



# World Population Ageing 2017

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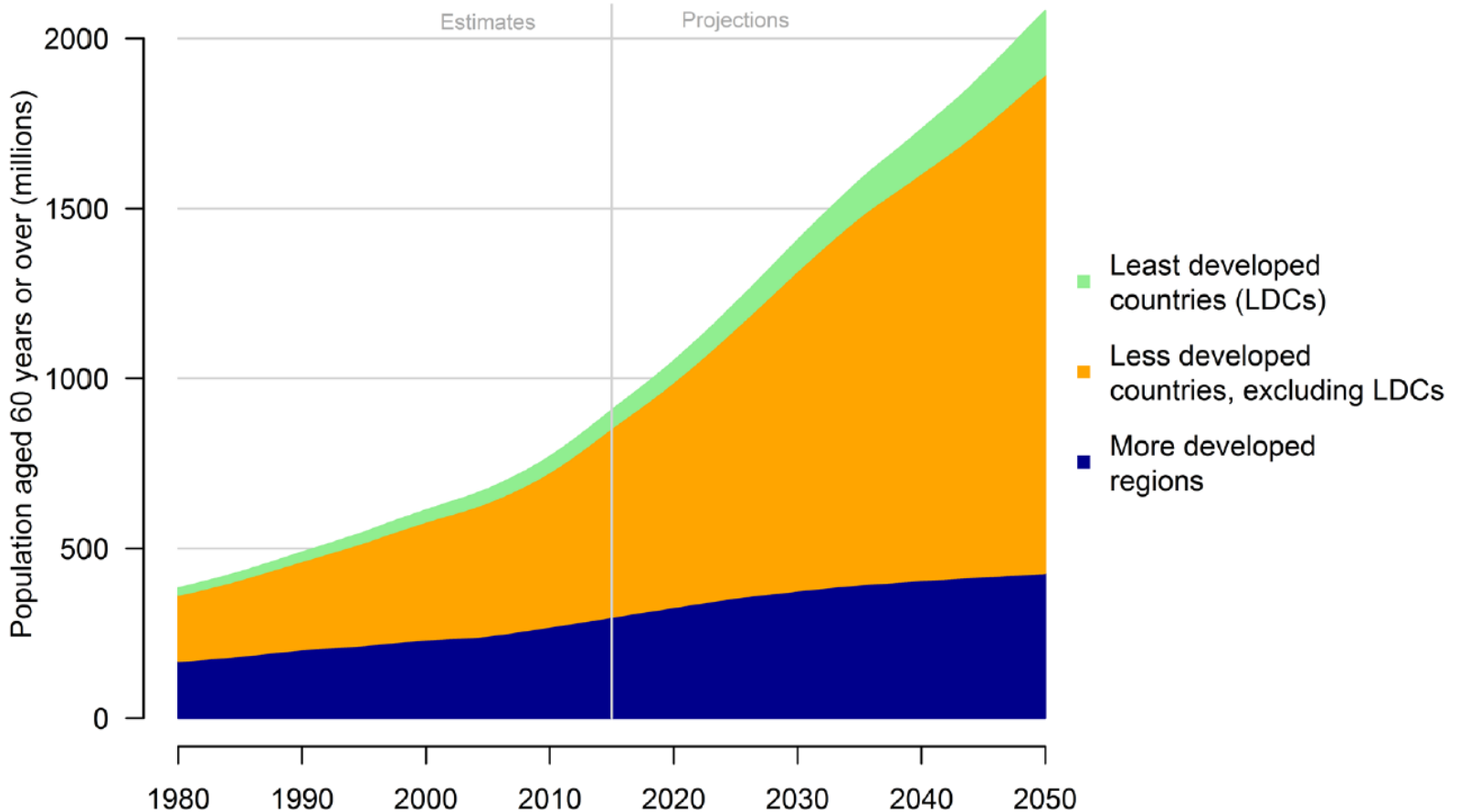


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# In 2050, eight in ten older persons will live in the less developed regions



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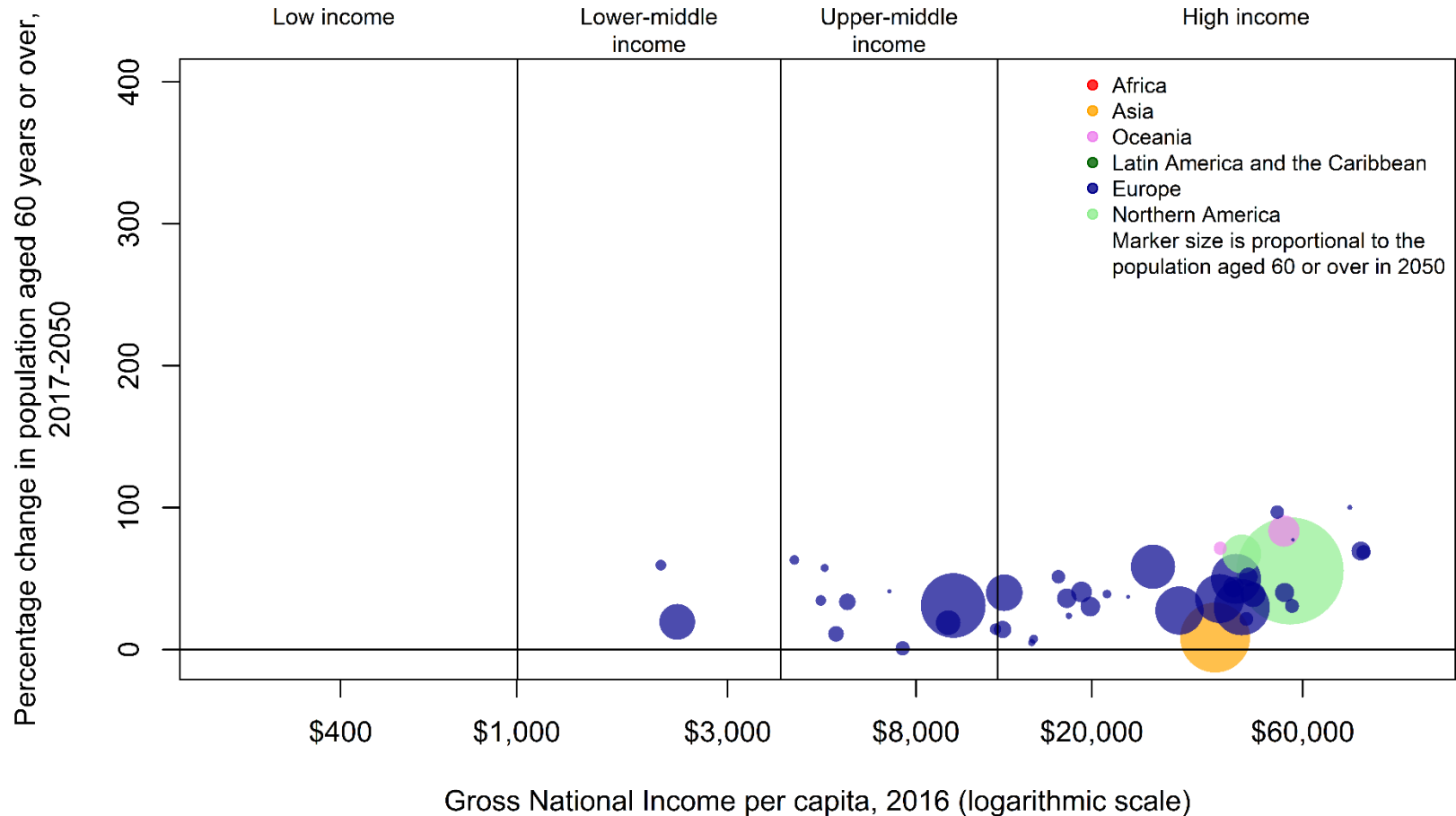


