

2018  
ESCAP  
population  
data sheet



Sources

Indicators 1-7, 9-12, 14, 16-22: ESCAP calculations based on: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2017). *World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision*; United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2018). *World Urbanization Prospects: The 2018 Revision*; Joint UNICEF/WHO database 2016 of skilled health personnel, based on population-based national household survey data and routine health systems; Trends in maternal mortality: 1990 to 2015, estimates by World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Bank Group and the United Nations Population Division; United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME), 2018.

Indicator 8: World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory.

Indicators 13, 15: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2018). *World Contraceptive Use 2018* (POP/DB/CP/Rev2018).

Indicator 23: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2017): *International Migrant Stock: The 2017 Revision* (United Nations database, POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev 2017).

Technical notes

**Healthy Life Expectancy:** The average equivalent number of years of full health that a newborn could expect to live, if he or she were to pass through life subject to the age-specific death rates and ill-health rates.

**Maternal Mortality:** Maternal death refers to the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes.

**Median Age:** Age that divides the population in two parts of equal size, that is, there are as many persons with ages above the median as there are with ages below the median.

**International migrants:** The midyear estimate of the number of people living in a country or area other than that in which they were born. Where the number of foreign-born was not available, the estimate refers to the number of people living in a country other than that of their citizenship.

Regional and subregional aggregates are ESCAP calculations.

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0 indicates that the magnitude is not zero, but less than half of the unit employed.

General notes

Single year interpolations calculated by ESCAP.

Data for indicators 1-7, 17-21: projections.

Data for indicators 8-12, 22 and 23: estimates.

Data for indicator 16: estimates for 2015; projections for 2050.

Data for indicators 13-15: latest year available.

For indicator 6: see also SDG indicator 3.7.2; for indicator 9: see also SDG indicator: 3.1.1; for indicators 10 and 11: see also SDG indicator 3.2.2; for indicator 12: see also SDG indicator 3.2.1; for indicator 14: see also SDG indicator 3.1.2.

Regional and subregional figures represent population-weighted averages calculated by ESCAP. Missing values are not imputed.

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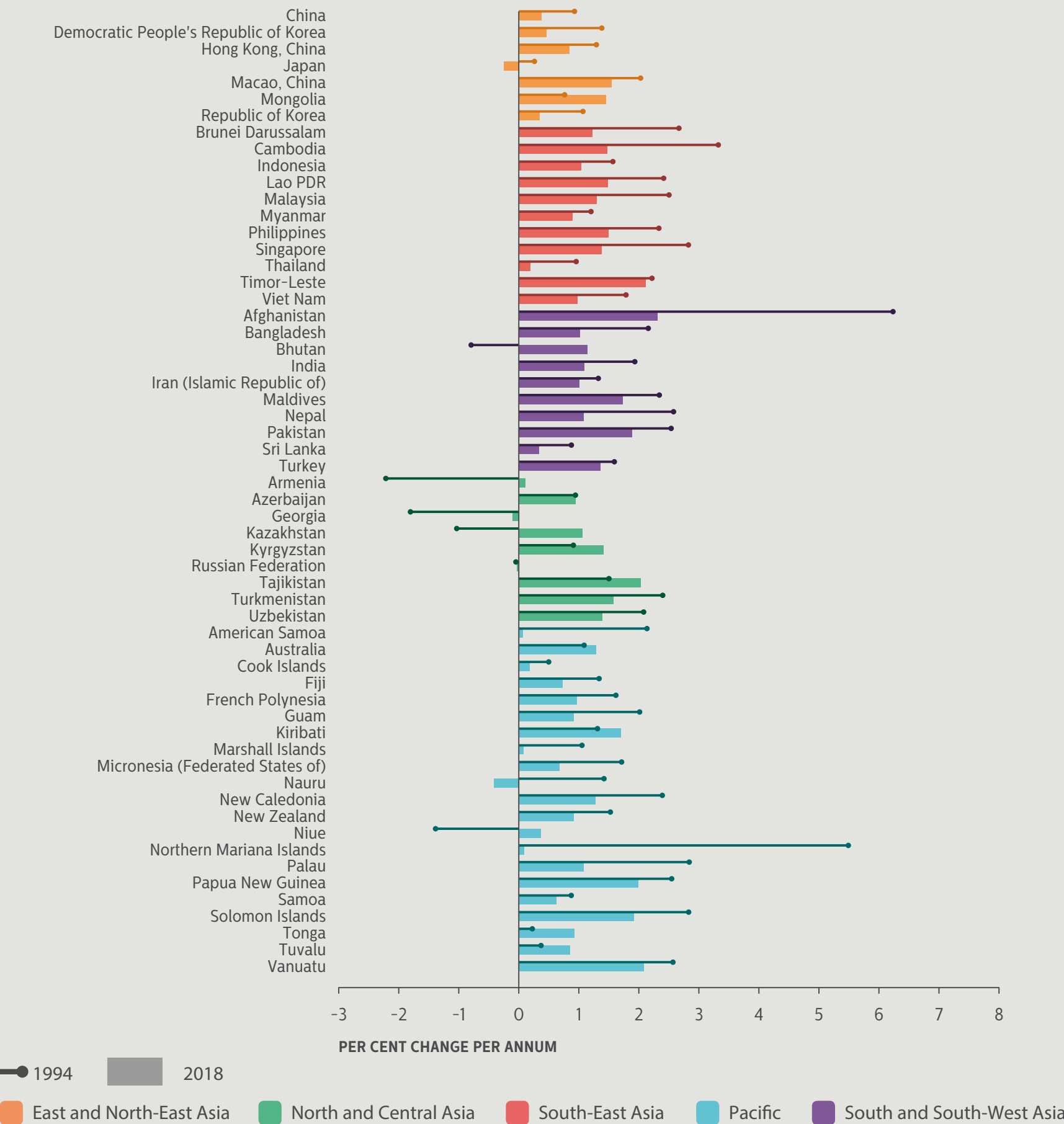
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Population and Development Indicators for Asia and the Pacific, 2018

