Measuring Immigrant Integration Workshop:
Welcoming Capacities of Host Urban and Rural Communities

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Domain Priorities

This policy research priority examines what public policy instruments can enhance the capacity of Canada, its cities and communities to receive and integrate immigrants, refugees, and minorities and will seek empirically-determined best practices that can be adapted for use in other contexts.

Research Priorities A:

- **What factors determine a host community's "absorptive capacity?"**
- **How do employment opportunities, the availability of appropriate housing, schooling and social services affect a community's ability to attract, integrate and retain newcomers and minorities?**

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Research Priorities B:
• What are the basic requirements and necessary conditions in order for a community or region, particularly in non-traditional areas to attract immigrants?

Research Priorities C:
• From a national policy perspective, what can be done to attract more immigrants to settle in the regions?

Research Priorities D:
• Do interactions between newcomers and minorities, and dominant majority Canadians lead to increased acceptance and inclusion?

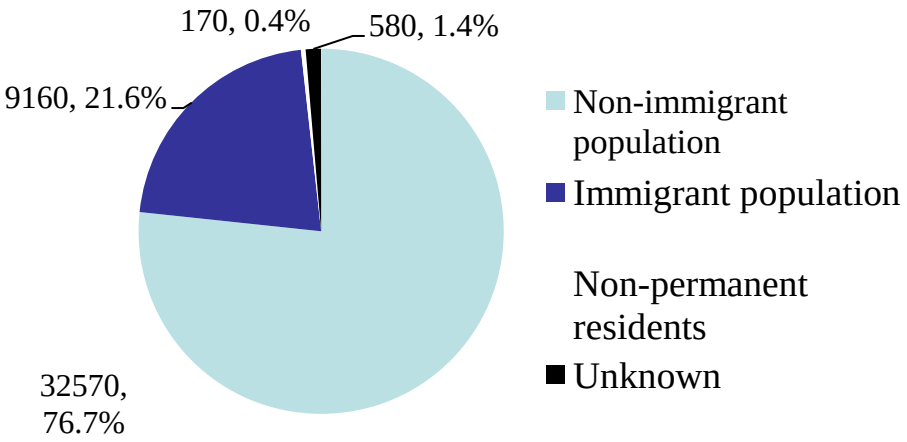
Research Priorities E:
• Can the creation and enhancement of healthy cities and communities contribute to the attraction and retention of immigrants?

Ethnic Diversity Survey: Selected Items

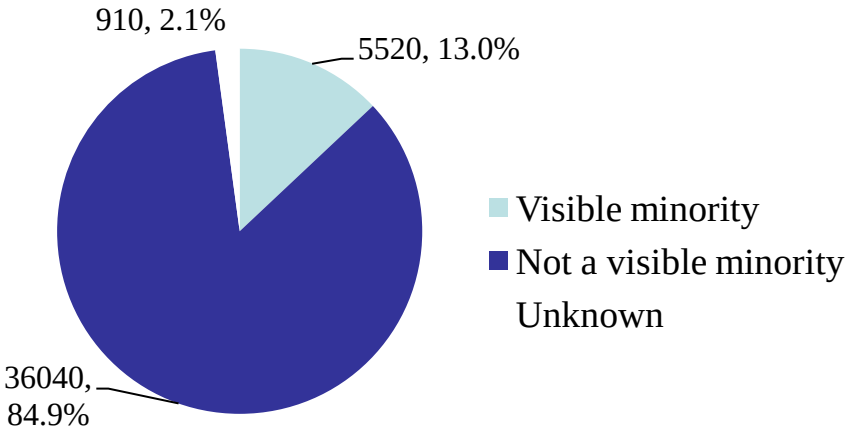
- **Feeling uncomfortable or out of place in Canada now because of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion**
- **Have experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly by others in Canada because of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion**
- **Believe that any of the crimes committed against you in Canada in the past 5 years could be considered a hate crime**
- **Worried about becoming the victim of a crime in Canada because of someone's hatred of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion**
- **Your sense of belonging to your ethnic or cultural group**
- **Your sense of belonging to your town, city or municipality**
- **Trusting people in your neighborhood**

Sample stratifications – Frequency, percent within total sample (N=42,480)

