

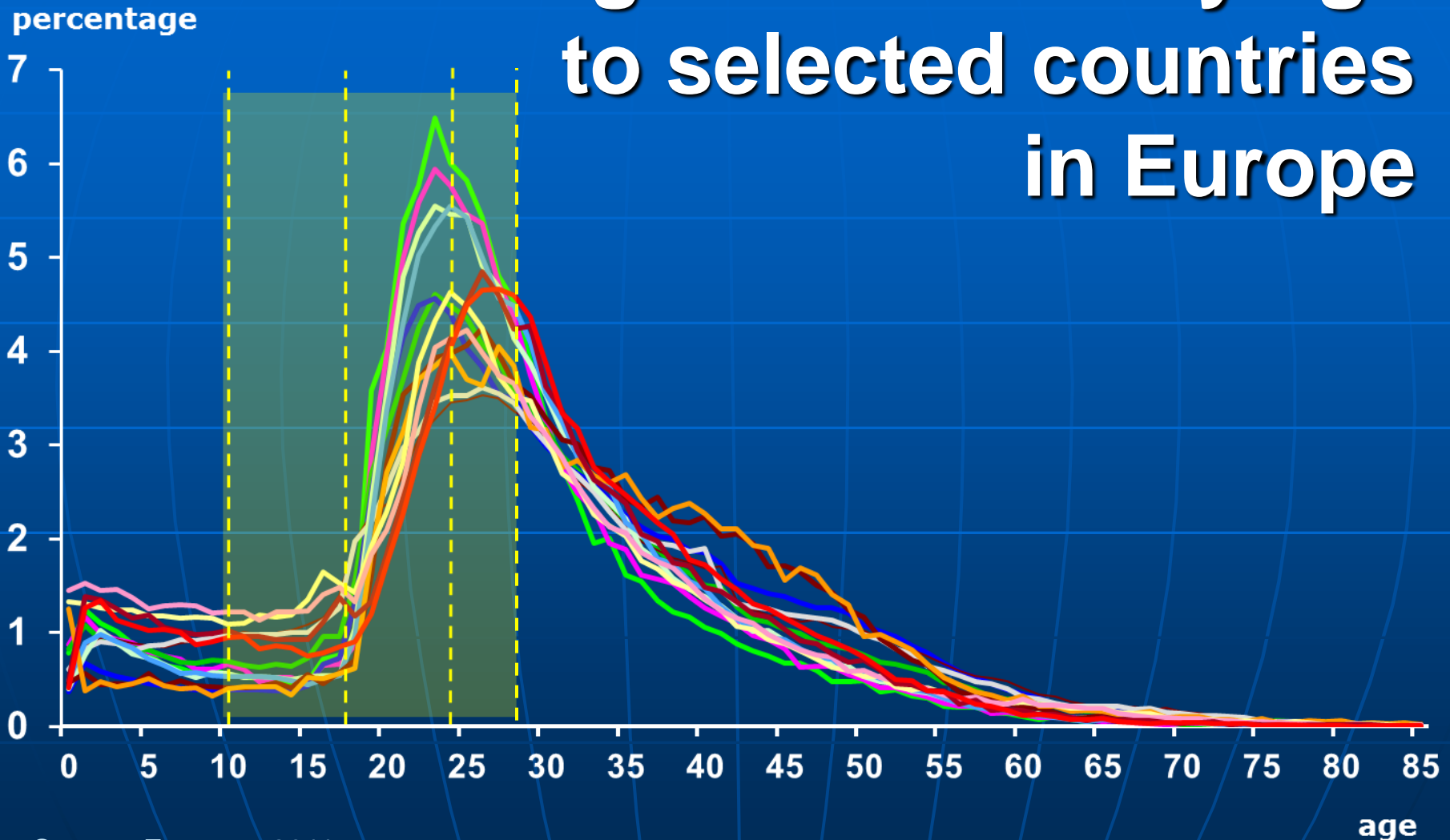


International migration in a globalizing world: The role of youth

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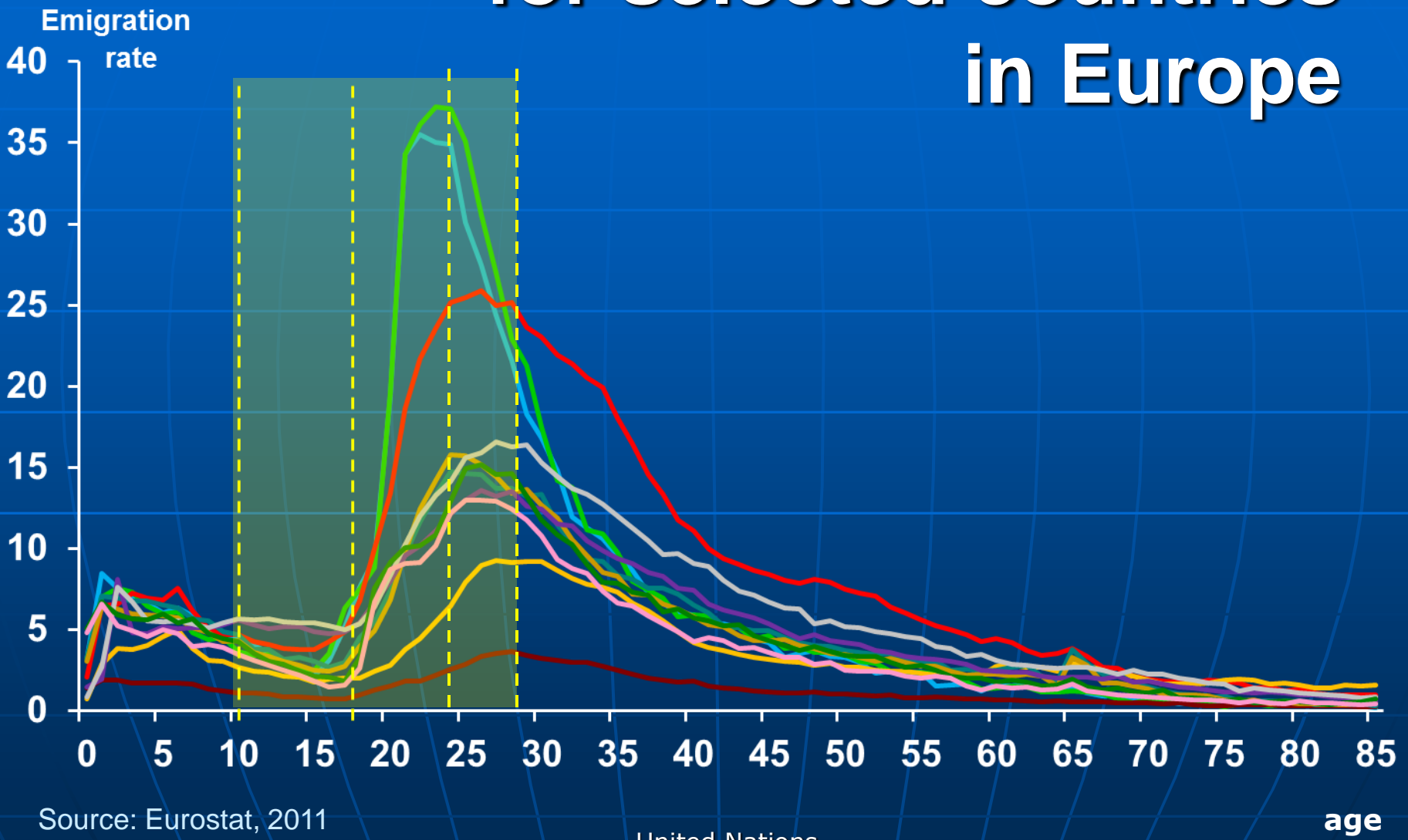
Distribution of migrant inflows by age to selected countries in Europe



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Emigration rates by age for selected countries in Europe



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age

Youth definition

Oxford Dictionary

“period between childhood and adult age”

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) - Article 1

“... a child means every human being **below the age of eighteen years** unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier”

Critical ages

Age at majority	Other critical ages
The age at which a person is given equal treatment under the law	Minimum age at <u>marriage</u>
Once a minor is past this age, the minor is considered to be an adult	Age of <u>criminal responsibility</u>
	Minimum age to enter into <u>economic activity</u>
	Minimum age for <u>military service</u> , etc.

Critical ages: Examples

Country	Age of majority	Age of <u>criminal responsibility</u>	Minimum age of <u>marriage</u>		Minimum age to enter into <u>economic activity</u>	Minimum age for completing basic <u>education</u>	Minimum age for <u>military service</u>
			boys	girls			
Barbados	18	7	16	16	16	16	18 (younger with parental consent)
Benin	21	13	18	15	14 (18 for hazardous work)	11	21
Chad	18	13	18	17	14	15	18

Source: UNICEF, 2011

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(Report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year, 1981)

- "... there is **no universally agreed upon definition** of youth."
- "A chronological definition of who is young, as opposed to who is a child or who is an adult, **varies with each nation and culture.**"
- "However, the United Nations, **for statistical purposes**, defines those persons **between the ages of 15 and 24** as youth without prejudice to other definitions by Member States."

