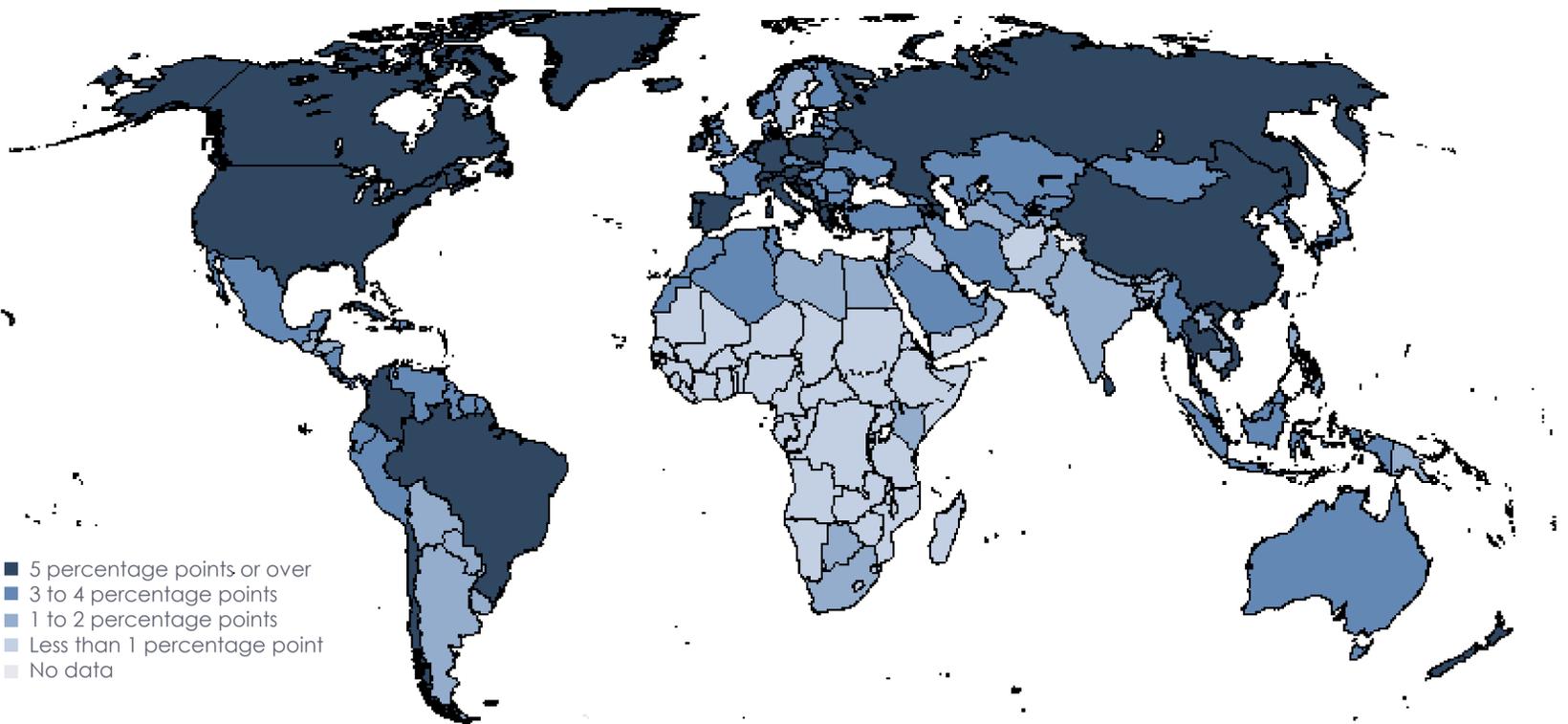


# Policies on Population Ageing

## Population ageing is occurring throughout the world

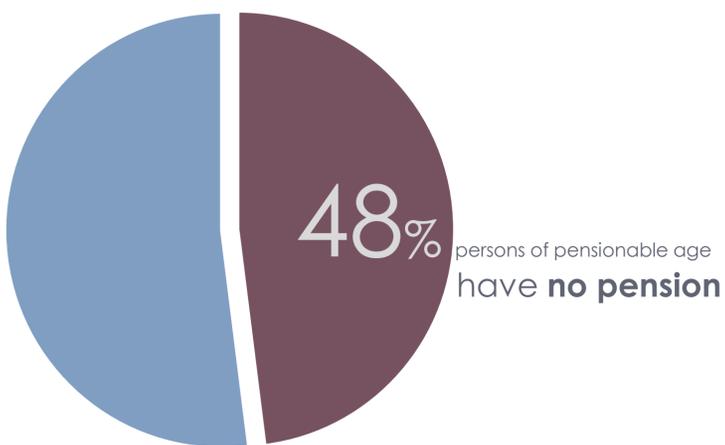
Percentage point change in the proportion aged 65 or over in the total population, 2015 to 2030



