



Institute for Health  
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# Understanding the Burden of Disease by 2050

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# Outline

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- Global Burden of Disease
- Future threats
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## IHME is an academic center of excellence in health measurement, based at the University of Washington

**Our mission is to provide comprehensive health data and analytics to improve decision-making that will lead to health equity.**

- Worldwide coverage, of 200+ countries and 900+ subnational areas
- Our data are widely used to make decisions about health by governments, health care funders, and life sciences companies.

### **IHME resources at-a-glance:**

- 450+ full-time professionals in Seattle, USA, including 30 full-time faculty and a 30-member scientific council
- 13,500+ collaborators
- 200,000+ input data sources
- State-of-the-art tools for search, analysis, and data visualization



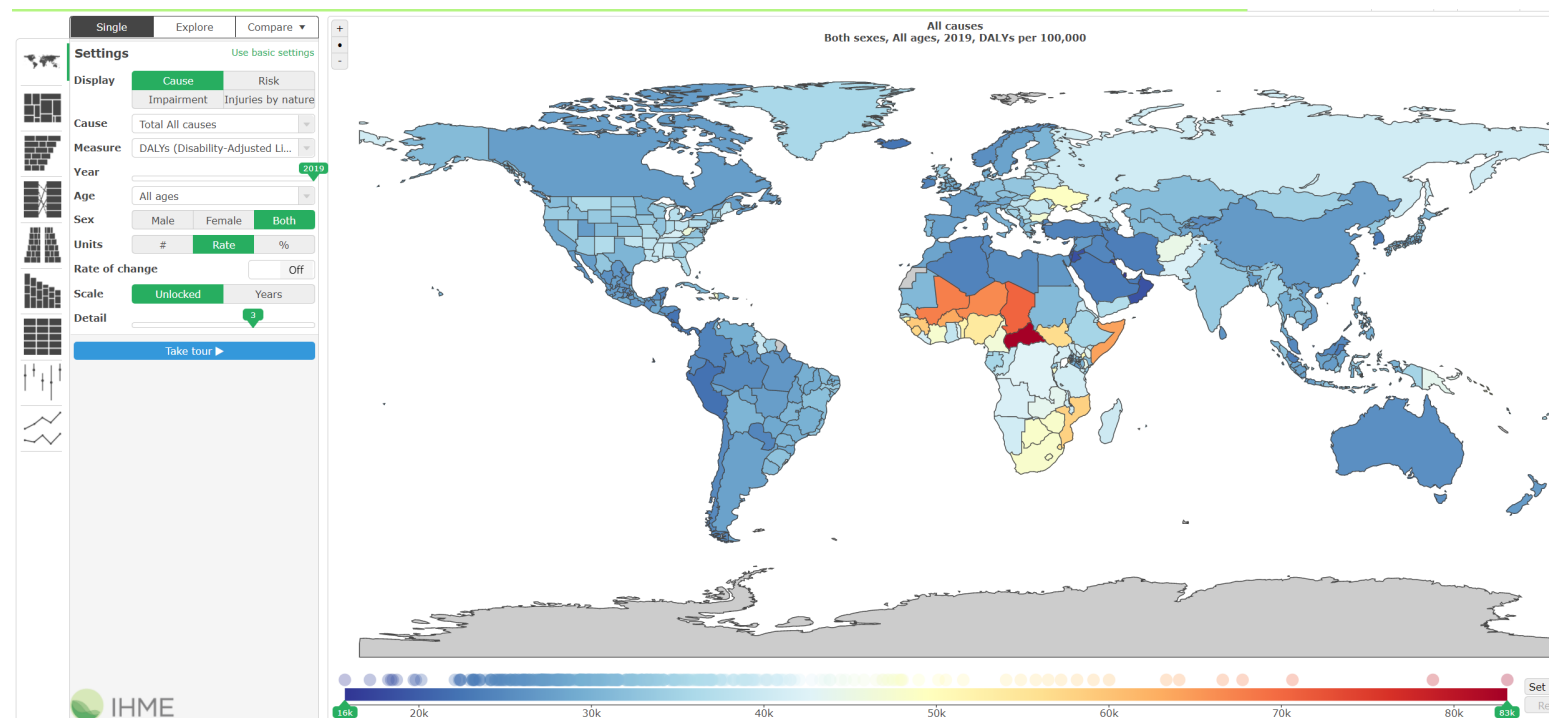
**IHME partners with hundreds of organizations**



**IHME believes that everyone deserves a long life in full health and works to achieve that goal.**

# Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation: Mission

- Answer three critical questions:
  1. What are the world's major health problems?
  2. How well is society addressing these problems?
  3. How do we best dedicate resources to maximize health improvement?



<http://www.healthdata.org/gbd/data-visualizations>



# IHME's research



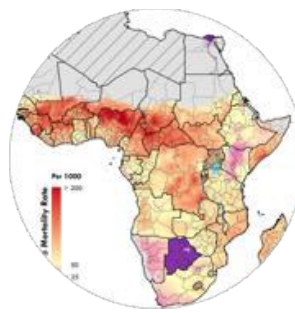
## Global Burden of Disease

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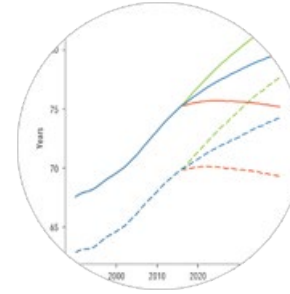
## Financing Global Health

IHME reports patterns of global health financing flows from 1990 to 2050 with development assistance for health (DAH) levels and changes over time by source, channel, recipient region, and health focus and program area. DAH disbursed or received by population, disability-adjusted life years, gross domestic product, and government health spending are available.



## Local and Small Area Estimation (LSAE)

The Local and Small Area Estimation (LSAE) project produces estimates of selected health outcomes and related measures at a more granular resolution, measuring health outcomes and related measures that cover entire continents, combining local detail with broad coverage.



## Future Health Scenarios

Forecasts the global burden of disease, using GBD estimates of more than 370 diseases and injuries, more than 80 risk factors, sociodemographic indicators and other drivers of health. These forecasts provide policymakers, donors, researchers and the general public with high-quality forecasts and custom scenarios in order to assess the impact of new policies, interventions or technologies on health.

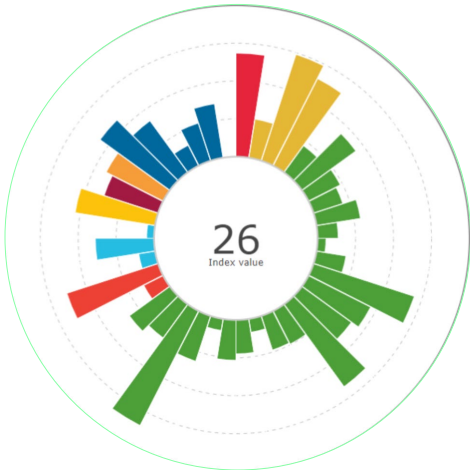


## Antimicrobial Resistance

IHME conducts research on AMR as part of a global initiative called the Global Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (GRAM) Project. We estimated deaths and disability-adjusted life years associated with and attributable to bacterial AMR for 23 pathogens and 88 pathogen-drug combinations in 204 countries and territories.

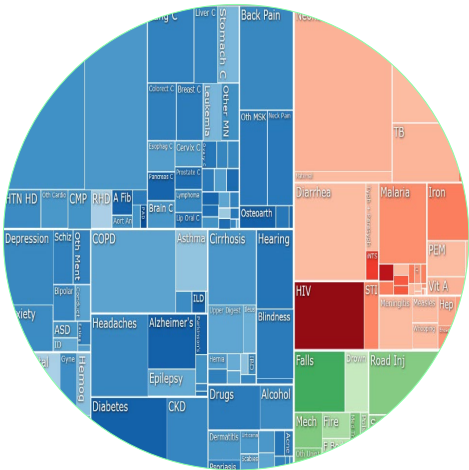


# IHME data track progress toward SDGs, socio-demographic impact on burden, Human Capital Index, and Health access and quality



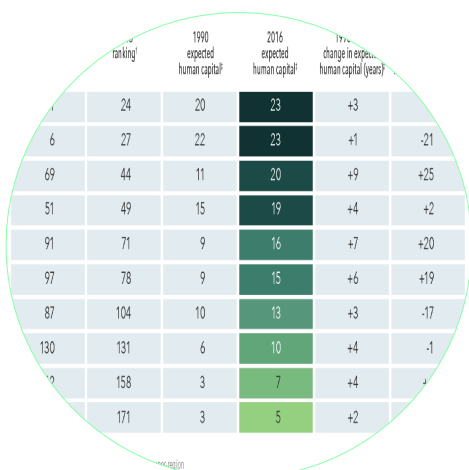
## Progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

IHME measures progress toward achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 195 countries and territories toward 41 health-related SDG indicators and where they might stand in 2030 on the basis of past trends.



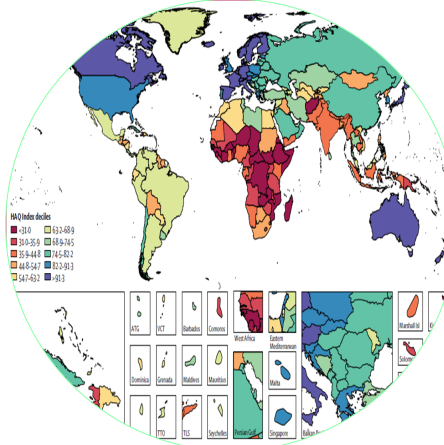
## Measure geographies on a spectrum of development

IHME’s SDI summary measure identifies a geography’s socio-demographic development. SDI contains an interpretable scale: zero represents the lowest income per capita, lowest educational attainment, and highest total fertility rate. SDI values are available for GBD geographies and groupings.



## Internationally comparable index of human capital

IHME’s Human Capital Index offers a measure of expected human capital that incorporates educational attainment, education quality or learning, functional health status, and survival for 195 countries from 1990 to 2016.



## Health care access and quality

The Healthcare Access and Quality (HAQ) Index is a summary measure based on 32 causes that in the presence of high-quality health care should not result in death. IHME reports HAQ for 195 countries and at the subnational level for some.

# What is the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Study?

- A **systematic, scientific** effort to quantify the **comparative** magnitude of **health loss** due to diseases, injuries, and risk factors by age, sex, and geographies for specific points in time.
- To align health systems with the populations they serve, policymakers first need to understand the true nature of their country's **health challenges** – and how those challenges are **shifting over time**. GBD research incorporates both the **prevalence** of a given disease or risk factor and the **relative harm** it causes.
- The tools allow decision-makers to compare the effects of different diseases, injuries, and risk factors, and to prioritize interventions to improve health and save lives.

Diseases and injuries

**350+**

in 195 countries +  
territories,  
1990-present

Results generated

**3.5 billion**

In GBD 2021

Publications

**2500+**

Since 2010

Participating  
researchers

**13,000+**

in over 162 countries and  
territories

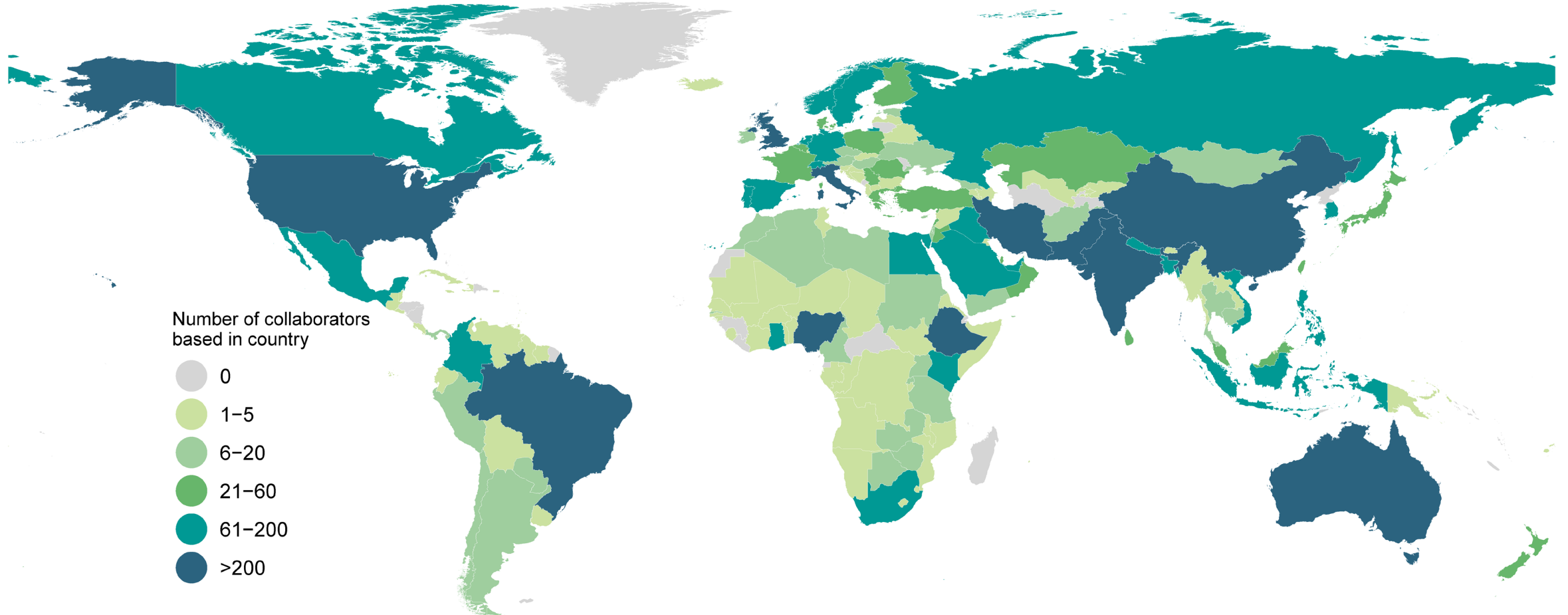
Sources of data

**329,000+**

In GBD 2021

# GBD collaboration

**A health metrics ecosystem comprised of over 13,618 Collaborators in 164 countries and territories**




# Global Public Good

## GBD 2019 Publications:

<http://www.healthdata.org/gbd/gbd-2019-resources>

<https://www.thelancet.com/gbd>



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281,586

Data sources were synthesized to estimate mortality, health outcomes, and risks from the GBD 2019 study.

