

WHO BECOMES A PERMANENT RESIDENT AND WHEN? EXAMINING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' TRANSITION TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN CANADA

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Motivation

International students have knowledge and skills to integrate into the local community, economically and socially

Recent changes in immigration policy to attract and retain international students

No systematic analysis of the factors that influence their transition to permanent residence and long-term residency in the local community

- The effect of human capital accumulation
- The effect of students' arrival characteristics

Literature: Transition to PR

Migration model

- Schooling abroad → means of entering and staying in the host country
- Acquiring Canadian work experience + education ↑ Transition

School-constraint model

- Schooling abroad → ultimate goal of returning → high returns on foreign skills
- Acquiring Canadian work experience + education ↓ Transition

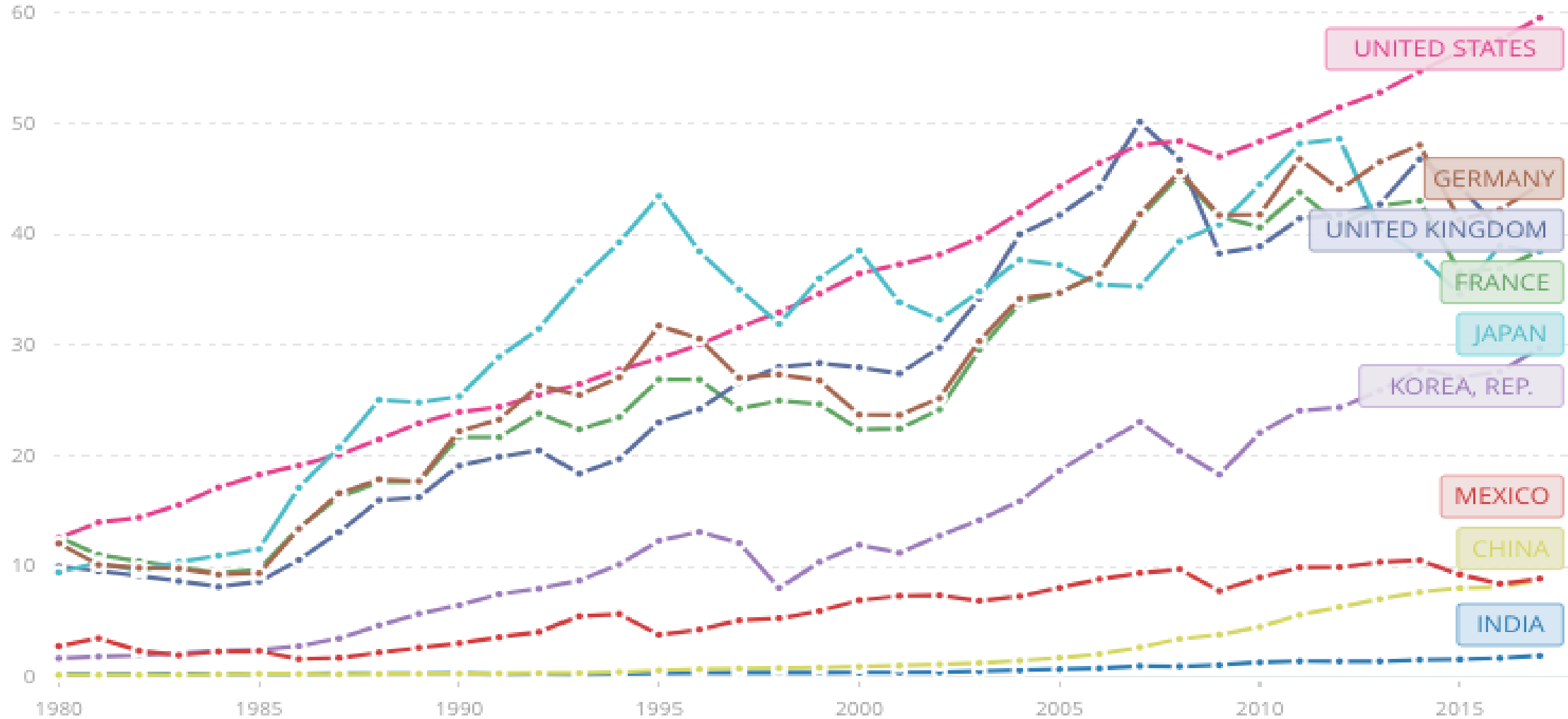
The effect of human capital accumulation depends on country of origin

- How does the effect of acquiring Canadian work experience differ by source country?

