

Demographic dynamics of youth



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The United Nations defines 'youth' as those persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years. This definition was made during preparations for the International Youth Year (1985) and endorsed by the General Assembly

Definitions used in this presentation

Youth: Persons aged 15 to 24

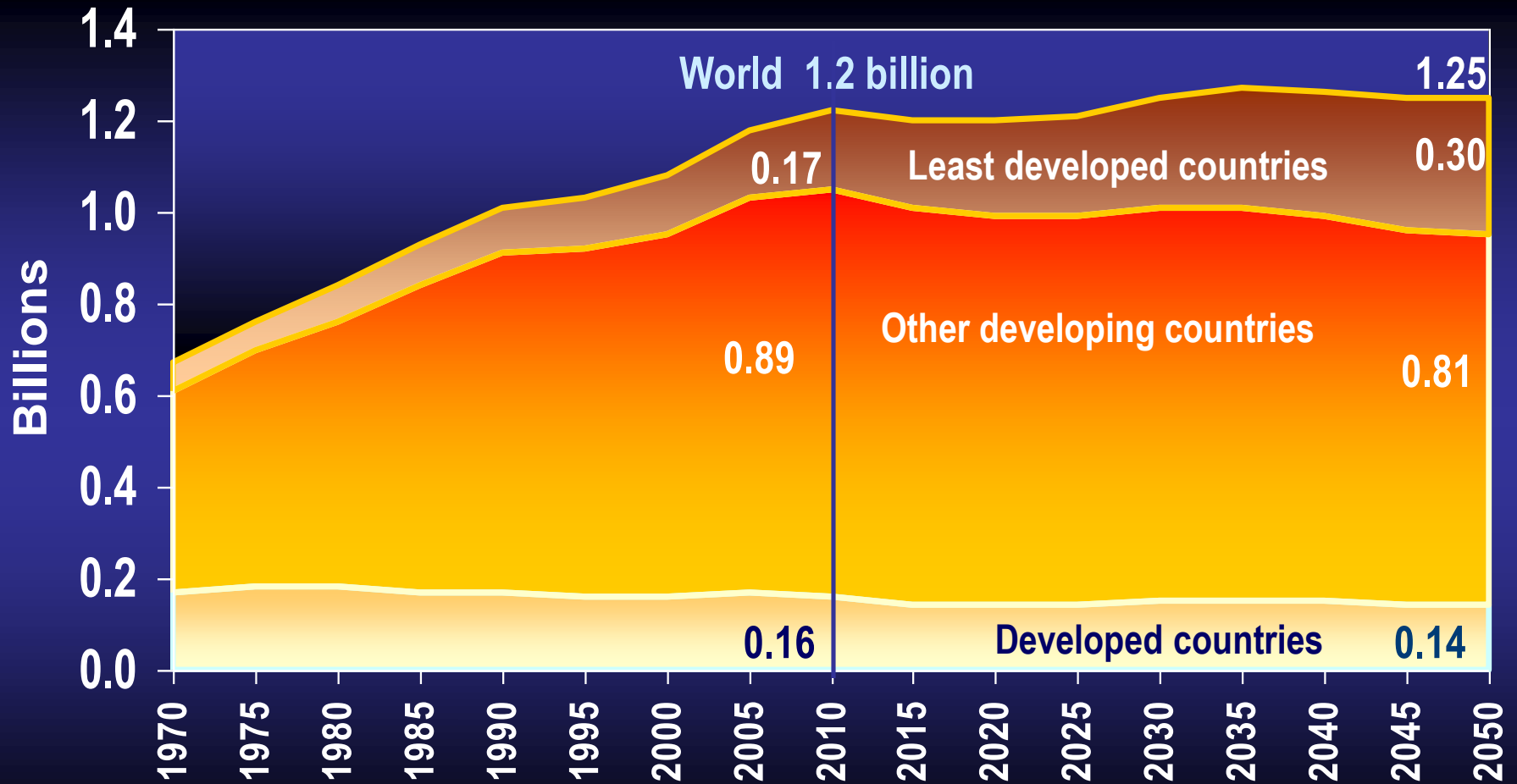
Adolescents: Persons aged 15 to 19

Young adults: Persons aged 20 to 24

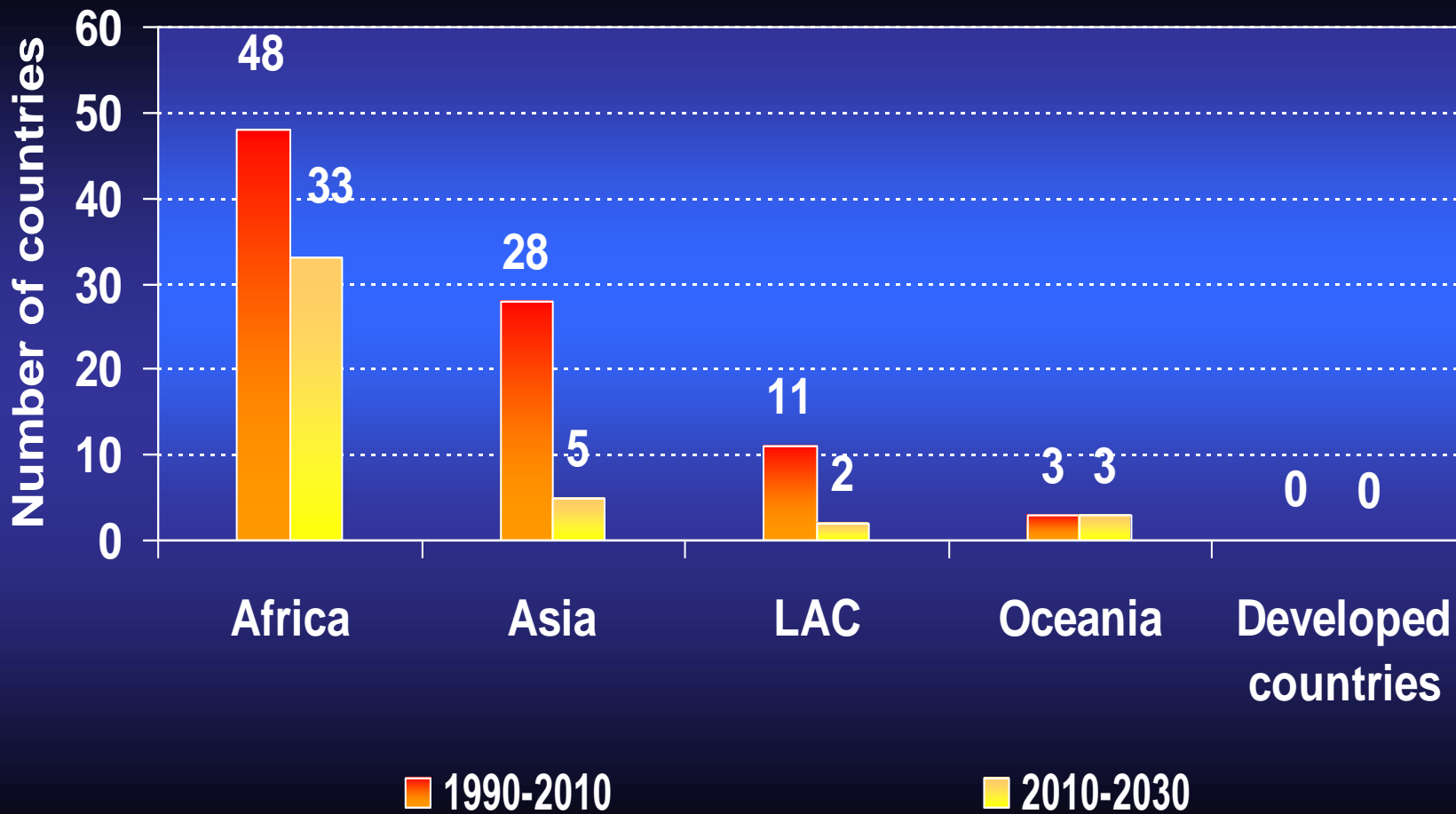
- 1. Population dynamics**
- 2. Age structure**
- 3. Marriage**
- 4. Adolescent fertility**
- 5. Use of contraception**
- 6. Mortality**
- 7. International migration**

