

Australian Social Trends 2008



Online nation is against children

The Herald-Sun, 24 July

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Big bucks seal it for the fly-in (male) worker

The Age, 24 July

Commuters steer clear of ACT buses

The Canberra Times, 24 July

We're a smarter, poorer lot

The Courier Mail, 24 July

Quacks turn mainstream as demand doubles

The Australian, 24 July

Seven-year itch cured

The Herald-Sun, 24 July

Young to get used to parents' largesse

The Australian Financial Review, 24 July

Half of young people can't read well

The Australian, 24 July

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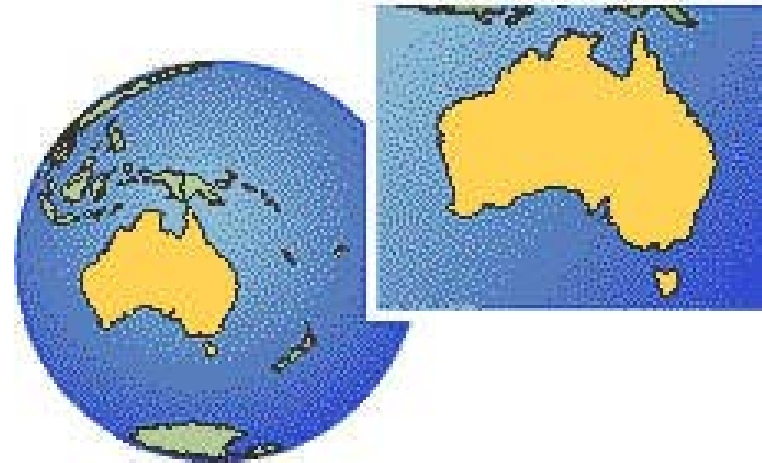
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Population

- Population distribution

- ...by Remoteness Areas

- ...change 1996-2006

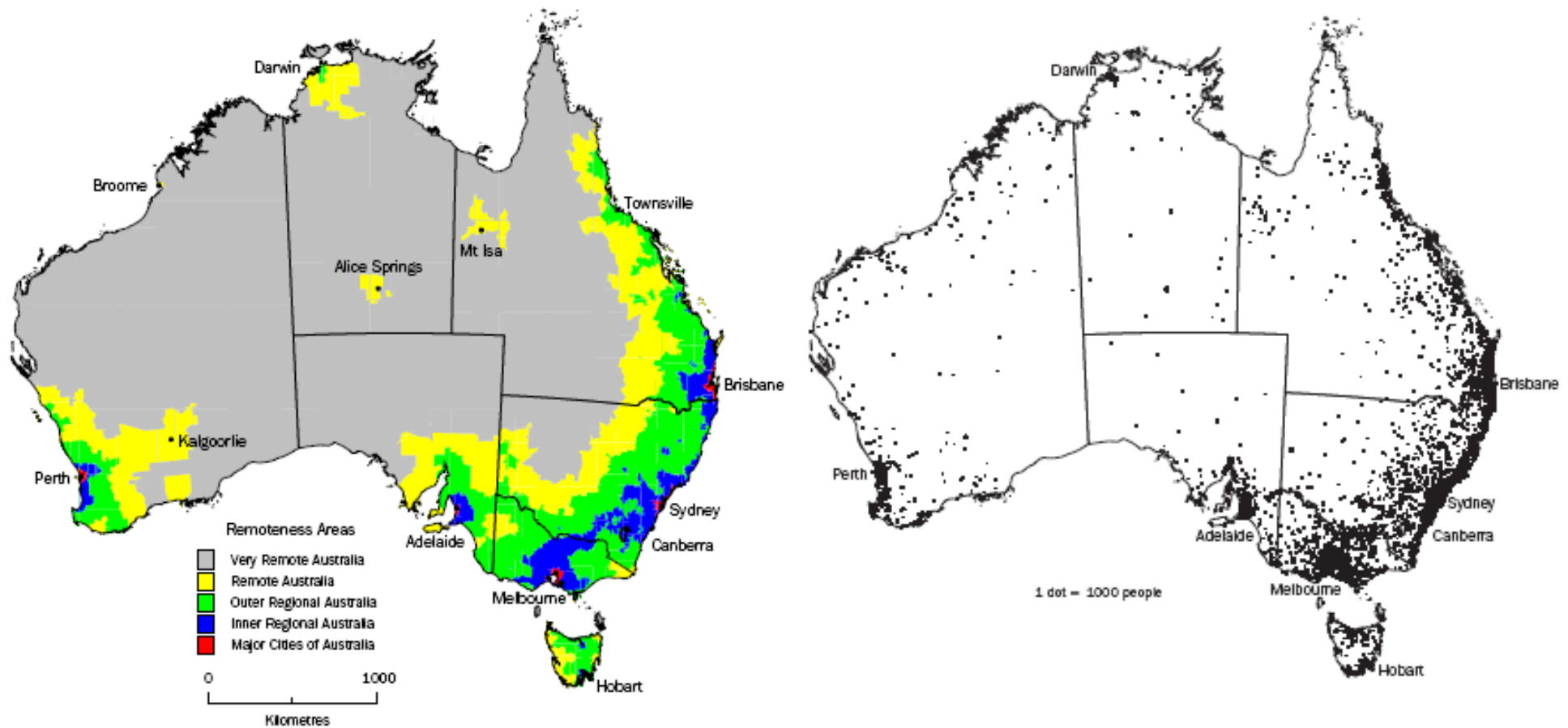


- Towns of the mineral boom

- ...which towns?

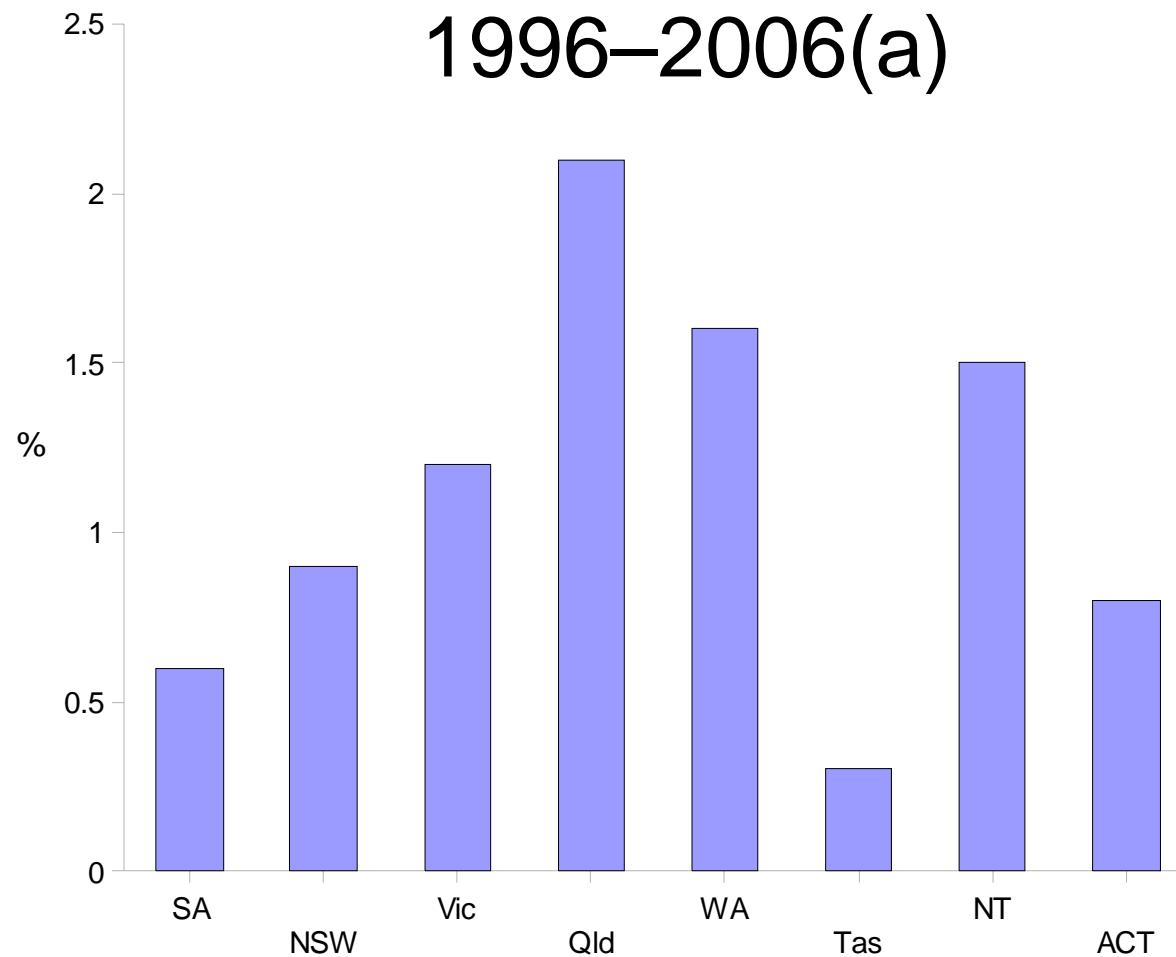
- ...socio-demographic changes

Remoteness Areas and population distribution at 30 June 2006



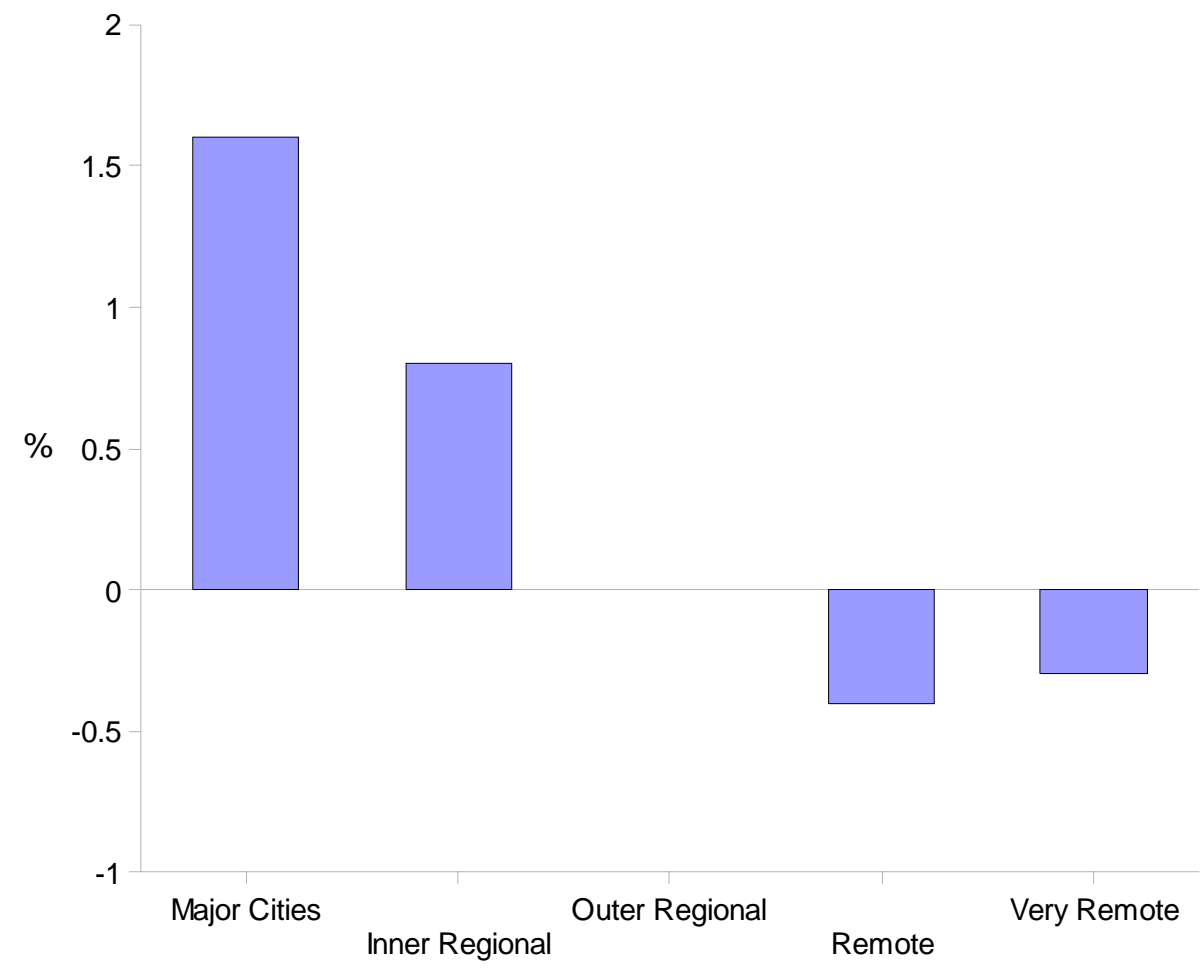
Source: ABS preliminary Estimated Resident Population

Population change in states and territories 1996–2006(a)



(a) Average annual growth
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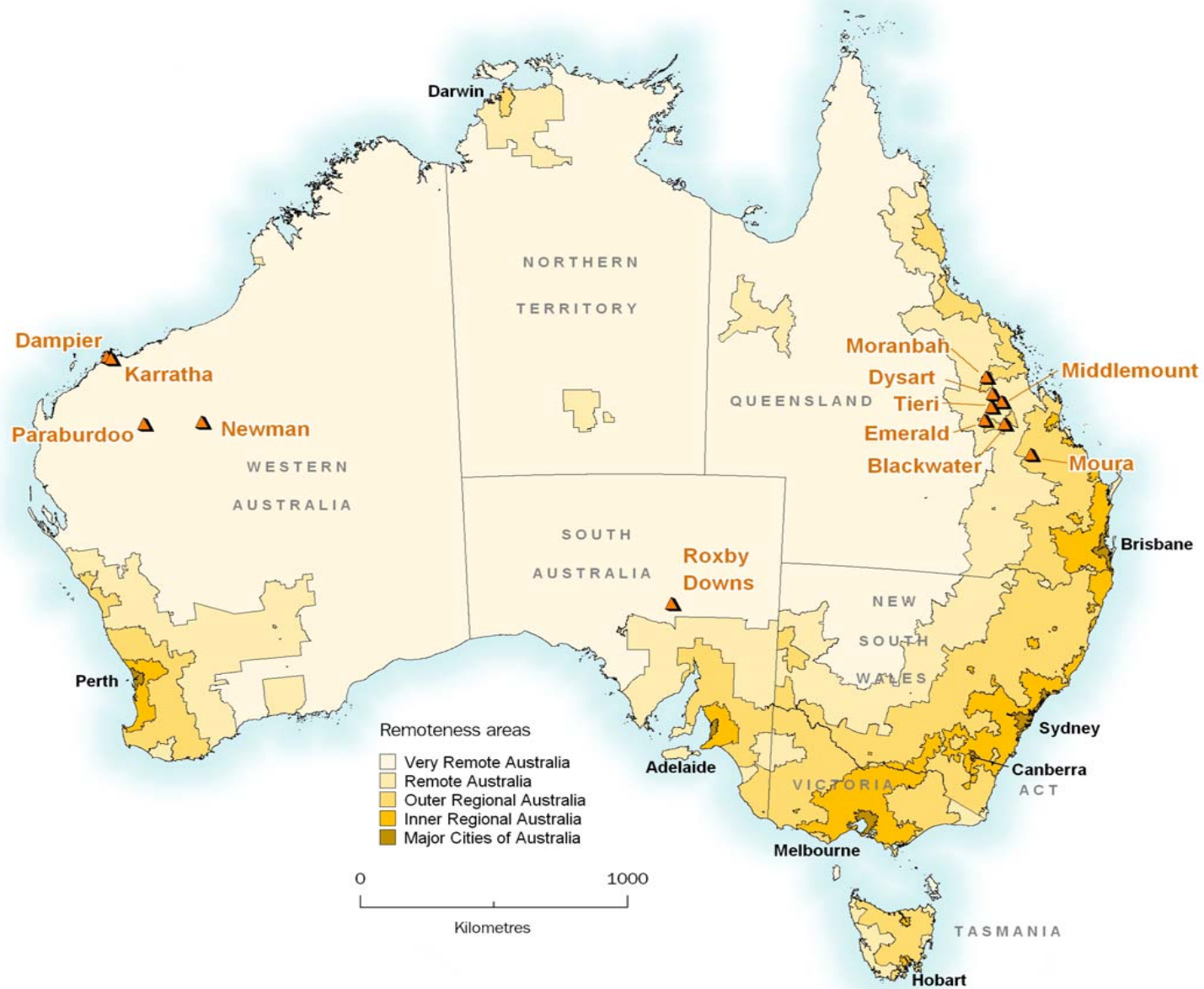
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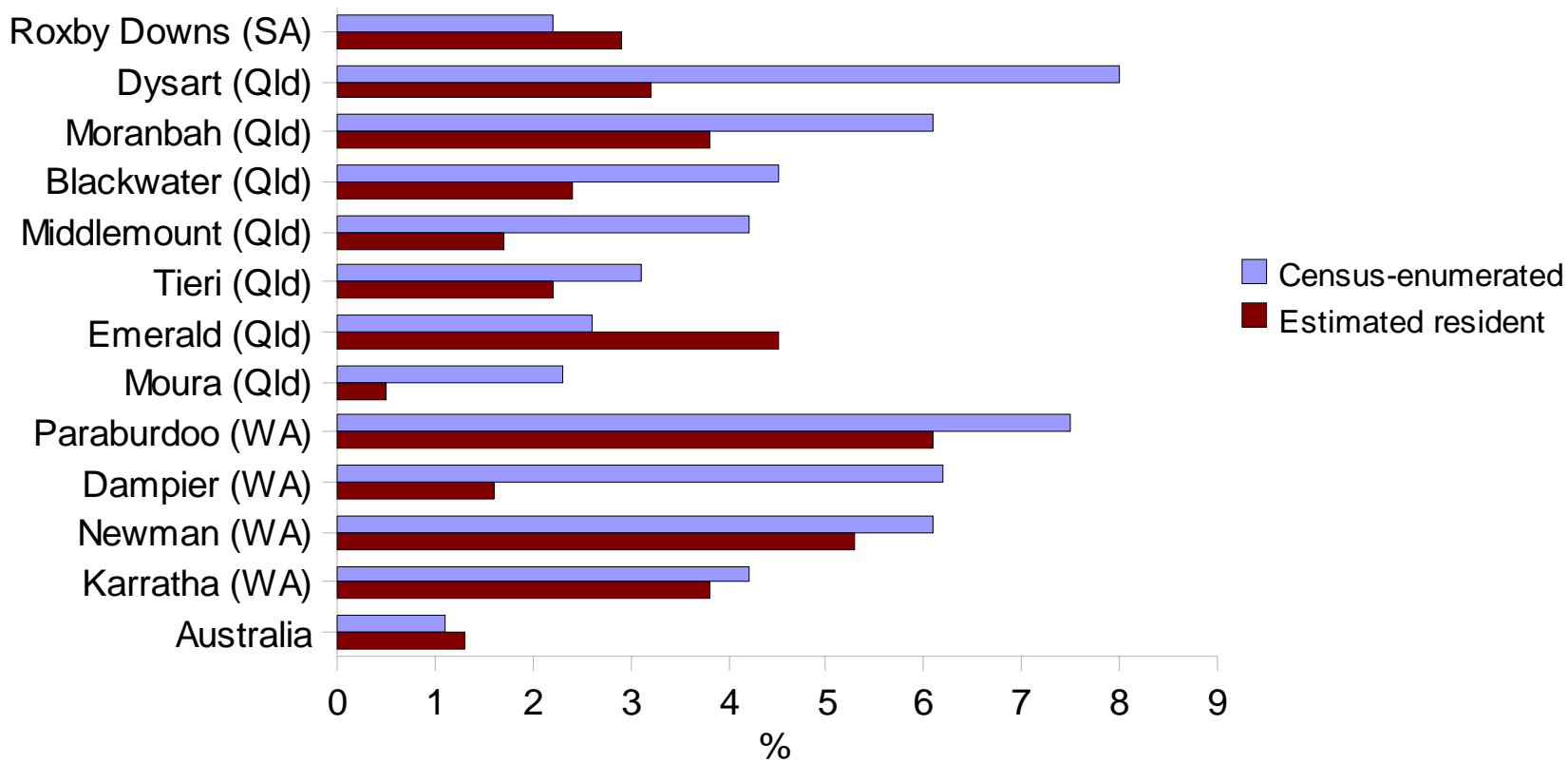
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Towns of the mineral boom

- Rapid population growth
- High proportion employed in mining

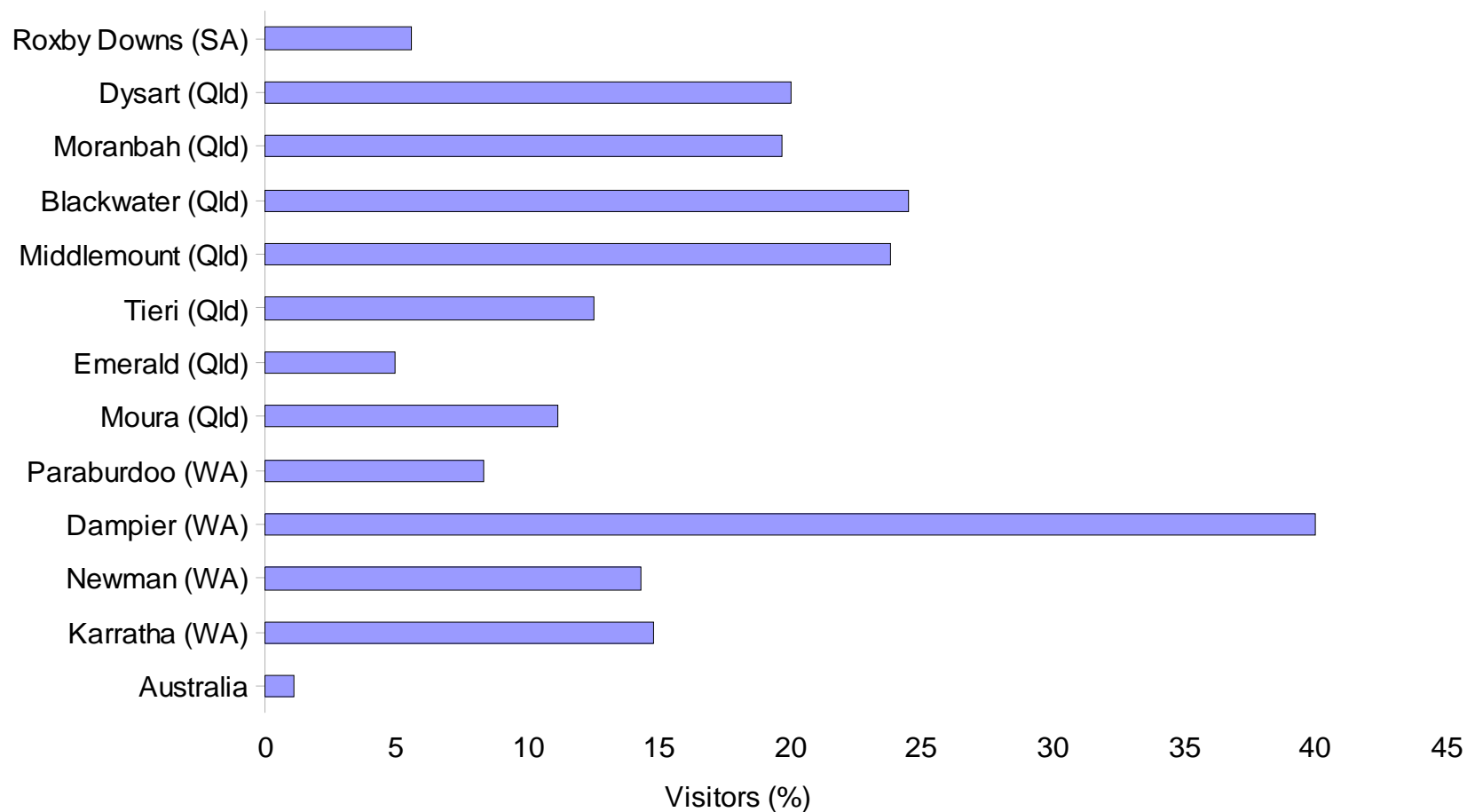


Population growth in boom towns 2001-2006

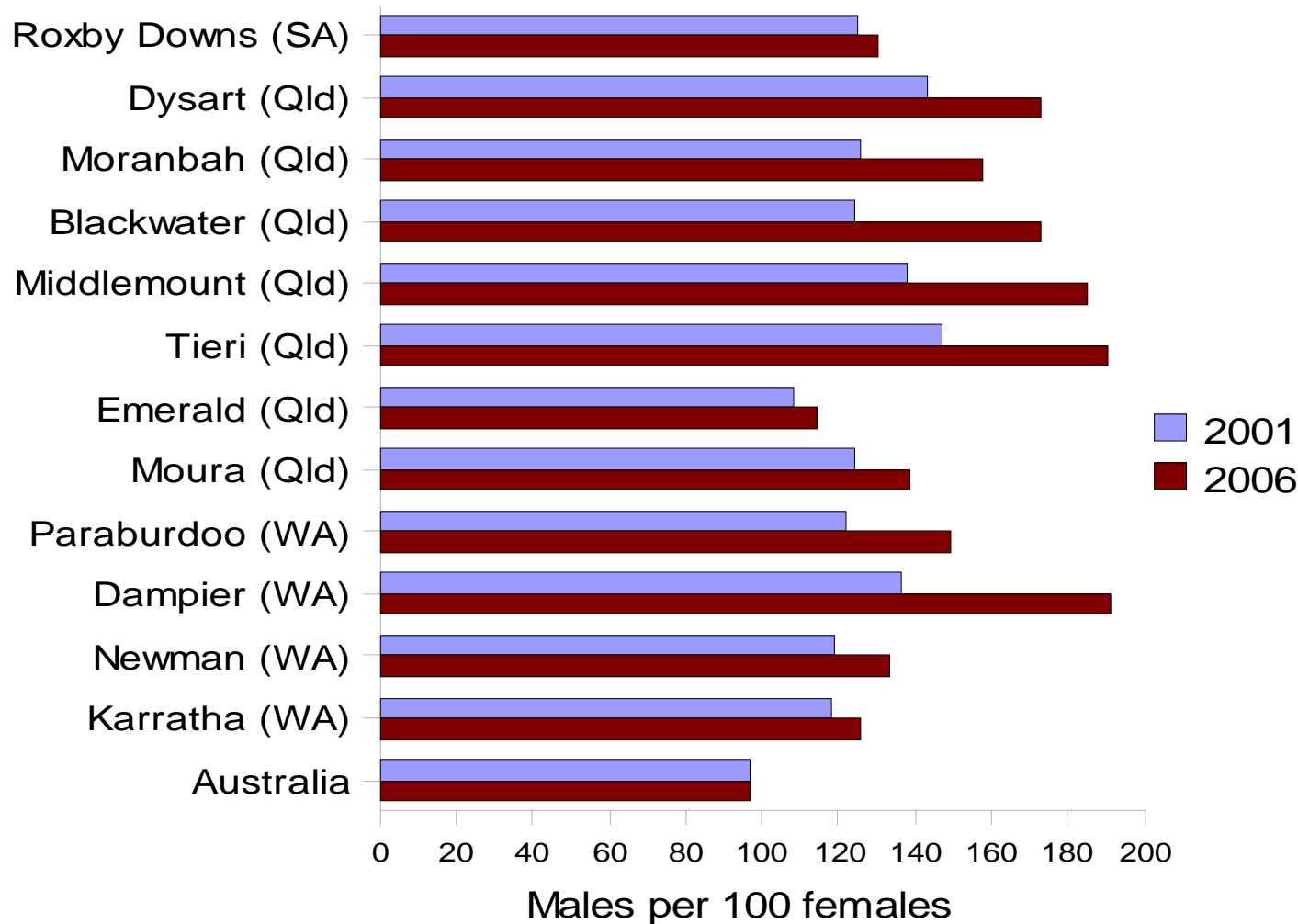


Source: 2001 and 2006 ABS Censuses of Population and Housing; Australian Demographic Statistics

