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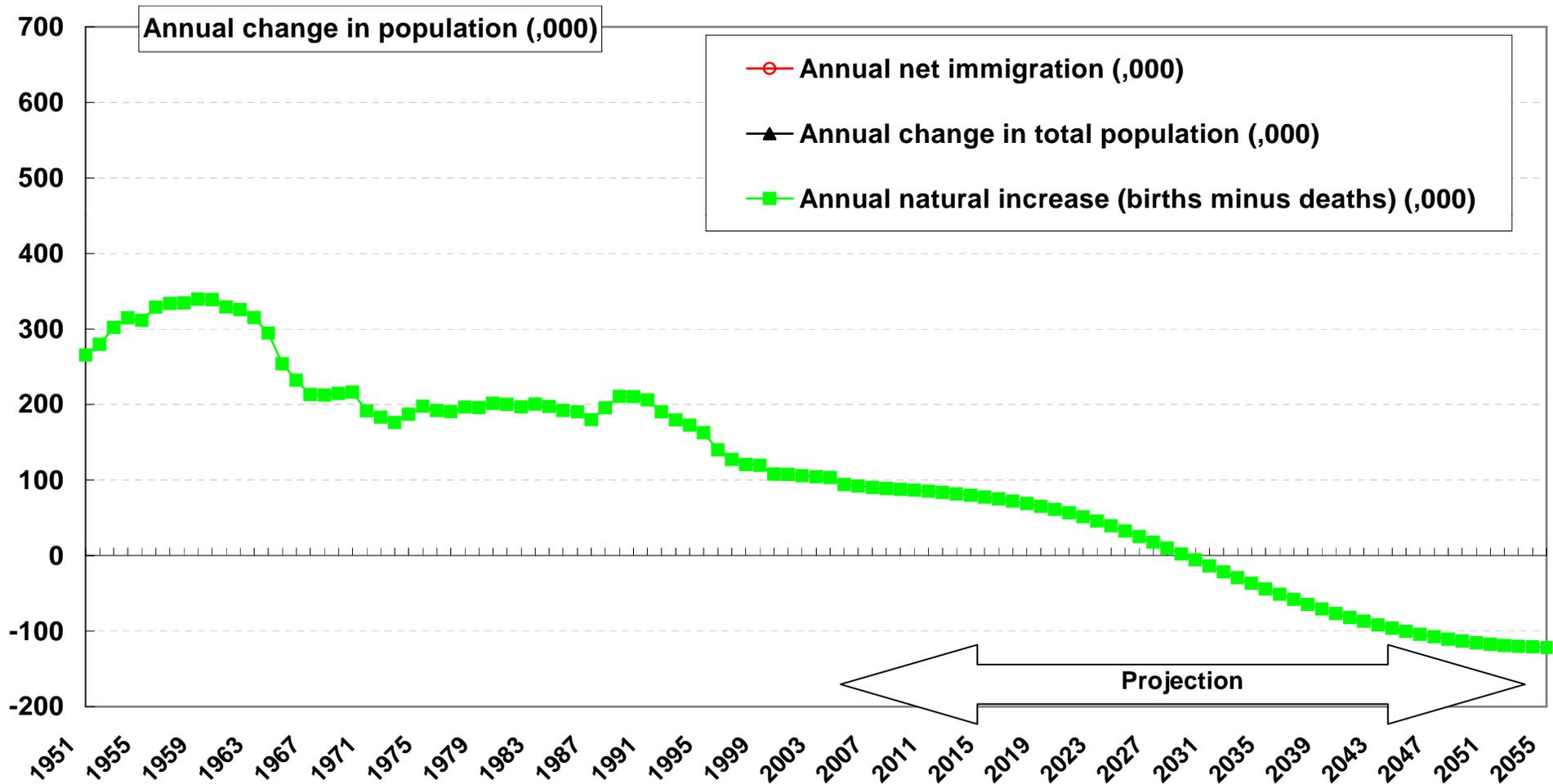


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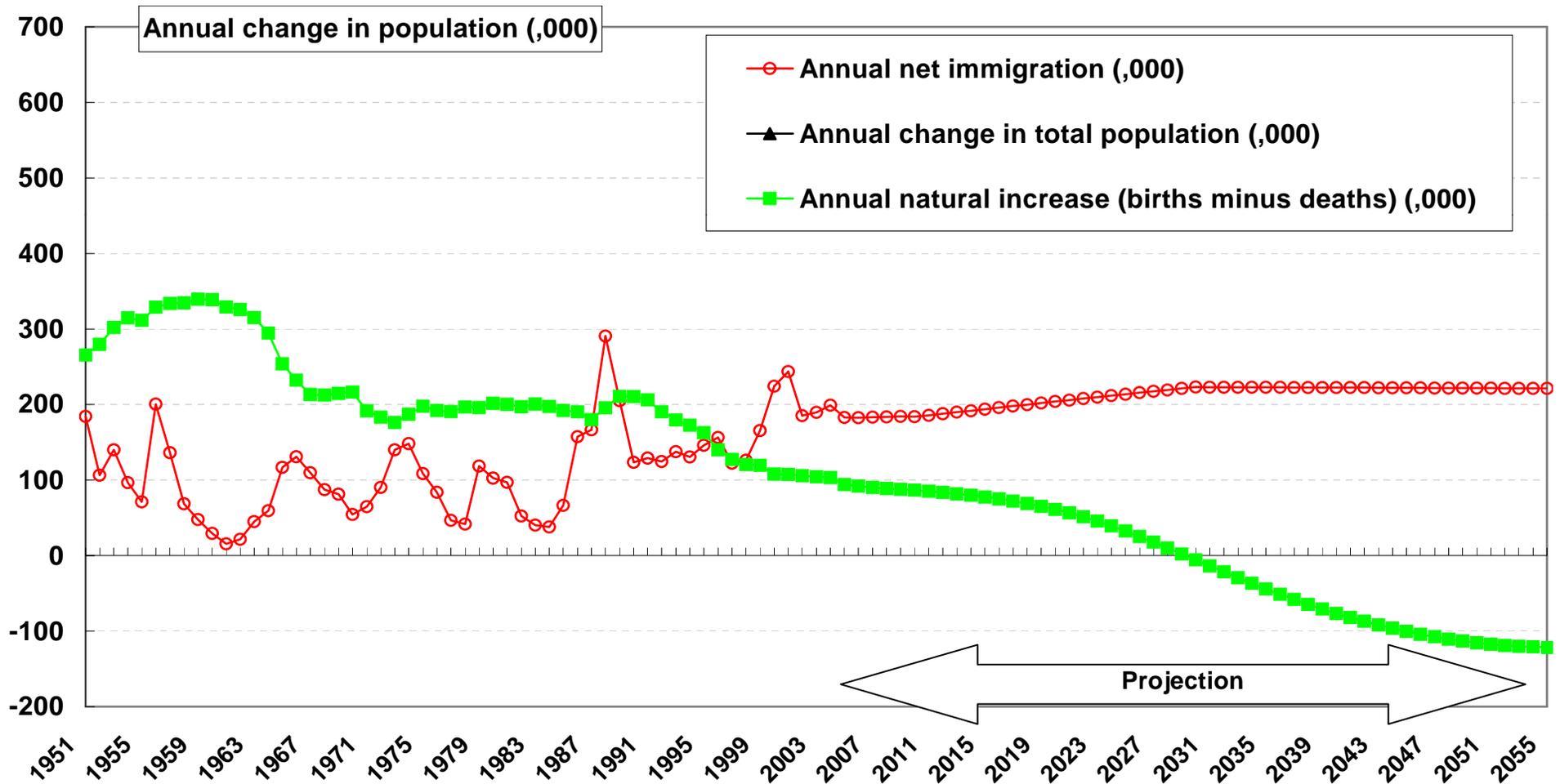
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