

Public Housing Tenants and the Sydney Labour Market

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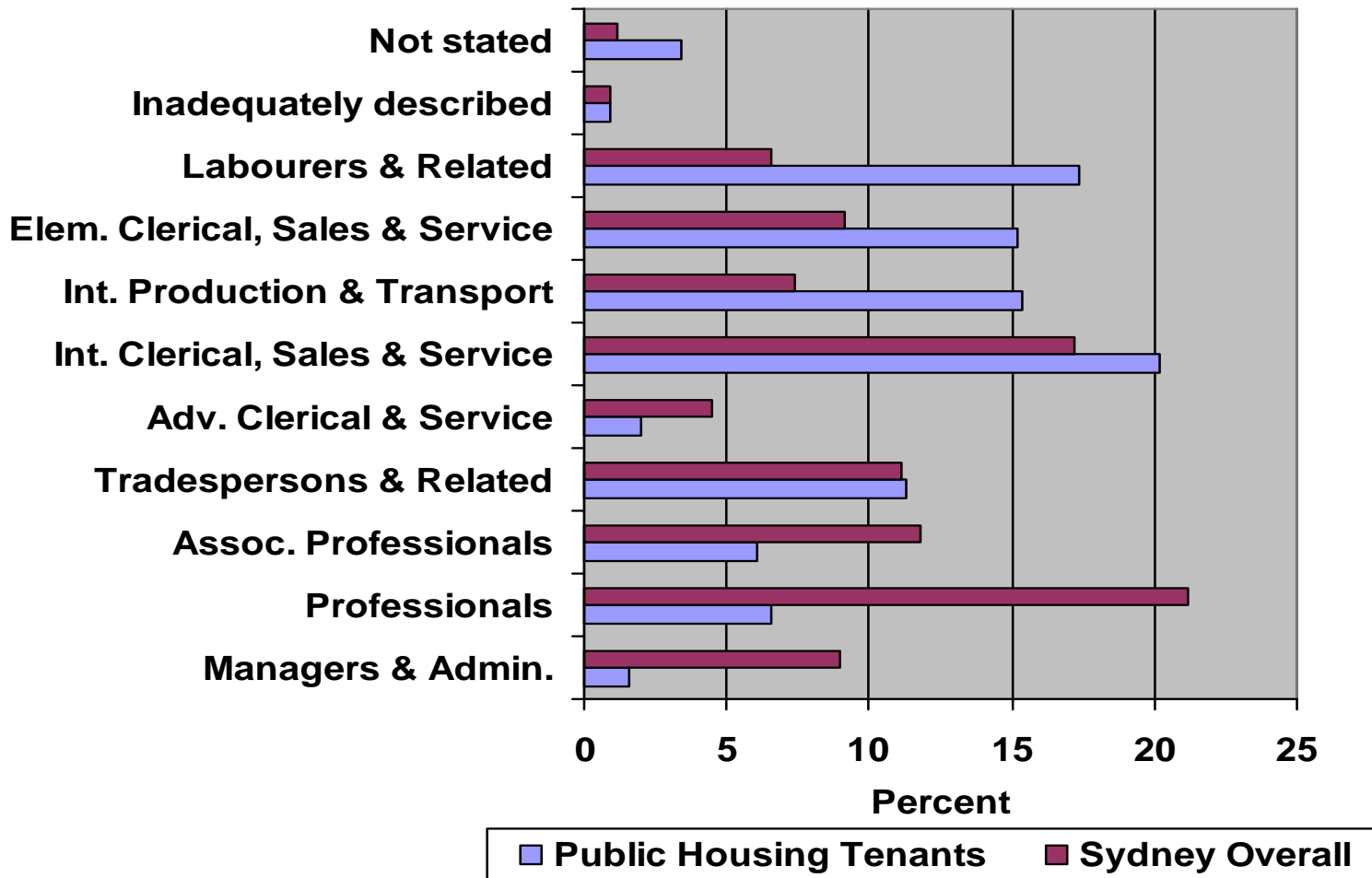
- Review basic information about the labour market position of public housing tenants in work
- 2001 Census special tabulations
- Summary findings of an AHURI study of work disincentives and barriers of unemployed public and private renters
(Source: Hulse, K. & Randolph, B. (2004) *Work Disincentives and Housing Assistance*, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, Melbourne.)
- Survey of 400 unemployed renters in Sydney and Melbourne

How many adults living in public housing work?

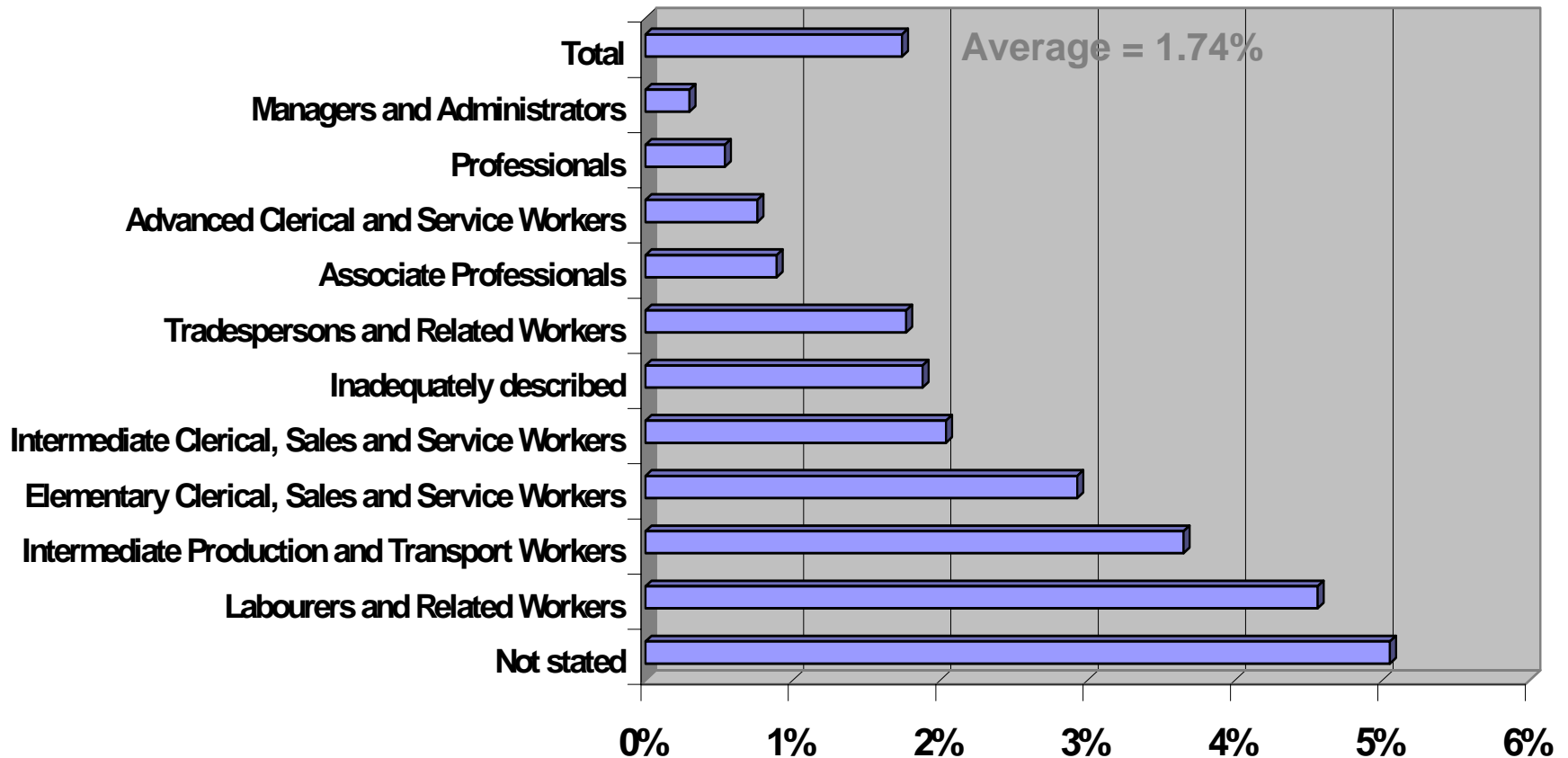
Employment status of adults living in public housing, Sydney 2001

