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Ethnic clustering and family ties - do ethnic minorities move near family?

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- Family matters for destination choices, on international, national, and local level

- Some studies indicate ethnic differences
  - Zorlu (2009): Turkish and Moroccan more likely than native Dutch to stay in regions where family lives

  - Spilimbergo and Ubeda (2004): Family has a strong negative effect on leaving Metropolitan areas, but this effect is much stronger for blacks than for whites

- Effects on ethnic residential segregation?

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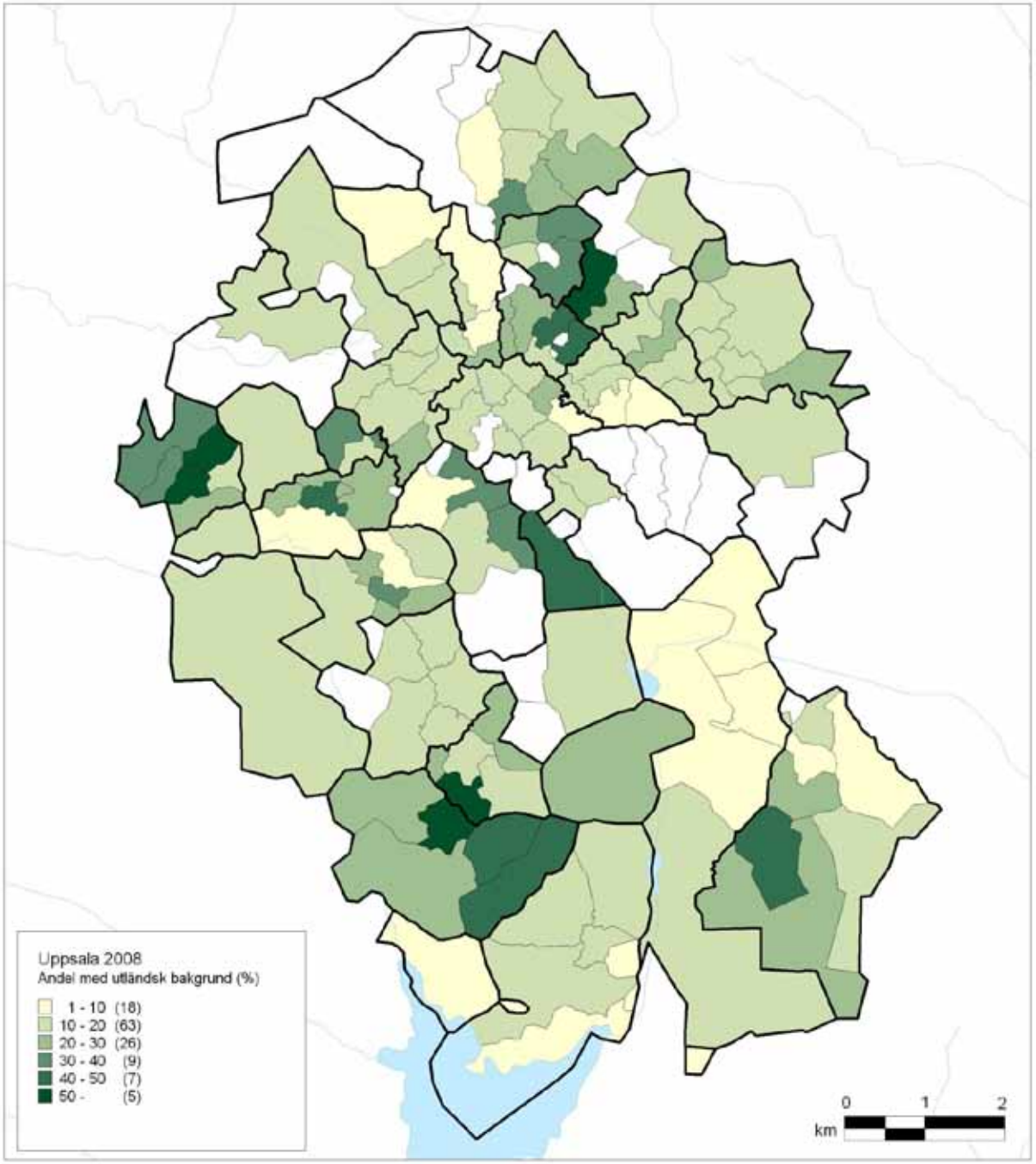

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Who moves to areas where family lives?