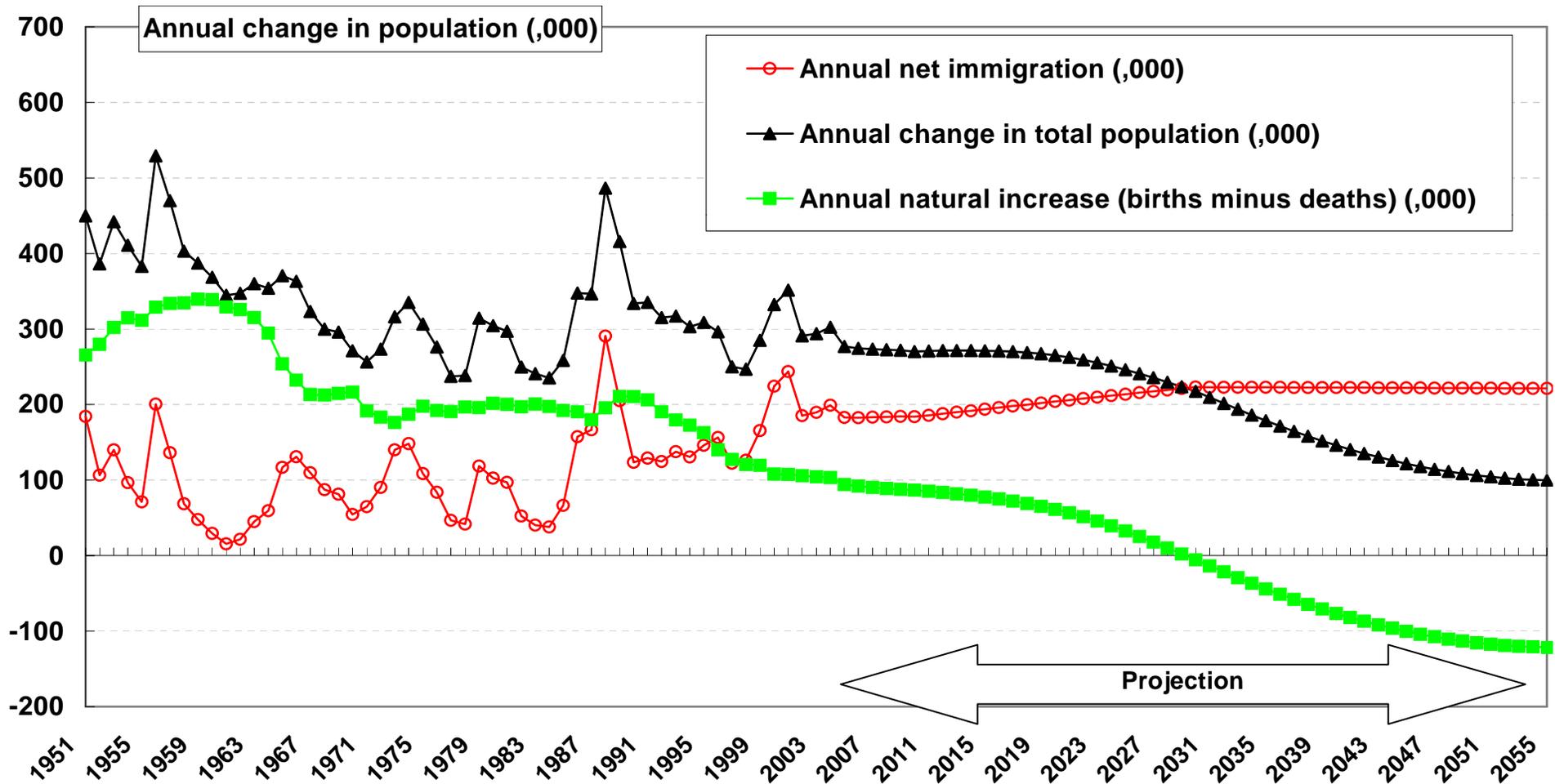
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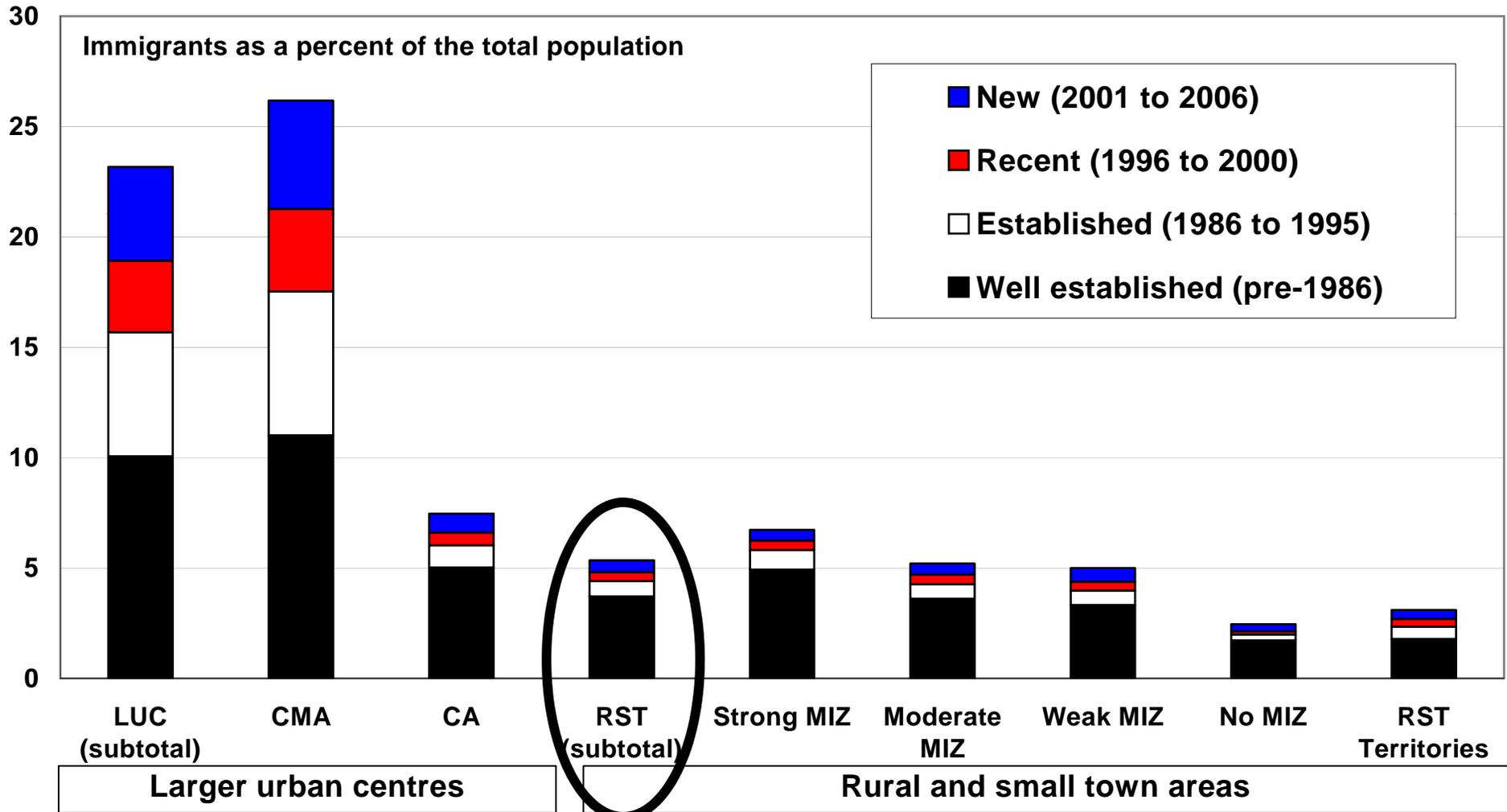


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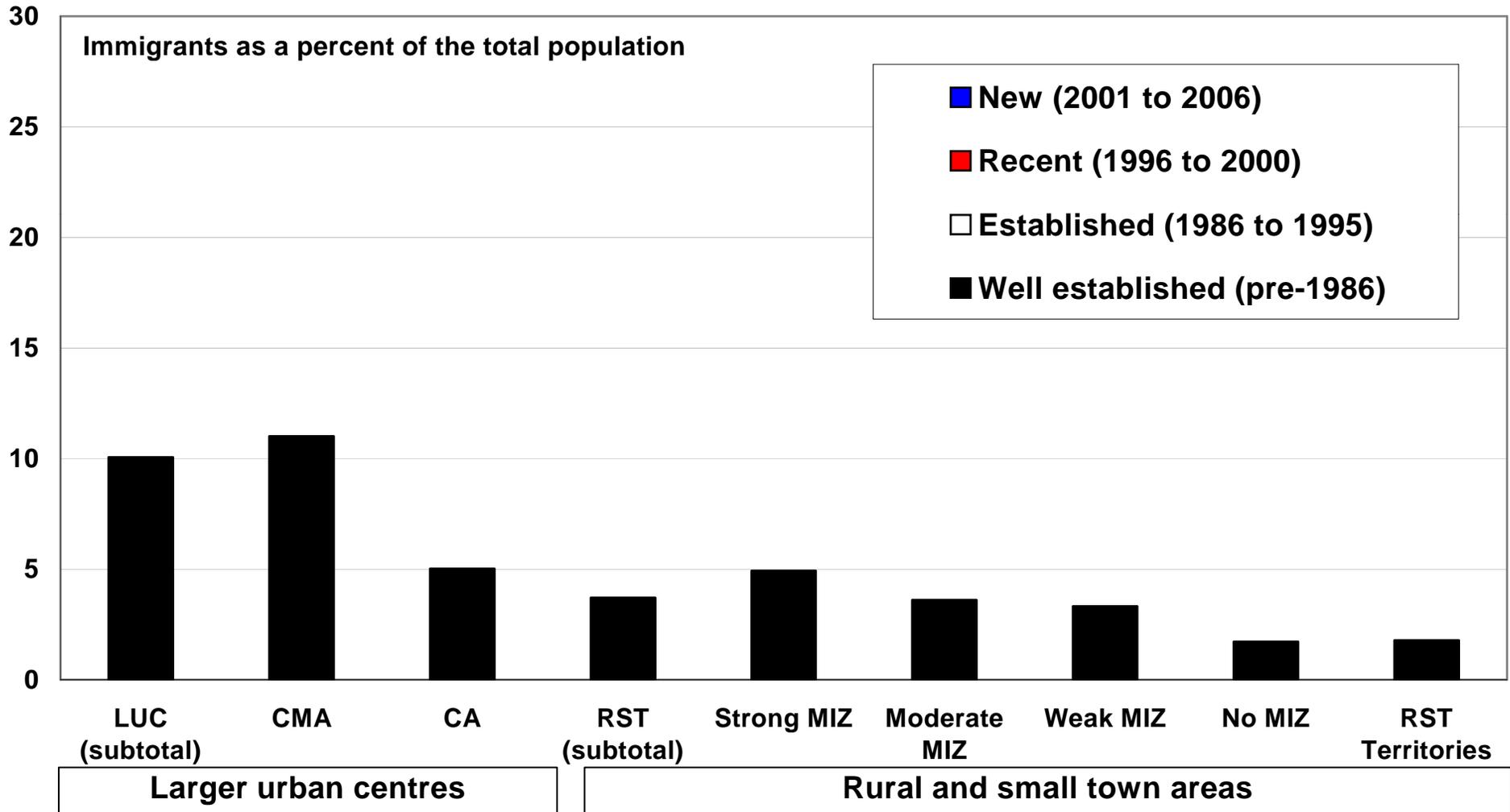