Employment Status	Sydney Public Housing Tenants	%	All Sydney %
Employed Ftime	17,166	13.1%	39.0%
Employed Pt-time	12,360	9.4%	16.9%
Employed, hours not stated	2,139	1.6%	1.8%
Unemployed	11,420	8.7%	3.8%
Not in the labour force	83,555	63.7%	33.4%
Labour force status not stated	4,470	3.4%	5.2%
Total persons	131,110	100%	100%

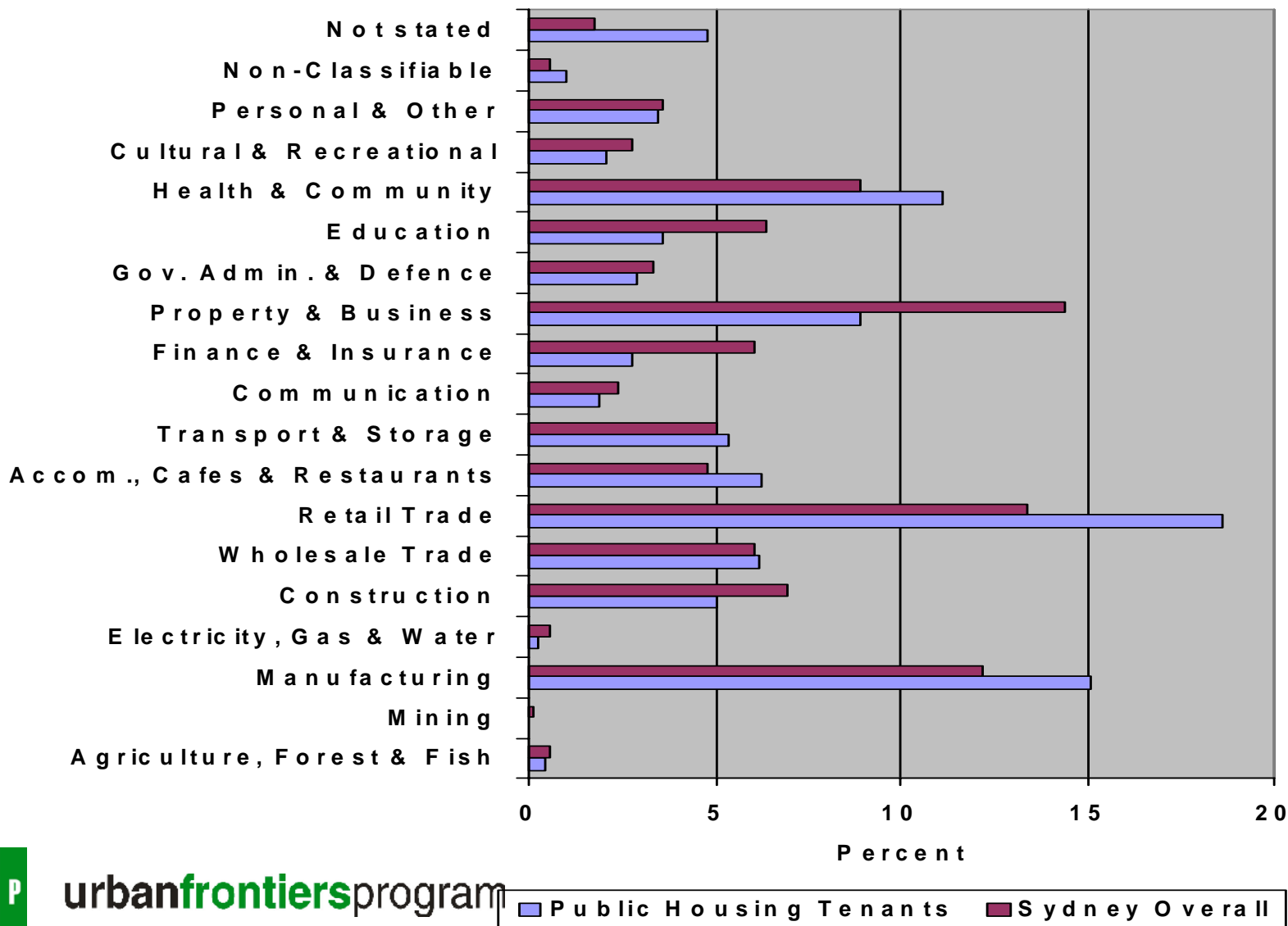
Occupational grouping of working adults in public housing, Sydney 2001