1. Population dynamics

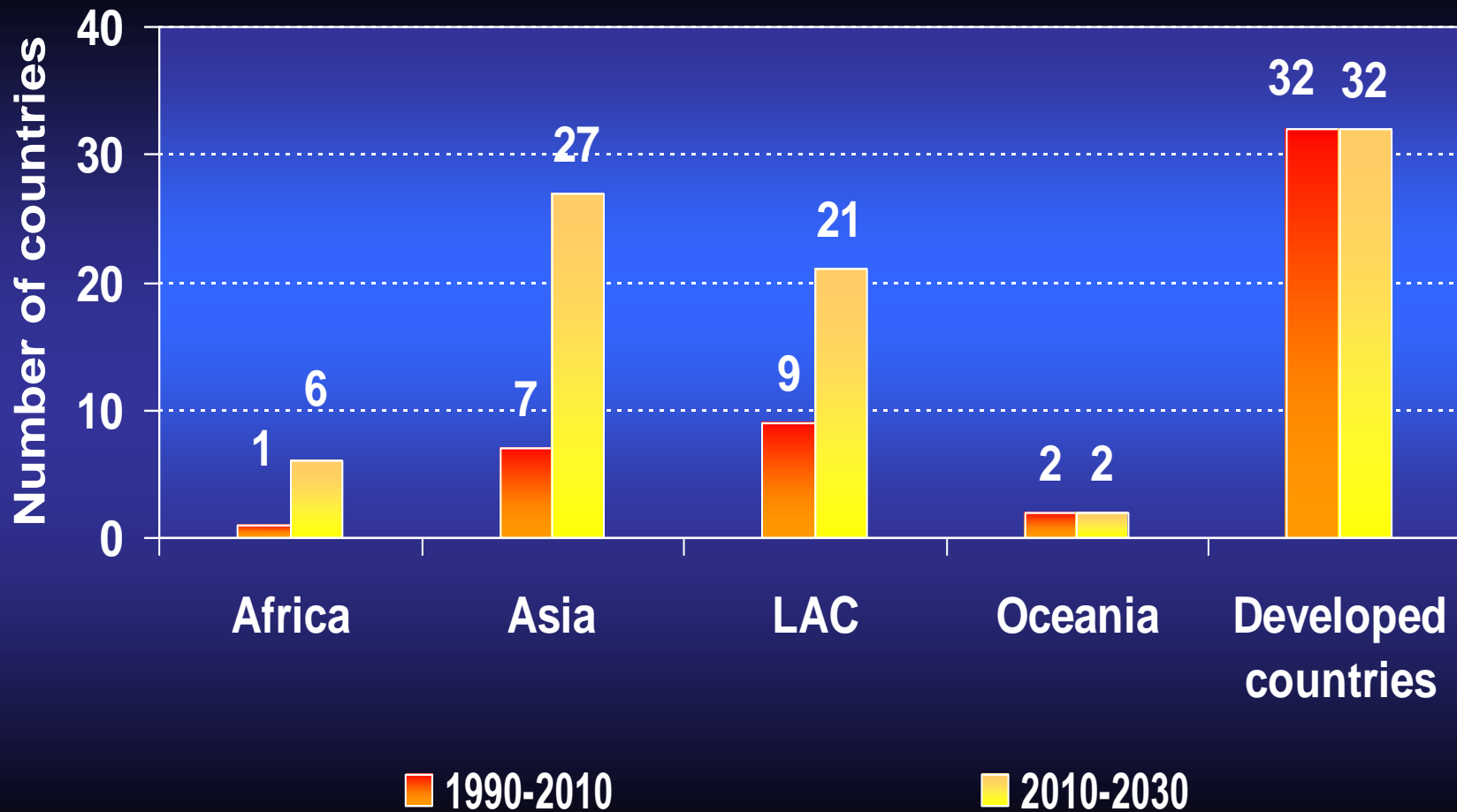
Population aged 15 to 24



The number of countries with rapidly rising populations aged 15 to 24 will decrease

