

# 2016 ESCAP population data sheet

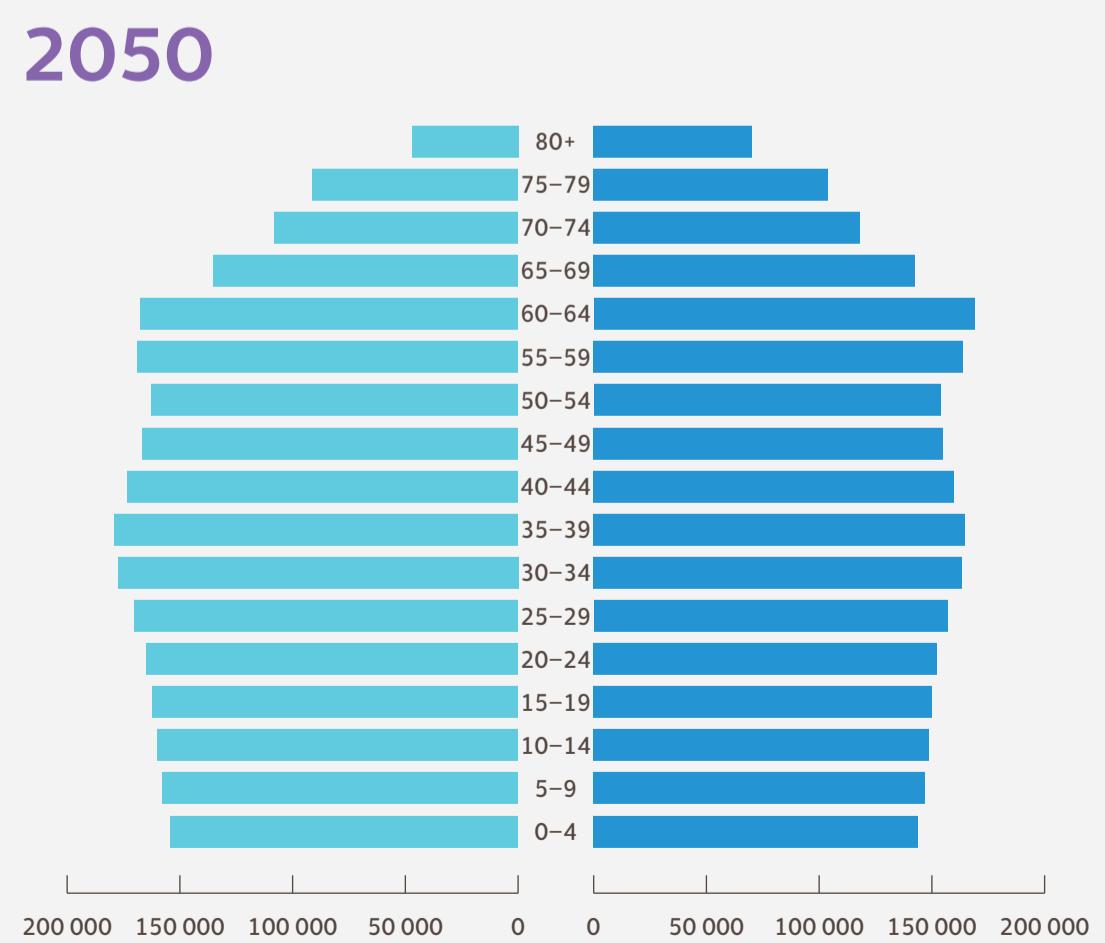
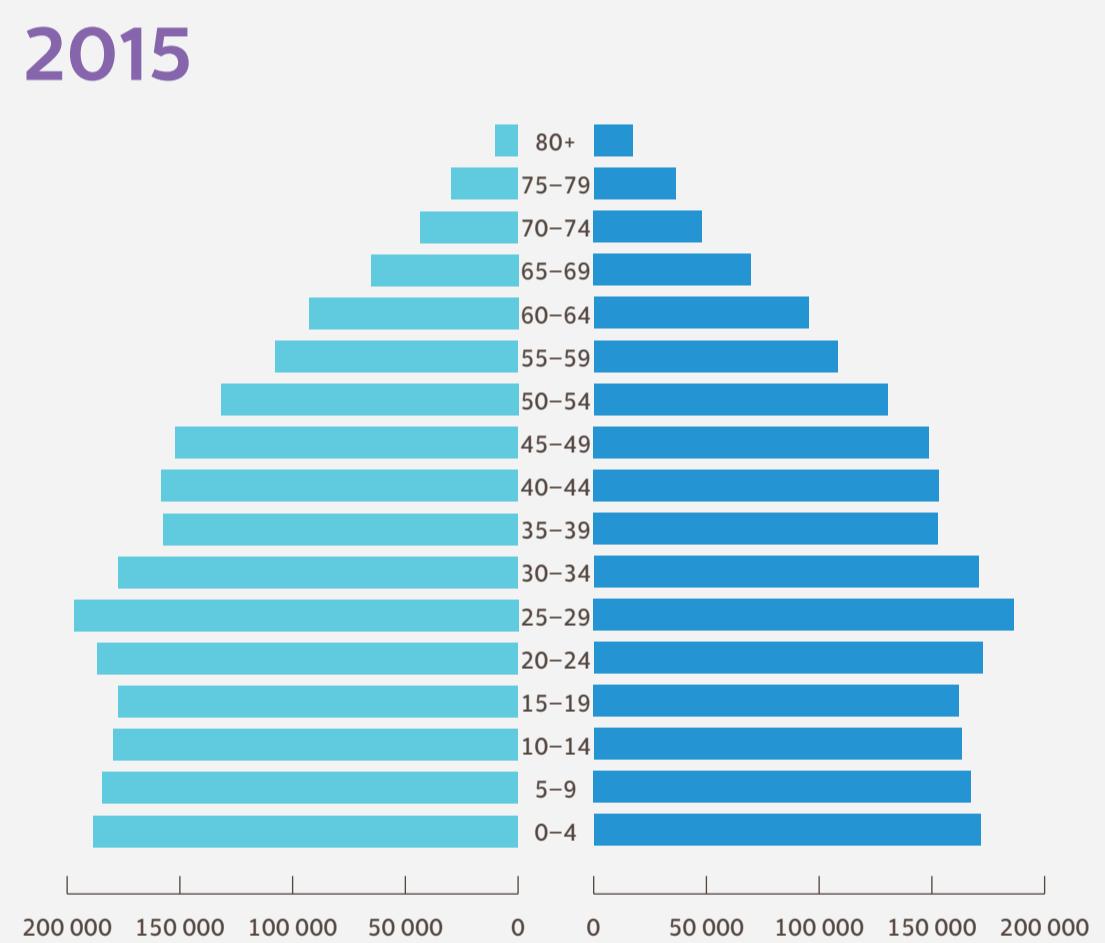
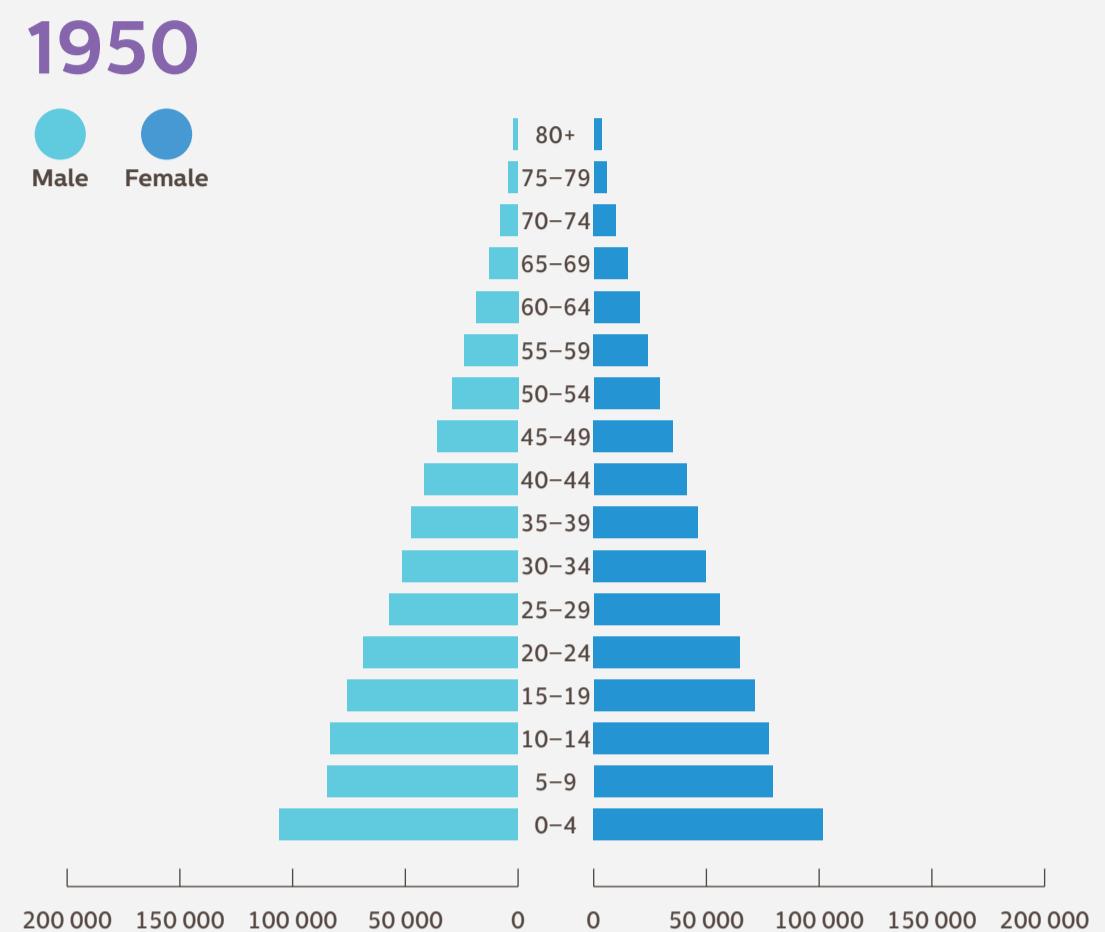


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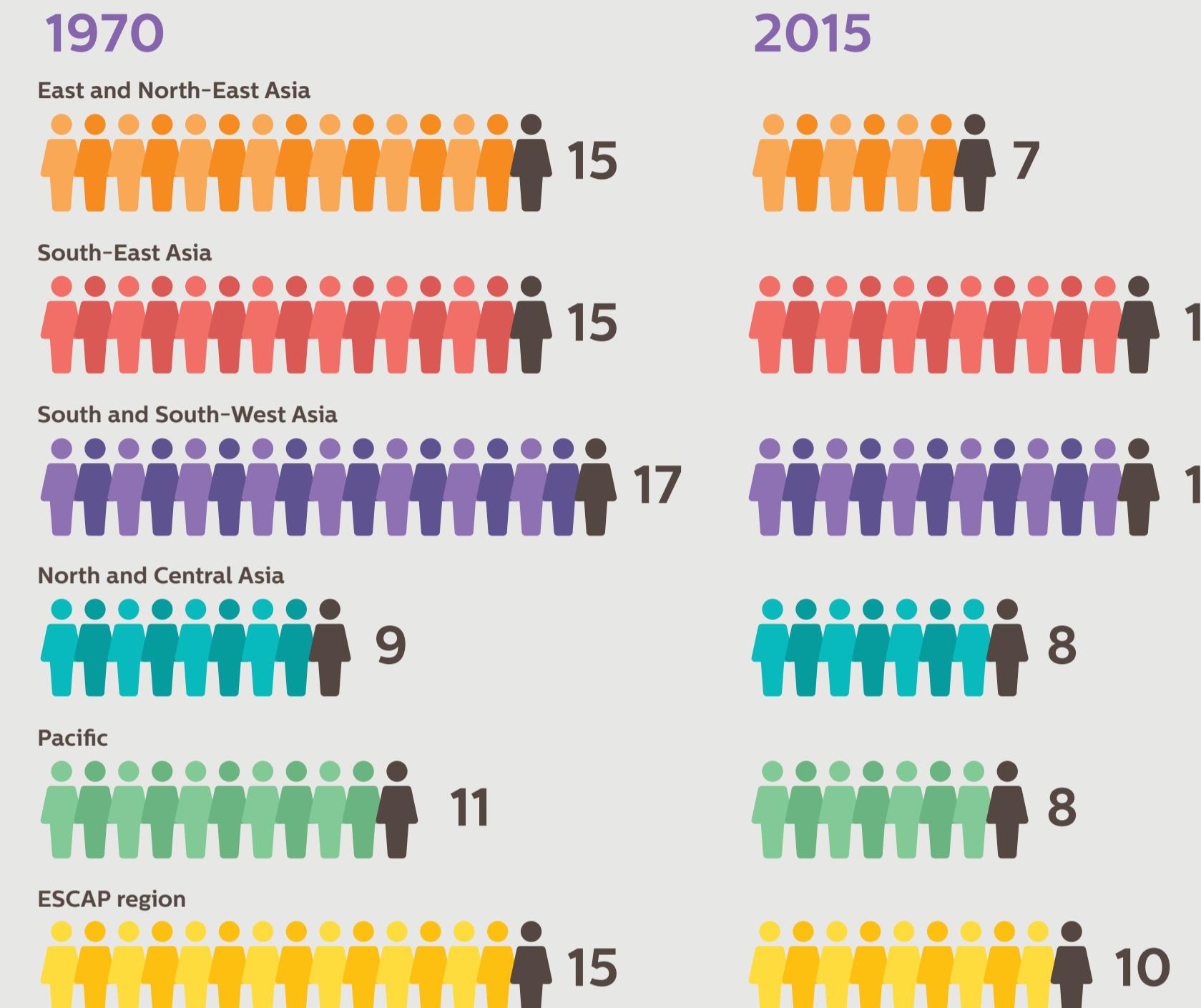
## Population and Development Indicators for Asia and the Pacific, 2016

|                                       | Population       | Population projected to 2050 | Population growth rate | Crude birth rate | Crude death rate | Total fertility rate <sup>a</sup> | Life expectancy at birth | Healthy life expectancy at birth | Maternal mortality | Infant mortality rate | Urban population | Age distribution of the population | Population of older adults | Oldest-old population | Speed of ageing | Tipping point of working-age population | Old-age support ratio | Statutory retirement age | Labour force participation rate of population ages 65+ | Percentage of older persons living in urban areas |                |             |            |             |             |             |      |      |       |
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|                                       |                  |                              |                        |                  |                  |                                   |                          |                                  |                    |                       |                  |                                    |                            |                       |                 |   |                       |                          |  |   |                |             |            |             |             |             |      |      |       |
