



Household Size and Composition Around the World 2017



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The household, defined as a group of persons who make common provision of food, shelter and other essentials for living, is a fundamental socio-economic unit in human societies. Households are the centres of demographic, social and economic processes. Decisions about childbearing, education, health care, consumption, labour force participation, migration and savings occur primarily at the household level. Understanding the trends and patterns of household size and composition can thus inform efforts towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This data booklet describes recent trends of household size and patterns of household composition around the globe, drawing on data compiled in the United Nations *Database of Household Size and Composition 2017*. The electronic version of this data booklet and the complete database are available online at www.unpopulation.org.

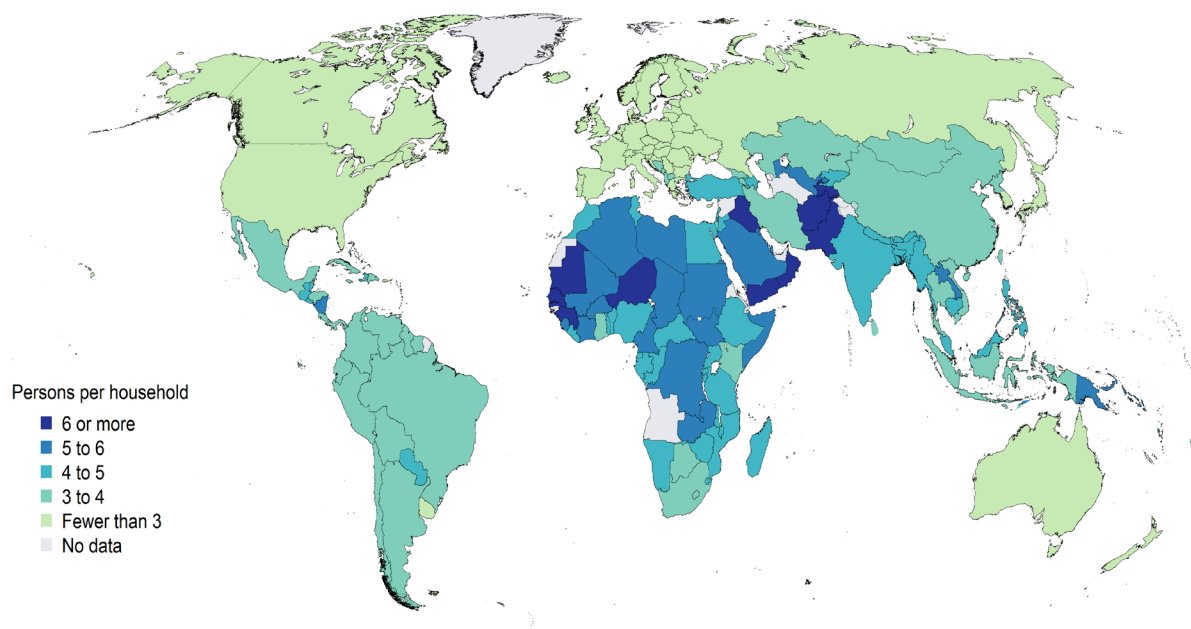
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Globally, average household size ranges from fewer than three persons per household to more than six

Average household size (most recent data since 2000)



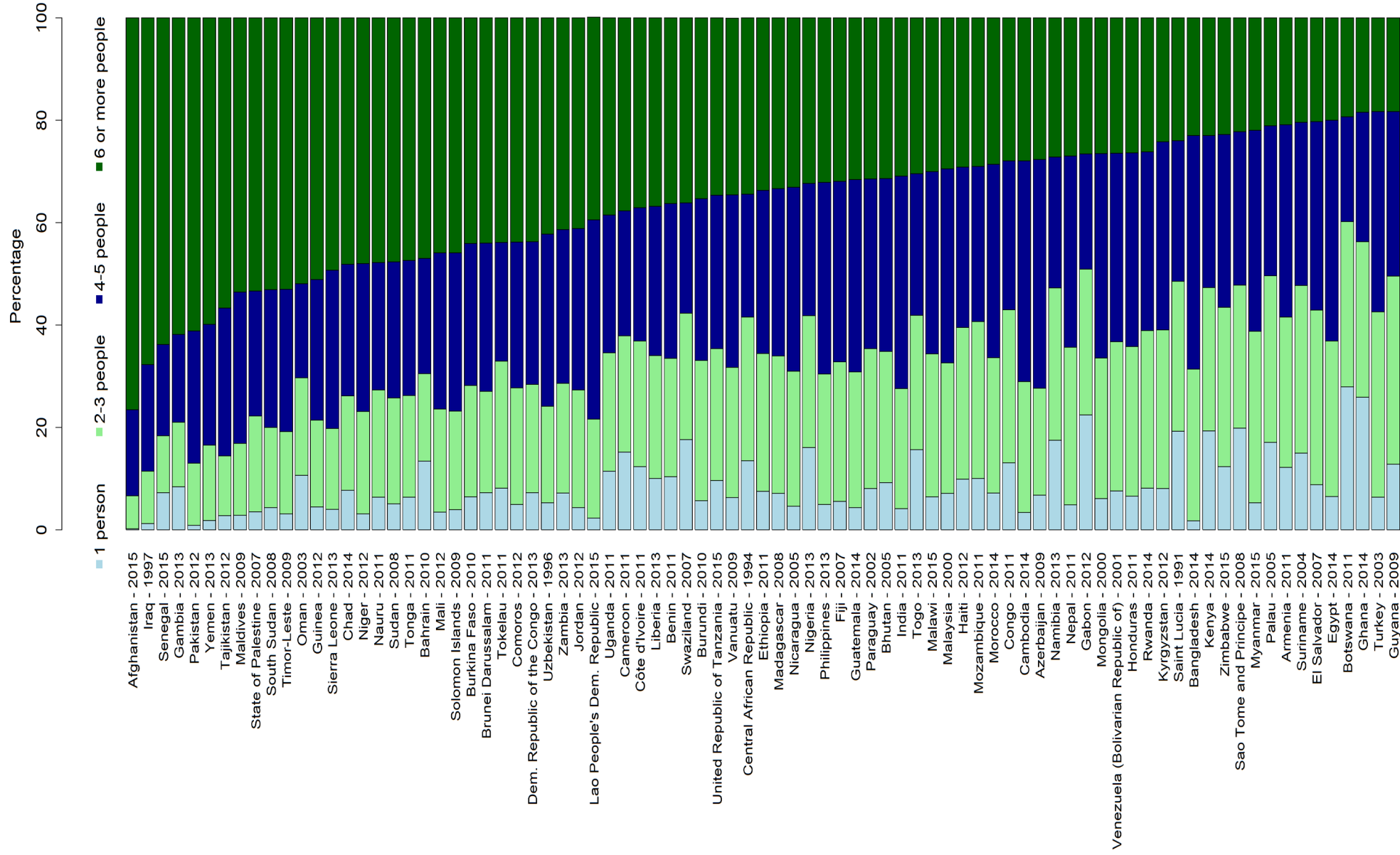
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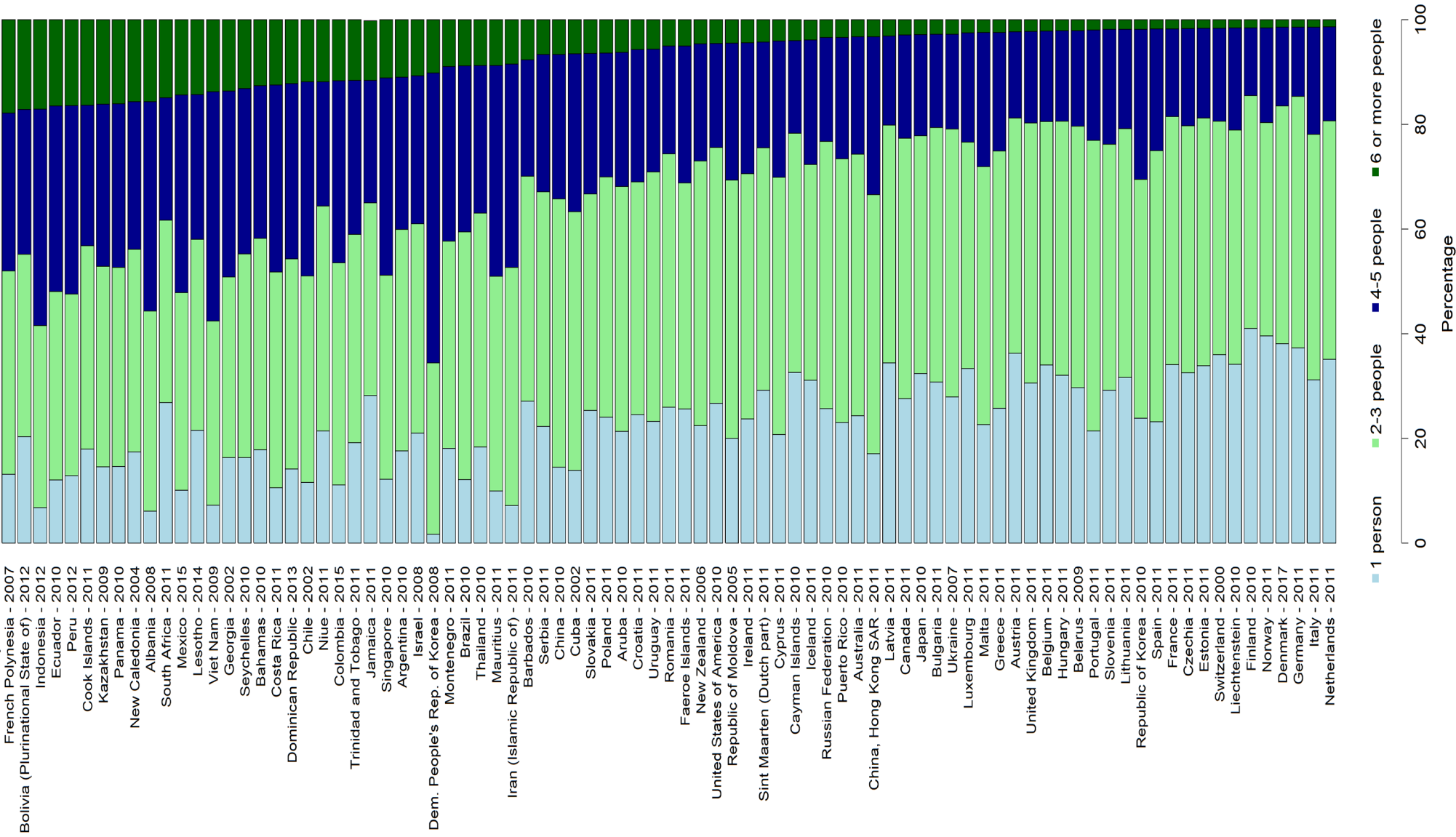
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Small average household sizes—fewer than three persons per household—are concentrated in Europe and Northern America.