GDP Per Capita For the Top 10 Source Countries

Thousand

LABEL



Literature: Transition to PR

- Province of study at arrival
- Staying in the province of study
 - Is the payoff of staying in the province of study different across provinces?
- Gender
 - Migration decisions, investment for study abroad, and expectations to return after studies are gendered processes
 - How does the effect of gender vary by source country?

Data

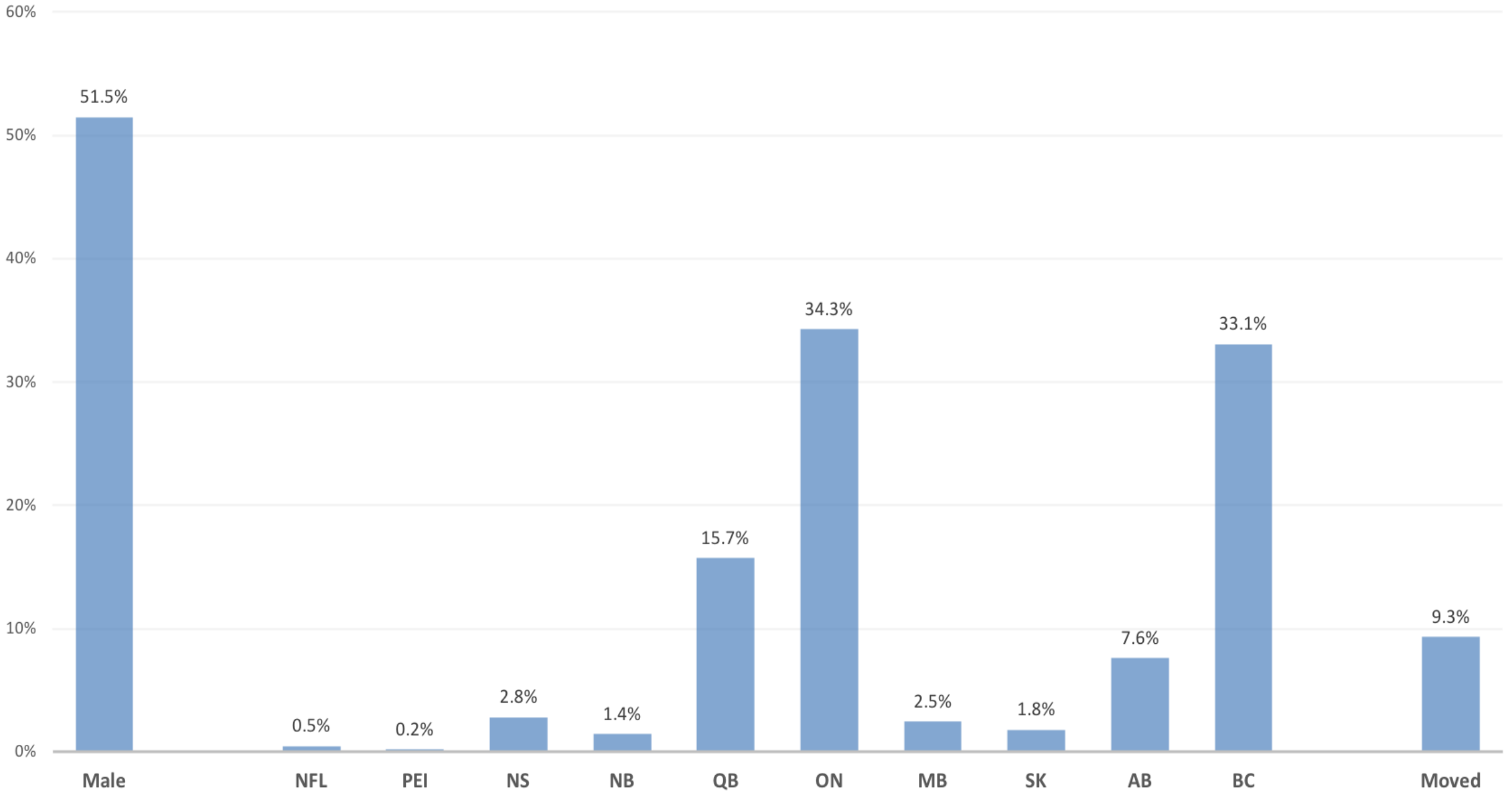
- Temporary Residents file (TR)
 - All the permits former temporary immigrants acquired before landing
 - Pre-landing characteristics

- Permanent Residents' landing records (2015)
 - Landing records → Transition to PR