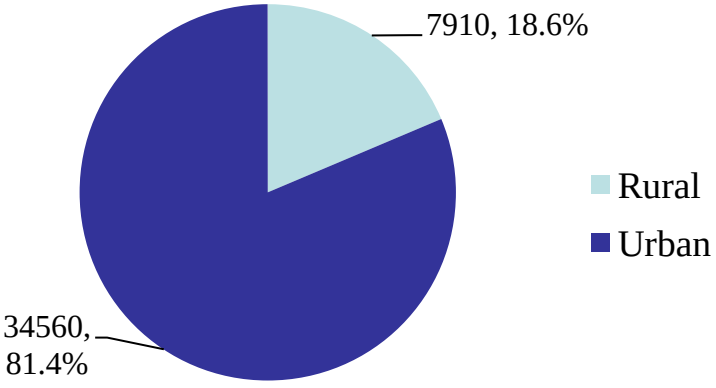
Immigrant status



Visible minority group membership

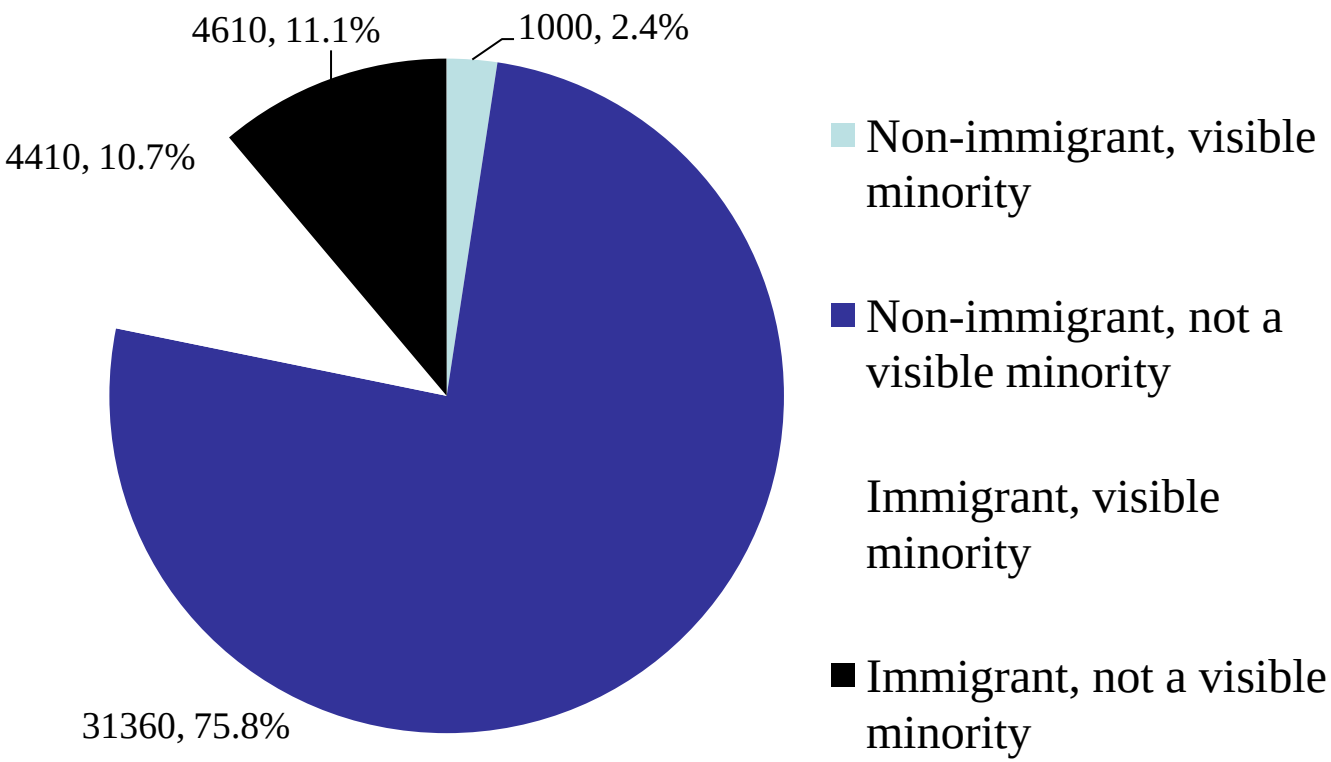


Rural / urban setting



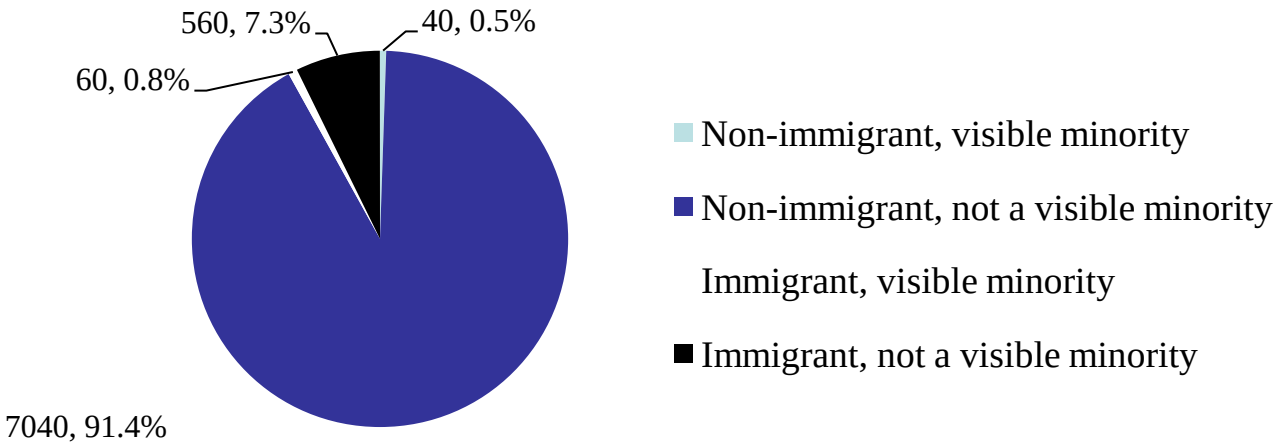
Frequency, percent within net sample (N=41,380)

Four comparison groups

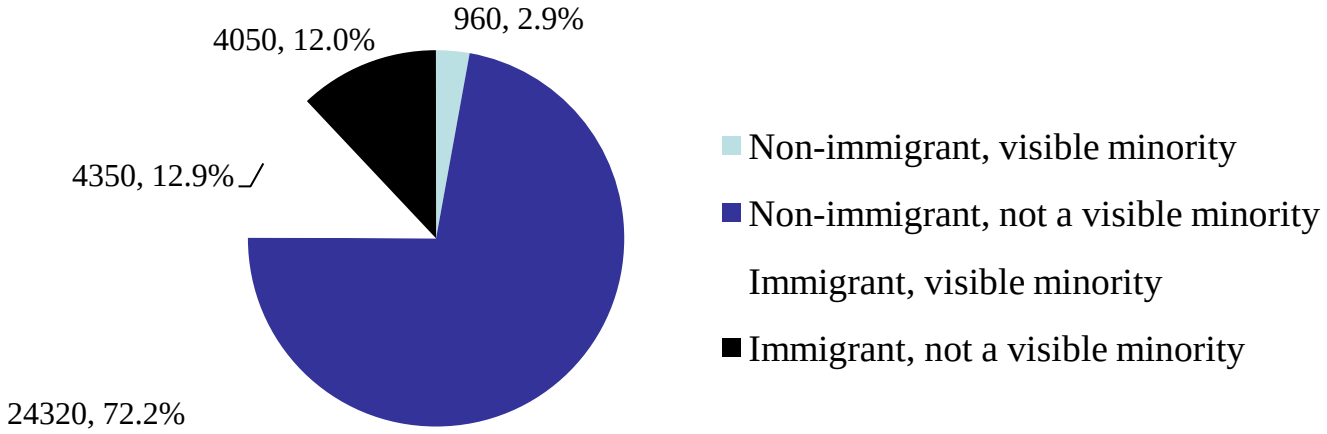


Frequency, percent within net sample (N=41,380)

Net rural subsample (N=7700)

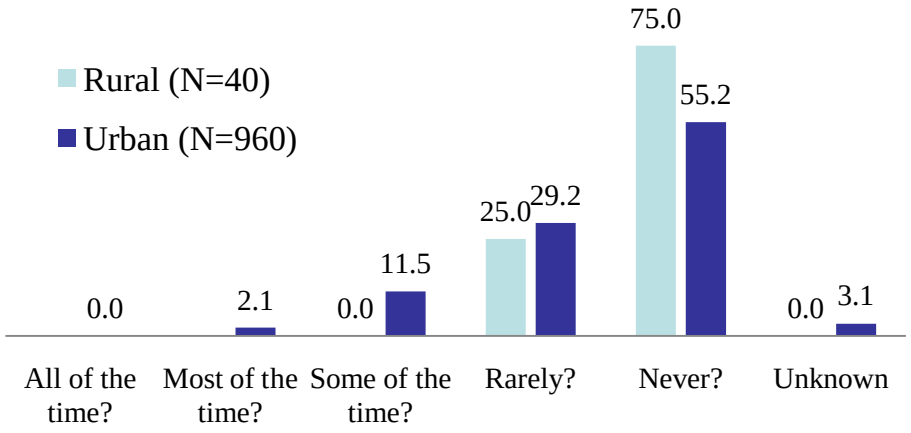


Net urban subsample (N=33,680)



Uncomfortable / out of place: How often do you feel uncomfortable or out of place in Canada now because of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion? (%)

Non-immigrant, visible minority



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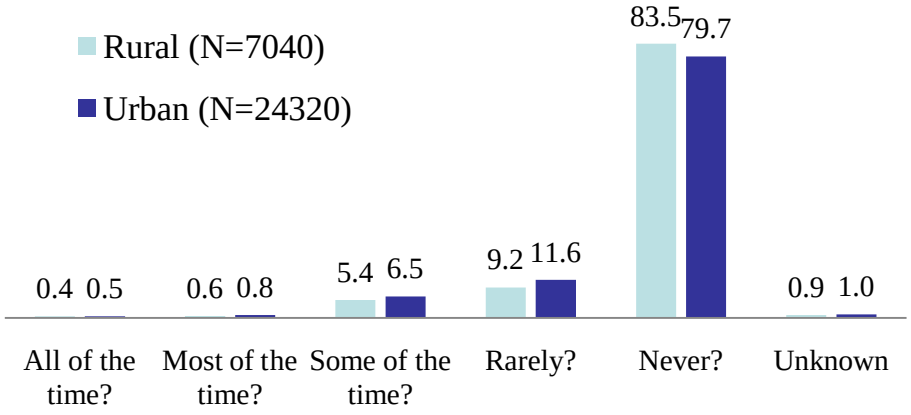

