



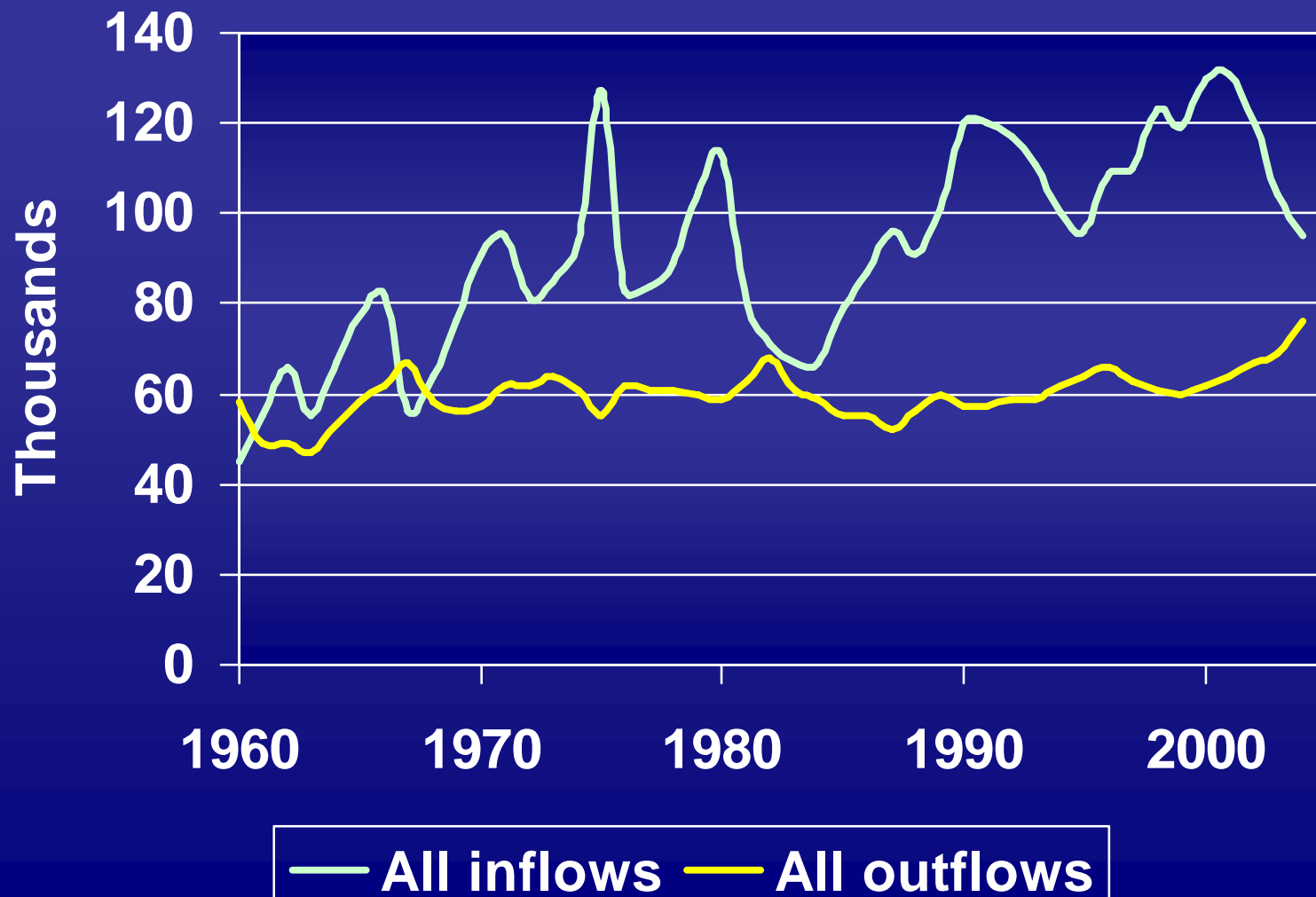
# The Complexity of International Migration Reviewed

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# SOME CAUSES OF MIGRATION'S COMPLEXITY

- Who is a migrant?
- Move from one country to another
- Minimum time of stay in the new country
- Purpose of stay

