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# CHINESE HOUSING REGISTRATION (HUKOU): BRIDGE OR WALL?

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# WHAT IS HUKOU?

- Created in 1958.
- Internal Passport system
- Three main reasons for its creation
  1. Promote Urban Development
  2. Resource Allocation
  3. Control Urban Development
- Assigned at birth
- Benefits



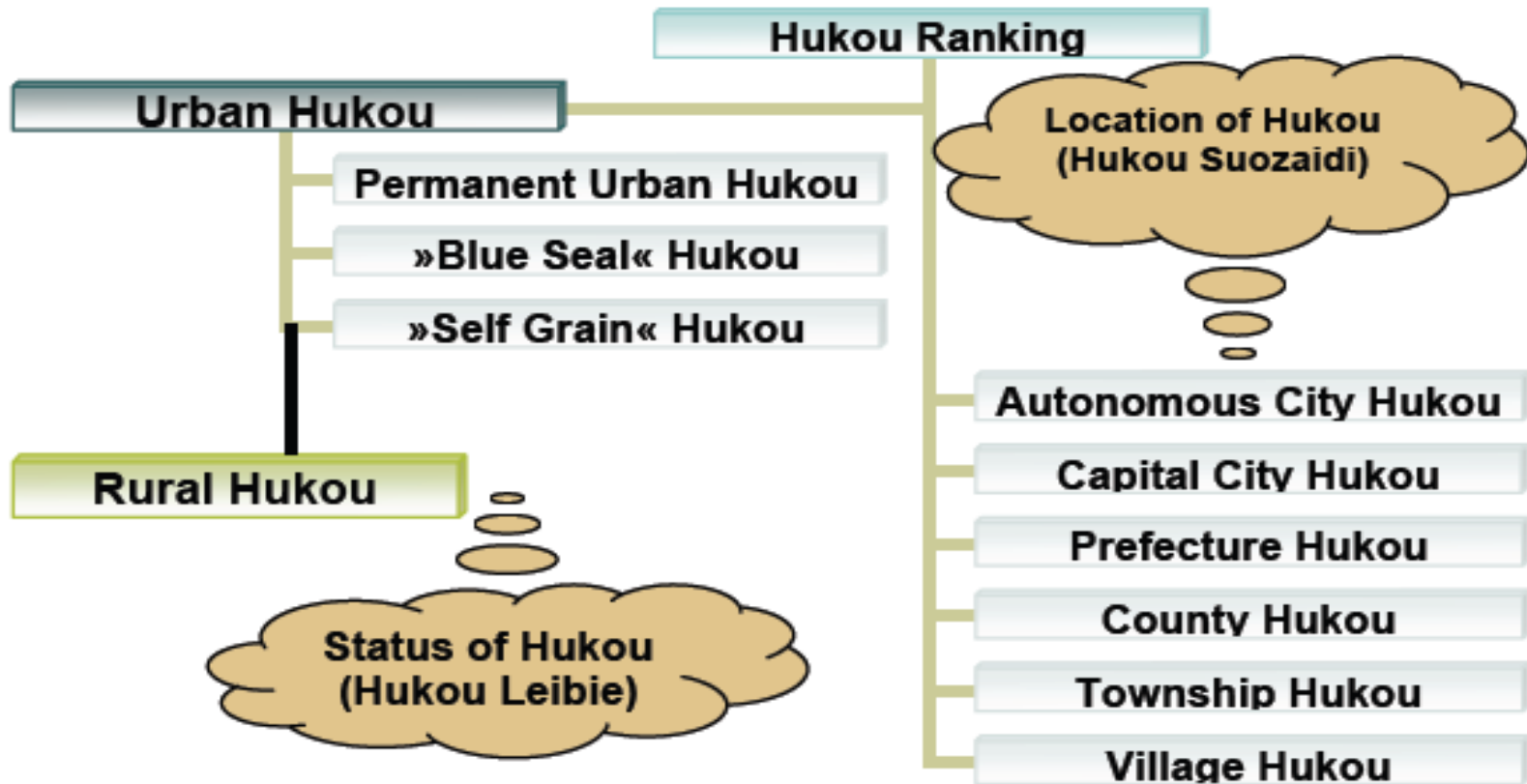


Figure 1: Ranking of Hukou Status and Location

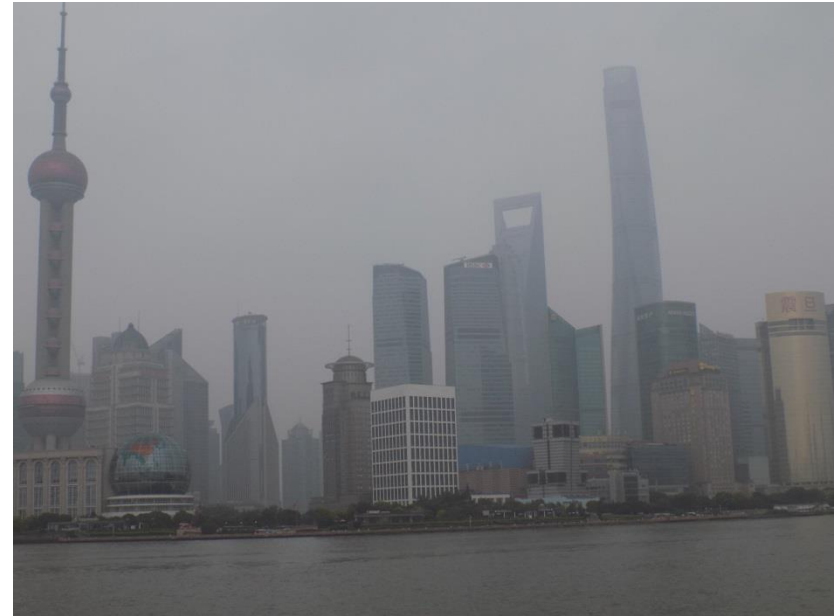
LUO, THE HUKOU SYSTEM IN CHINA

# RESEARCH TOPIC

- **Research Question:**
  - Does the Chinese housing registration system (Hukou) act as a bridge encouraging socioeconomic growth, or as a wall preventing such growth?
- **Goal**
  - If the hukou system is indeed a bridge for an individual's socioeconomic growth, it could be possible to provide a guideline to help migrants increase their success in receiving an urban hukou.

# LITERATURE REVIEW

- **Primary Focus**
  - Internal migration within China.
  - Different ways of obtaining an urban hukou.
  - Who converts?
  - Difference between Provinces.



# LITERATURE REVIEW

- Rumin, L. (2012). Across the Institutional Passage of Migration: The Hukou System in China. *Inter Disciplines*, 120-147.
  - History of the hukou system.
  - Different provinces use different methods.
- Zang, Z., & Treiman, D. J. (2011). Social Origins, Hukou Conversion, and the Wellbeing of Urban Residents in Contemporary China. *California Center for Population Research*, 1-52.
  - Who is most likely to convert their hukou.
  - Challenges converters face.

# HYPOTHESES

- Hypothesis I
  - Men are more likely than women to obtain an urban hukou through means other than buying a hukou.
- Hypothesis II
  - Those who are members of the Communist Party of China (CPC) are more likely to obtain an urban hukou through means other than buying a hukou.
- Hypothesis III
  - Those who are college educated are more likely to obtain an urban hukou through school rather than other means.