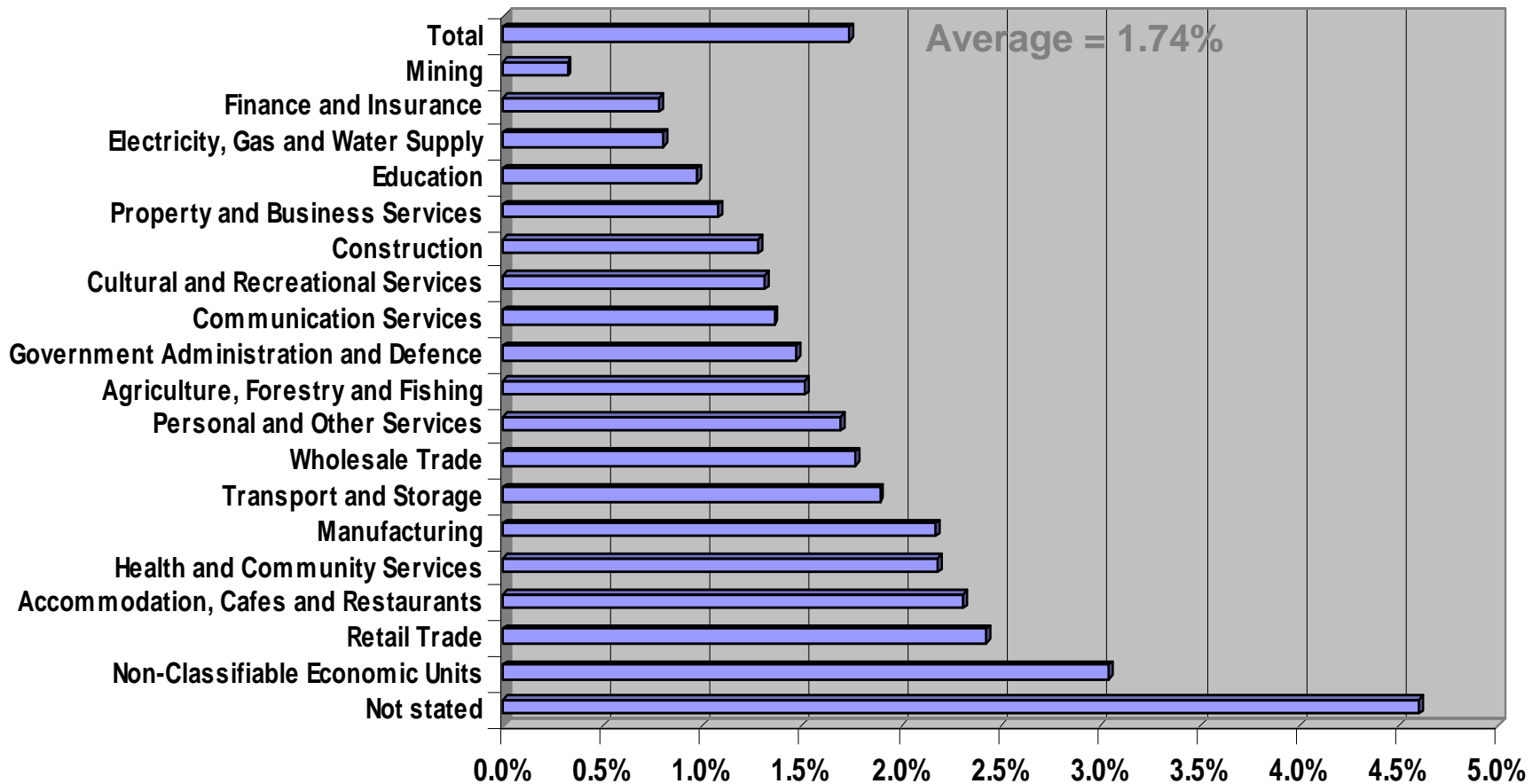
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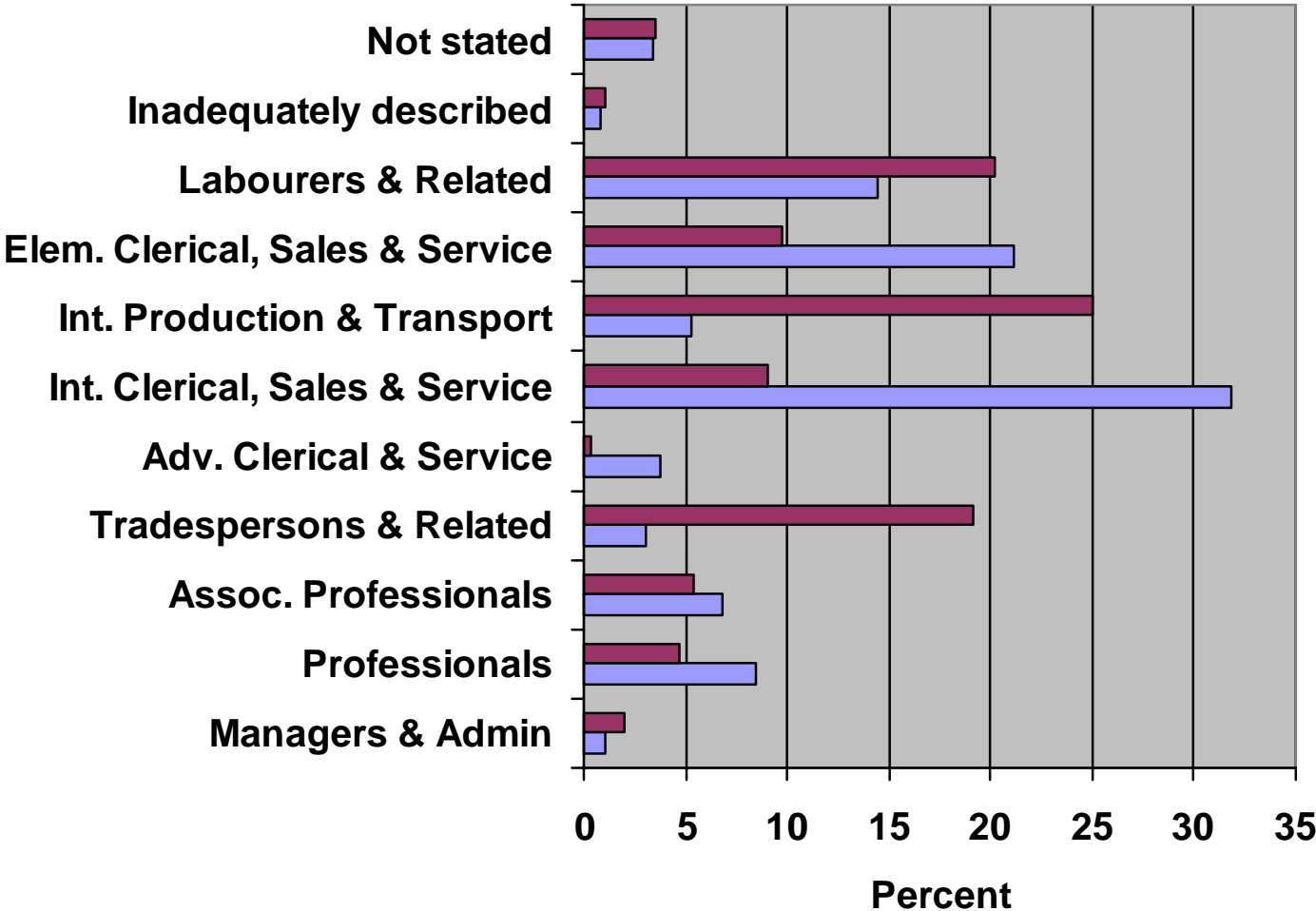


