

Global Health: Cardiovascular Disease

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FEATURE

Grand challenges in chronic non-communicable diseases

The top 20 policy and research priorities for conditions such as diabetes, stroke and heart disease.

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Chronic non-communicable diseases (CNCDs) are reaching epidemic proportions worldwide¹⁻³. These diseases — which include cardiovascular conditions (mainly heart disease and stroke), some cancers, chronic respiratory conditions and type 2 diabetes — affect people of all ages, nationalities and classes.

The conditions cause the greatest global share of death and disability, accounting for around 60% of all deaths worldwide. Some 80% of chronic-disease deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries. They account for 44% of premature deaths worldwide. The number of deaths from these diseases is double the number of deaths that result from



Poor diet and smoking are two factors that contribute to the millions of preventable deaths that occur each year.

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with known behavioural and pharmaceutical meet the challenges, and brings new talent

Ten leading causes of death worldwide in 1990

Rank	Cause of deaths	Number of deaths (X 10 ³)
	All causes	50 467
1	Coronary heart disease	6260
2	Cerebrovascular disease	4381
3	Lower respiratory infections	4299
4	Diarrhoeal diseases	2946
5	Perinatal disorders	2443
6	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	2211
7	Tuberculosis (HIV seropositive excluded)	1960
8	Measles	1058
9	Road traffic accidents	999
10	Trachea, bronchus, and lung cancer	945

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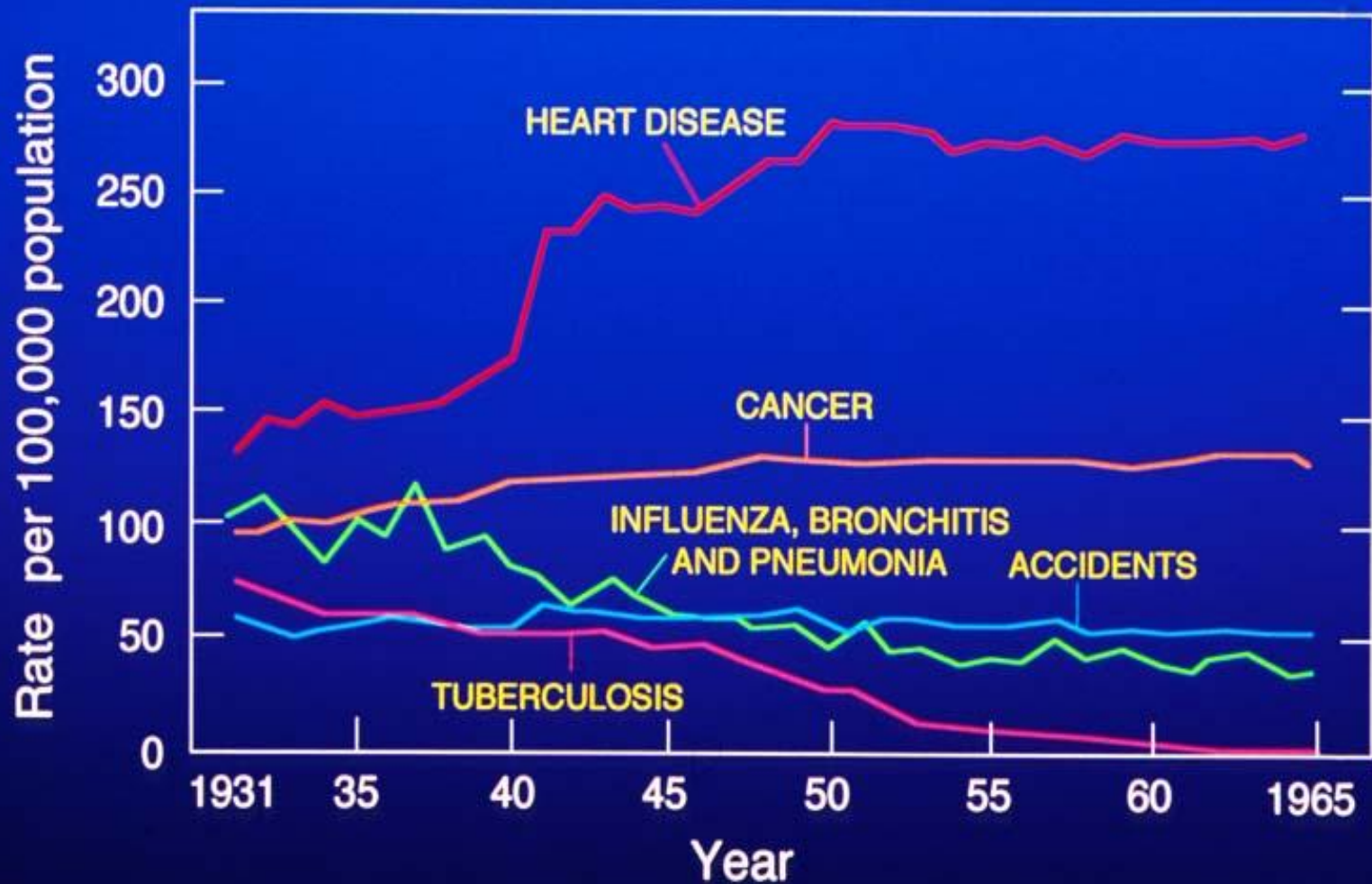
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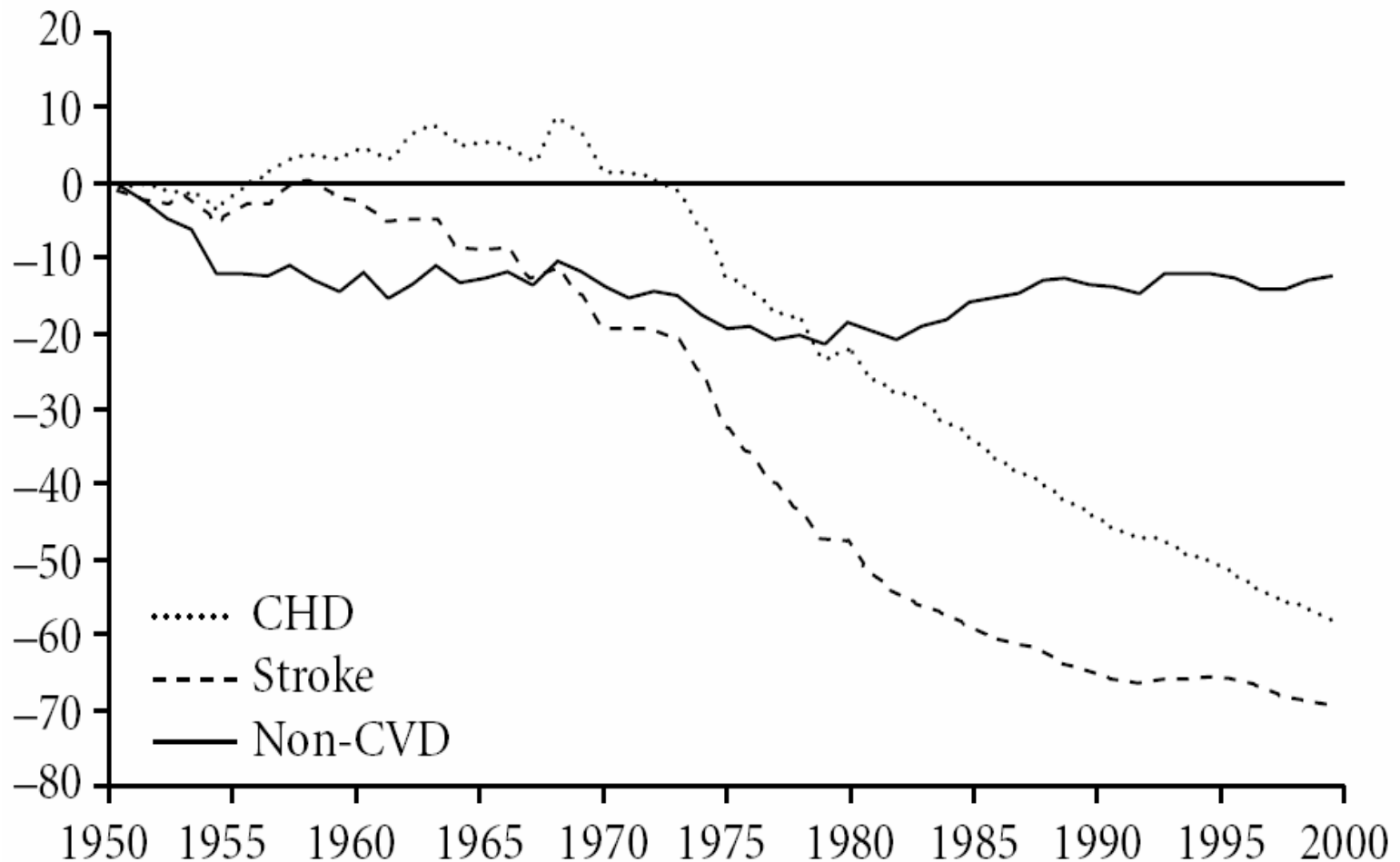
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Canada: Main Causes of Death 1931-65



Change in age-adjusted death rates, USA, 1950-2000



Data from NHLBI Morbidity and Mortality 2002 Chart Book

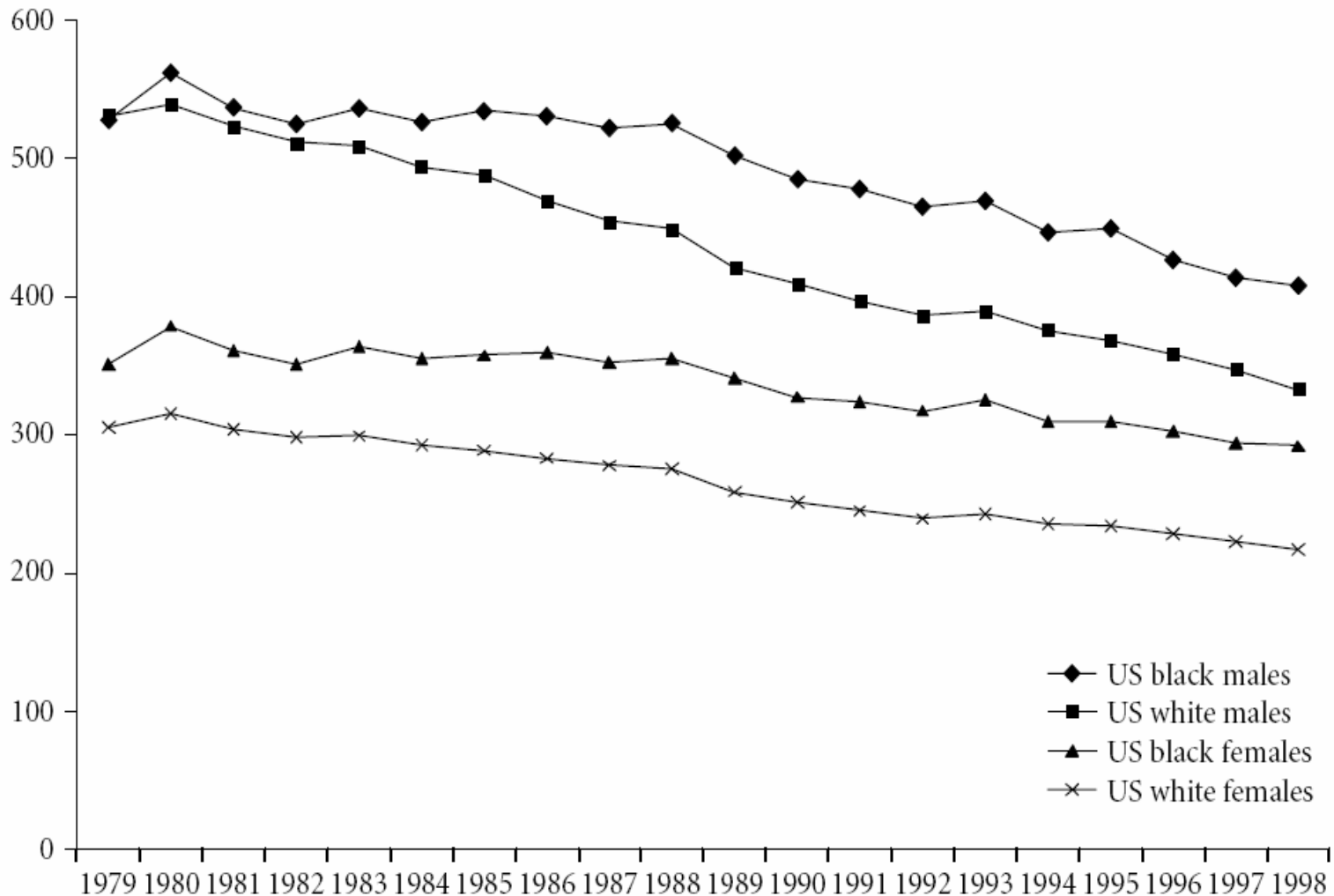
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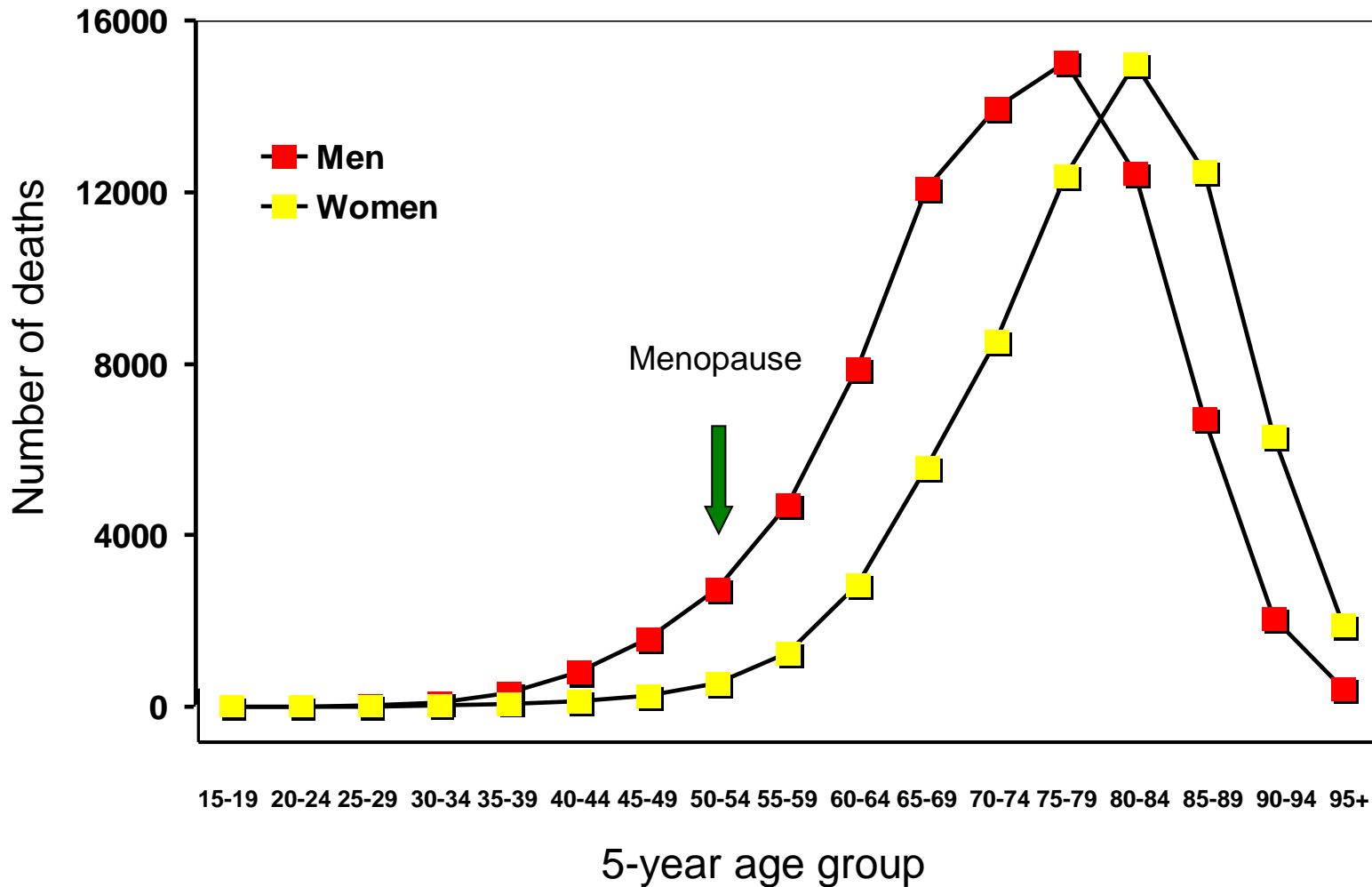
Heart disease mortality by race and gender, US, 1979-98 (per 100 000)



Data from CDC Wonder 2003

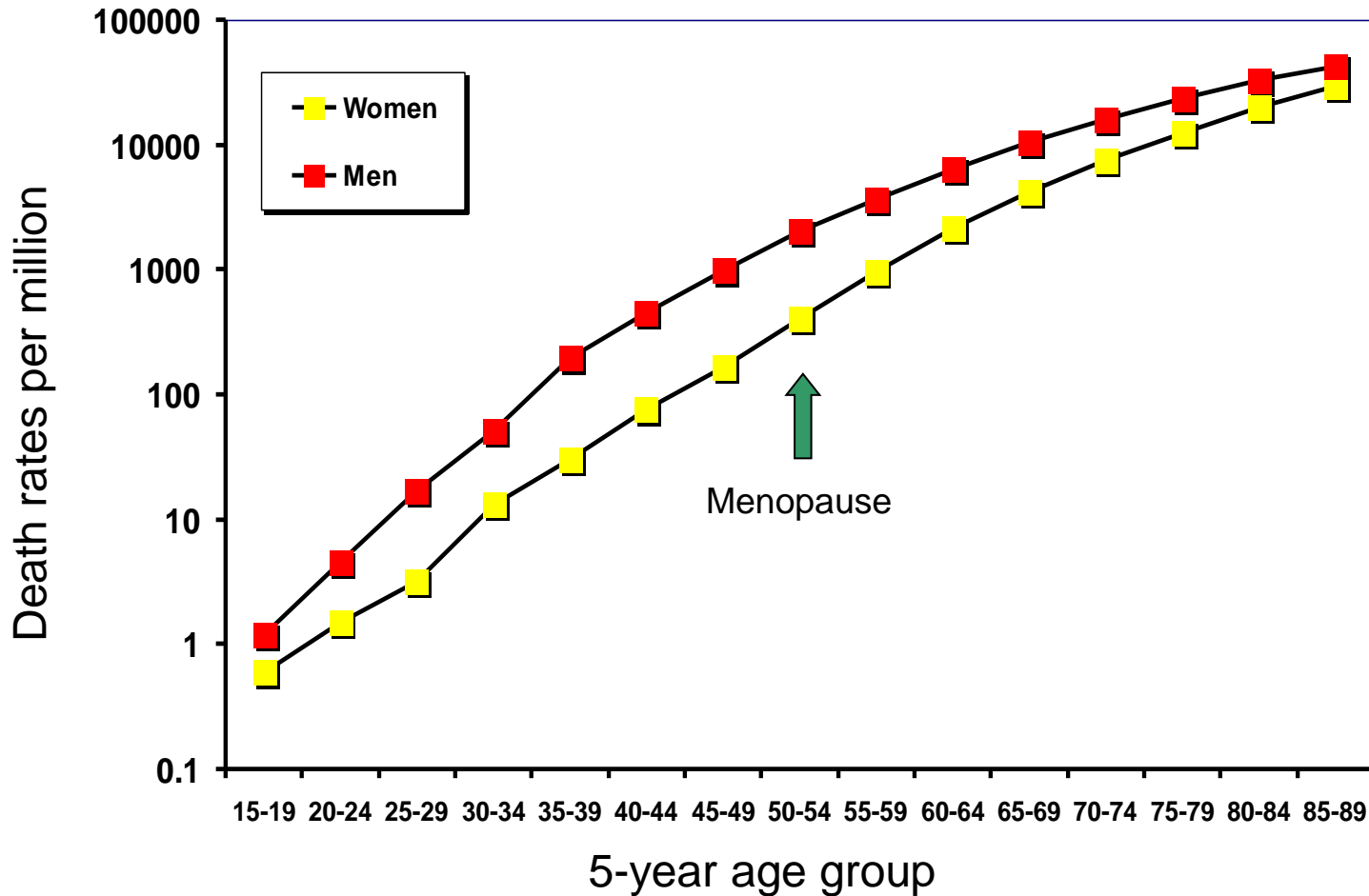
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Number of deaths from CHD by age and sex in England & Wales, 1989-93



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Death rates from CHD per million by age and sex in England & Wales, 1989-93

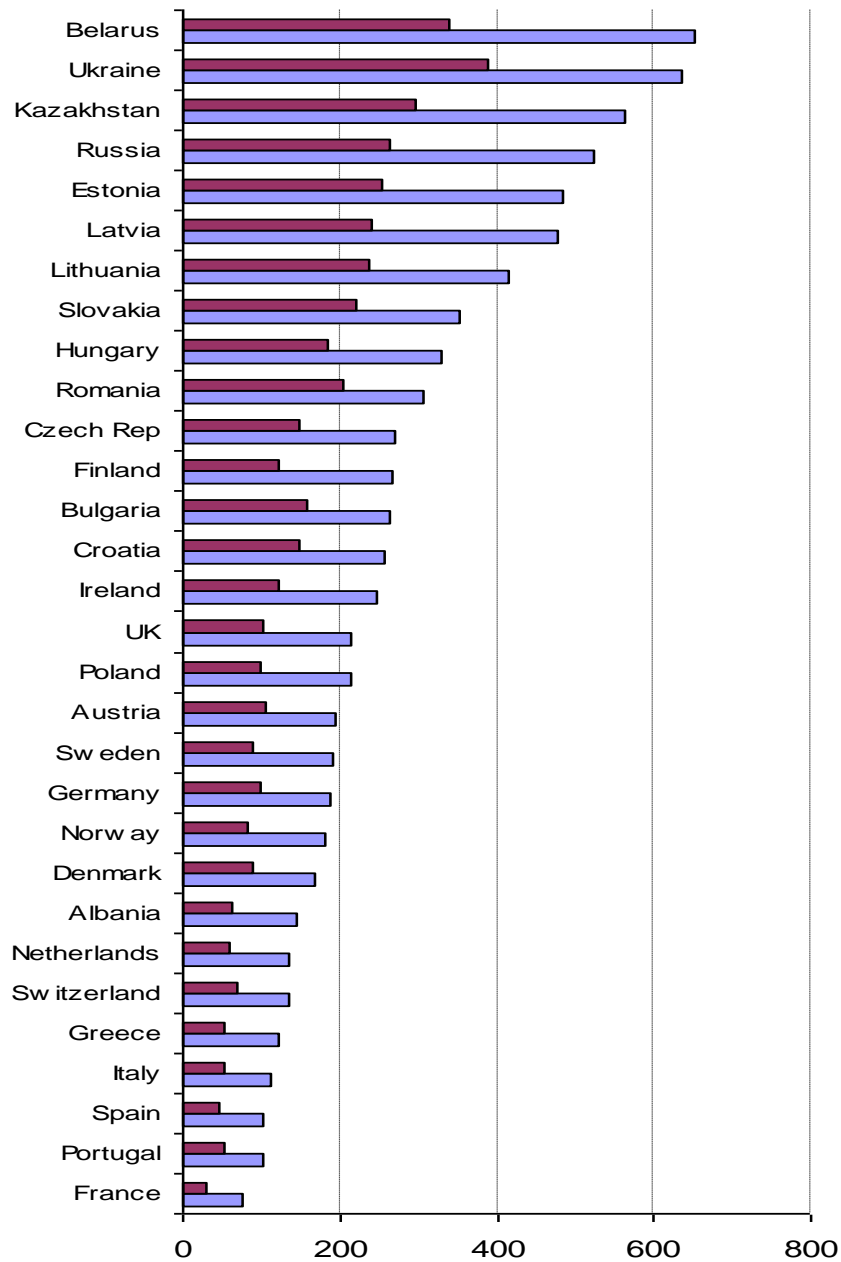


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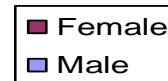
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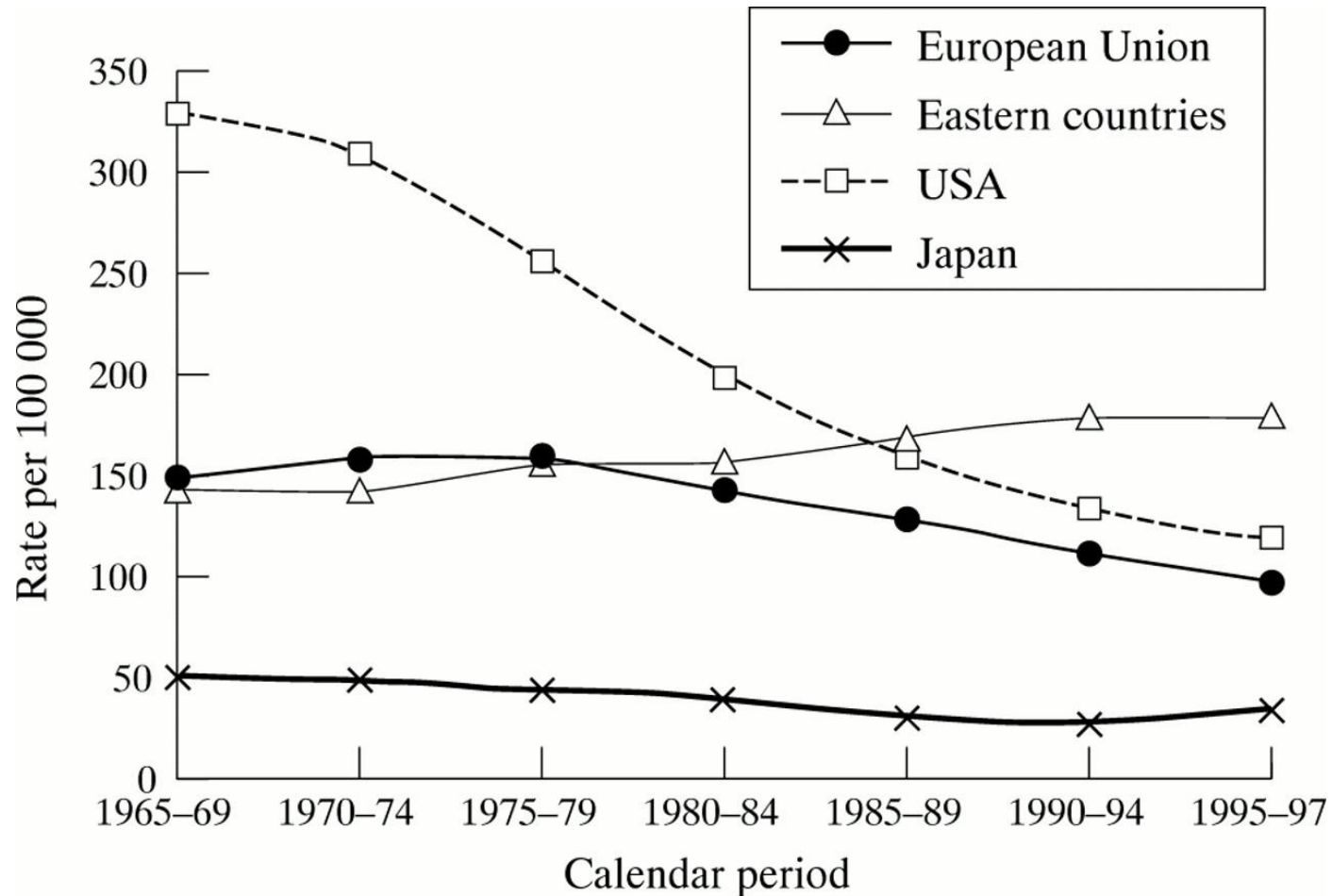
Age-standardized mortality from CHD per 100 000 in European countries in 2000 or the latest available year

Data from the WHO Health for All database



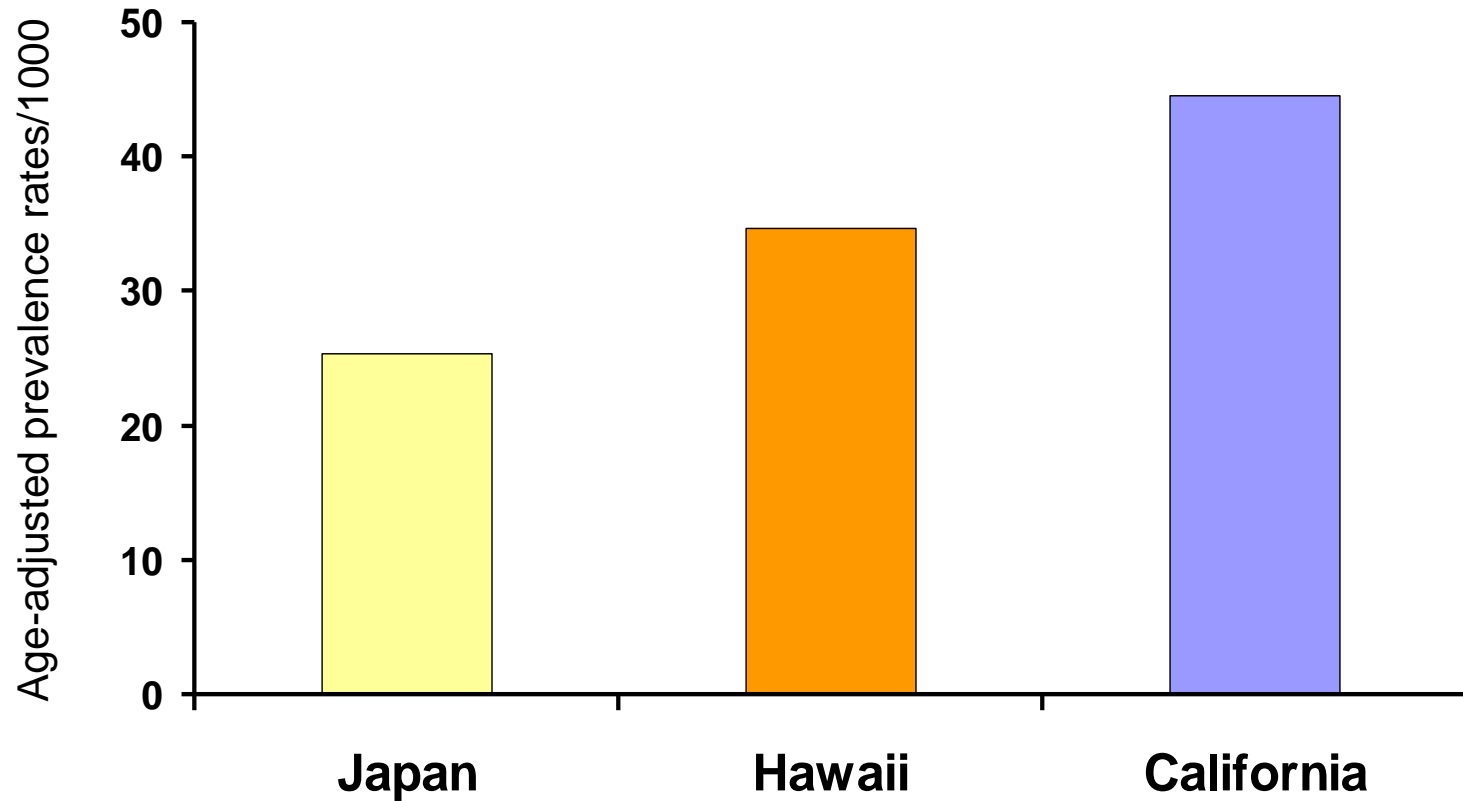
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Age standardised death rates from coronary heart diseases in men, all ages from the European Union, eastern European countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia), USA, and Japan, 1965-1997



Levi, F et al. Heart 2002;88:119-124

Age-adjusted prevalence rates of definite + possible CHD identified for 11,900 men by ECG

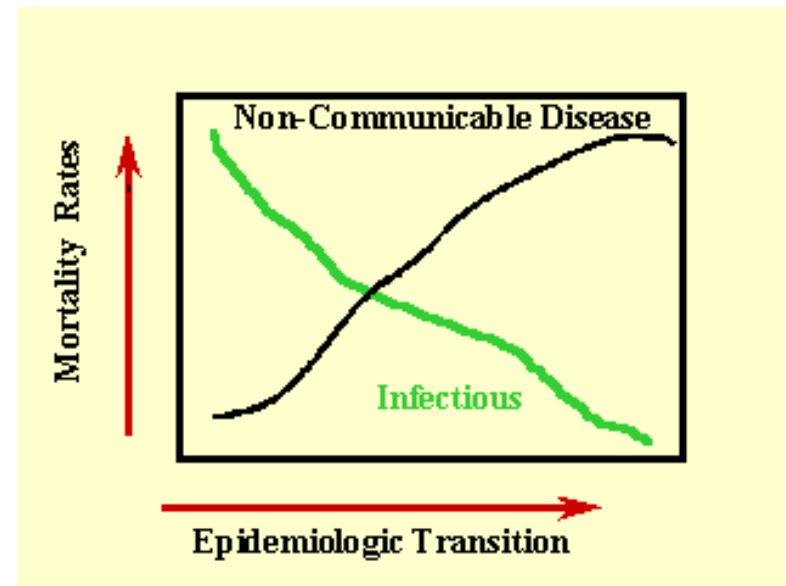


Country of residence of men of Japanese ancestry aged 45-69 yrs

Marmot MG et al. Am J Epidemiol 1975; 102: 514-25

Epidemiologic transition and the Global Burden of Disease

During the epidemiologic transition, a long-term shift occurs in mortality and disease patterns whereby pandemics of infection are replaced by degenerative and man-made diseases.....



