

Overview of demographic ageing in Africa

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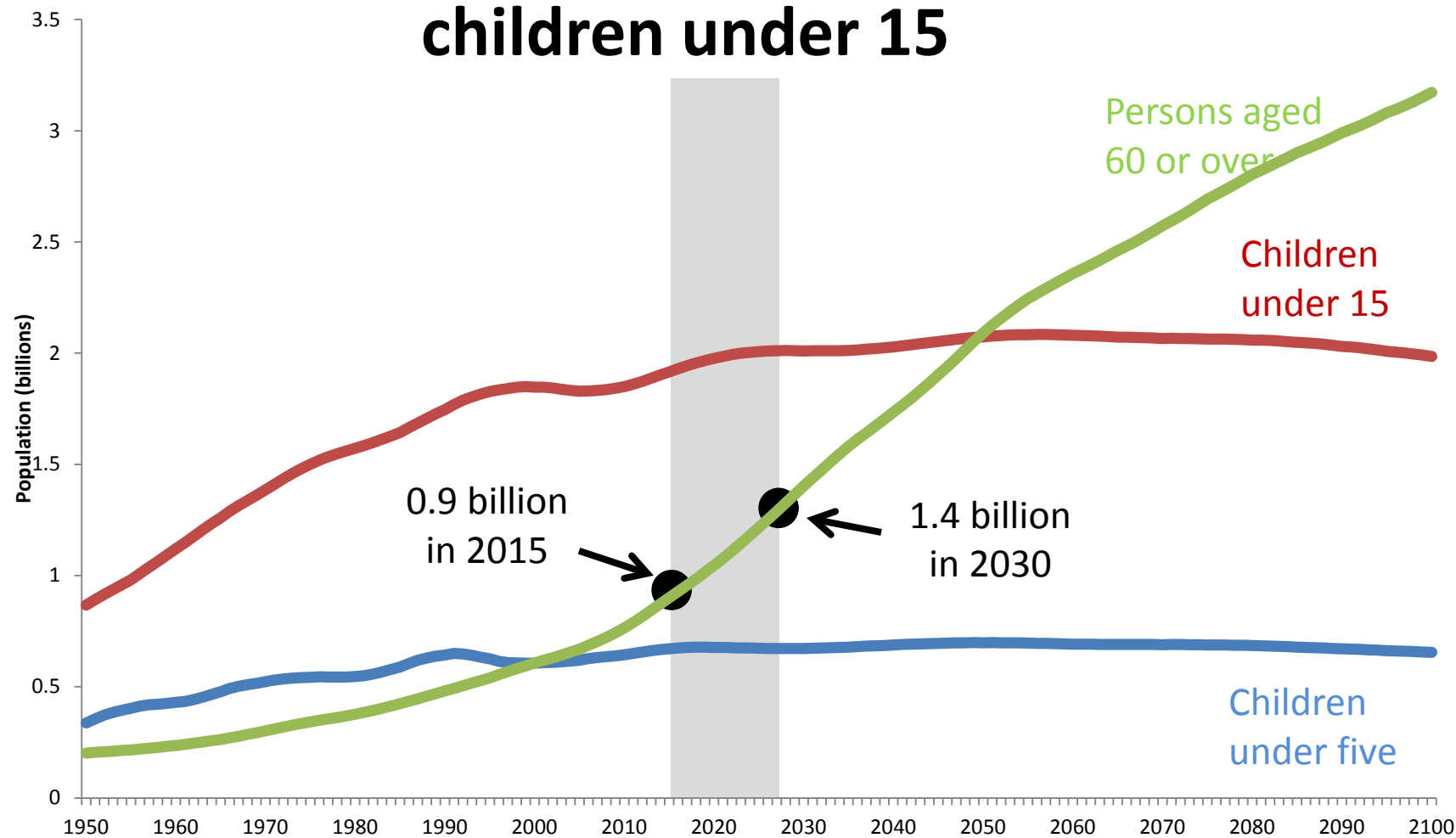


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By 2050, there will be more older persons than children under 15



Source: United Nations (2015) World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision

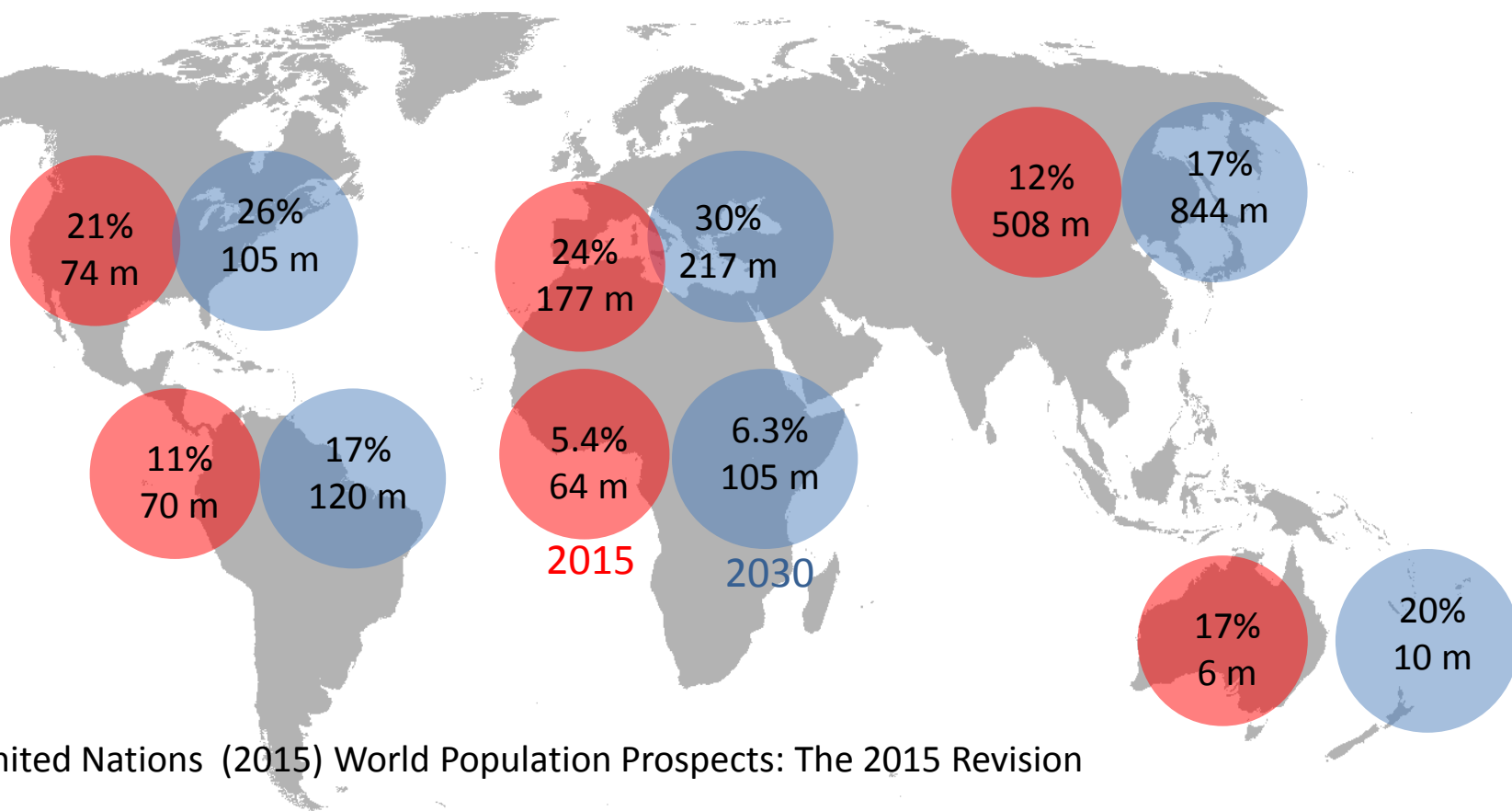


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All Regions of the world are ageing



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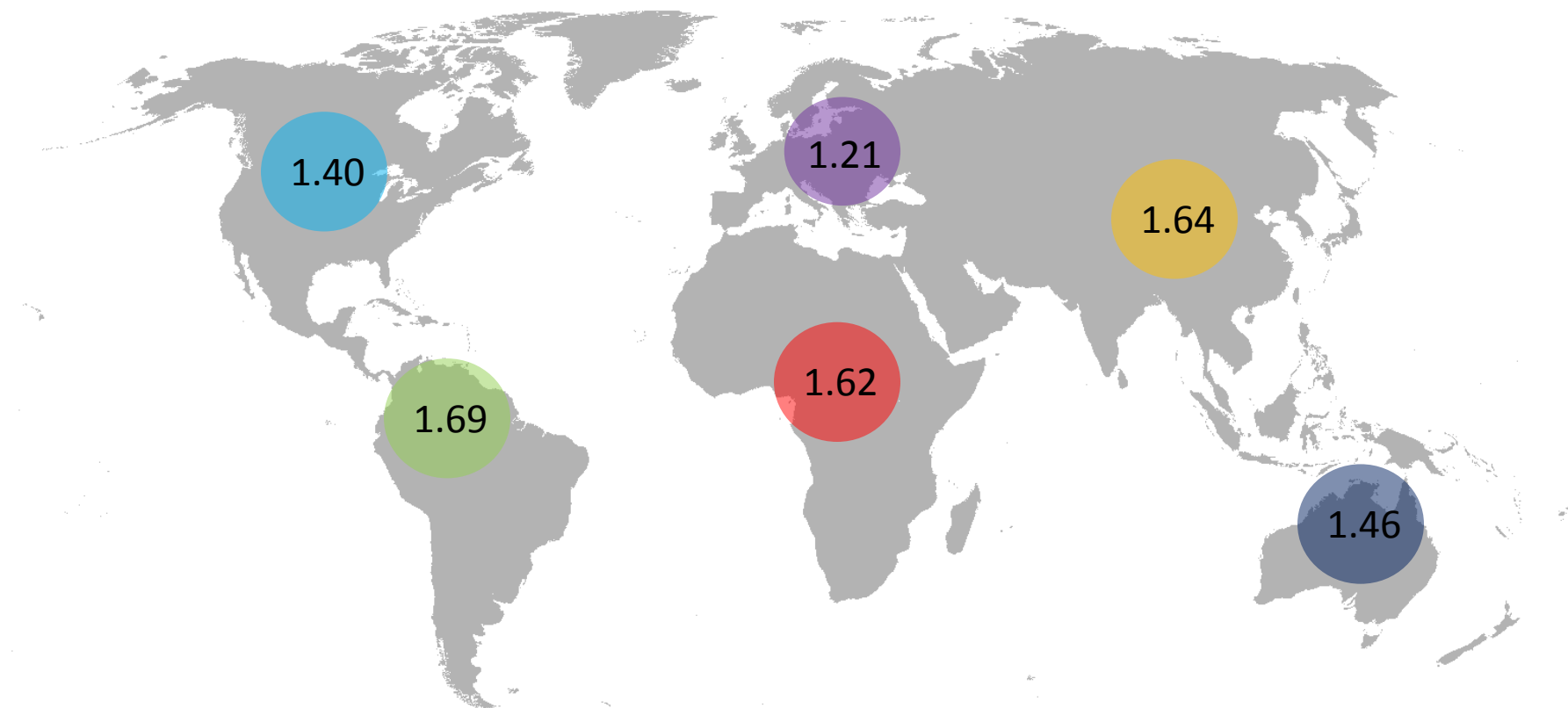