Dependent variable: Moving to family or not

Controlling for:

- demographic characteristics
- socioeconomic chars
- whether family lives in disadvantaged area
- Residential history

	Exp (B)	S.E.
Swedes	Ref	Ref
Western immigrants	1.100	0.092
Non-western immigrants	1.484	0.058***

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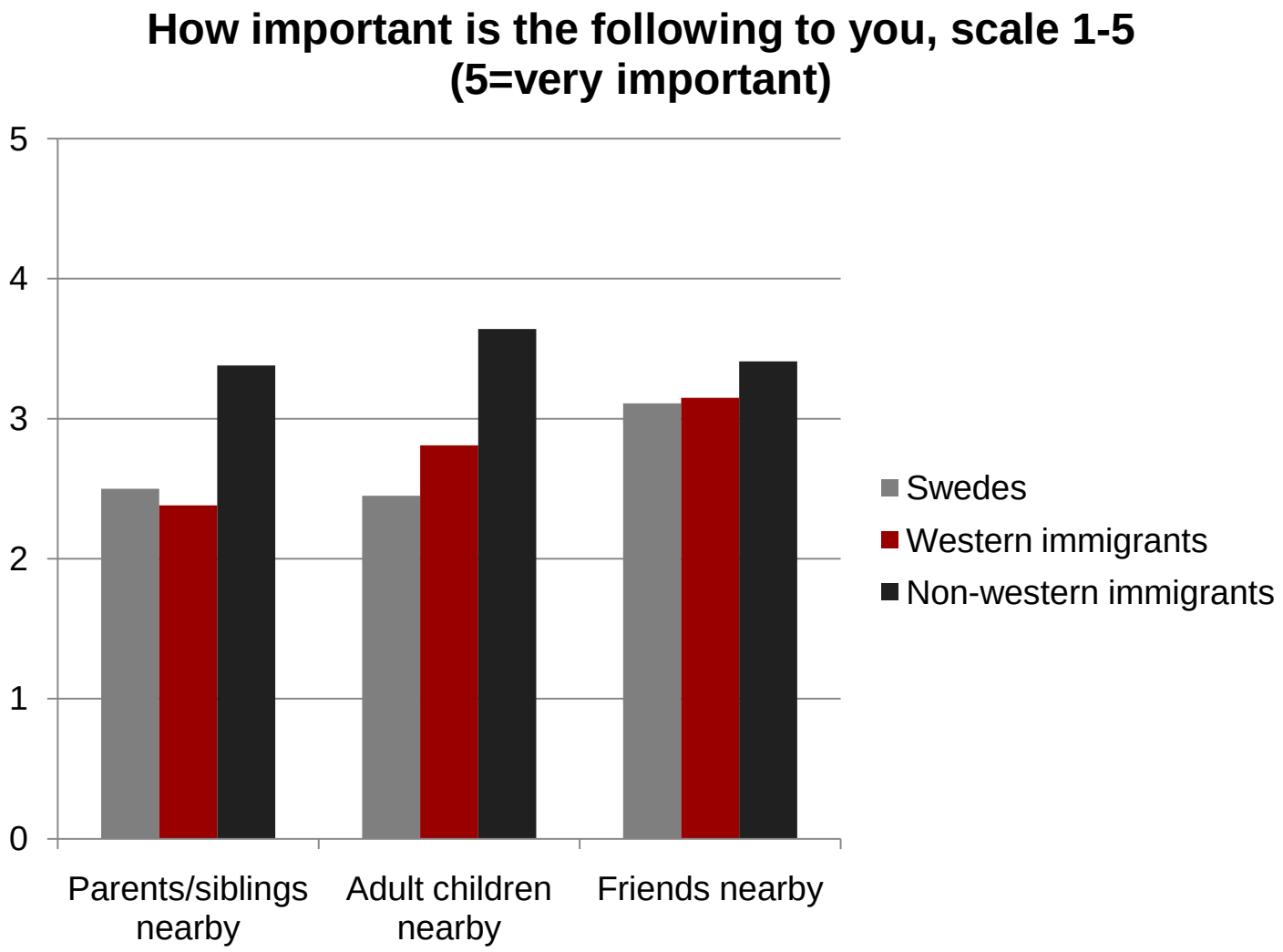
Survey results



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Final words

- The location of family affects destination choices
- Ethnic differences: Non-western immigrants more likely to move to areas where family resides
- Potential explanations: “Cultural” differences? Cognitive resources/Mental maps? Discrimination?
- Implications for ethnic residential segregation?
- Urge replication in other cities/countries/contexts