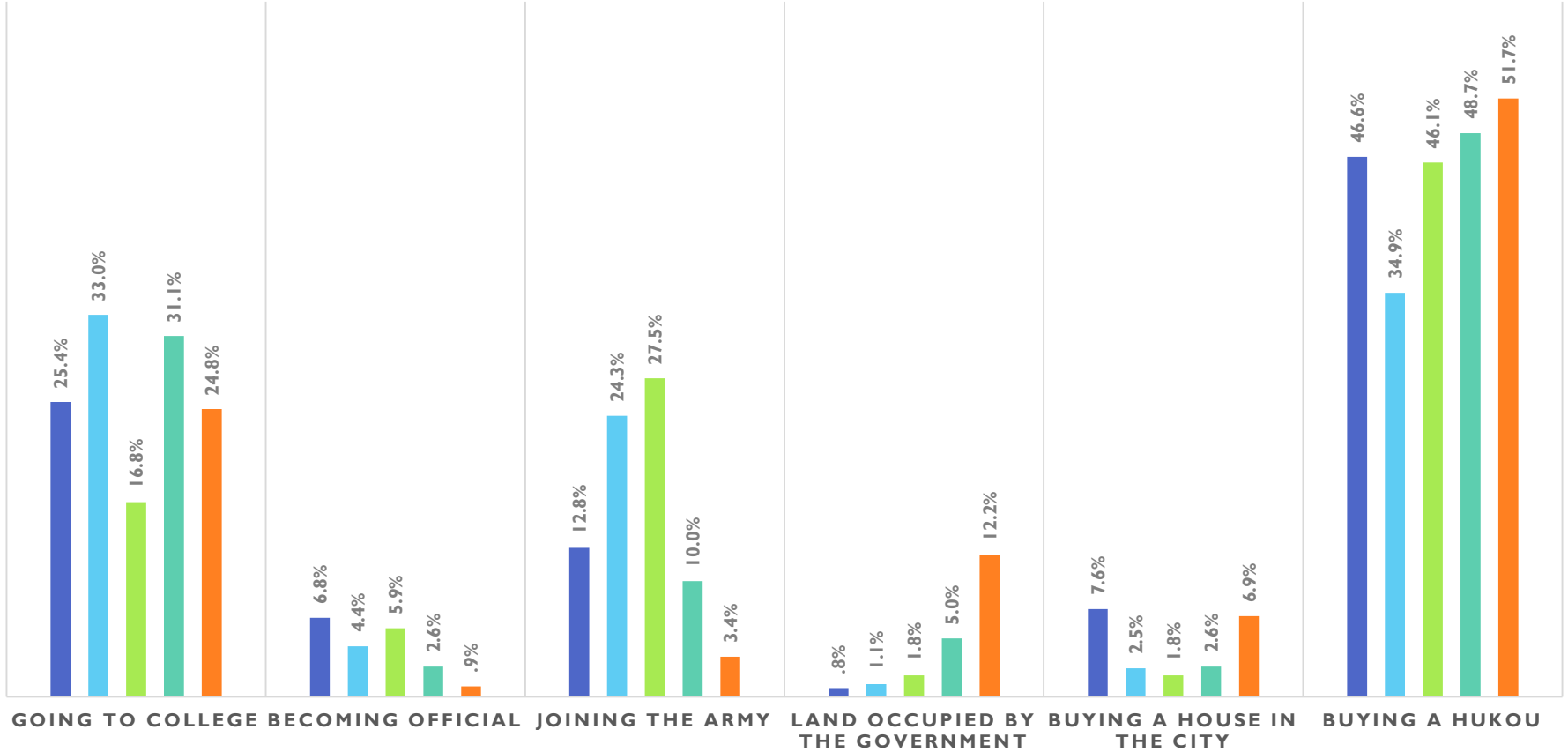
# DATA AND VARIABLES

- **Data**
  - Chinese Household Income Project, 2002
- **Independent Variable**
  - Year someone obtained their urban hukou
- **Dependent Variable**
  - How someone obtained their urban hukou
- **Control Variables**
  - Gender
  - Party Membership