Large average household sizes—five or more persons per household—are observed across much of Africa and the Middle East.

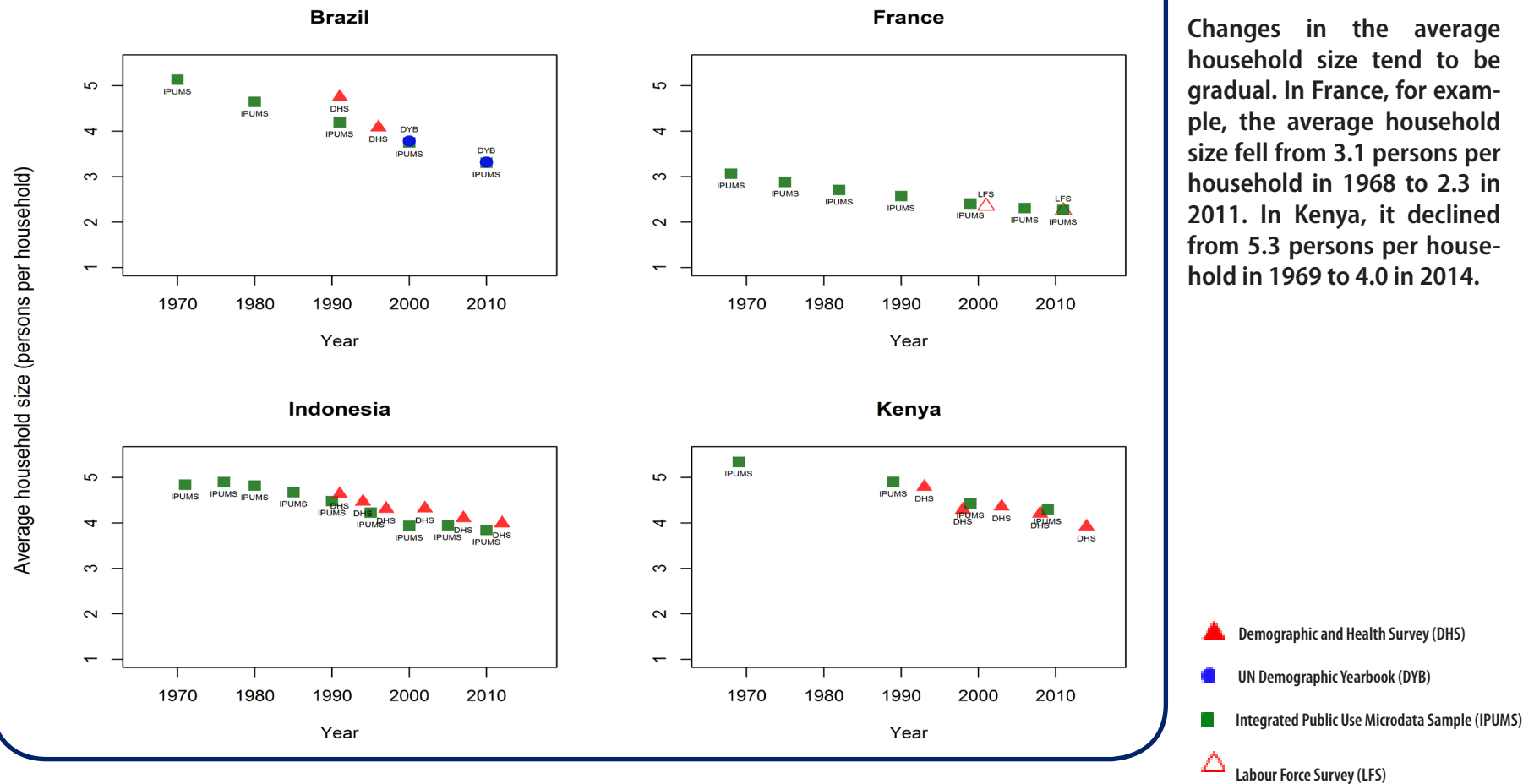
Distribution of households by size, circa 2010 or most recent available data





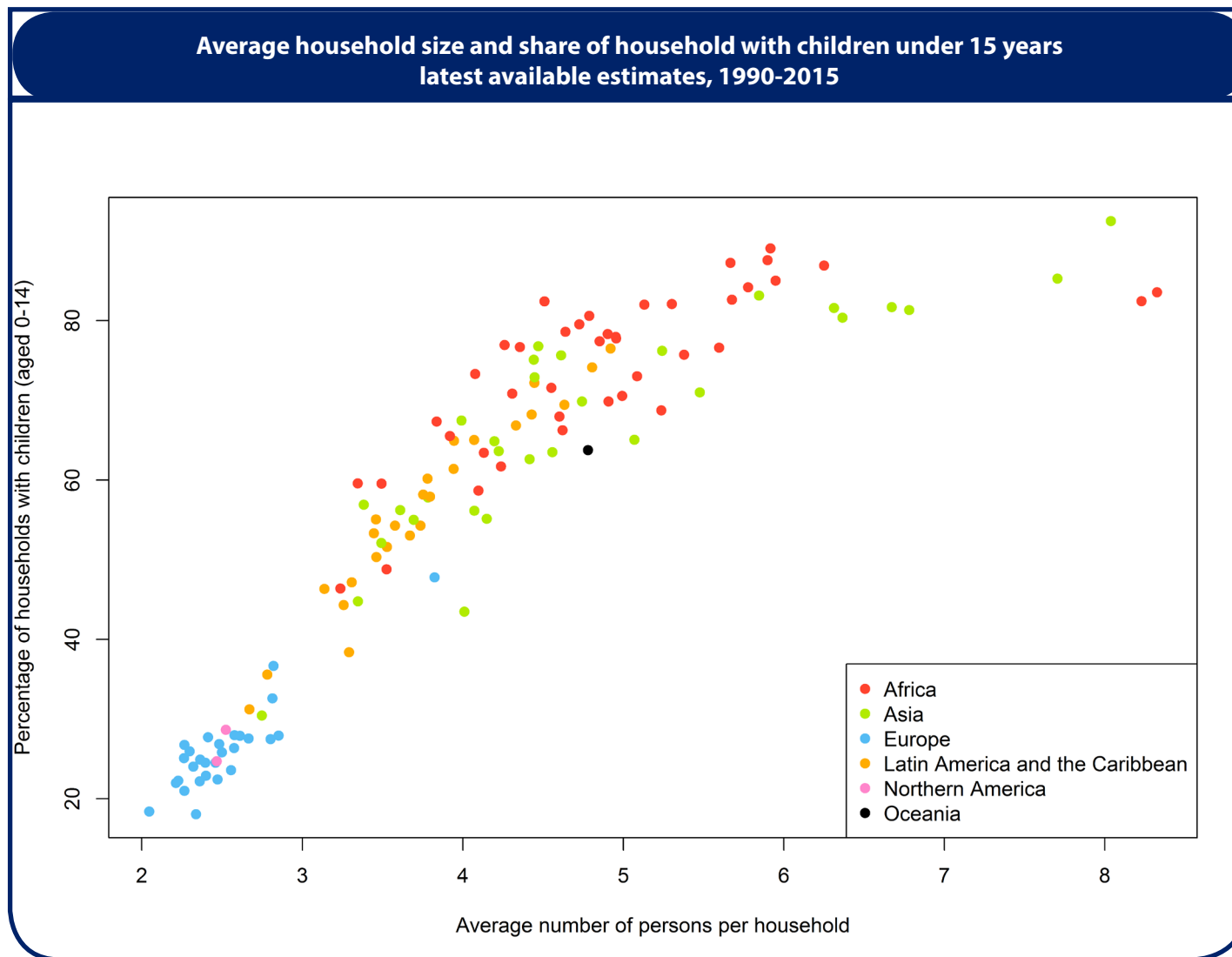
Average household size has declined almost everywhere

Trends in average household size, selected countries, circa 1970-2010



Changes in the average household size tend to be gradual. In France, for example, the average household size fell from 3.1 persons per household in 1968 to 2.3 in 2011. In Kenya, it declined from 5.3 persons per household in 1969 to 4.0 in 2014.