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# The number of older persons is expected to grow most slowly in Europe

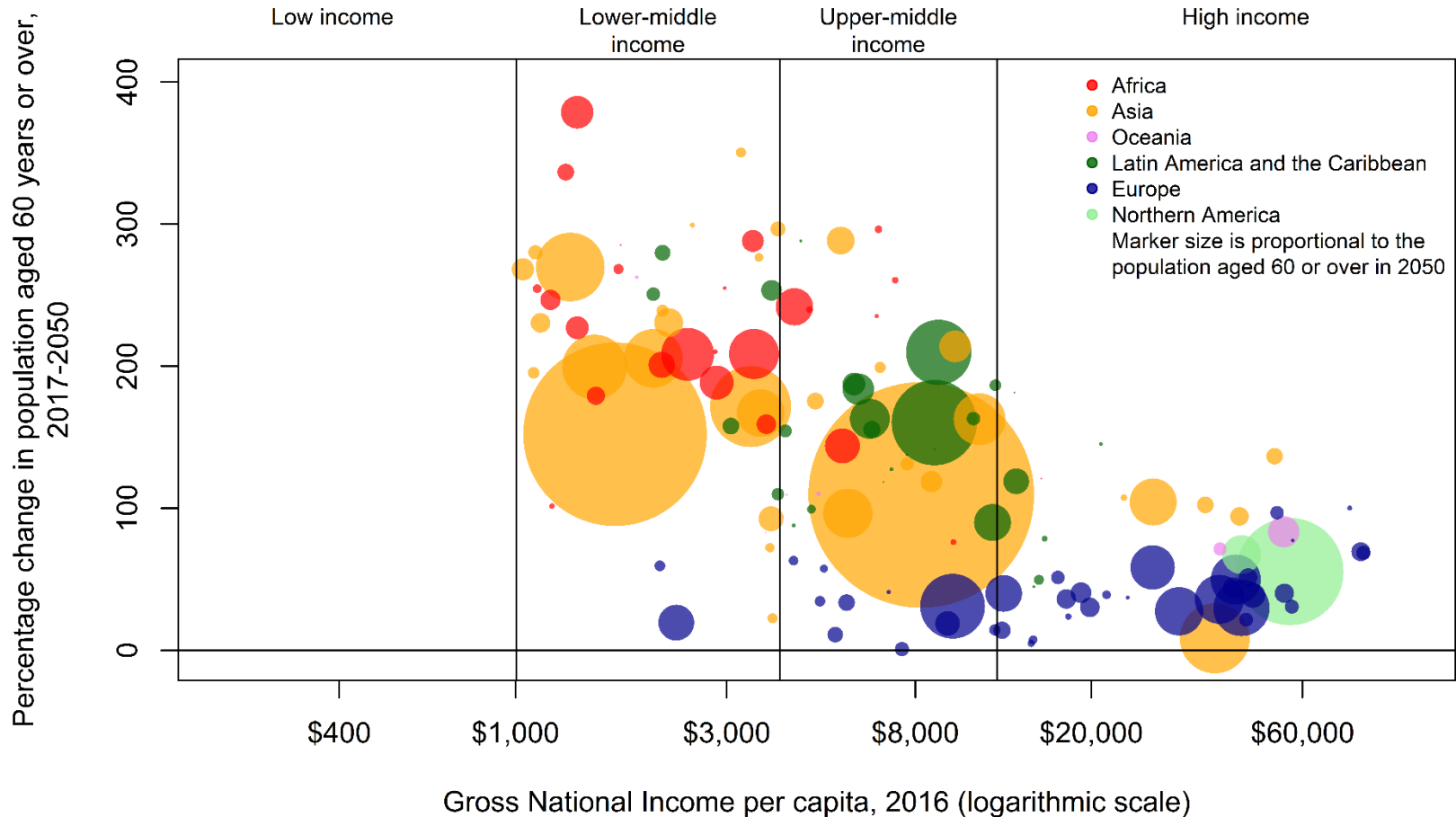


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# Most middle income countries are projected to see a twofold increase in the number of older persons

