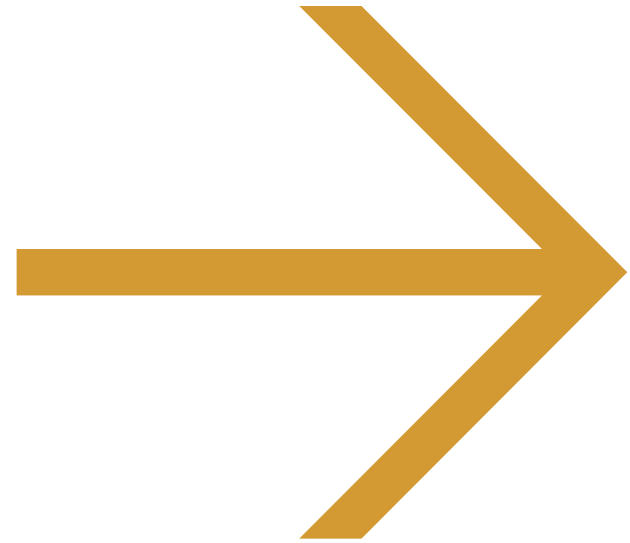


An ethnic focus in housing policy in The Netherlands?



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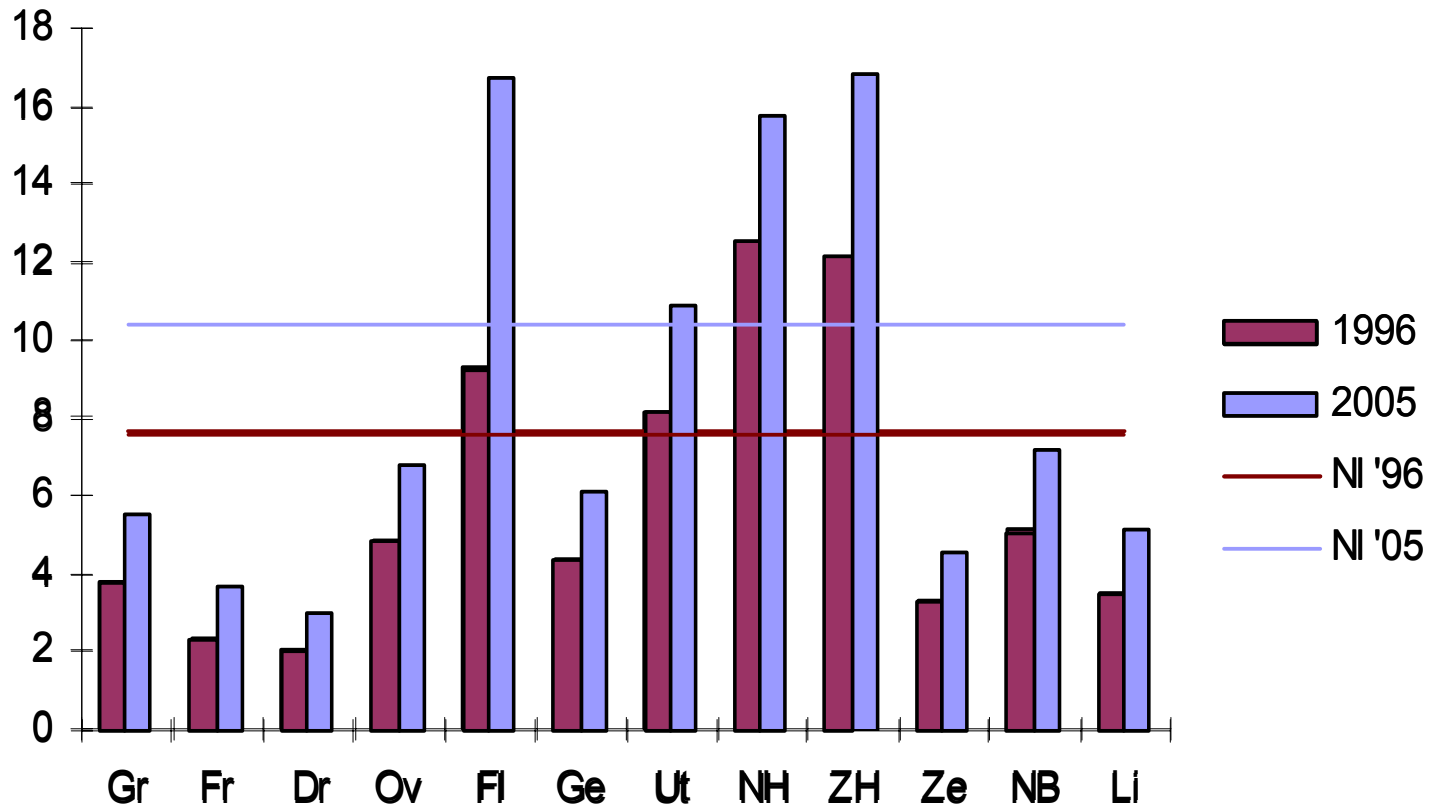
- Demographics
- Multi cultural building
- Ethnic spatial segregation