# MIGRATION FLOWS TO THE NETHERLANDS



# INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS CAN BE DECOMPOSED

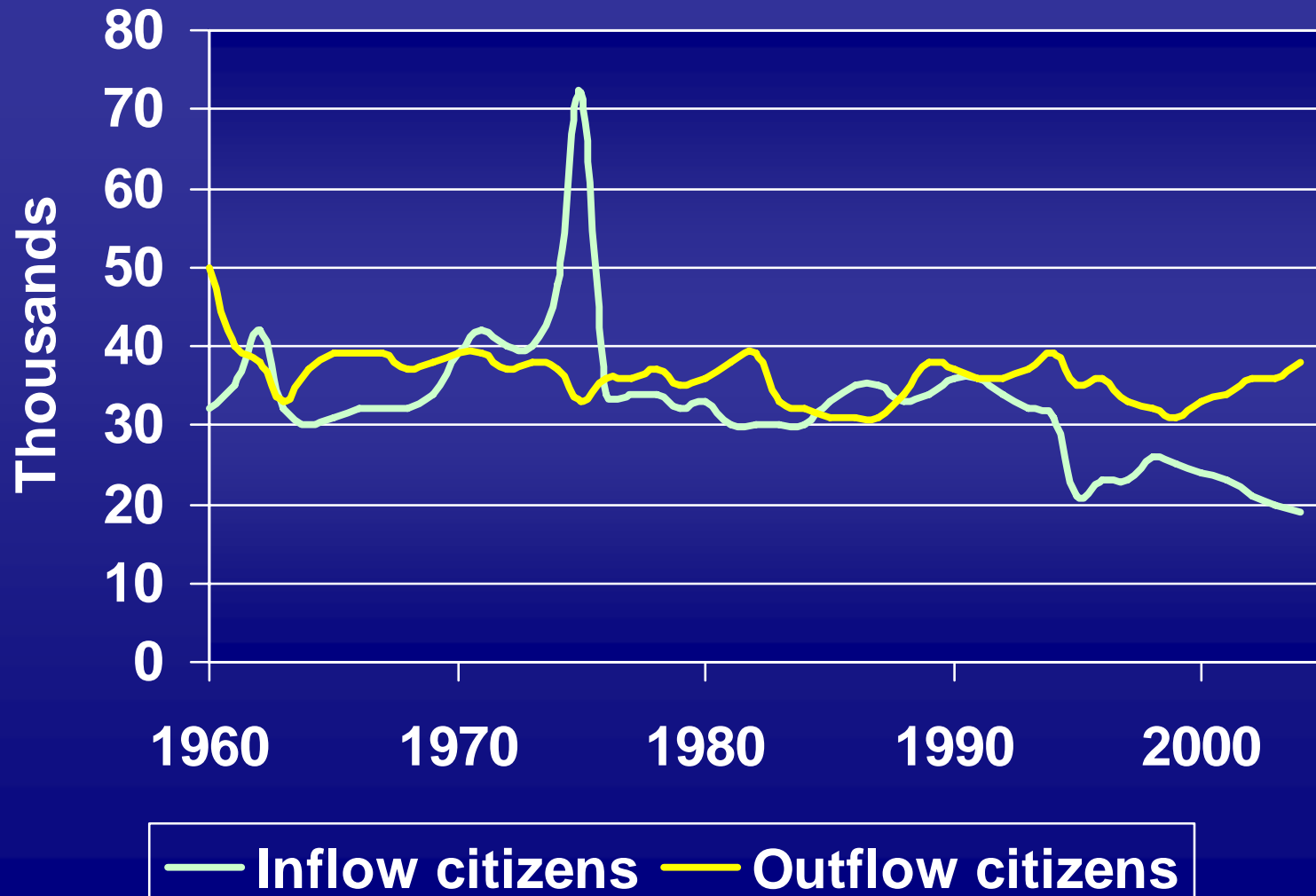
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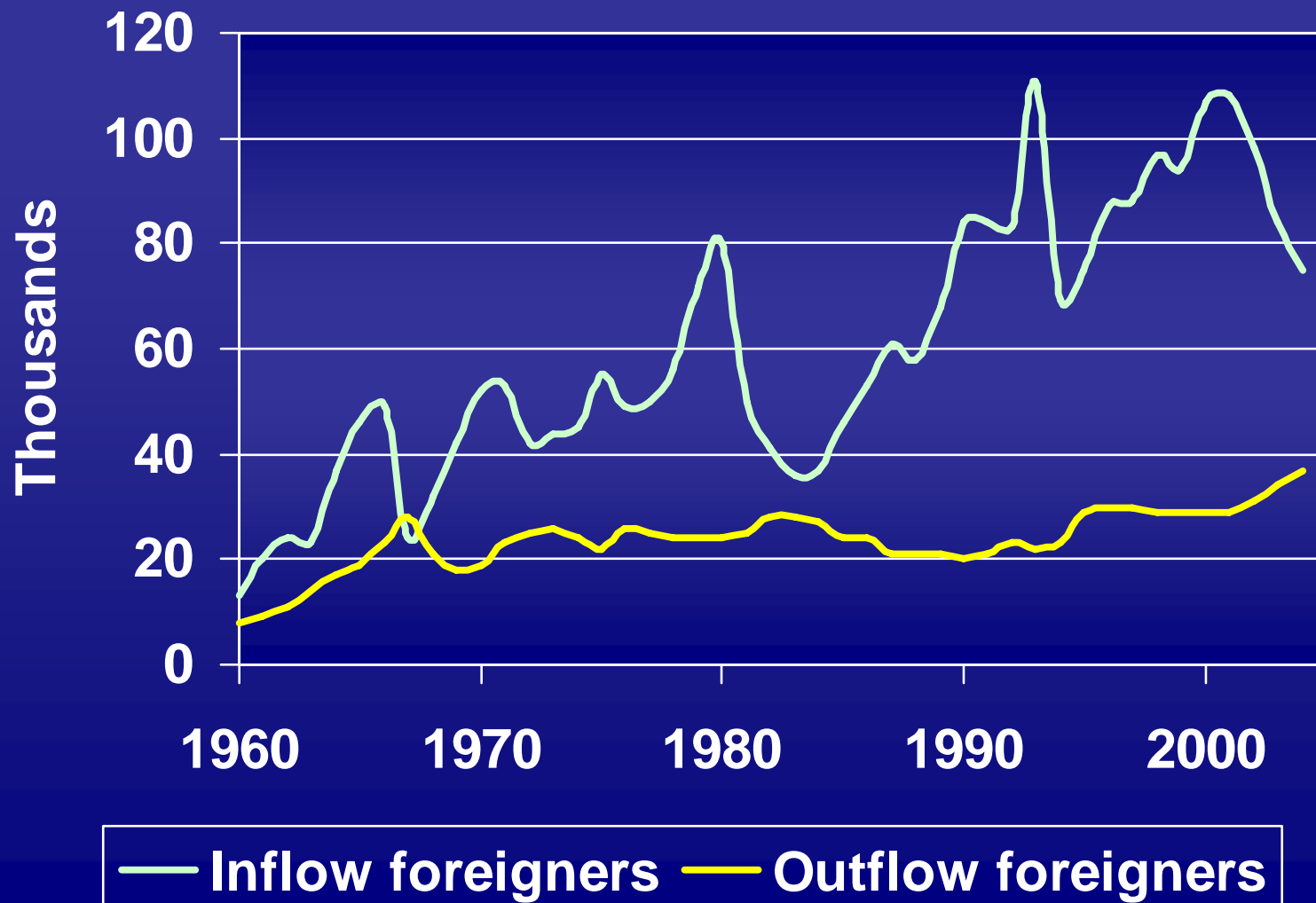
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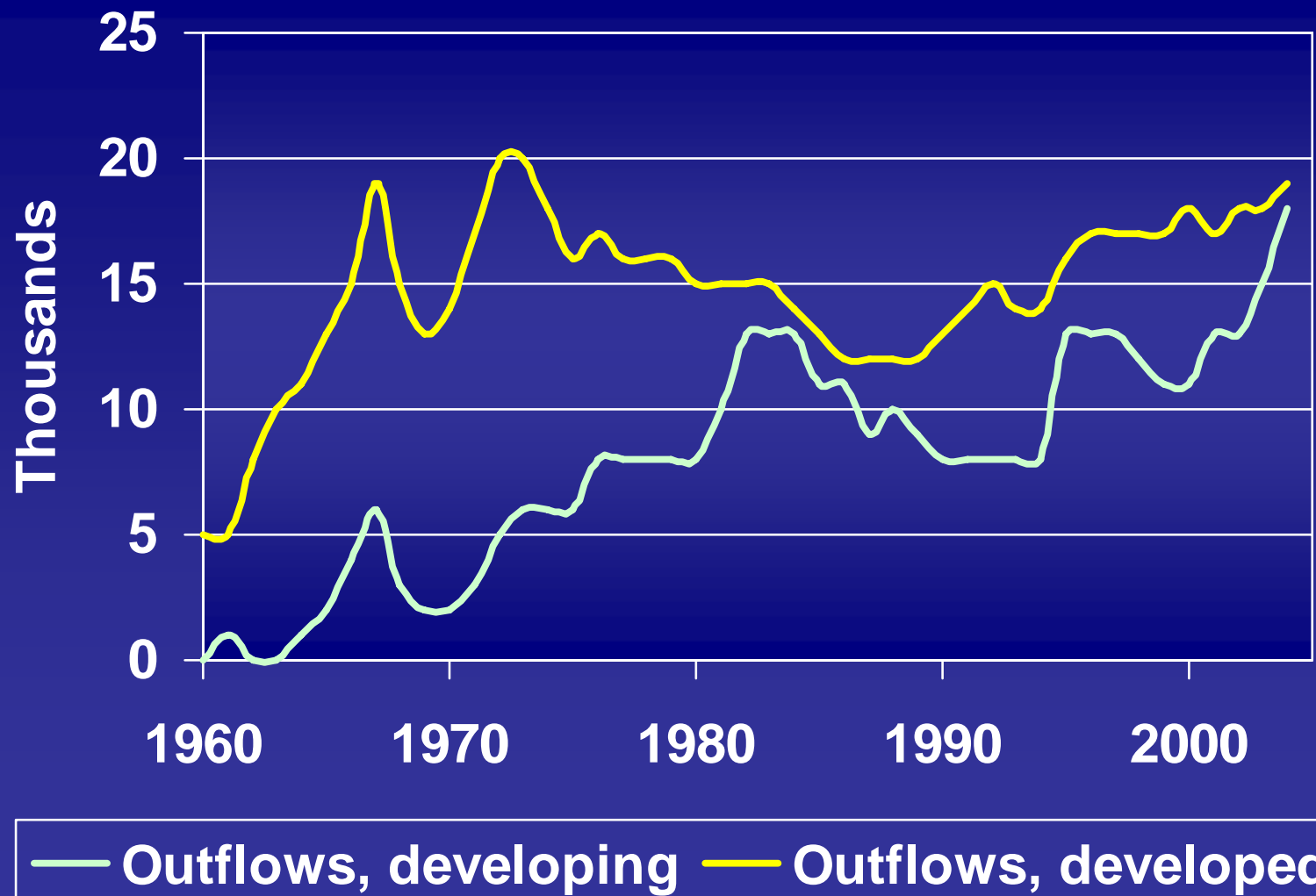
# MIGRATION FLOWS TO THE NETHERLANDS