As the average size falls, a smaller share of households include children

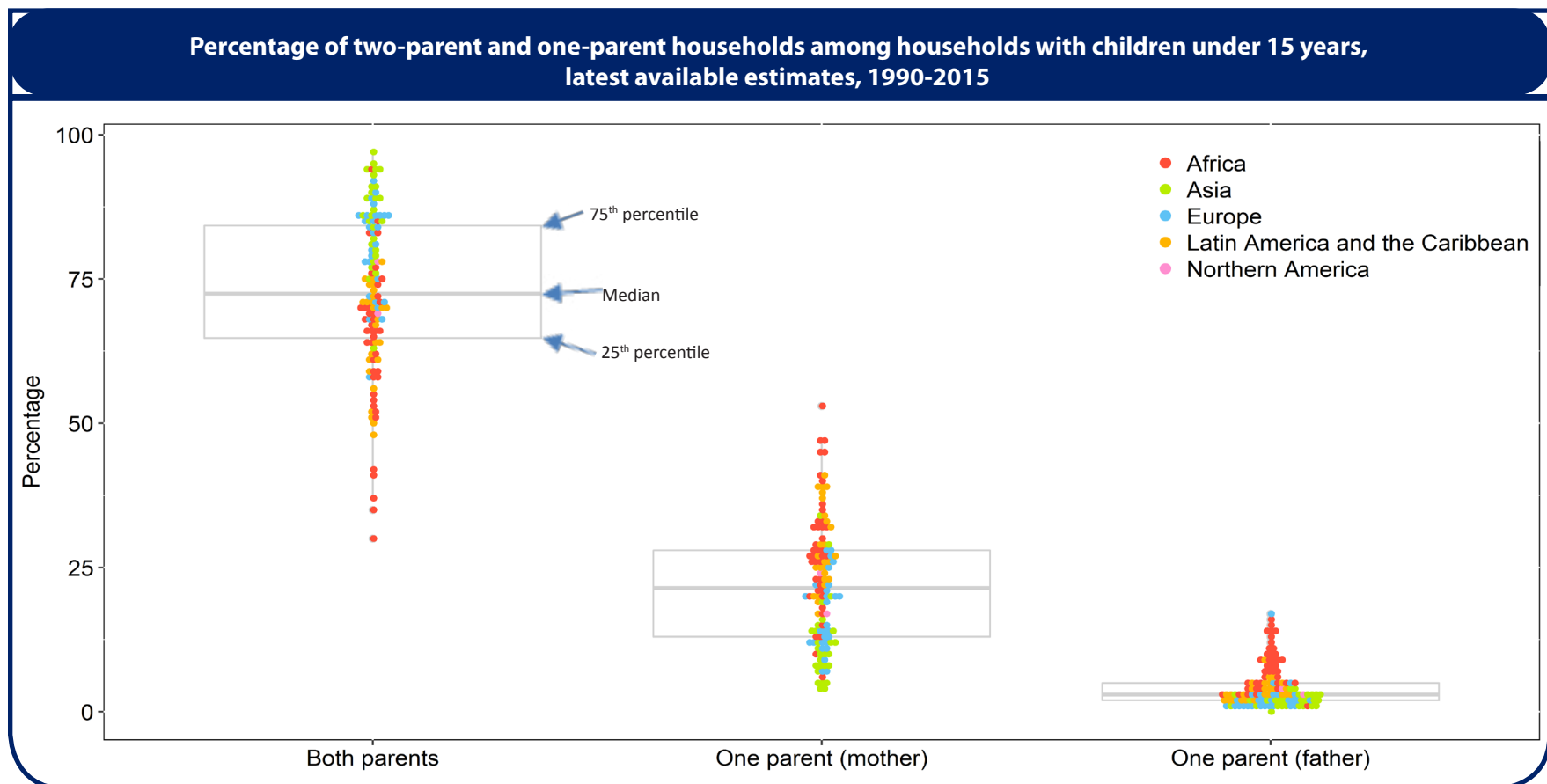


The presence of children in the household has major implications for a household's priorities, particularly with respect to the demand, and allocation of resources, for education and health care. In countries of Africa and Asia a substantial majority of households—more than 80 per cent—include at least one child under 15 years of age. By contrast, in most countries of Europe, fewer than 30 per cent of the households include children. In Bulgaria and Germany, the percentage of households with children is particularly low, at less than 20 per cent.

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Nearly three quarters of households with children include two parents

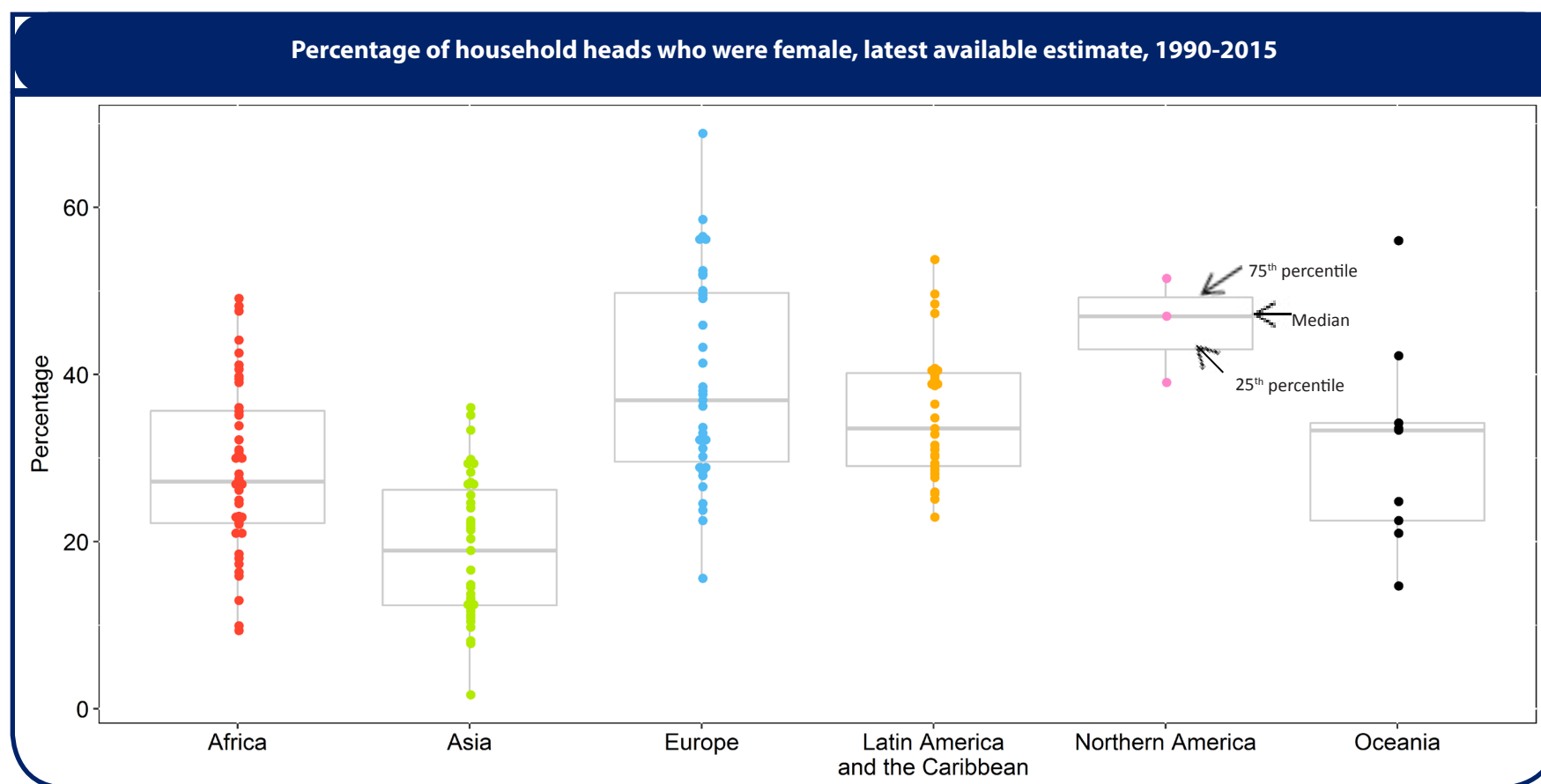
Across the 124 countries with available data, the median proportion of two-parent households is 73 per cent among households with children under 15 years of age. The median proportion of one-parent households (among those with children) is much lower, at 21 per cent for lone-mother households and 3 per cent for lone-father households. One-parent households are more prevalent in Africa and in Latin America and the Caribbean, and less prevalent in Asia. Lone-father households account for more than 15 per cent of households with children in Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire and Belgium, while lone-mother households account for more than 45 per cent in Botswana, Namibia and Swaziland.