Demography

Ethnic concentration in the Netherlands by region

- Percentage non-western immigrants is substantial *and increasing*

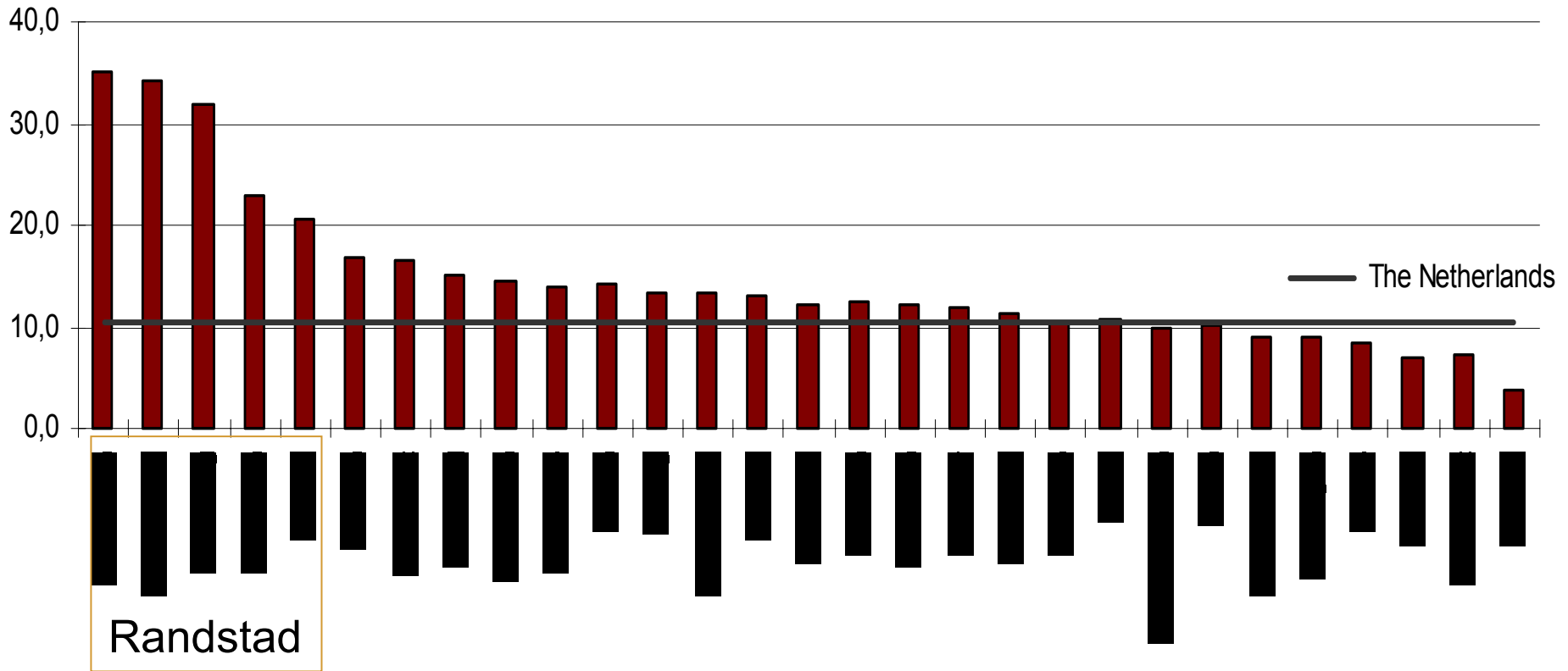


Source: CBS, 2005



Ethnic concentration in the Netherlands

Percentage non western immigrants in 30 bigger cities (2005)



Source: CBS, 2005



Multi cultural housing



Multi cultural housing

Housing preferences:

1. House
2. Neighbourhood

Dimensions

- Functional dimension
- Social dimension
- Expressive dimension



Functional aspects

Functional Aspects Housing:

- Price
- Number of rooms
- Closed or open kitchen
- Sanitary facilities

Functional aspects Neighbourhood:

- Amenities (shops, parks, ..)
- security



Social aspects

Social Aspects Housing:

- Family life
- Friends, guests

Social aspects Neighbourhood:

- Neighbourhood as meeting place
- Social cohesion
- Community

(Influence/effect on functional aspects)



Expressive aspects

Expression of life-style

- Expressive aspects Housing
 - Social position (status)
 - Ethnic identity
 - Religious identity
- Expressive aspects Neighbourhood:
 - Design of public space



Significance

Research findings

- Living patterns non-western immigrants \approx indigenous
- Non-western immigrants: average low socio-econ. position
- result: relatively poor housing situation

- Functional demands are dominant
- Expressive dimension is unimportant

(ibid. high educated immigrants)