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World
older persons = $\frac{1.4 \text{ billion in 2030}}{0.9 \text{ billion in 2015}} = 1.54$
ratio

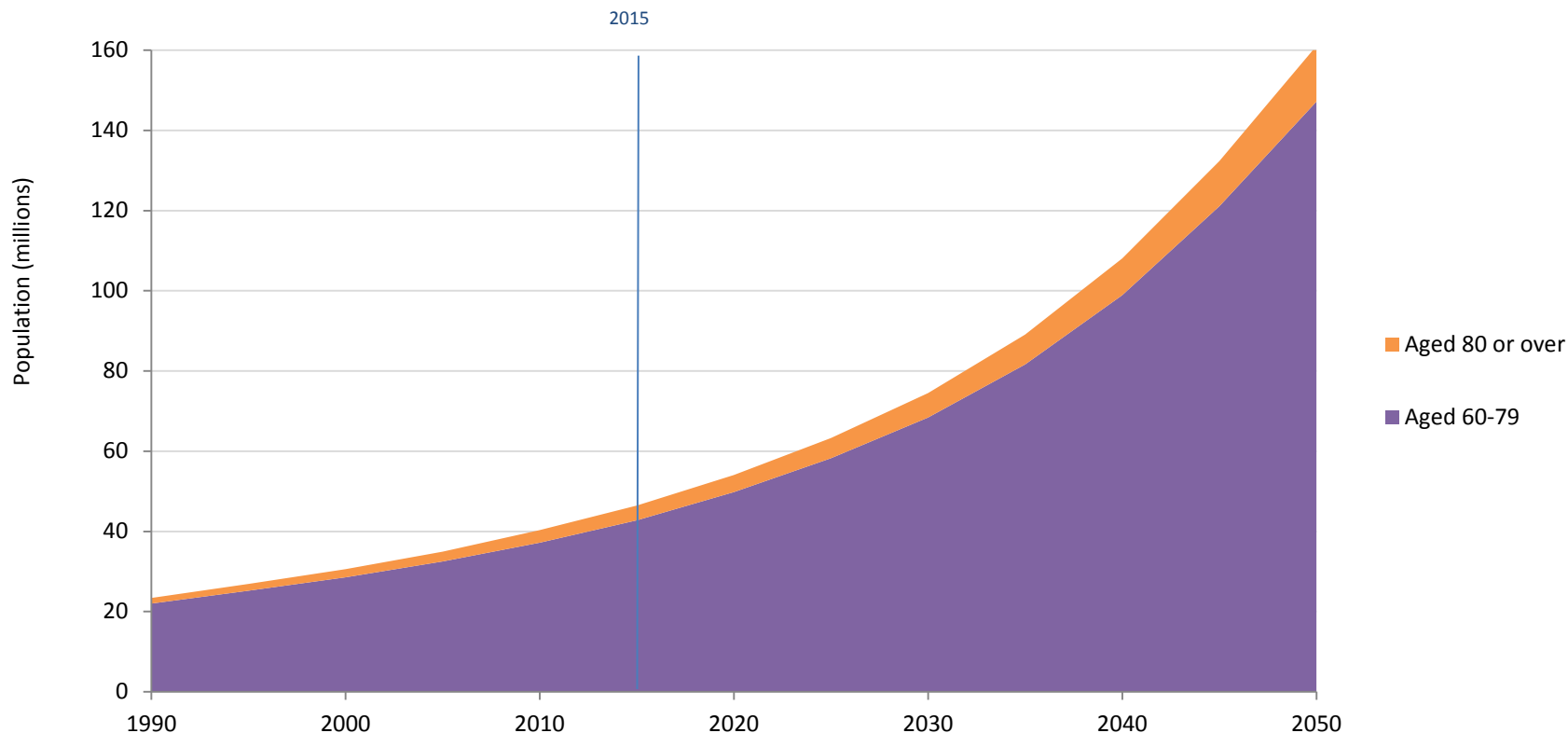


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Population aged 60-79 years and 80 years or over in sub-Saharan Africa, 1990-2050