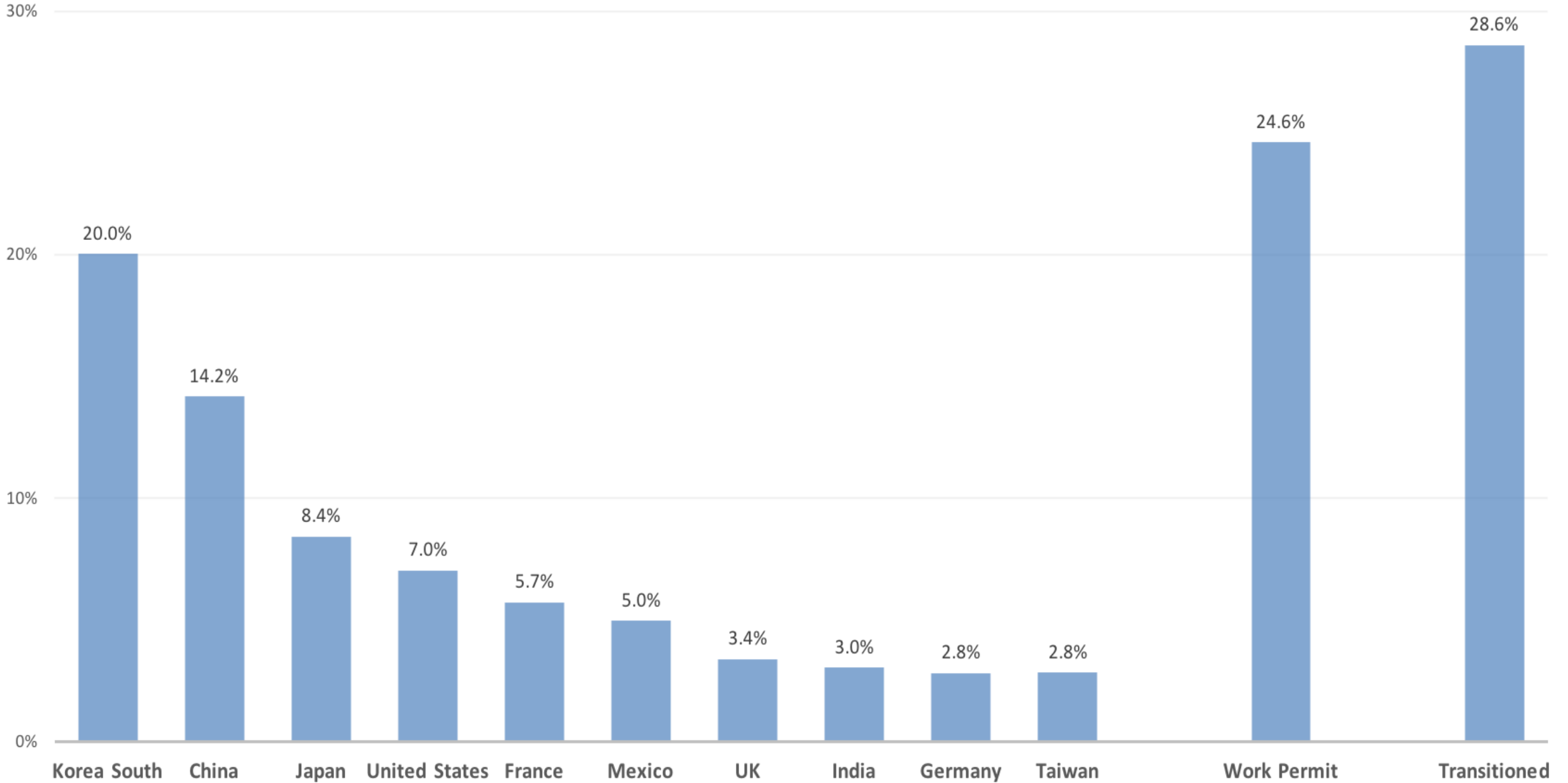
- Sample
 - Immigrants who entered Canada with a study visa as their first permit from 2000 to 2005