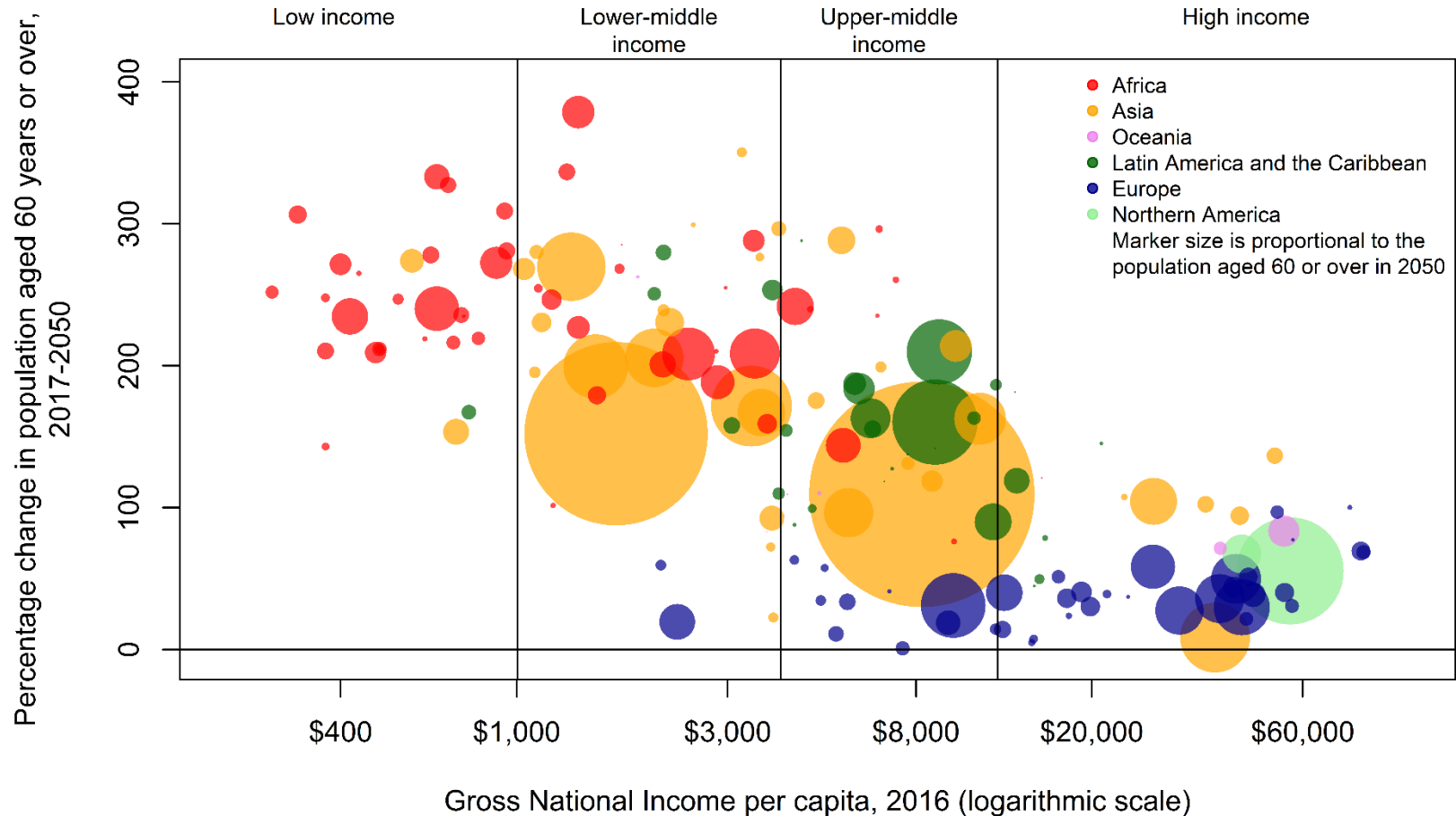


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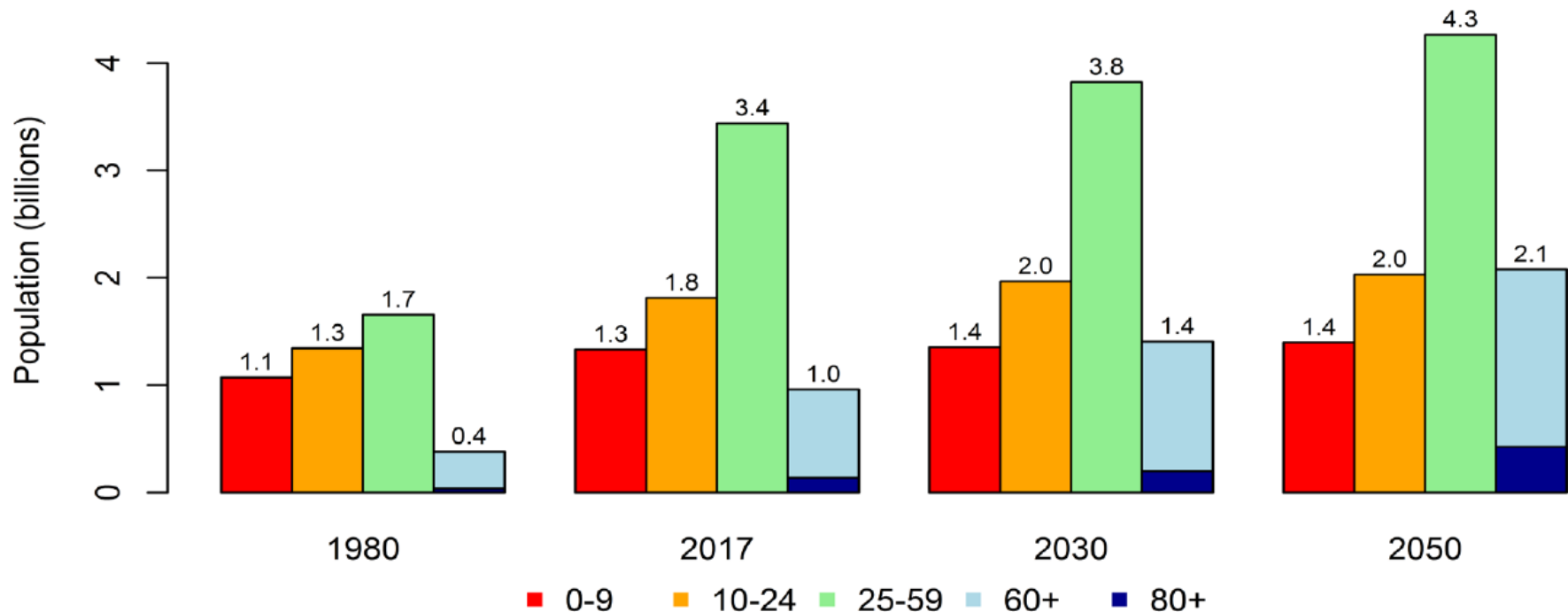
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# In most low-income countries, the number of older persons is expected to triple by 2050