Region, subregion, country, territory or area	1 Population at mid-year		2 Population growth rate	3 Crude birth rate	4 Crude death rate	5 Total fertility rate	6 Adolescent fertility rate	7 Life expectancy at birth		8 Healthy life expectancy at birth		9 Maternal mortality ratio	10 Neonatal mortality rate	11 Infant mortality rate	12 Under-five mortality rate	13 Contraceptive prevalence rate	14 Skilled birth attendance	15 Unmet need for family planning	16 Median age of total population		17 Child population		18 Youth population		19 Working-age population	20 Population of older adults		21 Old-age support ratio		22 Urban population	23 International migrants		
	Thousands		Per cent change per annum	Births per 1,000 population	Deaths per 1,000 population	Live births per woman (aged 15–49)	Births per 1,000 adolescent women (aged 15–19)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Maternal deaths (per 100,000 live births; women aged 15–49)	Neonatal deaths (during the first 28 days of life) per 1,000 live births	Deaths of infants (under one year of age) per 1,000 live births	Deaths of children and infants under age 5 per 1,000 live births	Percentage of women (or sexual partner) currently using any method of contraception	Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel	Proportion of women of reproductive age (15–49 years) who have their need for family planning unsatisfied	Years	Percentage of population aged 0–14	Percentage of population aged 15–24	Percentage of population aged 15–64	Percentage of population aged 60 or over	Persons 15–64 years old per person aged 65 or older	Percentage of population	In country or area	From country or area						
	2018	2050	2018	2018	2018	2018	2015–2020	2018	2018	2016	2016	2015	2017	2017	2017	Latest year available	Latest year available	Latest year available	2015	2050	2018	2050	2018	2050	2018	2050	2018	2050	2018	Thousands 2017	Thousands 2017		
ESCAP	4 556 729	5 162 968	0.8	16.0	7.4	2.1						115.9	17.1	24.6	29.9		86.6 (2014)		30.8	40.2	23.5	17.7	15.2	12.3	67.7	64.0	13.0	24.8	7.8	3.5	49.8	62 165	101 839
East and North-East Asia	1 653 883	1 586 492	0.3	11.2	7.7	1.6						26.5	4.5	7.7	9.0		99.9 (2015)				17.2	13.9	11.5	9.7	70.3	59.0	18.1	35.6	5.6	2.2	62.6	7 777	14 661
China	1 415 046	1 364 457	0.4	11.5	7.5	1.6	6.4	75.1	78.2	68.0	69.3	27.0	4.7	8.0	9.3	84.6 (2006)	99.9 (2015)	2.3 (2001)	37.0	48.0	17.6	14.0	11.6	9.7	71.2	59.7	16.6	35.1	6.4	2.3	59.2	1 000	9 962
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	25 611	26 809	0.5	13.8	9.1	1.9	0.3	68.5	75.5	62.1	66.9	82.0	10.0	14.4	19.0	78.2 (2014)	100.0 (2009)	7.0 (2014)	34.0	42.1	20.4	16.5	15.2	12.1	70.3	63.7	14.1	26.0	7.6	3.2	61.9	49	111
Hong Kong, China	7 429	8 253	0.8	11.1	6.9	1.3	2.7	81.3	87.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	74.8 (2012)	..	..	43.2	52.4	11.9	12.2	9.6	9.7	71.2	53.9	24.3	40.6	4.2	1.6	100.0	2 883	1 067
Japan	127 185	108 794	-0.2	8.0	10.9	1.5	4.1	80.8	87.2	72.6	76.9	5.0	0.9	1.9	2.6	39.8 (2015)	99.9 (2015)	..	46.3	53.2	12.8	12.6	9.3	8.8	59.7	51.1	33.6	42.4	2.2	1.4	91.6	2 321	832
Macao, China	632	876	1.5	12.2	3.9	1.4	2.5	81.2	87.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37.6	48.6	13.8	13.7	10.4	9.9	75.8	58.2	17.0	36.2	7.2	2.1	100.0	354	144
Mongolia	3 122	4 075	1.5	22.2	6.4	2.7	23.6	65.6	73.9	58.6	65.5	44.0	9.1	14.8	17.2	54.6 (2013)	98.9 (2013)	16.0 (2013)	27.1	34.2	29.9	22.3	14.6	13.7	65.9	65.0	6.8	18.8	15.9	5.1	68.4	18	68
Republic of Korea	51 164	50 457	0.3	8.9	6.1	1.3	1.6	79.5	85.5	70.7	75.1	11.0	1.5	2.8	3.3	79.6 (2015)	100.0 (2015)	..	40.8	53.9	13.4	11.5	12.1	9.2	72.2	53.2	21.1	41.6	5.0	1.5	81.5	1 152	2 478