- No policy on multi cultural housing



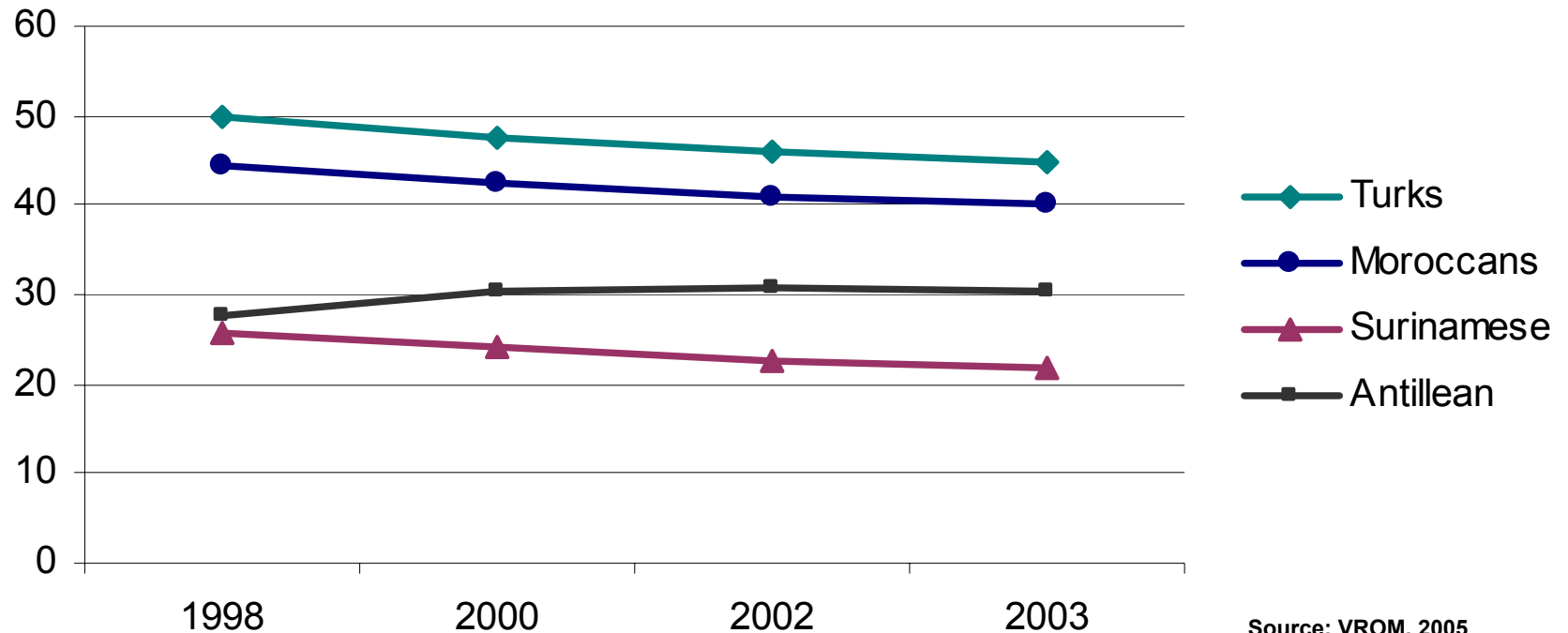
Ethnic spatial segregation



Index of segregation

- Moderate in international perspective