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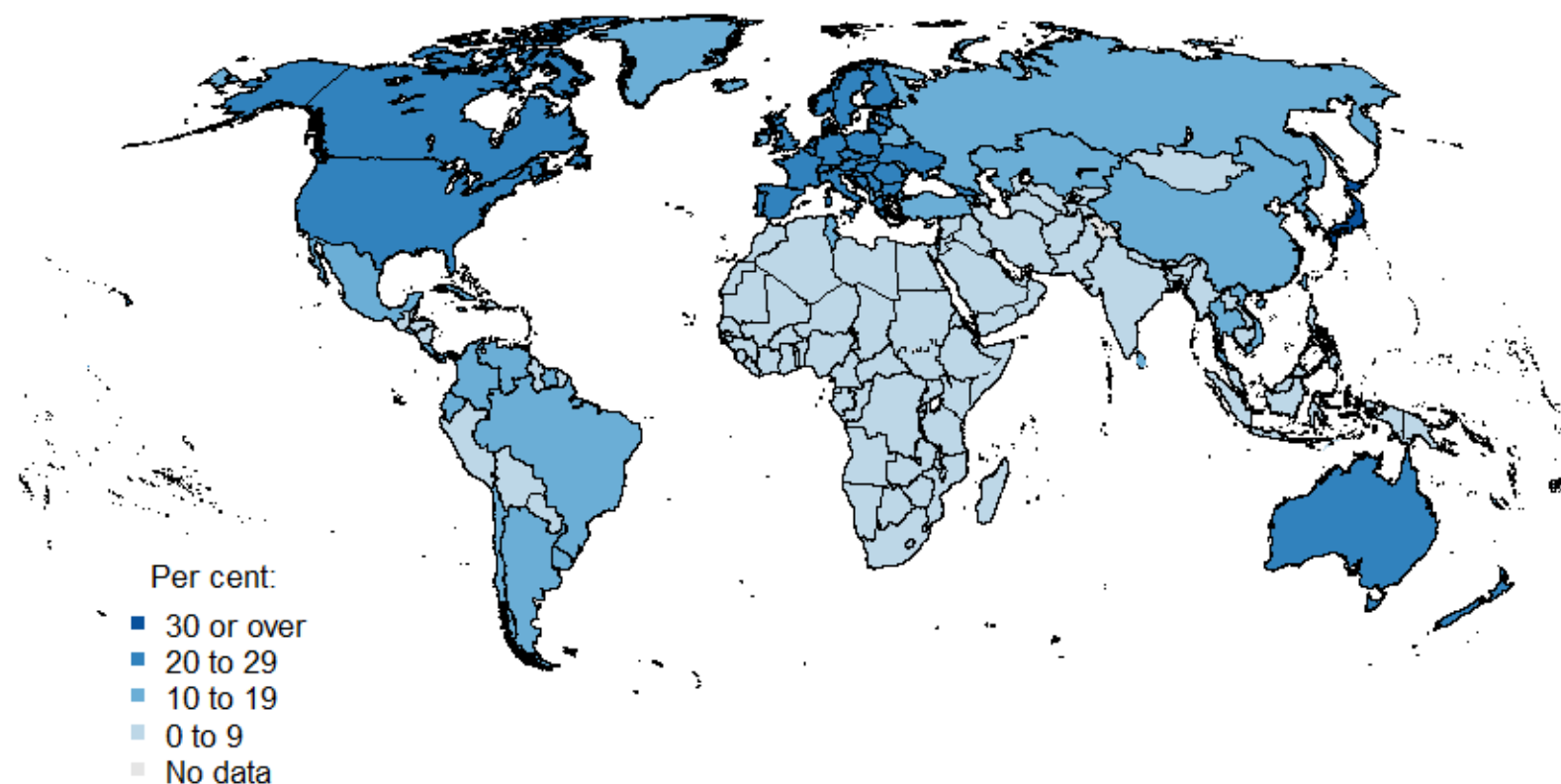


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Percentage of Total Population Aged 60 years or over (2015)