  - Education



# HOW SOMEONE OBTAINED THEIR HUKOU

- 1950-1957 (Rise of Mao)
- 1958-1965 (Five Year Plan)
- 1966-1975 (Cultural Revolution)
- 1976-1985 (Gang of Four)
- 1986-2002 (Modernization)



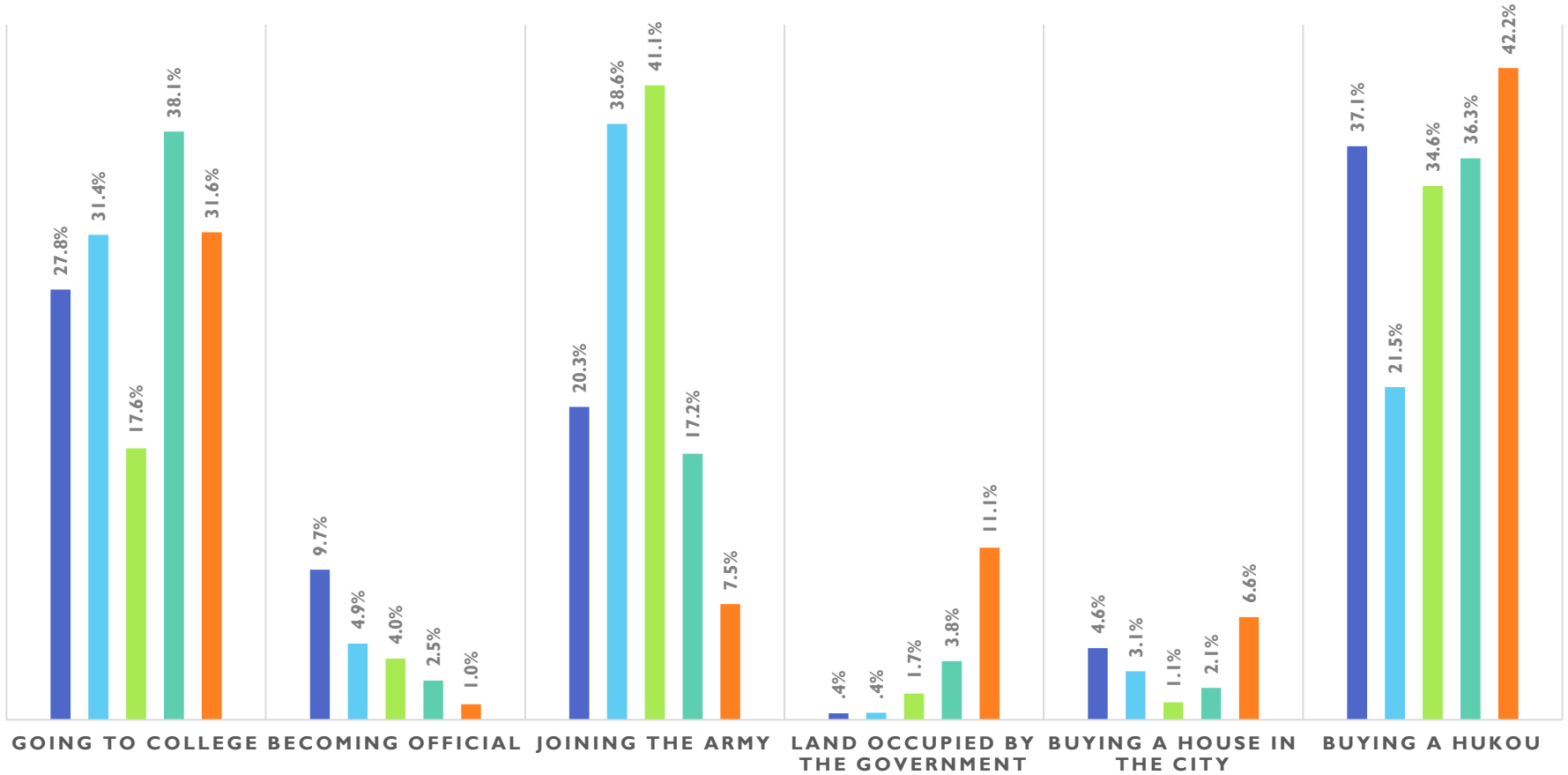
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# MEN