Definition of “youth” in the context of migration

Workers

Students

Sons/
Daughters

Minors

Adults

Heads of
Households/
Spouses



Types of Youth Migration

Student migration

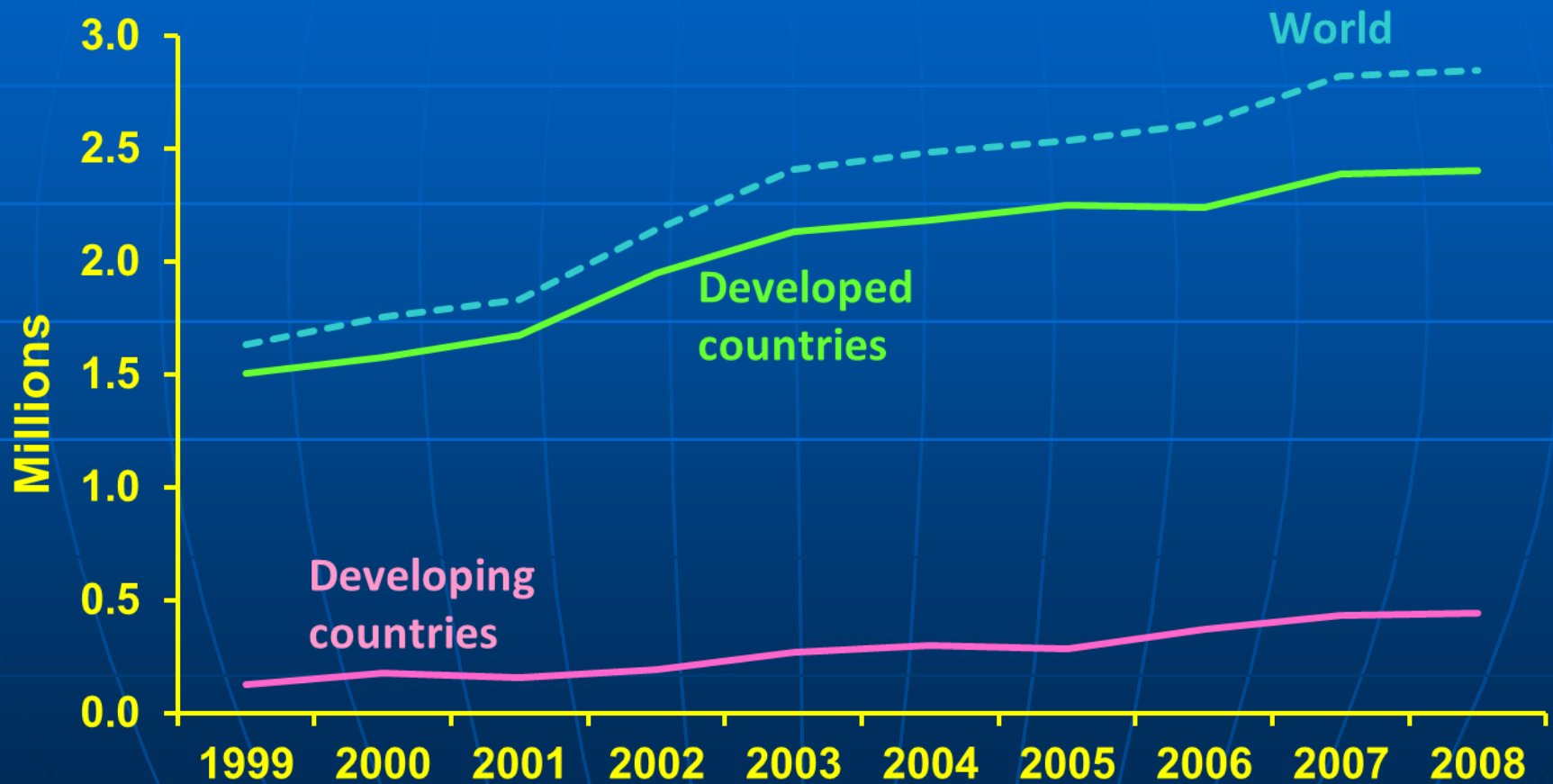
Migration for employment

Family reunification,
including marriage migration and
adoption

Humanitarian migration



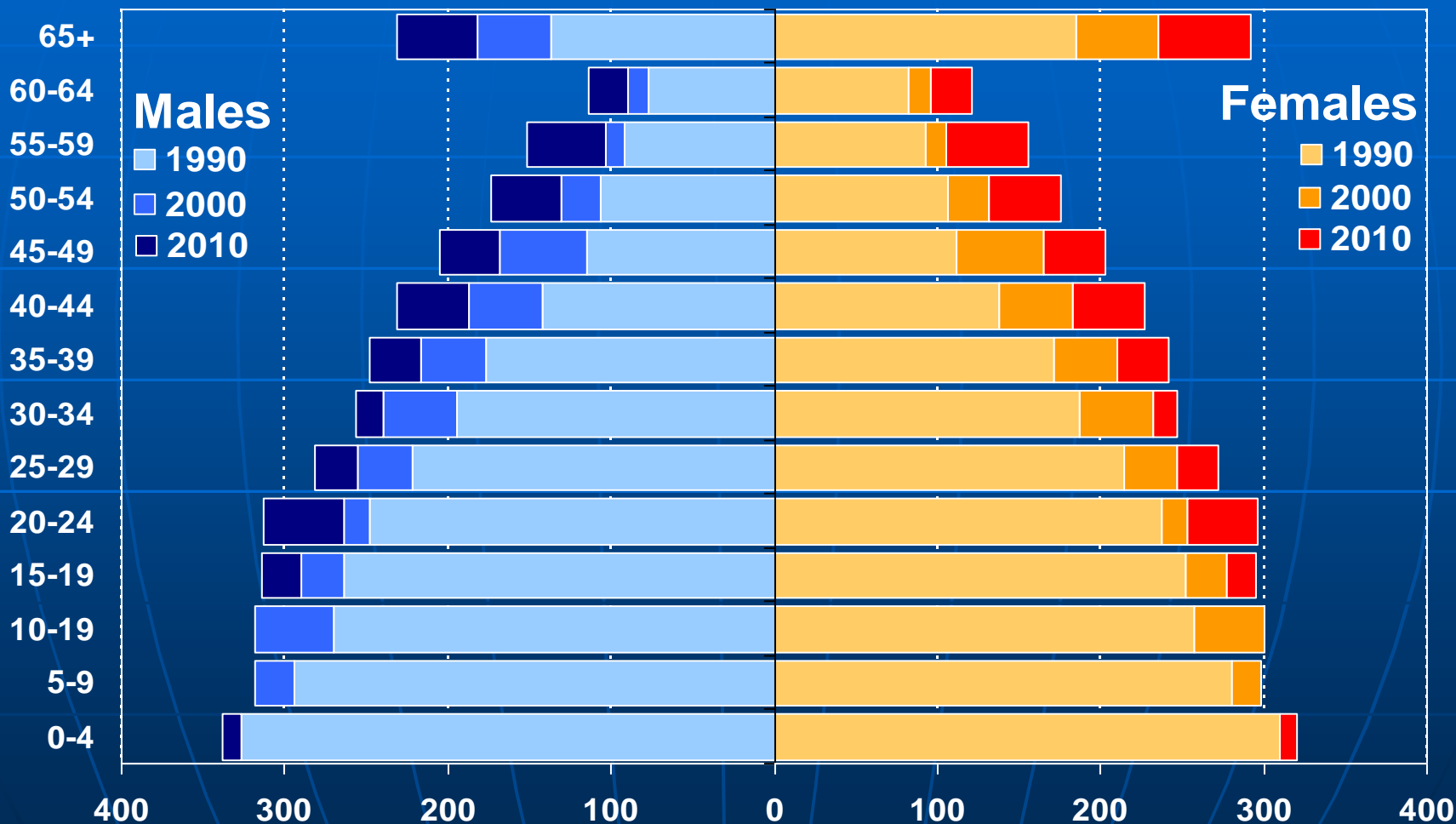
Growth in the tertiary international student population, 1999-2008



