

Migration levels and trends: Global assessment and policy implications



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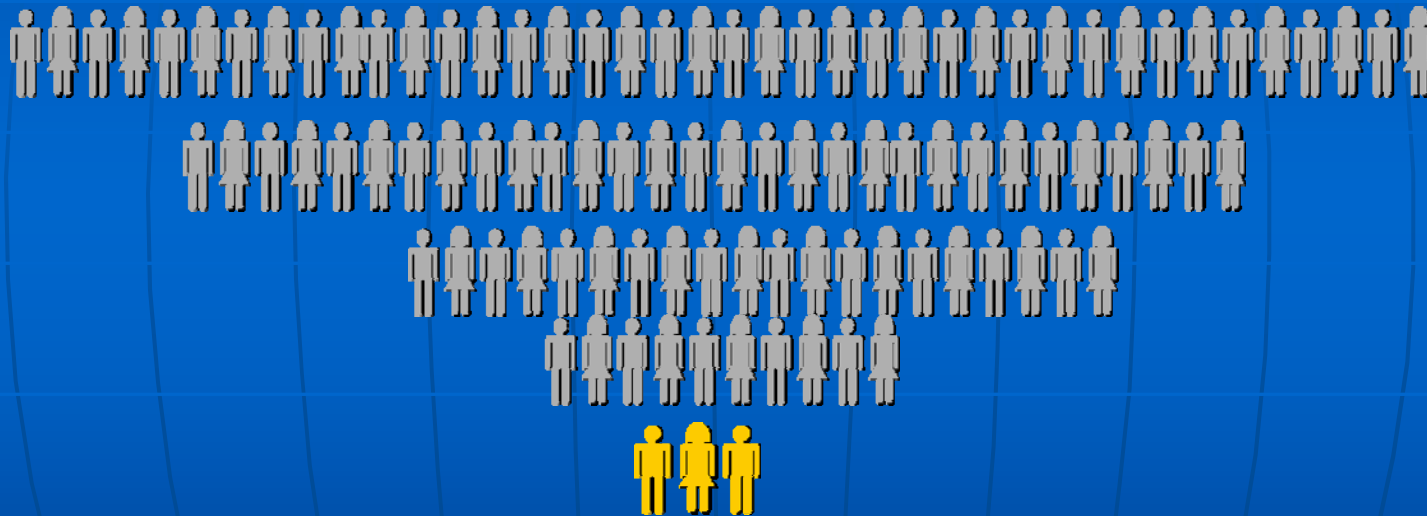
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International migrant stock: Global trends

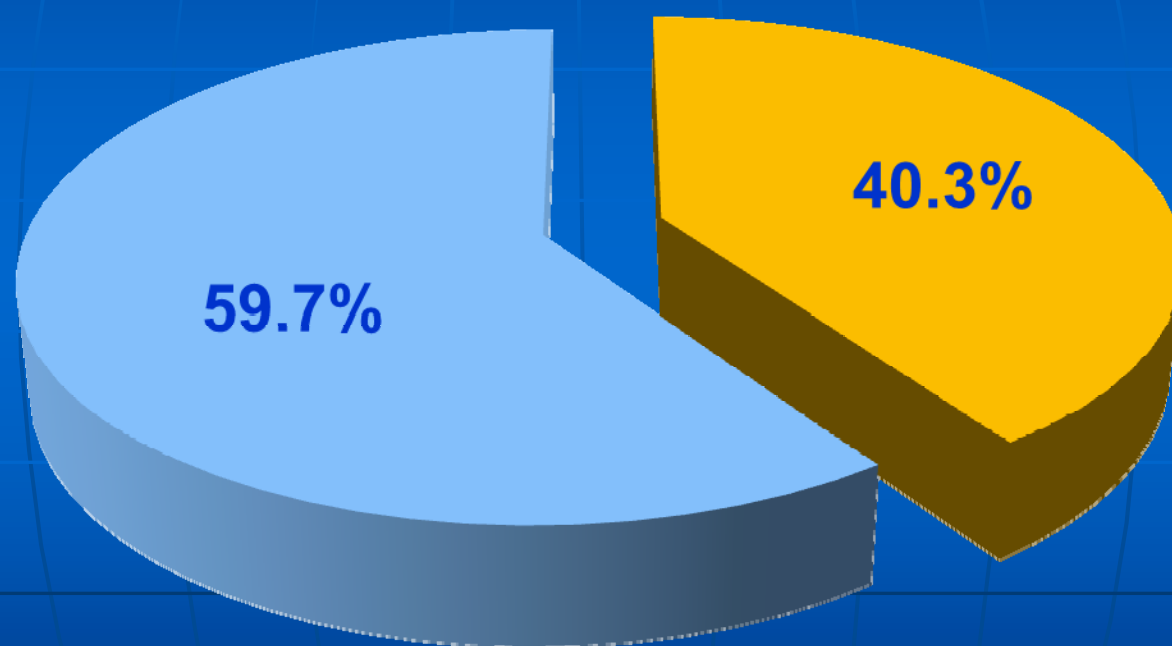
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Of the 6.9 billion people in the world in 2010



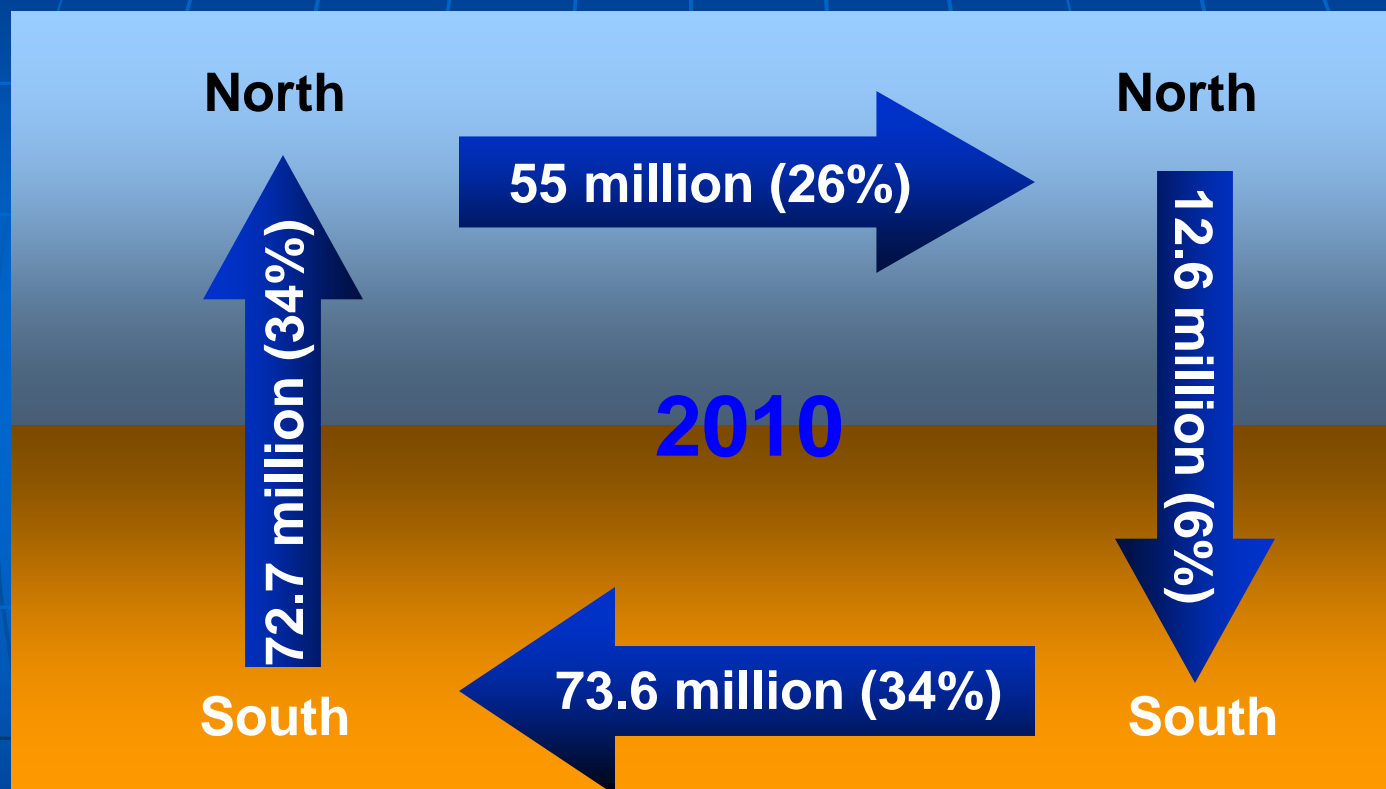
**... 214 million or 3.1 per cent were
international migrants**

In 2010, the majority of all international migrants live in more developed regions



■ Less developed regions ■ More developed regions

South-South migration is as common ...