|                                       | 2016             | 2050                         | 2016                   | 2050             | 2016             | 2016                              | 2016                     | 2015                             | 2015               | 2013                  | 2013             | 2016                               | 2016                       | 2016                  | 2016            | 2016                                    | 2016                  | 2016                     | 2016   | 2016  | 2016           | 2016        | 2016       | 2016        | 2016        | 2016        | 2016 | 2016 |       |
| <b>The ESCAP region</b>               | <b>4 454 285</b> | <b>5 169 545</b>             | <b>0.9</b>             | <b>16.6</b>      | <b>7.4</b>       | <b>2.1</b>                        | <b>70.3</b>              | <b>74.5</b>                      |                    | <b>124</b>            | <b>27.4</b>      | <b>48.8</b>                        | <b>23.8</b>                | <b>68.1</b>           | <b>8.1</b>      | <b>12.4</b>                             | <b>25.1</b>           | <b>12.3</b>              | <b>19.9</b>  | <b>2009–2040 (31)</b>                             | <b>2016</b>    | <b>8.4</b>  | <b>3.4</b> | <b>33.4</b> | <b>16.5</b> | <b>44.4</b> |      |      |       |
| <b>East and North-East Asia</b>       | <b>1 618 778</b> | <b>1 566 759</b>             | <b>0.4</b>             | <b>11.5</b>      | <b>7.5</b>       | <b>1.6</b>                        | <b>75.4</b>              | <b>79.3</b>                      |                    | <b>32</b>             | <b>9.5</b>       | <b>60.9</b>                        | <b>16.9</b>                | <b>71.7</b>           | <b>11.5</b>     | <b>17.2</b>                             | <b>36.8</b>           | <b>13.2</b>              | <b>25.7</b>  | <b>1997–2022 (25)</b>                             | <b>2013</b>    | <b>6.3</b>  | <b>2.1</b> | <b>29.2</b> | <b>18.4</b> | <b>53.9</b> |      |      |       |