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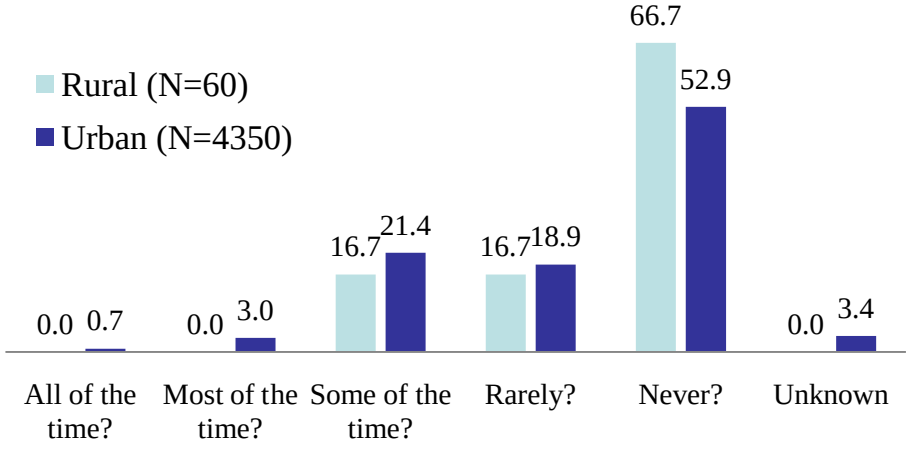

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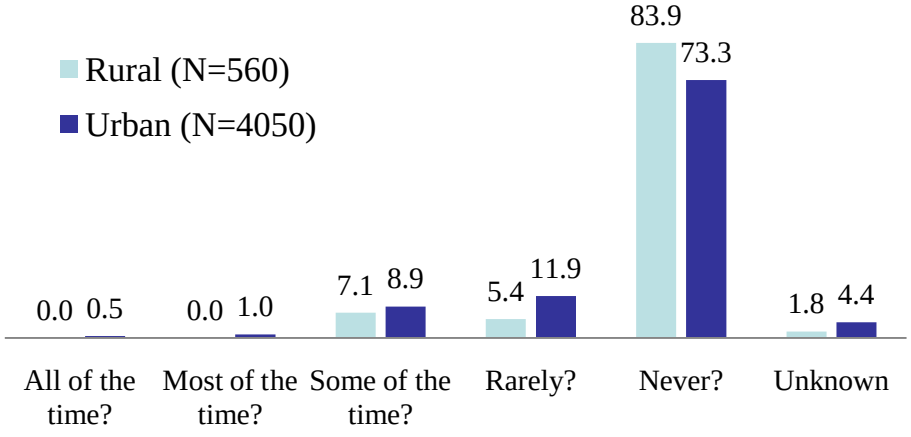


Uncomfortable / out of place: How often do you feel uncomfortable or out of place in Canada now because of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion?

T-test: Variable scaled so that ‘1’=‘all of the time’ and ‘5’=‘never’

Non-immigrant, visible minority (N=1000)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	4.54	0.83	0.13
Urban	4.41	0.79	0.03
Mean difference	0.13		0.12
t-value	1.03		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.12	0.37	

Non-immigrant, not a visible minority (N=31,360)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	4.77	0.60	0.01
Urban	4.71	0.67	0.00
Mean difference	0.06		0.01
t-value (fails Levene's test)	6.89		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	0.04	0.07	

Immigrant, visible minority (N=4410)

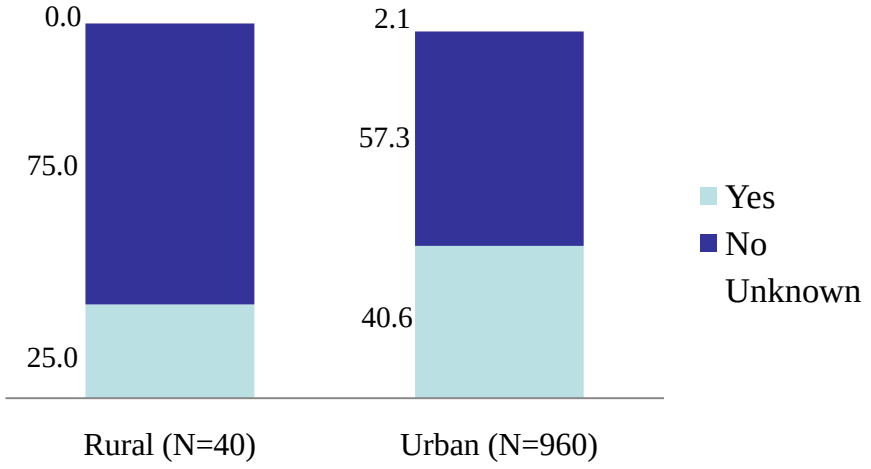
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	4.31	1.09	0.14
Urban	4.25	0.94	0.01
Mean difference	0.06		0.13
t-value	0.47		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.19	0.31	

Immigrant, not a visible minority (N=4610)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	4.79	0.59	0.03
Urban	4.64	0.73	0.01
Mean difference	0.15		0.01
t-value (fails Levene's test)	5.25		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	0.09	0.20	

Discrimination: In the past 5 years, do you feel that you have experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly by others in Canada because of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion? (%)

Non-immigrant, visible minority



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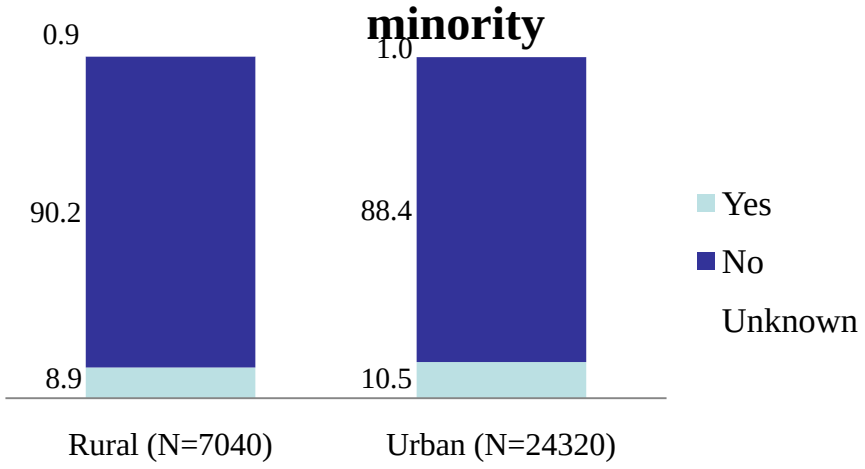

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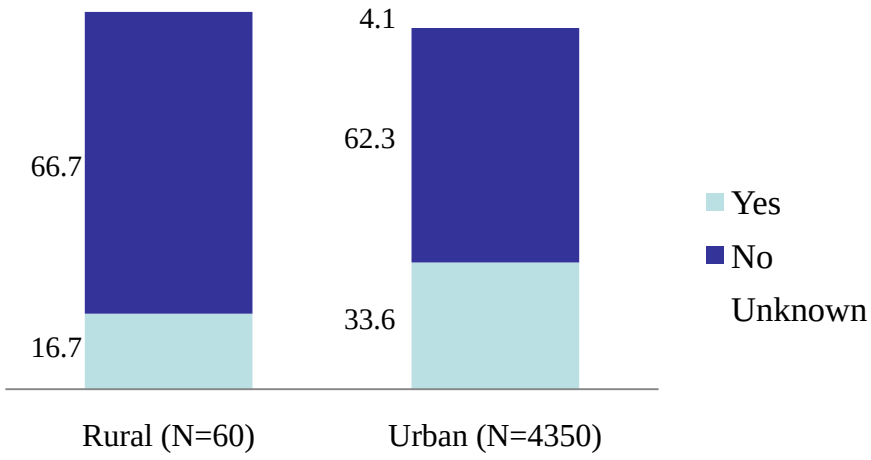

