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Understanding the Context of Immigration in British Columbia: A Snapshot of Labour Market and Integration Outcomes

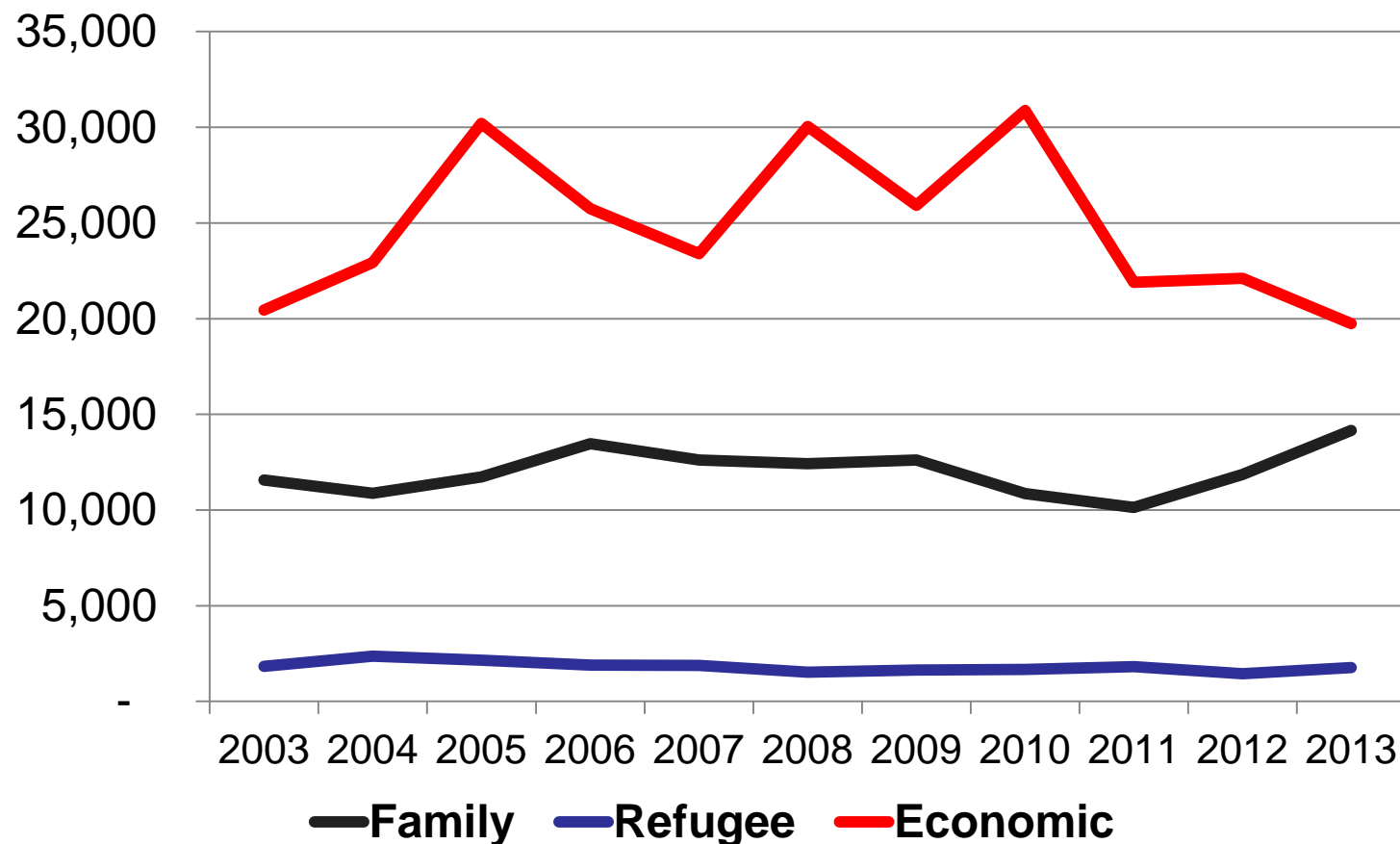
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Immigrants by entrance class, British Columbia 2003-2013