Proportion of census population who usually lived somewhere else 2006

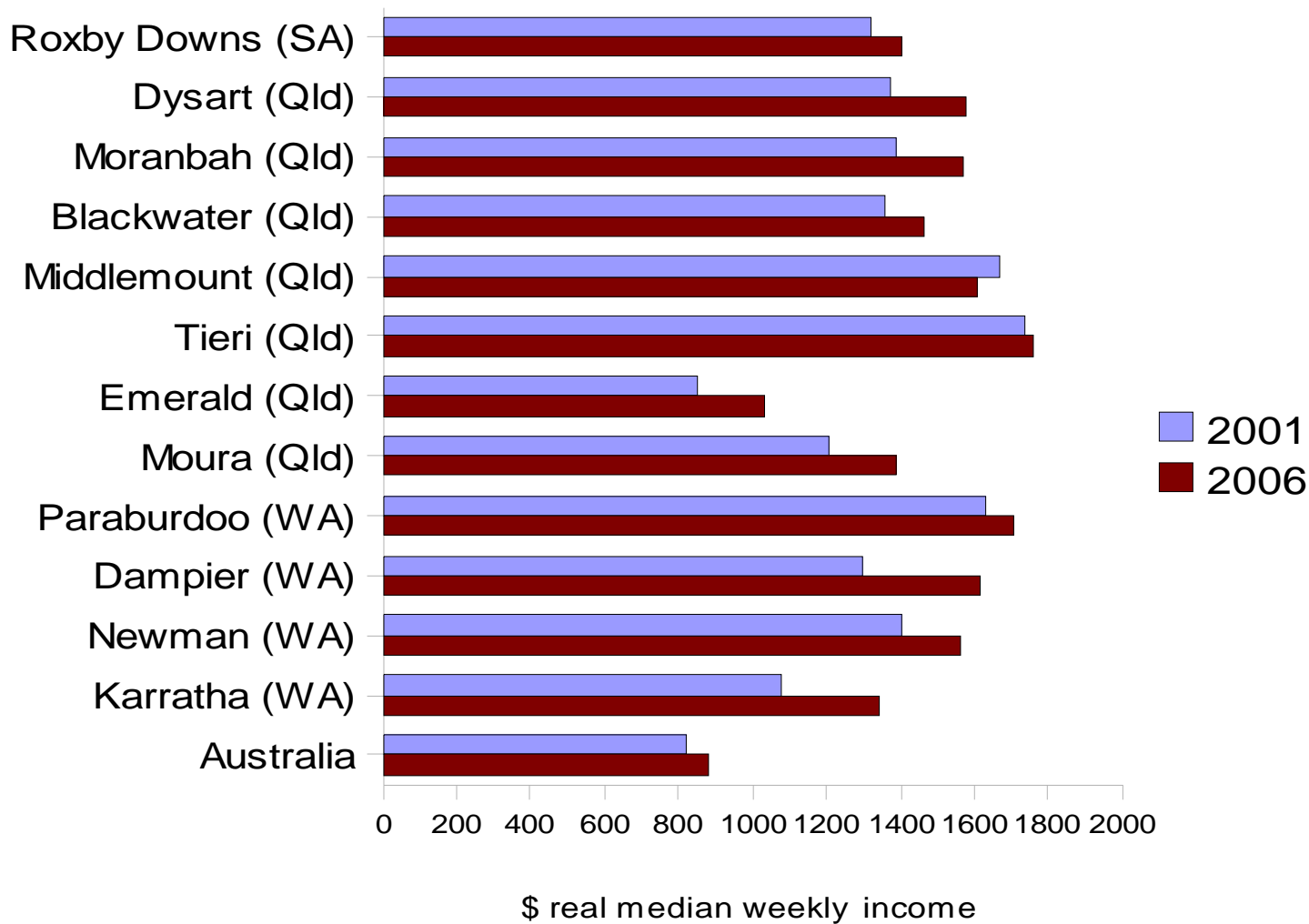


Male:female ratios in boom towns



Source: 2001 and 2006 ABS Censuses of Population and Housing

Income of full-time workers in boom towns



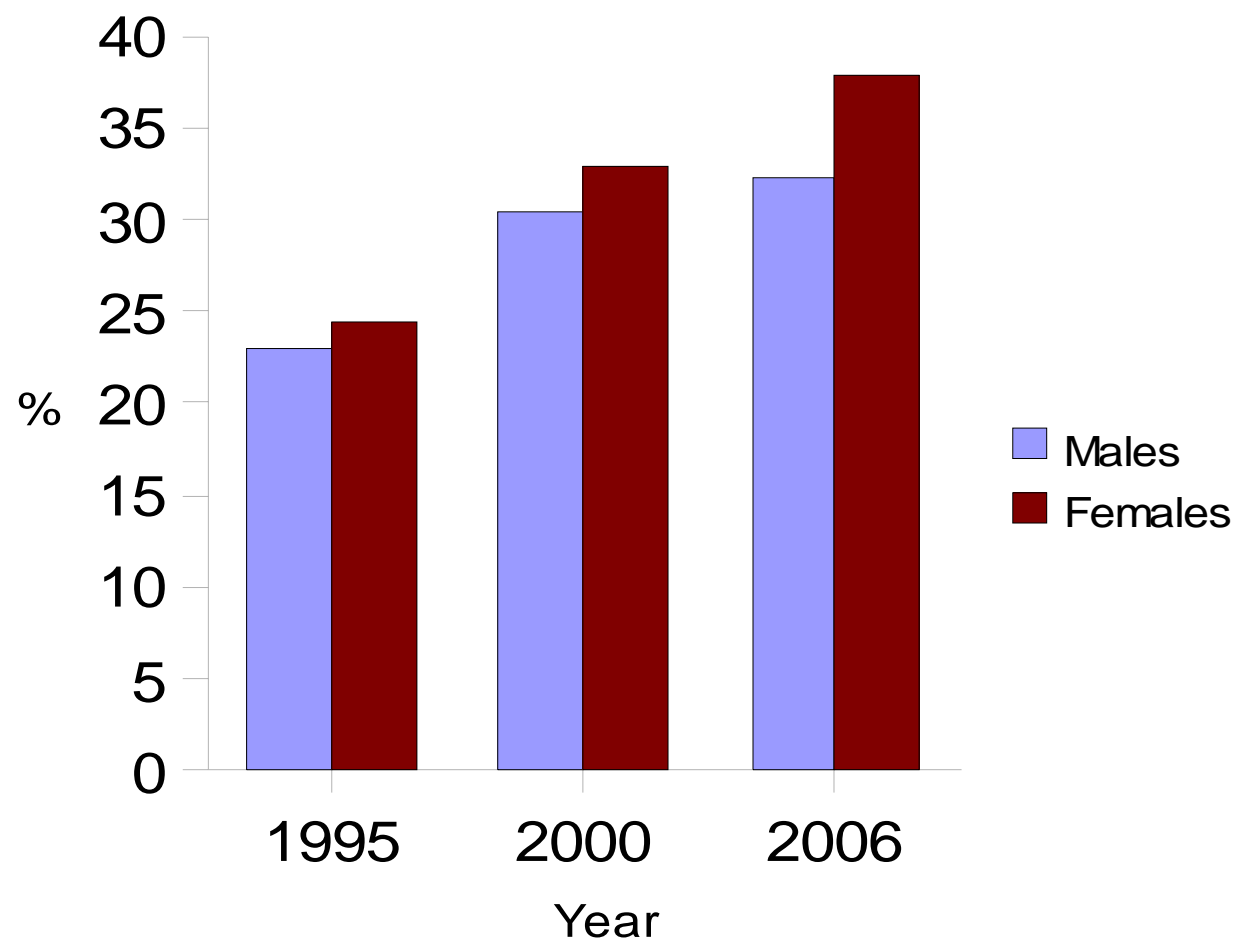
Source: 2001 and 2006 ABS Censuses of Population and Housing; *Consumer Price Index, Australia*

Family and community

- Voluntary work
 - ...increase in voluntary work
 - ...who is volunteering regularly?
 - ...what type of volunteering are they doing?

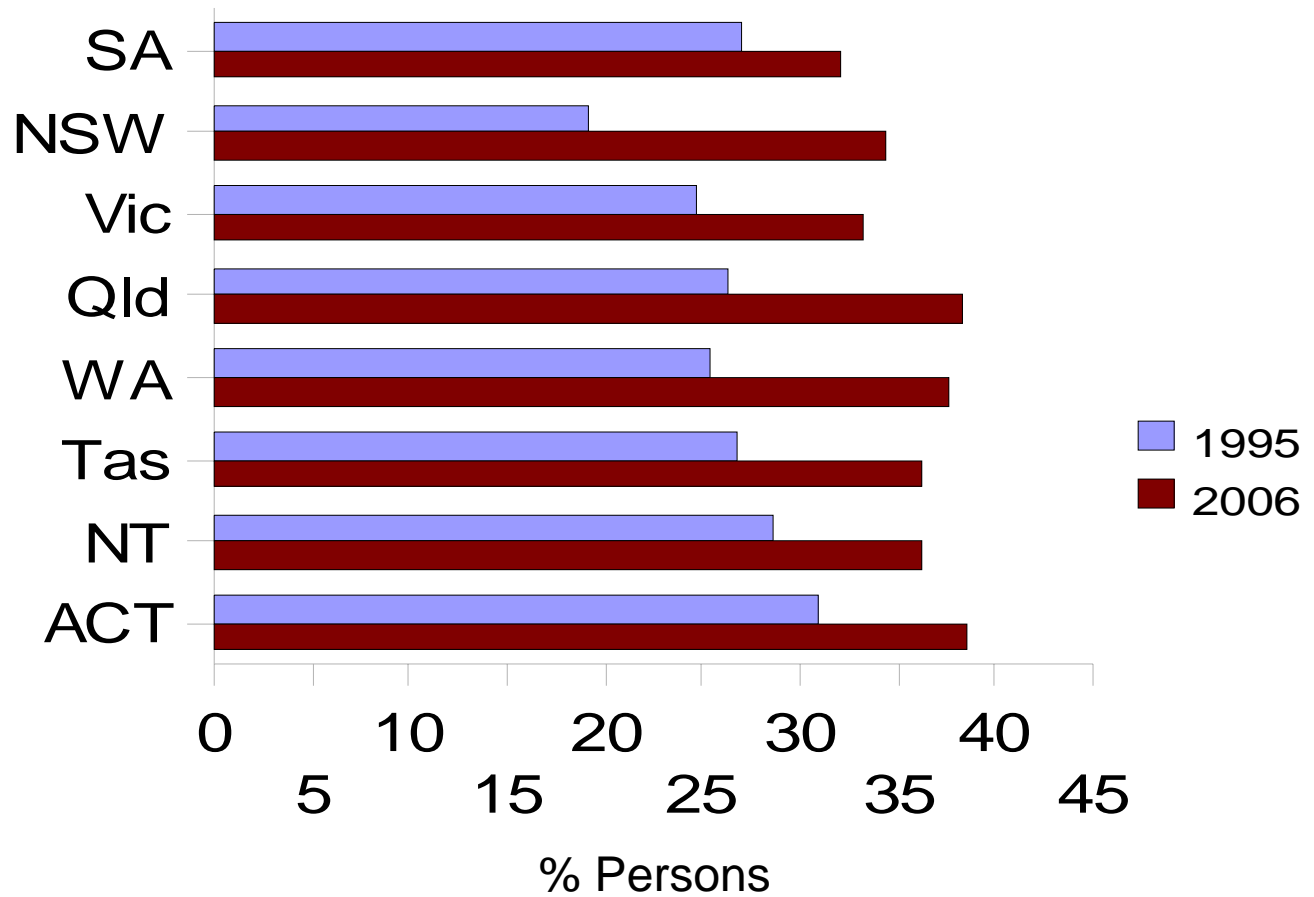


Volunteering rates



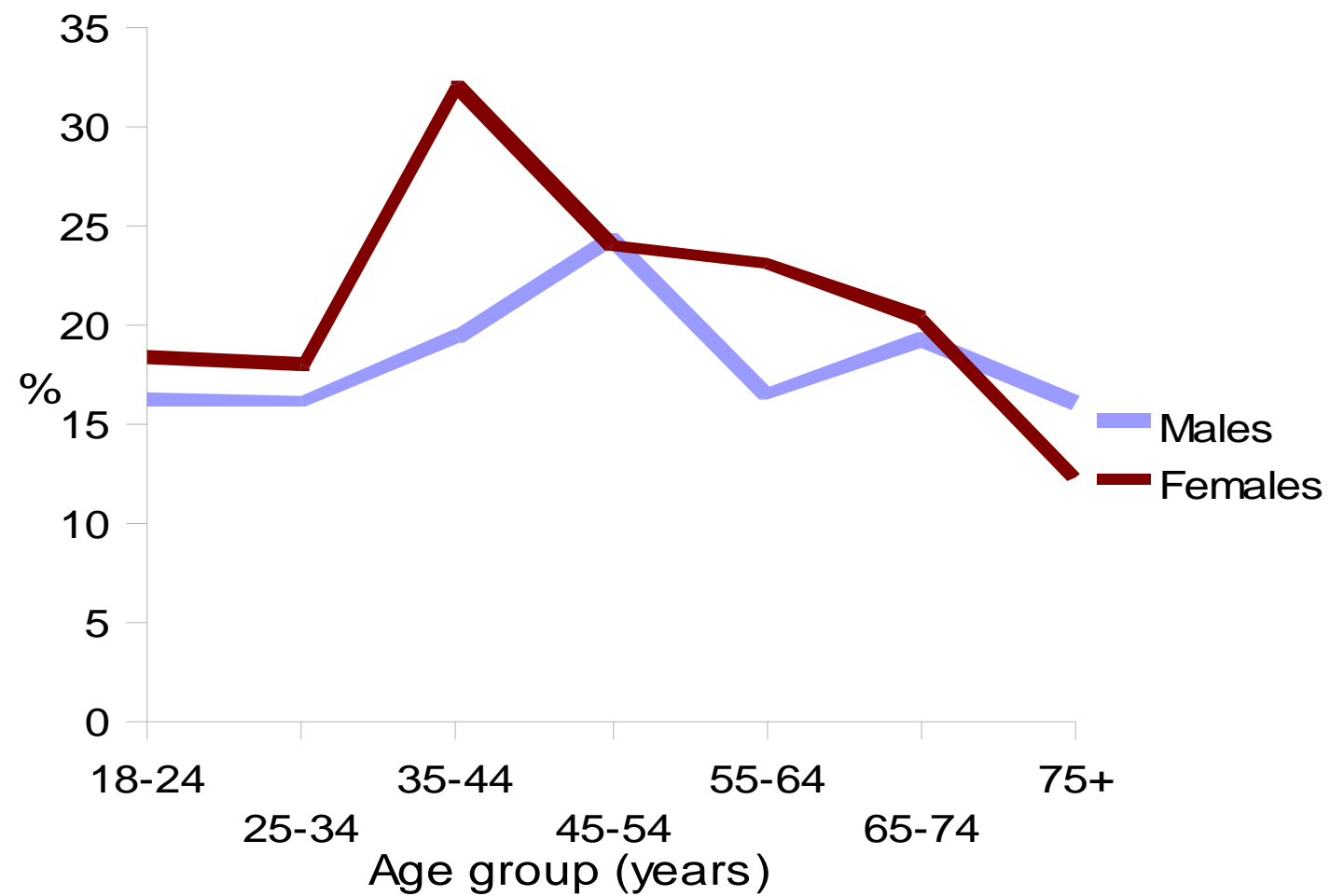
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Volunteering rates: states and territories



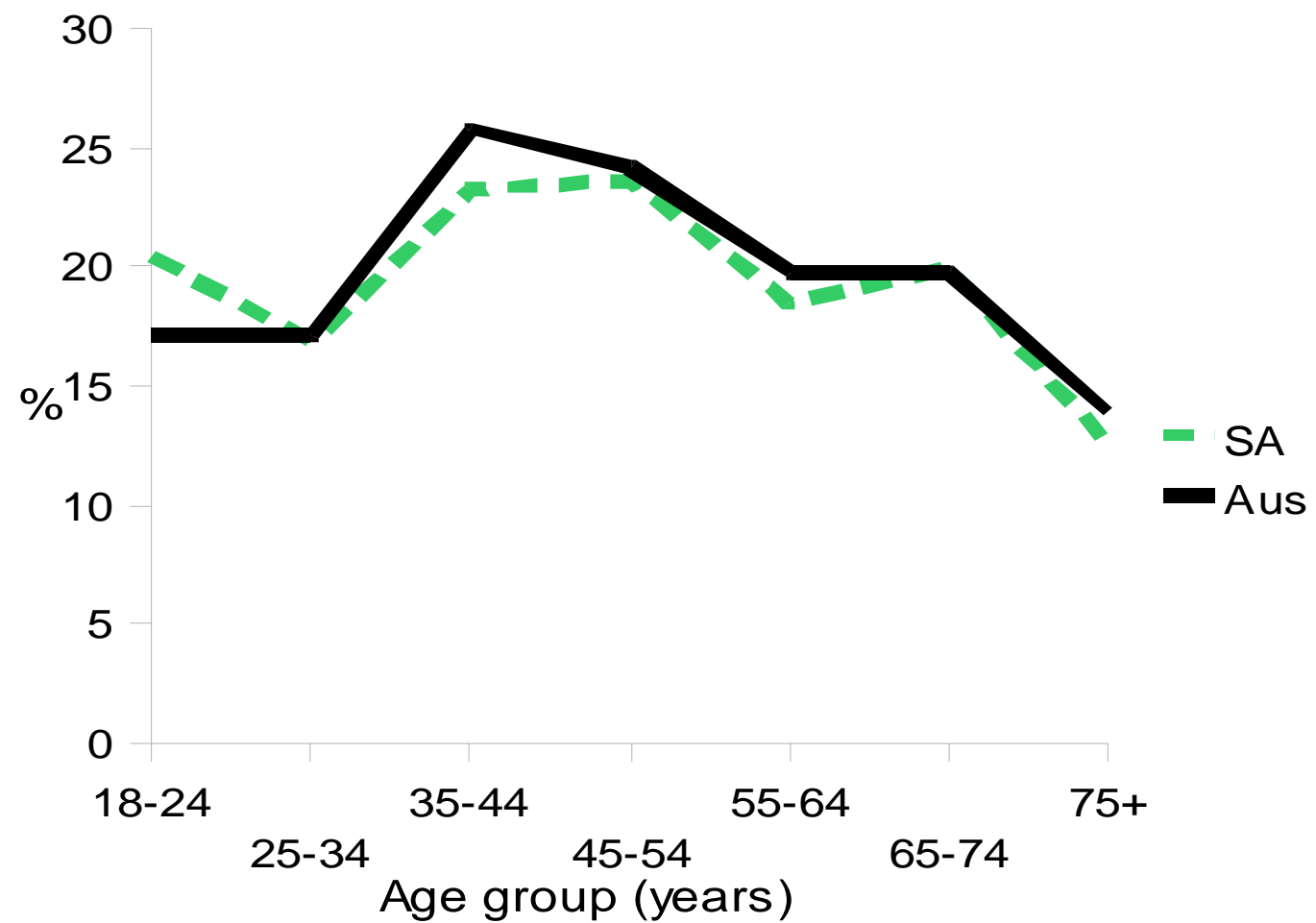
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Regular volunteering by age and sex, 2006



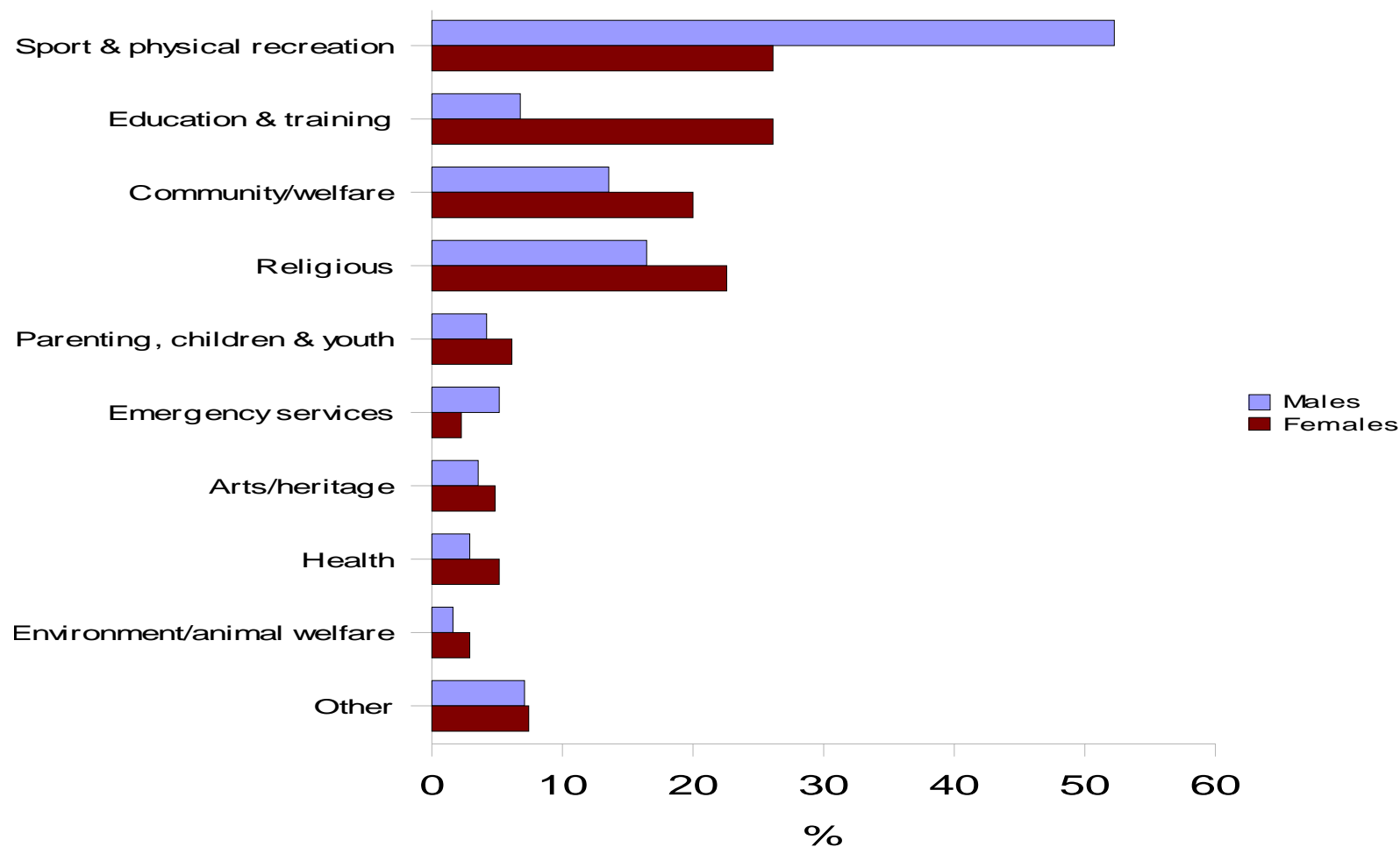
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Regular volunteering by age, 2006



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Regular volunteers by type of organisation, 2006



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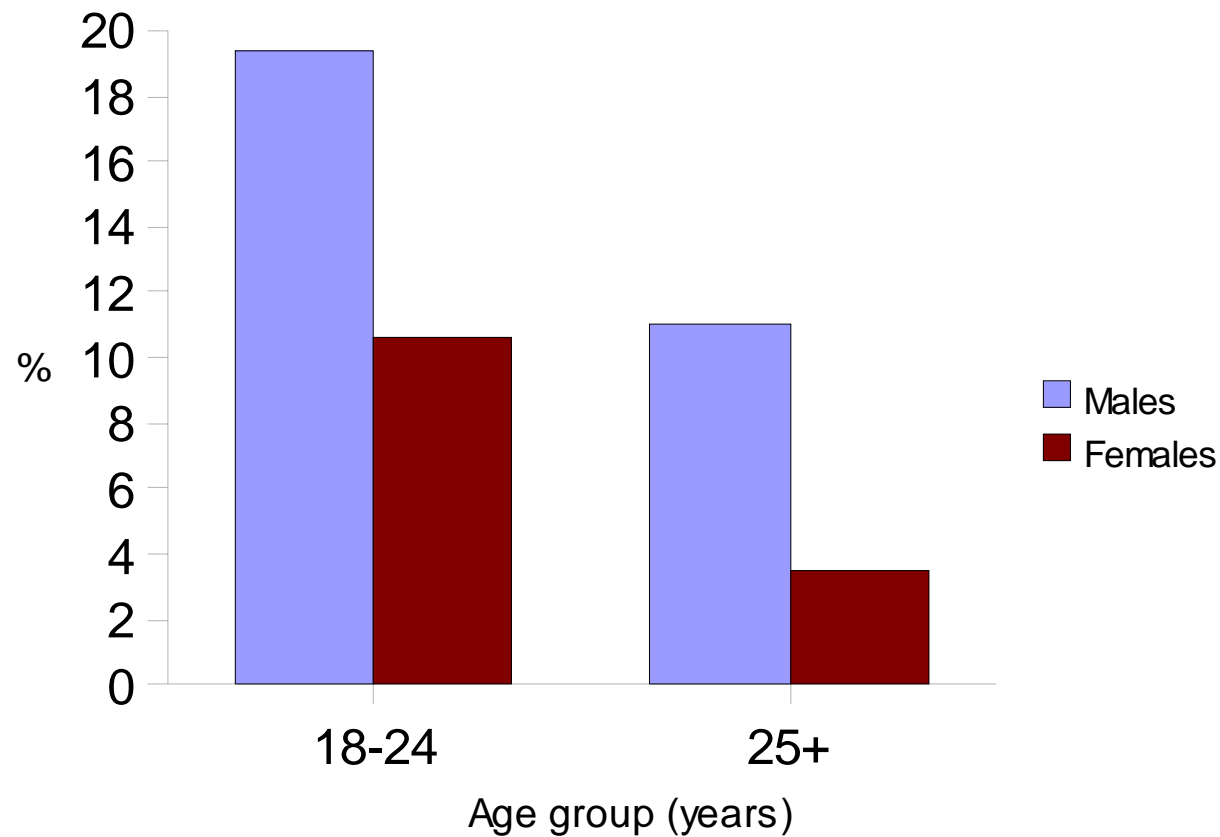
Health

- Risk taking by young people
 - ...alcohol, drugs & dangerous driving
 - ...hospitalisation & death
- Complementary therapies
 - ...have become more common
 - ...who are they & who is seeing them?



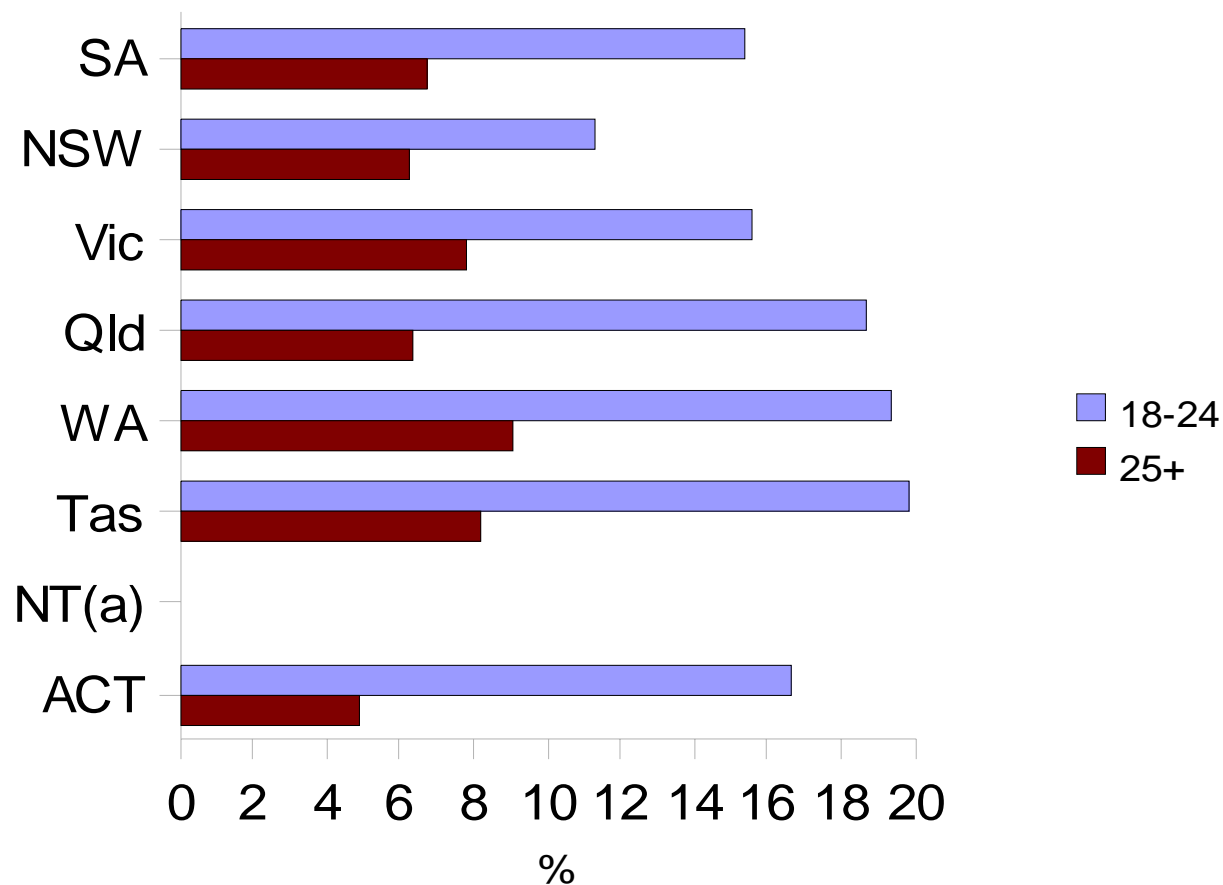
Risk taking by young people

Short term risky drinking at least once a week 2004–05



Source: ABS 2004–05 National Health Survey

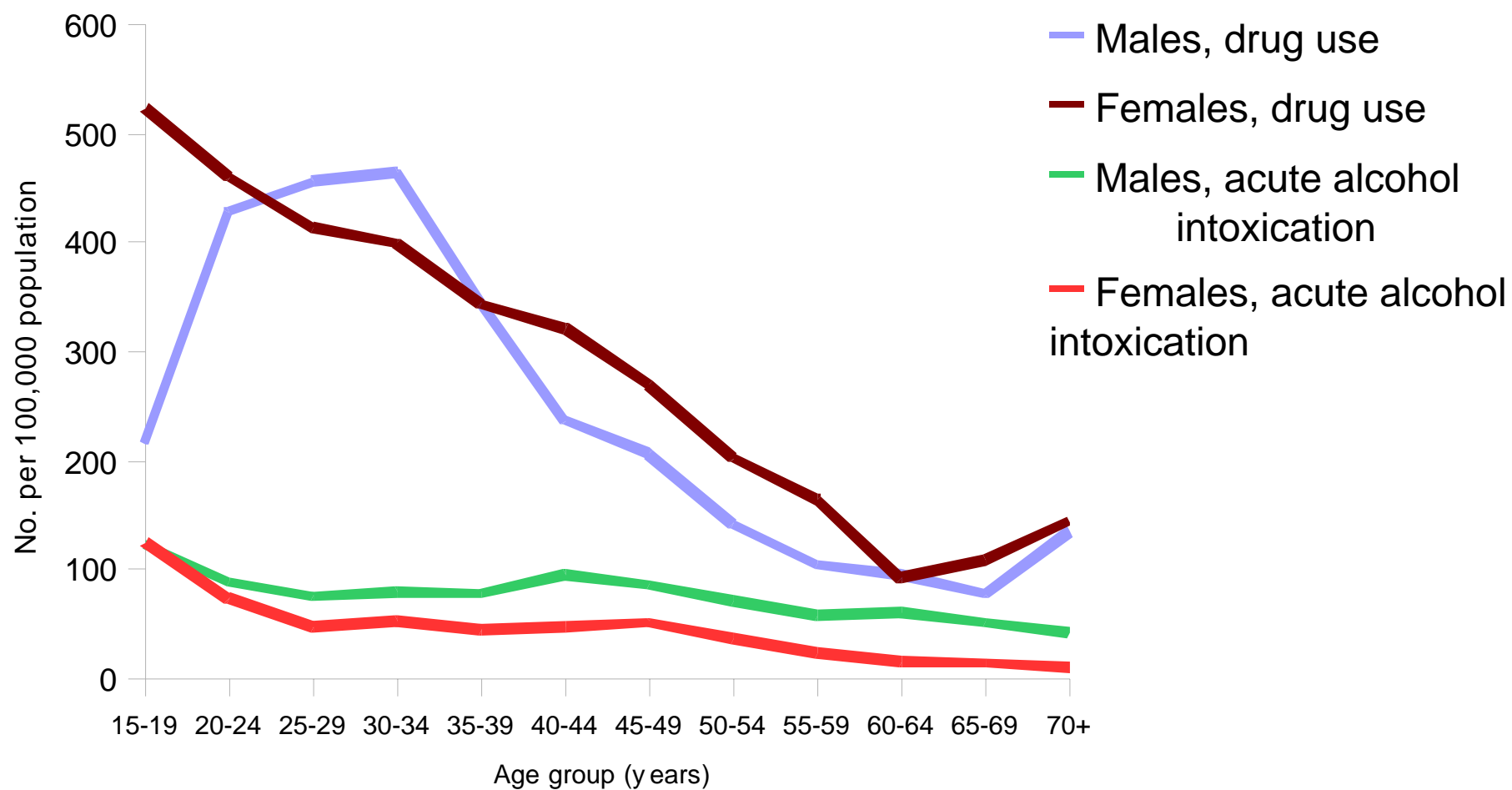
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(a) Data are not available for the Northern Territory

