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FROM INNOVATION TO SCALE

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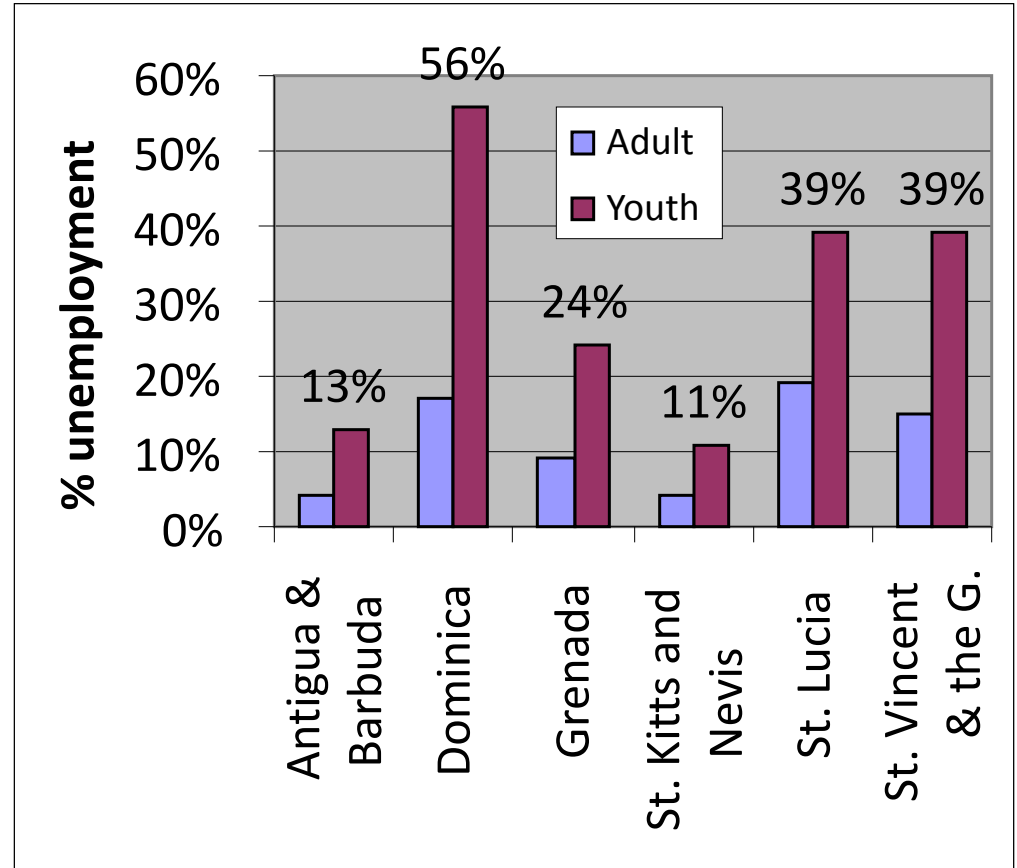
Enhancing Skills in the Eastern Caribbean

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Youth unemployment is high

Youth unemployment leads to:

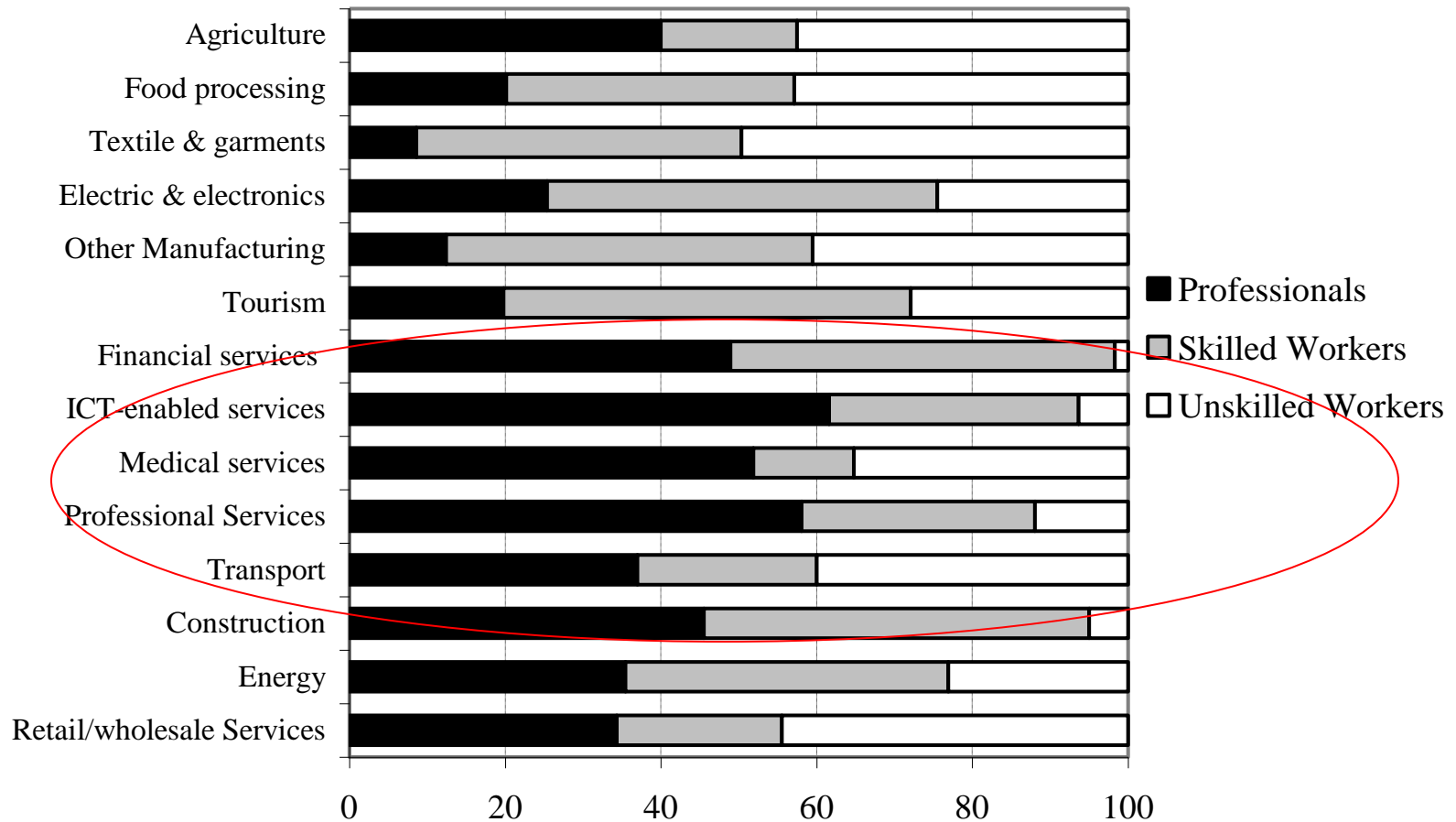
- Lost human capital
- Social inequality and deviant behaviour
- Carries economic costs



