



Statistics on the African diaspora in Sweden

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Overview of the presentation

1. Migration statistics in Sweden: data sources and definitions
2. African migration to Sweden in context: how many immigrated?
3. What can official statistics tell us about the well-being of the African diaspora in Sweden?

1. Migration statistics in Sweden: data sources and definitions



Common sources of data for migration statistics

	Cross-sectional	Longitudinal
Survey		
Census		
Population register		The Swedish Population Register

The Population Register

- The main source official population statistics
- Administered by the Swedish Tax Agency
- Changes in the population are reported on a daily basis
- Covers the entire resident population
- Resident: a person who intent to reside in Sweden for at least 12 months

The personal identity number

- Every resident has a personal identity number for life
- Allows for statistics that follow the migrants over time
- Link to many other registers: labour market, education, health and others.

Example of the personal identity number for a person born on 25-dec-1980:

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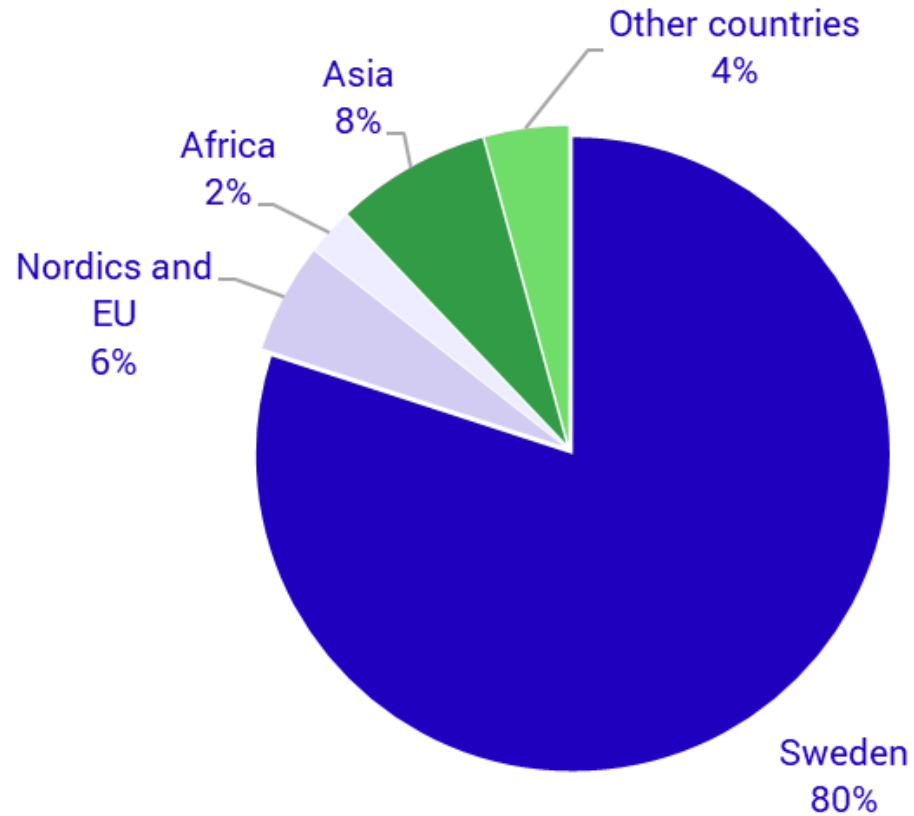
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2. African migration to Sweden in context: how many immigrated?



2% of the Swedish population was born in Africa

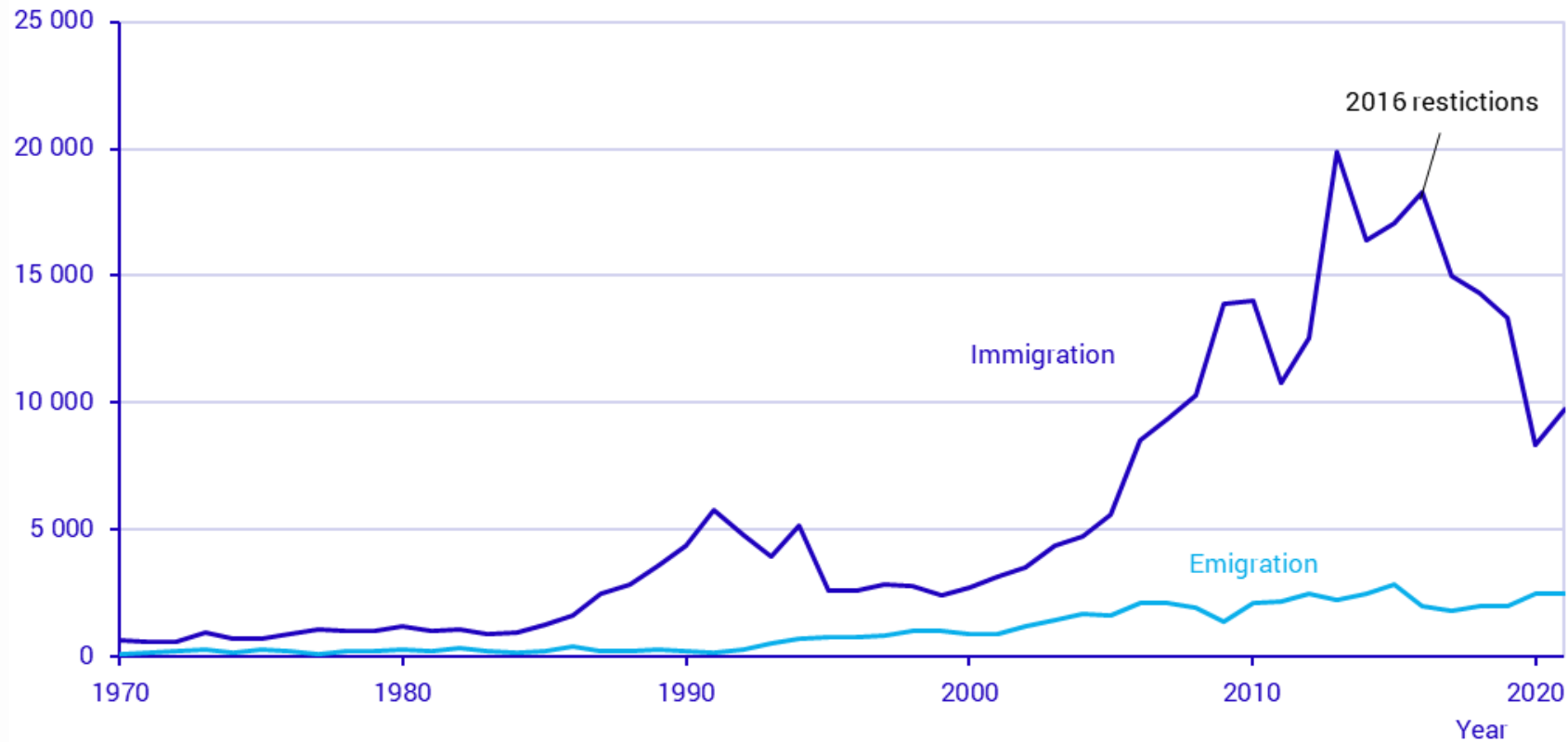
Distribution of the population in Sweden by region of birth, 2021