as South-North migration

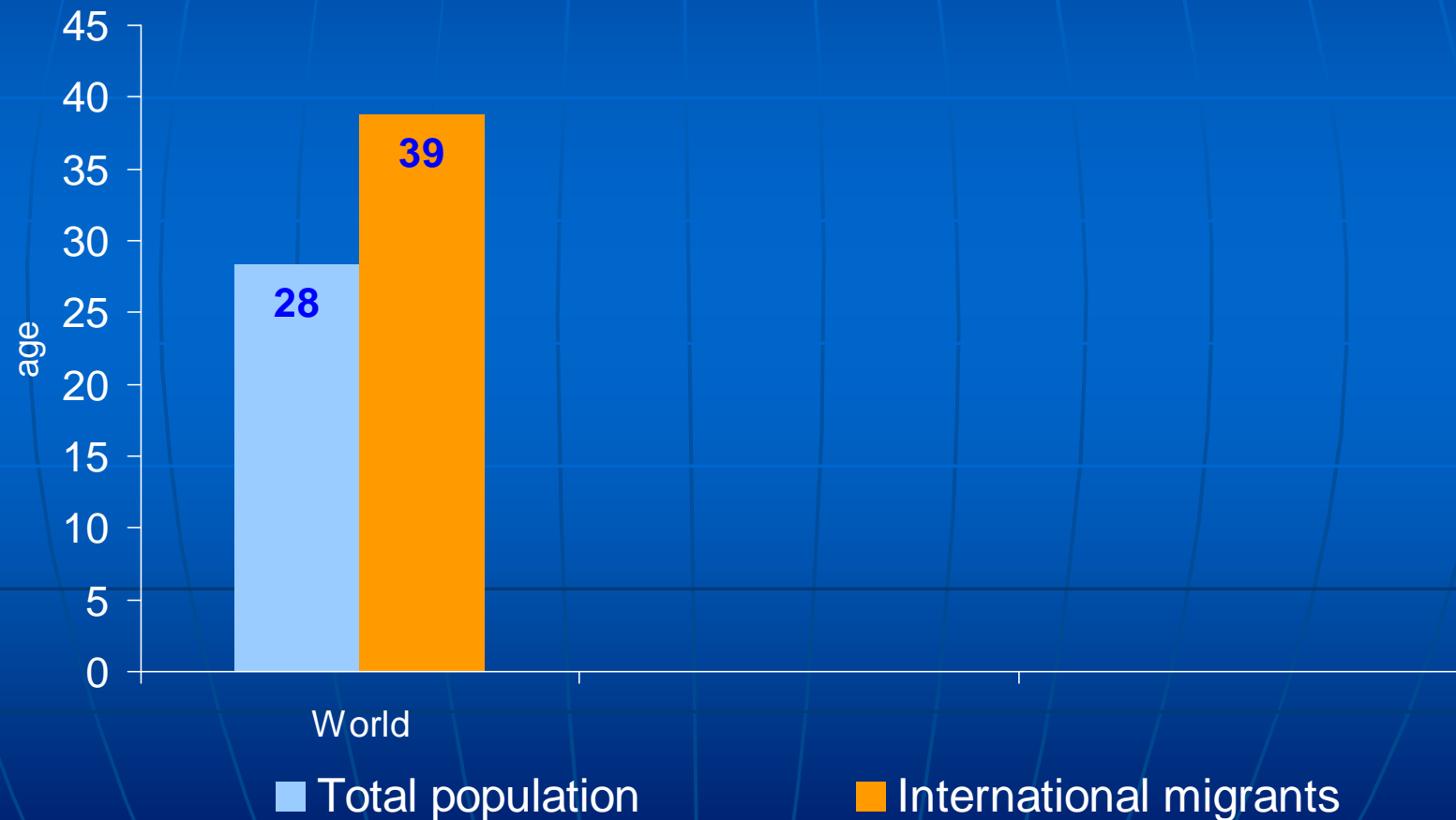
(based on migrant stock data; North: more developed regions; South: less developed regions)

Migration corridors, 2010 (in thousands)

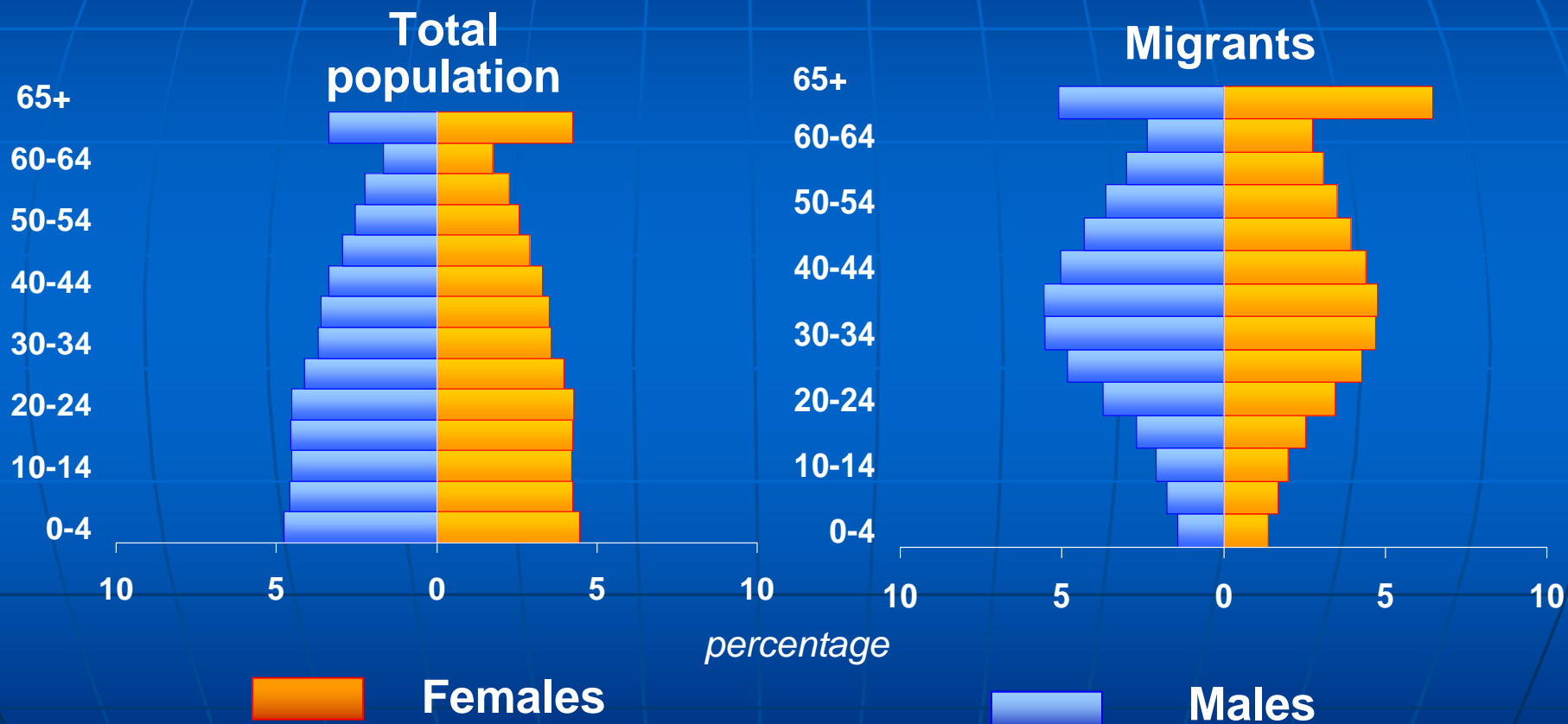
		Receiving						Total	Per cent origin
		Africa	Asia	Europe	LAC	NA	Oceania		
Sending	Africa	17,171	4,459	7,571	32	1,875	339	31,447	55
	Asia	572	48,213	18,531	321	13,861	1,946	83,445	58
	Europe	1,361	7,602	38,504	1,518	9,101	2,618	60,702	63
	LAC	97	545	4,092	4,621	23,571	102	33,029	14
	NA	51	430	848	981	1,373	163	3,845	36
	Oceania	11	75	272	8	262	848	1,476	57
Total		19,263	61,324	69,819	7,480	50,042	6,015	213,944	
Per cent destination		89	79	55	62	3	14		