Results

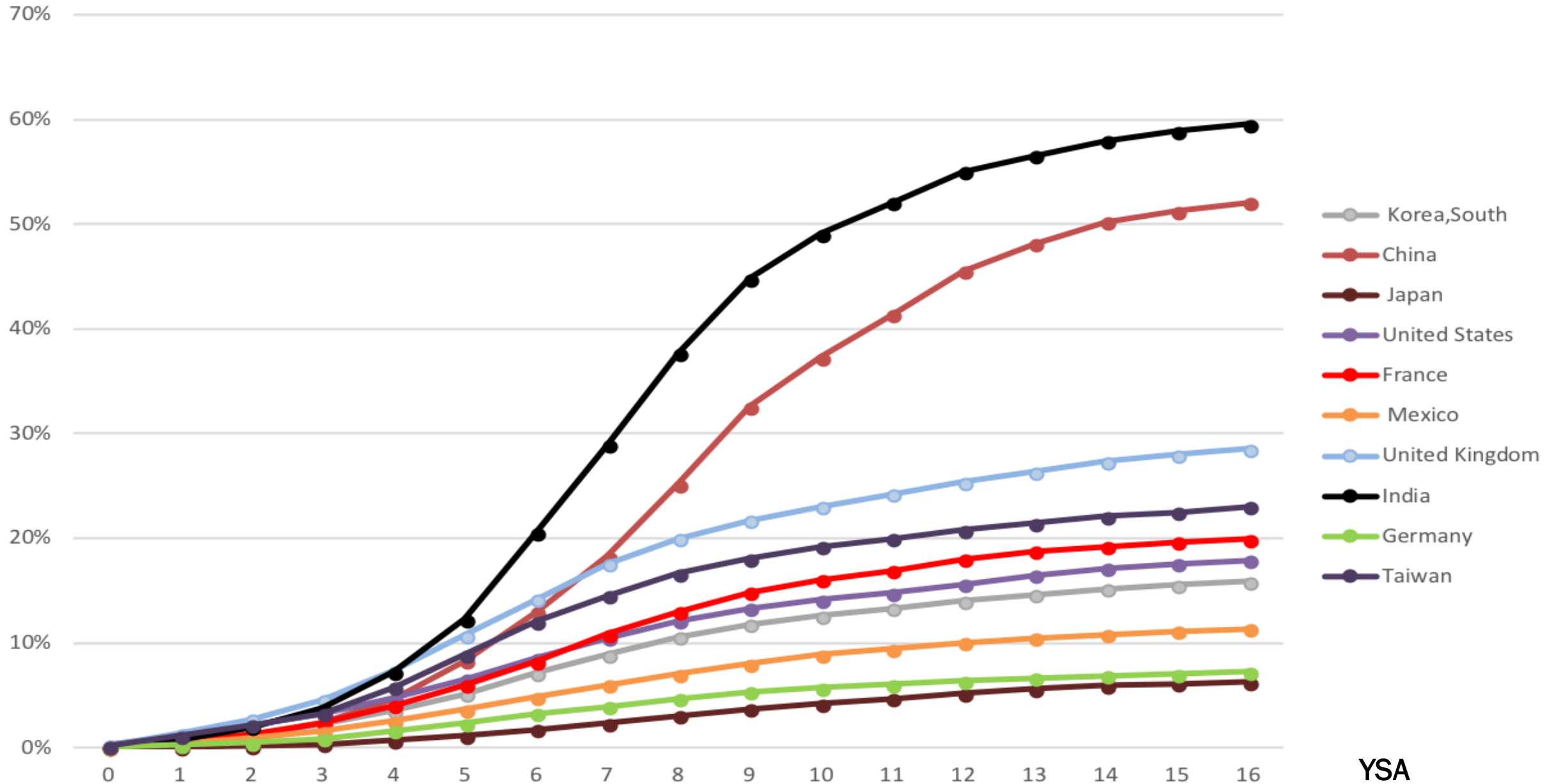
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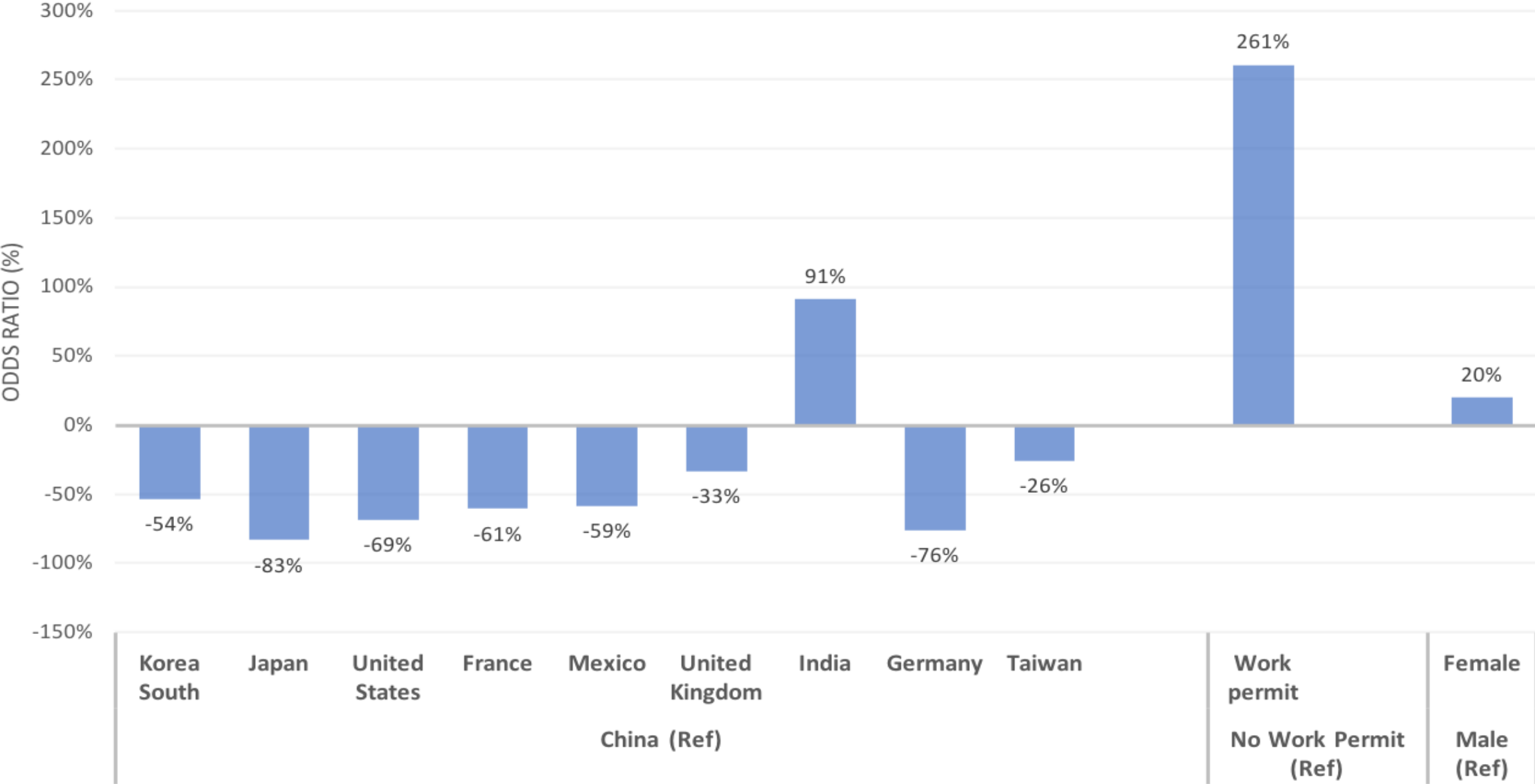