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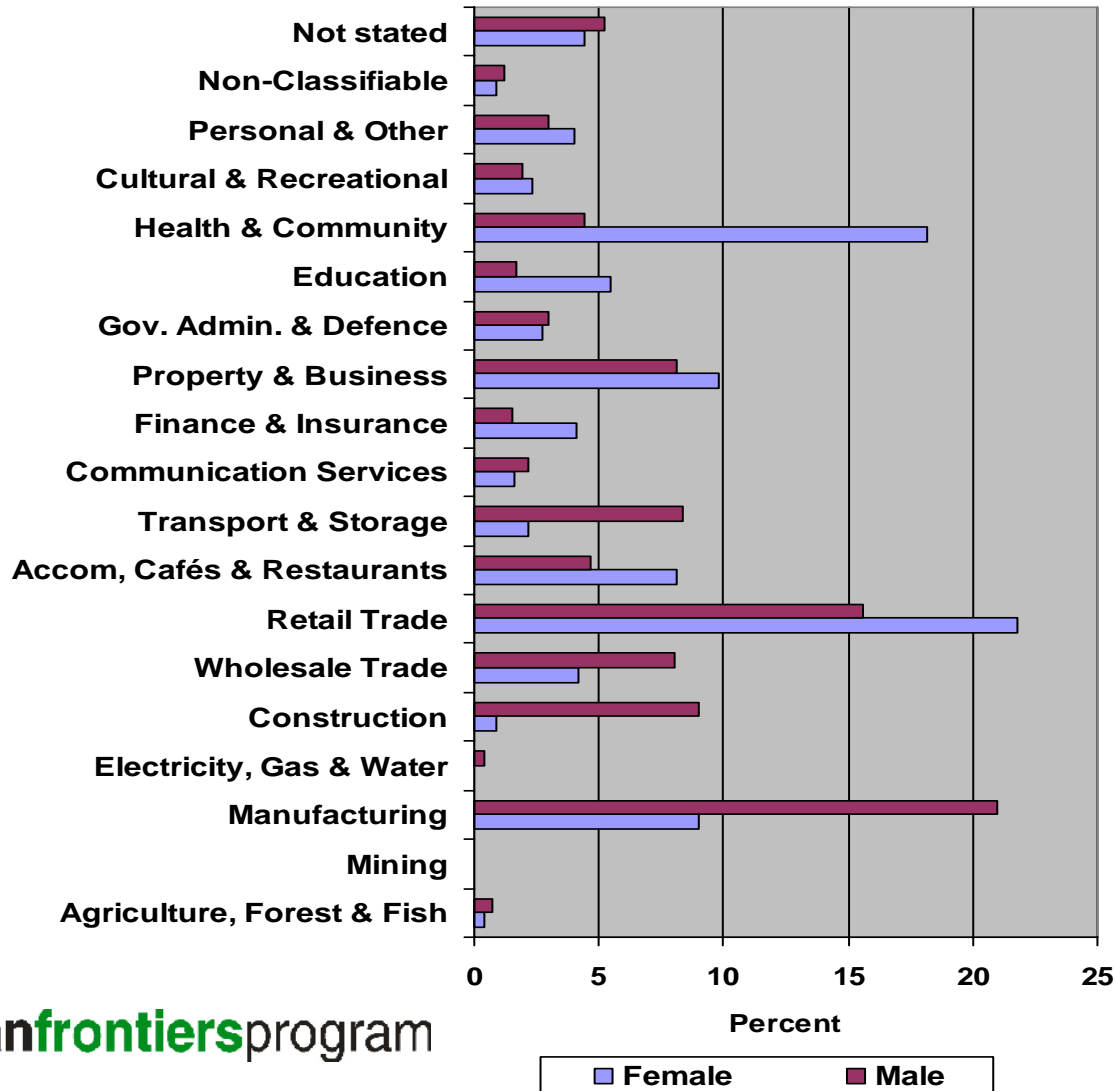
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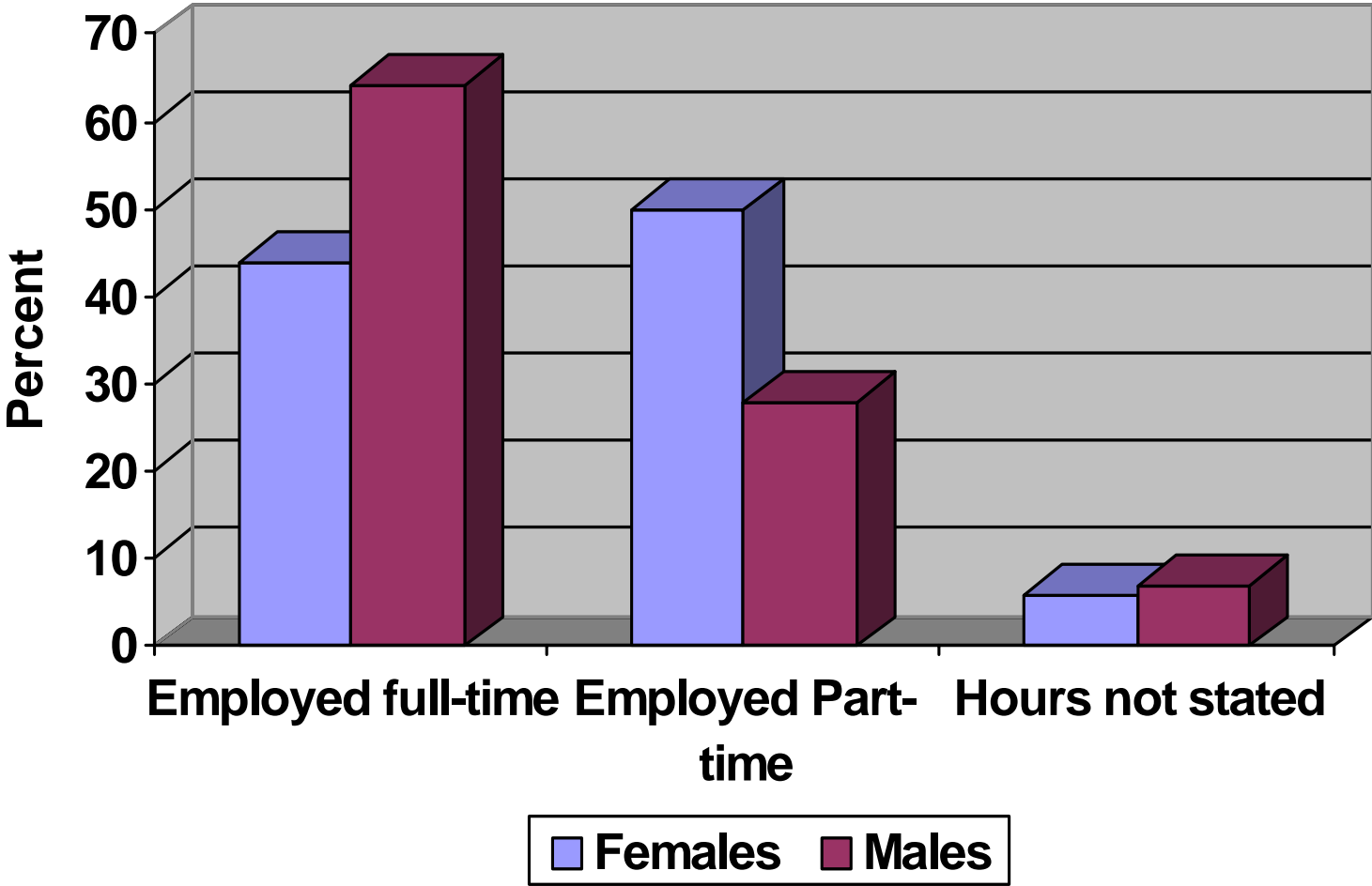