- 1950-1957 (Rise of Mao)
- 1958-1965 (Five Year Plan)
- 1966-1975 (Cultural Revolution)
- 1976-1985 (Gang of Four)
- 1986-2002 (Modernization)



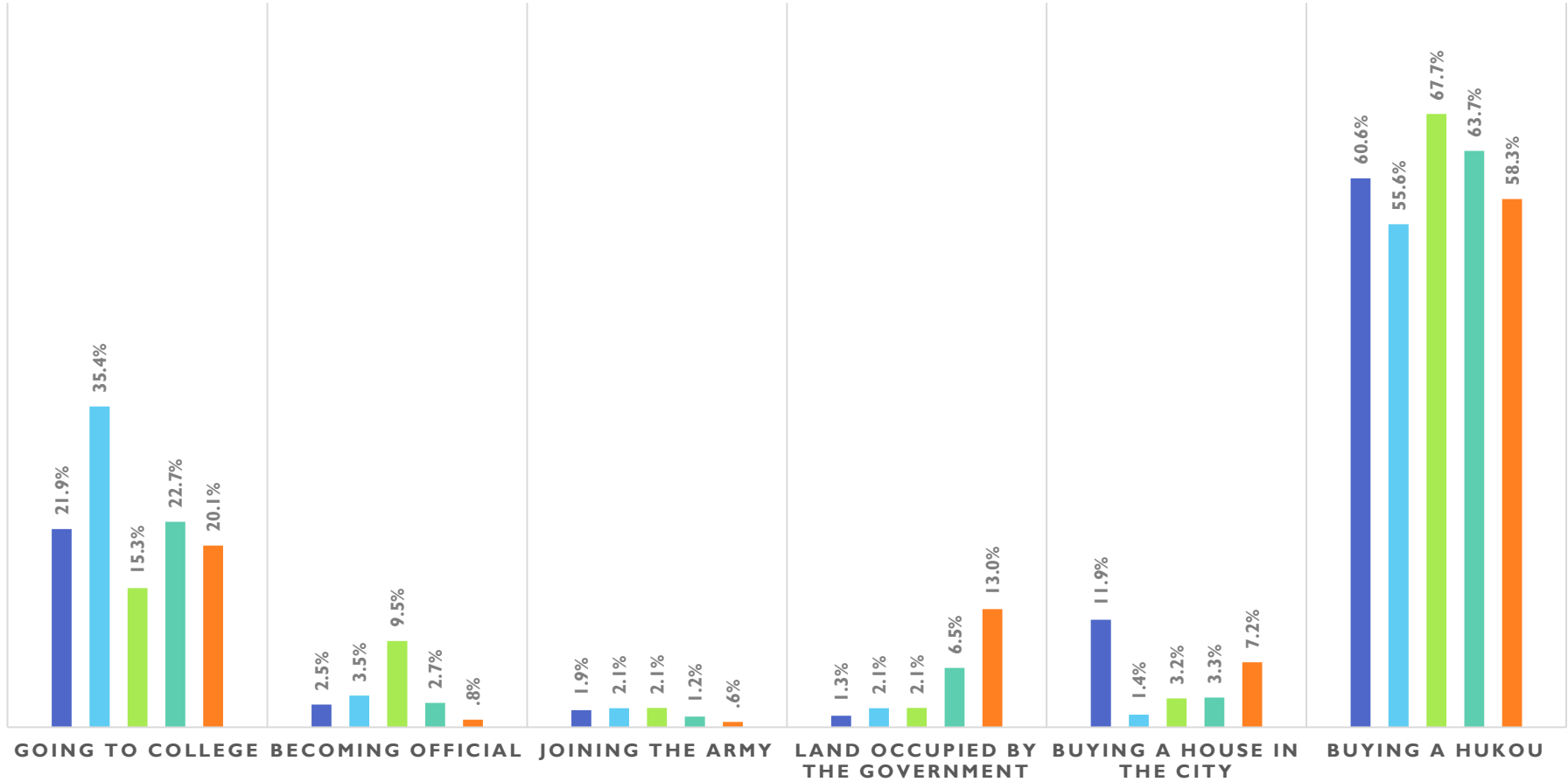
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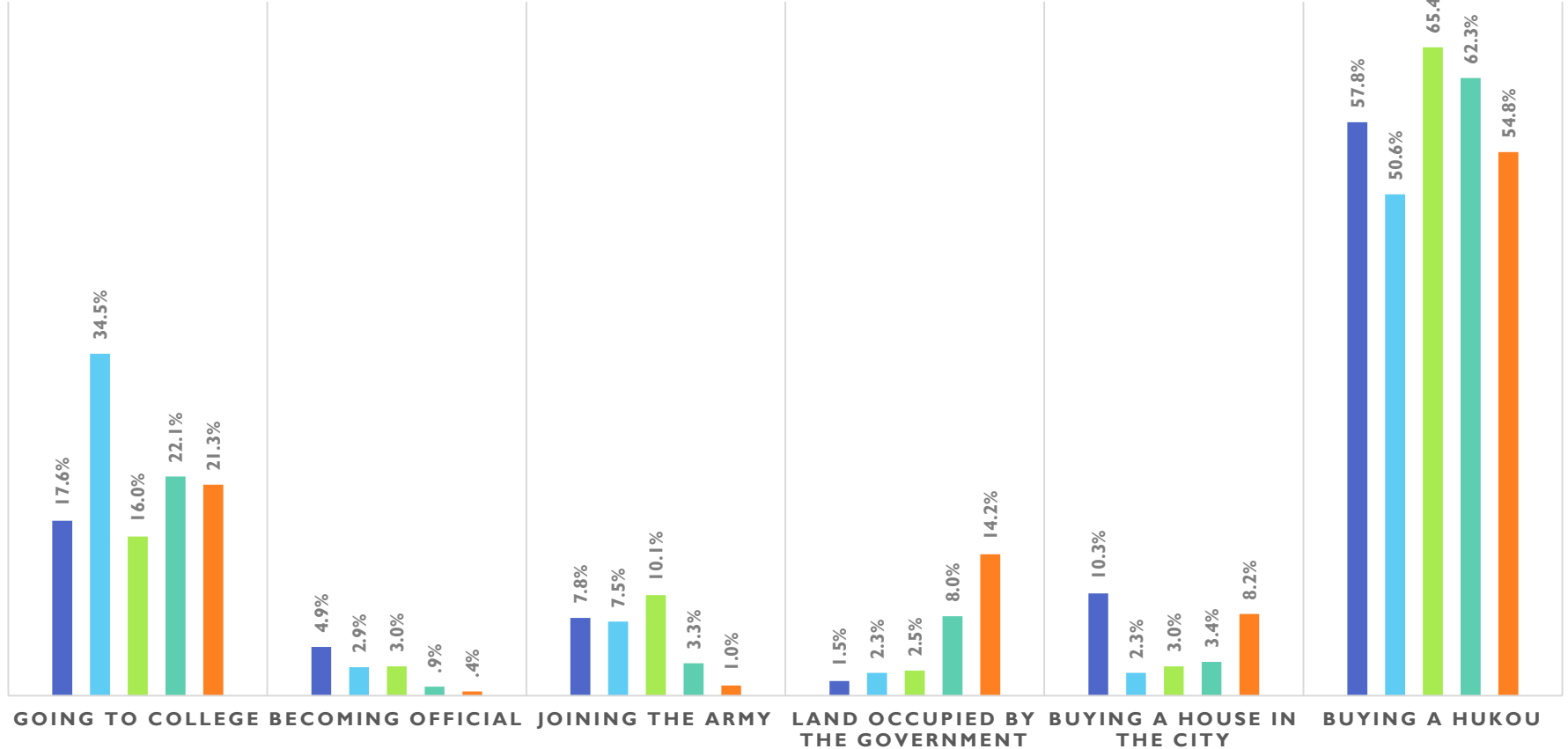
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# NO PARTY