Temporary
foreign
workers:
48,092

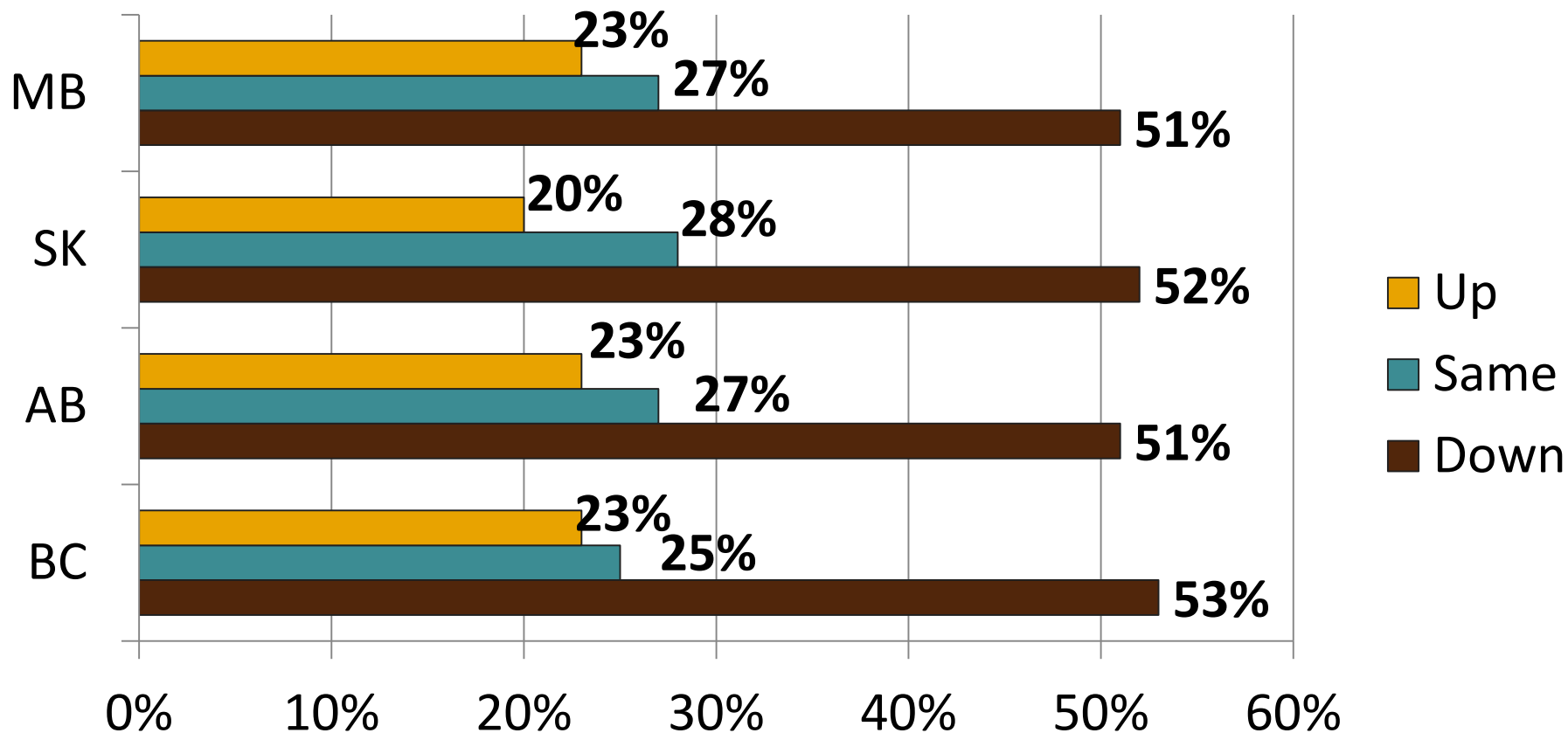
Over 60,000
international
students
arrived
in 2013

