Changing age structures and their impact: Ageing

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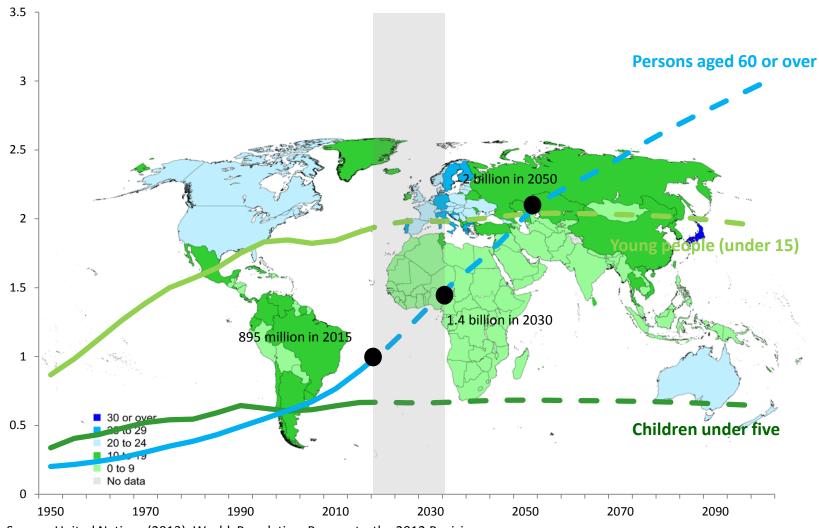
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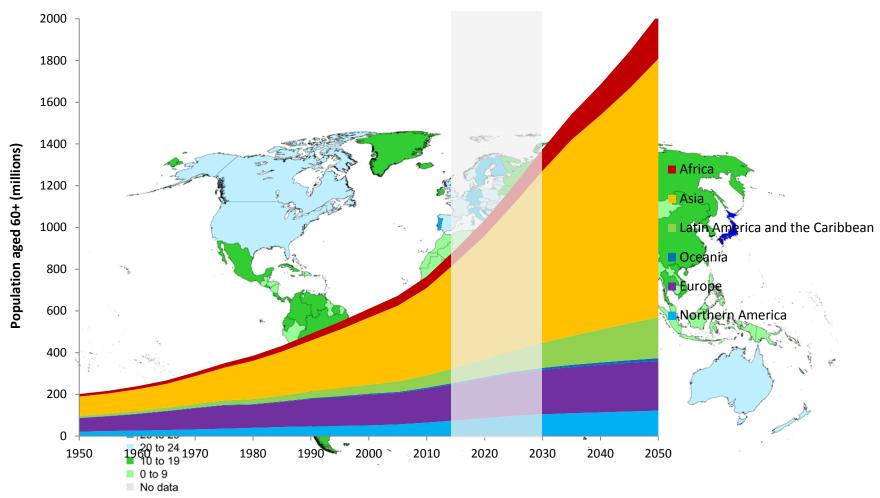


Growth of older persons (aged 60 or over)



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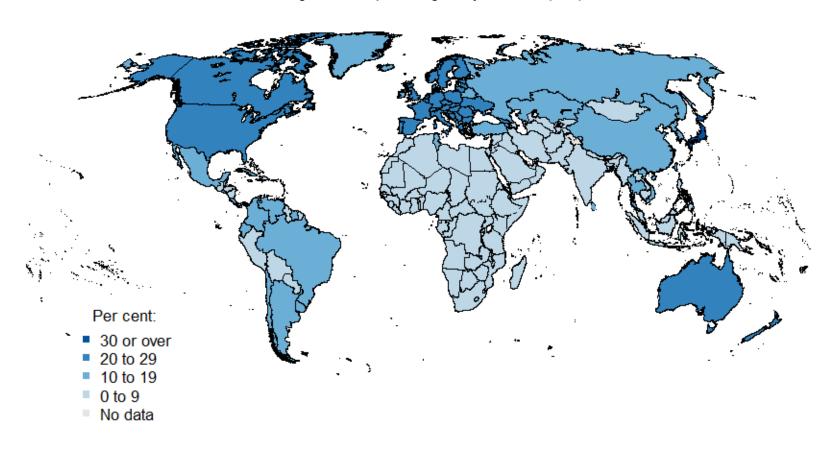
Most older people live in less developed countries



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Percentage of Total Population Aged 60 years or over (2015)

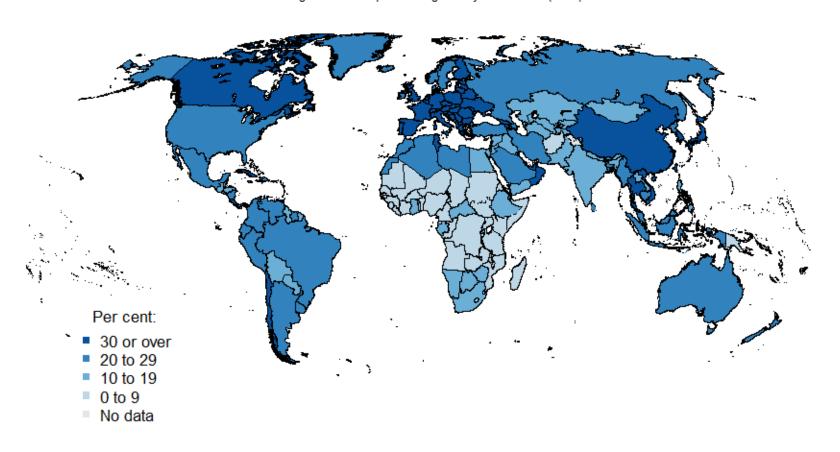


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Percentage of Total Population Aged 60 years or over (2050)