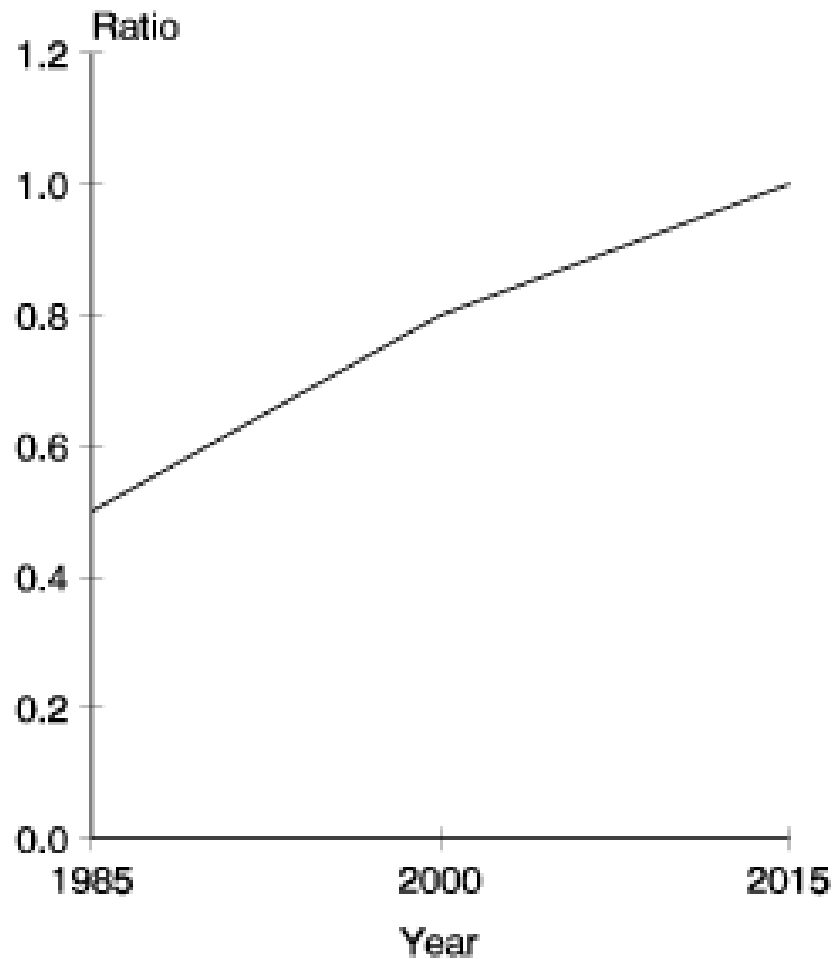


Figure 3 Changing cause-of-death structure in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (ratio of deaths from cardiovascular diseases to deaths from infectious and parasitic diseases)

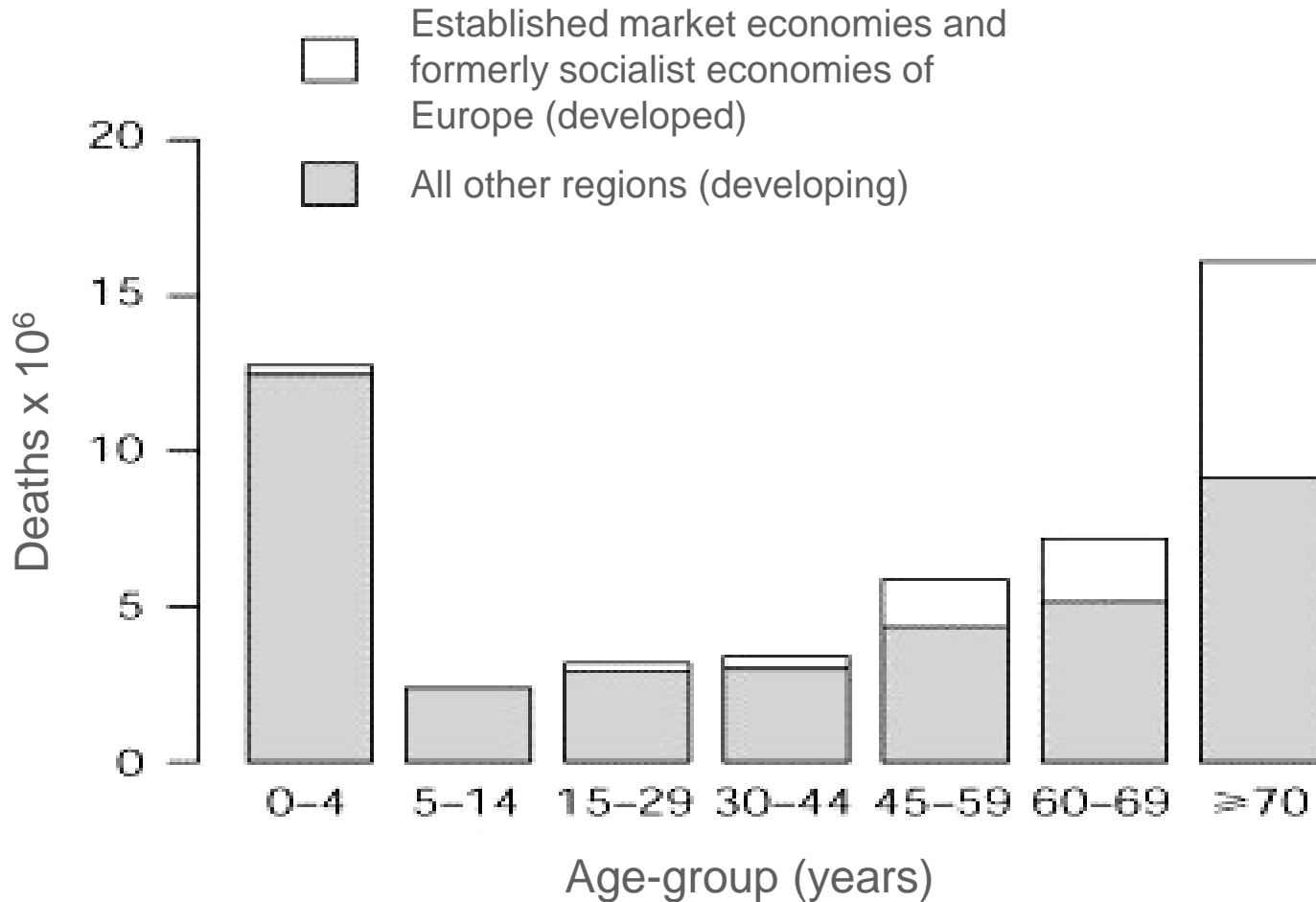
Source: World Bank (1993)

Distribution of deaths from all causes and cardiovascular diseases in developing and developed countries in 1990

	Deaths (X 10³)		
	Developed	Developing	World
Cardiovascular diseases	5245	9082	14 327
All causes	10 912	39 554	50 467

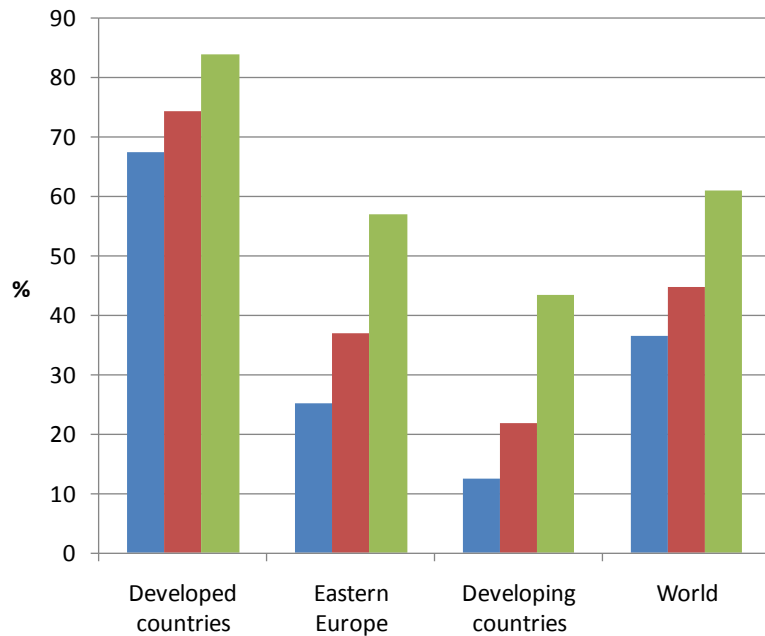
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Distribution of deaths worldwide by age group in study regions



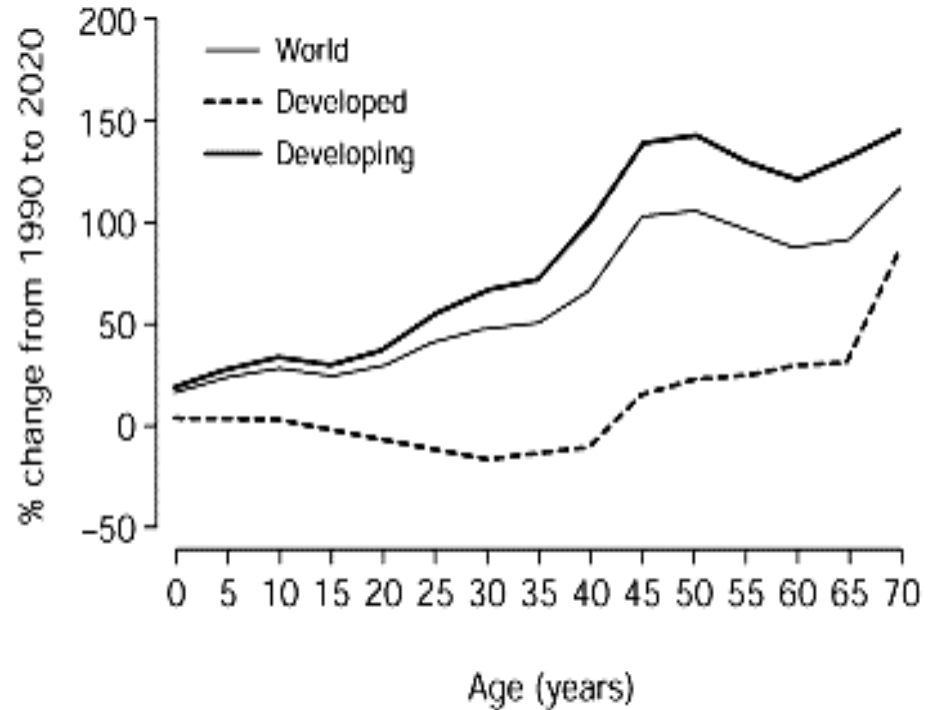
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% Living in urban settings: 1970, 1994, & 2025 (projected)

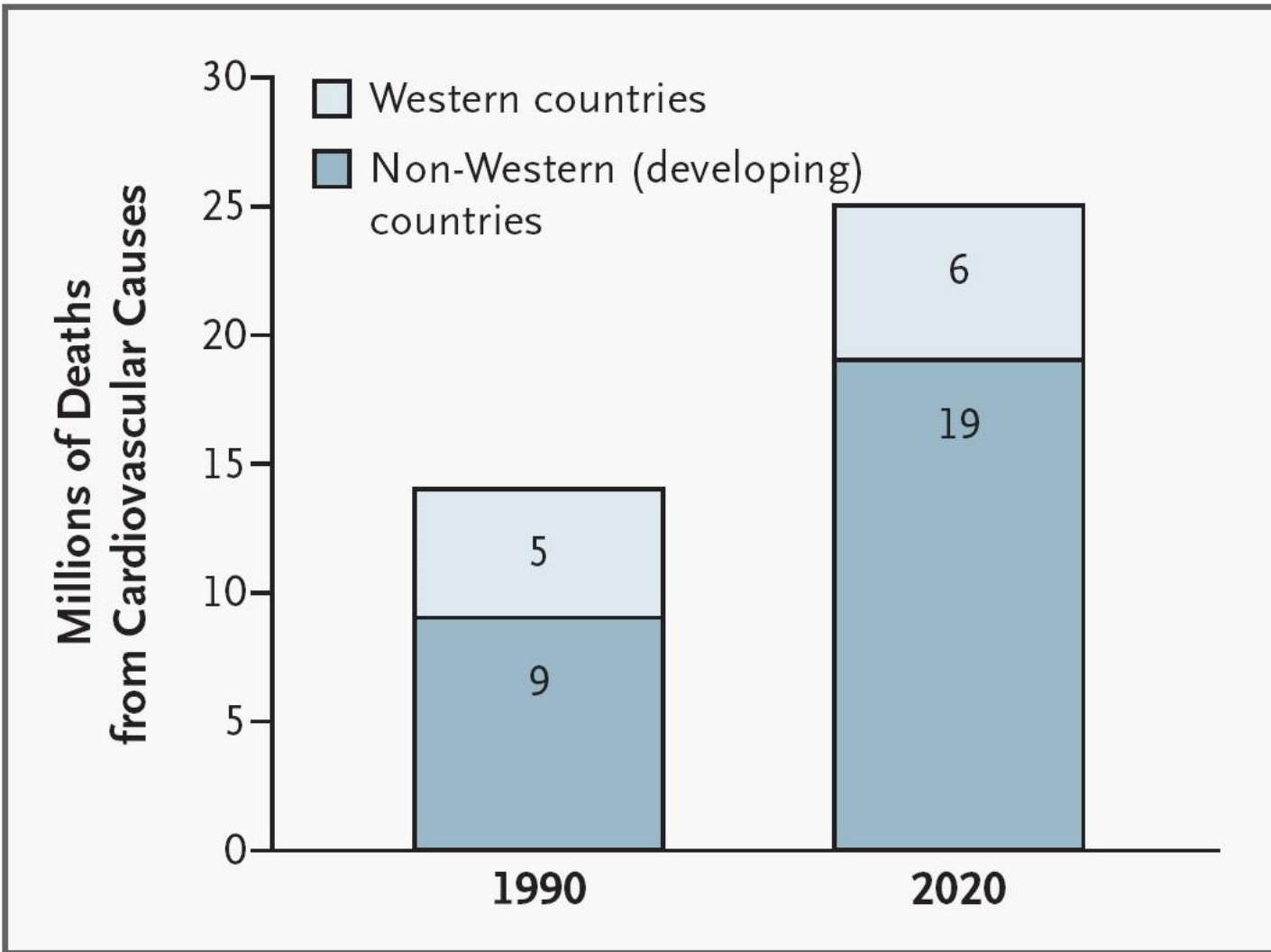


Source: Yusuf S, *Circulation* 2001;104:2746-2753

Projected change in global population 1990 to 2020



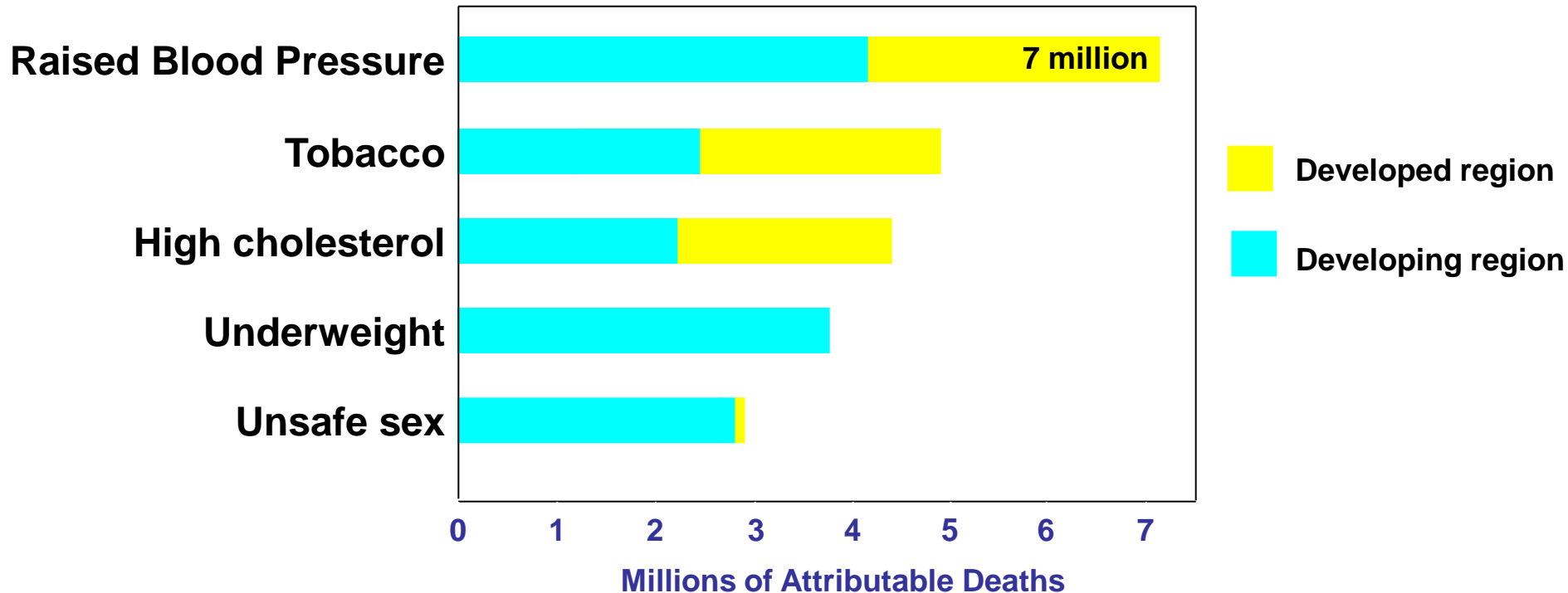
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Deaths from cardiovascular causes, worldwide, in 1990 and estimated for 2020. Data from Global Burden of Disease study
Source: Reddy KS, *NEJM* 2004;350:2438-2440

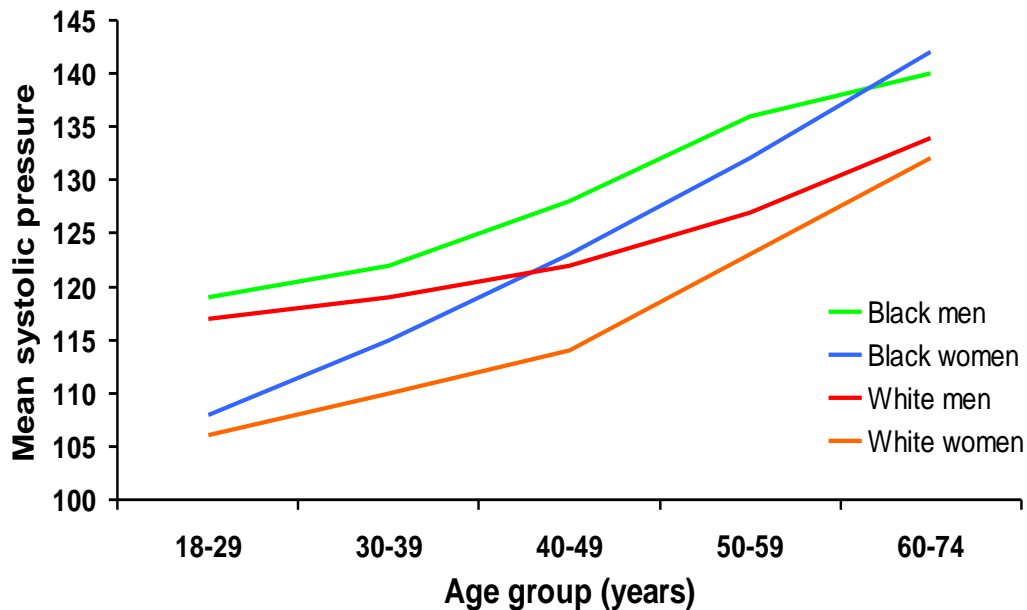
Risk factors for cardiovascular disease

Major Risk Factors for Death Worldwide

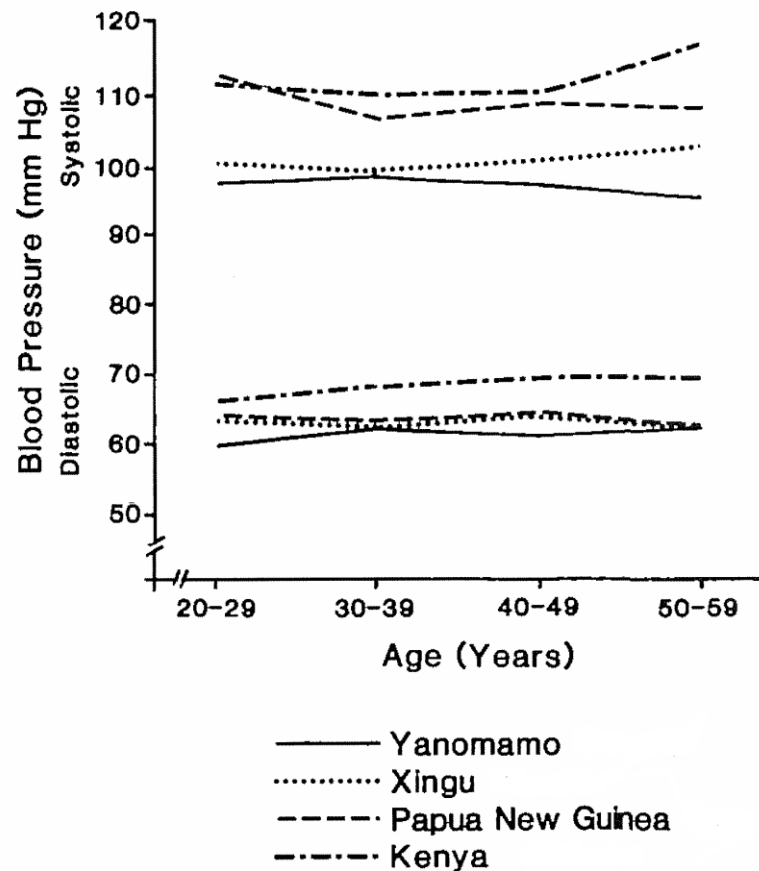


62% of all Strokes and 49% of all Heart Disease attributable to raised BP

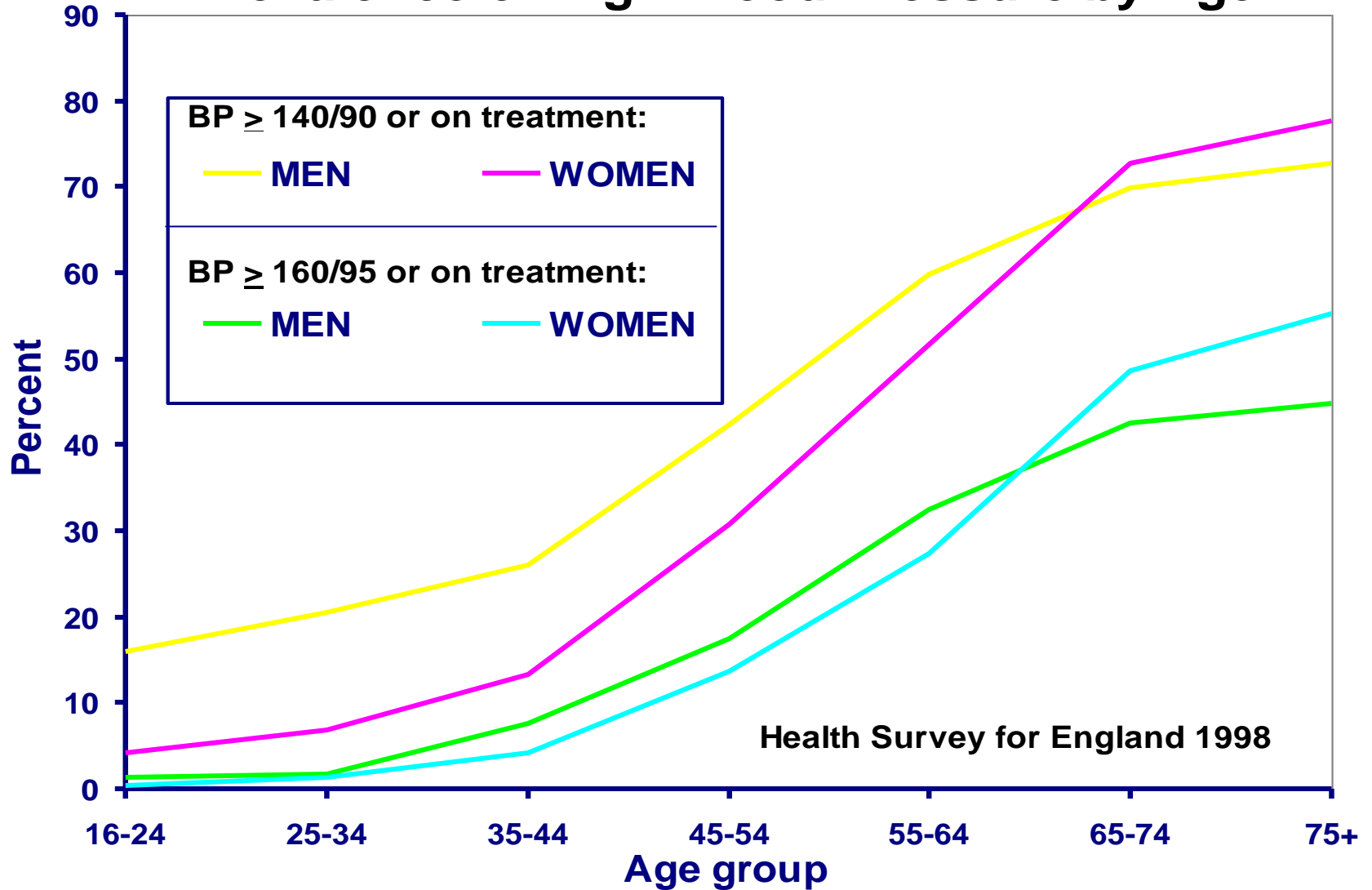
Mean systolic blood pressure (mmHg), US population, NHANES III Phase I (1988-1991) by age, ethnic group and gender



INTERSALT: Four low BP populations



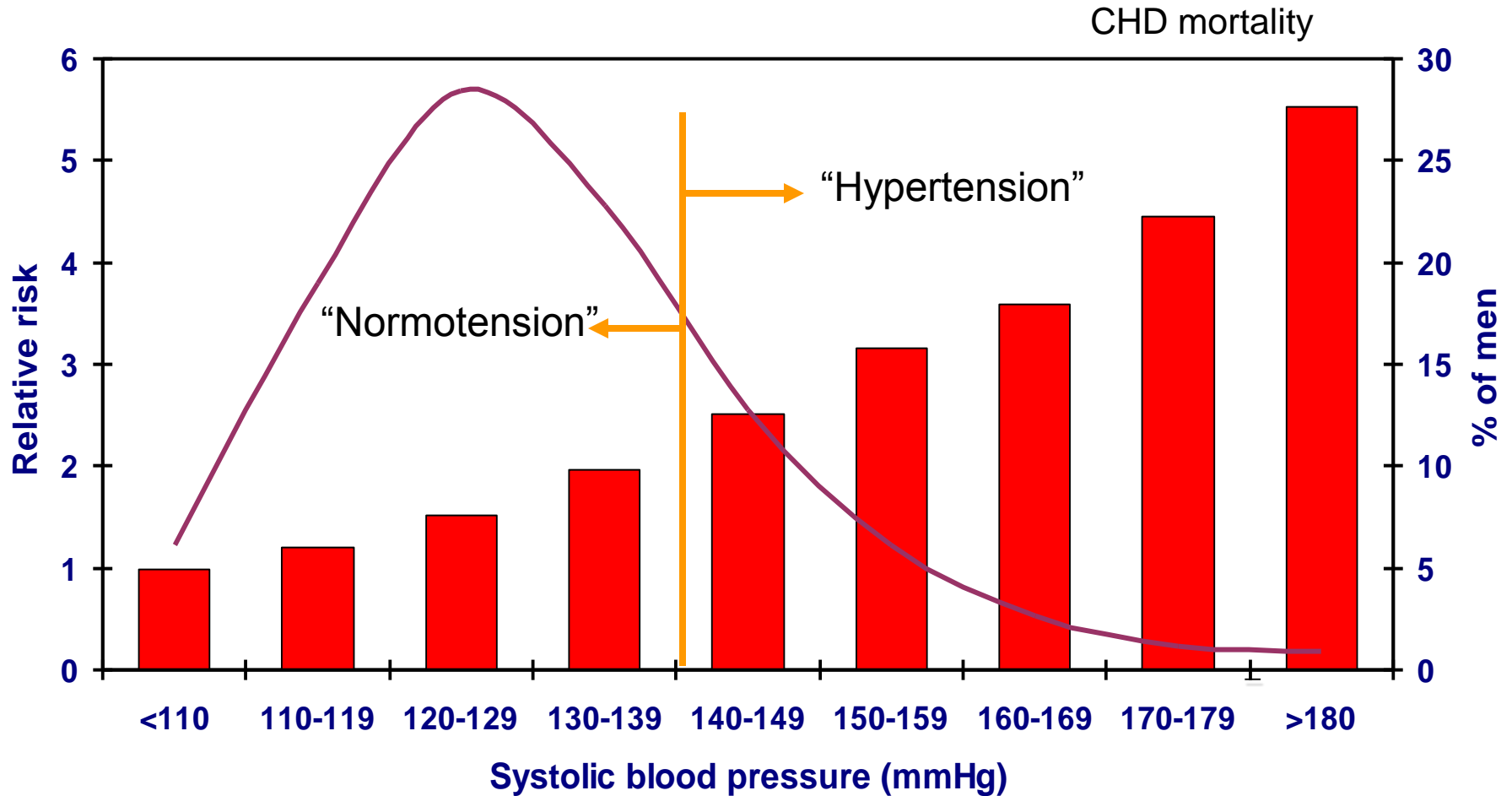
Prevalence of High Blood Pressure by Age



