

The Living Situation of Older People in Austria compared to other European Countries

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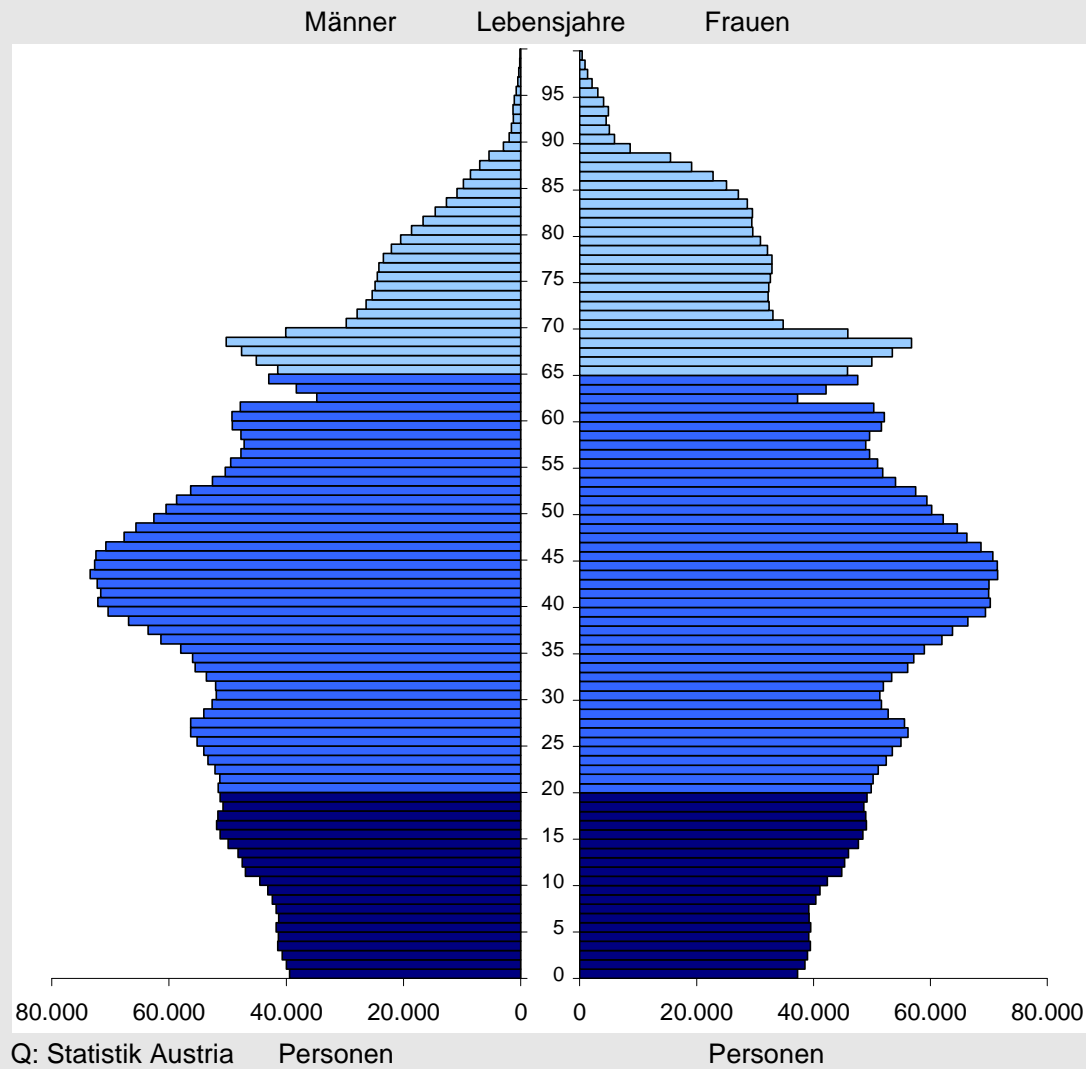
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(1) Population ageing