Migrants by age and sex

Median age of international migrants and total population, 2010

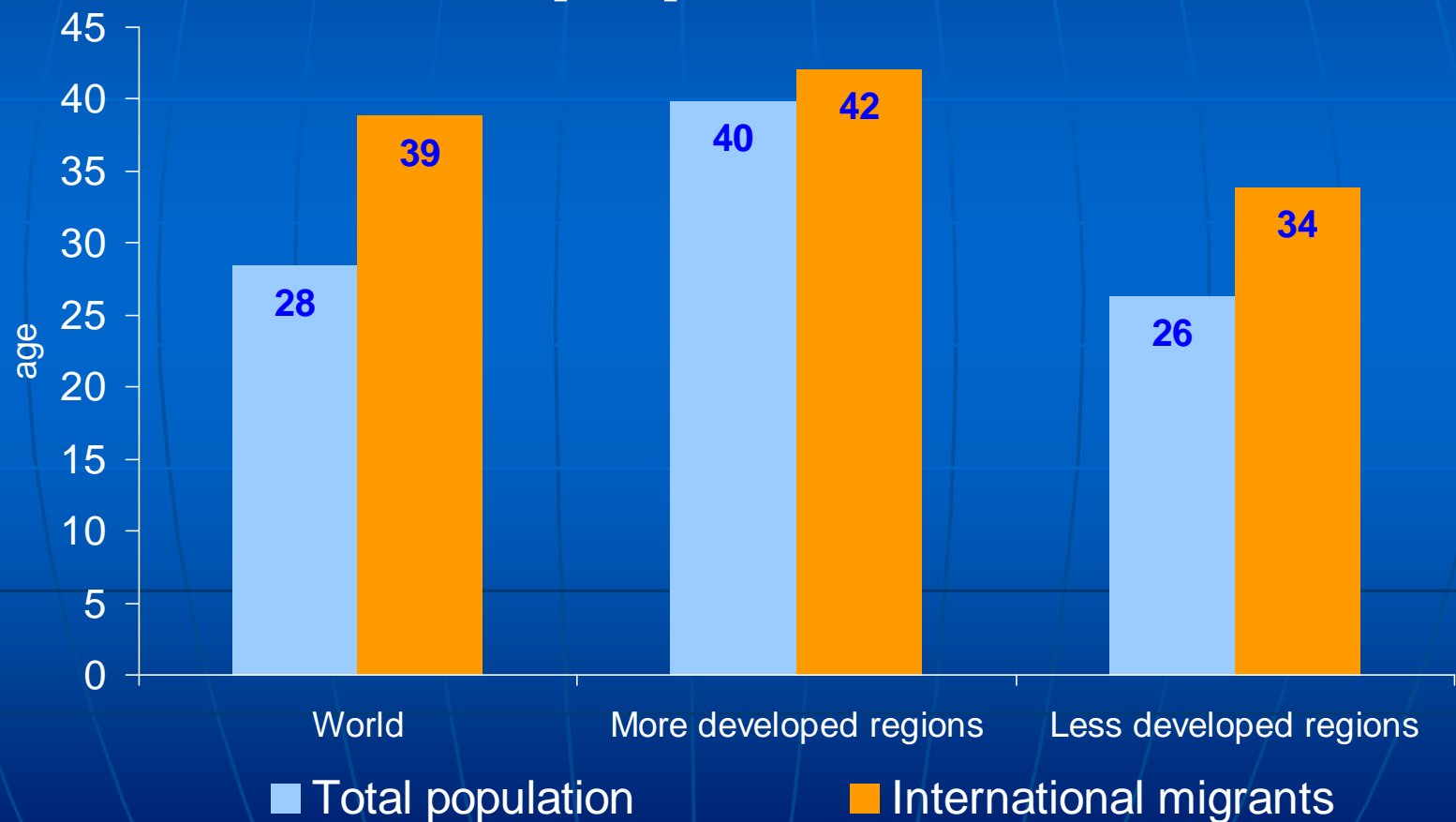


Compared to the total population, the young are underrepresented among international migrants ...

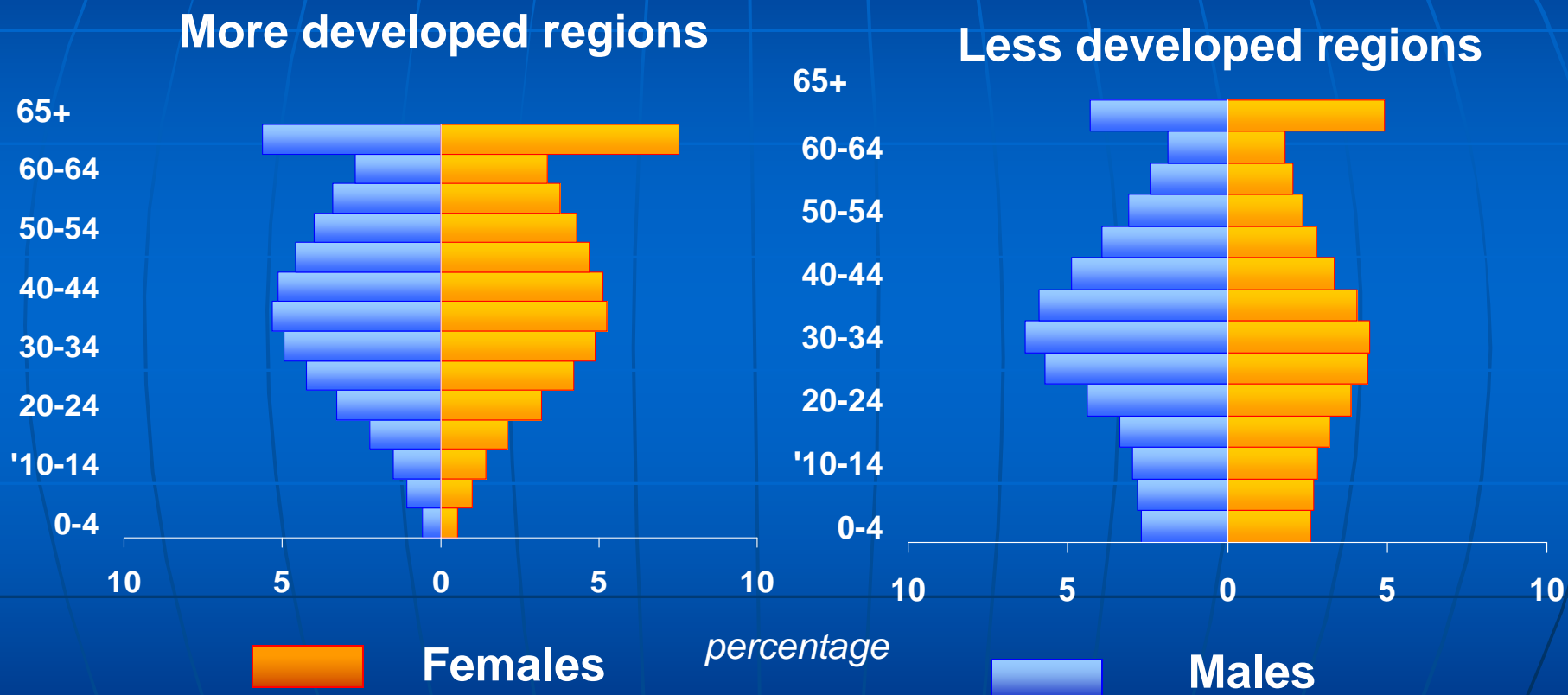


... while those of working age and over age 65 are overrepresented

Median age of international migrants and total population, 2010



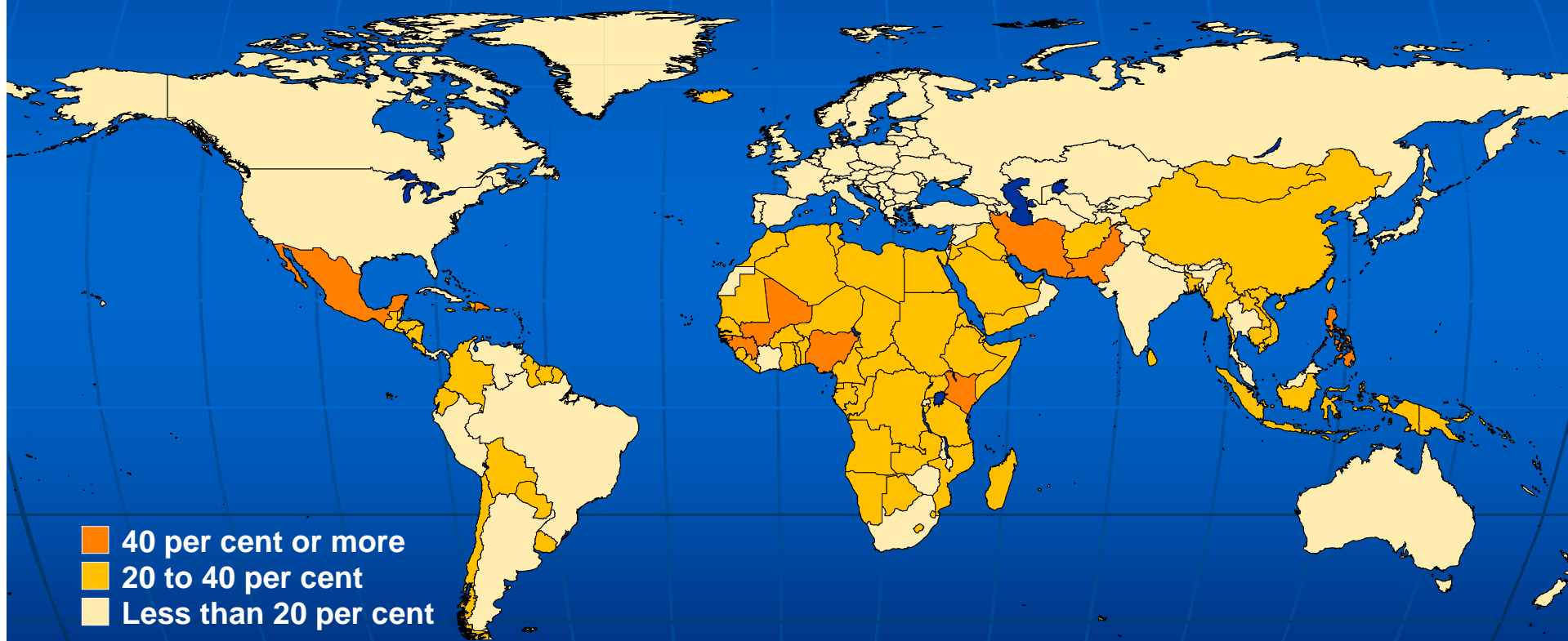
International migrants in more developed regions are older



... while those in less developed regions are younger

International migrants in Africa and Asia are relatively young ...