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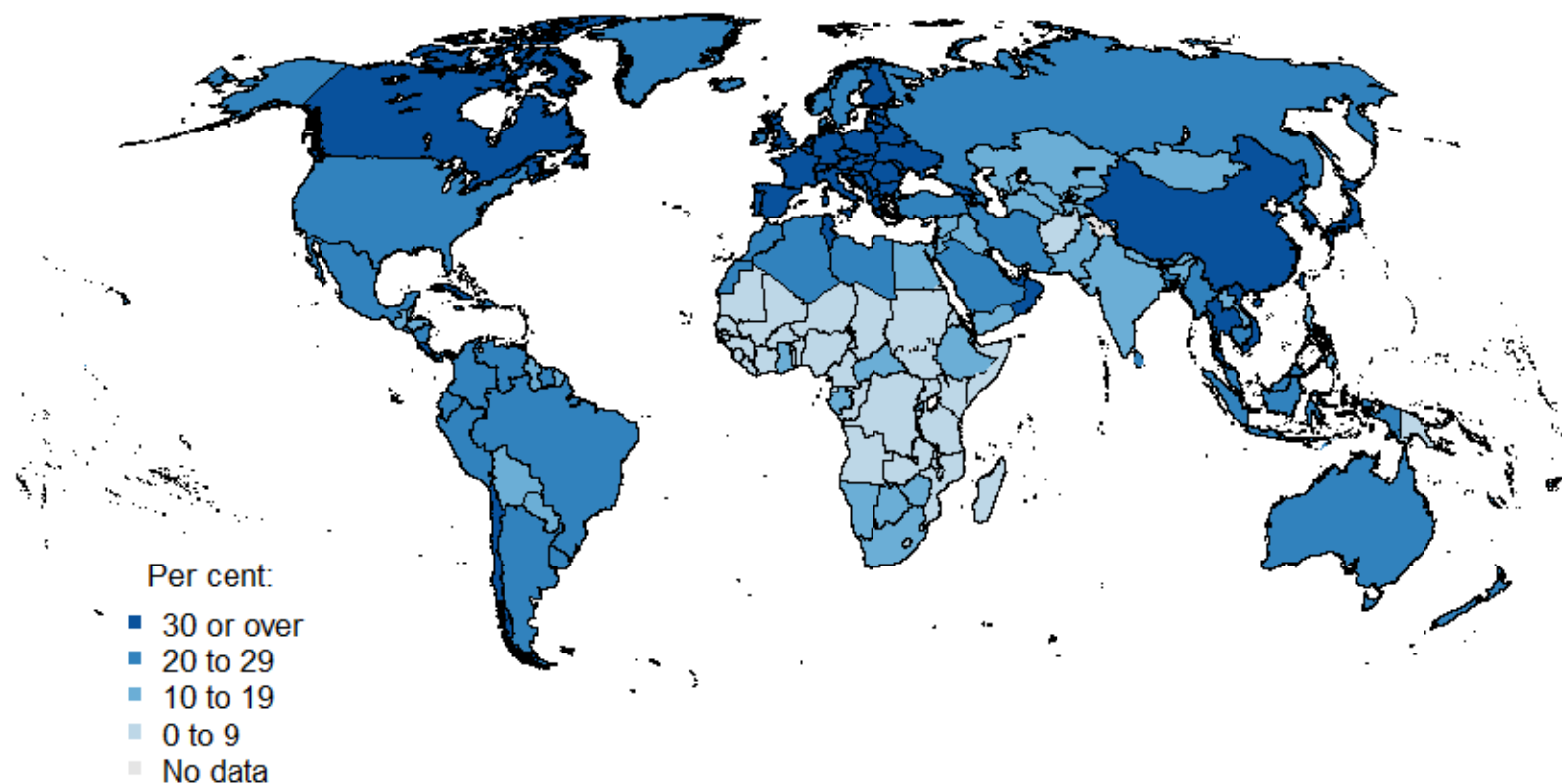