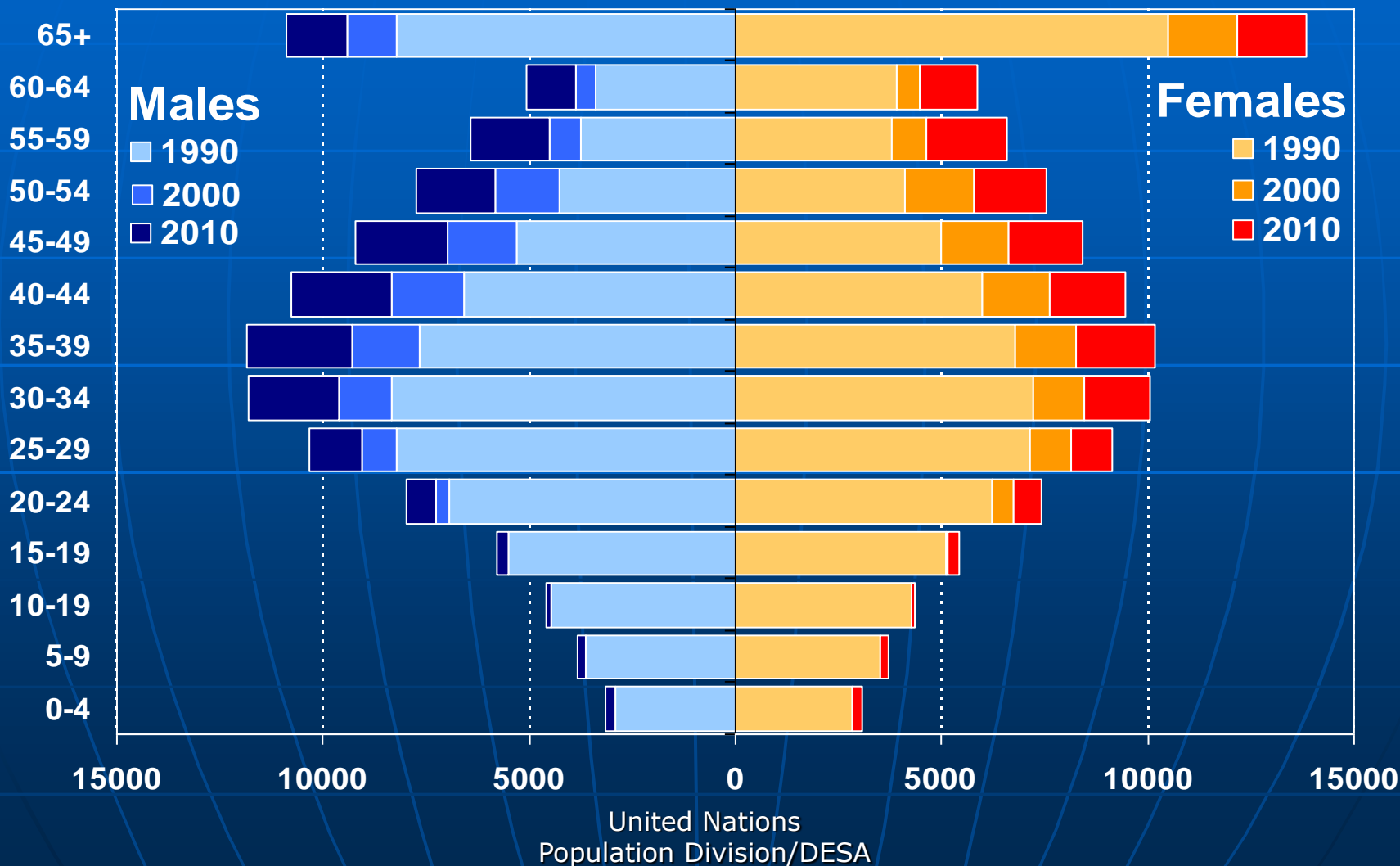
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Total population by sex and age 1990, 2000 and 2010 (millions)