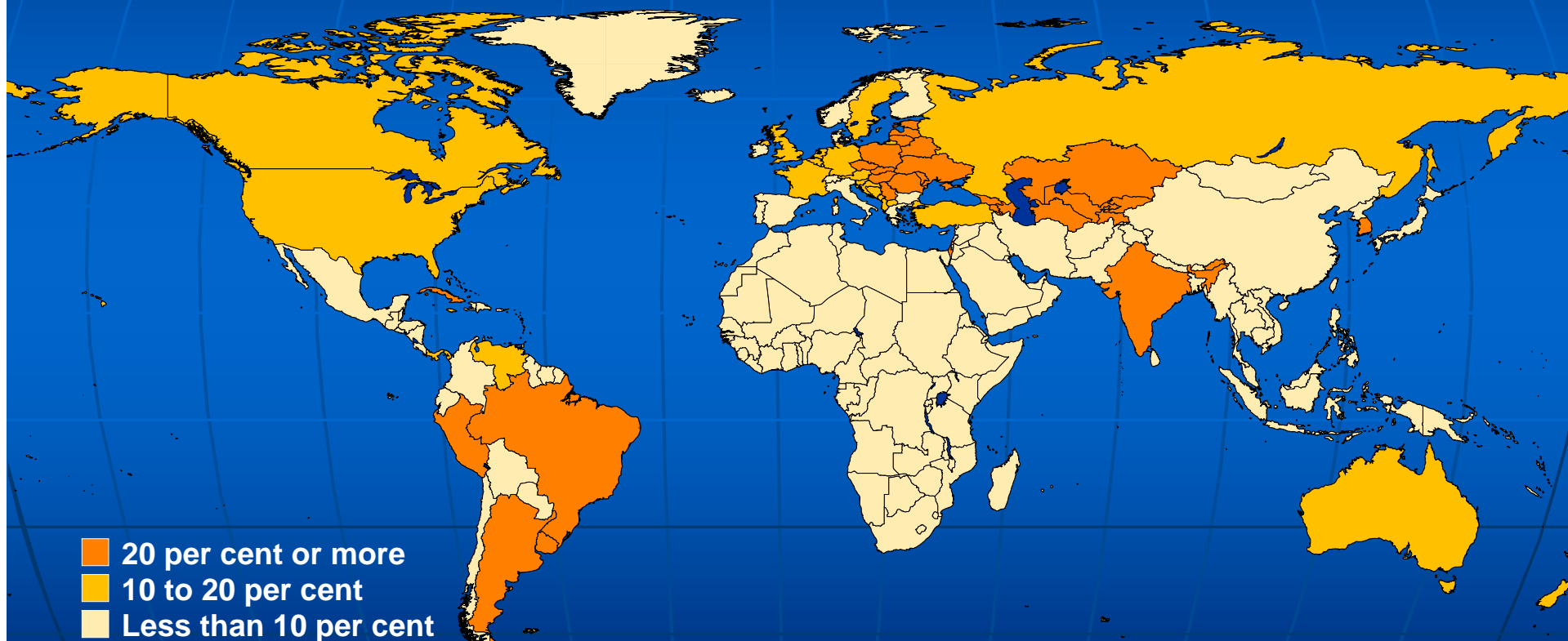
Percentage of migrant stock under age 20, 2010



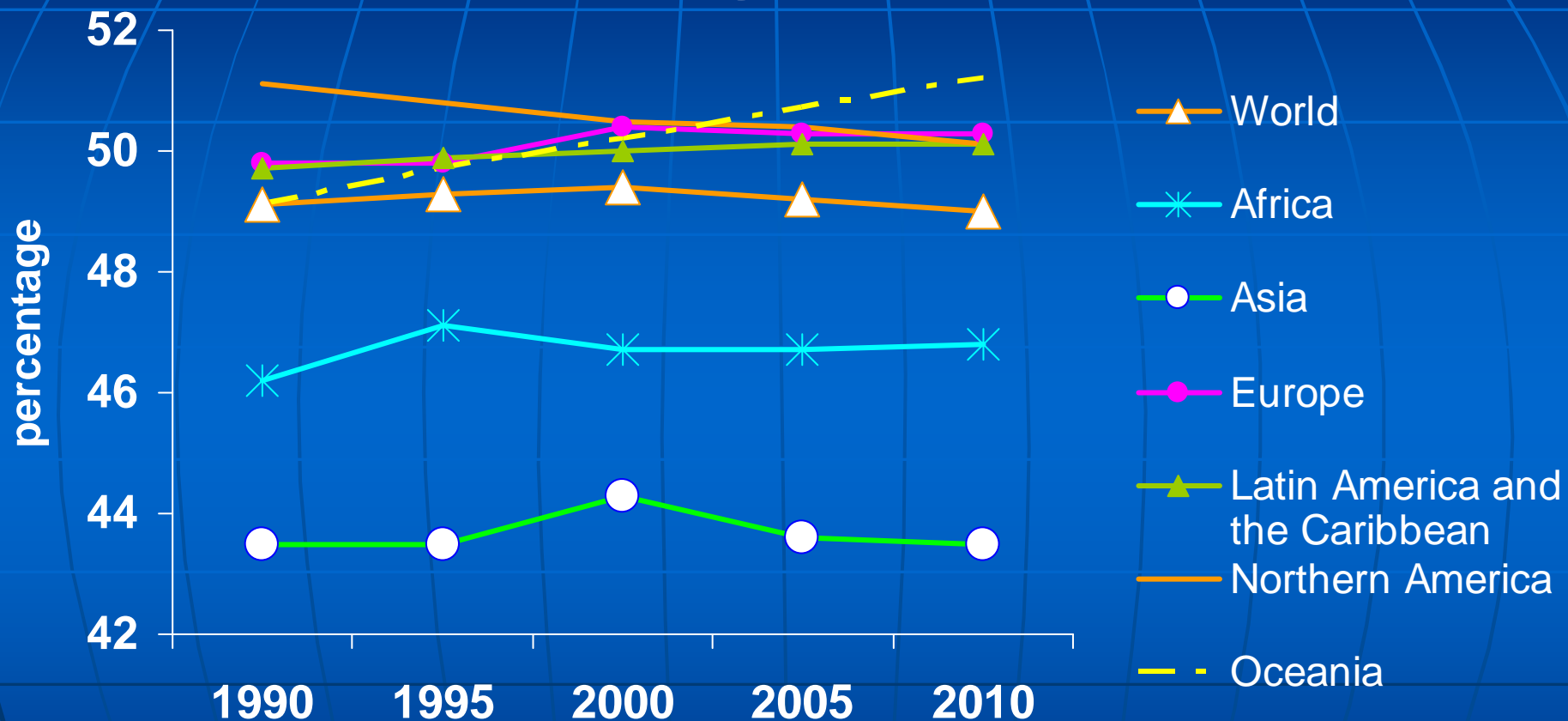
- 40 per cent or more
- 20 to 40 per cent
- Less than 20 per cent

... while they are older in Latin America and Europe

Percentage of migrant stock age 65 or over, 2010



For major areas, the share of females in the international migrant stock varies,



... however, there is no evidence for increasing feminization of migration at the global level