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Female headship is more than twice as common in Northern America as in Asia

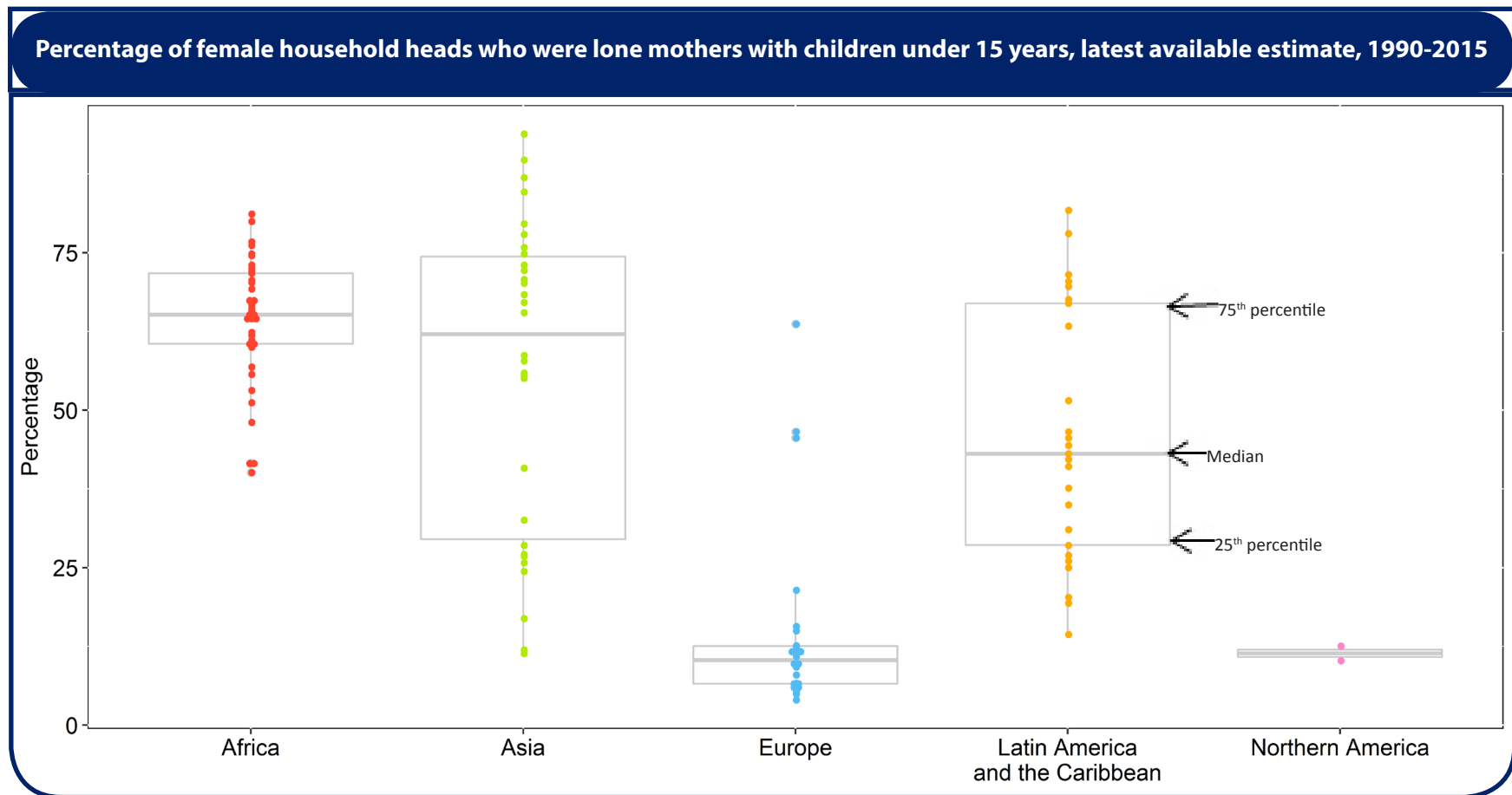
Households headed by women are most common in Northern America (with a median proportion of 47 per cent), followed by Europe (37 per cent), Latin America and the Caribbean (34 per cent) and Oceania (33 per cent). The median prevalence of female-headed households is much lower in Africa (27 per cent) and lowest in Asia (19 per cent).



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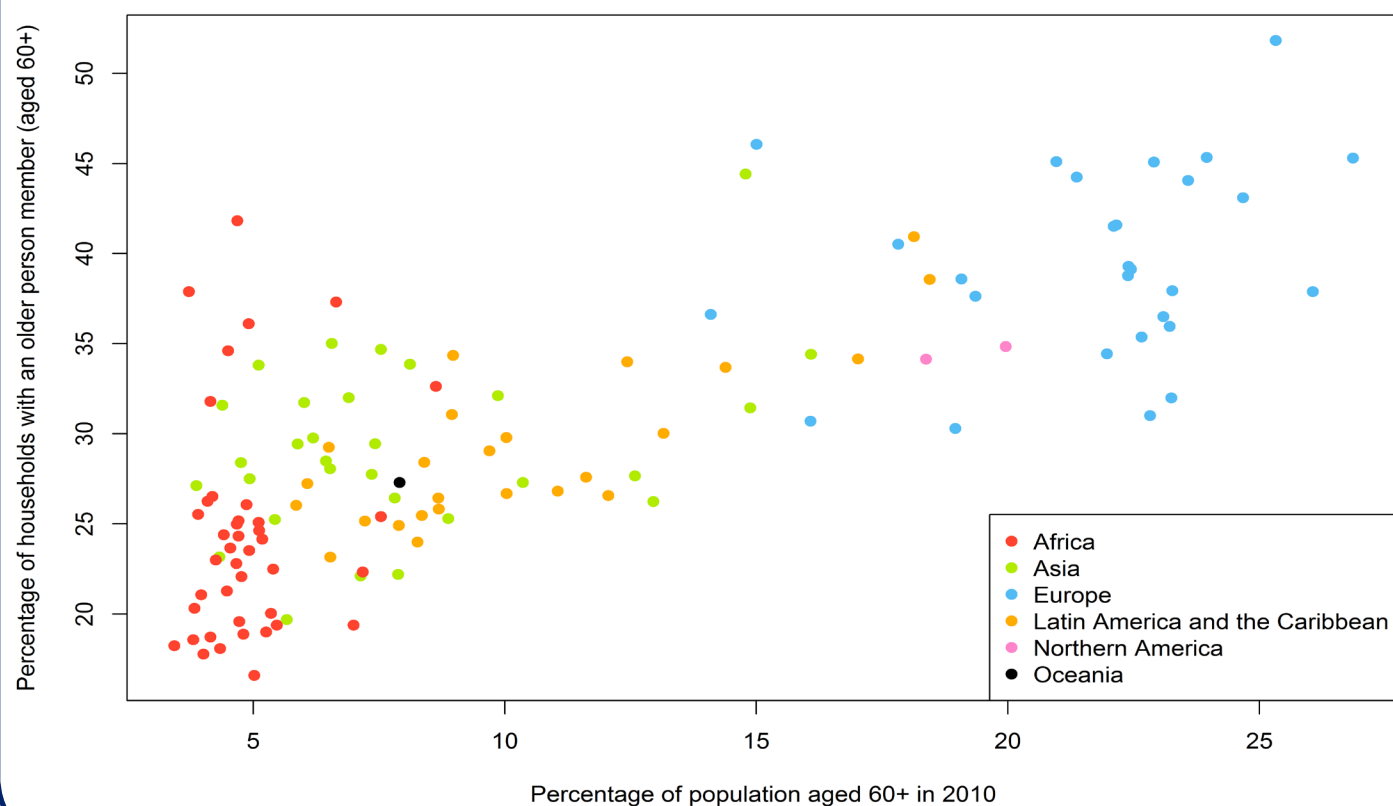
Female heads in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean are more likely to be lone mothers compared to those in Europe and Northern America

The composition of households headed by women differs markedly across countries and regions. In many countries of Africa and Asia, more than half the female household heads are parenting children under 15 years of age without a co-resident spouse or partner. Although female headship is fairly common in Europe and Northern America (see previous page), a relatively small percentage (median around 10 per cent) are lone mothers with children under 15 years of age.