Other non-specified areas	23 694	22 771	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
South-East Asia	655 637	797 649	1.0	17.8	6.9	2.2						109.6	12.8	21.3	26.1		81.4 (2011)				26.0	19.5	16.8	13.4	67.6	65.0	10.2	21.0	10.5	4.2	48.9	9 874	21 085
Brunei Darussalam	434	537	1.2	15.3	3.7	1.8	10.3	76.0	79.2	67.0	68.8	23.0	4.7	9.0	10.5	..	100.0 (2016)	..	30.0	43.6	22.6	15.7	16.3	11.2	72.5	62.4	8.5	28.7	14.8	2.9	77.6	109	45
Cambodia	16 246	22 019	1.5	22.4	6.0	2.5	50.2	67.4	71.7	59.4	62.1	161.0	14.9	25.1	29.2	56.3 (2014)	89.0 (2014)	12.5 (2014)	24.0	34.3	31.2	21.8	19.0	14.5	64.2	66.0	7.2	16.9	14.1	5.4	23.4	76	1 065
Indonesia	266 795	321 551	1.0	18.3	7.2	2.3	47.4	67.4	71.7	60.4	63.0	126.0	12.4	21.4	25.4	60.9 (2016)	92.6 (2016)	14.5 (2016)	28.0	36.6	27.0	19.9	16.9	13.7	67.5	66.3	8.9	19.2	12.4	4.8	55.3	346	4 234
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6 961	9 163	1.5	22.9	6.5	2.6	62.6	65.8	68.9	56.9	58.8	197.0	28.2	48.6	63.4	49.8 (2012)	40.1 (2012)	19.9 (2012)	22.7	35.4	32.5	20.1	20.1	14.5	63.4	69.2	6.4	16.1	15.4	6.5	35.0	45	1 313
Malaysia	32 042	41 729	1.3	16.9	5.1	2.0	13.4	73.5	78.0	65.3	68.1	40.0	4.3	6.7	7.9	52.2 (2014)	99.4 (2015)	..	27.7	40.2	24.0	16.9	18.0	12.6	69.4	66.8	10.0	23.1	10.7	4.1	76.0	2 704	1 856
Myanmar	53 856	62 359	0.9	17.5	8.2	2.2	28.7	64.5	69.2	56.9	59.9	178.0	24.1	38.5	48.6	52.2 (2016)	60.2 (2016)	16.2 (2016)	27.7	37.5	26.3	19.1	18.1	13.8	67.8	67.9	9.7	18.5	11.4	5.2	30.6	75	2 895
Philippines	106 512	151 293	1.5	22.7	6.6	2.9	60.5	66.1	73.0	59.4	64.2	114.0	13.6	22.2	28.1	55.1 (2013)	72.8 (2013)	17.5 (2013)	24.1	31.8	31.5	23.9	19.0	15.8	63.6	66.3	7.8	14.2	12.9	6.8	46.9	219	5 681
Singapore	5 792	6 575	1.4	8.6	5.2	1.3	3.7	81.4	85.3	74.7	77.6	10.0	1.1	2.2	2.8	62.0 (1997)	99.6 (2016)	..	40.0	52.8	14.7	11.0	12.5	8.7	71.7	55.4	20.4	40.1	5.3	1.7	100.0	2 623	327
Thailand	69 183	65 372	0.2	9.9	8.1	1.5	51.9	72.0	79.5	64.0	69.8	20.0	5.3	8.2	9.5	78.4 (2016)	99.1 (2016)	6.2 (2016)	37.8	49.2	17.0	13.0	13.7	9.5	71.2	58.0	17.6	35.1	6.0	2.0	49.9	3 589	903
Timor-Leste	1 324	2 421	2.1	34.3	5.3	5.3	44.0	67.7	71.4	57.7	60.7	215.0	20.7	40.8	47.6	26.1 (2016)	56.7 (2016)	25.3 (2016)	17.4	23.4	43.5	33.2	21.8	19.9	52.9	62.1	5.5	6.7	14.7	13.2	30.6	12	39
Viet Nam	96 491	114 630	1.0	16.2	5.9	1.9	27.3	72.0	81.2	64.2	70.7	54.0	10.6	16.7	20.9	75.7 (2015)	93.8 (2014)	6.1 (2014)	30.4	42.0	23.0	16.9	14.7	11.4	69.5	61.6	11.6	28.3	9.4	2.9	35.9	76	2 727
South and South-West Asia	1 973 371	2 477 423	1.2	19.4	6.9	2.4						170.8	25.6	34.7	42.6		81.3 (2016)				28.2	19.4	18.1	13.7	65.9	67.1	9.2	19.2	11.0	5.0	37.4	18 464	42 994
Afghanistan	36 373	61 928	2.3	31.8	6.4	4.3	64.5	63.1	65.8	52.1	54.1	396.0	39.2	51.5	67.9	22.5 (2016)	50.5 (2015)	24.5 (2016)	17.3	28.9	42.6	26.0	21.6	17.5	54.7	68.3	4.2	8.8	20.9	12.1	25.5	134	4 826
Bangladesh	166 368	201 927	1.0	18.3	5.3	2.1	83.5	71.5	74.9	62.6	64.1	176.0	18.4	26.9	32.4	62.3 (2014)	49.8 (2016)	12.0 (2014)	25.6	40.0	27.8	17.0	19.1	12.6	67.0	66.9	7.5	22.0	13.1	4.2	36.6	1 501	7 500
Bhutan	817	994	1.1	17.6	6.0	2.0	20.3	70.6	71.3	60.8	60.5	148.0	16.9	25.6	30.8	65.6 (2010)	89.0 (2016)	11.7 (2010)	26.3	40.9	26.2	16.4	18.5	12.1	68.8	66.9	7.5	23.7	13.8	4.0	40.9	52	44
India	1 354 052	1 658 978	1.1	18.6	7.4	2.3	23.1	67.5	70.7	58.7	59.9	174.0	24.0	32.0	39.4	53.5 (2016)	85.7 (2016)	12.9 (2016)	26.7	37.5	27.4	18.9	18.2	13.7	66.4	67.7	9.6	19.1	10.8	5.0	34.0	5 189	16 588
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	82 012	93 553	1.0	15.3	4.5	1.6	25.0	75.2	77.6	64.9	65.9	25.0	9.1	12.8	14.9	77.4 (2011)	99.0 (2014)	5.7 (2011)	29.5	45.2	23.7	14.8	13.6	9.3	70.6	62.2	9.1	32.1	12.4	2.7	74.9	2 699	1 170
Maldives	444	576	1.7	17.0	3.3	2.0	5.8																										