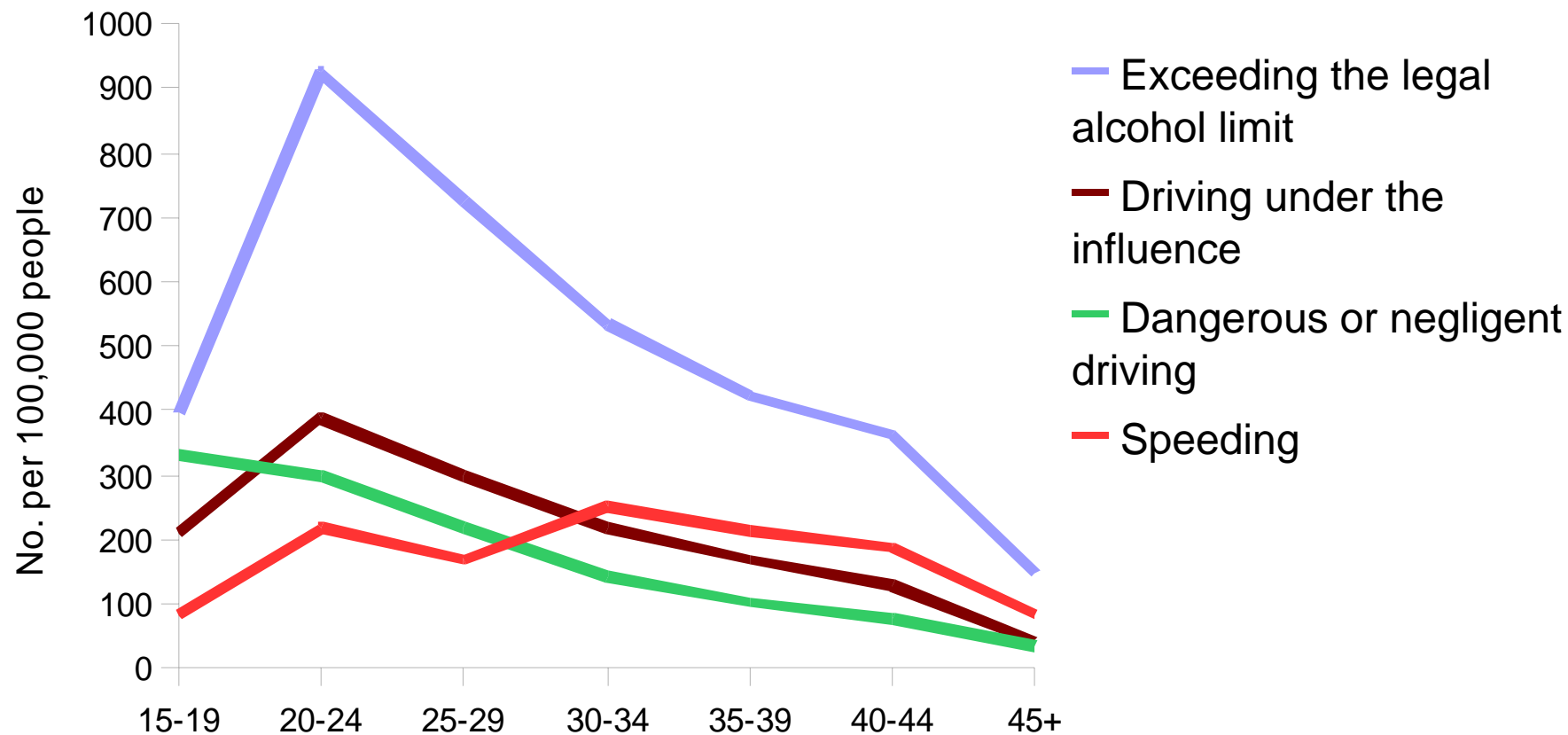
Source: ABS 2004–05 National Health Survey

Alcohol and drug-related hospitalisations 2005–06



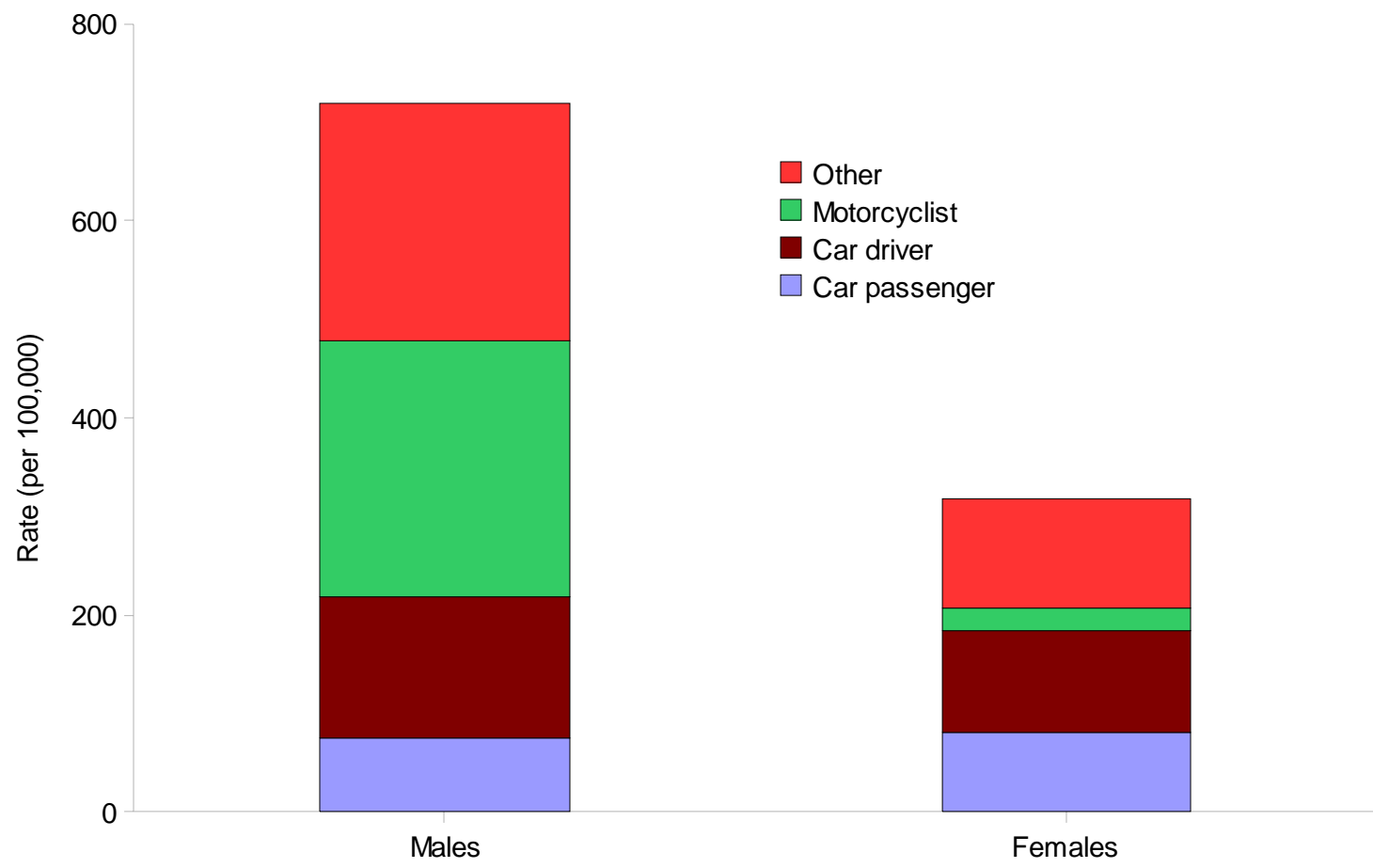
Source: AIHW Hospital Morbidity Database

Dangerous driving related offences 2006–07



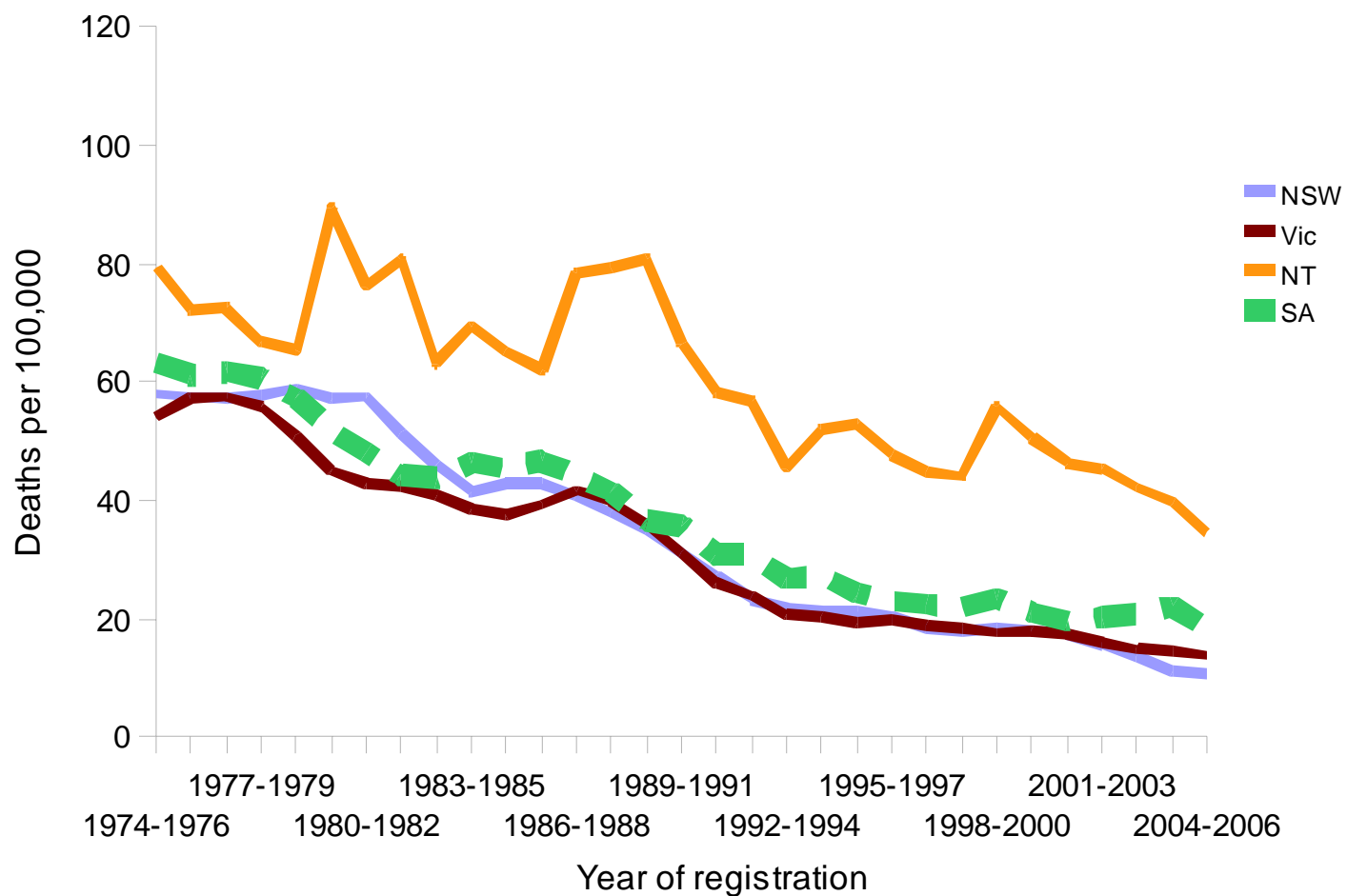
Source: ABS Criminal Courts Collection

Transport accident hospitalisations people aged 15–24 years, 2005-06



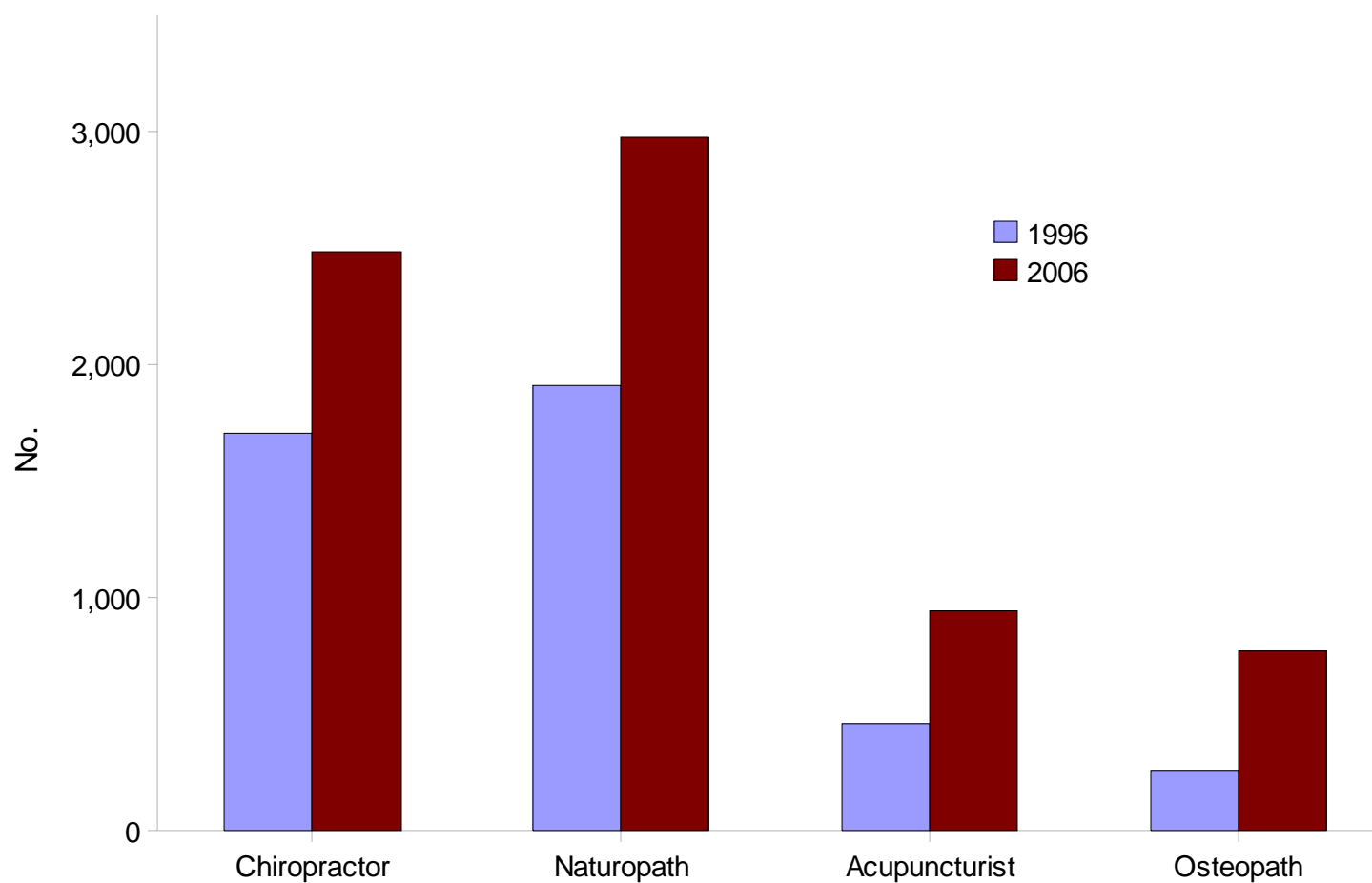
Source: AIHW Hospital Morbidity Database

Transport accident deaths (15-24 years)



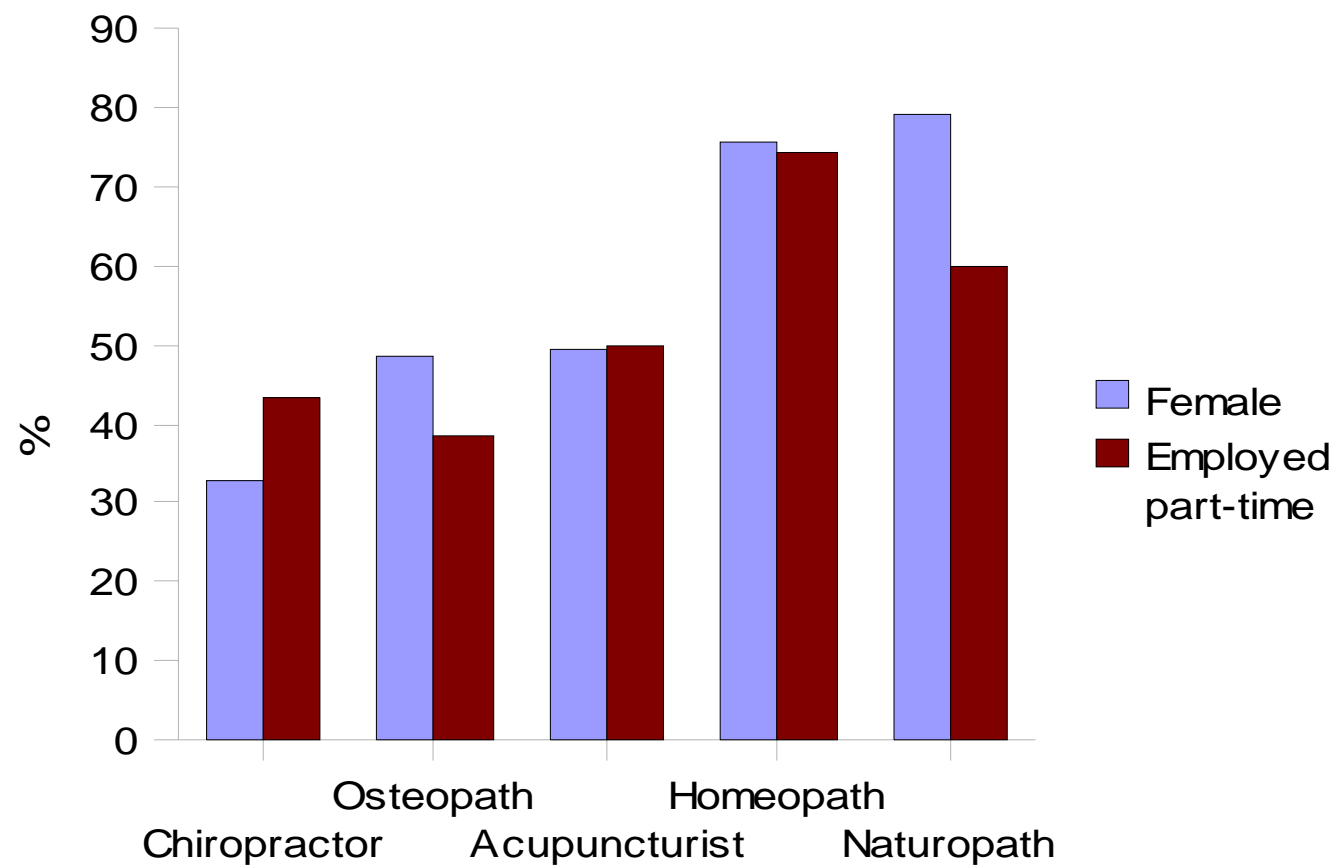
Source: ABS Causes of Death collection

Complementary therapists



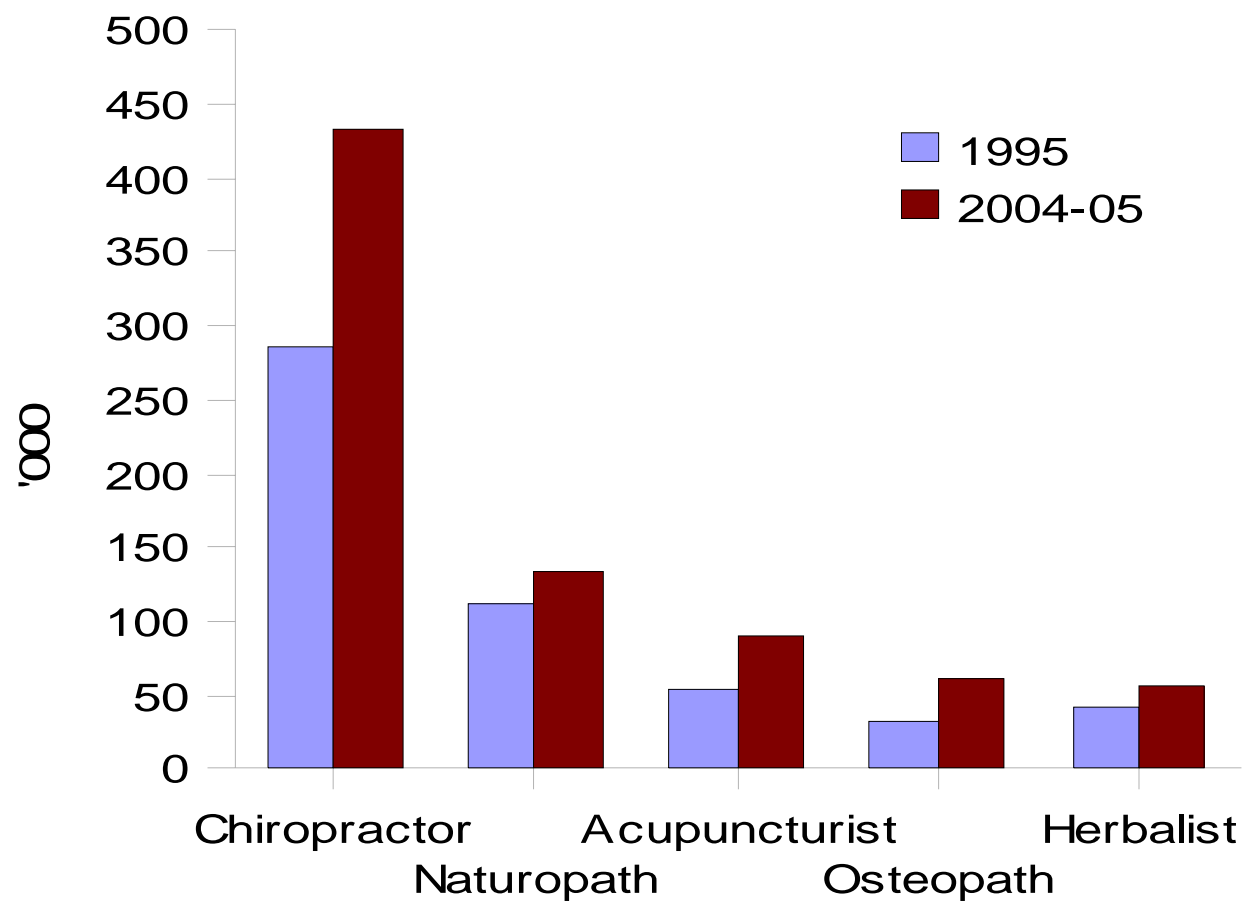
Source: 1996 & 2006 Censuses of Population and Housing

Characteristics of therapists 2006



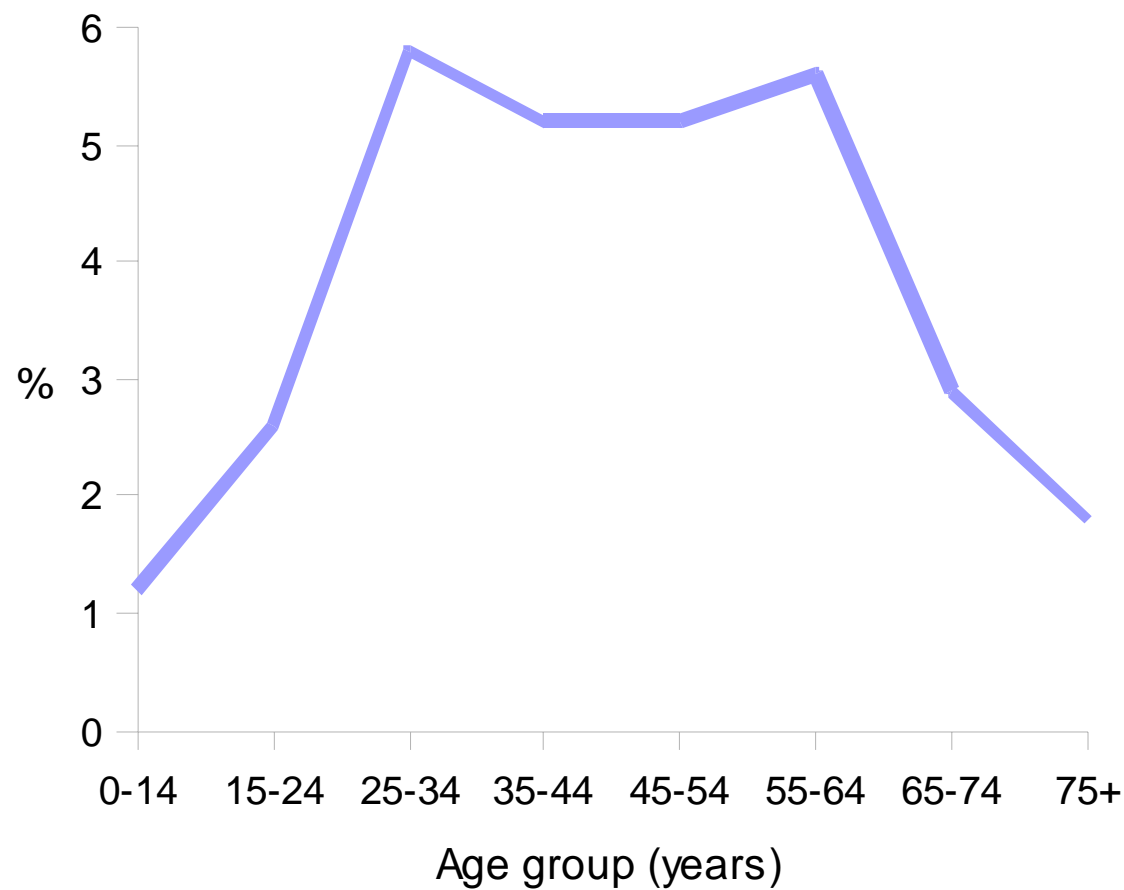
Source: ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing

Visits to therapists (last two weeks)



Source: ABS 1995 and 2004-05 National Health Surveys

Users of complementary therapists 2004–05



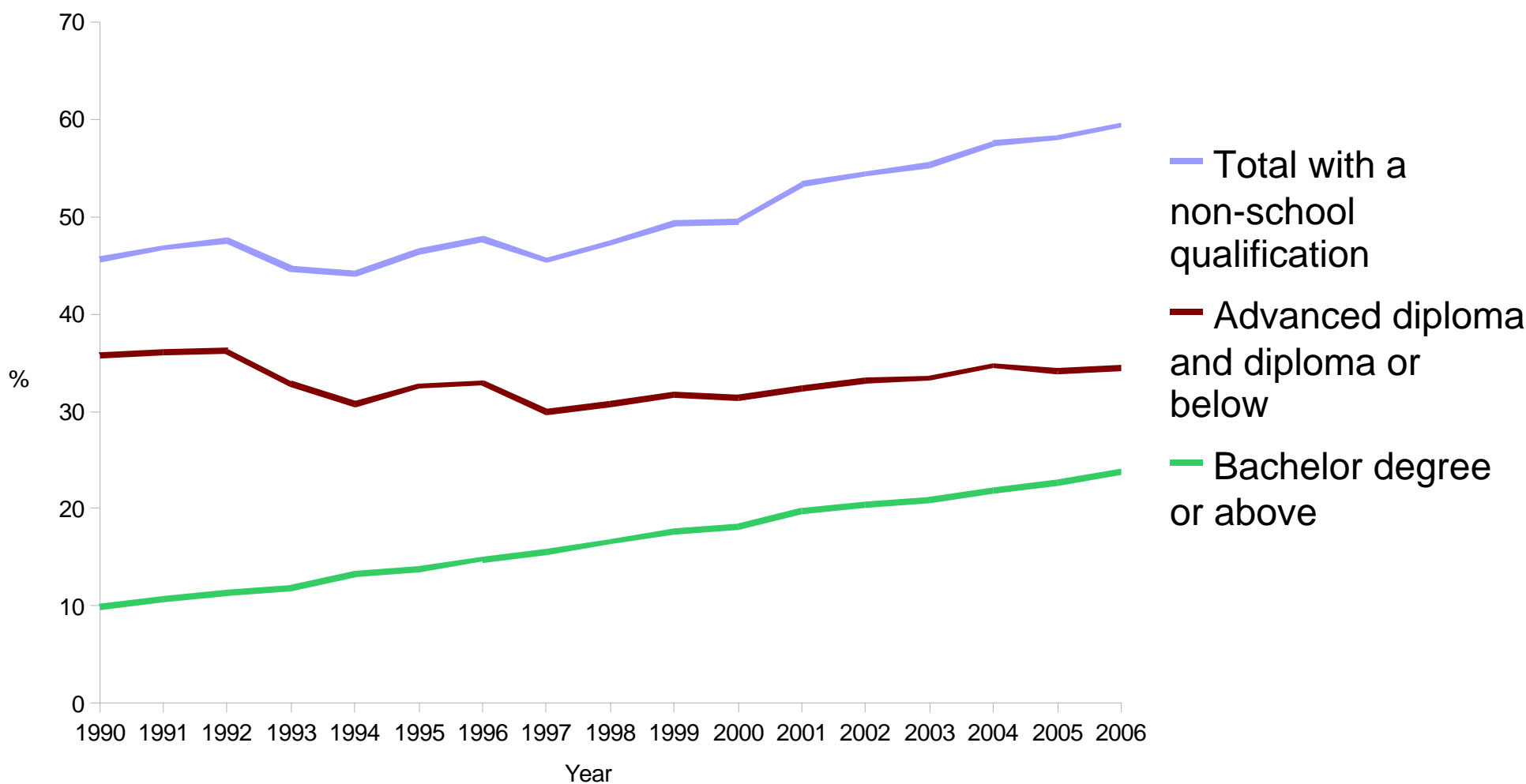
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Education

- Education across Australia
 - ...non-school qualifications
- Adult literacy
 - ...prose literacy