Post-arrival job status, immigrants compared to Canadian-born

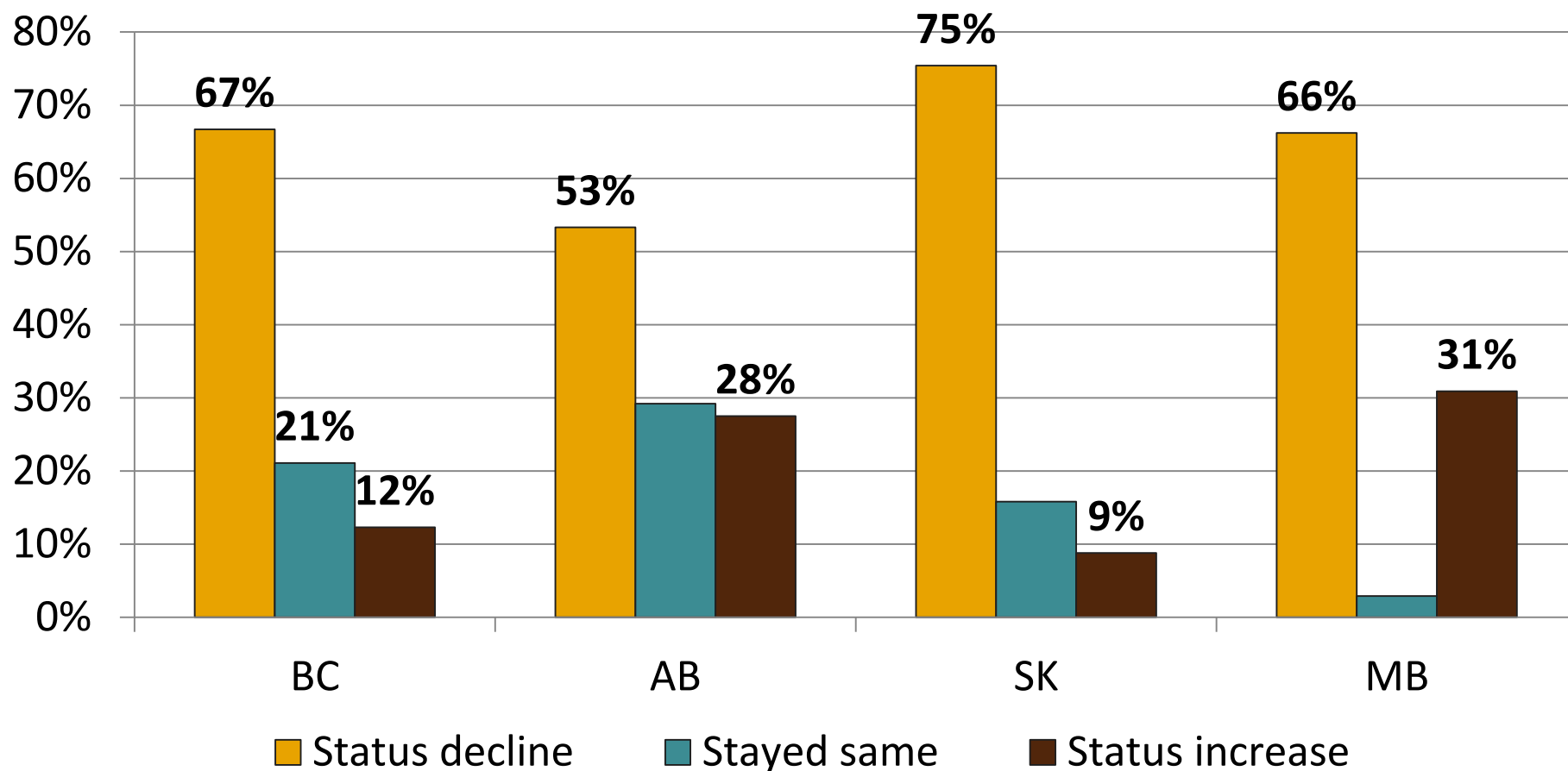
	<u>Immigrant</u>		<u>Born in Canada</u>
	<u>Pre-arrival</u>	<u>Post-arrival</u>	
NOC A	47%	28%	37%
NOC B	30%	27%	26%
NOC C	21%	31%	28%
NOC D	2%	14%	9%

Among university-educated immigrants, 43% of females and 35% of males worked in occupations requiring a high school education or less. In comparison, only 15% of university-educated Canadian-born worked in occupations requiring high school education or less.