# Population growth has decreased and is currently below 2 per cent per annum in nearly all countries

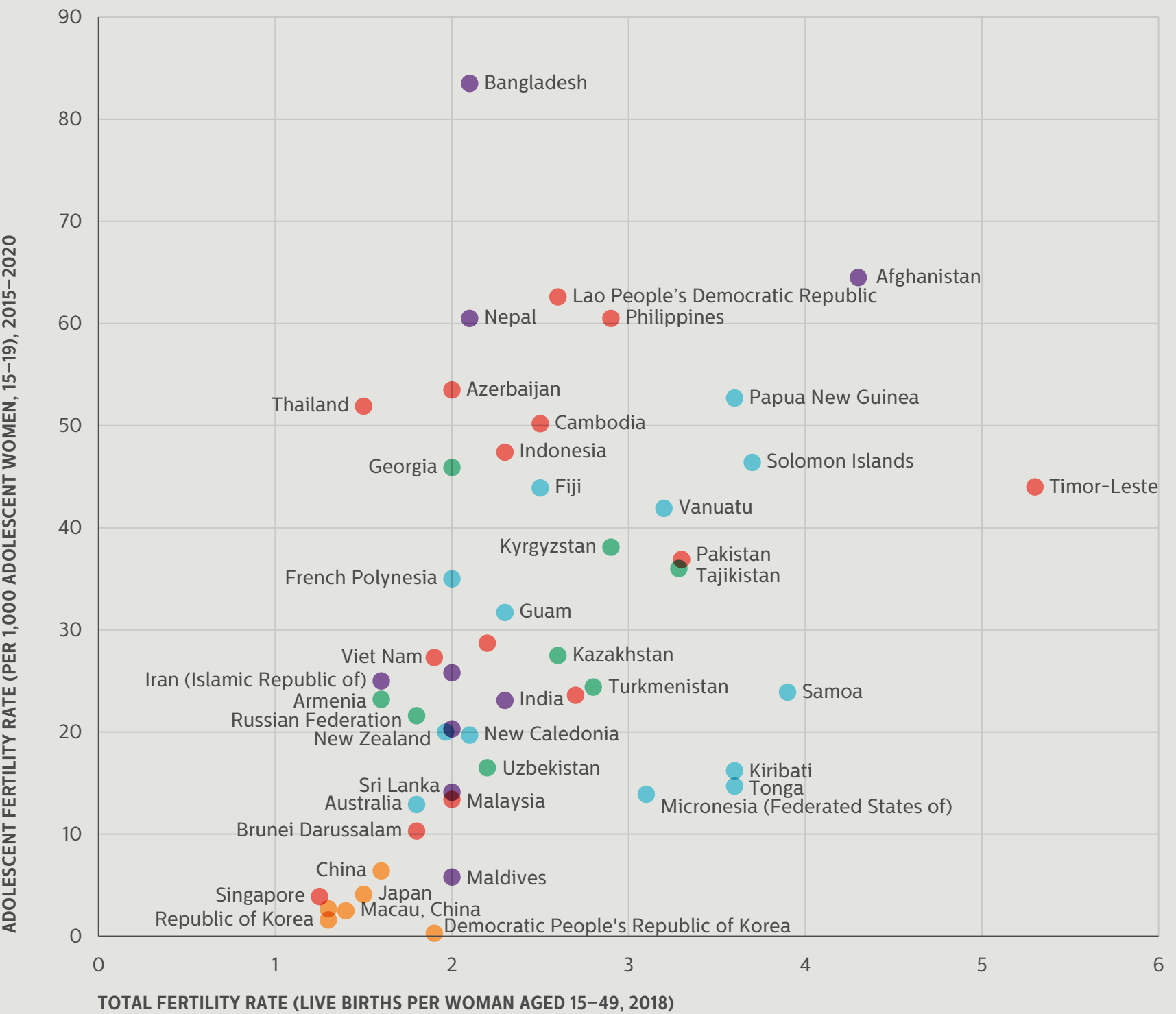
Population growth (percentage) in 1994 and 2018



Source: ESCAP Online Statistical Database, 2018. Available at: [http://data.unescap.org/escap\\_stat/](http://data.unescap.org/escap_stat/) (accessed 5 November 2018).