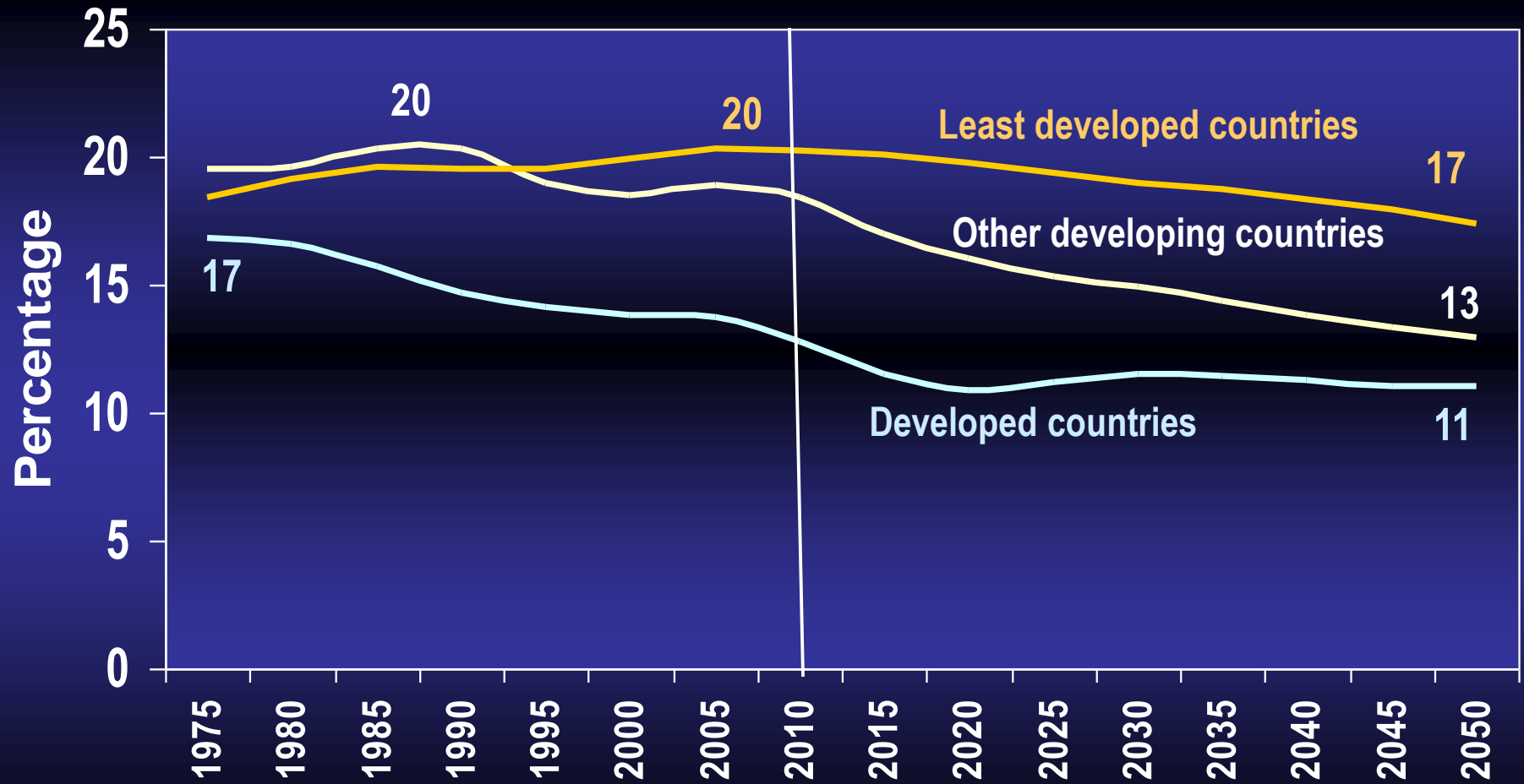


The number of countries with declining populations aged 15 to 24 will increase

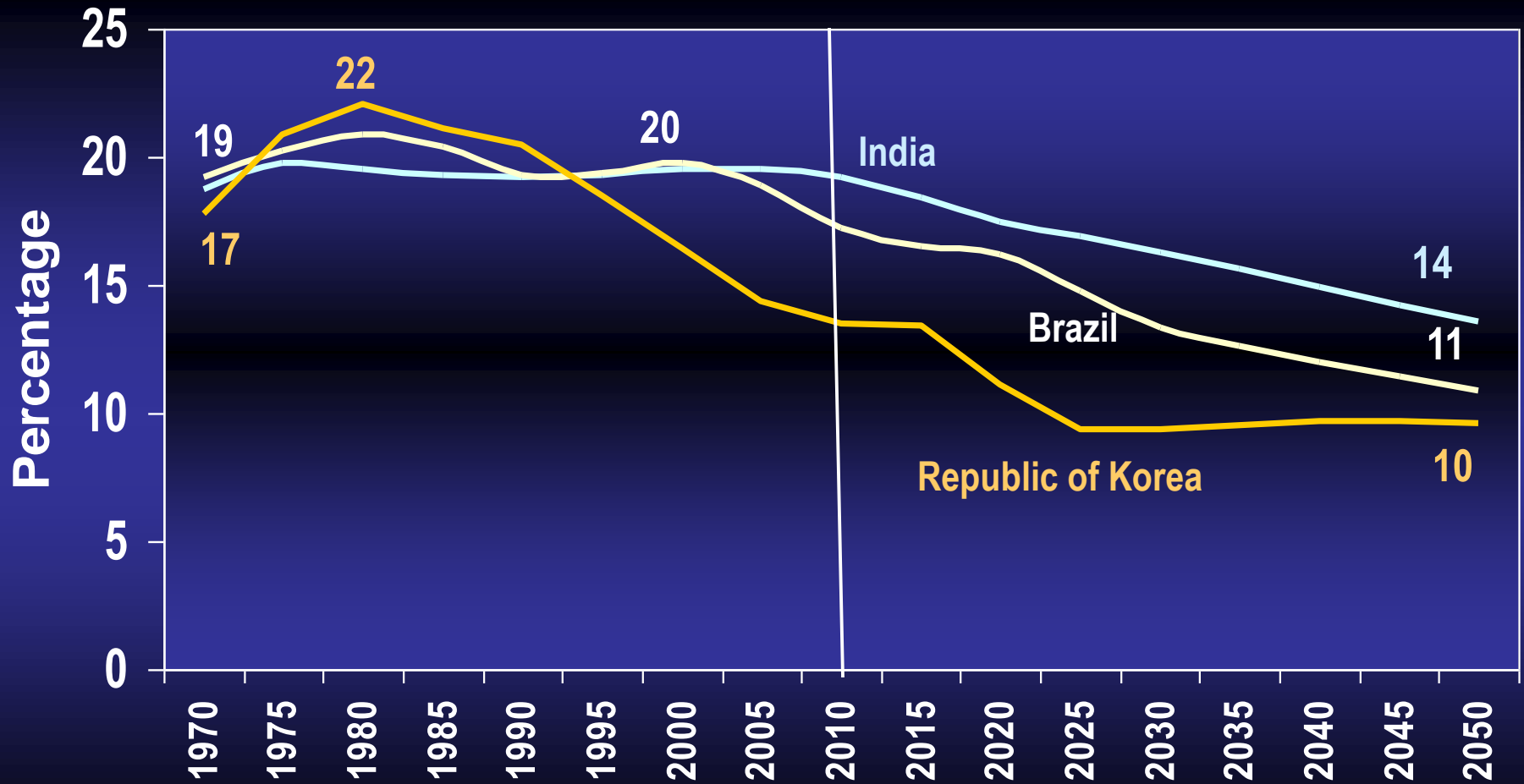


2. Age structure

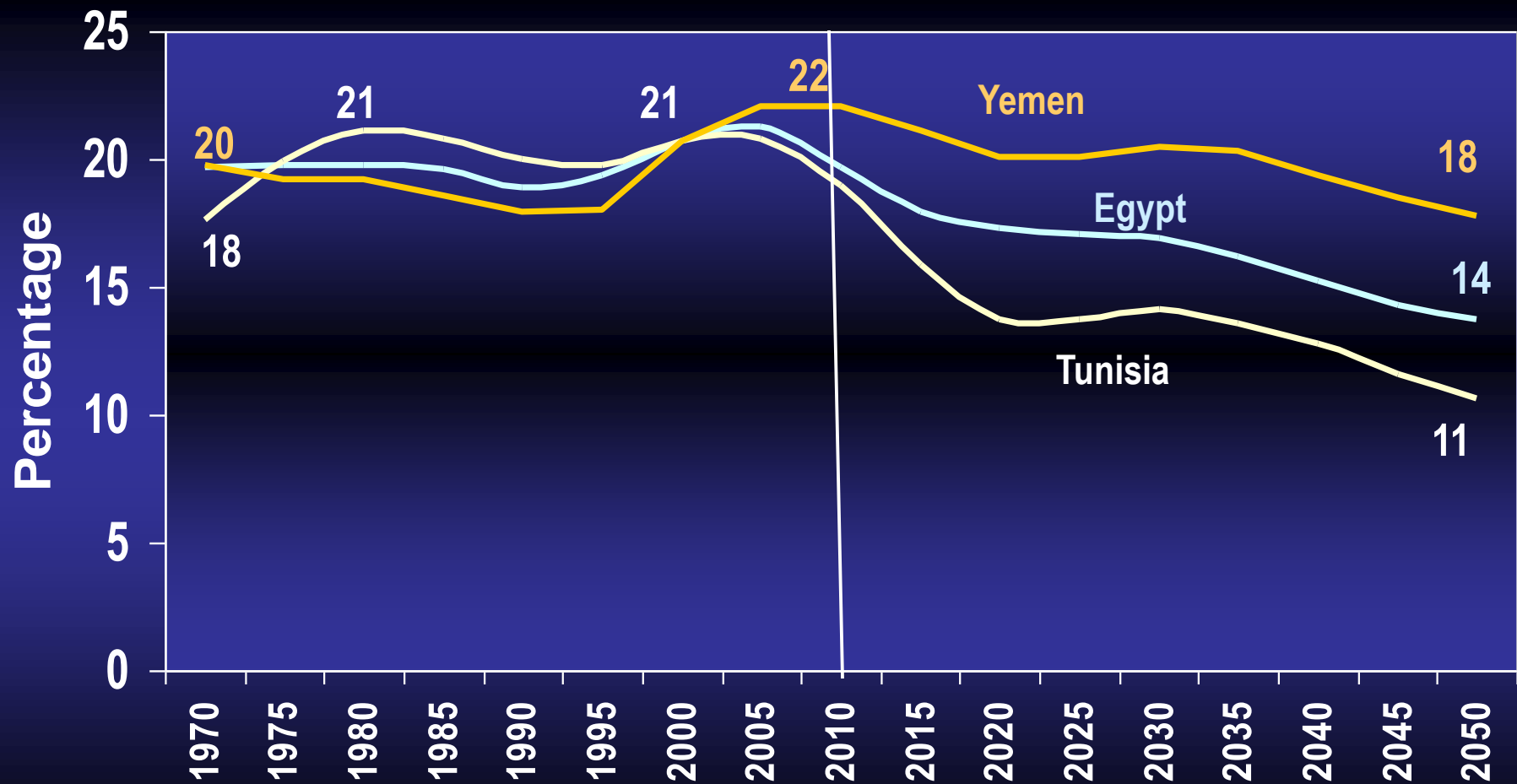
Population aged 15-24 as percentage of the total population



