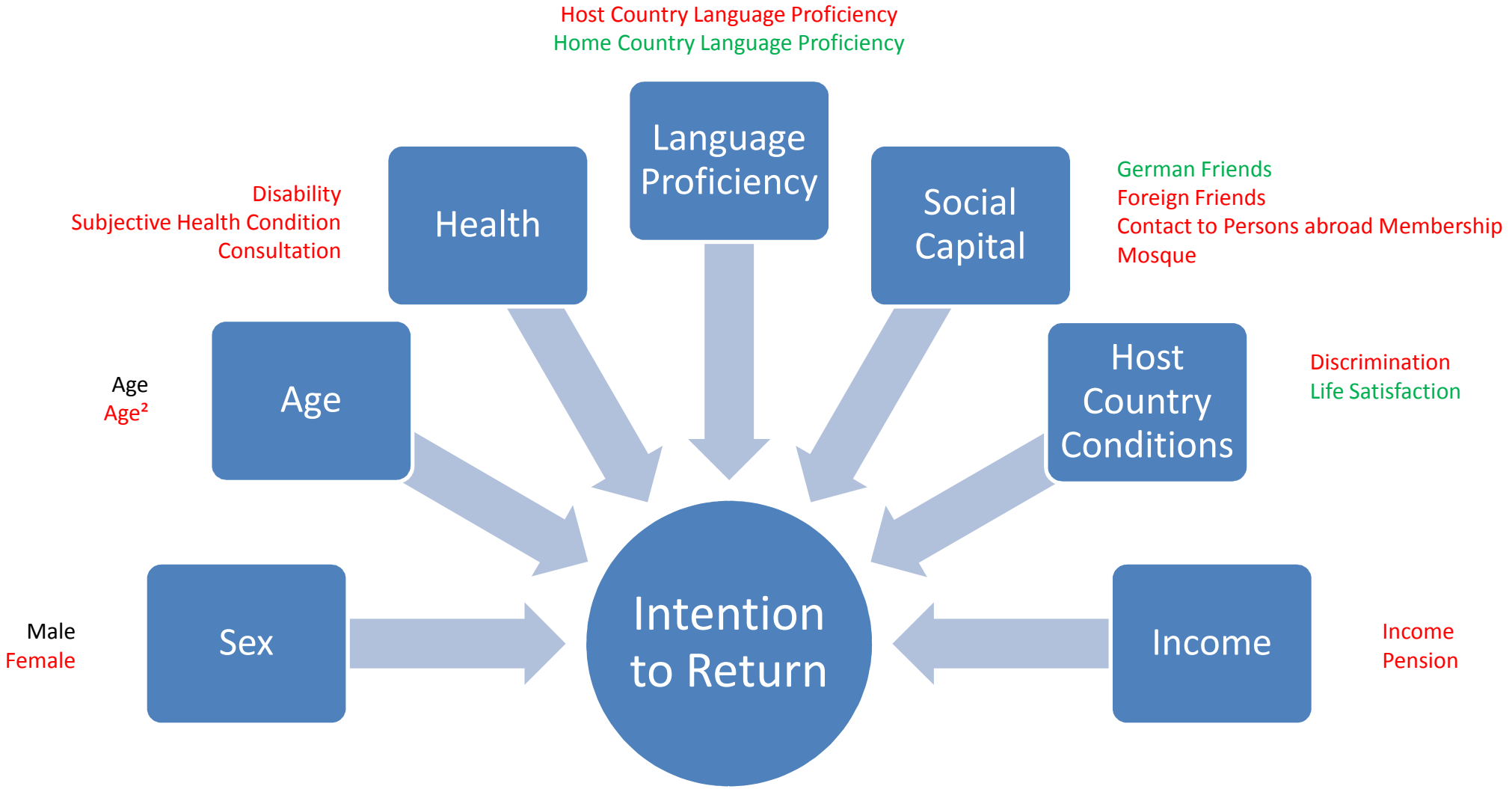


A theoretical model to explain return migration for retired migrants

- The goal is to explain under which conditions a return migration is considered by migrants.
- The first step is to identify relevant explanation factors for return migration by considering the research findings
- The second step is to verify the theoretical model to explain return migration
- At last is to identify the key factors for return migration

Theory & State of Research



Data

- The theoretical Model to explain return migration will be tested by using quantitative data.
- SOEP –The German Socio-Economic Panel Study– is a survey, which collect quantitative data of immigrants in Germany since 1984.
- Moroccan Immigrants are not surveyed. The reason is the small number of moroccan immigrants in germany.
- The model is tested for five other Immigrants groups to make a conclusion independent of ethnic groups

Results Model 1: Dep. Var. – Return Migration (Intention – all resp.)

	Return Migration (Base: all)			
	Modell 1			
	Odd's Ratio	S.D.	P	
Sex (Ref. Men)				
Women	0,47	0,27	0,01	**
Age				
Age	0,93	0,12	0,52	n.s.
Age²	1,00	0,00	0,93	n.s.
Health				
Disability	0,48	0,35	0,03	*
Consultation	0,80	0,30	0,45	n.s.
Health Condition	0,98	0,17	0,90	n.s.
Martial Status (Ref. single)				
Cohabitation	1,00	0,55	1,00	n.s.
Living apart	0,25	0,62	0,02	*
Widowed	0,56	0,79	0,46	n.s.
Language Skills				
Home Country Language Proficiency	2,21	0,22	0,00	***
Host Country Language Proficiency	0,76	0,16	0,09	†
Income				
Income	1,00	0,00	0,01	*
Income -Missing	0,37	0,42	0,02	*
Get Pension	0,83	0,34	0,57	n.s.

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	Return Migration (Base: all)			
	Modell 1			
	Odd's Ratio	S.D.	P	
Social Capial				
Contact to Germans	1,66	0,33	0,12	n.s.
Contact to Foreigners	0,50	0,47	0,14	n.s.
Contact to Family, Friends abroad	1,86	0,37	0,09	†
Member in Clubs, Organisations	2,10	0,28	0,01	**
Going to Church/Mosque	0,96	0,11	0,70	n.s.
Climate in Host Country				
Discrimination Experience	2,45	0,20	0,00	***
Life Satisfaction	0,78	0,08	0,00	**
Immigration Experience				
Lost experience	0,69	0,50	0,46	n.s.
Age of Entry	0,97	0,06	0,55	n.s.
Age of Entry²	1,00	0,00	0,18	n.s.
Migrationbackground (Ref.: Born in Spain)				
Turkey	0,94	0,89	0,94	n.s.
Yugoslavia	0,92	0,92	0,92	n.s.
Greece	1,84	1,00	0,54	n.s.
Italy	1,11	0,90	0,91	n.s.
Konstante		-3,38		
n		472		
Cox & Snell R^2		0,25		