# THE ORIGIN OF FOREIGNERS MATTERS

- Origins vary:
  - Level of development
  - Cultural background
  - Historical ties
  - Income level

# MIGRATION OUTFLOWS FROM THE NETHERLANDS





# MIGRANT STOCK

- Migrant stock: all foreign-born persons in a country
- More widely available data than on migrant flows
- It is not strictly comparable with data on flows, but indicates cumulative impact of migration

# NUMBER OF MIGRANTS

- **Worldwide: 191 million in 2005**

Of which

- **In developed countries: 115 million**
- **In developing countries: 75 million**

Consequently:

**60 per cent are in developed countries**

# NUMBER OF MIGRANTS

- **Worldwide: 191 million in 2005**

Of which

- **In high-income developed: 91 million**
- **In high-income developing: 21 million**

Consequently:

**59 per cent are in high-income countries**

# CONCENTRATION OF MIGRANTS

- In 2005, 75 % of all migrants live in 28 countries, of which:
  - 11 high-income developed countries
  - 6 high-income developing countries
  - 2 upper middle-income countries
  - 4 lower middle-income countries
  - 4 low-income countries

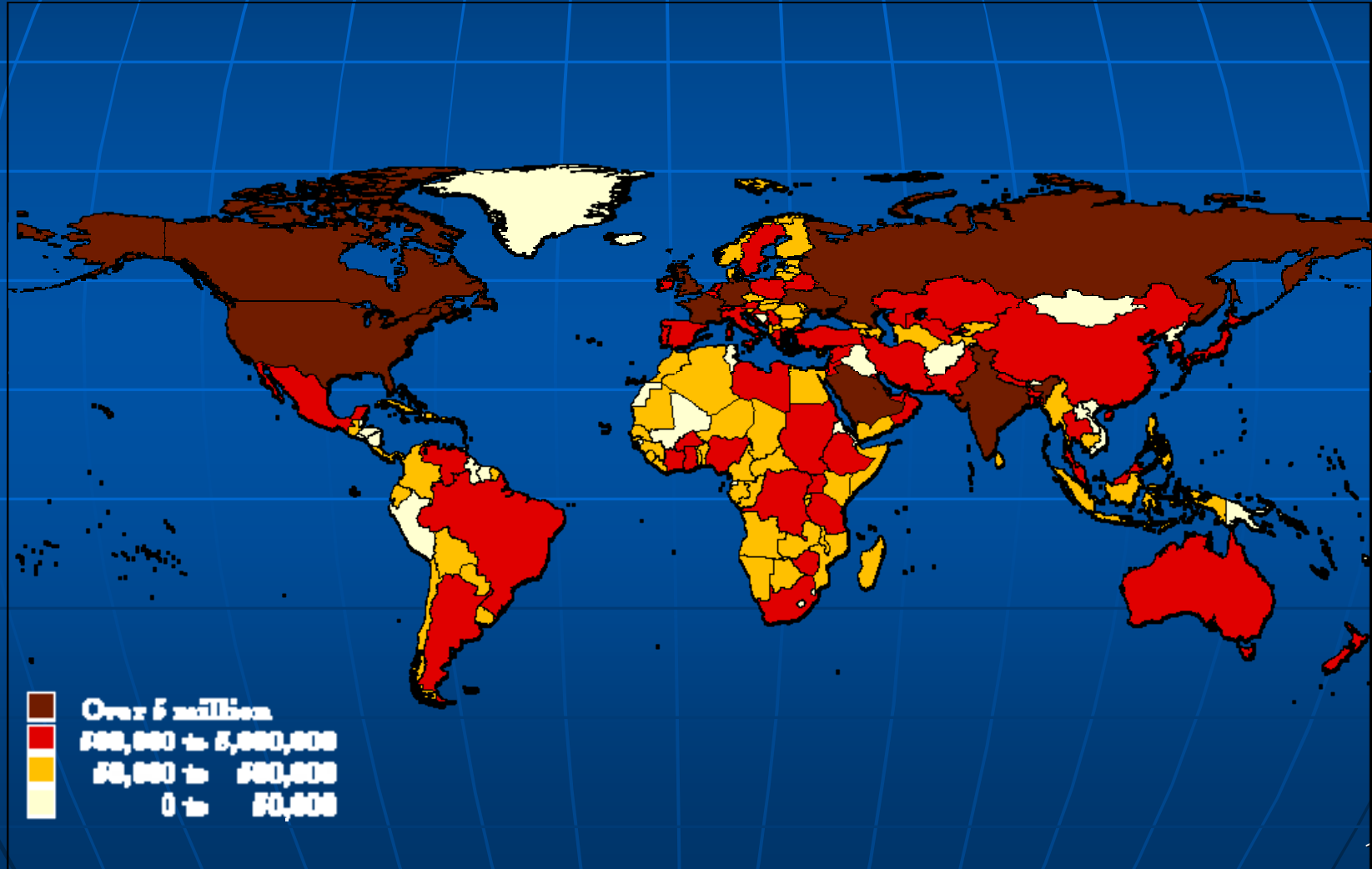
# CONCENTRATION OF MIGRANTS

- 20 % live in the United States
- 6 % live in the Russian Federation
- 5 % in the Ukraine
- 4 % in Germany
- 3 % in each: France, Saudi Arabia, Canada, India, United Kingdom
  
