

Transnational Mobilities of Older Adults

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Research Questions

What kind of transnational mobilities do ageing populations engage in and what drives them?

What factors shape individual trajectories of transnational ageing mobility?

We contribute to debates on the interplay between ageing and migration by introducing a 'retirement mobilities approach' to study transnational ageing with a focus on:

- migrant and non-migrant ageing populations
- mobile and immobile ageing populations

Mixed Methods Design

Quantitative survey TAS I (N=3772)

In **Switzerland** with people aged 55+ Residents of **all nationalities**

Quantitative survey TAS II (N=4700)

Swiss citizens aged 55+ living abroad

Qualitative fieldwork

Semi-structured interviews in **Spain** (N=45), **Morocco** (N=5) and **Switzerland** (N=12) with retirees who get Swiss pension benefits. The interviewees in Spain and Morocco live at least 3 months per year in these countries.

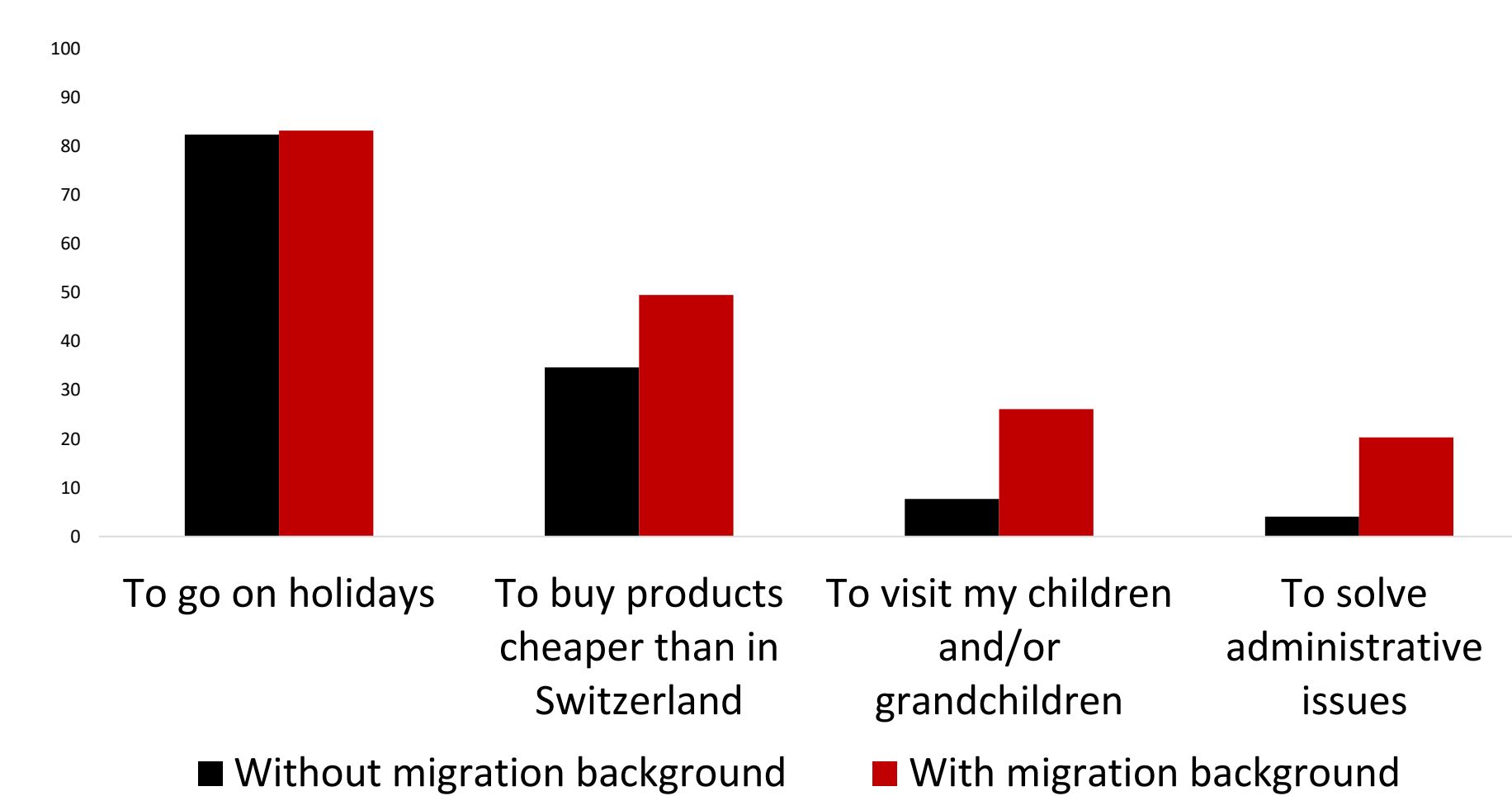
- Target population 55+
- Swiss & Non-Swiss citizens
- Mobile & Non-mobile people

