

GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES IN MOVING DECISIONS AMONG EAST AND SOUTH ASIAN GROUPS IN CANADA

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What are the generational differences in moving decisions among South Asian and Chinese in Canada, compared to the white majority?
2. What are the individual characteristics that explain the generational differences in moving decisions? How do these moving decisions vary by gender?

CANADIAN HOUSING SURVEY (2021)

- Conducted by Statistics Canada in partnership with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)
- Information on housing conditions of Canadian households
- Helps researchers understand issues on:
 - Access to affordable housing
 - Housing satisfaction and role of housing in well-being for Canadians
 - How to improve housing conditions
 - Motivations of why people move
 - Mortgages and rents

DATA & METHODS

- **Sample** : Working age (18-64) South Asians, Chinese and Whites who moved within the past 10 years
- **Dependent variables** : Reasons for Moving
 - Natural disaster
 - Employment
 - Close to family
 - Change in household size
 - Family formation
 - Bigger or better housing
 - Better neighbourhood
 - Homeownership

DATA METHODS

- **Independent variable** : 9 category ethnicity-generational status of South Asians, Chinese, and Whites
 - Canadian born
 - 1.5 Generation
 - 1st Generation
- **Controls** : gender, age, highest education, marital status, family structure, employment status, CMA (MTV, Calgary/Edmonton and others)

ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE

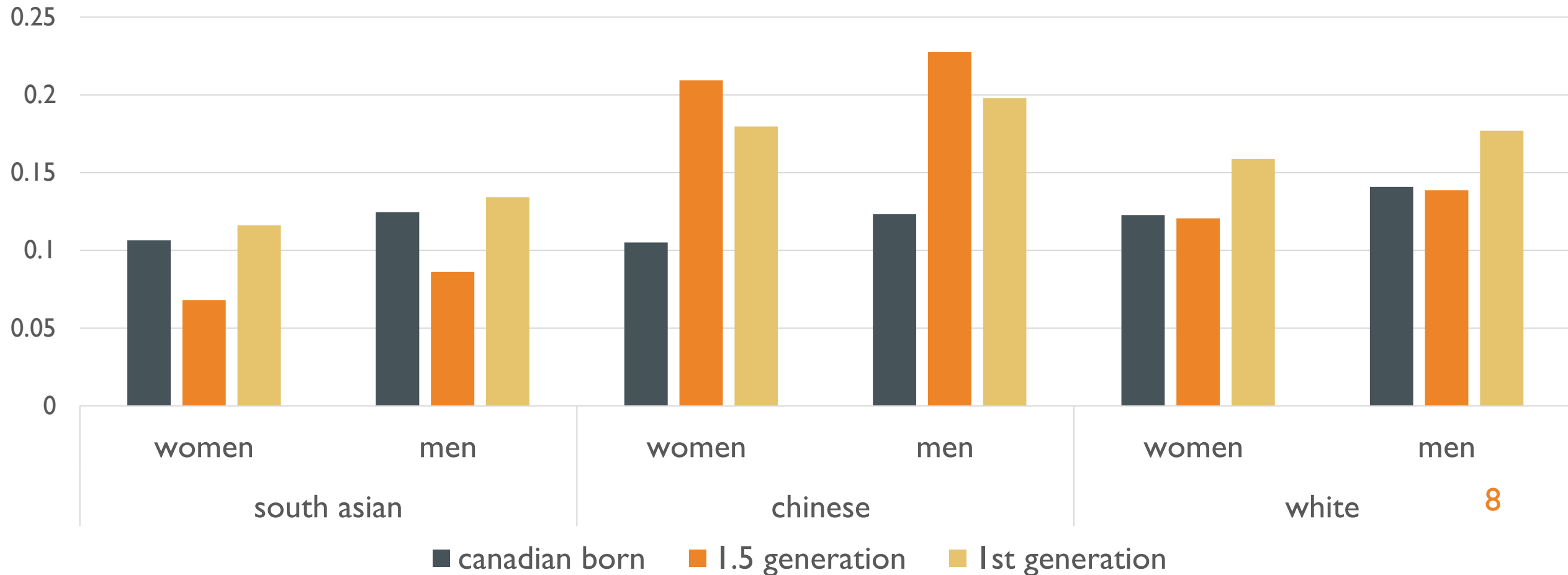
- Linear Probability Models
- Predicted Probabilities
 - Respondents aged 30-39, highly educated, married, no kids, somewhat bilingual, and moved to Toronto
 - Separated by gender and ethno-generational status

RESULTS

- Two main patterns
 - Economic related moves (employment, homeownership)
 - Family related moves (family formation)
- Employment
 - Chinese 1.5 generation more likely to move for employment related reasons compared to South Asians and Whites
- Family Formation
 - 1st generation South Asians more likely to move for family formation related reasons.
- Homeownership
 - 1.5 generation South Asians more likely to move for homeownership related reasons.