- 21% live in the European Union

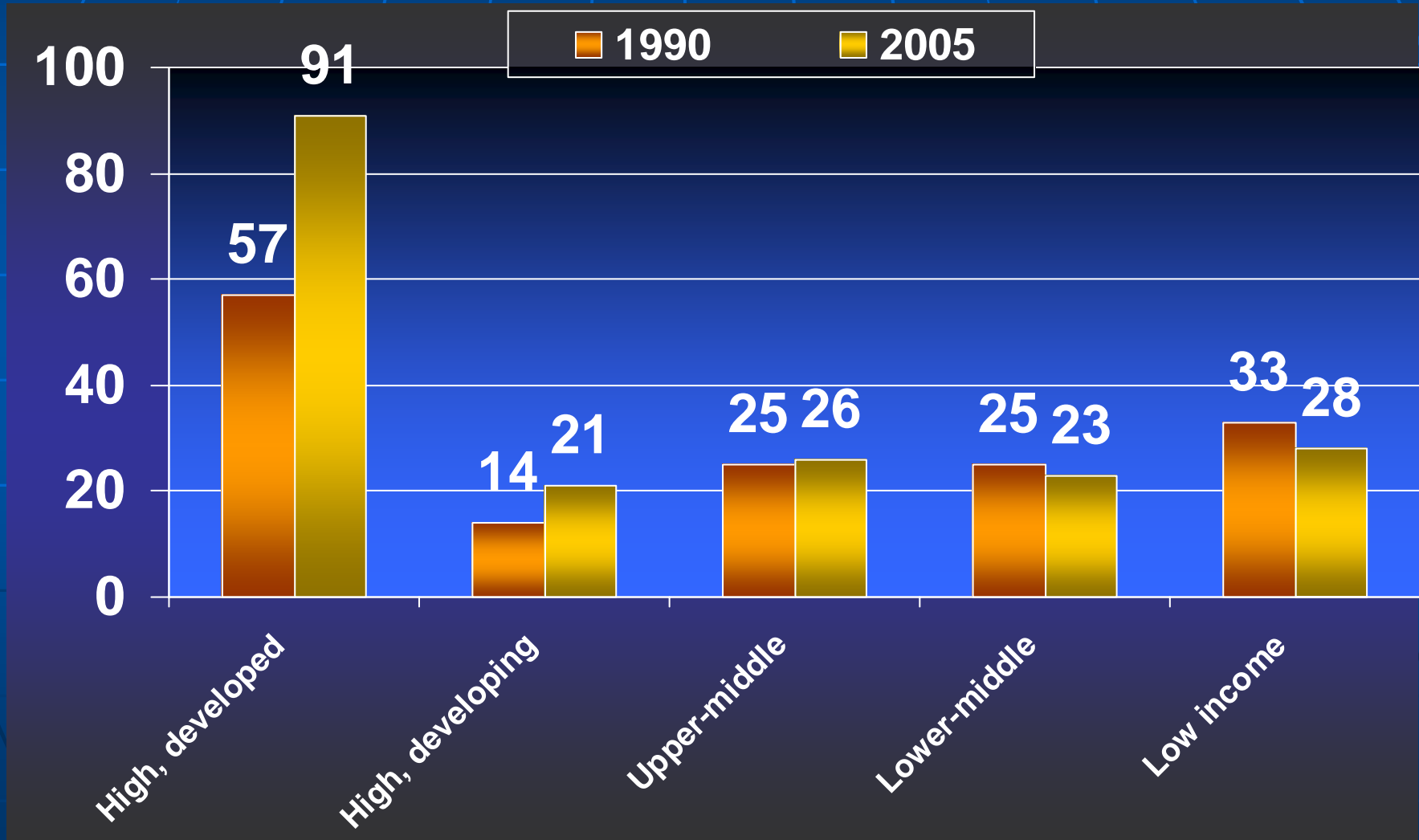
# CONCENTRATION OF MIGRANTS

- **20 % live in the United States**
- **21% live in the European Union**
- **7 % live in the GCC countries**

