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A nova emigração e a relação com a sociedade portuguesa: perfis e estratégias dos emigrantes mais e menos qualificados

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Objective

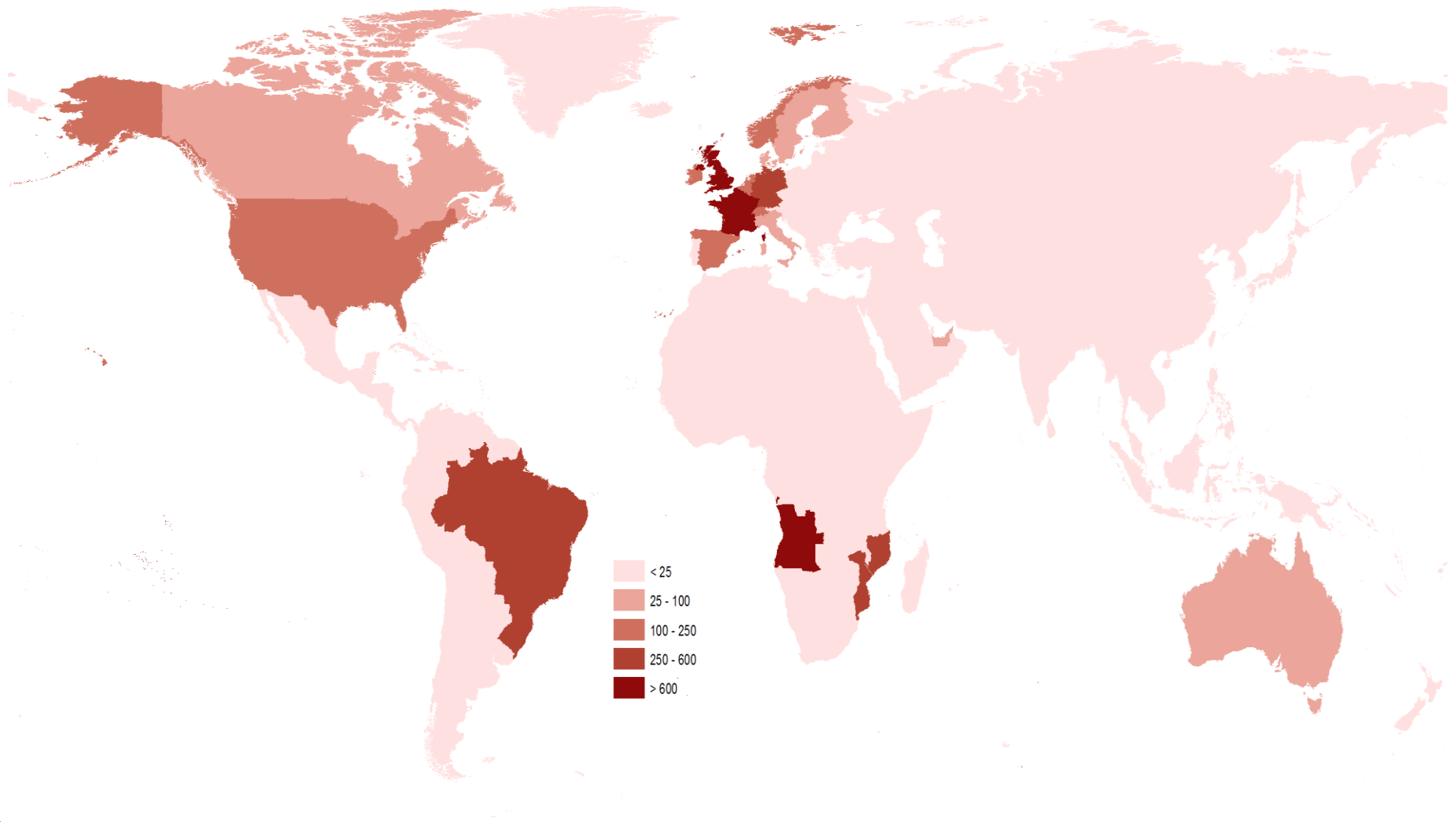
- The objective of this presentation is to compare certain characteristics of highly skilled and less skilled recent emigrants, regarding: main reasons for leaving; migration strategies; occupational insertion; transnational links and future plans.
- Key variable of analysis: educational level – highly skilled emigrants are those who have concluded a tertiary education degree (university or equivalent).
- The empirical results derive from a survey conducted to recent Portuguese emigrants (September 2014-May 2015).