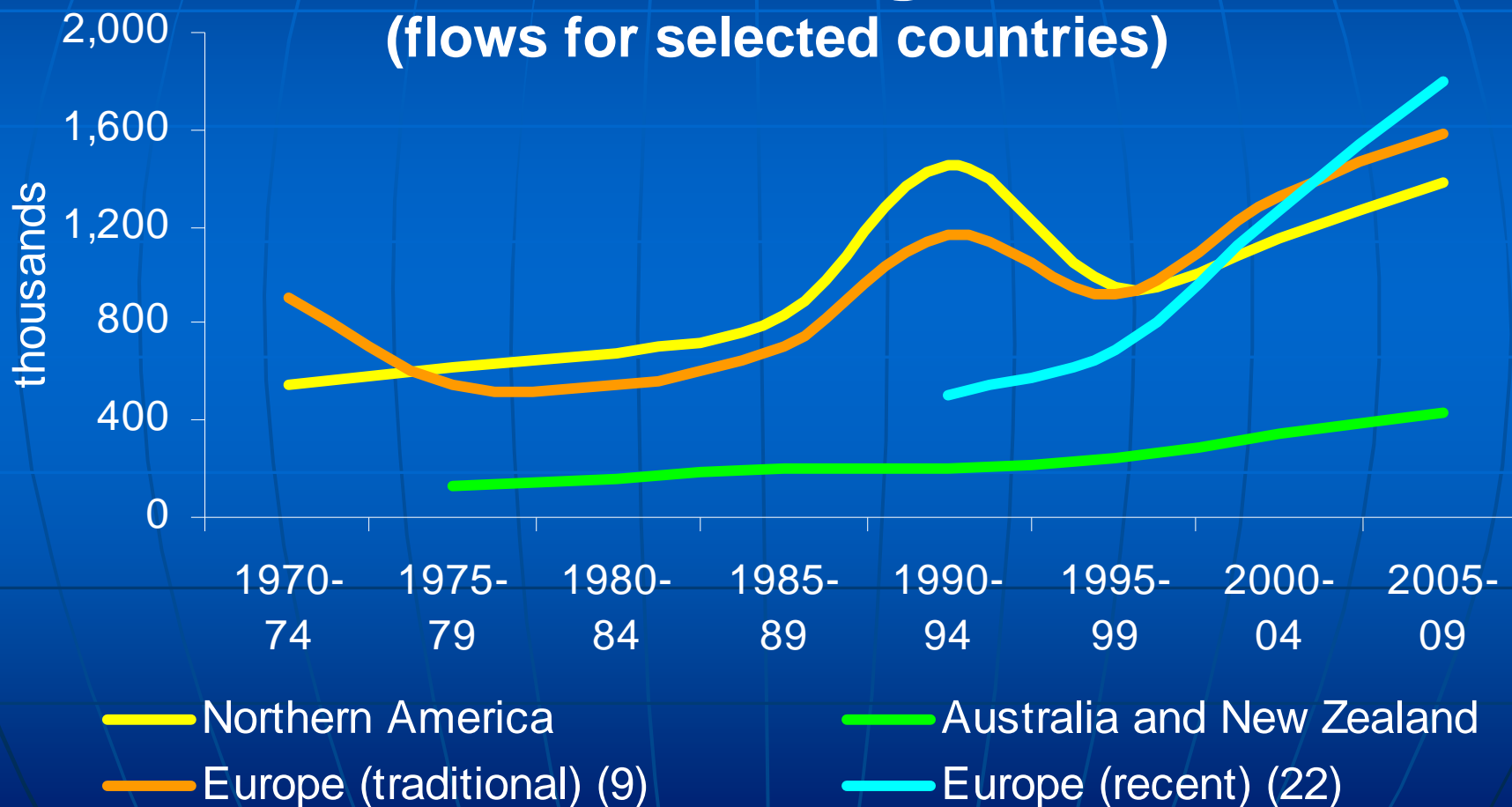


International Migration Flows

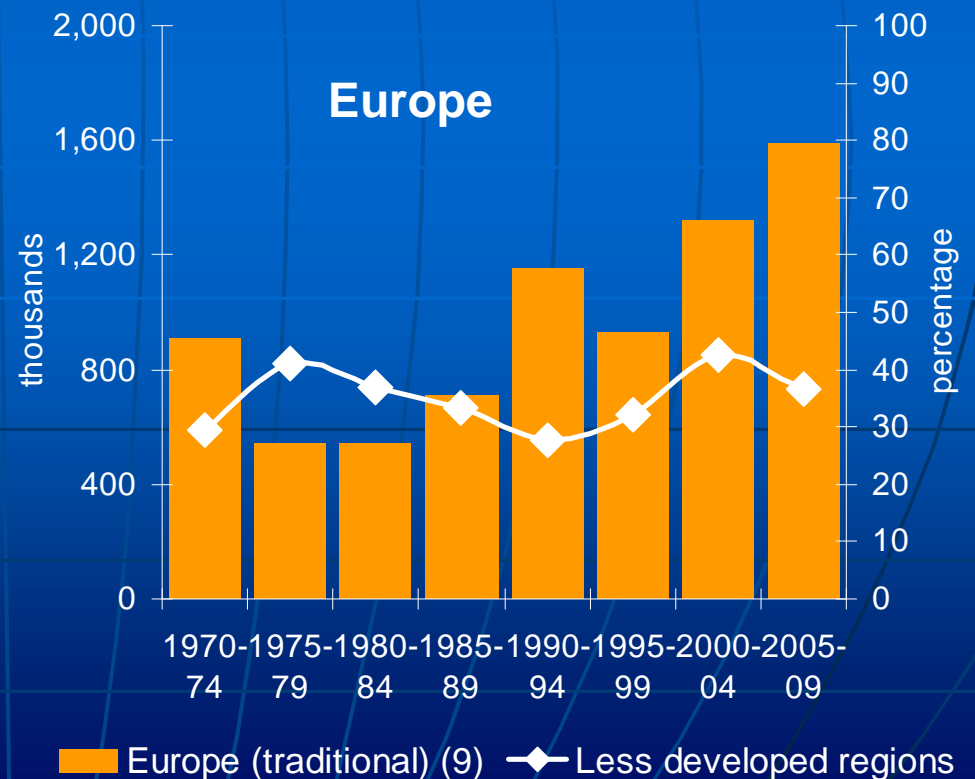
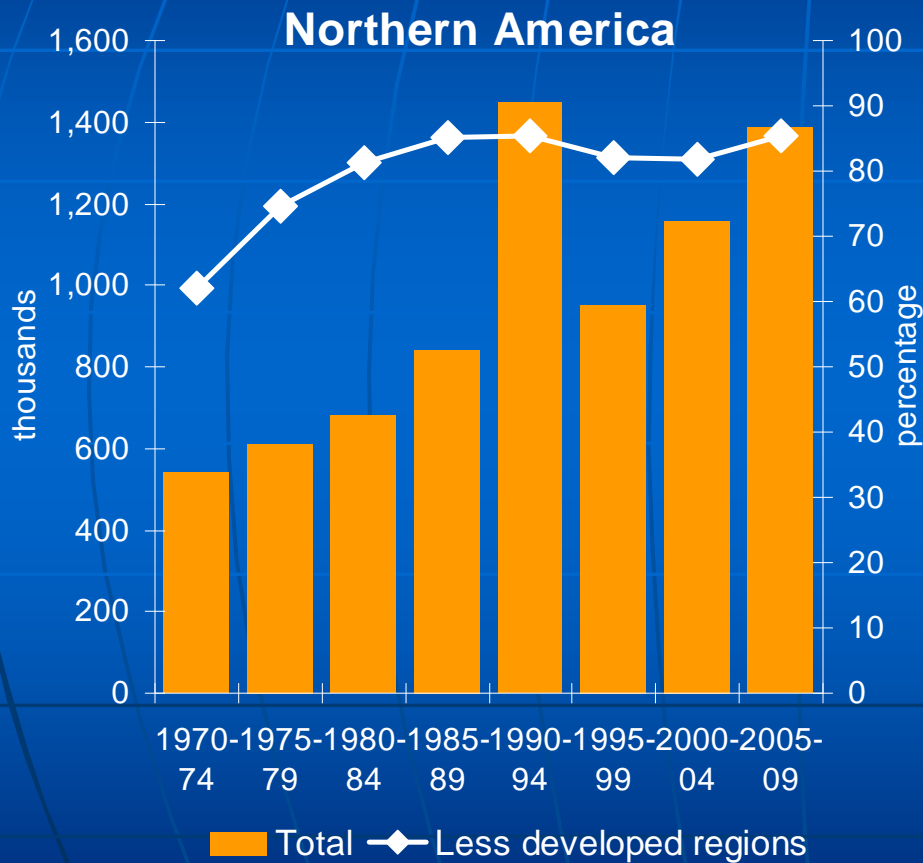
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Annual average foreign immigrant inflows increased in many countries of the world starting in the 1990s

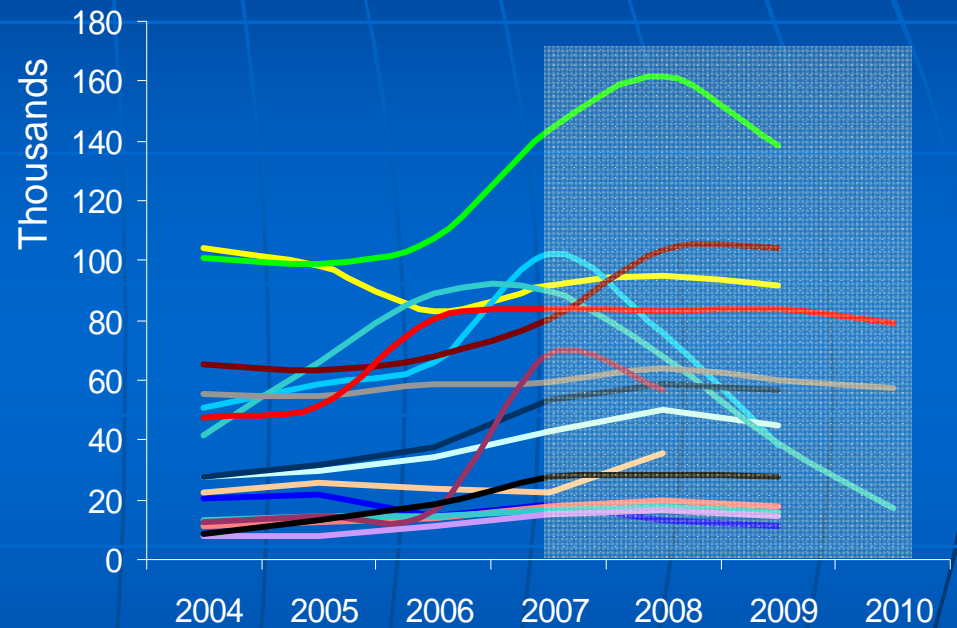
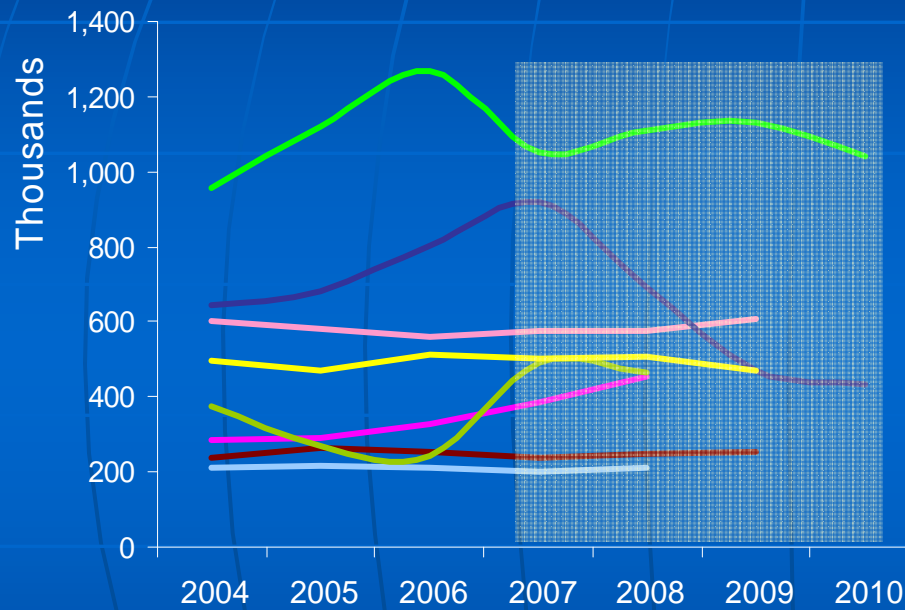
(flows for selected countries)