| China                                 | 1 382 323        | 1 348 056                    | 0.4                    | 11.9             | 7.3              | 1.6                               | 74.7                     | 77.8                             | 67.7               | 69.5                  | 32               | 10.0                               | 57.9                       | 17.3                  | 72.7            | 10.0                                    | 15.7                  | 36.5                     | 10.9   | 24.5  | 2002–2025 (23) | 2012        | 7.3        | 2.1         | 60          | 55          | 28.3 | 18.1 | 50.4  |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 25 281           | 26 907                       | 0.5                    | 14.3             | 9.3              | 2.0                               | 67.2                     | 74.2                             | 61.3               | 66.6                  | 87               | 19.9                               | 61.0                       | 21.0                  | 69.5            | 9.5                                     | 12.8                  | 24.4                     | 9.9  | 17.4  | 2004–2034 (30) | 2021        | 7.4        | 3.6         | ..          | ..          | 45.8 | 38.9 | 54.2  |
| Hong Kong, China                      | 7 346            | 8 148                        | 0.8                    | 10.0             | 6.4              | 1.3                               | 81.5                     | 87.1                             | ..                 | ..                    | ..               | 1.7                                | 100.0                      | 12.3                  | 72.1            | 15.6                                    | 22.5                  | 40.9                     | 19.9   | 36.6  | 1984–2013 (29) | 2010        | 4.6        | 1.5         | 65          | 65          | 12.4 | 3.3  | 100.0 |