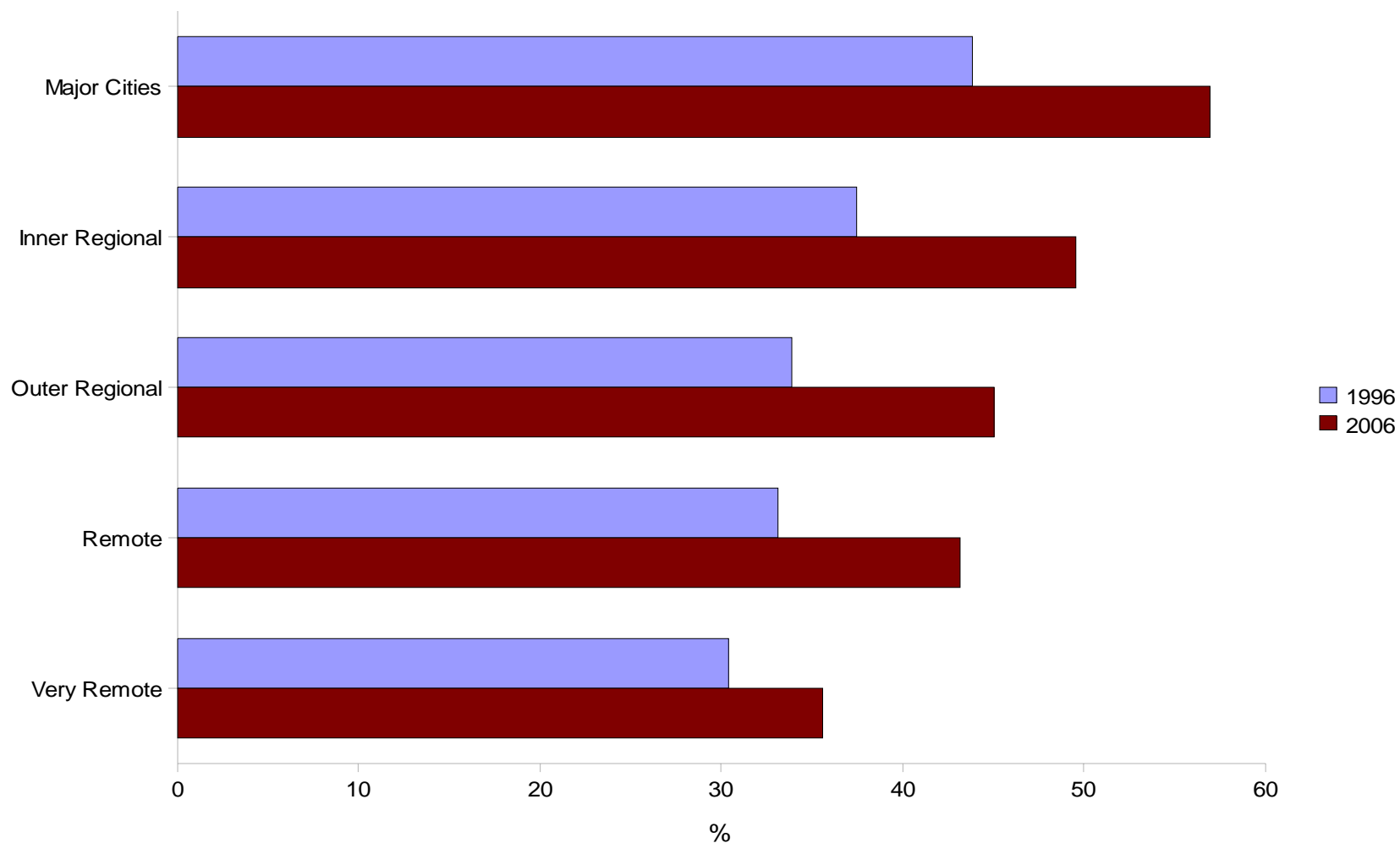


Proportion of Australians with a non-school qualification (for ages 25-64 years)



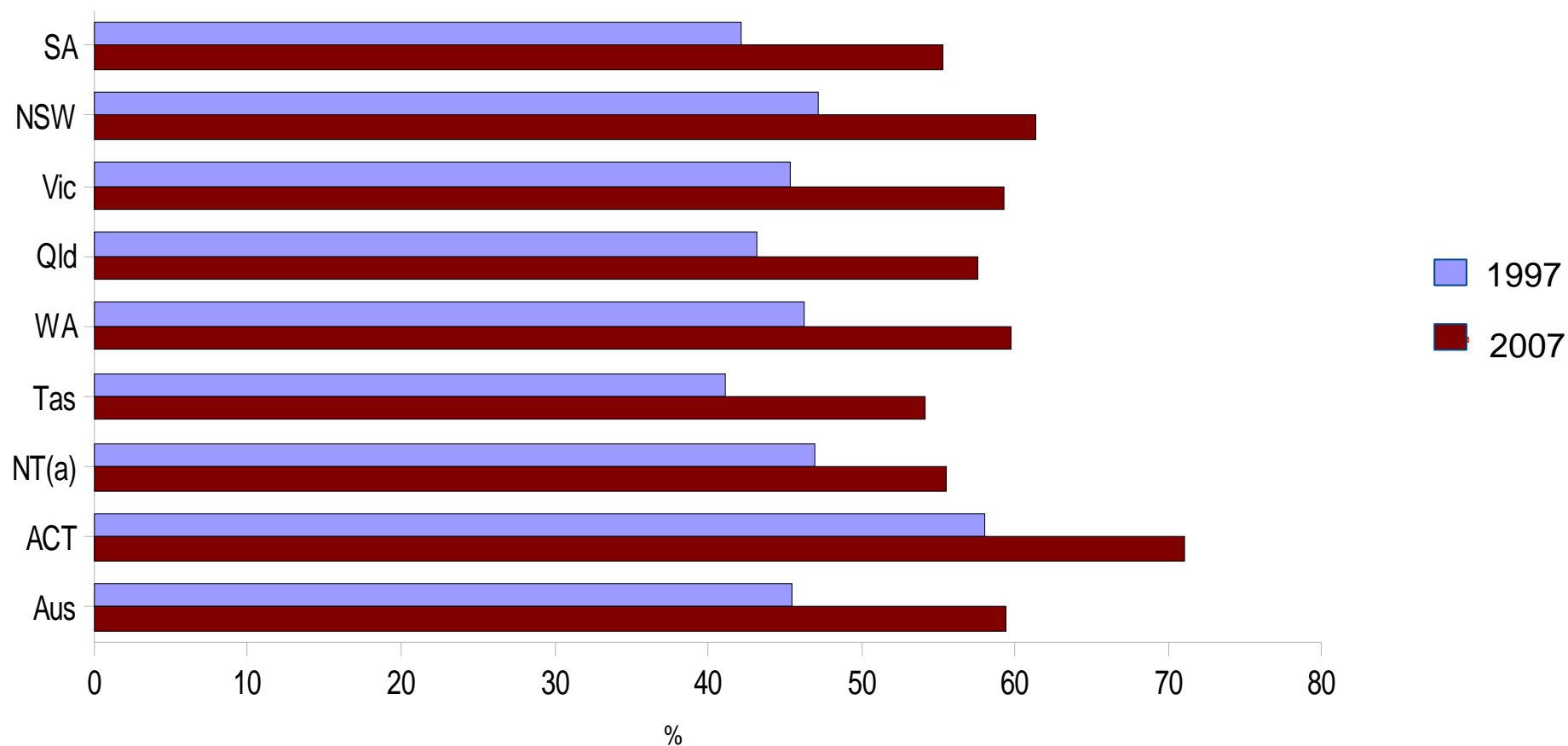
Source: ABS 1990-2006 Survey of Education and Work

Non-school qualification by area (ages 25-64)



Source: ABS 1996 and 2006 Censuses of Population and Housing

People aged 25–64 years with non-school qualifications: states and territories

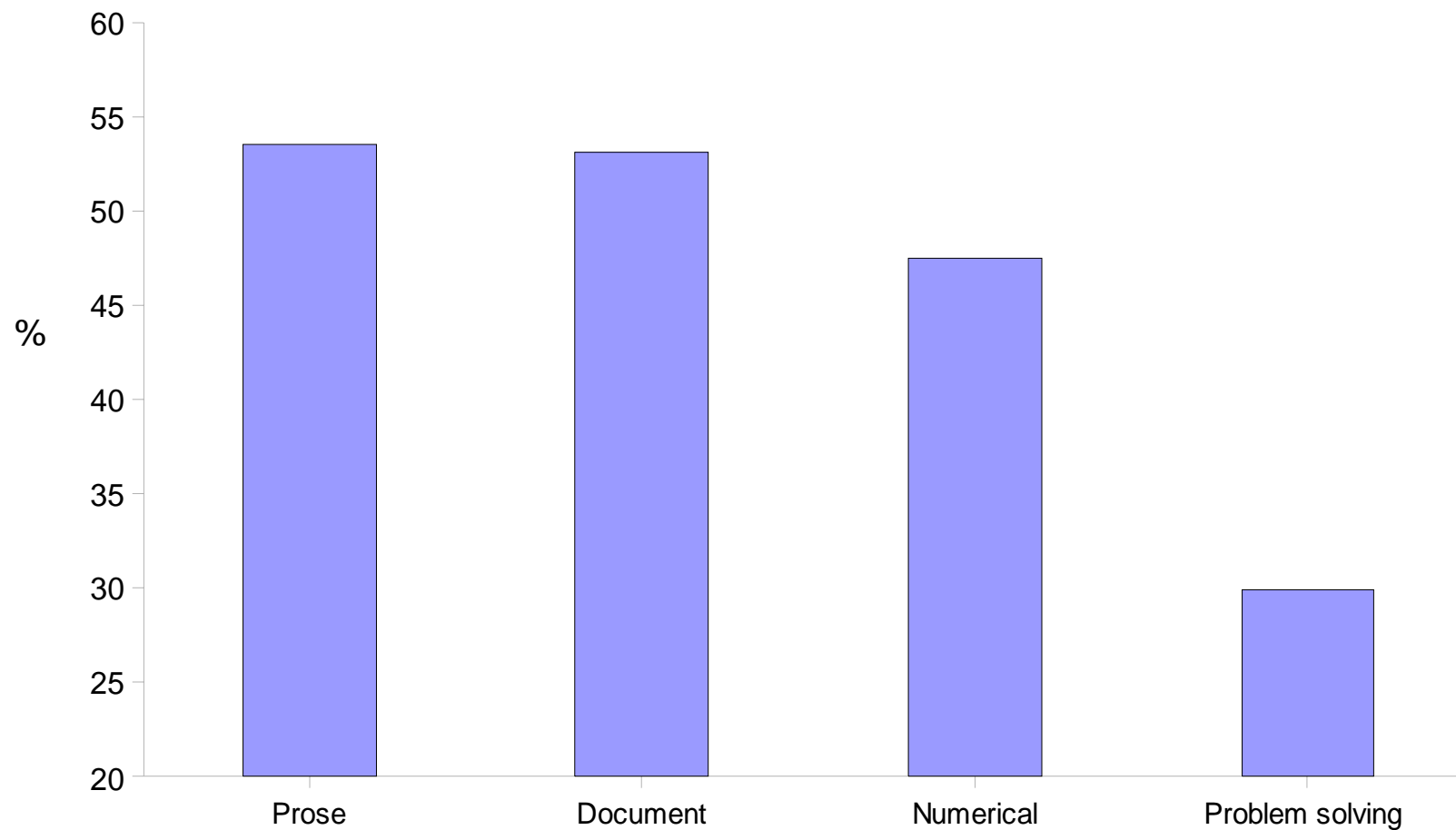


(a) Refers to mainly urban areas only

Source: ABS Survey of Education and Work

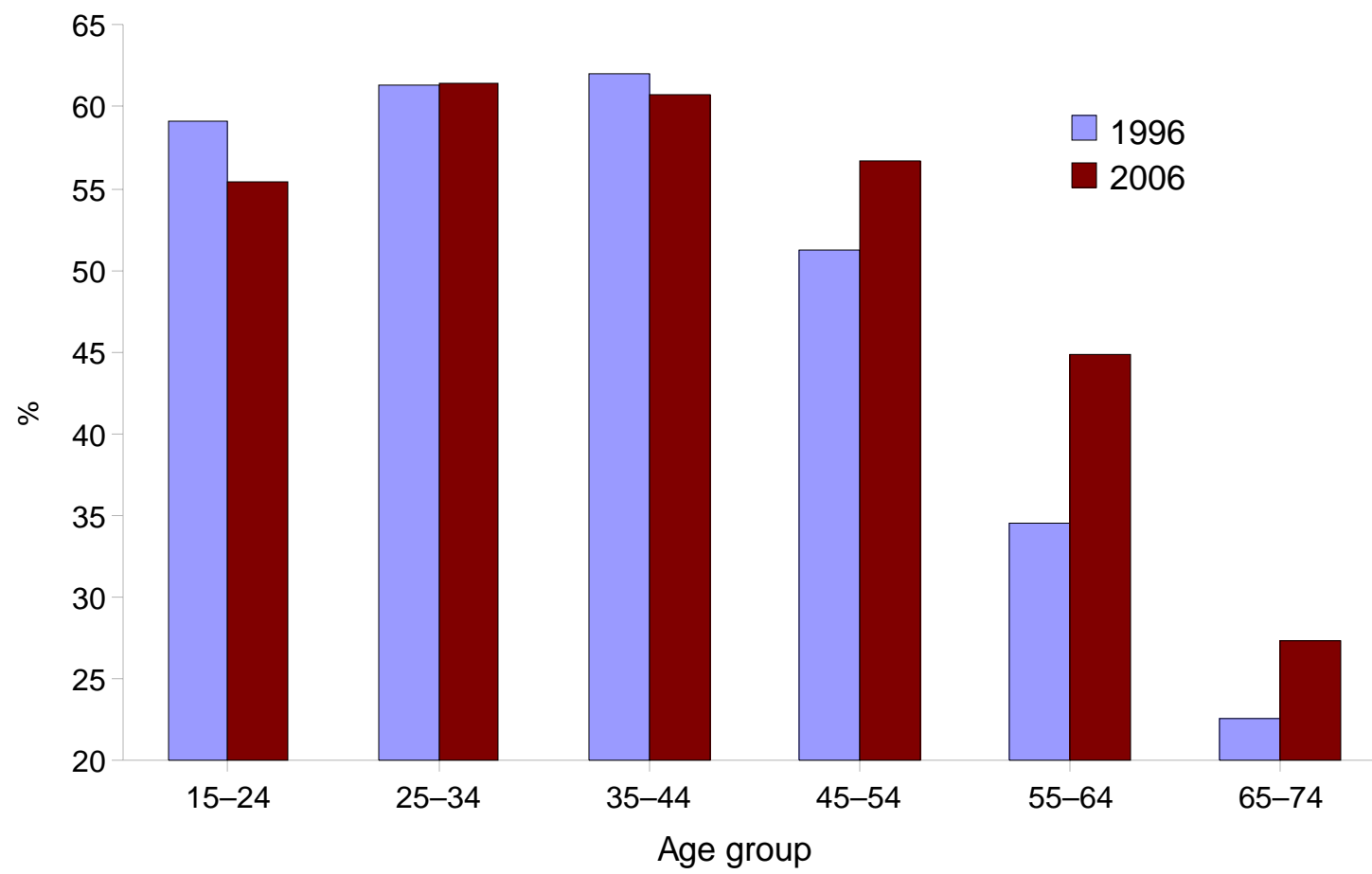
Adult literacy 2006

Adequate literacy level, 15-74 years



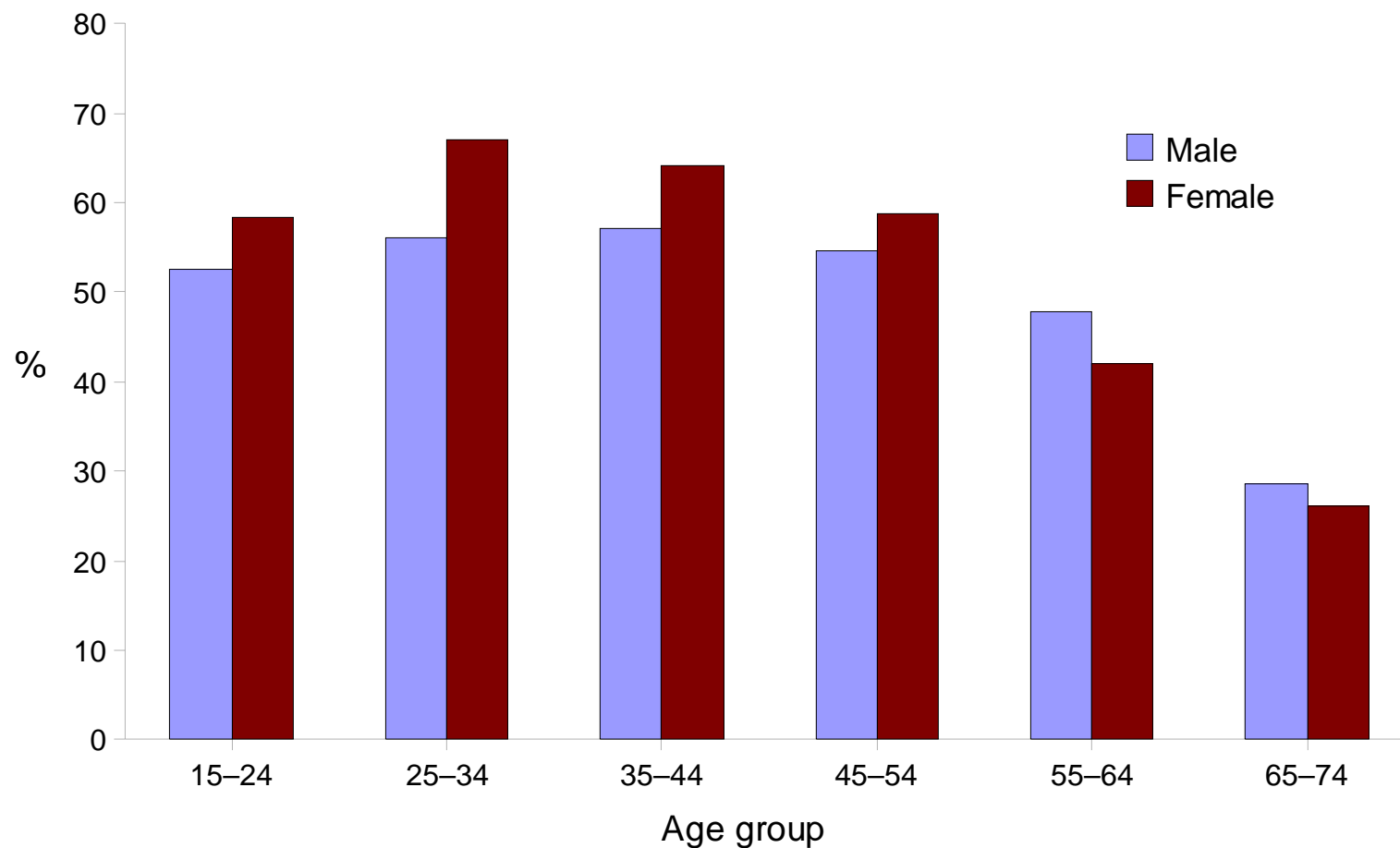
Source: 2006 Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey (ALLS)

Adults with adequate or better prose literacy, 1996 and 2006



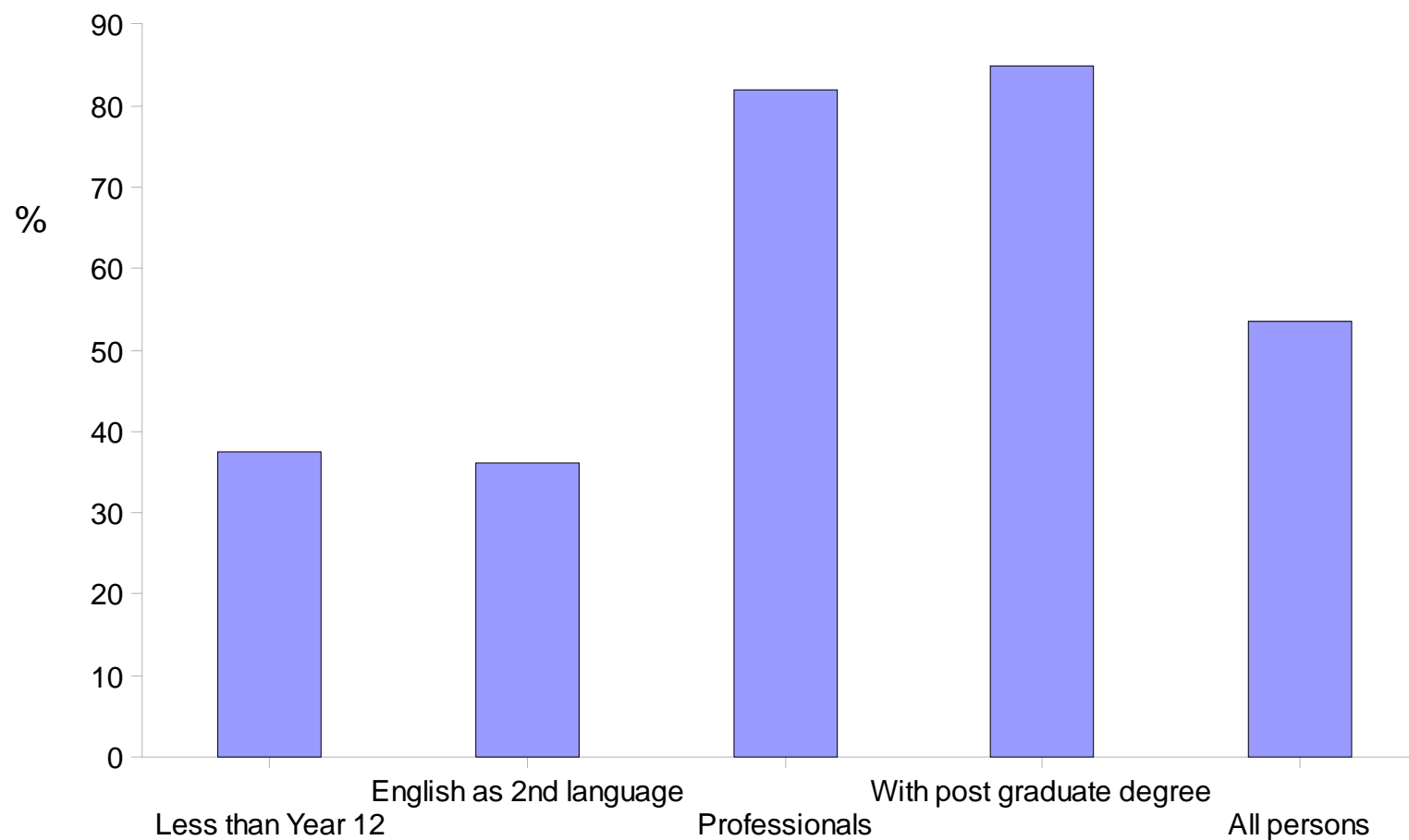
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Adult prose literacy by sex, 2006



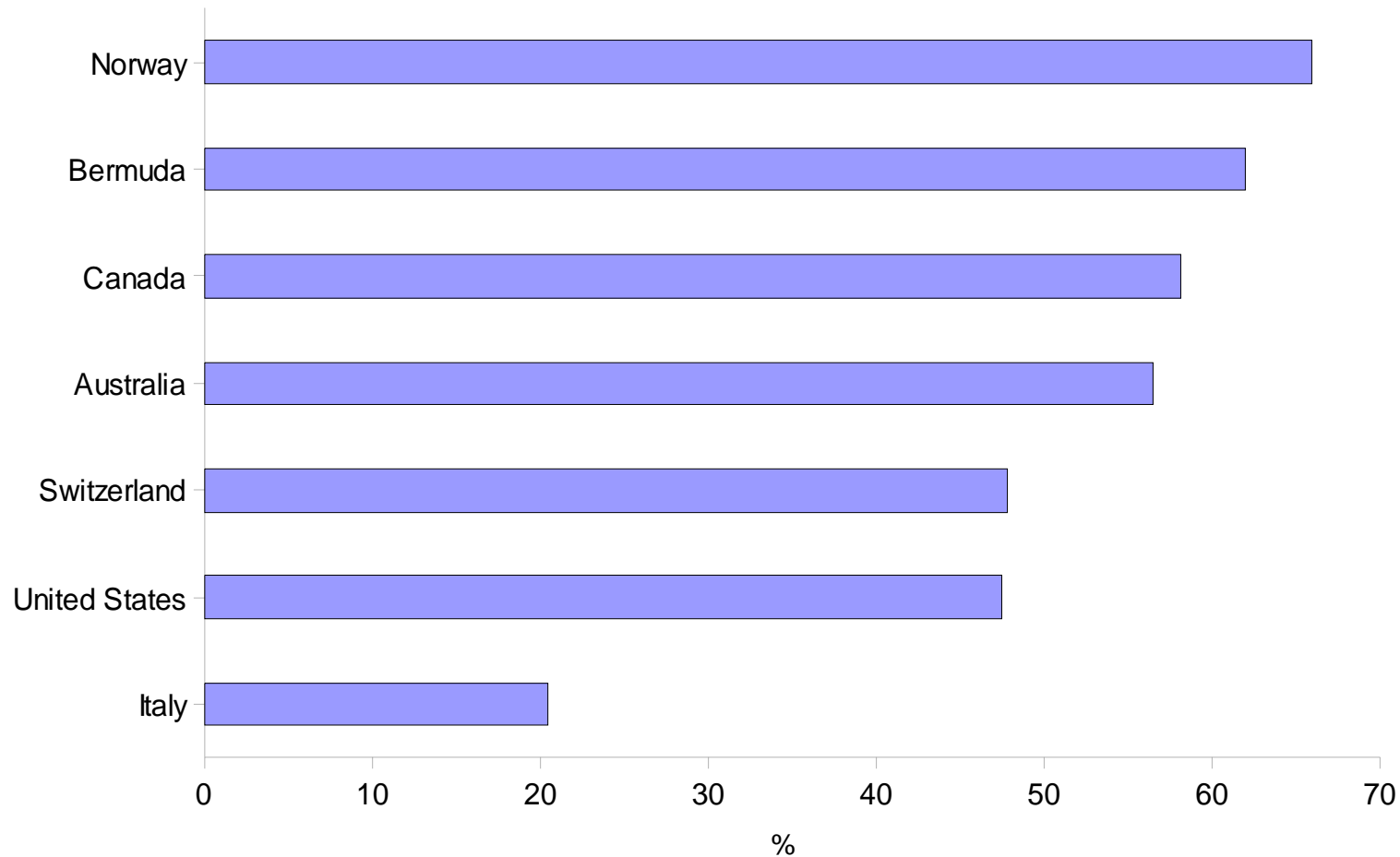
Source: 2006 Adult Literacy and Lifeskills Survey

Populations with low/high prose literacy, 2006



Source: 2006 Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey

Adequate prose literacy: international comparison, 2006



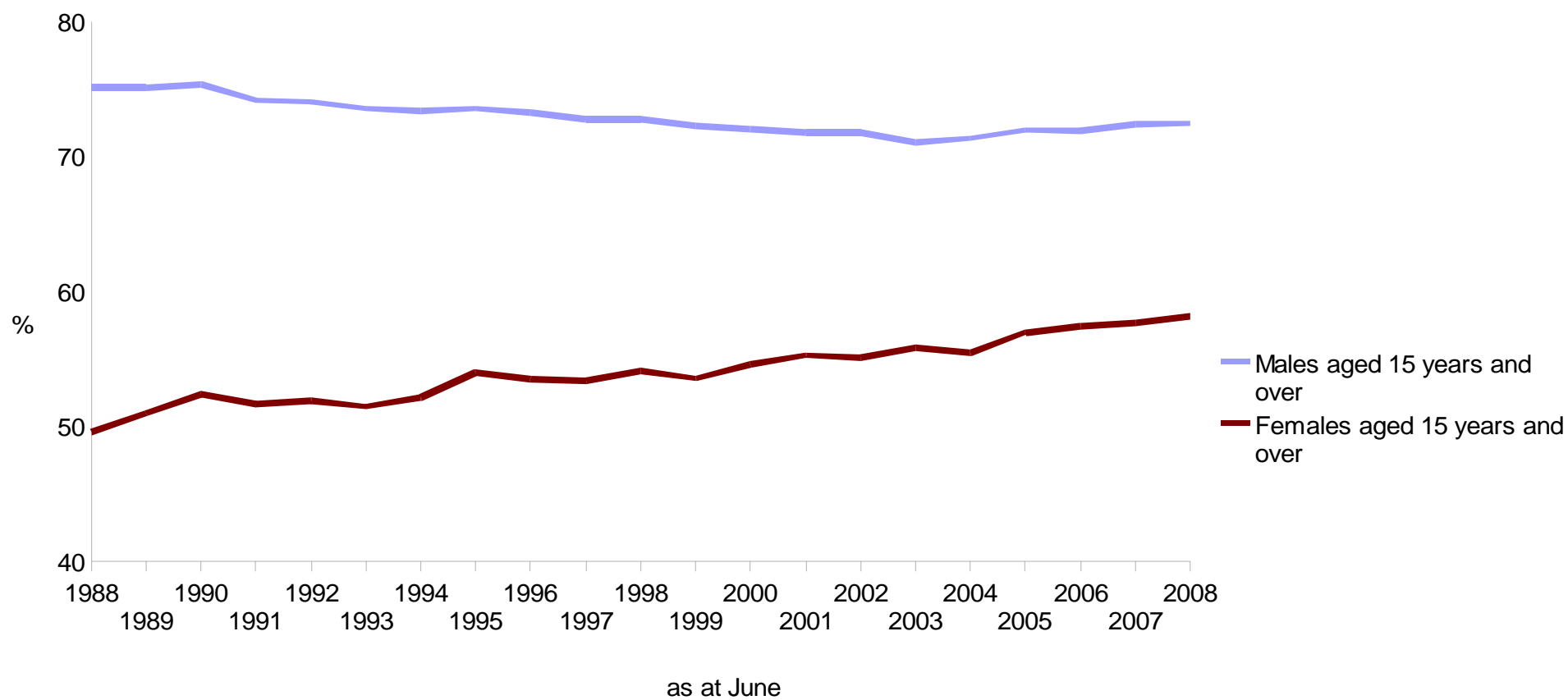
Source: *Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey, Summary Results*

Work

- Labour force participation across Australia
 - ...sex and age
 - ...part-time and full-time employment
- Trade union members
 - ...sex and age
 - ...industry type