Cumulative Transition Rates by Top 10 Source Countries



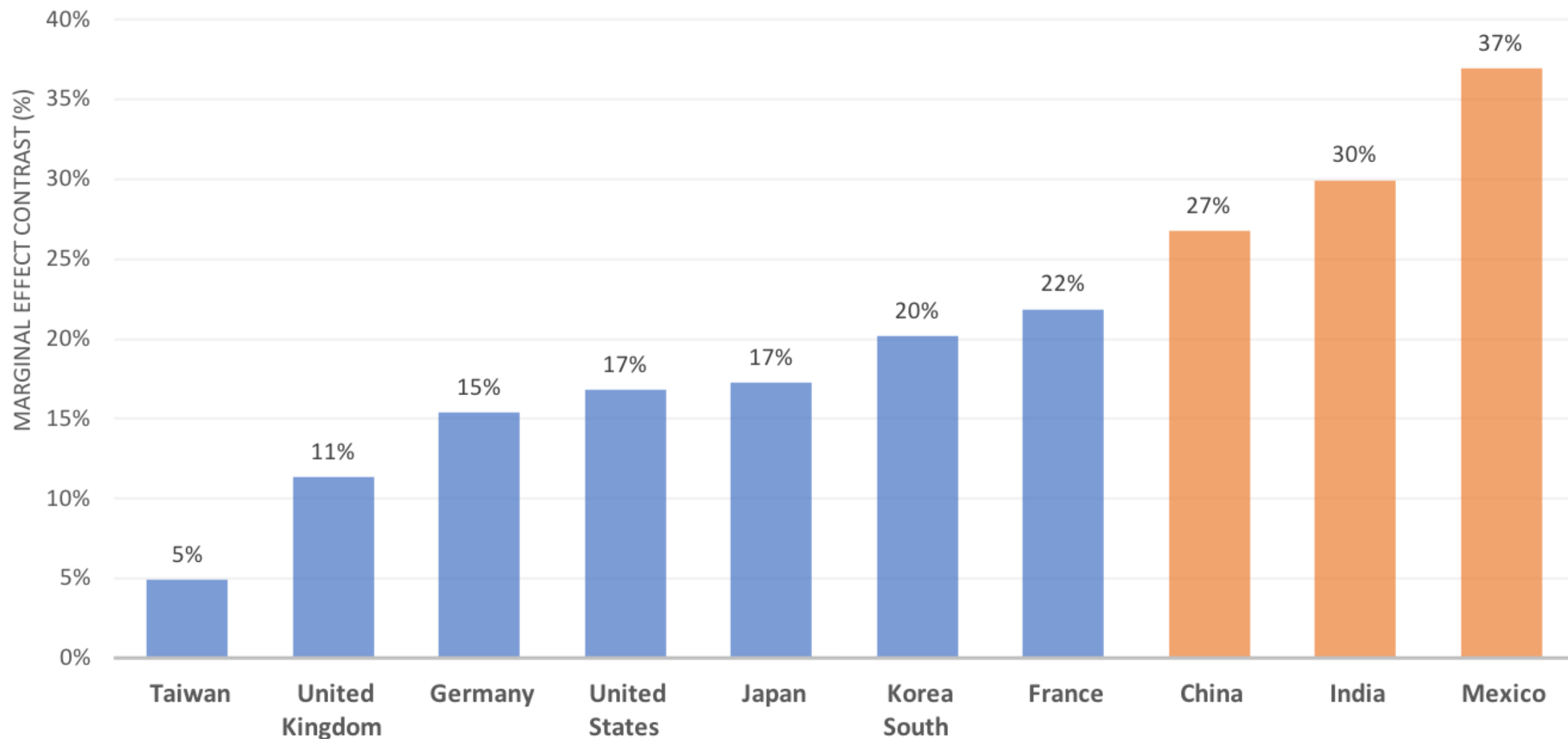
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Odds Ratio of Transitioning to PR



