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**For a shared approach to defining
the stock of immigrants**

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A simple question:

Who are the migrants
living in your country?

1998 UN Recommendations

Two subpopulations of
interest:

Foreigners

Foreign-born

Some definitions

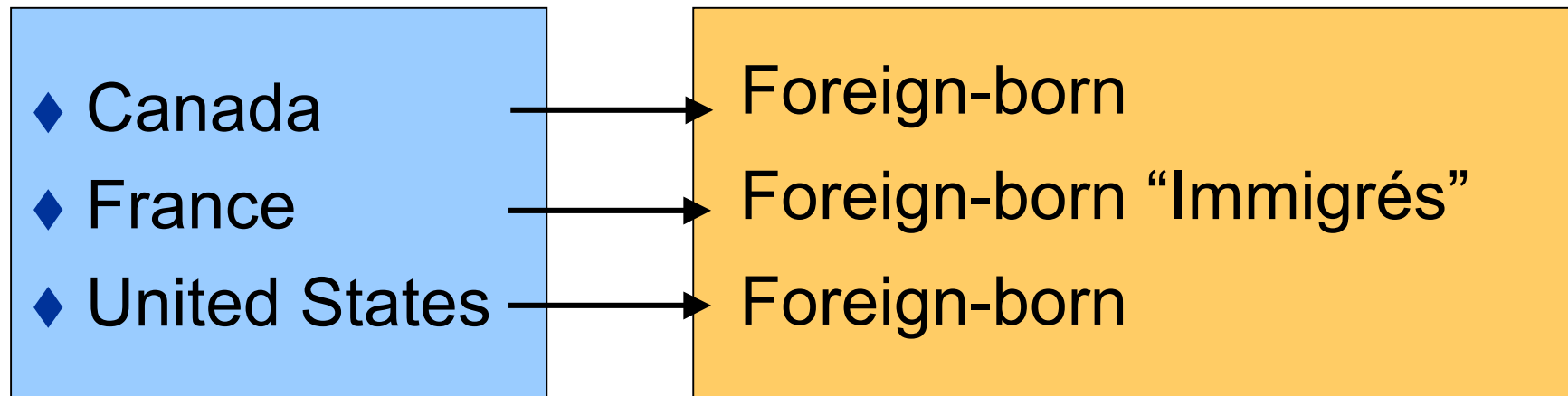
Foreigners

Persons living in the country without the citizenship of that country

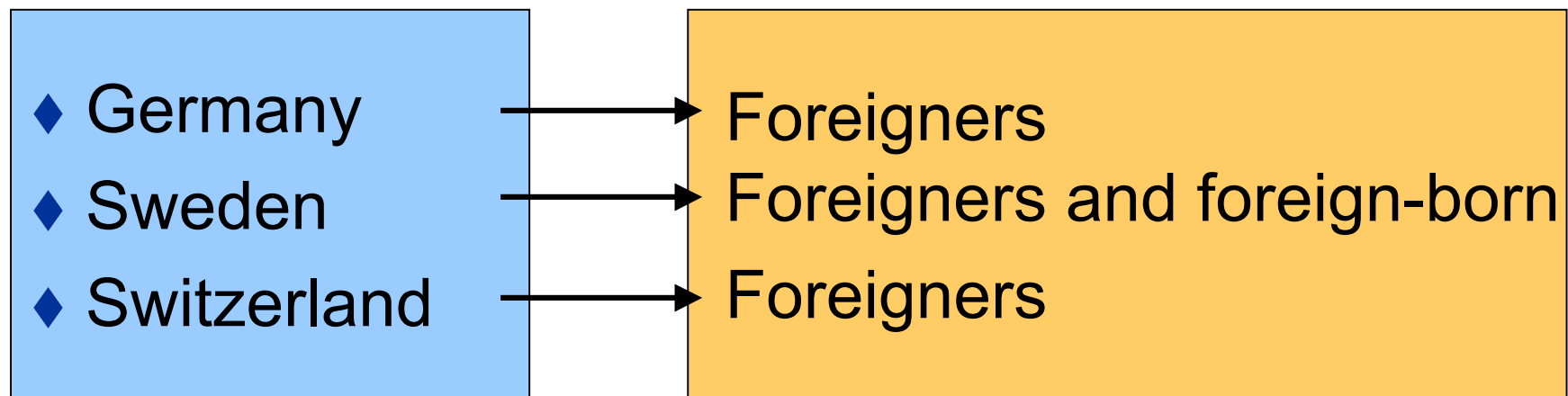
Foreign-born

Persons living in the country but born in another country

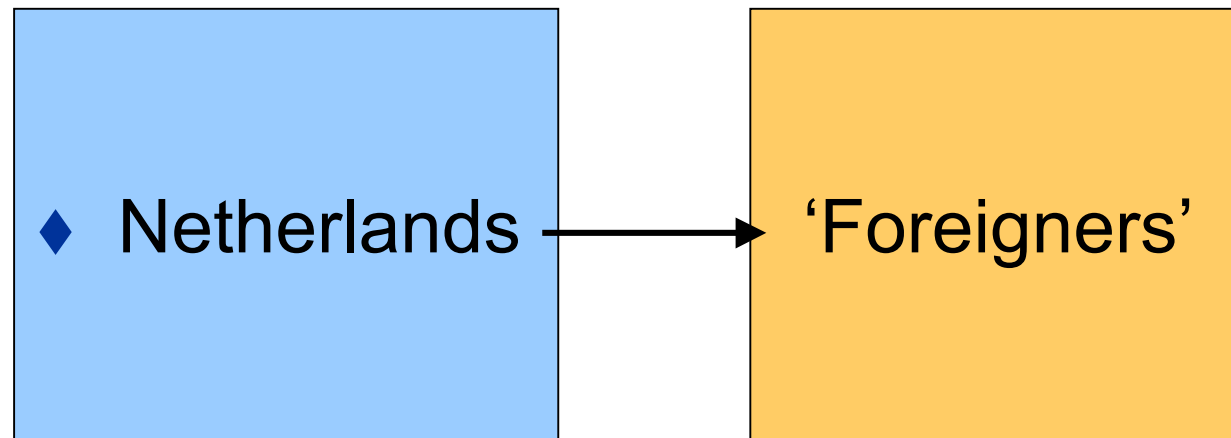
Some practices/1



Some practices/2



Some practices/3



Some practices/4

Criteria used in 18 countries of Eastern Europe and CIS

Citizenship	14
Place of birth	7
Ethnic group	2
Other	4

Country of birth

PROS

- ◆ Evidence of migration
- ◆ Unique
- ◆ Does not change

CONS

- ◆ Some 'Nationals' can be included
- ◆ 2nd generation excluded
- ◆ Not 'policy' relevant

Citizenship

PROS

- ◆ Legally relevant
- ◆ Many statistical sources

CONS

- ◆ Unstable
- ◆ National regulations
- ◆ Not unique

Assessment of 2000 Census Round in ECE countries/1

Questions included in the questionnaire:
(44 countries)