About
250,000
people born
in Africa
residing in
Sweden in
2021

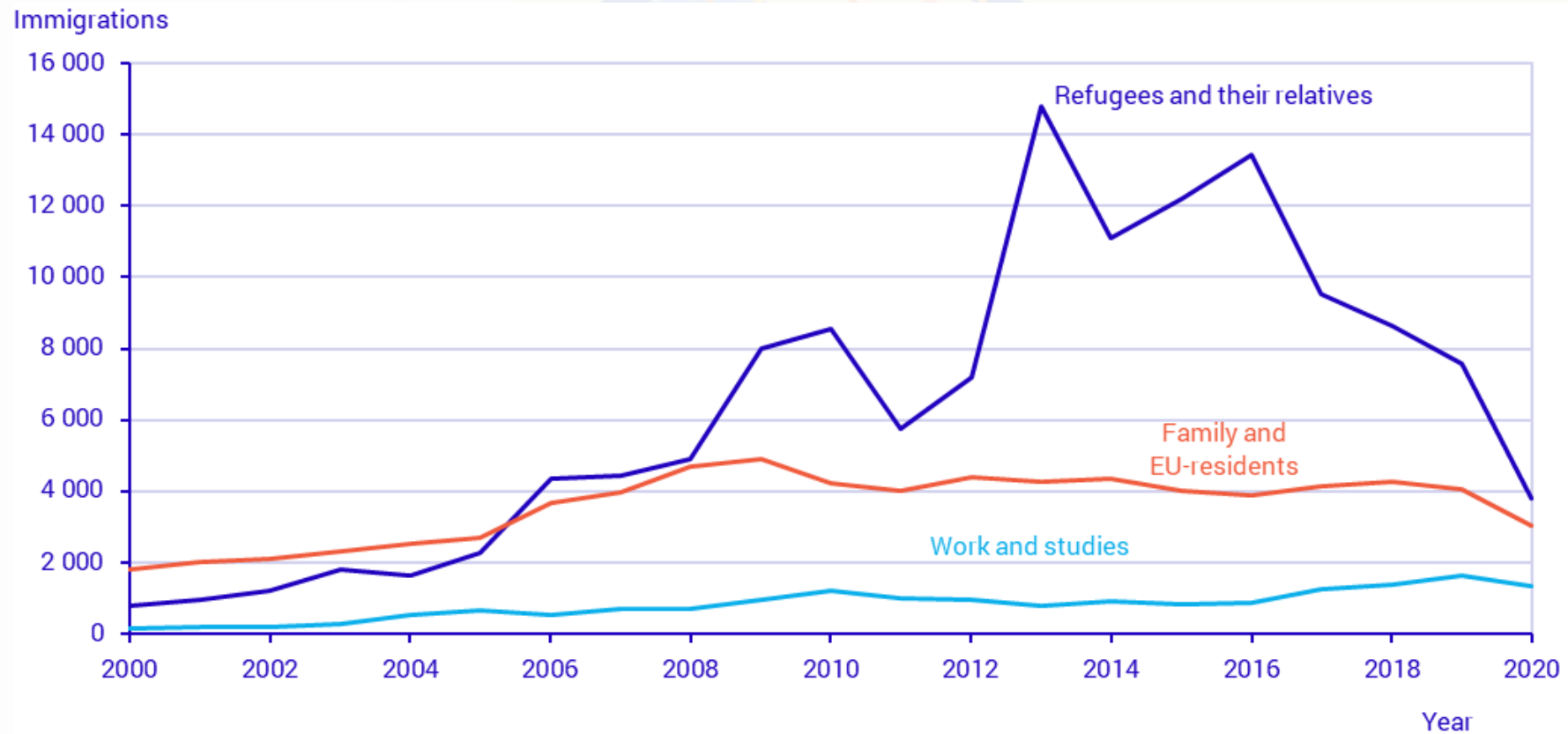
The increase and decline in immigration

Immigration to and emigration from Sweden of persons born in Africa, 1970-2021



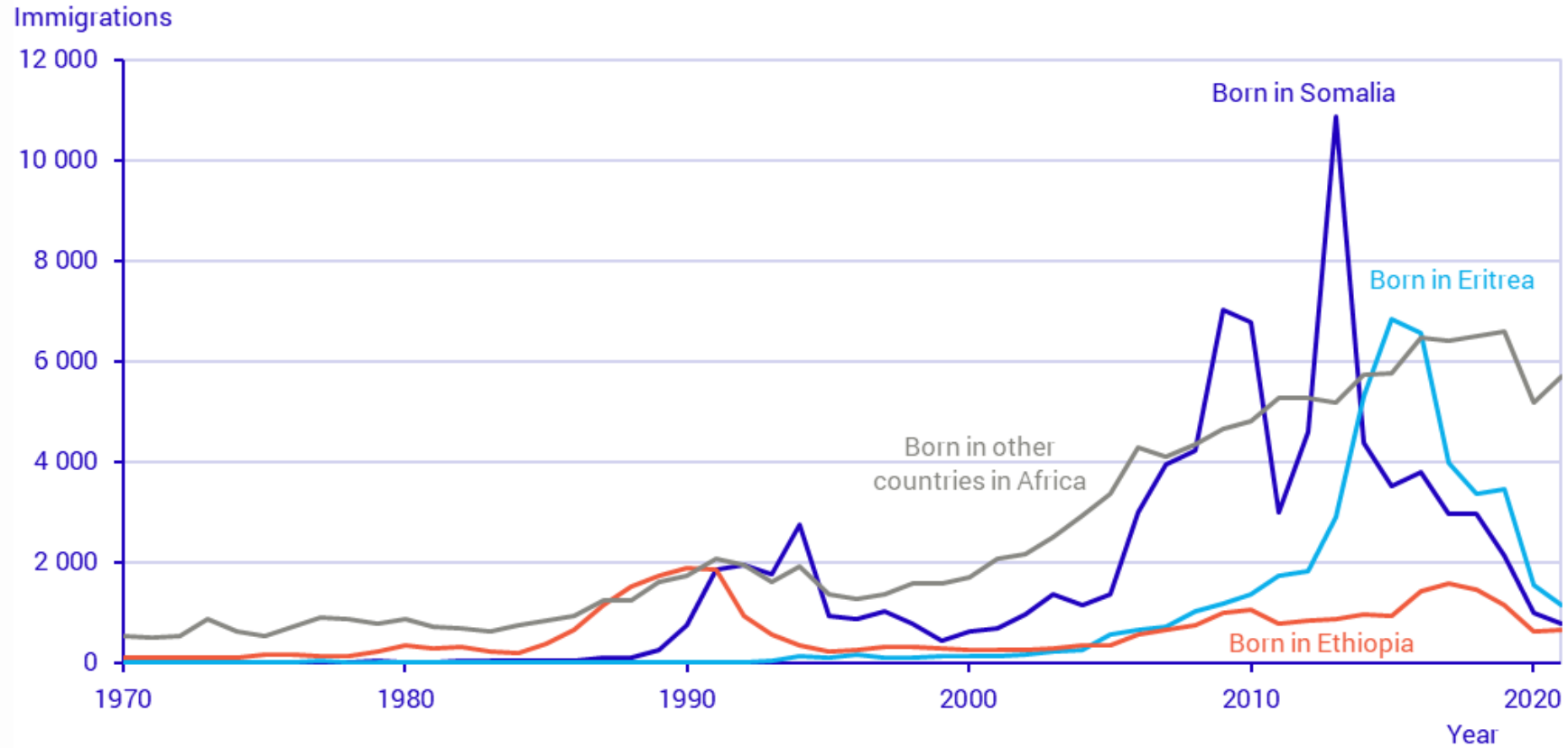
Most migration related to asylum

Immigration of persons born in Africa, by type of residence permit



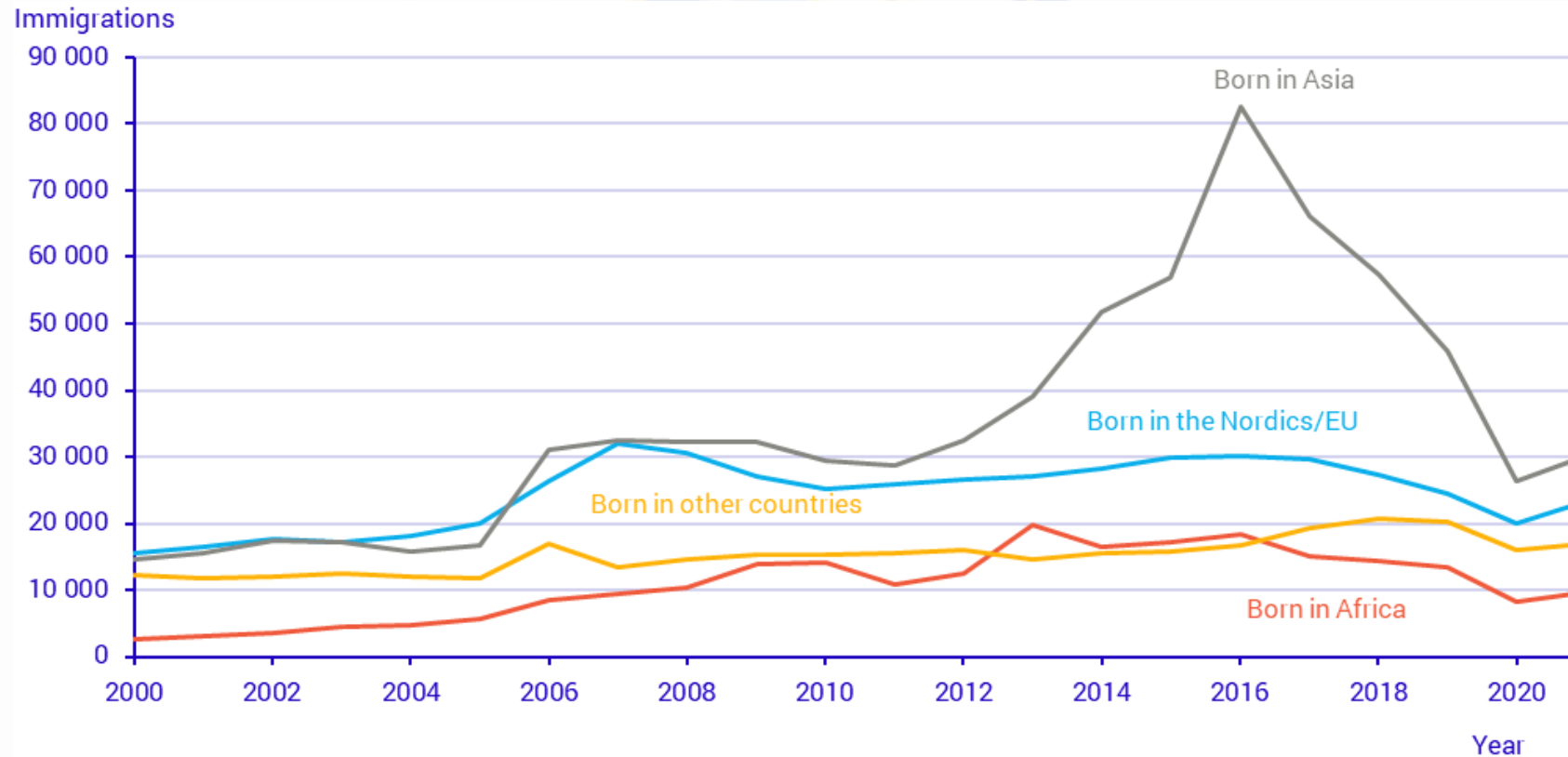
The most common countries of birth

Immigration of persons born in Africa – The three most common countries of birth



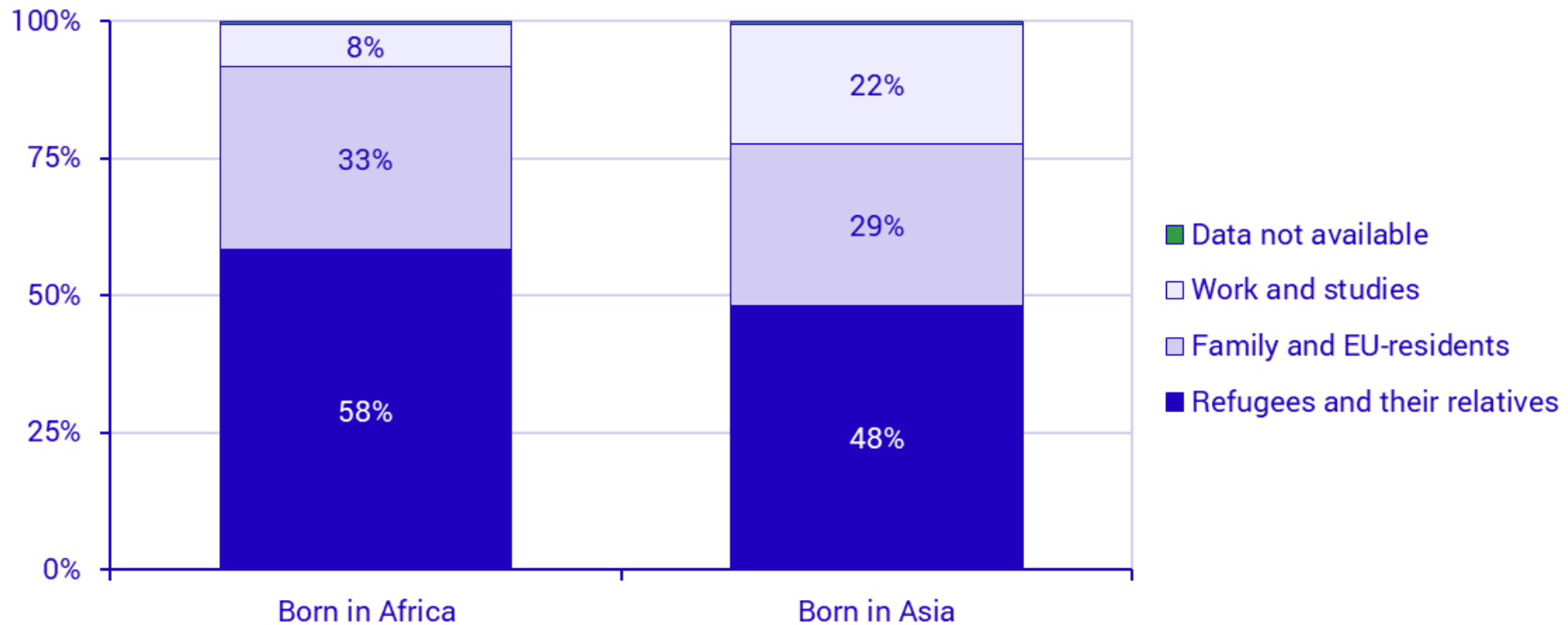
Most immigrants were born in Asia

Immigration of foreign-born persons, by region of birth



Asylum more common among Africans than Asians

Immigration of persons born in Africa and Asia by type of residence permit, 2000-2021



The context of African migration to Sweden

- 2% of the Swedish population in 2021 was born in Africa.
- Larger increase 2000-2016 and decline since. Asylum was the leading cause of migration. Some recent increase in labour migration.
- Most common countries of birth: Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia. Other countries becoming more common recently.
- It happened in a period of increased immigration from other regions, mostly from Asia.

