

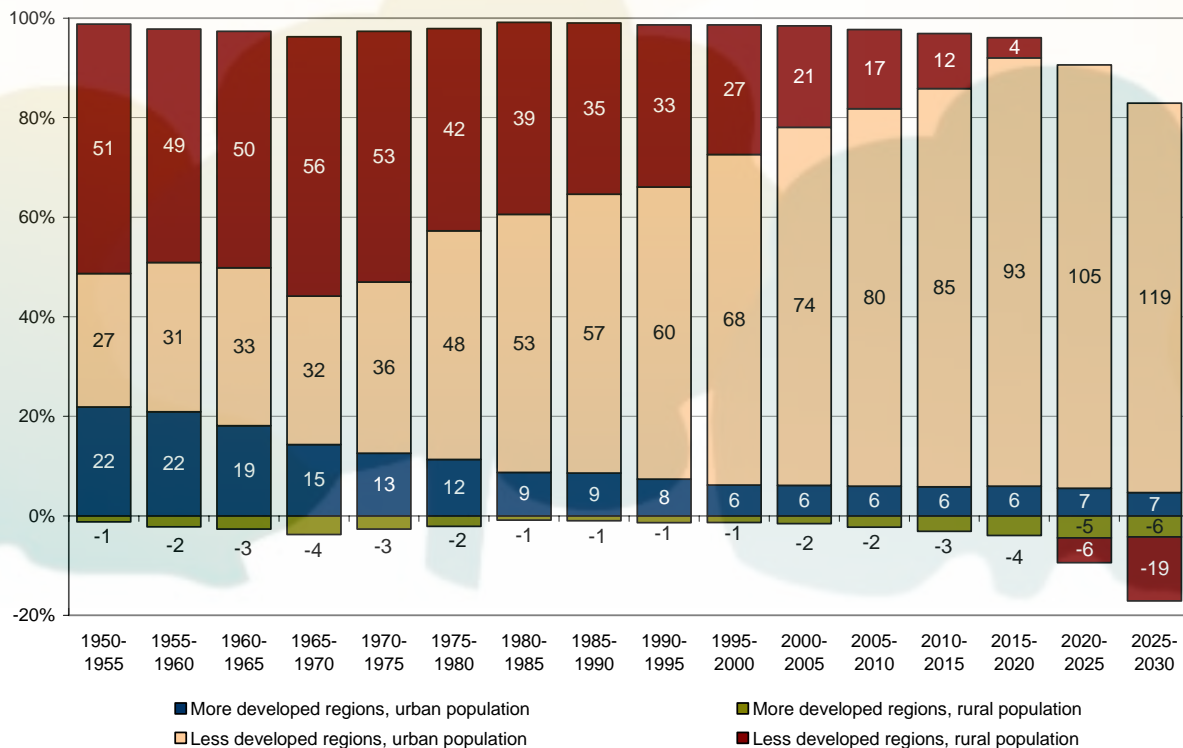


### FACT SHEET 4

### URBAN AND RURAL COMPONENTS OF POPULATION GROWTH

- Between 2005 and 2030, the world's population is expected to increase by 1.7 billion people, from 6.5 billion in 2005 to 8.2 billion in 2030.
- Almost all growth of the world's population between 2005 and 2030 is expected to occur in less developed regions.
- In particular, the projected population growth at the world level will be primarily accounted for by the growth in the urban areas of the less developed regions. That is, while the world population is projected to grow by 1.7 billion people between 2005 and 20030, the urban population is projected to increase by 1.8 billion. The absolute growth in the total population is lower than that of the urban population because of a declining rural population over the next 25 years.

Figure 5. Contribution of urban and rural population growth to total population growth, 1950-2030



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2006). World Urbanization Prospects: The 2005 Revision. Working Paper No. ESA/P/WP/200.