Population ageing brings an increasing proportion of households that include older persons

Share of the population aged 60 years or over and share of households with an older person, latest available estimates, 1990-2015

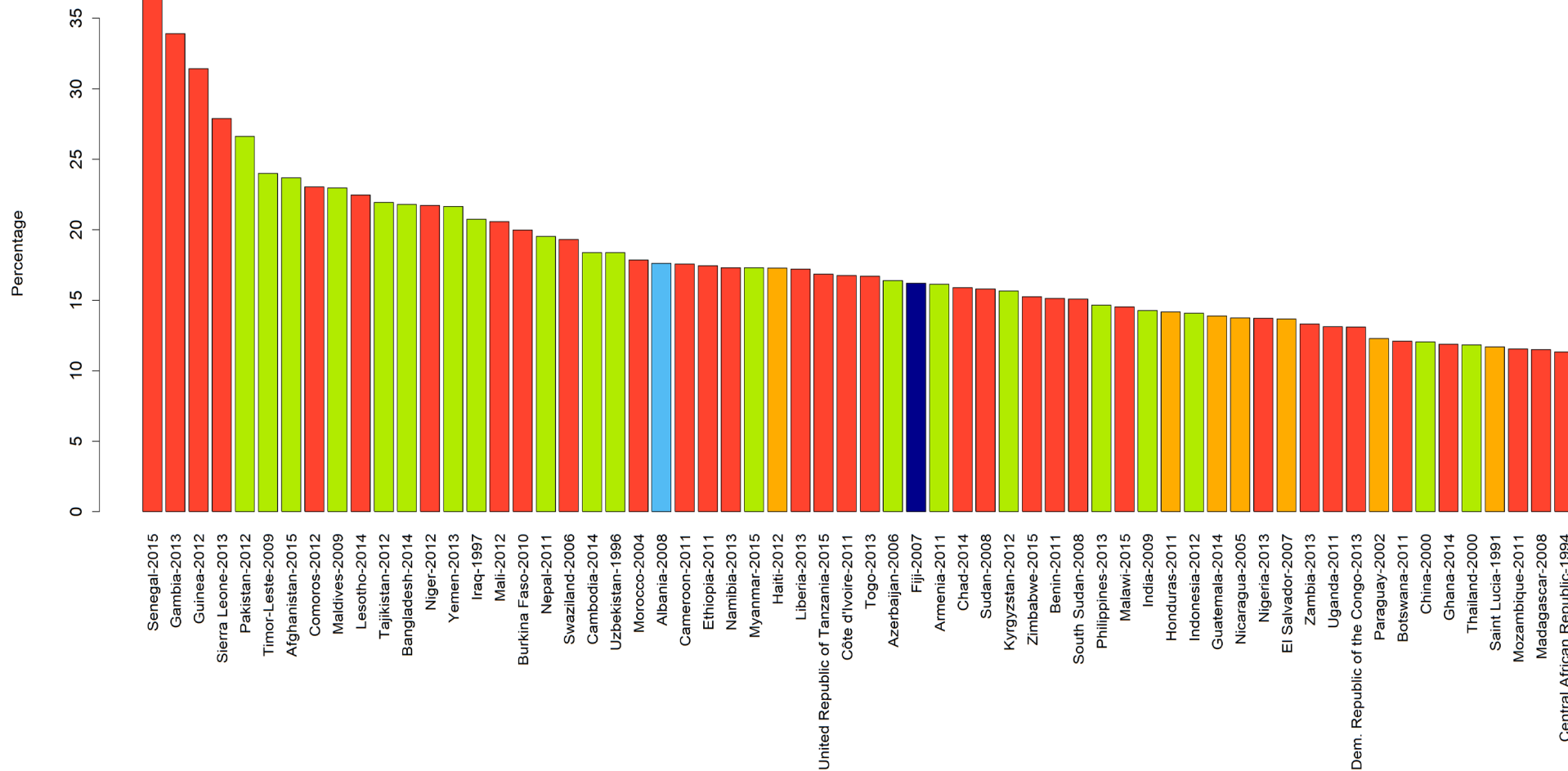


In countries of Europe and Northern America, where more than 15 per cent of the total population is aged 60 years or over, a third of the households include at least one older person among their members. By contrast, in countries with relatively youthful populations, including many in Africa, where less than 5 per cent of the total population is aged 60 years or over, less than a quarter of the households include an older person.

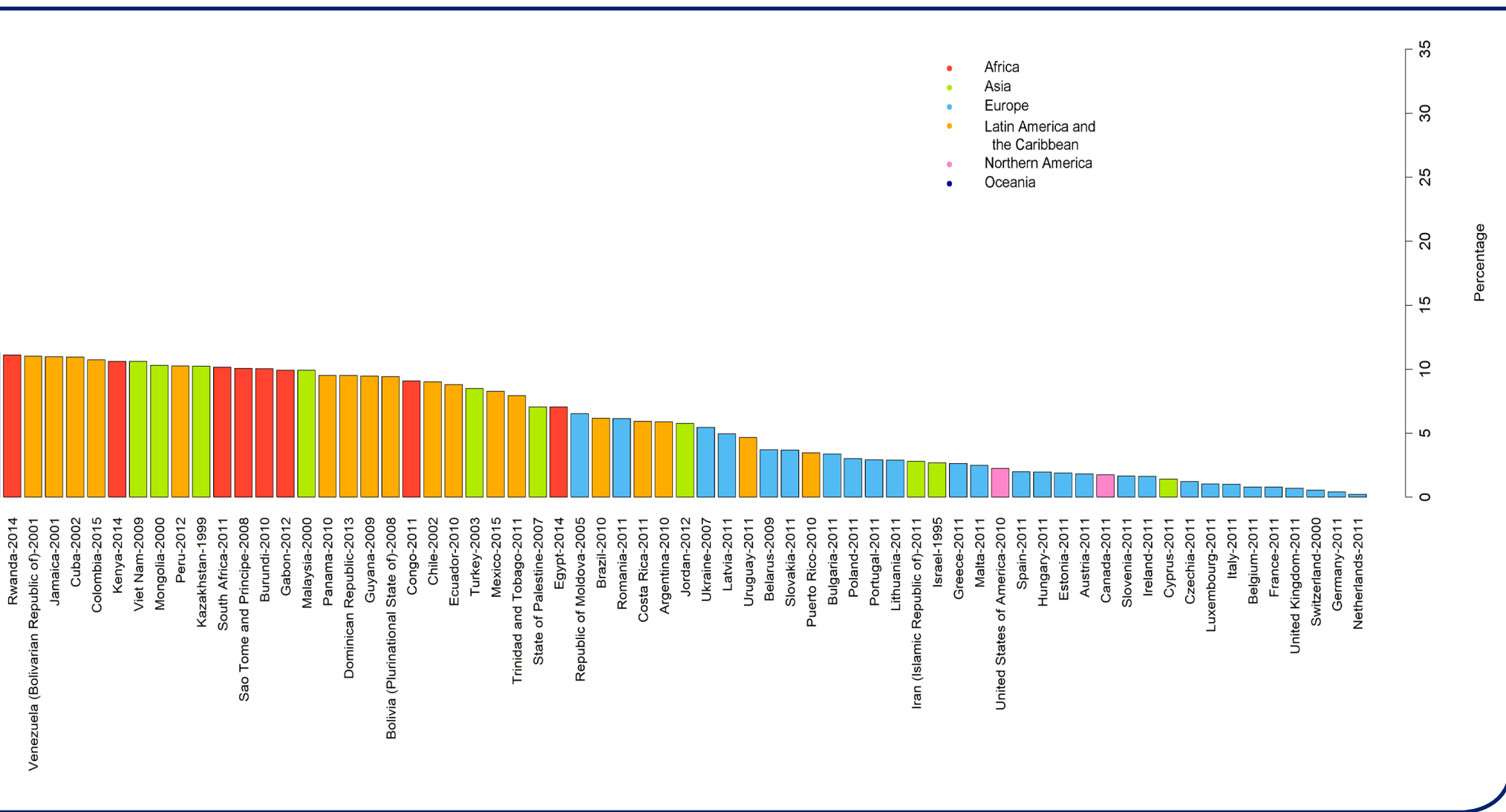
The percentage of households including an older person depends also on other factors such as the living arrangements of older persons. For example, a high share of households includes older persons in many countries in Africa and Asia because of the common practice of multi-generational living arrangements.

Co-residence of children with older persons is more common in Africa and Asia than in other regions

Percentage of households that included both a child under 15 years and an older person aged 60 years or over, latest available estimate 1990-2015



The proportion of households that includes both a child under 15 years of age and an older person aged 60 years or over, is highest in Senegal, at 37 per cent and lowest in the Netherlands, at 0.2 per cent.



Country or area	Average household size (number of members)	Distribution of households by number of members (%) ⁱ				Headship (%)		Female headship (%)	Households with children or older persons (%)			Households with children under age 15 (%)				Data sources ⁱⁱⁱ
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Burundi	4.8	6	27	32	35	27	17	72	81	18	10	2.8	70	23	5	Col 2-16: DHS 2010
Comoros	5.4	5	23	28	44	39	21	75	76	35	23	2.9	69	23	3	Col 2-16: DHS 2012
Djibouti																
Eritrea																
Ethiopia	4.6	8	27	32	34	26	21	65	79	25	17	2.7	71	18	5	Col 2-16: DHS 2011
Kenya	3.9	19	28	30	23	32	17	67	66	19	11	2.6	59	32	4	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Madagascar	4.7	7	27	33	33	22	15	65	80	18	12	2.8	70	21	7	Col 2-16: DHS 2008
Malawi	4.5	6	28	36	30	31	18	69	82	21	15	2.6	59	30	4	Col 2-16: DHS 2015
Mauritius		10	41	40	9	21	27									Col 3-8: DYB 2011
Mayotte	4.1															Col 2: CENSUS 2012
Mozambique	4.4	10	31	30	29	36	16	65	77	19	12	2.7	58	33	7	Col 2-16: DHS 2011
Réunion																
Rwanda	4.3	8	31	35	26	31	18	72	77	19	11	2.4	64	27	3	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Seychelles	3.8	16	39	32	13	49										Col 2 & Col 7: DYB 2002 Col 3-6: DYB 2010
Somalia	5.9															Col 2: Population Estimation Survey of Somalia 2014
South Sudan	5.9	4	16	27	53	43	13	62	85	19	15	3.3	54	33	5	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2008