3.5 billion+

Highly standardized and comprehensive estimates of health outcome and health system measures.

350+

Health outcomes and risk factors, providing a powerful basis for insights on global health trends and challenges.

10,000+

Individuals from over 160 countries and territories collaborate in vetting GBD data sources and estimates.

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## Key findings from GBD 2019

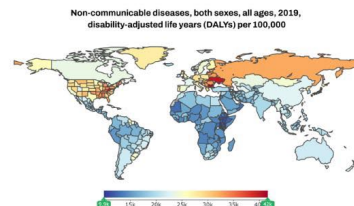
Our most recent GBD estimates were released in 2020, incorporating data through 2019. These findings provide new insights on underlying health before the COVID-19 pandemic, and quantify the challenge of protecting against further pandemic threats.

READ KEY FINDINGS

## Health systems are ill-prepared for rapid rise in non-communicable diseases and disabilities.

In 1990, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) contributed to less than half of overall global health loss. But since 1990, the health loss has shifted toward a growing burden from NCDs and away from communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional (CMNN) diseases.

INTERACT WITH NCD DATA



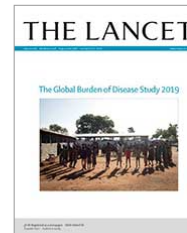
## About the Global Burden of Disease

The GBD study offers a powerful resource to understand the changing health challenges facing people across the world in the 21st century. Led by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), the GBD study is the most comprehensive worldwide observational epidemiological study to date. By tracking progress within and between countries GBD provides an important tool to inform clinicians, researchers, and policy makers, promote accountability, and improve lives worldwide.

> Find out more about GBD

2019	204
latest global data	countries and territories
369	87
diseases and injuries	risk factors

## Latest GBD special issue



Published in October 2020, *The Lancet's* special issue on GBD includes the most up-to-date global health data from 2019 with the latest analysis focused on five key themes: demographics, diseases and injuries, risk factors, population forecasting, and universal health coverage.

> Read the latest GBD special issue

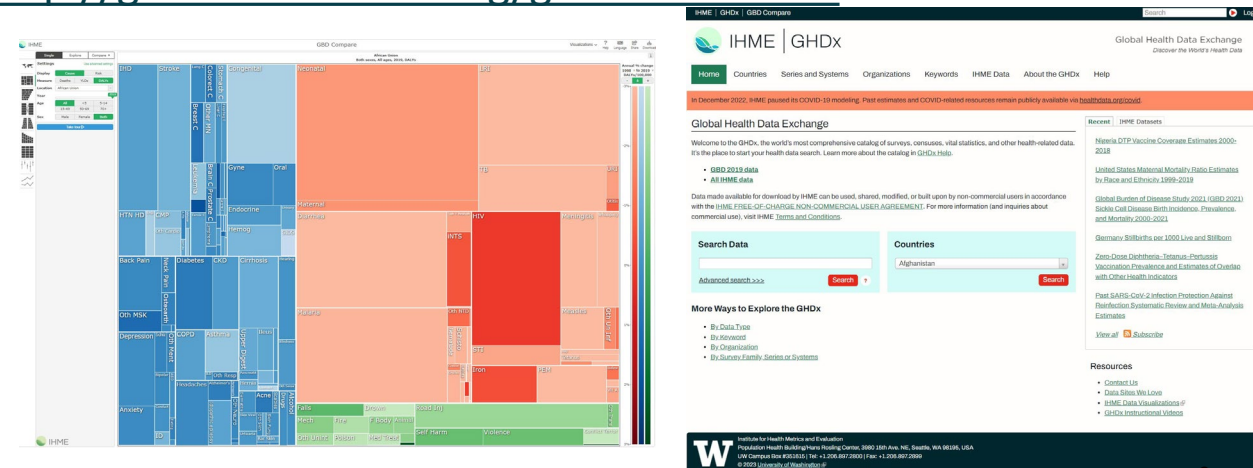
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## GBD 2019 Results:

<https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-compare/>

<http://ghdx.healthdata.org/gbd-results-tool>





# Focusing on *all* aspects of health loss

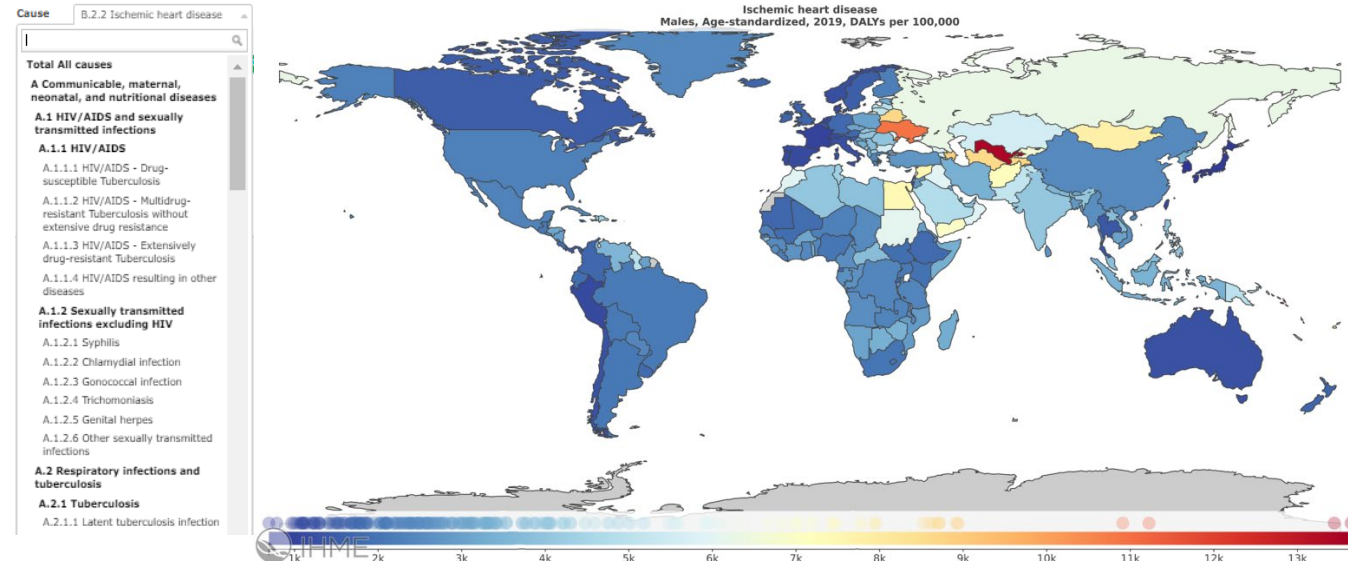
GBD aims to produce **comprehensive and comparable** estimates of *all* forms of health loss (diseases, injuries, impairments) for **every country** in the world.

## Traditional Metrics:

- Death counts, mortality rates
- Incidence, prevalence

## Novel Metrics:

- Years of life lost (YLLs) to premature death
- Years lived with disability (YLDs)
  - Time spent sick or injured
    - With disability weight accounting for severity
- Disability adjusted life years (DALYs)
  - Years of healthy life lost = Burden



## DALY

Disability Adjusted Life Year is a measure of overall disease burden, expressed as the cumulative number of years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death

$$= \text{YLD} + \text{YLL}$$

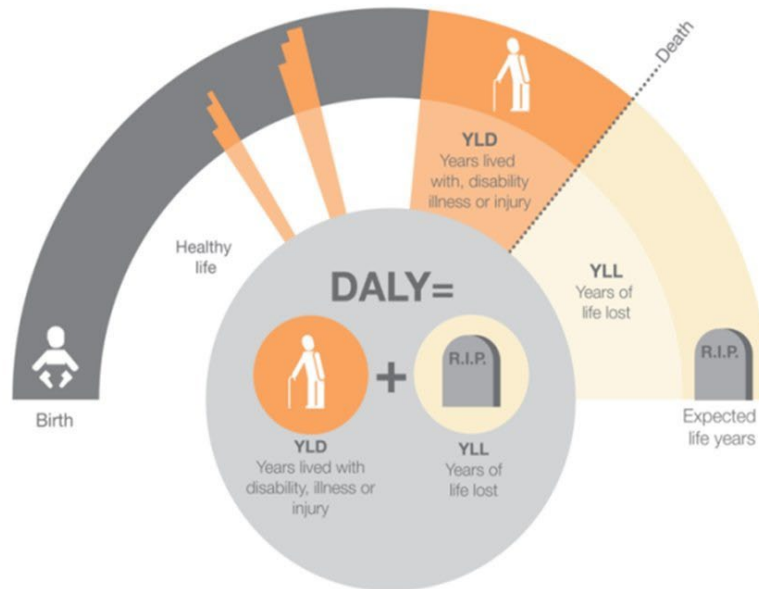
Years Lived with Disability      Years of Life Lost



## Egalitarian Approach – Measuring YLLs from the same “end point”

### What is a disability adjusted life year?

It's a measure of the overall burden of disease – it adds the years of life lost due to early death and years spent living with disability or ill-health together



GBD 2019 standard abridged life table used for computing YLLs

AGE	Life expectancy (years)
0	88.8719
1	88.00051
5	84.03008
....	....
90	7.617725
95	5.922359

- All things being equal, we want to measure the same “end point” for all populations regardless of sex, location, access to health care, or burden of disease.
- Therefore, we use a **reference life table** and use the **longest observed average life expectancy** as the “target” and subtract years lost due to premature mortality.

Reference Life Table:

<http://ghdx.healthdata.org/record/ihme-data/global-burden-disease-study-2019-gbd-2019-reference-life-table>