- Stable

Index of segregation, Rotterdam



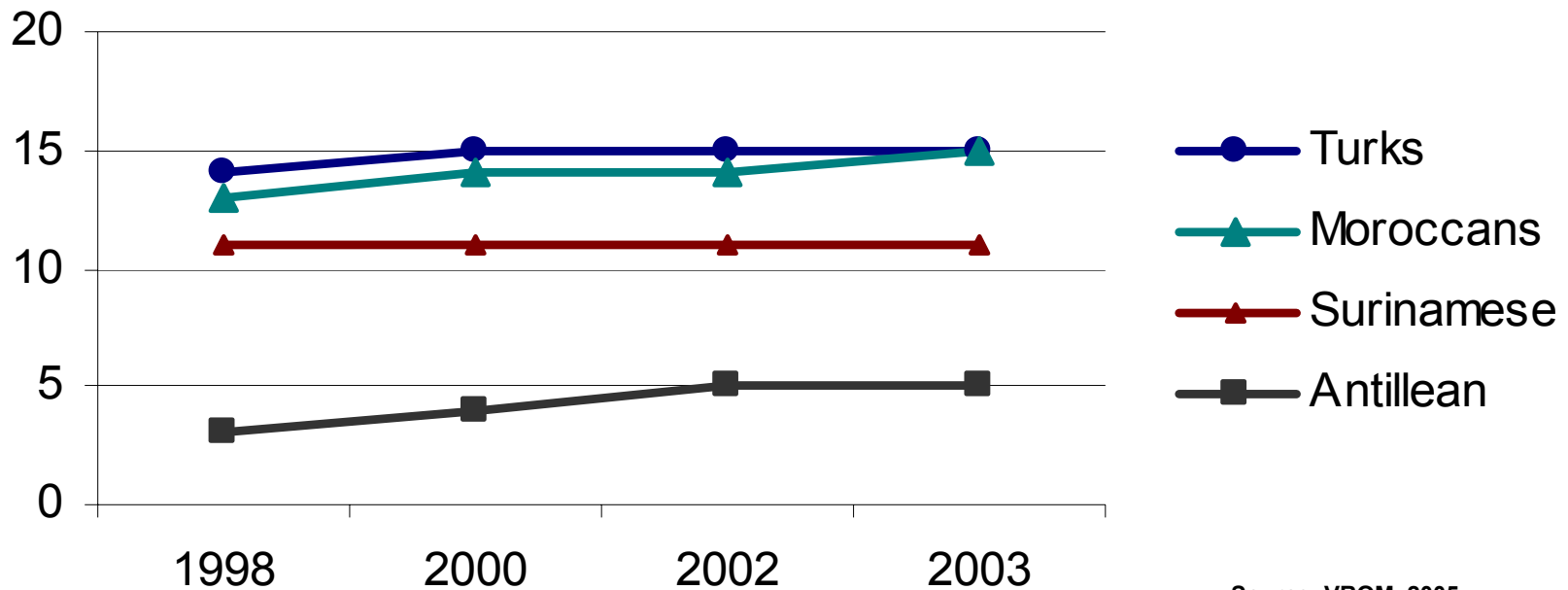
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Index of Isolation