About the research project

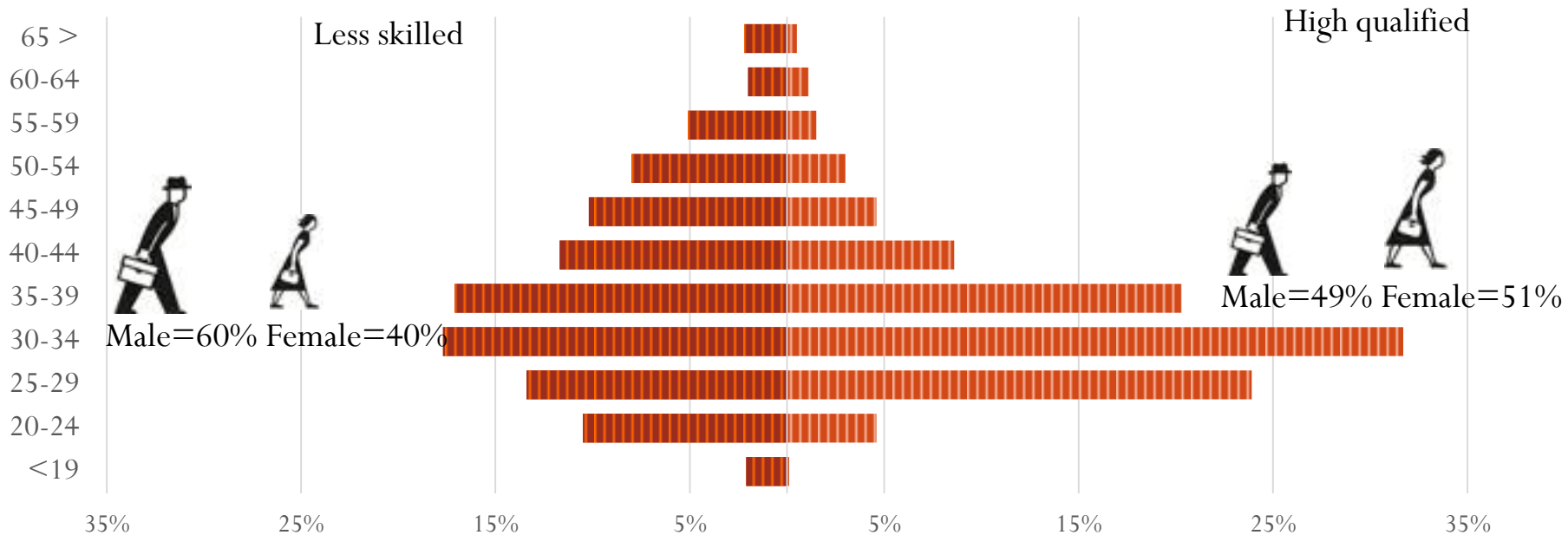
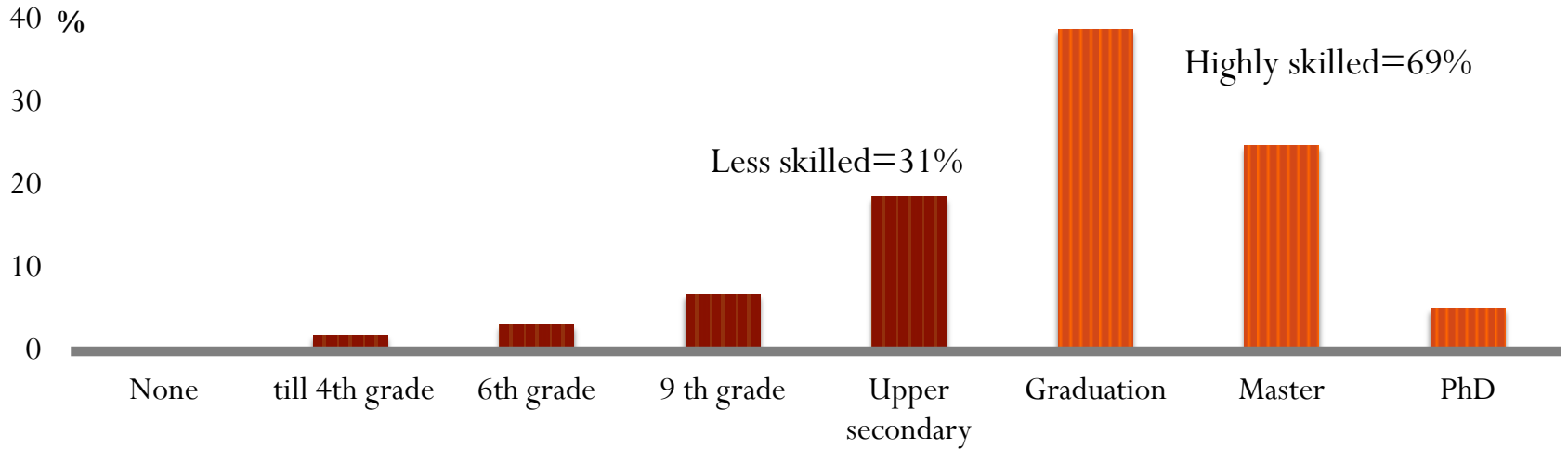
- Research project: “Back to the Future: New emigration and its relation with the Portuguese society” (PTDC/ATP-DEM/5152/2012), funded by FCT for 2013-2015.
- Aims: to characterize recent (post-2000) Portuguese emigration outflows and to identify the relations between emigrants and Portugal.
- Methods: official statistics, institutional interviews, online survey, face-to-face paper survey. Case studies: UK, France, Luxembourg, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique.

Samples

n=6.382 (online=4.640; offline=1.742)