# Global Burden of Disease Study (GBD)

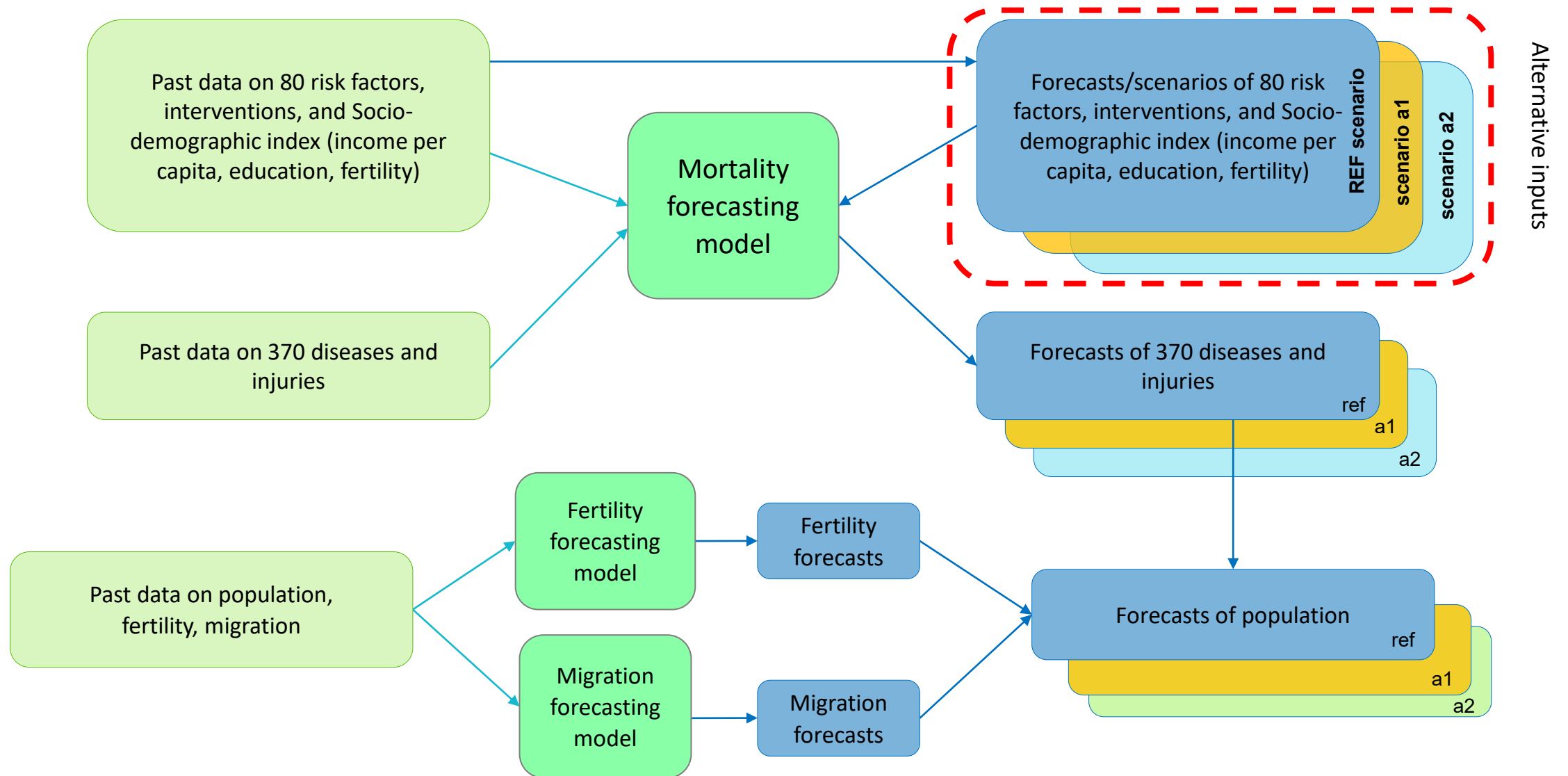
204 countries plus 621 subnational locations  
23 age groups/males/females

1950      1980      1990      2021

# GBD Future Health Scenarios

204 countries plus 142 subnational locations  
23 age groups/males/females

2022      2050      2100



# History

- **1997:** Forecasting mortality and disability 1990-2020
- **2015:** FHS team established at IHME
- **2018:** Forecasting mortality, life expectancy and risk attributable burden – better/worse scenarios (type 1)
- **2020:** Forecasting populations to 2100
- **2024:** Forecasting 370 causes, deaths, YLLs, YLDs, DALYs, incidence, prevalence, life expectancy, healthy life expectancy (HALE) – target scenarios with avoidable future burden 2020-2050

## Alternative projections of mortality and disability by cause 1990–2020: Global Burden of Disease Study

1997

Christopher J L Murray, Alan D Lopez

### Summary

**Background** Plausible projections of future mortality and disability are a useful aid in decisions on priorities for health research, capital investment, and training. Rates and patterns of ill health are determined by factors such as socioeconomic development, educational attainment, technological developments, and their dispersion among populations, as well as exposure to hazards such as tobacco. As part of the Global Burden of Disease Study (GBD), we developed three scenarios of future mortality and disability for different age-sex groups, causes, and regions.

depression, road-traffic accidents, cerebrovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lower respiratory infections, tuberculosis, war injuries, diarrhoeal diseases, and HIV. Tobacco-attributable mortality is projected to increase from 3.0 million deaths in 1990 to 8.4 million deaths in 2020.

**Interpretation** Health trends in the next 25 years will be determined mainly by the ageing of the world's population, the decline in age-specific mortality rates from communicable, maternal, perinatal, and nutritional disorders, the spread of HIV, and the increase in tobacco-related mortality and disability. Projections, by their nature,

## Forecasting life expectancy, years of life lost, and all-cause and cause-specific mortality for 250 causes of death: reference and alternative scenarios for 2016–40 for 195 countries and territories

2018

Kyle J Foreman, Neal Marquz, Andrew Dolgert, Kai Fukutaki, Nancy Fullman, Madeline McGaughey, Martin A Pletcher, Amanda E Smith, Kendrick Tang, Chun-Wei Yuan, Jonathan C Brown, Joseph Friedman, Jiawei He, Kyle R Heuton, Mollie Holmberg, Disha J Patel, Patrick Reidy, Austin Carter, Kelly Cercey, Abigail Chapin, Dirk Douwes-Schultz, Tahvi Frank, Falko Goettsch, Patrick Y Liu, Vishnu Nandakumar, Marissa B Reitsma, Vince Reuter, Nafis Sadat, Reed J D Sorensen, Vinay Srinivasan, Rachel L Updike, Hunter York, Alan D Lopez, Rafael Lozano, Stephen S Lim, Ali H Mokdad, Stein Emil Vollset, Christopher J L Murray



### Summary

**Background** Understanding potential trajectories in health and drivers of health is crucial to guiding long-term investments and policy implementation. Past work on forecasting has provided an incomplete landscape of future health scenarios, highlighting a need for a more robust modelling platform from which policy options and potential

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## Fertility, mortality, migration, and population scenarios for 195 countries and territories from 2017 to 2100: a forecasting analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study

2020

Stein Emil Vollset, Emily Goren, Chun-Wei Yuan, Jackie Cao, Amanda E Smith, Thomas Hsiao, Catherine Bisignano, Gulrez S Azhar, Emma Castro, Julian Chalek, Andrew J Dolgert, Tahvi Frank, Kai Fukutaki, Simon I Hay, Rafael Lozano, Ali H Mokdad, Vishnu Nandakumar, Maxwell Pierce, Martin Pletcher, Tashana Robalik, Krista M Steuben, Han Yong Wunrow, Bianca S Zlavog, Christopher J L Murray



### Summary

**Background** Understanding potential patterns in future population levels is crucial for anticipating and planning for changing age structures, resource and health-care needs, and environmental and economic landscapes. Future fertility patterns are a key input to estimation of future population size, but they are surrounded by substantial uncertainty and diverging methodologies of estimation and forecasting, leading to important differences in global population projections. Changing population size and age structure might have profound economic, social, and geopolitical impacts in many countries. In this study, we developed novel methods for forecasting mortality, fertility, migration, and population. We also assessed potential economic and geopolitical effects of future demographic shifts.

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# Alternative scenarios

## Environmental risk factor targets

Water

Sanitation

Hygiene

Air Pollution

Temperature

## NCD risk factor targets

Tobacco

Diet

BMI

LDL

SBP

FPG

## Infectious disease

Stunting

Wasting

Low birth weight

Iron deficiency

Vitamin A deficiency

Child underweight

Sub-optimal breastfeeding

Vaccine coverage

## Combined

Environmental package

NCD package

Infectious disease package

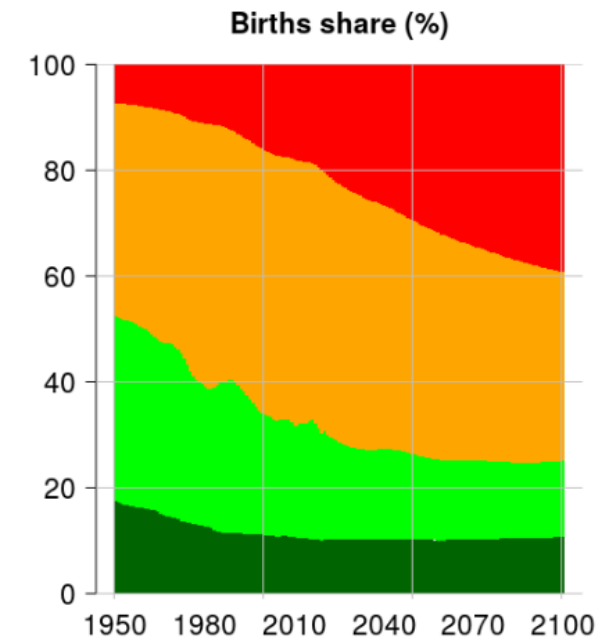
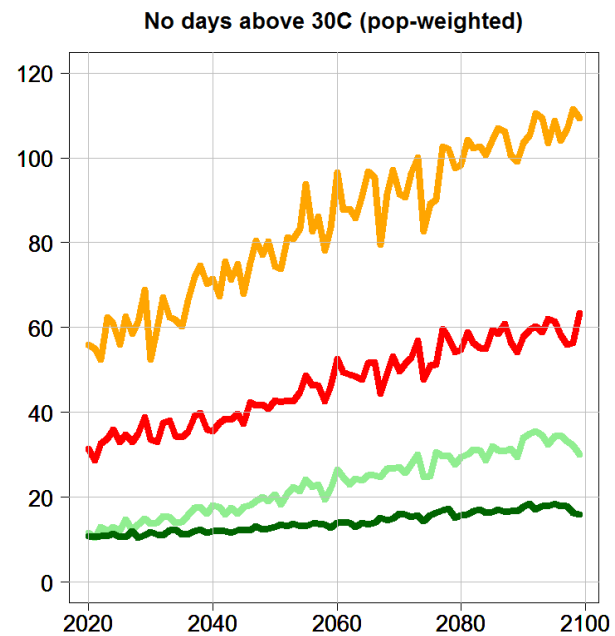
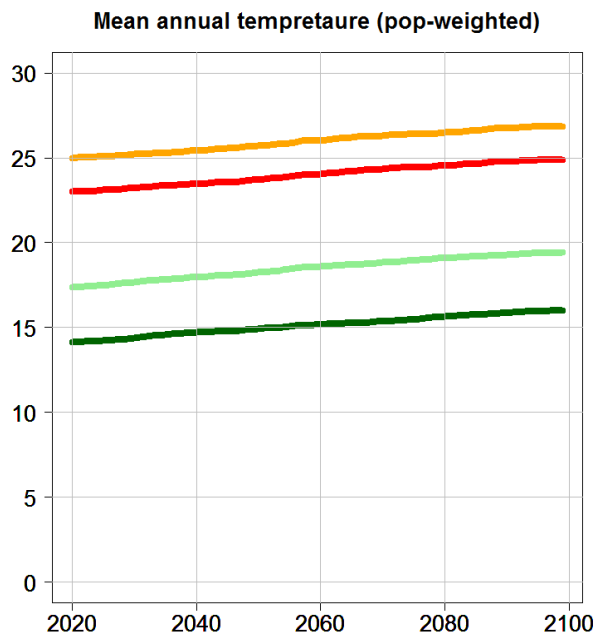
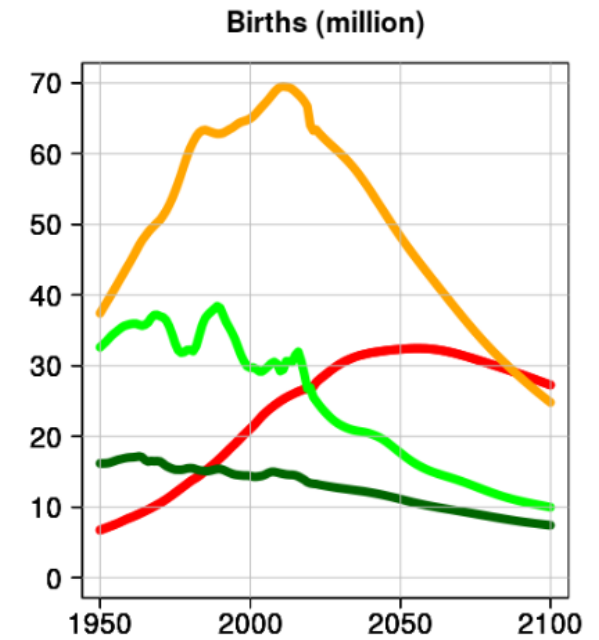
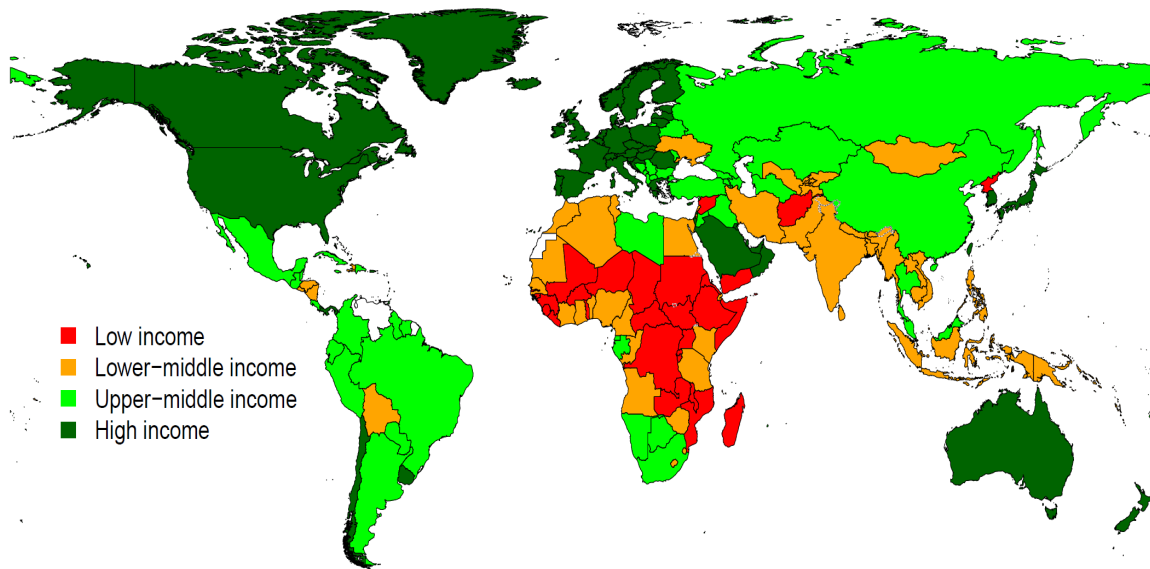
# Future Health Scenarios Key Messages

- Life expectancy is expected to continue to grow in all regions despite increases in temperature, and rising BMI.
- Between country inequalities in life expectancy will persist but narrow across countries and regions between now and 2050 in our reference forecast.
- Most health systems will face a major shift towards non-communicable diseases (NCDs) within the next generation including large increases in the number of individuals with a high need for caregiving.
- Alternative scenarios with more favorable risk factor trajectories demonstrate that there are huge opportunities through policy change to alter the course of 21st century health.
- Much of the future health burden will be determined by how much progress we can make with well-established risk factors and interventions (e.g., smoking, air pollution, diet, vaccination, health system quality and access).