- tendency to increase

**Index of isolation (contact within ethnic groep),
Rotterdam**

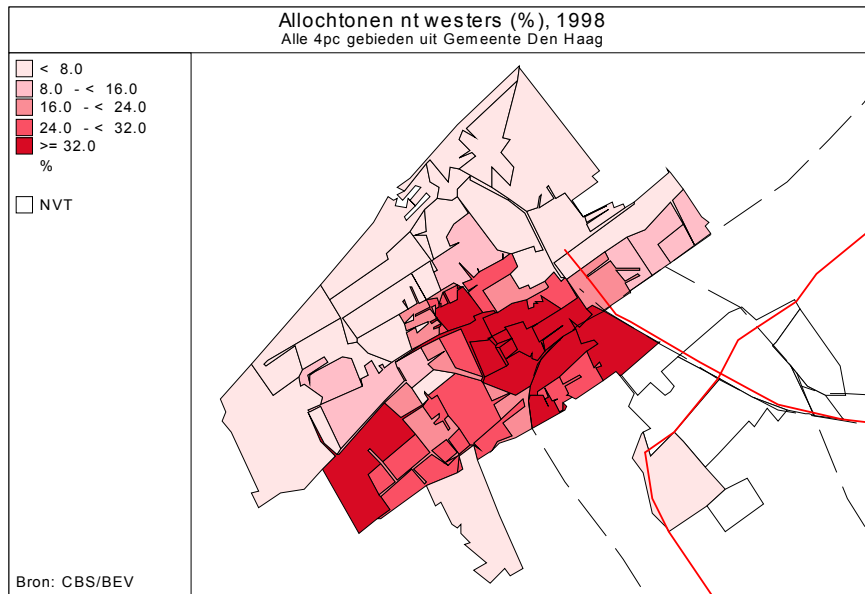


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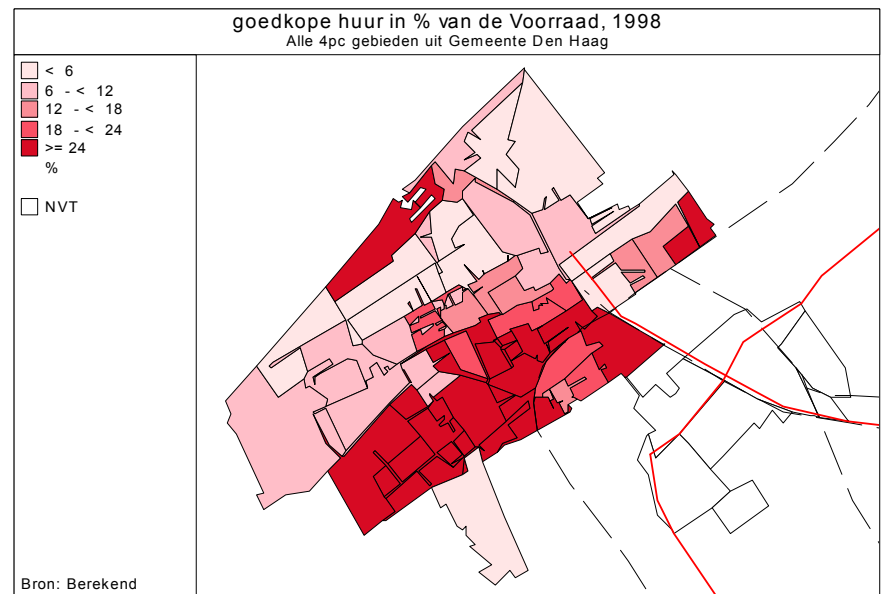