Key Findings

Regardless of their migration background, respondents to the TAS I exhibit practices of international mobility, intentions of retirement mobilities & transnational lifestyles.

1. International mobilities

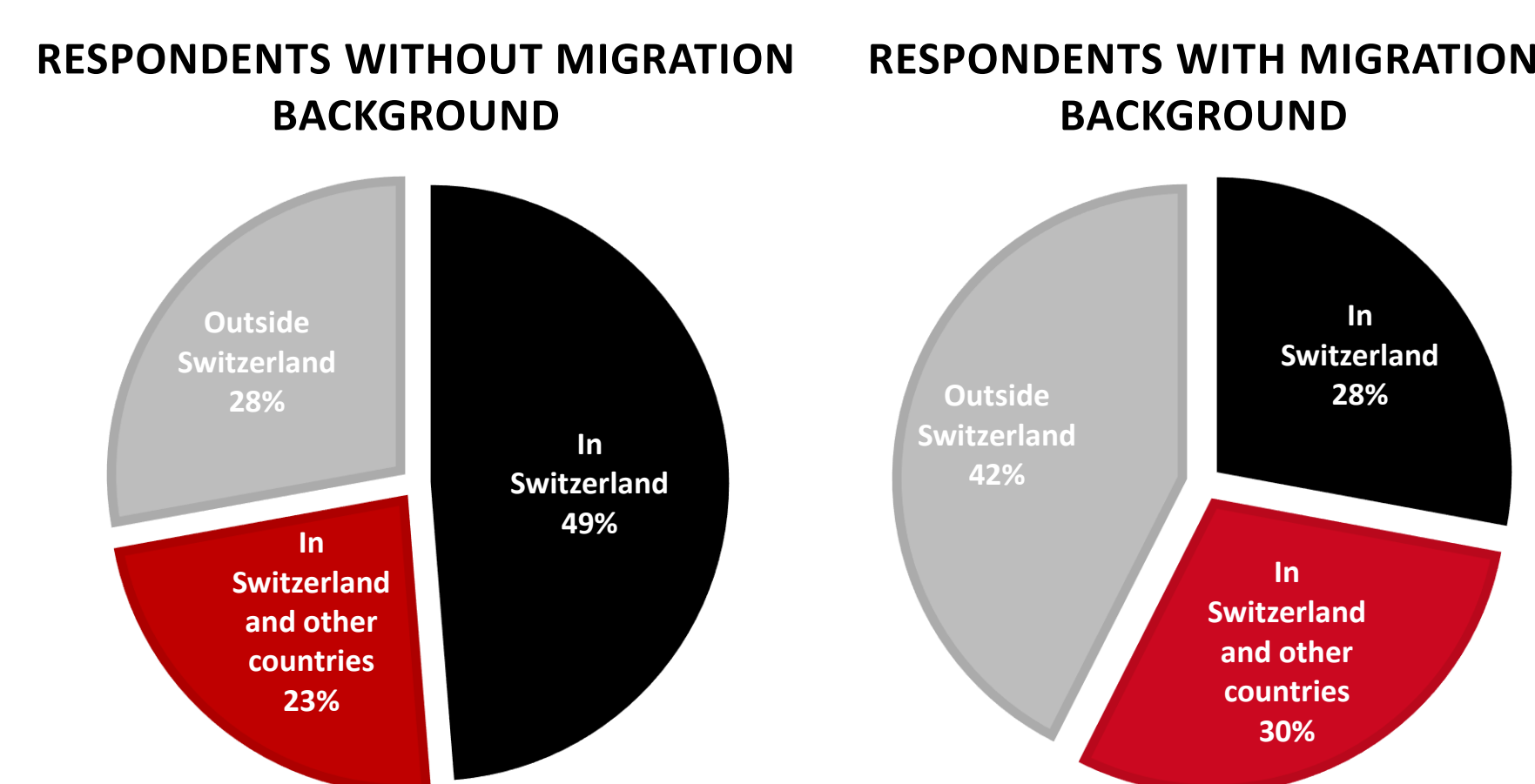
INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PRACTICES - AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR



International mobility related to leisure and cultural practices are the most widespread in our population of study. Respondents tend to travel abroad at least once a year for holidays (80%) and/or to attend cultural events (30%). About half of them regularly buy products in other countries, carrying out daily cross-border consumption activities. International mobility practices related to visiting family members (33%) and visiting one's children/grandchildren abroad (12%) are often less reported.

2. Intentions of retirement mobilities

IN WHICH COUNTRIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND (THE REST OF) YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS?

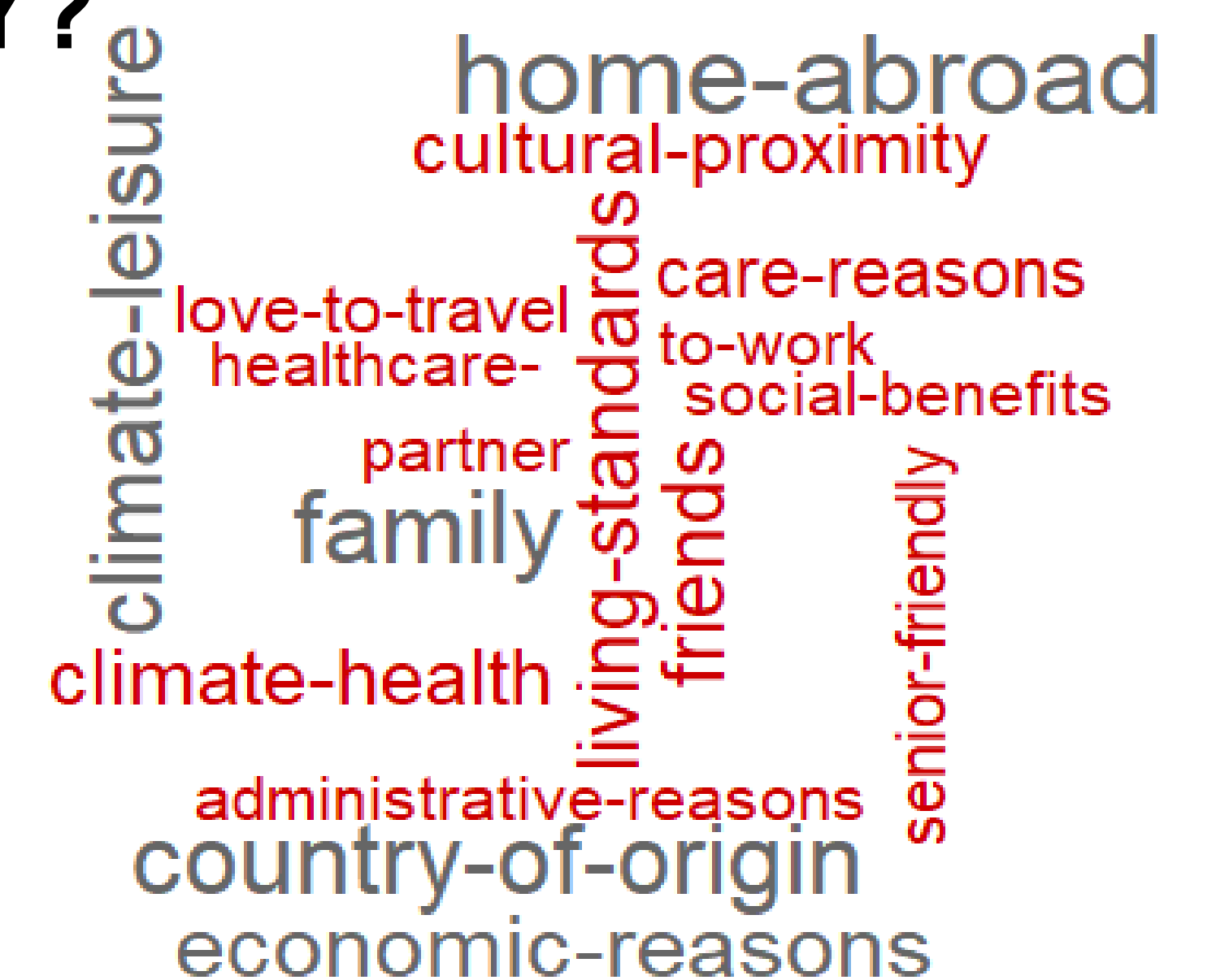


Over 60% of respondents intend to spend their retirement in a country other than Switzerland or between Switzerland and other countries. Only one in four older adults with a migration background and one in two of those without a migration background intend to spend their retirement solely in Switzerland.

