

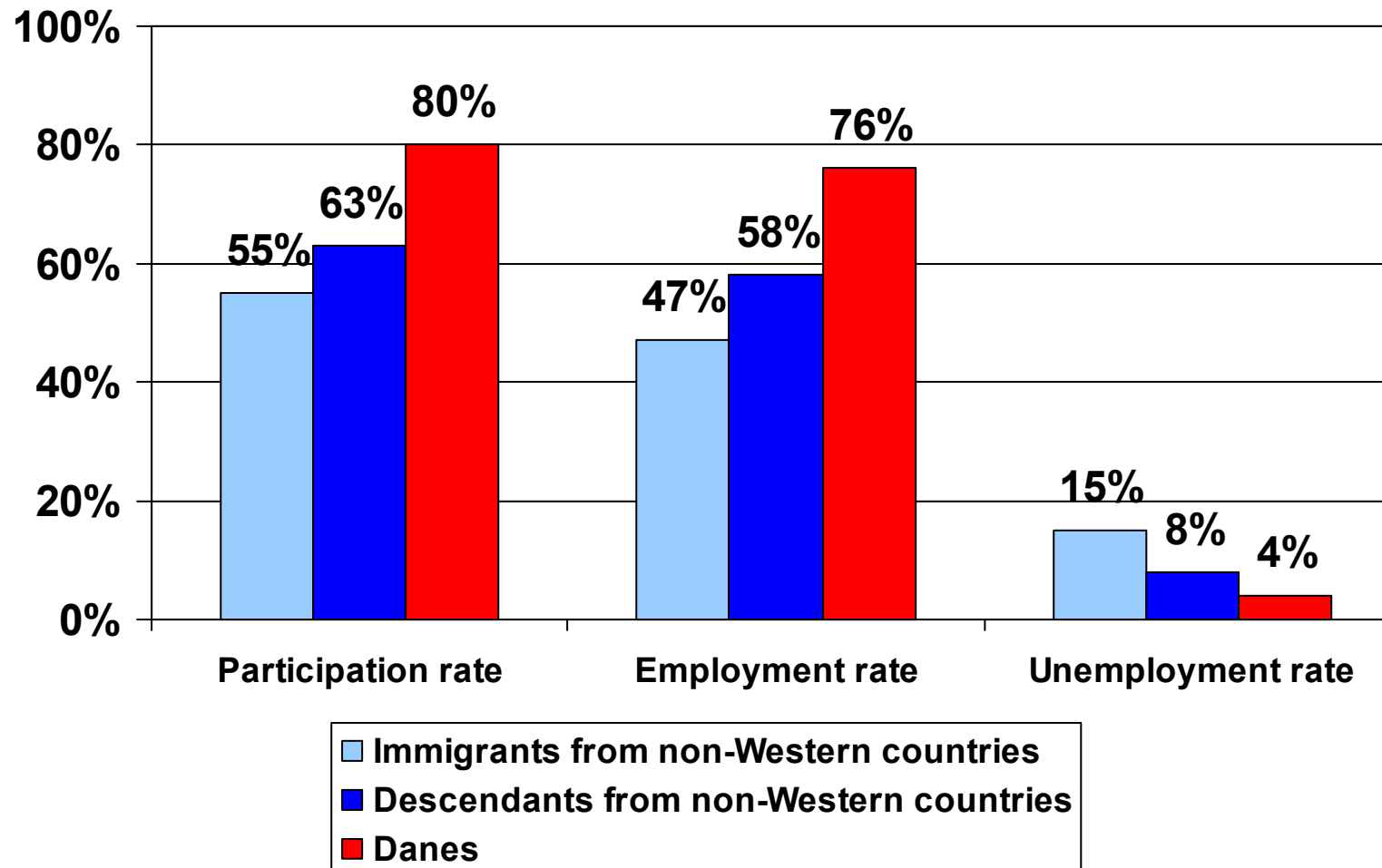


Family reunification in Denmark

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Labour market ties of 16 to 64-year-old immigrants and descendants from non-Western countries and Danes, at 1 January 2005