# In 2030, older persons are expected to outnumber children under age 10



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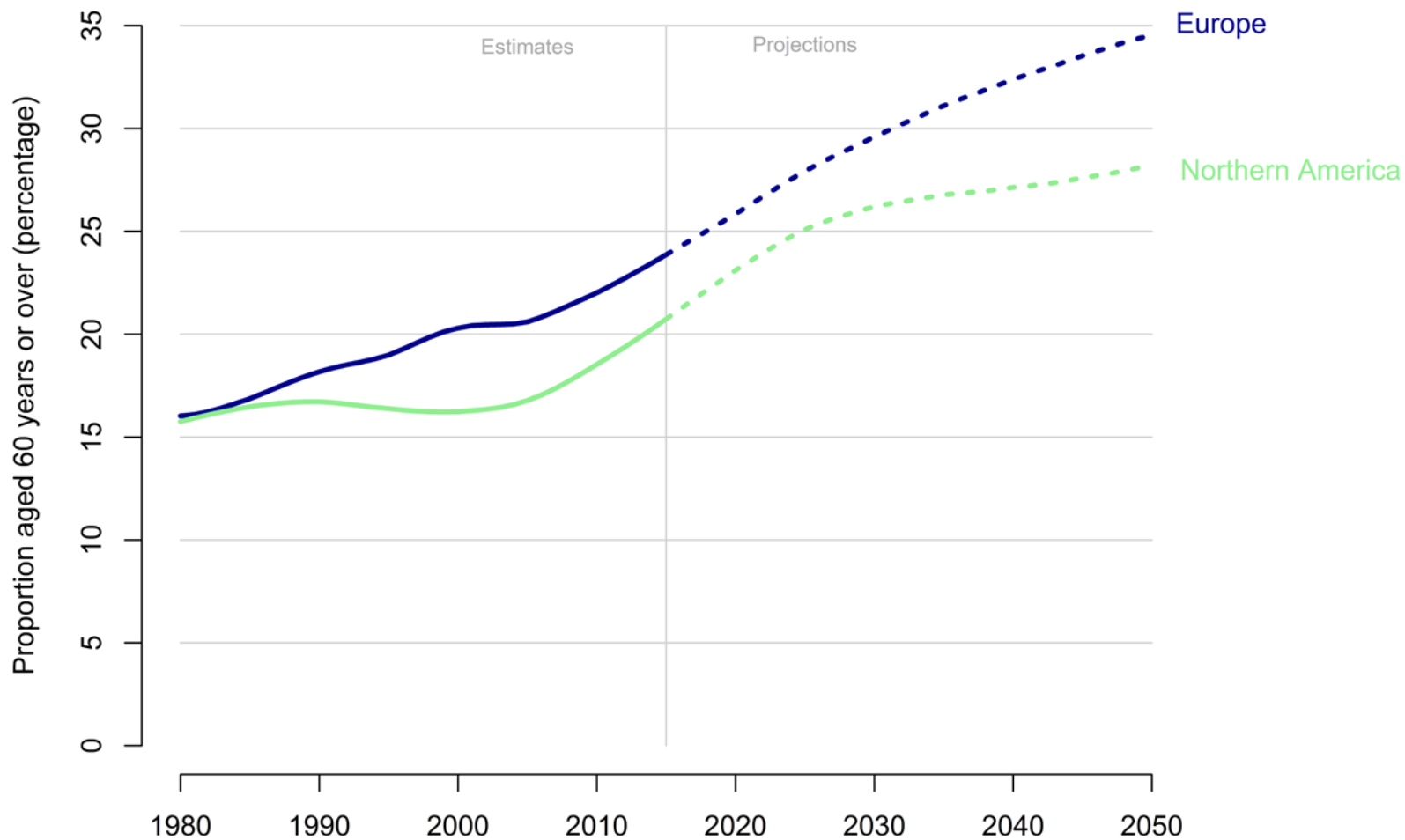
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# Projections indicate that in 2050 older persons will account for 35 per cent of the population in Europe and 28 per cent in N. America

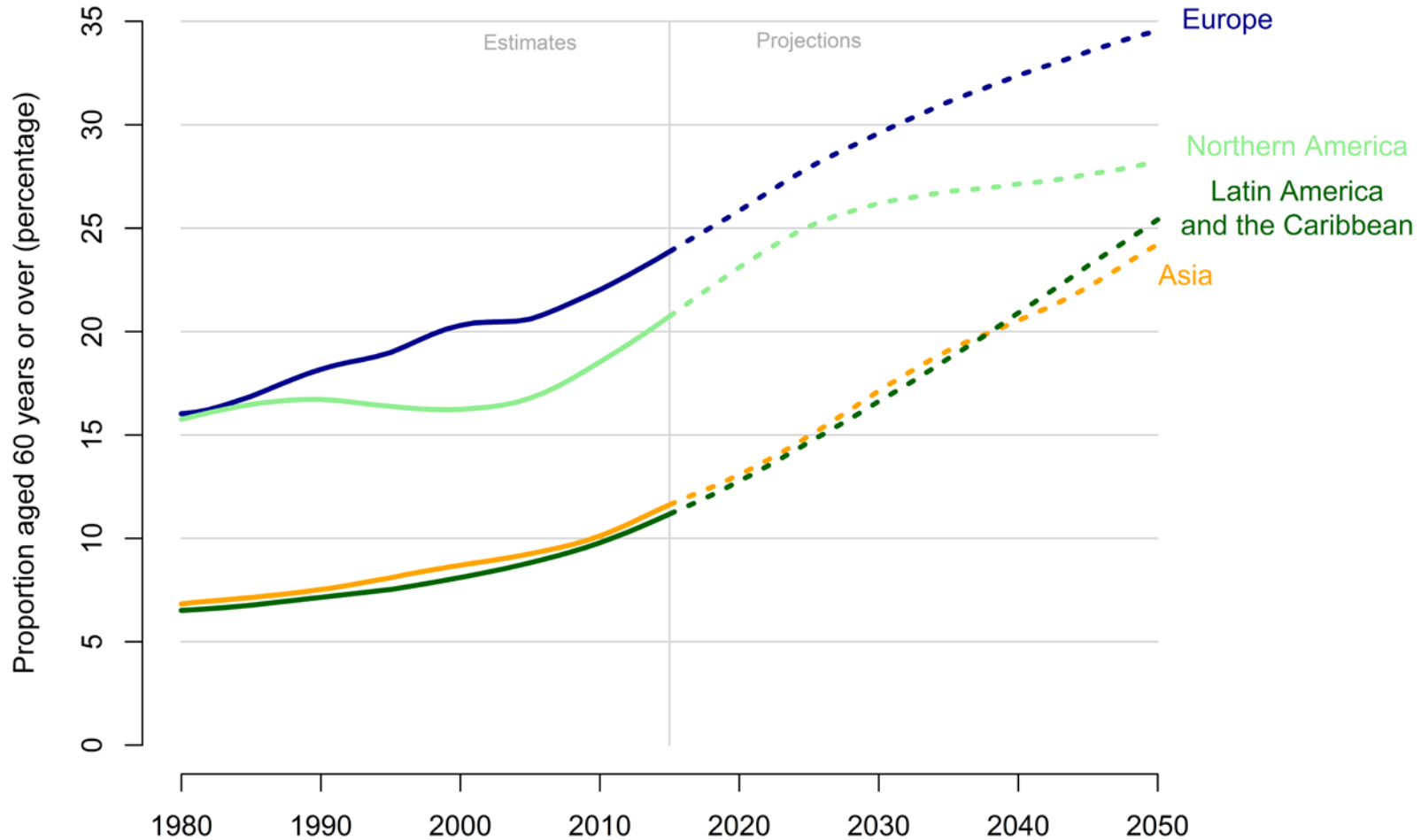


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# The populations of Asia and of Latin America and the Caribbean are ageing rapidly and the pace of ageing is accelerating in both regions