Hypertension

“Essential hypertension is a type of disease not hitherto recognised in medicine in which the defect is quantitative not qualitative. It is difficult for doctors to understand because it is a departure from the ordinary process of binary thought to which they are brought up. Medicine in its present state can count up to two but not beyond”

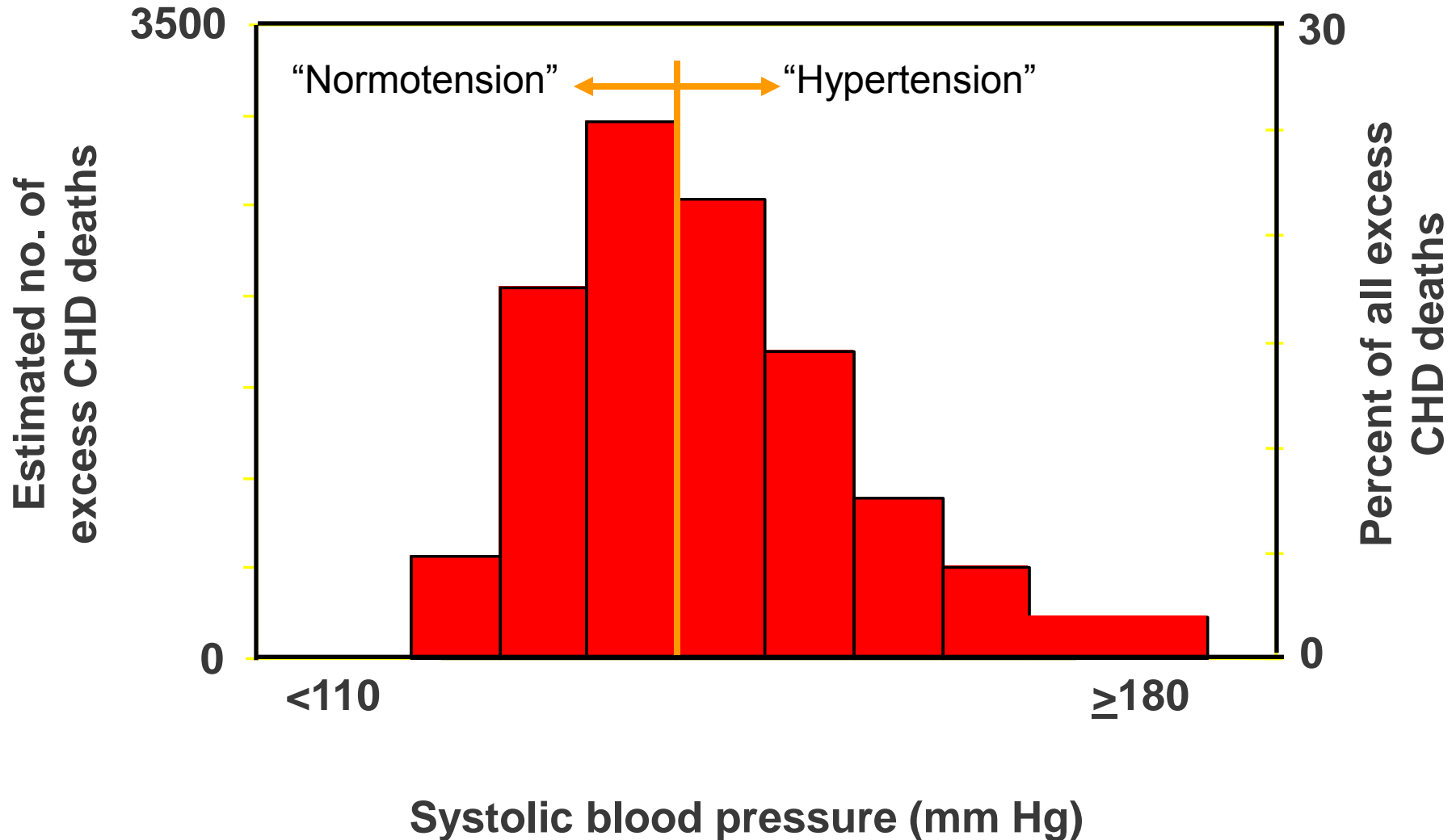
MRFIT blood pressure distribution and risk of death at 25 years follow-up



347,978 men ages 35-57 at baseline

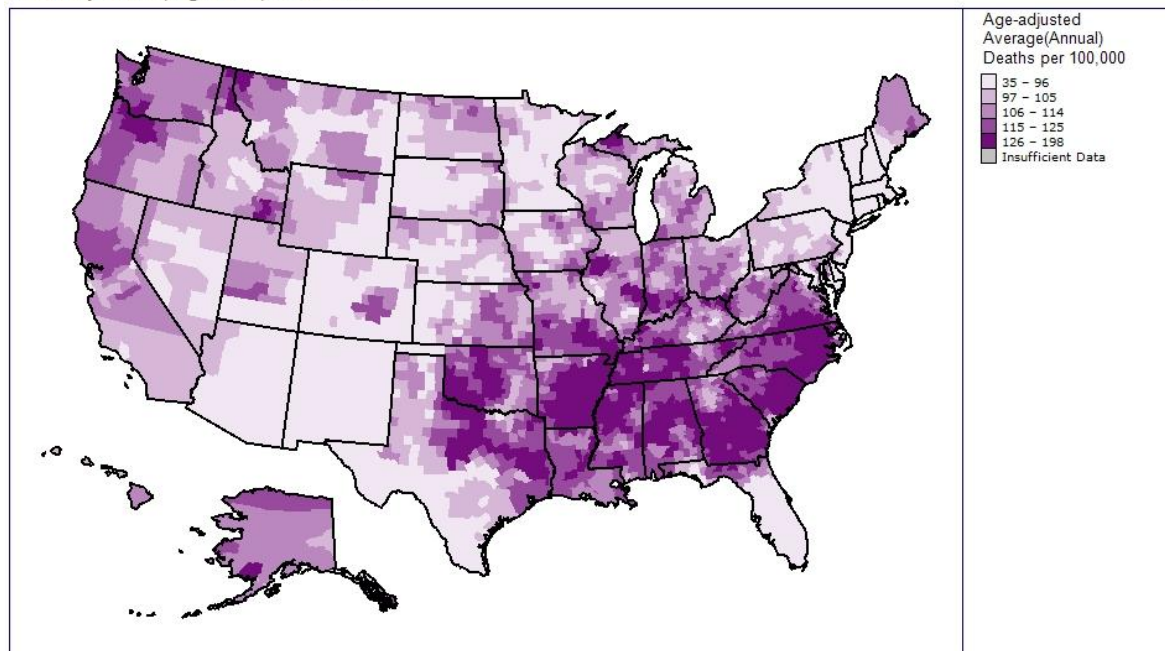
Adapted from Elliott & Stamler 2005

MRFIT 25-year follow-up: Numbers and proportions of excess CHD deaths by SBP



United States — Stroke Death Rates

Total Population, Ages 35+, 2000 – 2006



Display:
 Nationwide

- States
- MMSAs

Percent

- <= 25.6
- 25.7 to 27.5
- 27.6 to 29.4
- 29.5 to 32.7
- >= 32.8
- No Data

Data Classification:
 Natural Breaks

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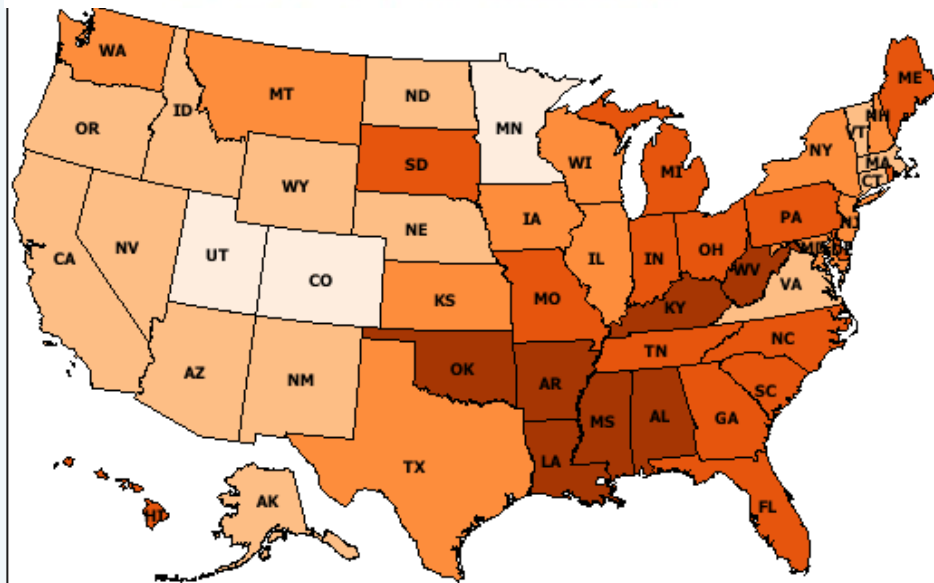
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Show:

- Outlying Territories

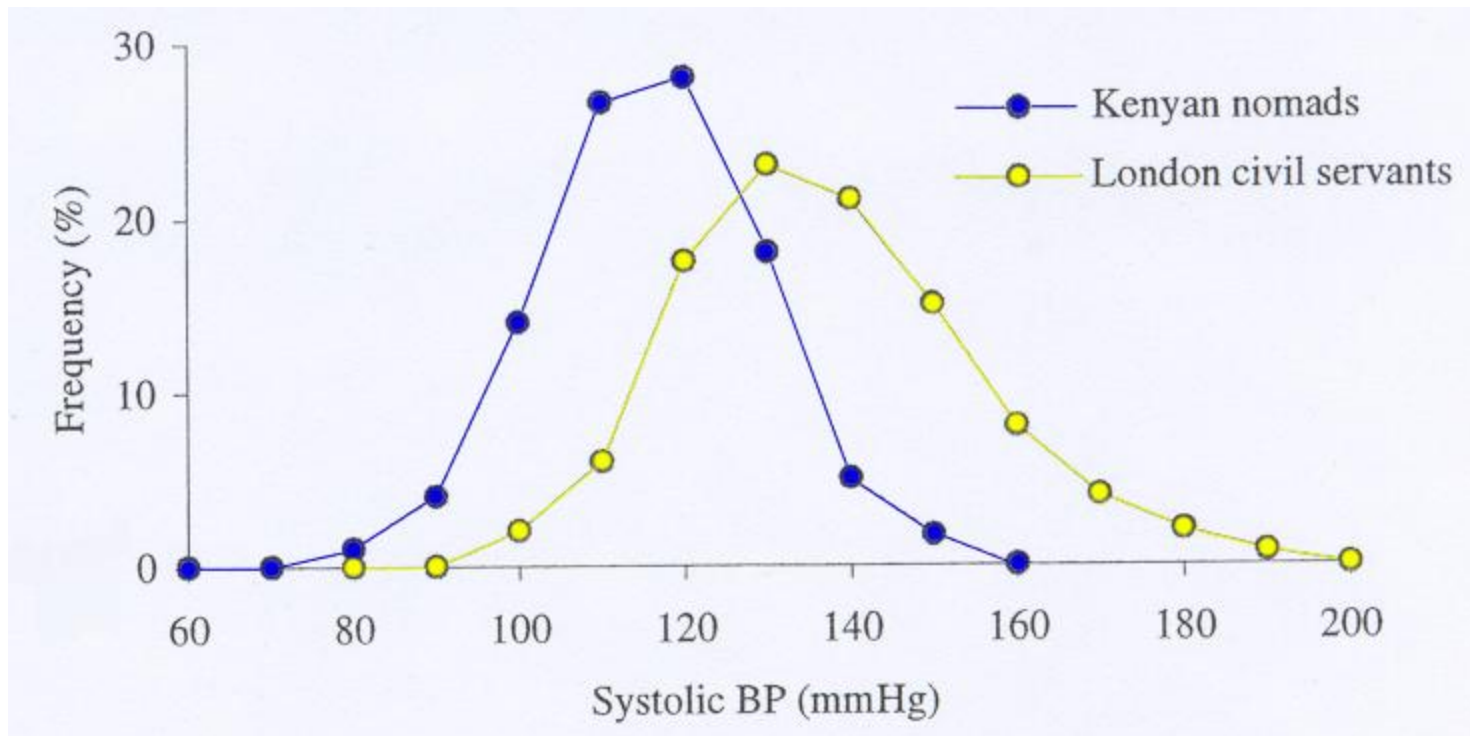


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Percent reporting hypertension

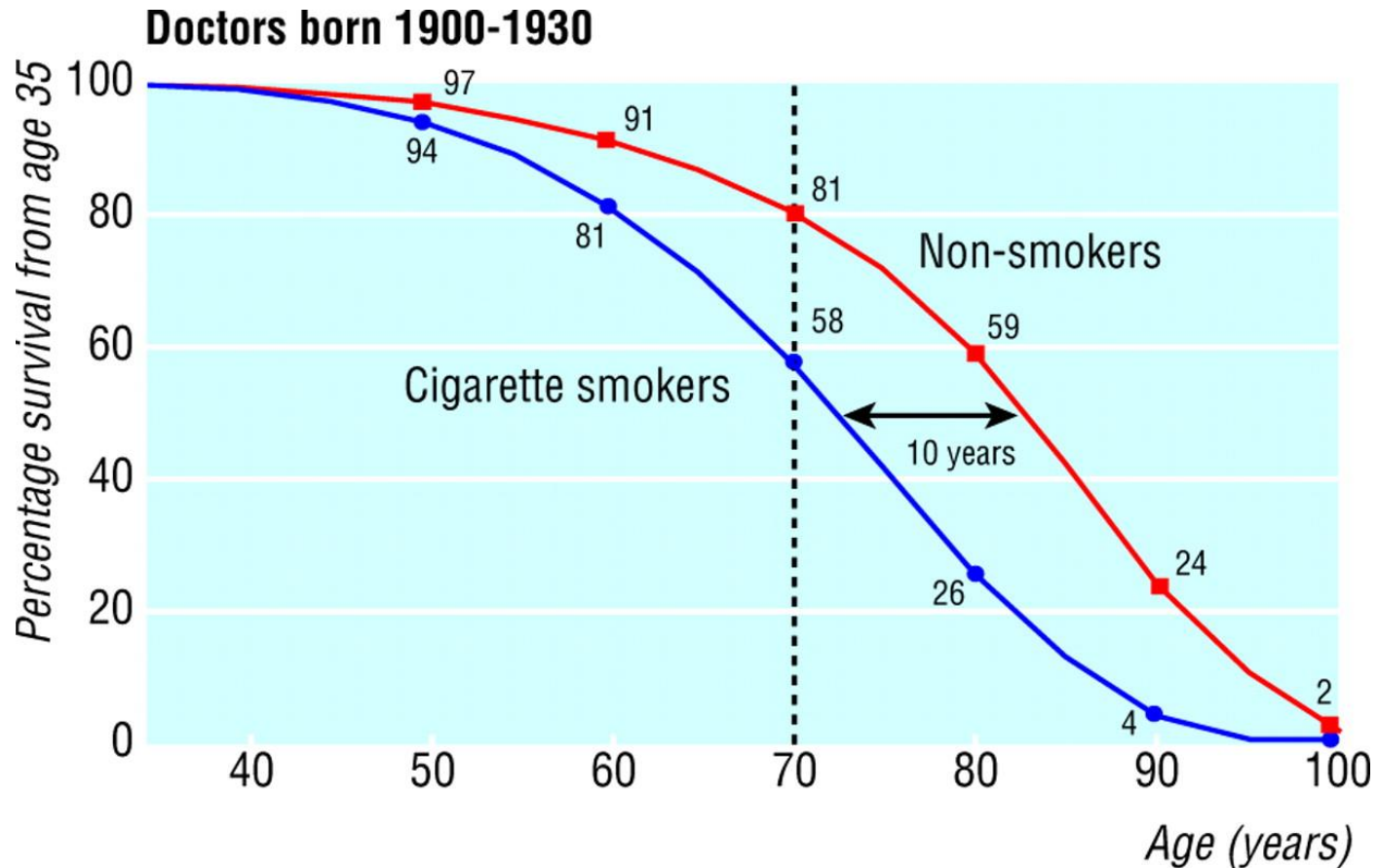
BP Distributions in Different Populations



Lifestyle factors – especially diet – are key in explaining differences between populations in the rise in BP with age and the consequent prevalence of high BP at older ages

Adapted from Rose *Int J Epidemiol* 1985; 14: 32-38

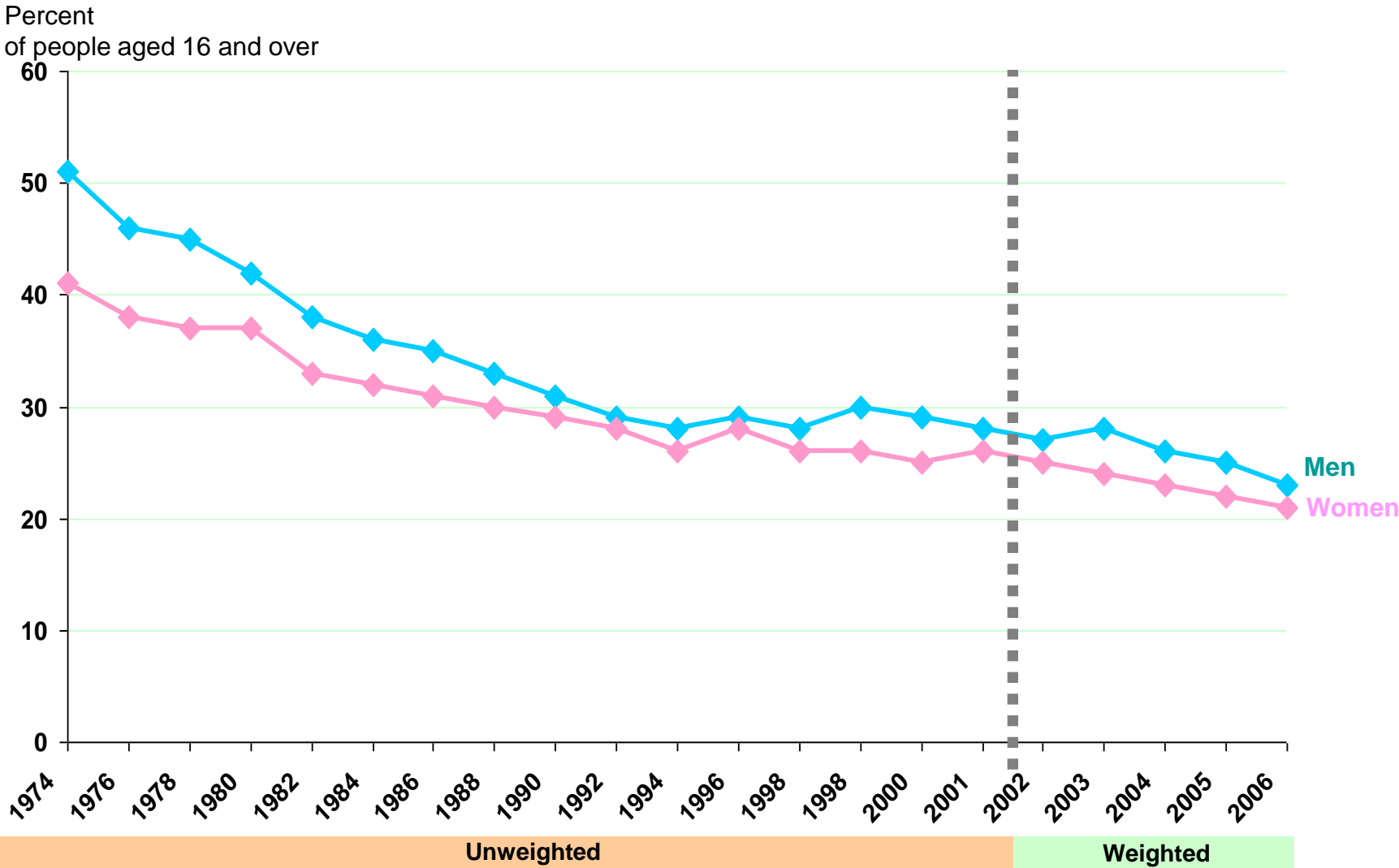
Survival from age 35 for continuing cigarette smokers and lifelong non-smokers among UK male doctors born 1900-1930



Doll, R. et al. BMJ 2004;328:1519

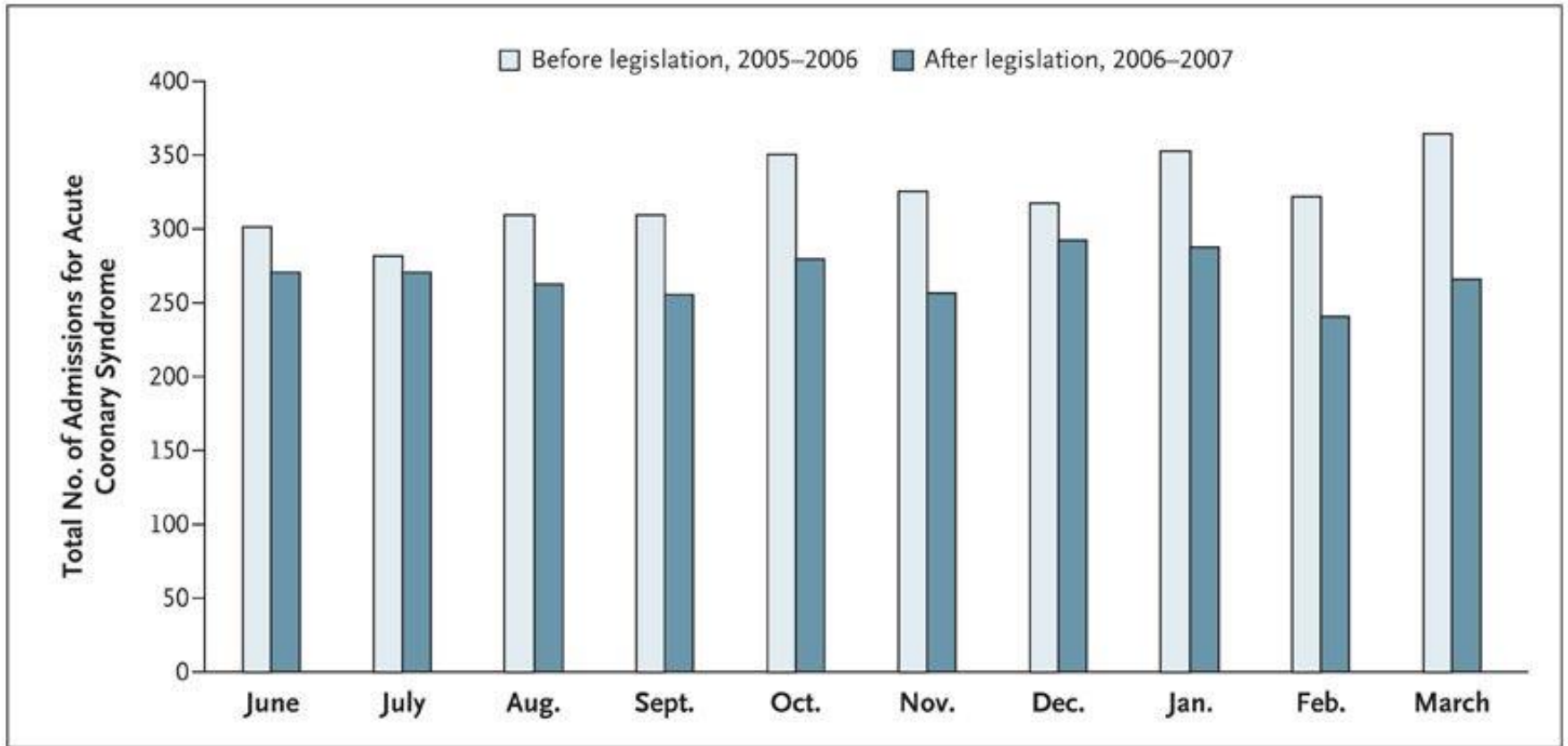
Smoking Prevalence

by gender, Great Britain



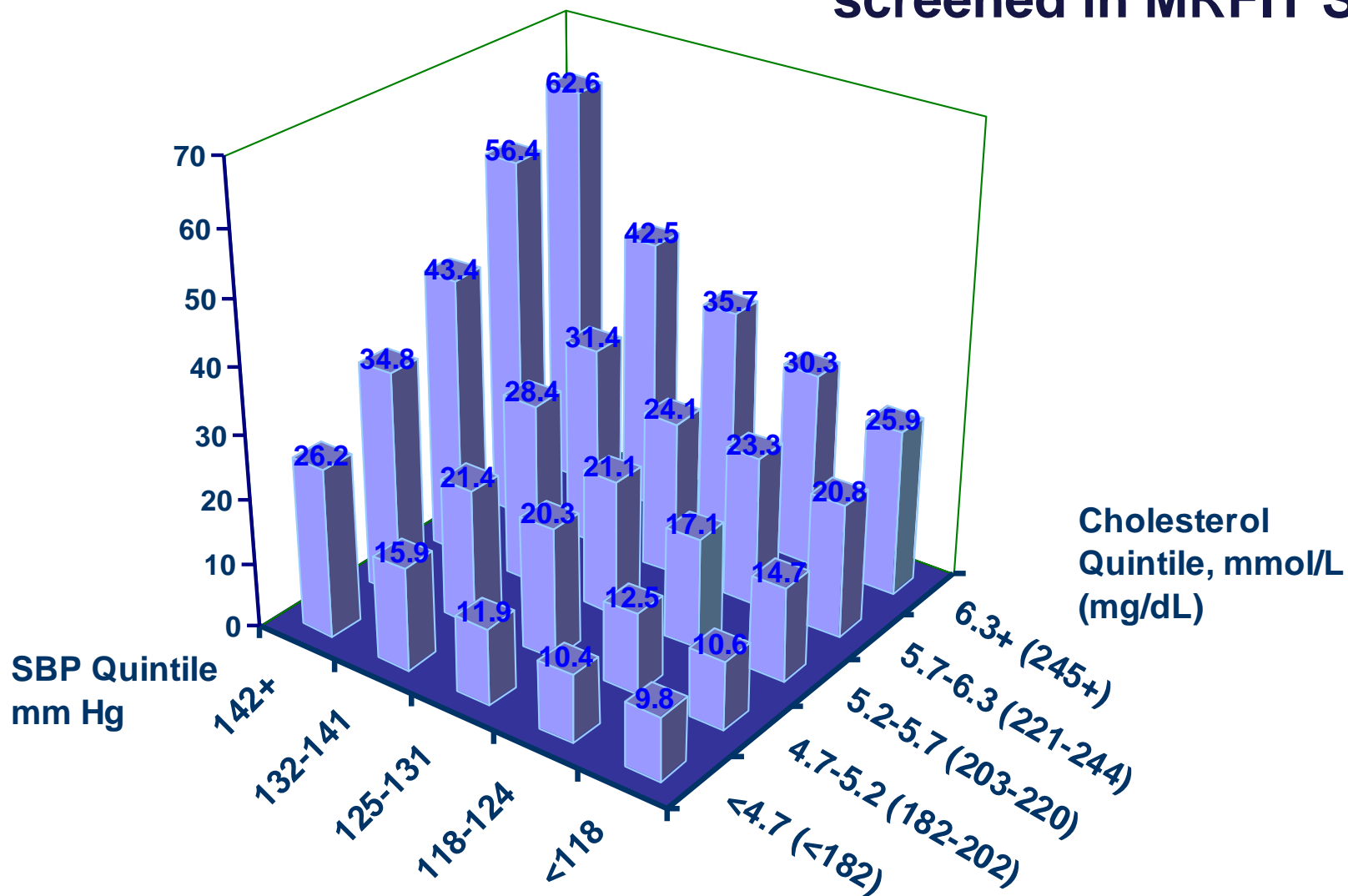
Source: ONS, 'Living in Britain': General Household Survey

Smoking ban in Scotland

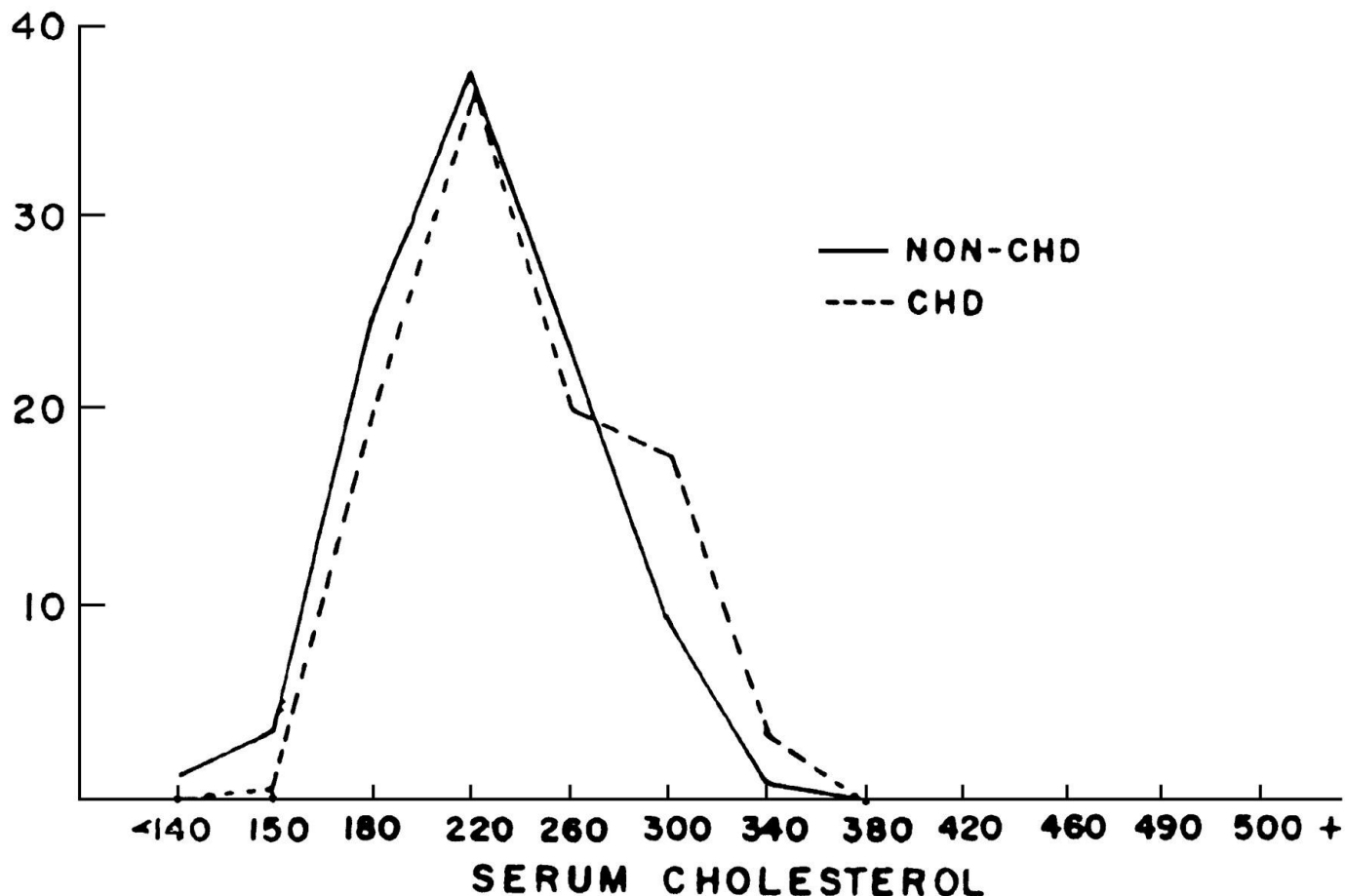


Admissions for Acute Coronary Syndrome According to Month before and after Smoke-free Legislation