# Even with low levels of total fertility, adolescent levels may be high

Total fertility rate, 2018 and adolescent fertility rate, 2015–2020

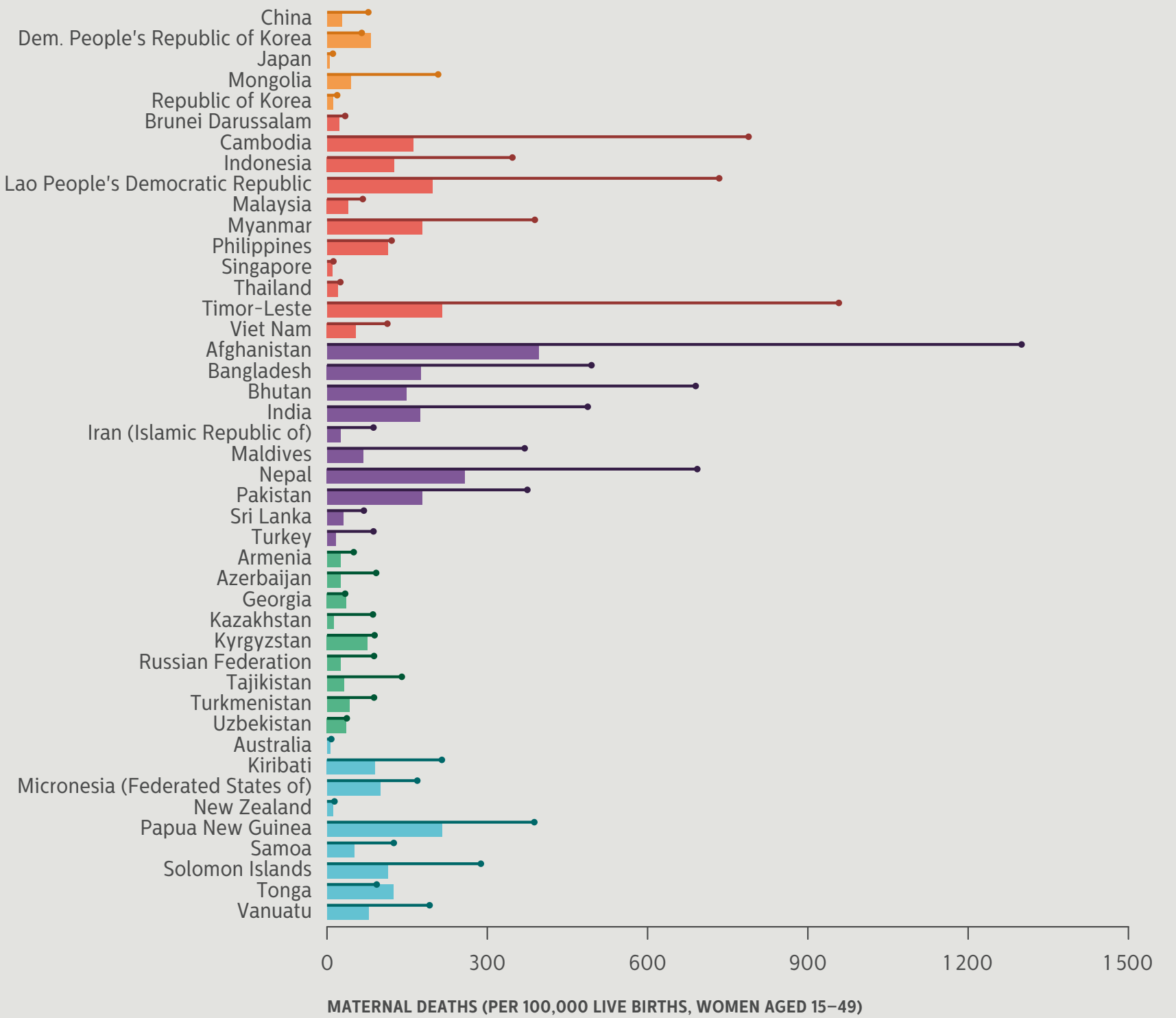


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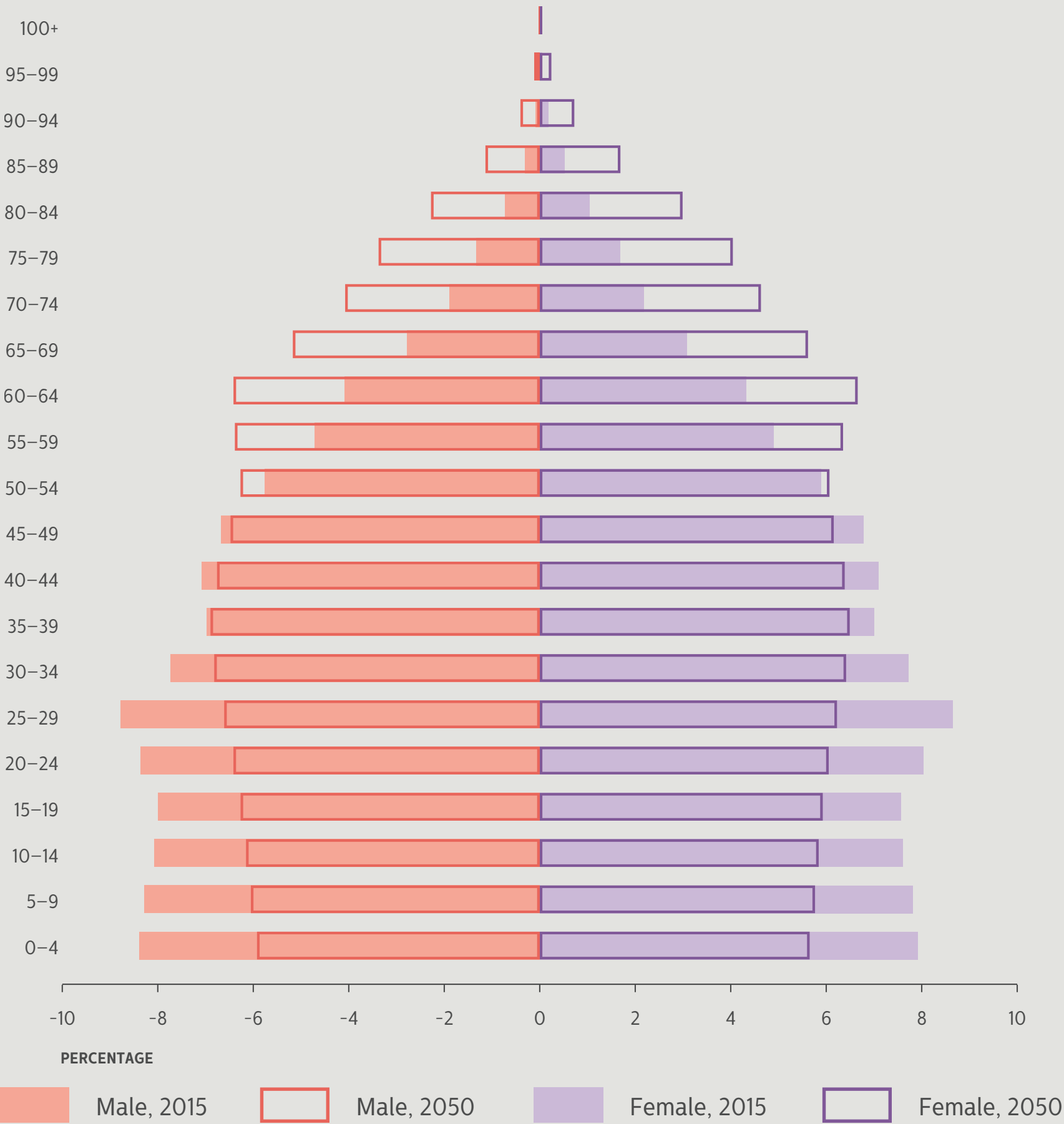
# Maternal mortality has fallen fast, but remains high in some countries