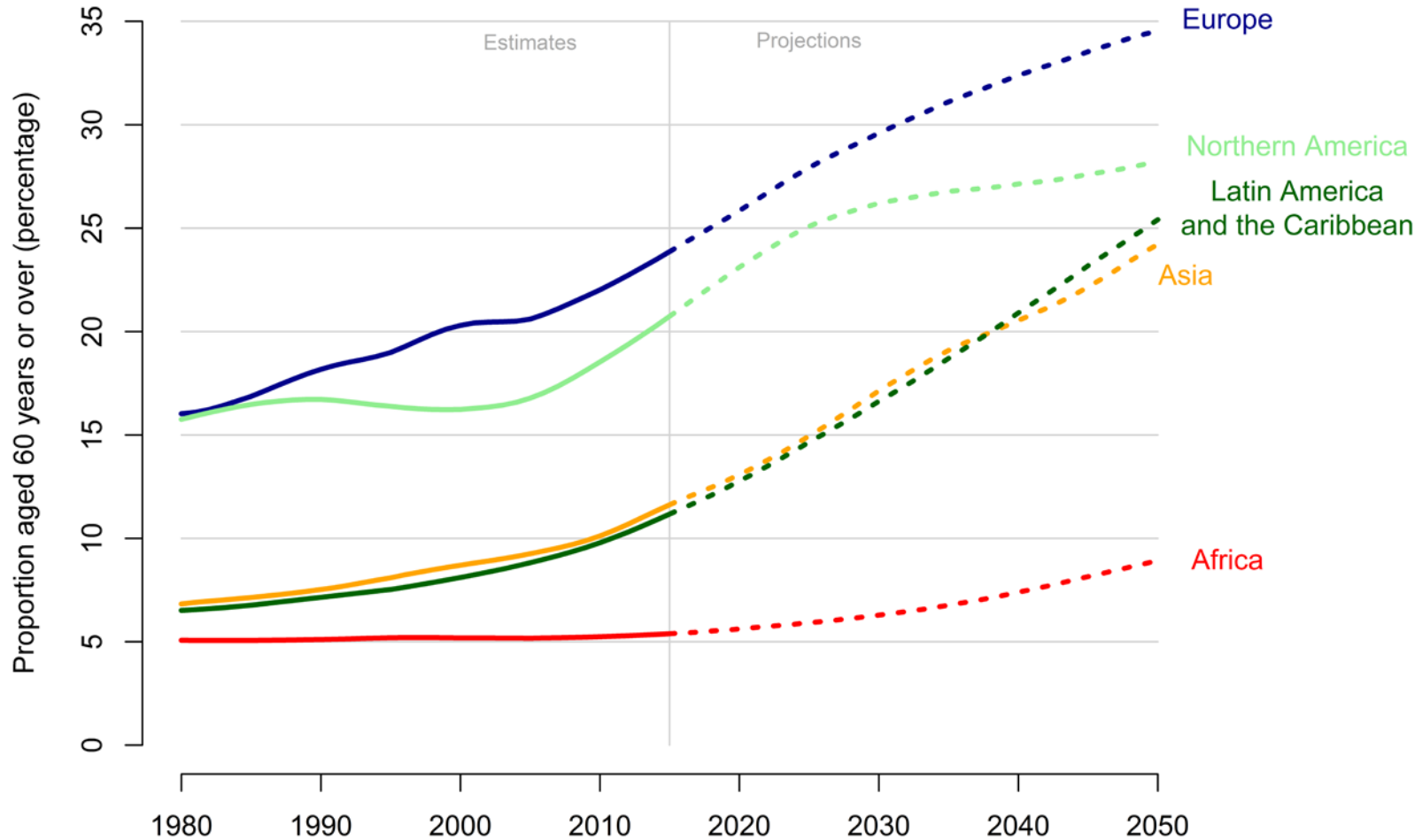
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# The population of Africa is ageing more slowly, despite the rapid increase in the number of older persons



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# United Nations Database on the Living Arrangements of Older Persons, 2017

- Updates previous work published in United Nations (2005). *Living Arrangements of Older Persons Around the World*.
- Contains estimates:
  - of the percentage of older persons living alone, with a spouse only, with their children, or in other household living arrangements
  - estimated from 664 data sources
  - for 143 countries or areas
  - representing 97 per cent of the global population aged 60 or over
  - spanning the years 1960-2015
- Developed by the Population Division in collaboration with Professor Albert Esteve of the Autonomous University of Barcelona

