

# Polonia in Ireland

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# Irish migration situation

- Since 2000
- Labour migration
- Work permit vs work visa
- European enlargement
- Lack of central administration



# Characteristics of Polish migrants

- 69,000 to 250,000
- Accession
- Young
- De-skilled
- Financial goals
- Hard workers, hard drinkers

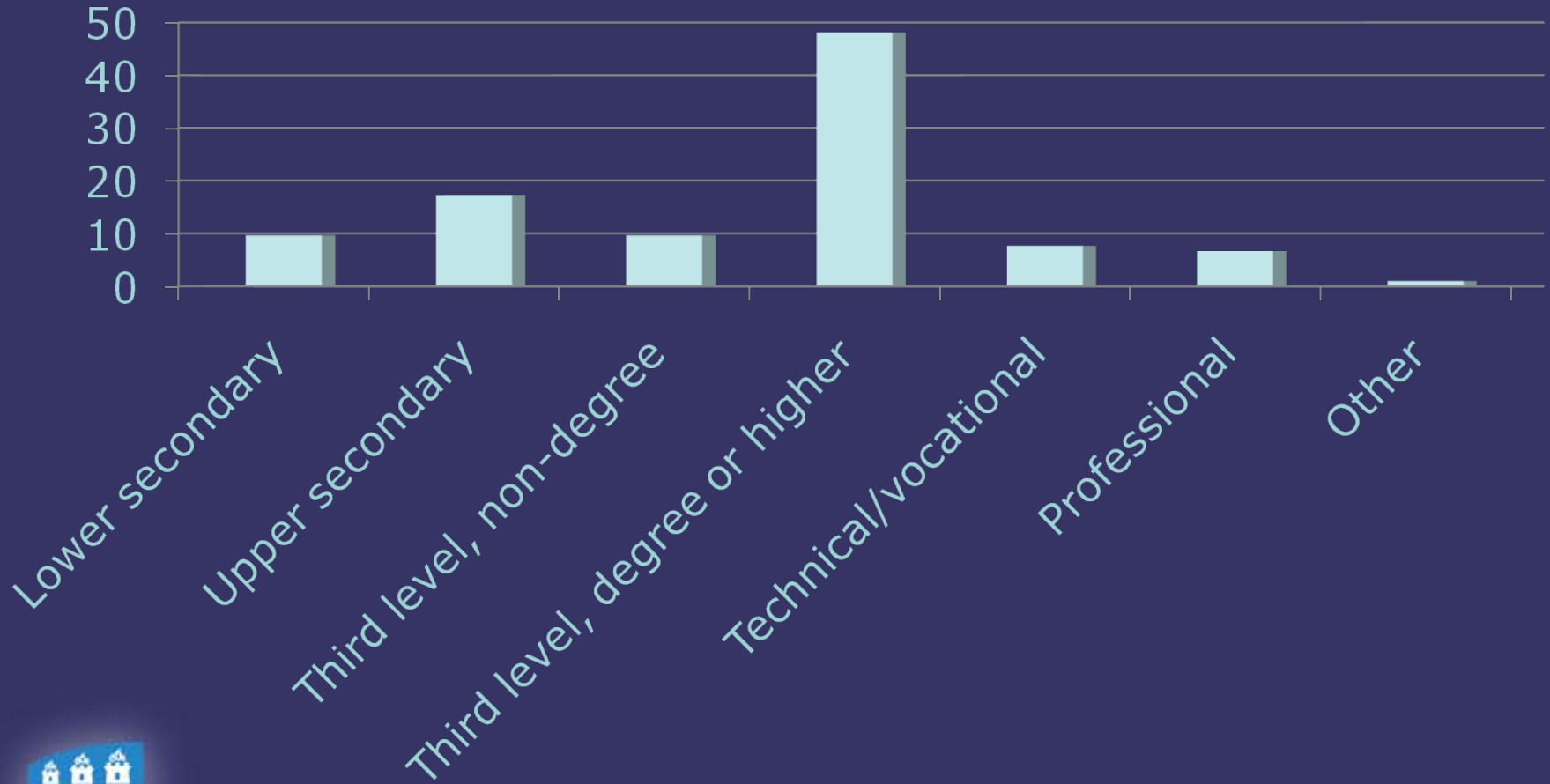


# Reasons for migration

	Yes	No
Experience of living abroad	53.8%	46.2%
Hope of finding a job	43.4%	56.6%
Job offer	22.6%	77.4%
Education	9.4%	90.6%
Join family	8.5%	91.5%
Join friends	7.5%	92.5%