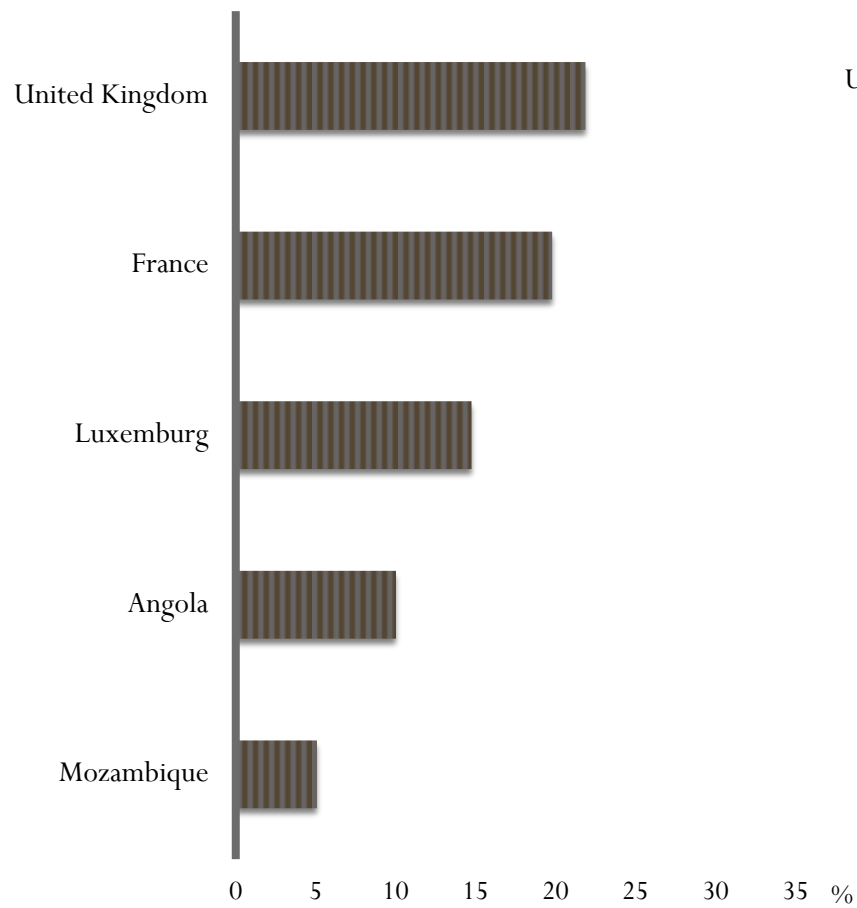


Emigrants' profile

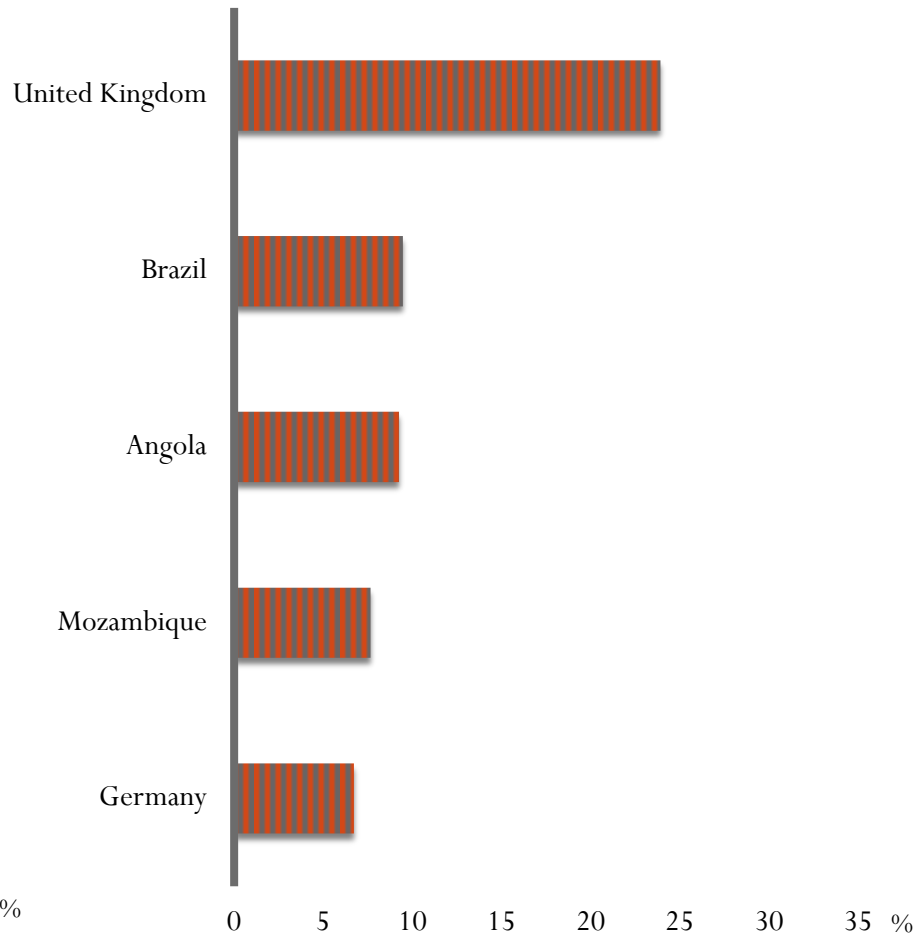


Top destination countries

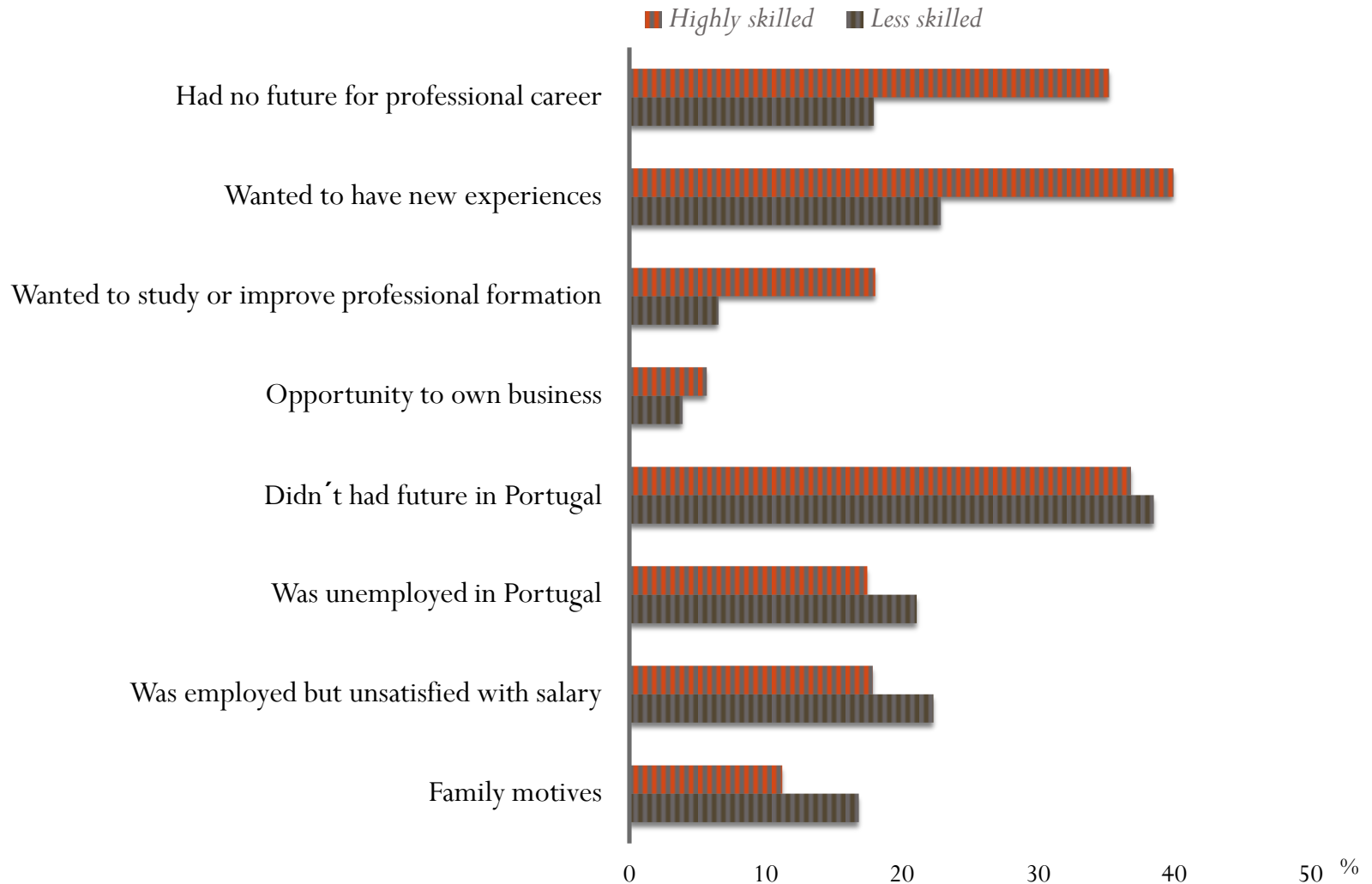