level of significance: *** p < 0,001 ; ** p < 0,01 ; * p < 0,05 ; † p < 0,1

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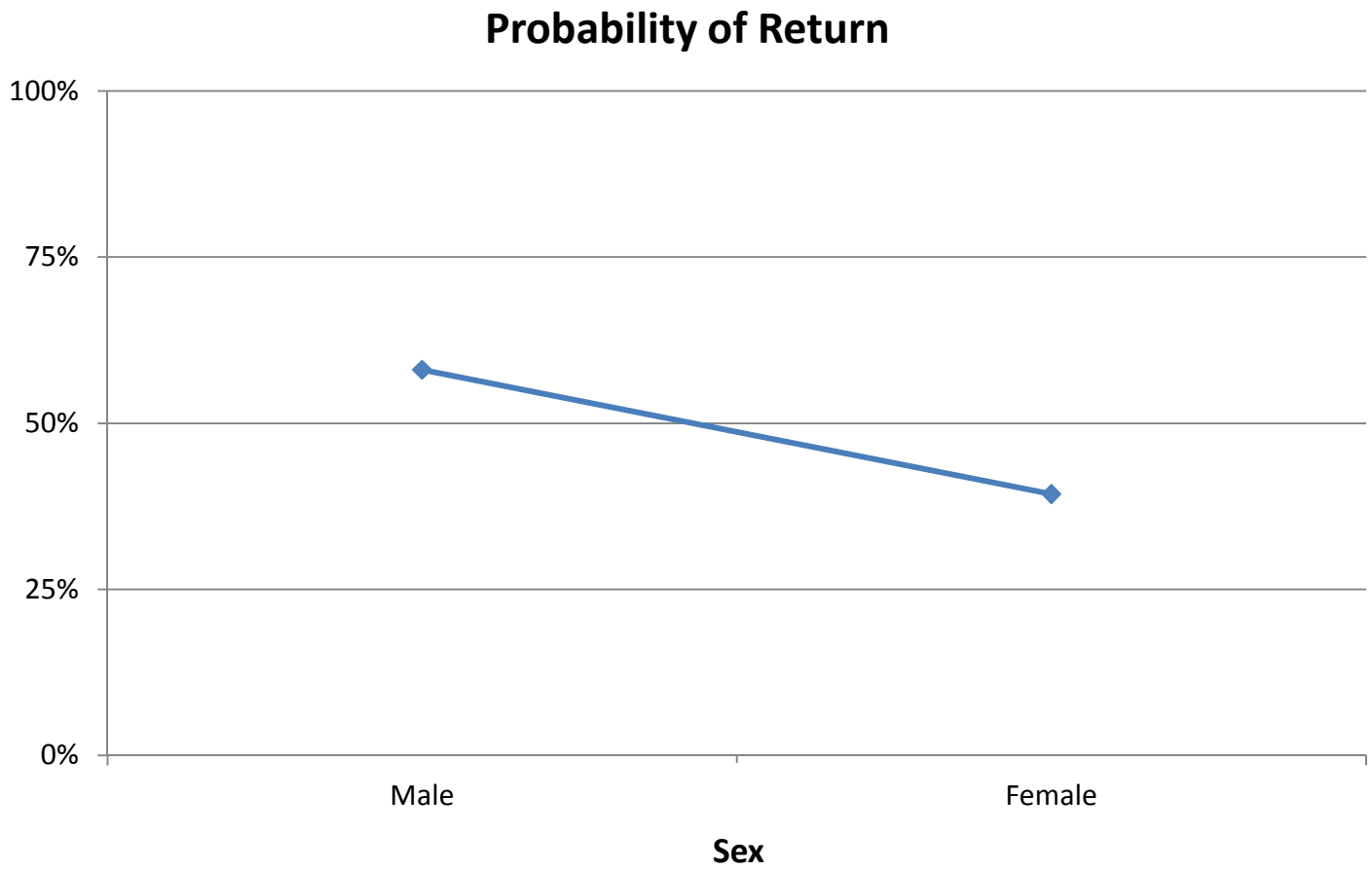
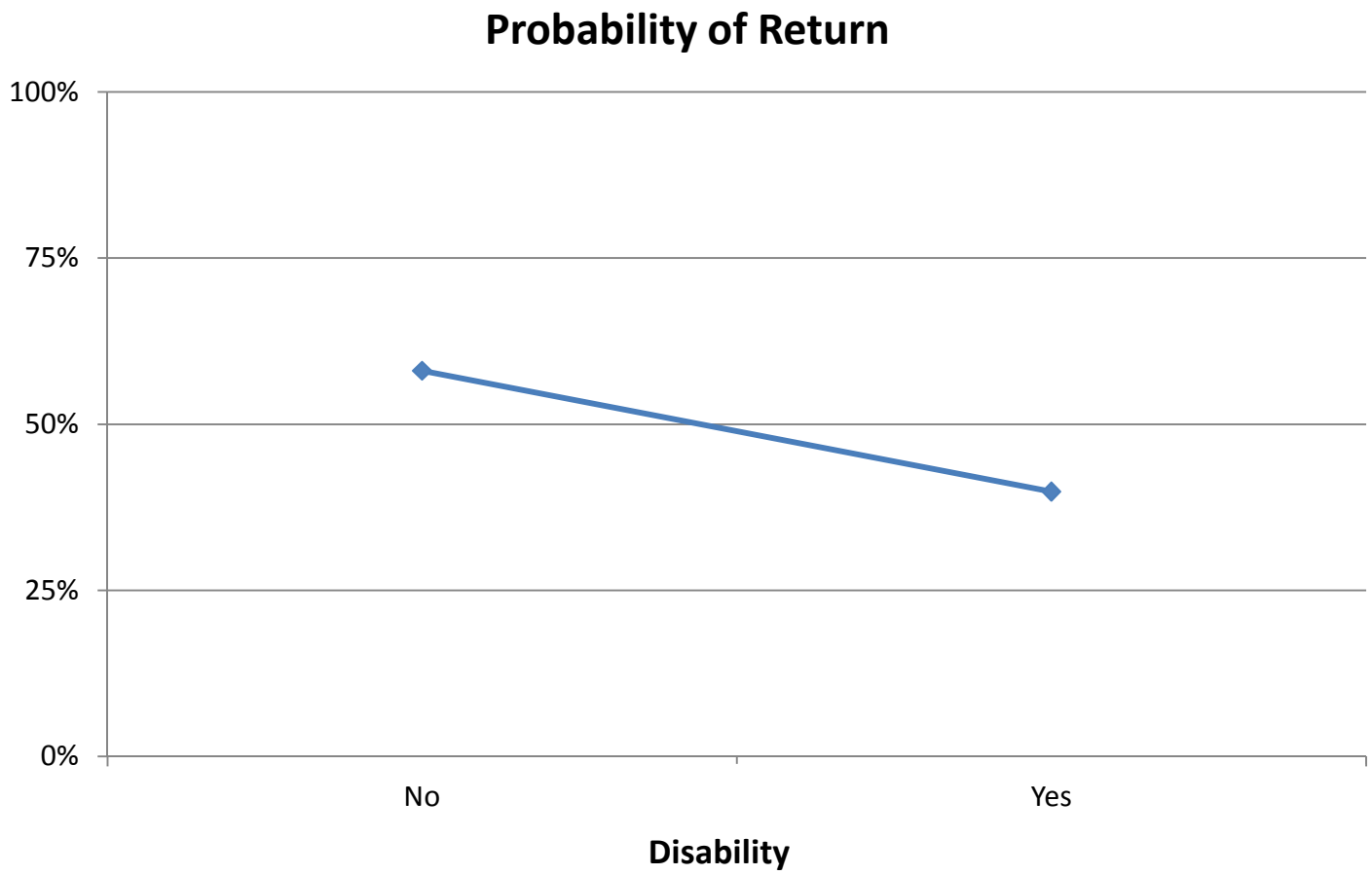
Results Model 1: Example – Sex