Maternal mortality ratio, 1994 and 2015



# Populations are ageing rapidly

Distribution of the population by age and sex, 2015 and 2050

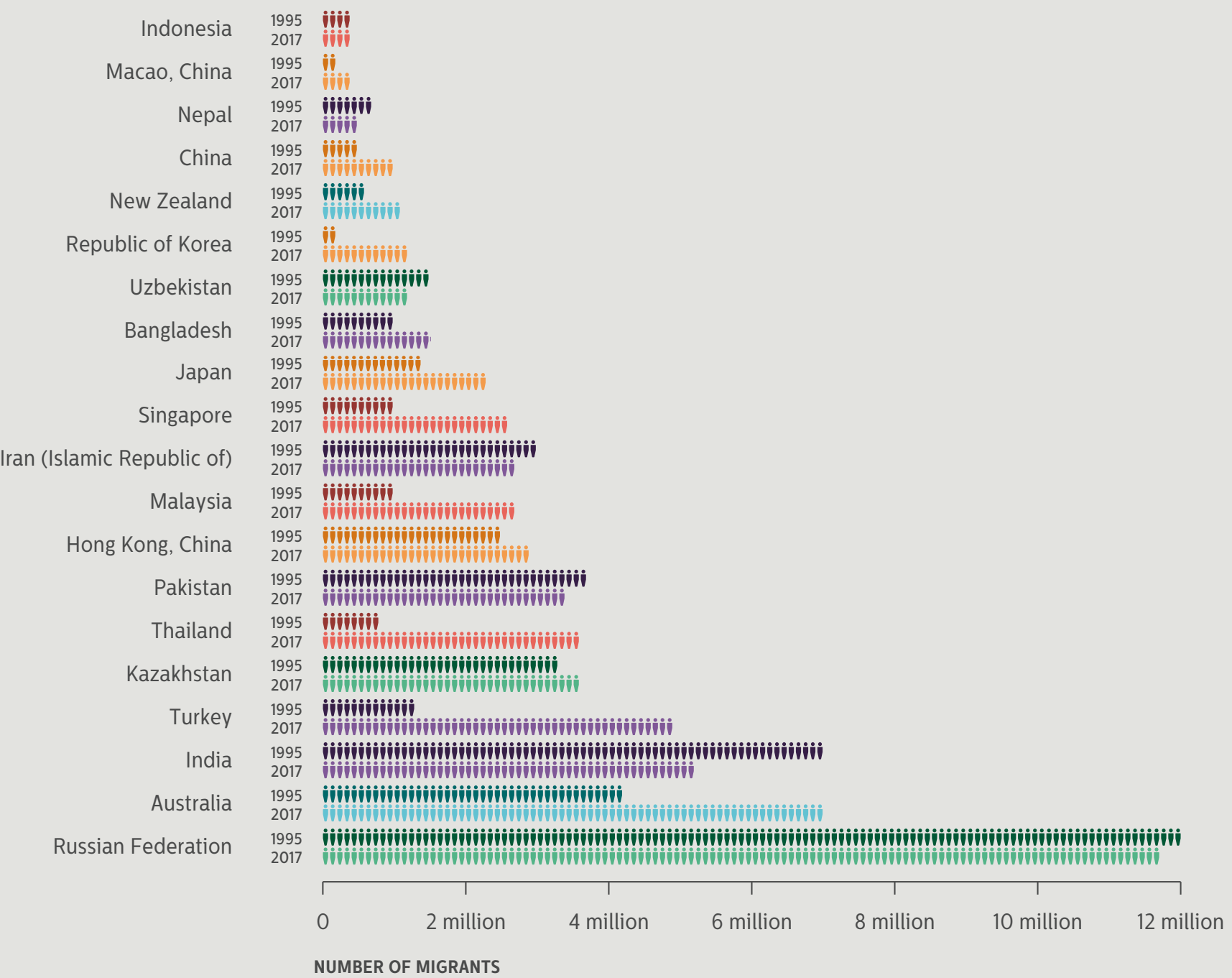


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# The region is hosting more than 62 million migrants, trends are rising