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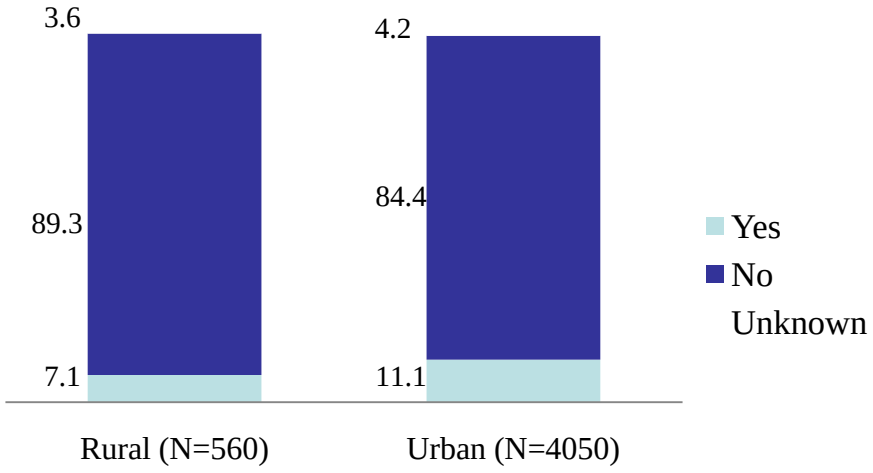


Discrimination: In the past 5 years, do you feel that you have experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly by others in Canada because of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion?

Non-immigrant, visible minority (N=1000)

	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural	10 (20)	30 (20)
Urban	390 (390)	550 (550)
Pearson Chi-Square	1.14	

Non-immigrant, not a visible minority (N=31360)

	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural	630 (720)	6350 (6260)
Urban	2560 (2470)	21510 (21600)
Pearson Chi-Square	15.62	

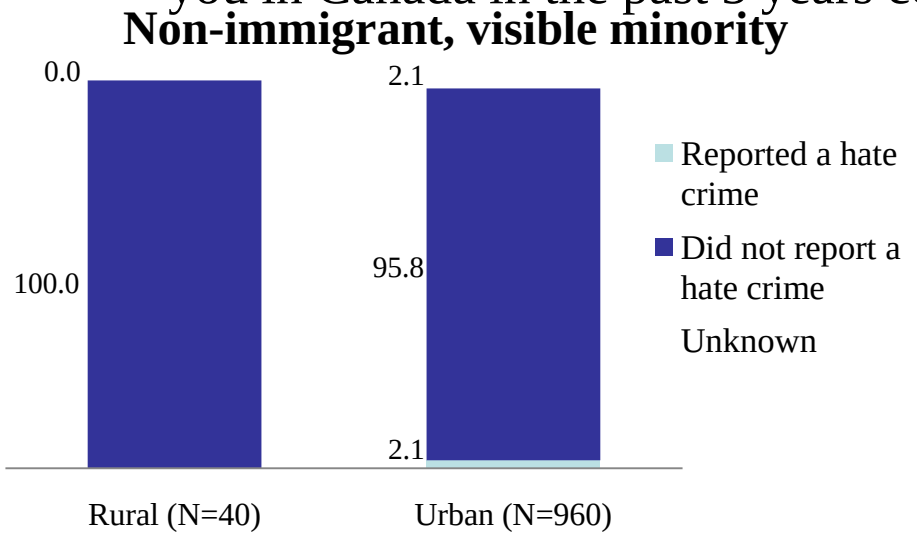
Immigrant, visible minority (N=4410)

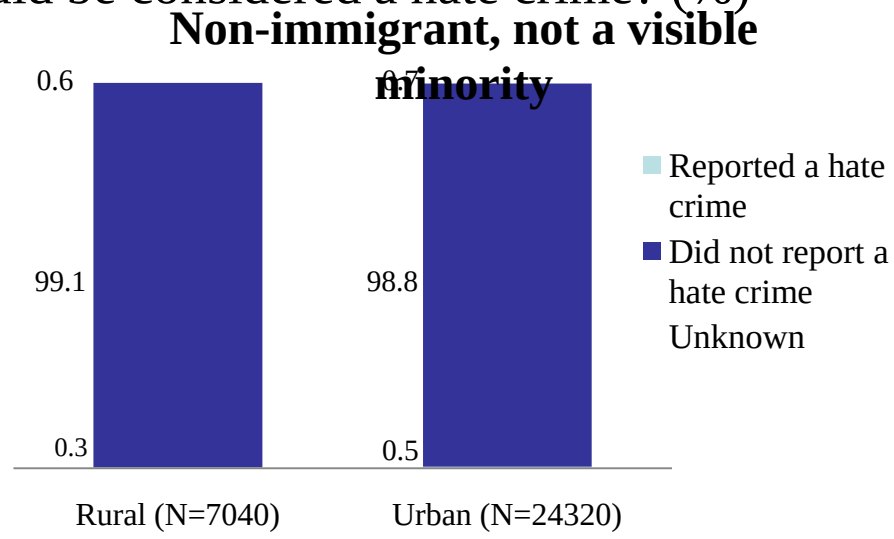
	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural	10 (20)	40 (40)
Urban	1460 (1450)	2710 (2720)
Pearson Chi-Square	2.95	

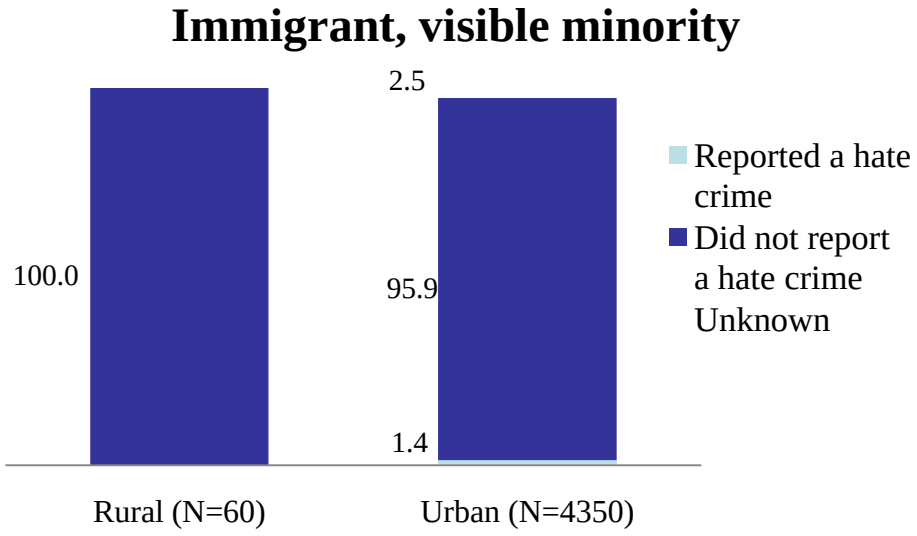
Immigrant, not a visible minority (N=4610)