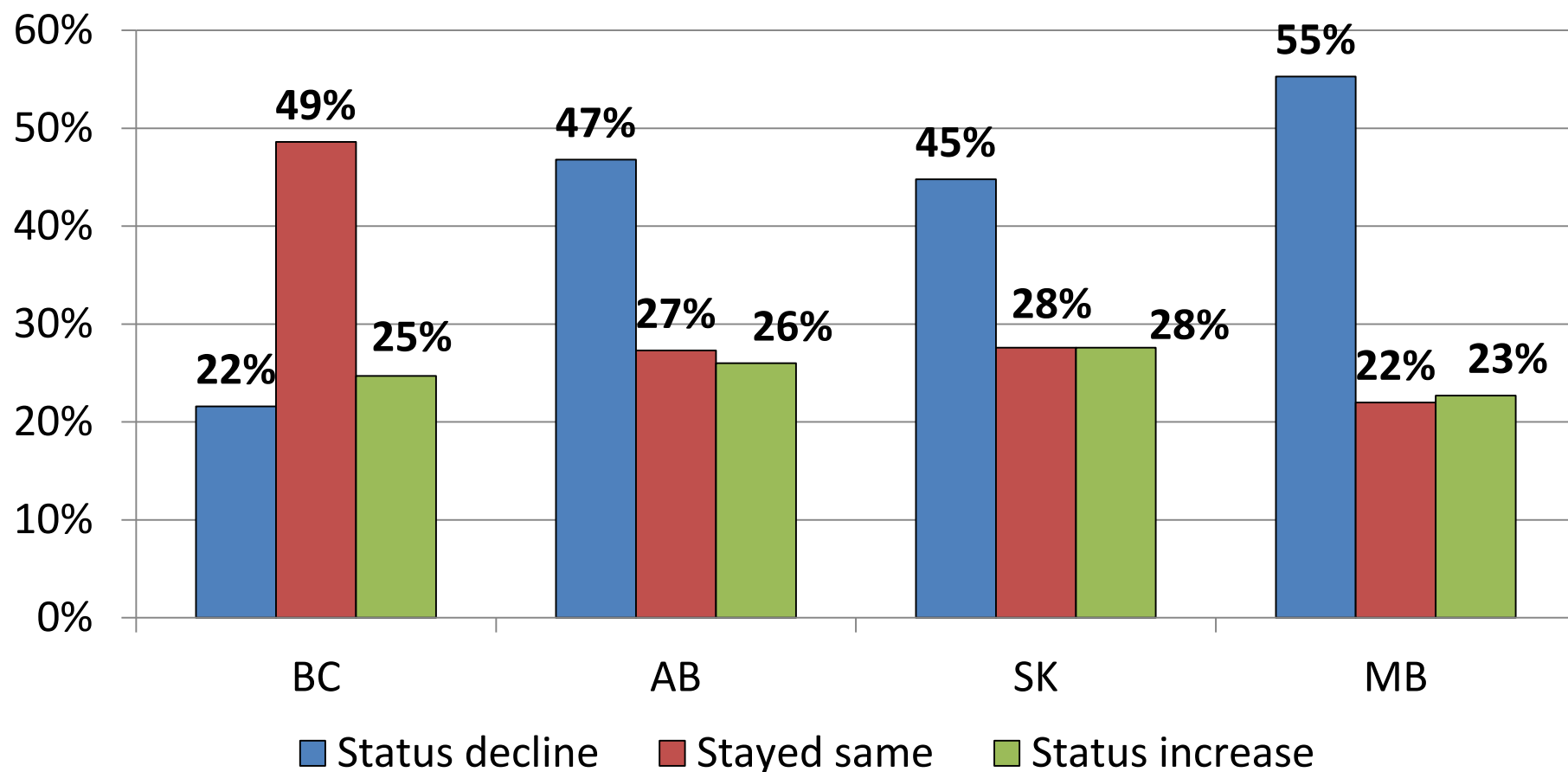
Change in post-arrival skill level by province