Probability for retired Immigrants

Results Model 1: Example – Health: Disability



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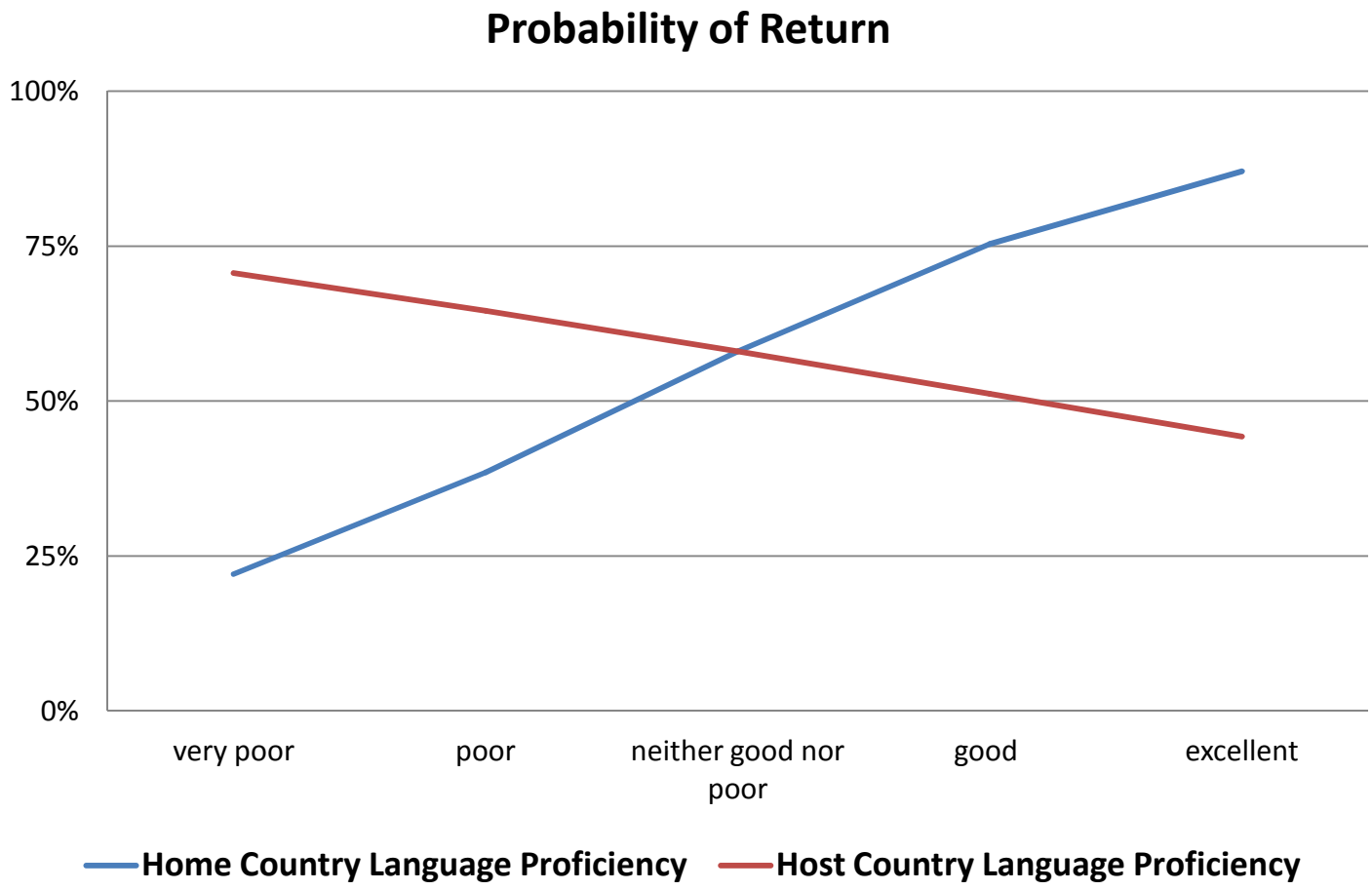

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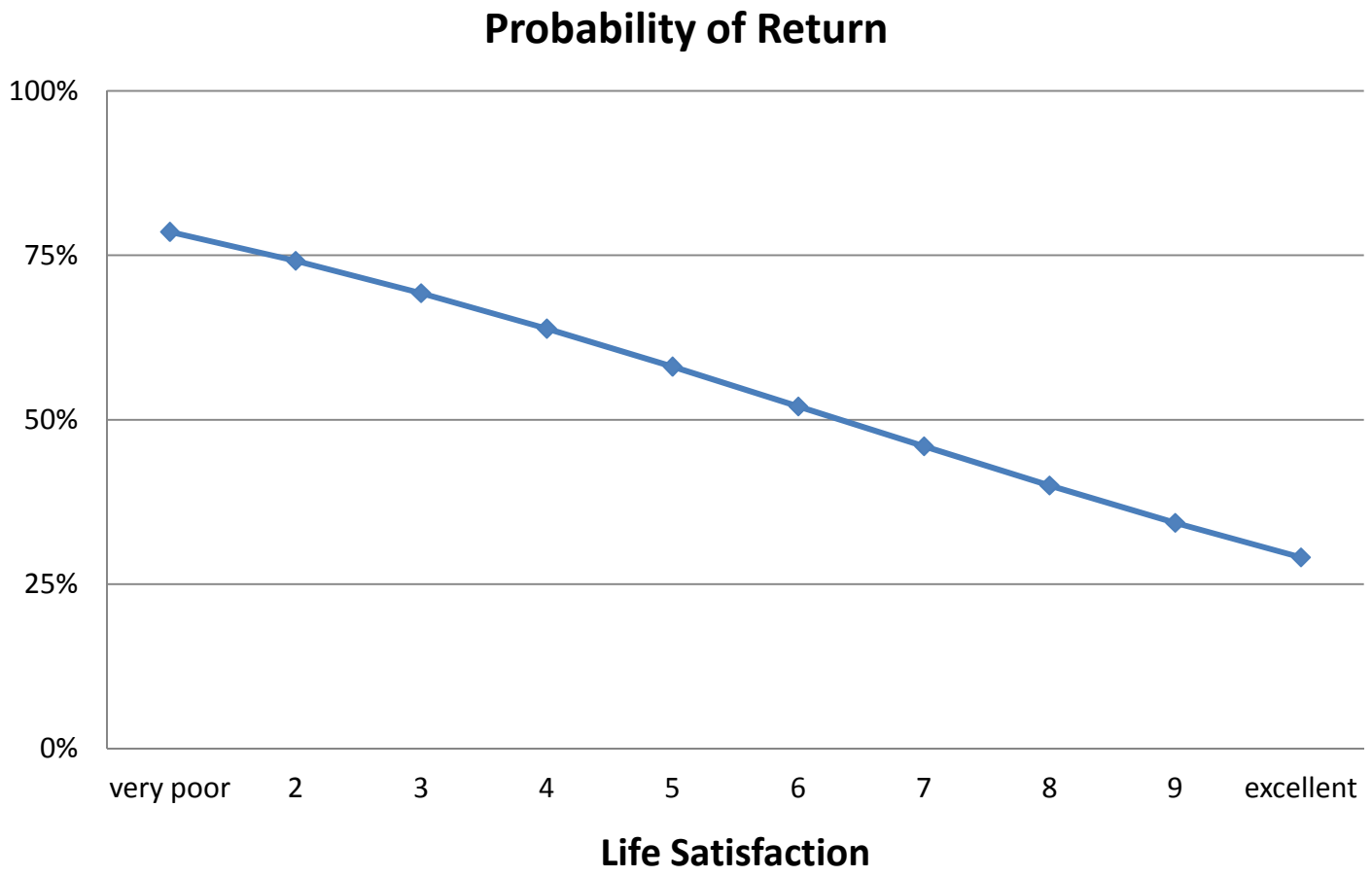