Role of South - North migration in immigration flows



Impact of the financial crisis: inflows of foreigners

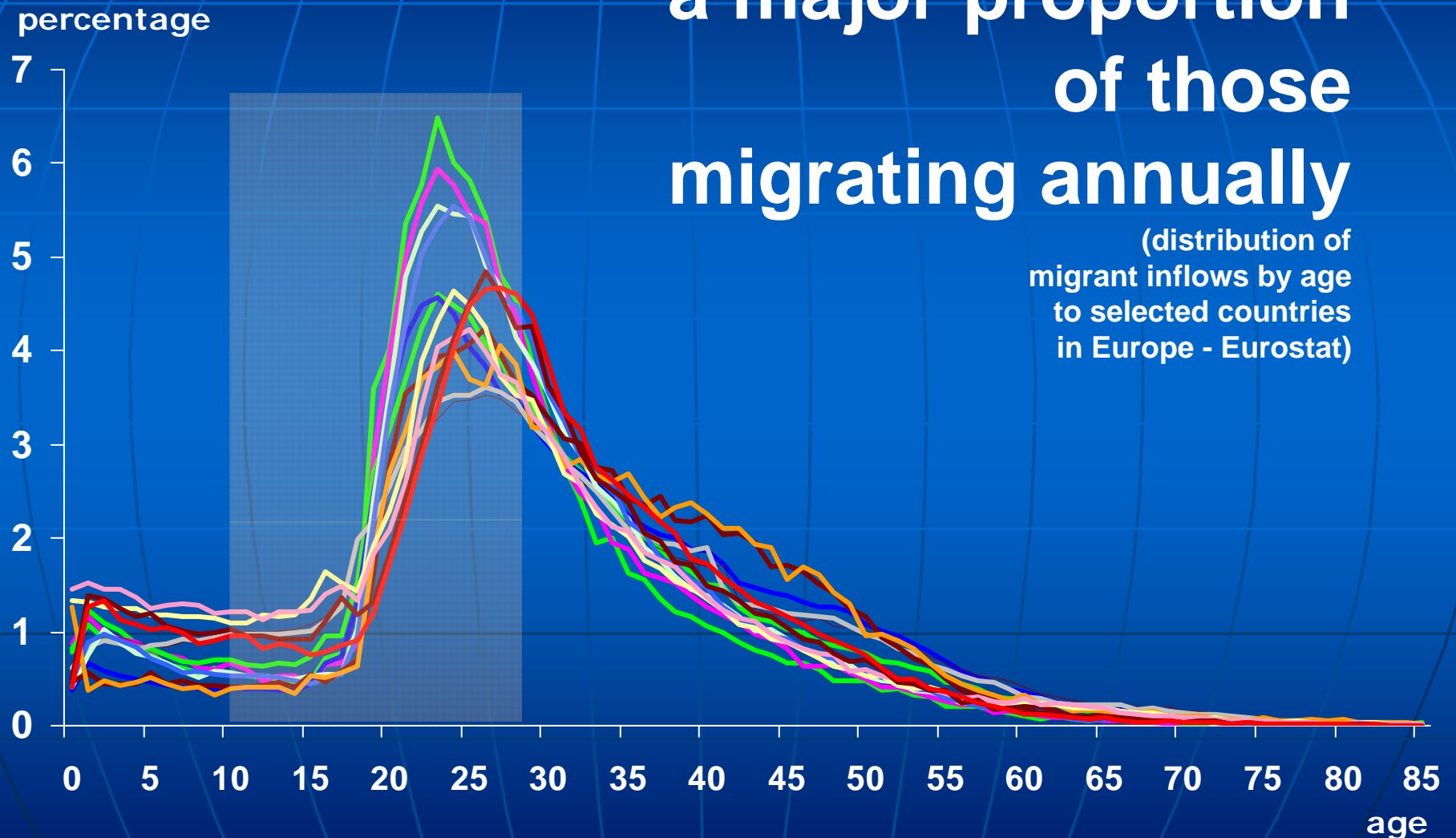


- Australia
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Spain
- United Kingdom
- United States

- Austria
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Russian Federation
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- Switzerland

Young people constitute a major proportion of those migrating annually

(distribution of
migrant inflows by age
to selected countries
in Europe - Eurostat)



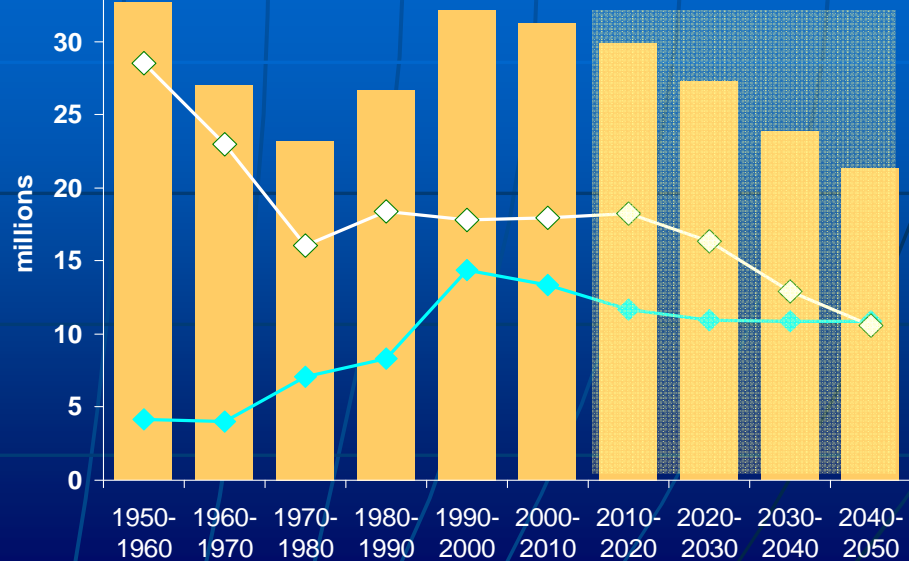
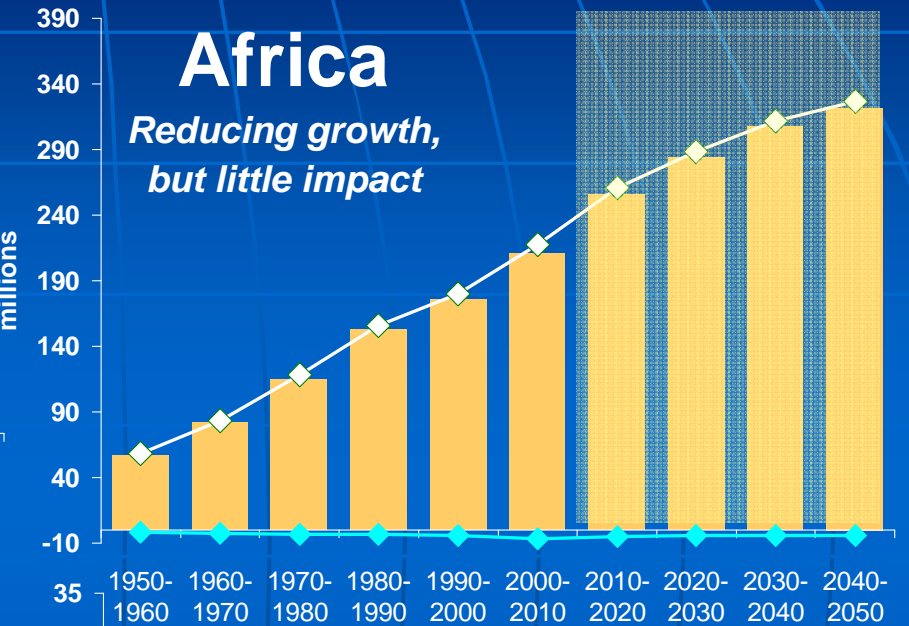
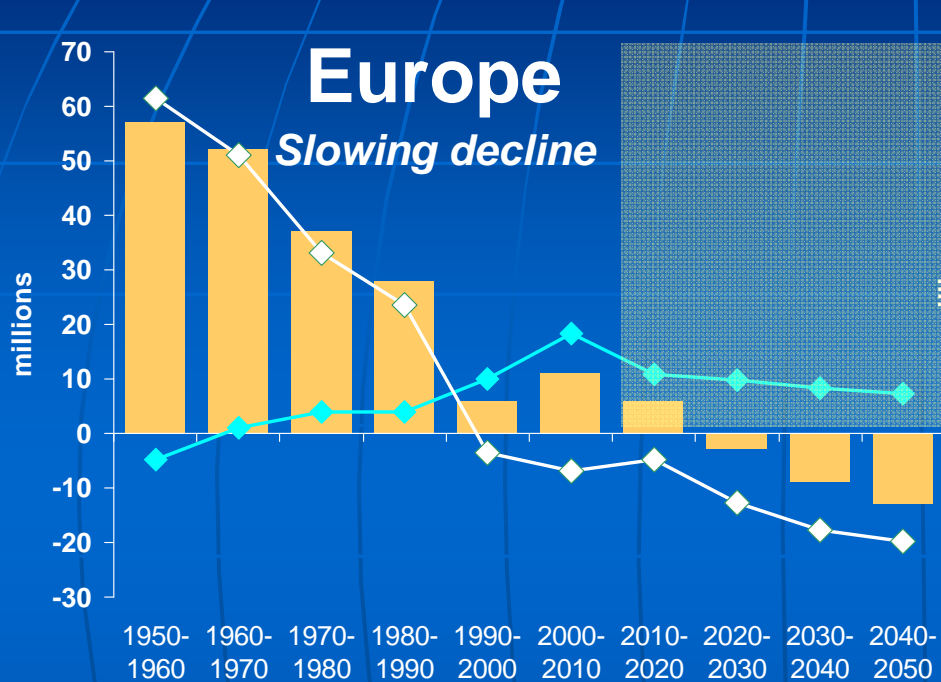
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Net Migration