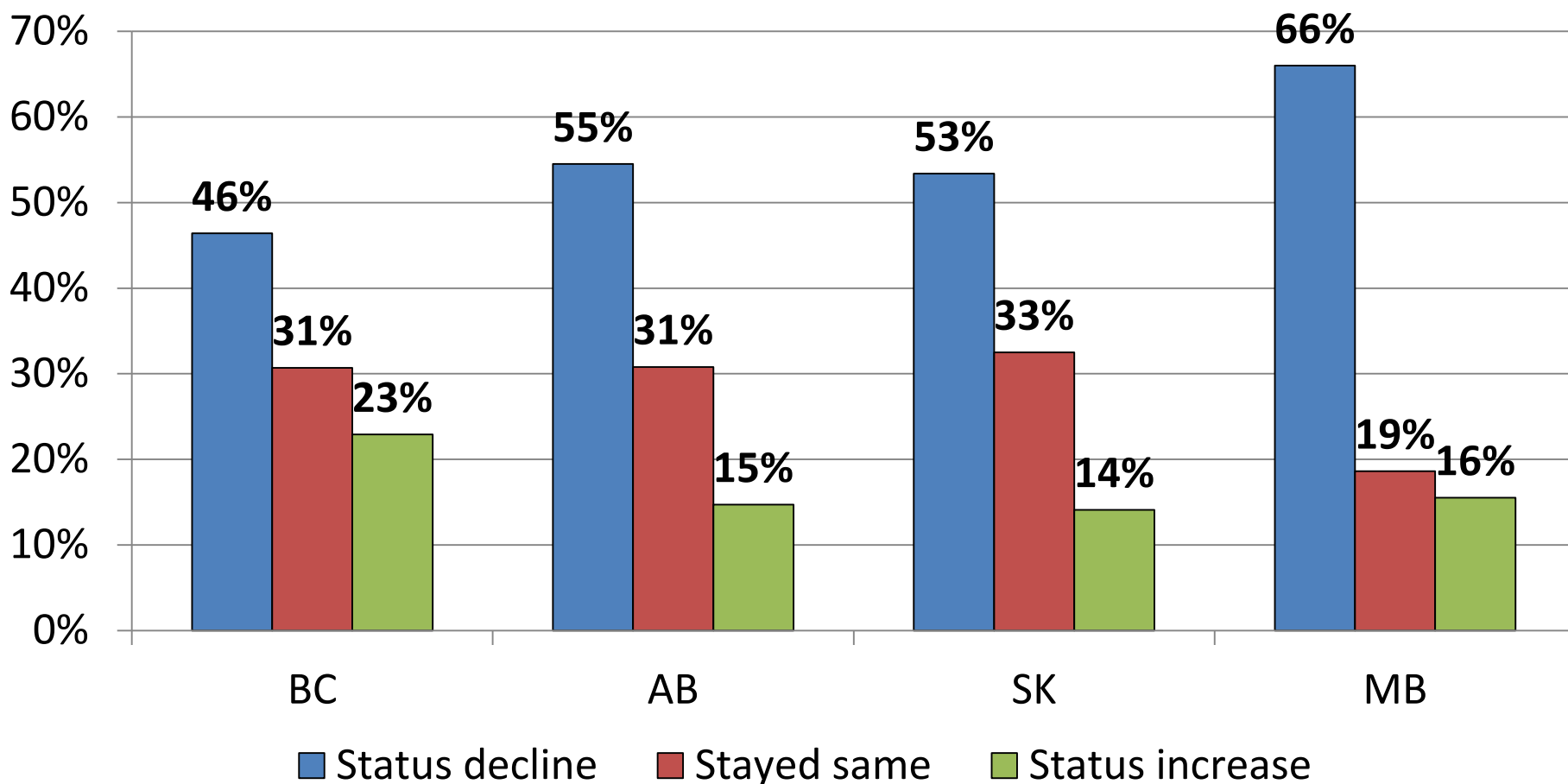
Job status decline by province REFUGEES



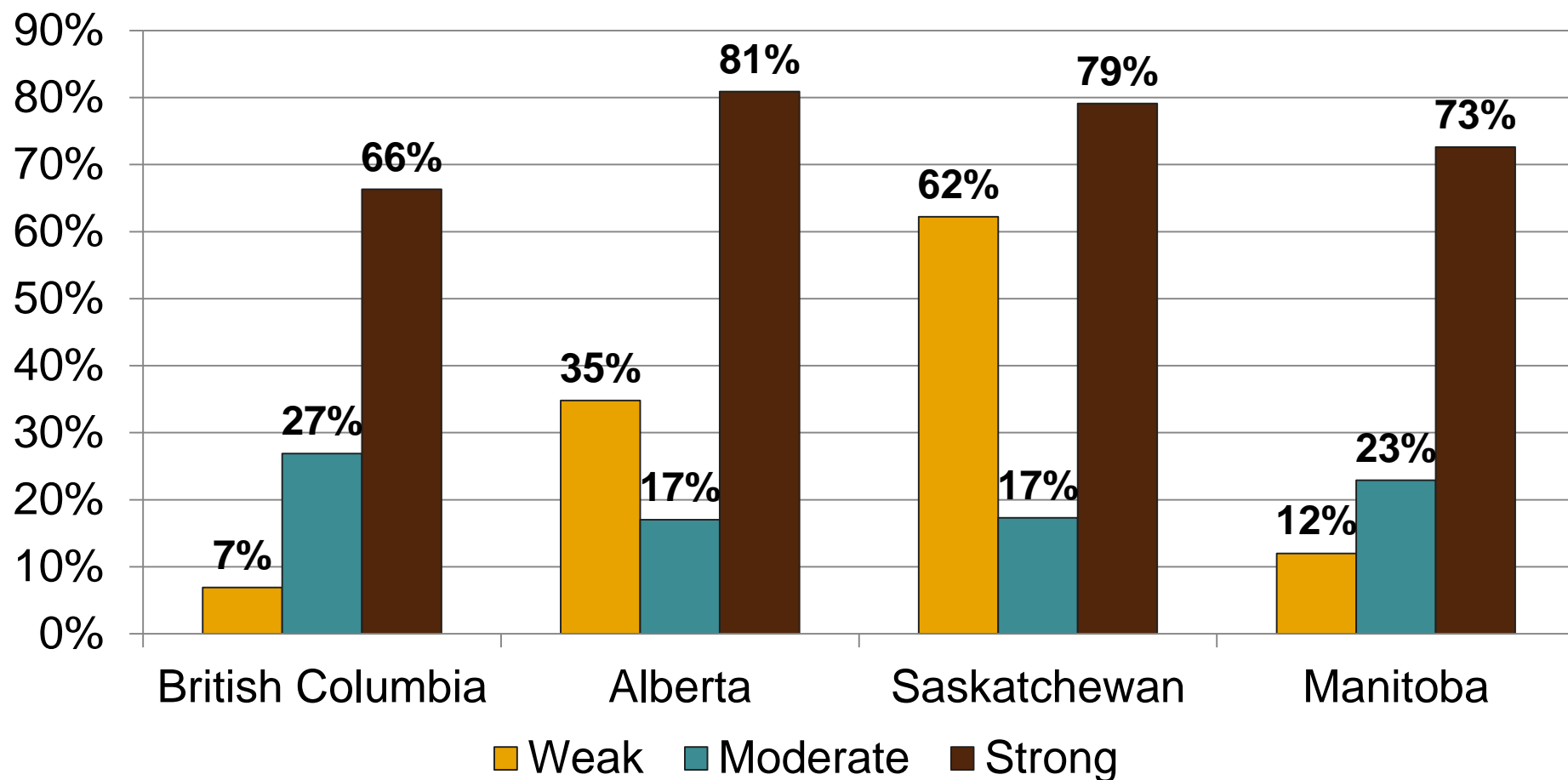
Job status decline by province: Provincial Nominees



Job status decline by province: Skilled/Prof Worker



Sense of belonging by province: Females






Sense of belonging lowest in British Columbia

- Immigration class matters (BC figures only)
 - Economic (71.5%), family class (67.2%) and refugee (72.6%) felt the least sense of belonging among all immigrants in the west
- English language proficiency does increase sense of belonging
 - But in BC, immigrants proficient in English are the least satisfied of any western province by a margin of at least 15%
- Where you live matters
 - Immigrants living in large cities in BC have the lowest sense of belonging in Western Canada
 - Those living in census agglomerates (100,000 or less) are even less satisfied—by a margin of 20%



Job status decline and sense of belonging: A report card for BC

- Job status decline findings are mixed  
 - Refugees: BC refugees have significant status decline compared to other provinces
 - Provincial Nominees: BC PNs were least likely to see status decline
 - Skilled/professional workers: BC saw an increase in job status!
- Sense of belonging is lowest in British Columbia 
 - Females in BC had the lowest sense of belonging
 - Even among the most proficient in English, those living in BC had the lowest sense of belonging
 - Those living in urban areas had the lowest sense of belonging among those living in cities nationwide

Additional Findings, Reports and Information

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Introduction to IRW

- 33 Community Consultations (Brandon University)
 - AMSSA, Miu Yan, University of British Columbia
 - AAISA, Anna Kirova, University of Alberta
 - SAISIA, Joe Garcea, University of Saskatchewan
 - MIRSSA, Bill Ashton, Brandon University
- Triangulation project
- GIS Mapping project
- Four projects Labour market integration, Official language acquisition, Welcoming Communities, Use of Settlement Services
- Two Case Studies: BC and Manitoba
- National Conference Vancouver March 26-28 2015
Sheraton Wall Hotel



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