3. What can official statistics tell us about the well-being of the African diaspora in Sweden?

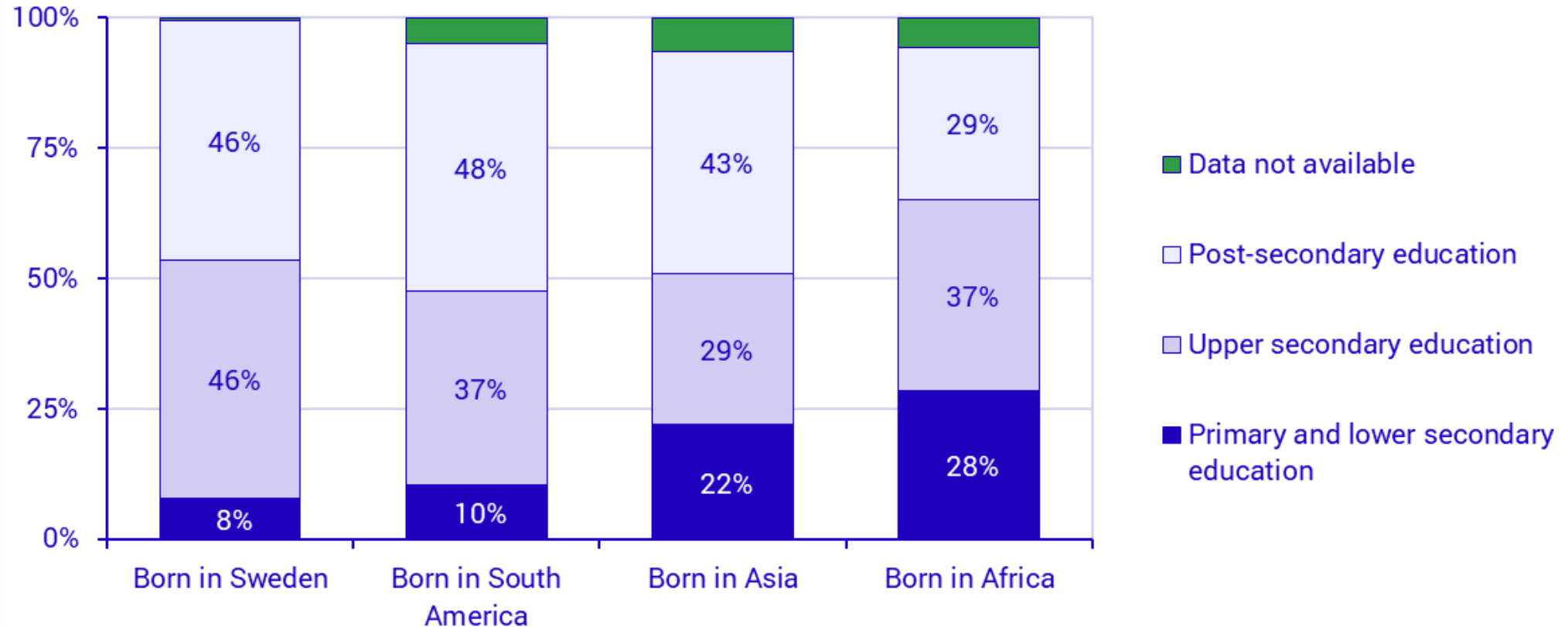
The Swedish perspective: immigrant integration

“The **goal** of integration policy in Sweden is that everyone should have equal rights, obligations and opportunities.

How well the integration works can be **measured with the help of statistics** on the labour market, housing situation, democracy, demographics, income and living conditions divided into, among others, **native- and foreign-born.**”