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Uganda	4.7	11	22	27	40	30	17	65	79	20	14	3.3	61	28	10	Col 2: CENSUS 2014 Col 3-16: DHS 2006
United Republic of Tanzania	4.9	10	26	30	35	25	20	62	77	24	17	2.9	68	26	8	Col 2-16: DHS 2015
Zambia	5.1	7	21	30	41	27	17	67	82	20	13	3.1	68	27	7	Col 2-16: DHS 2013
Zimbabwe	4.1	12	31	34	23	41	20	65	73	23	15	2.4	52	32	5	Col 2-16: DHS 2015
Middle Africa																
Angola																
Cameroon	5.2	12	23	24	41	23	16	53	71	21	14	3.2	69	21	4	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2005
Central African Republic	4.9	13	28	24	34	21	15	51	70	19	11	3.3	62	27	14	Col 2-16: DHS 1994
Chad	5.8	8	18	26	48	22	17	70	84	21	16	3.7	74	20	9	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Congo	4.3	13	30	29	28	23	14	65	71	17	9	2.6	66	32	12	Col 2-16: DHS 2011
Dem. Republic of the Congo	5.3	7	21	28	44	25	16	71	82	20	13	3.3	66	28	10	Col 2-16: DHS 2013
Equatorial Guinea	4.7															Col 2: CENSUS 2015
Gabon	4.1	22	28	23	27	30	16	65	59	19	10	2.8	51	45	13	Col 2: CENSUS 2013 Col 3-16: DHS 2012
Sao Tome and Principe	4.0	20	28	30	22	39	23	67	67	25	10	2.5	53	40	4	Col 2: CENSUS 2012 Col 3-16: DHS 2008

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Northern Africa																
Algeria	5.9															Col 2: Survey of Household Consumption Expenditure and Living Standard 2011
Egypt	4.1	6	30	43	20	13	22	61	63	25	7	2.2	94	6	1	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Libya	5.6															Col 2: Population and Living Conditions of Libya 2006
Morocco	4.6	7	26	38	29	16	24	42	69	33	18	2.4	83	13	5	Col 2-6: CENSUS 2014 Col 7-16: IPUMS 2004
Sudan	5.6	5	21	27	48	27	19	61	77	25	16	3.1	67	26	3	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2008
Tunisia	4.0															Col 2: CENSUS 2014
Western Sahara																
Southern Africa																
Botswana	3.7	28	32	20	19	48	17	42	49	20	12	2.4	35	47	5	Col 2: Census 2011 Col 3-16: IPUMS 2011
Lesotho	3.3	22	37	28	14	40	35	48	60	37	22	2.1	42	29	6	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Namibia	4.4	14	29	27	30	44	22	65	66	25	18	2.7	37	47	9	Col 2: CENSUS 2011 Col 3-16: DHS 2006
South Africa	3.2	27	35	23	15	41	20	40	46	22	10	2.0	41	41	3	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2011

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Western Africa																
Benin	5.0	10	23	30	36	23	20	66	78	24	15	3.1	70	20	11	Col 2-16: DHS 2011
Burkina Faso	5.7	6	22	28	44	10	20	73	83	26	20	3.4	83	13	9	Col 2-16: DHS 2010
Cabo Verde	4.2															Col 2: CENSUS 2010
Côte d'Ivoire	5.4	12	24	26	37	18	19	61	73	23	17	3.0	66	27	16	Col 2: CENSUS 2014 Col 3-16: DHS 2011
Gambia	8.2	8	13	17	62	22	25	80	82	38	34	4.5	75	36	11	Col 2: CENSUS 2013 Col 3-16: DHS 2013
Ghana	3.5	26	30	25	18	34	19	57	60	22	12	2.4	55	32	7	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Guinea	7.2	4	17	28	51	17	27	72	87	36	31	3.4	72	22	14	Col 2: CENSUS 2014 Col 3-16: DHS 2012
Guinea-Bissau																
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Mali	5.7	3	20	31	46	9	23	76	87	27	21	3.4	85	10	6	Col 2-16: DHS 2012
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Saint Helena		26	55	16	3											Col 3-6: DYB 2008
Senegal	8.3	7	11	18	64	30	29	81	84	42	37	4.5	66	45	8	Col 2-16: DHS 2015
Sierra Leone	5.6	4	16	31	49	28	20	77	88	32	28	3.1	65	28	15	Col 2: CENSUS 2015 Col 3-16: DHS 2013
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China	3.1	15	51	28	7	15	17	24	57	28	12	1.4	84	7	3	Col 2: CENSUS 2010 Col 3-6: DYB 2010 Col 7-16: IPUMS 2000
China, Hong Kong SAR	2.9	17	50	30	3	36	30									Col 2: Census 2011 Col 3-8: DYB 2011
China, Macao SAR	3.1	15	47	38												Col 2-5: DYB 2011
China, Taiwan Province of China	3.4															Col 2: CENSUS 2000
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	3.9	2	33	55	10	8	12									Col 2-8: DYB 2008
Japan	2.4	32	45	19	3	24	42									Col 2: CENSUS 2015 Col 3-8: DYB 2010

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Central Asia																
Kazakhstan	3.5	15	38	31	16	33	23	59	56	32	10	1.9	79	19	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2009 Col 7 & Col 9-16: DHS 1999
Kyrgyzstan	4.2	8	31	37	24	27	25	65	65	28	16	2.1	76	14	2	Col 2-16: DHS 2012
Tajikistan	6.3	3	12	29	57	21	24	85	82	28	22	2.8	90	12	1	Col 2-16: DHS 2012
Turkmenistan																
Uzbekistan	5.2	5	19	34	42	22	25	76	76	30	18	2.6	93	8	1	Col 2-16: DHS 1996
Southern Asia																
Afghanistan	8.0	0	6	17	77	2	18	94	92	27	24	4.1	97	5	1	Col 2-16: DHS 2015
Bangladesh	4.5	2	30	46	23	12	19	78	77	32	22	1.9				Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Bhutan	4.5	9	26	34	31	29										Col 2 & Col 7: Bhutan Living Standards Survey 2012 Col 3-6: DYB 2005

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India	4.8	4	24	42	31	12	18	41	63	26	14	2.2	89	8	1	Col 2-6: CENSUS 2011 Col 7-16: IPUMS 2009
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3.5	7	45	39	8	12	20	17	52	22	3	1.6	94	4	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2011
Maldives	5.2	3	14	30	54	35	22	87	80	32	23	2.4	80	29	3	Col 2: CENSUS 2014 Col 3-16: DHS 2009
Nepal	4.4	5	31	37	27	28	19	80	73	29	20	2.2	63	34	3	Col 2-16: DHS 2011
Pakistan	6.8	1	12	26	61	11	21	90	81	35	27	3.2	86	16	2	Col 2-16: DHS 2012
Sri Lanka	3.8															Col 2: CENSUS 2012
South-Eastern Asia																
Brunei Darussalam		7	20	29	44	15	18									Col 3-8: DYB 2011
Cambodia	4.6	3	26	43	28	27	20	73	76	29	18	2.0	81	11	2	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Indonesia	4.0	7	35	41	17	15	20	58	67	28	14	1.7				Col 2-16: DHS 2012
Lao People's Dem. Republic	5.3	2	19	39	40	13										Col 2-7: CENSUS 2015
Malaysia	4.6	7	26	38	29	14	17	33	63	22	10	2.4	89	8	2	Col 2-6: DYB 2000 Col 7-16: IPUMS 2000
Myanmar	4.2	5	33	39	22	23	28	68	64	35	17	1.9	78	14	3	Col 2-16: DHS 2015
Philippines	4.7	5	26	37	32	19	22	70	70	28	15	2.3				Col 2-16: DHS 2013
Singapore	3.3	12	39	38	11	22	23									Col 2-8: DYB 2010

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Thailand	3.7	18	45	28	9	26	25	28	55	26	12	1.6	75	15	4	Col 2 & Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2000 Col 3-6 & Col 8: DYB 2010
Timor-Leste	5.8	3	16	28	53	12	23	67	83	34	24	3.2	82	9	3	Col 2-16: DHS 2009
Viet Nam	3.8	7	35	44	14	27	19	27	58	25	11	1.6	85	10	2	Col 2 & Col 7-16: IPUMS 2009 Col 3-6: DYB 2009
Western Asia																
Armenia	3.8	12	29	38	21	29	35	26	43	44	16	1.7	86	12	2	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2011
Azerbaijan	4.5	7	21	45	28	25	26	72	55	34	16	1.9	85	14	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2009 Col 7 & Col 9-16: DHS 2006
Bahrain	5.9	13	17	23	47											Col 2-6: CENSUS 2010
Cyprus	2.8	21	49	26	4	20	32	11	30	34	1	1.7	89	10	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Georgia	3.4	16	35	36	14											Col 2-6: DYB 2002
Iraq	7.7	1	10	21	68	10	18	55	85	28	21	4.0	91	12	2	Col 2-16: IPUMS 1997
Israel	3.1	21	40	28	11	30	26	12	45	31	3	2.2	87	8	2	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2008 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 1995
Jordan	4.8	4	23	31	41	13	23	71	65	25	6	2.7	94	5	2	Col 2: CENSUS 2015 Col 3-16: DHS 2012