- 1950-1957 (Rise of Mao)
- 1958-1965 (Five Year Plan)
- 1966-1975 (Cultural Revolution)
- 1976-1985 (Gang of Four)
- 1986-2002 (Modernization)



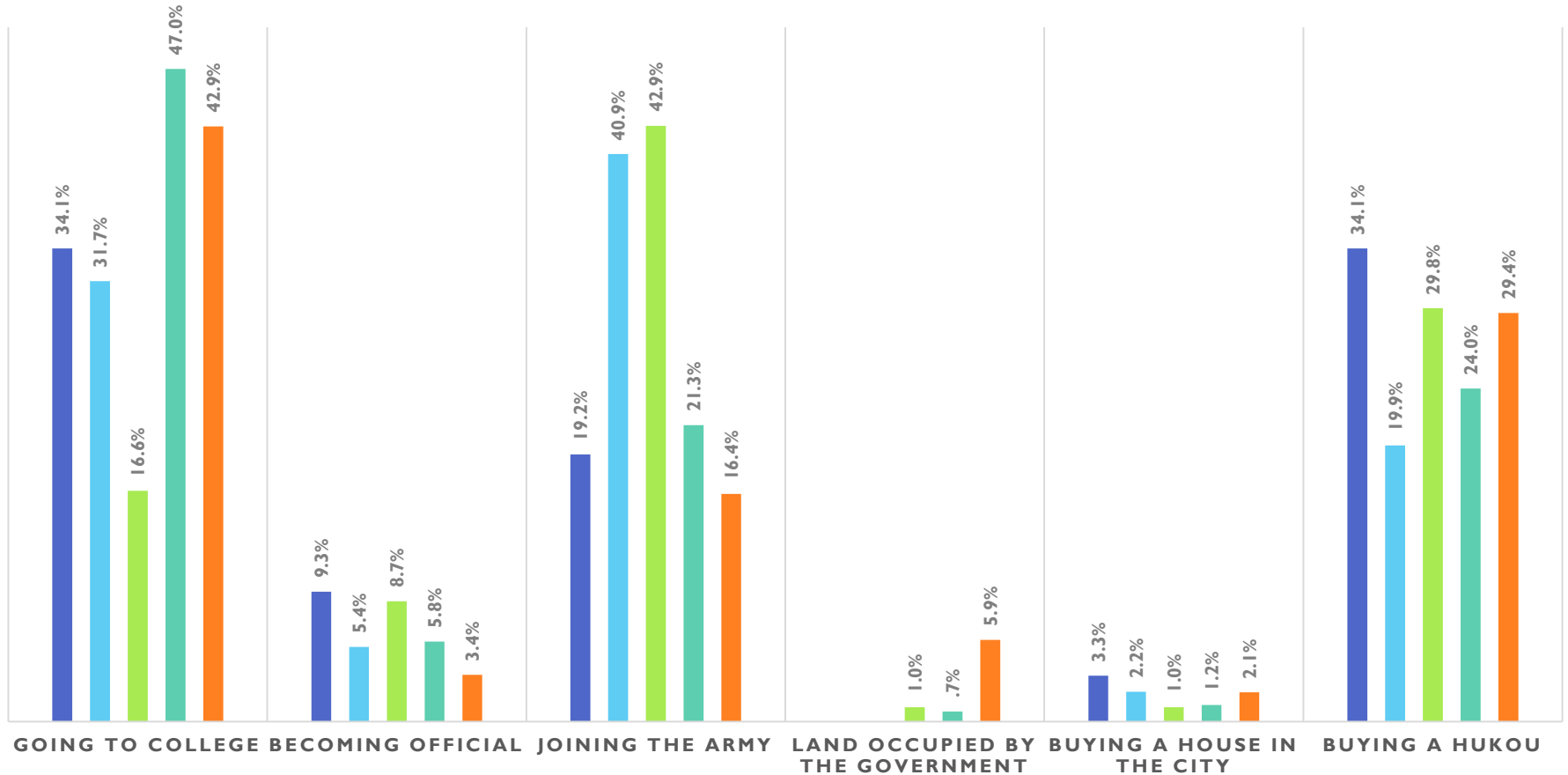
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# COMMUNIST PARTY

