

Changing age structures and their impact: youth

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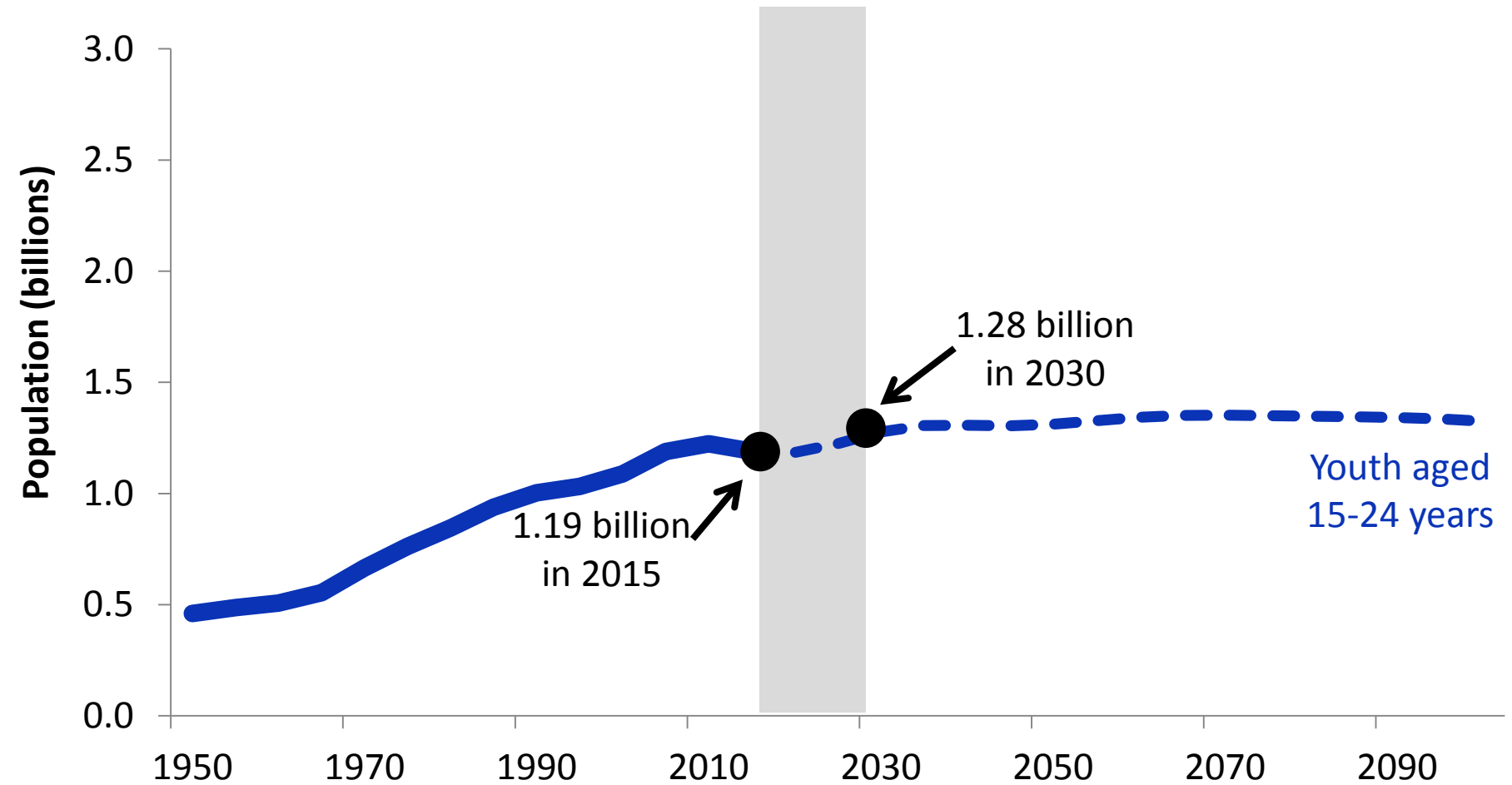