# Number of international migrants, 2005



# ASYMMETRIC GROWTH BY INCOME GROUP

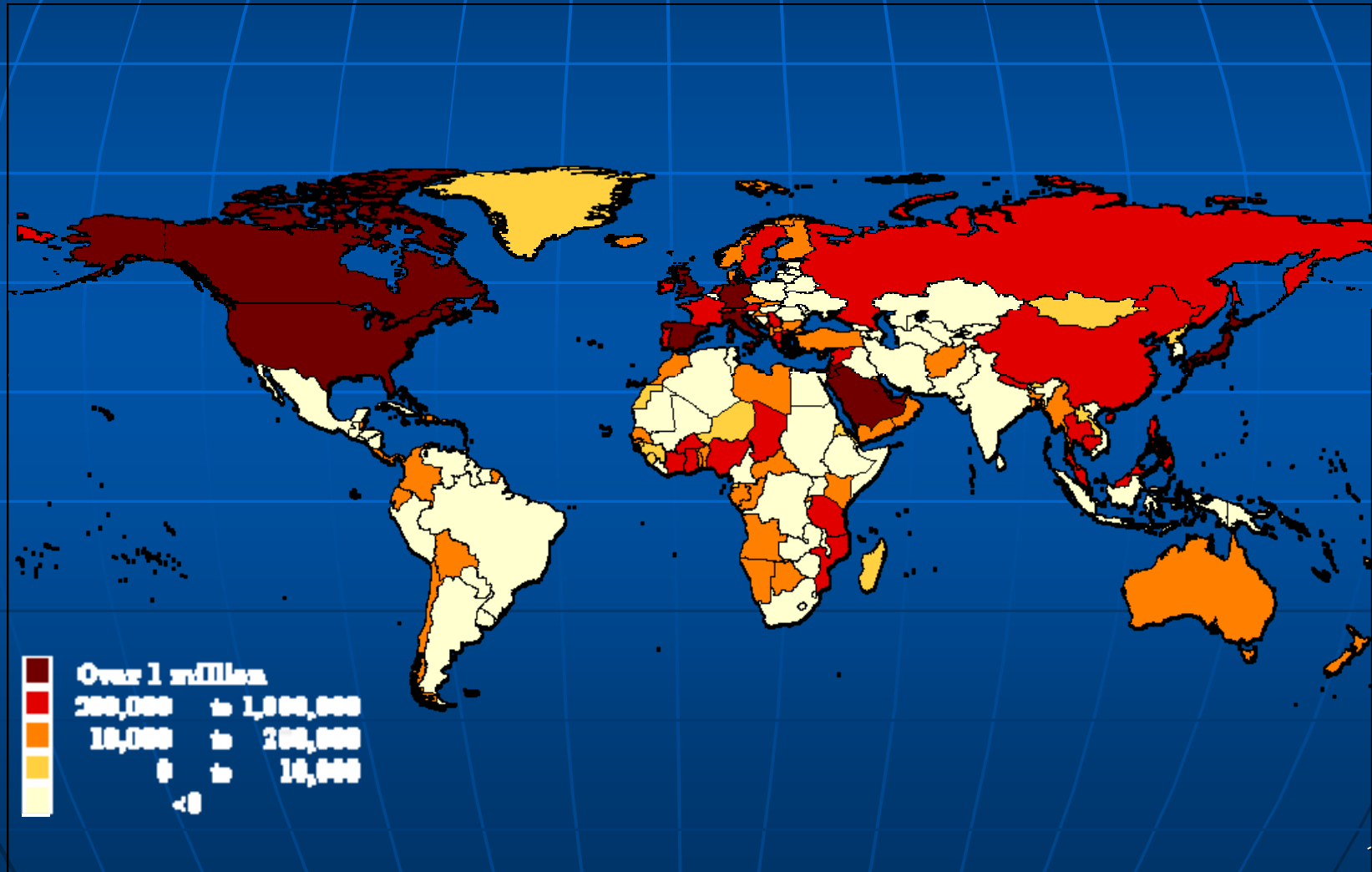




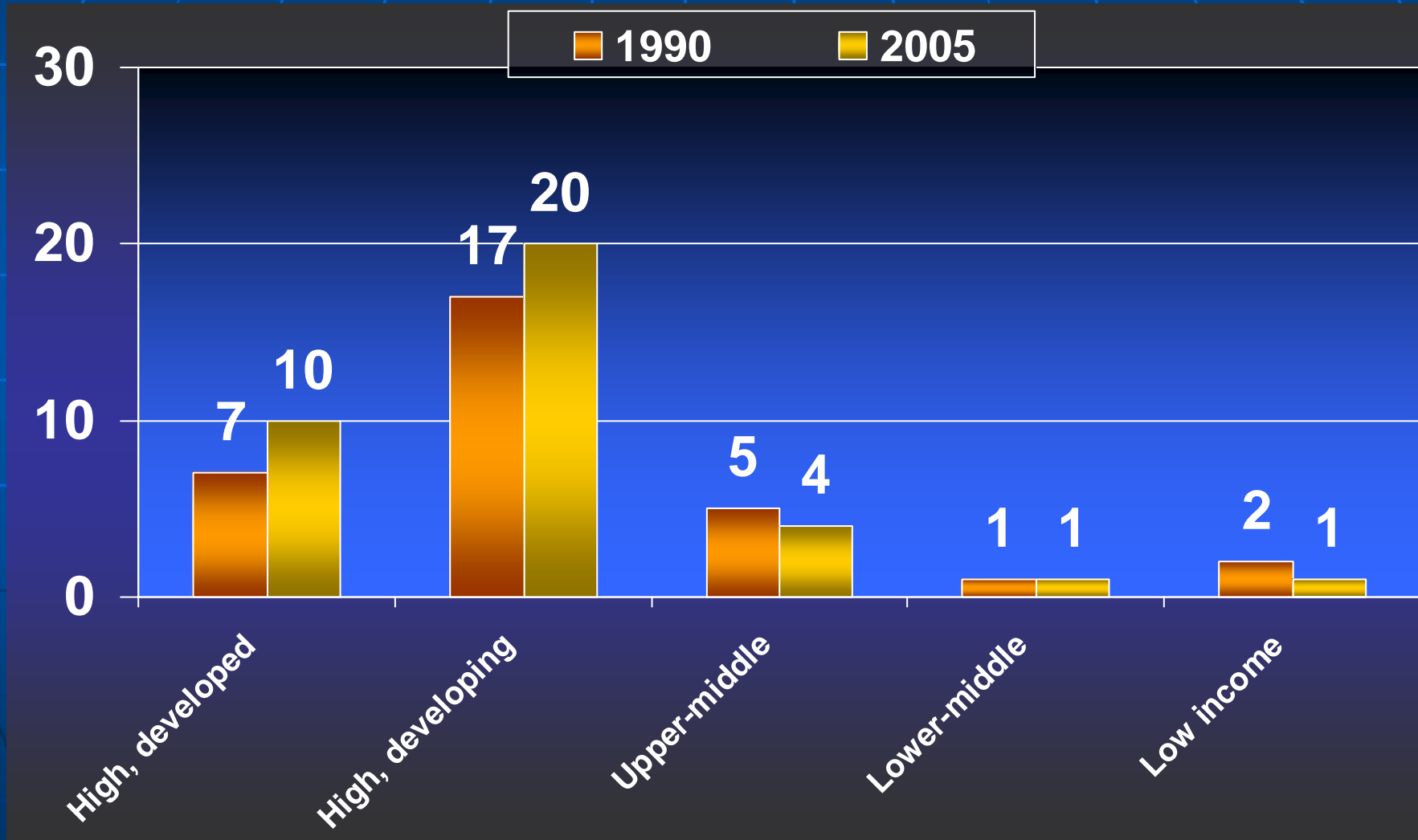
# CONCENTRATION OF GROWTH

- **Between 1990 and 2005, 75 % of the growth in the number of migrants occurred in 17 countries**
- **The United States gained 15 million**
- **Germany and Spain gained 4 million each**
- **GCC gained 4 million**

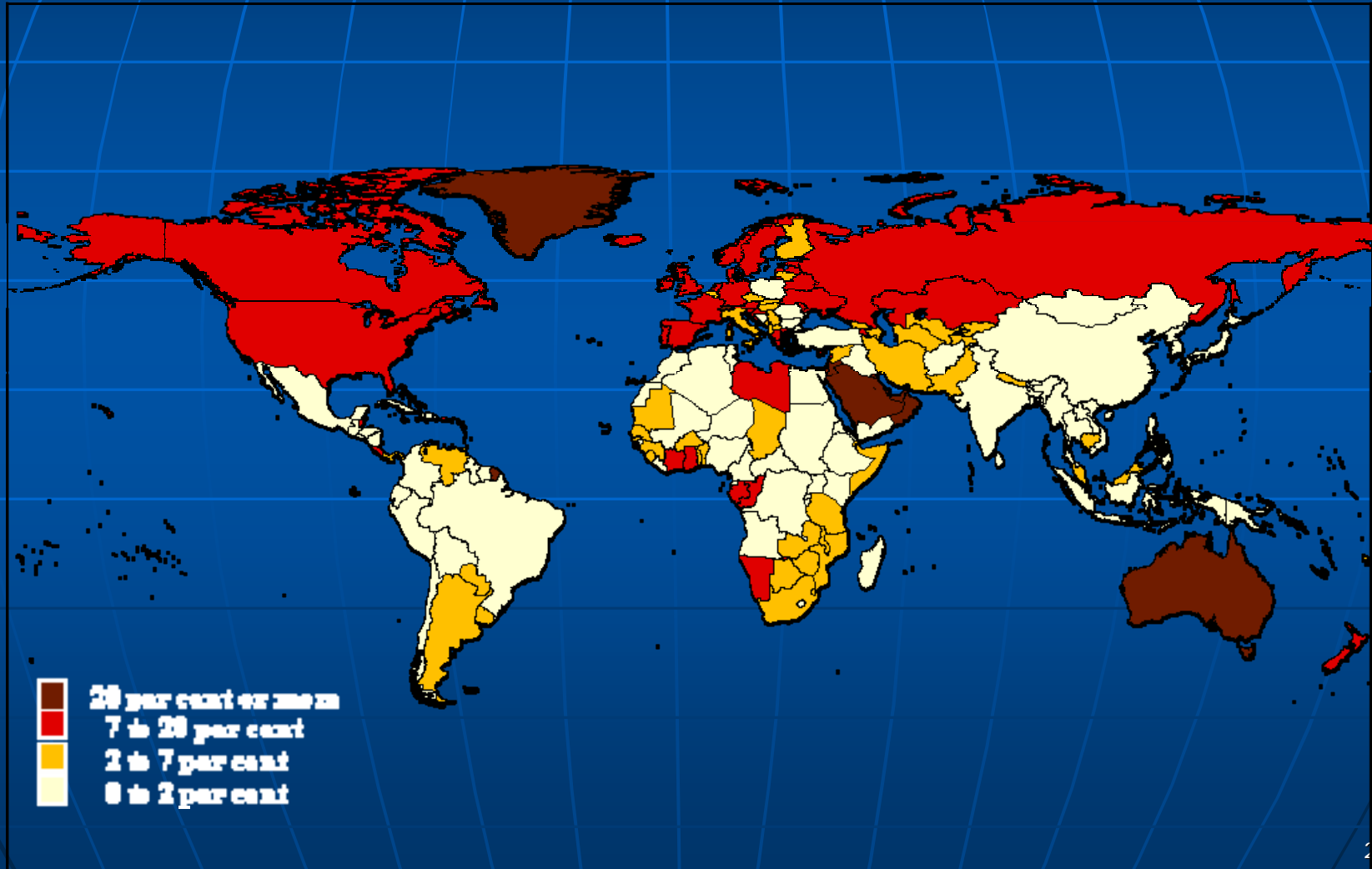
# Change in the number of international migrants, 1990-2005