# Fertility

- Fertility rates are declining everywhere, but remains above replacement in around 45% of 204 countries. We forecast that number to be close to 100% in 2100.
- Fertility remains high in the places that will be the most heat-stressed and poor, shifting the world's births to increasingly vulnerable conditions.
  - For example, the proportion of the world's births in World Bank Low-income countries will increase from less than 10% in 1950 and 20% currently to 40% in 2100
- Most countries outside of Sub-Saharan Africa will experience the consequences of low fertility with aging populations and inversion of population pyramids that will lead to profound fiscal, economic and social consequences.
- Alternative scenarios with higher met need and education coverage as well as pro-natal policies will demonstrate the policy potential to alter the course of fertility in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

# World Bank regions



# Population pyramids – World Bank regions

2020

2050

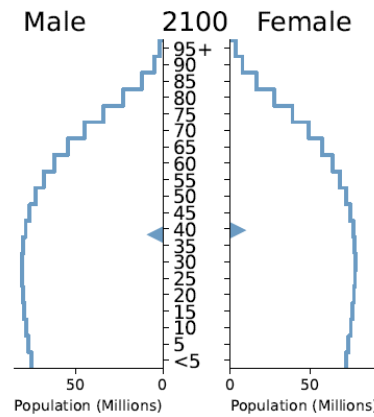
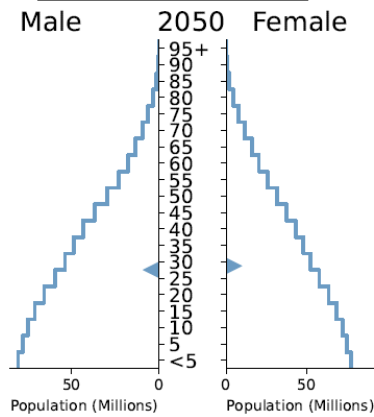
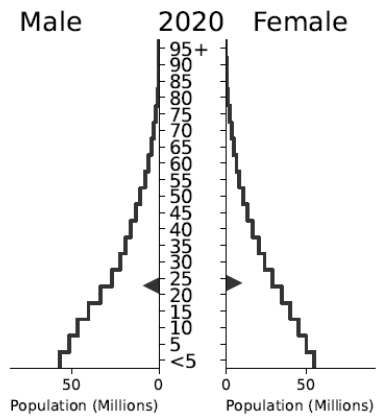
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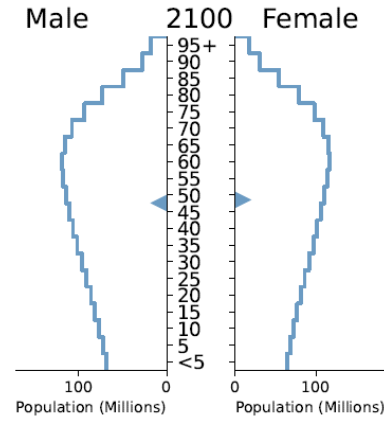
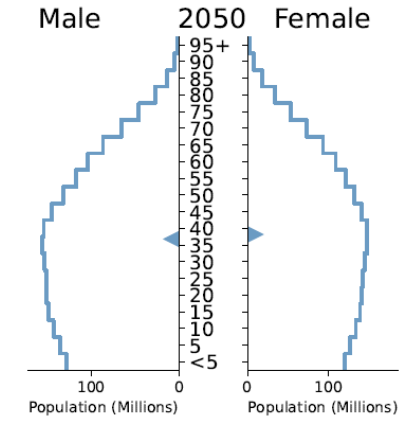
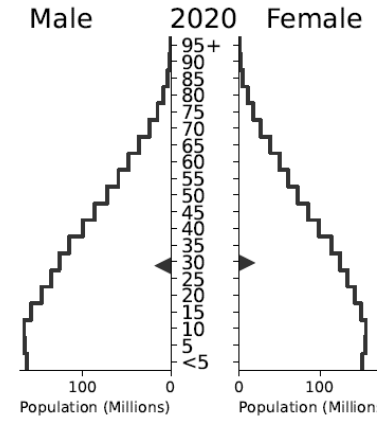
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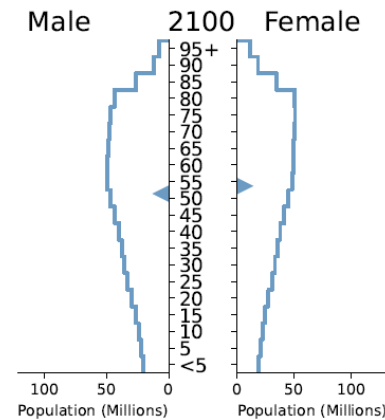
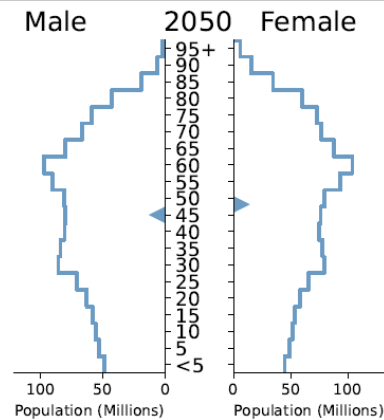
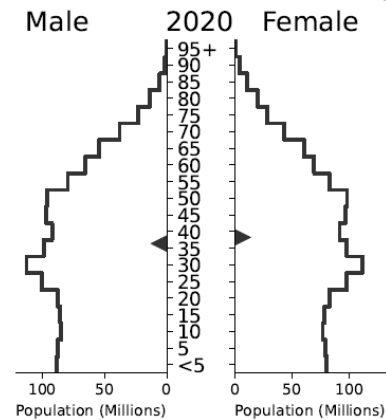
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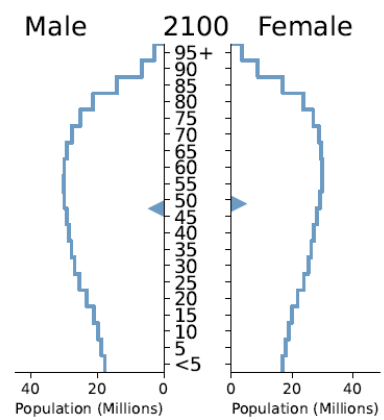
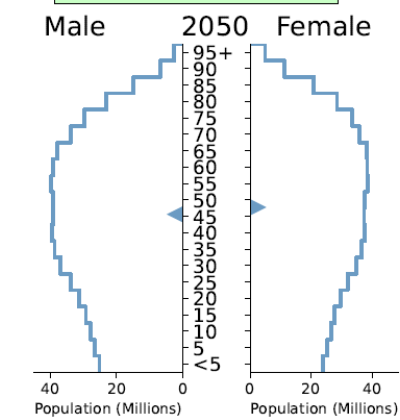
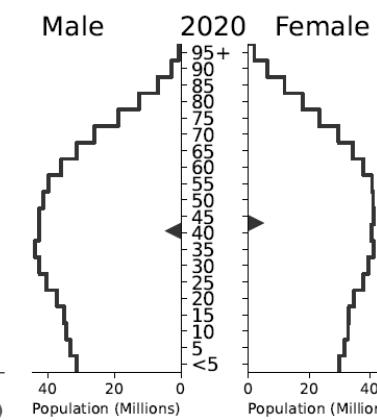
Lower Middle Income



Upper Middle Income



High Income

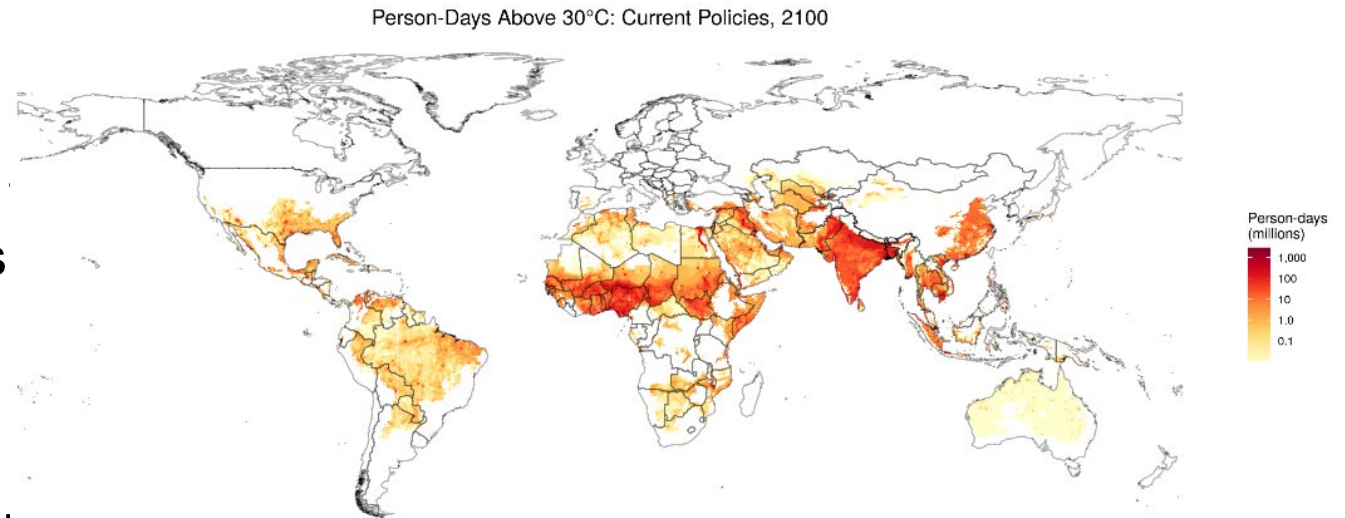




# Climate change

- 1) Health impacts of climate change are quite complex given U-shaped risk functions – some countries may see reduced risk and others substantial increases in risk.
- 2) Some locations (Sahel, parts of India) likely have large populations in inhabitable places leading mass out migration.
- 3) Geopolitical instability may follow.
- 4) Large array of adaptation technologies need to be developed and deployed to limit impacts