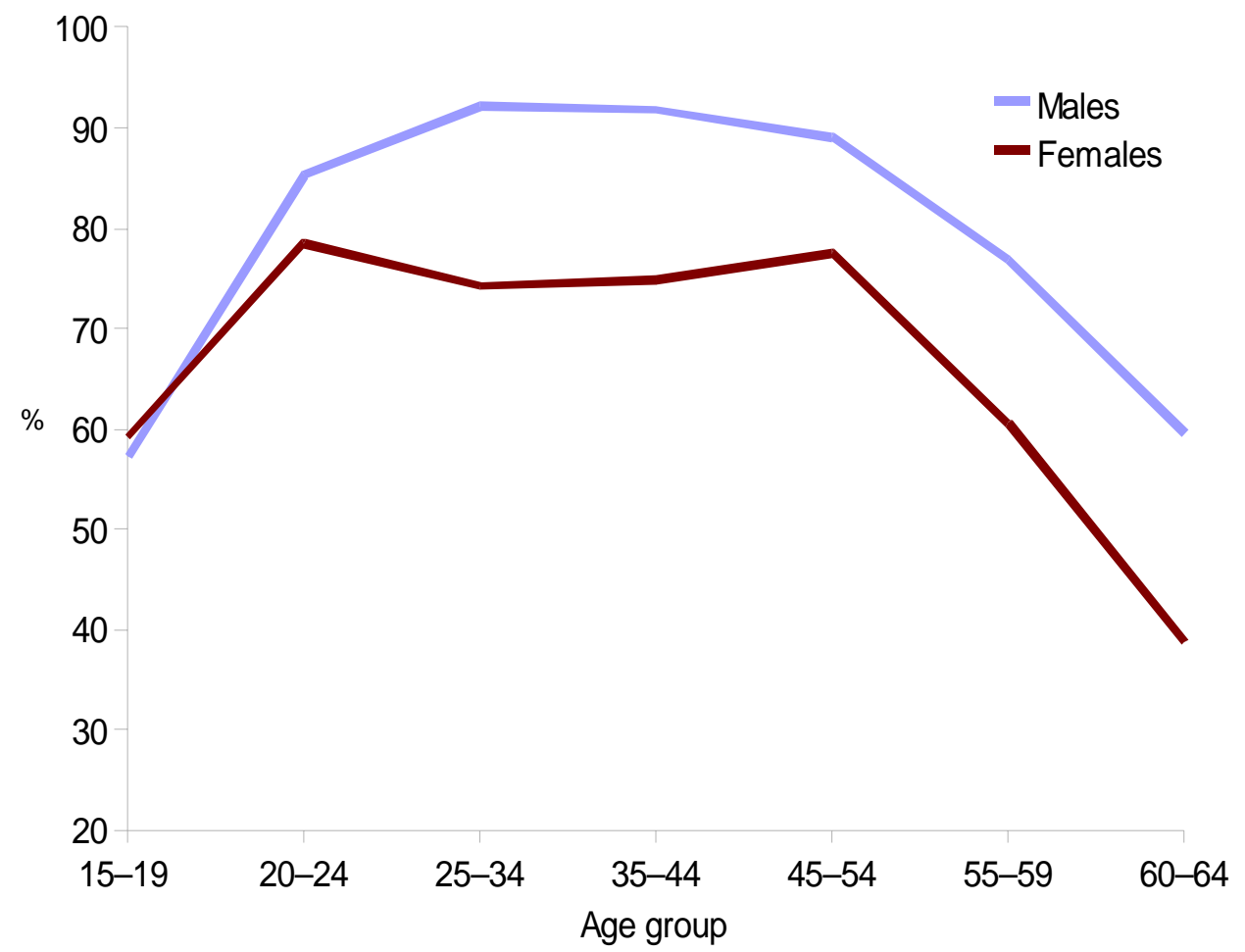


Labour force participation rate by sex



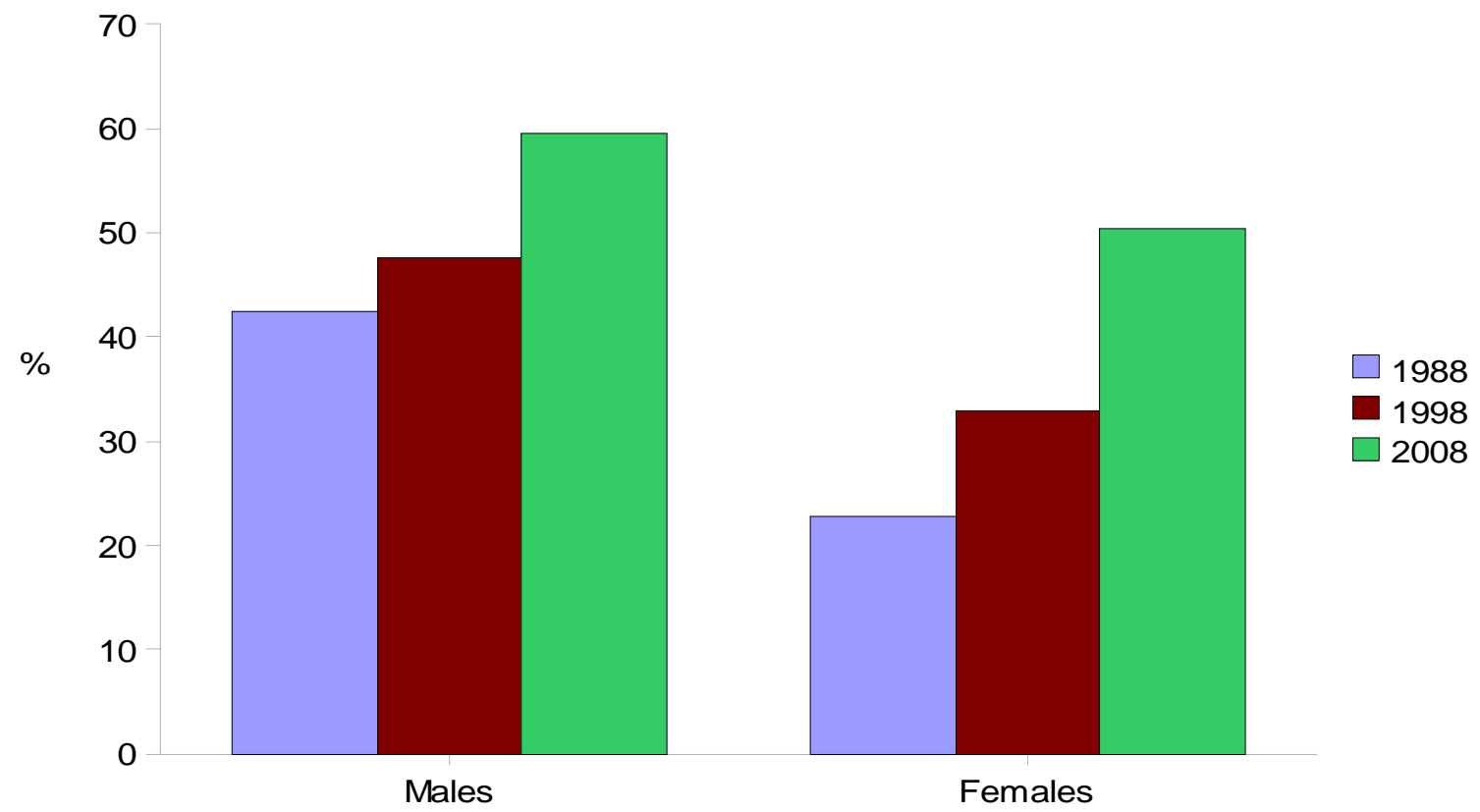
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey

Labour force participation rate by age and sex, June 2008



As at June.
Source: ABS Labour Force Survey

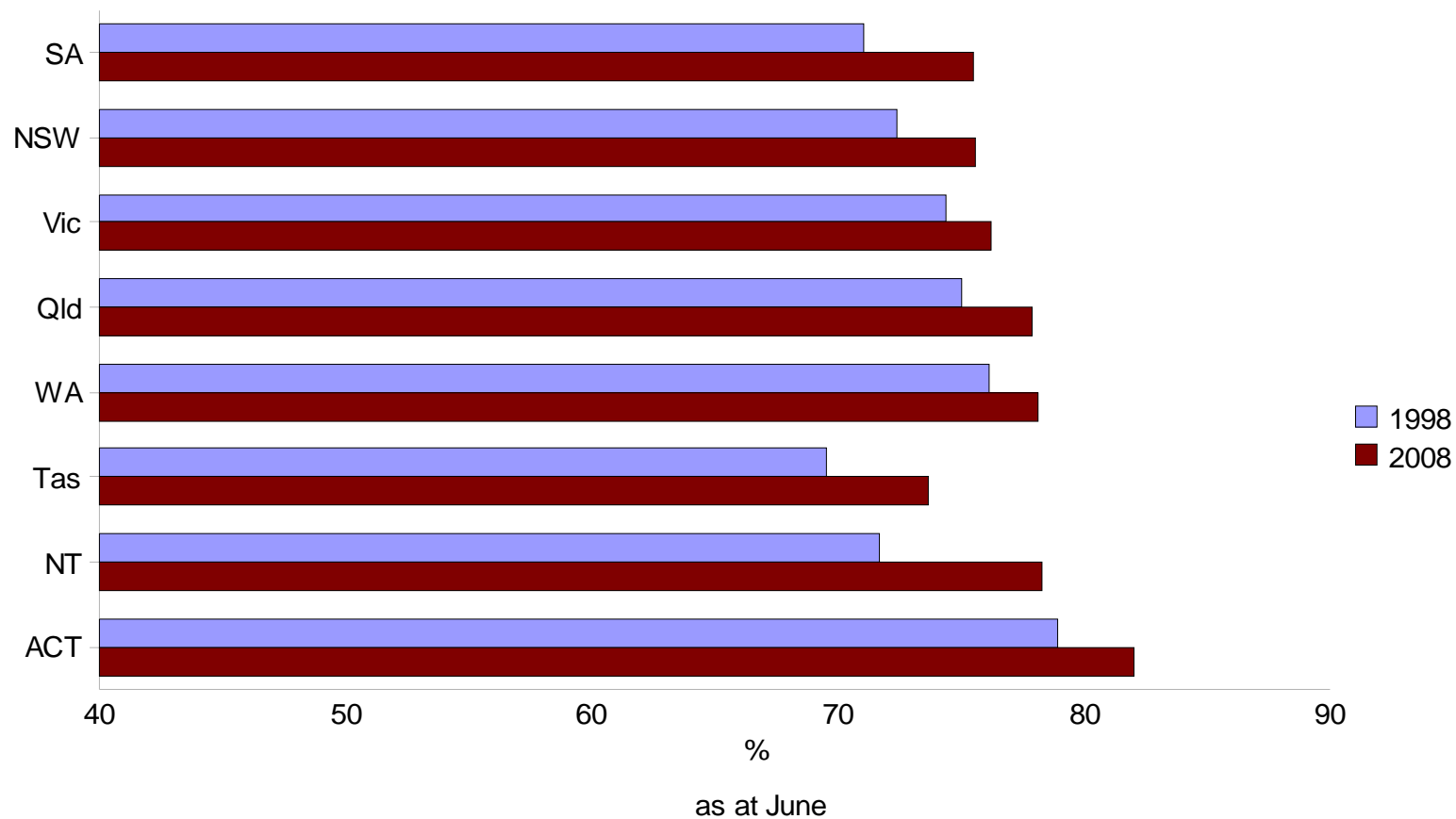
Labour force participation of people aged 55–64 years



As at June.

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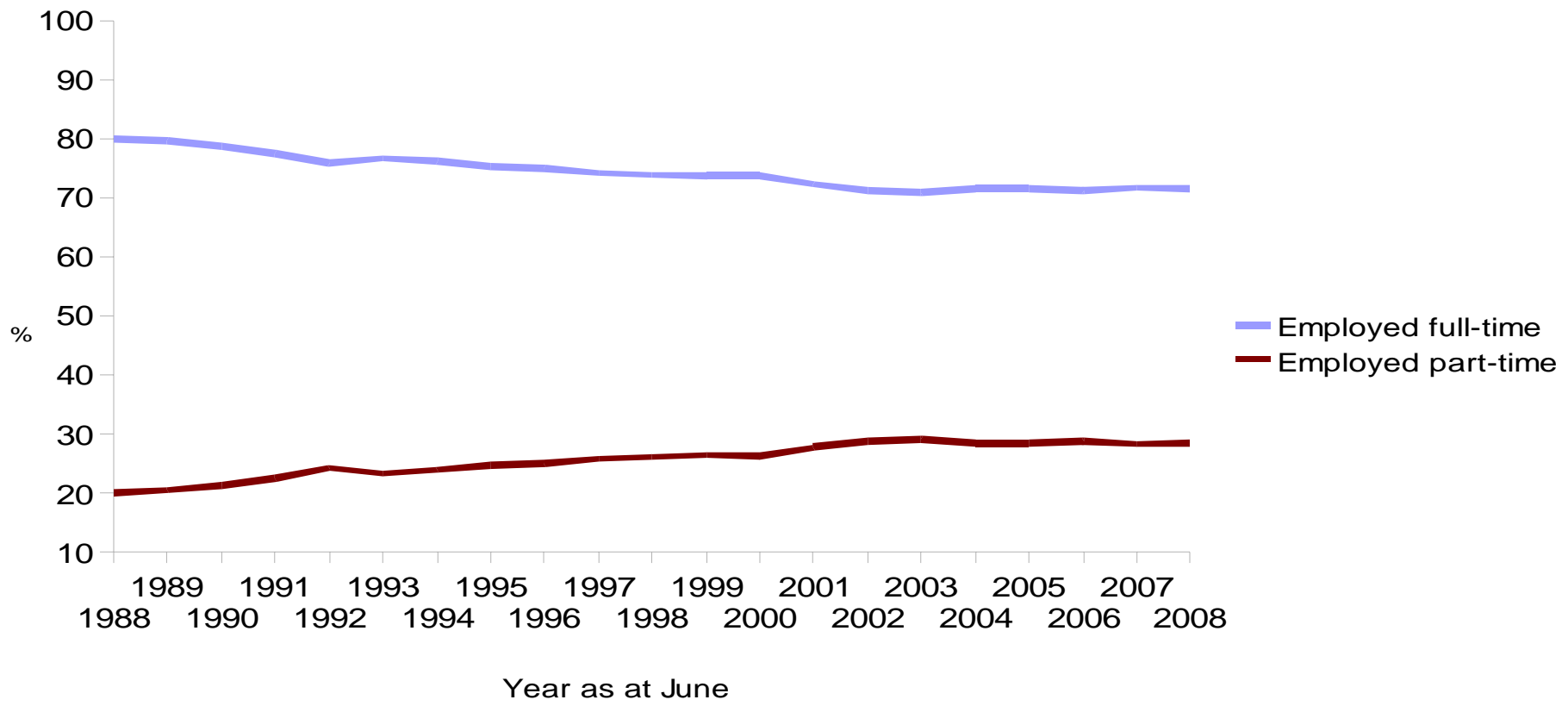
Labour force participation rate: States and Territories, people aged 15-64 years



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey

Employment trends for people aged 15–64 years

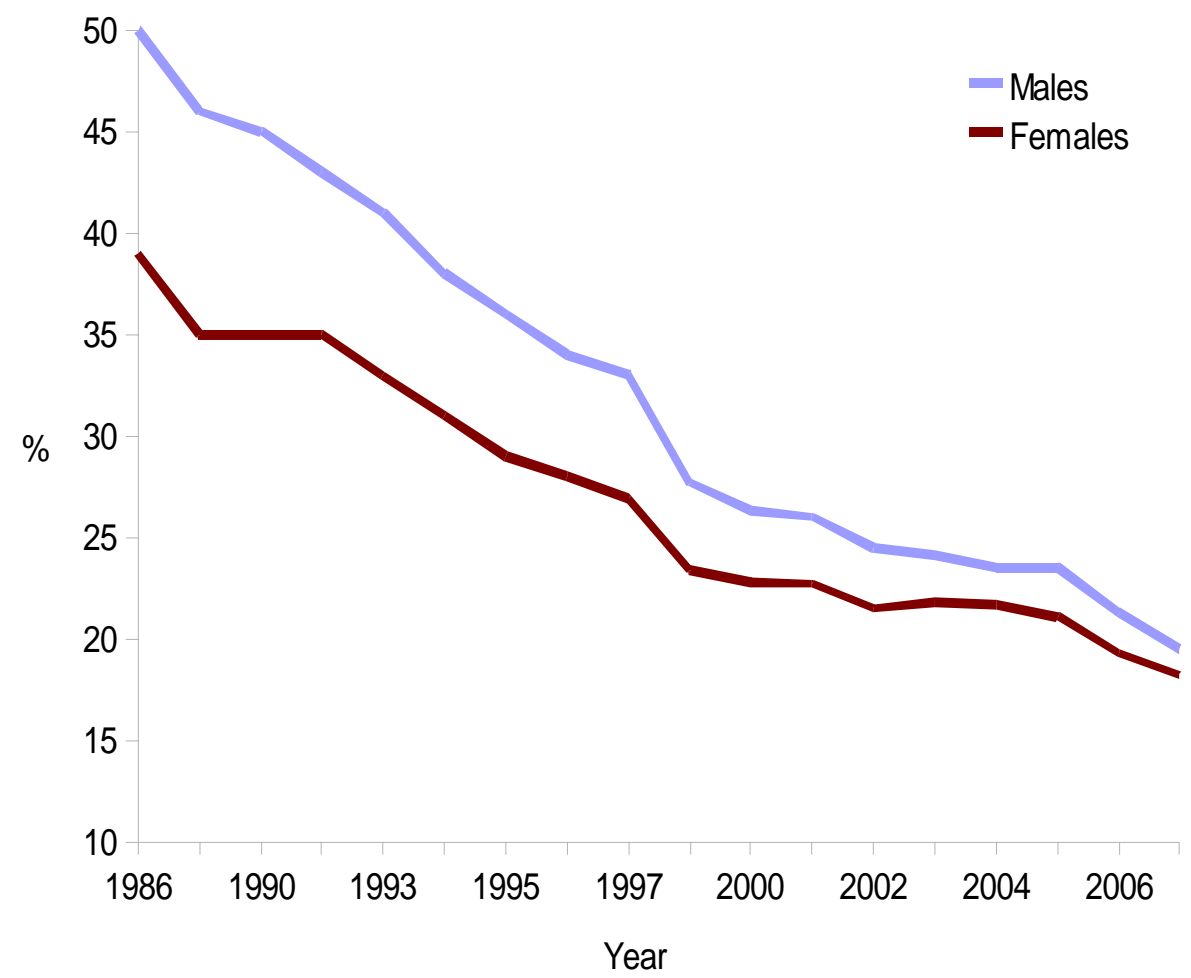
..as a proportion of total employment



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Trade union membership

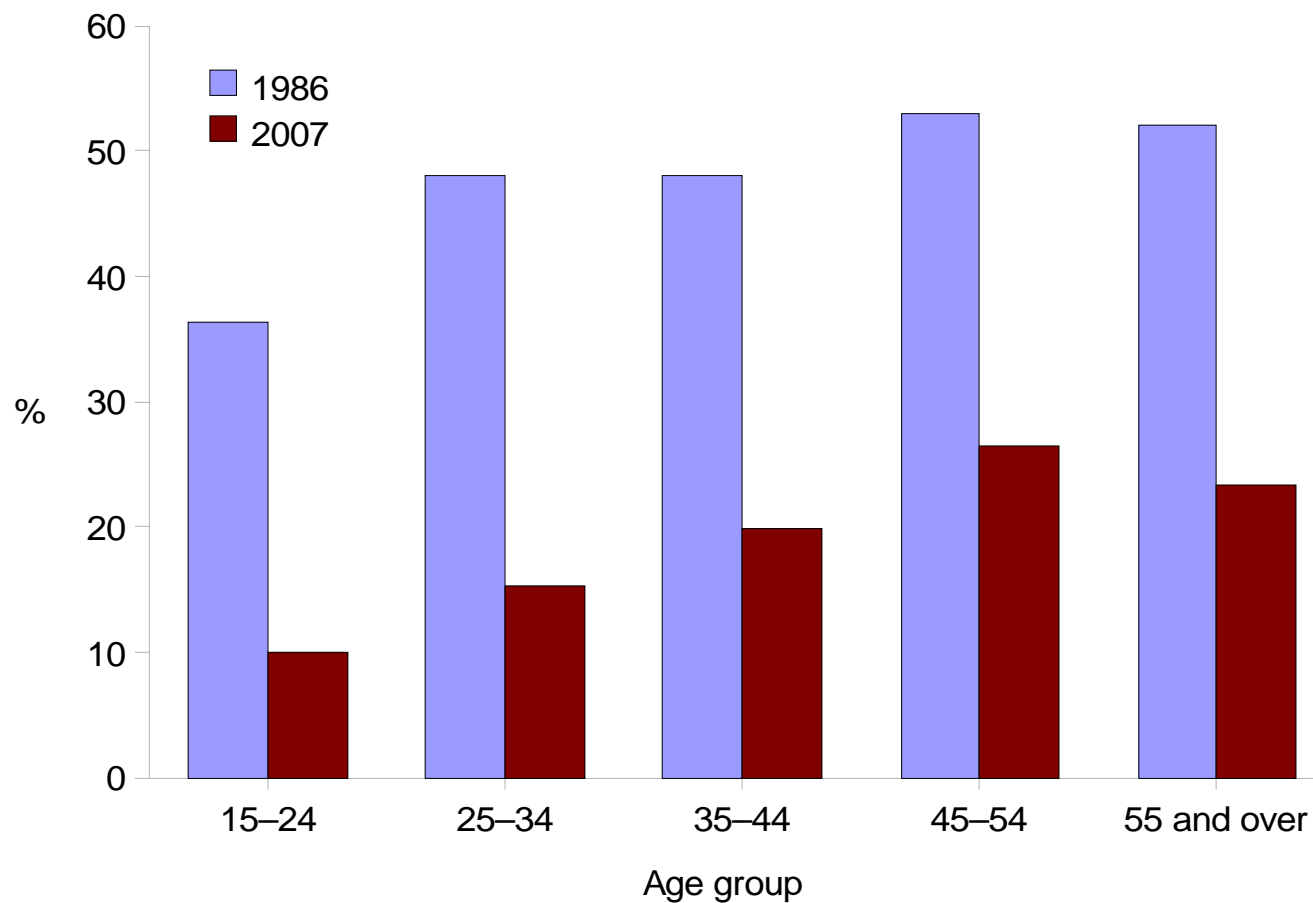
Unionisation rates by sex



Source: *Trade Union Members, Australia, August 1986, Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia, August 2007*

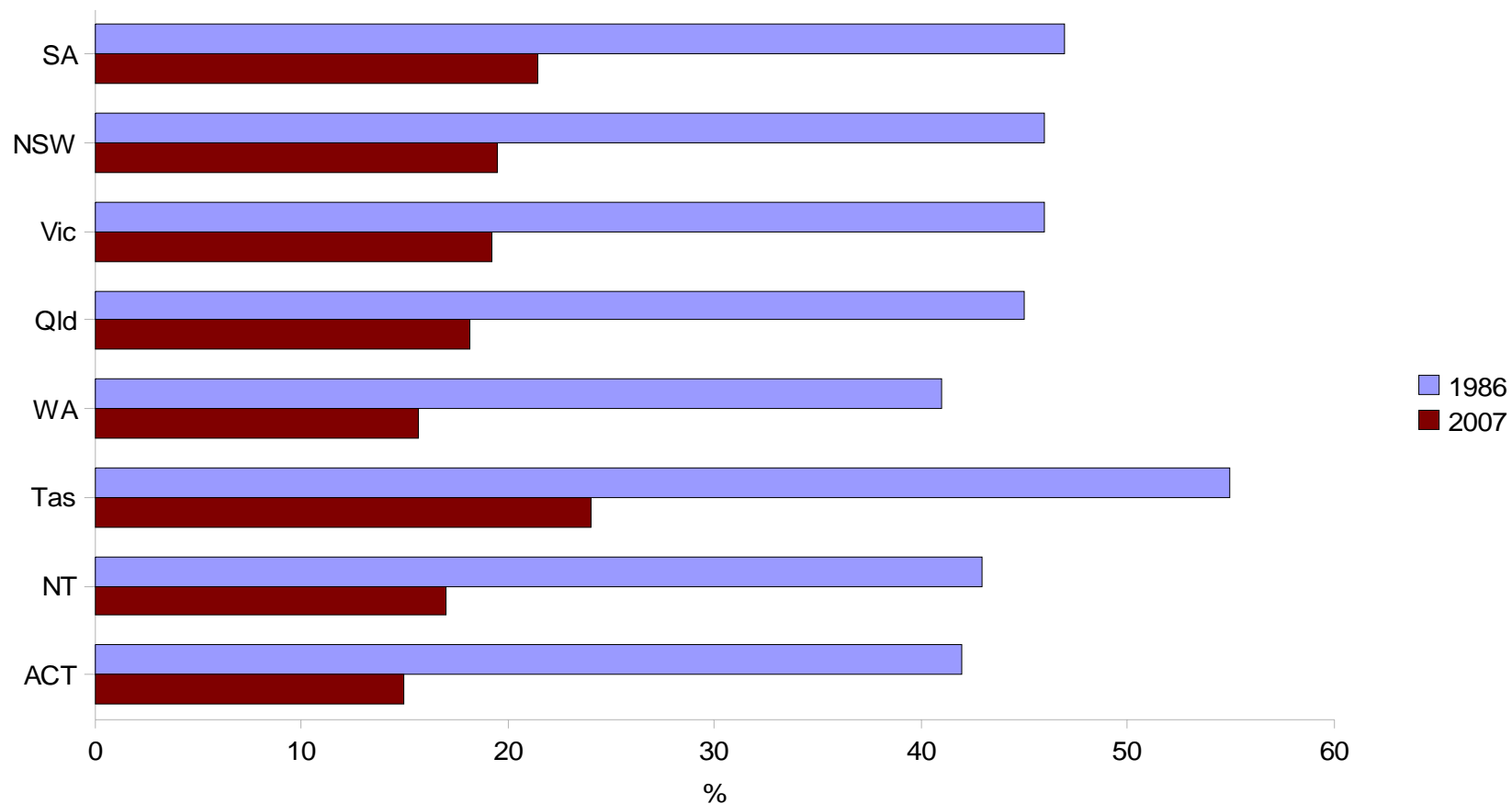
Trade union membership

Unionisation rates by age



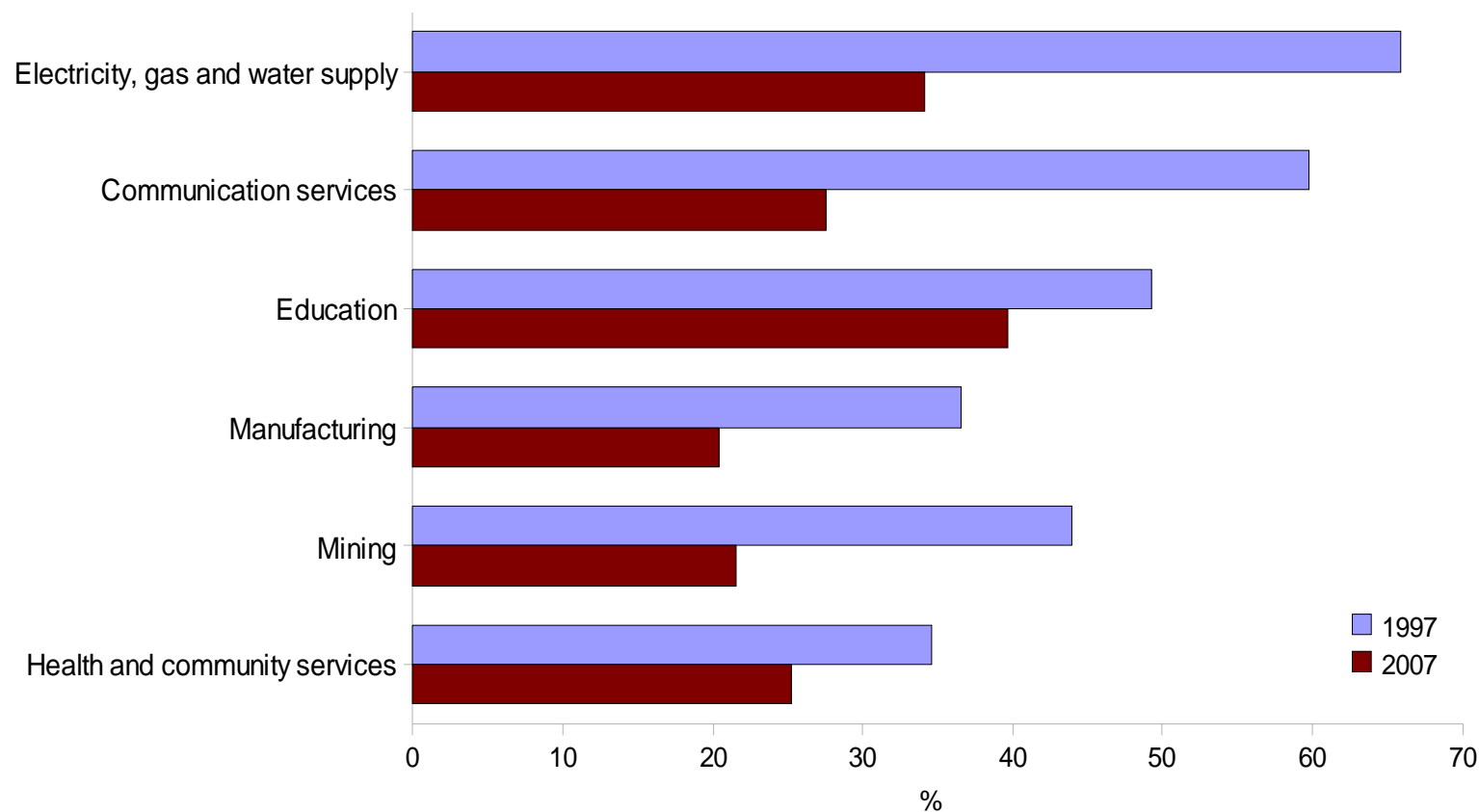
Source: 1986 Survey of Trade Union Members and 2007 Survey of Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership

Unionisation rates: states and territories



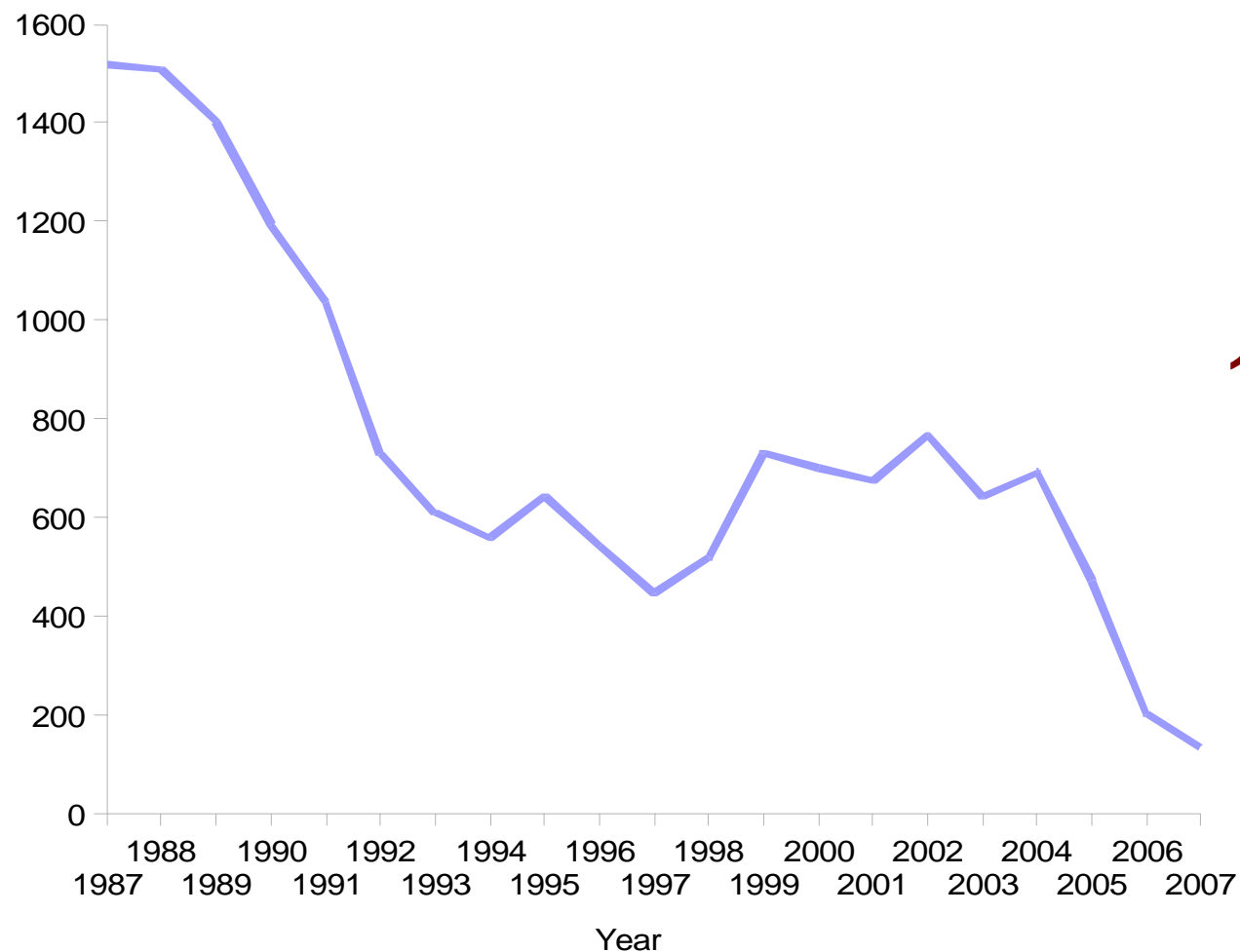
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Unionisation rates by selected industry 1997 to 2007



Source: 1997 Survey of Weekly Earnings of Employees and 2007 Survey of Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership

The number of industrial disputes has also declined



...from
1,519 in 1987 to
135 in 2007

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia, Dec 2007*

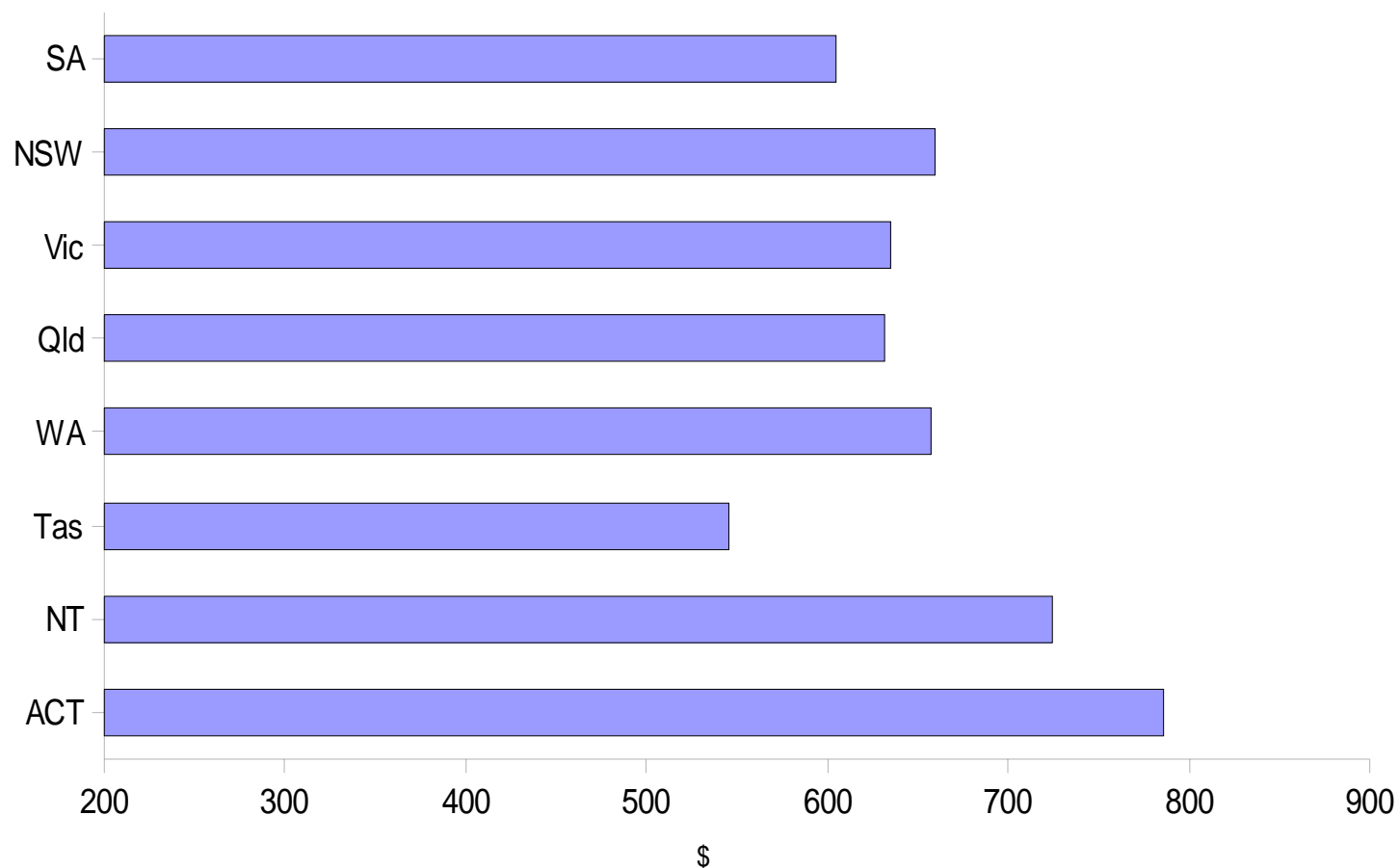
Economic resources

- Women's incomes
...change over time



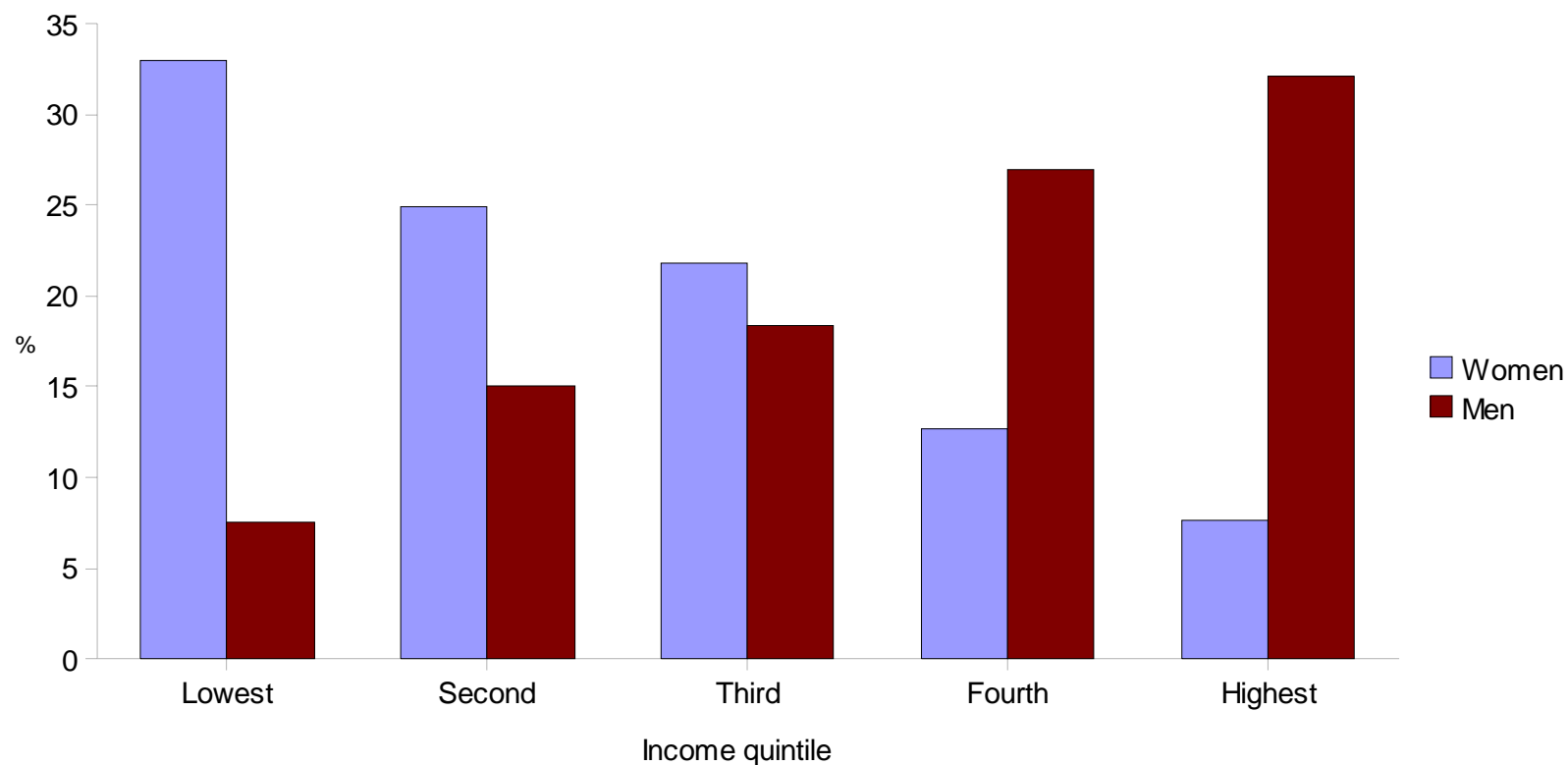
Household income: states and territories, 2005–06

Mean weekly equivalised household income for all households



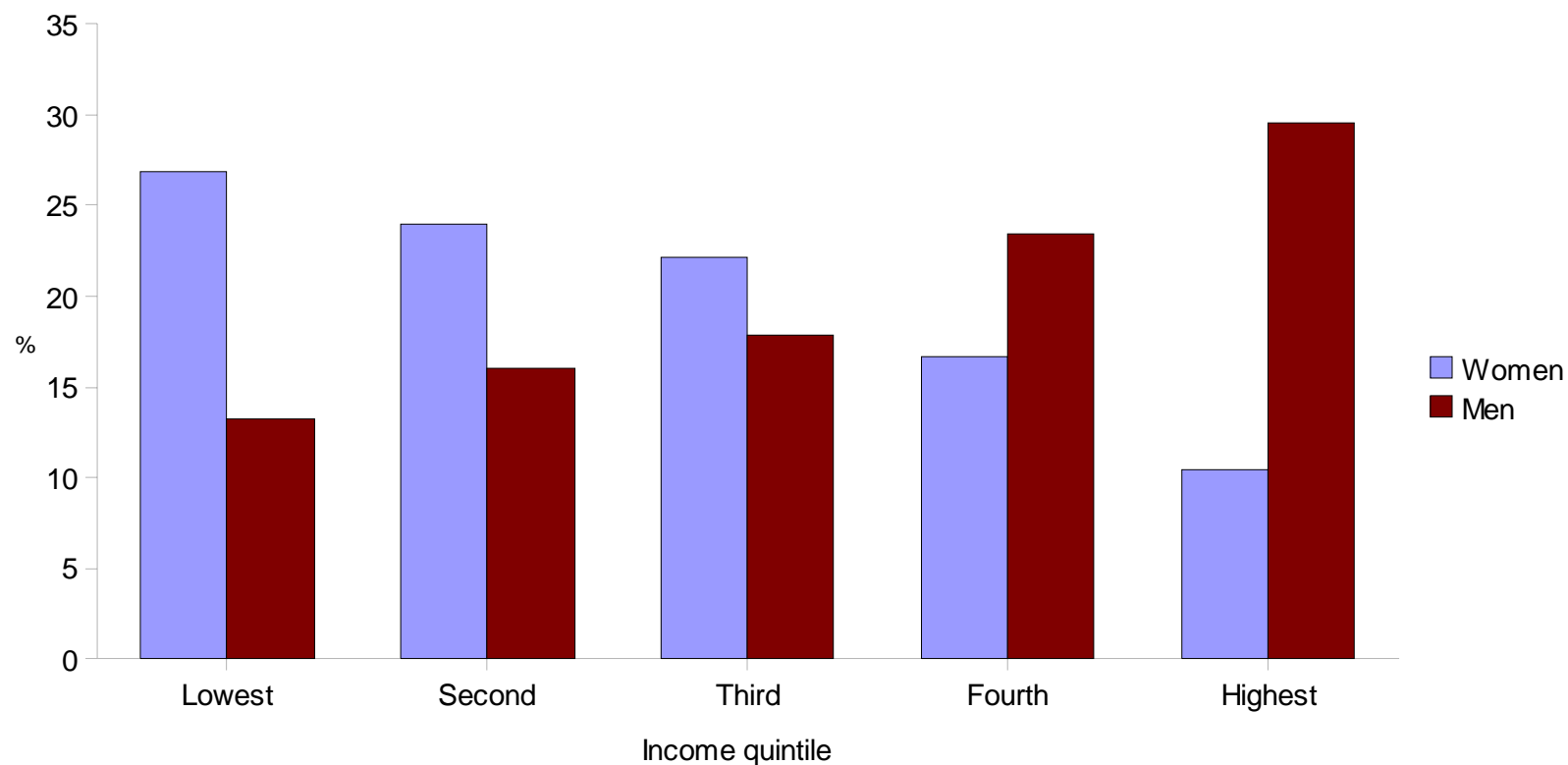
Source: ABS 2005–06 Survey of Income and Housing

Proportion of men and women aged 18–64 years in gross personal income quintiles, 1982



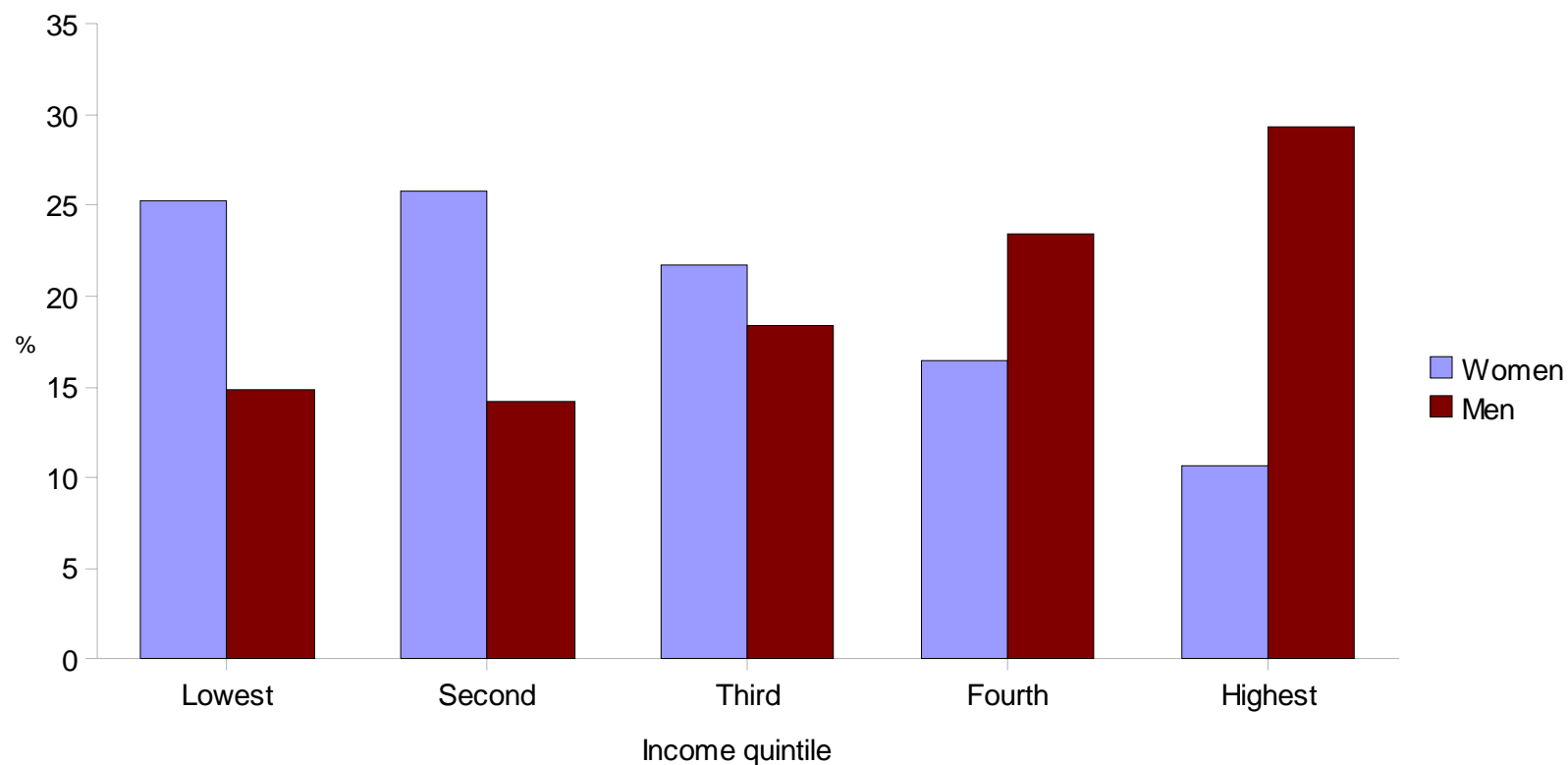
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Proportion of men and women aged 18–64 years in gross personal income quintiles, 1995–96



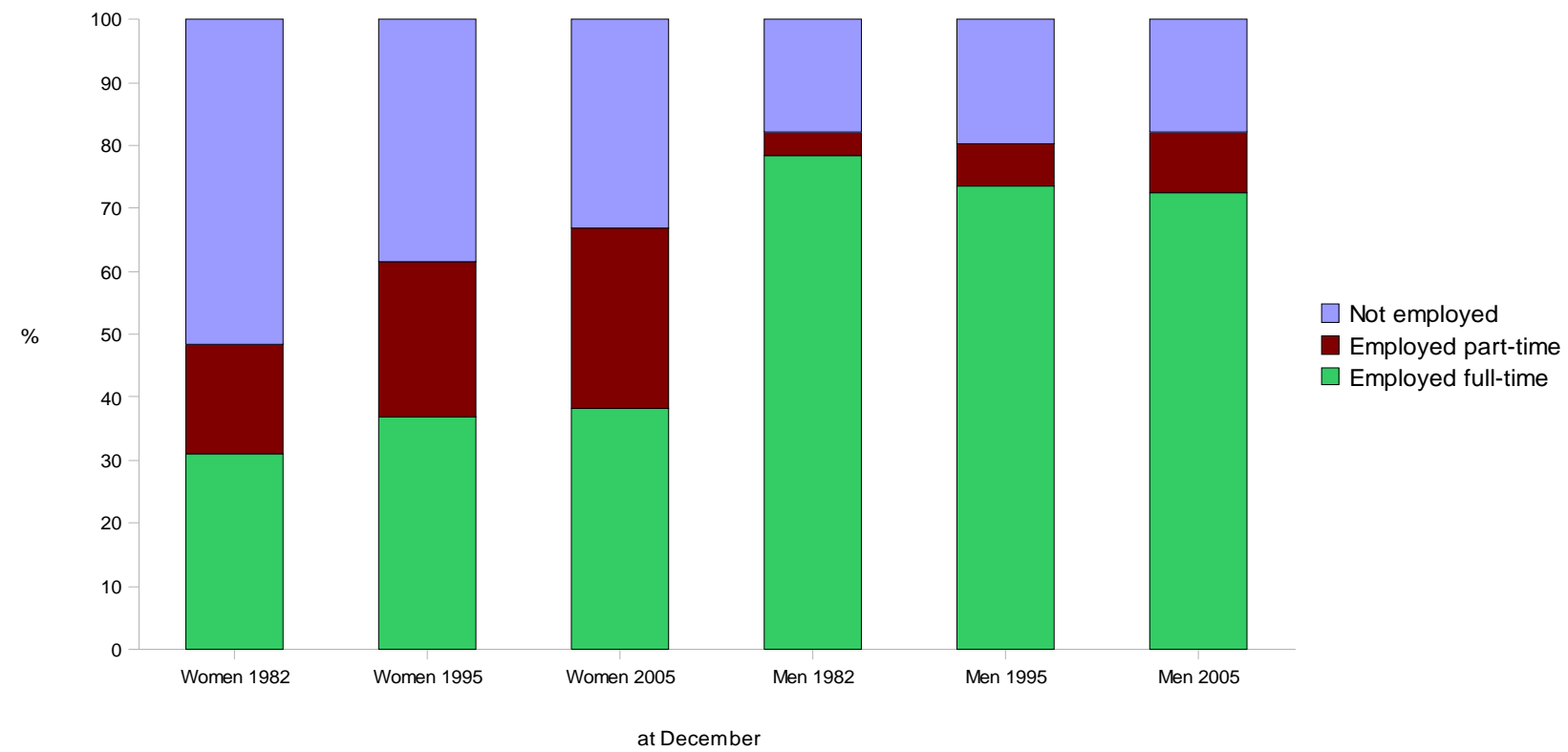
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Changes in labour force status of men and women aged 18–64 years



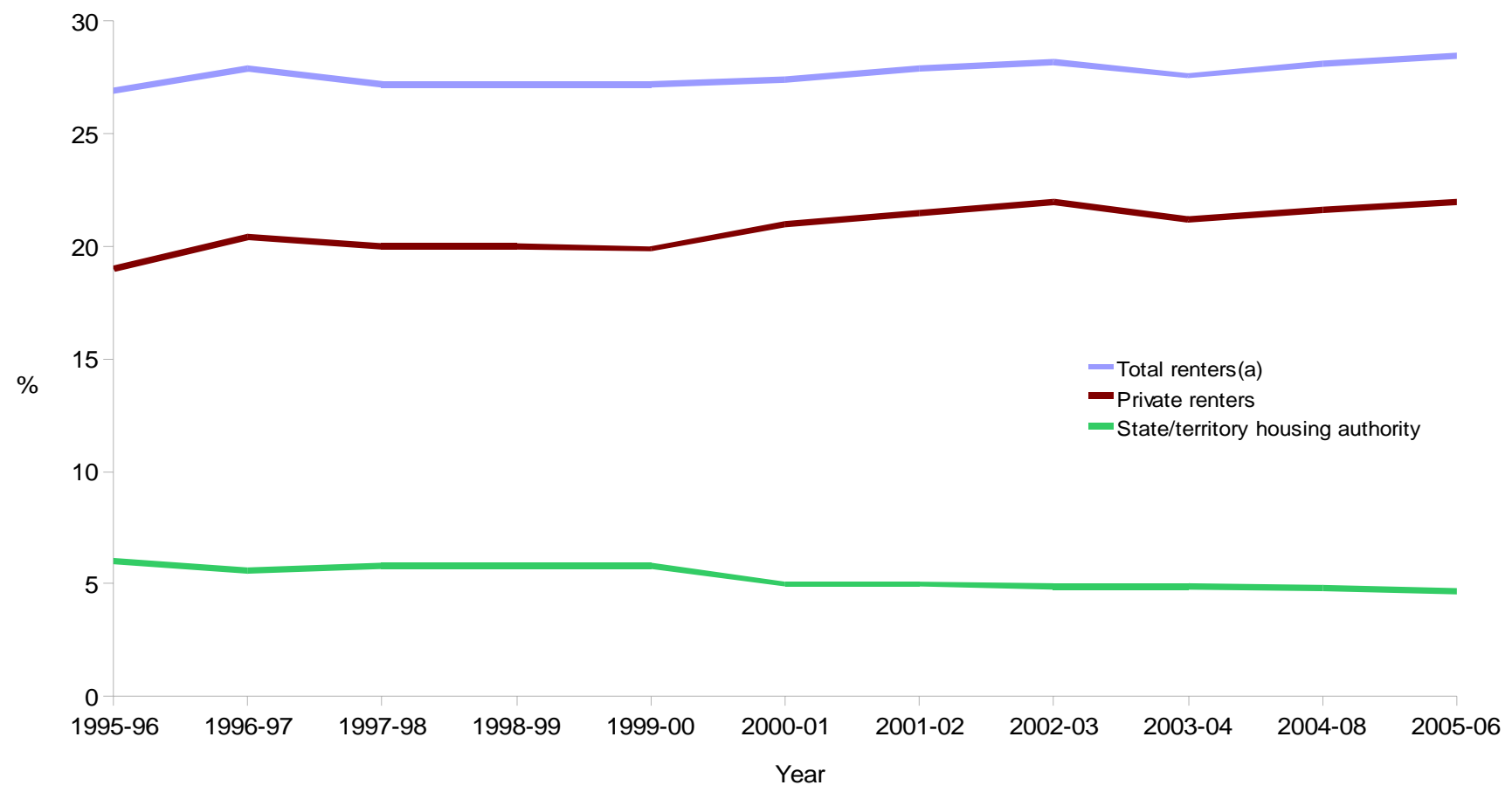
Source: ABS Labour Force Australia

Housing

- Renter households
...renting versus home ownership
- First home buyers
...rising cost of home loans