Austria 2008

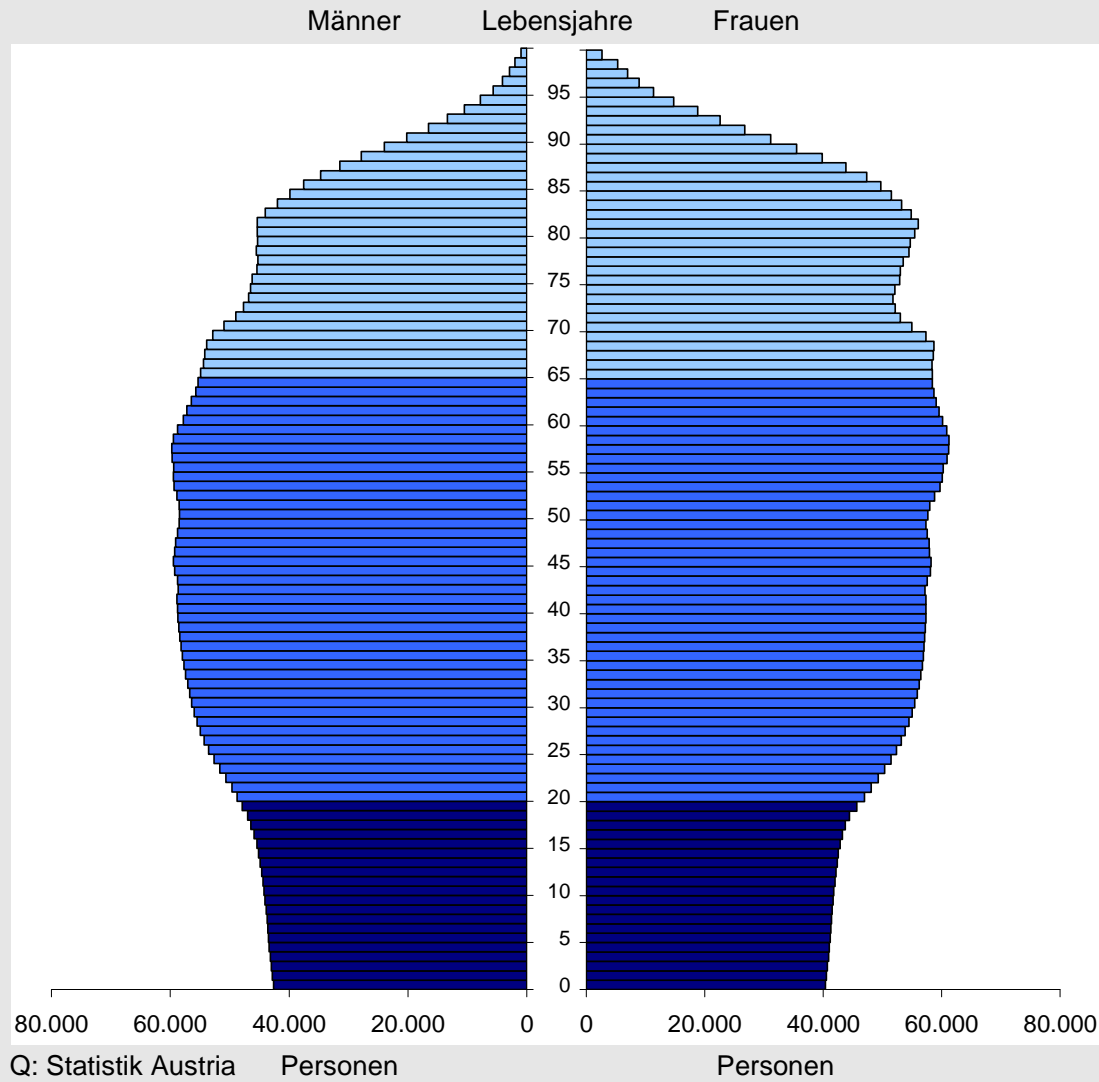


65+ years: 17%

20-64 years: 62%

Up to 19 years: 21%

Austria 2050



65+ years: 28%

20-64 years: 54%

Up to 19 years: 18%

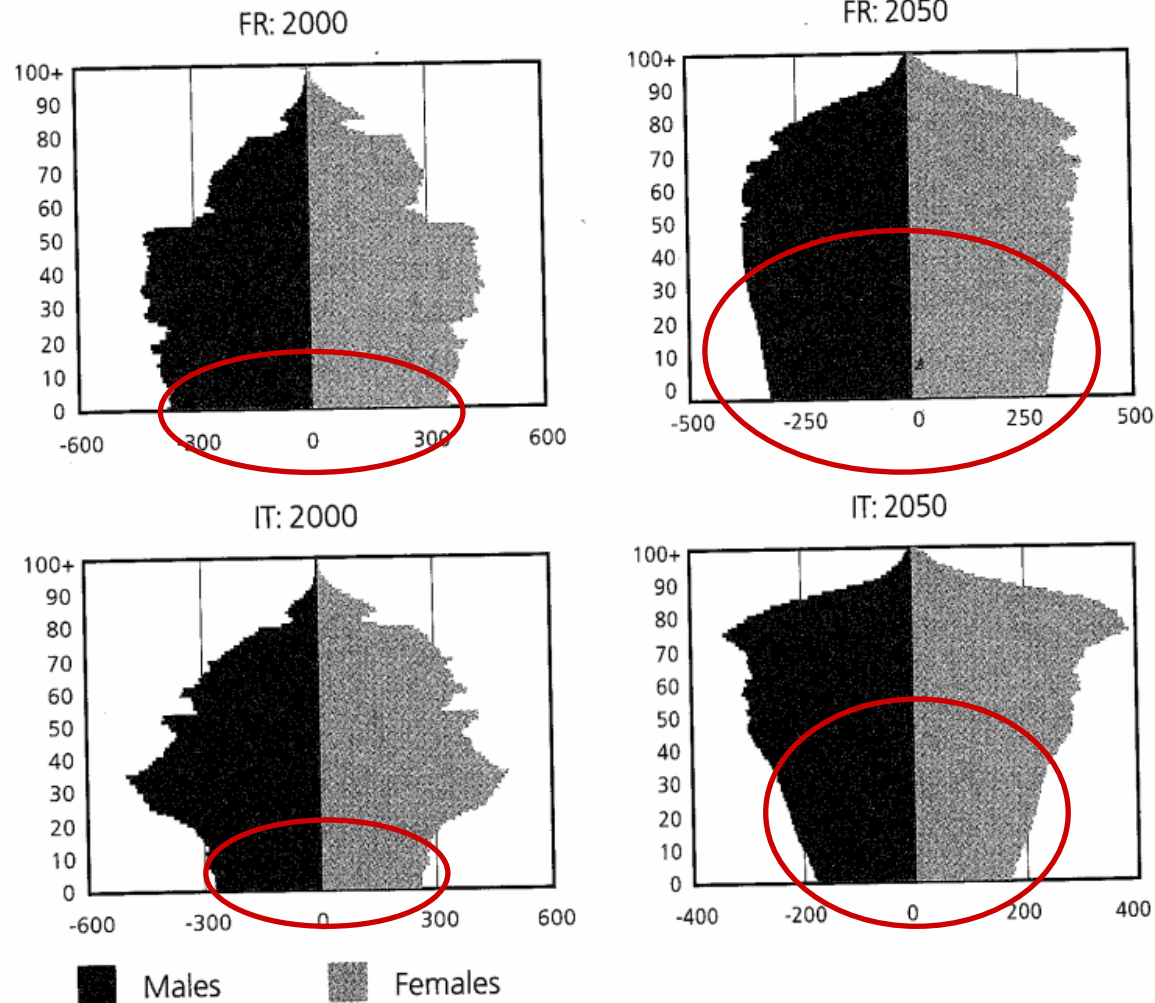
Determinants of Ageing

Fertility

Mortality

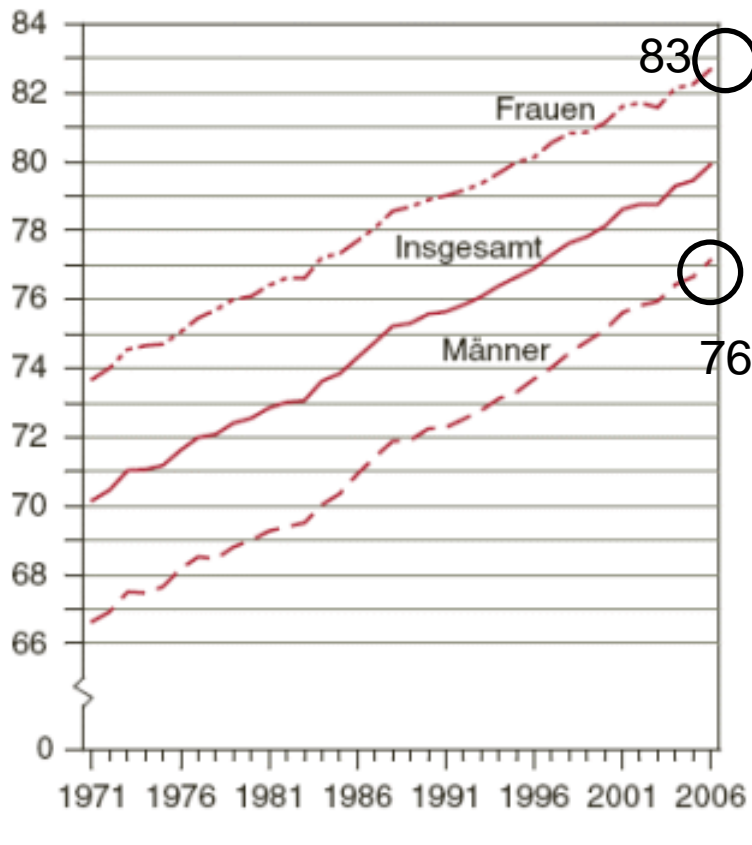
Migration

Different fertility rates across Europe and future population structures

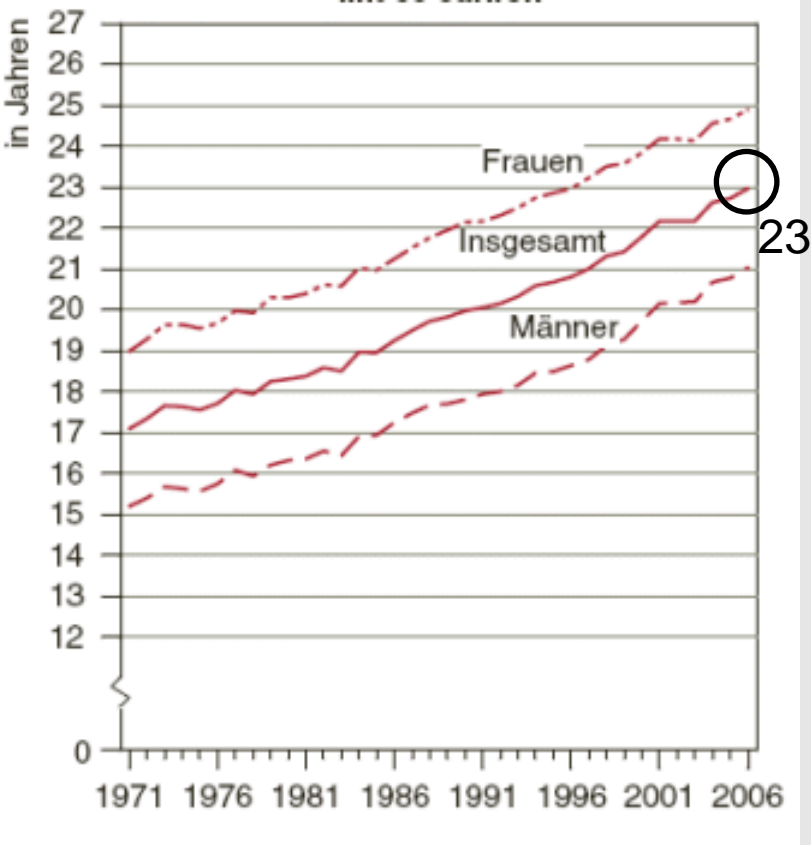


Development of life-expectancy in Austria

At birth



At age 60



Source: Statistic Austria

Longer life in good or bad health?

- Concept of disability free life expectancy
- Based on self-perceived health, taking into consideration chronic diseases and impairments in activities of daily living
- Proportion of time spent in good health increased both for men and women
- Indicators for a compression of morbidity
- At higher ages: Frail women and dead men

(2) Survey on Ageing in Europe

Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)

- Longitudinal panel population aged 50+, living in private households
- Multidisciplinary project – health, economy, social network
- Financed mainly by European Commission through the 5th and 6th Framework Programme
- Free of charge, for scientific use only
- www.share-project.org

SHARE

1st wave (2004-05):

SE, DK, NL, DE, BE, FR, CH, AT, ES, IT, GR
& Israel

ca. **30.000** interviews

2nd wave (2006-07):