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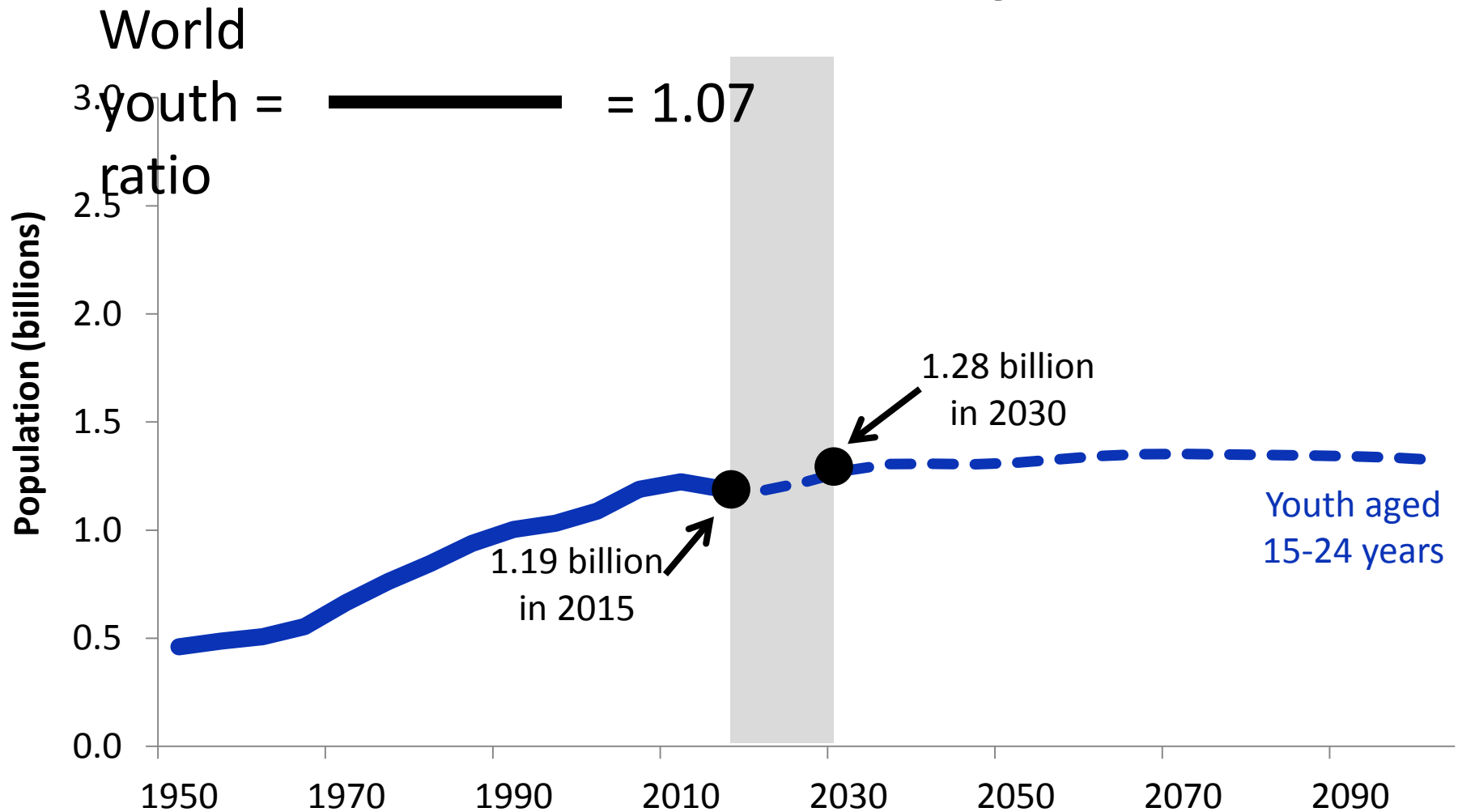