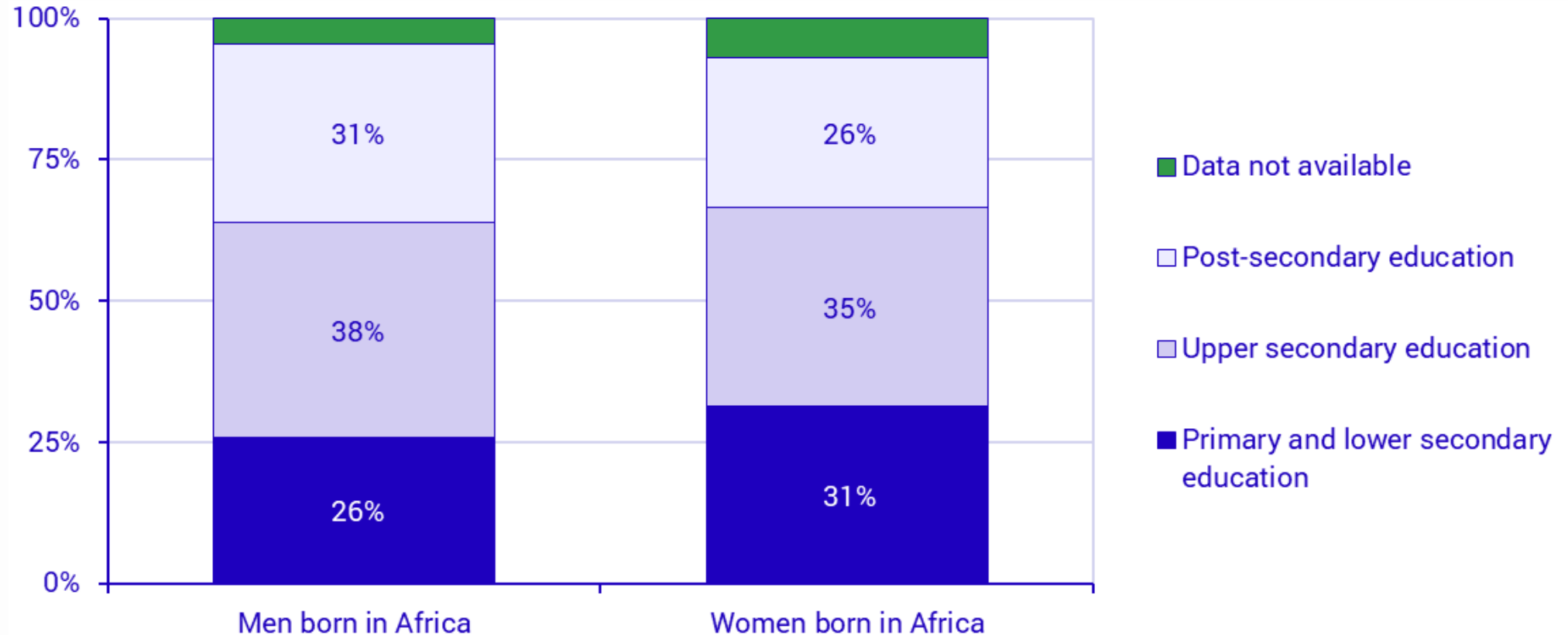
Lower educational attainment

Distribution by education and region of birth: population ages 25-64 in 2021



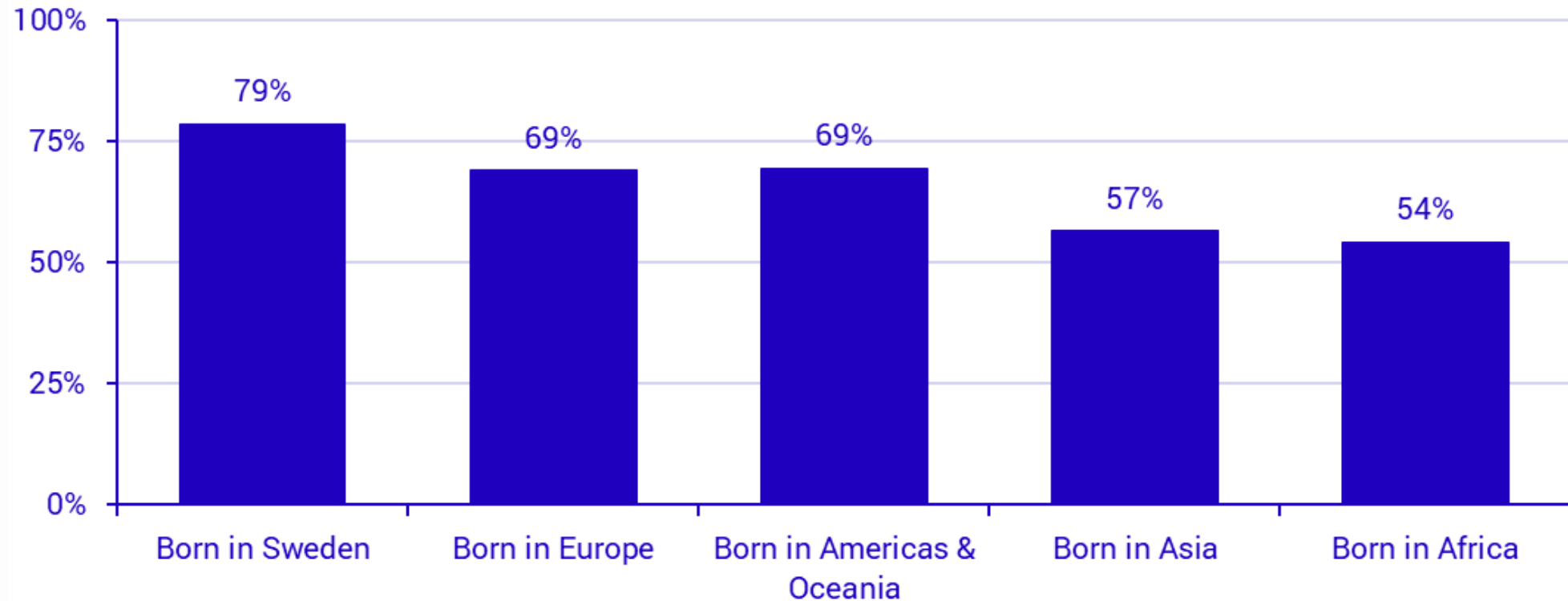
Men have higher educational attainment