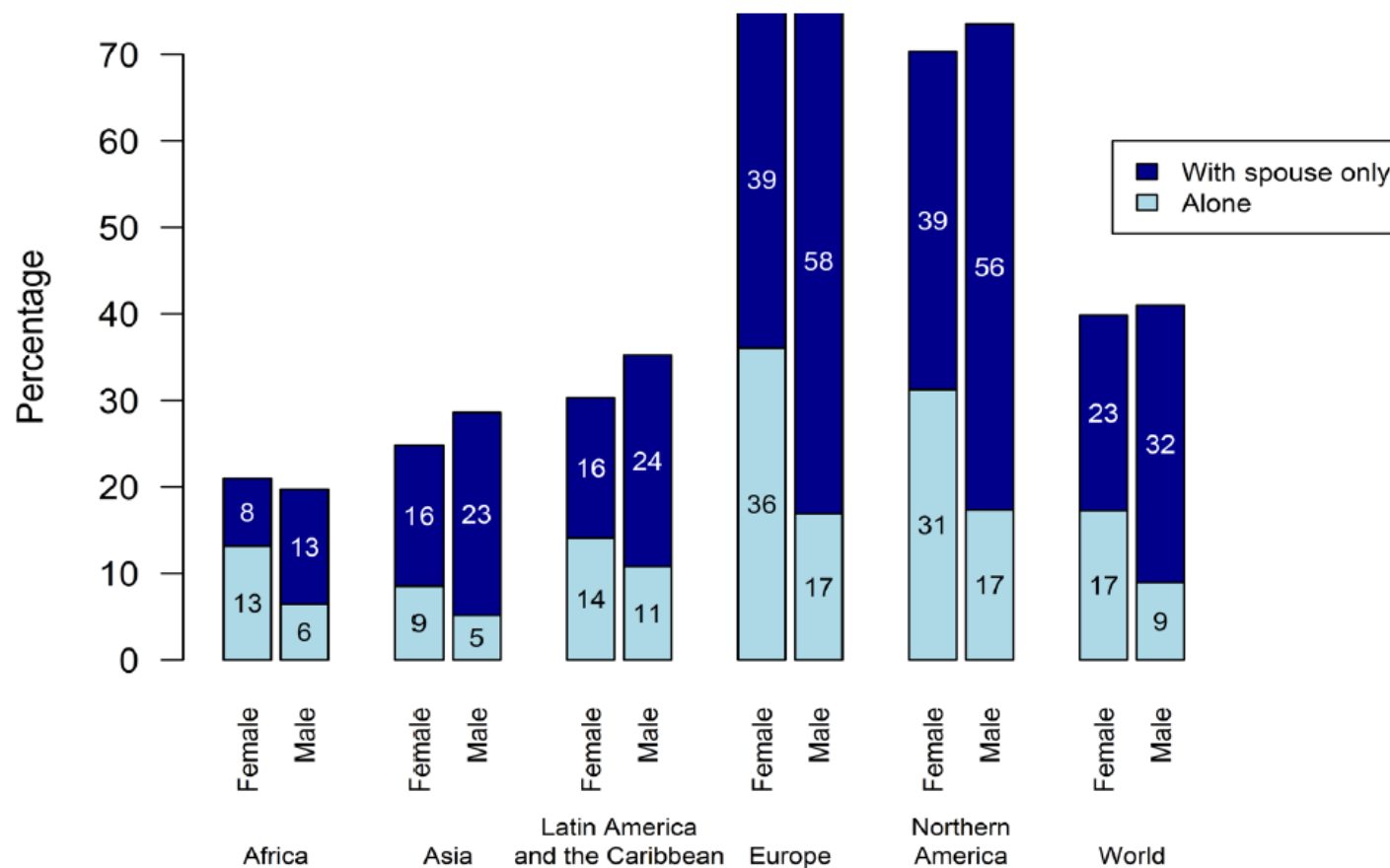


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# A majority of older persons in Europe and Northern America lived “independently” circa 2010



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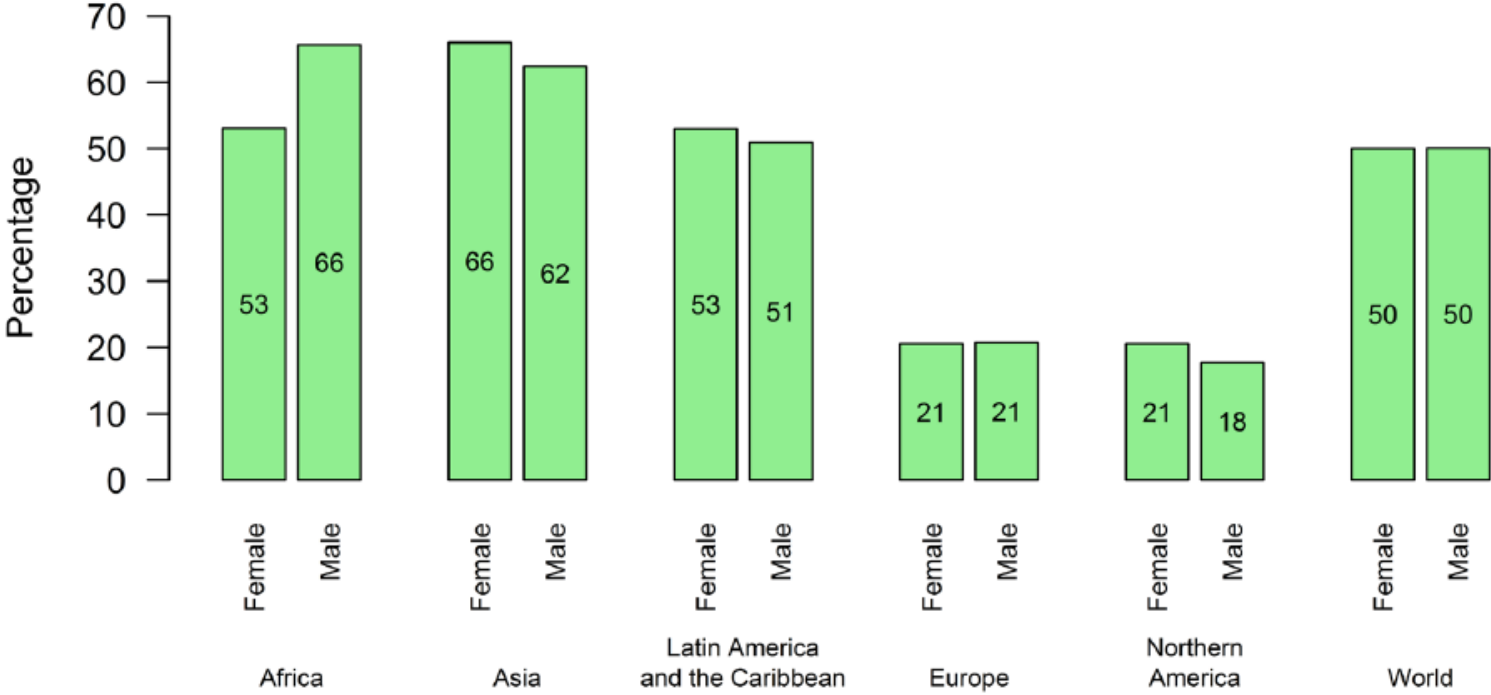