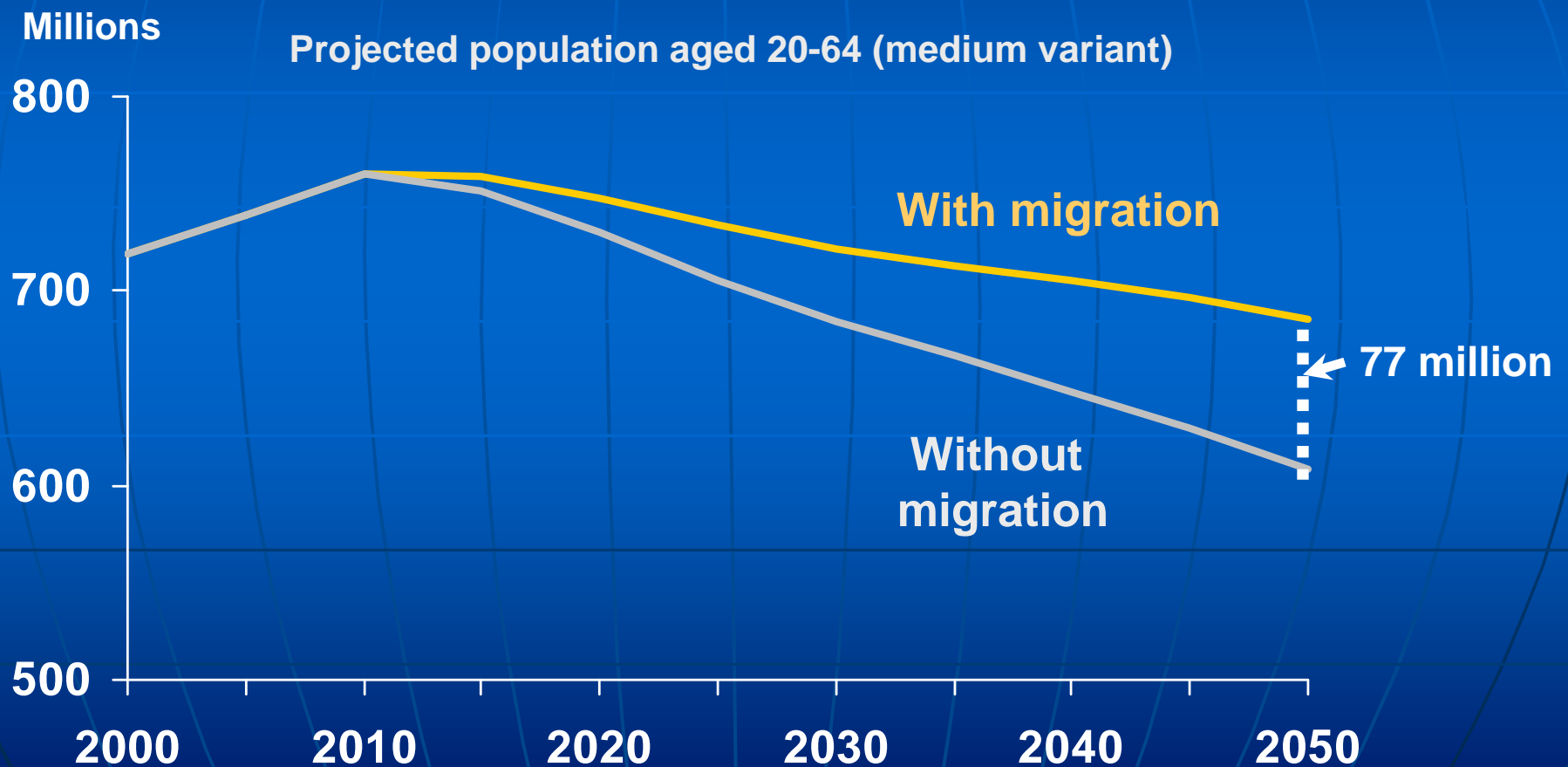
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International migration can have an impact on overall population change