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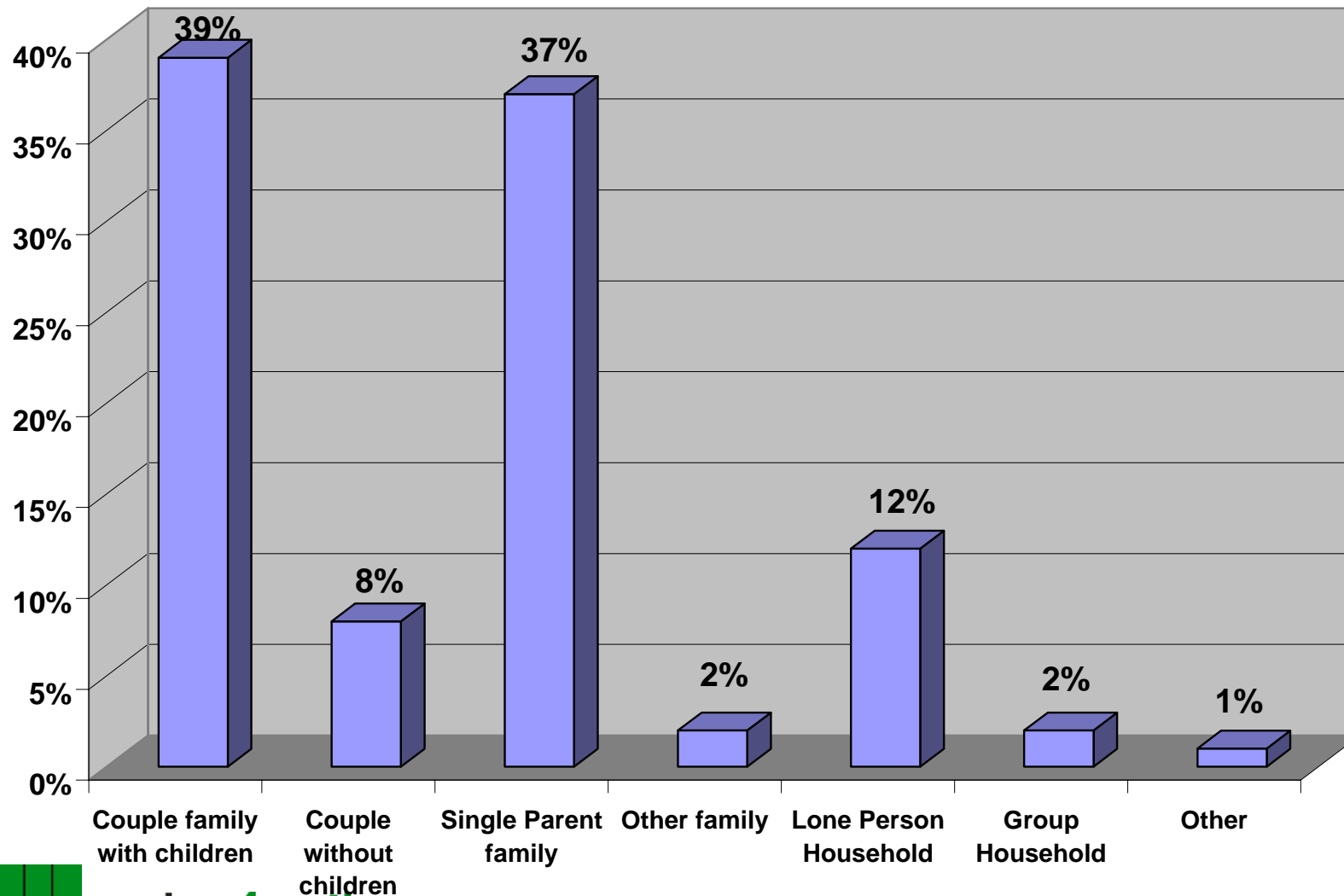
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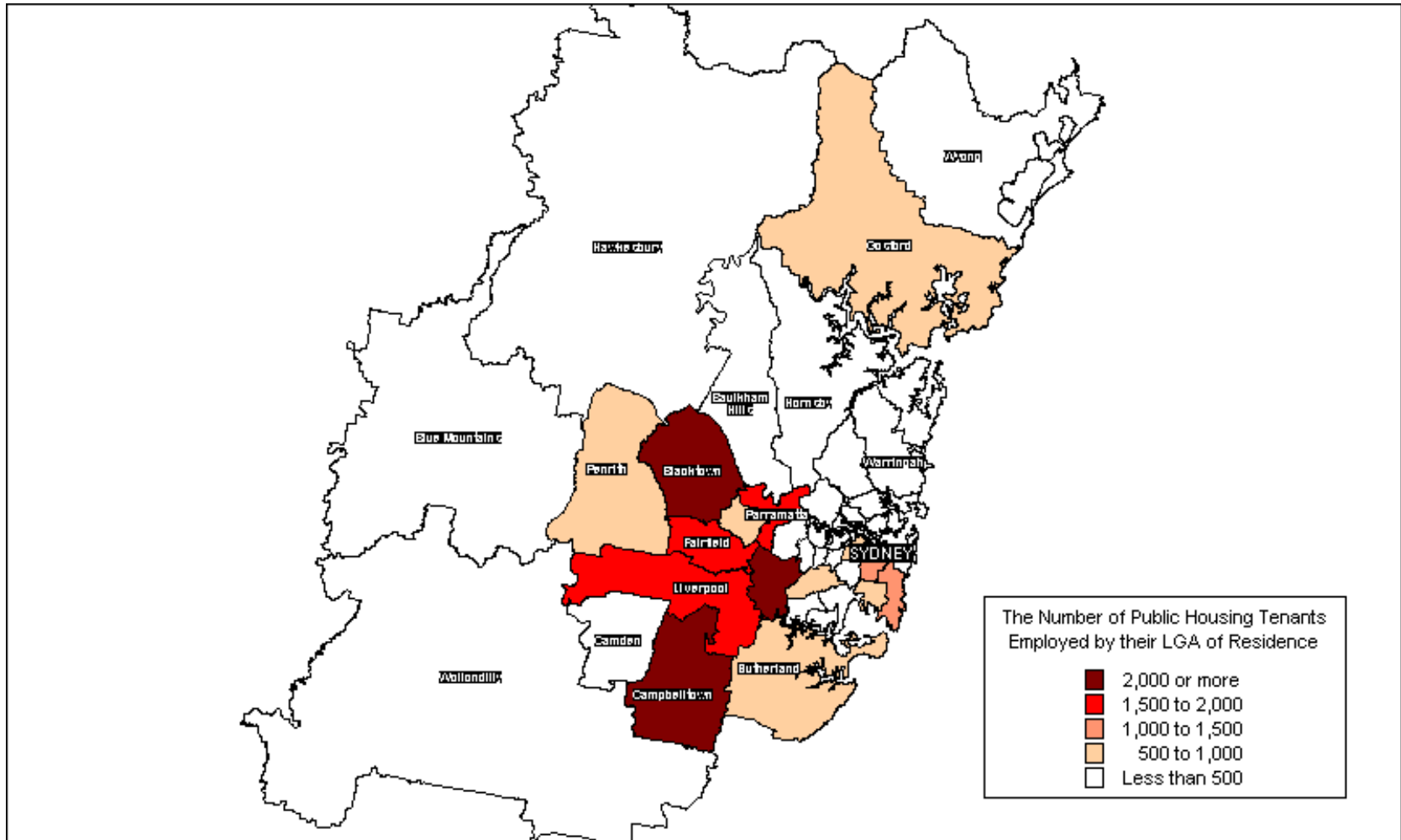
Gender of workers living in public housing by hours worked, Sydney 2001



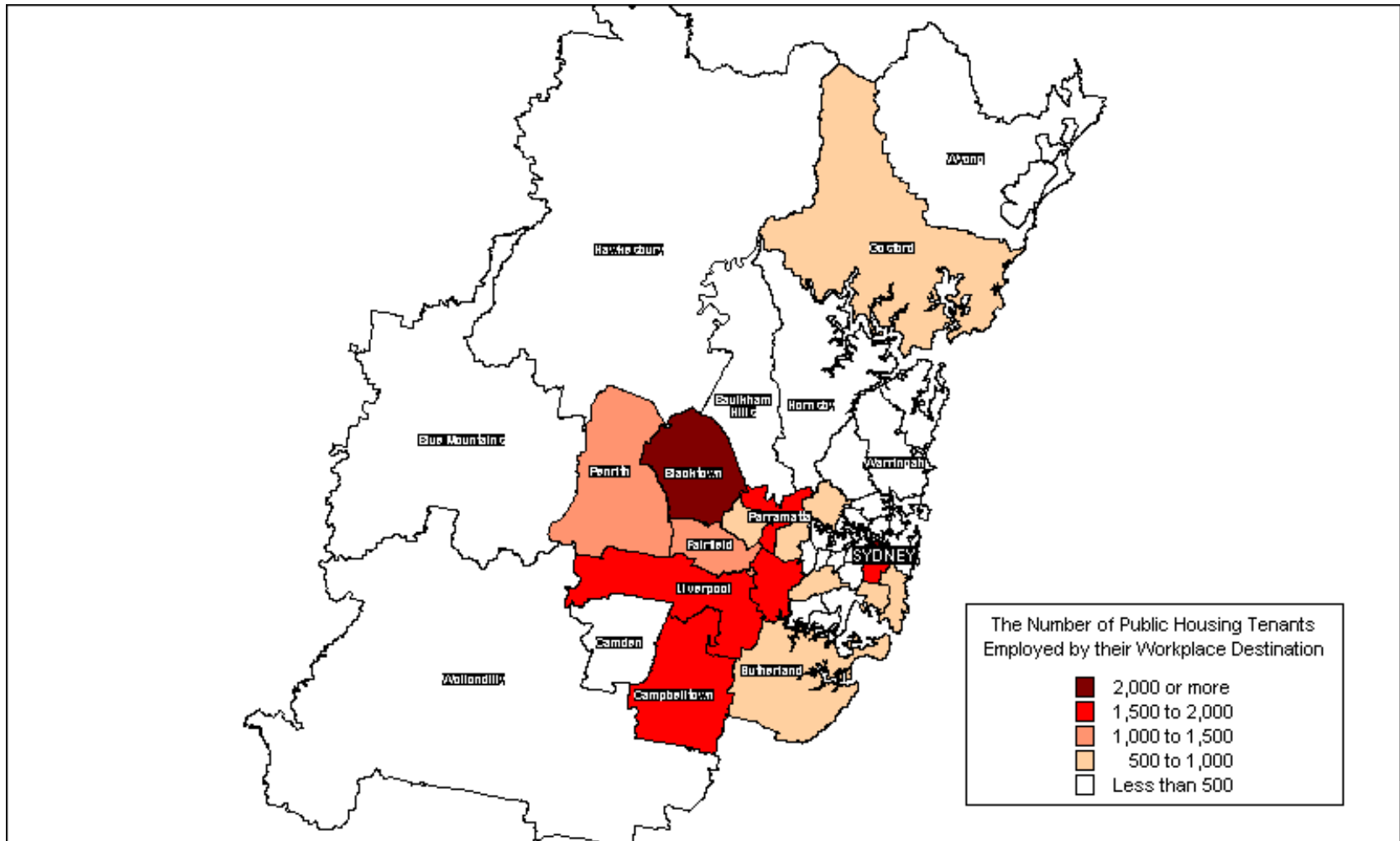
Household type of working adults living in public housing, by household type, Sydney 2001