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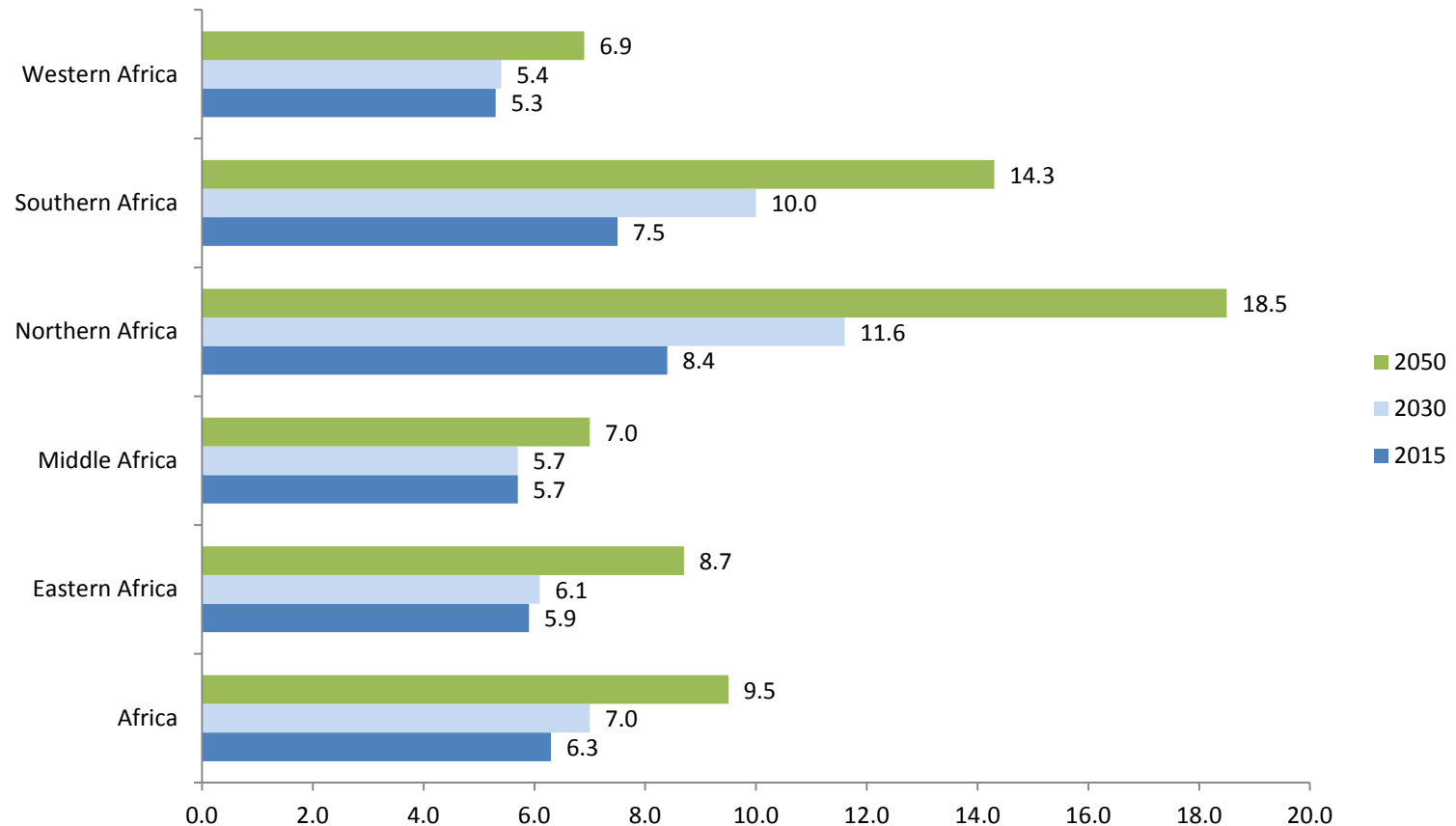


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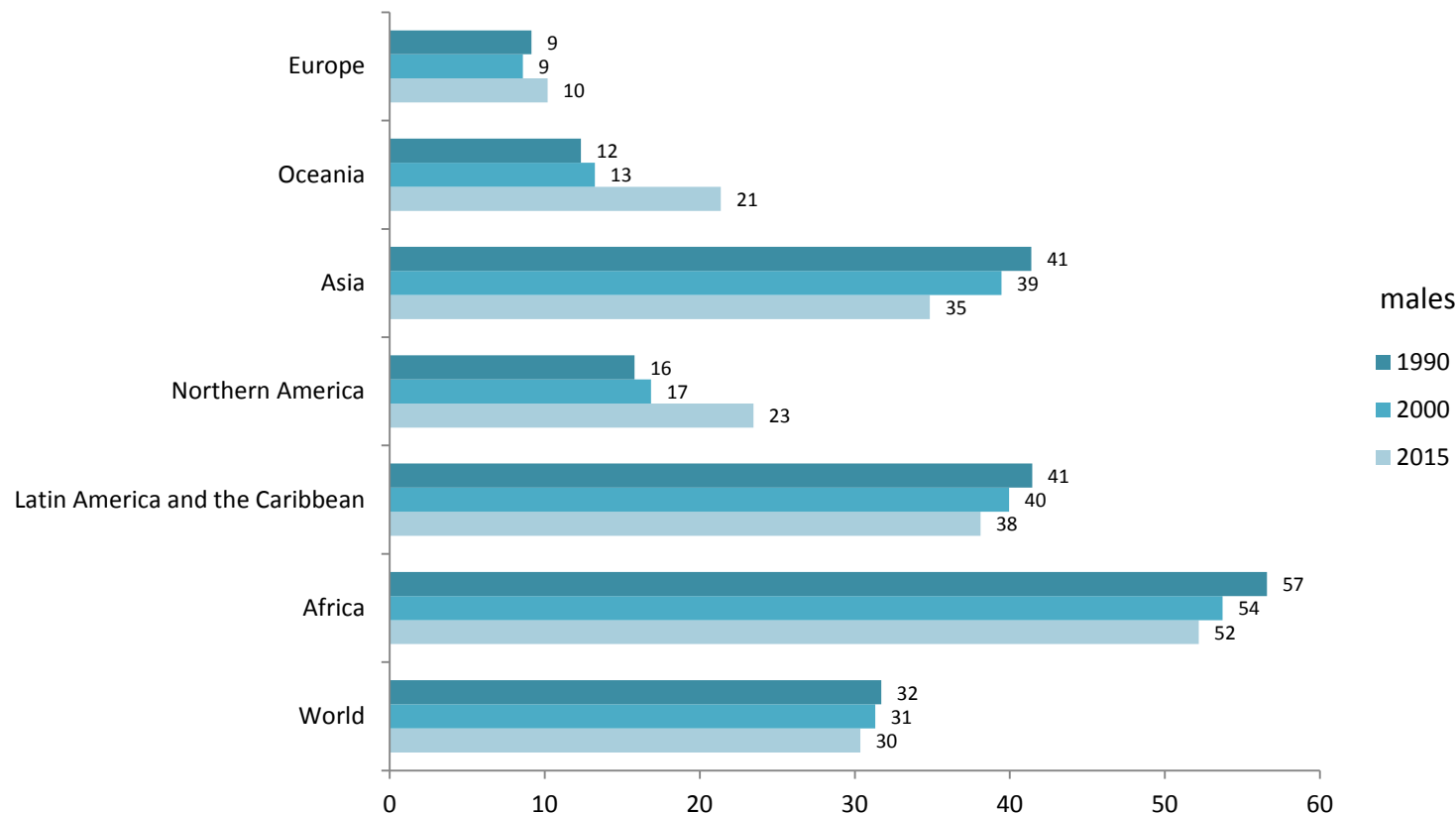
Population ageing implies rising old-age dependency ratio