# CHANGE IN THE MIGRANT SHARE OF THE POPULATION BY INCOME GROUP



# Number of migrants as percentage of the total population, 2005

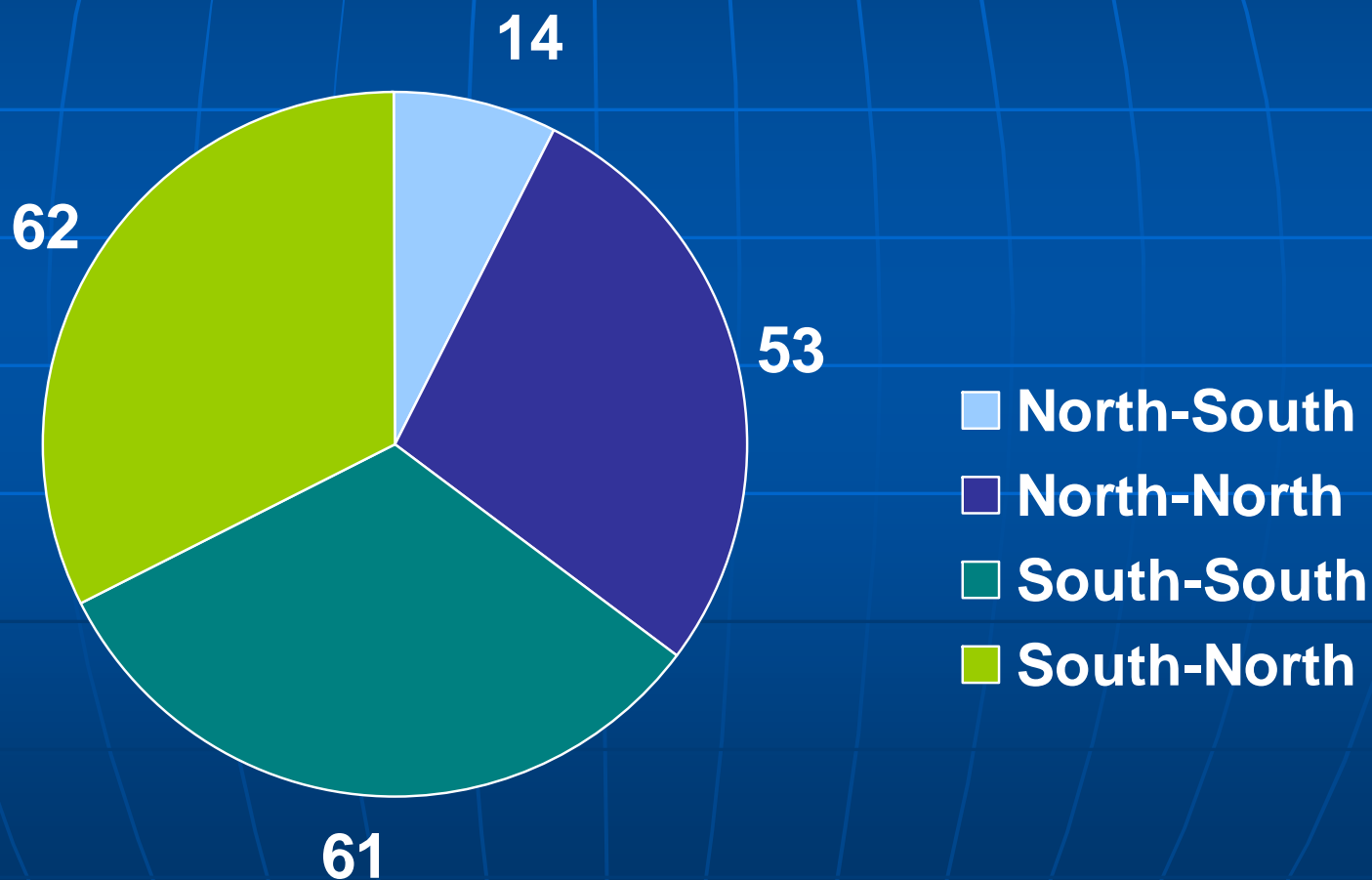


# MIGRANTS BY ORIGIN

- Estimates of the migrant stock are generally NOT available by origin
- New data permit a rough estimation of the proportions originating in different groups of countries

# THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS IS ALMOST EQUALLY DIVIDED INTO THREE TYPES

(Cumulated migrant stock -- Millions of persons)



# MIGRANTS HAVE OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF IMPORTANCE

- **Sex**
- Age
- Educational attainment

# NUMBER OF MIGRANTS

- **Worldwide: 191 million in 2005**

Of which

- **Female migrants: 95 million**
- **Male migrants: 96 million**

Consequently:

**49.6 per cent are female**



# NUMBER OF MIGRANTS

- **Developed countries: 115 million**

Of which

- **Female migrants: 60 million**
- **Male migrants: 55 million**

Consequently:

**52.2 per cent are female**

# NUMBER OF MIGRANTS

- **Developing countries: 75 million**

Of which

- **Female migrants: 34 million**
- **Male migrants: 41 million**

Consequently:

**45.5 per cent are female**

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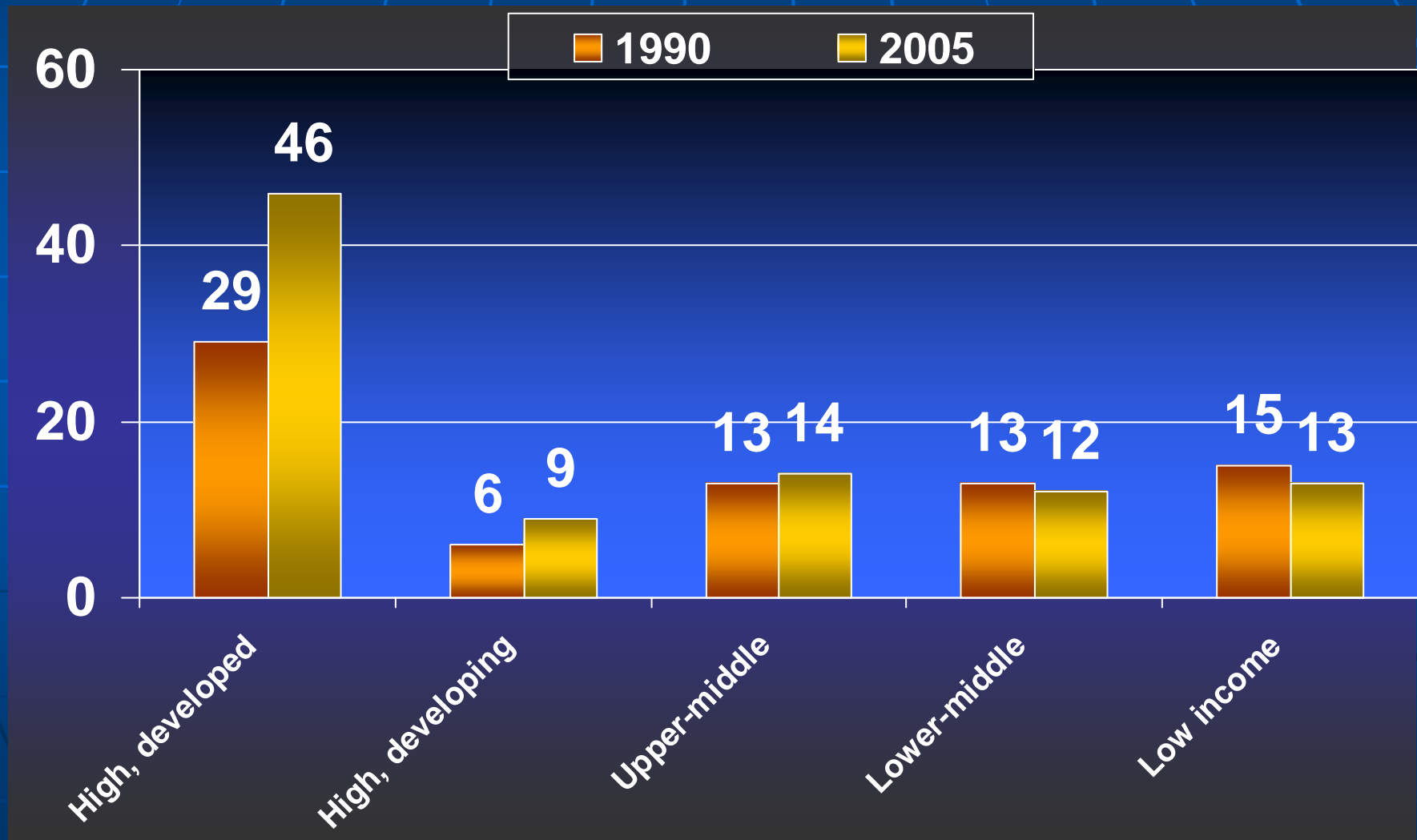
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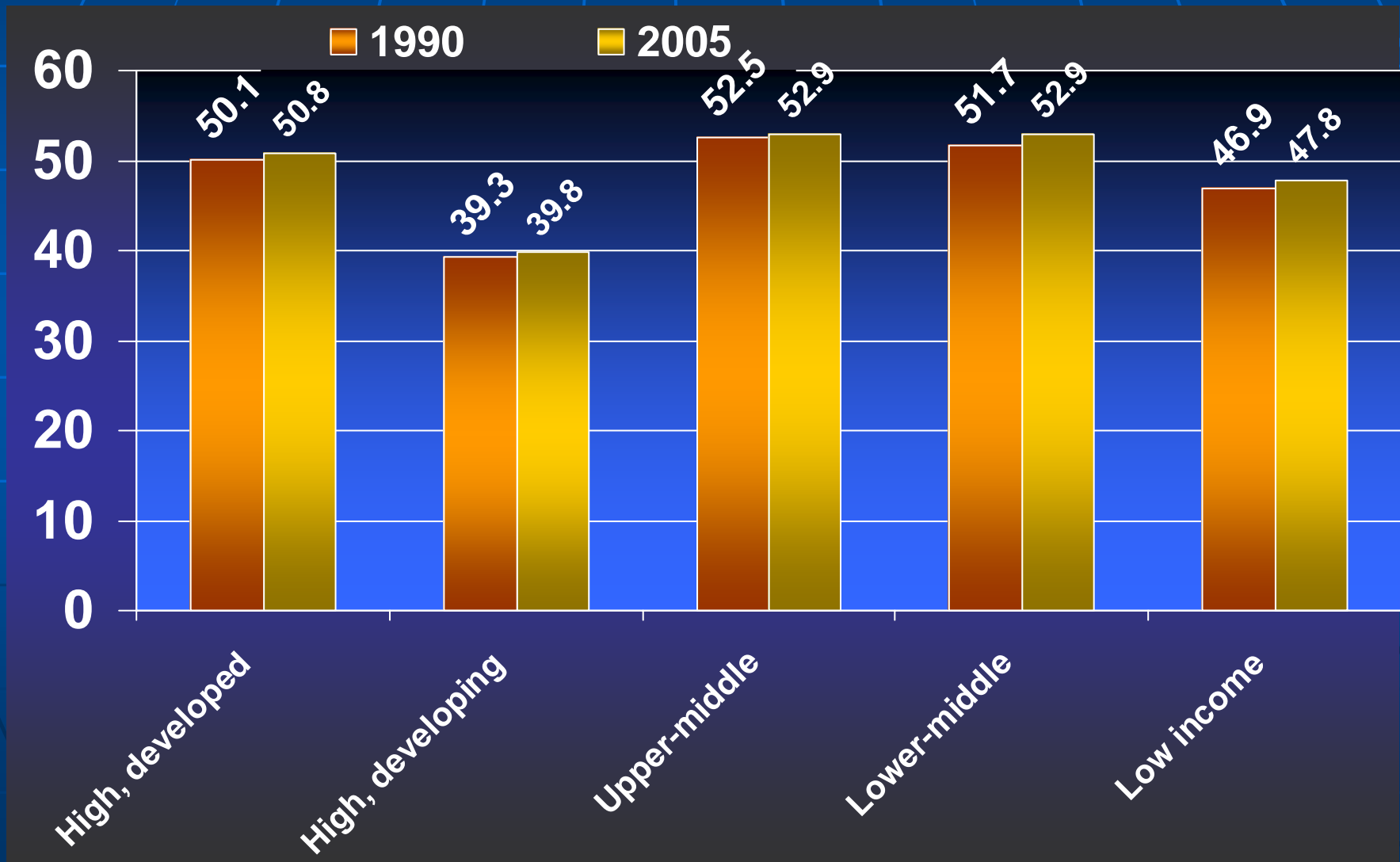
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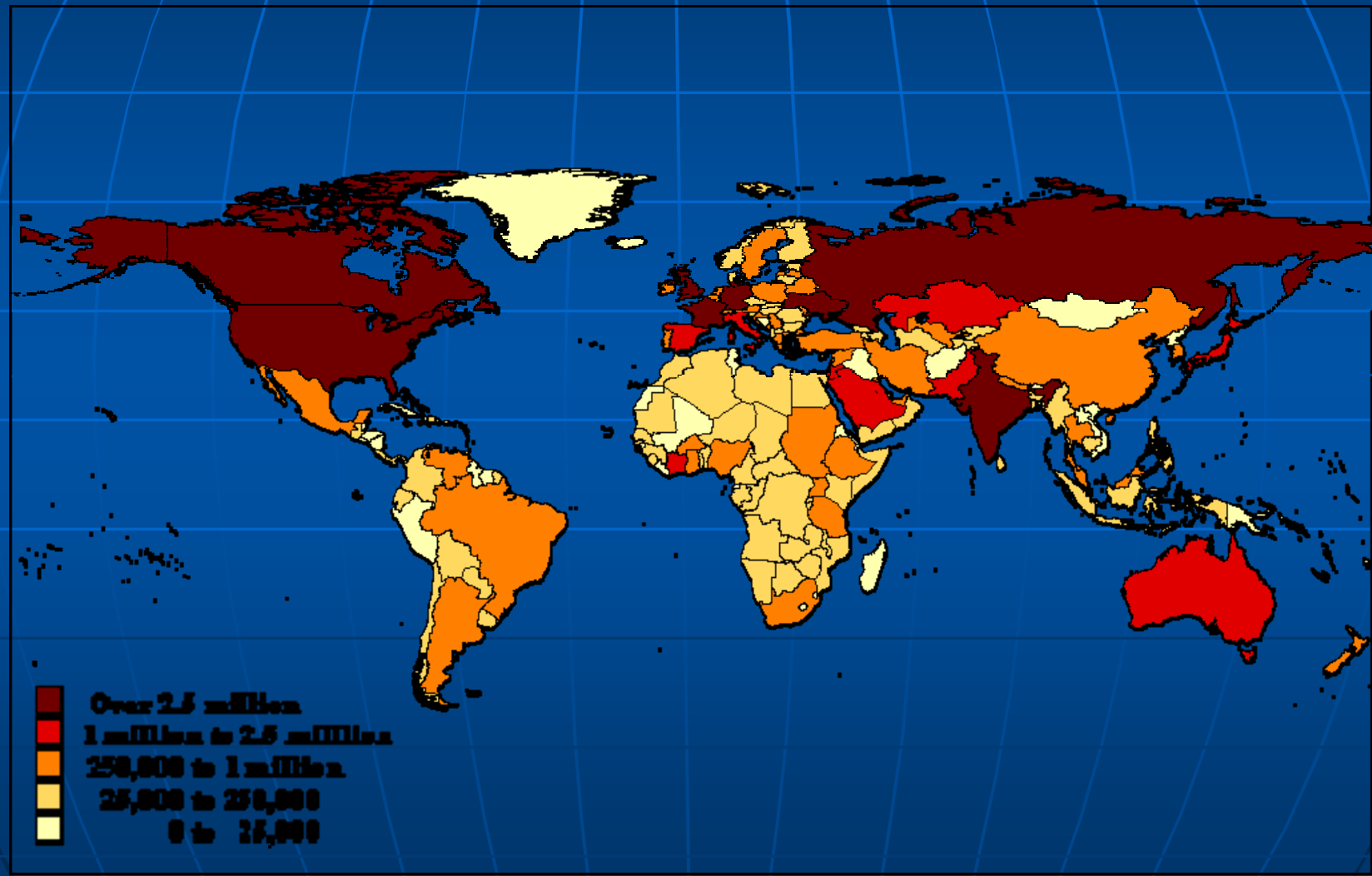
# CHANGE IN NUMBER OF FEMALE MIGRANTS BY INCOME GROUP