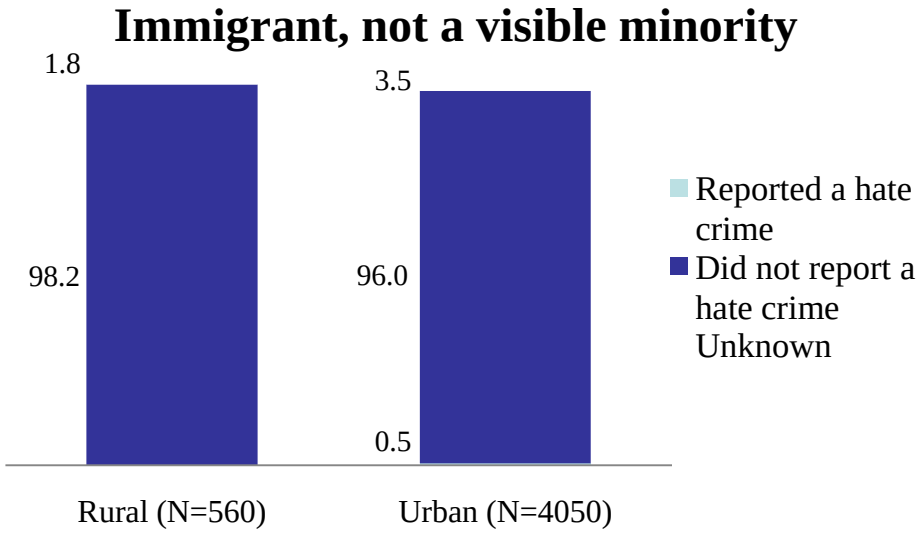
	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural	40 (60)	500 (480)
Urban	450 (440)	3420 (3440)
Pearson Chi-Square	6.23	

Hate crime: Do you believe that any of the crimes committed against you in Canada in the past 5 years could be considered a hate crime? (%)









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Non-immigrant, visible minority (N=1000)

	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural		40 (40)
Urban	20 (20)	920 (920)
Pearson Chi-Square	1.00	

Non-immigrant, not a visible minority (N=31360)

	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural	20 (30)	6980 (6970)
Urban	110 (100)	24020 (24030)
Pearson Chi-Square	4.40	

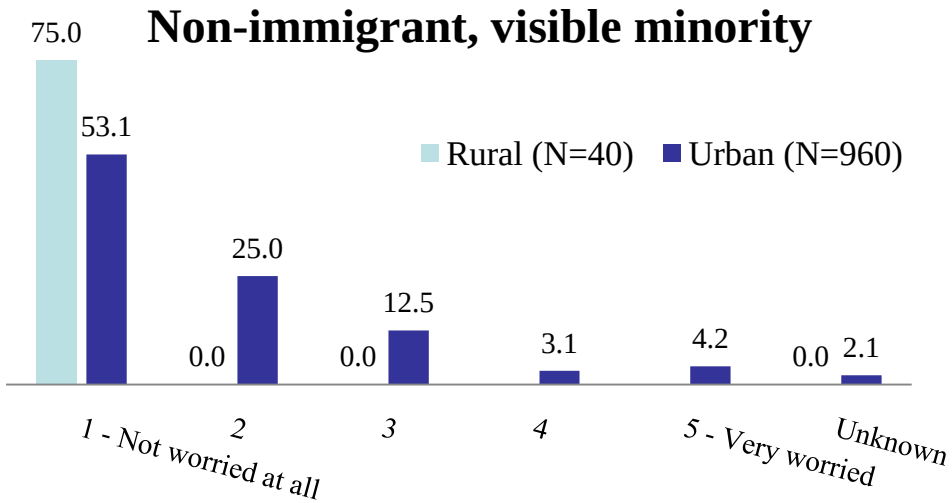
Immigrant, visible minority (N=4410)

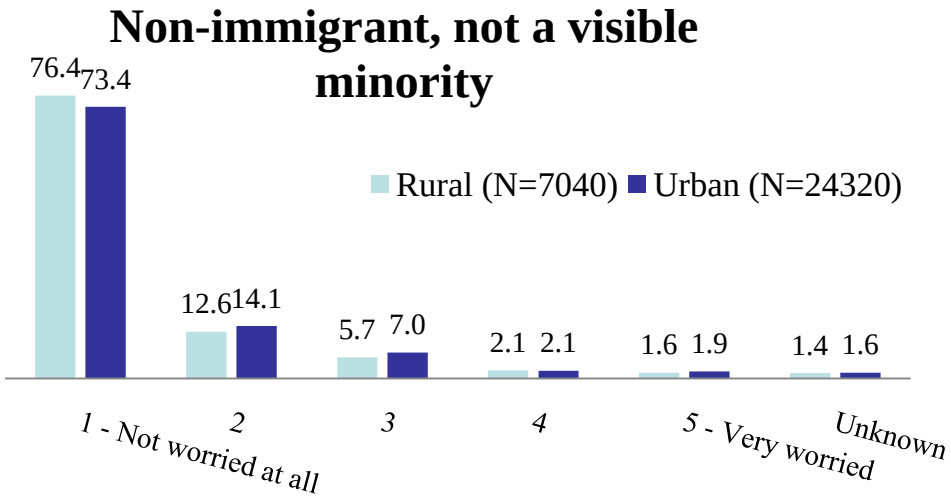
	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural		60 (60)
Urban	60 (60)	4170 (4170)
Pearson Chi-Square	0.04	

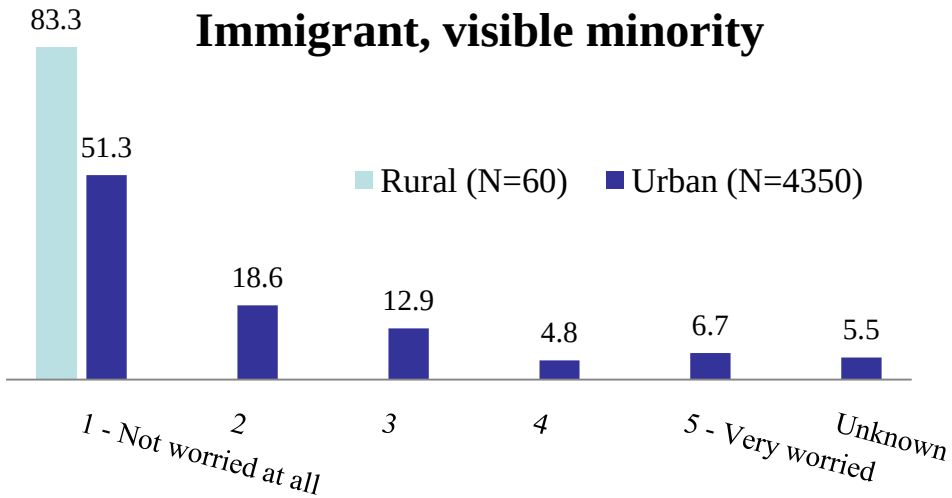
Immigrant, not a visible minority (N=4610)

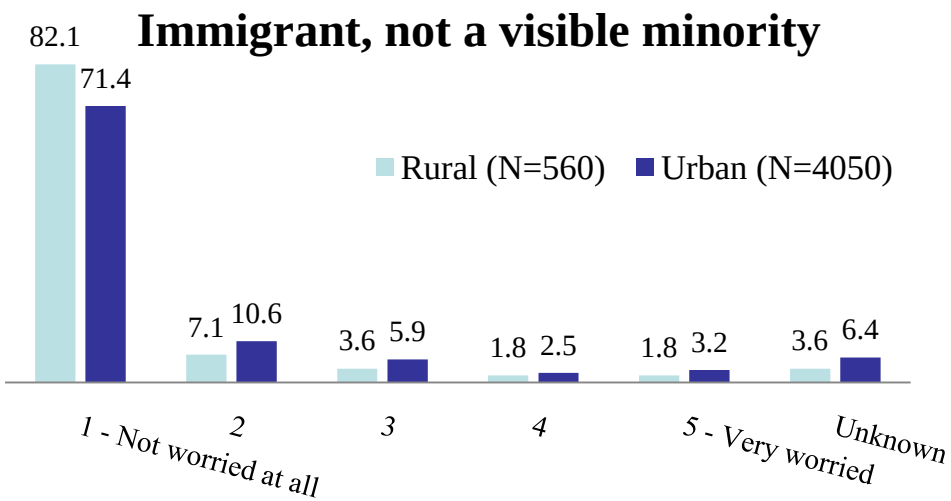
	Observed (expected) frequencies	
	Yes	No
Rural		550 (550)
Urban	20 (10)	3890 (3890
Pearson Chi-Square	2.26	

Hate crime: How worried are you about becoming the victim of a crime in Canada because of someone's hatred of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion? (%)









Hate crime: How worried are you about becoming the victim of a crime in Canada because of someone's hatred of your ethnicity, culture, race, skin colour, language, accent or religion?