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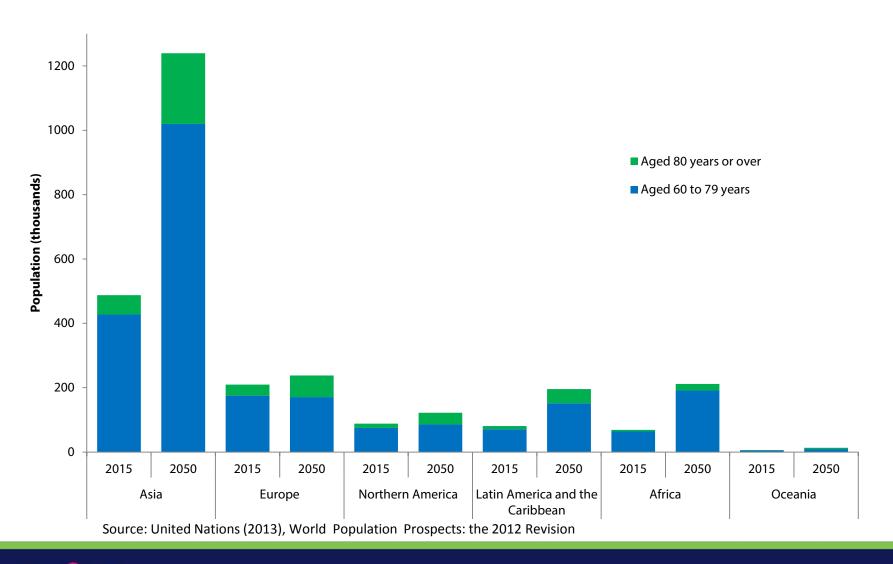
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Population Division



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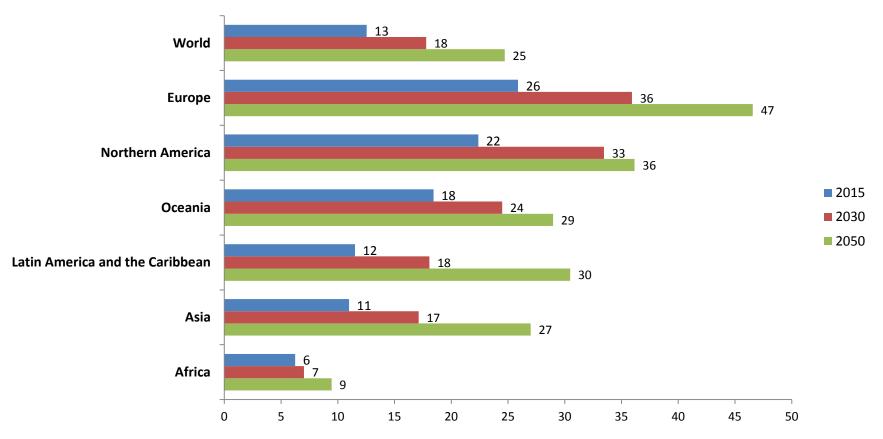








Population ageing implies rising old-age dependency ratio



OADR=Age 65+ / Age 15-64 (per hundred persons)

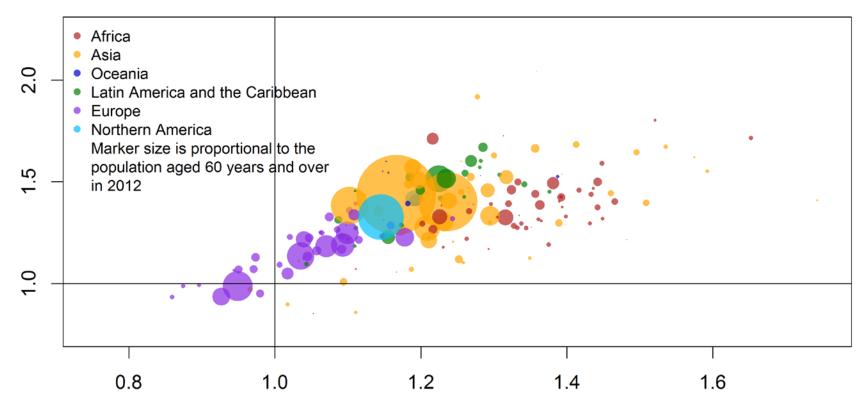
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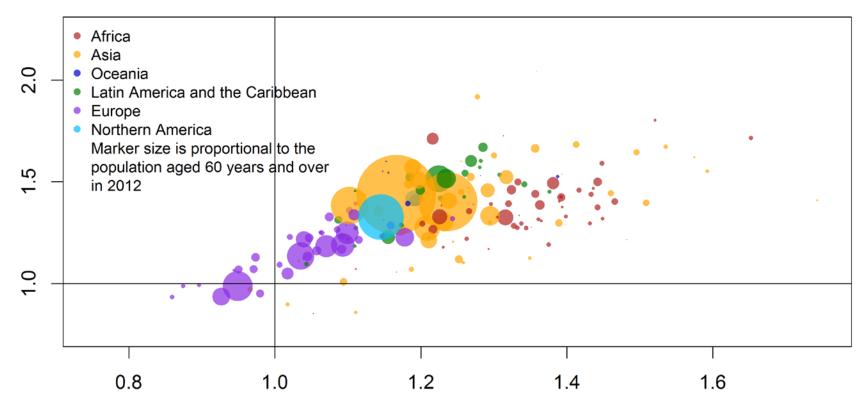
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Key trends

- Population ageing is one of the most important demographic trends
- 2. The number of older people is growing faster than any other group.
- 3. Low- and middle-income countries will experience the most rapid and dramatic demographic change
- 4. The older population is itself ageing
- Population ageing raises concerns about the economic security of older people, health and social care spending, and inter-generational support.