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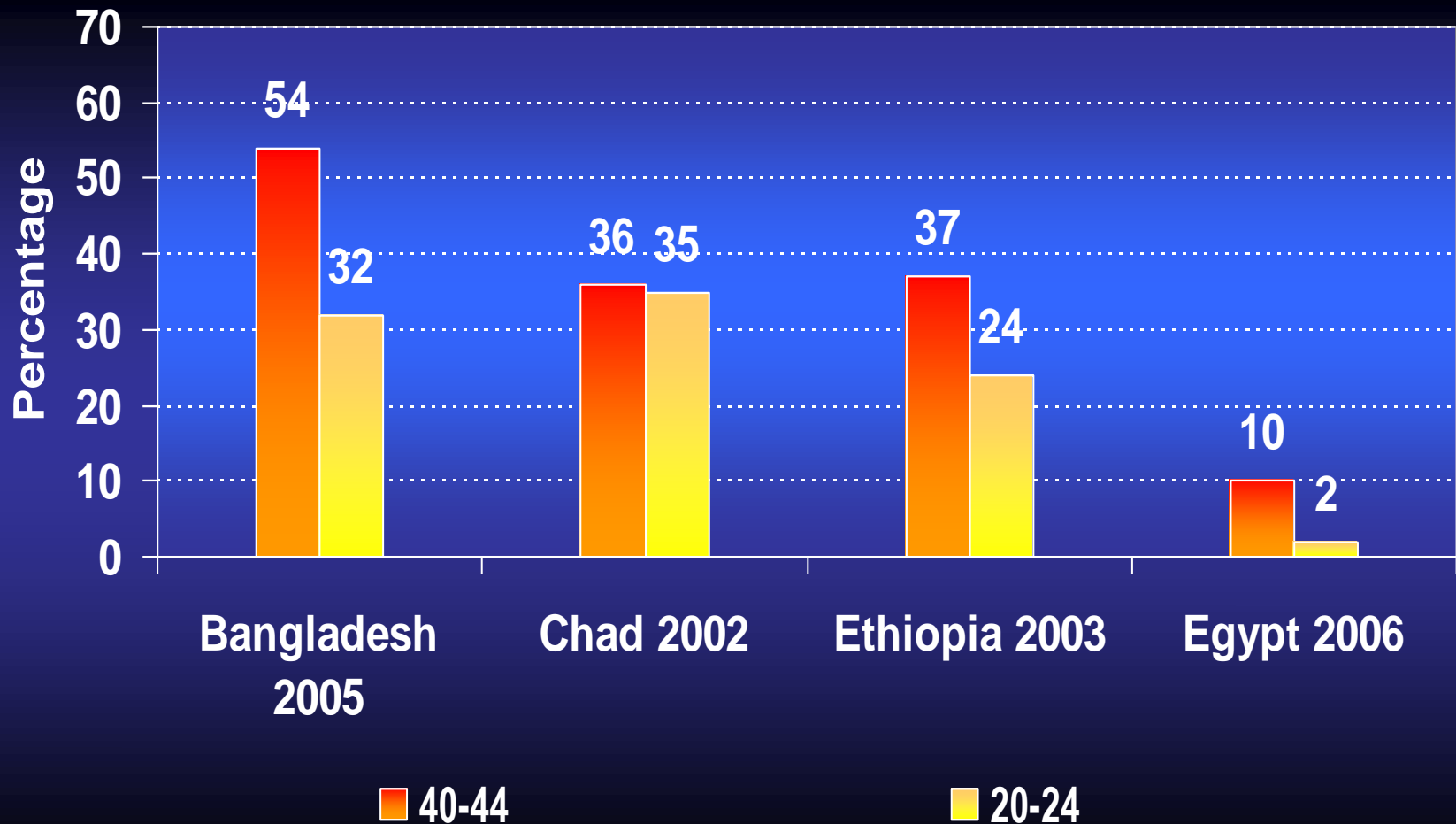


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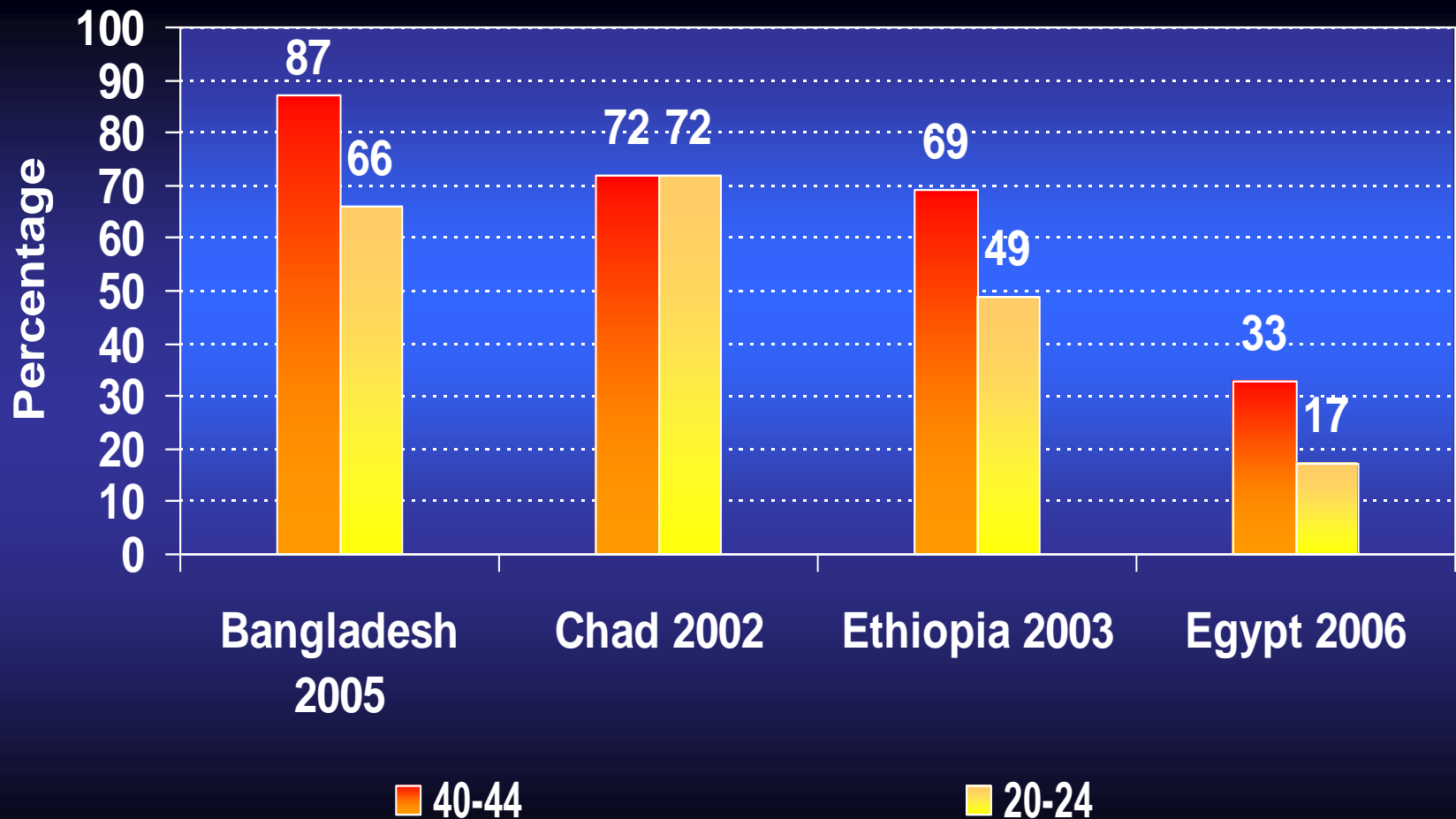