3. Transnational lifestyles

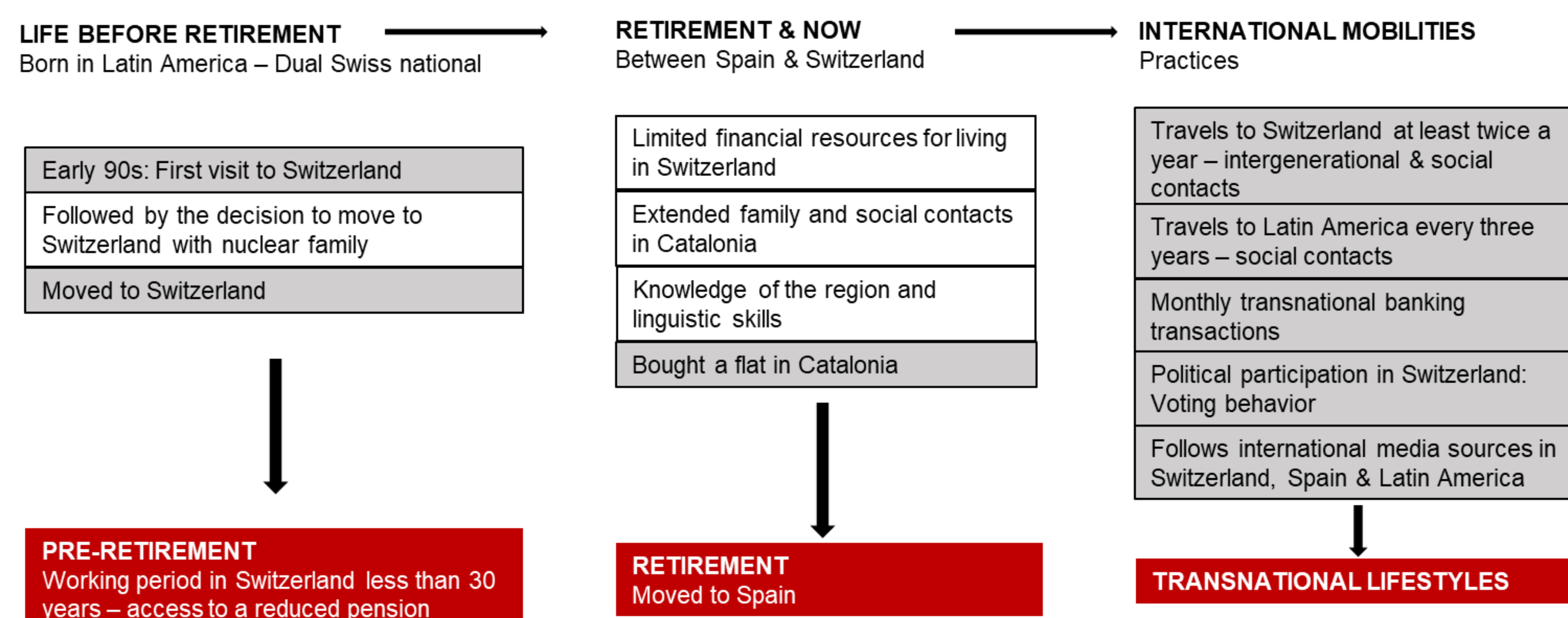
About 10% of respondents have lived or currently live three months a year in a country other than Switzerland.

WHY?



The main drivers of transnational lifestyles are home ownership in another country (42%) and climate & leisure motivations (over 35%). The most striking stated differences among respondents with or without a migration background are related to proximity to social contacts (family and friends), returning to the country of origin, as well as economic reasons.

4. Individual trajectories of transnational ageing mobility



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