Age-adjusted CHD death rates per 10 000 person-years by level of serum cholesterol and SBP for cigarette smokers screened in MRFIT Study



Percentage distribution of serum cholesterol levels (mg/dl) in men aged 50-62 who did or did not subsequently develop coronary heart disease (Framingham Study)

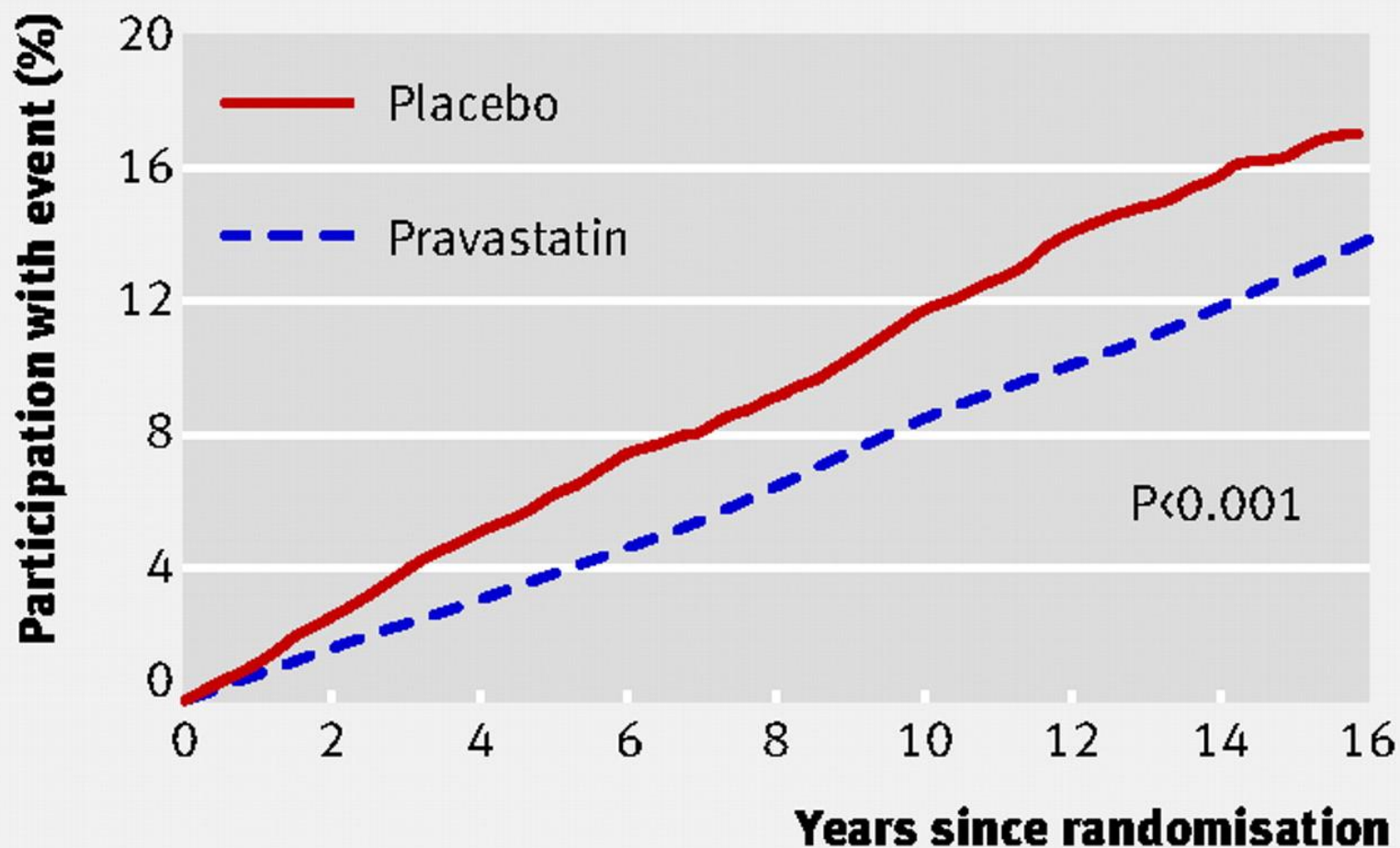


Rose, G. *Int. J. Epidemiol.* 1985 *Sick individuals and sick populations*

Serum Cholesterol

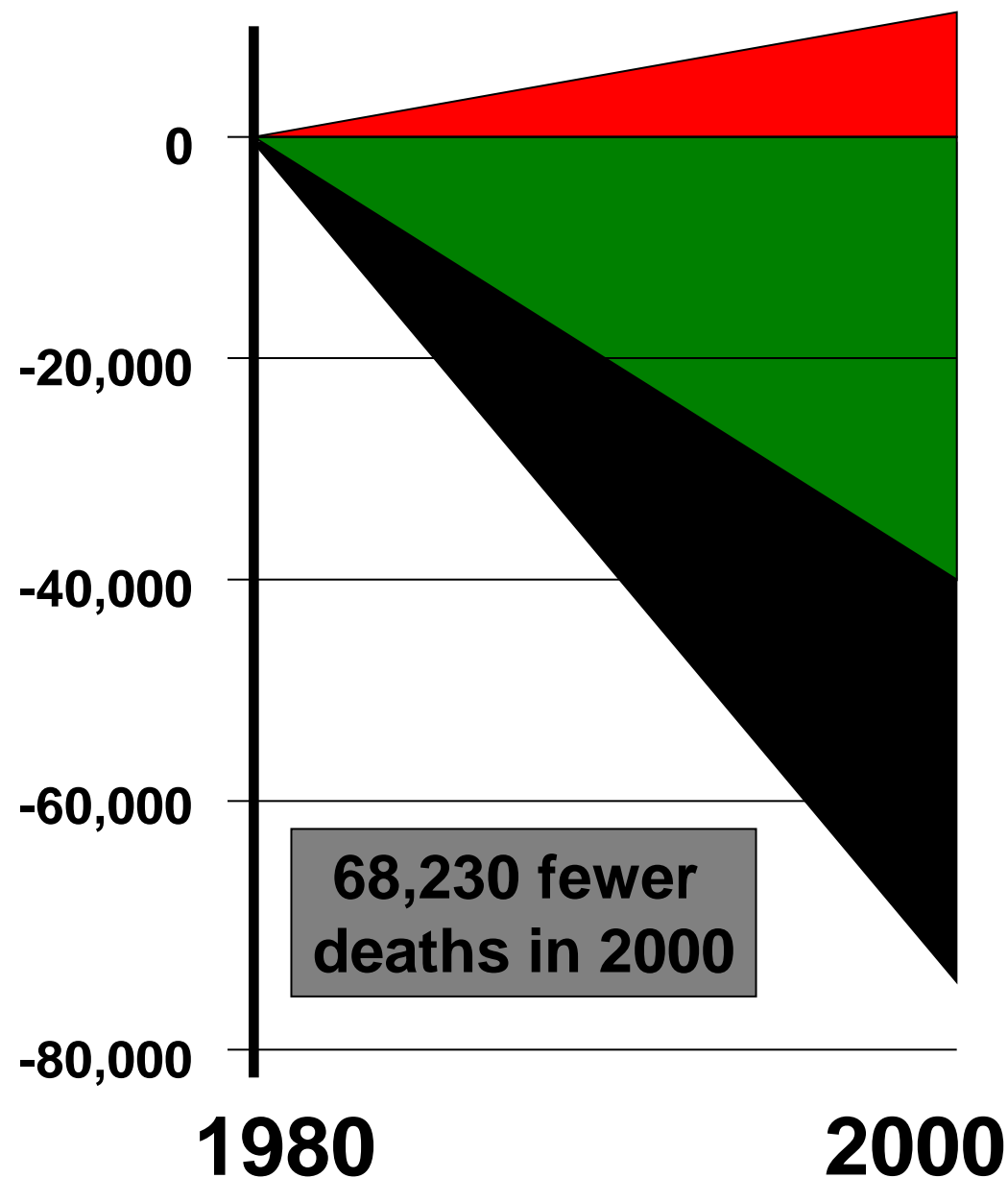
- Cholesterol is a good predictive marker
- Well-measured, so that a single measure characterises the population reasonably well
- Longitudinal studies show prognostic validity
- However poor ability to discriminate between cases and non-cases of heart disease

EFFECT OF PRAVASTATIN ON DEATH FROM CHD OR NON-FATAL HEART ATTACK



Adapted from *N Engl J Med* 2007;357:1477-86

Deaths averted



Risk factors worse	+13%
Obesity	+3.5%
Diabetes	+4.8%
Less physical activity	+4.4%

Risk factors better	-71%
Smoking	-41%
Cholesterol	-9%
Popul'n BP fall	-9%
Deprivation	-3%
Other factors	-8%

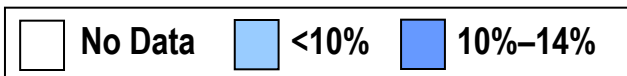
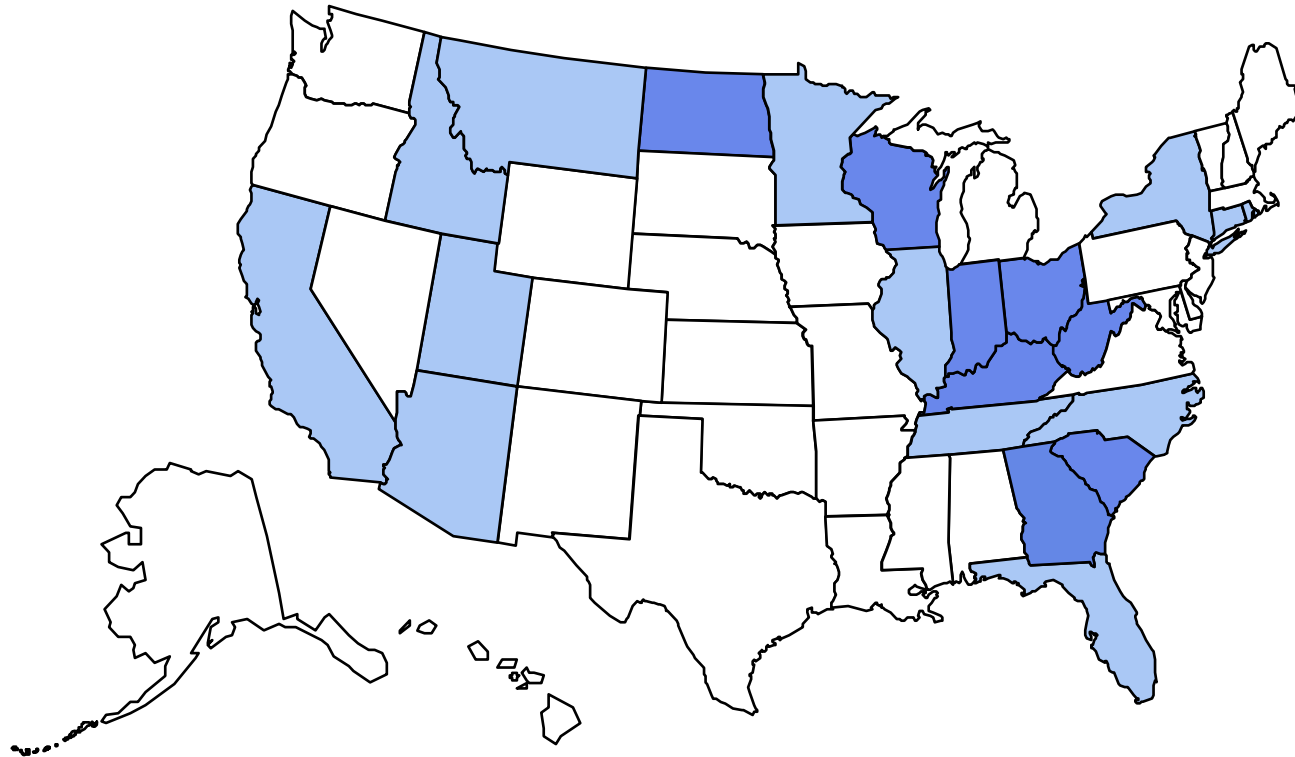
Treatments	-42%
AMI treatments	-8%
Secondary prevention	-11%
Heart failure	-12%
Angina: CABG/PCI	-4%
Angina: drugs	-5%
BP treatment	-3%

Redrawn from Capewell and colleagues

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BRFSS, 1985

(*BMI ≥ 30 , or ~ 30 lbs. overweight for 5' 4" person)



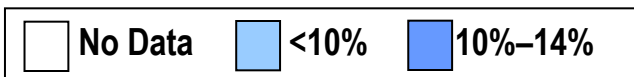
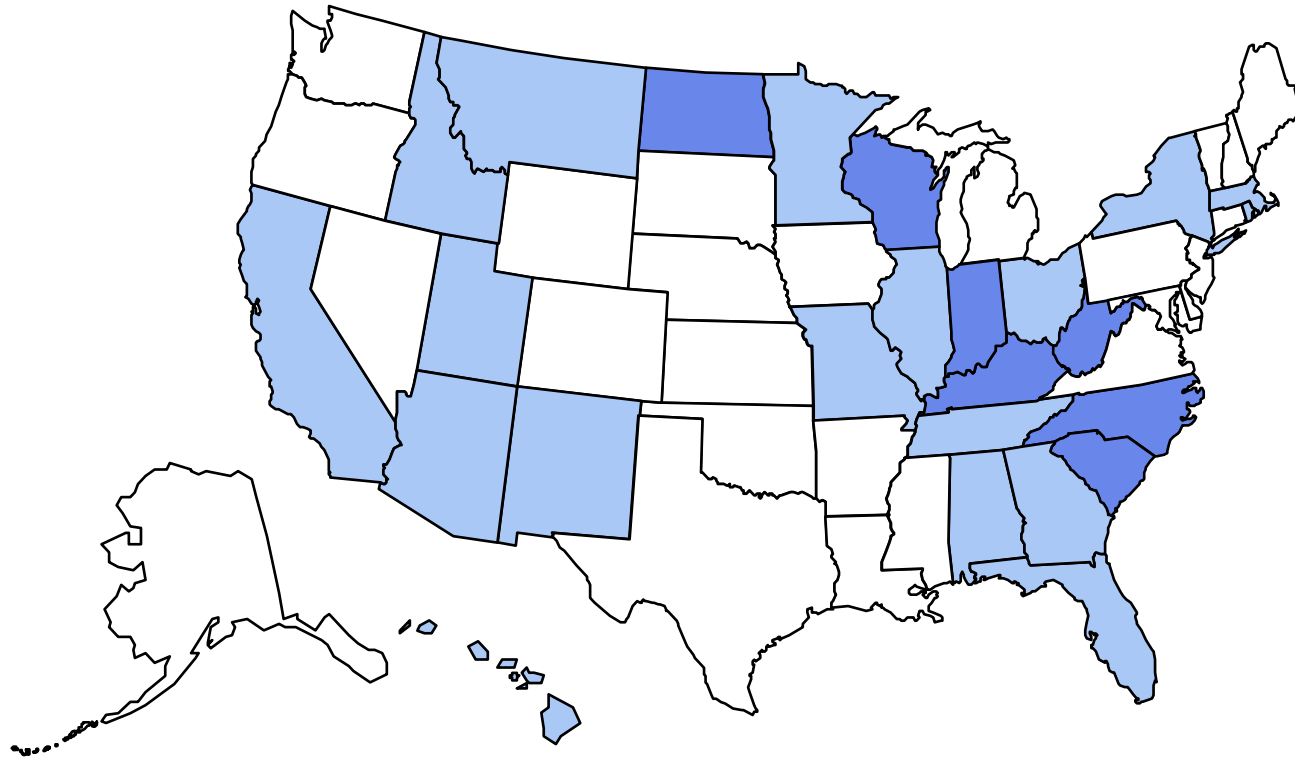
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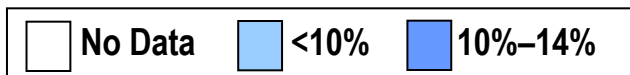
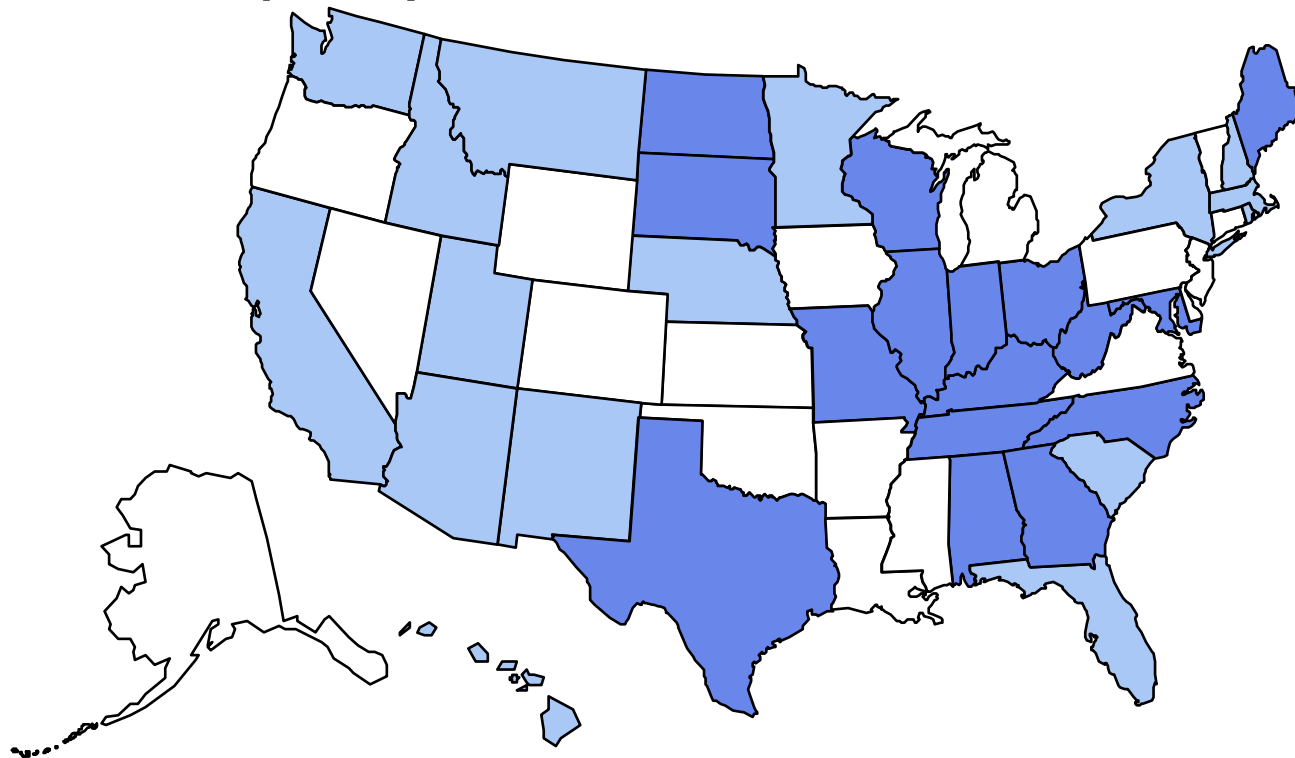
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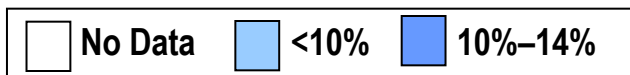
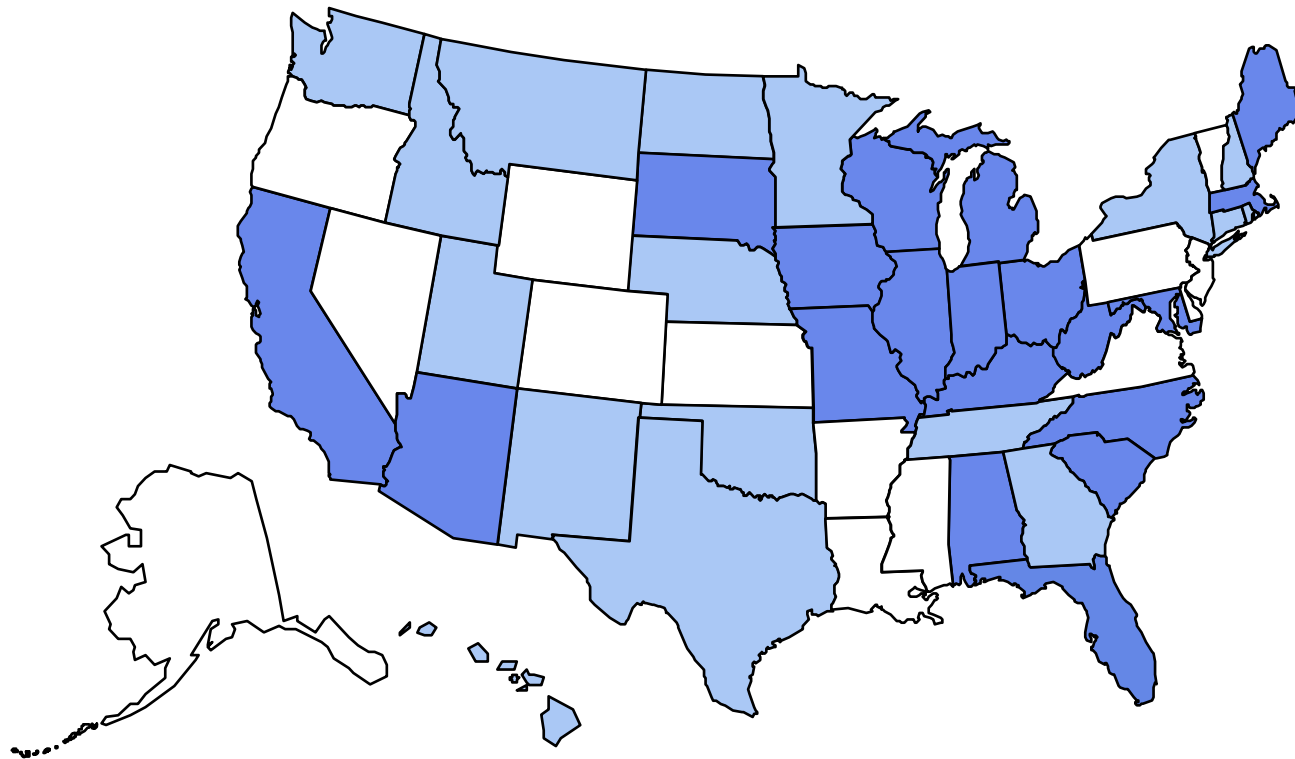
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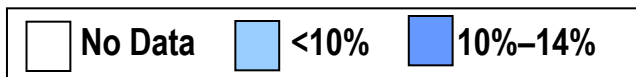
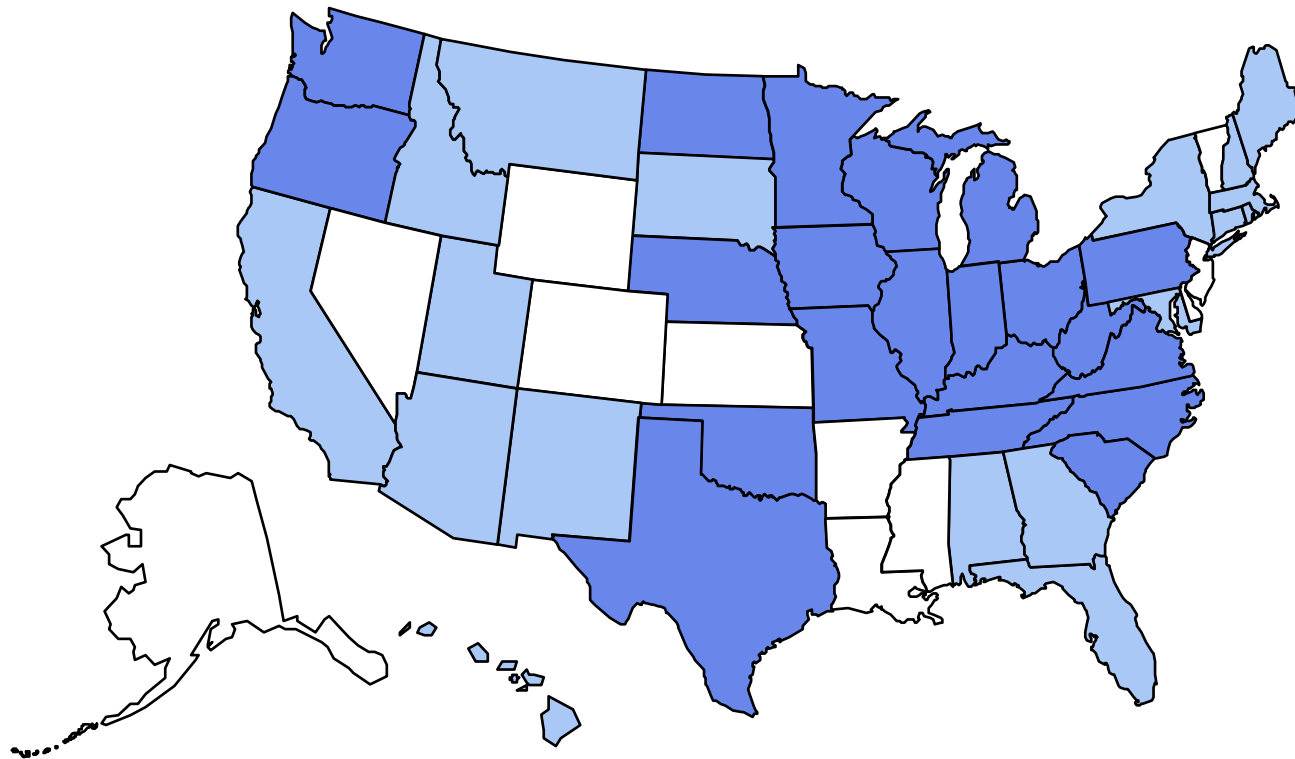
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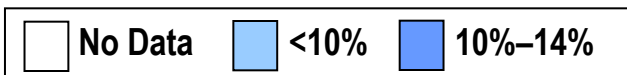
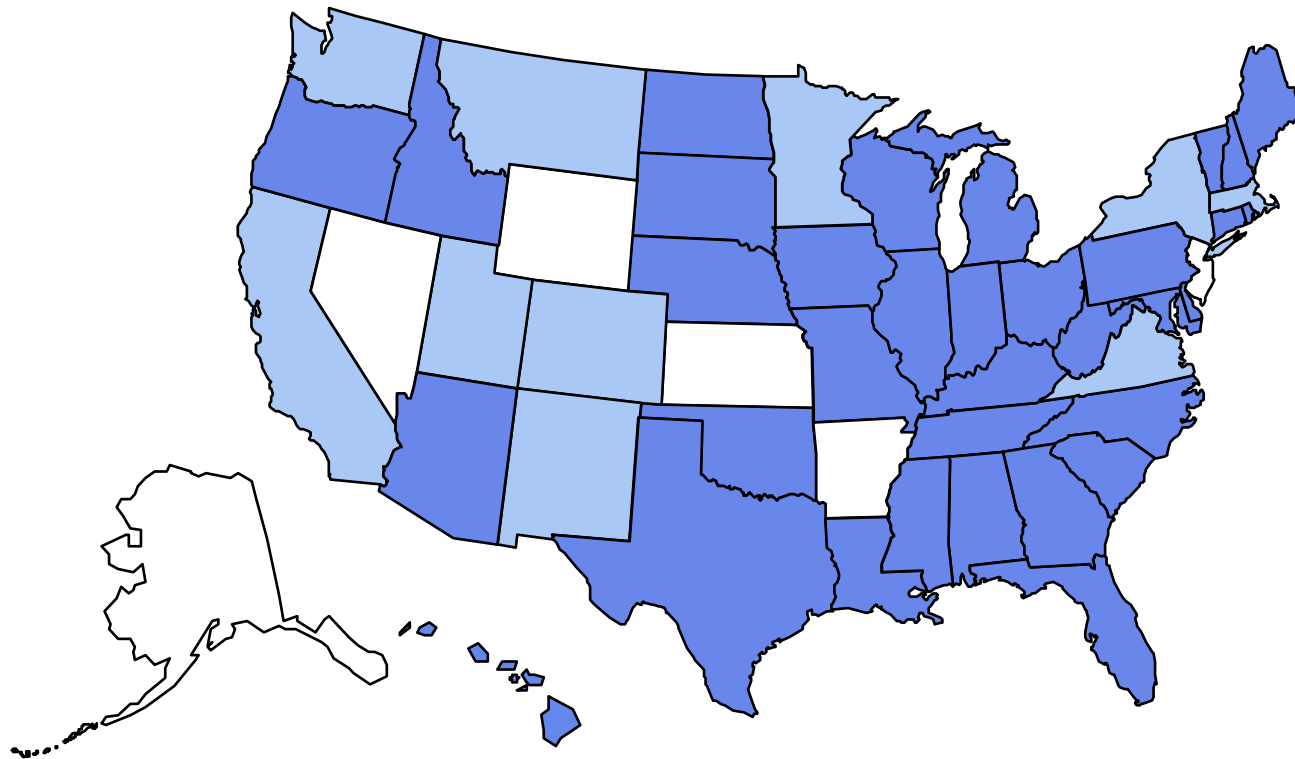
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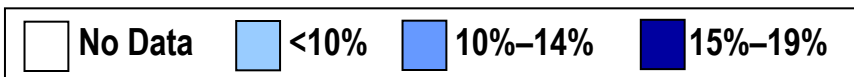
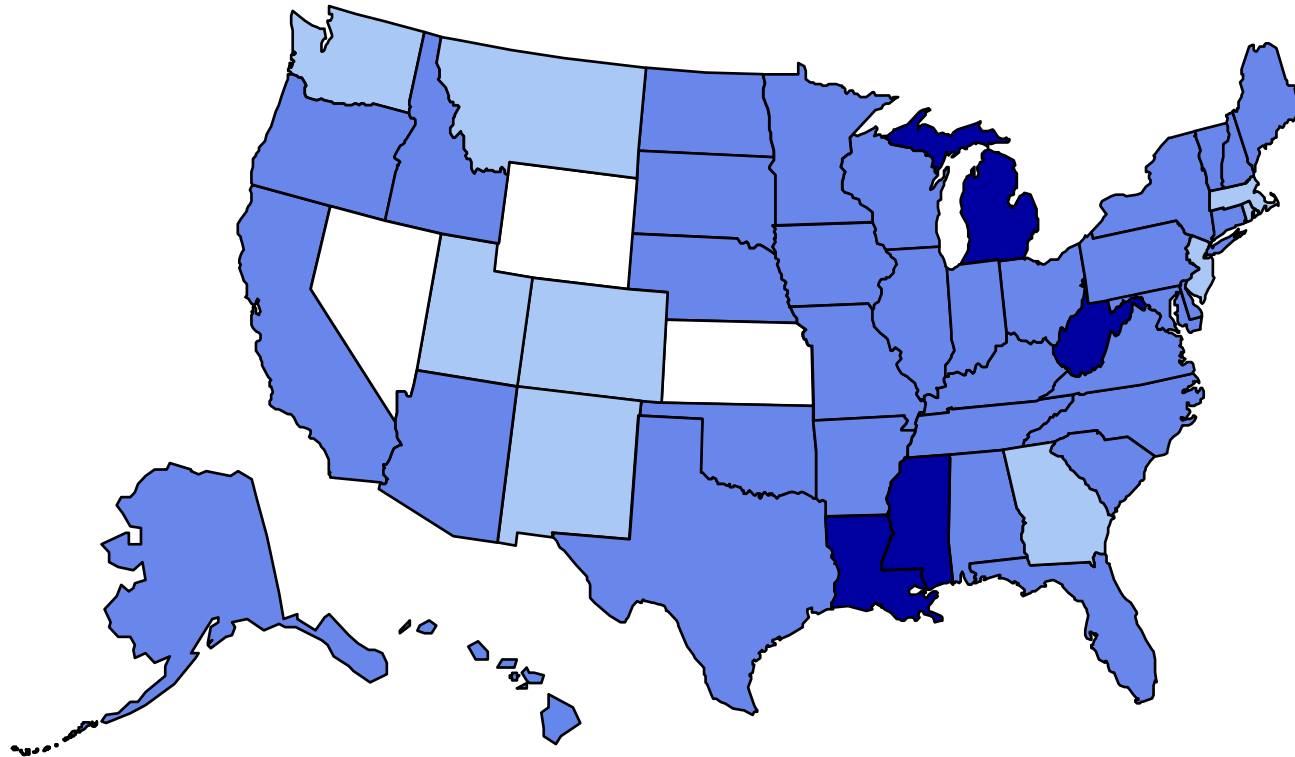
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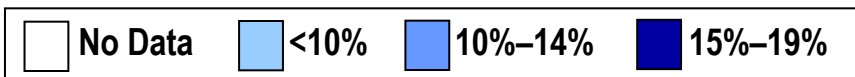
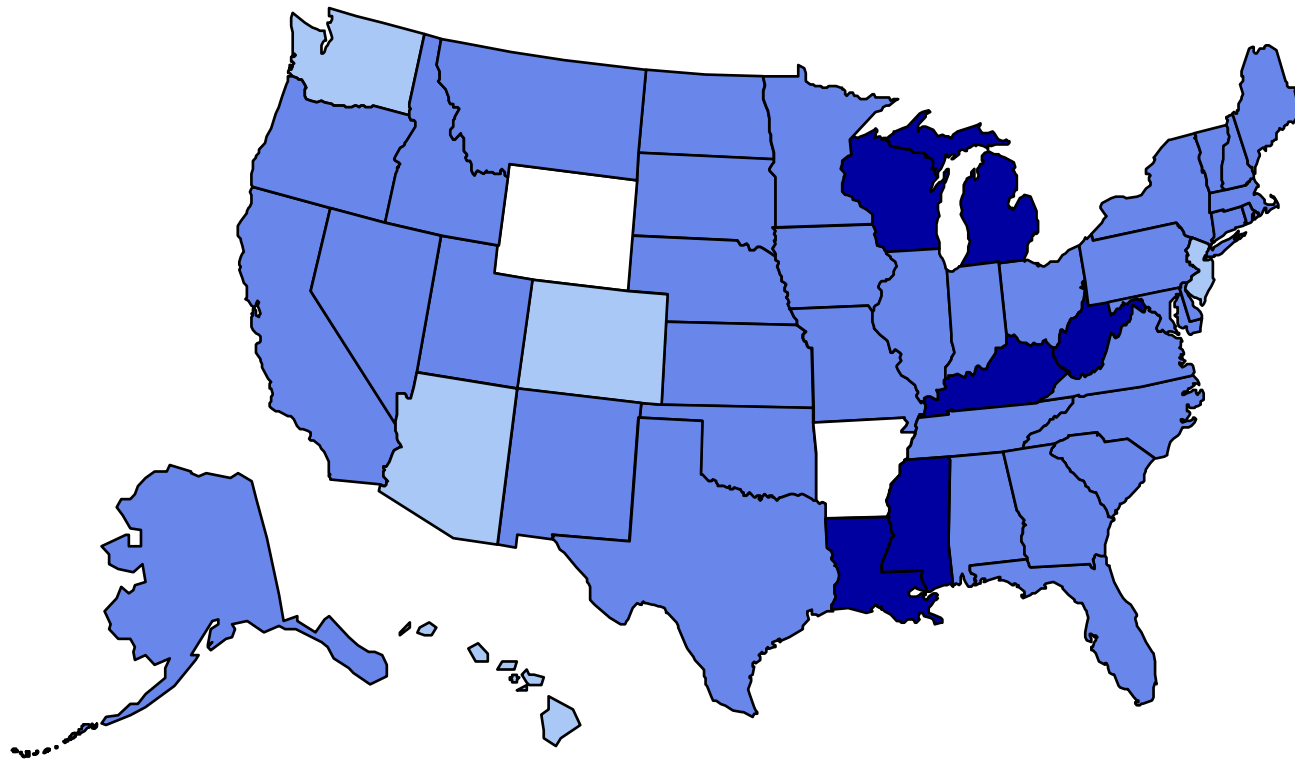