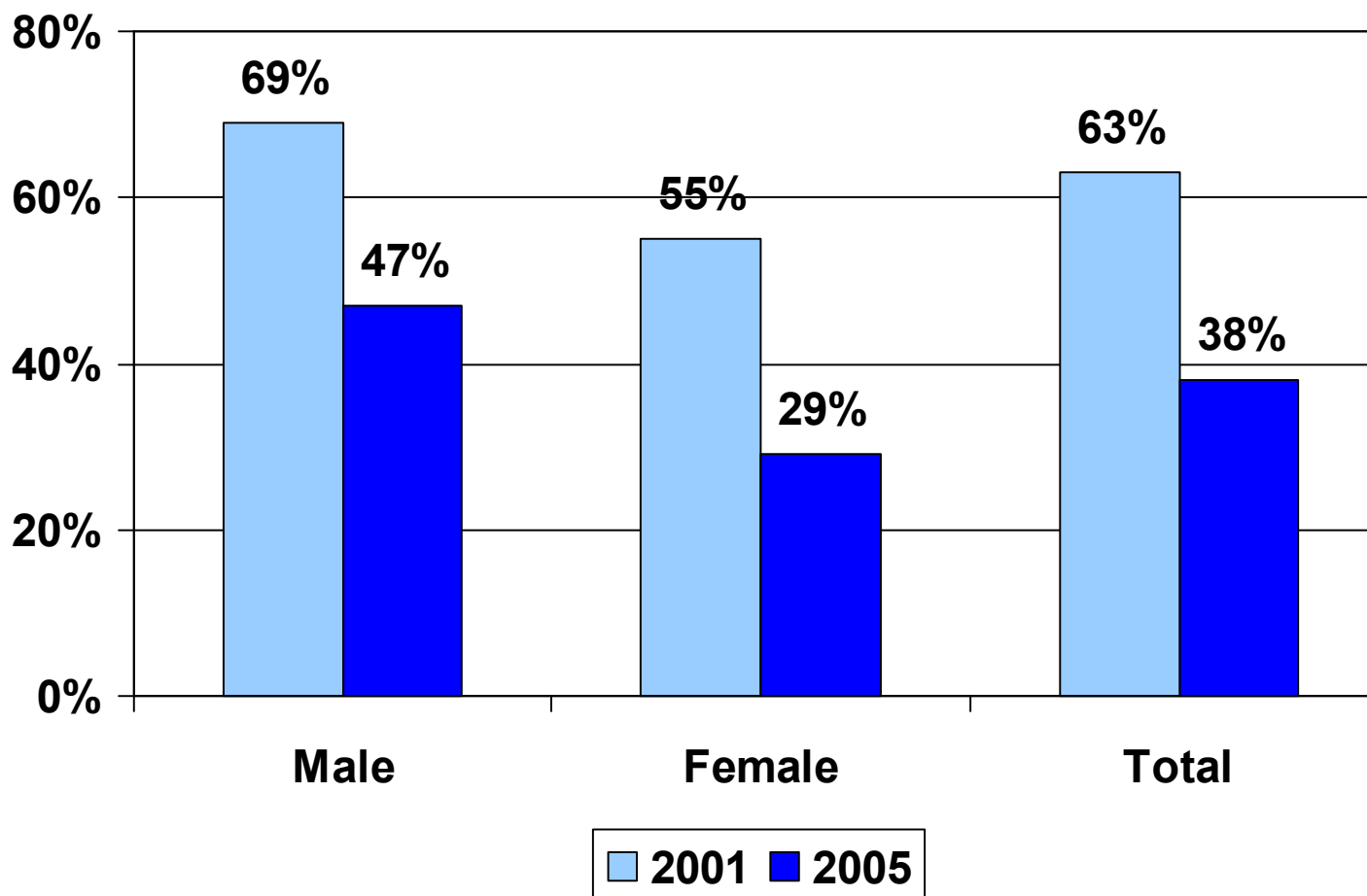


New conditions for family reunification since 2001

- Both spouses must be 24 years old
- The spouses aggregate ties with Denmark must be stronger than with any other country
- Exemption to the criteria of ties for 28-years old
- Financial security and restrictions of public assistance
- Declaration of integration



Proportion of immigrants and descendants from non-Western countries who married a person living abroad, by sex, 2001 and 2005





Far fewer new reunified with family – but still major challenges

- The number of residence permits for spousal reunification has decreased from 6,499 in 2001 to 2,498 in 2005 – a fall by 62%
- Therefore the main challenge is not newcomers, but foreigners already in Denmark



Residence permits for Denmark issued in 2001-2005