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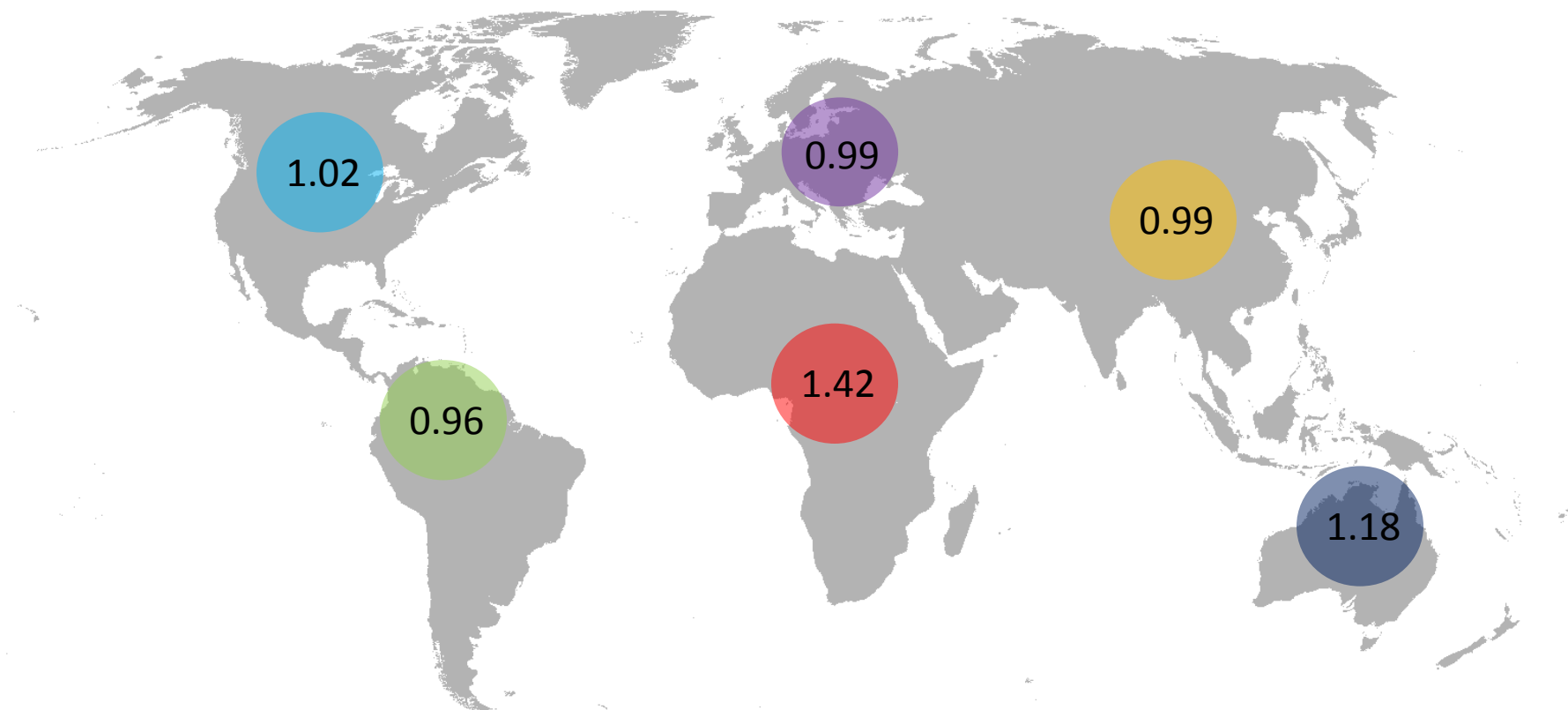


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World youth ratio = $\frac{1.28 \text{ billion in 2030}}{1.19 \text{ billion in 2015}} = 1.07$



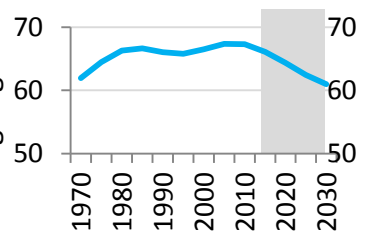
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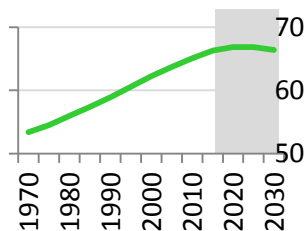