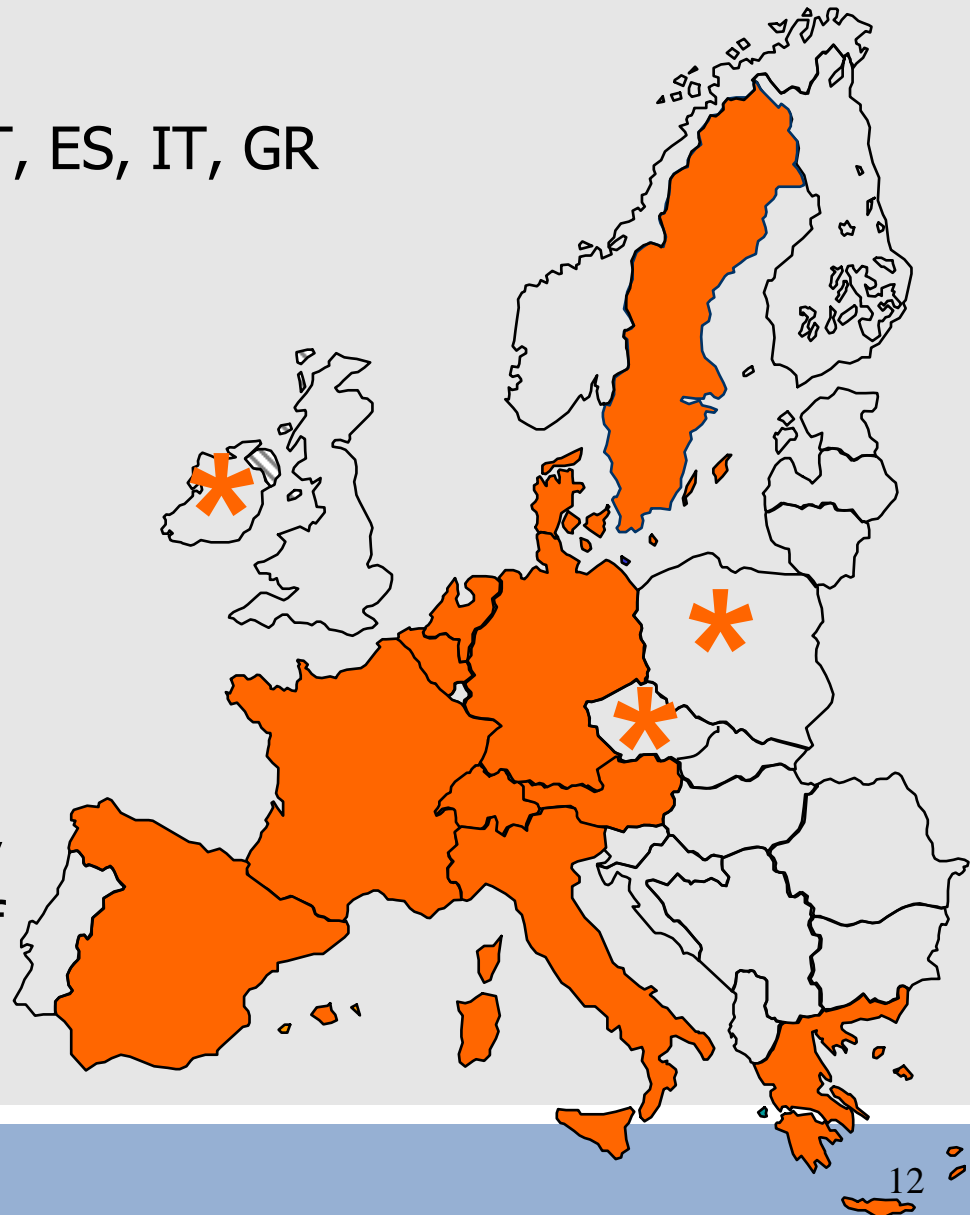
... plus CZ, PL, IE

3rd wave (2008-09):

Retrospective questions

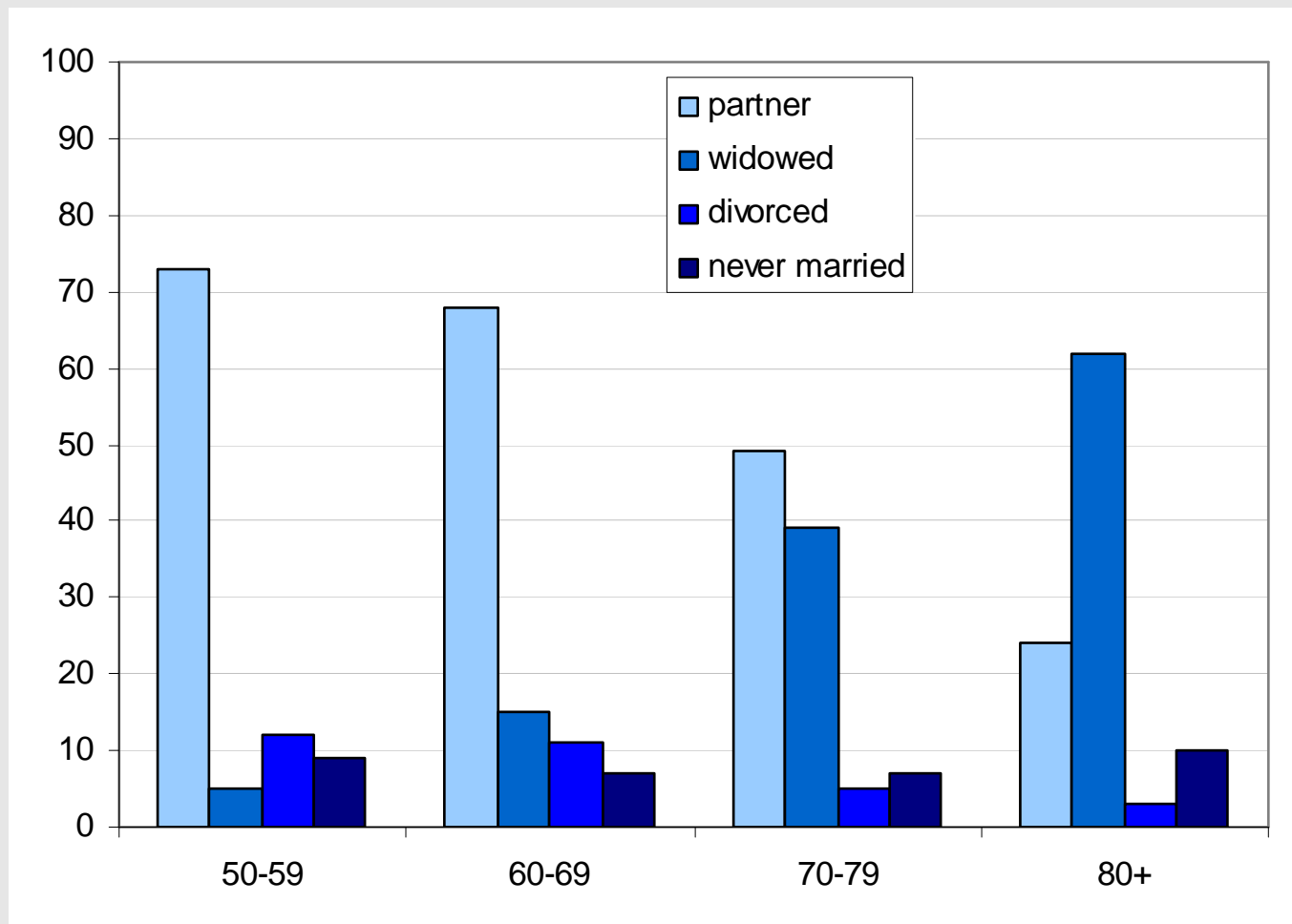
Partner surveys:

- * Health and Retirement Study
- * English Longitudinal Study of Ageing

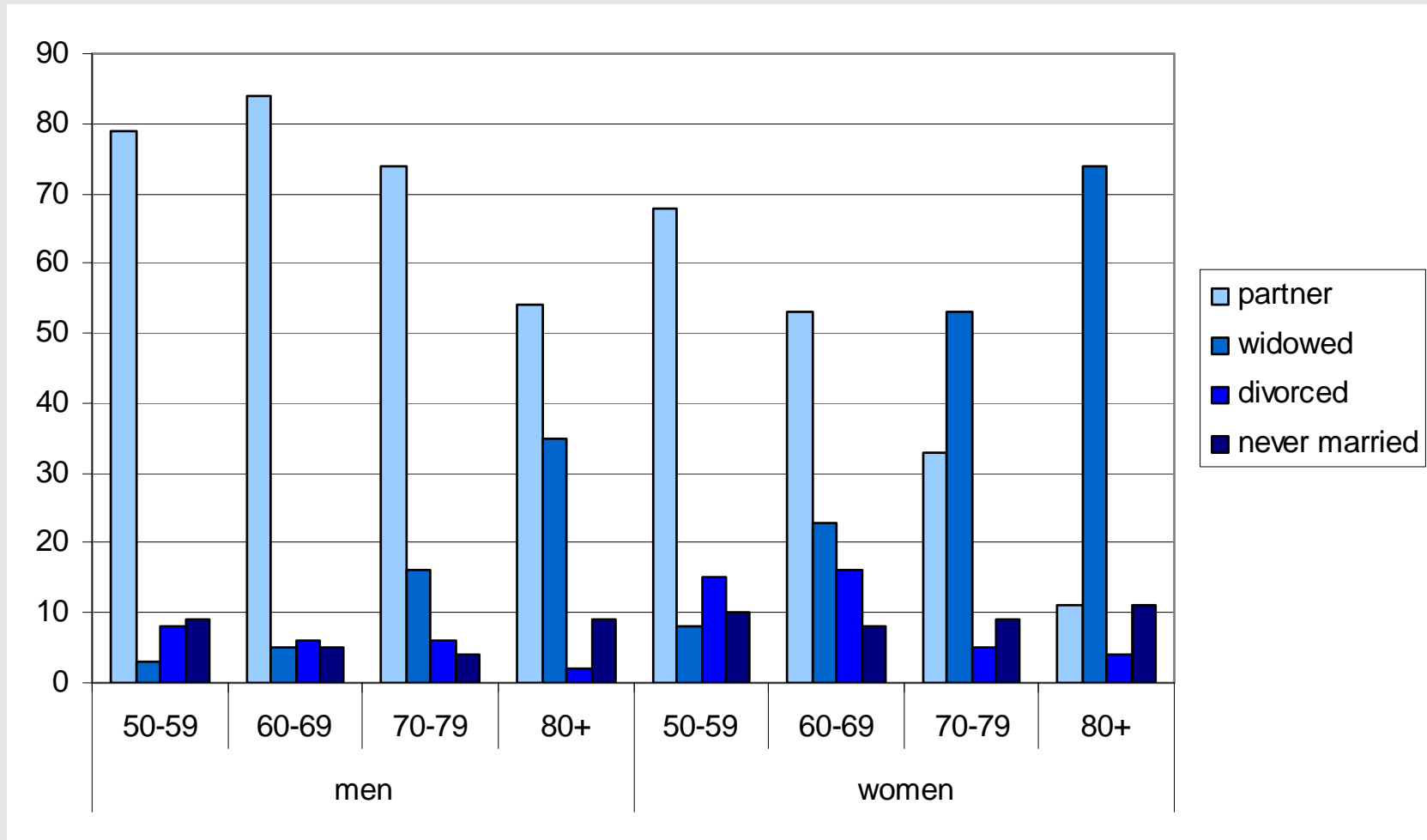


(3) Living conditions of older people

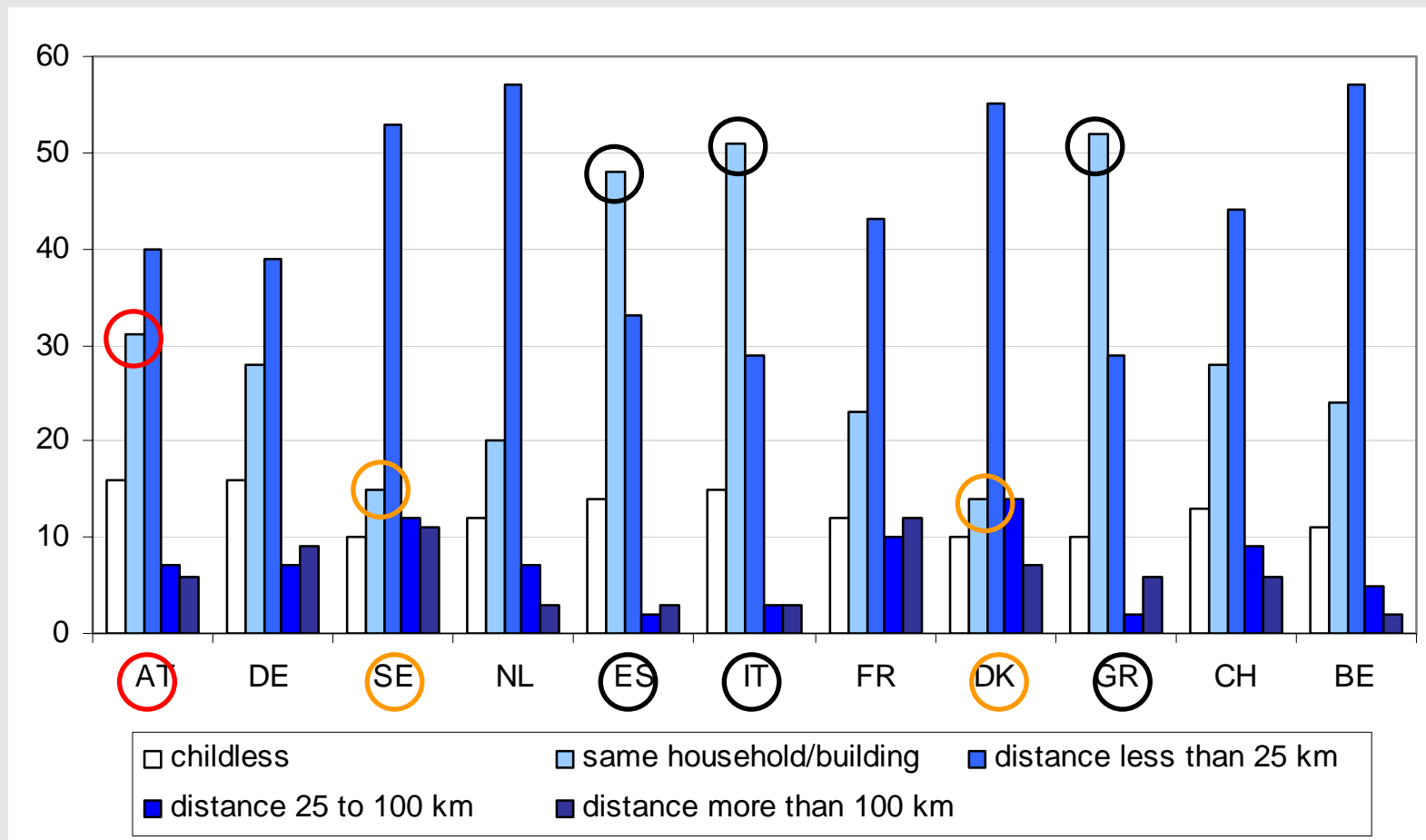
Partner status, Austria



Partner status by gender, Austria



Proximity to children



Close parent-child relations across Europe

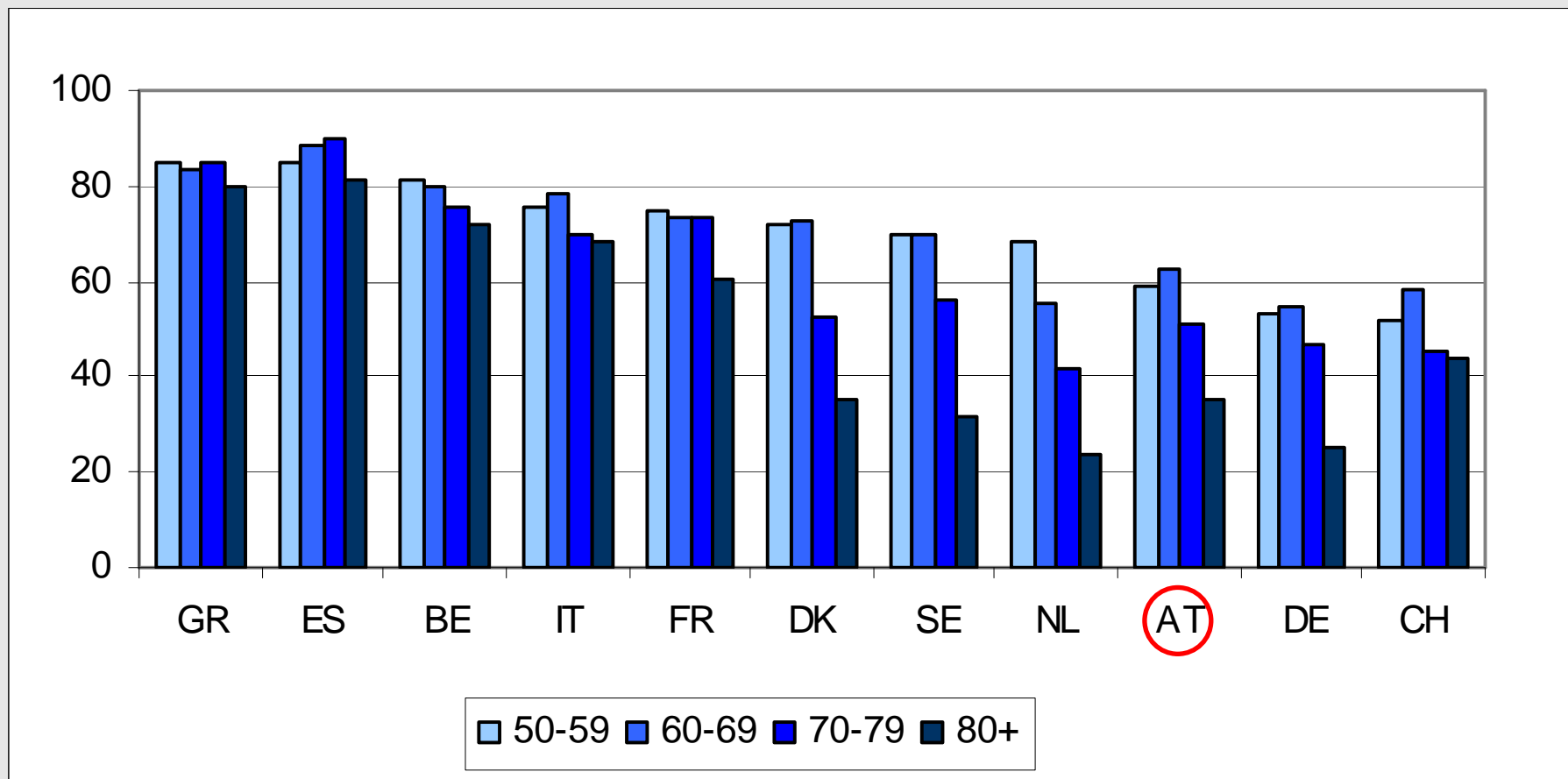
Existence of longstanding regional patterns of 'weak' and 'strong' family ties.

Many **similarities:**

In all countries 75% of parents have at least one child living at a distance of at most 25 km.

Frequent contact with children: Share of persons with less than weekly contacts to a child is equally low (7%).

Housing (ownership of dwelling)