Less skilled



Highly skilled



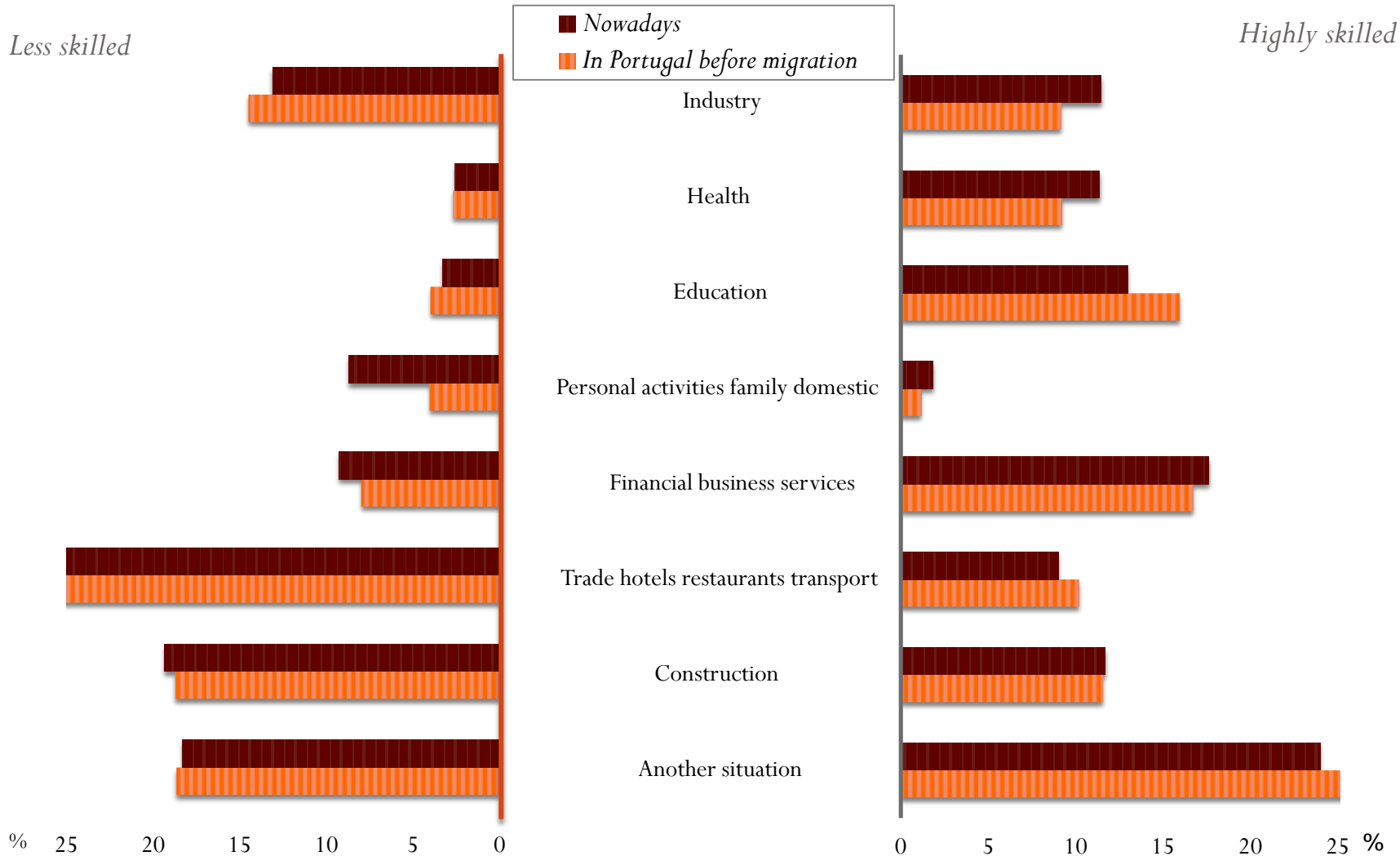
Reasons for leaving



Occupation or industry

Less skilled