Concentration in The Hague

Non Western minorities in The Hague (1998)



Low-priced housing stock in The Hague (1998)

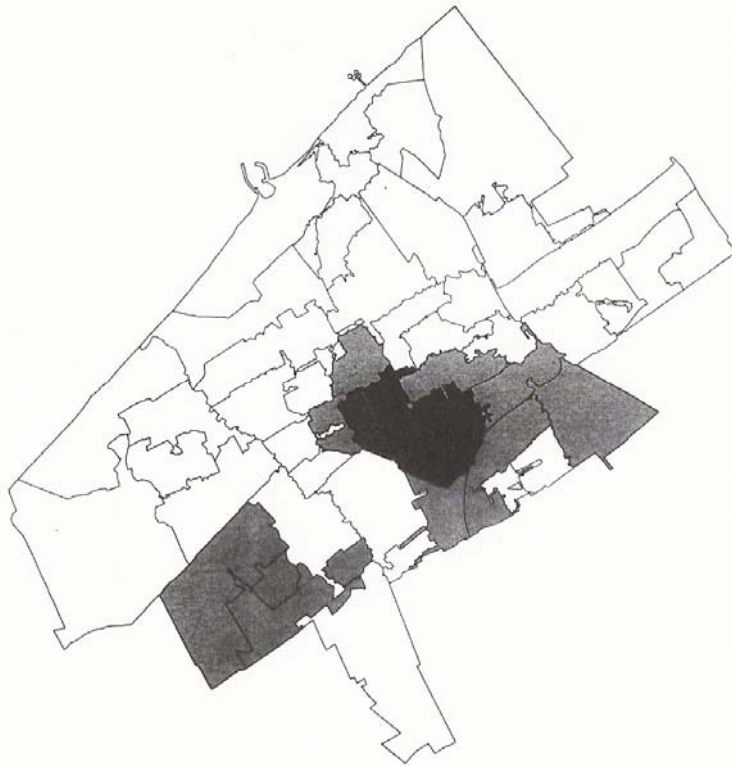


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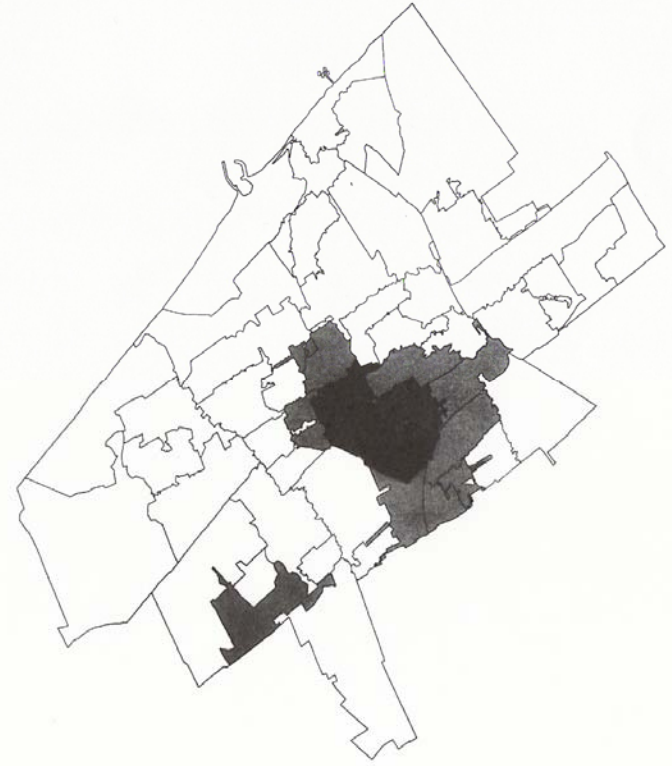