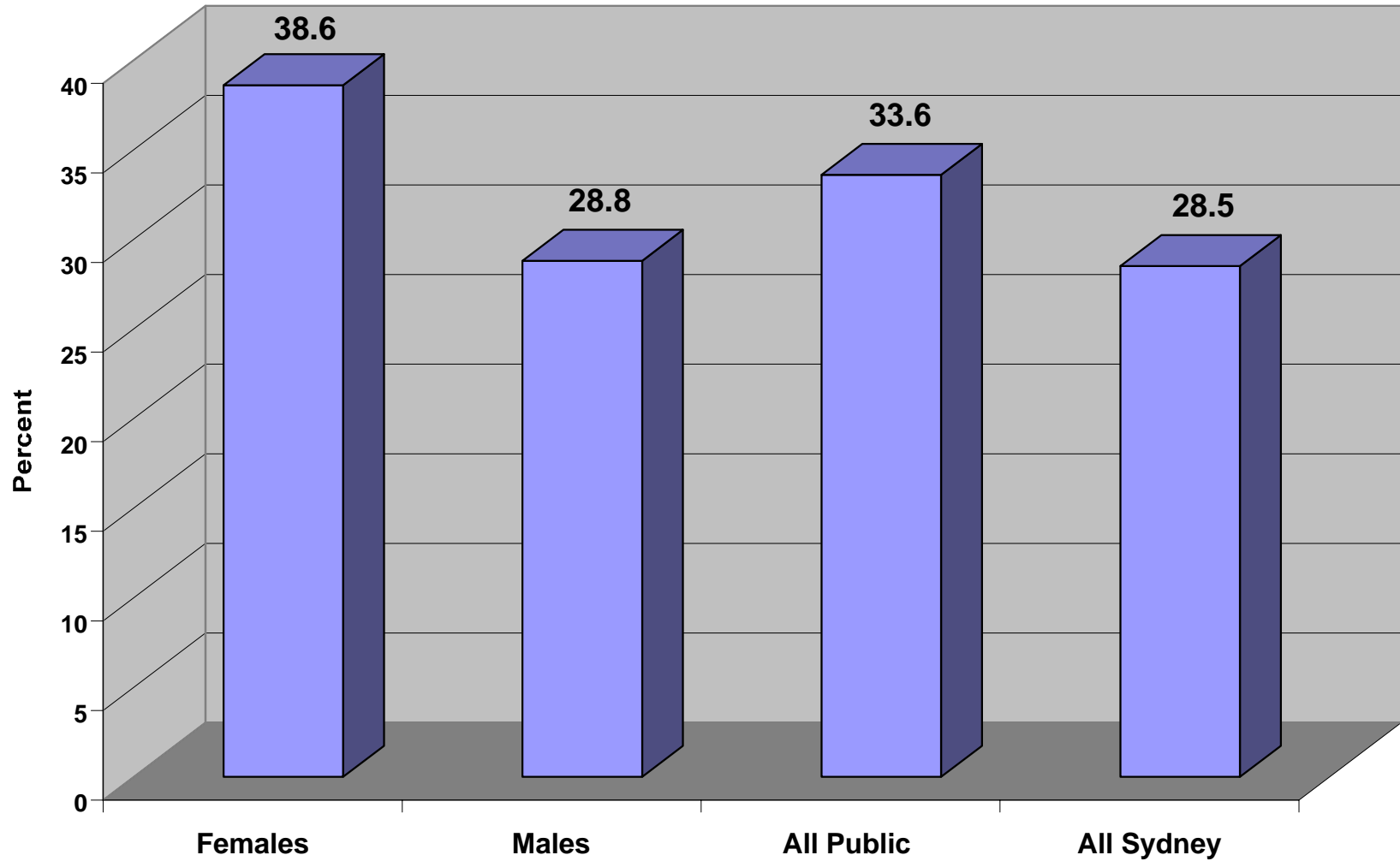
Where public housing tenants live (LGAs 2001)