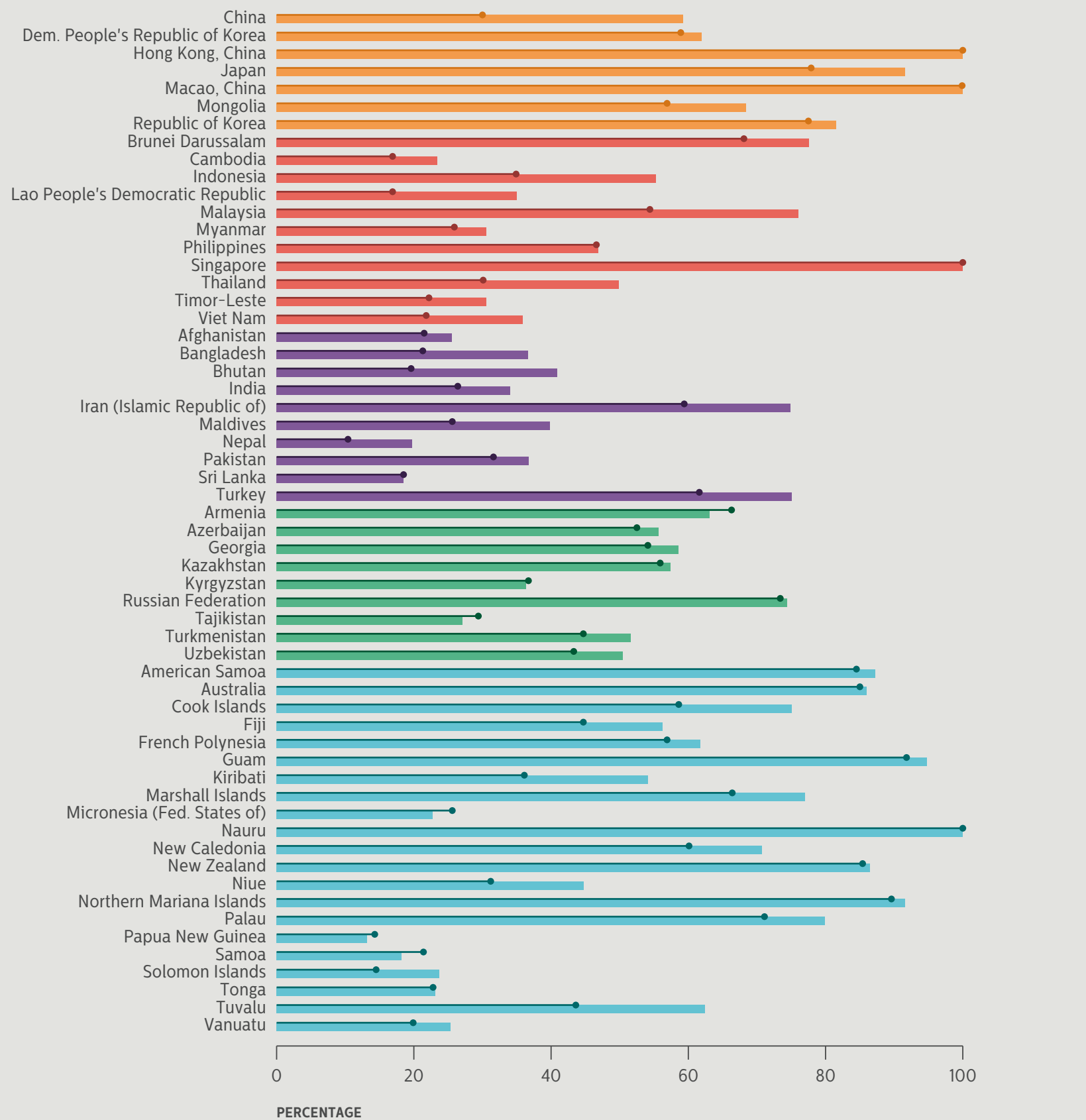
Number of people living in a country or area other than that in which they were born, top 20 countries with highest numbers of foreign-born population, 1995 and 2017



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, *Trends in International Migrant Stock: The 2017 Revision* (POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev.2017).

# The region is experiencing rapid urbanization...

Percentage of the total population living in urban areas, 1994 and 2018



# ...and hosts seven out of the world's ten largest cities

World's largest cities, 1995 and 2018

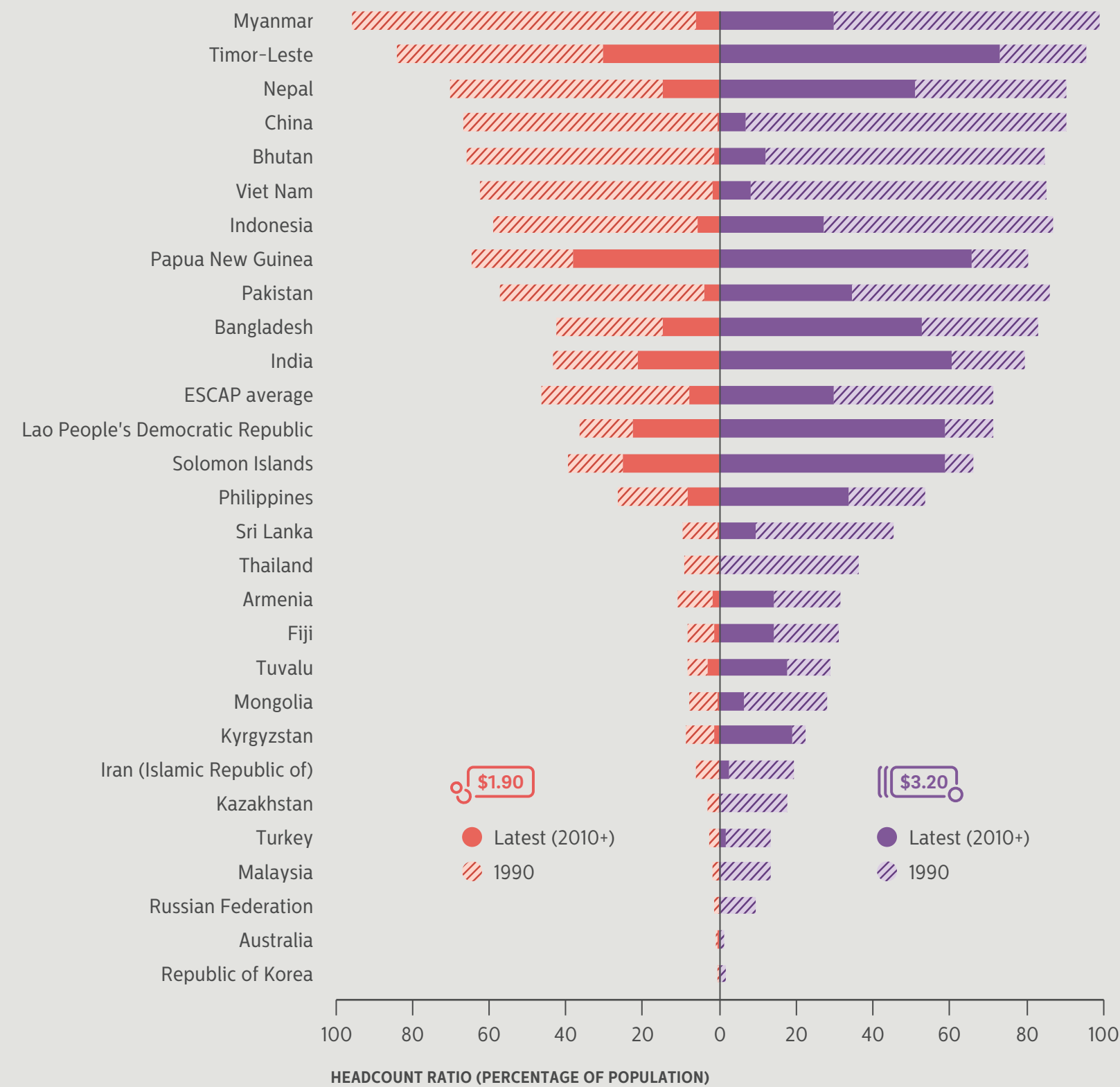


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# Poverty has been significantly reduced in many countries