3. Marriage

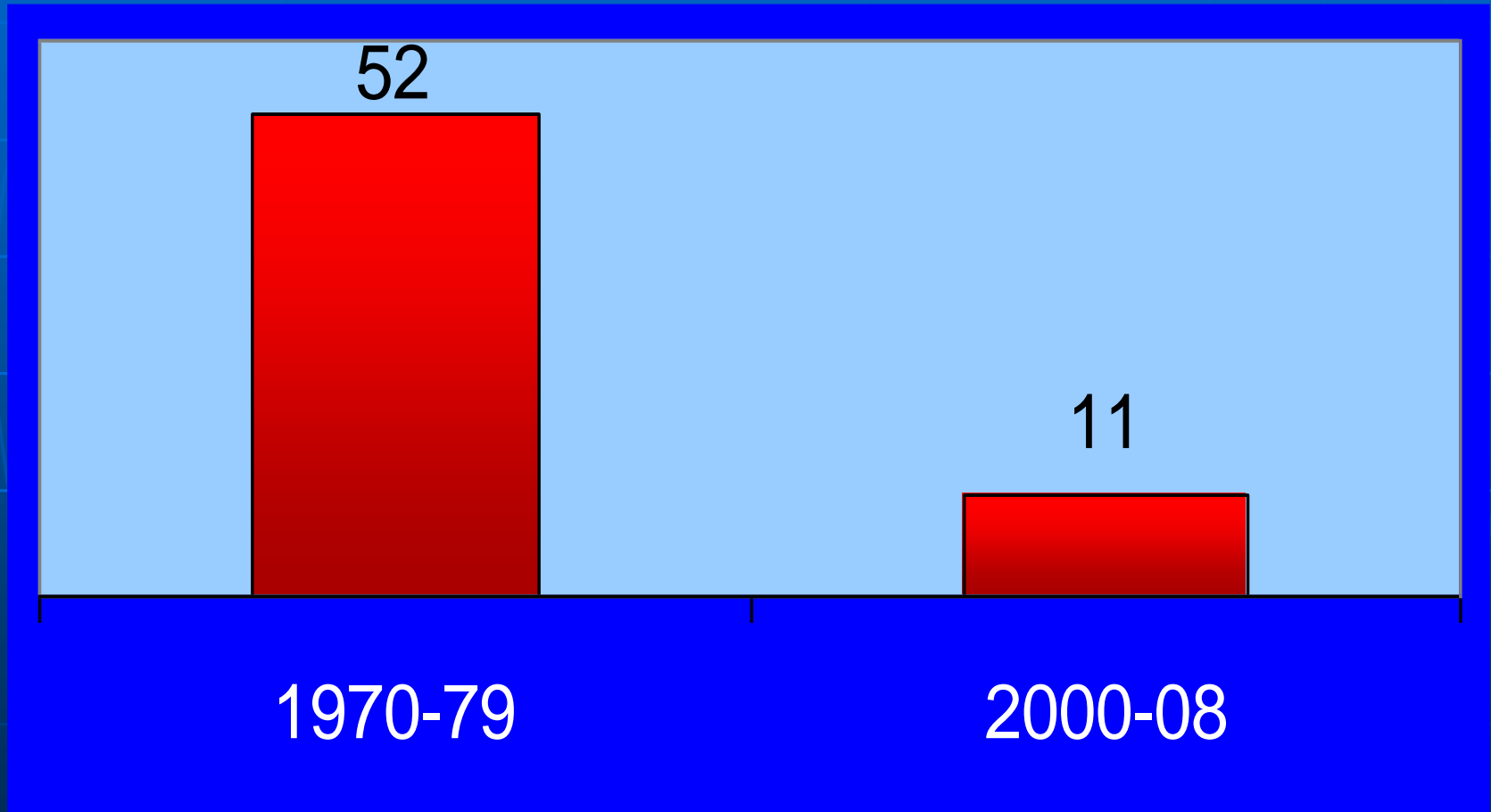
Percentage of females married by age 15 of women aged 20-24 and 40-44