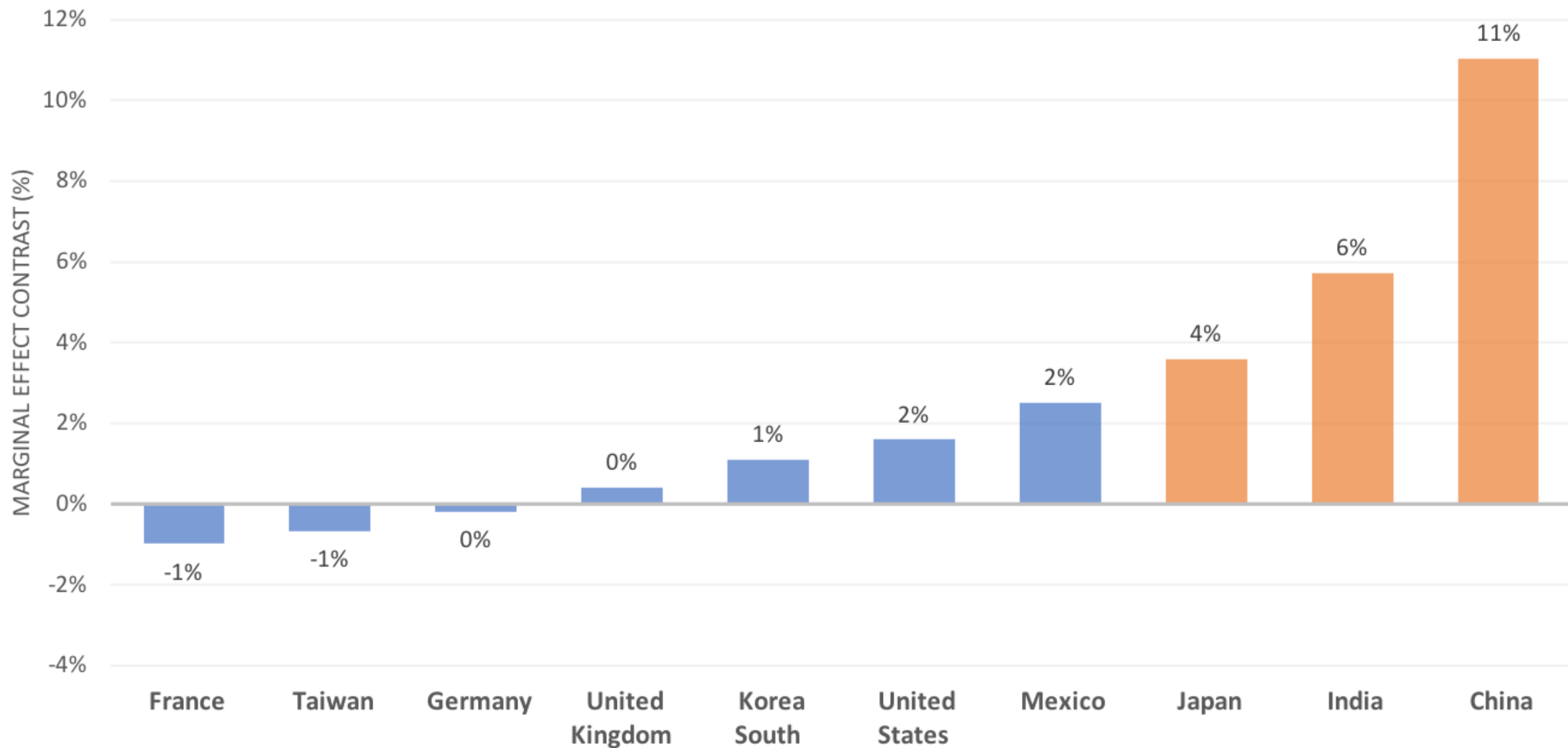
The Effect of Acquiring Work Permit Across the Top 10 Source Countries