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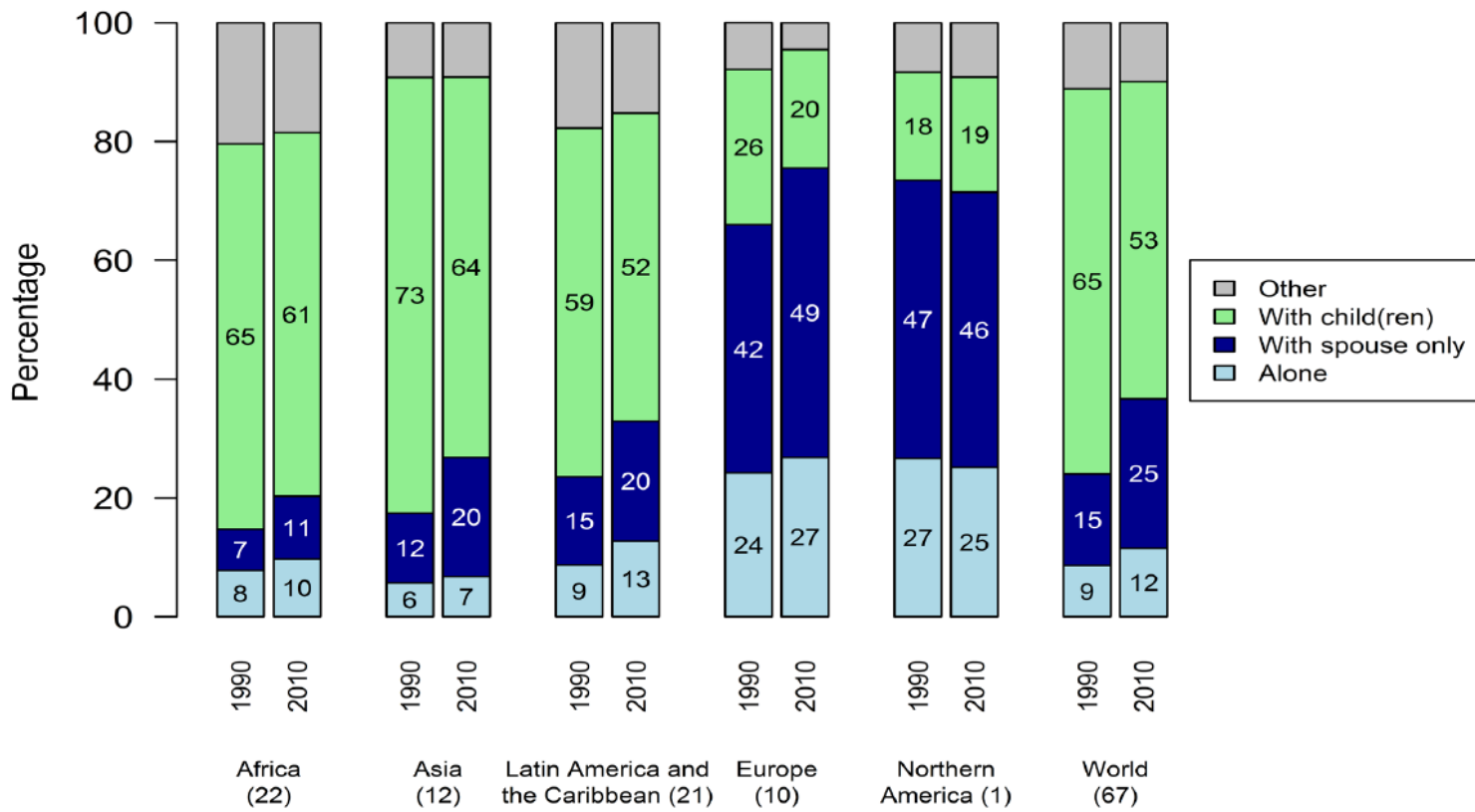


# In Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, more than half of older persons co-resided with their children circa 2010



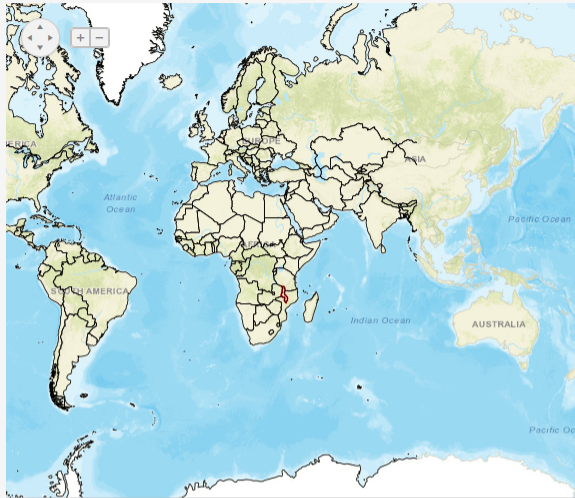
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# Over time, older persons have become more likely to live independently, whereas co-residence with children has become less common



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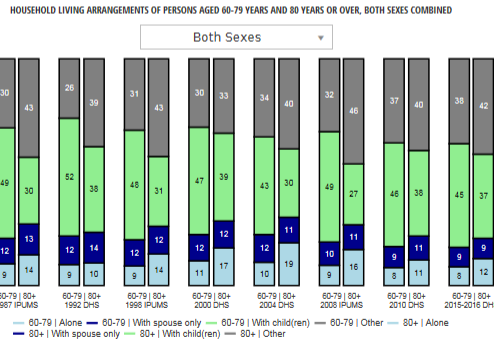
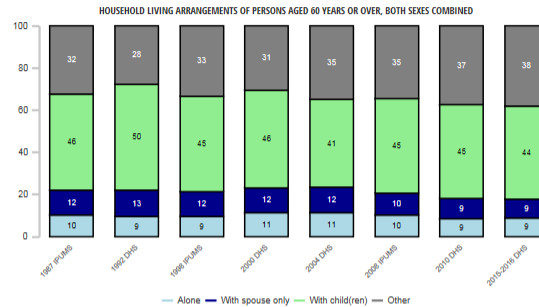
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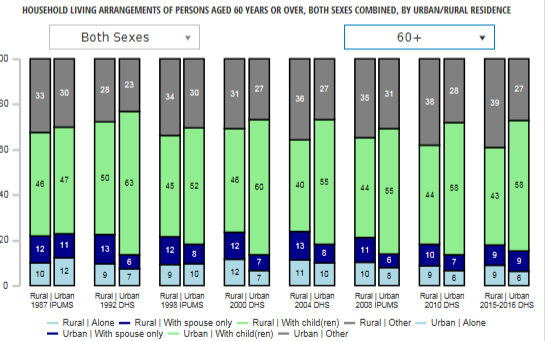
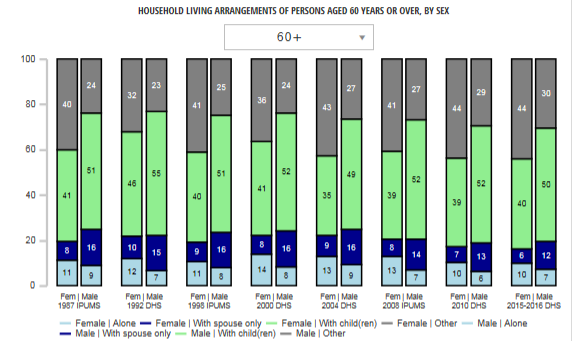