Where person-days above 30C will occur in 2100

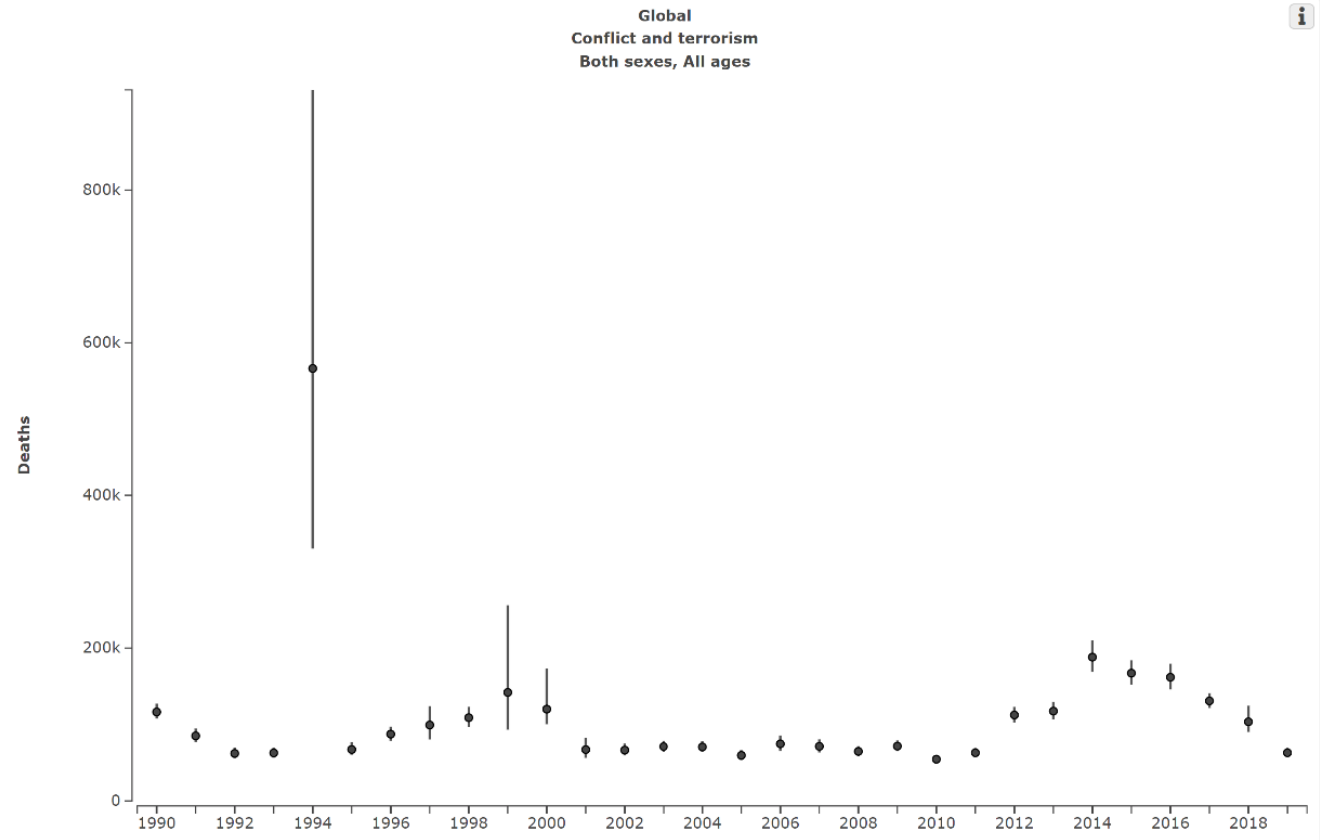


# Future pandemics

- 1) COVID-19 has killed more than 20 million in 3 years.
- 2) COVID-19 may still present a major risk of a new variant with immune escape and increased severity: we do not know.
- 3) Risk of another pandemic of this magnitude is also unknown: we have had two in 100 years. Some factors such as population growth and spread into areas with more wild life interaction may increase risk of zoonotic transfer.
- 4) Main strategies are surveillance and drug/diagnostic/vaccine innovation.
- 5) As long as surveillance is through governments only, we remain at risk of political interference e.g. slow reporting or non-reporting

# Conflict

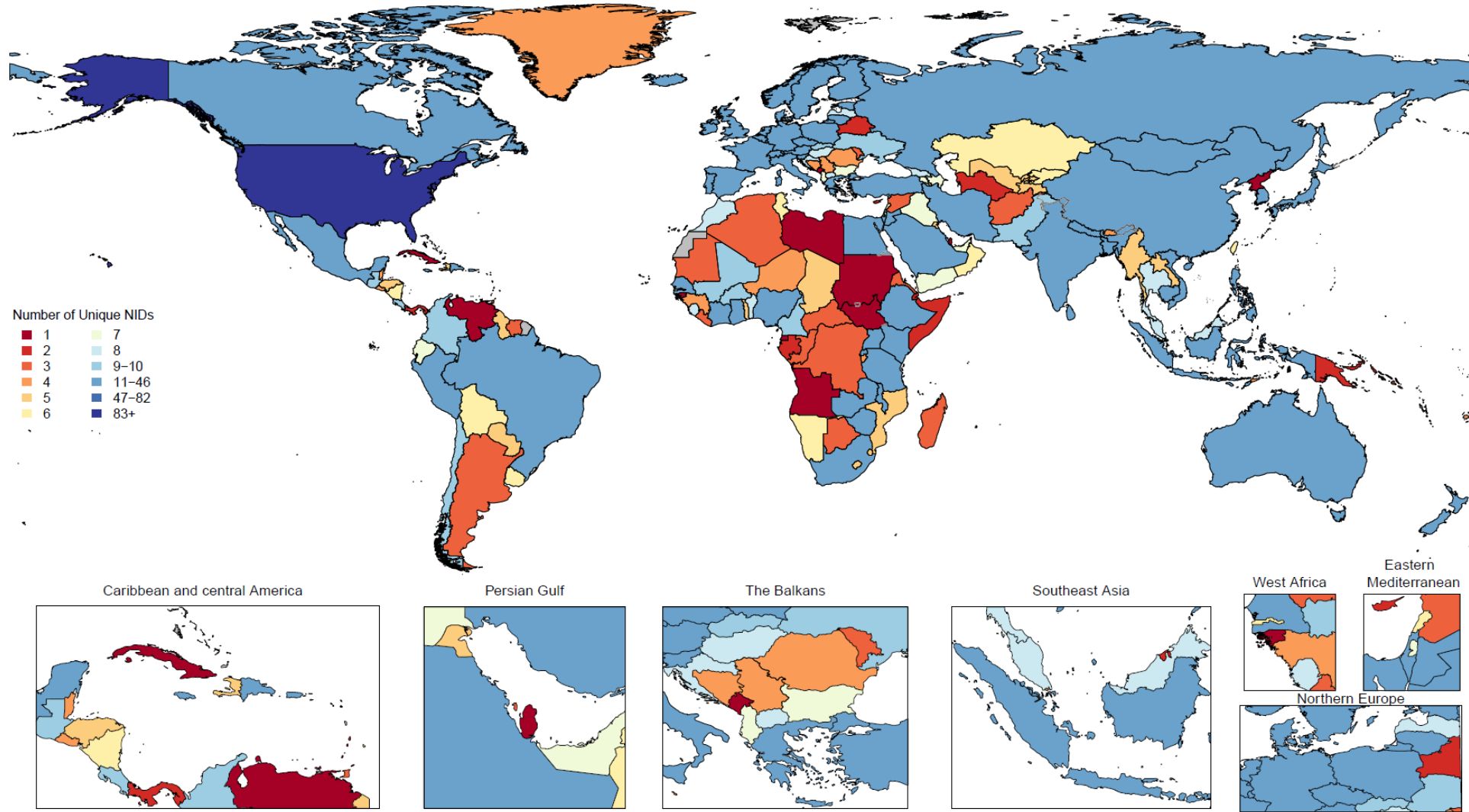
- 1) On average over the last 30 years, conflict has killed less than 200,000 a year
- 2) 2022 will be a much higher death toll due to the Russia-Ukraine war.
- 3) The return of Great Power war may mean that conventional conflicts may be more common.
- 4) Real risk of nuclear confrontation of some form.



# Diet, obesity and physical activity

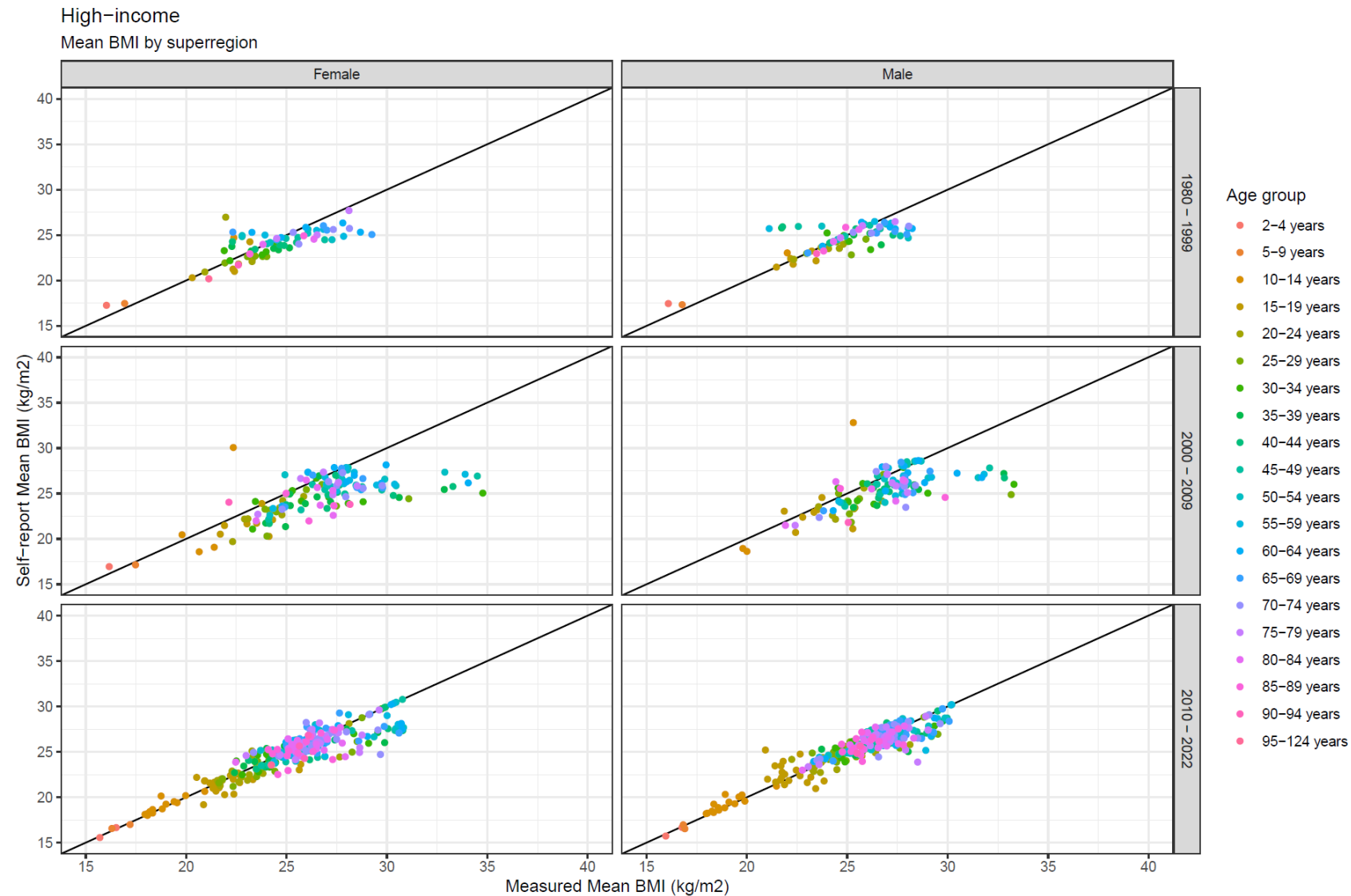
- 1) Of major risk factors, obesity is the one that is steadily increasing around the world.
- 2) Increase in obesity is likely linked to the nexus of total caloric intake, diet composition, and physical activity.
- 3) Steady increase in obesity will slow or even reverse the decline in cardiovascular diseases, and contribute to rising deaths from some cancers.
- 4) No community has reversed the increase in obesity – policies have failed to date.
- 5) New pharmacological agents are available but have substantial side-effects limiting widespread use. Urgent need to experiment on different options to limit the increase in obesity.