$\text{OADR} = \frac{\text{Age } 65+}{\text{Age } 15-64} \text{ (per hundred persons)}$

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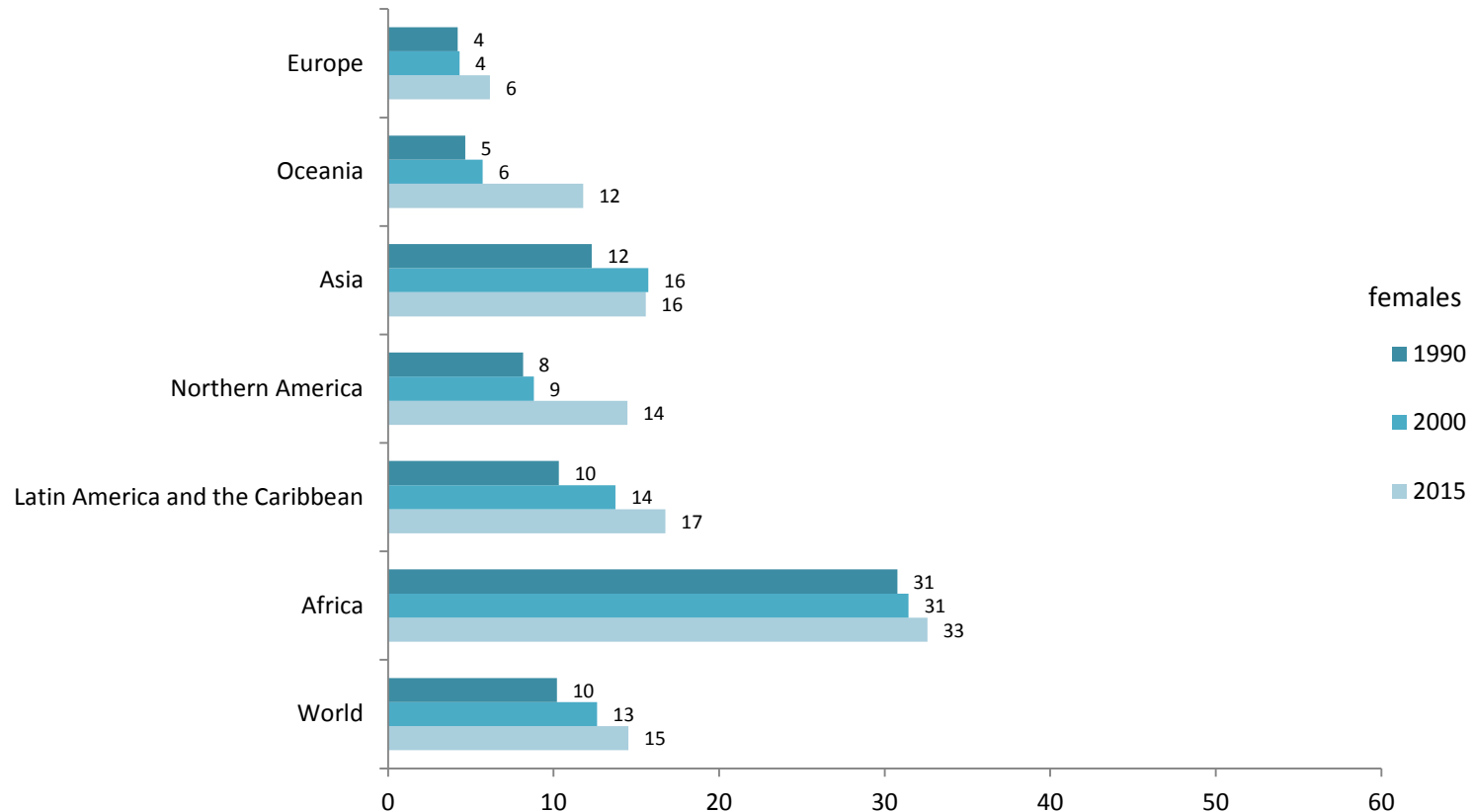