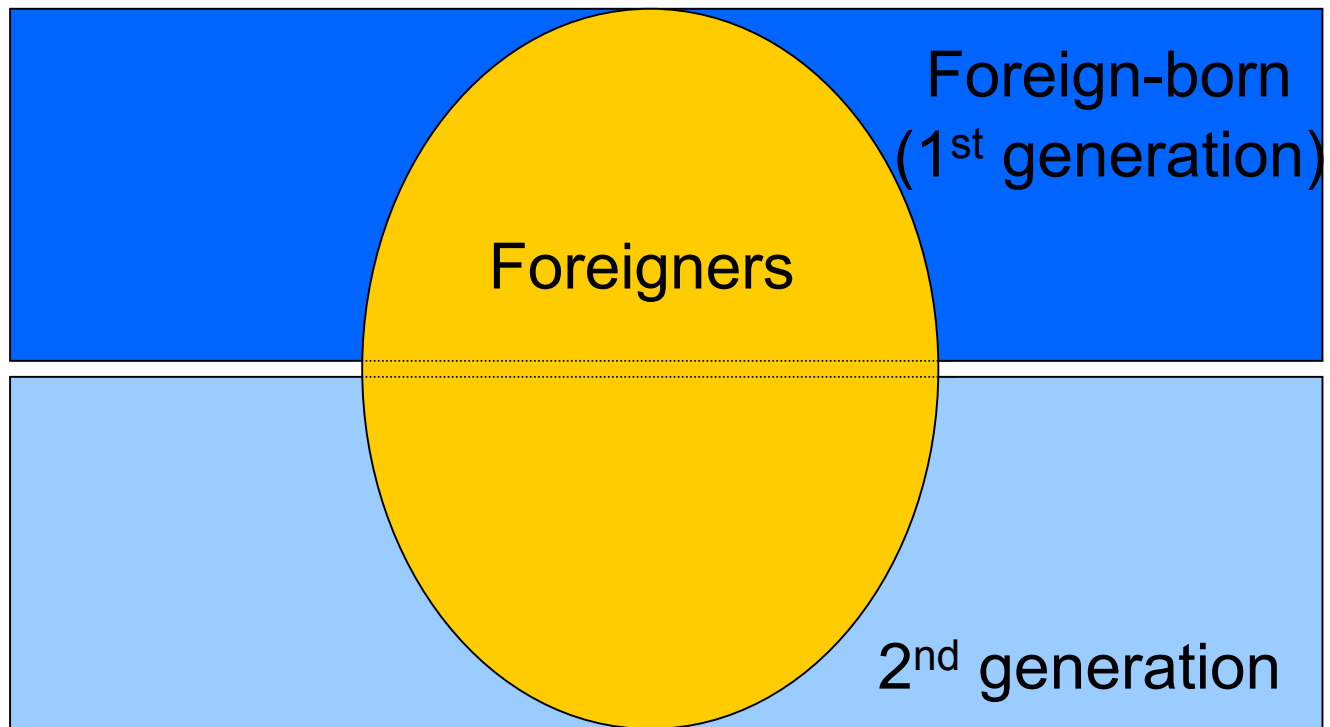
Country of birth	44
Citizenship	42
Ethnic group	27

Assessment of 2000 Census Round in ECE countries/2

Moreover, **29 Countries** included additional questions on:

- ◆ Multiple citizenship
- ◆ Citizenship at birth/by naturalization
- ◆ Country of birth of parents

The various groups



A possible classification of total population

	Place of birth	Parents' place of birth	Citizenship
Natives	In the country or abroad	In the country	Nationals <i>(at birth)</i>
1st generation immigrants	abroad	abroad	Nationals <i>(by naturalization)</i> Foreigners
2nd generation	In the country	abroad	Nationals <i>(at birth or by naturalization)</i> Foreigners