| Japan                                 | 126 324          | 107 411                      | -0.2                   | 8.1              | 10.7             | 1.4                               | 80.6                     | 87.0                             | 72.5               | 77.2                  | 6                | 2.0                                | 94.1                       | 12.8                  | 60.3            | 26.9                                    | 33.4                  | 42.5                     | 24.0   | 35.6  | 1970–1995 (25) | 1993        | 2.2        | 1.4         | 65          | 65          | 32.3 | 17   | 92.6  |
| Macao, China                          | 597              | 838                          | 1.6                    | 11.8             | 4.8              | 1.3                               | 78.9                     | 83.1                             | ..                 | ..                    | ..               | 3.4                                | 99.3                       | 13.4                  | 77.1            | 9.5                                     | 15.5                  | 34.5                     | 11.9   | 26.3  | 1963–2023 (60) | 2011        | 8.1        | 2.2         | ..          | ..          | 26.9 | 7.8  | 100.0 |
| Mongolia                              | 3 006            | 4 028                        | 1.5                    | 22.8             | 6.1              | 2.6                               | 66.0                     | 74.5                             | 58.8               | 65.7                  | 68               | 21.2                               | 71.8                       | 28.6                  | 67.3            | 4.1                                     | 6.6                   | 21.1                     | 10.6   | 20.1  | 2028–2048 (20) | 2012        | 16.2       | 4.2         | 60          | 55          | 14.0 | 9.4  | 72.9  |