T-test: Variable scaled so that '1' = 'not at all worried' and '5' = 'very worried'

Non-immigrant, visible minority (N=1000)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	1.48	0.94	0.14
Urban	1.76	1.05	0.03
Mean difference	-0.28		0.16
t-value	-1.72		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.60	0.04	

Non-immigrant, not a visible minority (N=31,360)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	1.37	0.82	0.01
Urban	1.43	0.86	0.01
Mean difference	-0.05		0.01
t-value	-4.68		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.08	-0.03	

Immigrant, visible minority (N=4410)

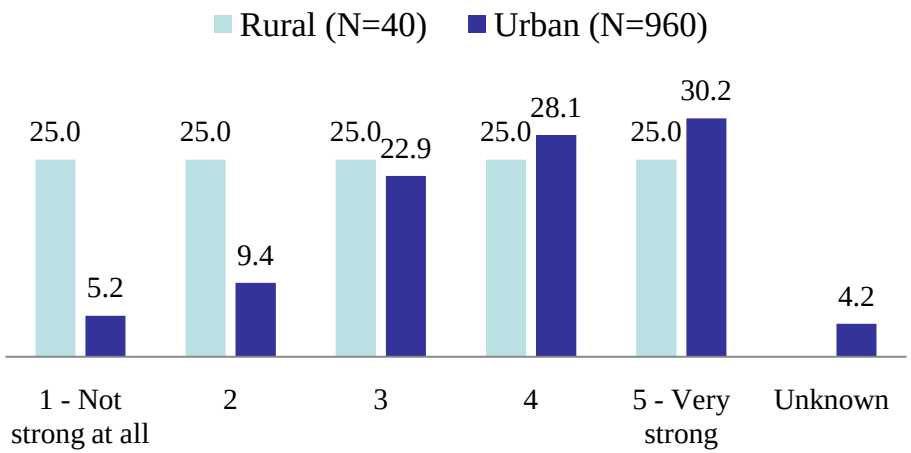
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	1.43	1.01	0.13
Urban	1.91	1.23	0.02
Mean difference	-0.47		0.14
t-value	-3.49		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.75	-0.20	

Immigrant, not a visible minority (N=4610)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	1.26	0.75	0.03
Urban	1.45	0.97	0.02
Mean difference	-0.19		0.04
t-value	-5.36		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.26	-0.12	

Belonging: How strong is your sense of belonging to your ethnic or cultural group(s)? (%)

Non-immigrant, visible minority



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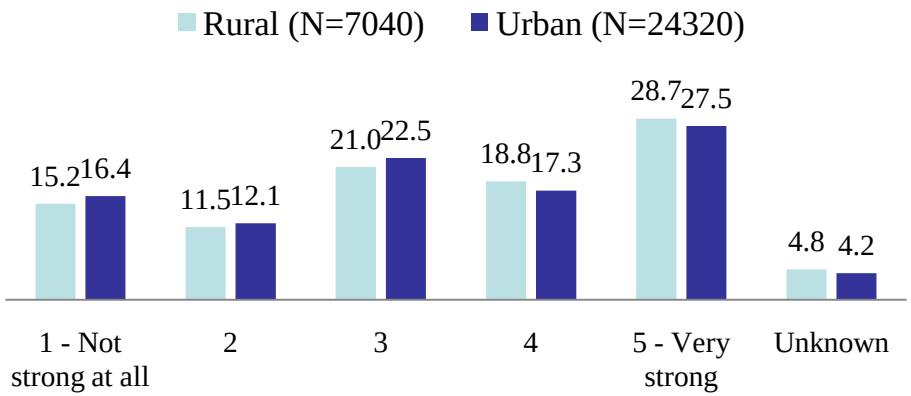

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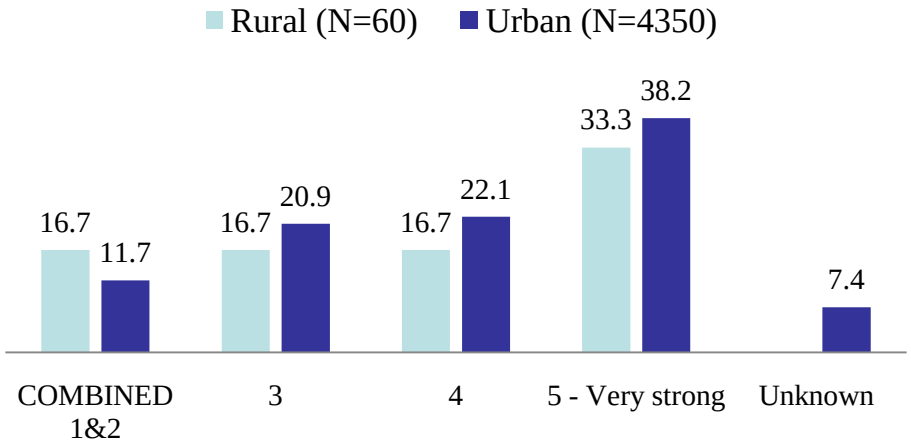

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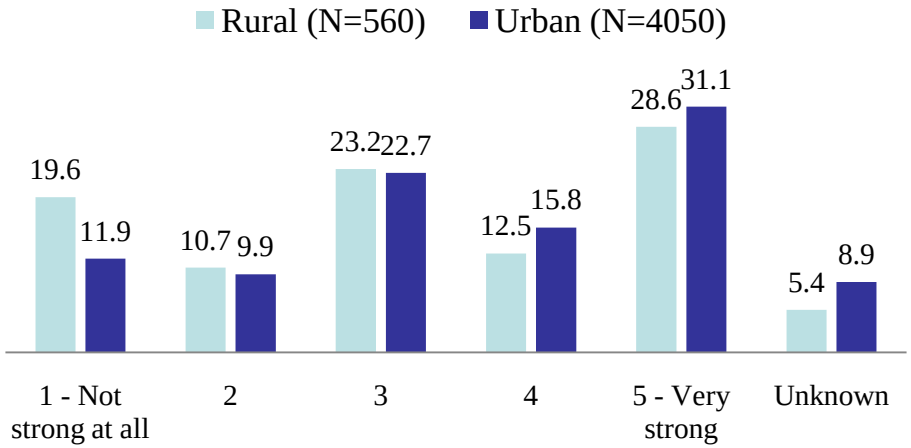


Belonging: How strong is your sense of belonging to your ethnic or cultural group(s)?