Illegal immigrants (Turks) in The Hague

Distribution of **legal** Turks in The Hague

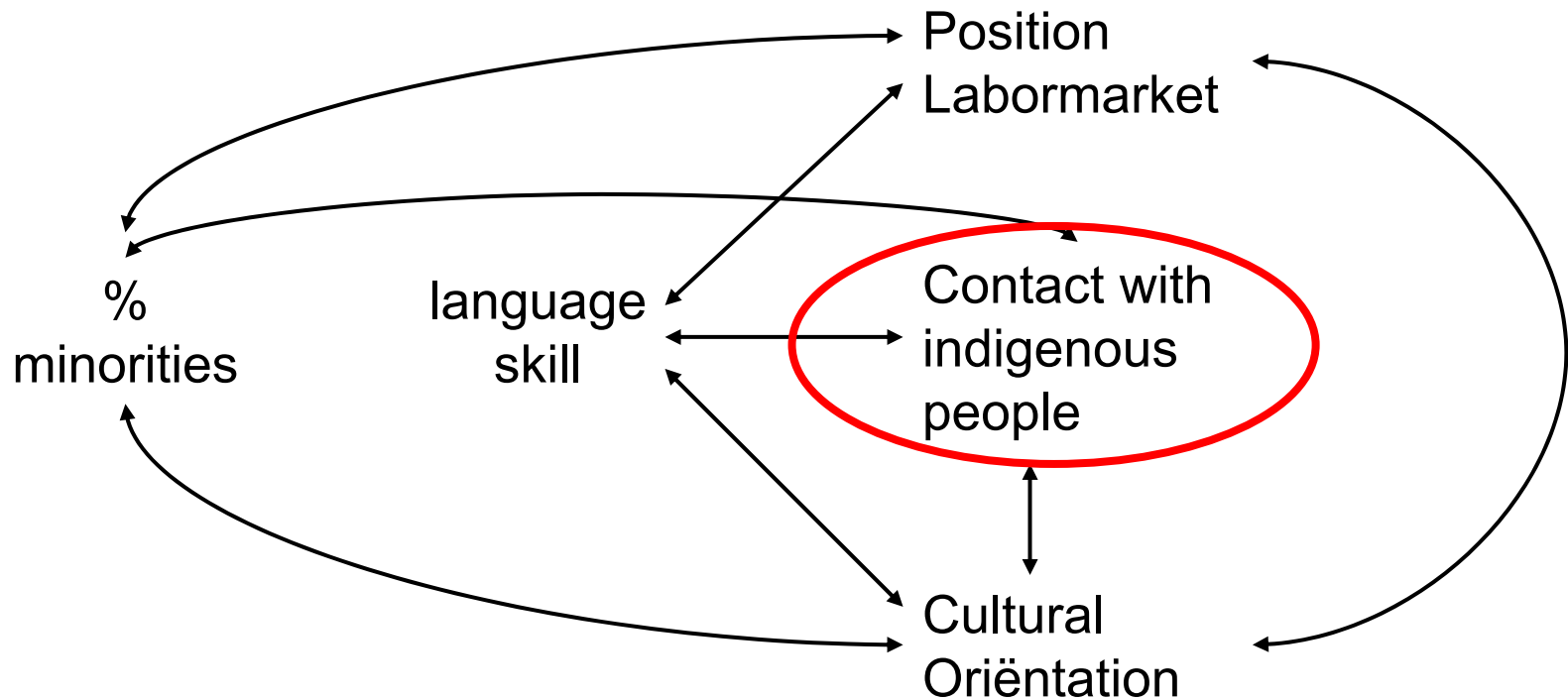


Distribution of **illegal** Turks in The Hague



Source: CBS1999/2000, VAS 1997-2003, in Leerkes et.al., 2004

Neighbourhood influence on integration, significant effects, (traditional immigrant groups)