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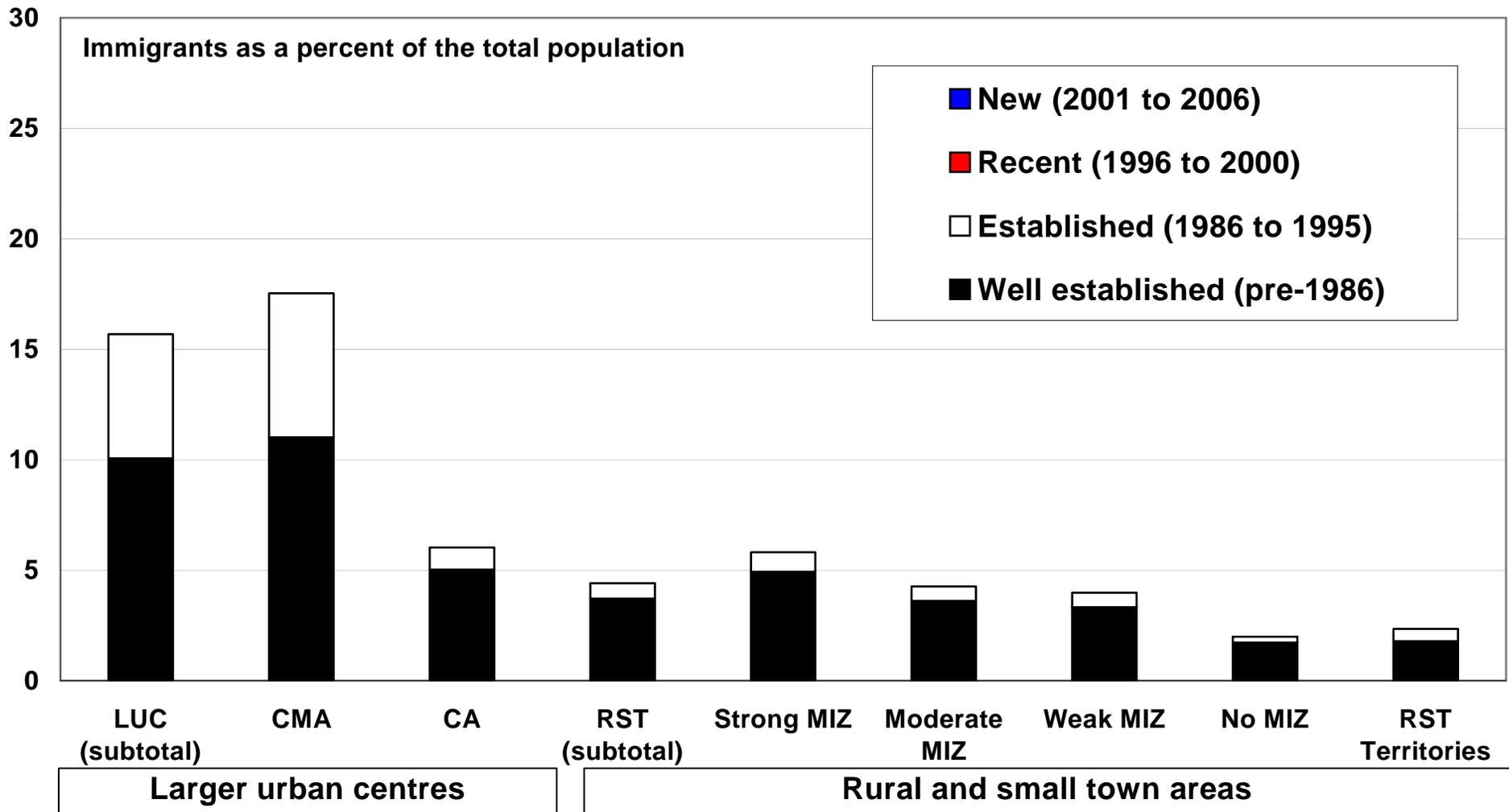
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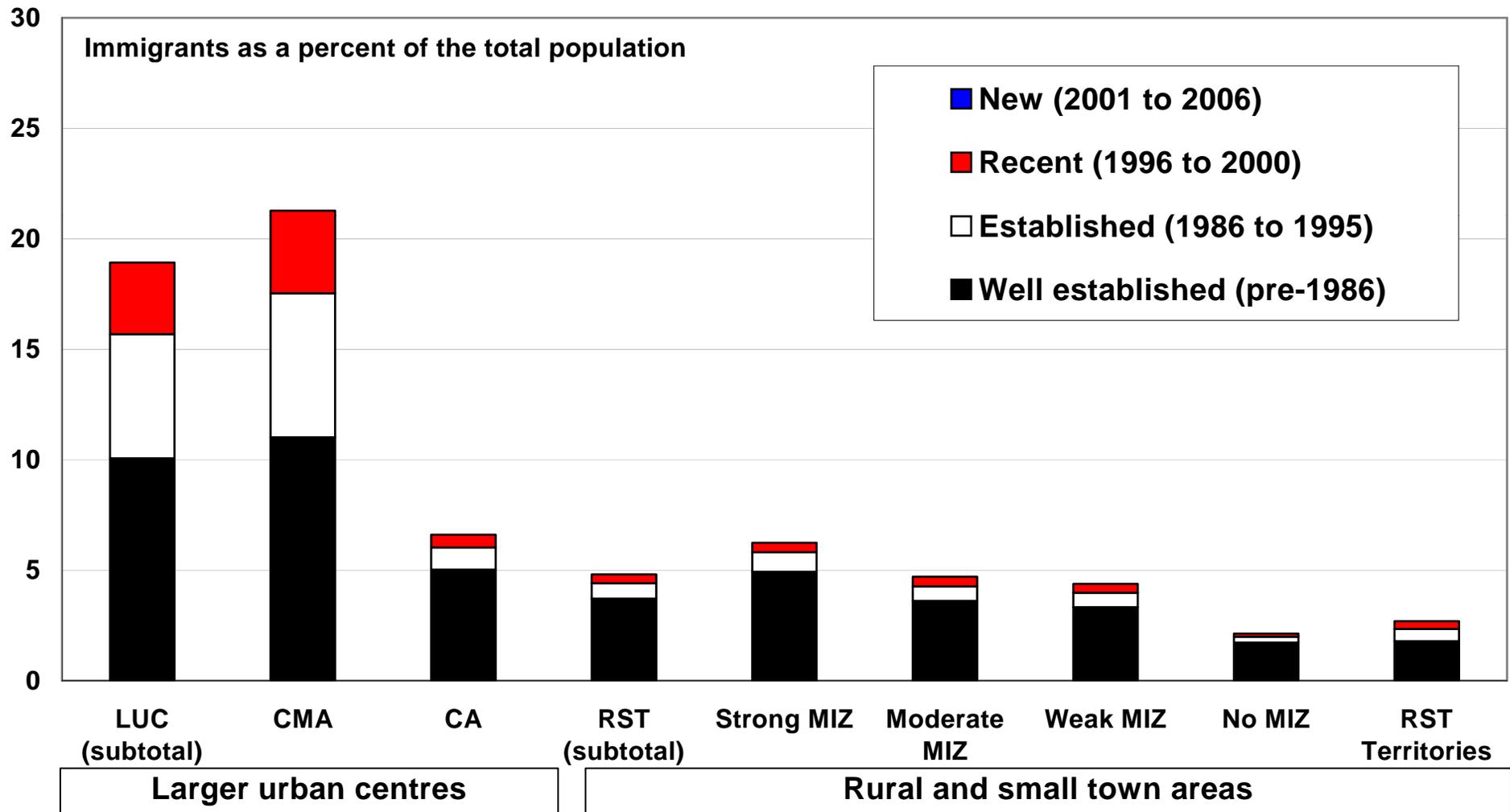
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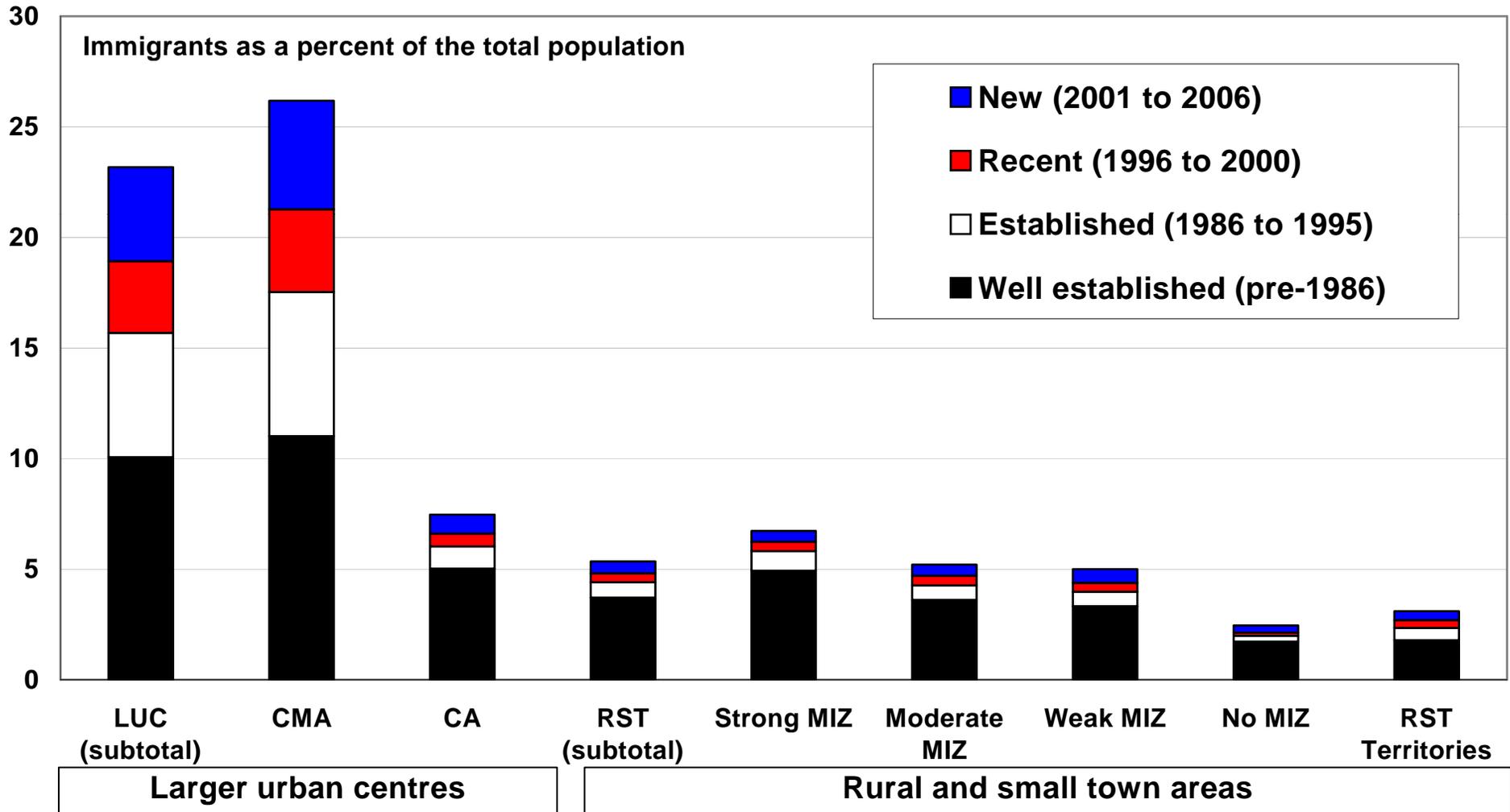