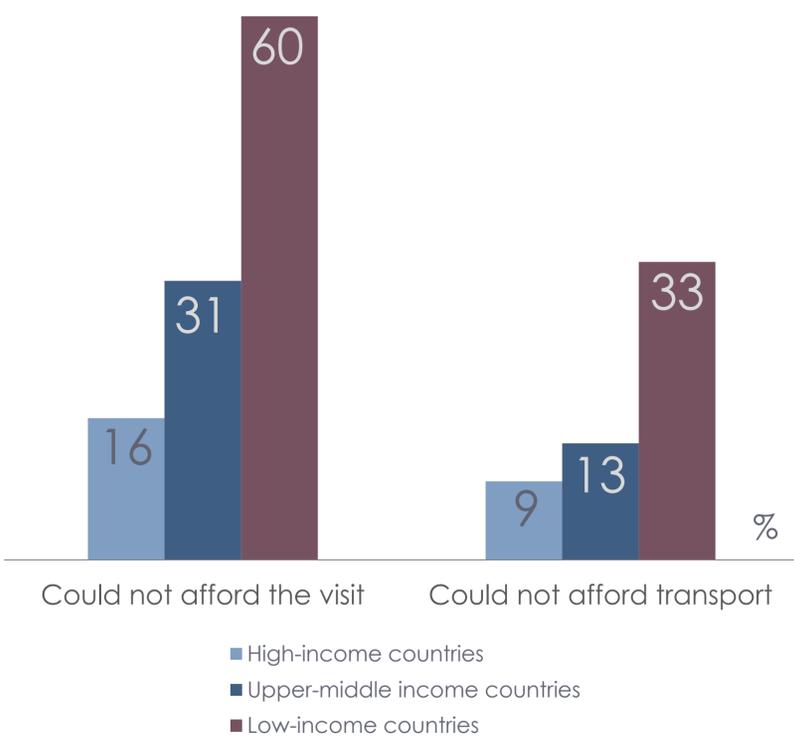
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### Older persons are at risk of being **left behind** from development gains

Globally, the goal of universal social protection is far from being achieved

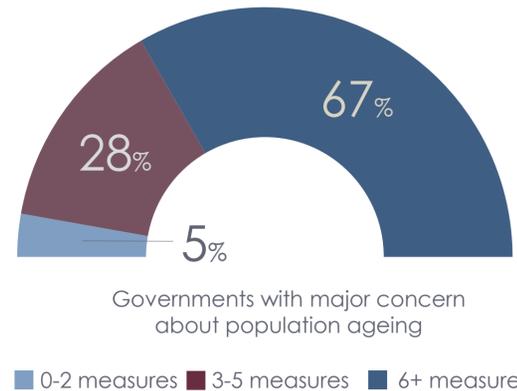
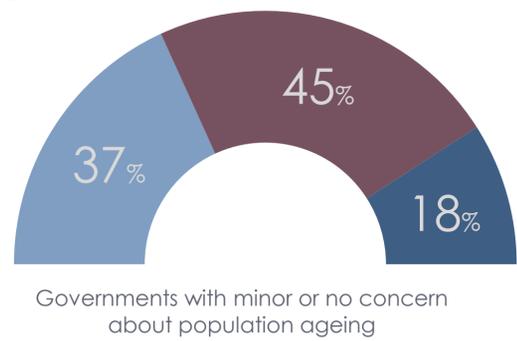


Older persons often face **barriers** in accessing health-care services



### Governments are adopting **policies** to address population ageing and build a society for all ages

Governments concerned about **population ageing** have a larger number of policy measures to address such concerns



Countries where population ageing is a **major concern** have taken steps to improve the **sustainability of pension systems**



**Notes:** **Developing regions** comprise Africa, Asia (excluding Japan), Latin America and the Caribbean, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia; **developed regions** comprise Europe, North America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. The designations "developed" and "developing" are intended for statistical convenience and do not necessarily express a judgement about the stage reached by a particular country or area in the development process. Data on **pension coverage** are available for 178 countries. Data on **barriers to health-care services** among those aged 60+ refer to the average for 70 countries in the period 2002-2004. Data on **level of concern about population ageing** are available for 186 countries and refer to 2015. Data on **Government measures to address population ageing** are available for 61 countries and refer to measures adopted in the period 2010-2015.

**Data sources:** For data on **population policies**: World Population Policies Database 2015, see: [https://esa.un.org/poppolicy/about\\_database.aspx](https://esa.un.org/poppolicy/about_database.aspx). For data on **total population by age**: World Population Prospects, see: <https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/>. For data on **pension coverage**: International Labour Office, Social protection for older persons: key policy trends and statistics, see: <http://www.ilo.org/>. For data on the **barriers to health-care services** among those aged 60+: World Health Organization, World Health Survey, see: <http://www.who.int/healthinfo/survey/en/>.