Source: Van der Laan Bouma-Doff, 2005



Example: Policy consequences

- Scholing
- Labor market policy

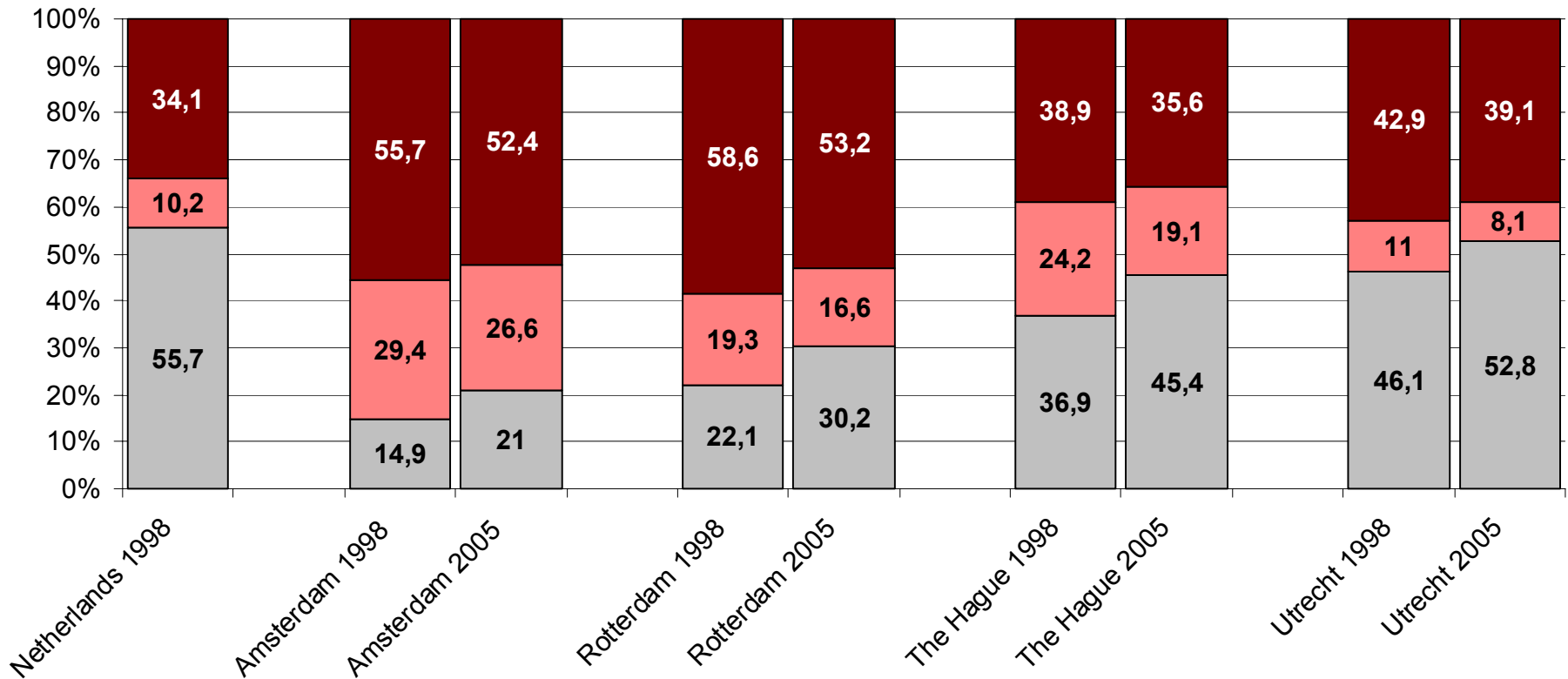
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 - **Less cheap rentals,**
 - **more expensive dwellings,**



Composition of the housing stock in the Netherlands and 4 big cities

Housing stock by property, 1998, 2005

■ privately owned ■ privat rental sector ■ social rental sector



Source: SYSWOV



Example: Policy consequences

- Scholing
- Labor market policy
- **Differentiation of the housing stock**
 - **Less cheap rentals,**
 - **more expensive dwellings,**
- **Improving living conditions in the deprived neighbourhoods.**
- **Redesigning public space
(Familiar strangers)**