Proportion of households renting 1995–96 to 2005–06

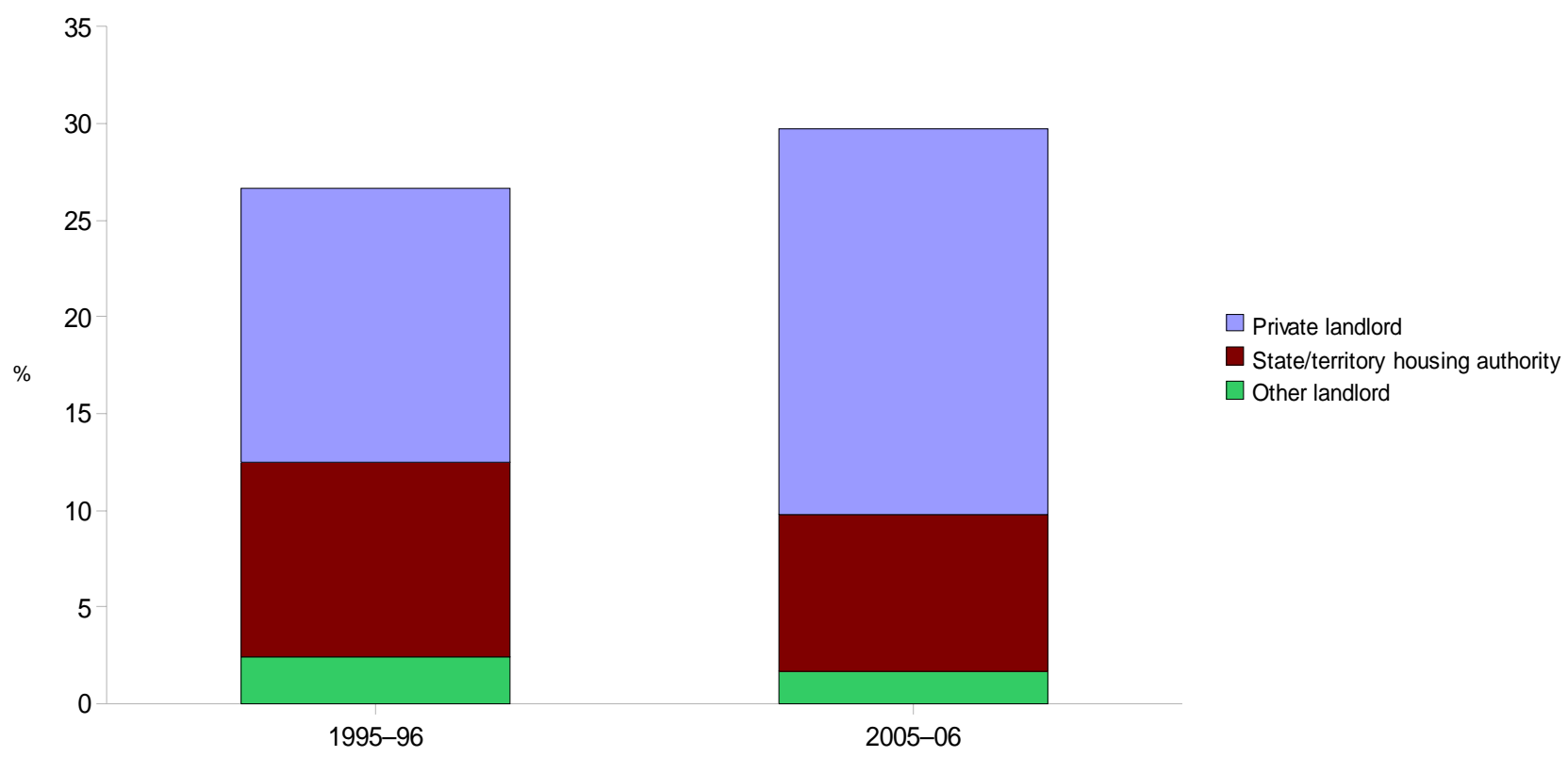


(a) Includes households renting from other landlords

Source: ABS Surveys of Income and Housing

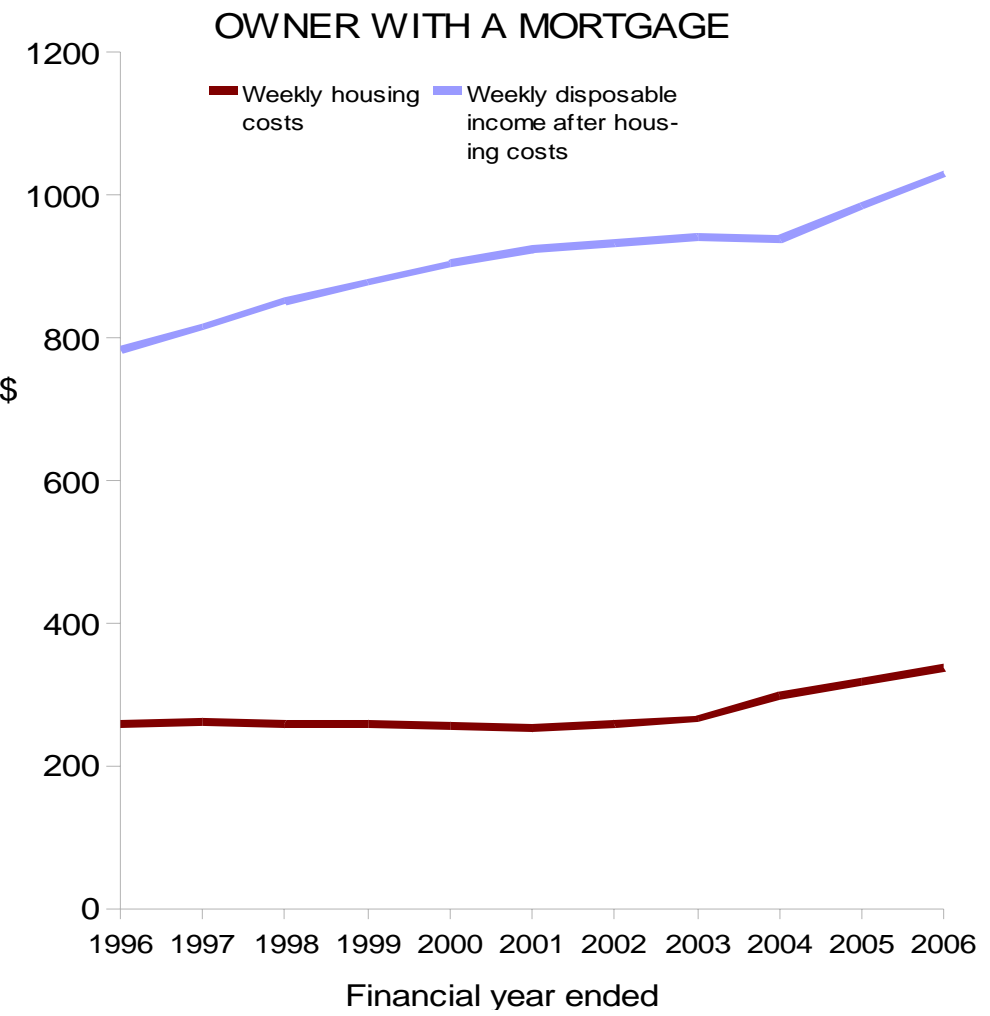
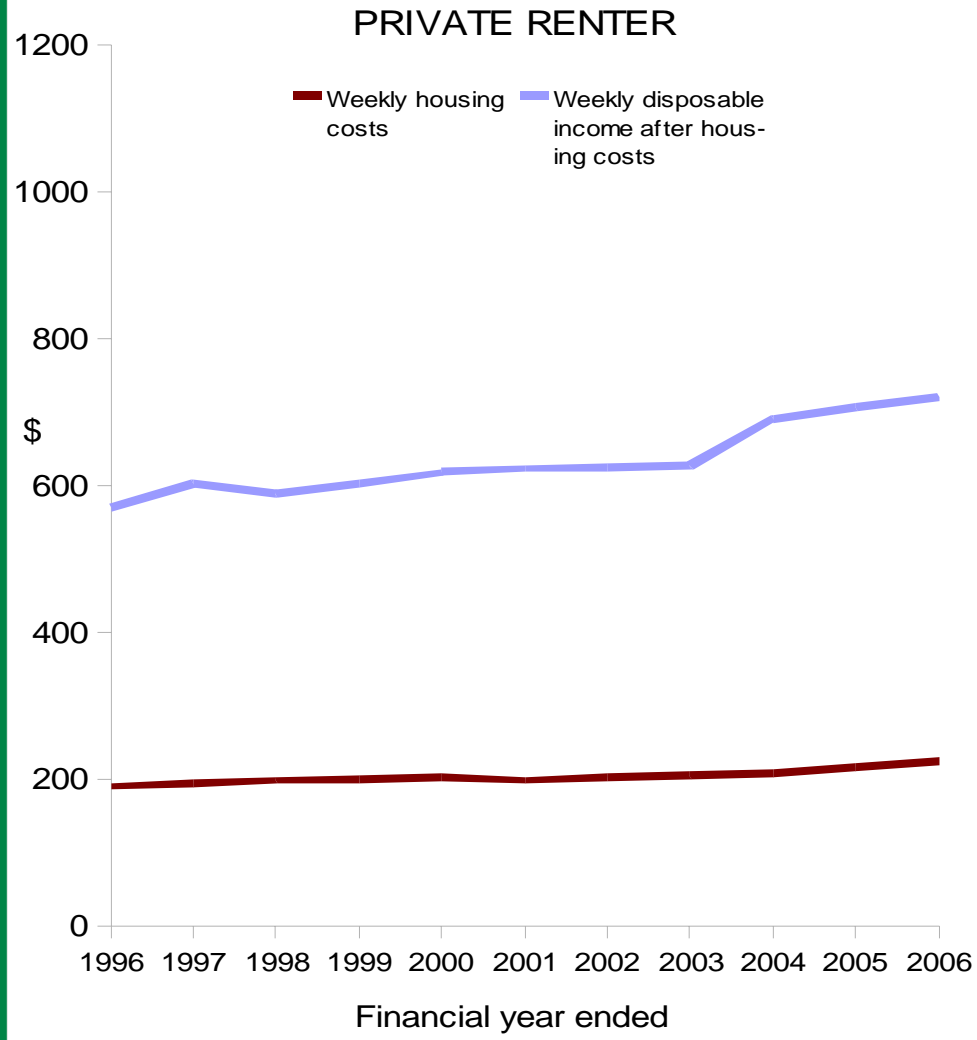
Proportion of households renting 1995–96 and 2005–06

South Australia



Source: ABS Surveys of Income and Housing

Mean weekly housing costs and disposable household income after housing costs



Source: ABS Surveys of Income and Housing

First home buyers

During the year to March 2008 there were **135,000** housing finance commitments to first home buyers...

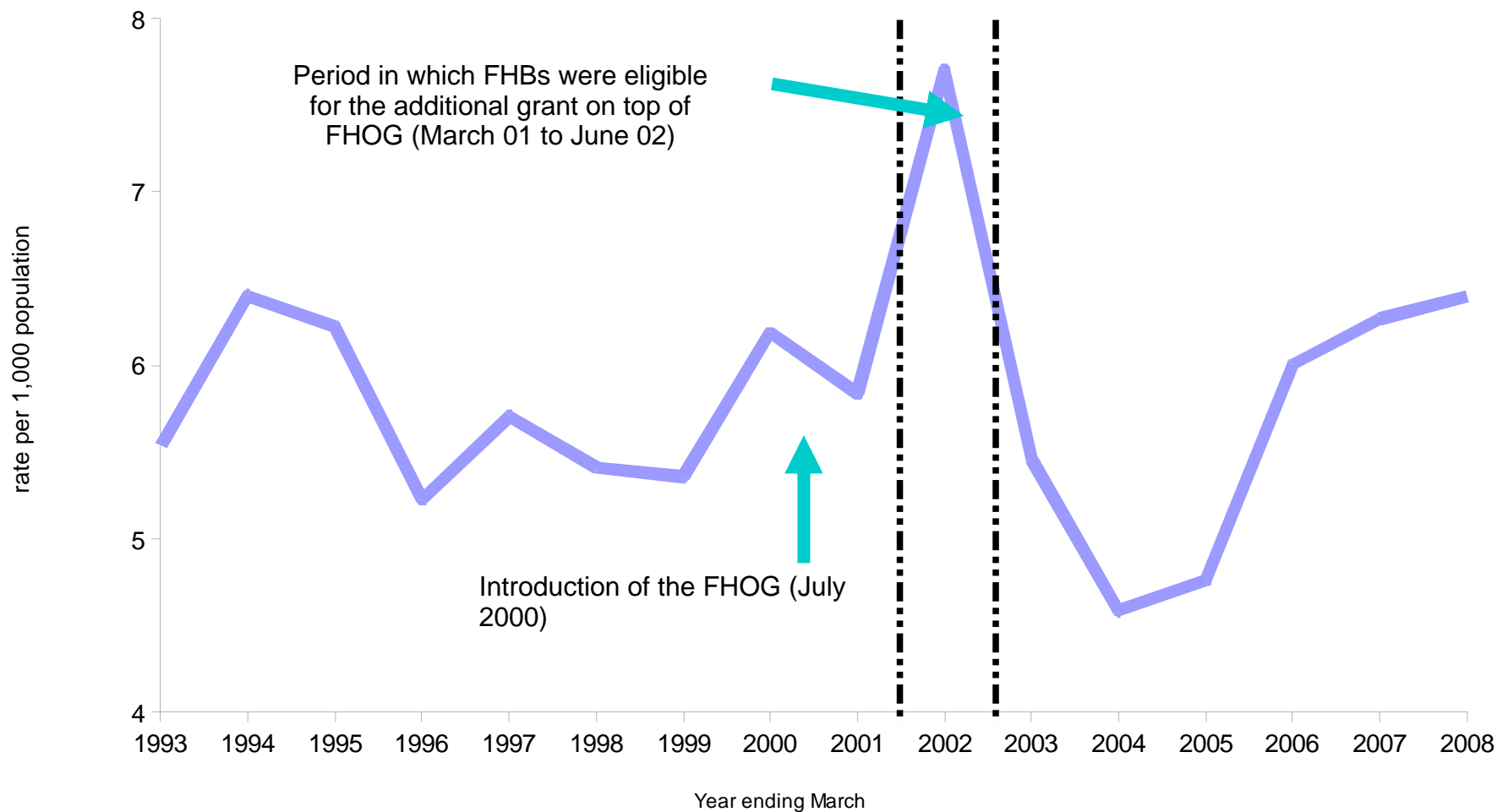
...equivalent to 6.4 commitments per 1,000 people

Between 1991 and 2008 average home loan commitments to first home buyers increased...

... from **\$96,100** to **\$215,000**



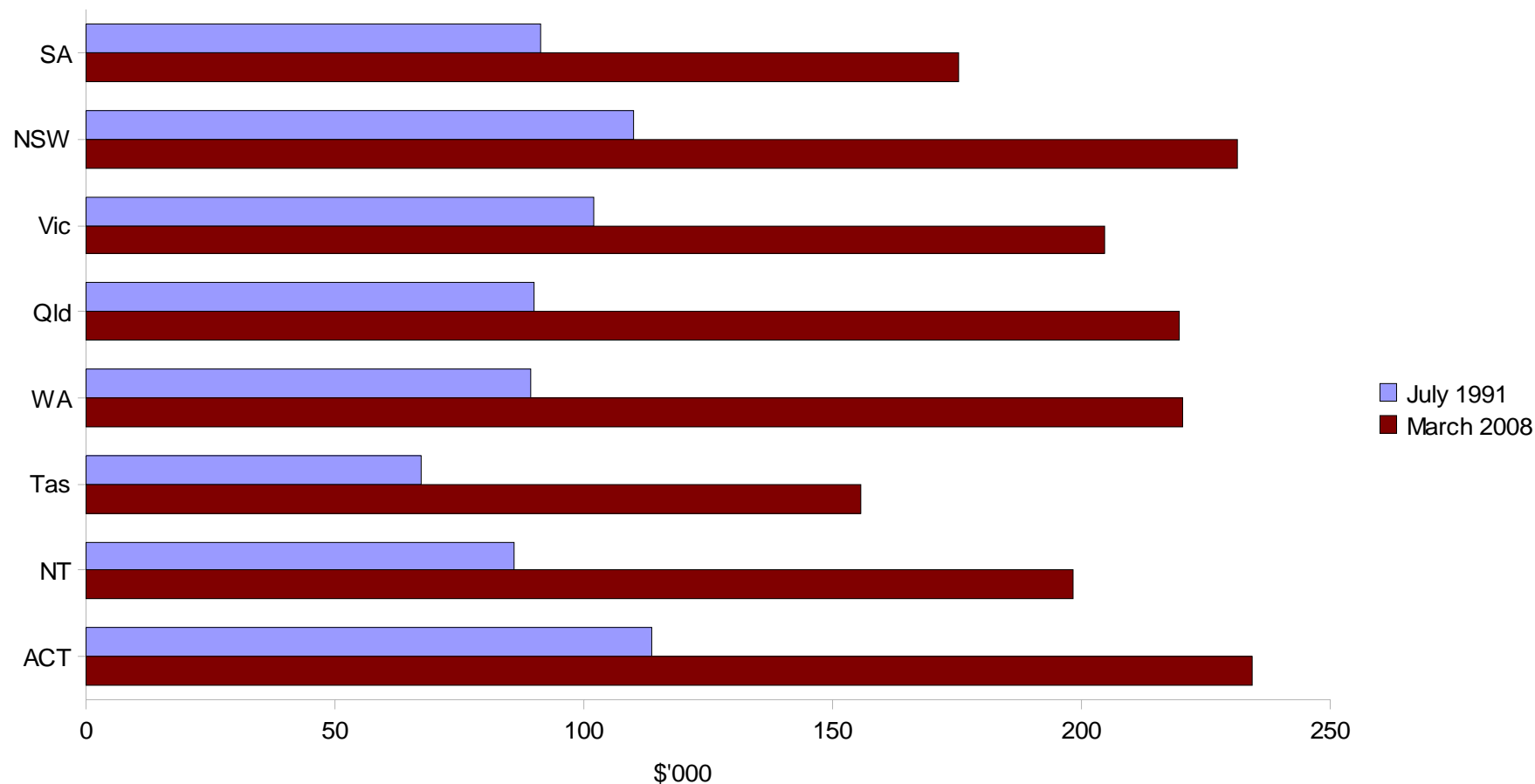
Annual housing finance commitments to first home buyers(a)



(a) From significant lenders for owner occupation, excluding alterations and additions

Source: *Housing Finance Australia, Australia, April 2008, Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2007*

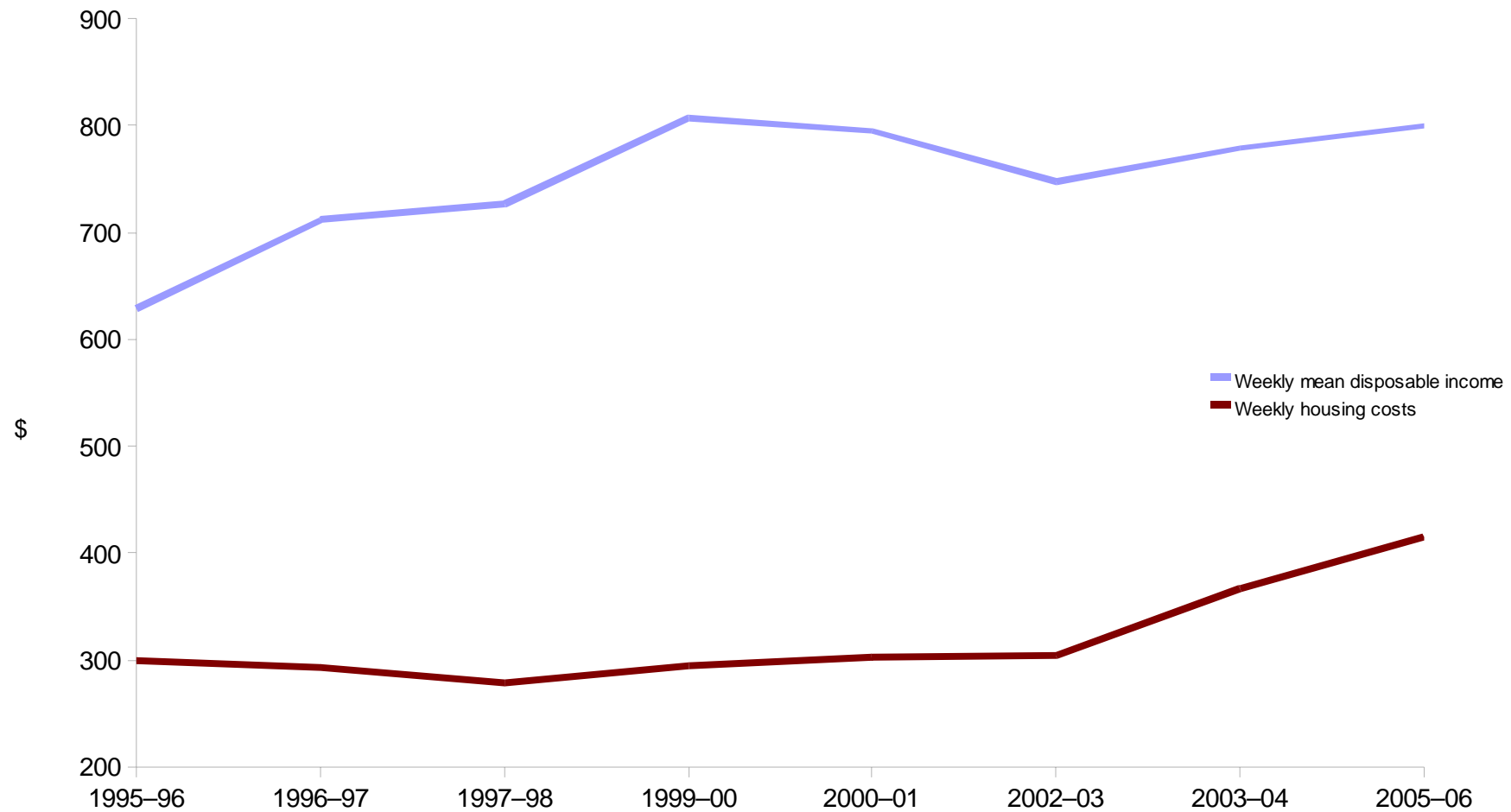
Real change in the size of an average housing loan(a) to a first home buyer



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Source: *Housing Finance, Australia, April 2008*; *Consumer Price Index, Australia, March Quarter 2008*

Housing costs and disposable income for recent first home buyers



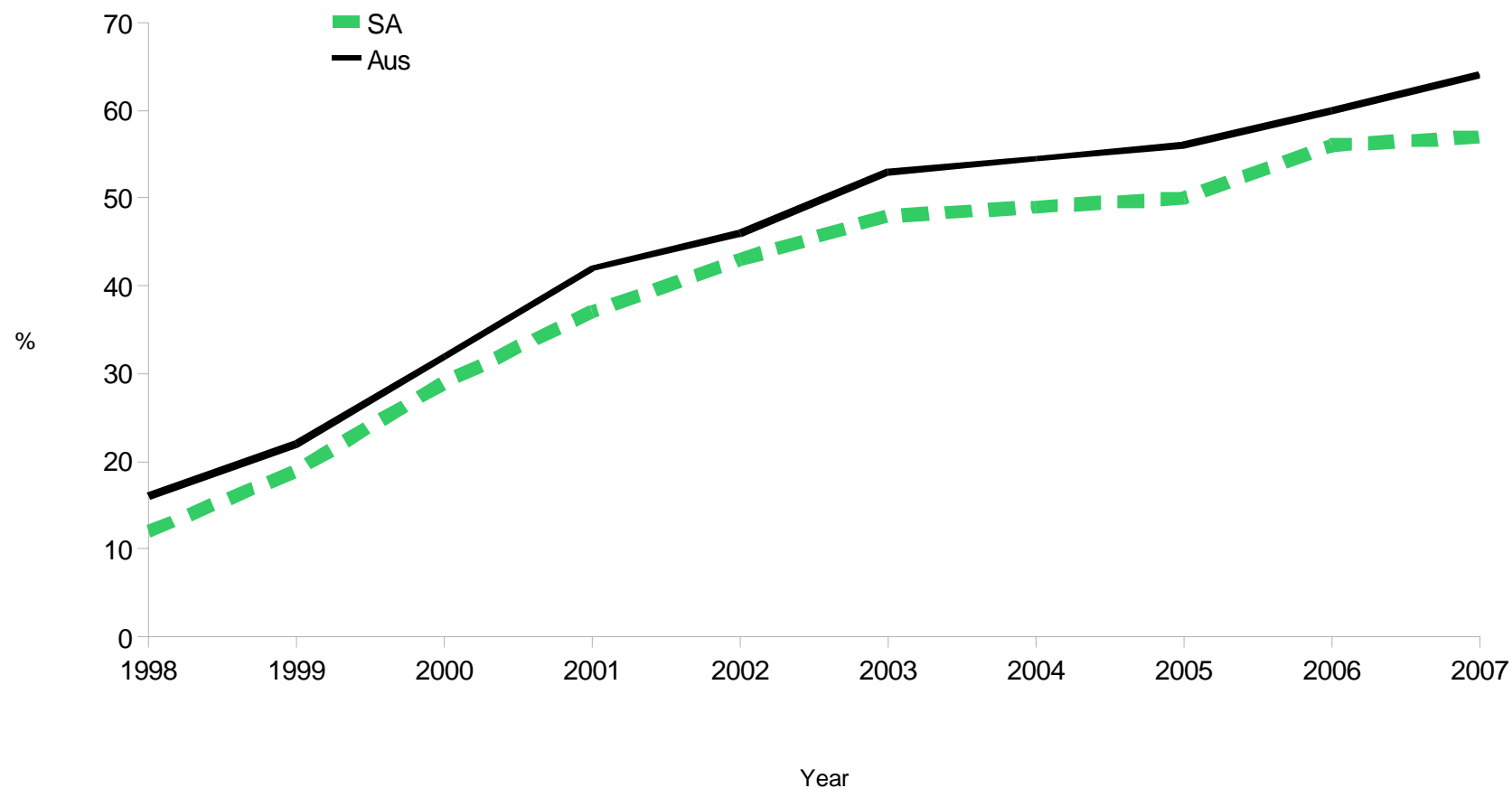
Source: Surveys of Income and Housing
All prices in 2005-06 dollars

Other areas of social concern

- Internet access at home
...increase in Internet connections
- Public transport use
...over time
... in Australian cities

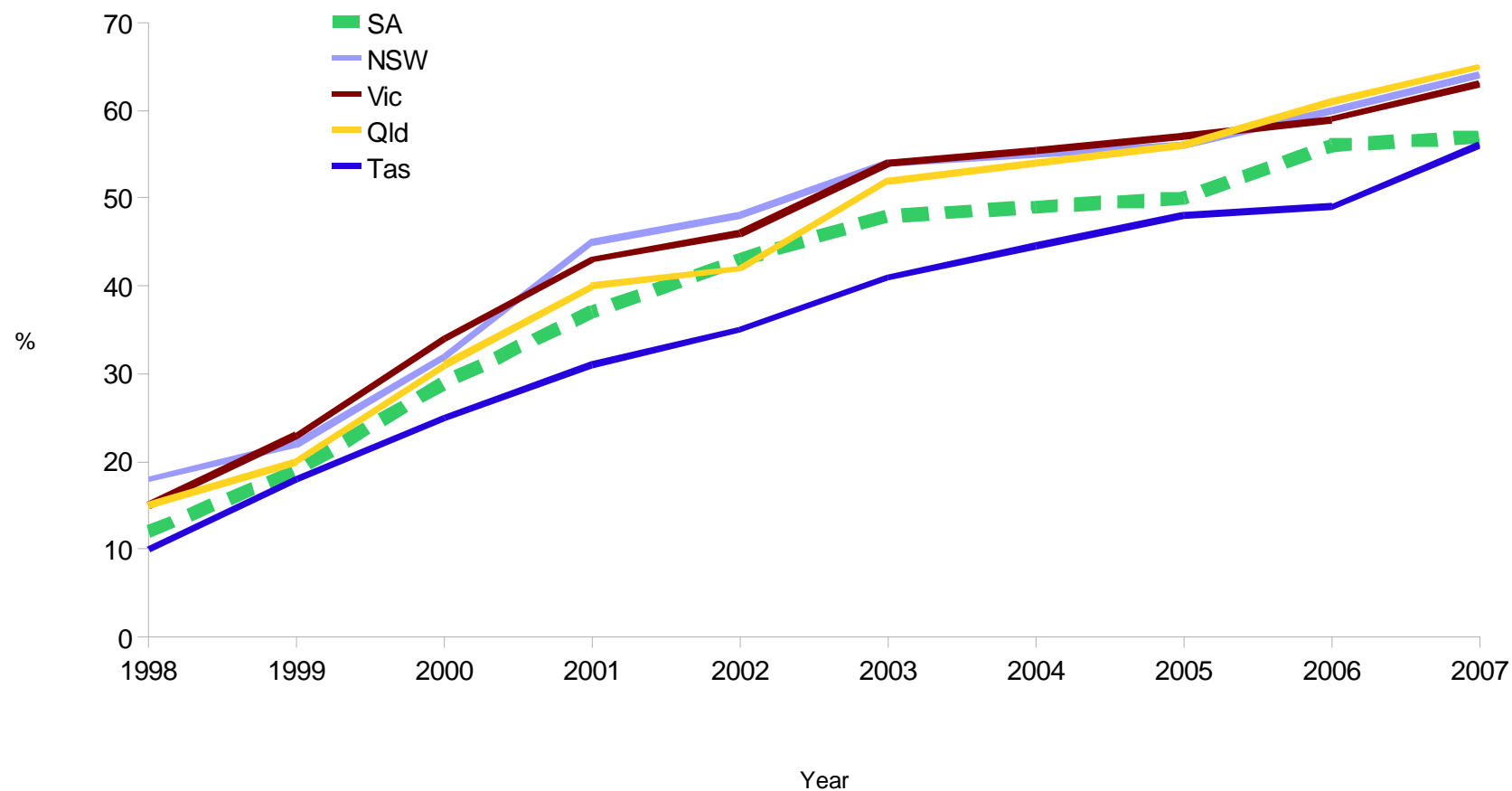


Proportion of Australian households with access to the Internet



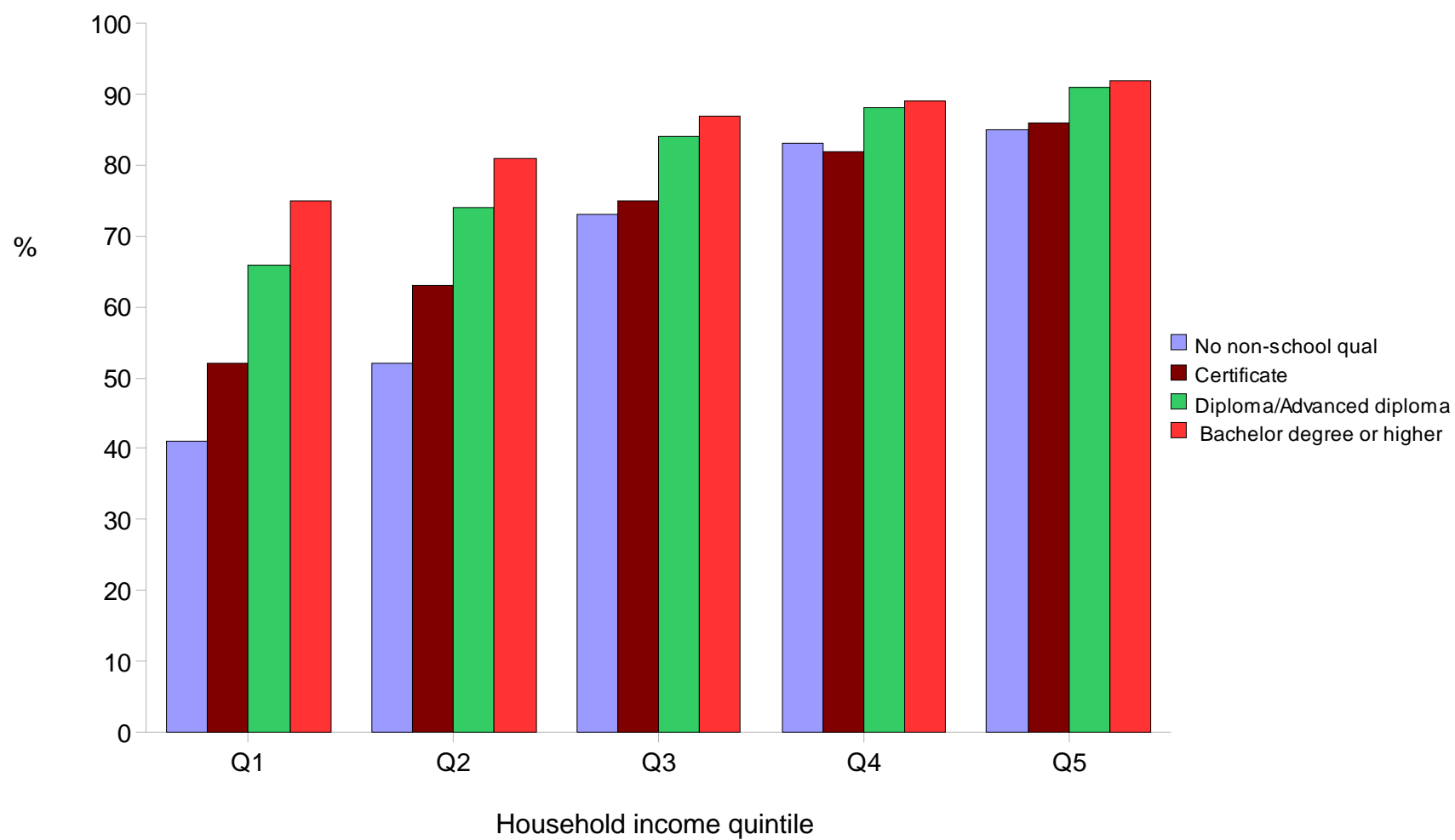
Source: Household Use of Information Technology, Australia