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	Total	1	2 to 3	4 to 5	6+	Female	Older person (60+)	Female head who is lone parent with children under age 15	With children under age 15	With members aged 60+	With both children under age 15 and members aged 60+	Average number of children under age 15 (number of children)	Two parents present ⁱⁱ	One parent present (mother) ⁱⁱ	One parent present (father) ⁱⁱ	
	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Kuwait	5.8															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Lebanon	4.3															Col 2: National Survey of Household Living Conditions 2004
Oman	8.0	11	19	18	52	11	14									Col 2-8: DYB 2003
Qatar	5.3															Col 2: Census 2010
Saudi Arabia	5.6															Col 2: Census 2010
State of Palestine	5.9	4	19	24	53	10	14	27	71	23	7	3.1	95	4	0	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2007 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2007
Syrian Arab Republic																
Turkey	4.1	6	36	39	18	12	22	56	56	27	8	2.1	94	5	1	Col 2-16: DHS 2003
United Arab Emirates																
Yemen	6.7	2	15	24	60	8	23	75	82	32	22	3.4	91	10	3	Col 2: National Health and Demographic Survey 2013 Col 3-16: DHS 2013
Europe																
Eastern Europe																
Belarus	2.4	30	50	18	2	52	34	12	27	39	4	1.4	72	25	2	Col 2-6: DYB 2009 Col 7-16: IPUMS 2009
Bulgaria	2.3	31	49	18	3	32	40	7	18	52	3	1.4	85	12	2	Col 2 & Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011 Col 3-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011

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	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Czechia	2.3	33	47	19	2	27	35	13	25	39	1	1.5	81	19	1	Col 2-6: DYB 2011 Col 7-16: LFS 2011
Hungary	2.4	32	49	17	2	29	38	11	24	44	3	1.6	80	20	2	Col 2-6: DYB 2011 Col 7-16: LFS 2011
Poland	2.8	24	46	24	6	38	31	10	30	42	5	1.5	85	15	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Republic of Moldova	2.8	20	49	26	4	34	32	46	37	37	7	1.5	68	20	5	Col 2-16: DHS 2005
Romania	2.7	26	48	21	5	28	41	16	29	44	6	1.5	89	7	2	Col 2-6: DYB 2011 Col 7-16: LFS 2011
Russian Federation	2.6	26	51	20	3	50	33									Col 2-6: DYB 2010 Col 7-8: DYB 2002
Slovakia	2.9	25	41	27	6	28	33	12	27	41	4	1.5	84	14	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Ukraine	2.5	28	51	18	3	49	41	47	25	45	5	1.3	68	28	3	Col 2-16: DHS 2007
Northern Europe																
Channel Islands																
Denmark	2.1	38	45	15	1											Col 2-6: Statistics of Denmark 2017
Estonia	2.3	34	47	17	2	56	24	9	26	32	2	1.6	75	20	1	Col 2-16: LFS 2011
Faeroe Islands	2.8	26	43	26	5											Col 2-6: CENSUS 2011
Finland	2.1	41	44	13	2	43	37									Col 2-8: DYB 2010
Iceland	2.6	31	41	24	4											Col 2-6: CENSUS 2011
Ireland	2.7	24	47	25	4	56	29	12	35	32	1	1.9	78	22	3	Col 2-6: DYB 2011 Col 7-16: LFS 2011

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	Total	1	2 to 3	4 to 5	6+	Female	Older person (60+)	Female head who is lone parent with children under age 15	With children under age 15	With members aged 60+	With both children under age 15 and members aged 60+	Average number of children under age 15 (number of children)	Two parents present ⁱⁱ	One parent present (mother) ⁱⁱ	One parent present (father) ⁱⁱ	
	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Isle of Man																
Latvia	2.4	34	45	17	3	69	34	10	28	44	5	1.5	71	26	3	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Lithuania	2.4	32	48	19	2	56	36	11	24	39	3	1.5	70	27	3	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Norway	2.2	40	41	18	2	39	33									Col 2-8: DYB 2011
Sweden	2.2															Col 2: Total Population Register 2015
United Kingdom	2.3	31	50	18	2	29	35	21	27	35	1	1.7	71	28	3	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Southern Europe																
Albania	3.9	6	38	40	16	16	37	64	48	46	18	1.9	86	12	1	Col 2: DYB 2011 Col 3-16: DHS 2008
Andorra																
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.1															Col 2: Living Standards Measurement Survey 2004
Croatia	2.8	25	44	25	6	41	40									Col 2-8: DYB 2011
Gibraltar	2.7															Col 2: CENSUS 2012
Greece	2.4	27	50	21	1	25	42	5	22	45	2	1.6	92	7	1	Col 2-16: LFS 2011
Holy See																
Italy	2.4	31	47	20	1	32	44	6	23	45	1	1.5	90	9	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011

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	Total	1	2 to 3	4 to 5	6+	Female	Older person (60+)	Female head who is lone parent with children under age 15	With children under age 15	With members aged 60+	With both children under age 15 and members aged 60+	Average number of children under age 15 (number of children)	Two parents present ⁱⁱ	One parent present (mother) ⁱⁱ	One parent present (father) ⁱⁱ	
	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Malta	2.7	23	49	26	2	23	39	12	28	45	3	1.6	83	14	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Montenegro	3.2	18	40	33	9	24	37									Col 2-8: DYB 2011
Portugal	2.6	21	55	21	2	31	40	12	28	43	3	1.4	84	14	1	Col 2-6: DYB 2011 Col 7-16: LFS 2011
San Marino																
Serbia	2.9	22	45	26	7	30	43									Col 2-8: DYB 2011
Slovenia	2.5	29	47	22	2	52	36	4	22	42	2	1.6	88	11	1	Col 2-16: LFS 2011
Spain	2.6	23	52	23	2	46	34	6	30	40	2	1.5	86	13	2	Col 2-6: DYB 2011 Col 7-16: LFS 2011
TFYR Macedonia	3.6	10														Col 2-3: CENSUS 2002
Western Europe																
Austria	2.3	36	45	16	2	38	35	7	21	38	1	1.6	86	13	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Belgium	2.3	34	46	17	2	33	35	15	25	36	1	1.7	58	22	17	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
France	2.3	34	47	17	2	49	35	8	25	37	1	1.7	78	21	5	Col 2-16: LFS 2011
Germany	2.1	37	48	13	1	33	36	9	18	38	0	1.6	79	20	2	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011
Liechtenstein	2.3	34	45	20	2	36	29									Col 2-8: DYB 2010
Luxembourg	2.4	33	43	21	3	59	29	6	28	30	1	1.7	86	12	1	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: LFS 2011

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	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Monaco	1.9															Col 2: CENSUS 2008
Netherlands	2.3	35	46	18	1	52	33	5	22	34	0	1.8	86	12	2	Col 2: CENSUS 2011 Col 3-16: LFS 2011
Switzerland	2.2	36	45	18	2	37	28	7	22	31	1	1.7	86	11	2	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2000 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2000
Latin America and the Caribbean																
Caribbean																
Anguilla	2.8															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Antigua and Barbuda	2.8															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Aruba	2.9	21	47	26	6											Col 2-6: DYB 2010
Bahamas	3.4	18	40	29	13	39	20									Col 2-8: DYB 2010
Barbados	2.9	27	43	22	8	47										Col 2-7: CENSUS 2010
British Virgin Islands																
Caribbean Netherlands																
Cayman Islands		33	46	18	4	40	13									Col 3-8: DYB 2010
Cuba	3.2	14	49	30	7	41	29	26	46	34	11	1.4	64	27	3	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2002 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2002
Curaçao	2.7															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Dominica	2.7															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Dominican Republic	3.5	14	40	34	12	40	22	70	55	26	10	1.9	52	39	6	Col 2-16: DHS 2013

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	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Grenada																
Guadeloupe																
Haiti	4.4	10	30	31	29	41	22	70	68	29	17	2.3	51	39	9	Col 2-16: DHS 2012
Jamaica	3.1	28	37	23	11	41	24	42	53	28	11	2.1	48	39	5	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2001
Martinique																
Montserrat	2.0															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Puerto Rico	2.7	23	50	23	3	54	37	19	31	41	3	1.7	56	38	2	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2010
Saint Kitts and Nevis																
Saint Lucia	2.8	19	29	27	24	40	24	47	61	27	12	2.4	50	37	3	Col 2: CENSUS 2010 Col 3-16: IPUMS 1991
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	3.0															Col 2: CENSUS 2012
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	2.6	29	46	20	4	39										Col 2-7: DYB 2011
Trinidad and Tobago	3.3	19	40	29	12	33	30	27	38	34	8	1.7	61	29	5	Col 2: Census 2011 Col 3-7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2011 Col 8: DYB 2011
Turks and Caicos Islands	3.0															Col 2: CENSUS 2012
United States Virgin Islands	2.4	34				50										Col 2-3 & Col 7: CENSUS 2010
Central America																
Belize	4.1															Col 2: CENSUS 2010