Distribution by education and sex: persons born in Africa ages 25-64 in 2021



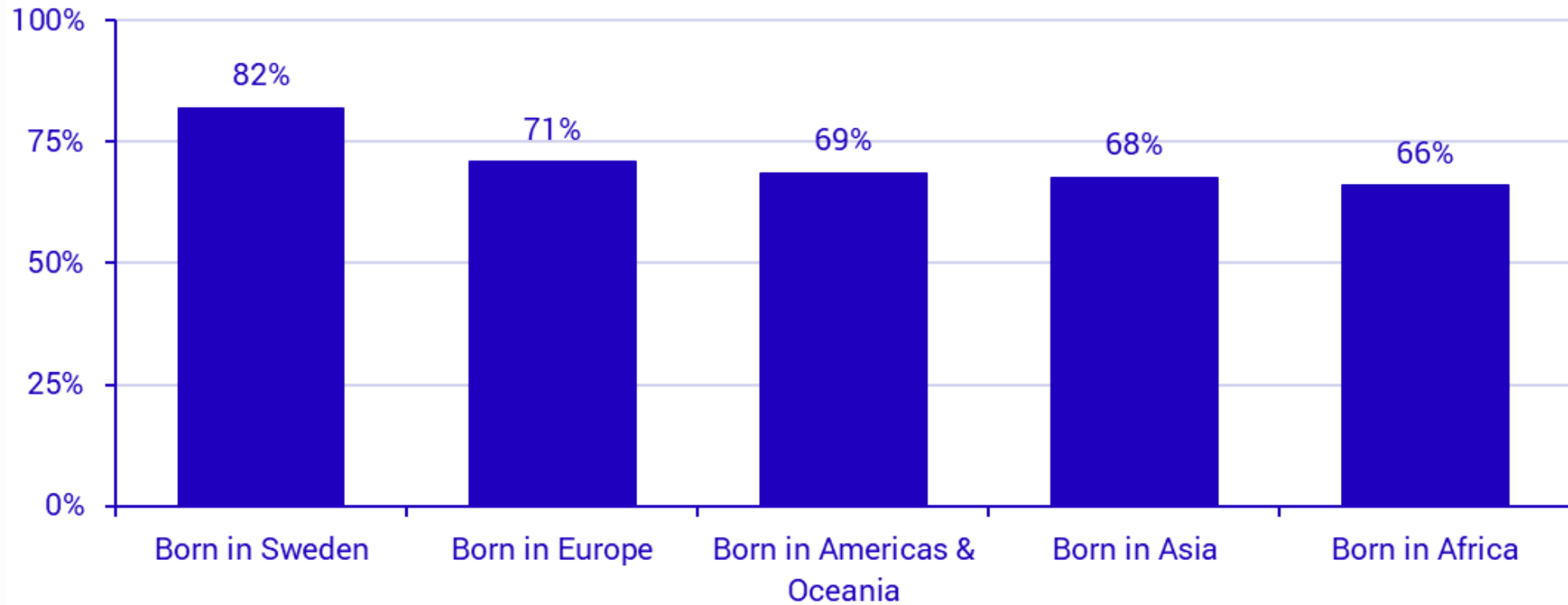
Lower proportion in employment

Proportion gainfully employed: ages 16+ in 2020



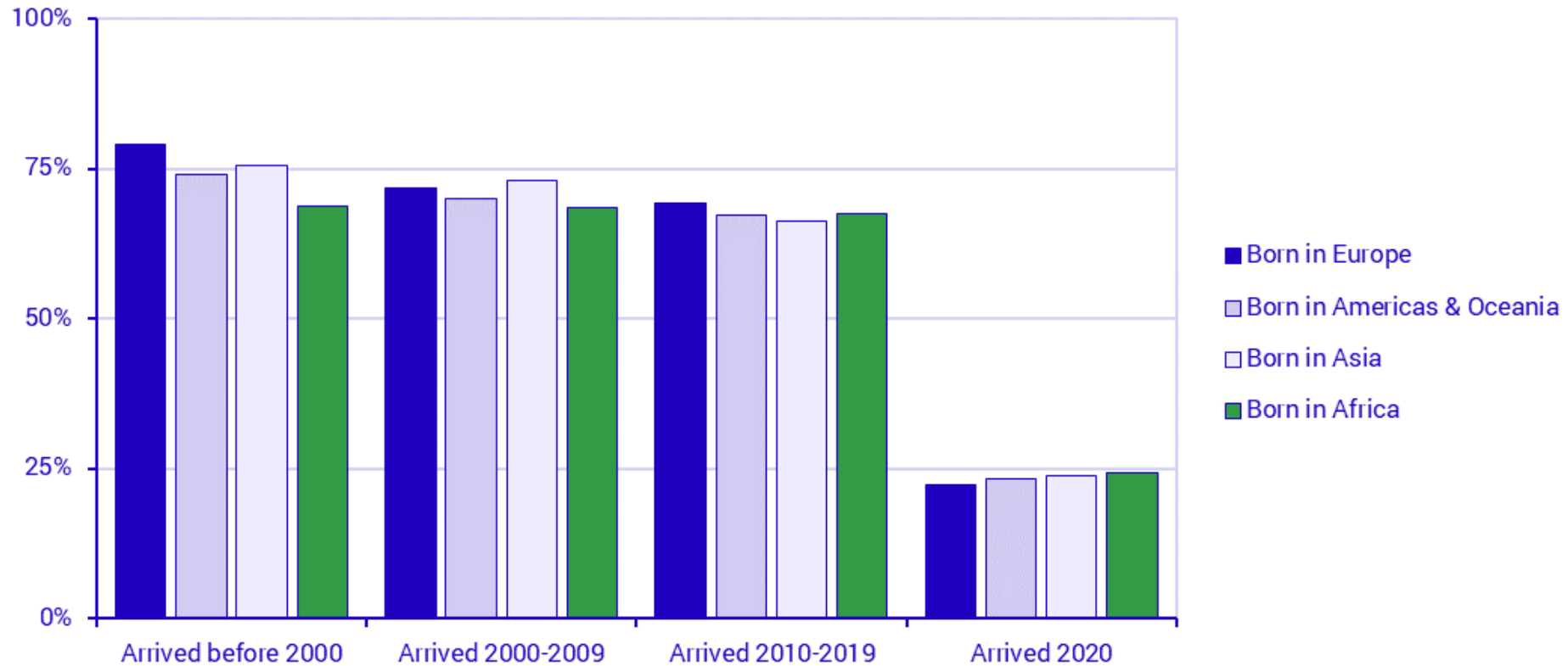
Taking age and sex into consideration