T-test: Variable scaled so that ‘1’=‘not strong at all’ and ‘5’=‘very strong’

Non-immigrant, visible minority (N=1000)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.27	1.40	0.23
Urban	3.71	1.16	0.04
Mean difference	-0.44		0.23
t-value	-1.93		
(fails Leven's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.91	0.02	

Non-immigrant, not a visible minority (N=31,360)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.36	1.43	0.02
Urban	3.29	1.43	0.01
Mean difference	0.07		0.02
t-value	3.63		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	0.03	0.11	

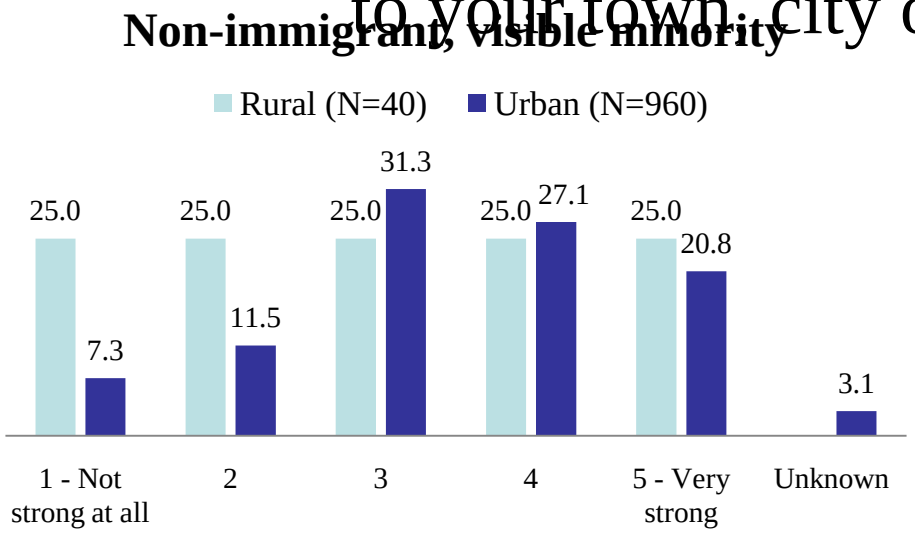
Immigrant, visible minority (N=4410)

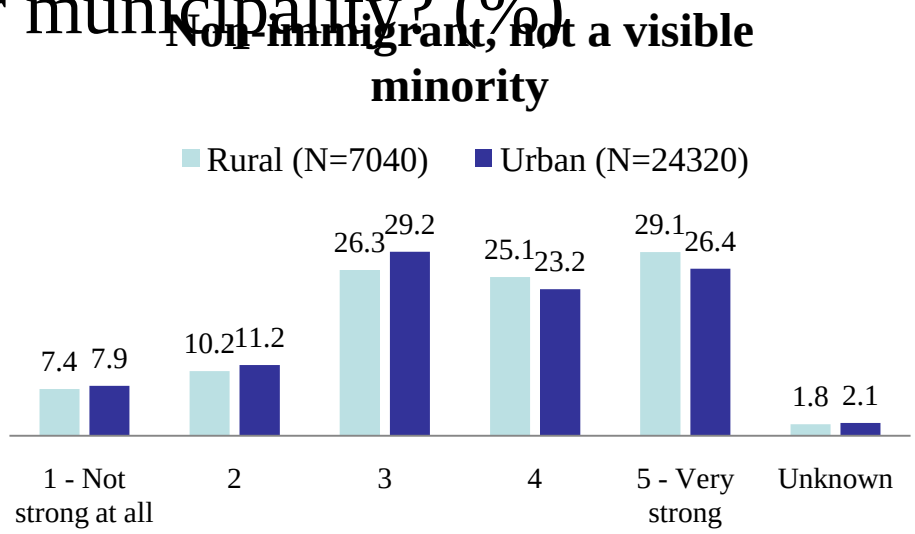
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.88	1.26	0.17
Urban	3.87	1.19	0.02
Mean difference	0.01		0.16
t-value	0.05		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.31	0.35	

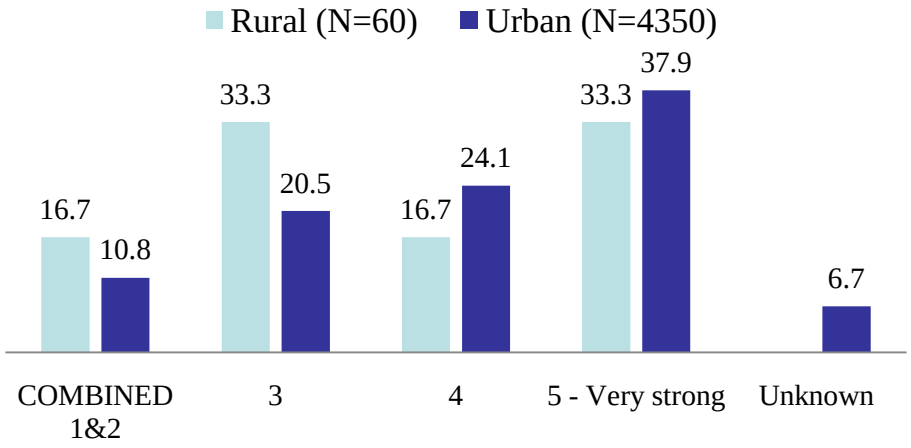
Immigrant, not a visible minority (N=4610)

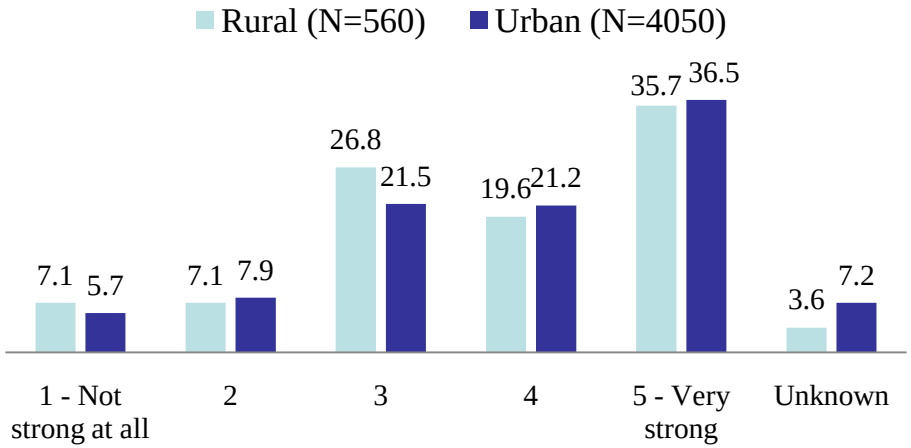
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.23	1.50	0.07
Urban	3.48	1.39	0.02
Mean difference	-0.25		0.07
t-value	-3.59		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.39	-0.11	

Belonging: How strong is your sense of belonging to your town, city or municipality? (%)









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T-test: Variable scaled so that ‘1’=‘not strong at all’ and ‘5’=‘very strong’

Non-immigrant, visible minority (N=1000)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.28	1.50	0.23
Urban	3.44	1.16	0.04
Mean difference	-0.16		0.23
t-value	-0.67		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.63	0.31	

Non-immigrant, not a visible minority (N=31,360)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.60	1.22	0.01
Urban	3.50	1.23	0.01
Mean difference	0.09		0.02
t-value	5.61		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	0.06	0.13	