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- 1958-1965 (Five Year Plan)
- 1966-1975 (Cultural Revolution)
- 1976-1985 (Gang of Four)
- 1986-2002 (Modernization)



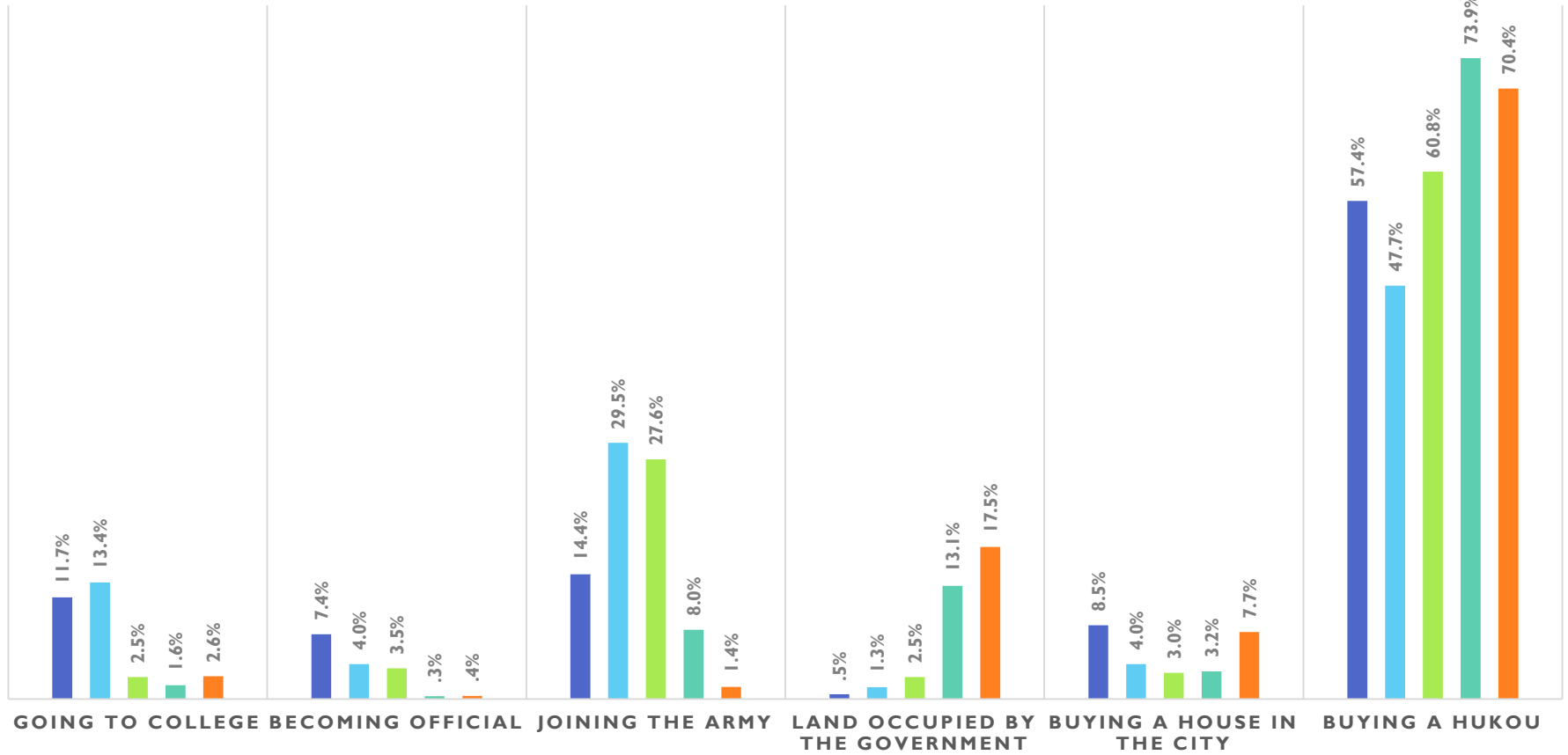
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# LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL

- 1950-1957 (Rise of Mao)
- 1958-1965 (Five Year Plan)
- 1966-1975 (Cultural Revolution)
- 1976-1985 (Gang of Four)
- 1986-2002 (Modernization)



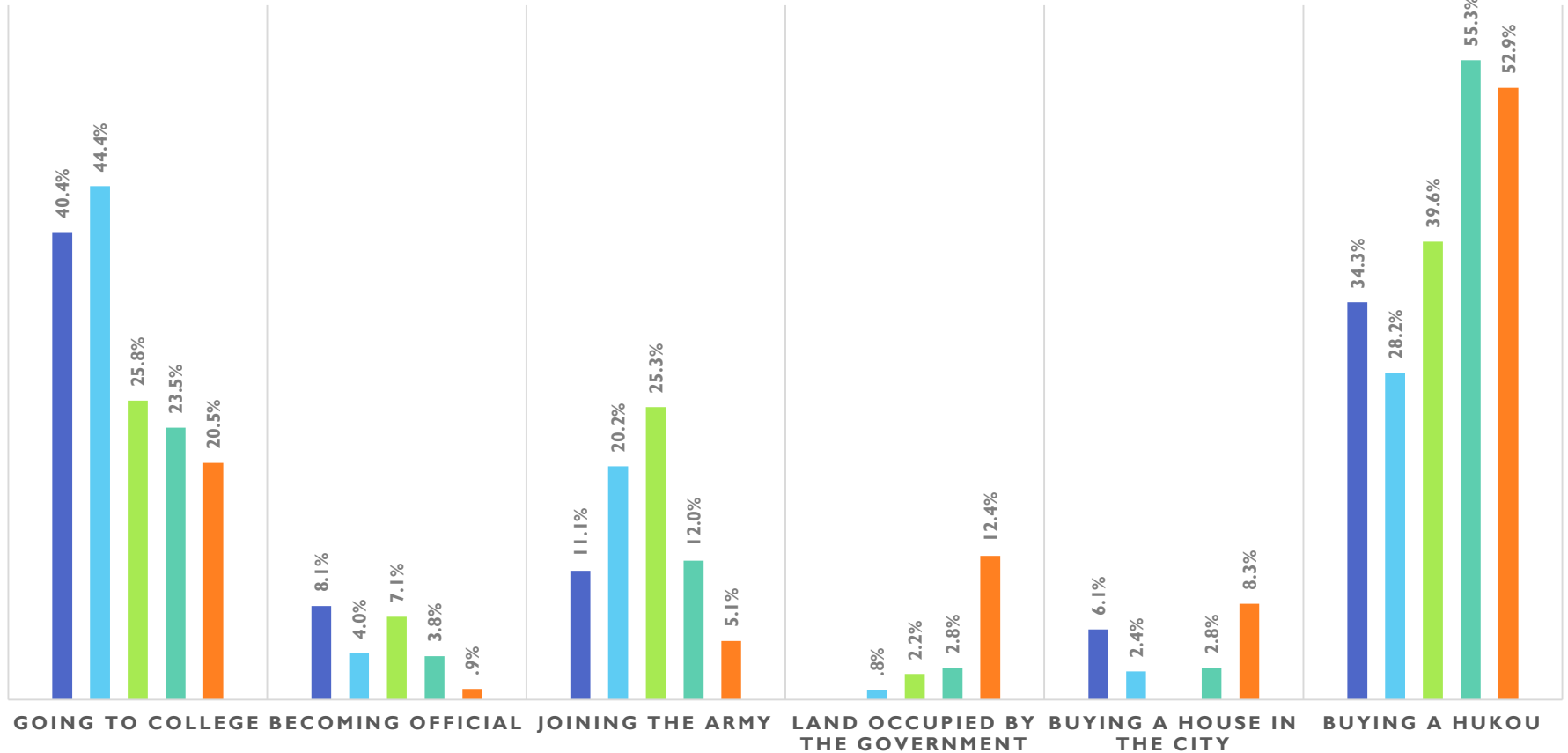
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# HIGH SCHOOL AND TECH SCHOOL