Percentage of the population living on less than \$1.90 and \$3.20 per person a day at 2011 international prices, 1990 and latest year available (between 2010 and 2016)

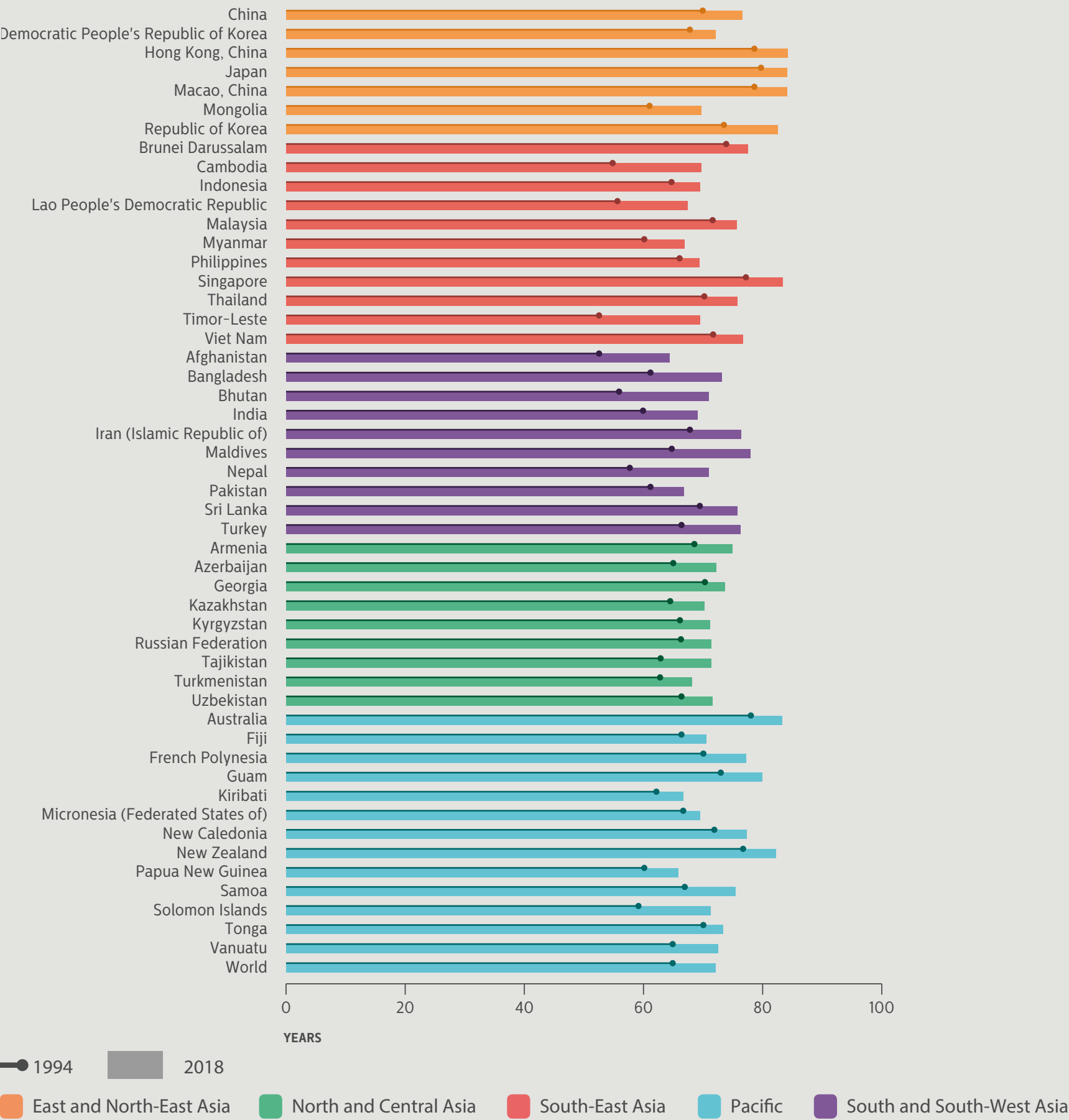


Source: World Bank PovcalNet: an online analysis tool for poverty measurement. Available at: <http://iresearch.worldbank.org/PovcalNet/povOnDemand.aspx> (accessed on 5 November 2018).

Note: Latest years are as follows for the respective countries: Armenia - 2016; Australia - 2010; Bangladesh - 2016; Bhutan - 2017; China - 2015; Fiji - 2013; India - 2012; Indonesia - 2017; Islamic Republic of Iran - 2014; Kazakhstan - 2015; Kyrgyzstan - 2016; Lao People's Democratic Republic - 2012; Malaysia - 2015; Mongolia - 2016; Myanmar - 2015; Nepal - 2010; Pakistan - 2016; Papua New Guinea - 2010; Philippines - 2015; Republic of Korea - 2012; Russian Federation - 2015; Solomon Islands - 2013; Sri Lanka - 2016; Thailand - 2015; Timor-Leste - 2014; Turkey - 2016; Tuvalu - 2010; Viet Nam - 2010.

# People live significantly longer throughout the region

Life expectancy at birth, both sexes combined, 1994 and 2018



Source: ESCAP Online Statistical Database, 2018. Available at: [http://data.unescap.org/escap\\_stat/](http://data.unescap.org/escap_stat/) (accessed 5 November 2018).