| Republic of Korea                     | 50 504           | 50 593                       | 0.4                    | 9.1              | 5.9              | 1.3                               | 79.1                     | 85.4                             | 70.8               | 75.3                  | 27               | 2.3                                | 81.7                       | 13.8                  | 72.7            | 13.6                                    | 19.3                  | 41.5                     | 15.5   | 33.6  | 1999–2017 (18) | 2015        | 5.4        | 1.5         | 60          | 60          | 41.1 | 25.6 | 69.4  |
| Other countries/areas                 | 23 396           | 20 778                       |                        |                  |                  |                                   |                          |                                  |                    |                       |                  |                                    |                            |                       |                 |   |                       |                          |  |   | 2020           |             |            |             |             | 60          | 60   | 12.2 | 18.2  |
| <b>South-East Asia</b>                | <b>640 619</b>   | <b>792 139</b>               | <b>1.1</b>             | <b>18.3</b>      | <b>7.0</b>       | <b>2.3</b>                        | <b>68.2</b>              | <b>73.9</b>                      |                    | <b>140</b>            | <b>22.5</b>      | <b>48.3</b>                        | <b>26.3</b>                | <b>67.5</b>           | <b>6.1</b>      | <b>9.6</b>                              | <b>21.1</b>           | <b>11.2</b>              | <b>16.4</b>  | <b>2021–2044 (23)</b>                             | <b>2023</b>    | <b>11.1</b> | <b>4.2</b> | <b>44.6</b> | <b>26.3</b> | <b>47.8</b> |      |      |       |