Further aspects of housing

Size of the residence

Number of steps to the entrance

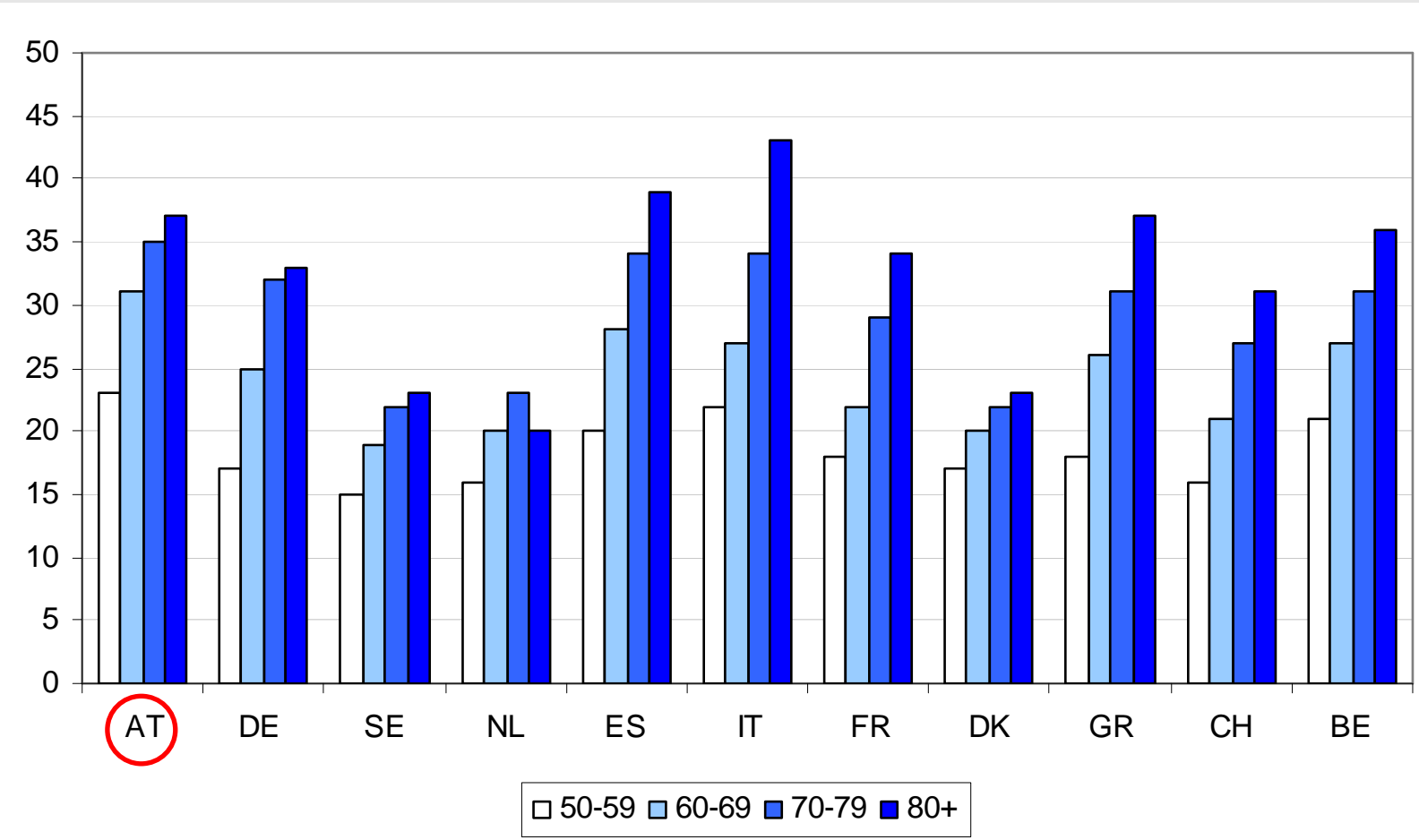
Rent payments

Owning further properties (holiday houses, land, forest)

Special features that assist persons who have physical impairments or health problems (AT: 6%, SE, NL, DK: 12-17%; strong correlation with age)

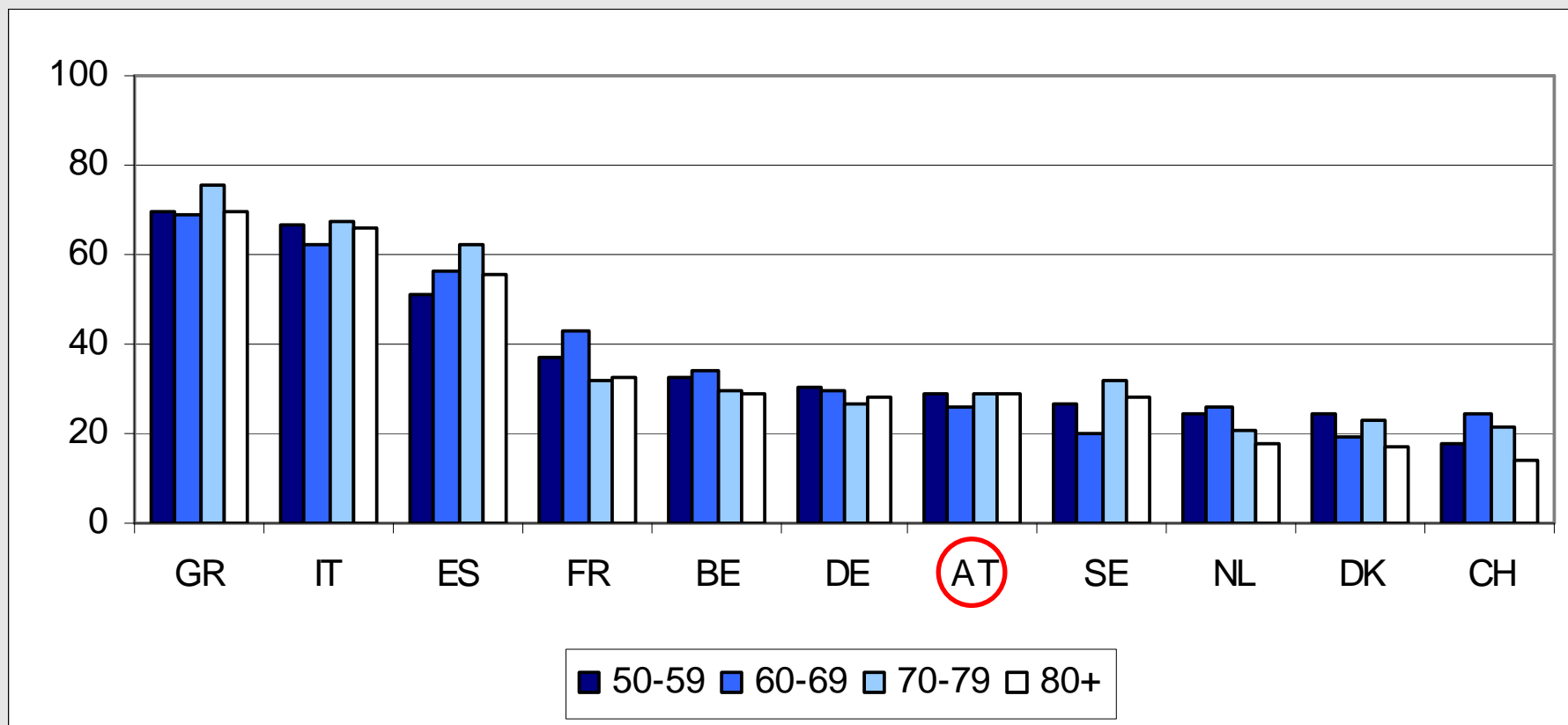
Years living in current dwelling (Least mobility: Austria, Mediterranean countries)

Residential mobility (years in current dwelling)



