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Transition to adulthood and leaving the parental home in the Czech Republic

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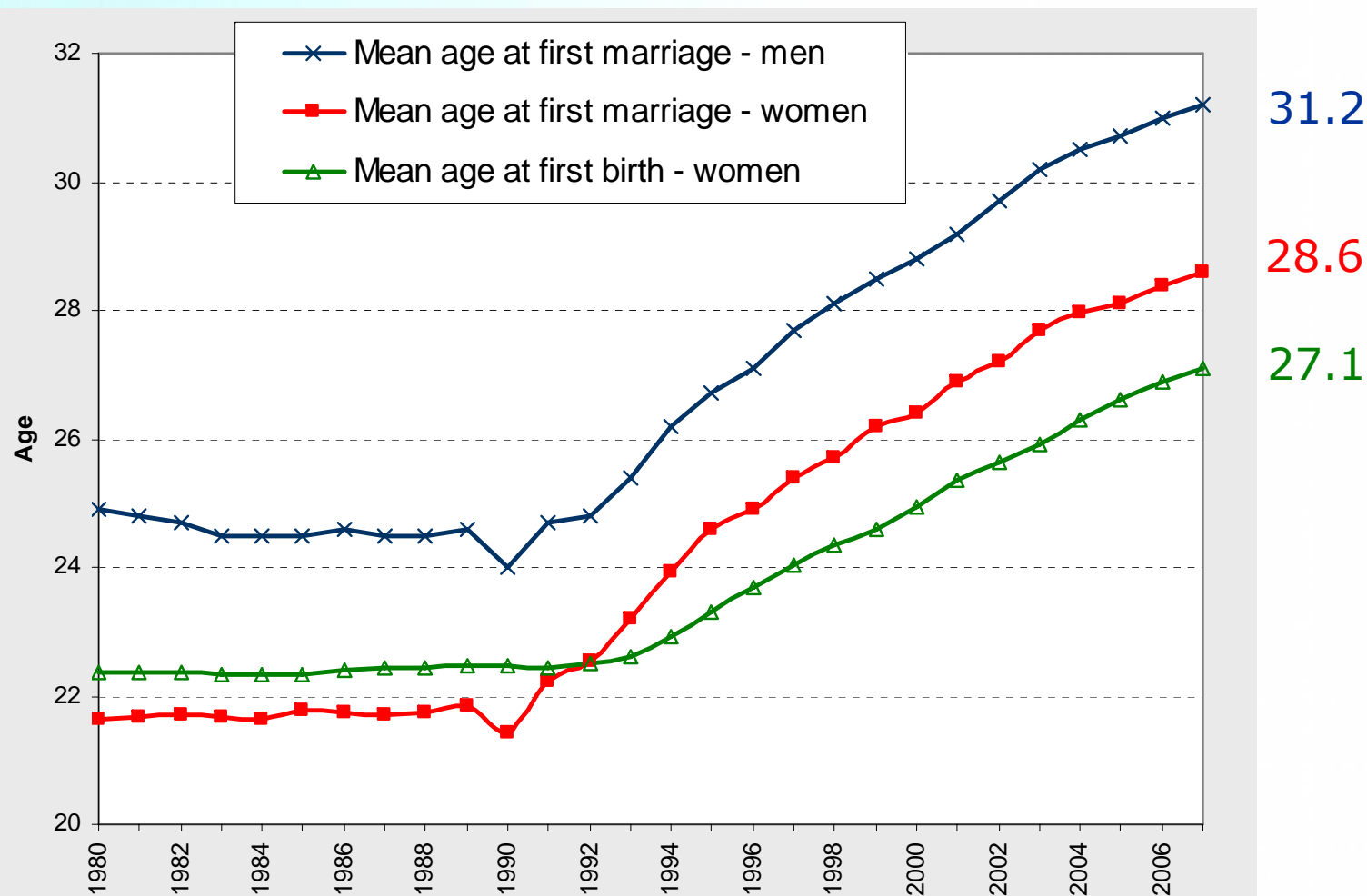
Generations & Gender
Programme