Percentage of females married by age 18 of women aged 20-24 and 40-44

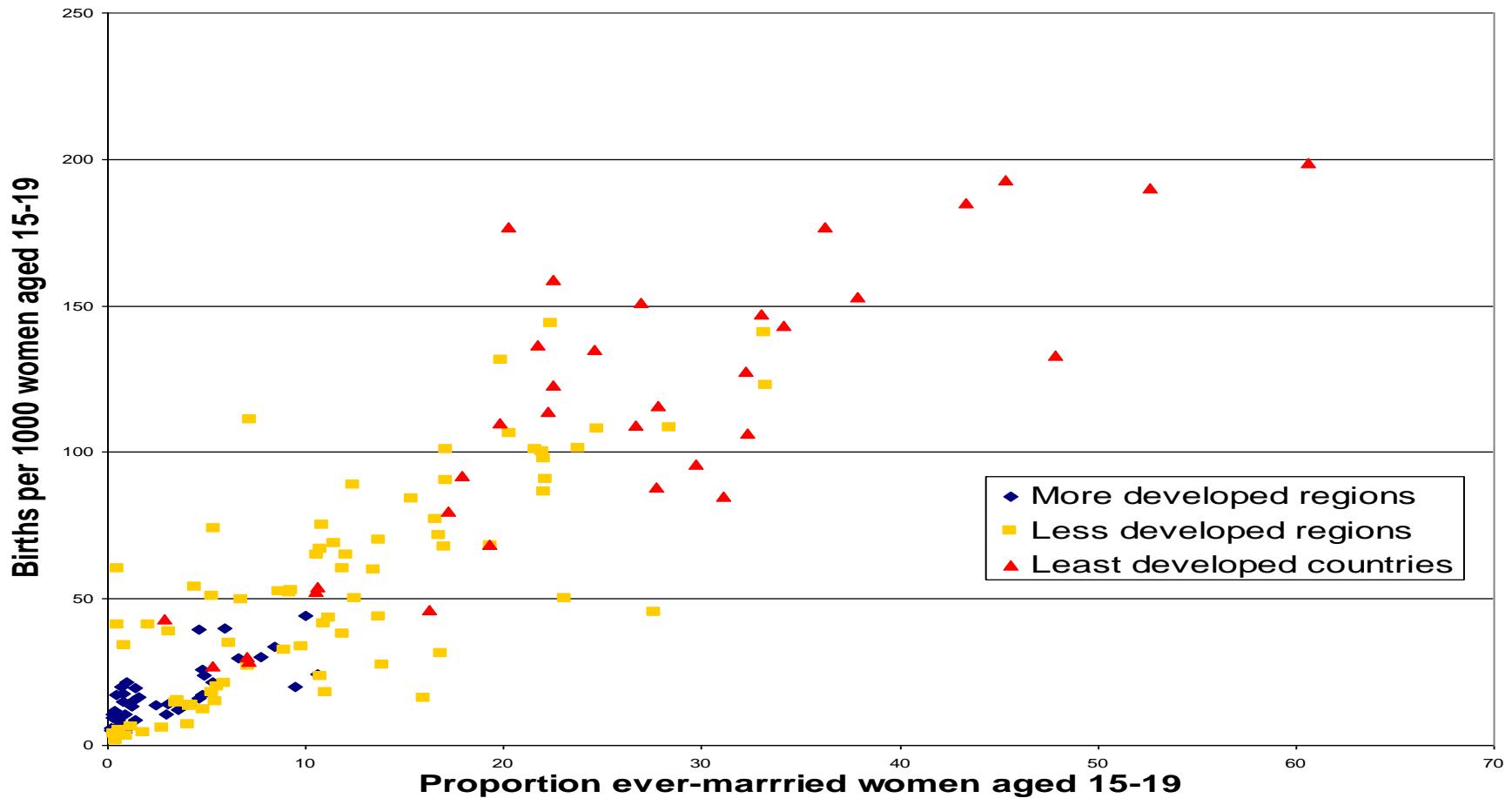


Median percentage of ever married women aged 20-24 in MDCs



4. Adolescent fertility

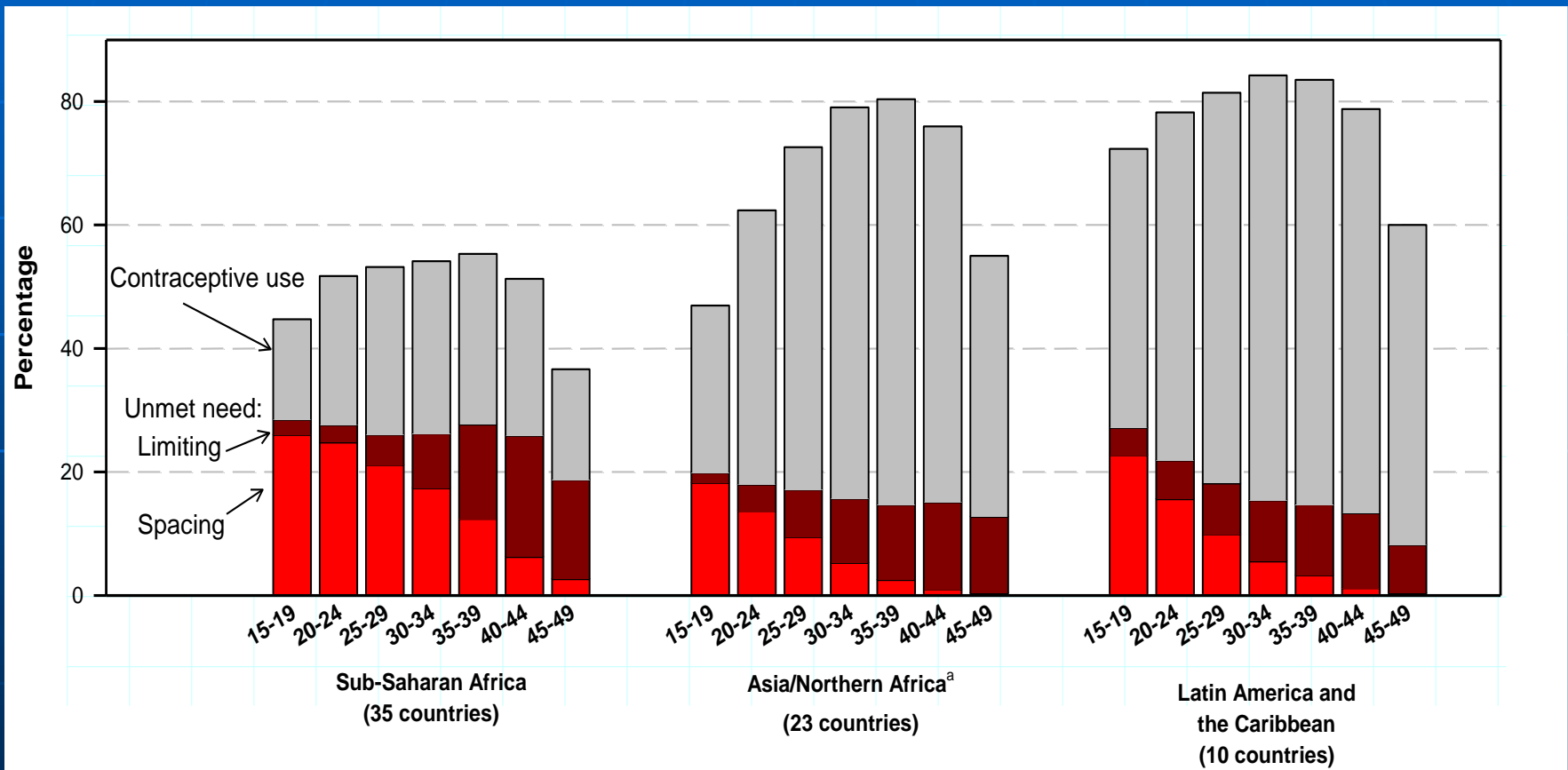
Adolescent birth rate and proportion ever married among women aged 15-19