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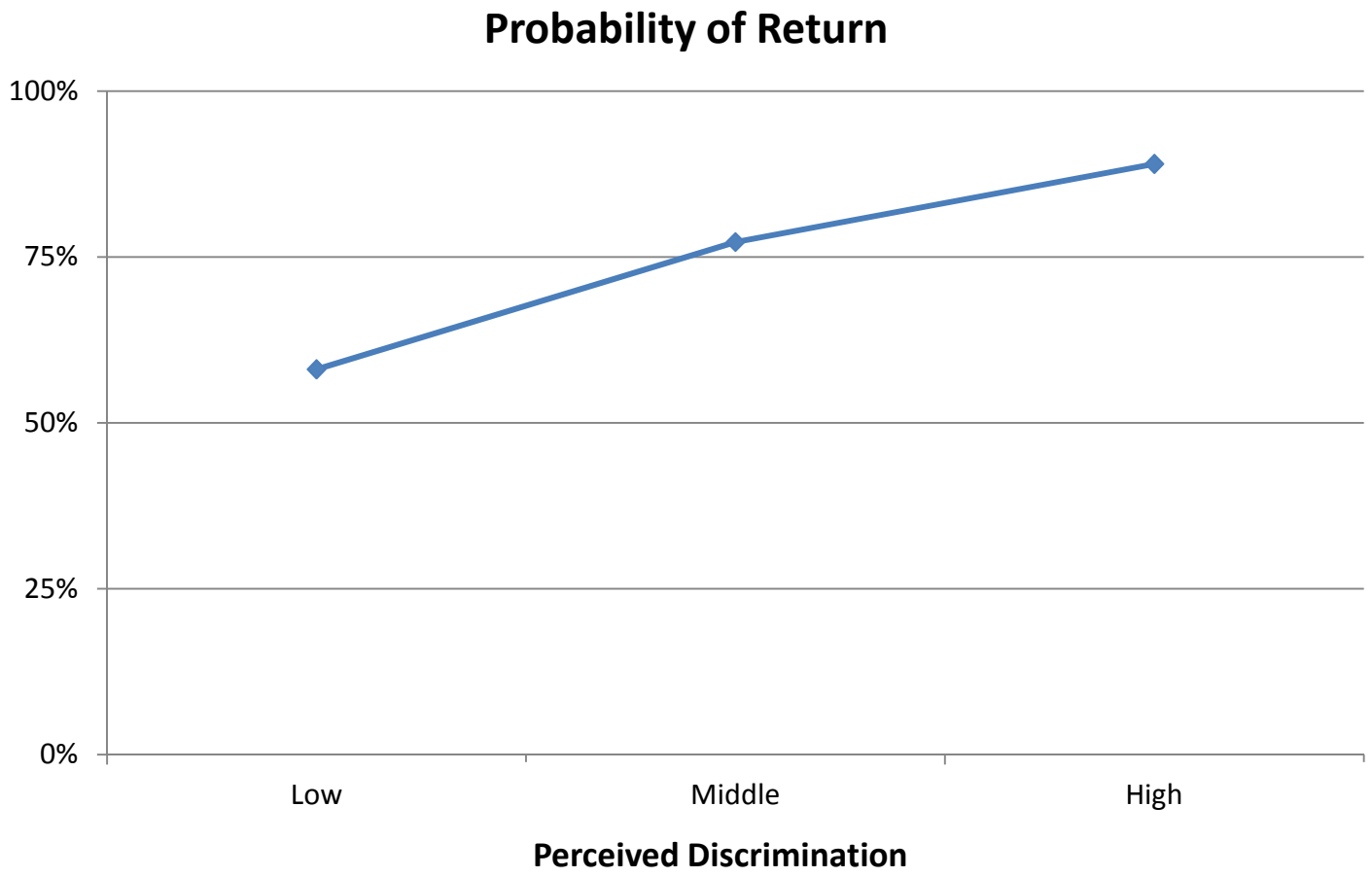