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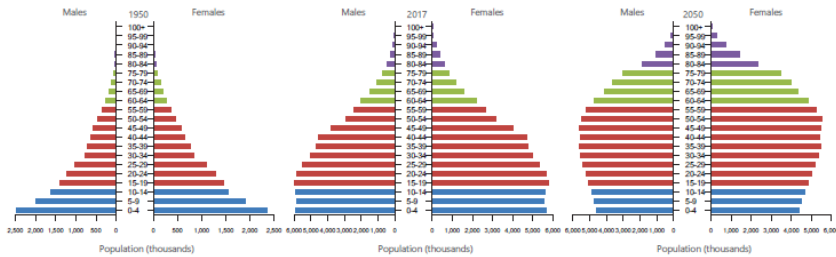
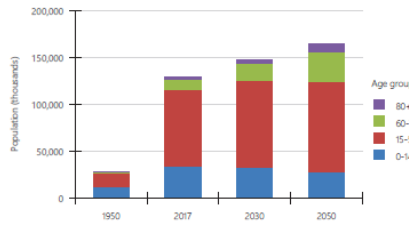


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### Profiles of Ageing 2017

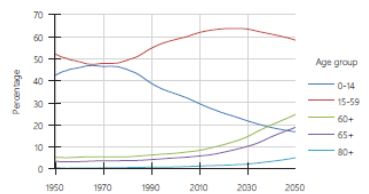
#### Population by age group (thousands)

Age	1950	2017	2030	2050
Total	28,013	129,163	147,540	164,279
0-14	11,893	34,445	32,388	27,748
15-59	14,619	81,677	93,670	96,146
60-64	530	4,184	6,429	9,512
65-69	390	3,056	5,014	8,450
70-74	270	2,197	3,906	7,587
75-79	133	1,557	2,861	6,468
80+	178	2,047	3,271	8,367
80-84	100	1,030	1,669	4,155
85-89	52	628	975	2,462
90-94	20	289	434	1,226
95-99	5	86	160	442
100+	1	13	33	82



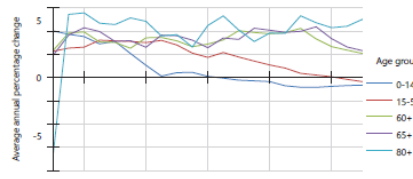
#### Population by age group (percentage)

Age	1950	2017	2030	2050
0-14	42.5	26.7	22.0	16.9
15-59	52.2	63.2	63.5	58.5
60+	5.4	10.1	14.6	24.6
65+	3.5	6.9	10.2	18.8
80+	0.6	1.6	2.2	5.1



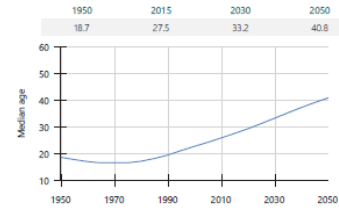
#### Population growth rate by age group (average annual percentage change)

Age	1950-1955	2010-2015	2030-2035	2045-2050
0-14	4.0	-0.2	-0.8	-0.7
15-59	2.3	1.8	0.4	-0.1
60+	2.3	4.0	4.2	2.4
65+	1.9	3.3	4.0	2.6
80+	-6.6	4.1	5.3	4.4



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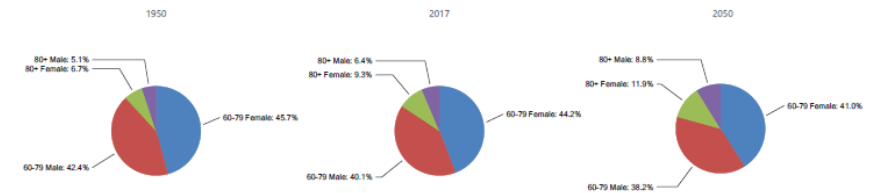
#### Median age of population (years)



#### Dependency ratios (dependents per 100 non-dependents)

Year	1950	2015	2030	2050
Child + old-age (ages 0-19 and 65+ / ages 20-64)	128.1	76.4	66.4	71.5
Old-age (ages 65+ / ages 20-64)	7.9	11.4	17.0	32.2
Prospective old-age (ages X+ / ages 20-X, where X = the age at which remaining life expectancy is 15 years)	13.1	6.8	8.6	14.5

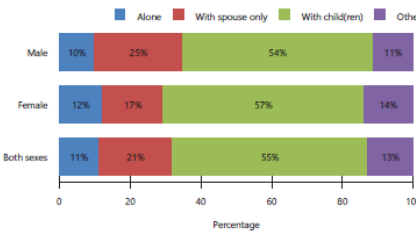
#### Distribution of older population by age and sex (percentage)



#### Life expectancy (years)

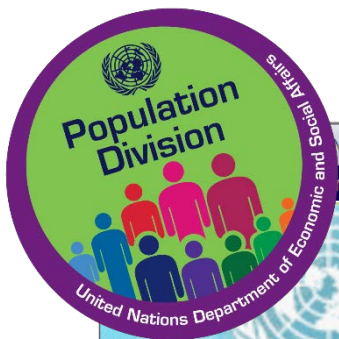
Age (at birth)	1950-1955		1980-1985		2010-2015		2045-2050	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
60	48.9	52.5	64.4	71.2	74.0	78.9	81.0	84.2
65	12.2	13.0	15.2	16.8	17.9	19.7	20.8	22.7
80	5.1	5.3	7.3	7.9	9.0	9.9	10.2	11.6

#### Household living arrangements of older persons (percentage)



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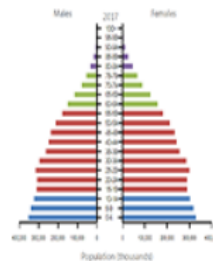
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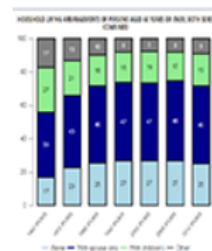
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