# Education



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# Employment

Sector	
Building and Construction	11.7%
Personal services and childcare	6.8%
Sales	15.5%
Manufacturing	8.7%
Engineering and related	1.0%
Communication, warehouses, transport	4.9%
Food, drink, tobacco production	2.9%
Clerical and office	23.3%
Other	25.2%



# Social interaction

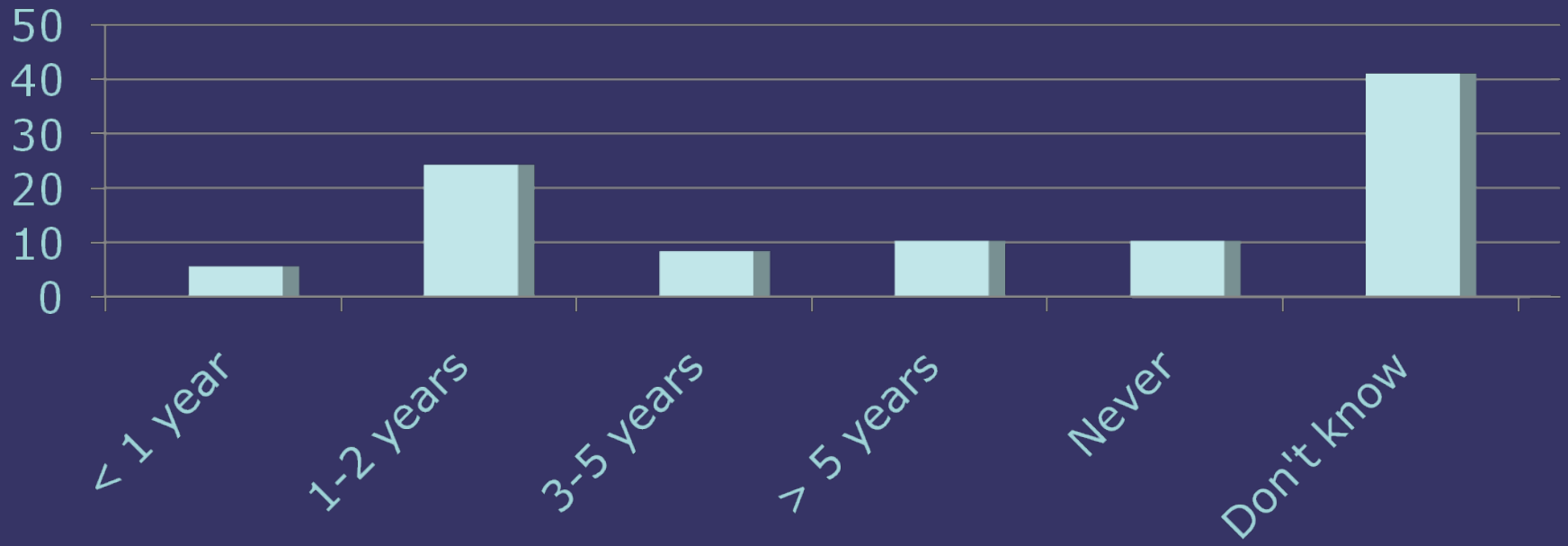
	Yes	No
Religious	19.0%	81.0%
Community/voluntary	7.7%	92.3%
Political	1.9%	98.1%
Trade union	7.7%	92.3%
Family	40.2%	59.8%
Polish friends	84.6%	15.4%
Other immigrants	65.4%	34.6%
Irish citizens	61.8%	38.2%

Mean participation activities: 9.1%

Mean interaction individuals: 63.0%



# Plans for the future



# Conclusion

- Young
- Well educated
- De-skilled
- Financial motives
- Interaction depends on language
- Integration depends on interaction

Myth of return?