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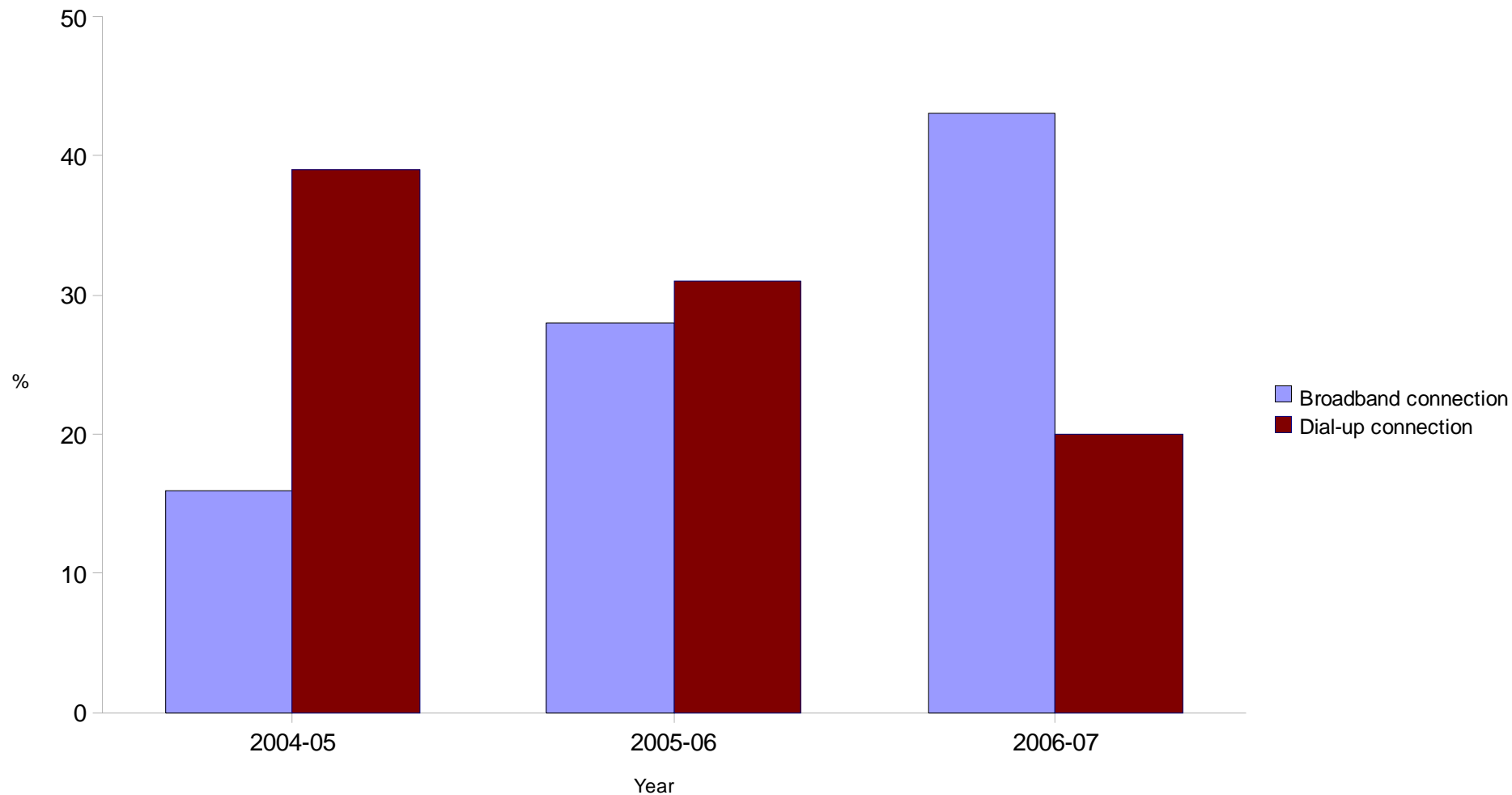
Source: Household Use of Information Technology, Australia

Internet connection (at home) by education and income, 2006



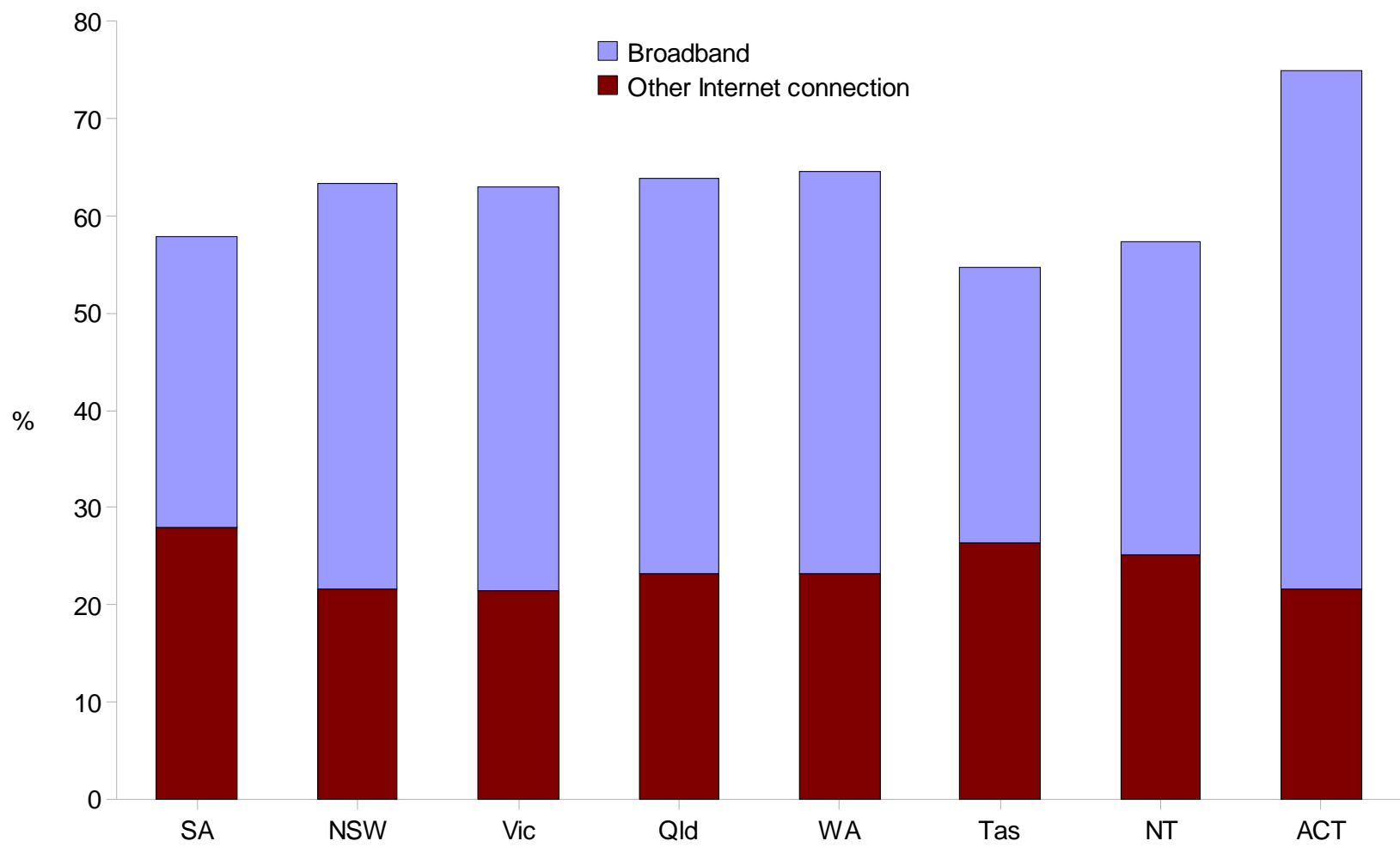
Source: 2006 Census of Population and Housing

Proportion of households with dial-up or Broadband Internet connection



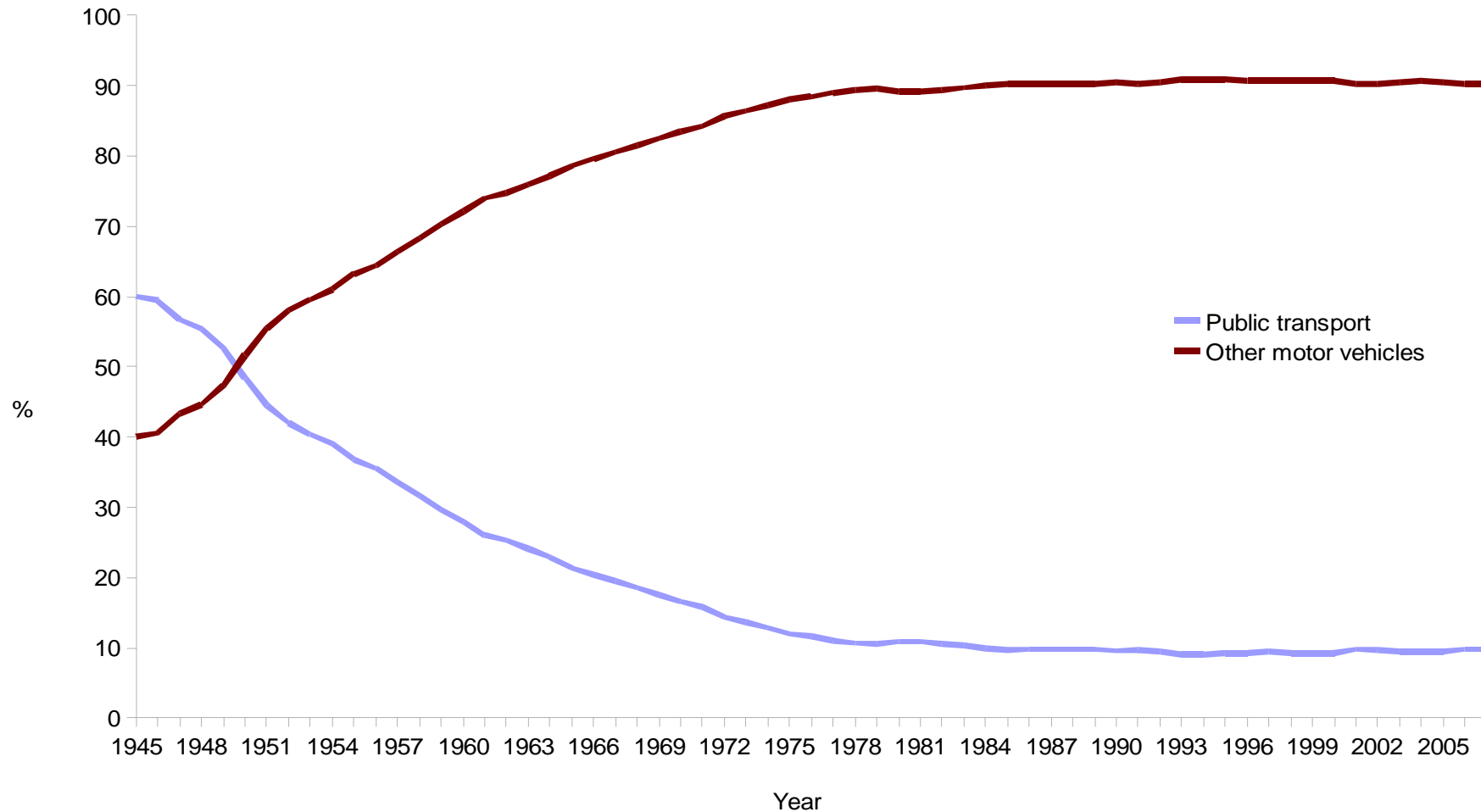
Source: *Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 2006-07*

Type of Internet access: state and territory, 2006



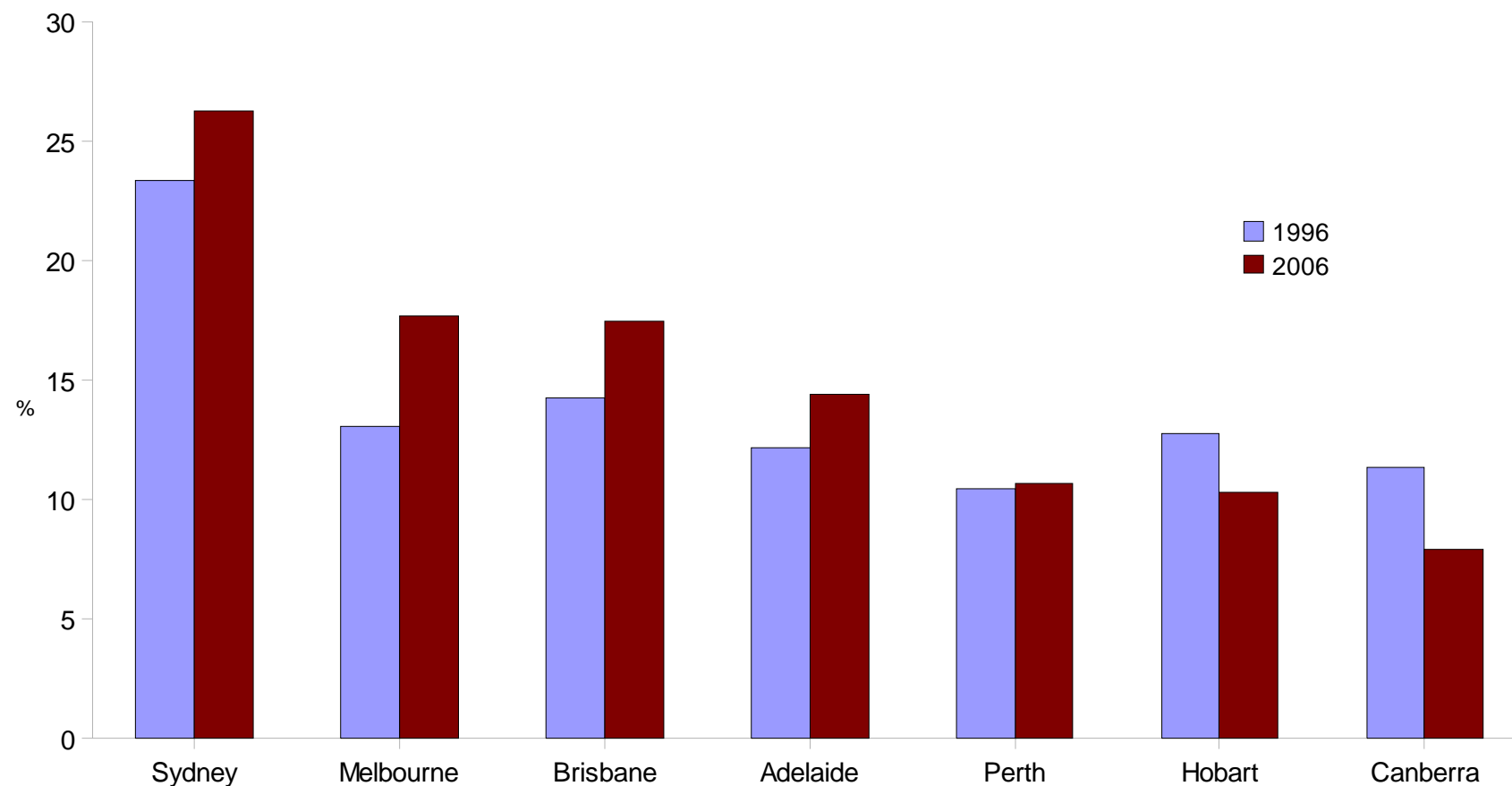
Source: ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing

Proportion of passenger-kms travelled by motorised vehicle type: capital cities – 1945 to 2007



Source: Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics (BTRE), 2007, *Estimating urban traffic and congestion cost trends for Australian cities*

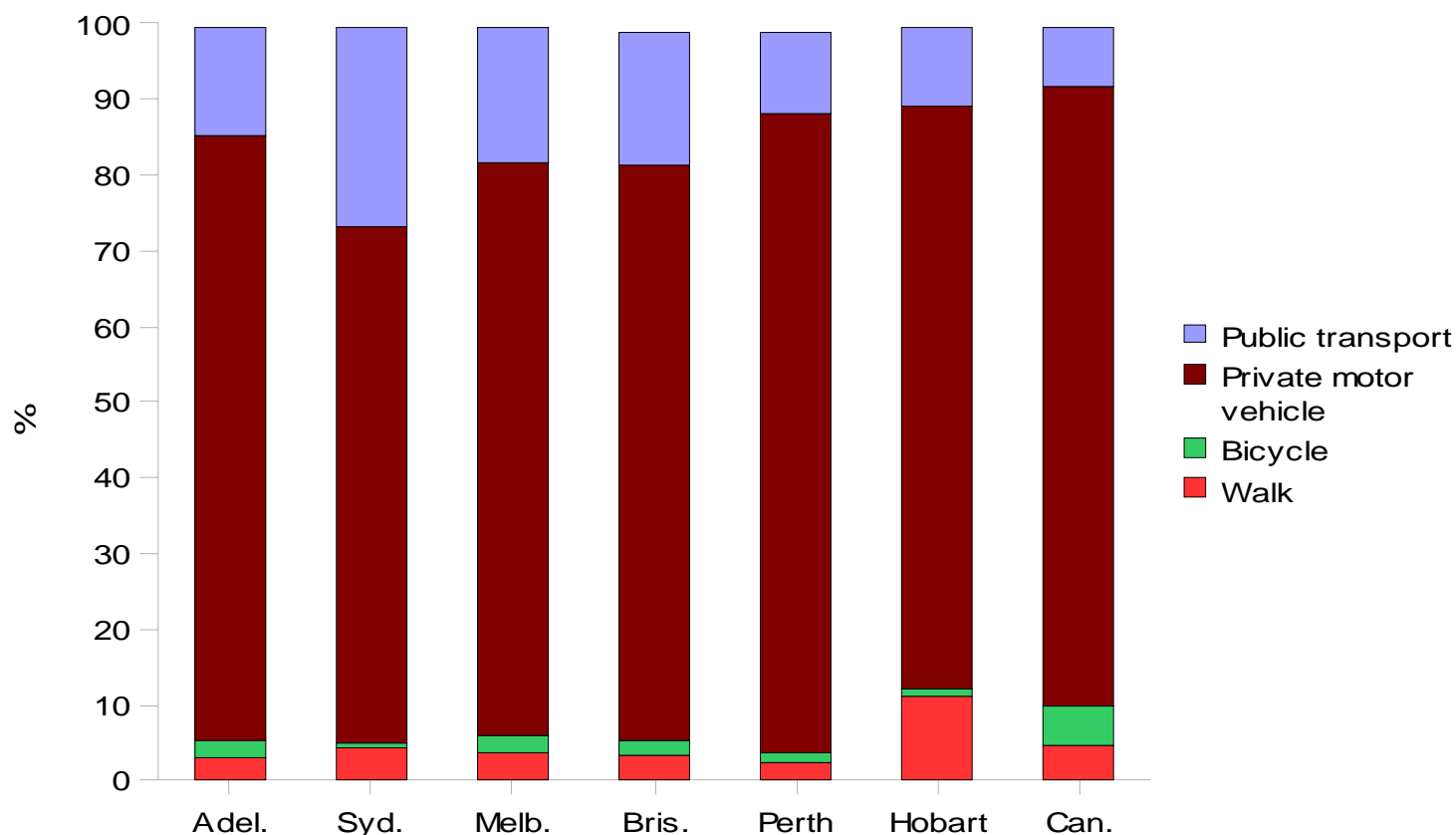
Public transport use for usual trip to work in capital cities(a)



(a) Excludes Darwin.

Source: ABS 1996 Environment Survey and ABS 2006 Household Survey of Waste Management and Transport Use

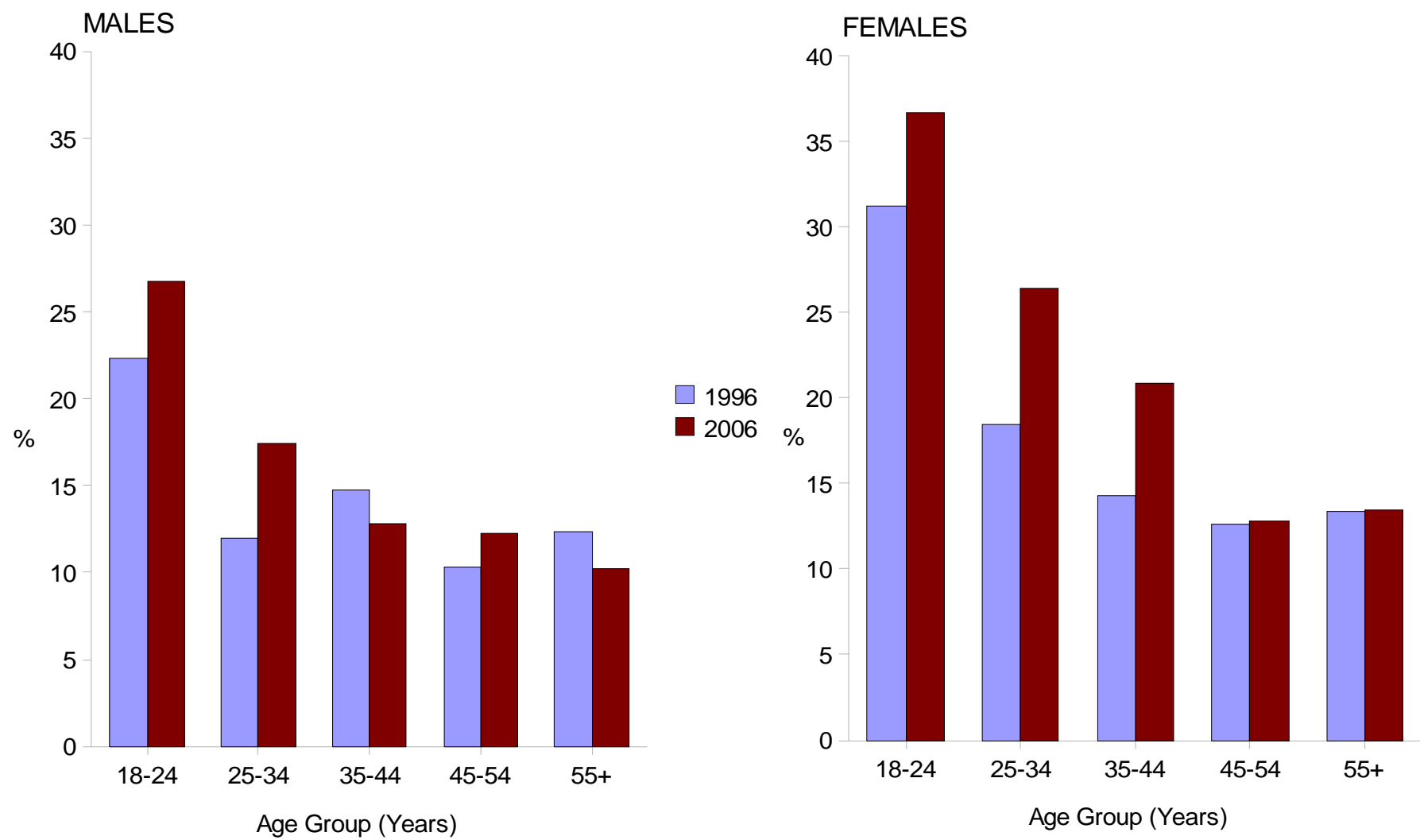
Usual transport to work in capital cities(a)



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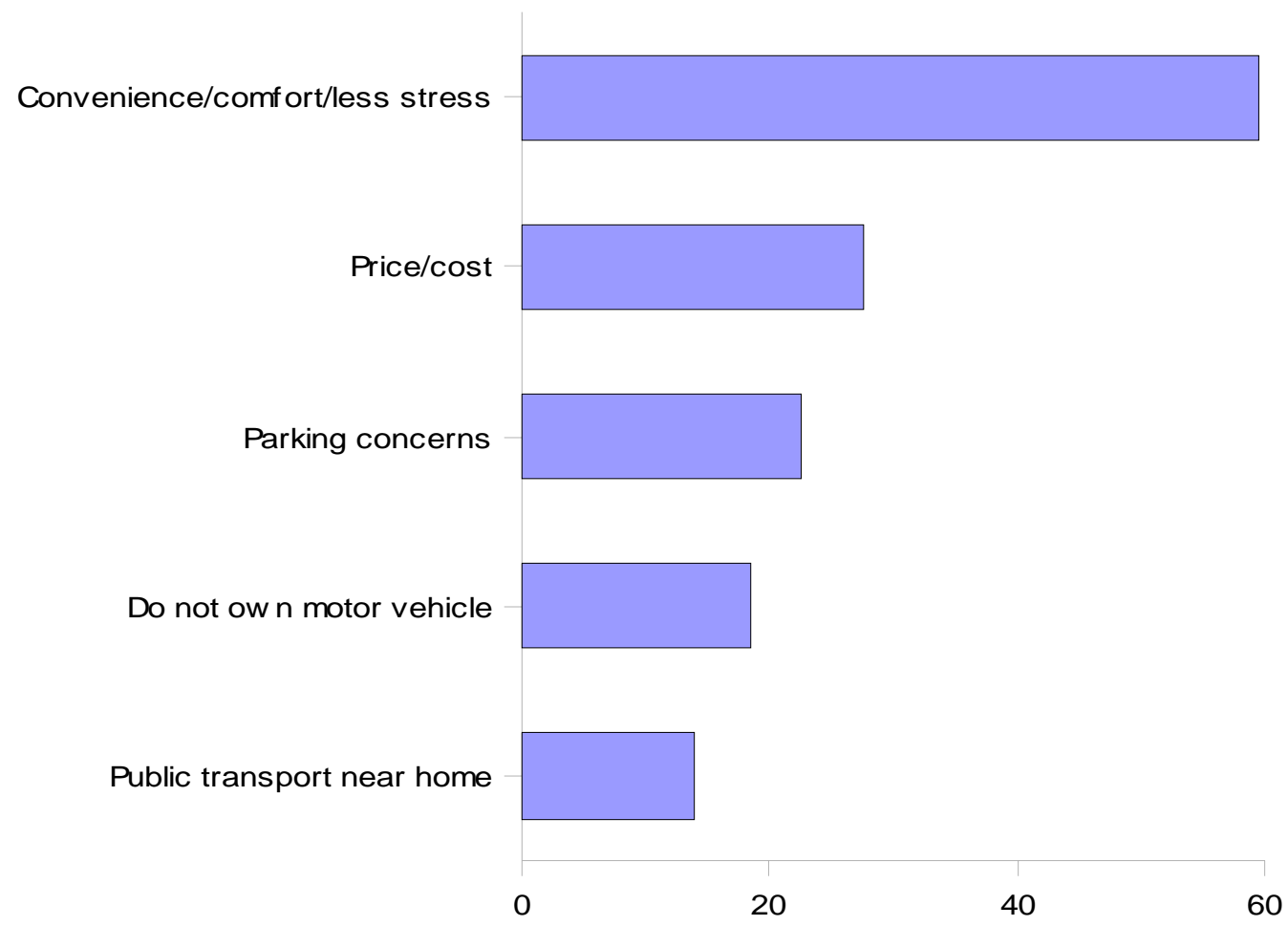
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People using public transport as main form of transport for usual trip to work or study(a) in capital cities(b)



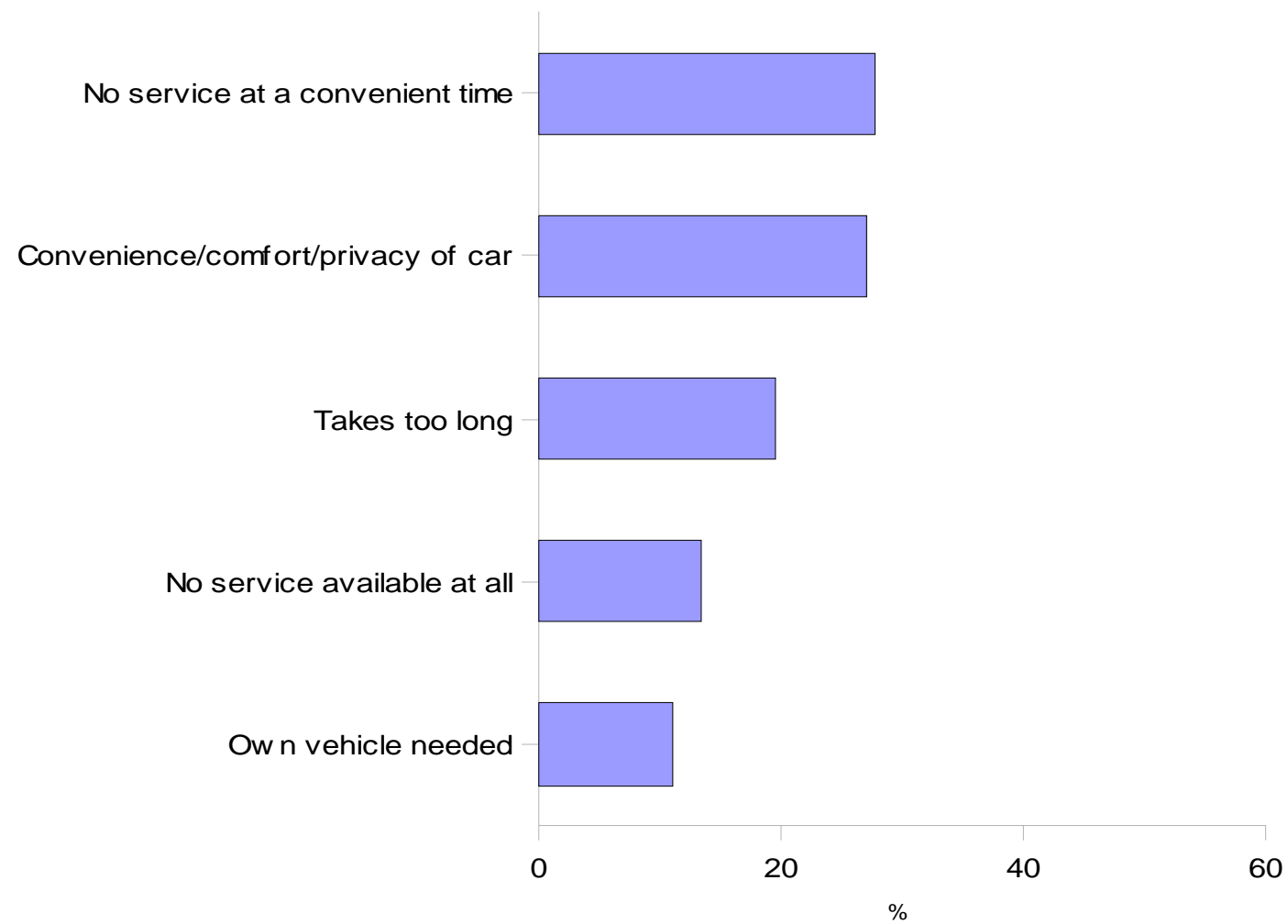
(a) As a proportion of the total number of persons in each age group
 (b) Excludes Darwin

Reasons for using public transport



Source: ABS 1996 Environment Survey and ABS 2006 Household Survey of Waste Management and Transport Use

Reasons for not using public transport



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Coming soon...

- AST review
 - ...frequency of release
 - ...format
- AST 2009
 - ...unpaid housework
 - ...superannuation
 - ...homelessness

What have we missed?



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