# Obesity: We use ~2,000 surveys of which 45% measure BMI

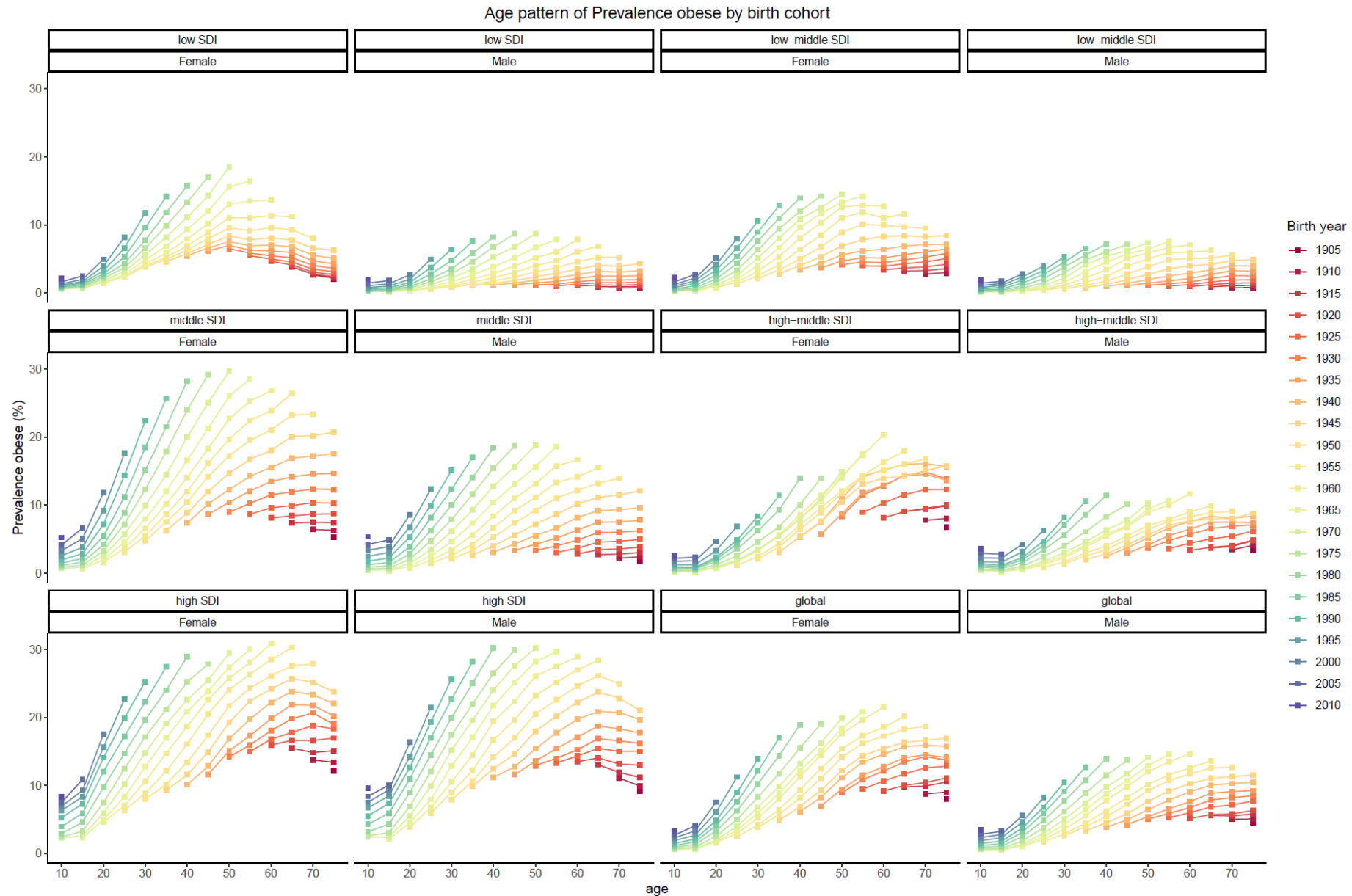


# Social acceptability of high BMI might be increasing over time

- The relationship between self-reported and measured BMI has changed over time in countries in the high-income region.
- Fewer people are under-reporting BMI suggesting that social norms around weight might be changing



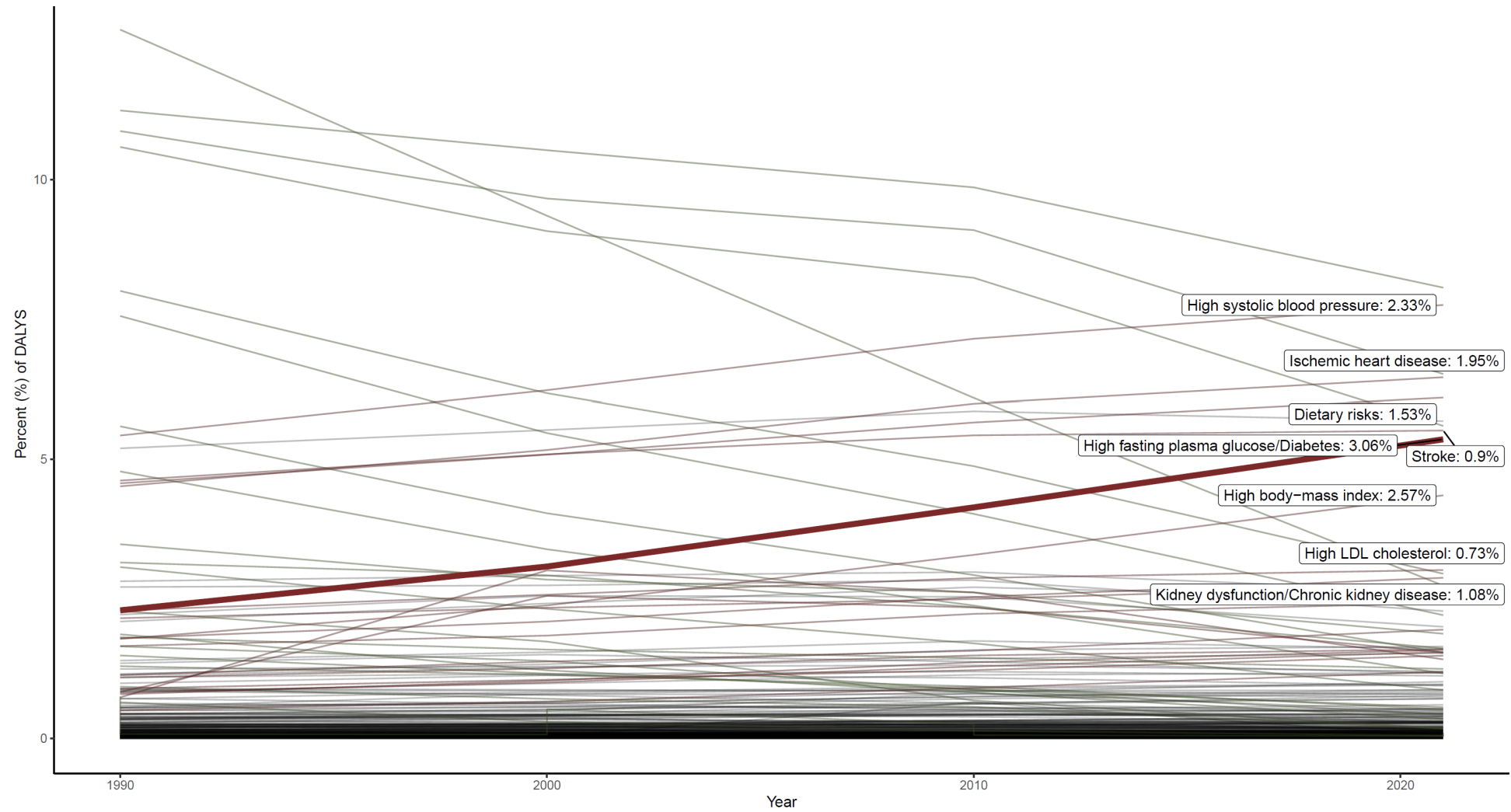
# One of the saddest graphs of all time





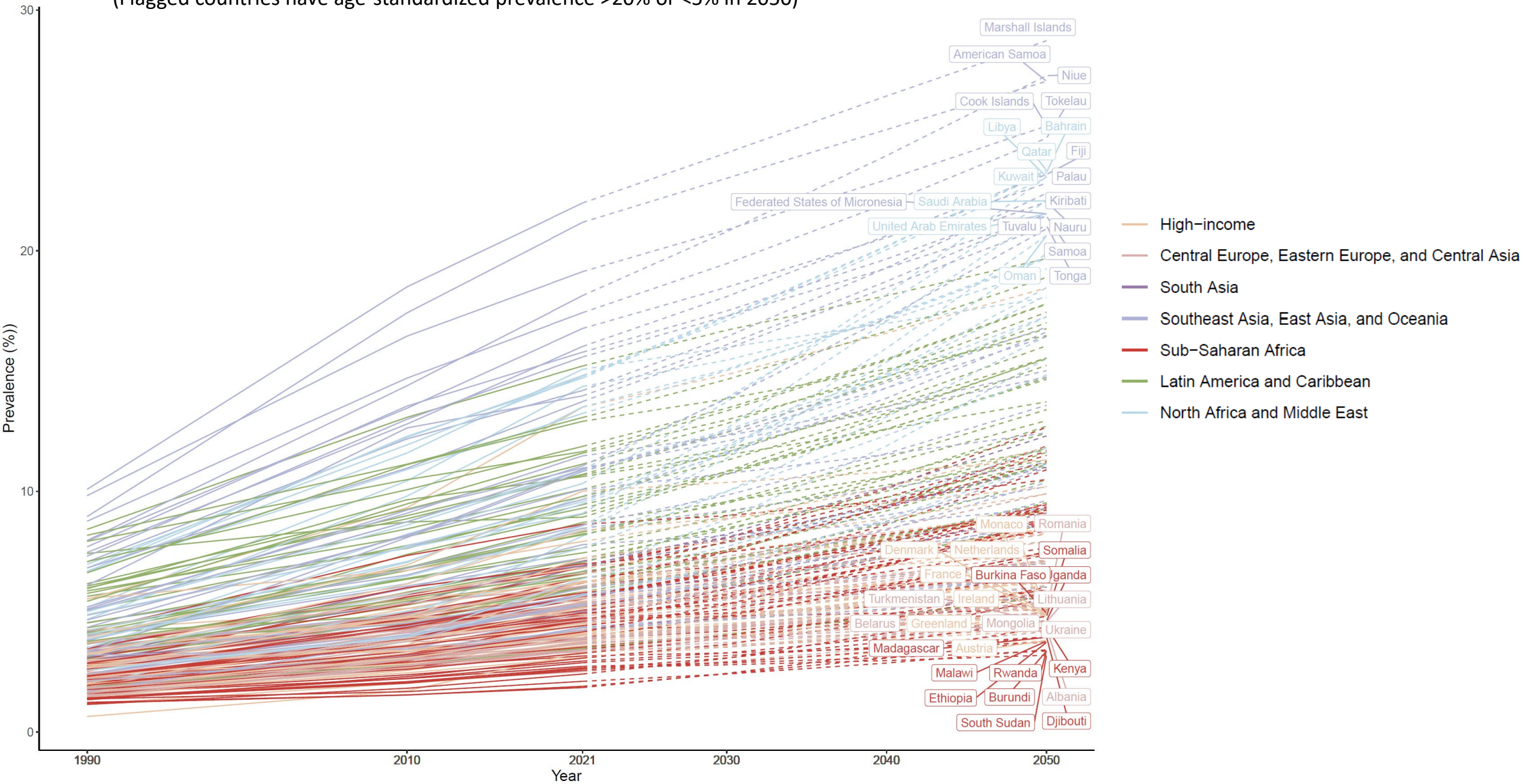
## FPG/Diabetes burden from 1990 to 2021 is increasing steadily.

Among all diseases and risks, the fraction of DALYS due to FPG/diabetes has increased the most since 1990



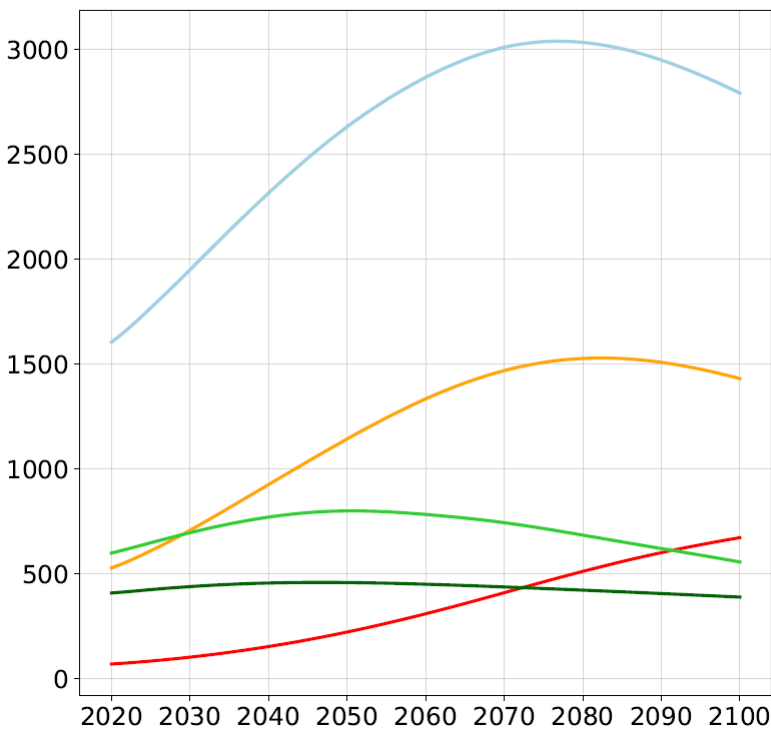
# Diabetes: Age-standardized time trend in 204 locations from 1990 to 2050

(Flagged countries have age-standardized prevalence >20% or <5% in 2050)