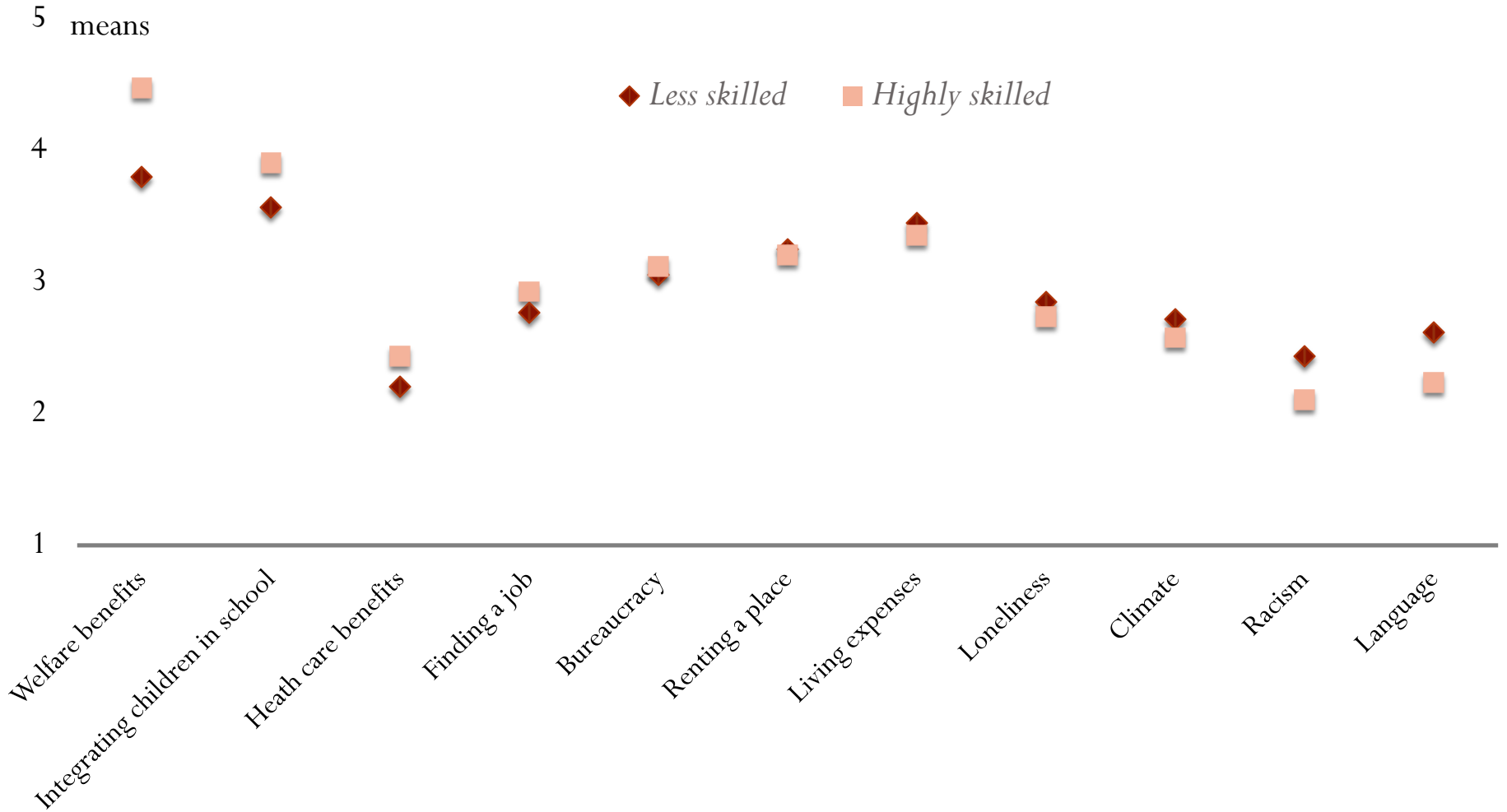
Highly skilled



Integration difficulties

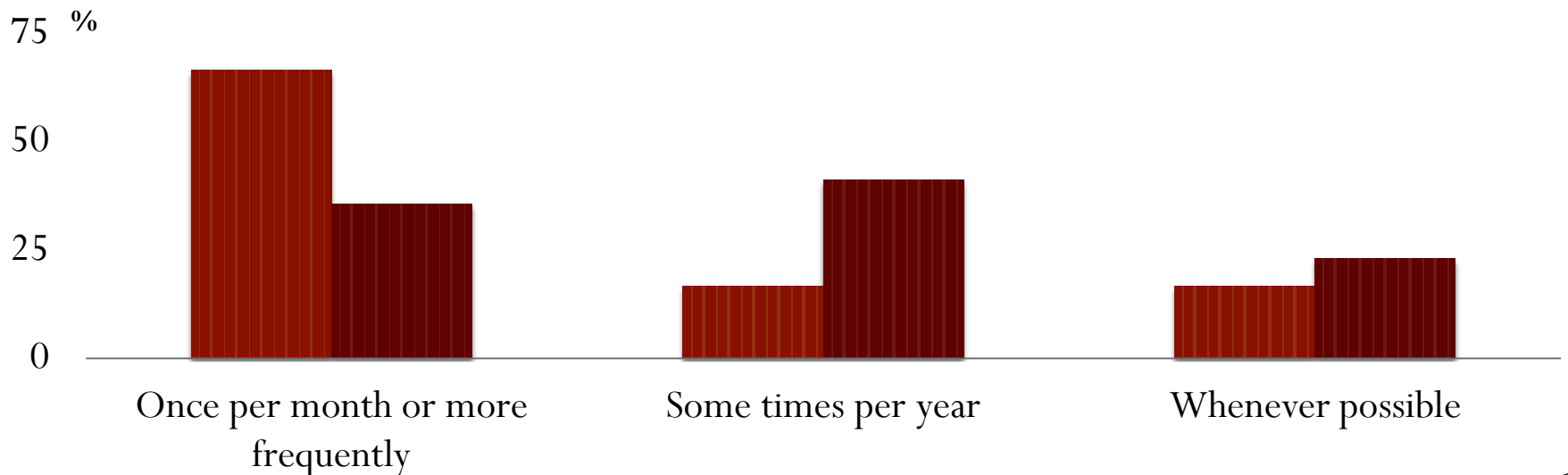
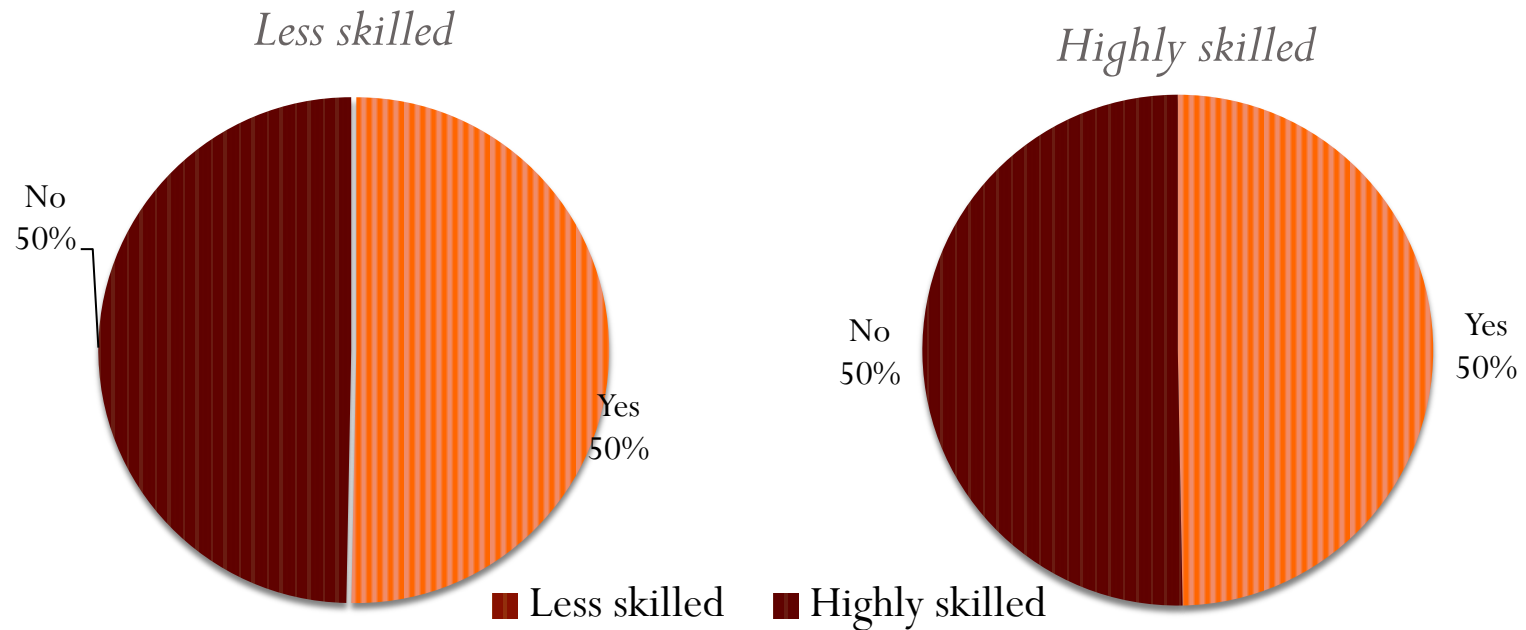
5 means