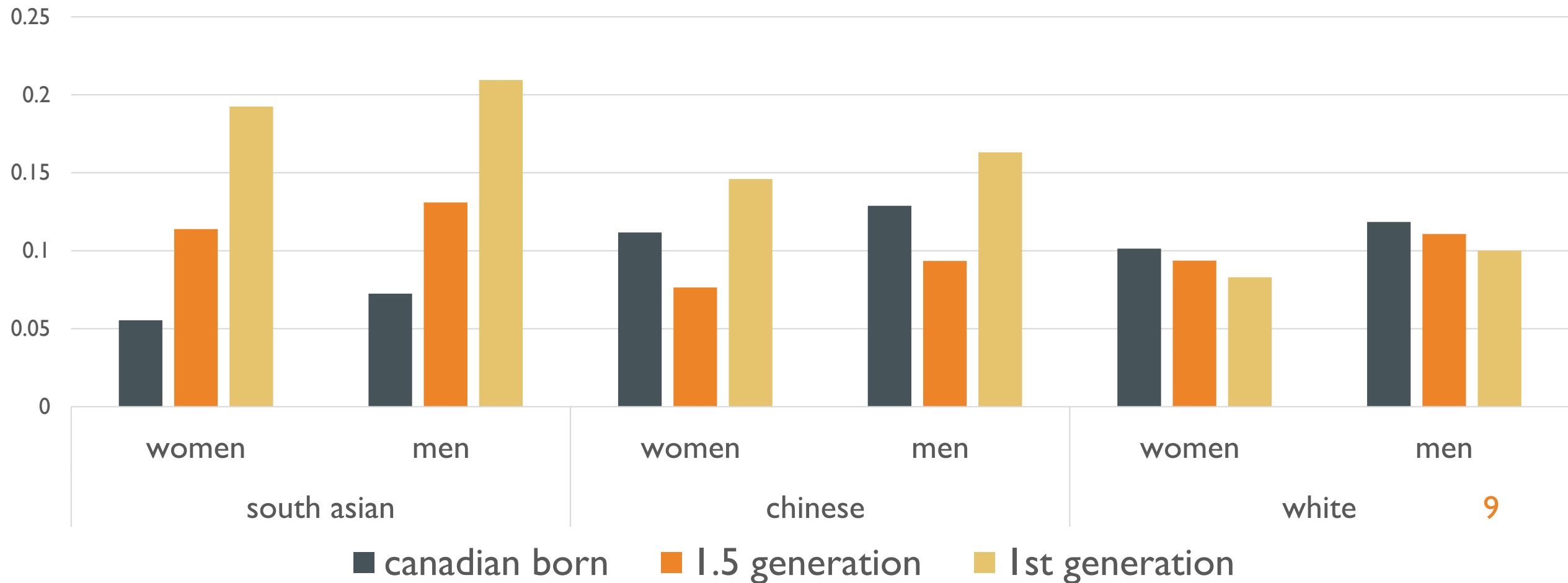
EMPLOYMENT

Employment Related Moves by Gender and Ethnic-Generational Status



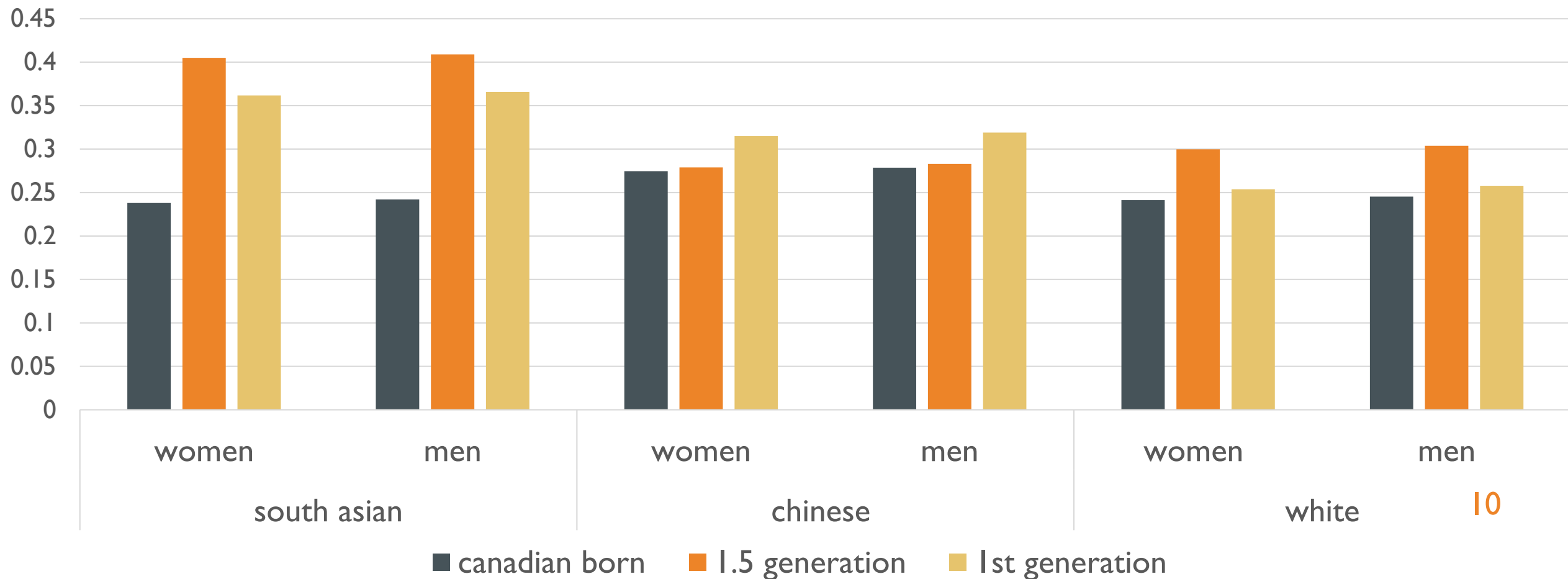
FAMILY FORMATION

Family Formation Related Moves by Gender and Ethnic-Generational Status



HOMEOWNERSHIP

Homeownership related Moves by Gender and Ethnic-Generational Status



IMPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Working from home
- Rising rent and housing prices
- Delaying “leaving the nest” and creating extended families
- People stay settled in one place
- Explore different levels of geography to identify residential “hotspots” among South Asian and Chinese groups
- Consider interactions between gender, marital status and family structure

THANK YOU

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