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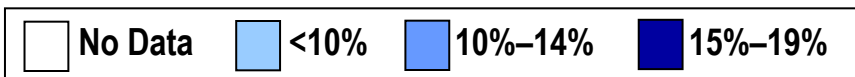
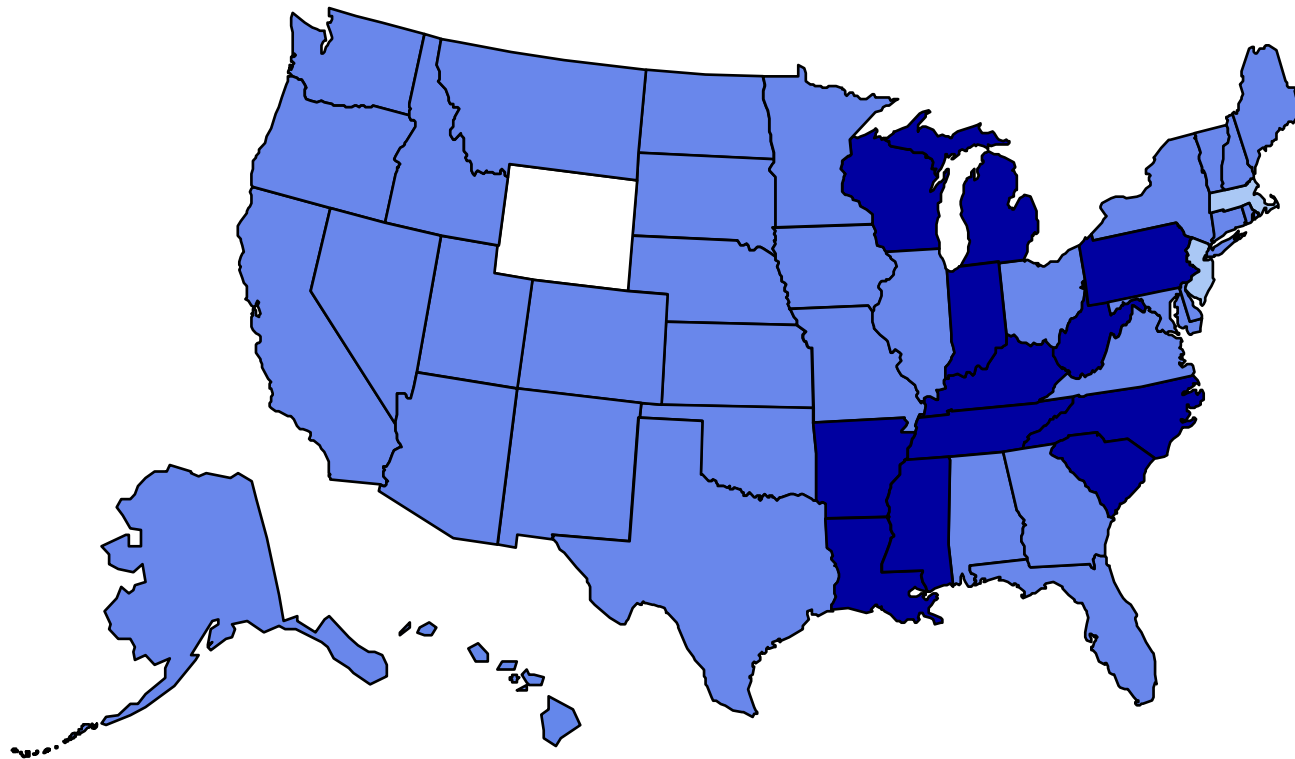
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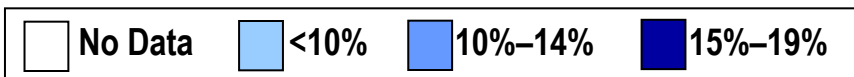
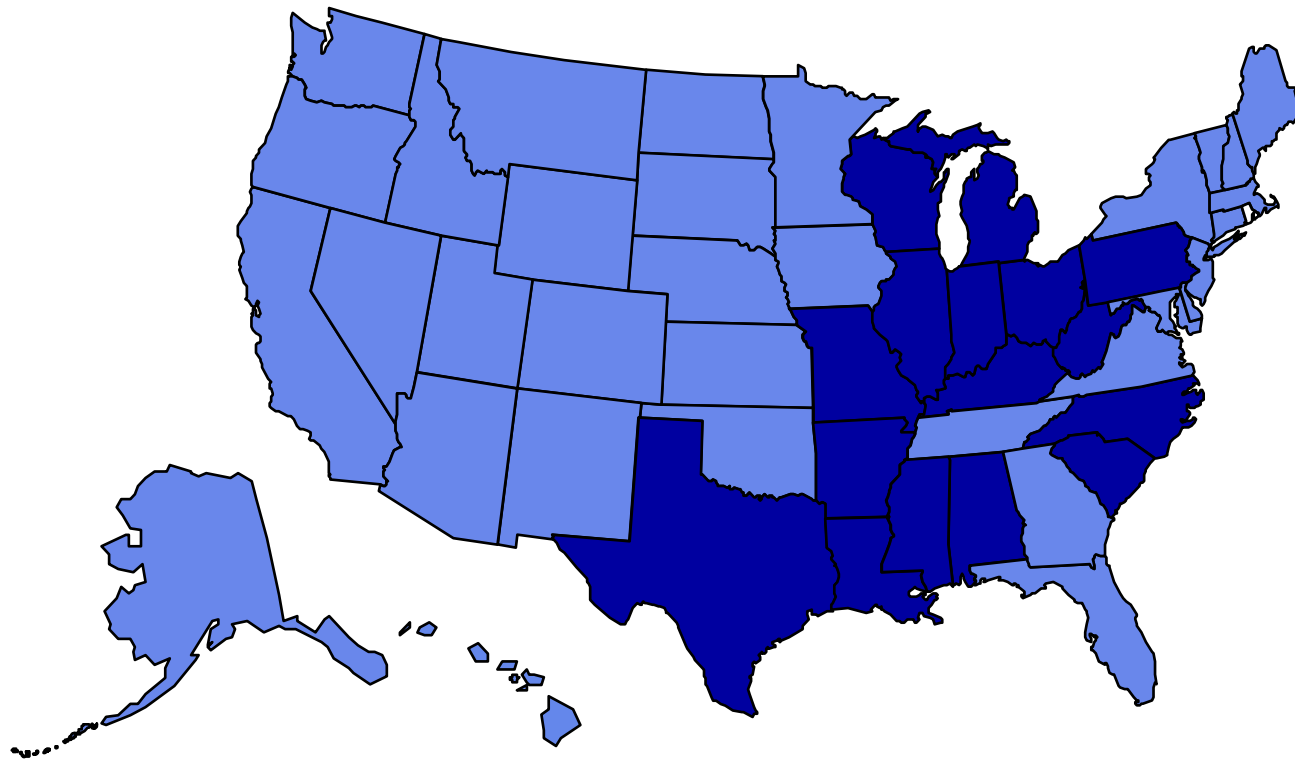
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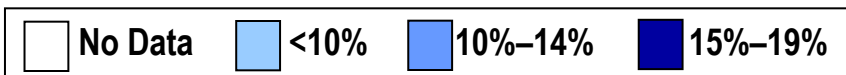
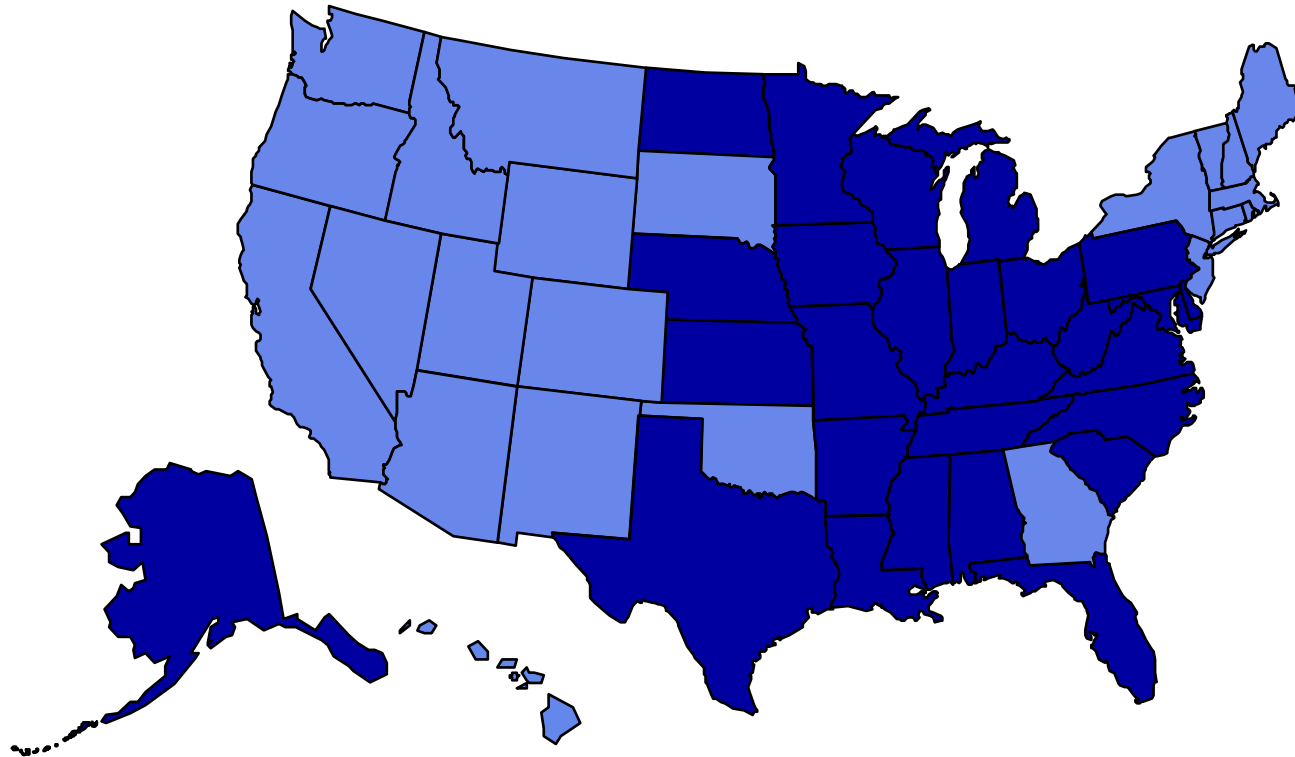
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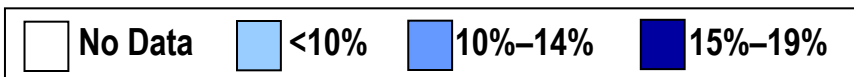
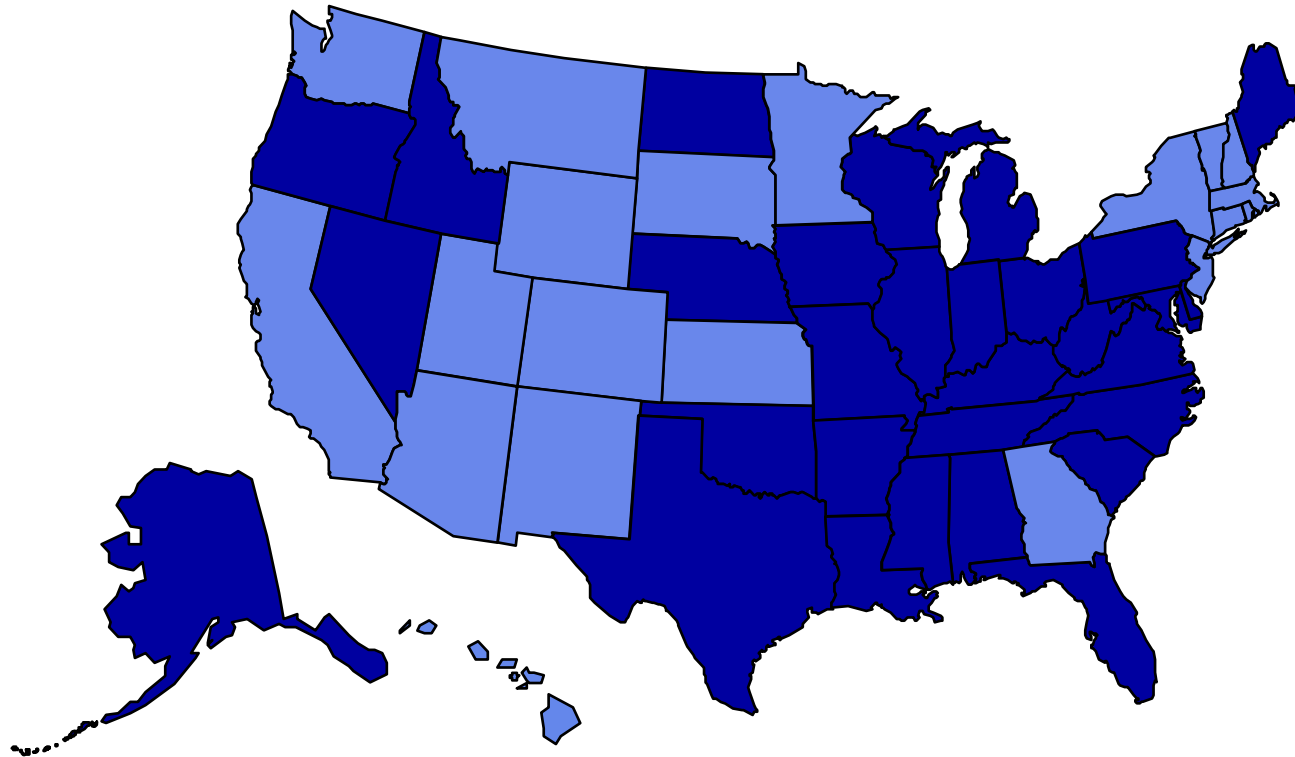
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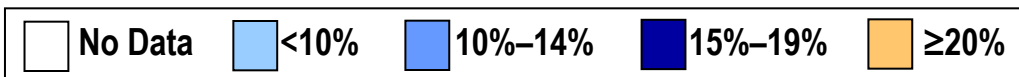
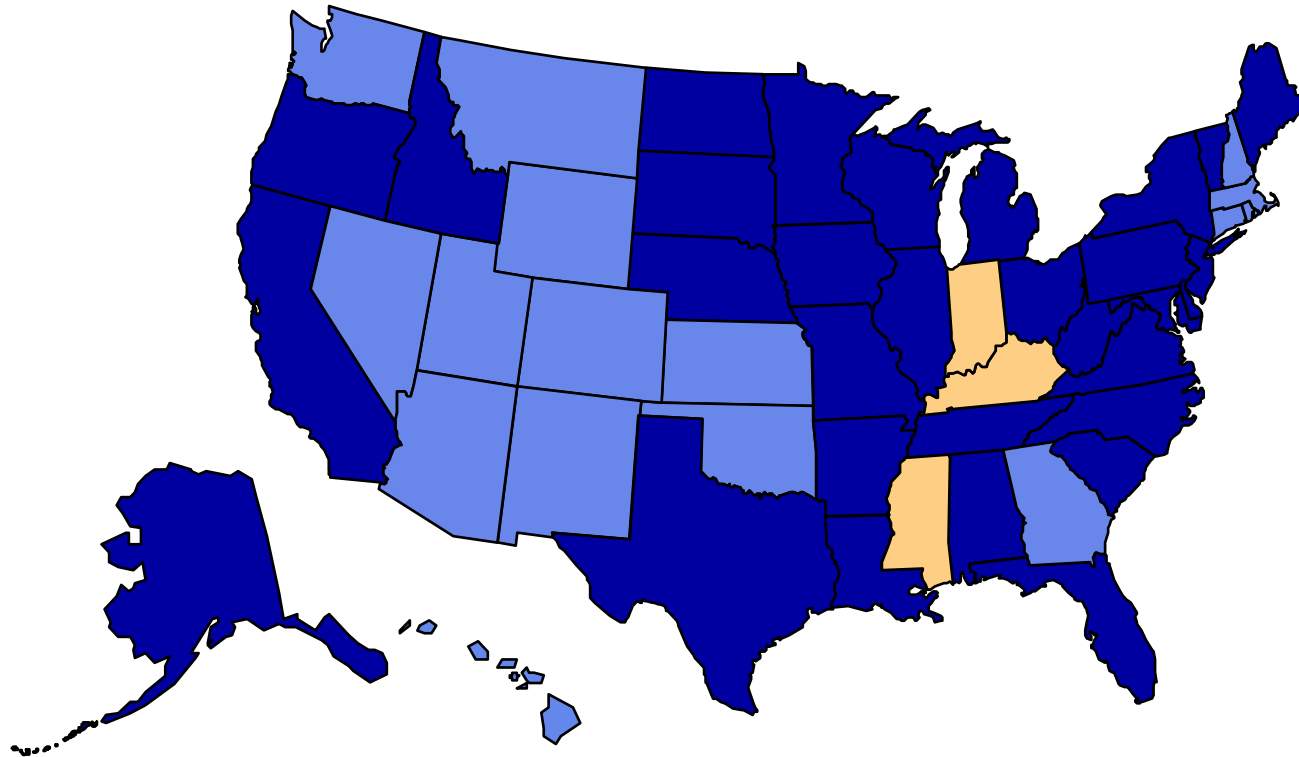


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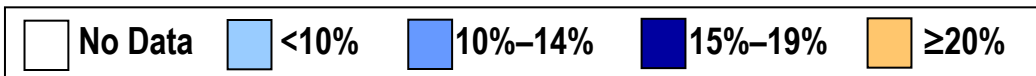
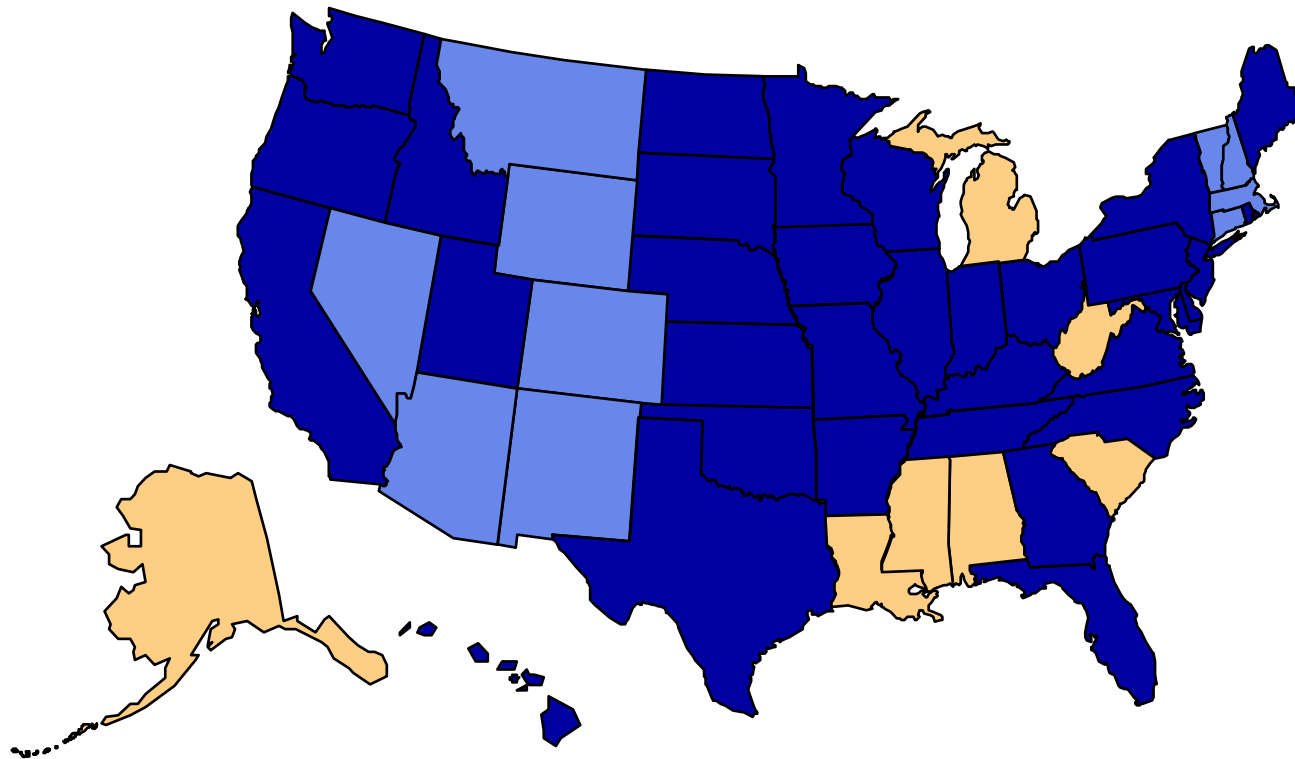
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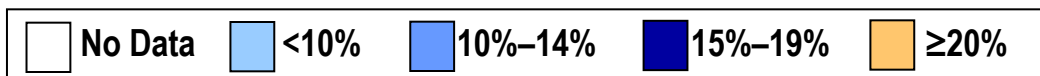
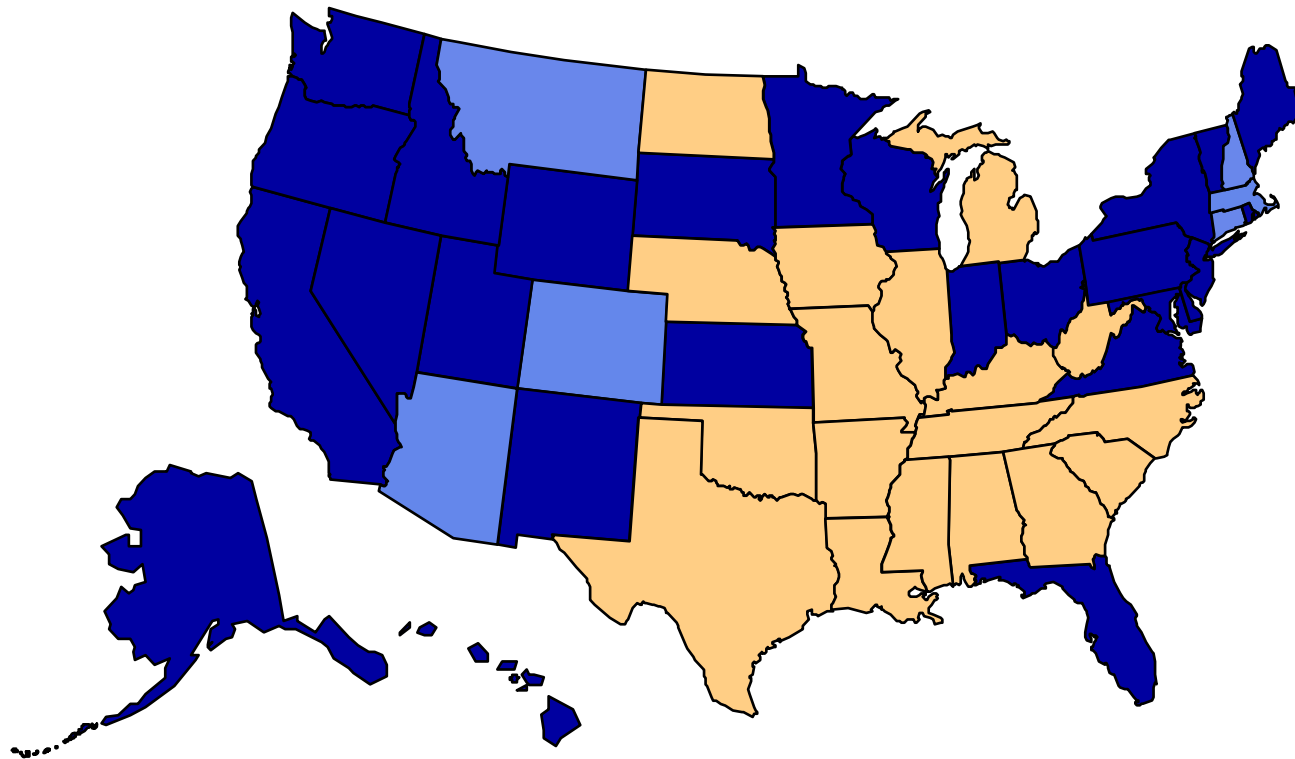