*How generations and gender shape demographic change
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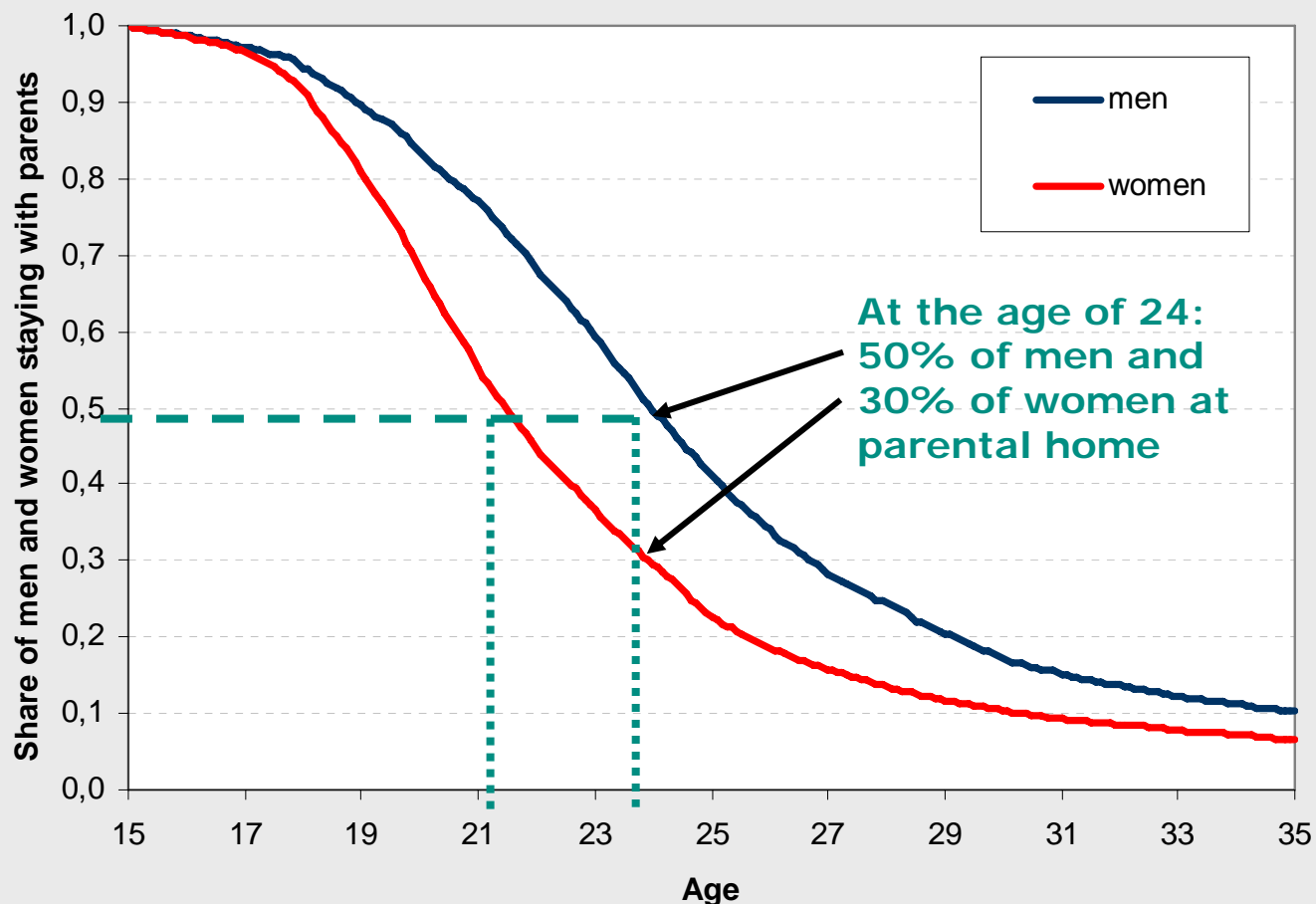
Leaving the parental home - selected issues:

- insight into the process of leaving the parental home
- timing of leaving home in the Czech Republic
- various determinants affecting this process
- role of certain factors in the decision-making process
- question of housing affordability in the context of housing related policies
- *data source: Czech GGS (2005)*

Postponement of family formation and childbearing in the Czech Republic



Timing of leaving home - gender perspective



Method: Kaplan-Meier survival plot

Life events and family related factors that...

encourage leaving:

- higher level of education
- living in partnership
- more than one sibling
- one step-parent
(women – living in one parent family)

work against leaving:

- studying
- single
- no siblings
- both biological parents

*Note: the event-history model (piecewise constant model)
with time-constant and time-varying covariates.*