Proportion gainfully employed: men ages 25-34 in 2020



Taking date of arrival into consideration

Proportion gainfully employed: men ages 25-34 in 2020



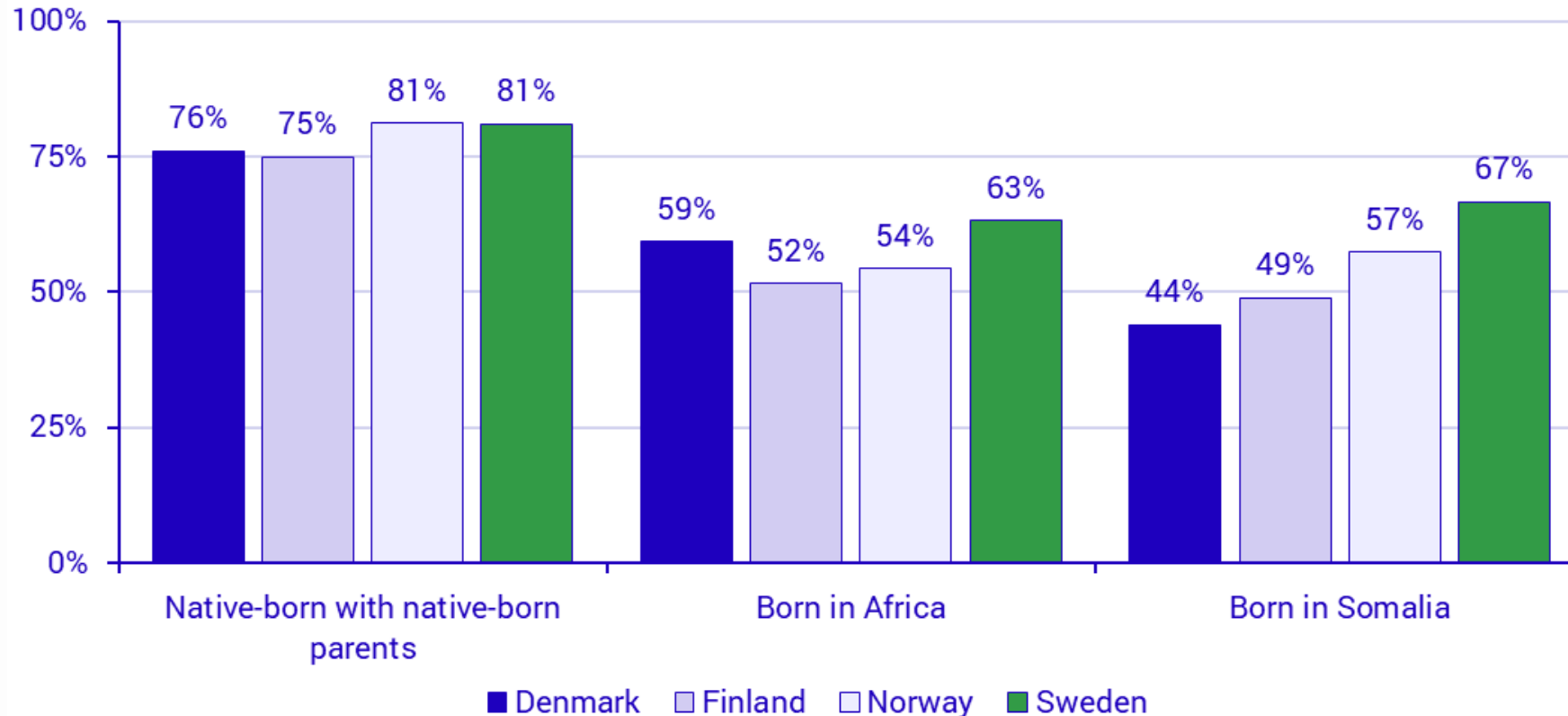
Studying other groups via Statistics Sweden online database:

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Free to use:
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An international perspective

Proportion employed: men ages 25-34 in 2018



Studying other groups via the Nordic Statistics online database:

WORK30: Employed (per cent) by reporting country, population category, country background, time, sex and age

Choose variables

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List view

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Denmark
Finland
Norway
Sweden

Age Mandatory*

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20-24 years
25-29 years
30-34 years
35-44 years

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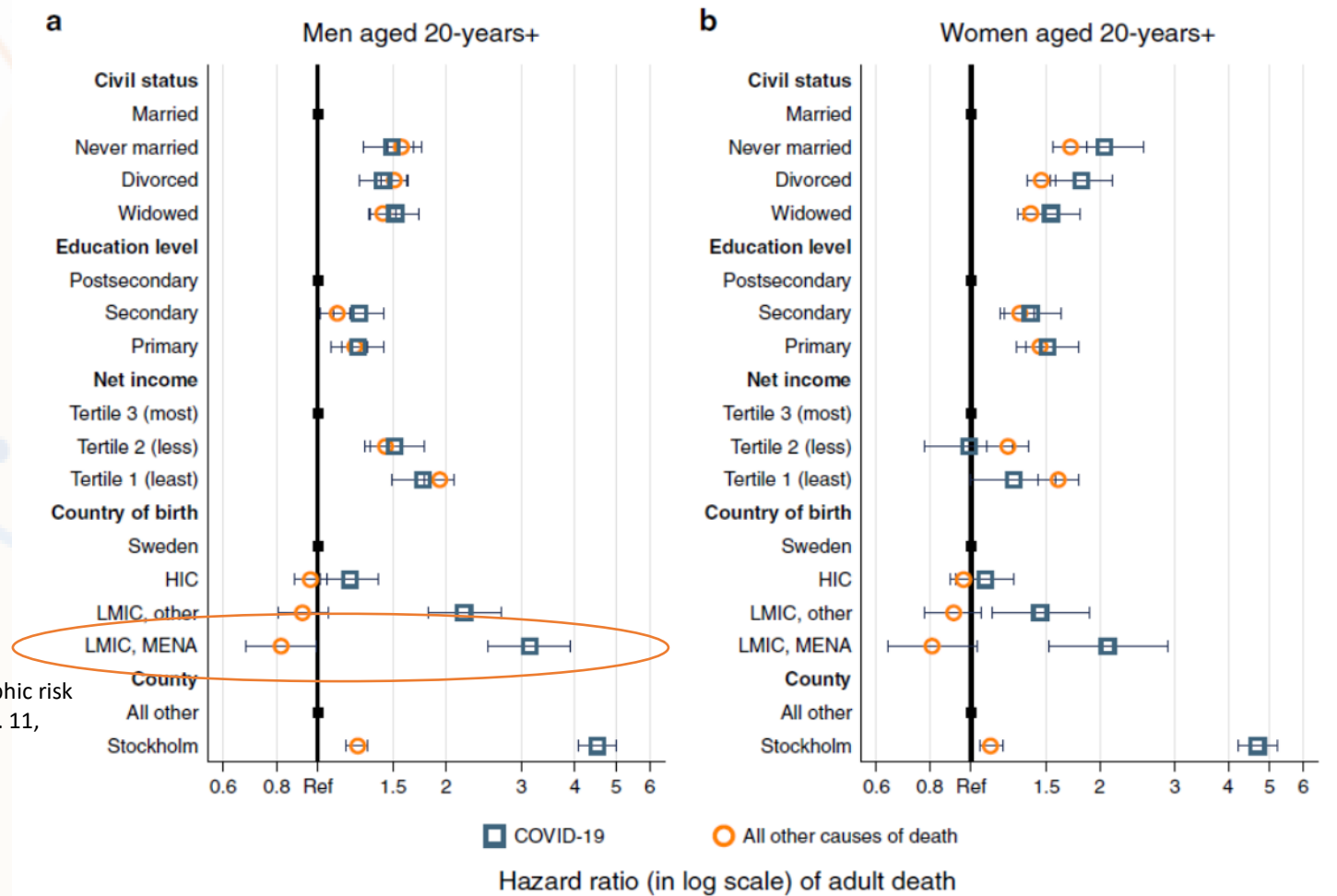
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Statistics Sweden also provides data to researchers

- Study on mortality by COVID-19
- March 13 and May 7, 2020
- N = 7,775,054

Drefahl, S., et al. "A population-based cohort study of socio-demographic risk factors for COVID-19 deaths in Sweden". *Nature Communications*, vol. 11, 5097 (2020).



Studying the well-being of the African diaspora in Sweden

- What dimensions of well-being are of interest to you? Education, employment, income, housing, health?
- What statistical indicators can be used?
- What background variables do you need? Age, sex, years in Sweden?
- Much is published as open data via Statistics Sweden and international cooperation!

Thank you for listening!

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