5. Use of contraception

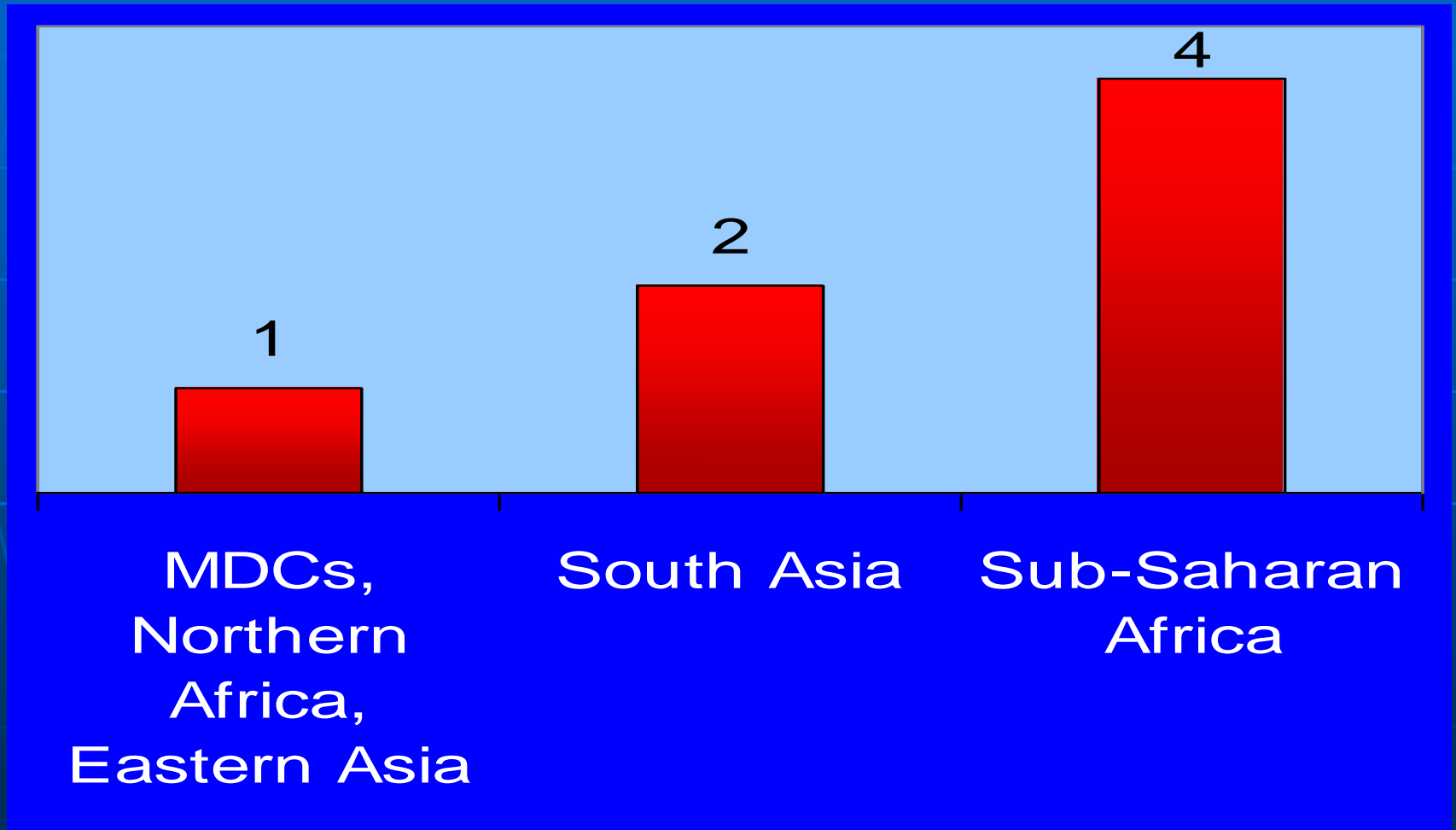
Mean level of unmet need and total demand for family planning among women who are married or in a union, by region and age group