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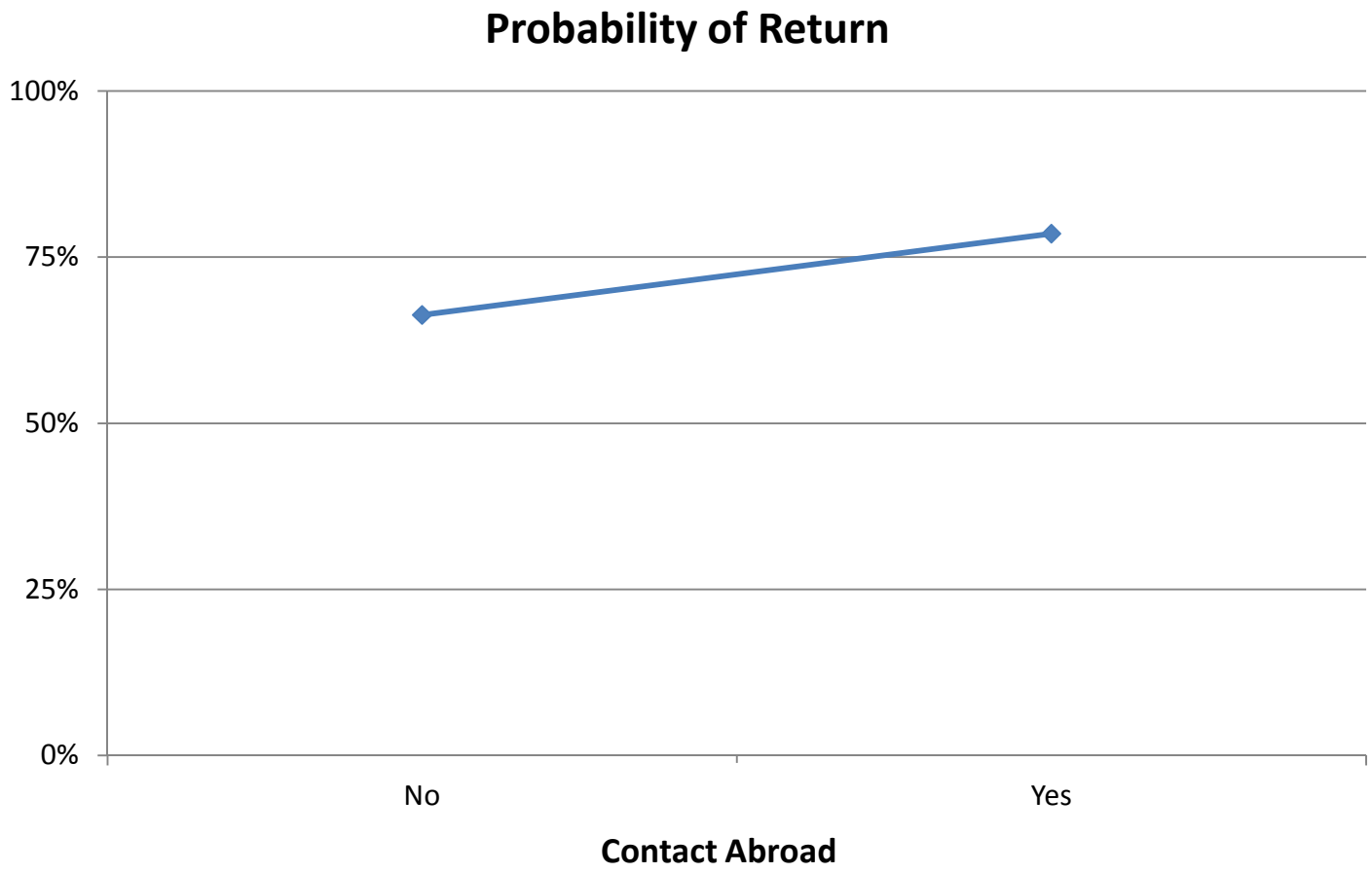
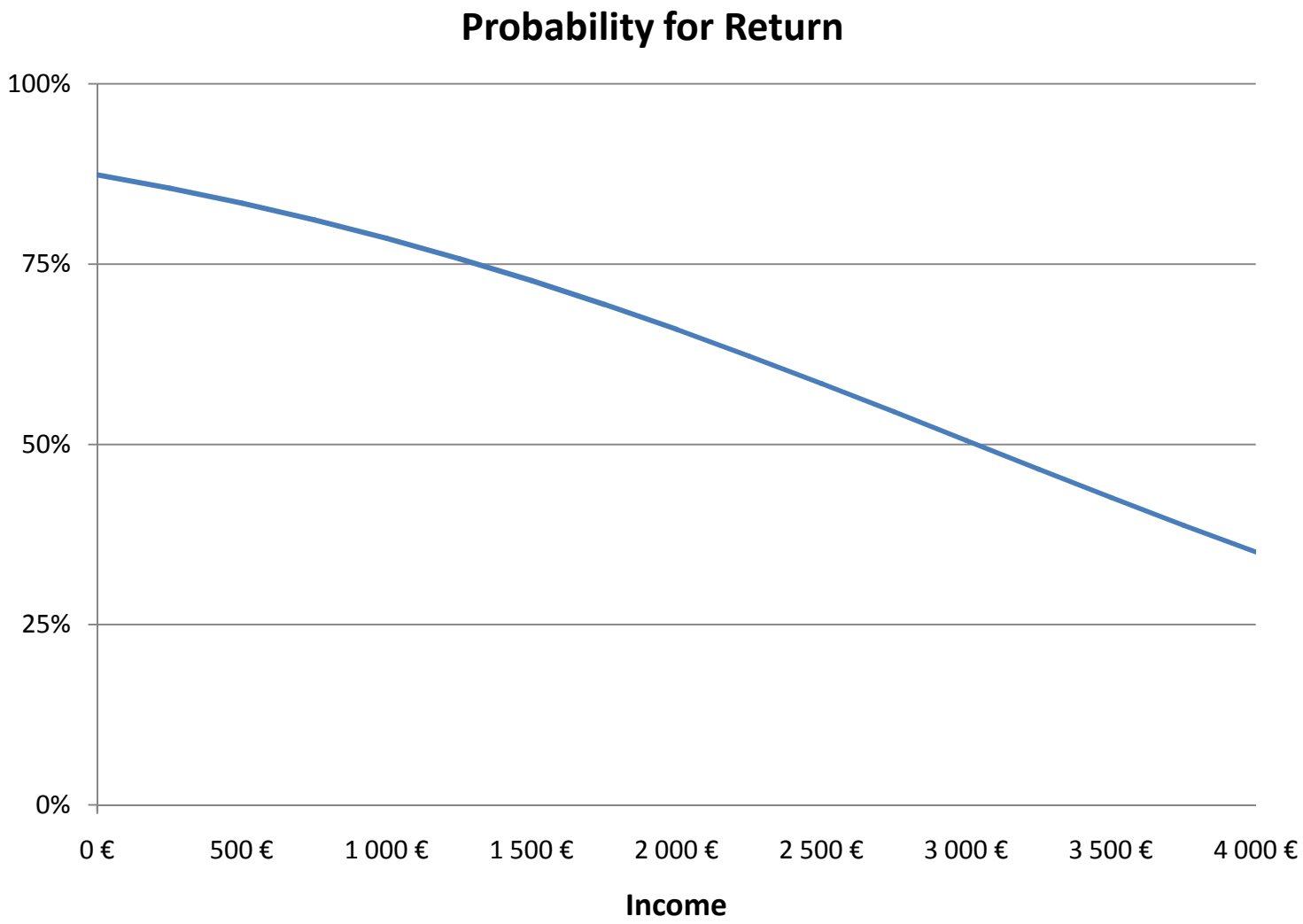


Results Model 1: Example – Income



Conclusion

- Sex – Male tends to return to Home Country
- Health – Disabled Persons tends to stay in Host Country
- Home Country Language Proficiency as Indicator for Return Migration
- Host Country Language Proficiency as Indicator to stay
- Discrimination Experience/Bad Life Satisfaction as an Indicator for Return Migration
- Contact abroad positive correlated with return
- Income is negative correlated with return