Work Permit Vs No Work Permit

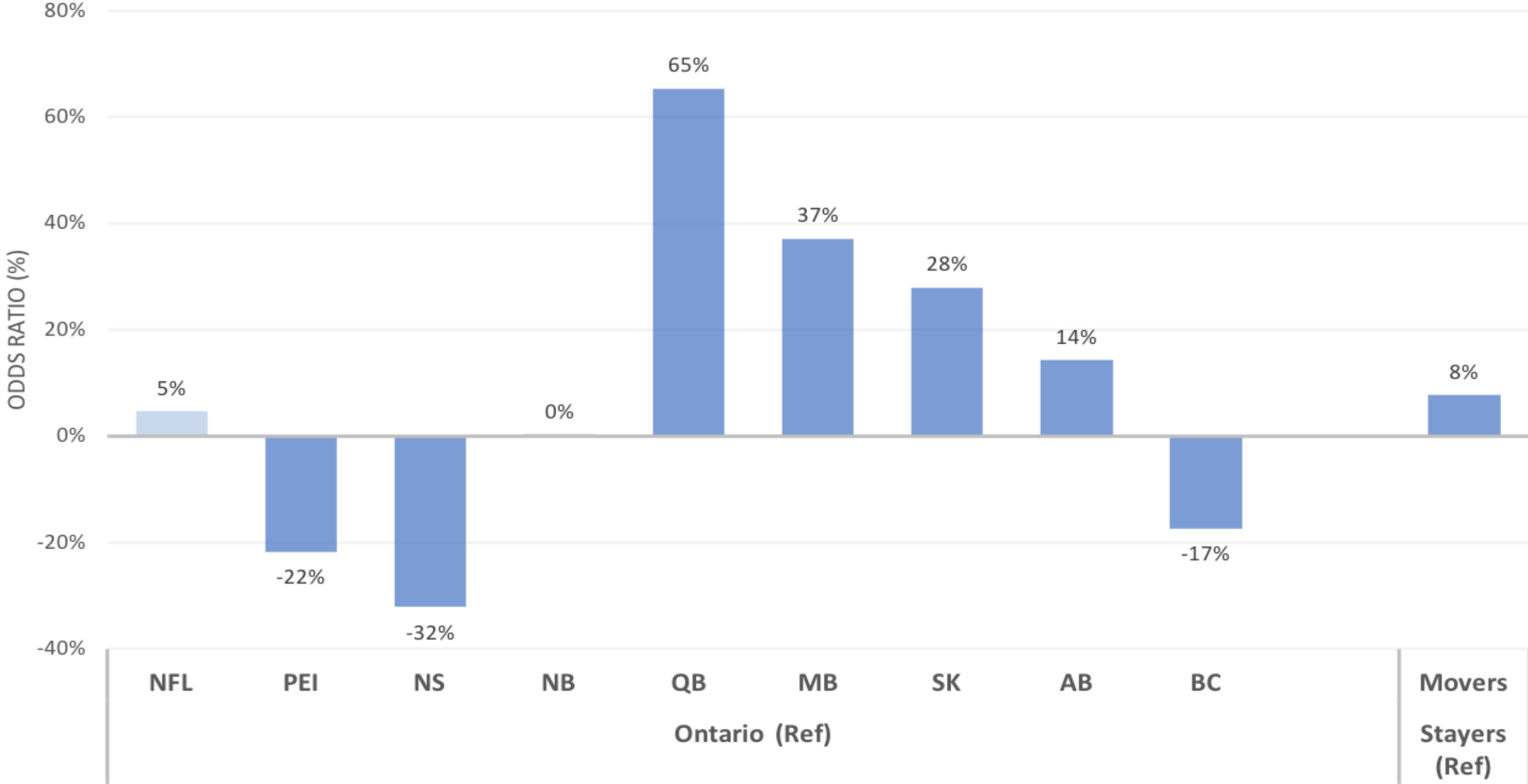


The Effect of Gender Across the Top 10 Source Countries

Females Vs Males

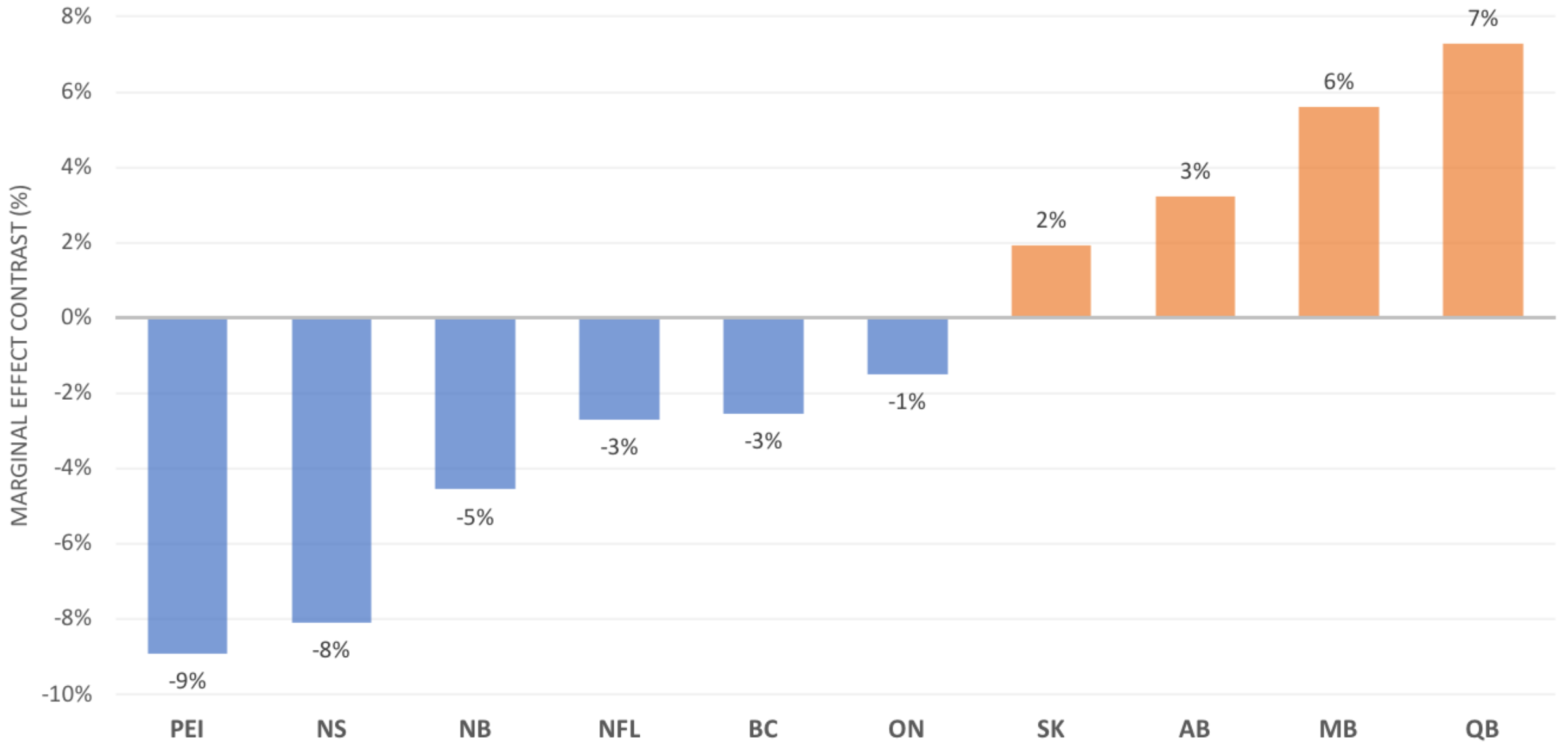


Odds Ratio of Transitioning to PR



The Effect of the Staying in the Province of Study Across the Provinces

Stayers Vs Movers



Conclusion

- Support for Migration Model hypothesis
 - The payoff of acquiring Canadian work experience is especially high for Chinese, Indian and Mexican students
- The gender effect is higher for Chinese and Indian students
- The payoff of studying and staying in Québec and the Prairies are high
- Do they remain in their province of study after transitioning to PR?

Thank You