◆ *Less skilled* ■ *Highly skilled*



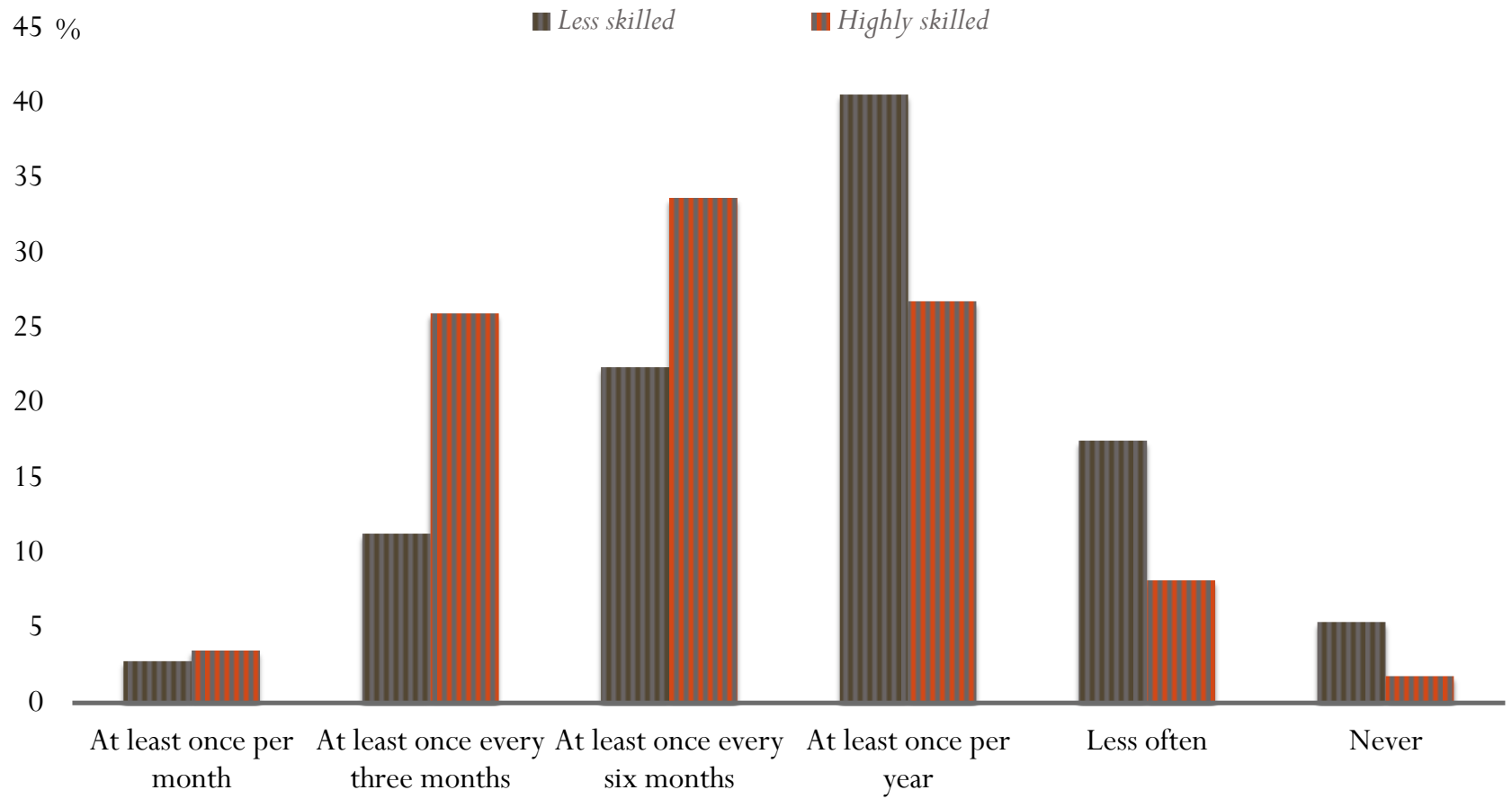
Scale: 1=Not difficult; 5=Very difficult

Transnational practices - remittances





Transnational practices: home visits



Transnational practices: media

5 means

◆ *Less skilled*

■ *Highly skilled*

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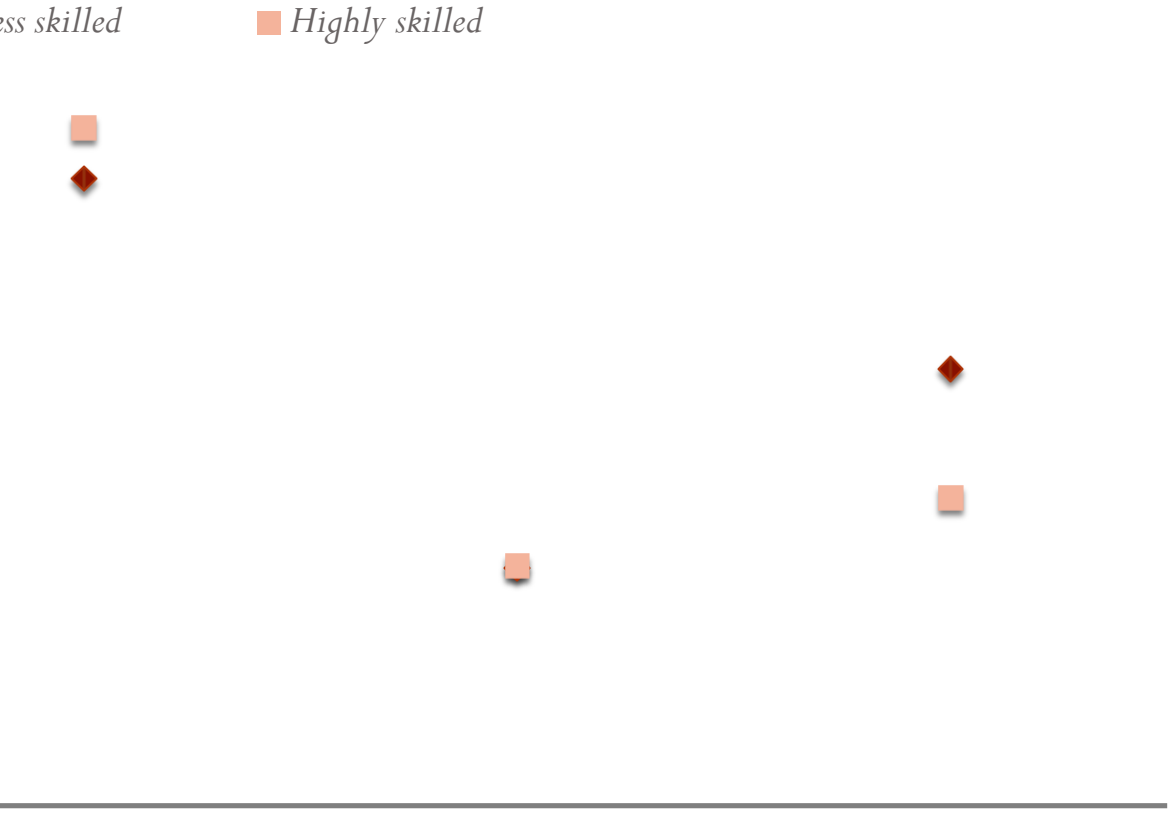
Read Portuguese newspapers (paper or online)