| Brunei Darussalam                     | 429              | 546                          | 1.3                    | 15.3             | 3.1              | 1.8                               | 77.5                     | 81.1                             | 69.4               | 71.2                  | 27               | 4.0                                | 78.4                       | 22.9                  | 72.4            | 4.7                                     | 8.1                   | 30.9                     | 8.6  | 20.1  | 2022–2035 (13) | 2020        | 15.5       | 2.5         | 55          | 55          | 16.3 | 5.9  | 73.7  |
| Cambodia                              | 15 827           | 22 545                       | 1.6                    | 23.4             | 5.9              | 2.6                               | 67.1                     | 71.2                             | 55.9               | 60.0                  | 170              | 22.7                               | 21.1                       | 31.4                  | 64.3            | 4.3                                     | 6.9                   | 17.6                     | 7.8  | 14.5  | 2031–2055 (24) | 2045        | 15.1       | 5.1         | ..          | ..          | 53.1 | 44.8 | 18.0  |
| Indonesia                             | 260 581          | 322 237                      | 1.1                    | 19.2             | 7.2              | 2.4                               | 67.2                     | 71.4                             | 60.7               | 63.7                  | 190              | 23.0                               | 54.0                       | 27.5                  | 67.2            | 5.3                                     | 8.5                   | 19.2                     | 8.4  | 12.0  | 2025–2050 (25) | 2032        | 12.7       | 4.7         | 55          | 55          | 53.5 | 29.1 | 52.1  |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic      | 6 918            | 10 172                       | 1.7                    | 25.9             | 6.5              | 2.9                               | 65.6                     | 