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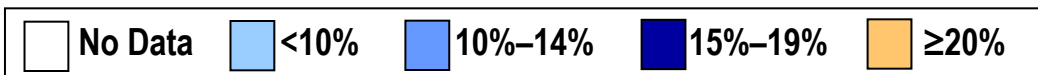
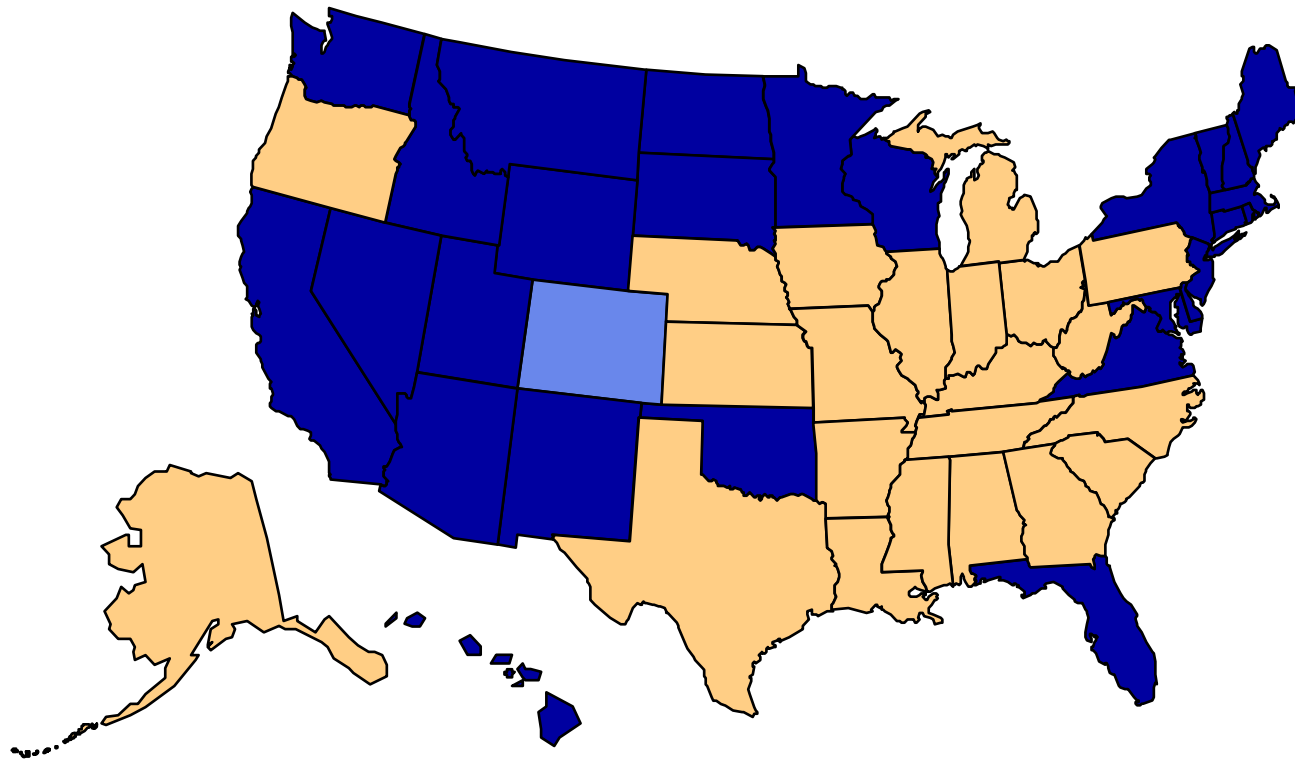


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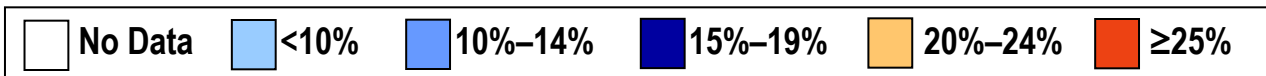
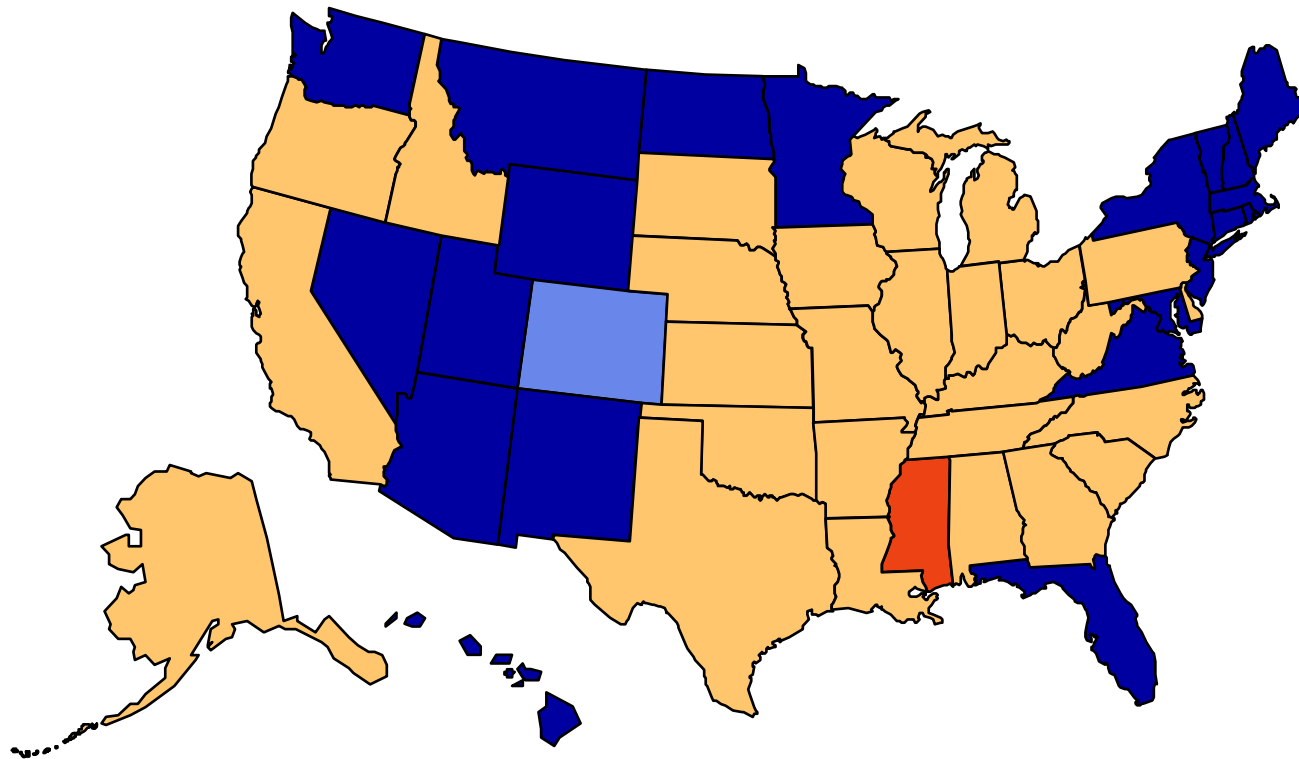
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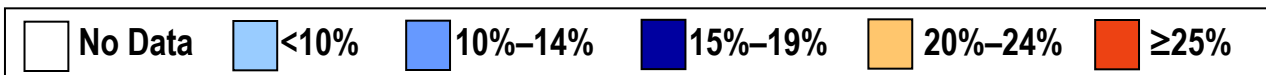
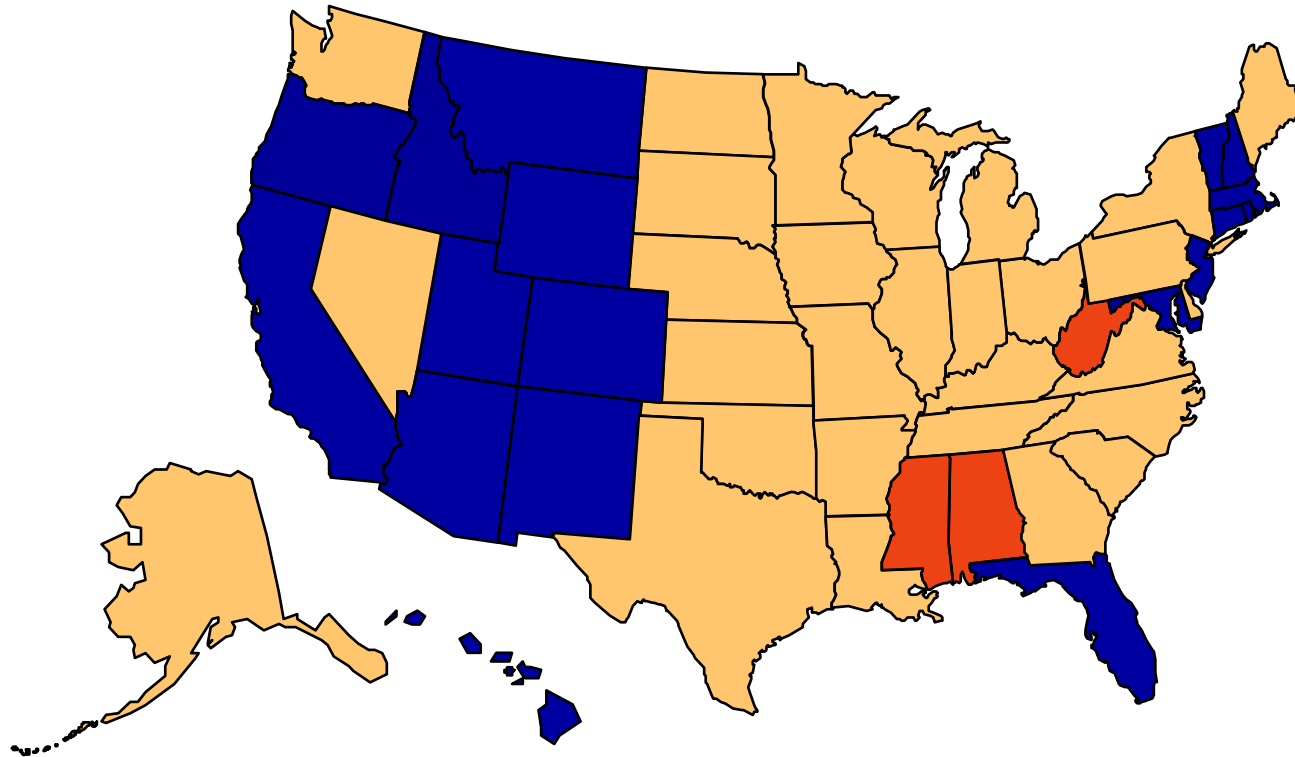
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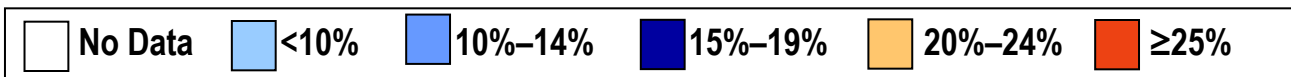
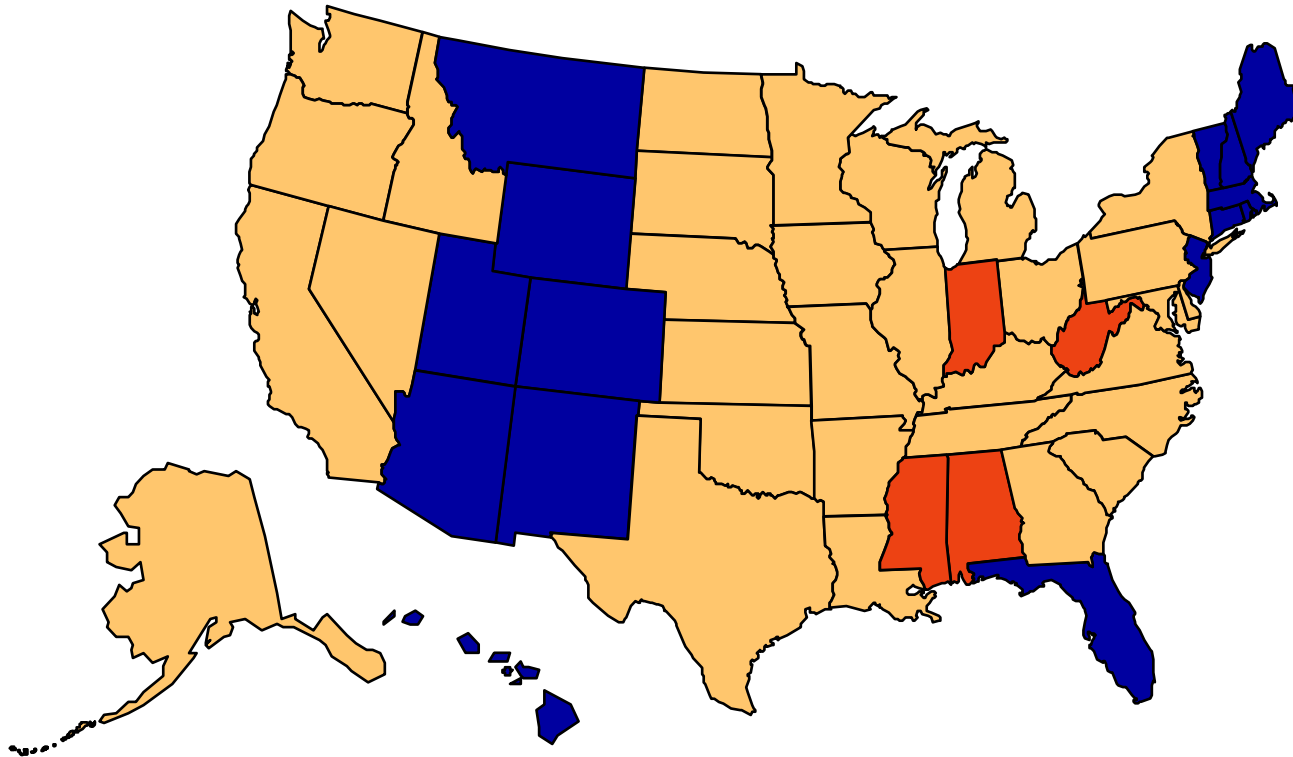
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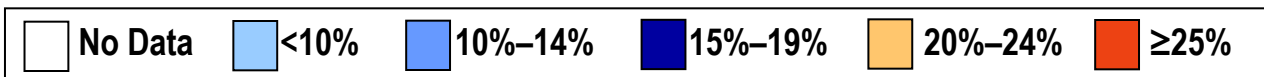
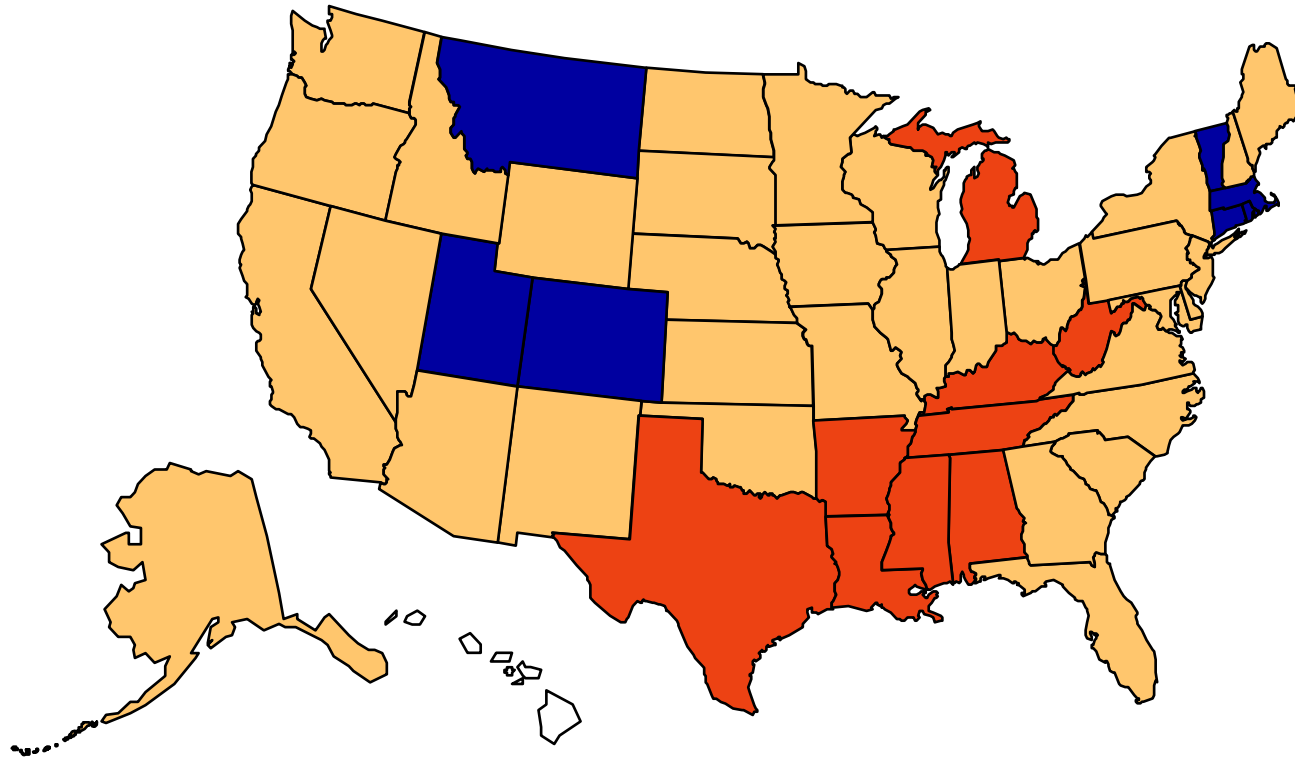
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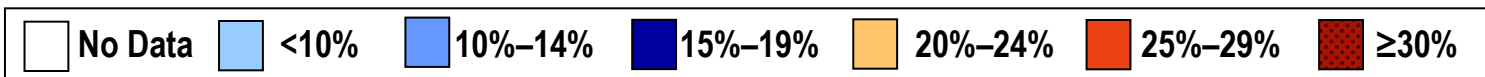
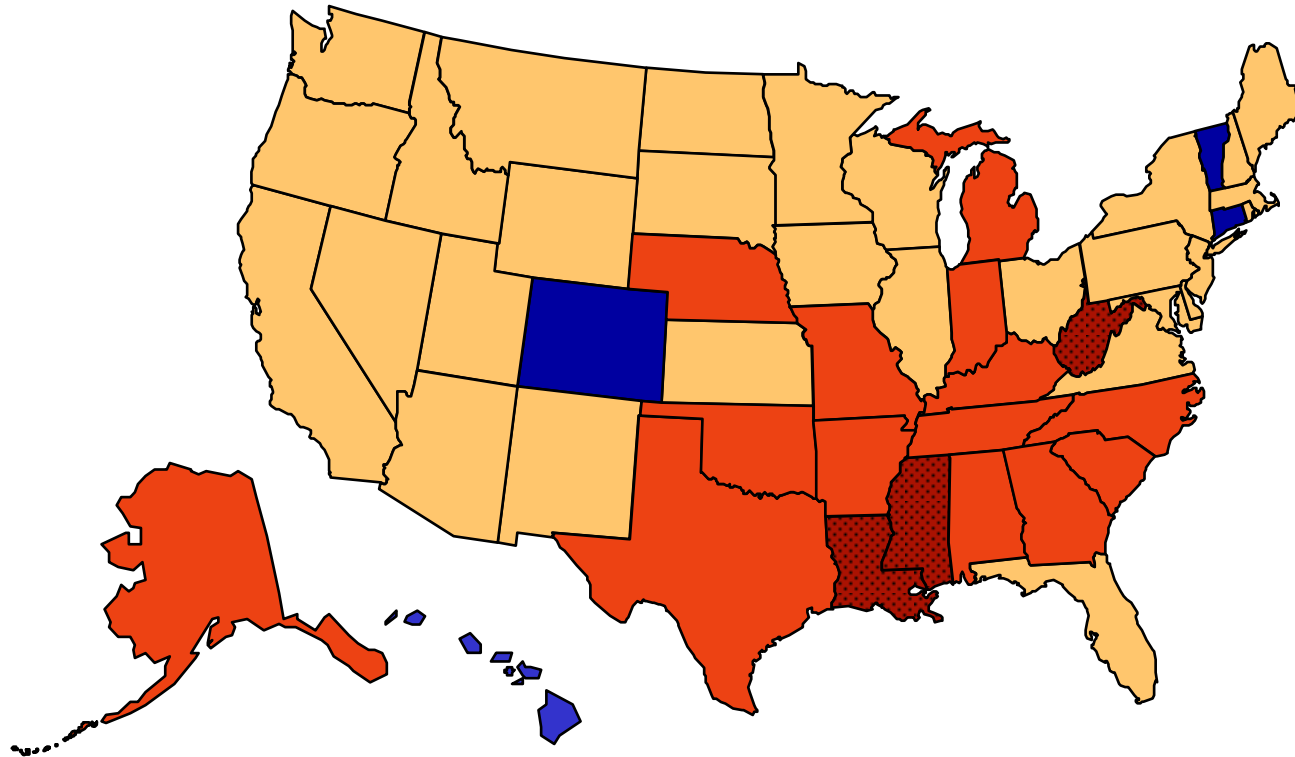
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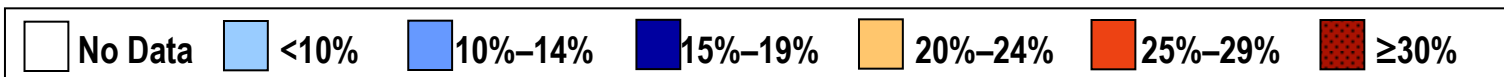
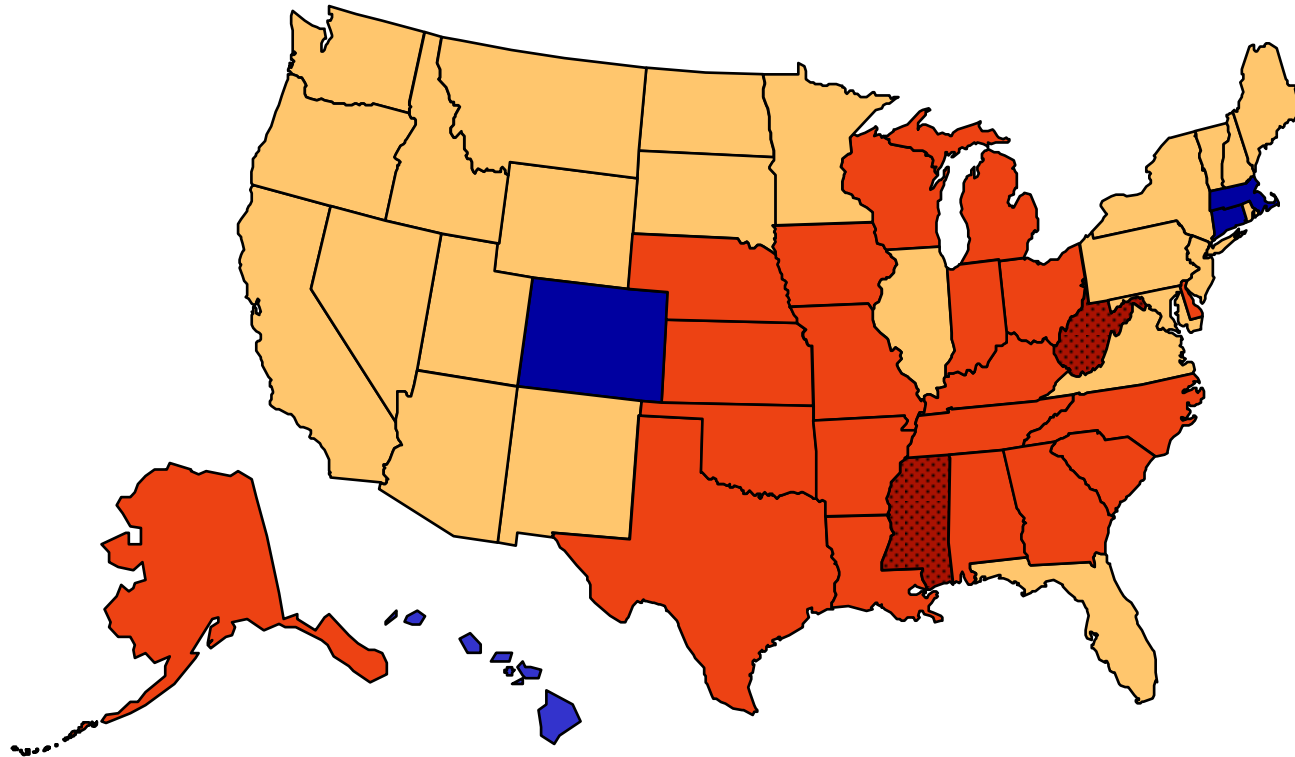
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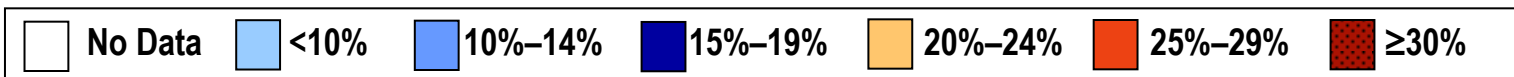
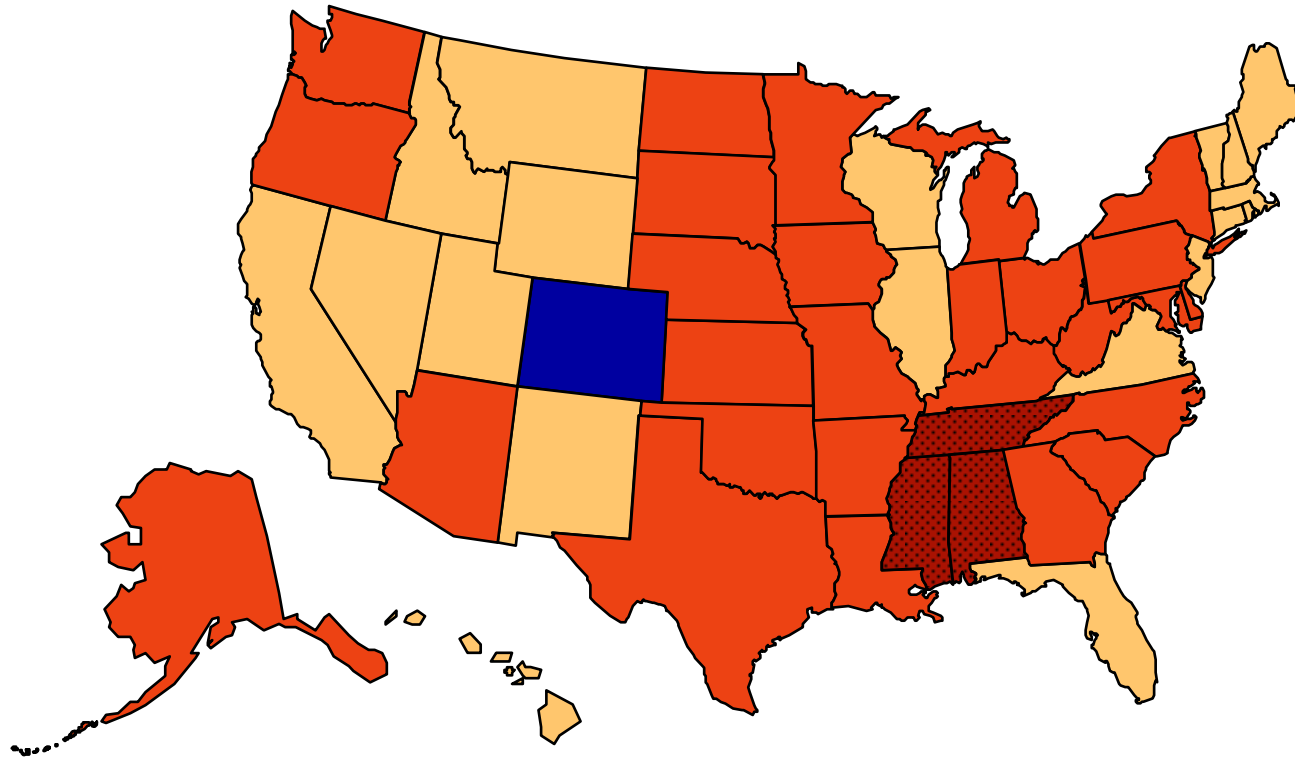
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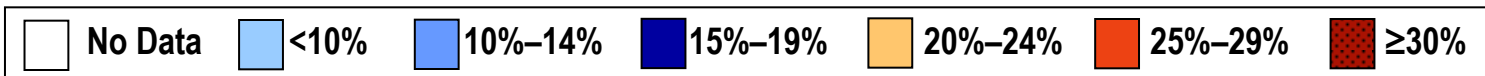
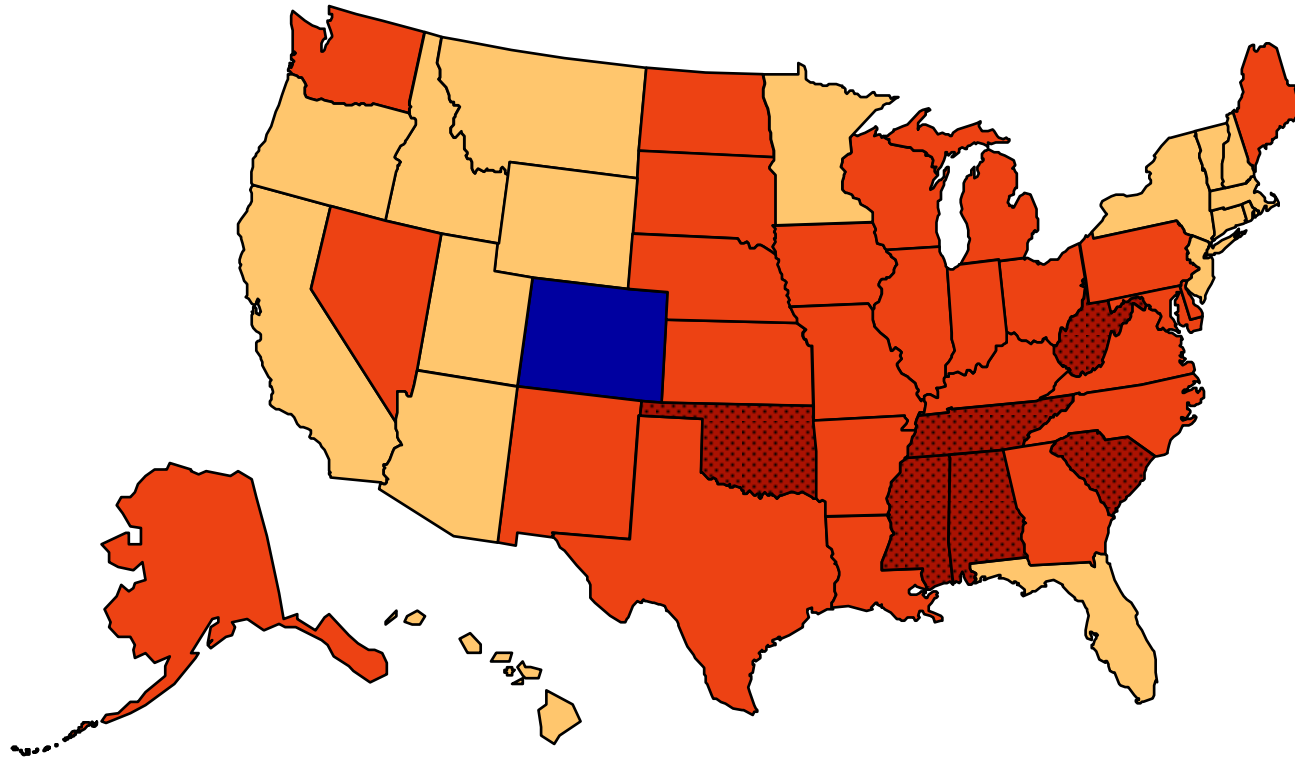
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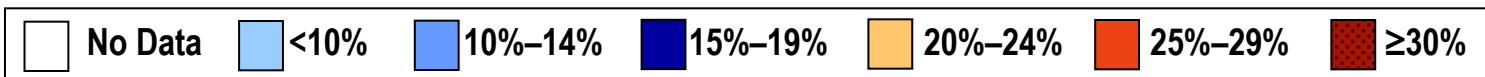
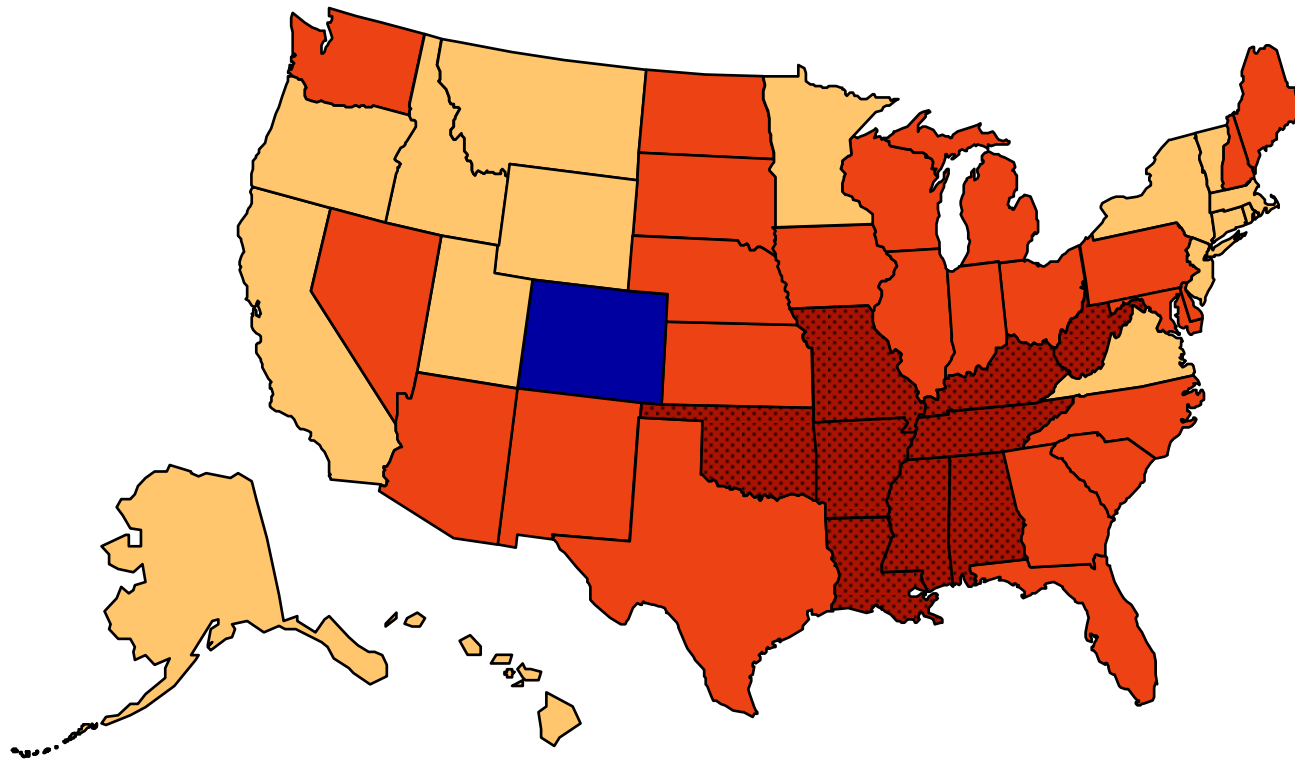