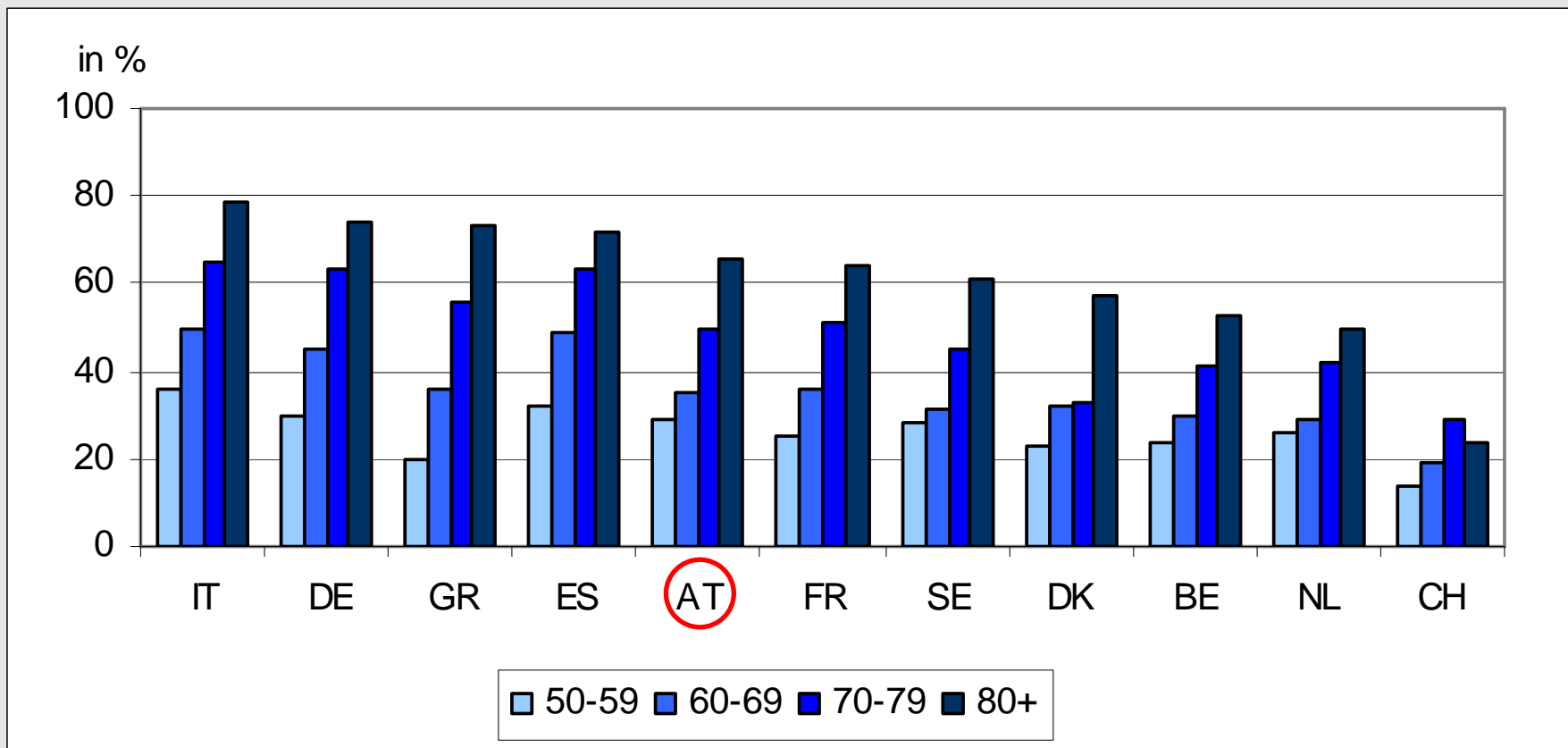
Subjective assessment of economic situation

„Difficulties to make ends meet“



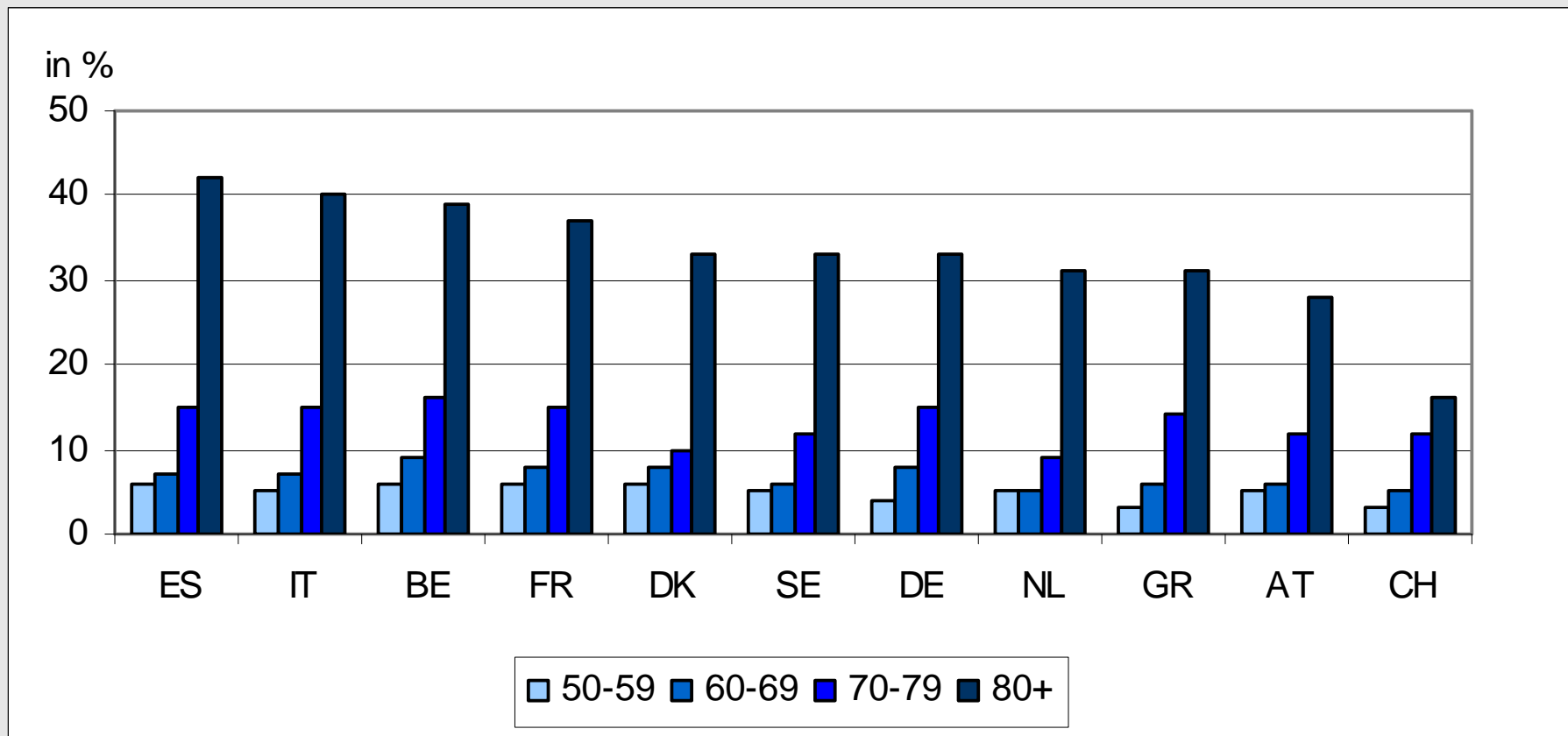
Self-perceived health, by age

„Less than good health“



ADL limitations

„2 or more limitations“



Social engagement

- Voluntary or charity work
- Sports or other social club
- Help to family, friends or neighbours
- Educational course
- Religious organisation
- Political organisation

Volunteering

- Volunteering is frequent in some countries:
- Overall, 10 percent do volunteer work.
- In Scandinavia as well as in the Netherlands this percentage is even twice as high.
- In Greece, less than 4 percent report doing volunteer work.
- Austria: 8 percent

Going to a sport, social or other kind of club

- Similar pattern
- High participation in North and Switzerland (25-33%), low in South (6%)
- Austria in between (14%)



Thank you for your attention!