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<p>Within Manitoba, the three top ranked predominantly rural census divisions in terms of the share of the population that were new immigrants in 2006 (i.e. who arrived between 2001 and 2006)</p>	<p>Number of new immigrants in 2006</p>	<p>Percent of total population</p>	<p>Ranking among all (288) census divisions in Canada</p>
4603 Division No. 3 - includes Winkler	2,305	5.2	6
4602 Division No. 2 - includes Steinbach	2,095	3.8	11
4607 Division No. 7 - includes Brandon	950	1.6	31



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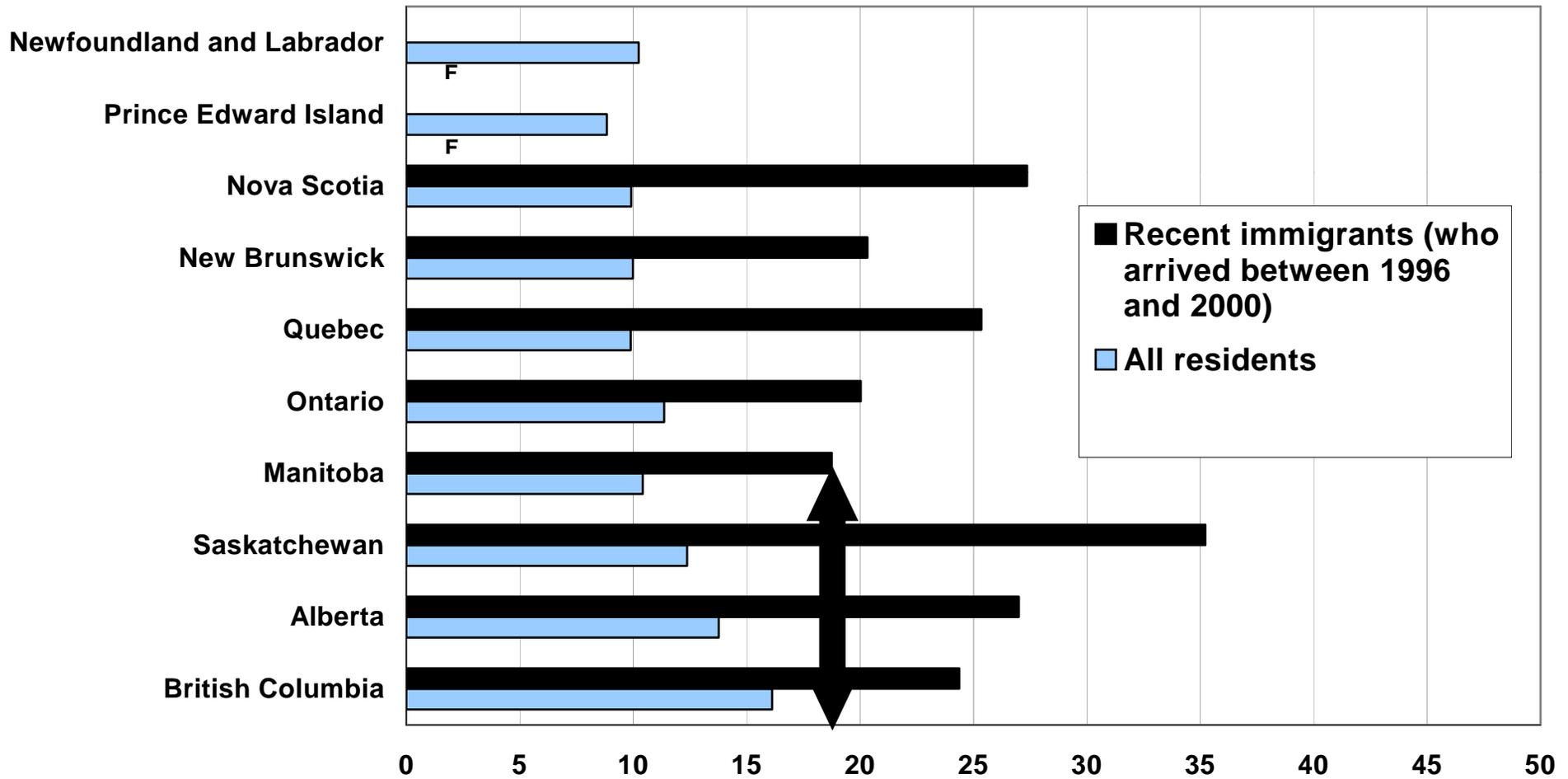


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- **What is a “good” retention rate?**
 - **If 60-70% stay 5 years?**
 - **If 70-80% stay 5 years?**
 - **If 80-90% stay 5 years?**
 - **If 90+% stay 5 years?**



In rural and small town Manitoba, the retention rate from 2001 to 2006 of recent immigrants (who arrived between 1996 and 2006) was 81% (i.e. 19% moved out)



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Percent who migrated OUT OF rural and small town areas between 2001 and 2006



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