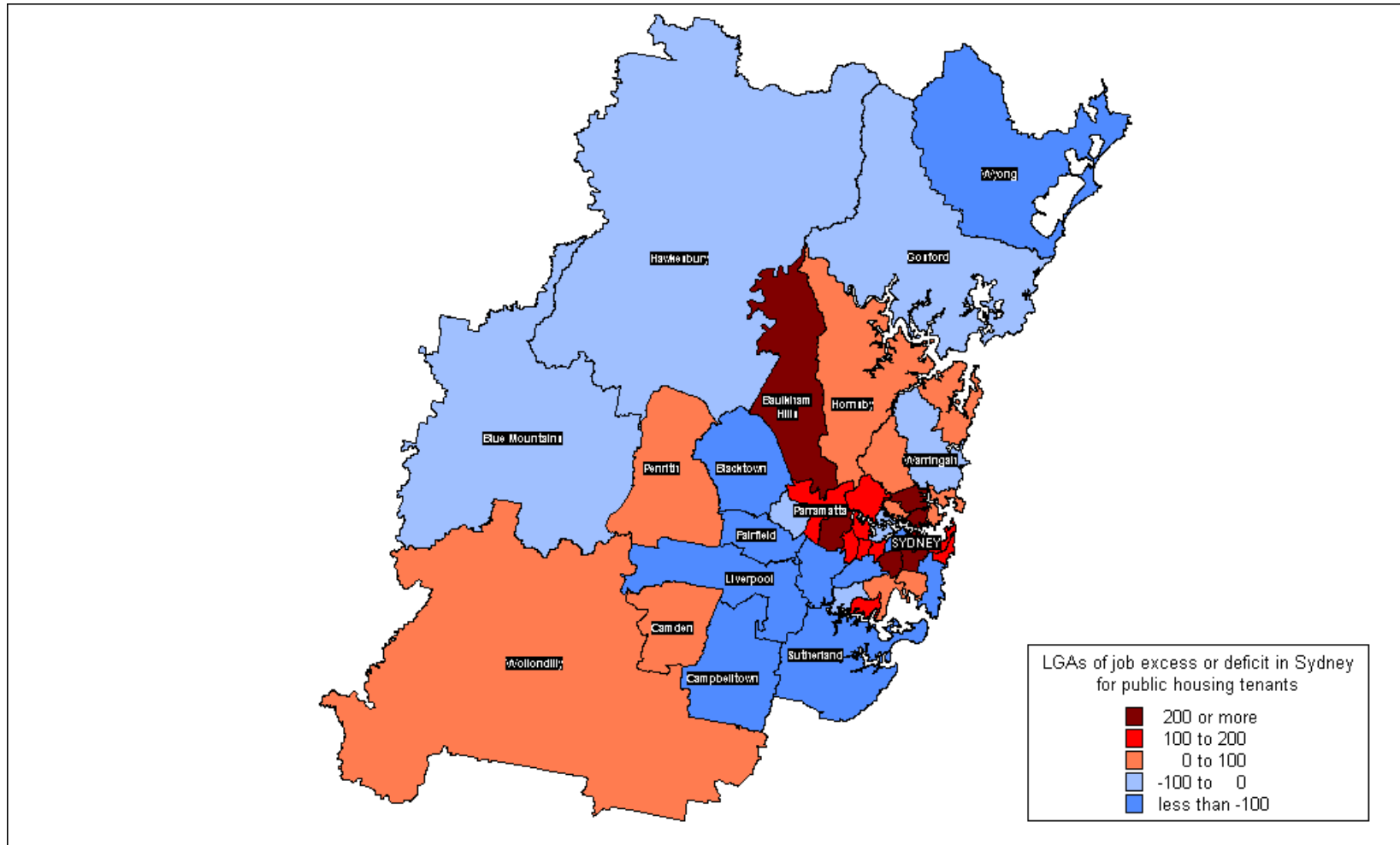
And where they work (LGAs 2001)



Percentage of working tenants who live and work in the same LGA, 2001

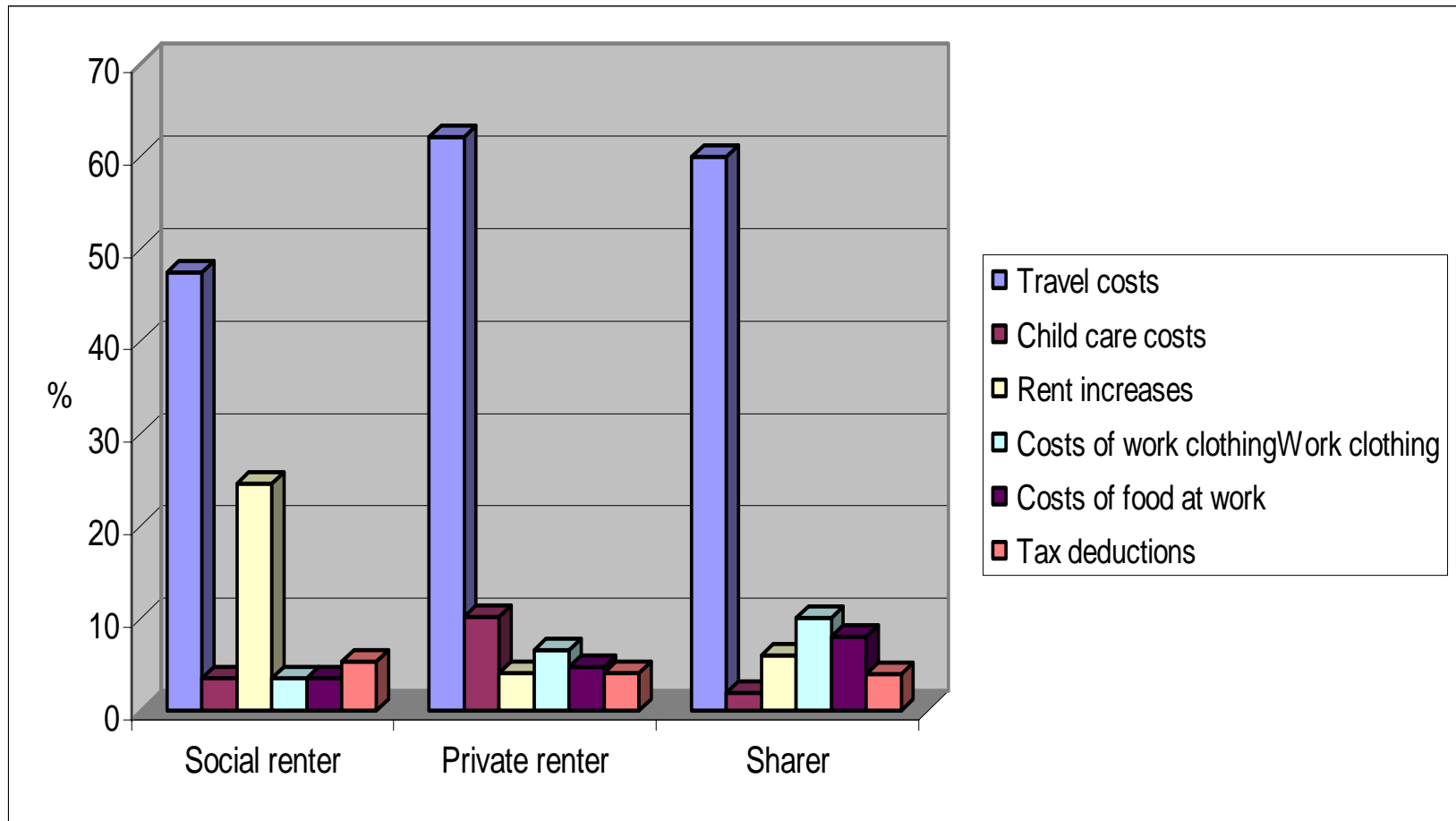


The difference between where public tenants live and where they work (LGAs 2001)