International migrants by sex and age 1990, 2000 and 2010 (thousands)



Migration flows and stocks

■ Migration flows

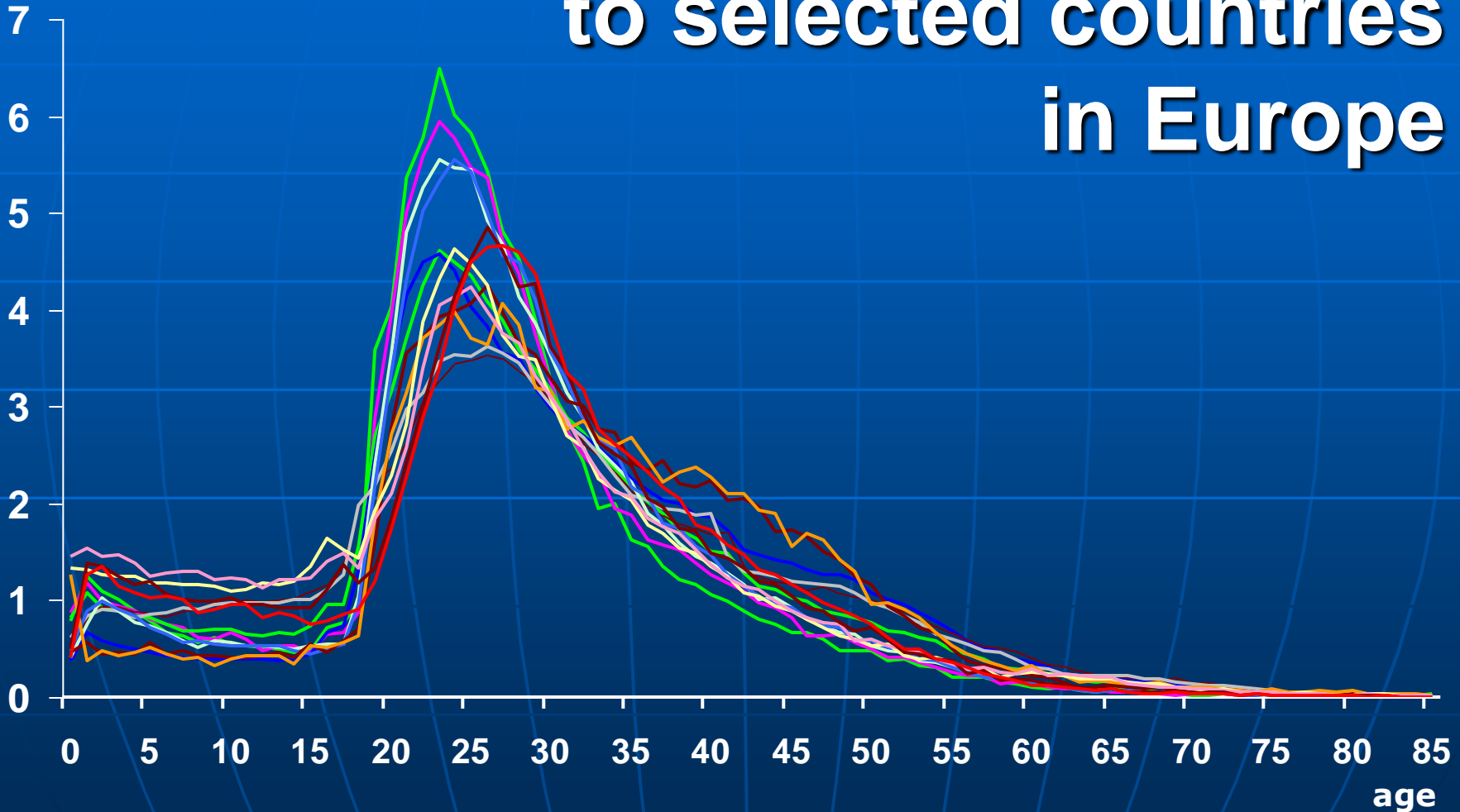
- Refers to the event of moving, from one country (origin) to another (destination) in a given period (ex. 5 years).

■ Migrant stocks

- Refers to the stock of “foreign born” or “foreigners” living in a specific country on a specific date. Foreigners may include second generation (son/daughters of foreigners).