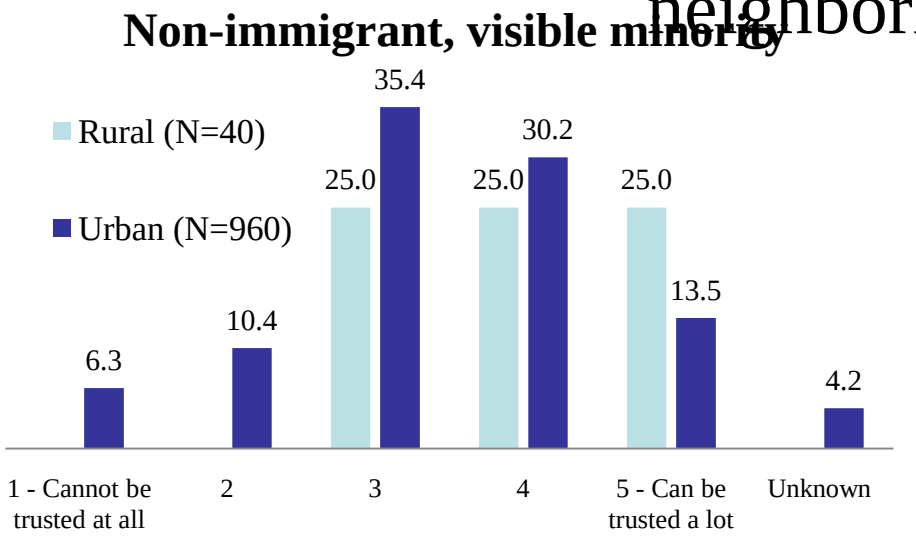
Immigrant, visible minority (N=4410)

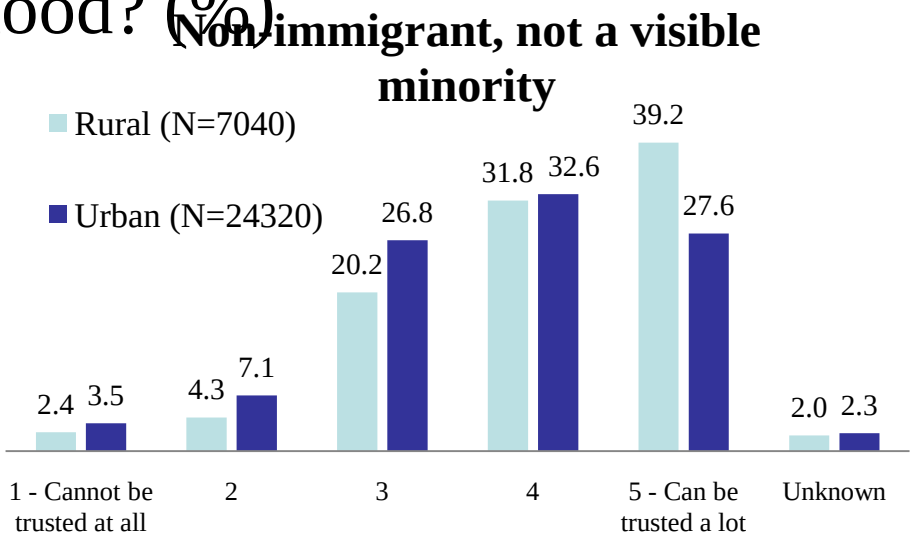
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.58	1.25	0.17
Urban	3.91	1.14	0.02
Mean difference	-0.33		0.15
t-value	-2.19		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.63	-0.04	

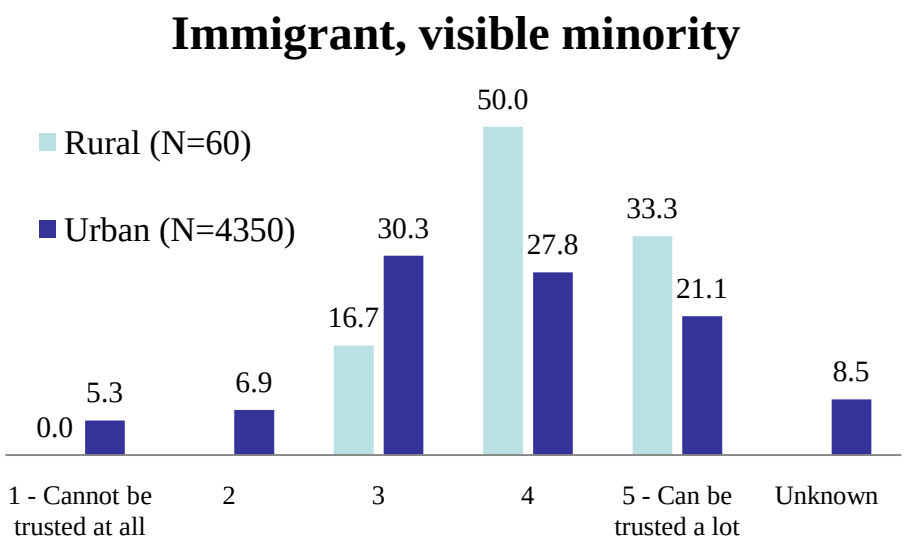
Immigrant, not a visible minority (N=4610)

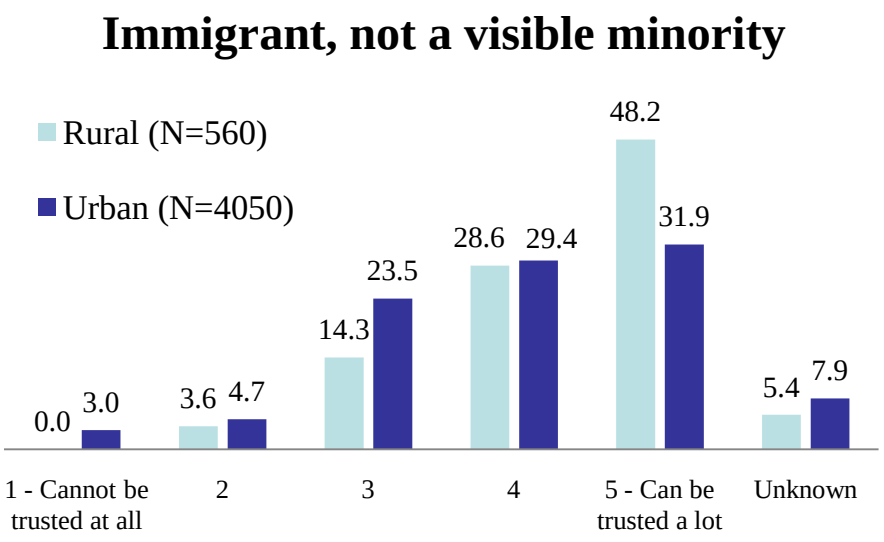
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.71	1.23	0.05
Urban	3.81	1.22	0.02
Mean difference	-0.10		0.06
t-value	-1.70		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.21	0.02	

Trust: To what extent do you trust people in your neighborhood? (%)









Trust: To what extent do you trust people in your neighborhood?

T-test: Variable scaled so that ‘1’=‘cannot be trusted at all’ and ‘5’=‘can be trusted a lot’

Non-immigrant, visible minority (N=1000)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	3.64	1.11	0.17
Urban	3.34	1.07	0.04
Mean difference	0.30		0.17
t-value	1.80		
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	-0.03	0.63	

Non-immigrant, not a visible minority (N=31,360)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	4.03	1.00	0.01
Urban	3.76	1.05	0.01
Mean difference	0.28		0.01
t-value	19.82		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	0.25	0.30	

Immigrant, visible minority (N=4410)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	4.16	0.80	0.11
Urban	3.58	1.10	0.02
Mean difference	0.58		0.11
t-value	5.35		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	0.36	0.80	

Immigrant, not a visible minority (N=4610)

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Error
Rural	4.27	0.88	0.04
Urban	3.89	1.04	0.02
Mean difference	0.37		0.04
t-value	8.88		
(fails Levene's test)			
	Lower	Upper	
95% confidence interval	0.29	0.45	

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