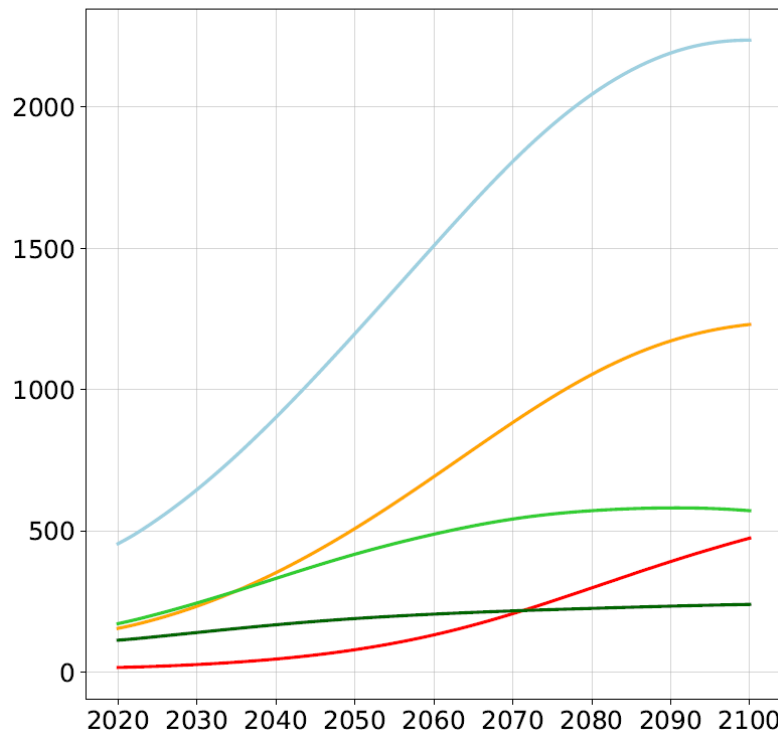


# Number of people (millions) living with major diseases

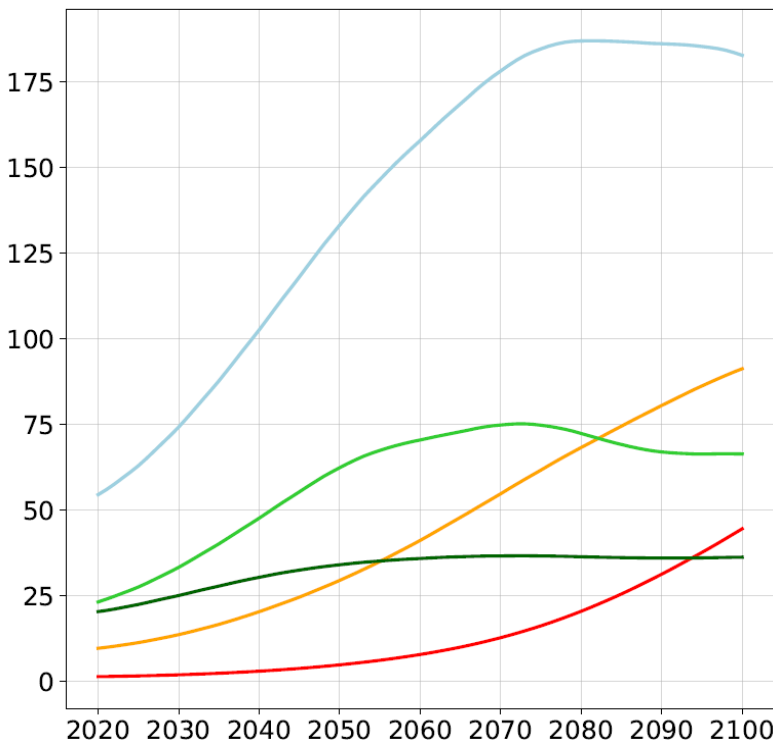
Musculoskeletal Disorders



Type 2 Diabetes



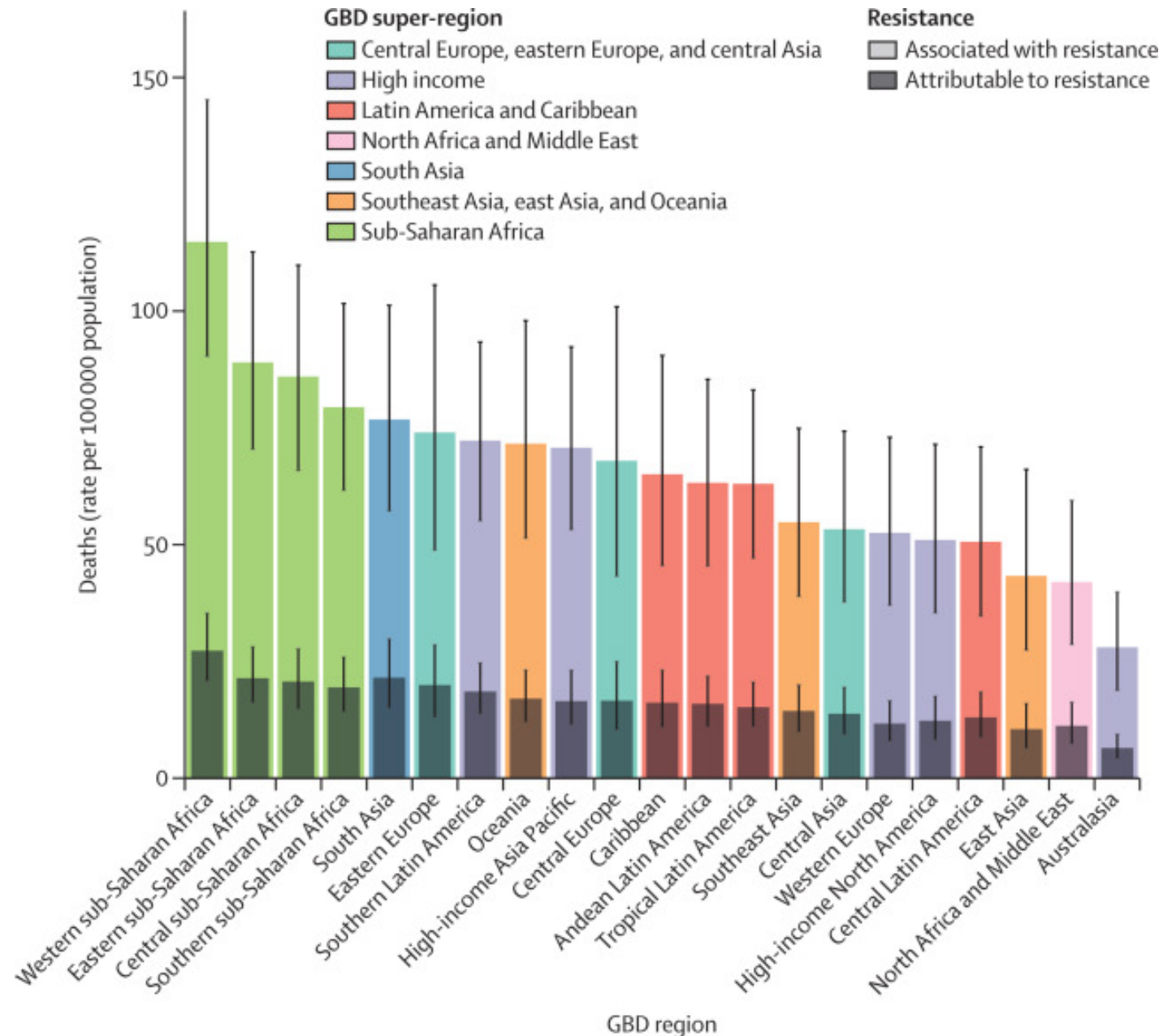
Alzheimer's and other dementias



- Global
- Low income
- Lower-middle income
- Upper-middle income
- High income

# Key Findings: AMR Deaths by GBD Region

- **4.95 million** (3.63-6.57) deaths **associated with** bacterial AMR
  - Making bacterial AMR the 3<sup>rd</sup>-leading underlying cause of death among GBD Level 3 causes, behind only ischaemic heart disease and stroke
- **1.27 million** (95% UI 0.911-1.71) deaths **attributable to** bacterial AMR
  - Making bacterial AMR the 12<sup>th</sup>-leading underlying cause of death among GBD Level 3 causes, ahead of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria



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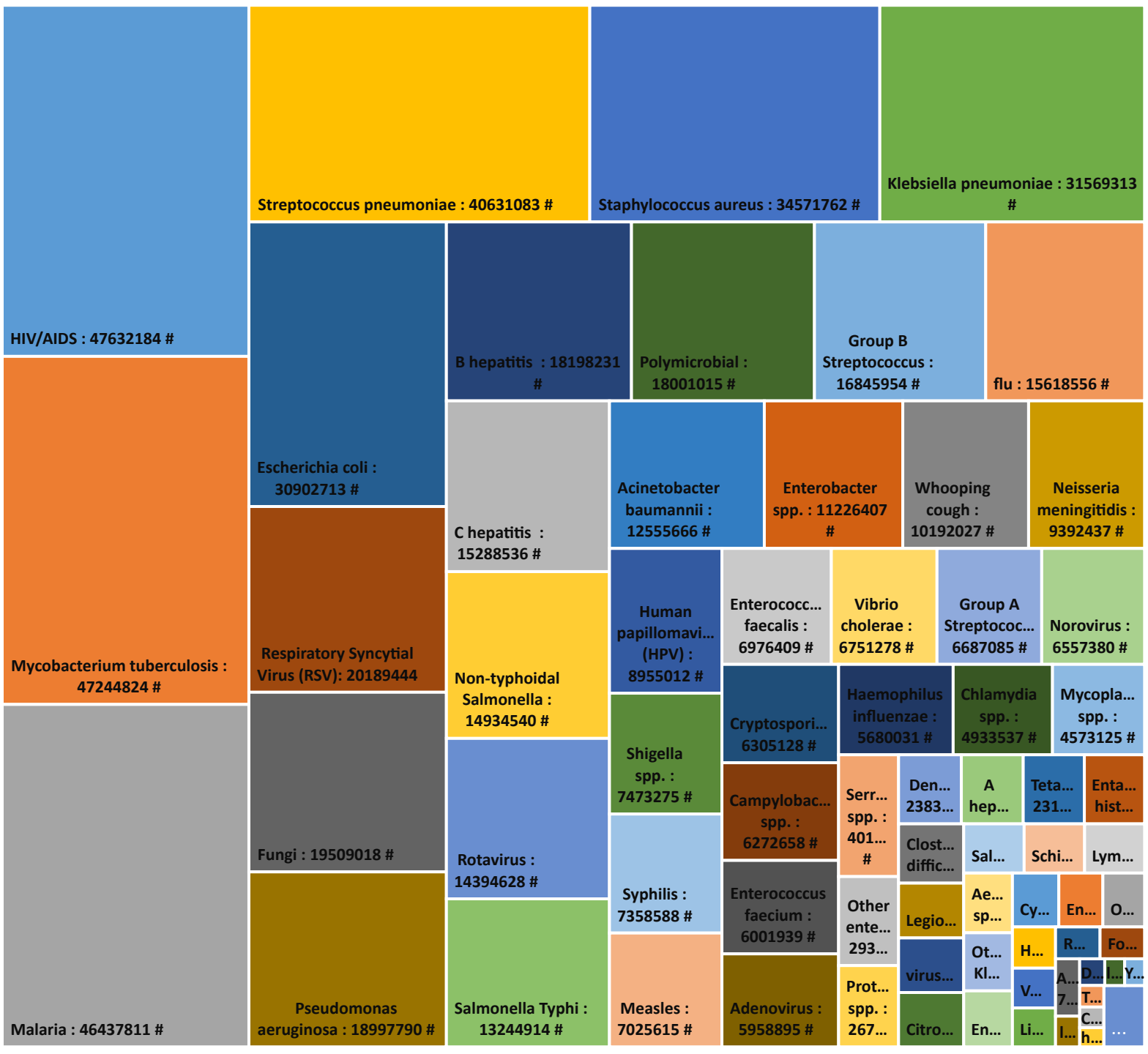
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26% of DALYs a pathogen is on the pathway to death

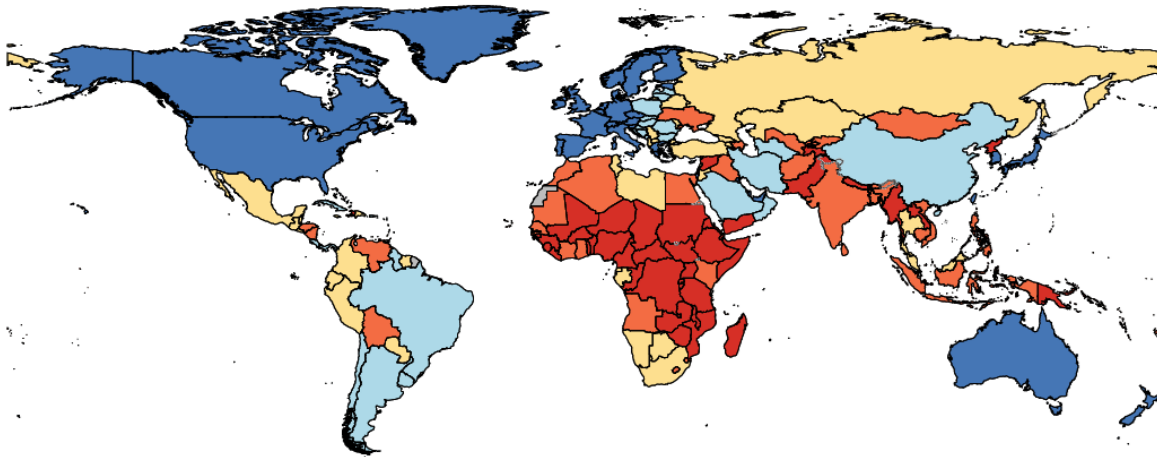
Treemap shows share of this pathogen burden for 82 specific pathogens.