Communicate with family or friends in Portugal

Listen to online Portuguese radio broadcasts

Watch Portuguese TV channels

Scale: 1=Never; 5=Daily



Transnational practices: political

5 means

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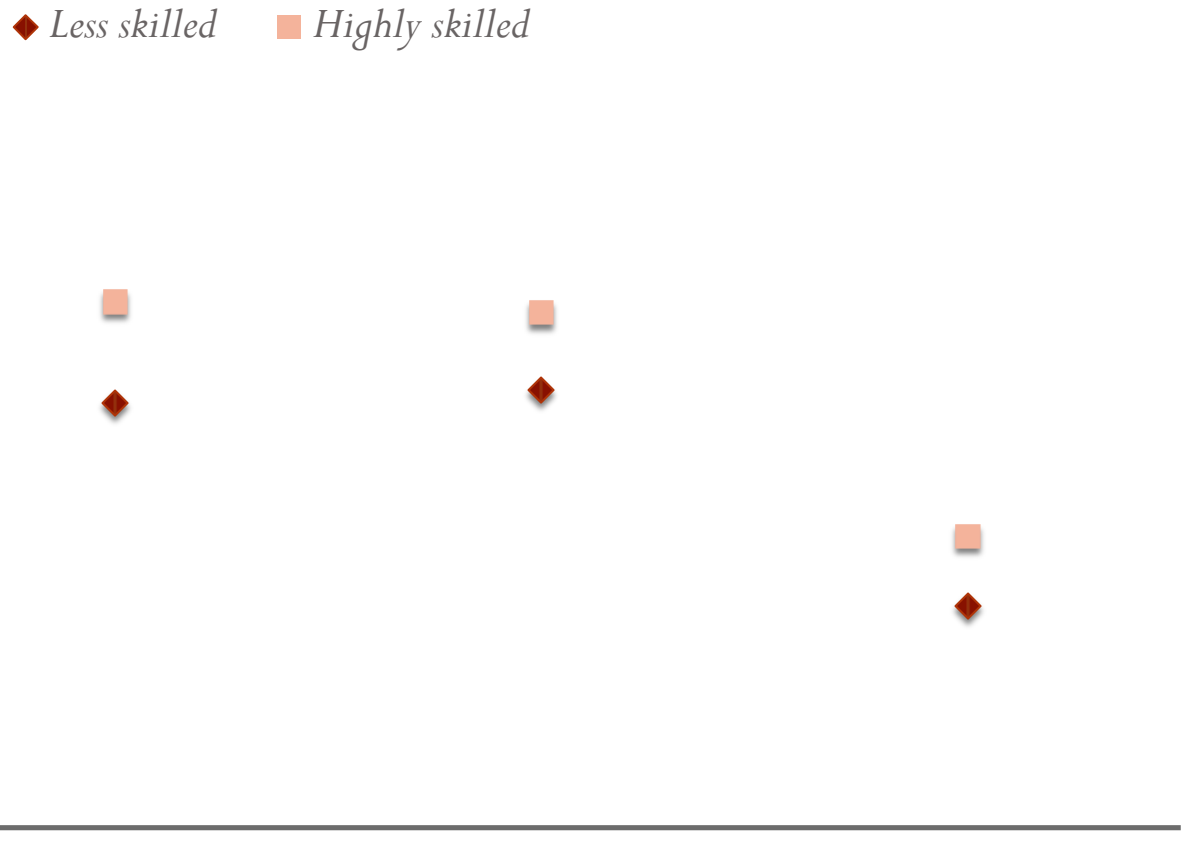
Hear / read news about
politics in Portugal

Vote in Portuguese elections

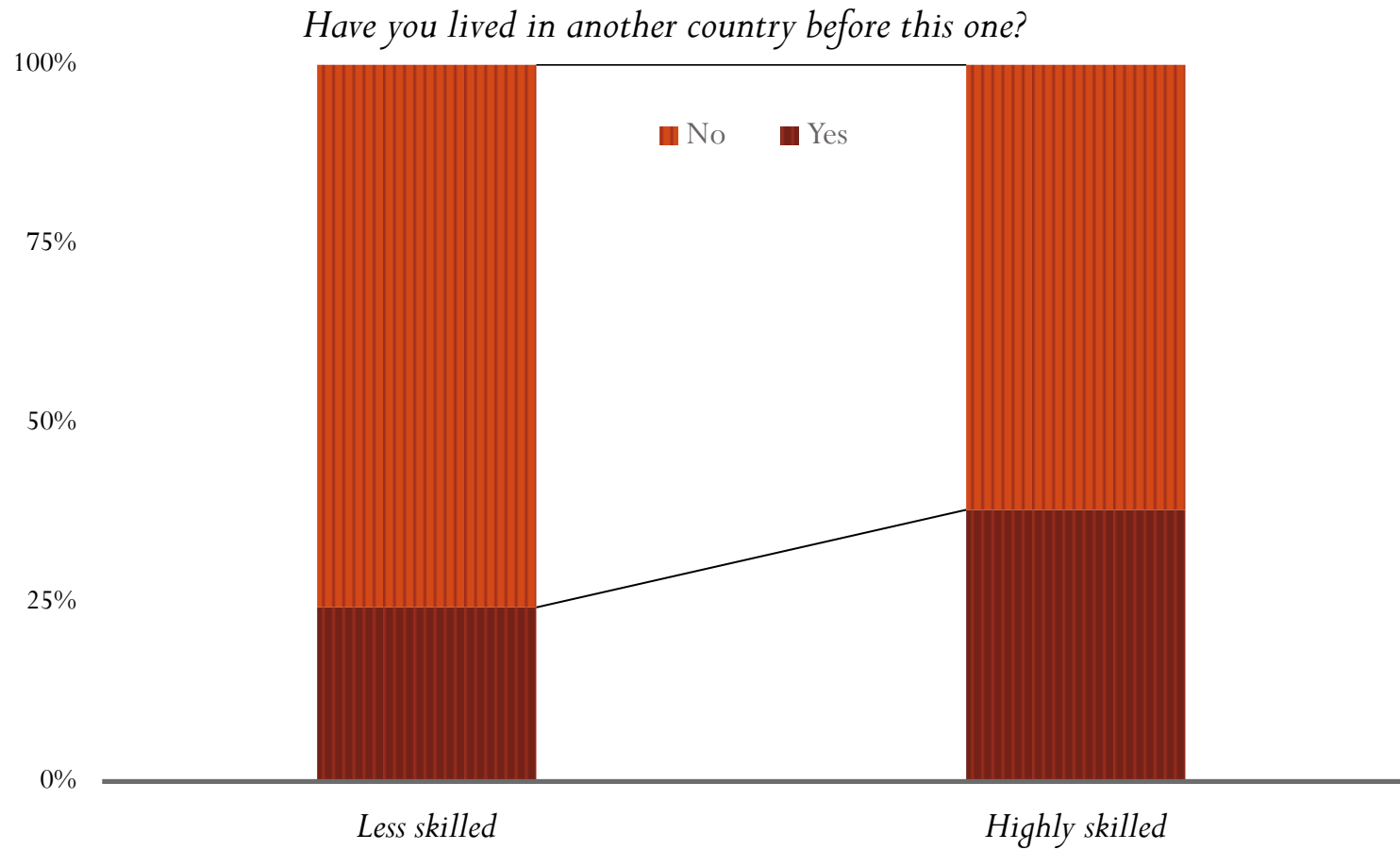
Hear / read news about
politics in the destination
country