Appendix

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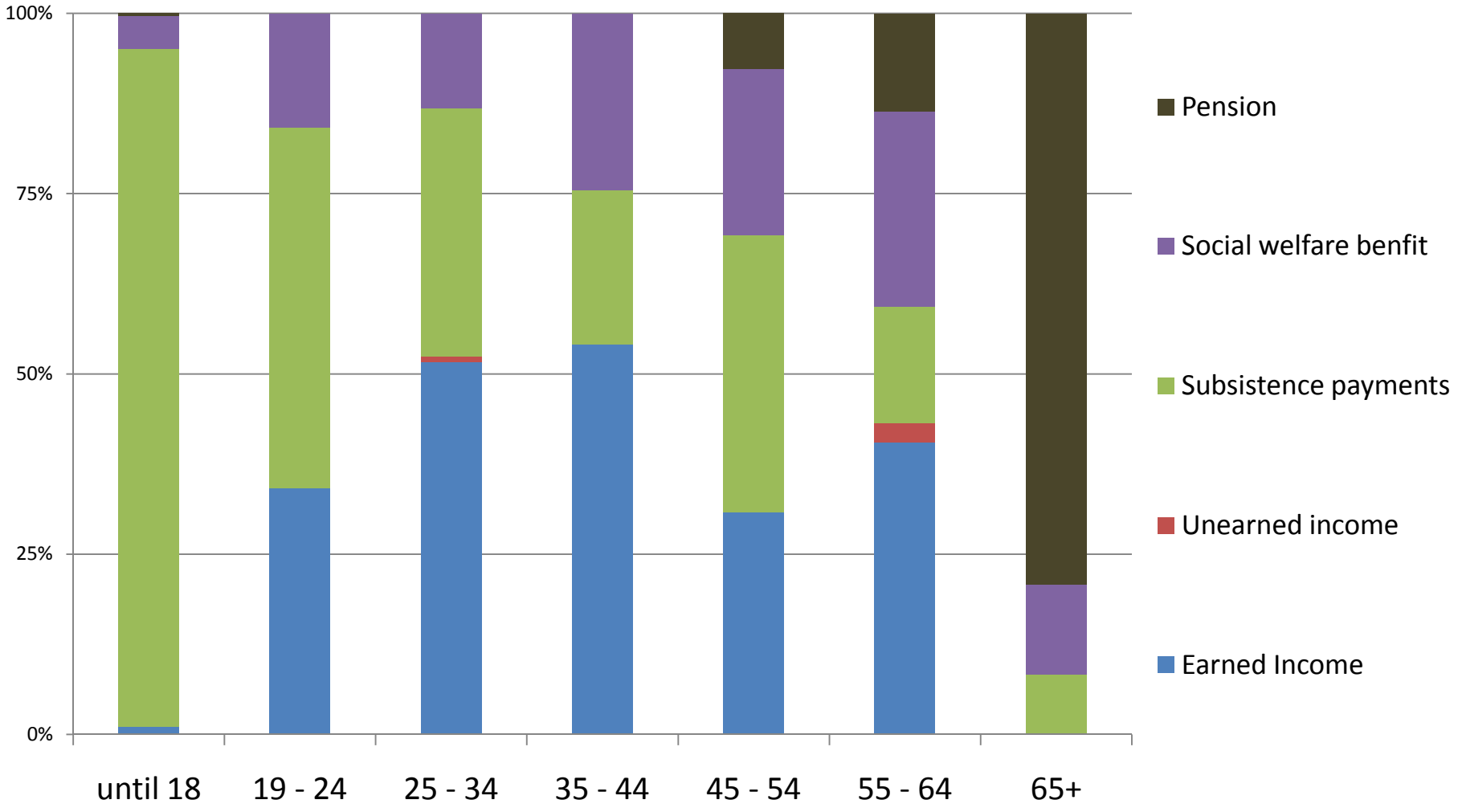
The Age to go on pension



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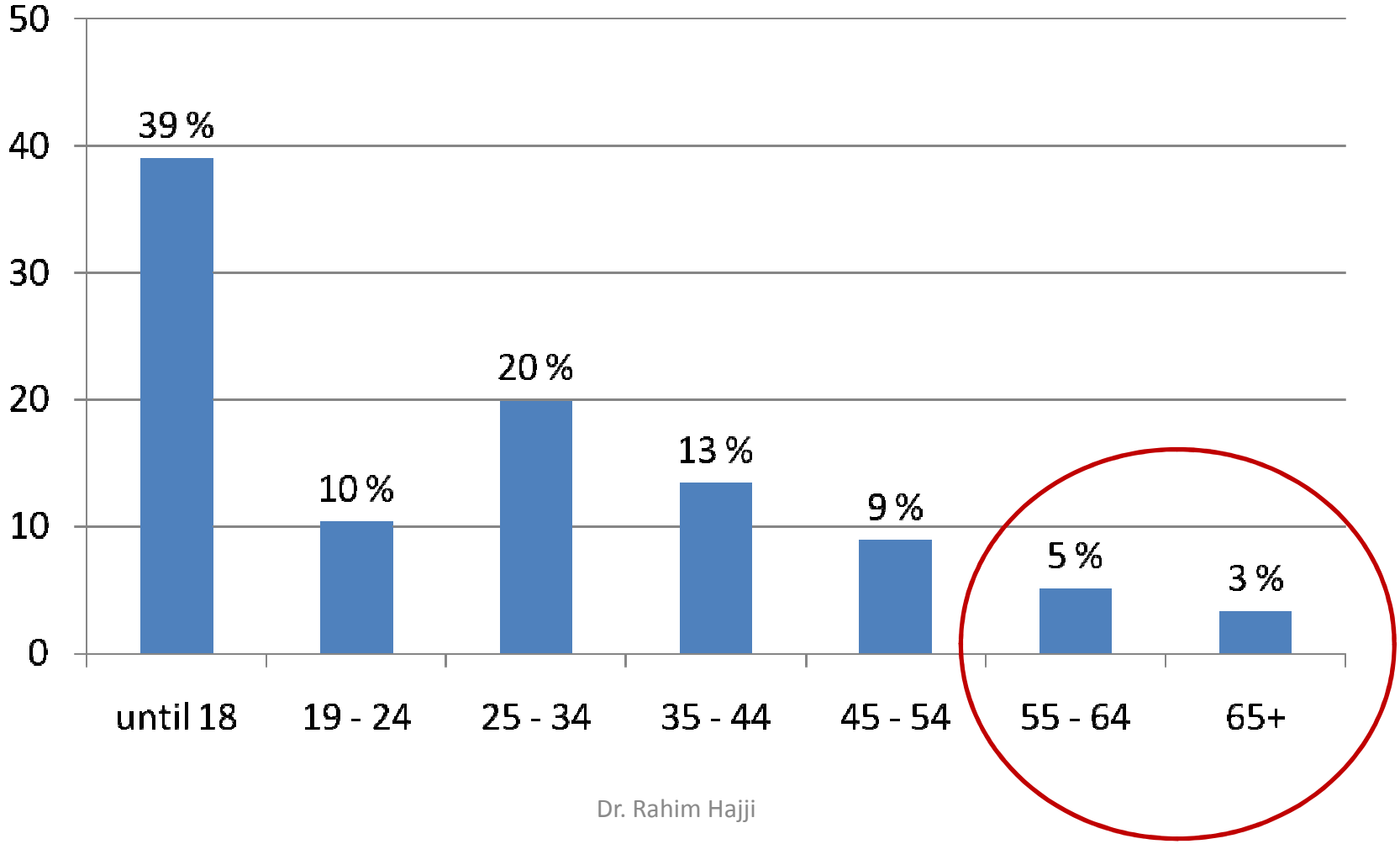