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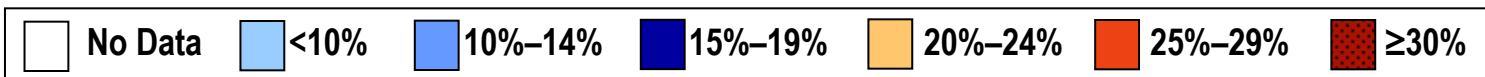
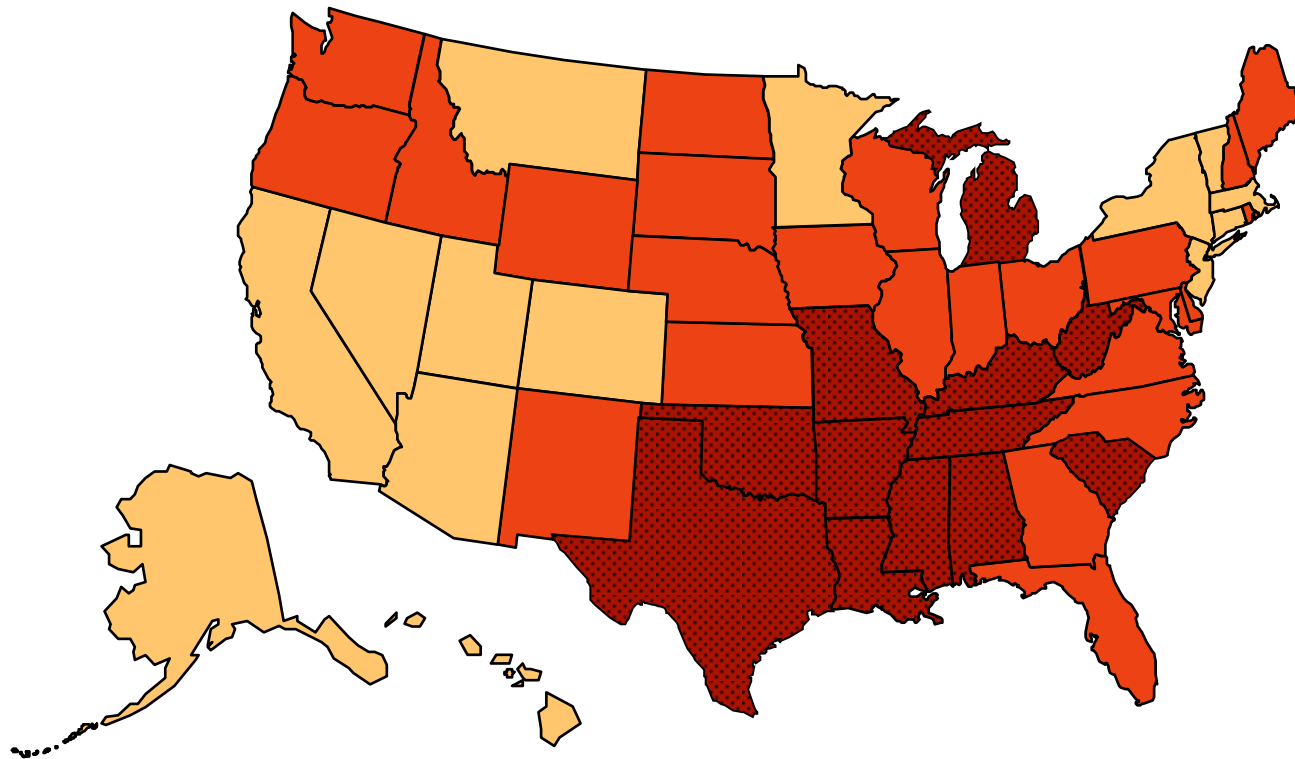
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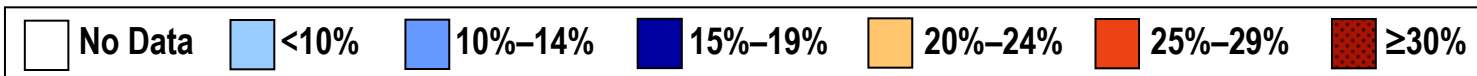
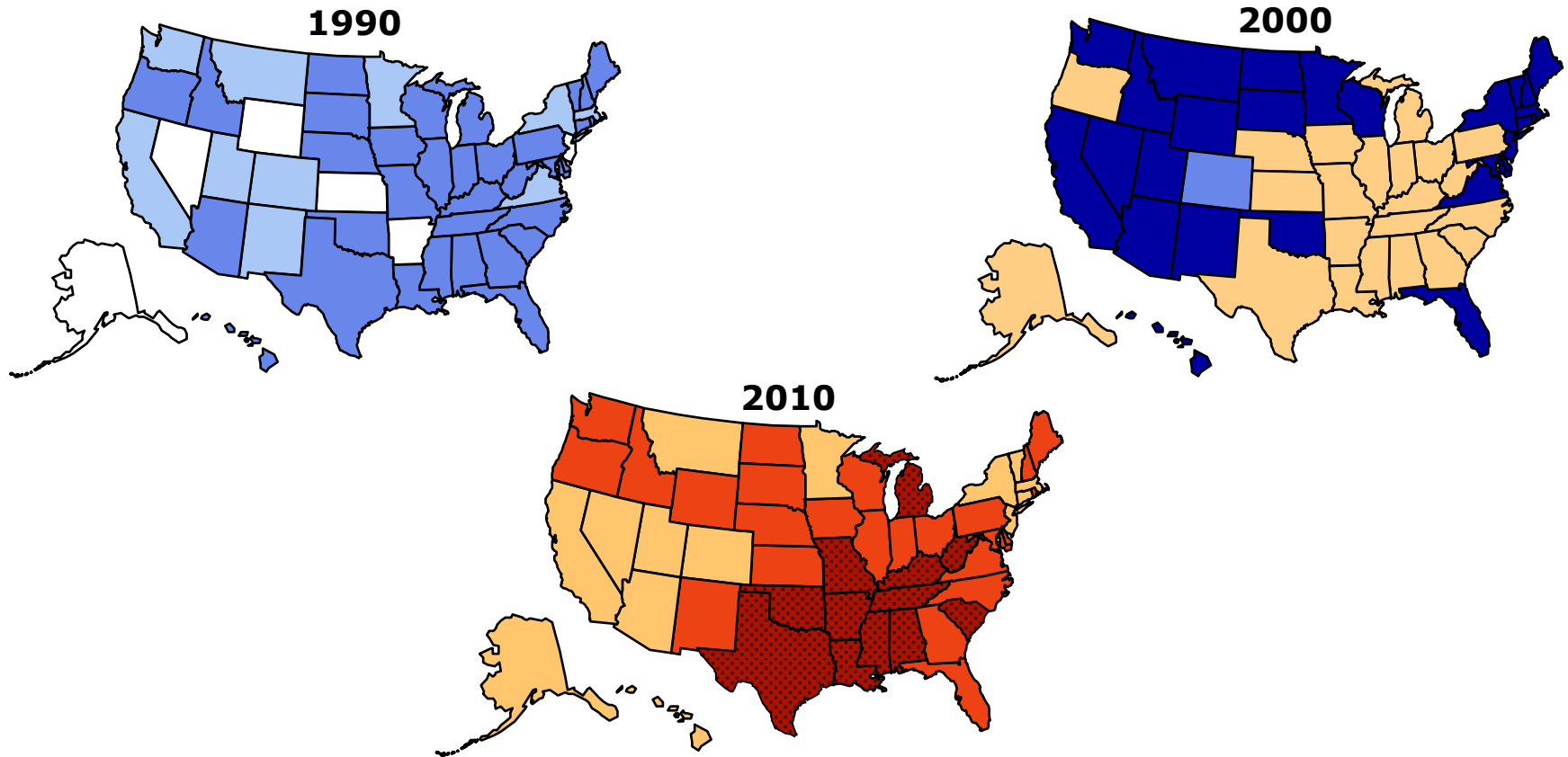
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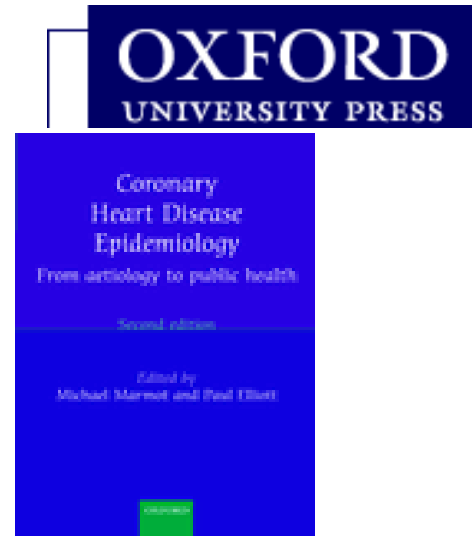
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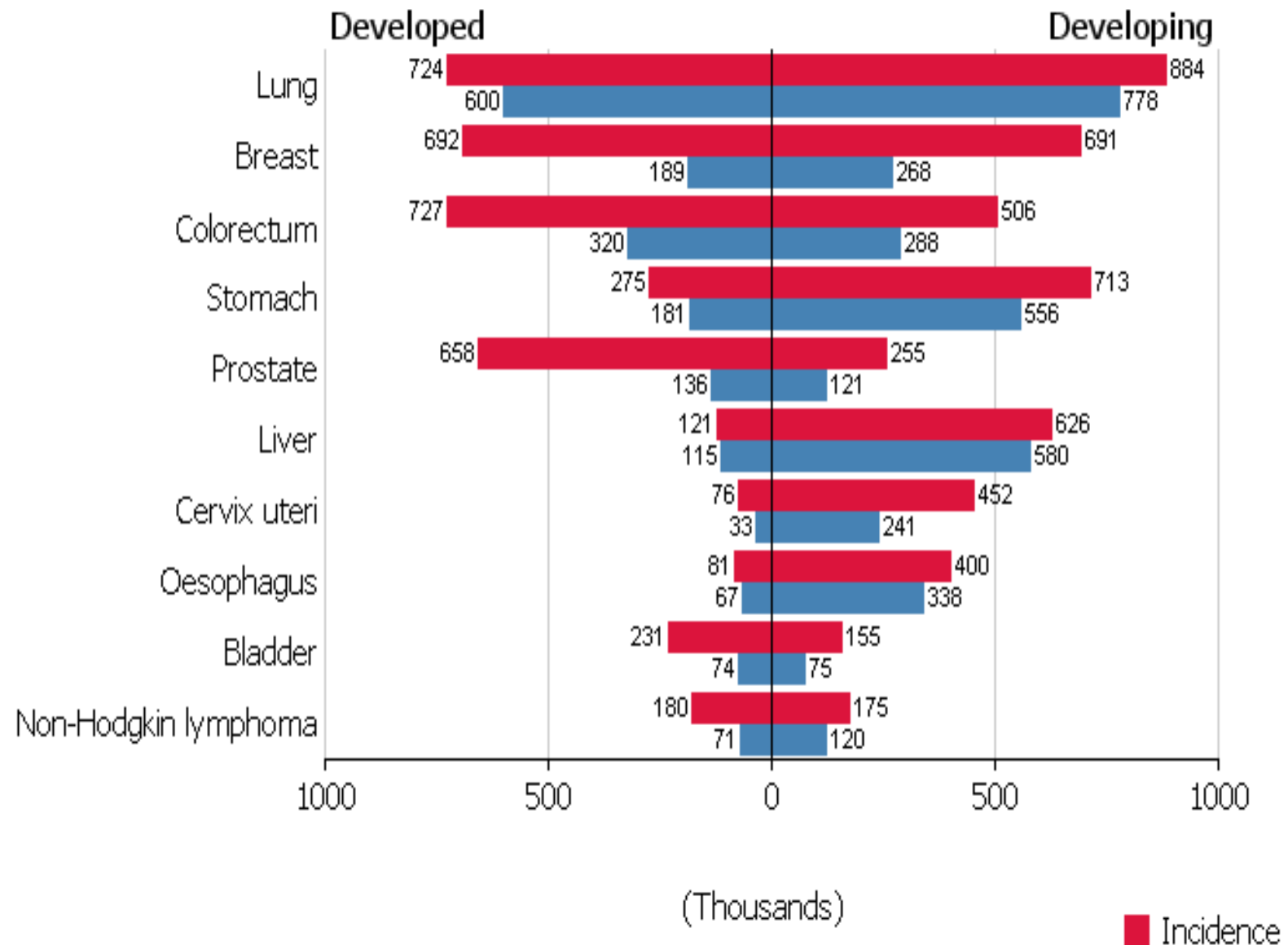
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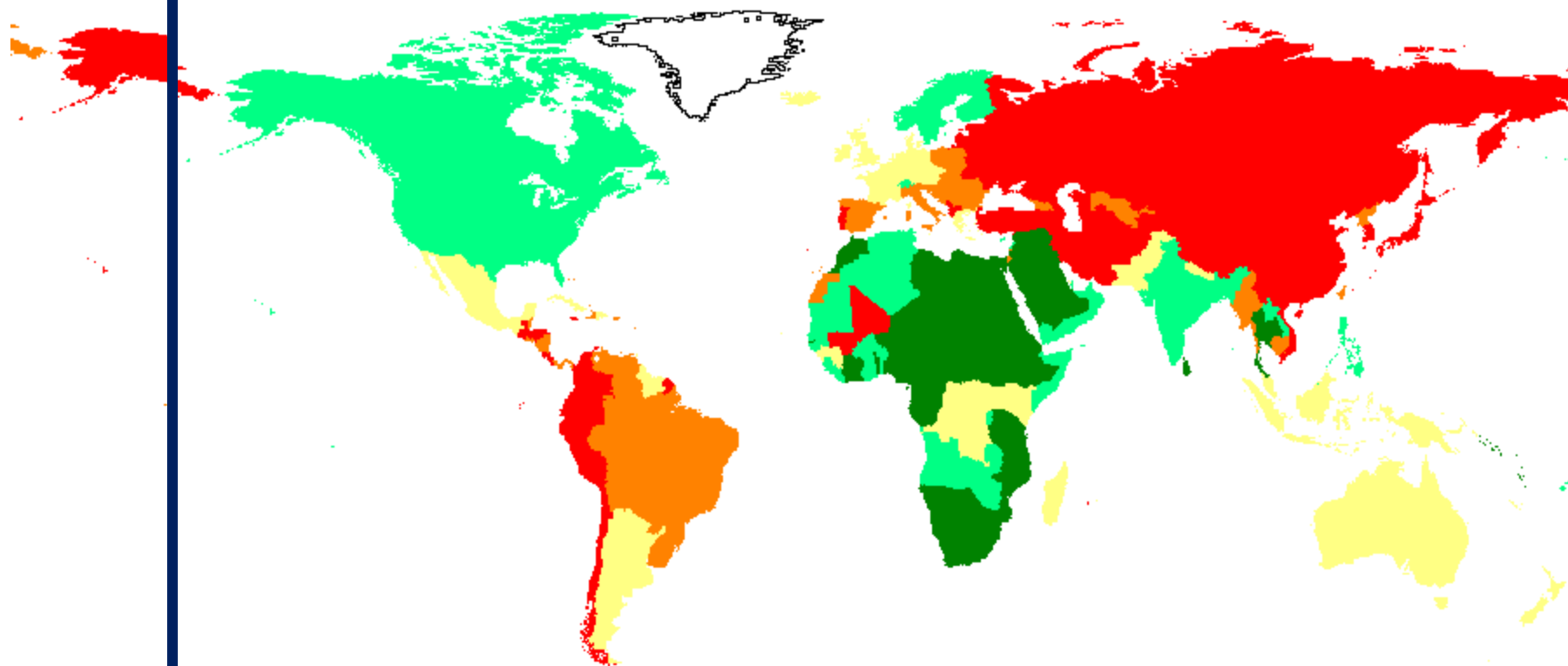
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Leading cancers by site in 2008



Estimated age-standardised incidence rate per 100,000
Stomach: male, all ages



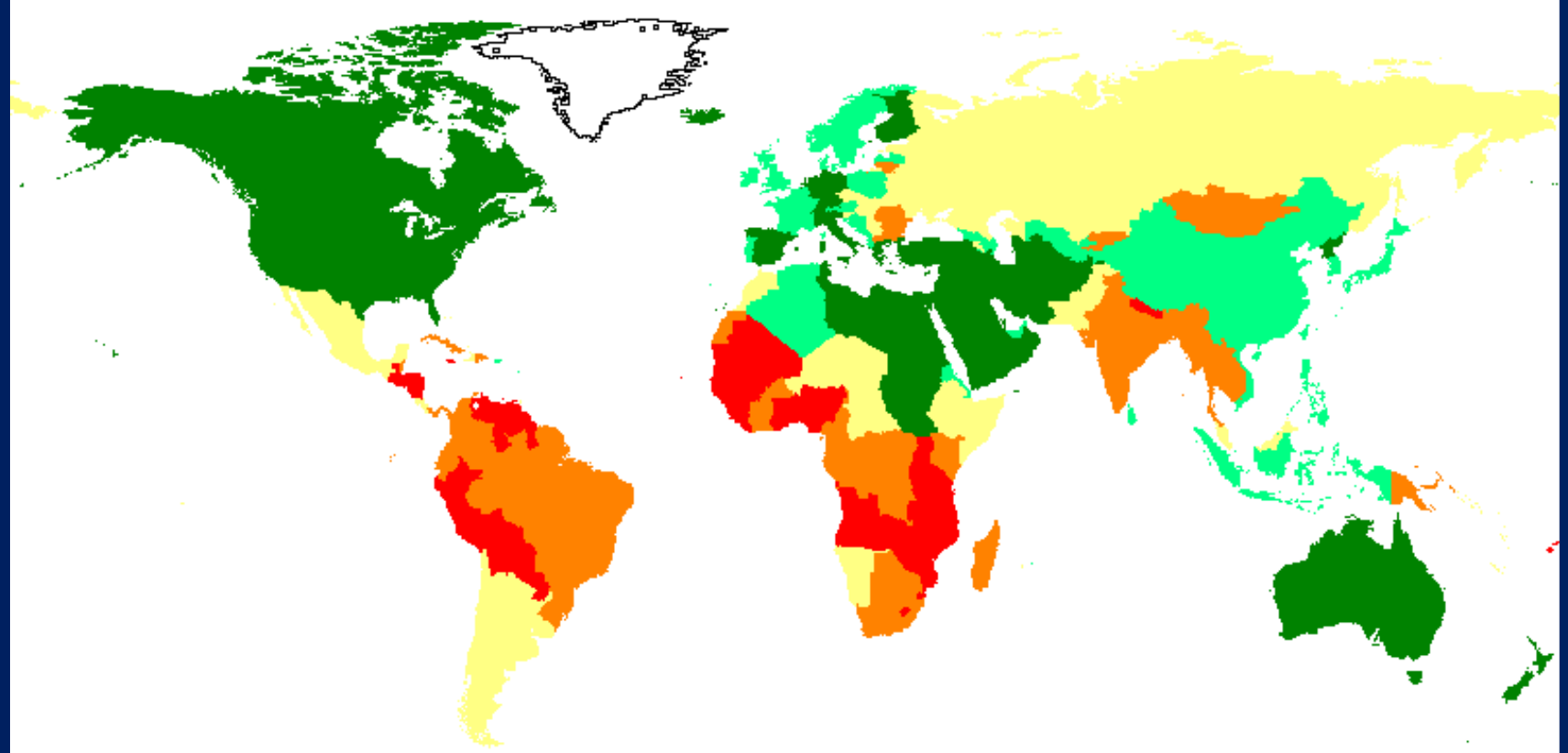
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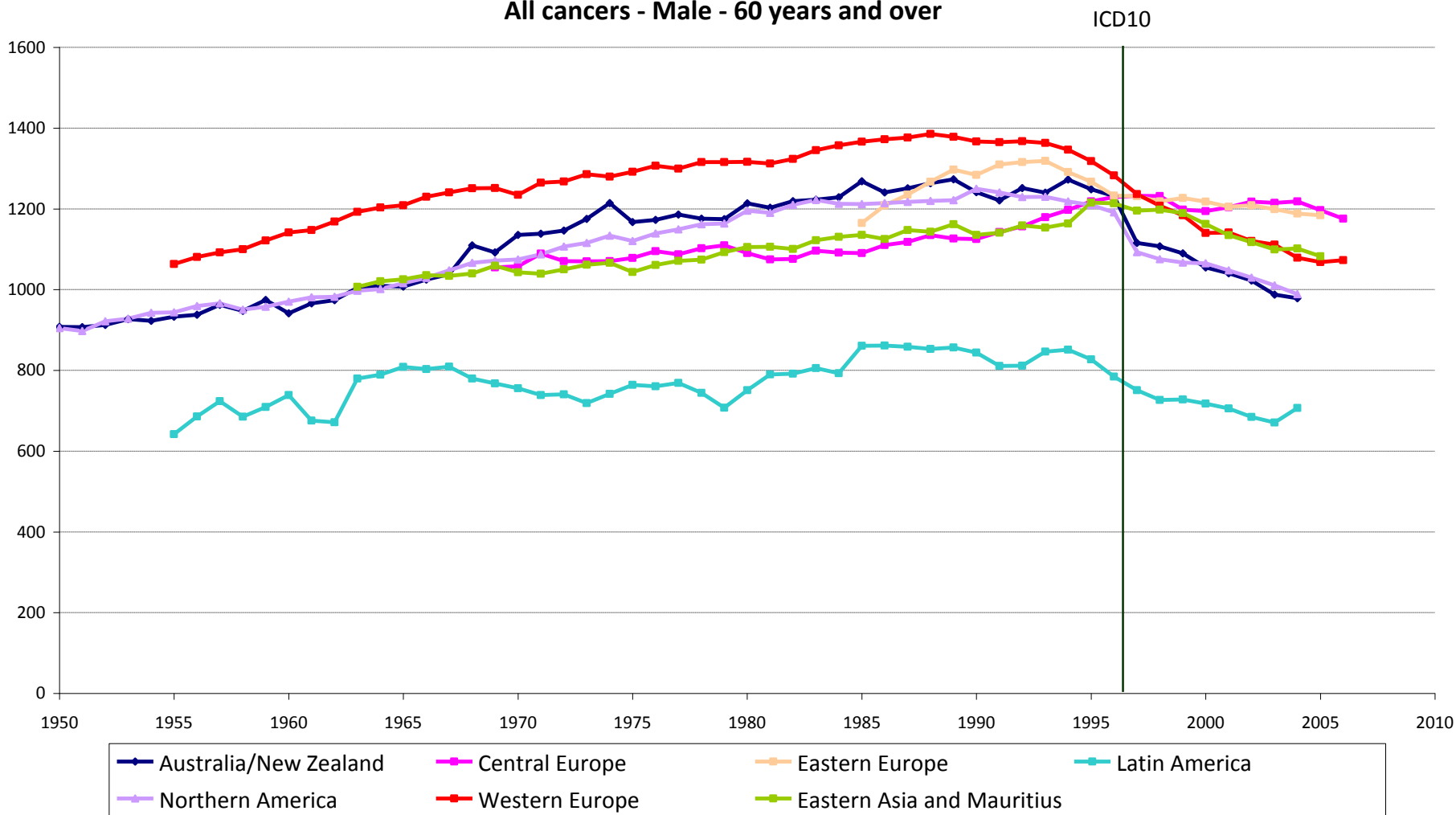