Percentage aged 15-64

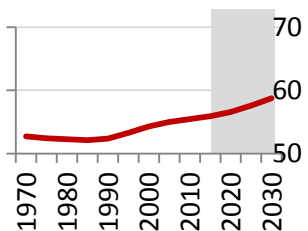
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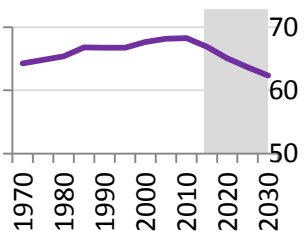
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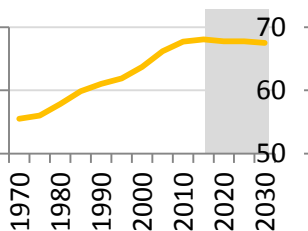
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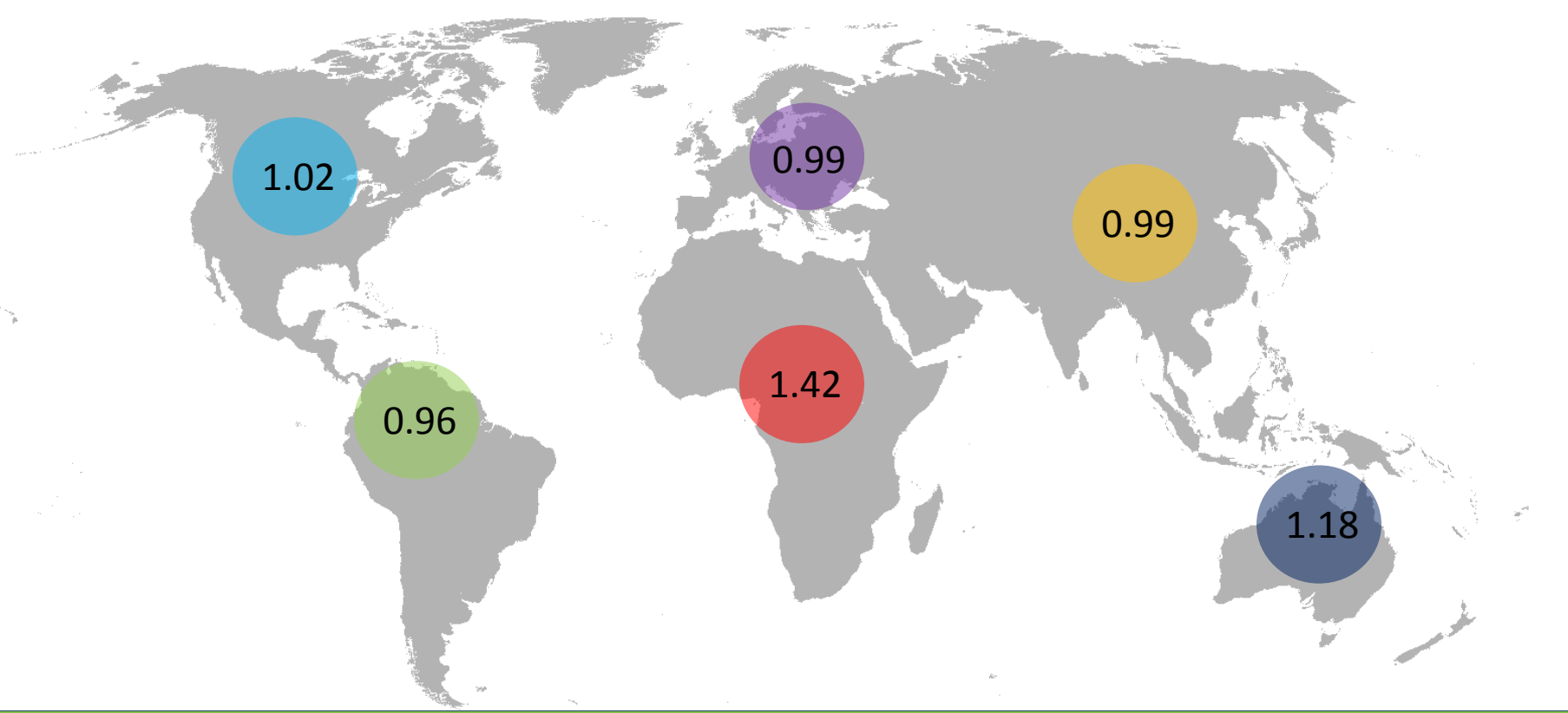