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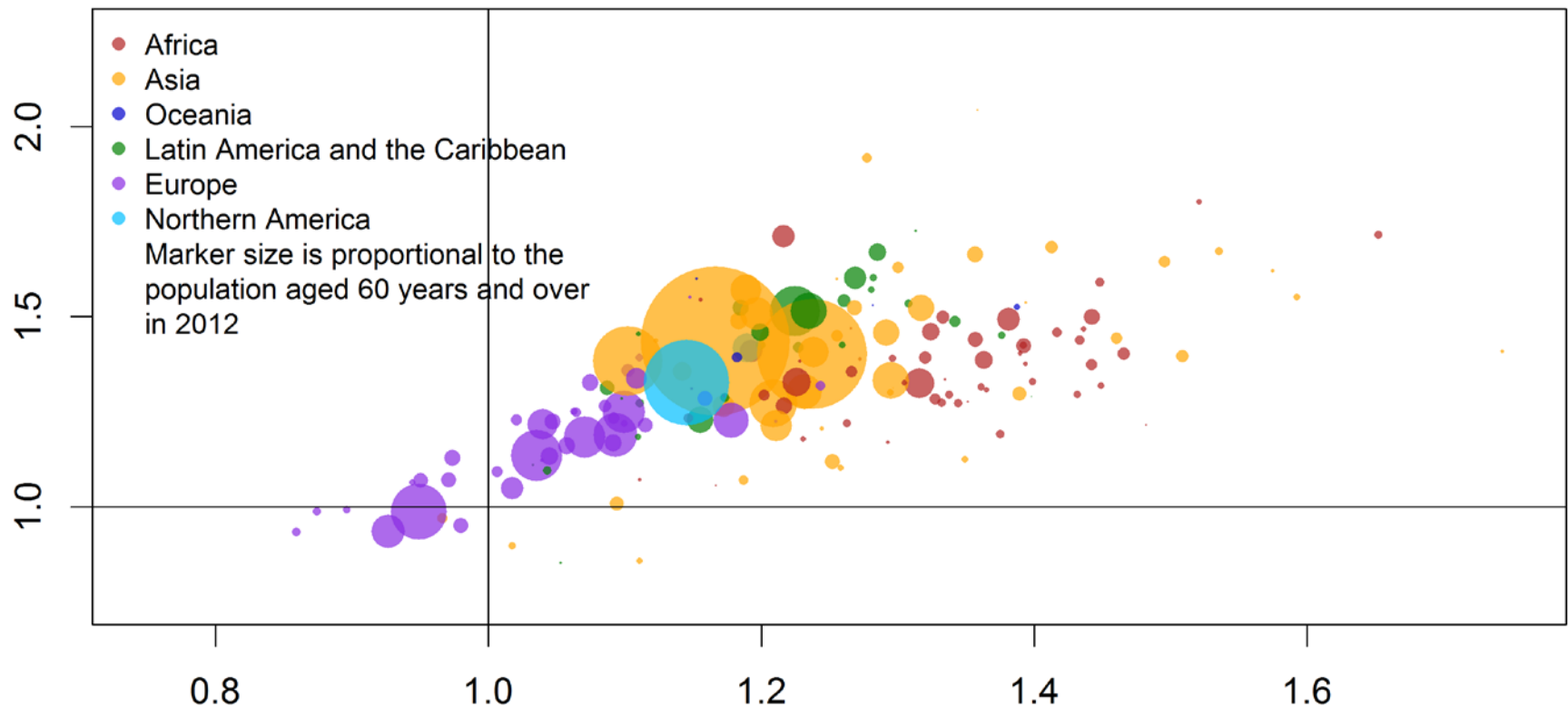
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Growth in the older population versus growth in NCD-related disability

Ratio of pop aged 60+ in 2012 compared to 2000



Ratio of NCD-related disability in 2012 compared to 2000



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Key trends

1. Population ageing is one of the most important demographic trends
2. The number of older people is growing faster than any other group.
3. Africa will experience the fastest growth rate of the number of older person than any other region in the world.
4. The older population is itself ageing
5. Population ageing raises concerns about the economic security of older people, health and social care spending, and inter-generational support.

Key points

- Older people tend to be less poor than total population in most Latin American and developed countries, but poorer than total population in most of Africa countries.
- Old-age pension coverage is adequate in Europe, Northern America and Latin America, but still low in many developing regions, particularly in the Middle East (30%) and Africa (22%).
- Older men and women in sub-Saharan Africa are making other vital contributions to their families and communities.
- Many older persons whose adult children have migrated in search of work, or who have died as a result of HIV/AIDS, are the main care-providers for their children



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