Vote in elections in the
destination country

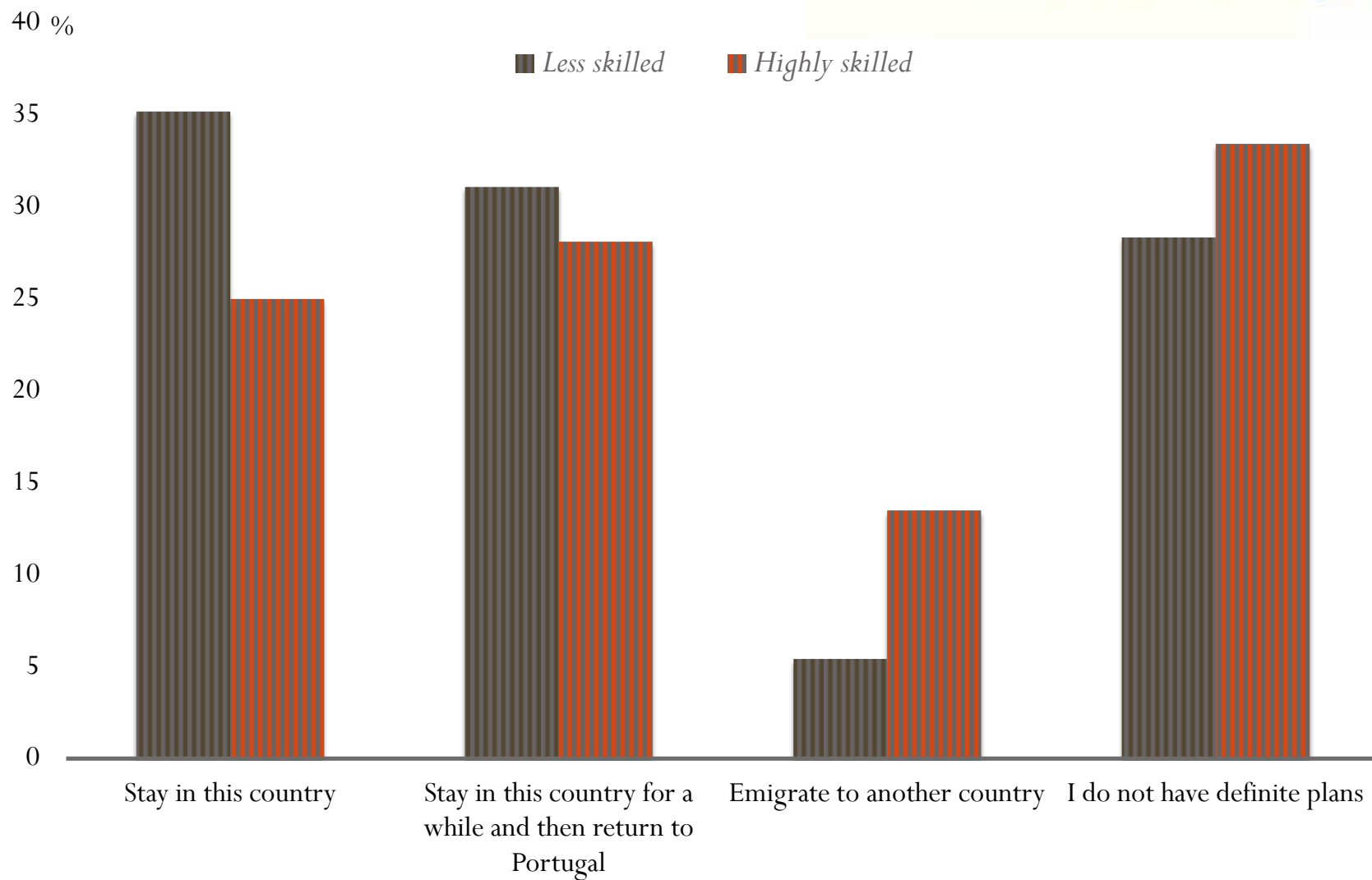
Scale: 1=Never, 2=Seldom, 3=Once in a while, 4=Frequently, 5=Whenever is possible



Circular migration



Plans for the future



To sum it up...less skilled (1/2)

1. Sex ratio more associated with classical emigration
2. Age and years of arrival more dispersed
3. Emigration towards Europe
4. Emigrants who saw no future in the country, who wanted to make new experiences or were not satisfied with their income
5. 1 / 3 works in services like hotel, catering or transport
6. Longitudinally there is an increase in the workers on the financial sector and in domestic service

To sum it up...less skilled (2/2)

7. 2/3 of the migrants that send money does it on a monthly basis
8. Although most of them are installed in Europe, only 40% return home once a year
9. Use the media to speak with family and friends
10. Most of them didn't live in other countries previously (about 3/4)
11. They intend to stay in the destination country or return to Portugal

To sum it up...highly skilled (1/2)

- More balanced group in sex-ratio
- Younger, with large percentage between 30 and 34 years
- Residents in the UK and Portuguese-speaking countries
- 40% emigrated to "undertake new experiences" but also because they "didn't see future in the country" and due to lack of career opportunities
- In terms of occupation, the largest share is included in "other situations", secondly, is the financial industry
- In the difficulties of integration, distance themselves from the previous, less racism complaints and problems with the local language

To sum it up...highly skilled (2/2)

- Half send remittances infrequently, but with higher amount than in the previous group
- They visit Portugal more frequently than the previous
- In media practices, they distance themselves from the first group for reading more newspapers and magazines and see less Portuguese television
- In political practices, the values are higher in any of the items when compared to the other group
- 40% had previous migratory experience
- 1 / 3 of the subjects in this group did not have defined plans for the future yet

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