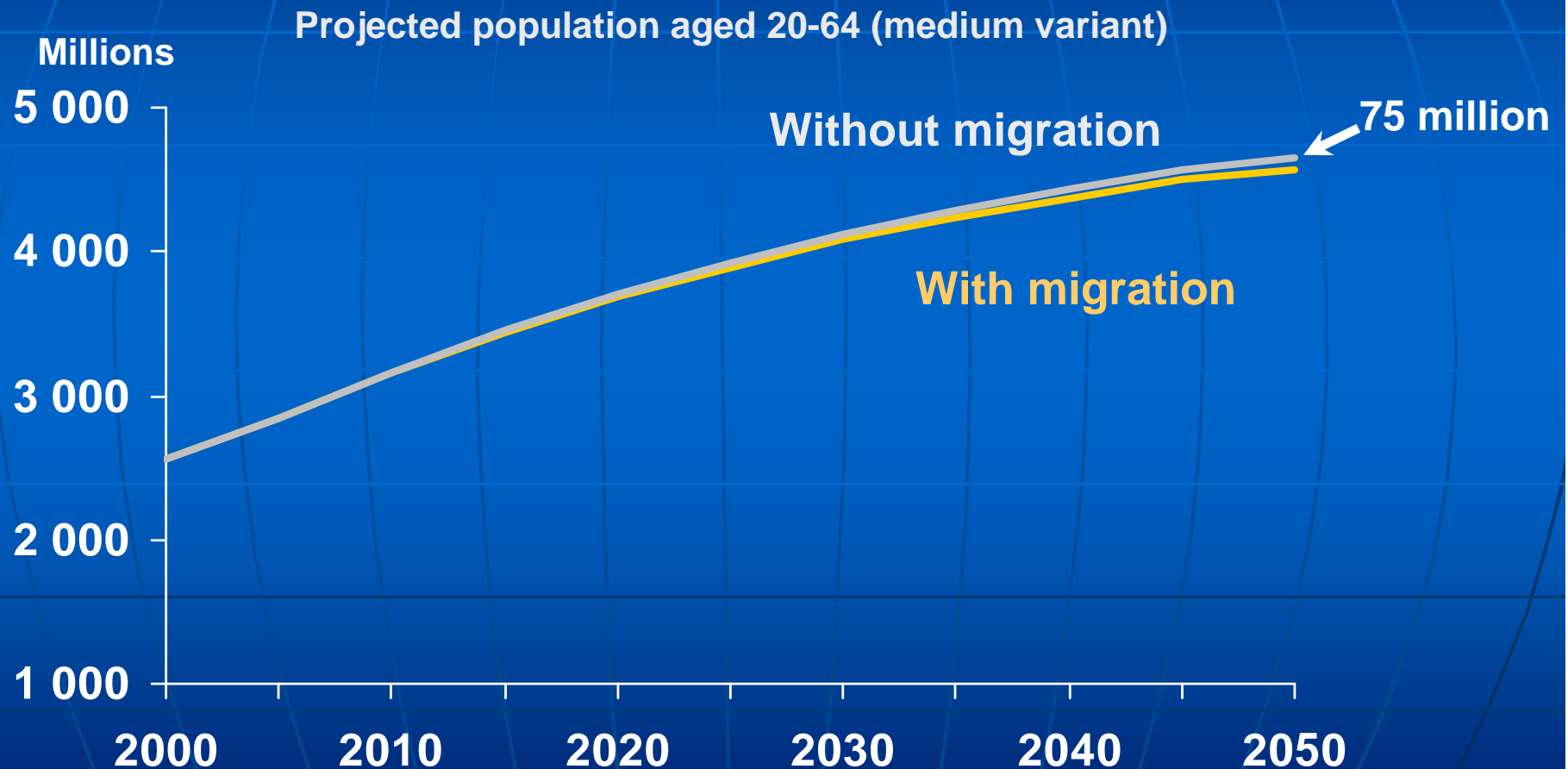


- Total net change
- Immigration-emigration
- Births-deaths

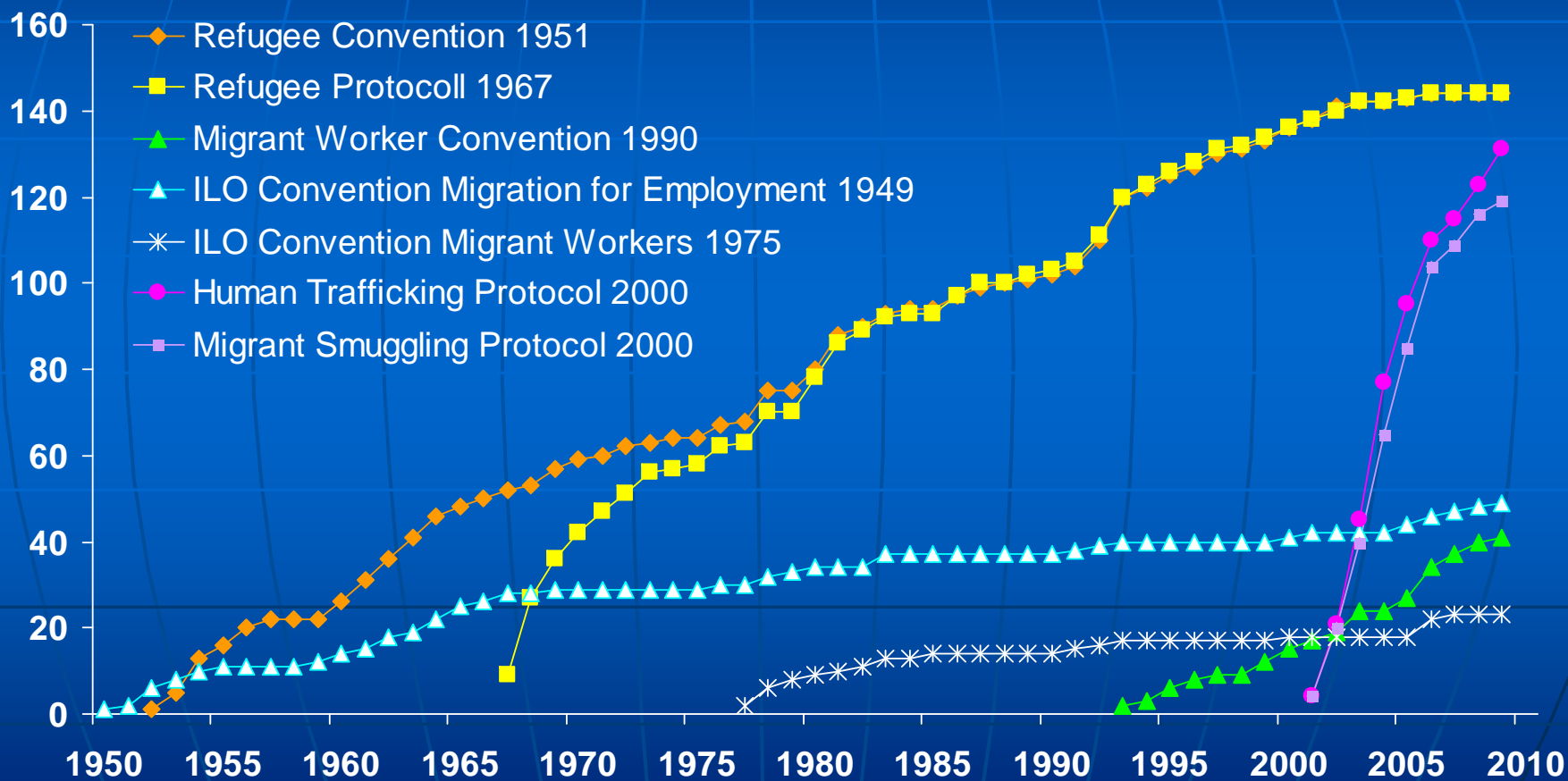
Without international migration, the working-age population in more developed regions would decline by 77 million or 11 per cent by 2050



While in less developed regions, the impact of international migration on the size of the working-age population is negligible

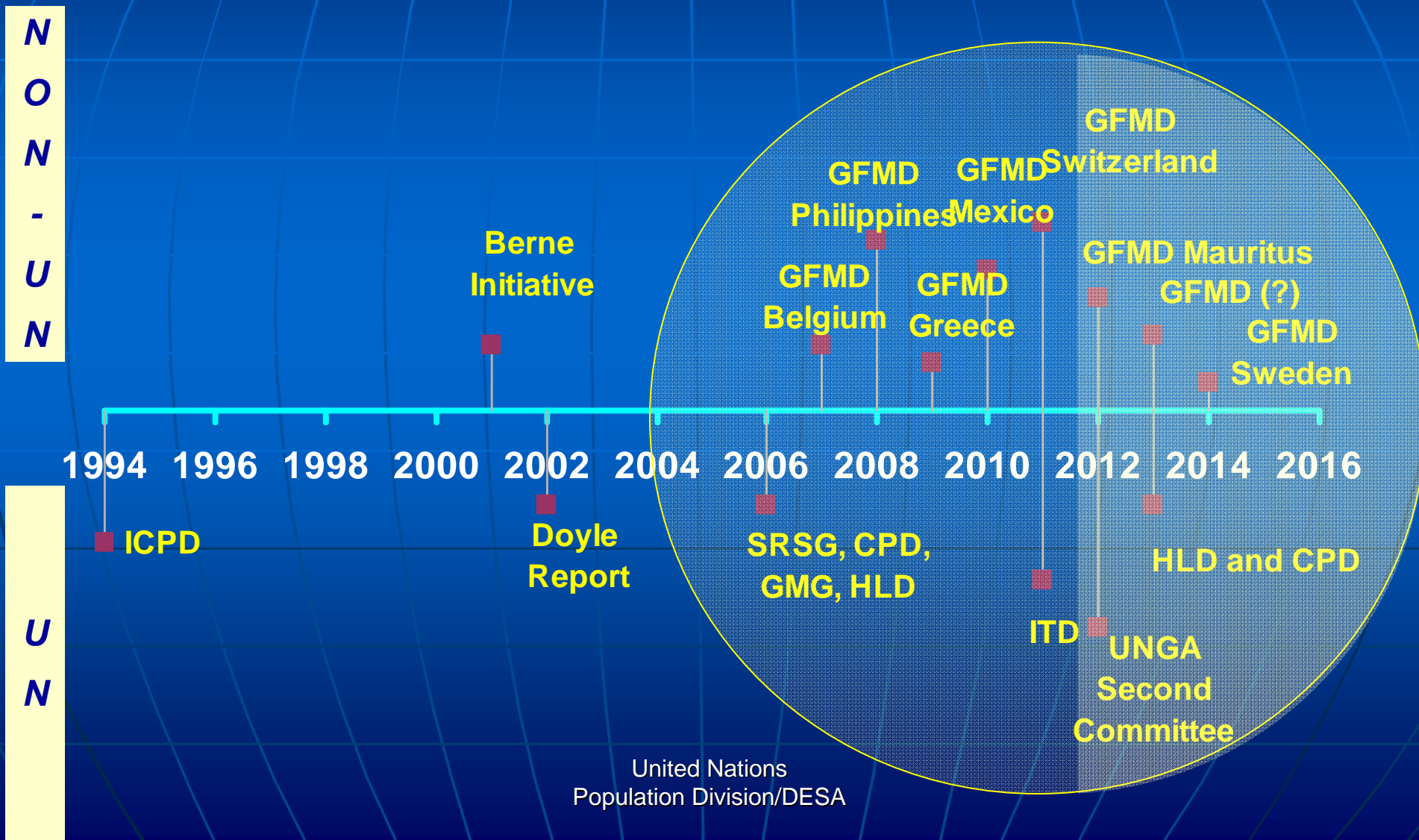


Status of ratification of legal instruments related to international migration by Member States, 1950-2009*



*Of Member States of the United Nations (192) or of them International Labour Organization (183); as of July 2009.

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