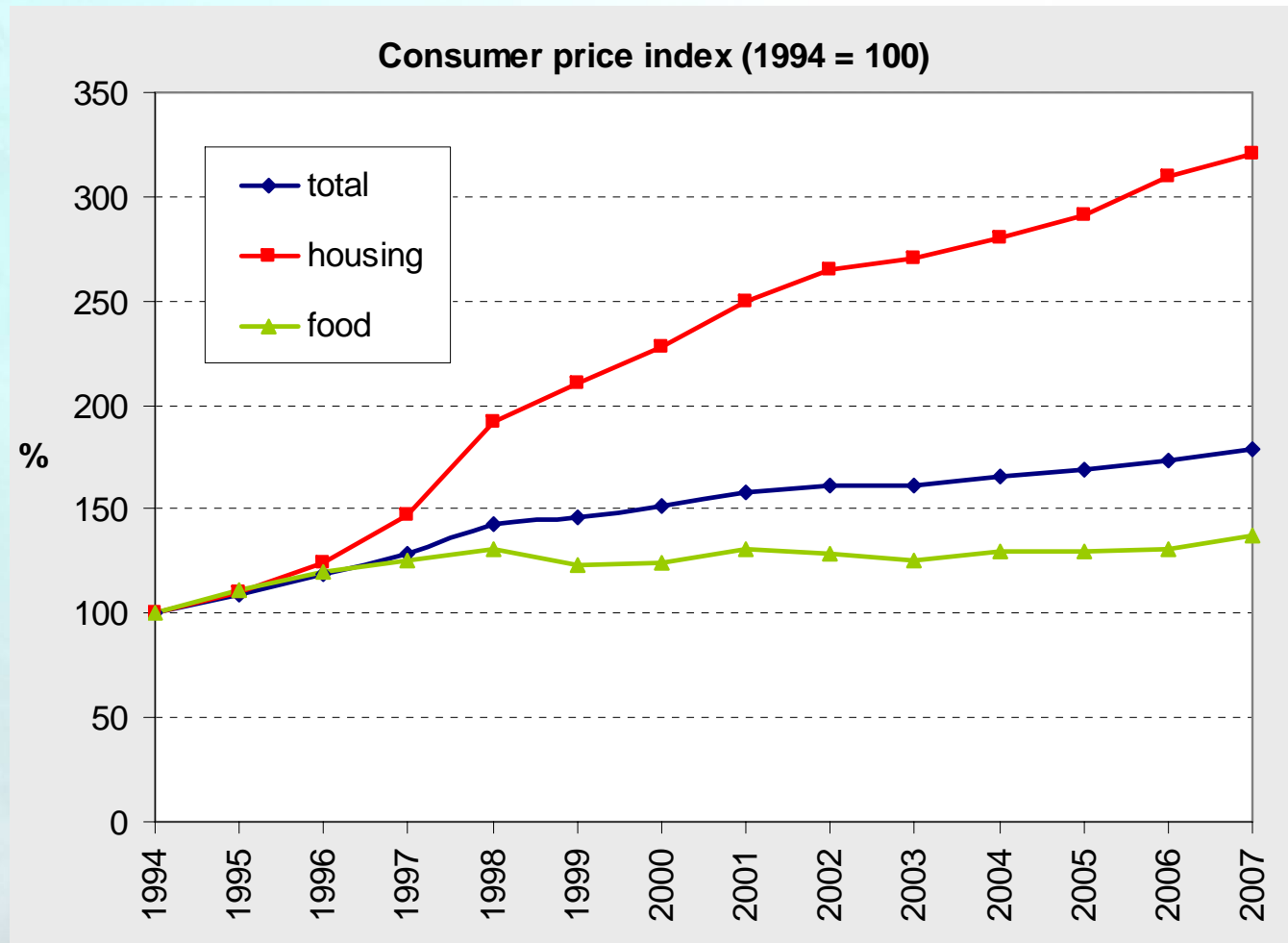
Effects of leaving home and decision-making process

- Positive effects on:
personal freedom, joy and satisfaction in life,
sexual life
- Factors in decision-making process:
partnership, age, economic activity,
other people's opinion

Life-course perspective

- Young generations: postponement of family formation and childbearing **x** no similar changes concerning leaving the parental home
 - *New stage in life trajectory?*
- In the past: leaving the parental home closely linked to getting married and childbearing
 - **problem of housing availability**
- Nowadays: life events spread over longer time period, independent life as single or in cohabitation
 - **problem of housing affordability**

Fear of deterioration of financial situation and real development in housing market



Source: CZSO

Housing-related policies

- 2 housing market sectors:
„privileged“ and „unprivileged“
 - reliance rather upon state than individual (family) activity persists among young people with lower education (lower income groups)
- x
- state housing support focuses on owner-occupied housing (higher income groups)
- (recommended) measures of supporting rental housing is slowly introduced

Thank you for your attention.

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