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys, DHS StatCompiler

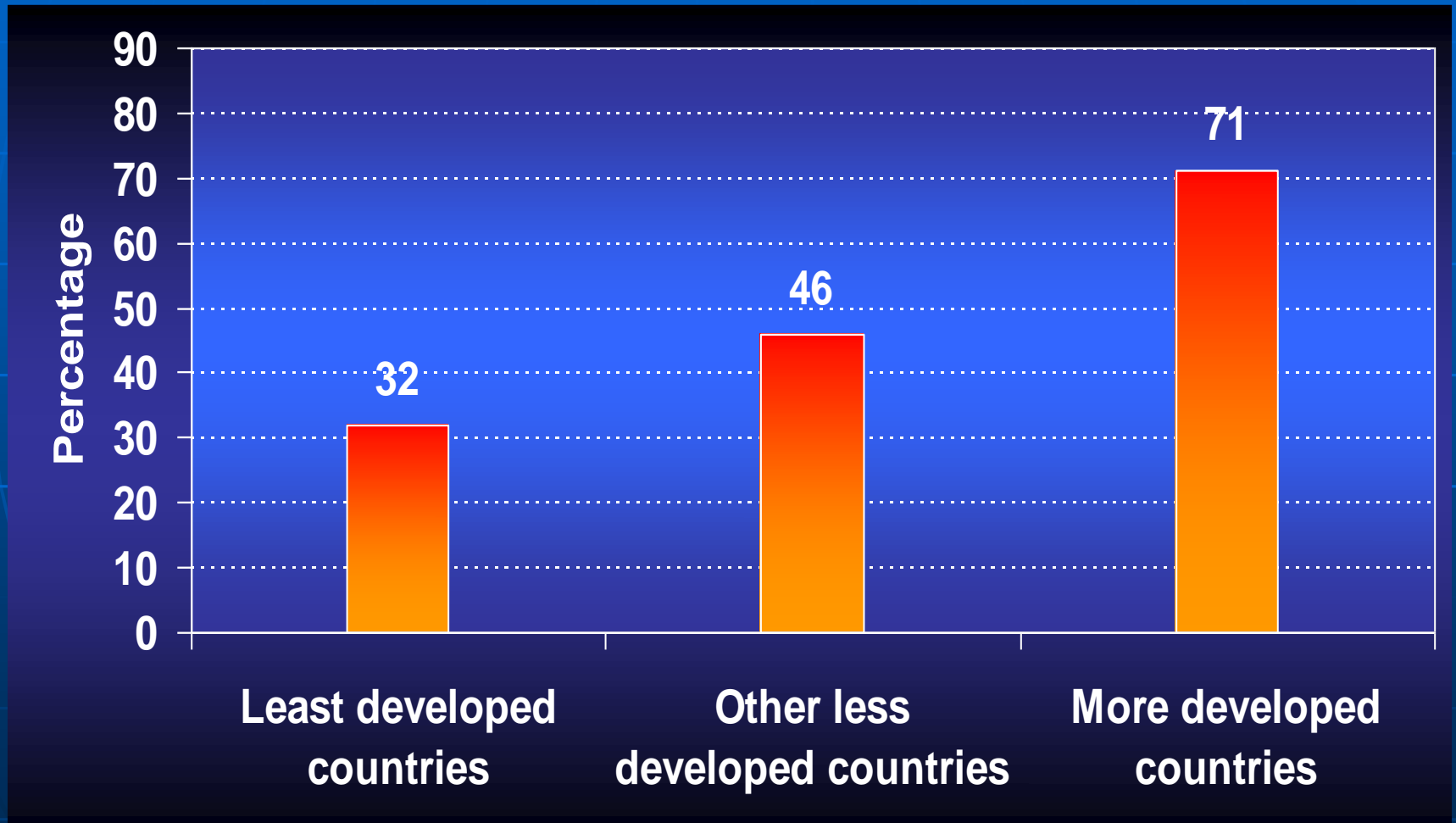


6. Mortality

Percentage of 15-year olds dying before age 25

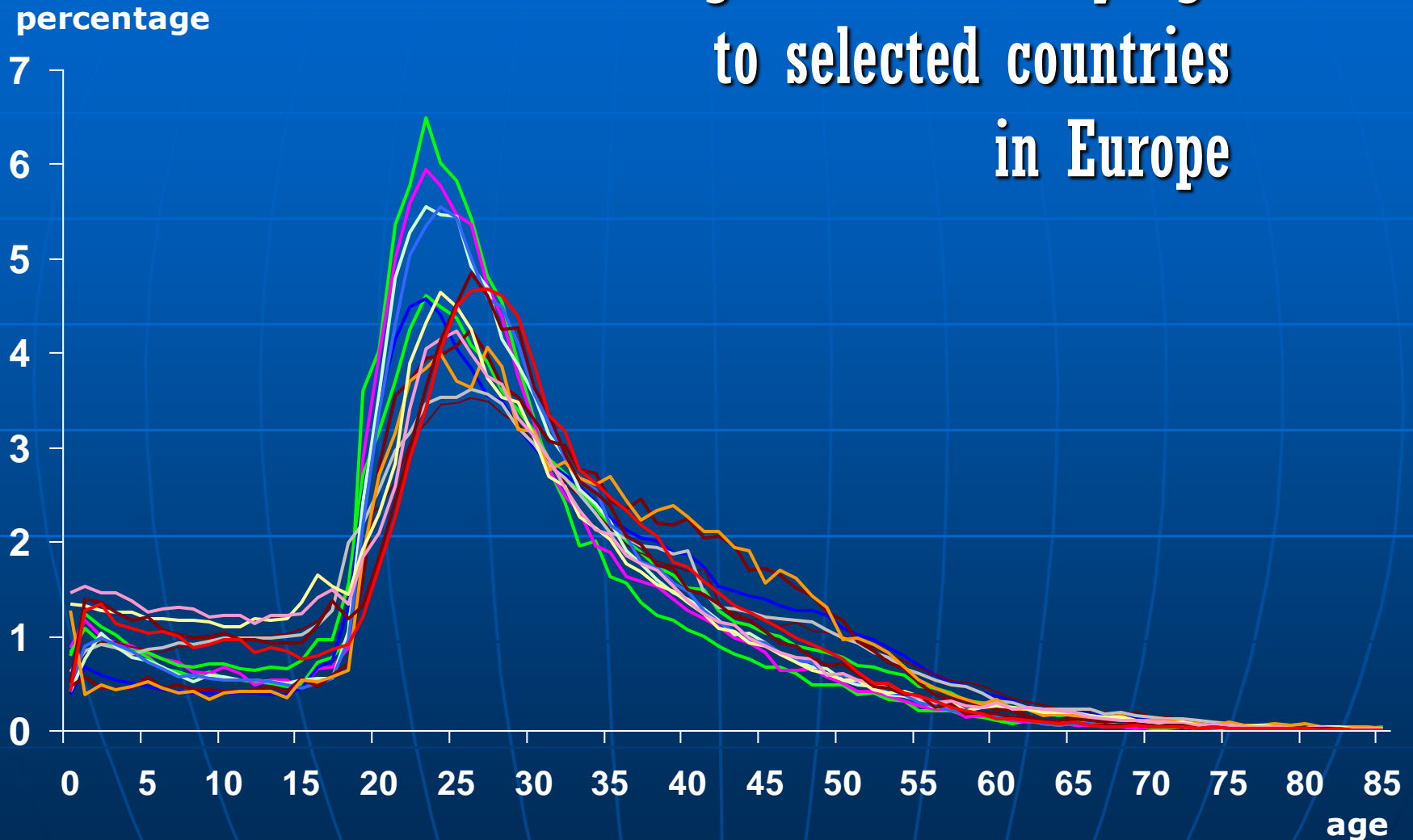


Share of deaths from injuries in the age group 15-24, 2008



7. International migration

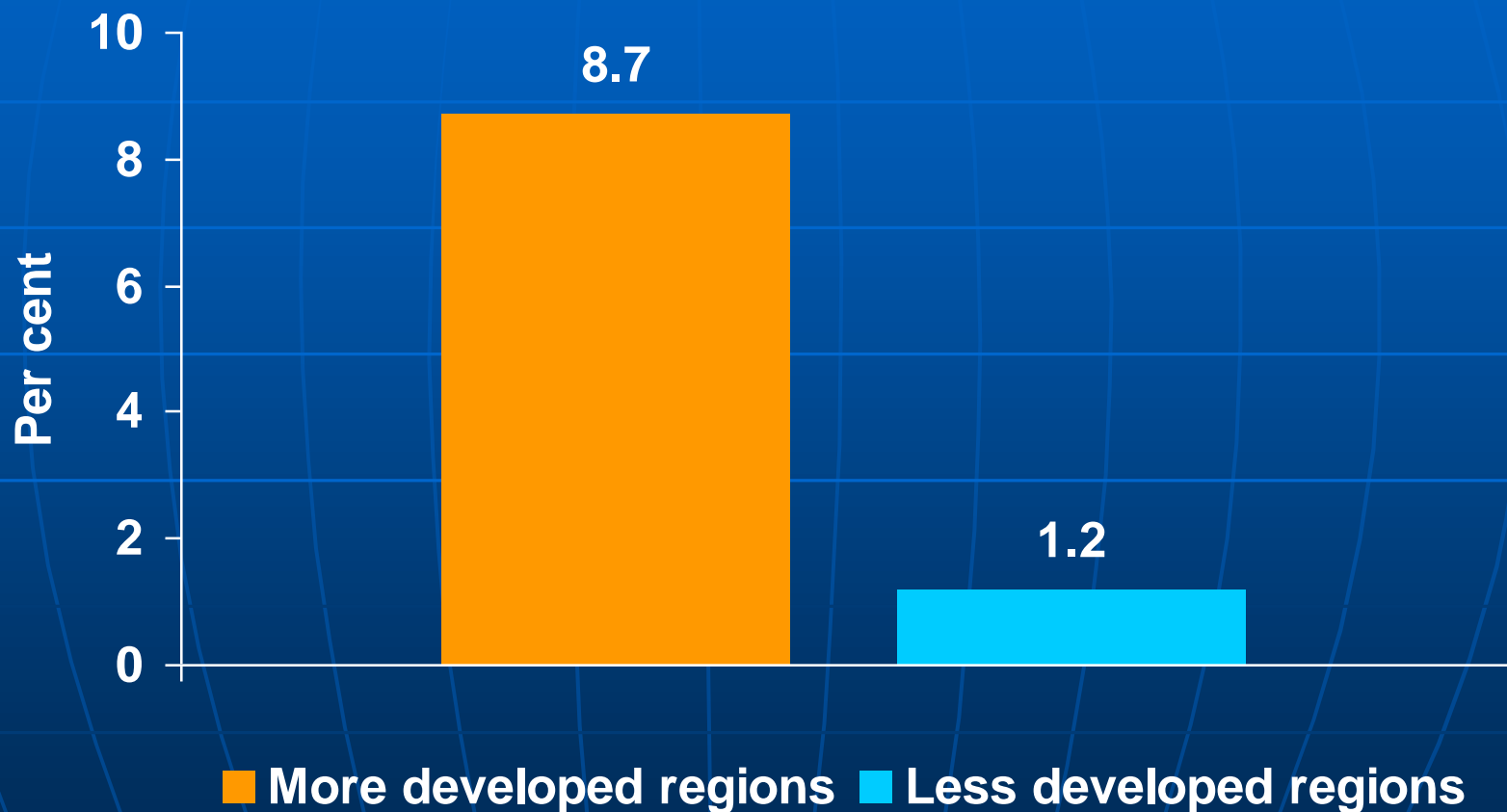
Distribution of migrant inflows by age to selected countries in Europe



Source: Eurostat, 2011

United Nations Population Division, 2011

Migrant stock as a share of the population aged 15-24, 2010



- **Youth are major agents of demographic change. This means that young people are themselves changing, in several respects dramatically.**
- **Most demographic characteristics of youth differ from those of their older peers, let alone parents.**
- **In several respects the demographic differences between regions and countries are particularly deep among youth.**