Foreign background

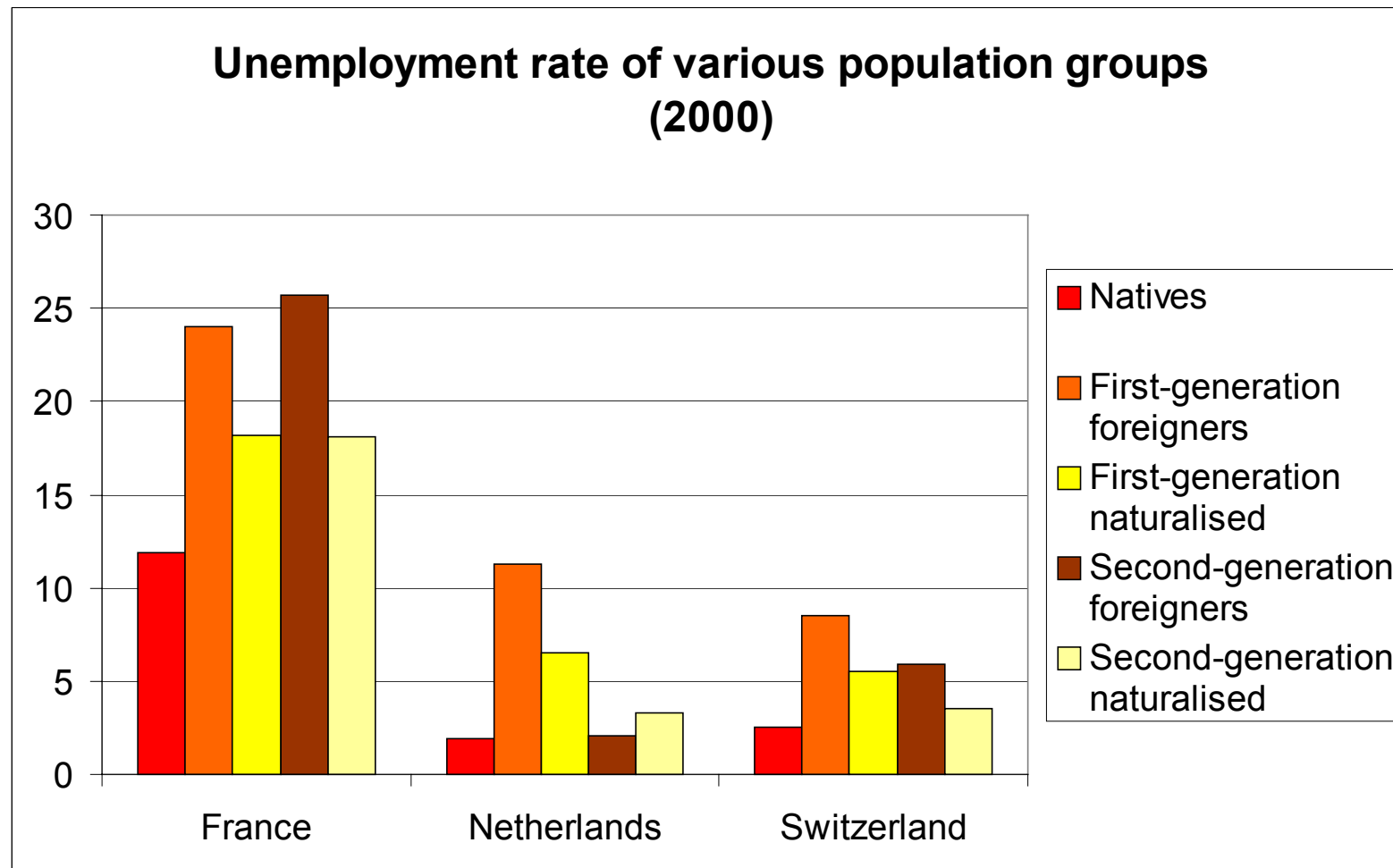
Shares of 'immigrants' in seven countries, 2000 (*% of tot.pop.*)