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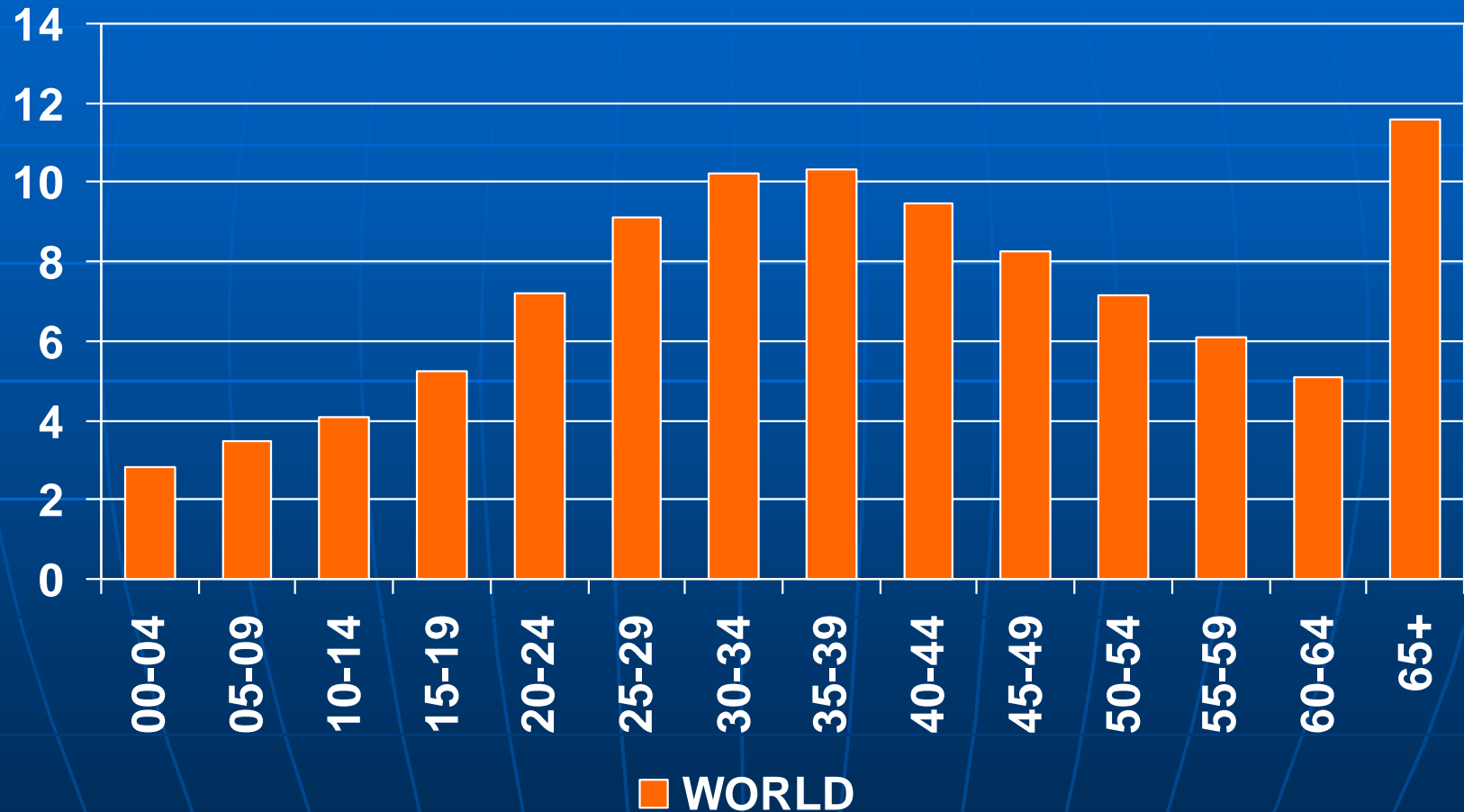
percentage



Source: Eurostat, 2011

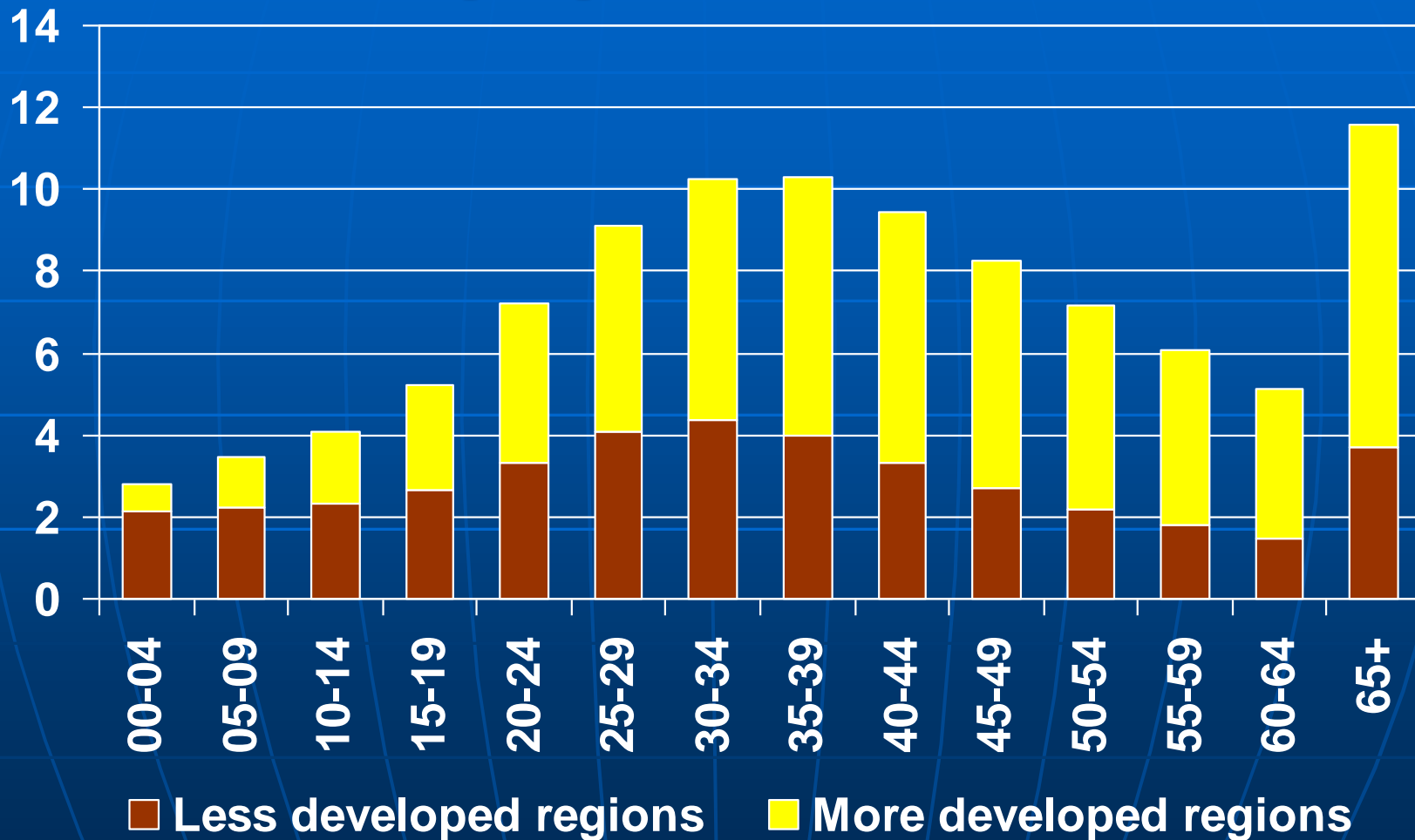
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Age distribution of international migrants - 2010