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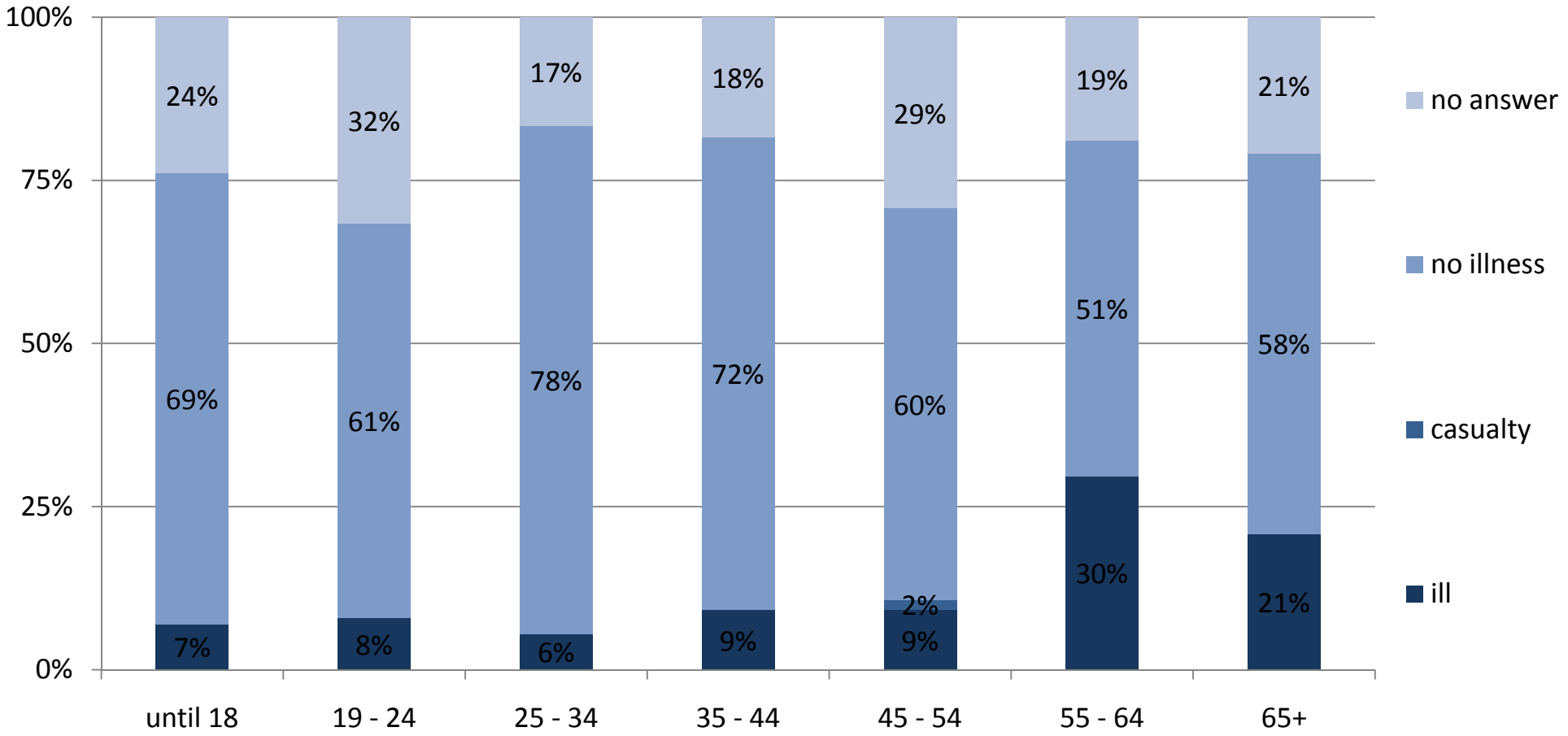
Health an issue for people older than 55 years.



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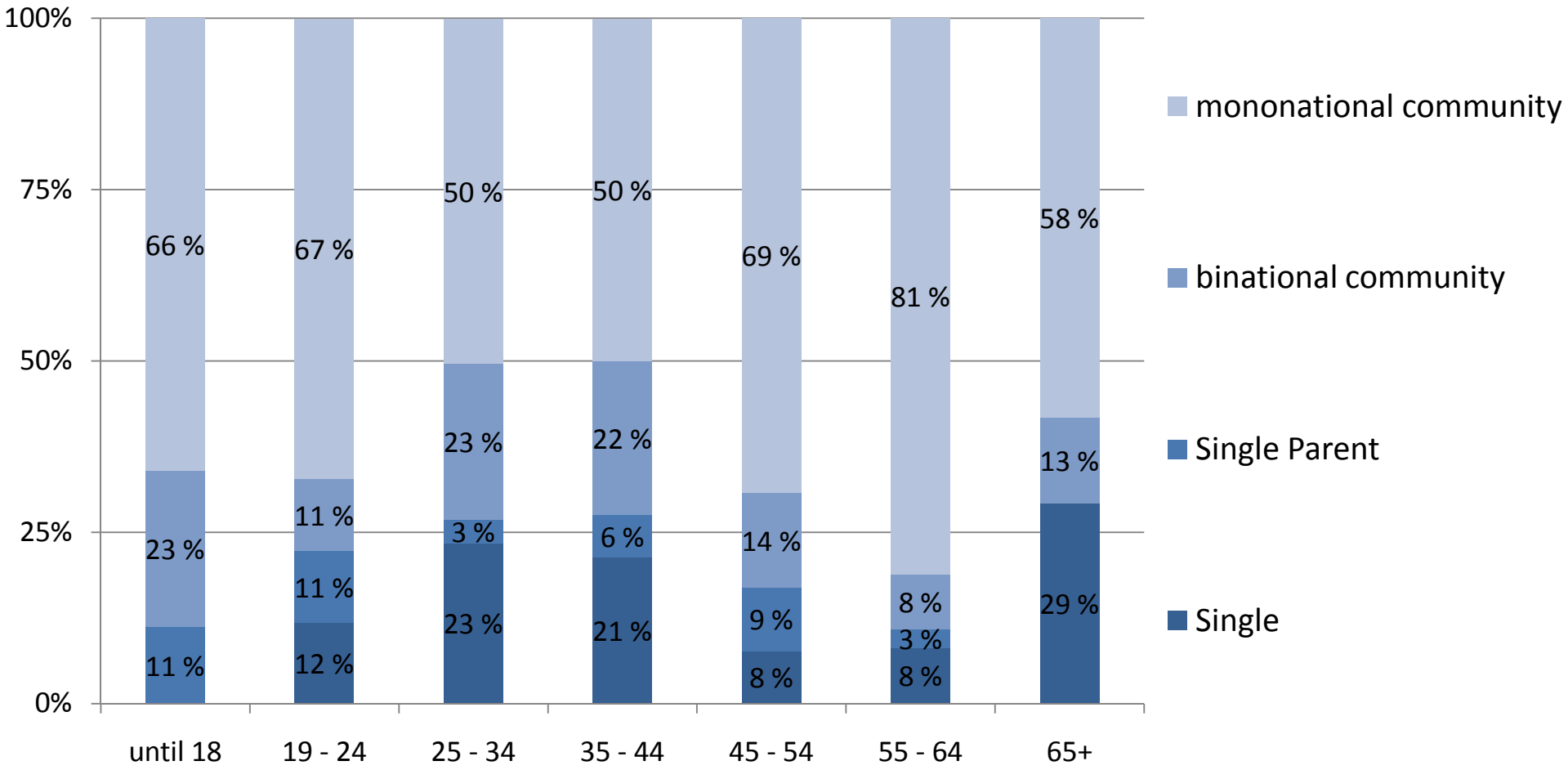
Singles & binational relationships in the Age