Foreigners, foreign-born and population with foreign-background

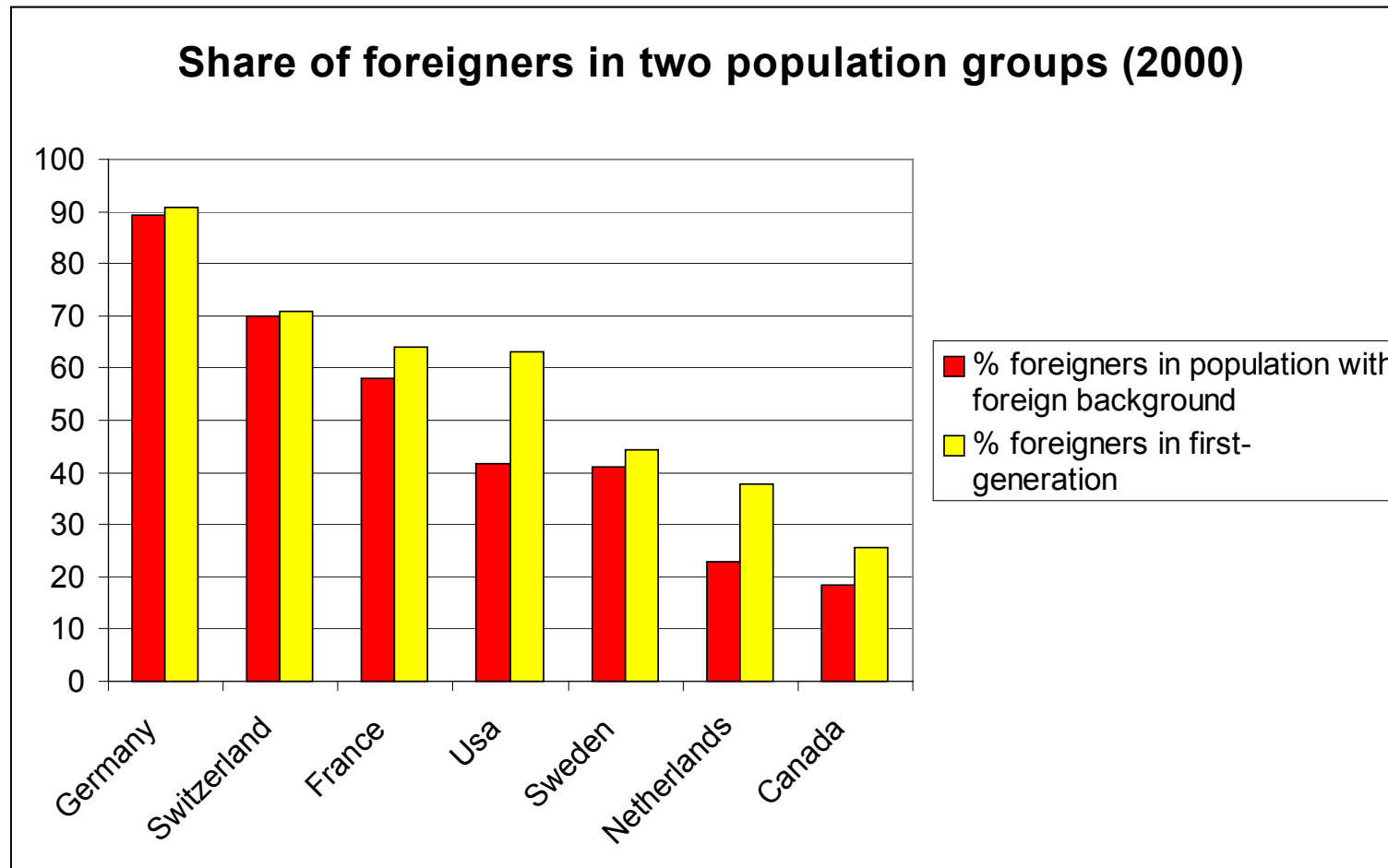
Country	% Foreigners	% Foreign-born	% Foreign background
Canada ⁽¹⁾	5.7	22.2	30.6
France	5.6	7.4	9.6
Germany	8.0	6.1	8.9
Netherlands	4.1	9.3	18.0
Sweden	5.4	10.0	13.1
Switzerland	20.5	22.5	29.3
United States	6.8	10.8	16.4

