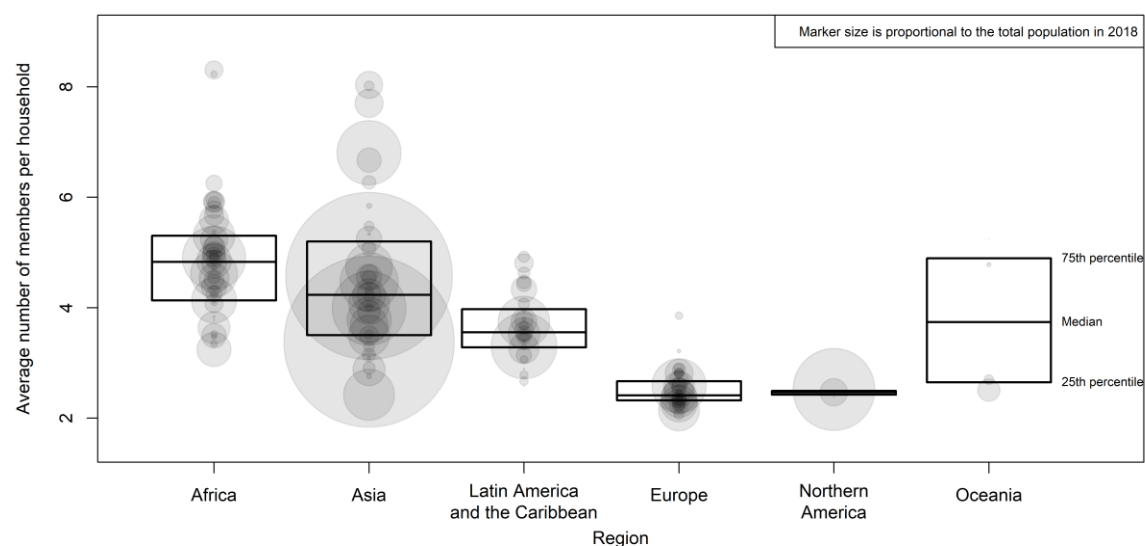


## Household size and composition

Lower fertility, ageing populations, urbanization and international migration have a profound impact on household size and composition. Recent shifts towards smaller average household size, increasing prevalence of one-person households, declines in the share of households that include children and concomitant growth in the share of households with older persons are particularly evident. Each of these trends are related to households' decisions around childbearing, education, health care, spending priorities and consumption patterns, which, in turn, affect the achievement of the SDGs, in particular those related to poverty reduction, education, health and well-being, gender equality, sustainable cities and protecting the environment.

Figure 8. Average household size, by region, most recent estimate for 153 countries or areas



Source: United Nations Database on Household Size and Composition 2018, <https://population.un.org/Household/index.html#/countries>