- 1950-1957 (Rise of Mao)
- 1958-1965 (Five Year Plan)
- 1966-1975 (Cultural Revolution)
- 1976-1985 (Gang of Four)
- 1986-2002 (Modernization)



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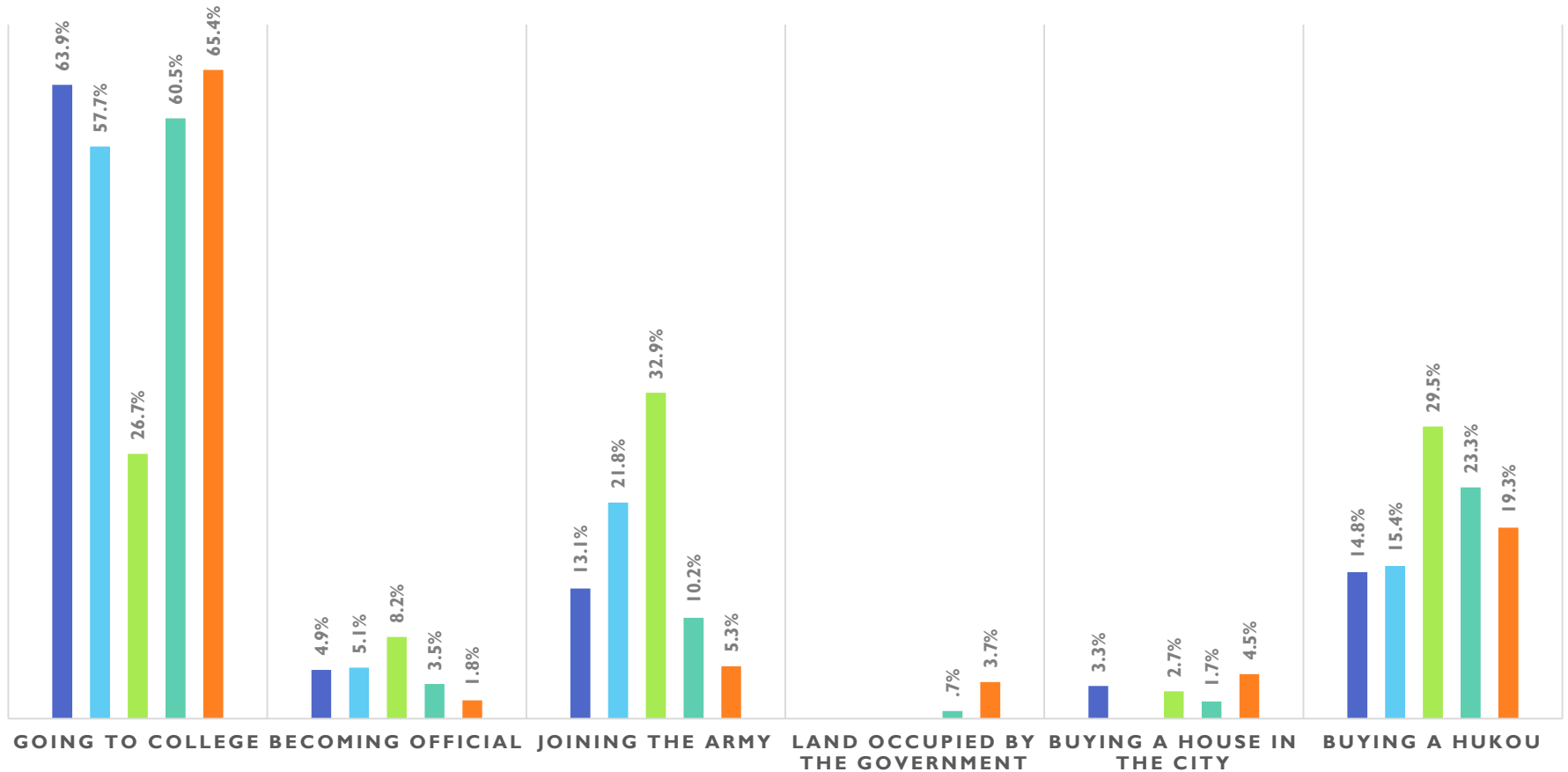
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# JR. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

■ 1950-1957 (Rise of Mao)    
 ■ 1958-1965 (Five Year Plan)    
 ■ 1966-1975 (Cultural Revolution)

■ 1976-1985 (Gang of Four)    
 ■ 1986-2002 (Modernization)



Chi-Square= 145.423

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# FINDINGS

- Social mobilization varies across different political regimes throughout Chinese history.
- Men were more likely to obtain a hukou through means other than buying a hukou.
- Being a member of the Communist Party makes other methods of receiving an urban hukou more accessible.
- Those with a Jr. College or University level of education are more likely to have obtained their urban hukou through attending college than other means.