68.4                             | 56.7               | 59.1                  | 220              | 40.5                               | 41.0                       | 34.4                  | 61.7            | 3.9                                     | 6.1                   | 14.7                     | 8.8  | 10.6  | 2041–2060 (19) | 2049        | 15.9       | 7.2         | 60          | 60          | 39.7 | 26.4 | 38.4  |
| Malaysia                              | 30 752           | 40 725                       | 1.4                    | 16.7             | 5.1              | 1.9                               | 72.7                     | 77.4                             | 64.8               | 68.3                  | 29               | 6.7                                | 76.2                       | 24.2                  | 69.7            | 6.1                                     | 9.5                   | 23.6                     | 8.8  | 15.2  | 2020–2045 (25) | 2021        | 11.5       | 3.9         | 55          | 55          | 35.4 | 12.1 | 73.1  |
| Myanmar                               | 54 363           | 63 575                       | 0.9                    | 17.3             | 8.3              | 2.2                               | 64.2                     | 68.3                             | 57.7               | 60.5                  | 200              | 43.8                               | 34.8                       | 27.0                  | 67.5            | 5.5                                     | 9.2                   | 18.8                     | 8.8  | 11.0  | 2023–2055 (32) | 2028        | 12.2       | 5.1         | ..          | ..          | 41.3 | 26.2 | 32.7  |