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Age distribution of migrants and total population - 2010



Estimates of net number of migrants per decade (millions)

Development group	Period	15-19	20-24
World	1990-00	3.6	5.4
	2000-10	4.3	6.9
Developed regions	1990-00	2.9	3.8
	2000-10	2.9	4.3
Developing regions	1990-00	0.7	1.5
	2000-10	1.4	2.6

Youth migrant stock in 2010 (thousands)

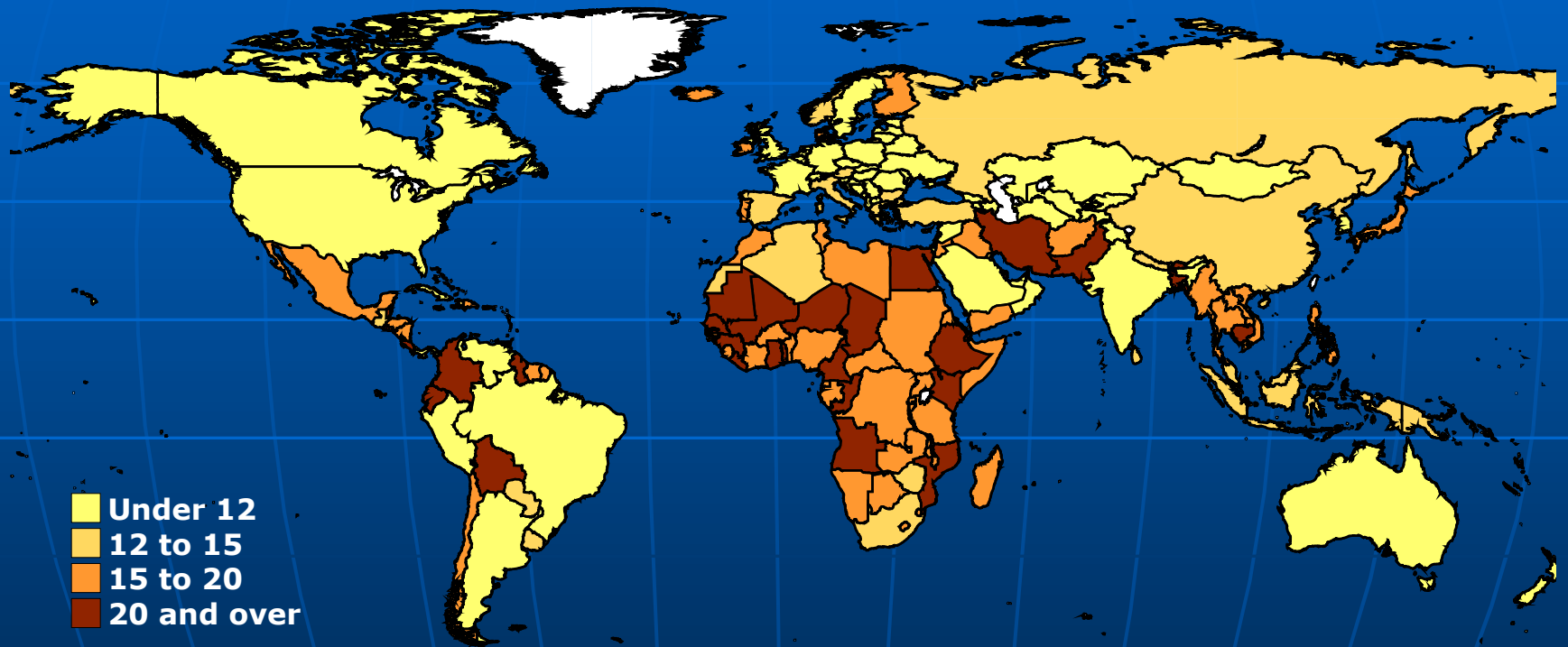
Major area	15-24 migrants	Total migrants	Percentage
World	26,575	213,944	12.4
Africa	3,720	19,263	19.3
Asia	8,327	61,324	13.6
Europe	7,715	69,819	11.1
Latin America and the Caribbean	1,031	7,480	13.8
Northern America	5,181	50,042	10.4
Oceania	600	6,015	10.0