Source: National Labor surveys and Population and Household Censuses from different years, 1991-2004

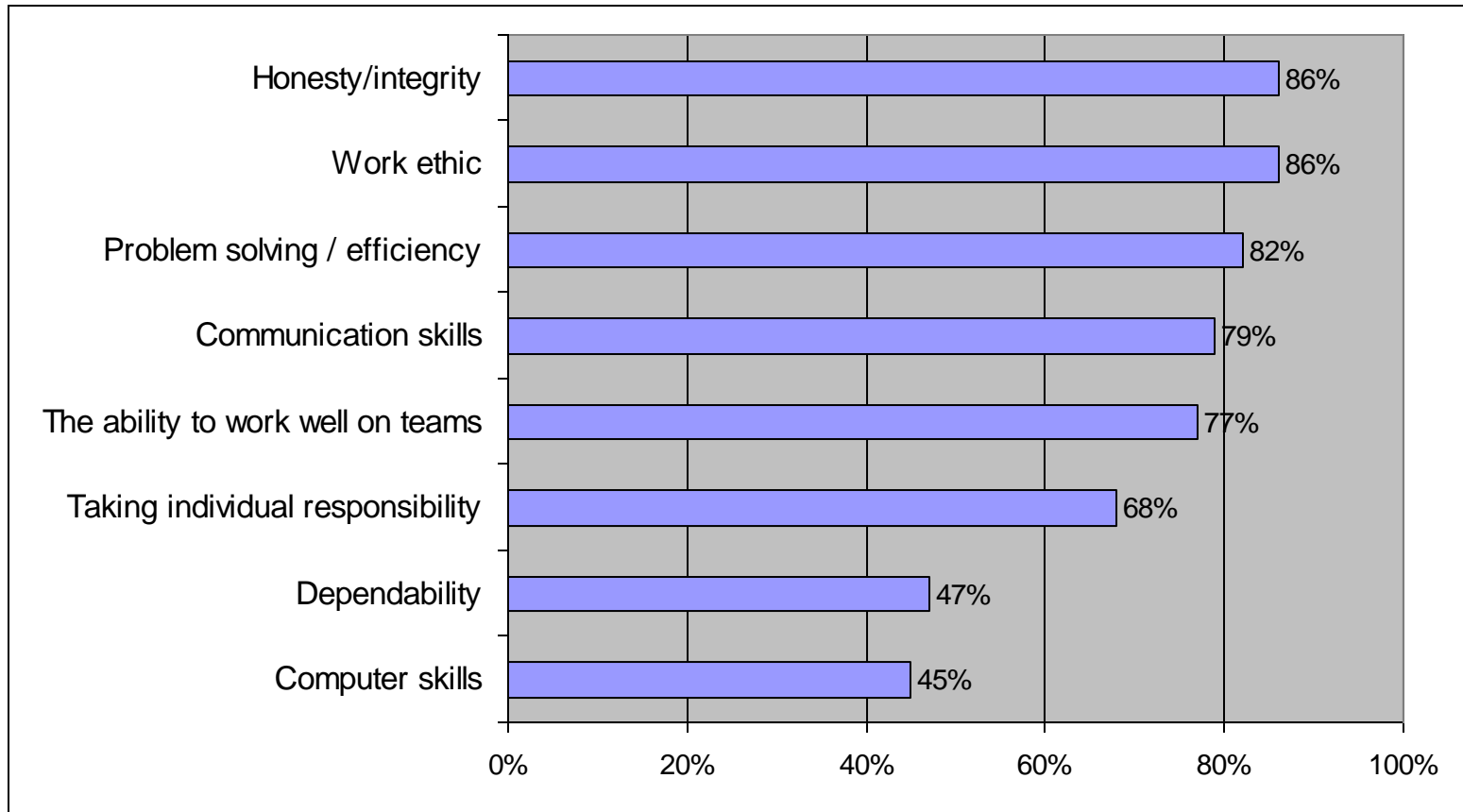
New service jobs demand skilled workers

Workers by education level per economic sector (Caribbean)



Life skills for jobs

Caribbean: Employers' assessment of most desired skill set



On-the-job training

Low training of work force



Source: Caribbean Investment Climate Assessment, World Bank (2005)

Proficiency in literacy and numeracy skills is key

CXC General Proficiency Test Pass Rates, 2008