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	Total	1	2 to 3	4 to 5	6+	Female	Older person (60+)	Female head who is lone parent with children under age 15	With children under age 15	With members aged 60+	With both children under age 15 and members aged 60+	Average number of children under age 15 (number of children)	Two parents present ⁱⁱ	One parent present (mother) ⁱⁱ	One parent present (father) ⁱⁱ	
	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Costa Rica	3.5	11	41	36	12	30	22	35	50	27	6	1.7	71	26	2	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2011
El Salvador	4.1	9	34	37	20	35	23	44	65	30	14	2.1	62	29	3	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2007
Guatemala	4.8	4	27	38	32	25	21	82	74	27	14	2.4	70	32	2	Col 2-16: DHS 2014
Honduras	3.9	7	29	38	26	28	21	78	72	26	14	2.2	64	34	4	Col 2: CENSUS 2013 Col 3-16: DHS 2011
Mexico	3.7	10	38	38	14	29	24	31	54	28	8	1.9	75	22	3	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2015
Nicaragua	5.2	5	26	36	33	30	18	52	76	23	14	2.4	71	26	3	Col 2: CENSUS 2005 Col 3-16: IPUMS 2005
Panama	3.7	15	37	31	17	29	24	38	53	29	10	2.0	68	25	4	Col 2-6: CENSUS 2010 Col 7-16: IPUMS 2010
South America																
Argentina	3.3	18	42	29	11	28	29	25	48	34	7	2.1	78	19	2	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2010 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	3.5	20	35	28	17	23	19	63	65	25	9	2.3	70	25	5	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2012 Col 7 & Col 9-16: DHS 2008
Brazil	3.3	12	47	32	9	39	22	20	47	27	6	1.7	74	20	3	Col 2: DYB 2010 Col 3-16: IPUMS 2010

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	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Chile	3.6	12	39	37	12	32	24	29	54	30	9	1.7	71	23	3	Col 2-6: DYB 2002 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2002 Col 8: CENSUS 2002
Colombia	3.5	11	42	35	12	36	28	72	52	34	11	1.7	59	41	4	Col 2-16: DHS 2015
Ecuador	3.8	12	36	35	16	29	21	43	60	26	9	2.0	67	25	5	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2010 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2010
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)																
French Guiana																
Guyana	3.8	13	37	32	18	34	21	67	58	25	9	2.2	61	33	4	Col 2-16: DHS 2009
Paraguay	4.6	8	27	33	31	26	19	41	69	25	12	2.5	74	20	2	Col 2-16: IPUMS 2002
Peru	3.8	13	35	36	16	26	26	68	58	31	10	1.9	72	27	3	Col 2-16: DHS 2012
Suriname	3.9	15	33	32	20	31	22									Col 2-8: DYB 2004
Uruguay	2.8	23	48	23	6	48	33	14	36	39	5	1.7	73	23	2	Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2011
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	3.3	8	29	37	26	29	18	46	67	24	11	2.1	70	24	4	Col 2: CENSUS 2011 Col 3-16: IPUMS 2001
Northern America																
Bermuda	2.3	29	46	18	2	51	28									Col 2-8: DYB 2010

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	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Canada	2.3	28	50	20	3	39	32	10	25	35	2	1.7	78	17	3	Col 2: CENSUS 2016 Col 3-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011 Col 7 & Col 9-16: IPUMS 2011
Greenland																
St. Pierre and Miquelon																
United States of America	2.6	27	49	20	5	47	30	13	29	34	2	1.8	69	24	4	Col 2-6: DYB 2010 Col 7-16: IPUMS 2010
Oceania																
Australia/New Zealand																
Australia	2.5	24	50	22	3	42	31									Col 2-8: DYB 2011
New Zealand	2.7	22	51	22	5	56	27									Col 2-8: DYB 2006
Melanesia																
Fiji	4.8	6	27	35	32	15	17	43	64	27	16	2.2	75	17	6	Col 2: CENSUS 2007 Col 3-16: IPUMS 2007
New Caledonia		17	39	28	16											Col 3-6: DYB 2004
Papua New Guinea	5.3															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Solomon Islands	5.5	4	19	31	46											Col 2-6: CENSUS 2009
Vanuatu	4.8	6	25	34	35	21										Col 2-7: CENSUS 2009
Micronesia																
Guam	3.7	15					33									Col 2-3 & Col 7: CENSUS 2010
Kiribati	6.0															Col 2: CENSUS 2015

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	Total	1	2 to 3	4 to 5	6+	Female	Older person (60+)	Female head who is lone parent with children under age 15	With children under age 15	With members aged 60+	With both children under age 15 and members aged 60+	Average number of children under age 15 (number of children)	Two parents present ⁱⁱ	One parent present (mother) ⁱⁱ		One parent present (father) ⁱⁱ
	Col (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	
Marshall Islands	6.9															Col 2: CENSUS 2011
Micronesia (Fed. States of)	6.0															Col 2: CENSUS 2010
Nauru	6.0	6	21	25	48	34										Col 2-7: CENSUS 2011
Northern Mariana Islands	3.3	22				34										Col 2-3 & Col 7: CENSUS 2010
Palau		17	32	29	21											Col 3-6: DYB 2005
Polynesia																
American Samoa	5.6	7				25										Col 2-3 & Col 7: CENSUS 2010
Cook Islands		18	39	27	16											Col 3-6: DYB 2011
French Polynesia		13	39	30	18											Col 3-6: DYB 2007
Niue	3.1	21	43	24	12											Col 2-6: CENSUS 2011
Samoa																
Tokelau	5.2	8	25	23	44		29									Col 2-6 & Col 8: DYB 2011
Tonga	5.7	6	20	26	47	23										Col 2-7: CENSUS 2011
Tuvalu	6.0															Col 2: CENSUS 2002
Wallis and Futuna Islands																

Table Notes:

(i) Columns (3), (4), (5) and (6) do not add up to 100 for a few countries due to the incomplete reporting in the censuses.

(ii) These categories are not mutually exclusive since the children in a given household may have different situations with respect to the presence of their parents in the home. Therefore, columns 14, 15 and 16 do not add up to 100.

(iii) DHS indicates Demographic and Health Surveys; DYB indicates Demographic Yearbook of the United Nations; IPUMS indicates Integrated Public Use Microdata Sample and LFS indicates European Union Labour Force Survey.

I. DEFINITIONS

Col 2: Average household size is the average number of persons per household. At the aggregate national level, it is calculated by dividing the total household population by the number of households in a given country or area.

Cols 3-6: Distribution of households by number of members is represented by the percentage of households with a certain number of members among all households. For example, the percentage of one-person households is calculated by dividing the number of households with only one member by the total number of households.

Col 7: Female headship refers to the percentage of households with a female head. It is calculated by dividing the number of female household heads as identified in the household roster of the census or survey by the total number of household heads.

Col 8: Older person headship refers to the percentage of households with a head aged 60 years or over. It is calculated by dividing the number of heads aged 60 years or over identified in the household roster of the census or survey by the total number of household heads.

Col 9: Female head who is a lone parent with children under 15 years of age is the percentage of female heads who do not have a co-resident spouse or partner and who have at least one child aged under 15 years residing in the household. Biological, step, adopted and foster children reported in the household roster of the census or survey are included. It is calculated by dividing the number of female heads with no co-resident spouse or partner and with at least one child under 15 years by the number of female heads.

Col 10: Households with children under 15 years is the percentage of households with at least one member aged under 15 years. It is calculated by dividing the number of households with at least one member under age 15 years by the total number of households.

Col 11: Households with members aged 60 years or over is the percentage of households with at least one member aged 60 years or over. It is cal

culated by dividing the number of households with at least one member aged 60 years or over by the total number of households.

Col 12: Households with children under 15 and members aged 60+ is the percentage of households with at least one member aged under 15 years and at least one member aged 60 years or over. It is calculated by dividing the number of households with a least one member under age 15 years and at least one member aged 60 years or over by the total number of households.

Col 13: Average number of children under 15 years is the average number of members aged under 15 years per household among households with at least one child member. It is calculated by dividing the number of members aged under 15 years by the number of households with at least one child member aged under 15 years.

Col 14: Households with children under 15 and two parents present is the percentage of households with children under 15 years of age with two parents present. It is calculated by dividing the number of households with children aged under 15 years and with two parents present by the total number of households with children aged under 15 years.

Col 15: Households with children under 15 and one parent present (mother) is the percentage of households with children aged under 15 years in which the mother is present without a co-resident father. It is calculated by dividing the number of households with children under 15 years and with one parent present (mother) by the total number of households with children under 15 years.

Col 16: Households with children under 15 and one parent present (father) is the percentage of households with children aged under 15 years in which the father is present without a co-resident mother. It is calculated by dividing the number of households with children under 15 years and with one parent present (father) by the total number of households with children under 15 years.

II. DATA SOURCES

Estimates presented in this booklet are extracted from the Household Size and Composition Database 2017 (www.unpopulation.org) maintained by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations. The database comprises estimates of household size and composition obtained through analysis of microdata from the following data sources: Demographic and Health Surveys (dhsprogram.com), European Union Labour Force Surveys (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/microdata/european-union-labour-force-survey>) and microdata samples maintained by Minnesota Population Center, Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, International: Version 6.4 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota, 2015. <http://doi.org/10.18128/D020.V6.4>. Selected estimates of the average household size and headship rates were obtained through secondary sources, including the Demographic Yearbook of the United Nations (https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/dyb_Household/dyb_household.htm) and published reports of censuses.

III. NOTES

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