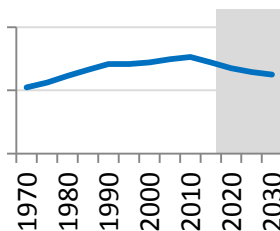
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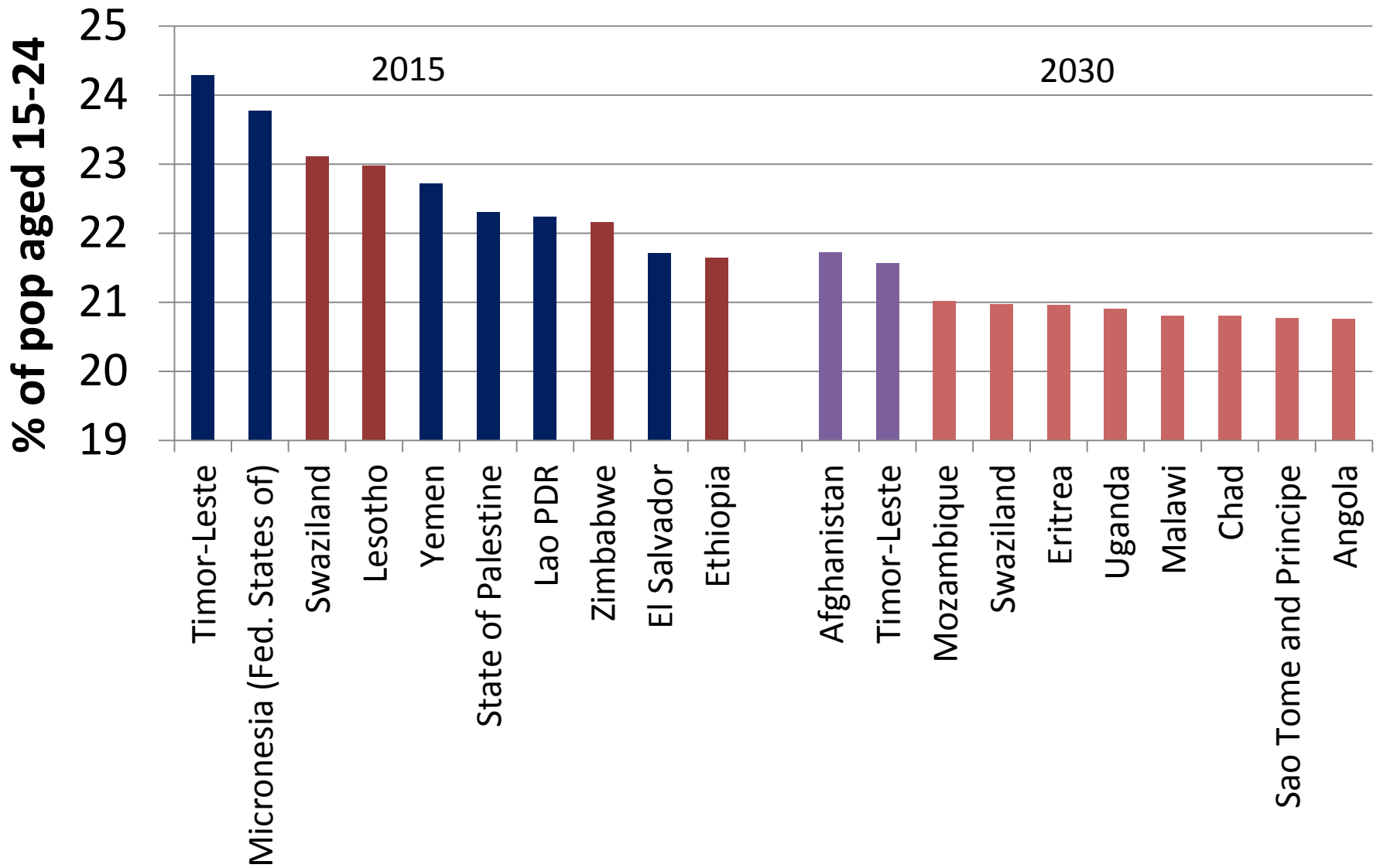
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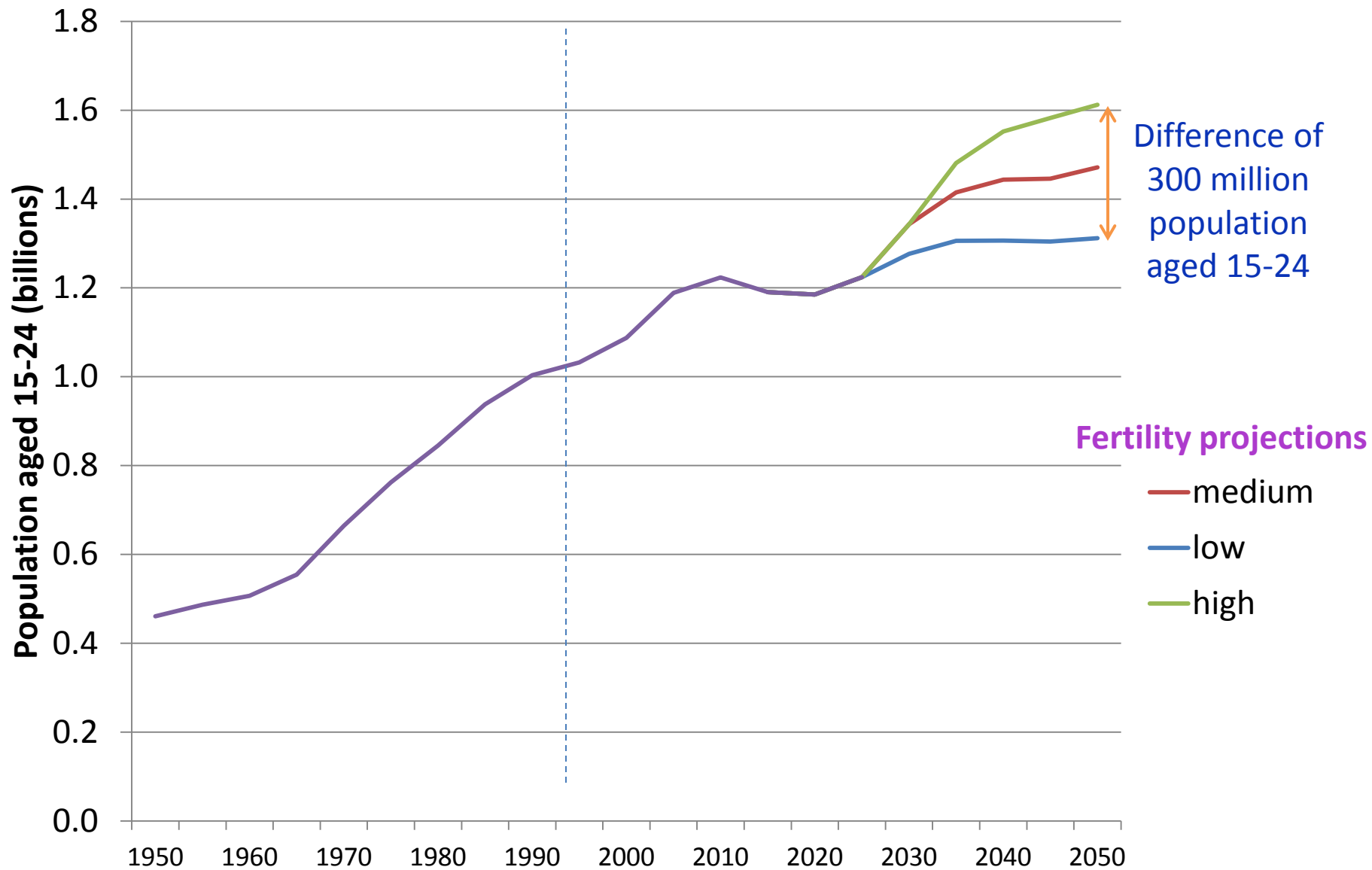




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Key points

- Most countries have already experienced the peak 'youth bulge'
- Only in Africa is significant growth in youth population expected but differences by country
- Youth bulge associated with demographic dividend
- But presents both opportunity and challenge
- Uncertainty over long term size of youth population



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