Note: (1) data for Canada refer to 15 year and older population

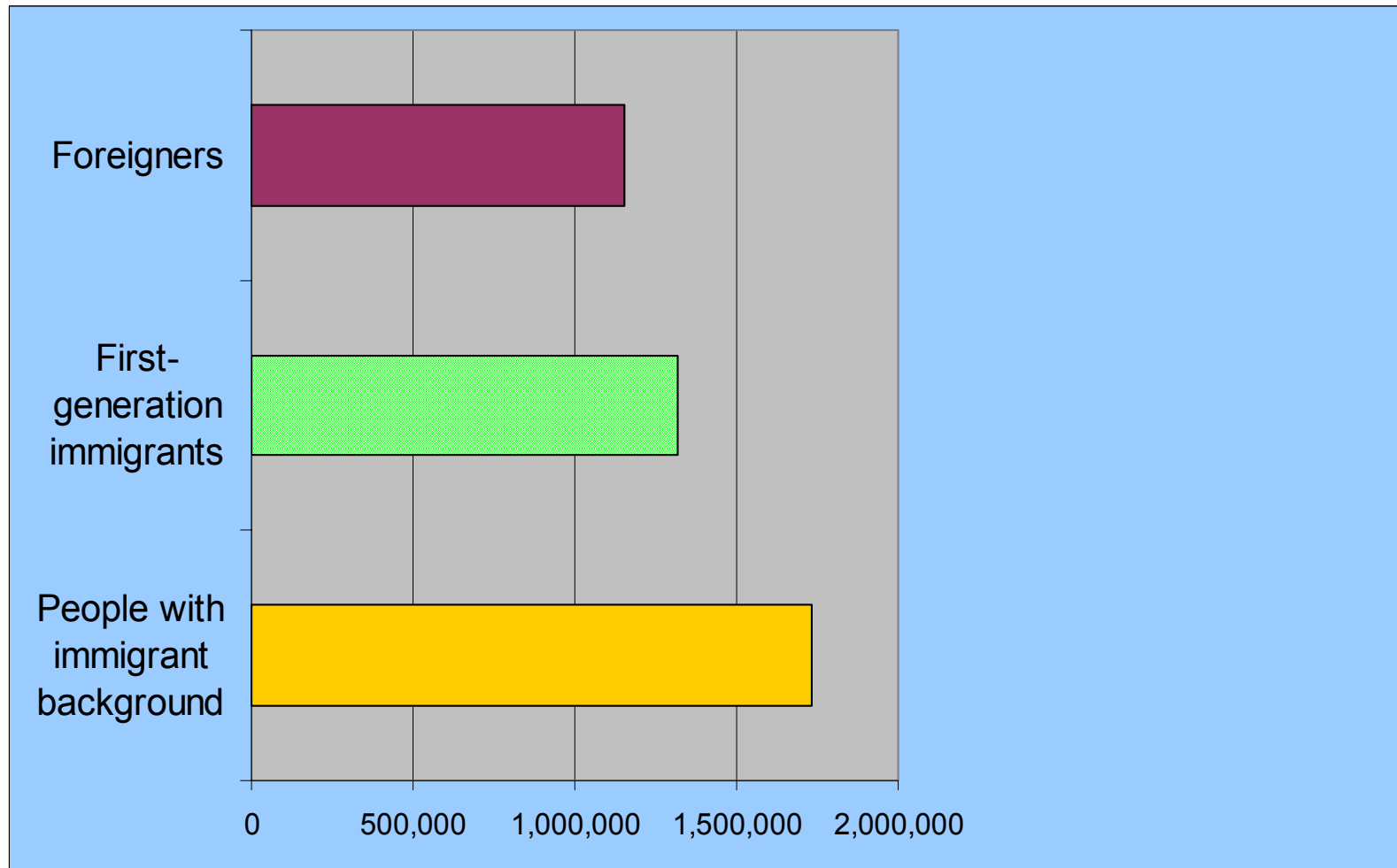
Some interesting insights



Some interesting insights/2

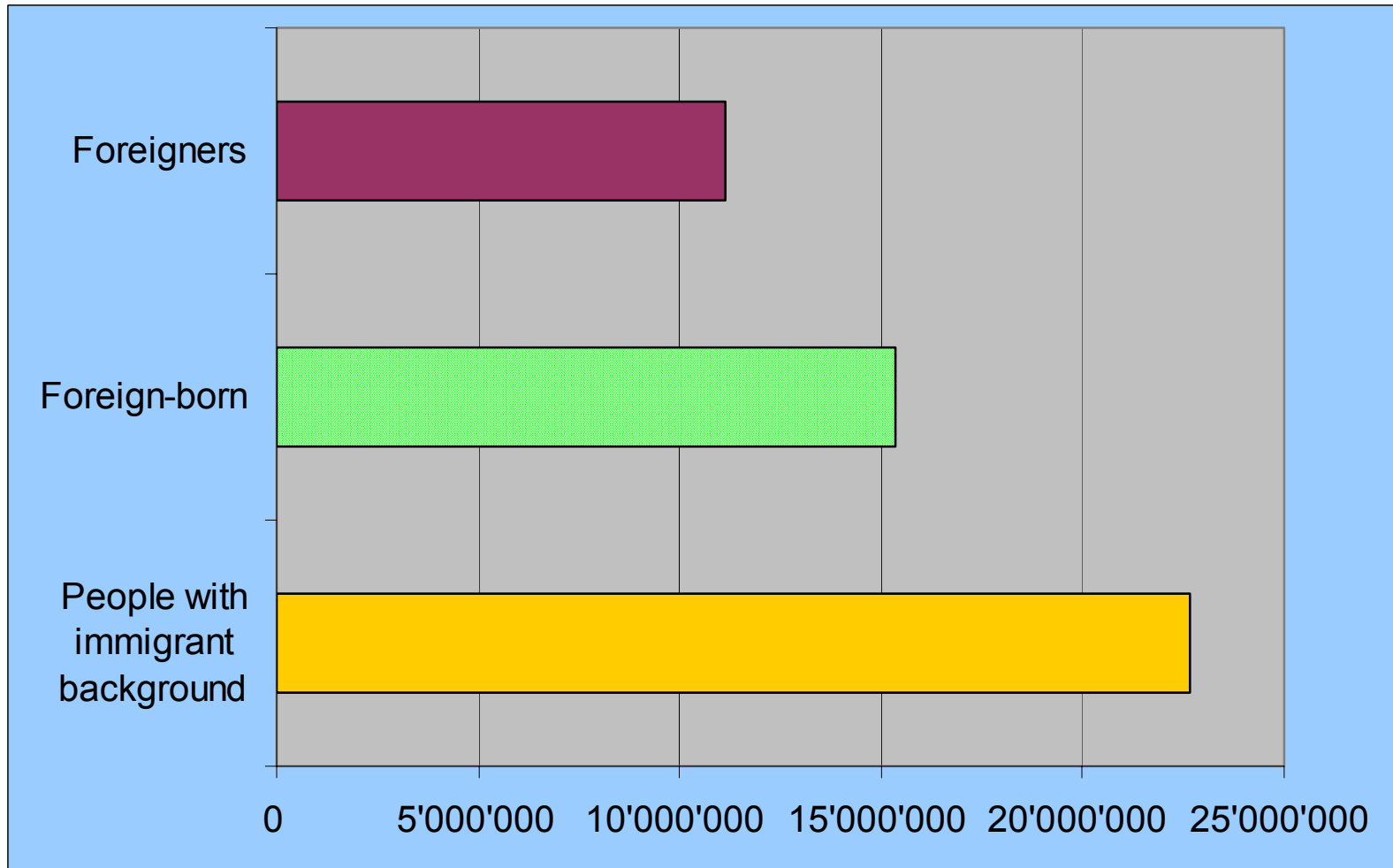


Diaspora/1: North-Africans in France



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Diaspora/2: Latin-Americans in USA



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Advantages

- ◆ Comprehensive framework
- ◆ Analytical capacity
- ◆ Apt to monitor the migration process
- ◆ Accommodate national needs

Is it all feasible?

- ◆ Objectivity
- ◆ Non-sensitive issue
- ◆ Two additional questions (*country of birth of mother and father*), **or**
- ◆ One additional question (*citizenship at birth*)

Possible sources and future work

- ◆ Population census (*2010 Recommendations*)
- ◆ Household surveys (*LFS*)
- ◆ Population register (*Central registers*)