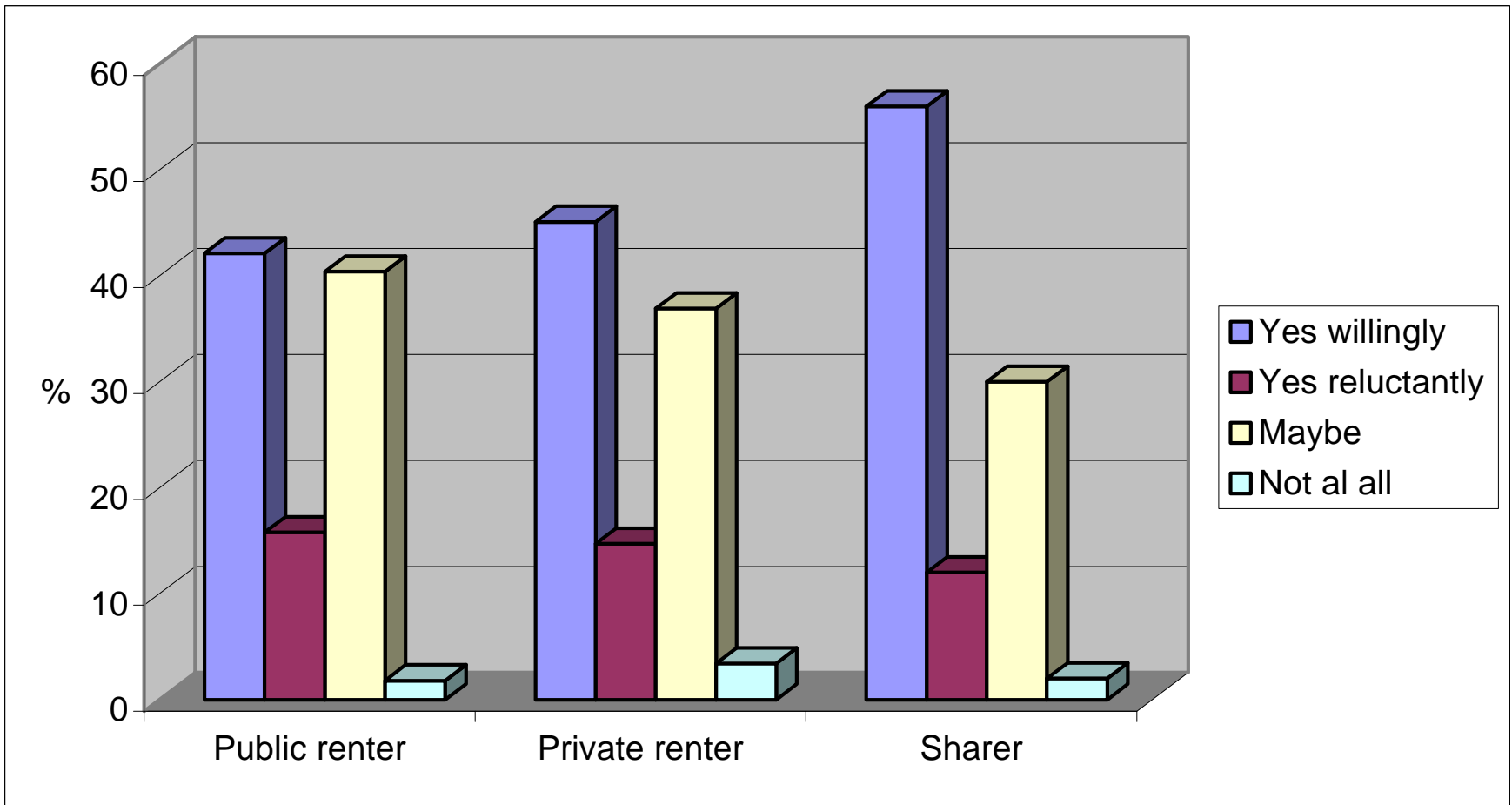
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Most important additional costs of working: travel costs (60%)



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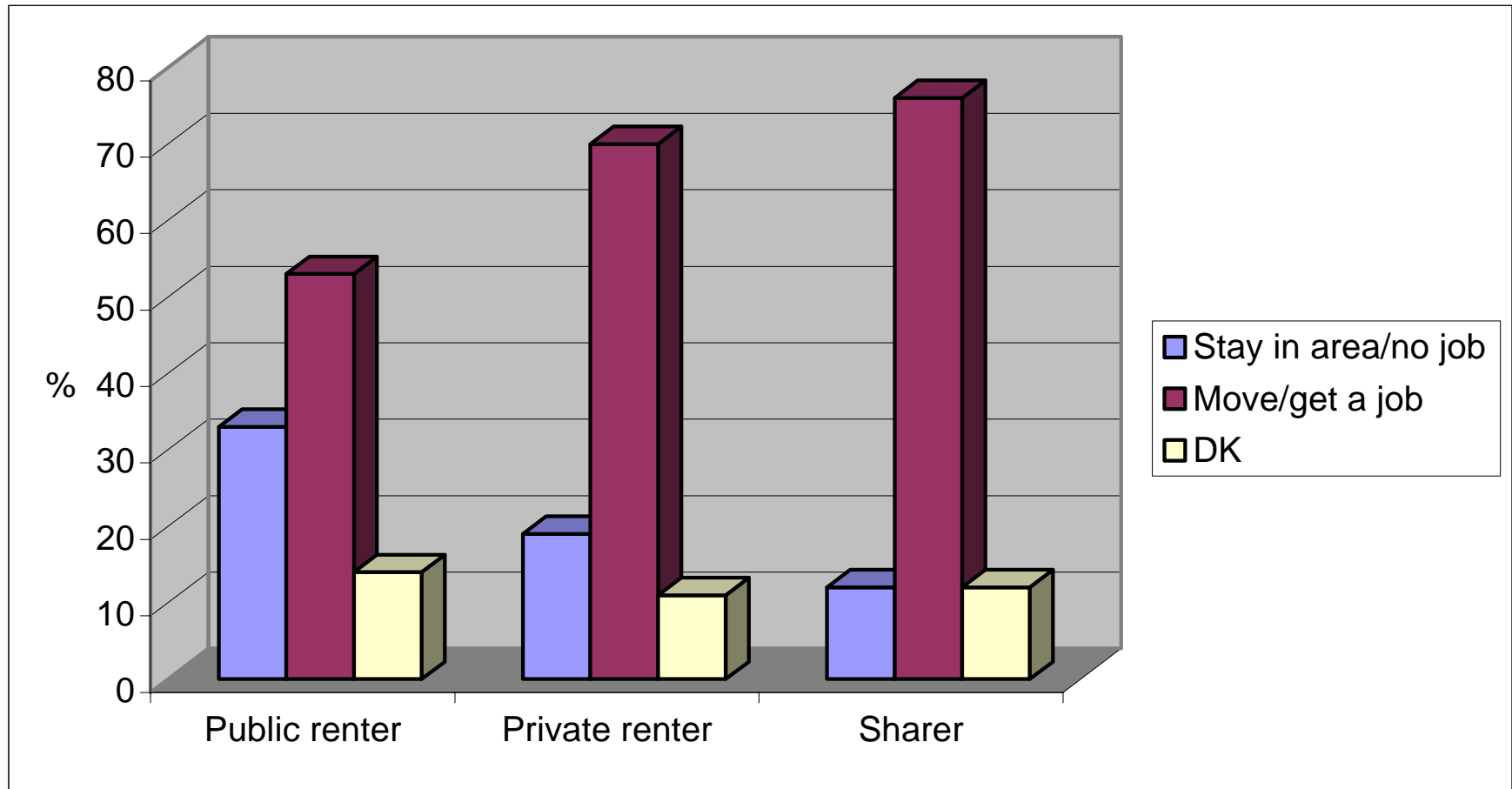
46% said they would willingly move to get a suitable job.



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Live in own area with no job or move and get a job?

68% said they would prefer to move to get a job



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Security vrs Flexibility: The pros and cons of tenure for job seekers

	Agree (%)	Neither agree nor disagree (%)	Disagree (%)
<i>This type of rental has helped me look for work by giving me a sense of security</i>			
Public renters	51	23	26
Private renters	38	27	34
Sharers	66	18	16
All	44	26	31
<i>This type of rental makes it difficult to move to areas with more work</i>			
Public renters	60	18	23
Private renters	28	27	45
Sharers	22	20	58
All	32	25	44



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Policy Implications

Need for integrated approaches:

- i. Employment generation and job skills/training in job-poor locations – via community renewal;
- ii. Assistance with transport costs (via rent holidays or transitional assistance?) and transport availability;
- iii. Strategies to enable unemployed renters to move to job-rich locations – more flexible transfers; incentives to free up vacancies in job rich areas; improved Rent Assistance in areas with jobs; housing assistance ‘packages’ for people seeking work in job-rich areas;
- iv. Re-configure social housing - to job-rich locations

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