# CHANGE IN PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE MIGRANTS BY INCOME GROUP



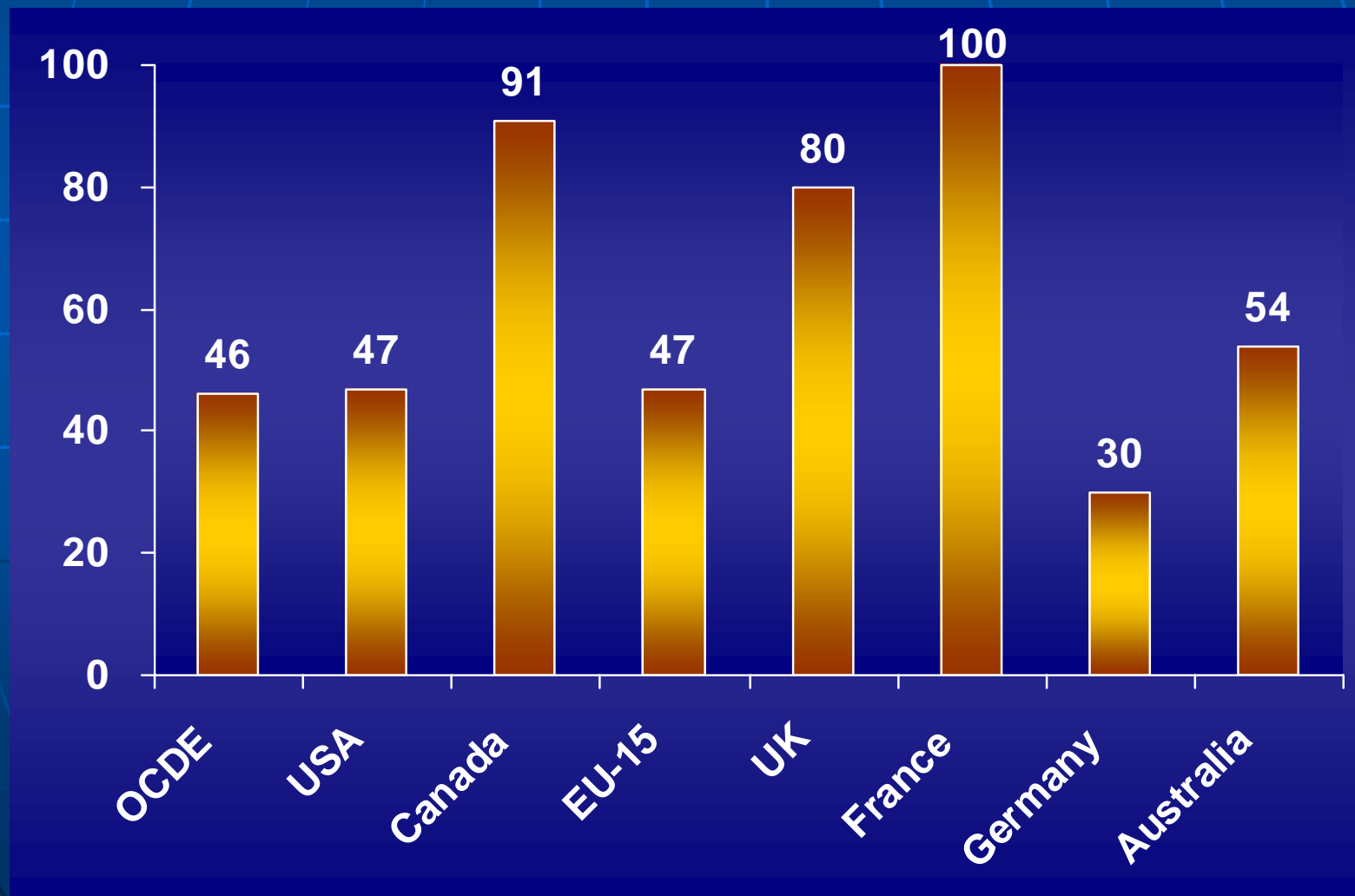
# NUMBER OF FEMALE MIGRANTS: 2005



# MIGRANTS BY EDUCATION

- Focus on the highly-educated who are equated with the highly-skilled
- Educational attainment is correlated with age: look at a sub-group of migrants (those aged 25 or over)

# MIGRANTS WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION AS PERCENTAGE OF THE INCREASE IN ALL MIGRANTS AGED 25 OR OVER, 1990-2000





# TO DISENTANGLE THE COMPLEXITY OF MIGRATION

- Need more data
- Need more data on flows, even if not perfectly comparable among countries
- Need data on stocks about the foreign-born
- Need data on stocks classified by several characteristics:

Sex

Age

Educational attainment

Occupation

# NEED TO UNDERSTAND RETURN

- Returns are more common than one would think
- There is a dearth of useful information on return migration or circulation
- What makes return successful? Is it related to length of stay abroad?

**TO BE CONTINUED.....**



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