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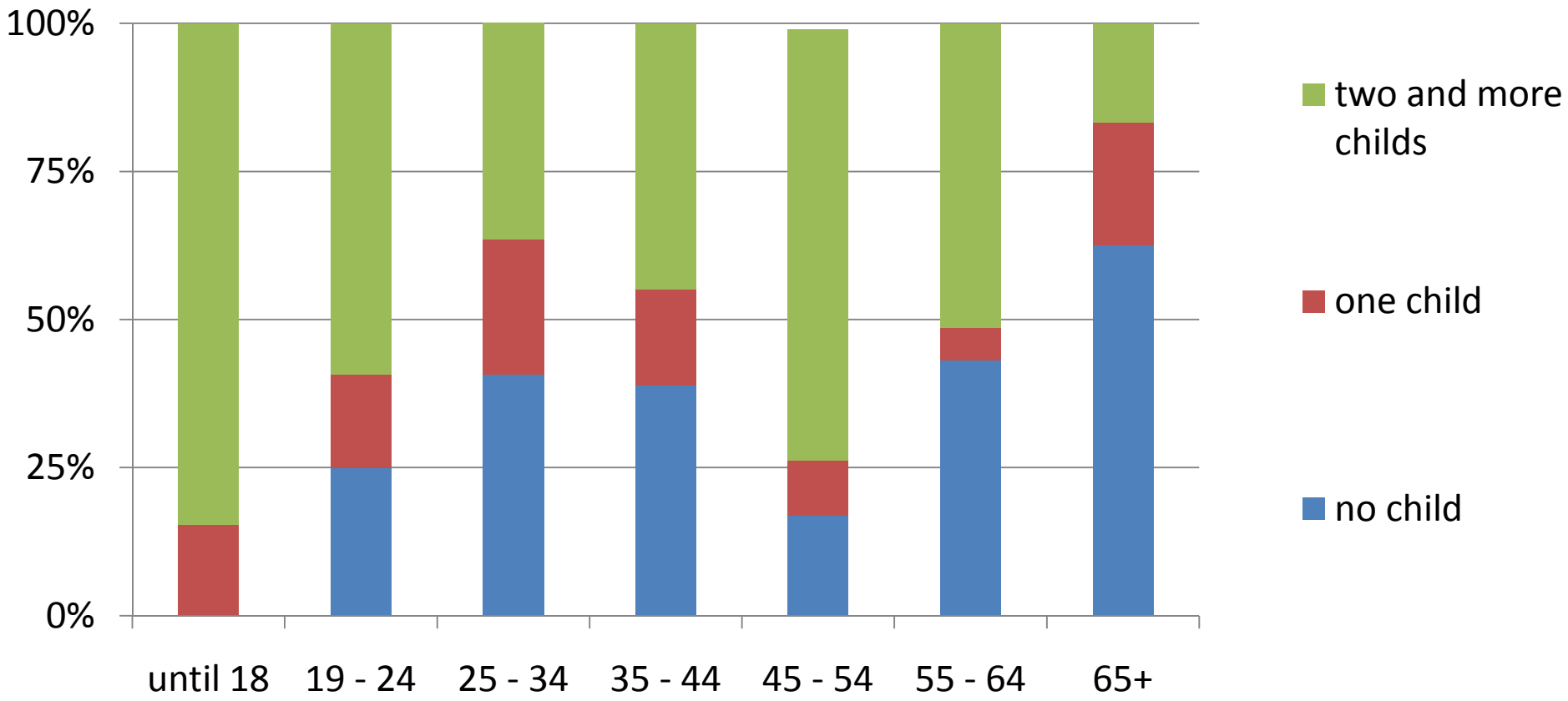

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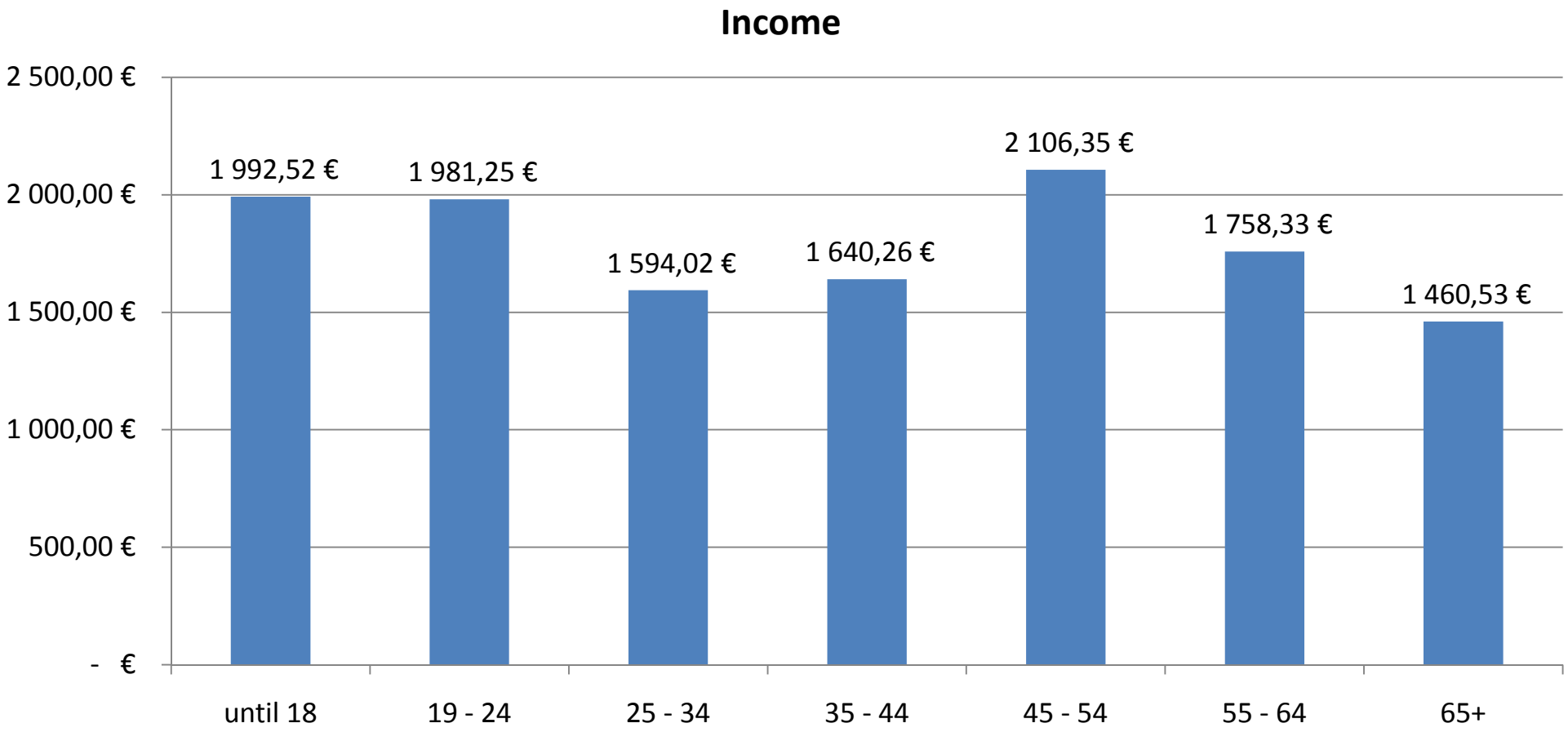
Household Income as Indictor for economic capital