| Philippines                           | 102 250          | 148 260                      | 1.5                    | 23.1             | 6.8              | 2.9                               | 65.2                     | 72.1                             | 58.6               | 63.9                  | 120              | 21.8                               | 44.8                       | 31.7                  | 63.6            | 4.7                                     | 7.4                   | 14.0                     | 8.4  | 11.7  | 2032–2070 (38) | 2060        | 13.6       | 6.9         | 60          | 60          | 46.0 | 27.1 | 42.5  |
| Singapore                             | 5 697            | 6 681                        | 1.6                    | 8.8              | 4.9              | 1.2                               | 80.3                     | 86.4                             | 71.8               | 75.9                  | 6                | 1.5                                | 100.0                      | 15.3                  | 72.4            | 12.3                                    | 18.7                  | 40.4                     | 13.4   | 34.1  | 1999–2019 (20) | 2012        | 5.9        | 1           |             |             |      |      |       |

## The Asia-Pacific region is undergoing profound and rapid population changes



## The ratio of people at working-age to older persons is decreasing sharply



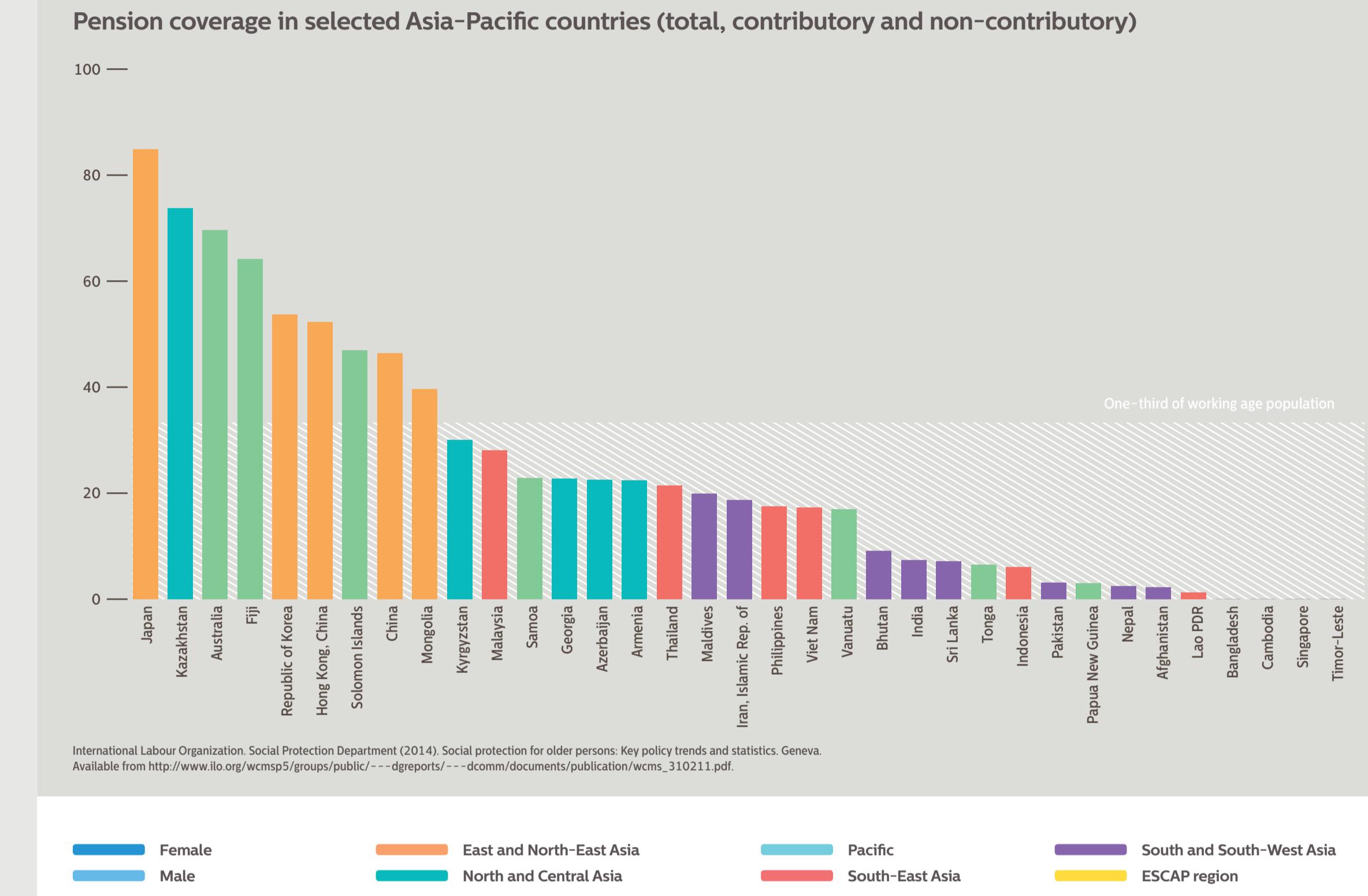
## The proportion of women in the population increases with age

Men and women by age group, ESCAP region, 2016



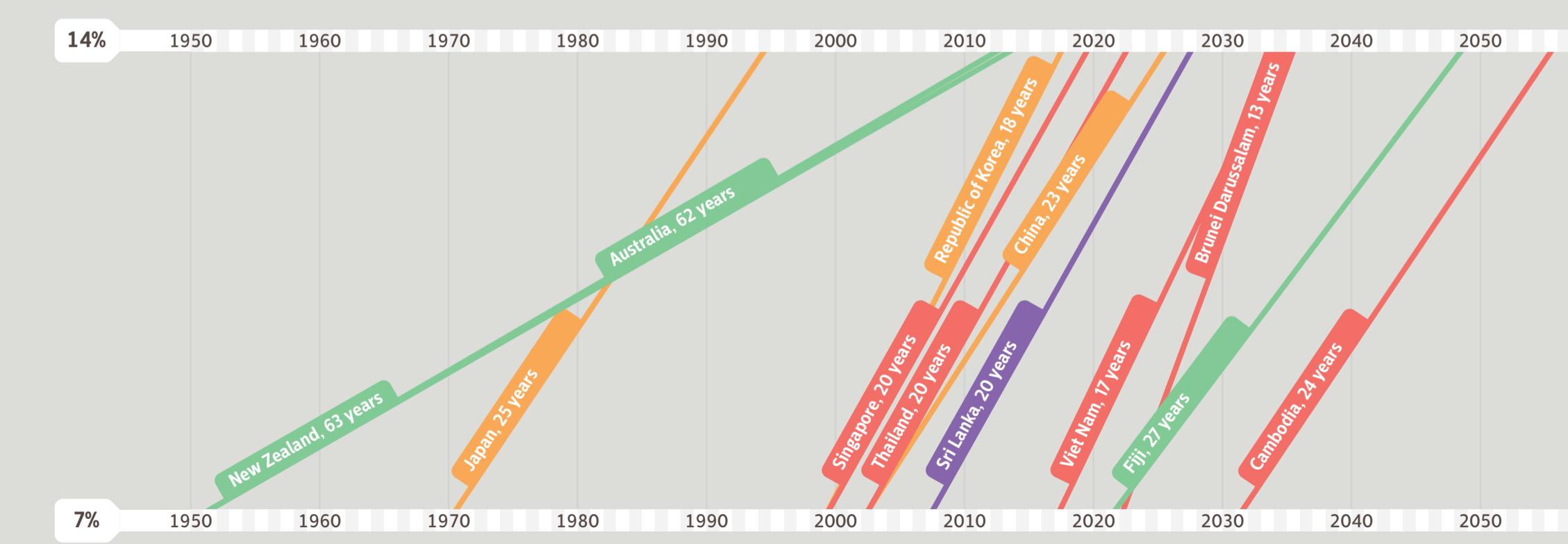
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## In most countries of the Asia-Pacific region, less than a third of the working-age population contributes to a pension scheme



## Countries in the Asia-Pacific region are ageing at an unprecedented pace

Speed of ageing, selected ESCAP countries (years taken for the percentage of persons aged 65 and older to change from 7 per cent to 14 per cent of total population)



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## The proportion of the working-age population is already declining in some subregions