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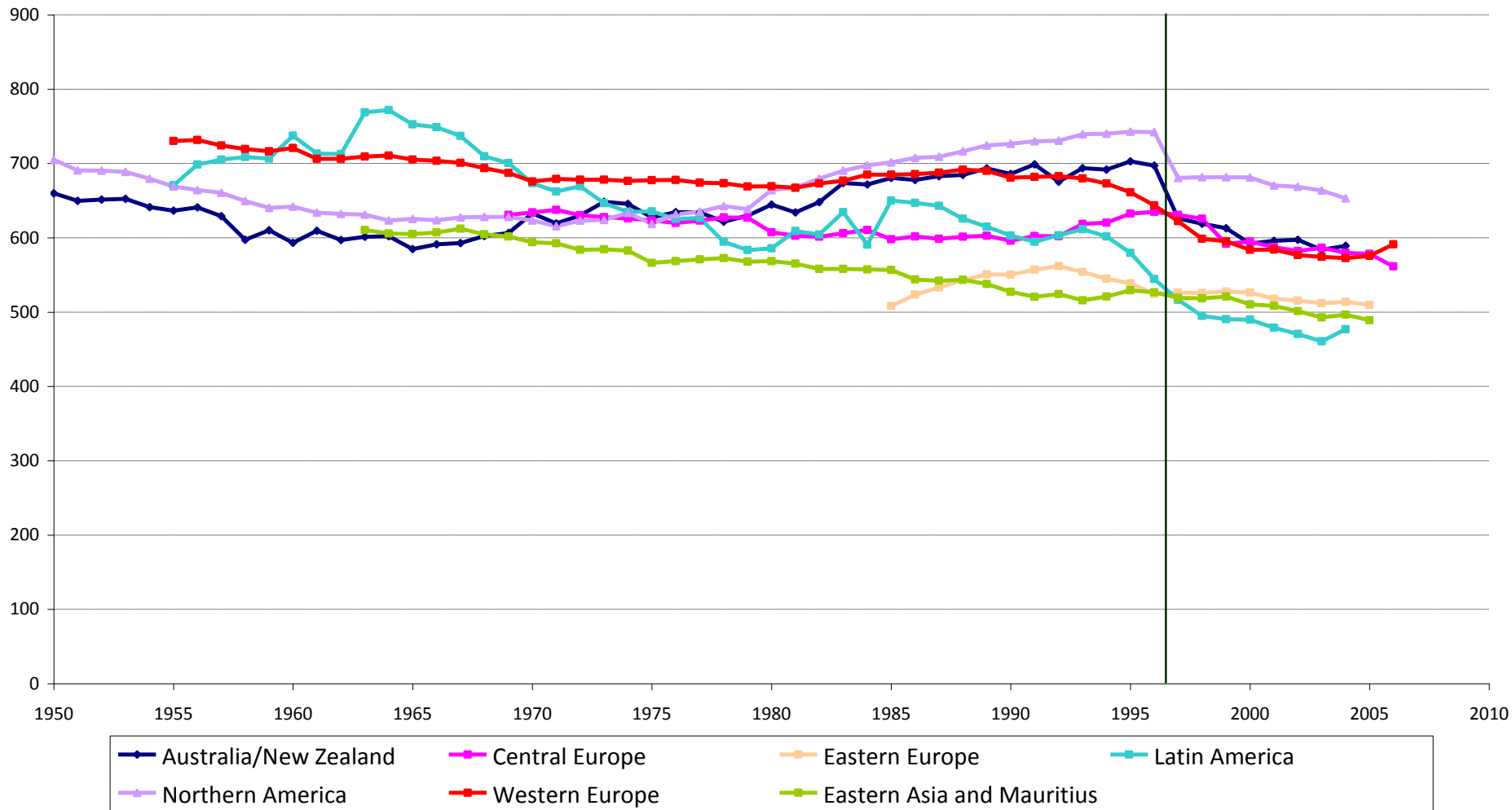
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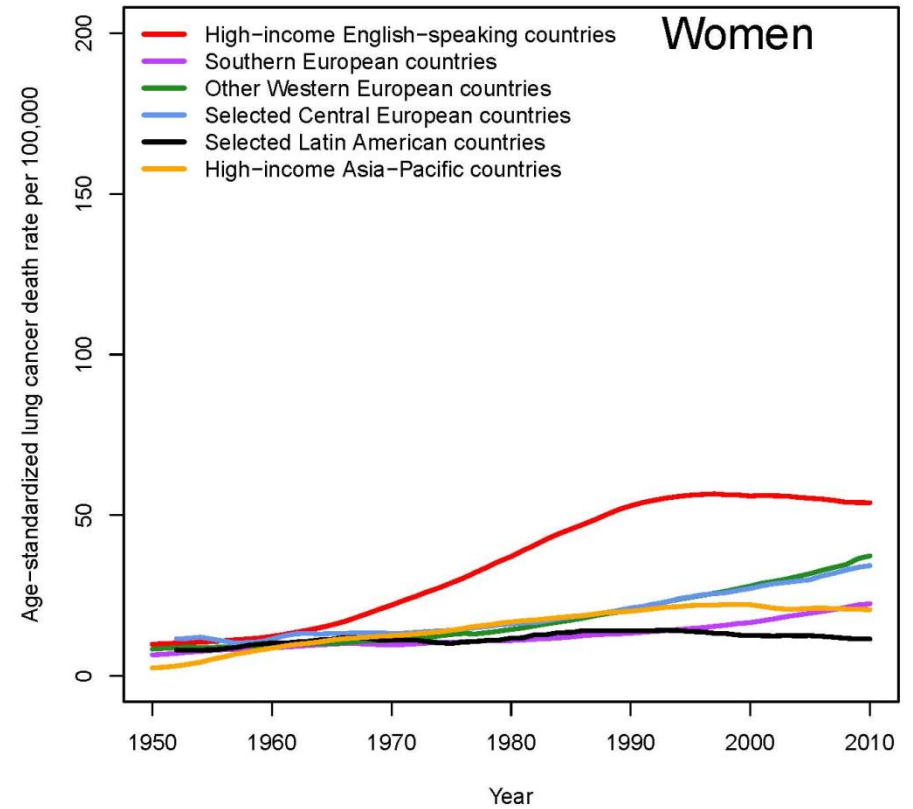
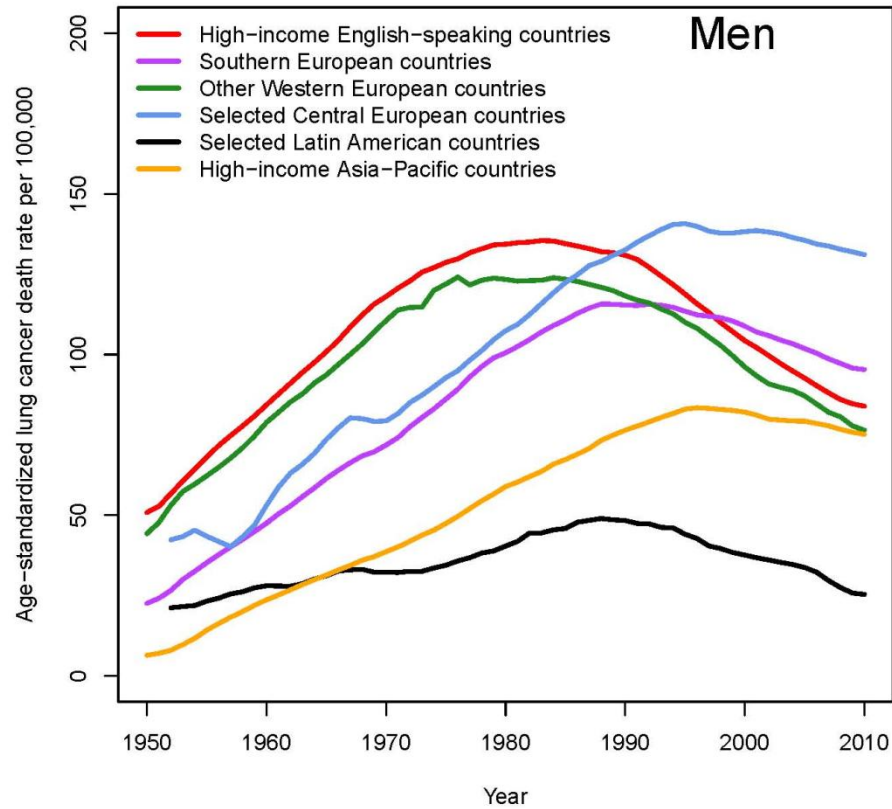
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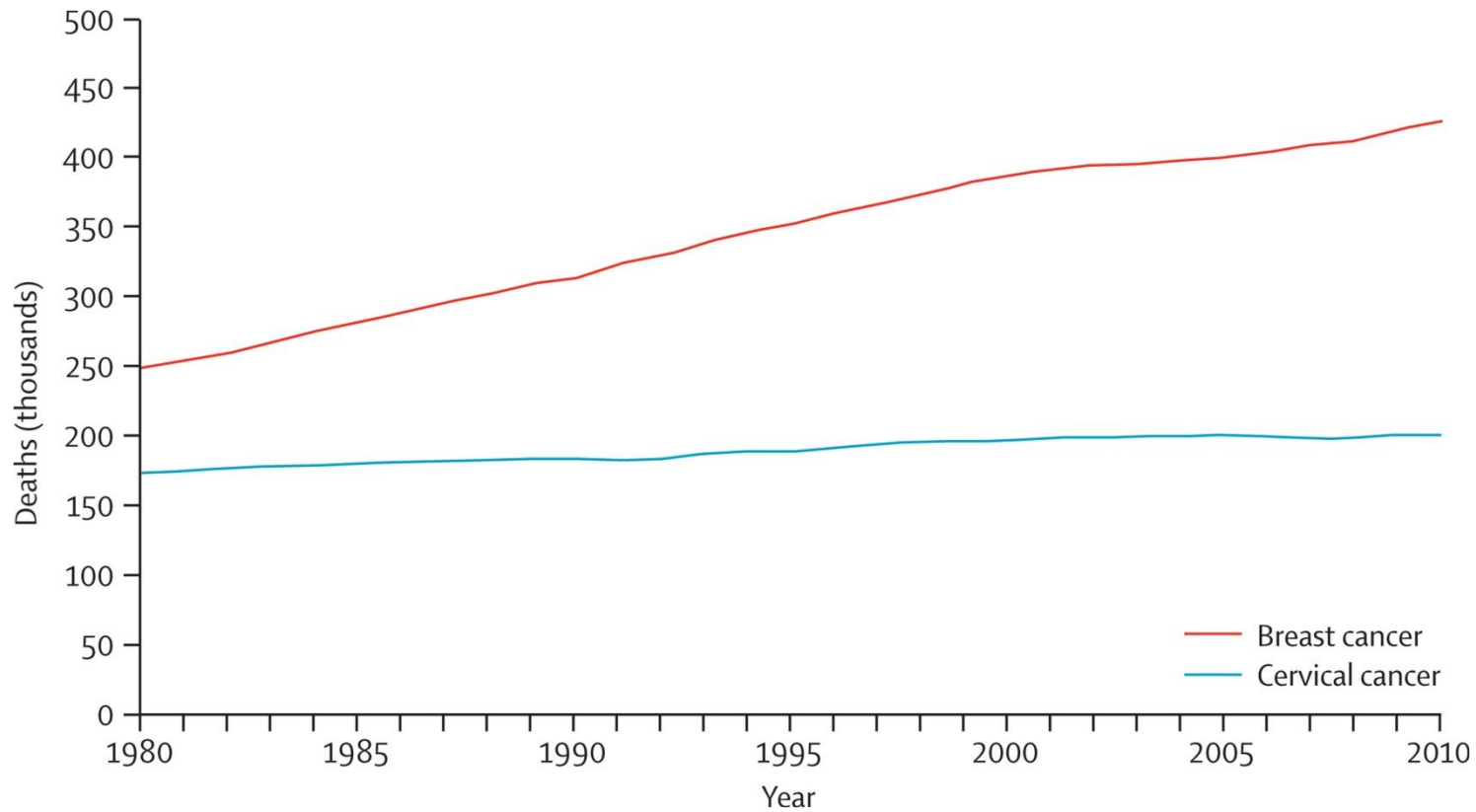
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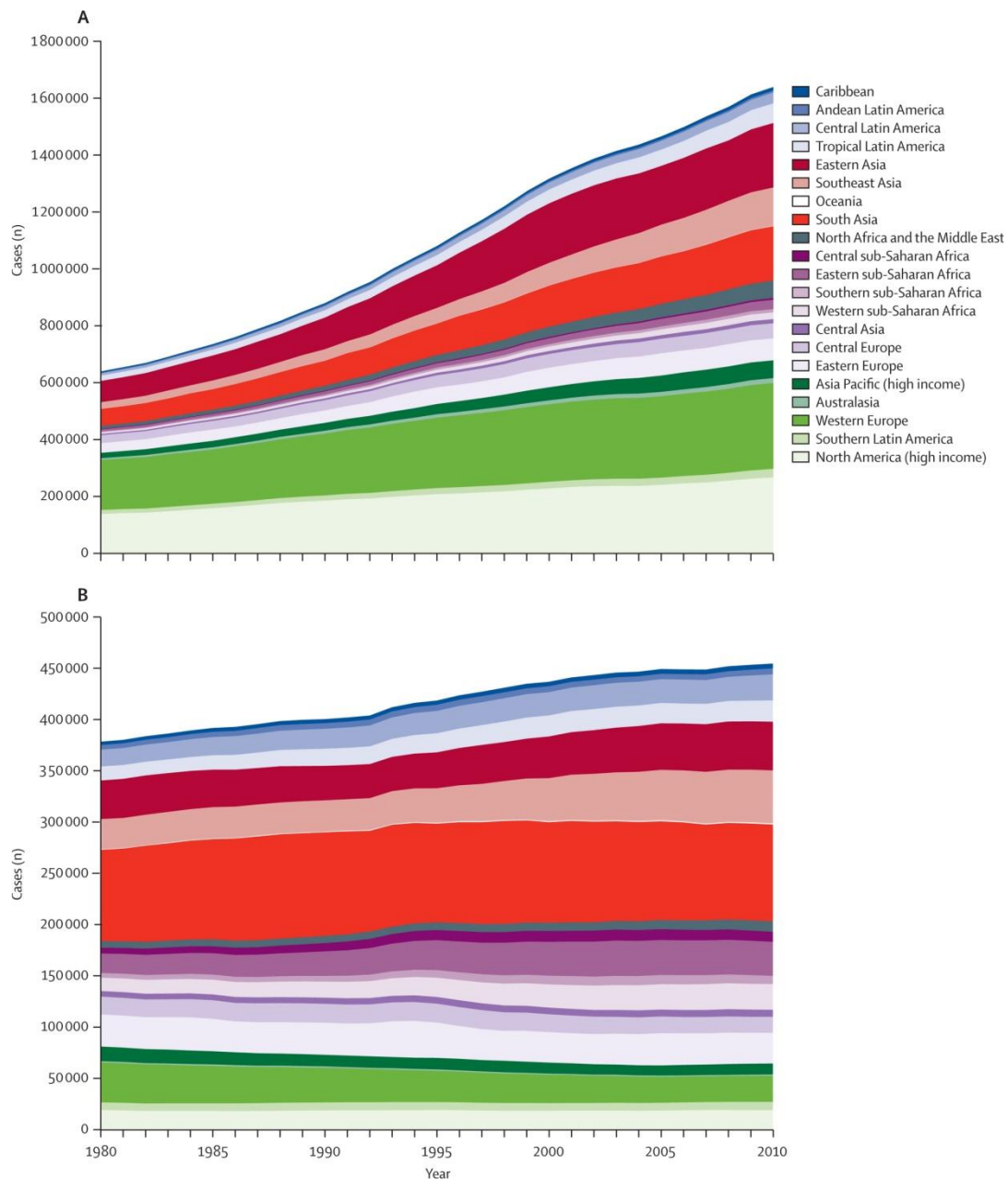
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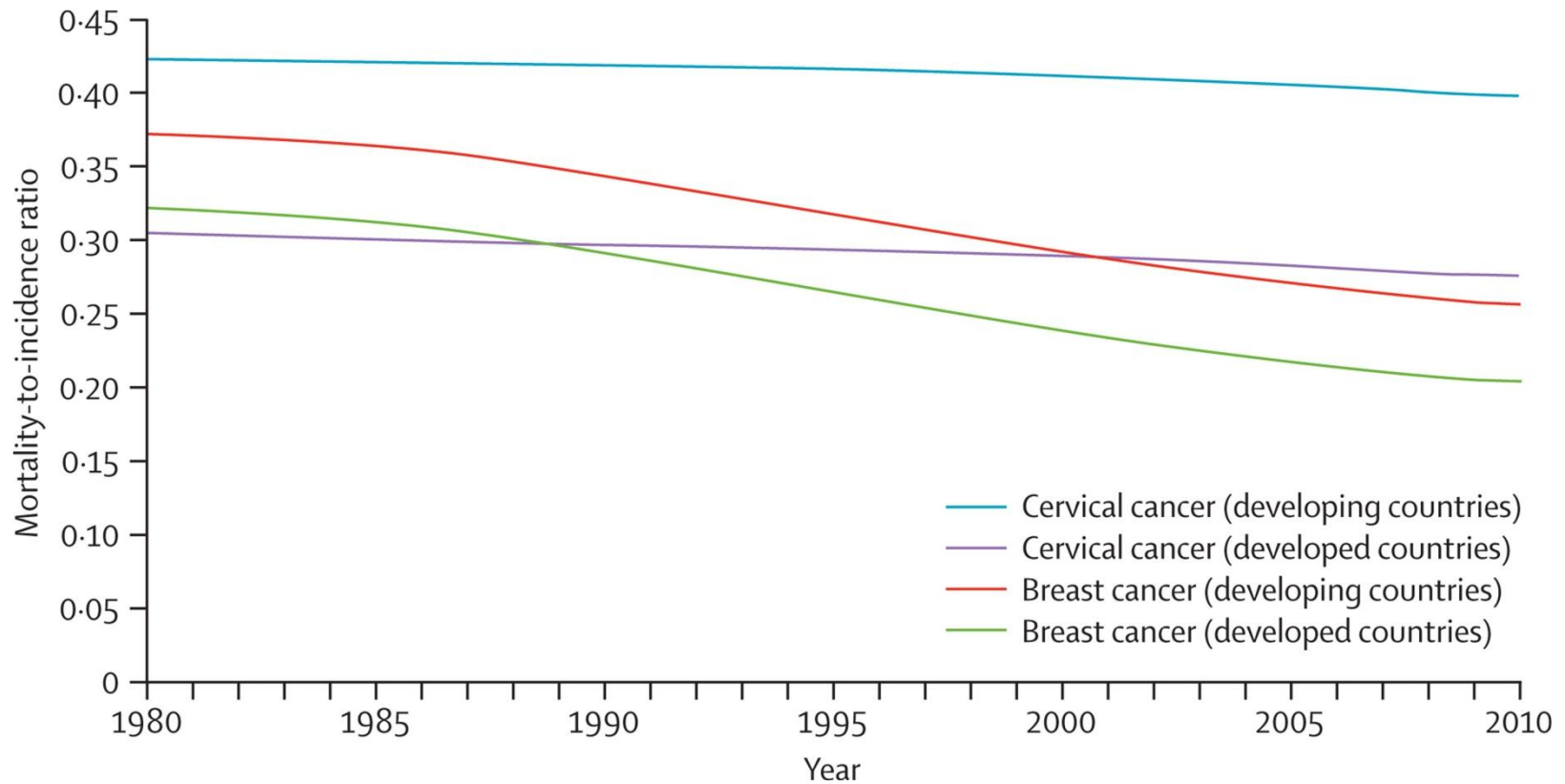
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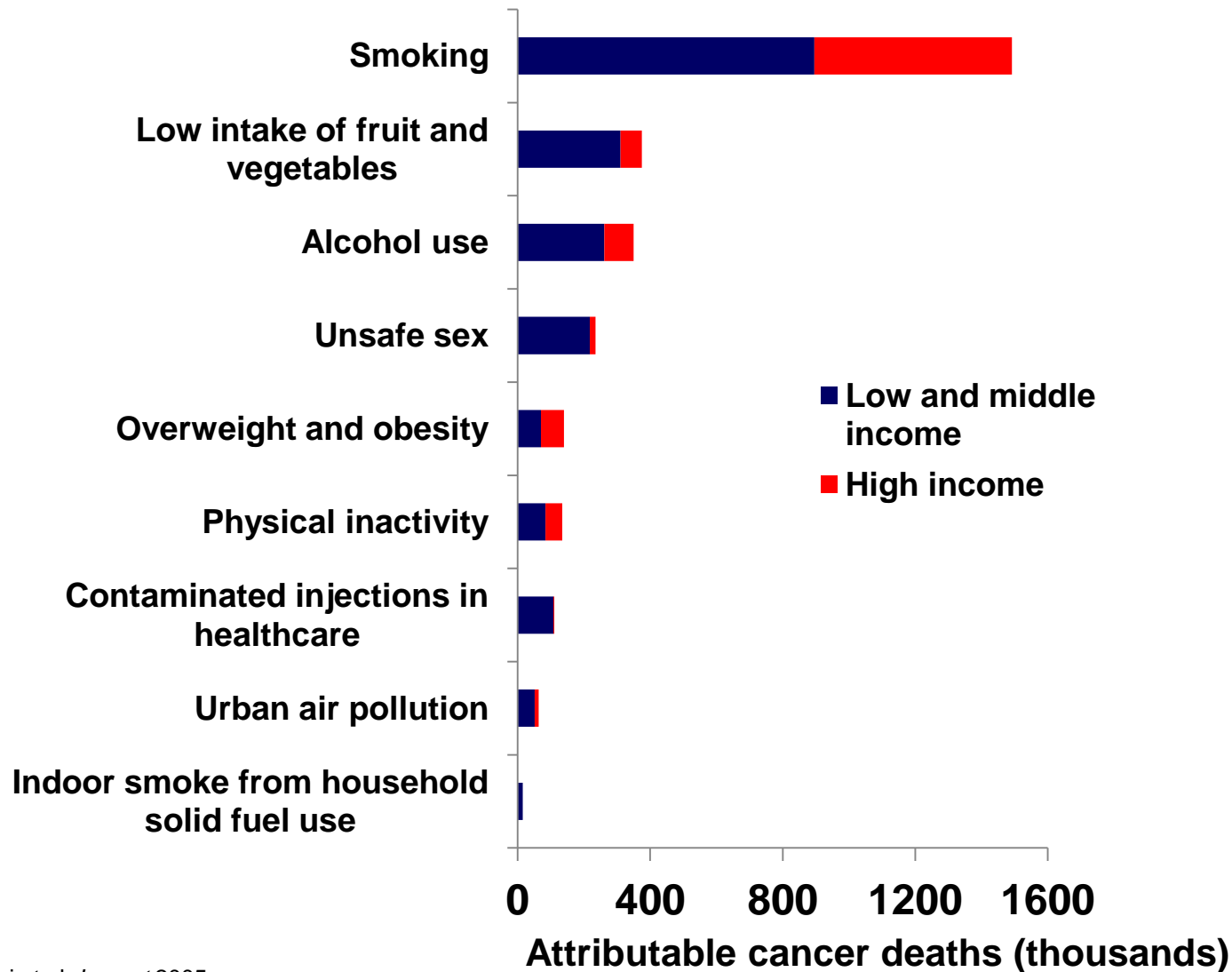
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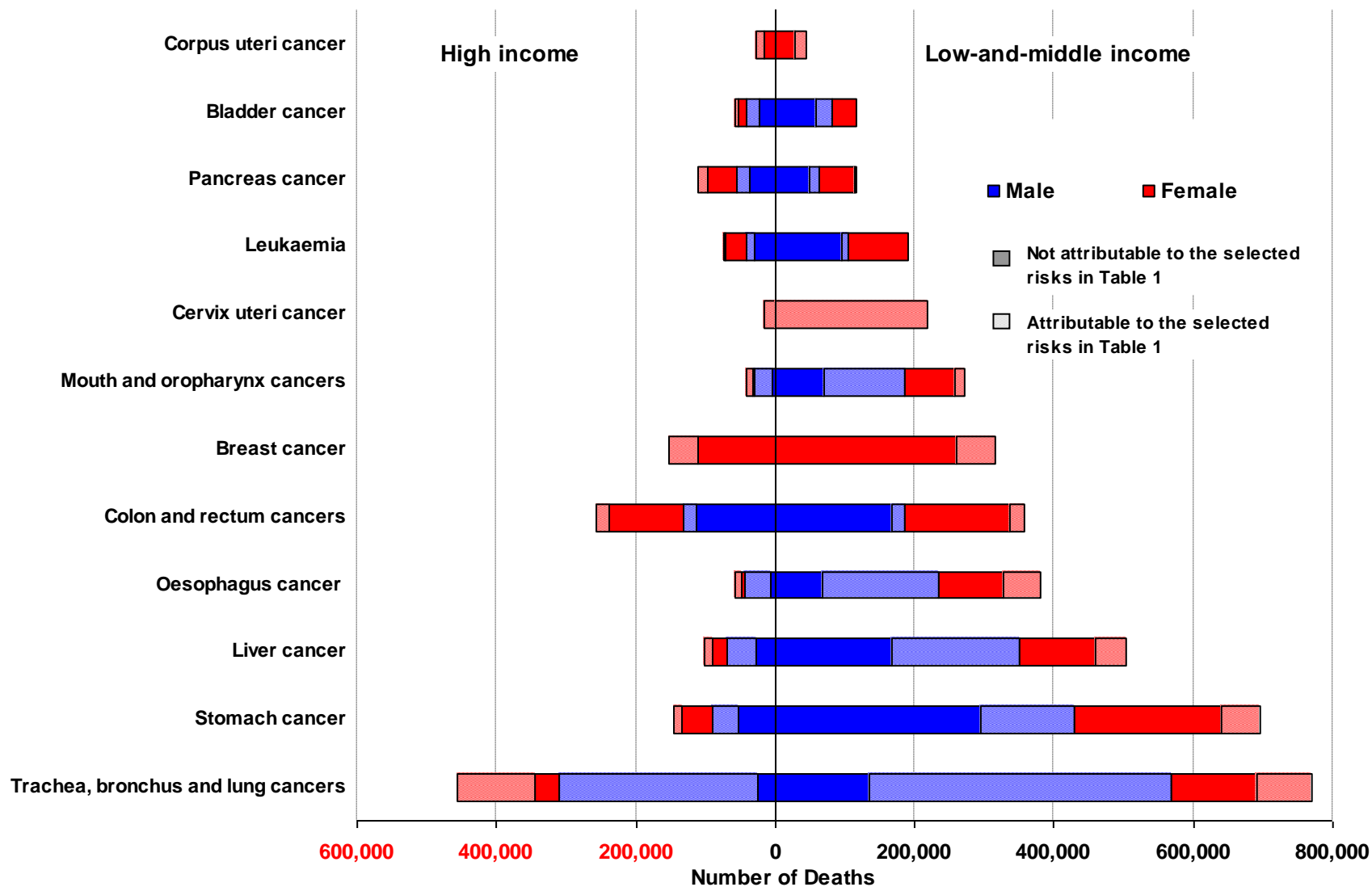
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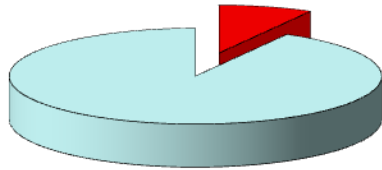
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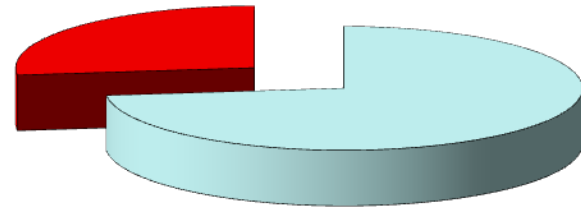
Cancer deaths due to infections

Agent	No. deaths	Sites	% total
Hepatitis viruses (B,C)	597,000	Liver	7.9
<i>H. pylori</i>	475,000	Stomach (468,000) Lymphoma(7,000)	6.3
HPV	305,000	Cervix, ano-genital sites oral & pharyngeal	4.0
EBV	68,000	N.P.C.(50,000) Hodgkin L.(14,000) B.L. (4000)	0.9
HIV & HHV-8	52,000	KS(29,000) NHL(23,000)	0.7
Schistosomes	4,000	Bladder	0.1
HTLV I	2,000	ATLL	
Liver flukes	3,000	Liver	0.01
Total	1,517,000		19.8

Cancer deaths attributable to infection (2008)

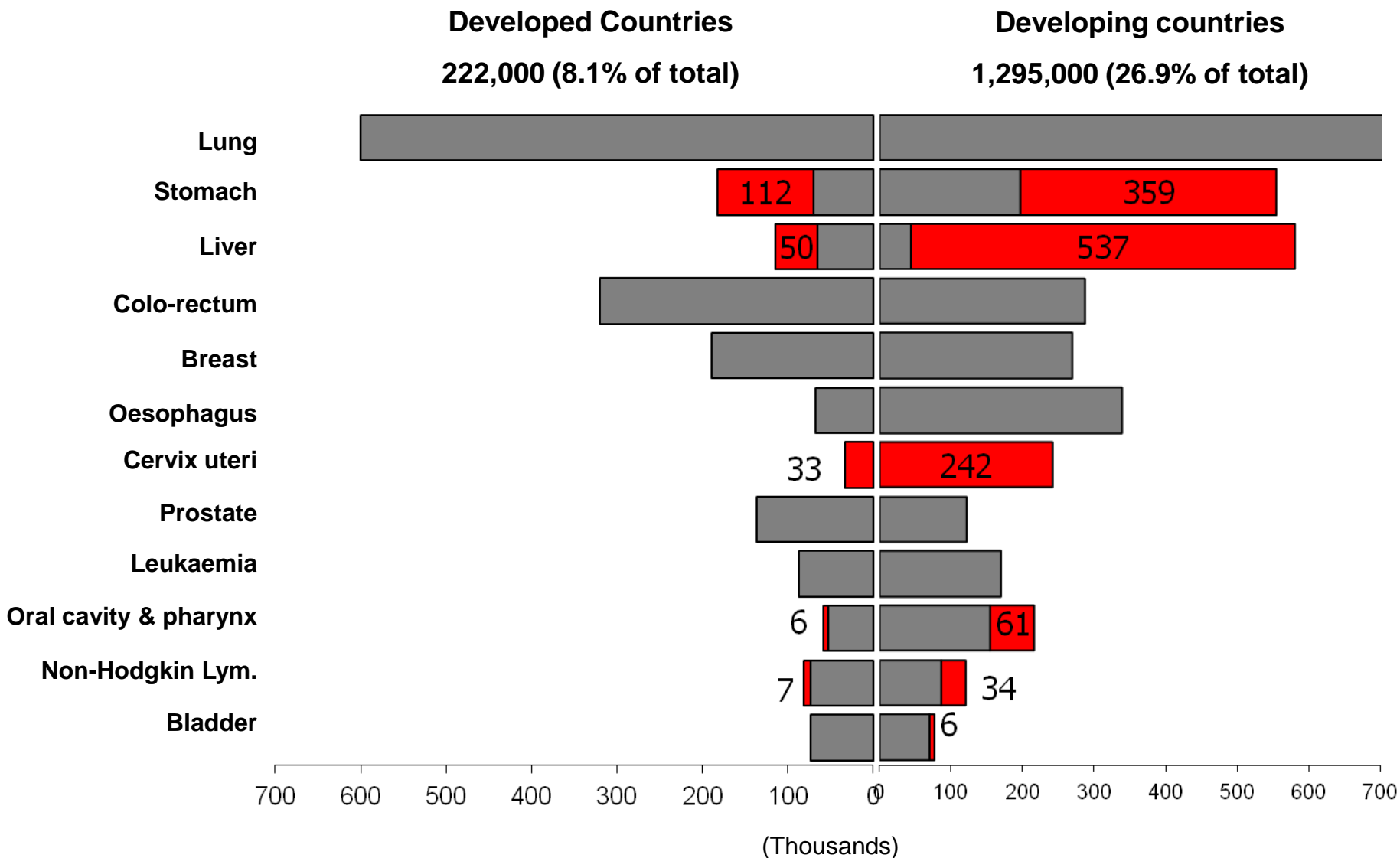


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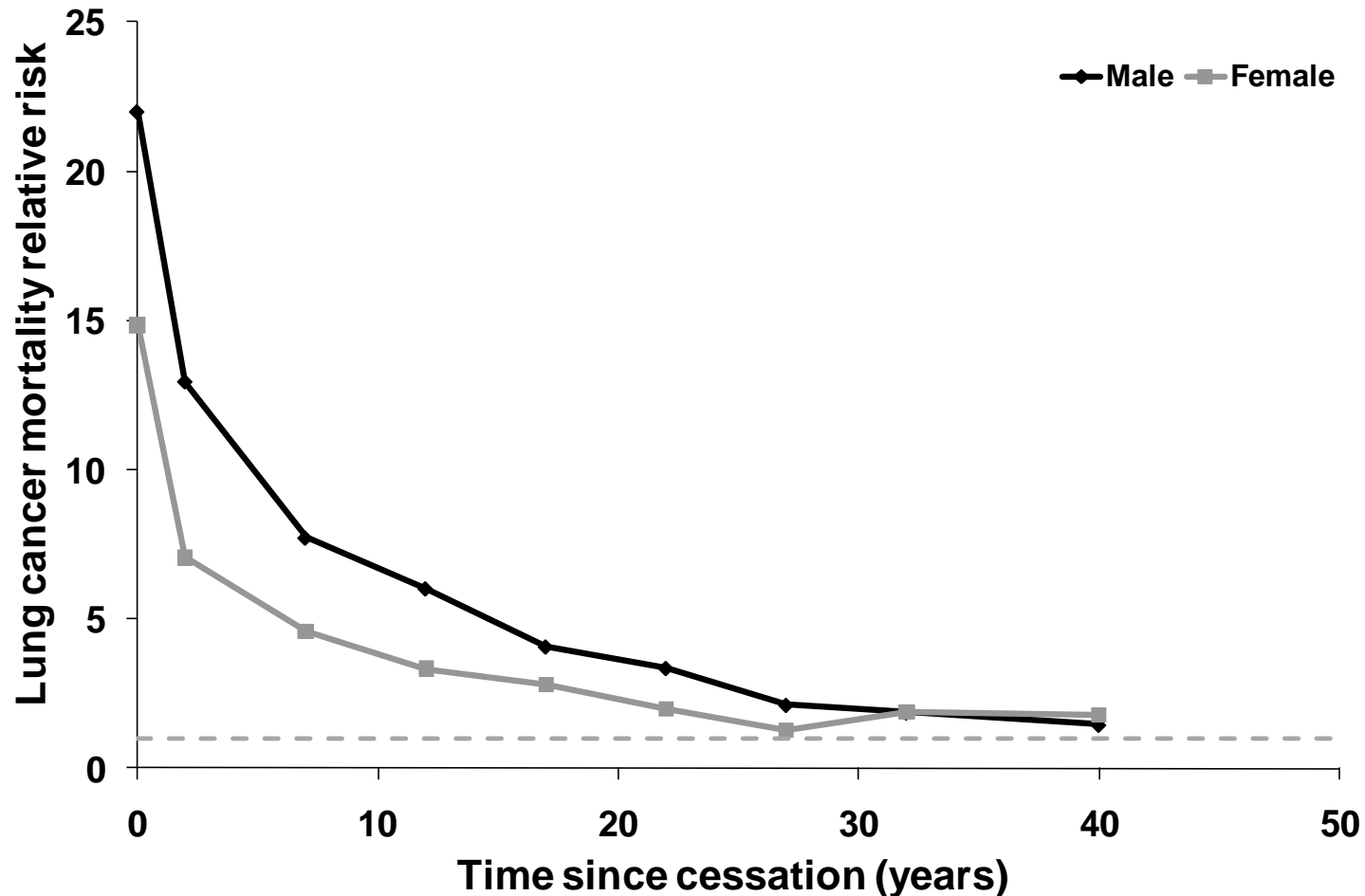


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