Percentage of migrant stock aged 15-24 over total migrants

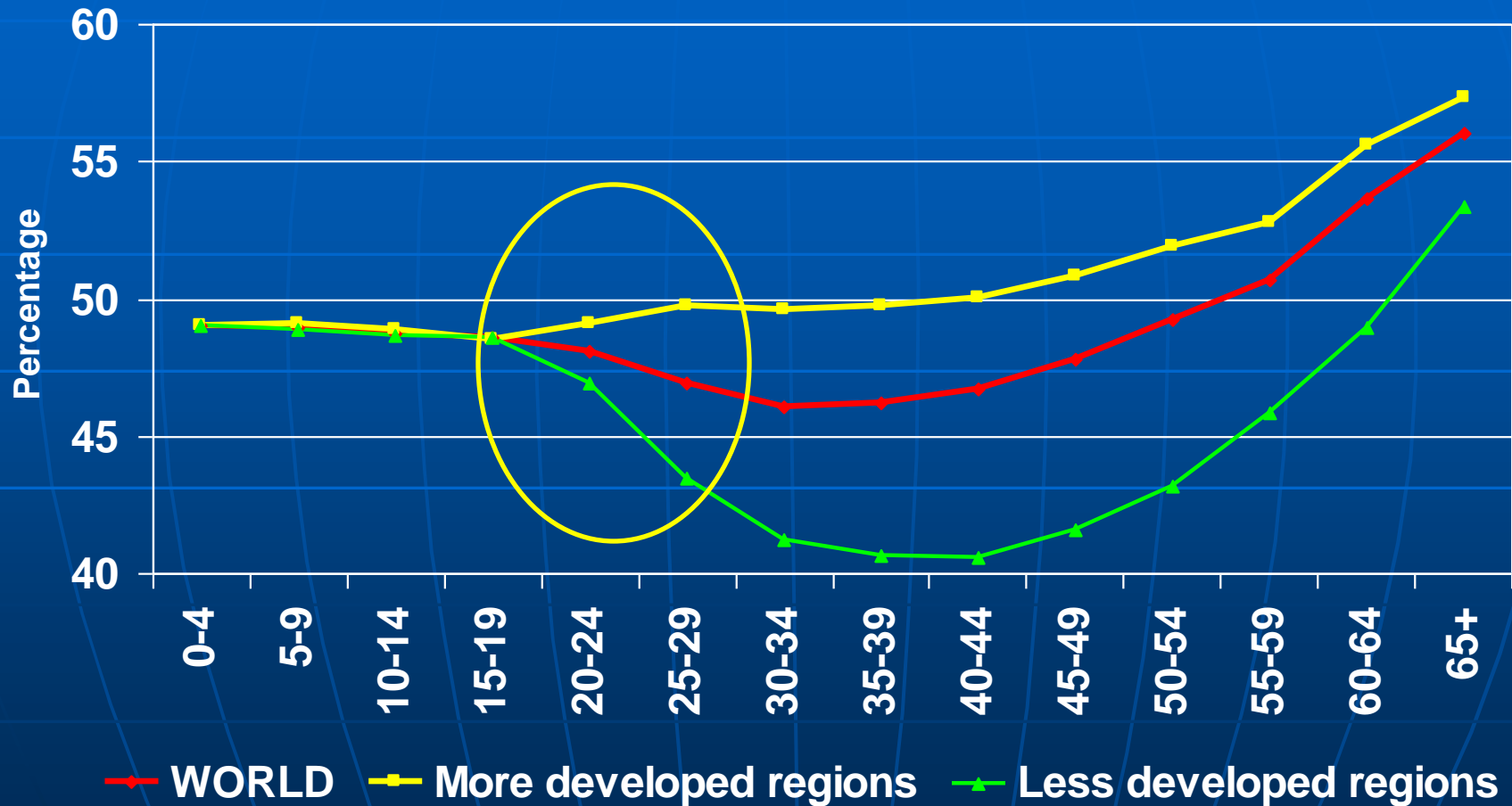
	Highest 10
Bhutan	29.0
Bangladesh	29.0
Cambodia	27.7
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26.8
Cape Verde	26.3
Ghana	25.3
Ecuador	25.3
Senegal	25.2
Mali	24.9
Costa Rica	23.4

	Lowest 10
Slovenia	4.6
Estonia	4.7
Latvia	4.9
Poland	5.7
Armenia	5.7
Cuba	5.9
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	5.9
Czech Republic	6.2
Belarus	6.3
France	6.6

Percentage of migrant stock aged 15 to 24



Percentage female among the migrant stock by age – 2010



Percentage female migrants: 15-24 and total - 2010

Major area	15-24	Total
Africa	52.6	46.8
Asia	45.4	44.6
Europe	50.8	52.3
Latin America and the Caribbean	50.5	50.1
Northern America	45.5	50.1
Oceania	50.4	51.2

Conclusions

- “Youth” is a heterogeneous group of people that includes both minors and adults
- Youth migrate for different reasons (family reunification, marriage, work, education, adoption, etc.)
- Youth accounted for 12.4 per cent of the total migrant stock (214 million) in 2010
- Youth migrants accounted for 14.8 per cent of the developing world and 10.8 per cent in the developed world
- Females are slightly underrepresented among youth migrants