7 pathogens cause more than 30 million DALYs each: HIV, TB, Malaria, Strep pneumo, S. aureus, Klebsiella and E.coli.

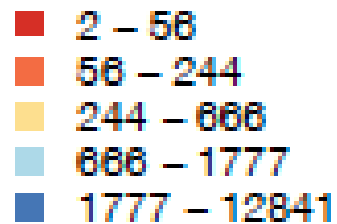


# IHME forecasts of health spending per capita are at best flatline for low-income countries and could decline

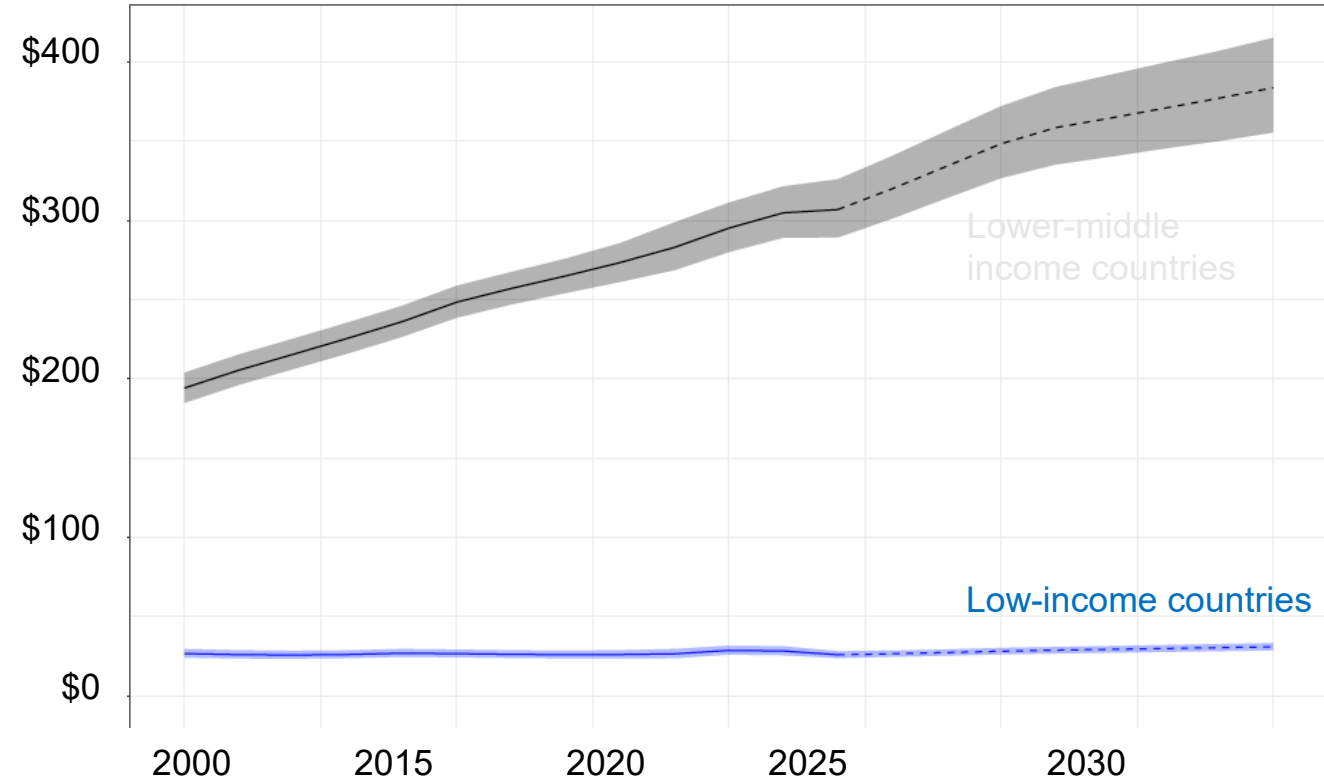
Domestic health spending per capita, 2023



Per capita expenditure (2021 US\$)



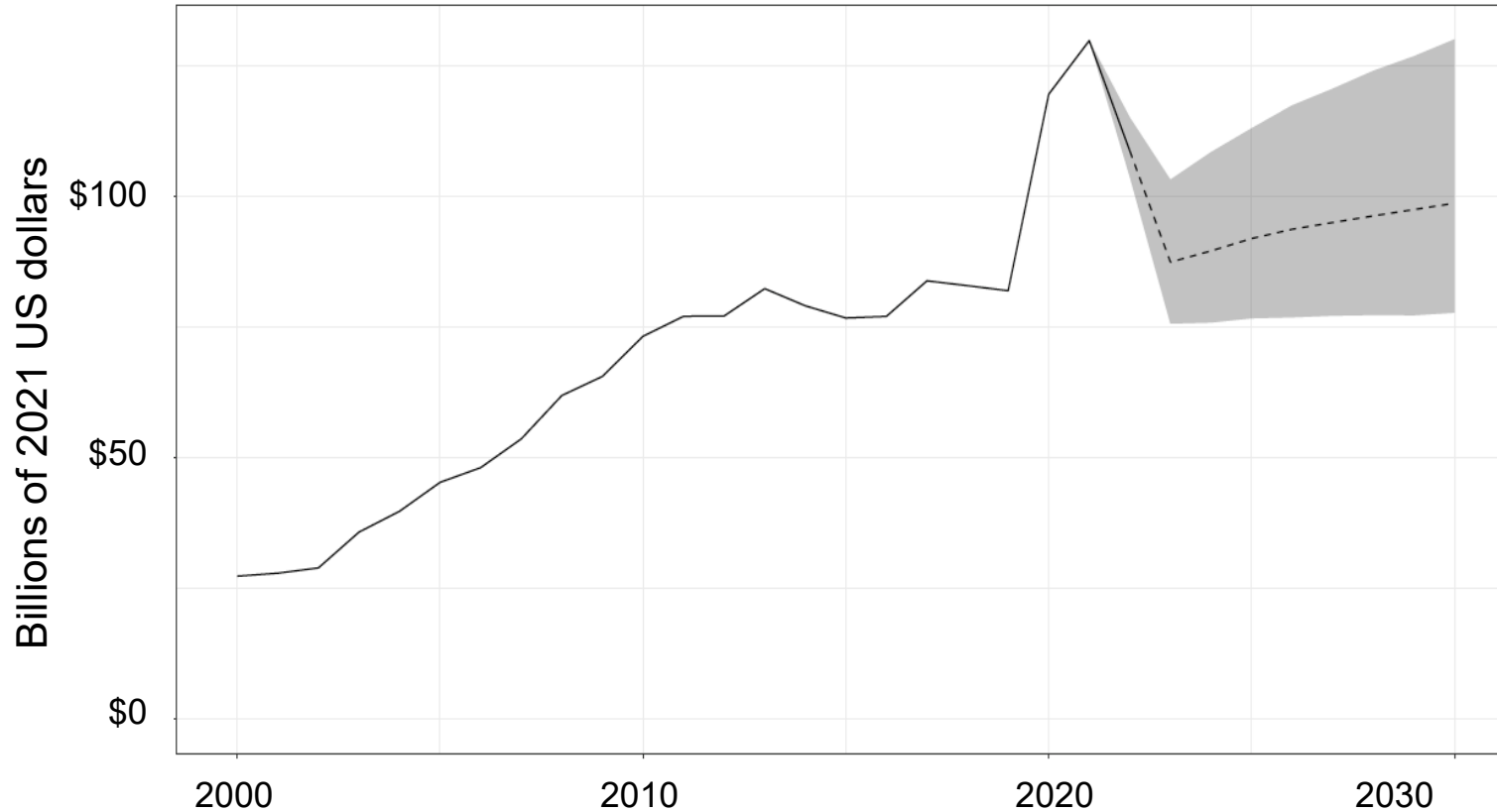
Domestic health spending per capita (2021 USD)



These forecasts do not take into account debt related to COVID and rise in debt service payments

# DAH reference forecasts are likely optimistic

Development assistance for health from all donors except Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



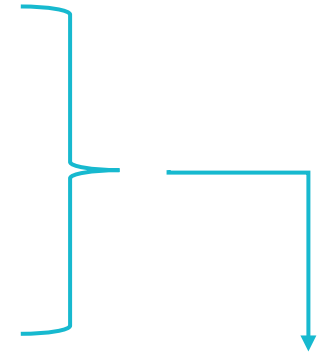
## Large uncertainty in DAH growth:

- Competing demands (climate)
- GFATM and PEPFAR US support could diminish
- Long-term impact of COVID on financing e.g. debt ceilings
- Donor legislatures calls for domestic co-finance



# Potential for the resource gaps in low-income and lower-middle income countries grow

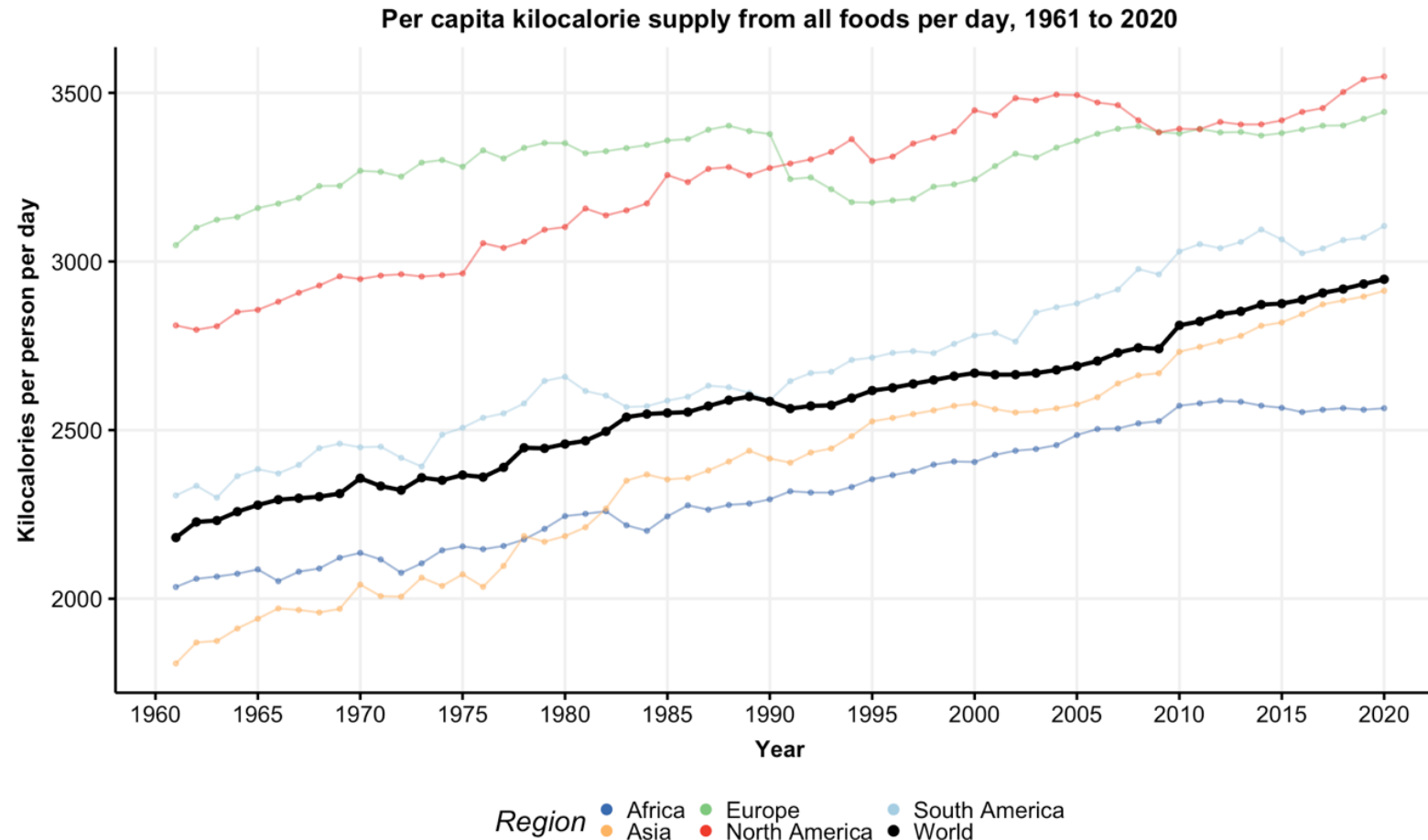
- Flatline domestic spending combined  
Potentially flat or declining DAH  
The prospect of major new tools emerging for select diseases  
Increased demand for health and non-health priorities



May contribute to a larger financing gap

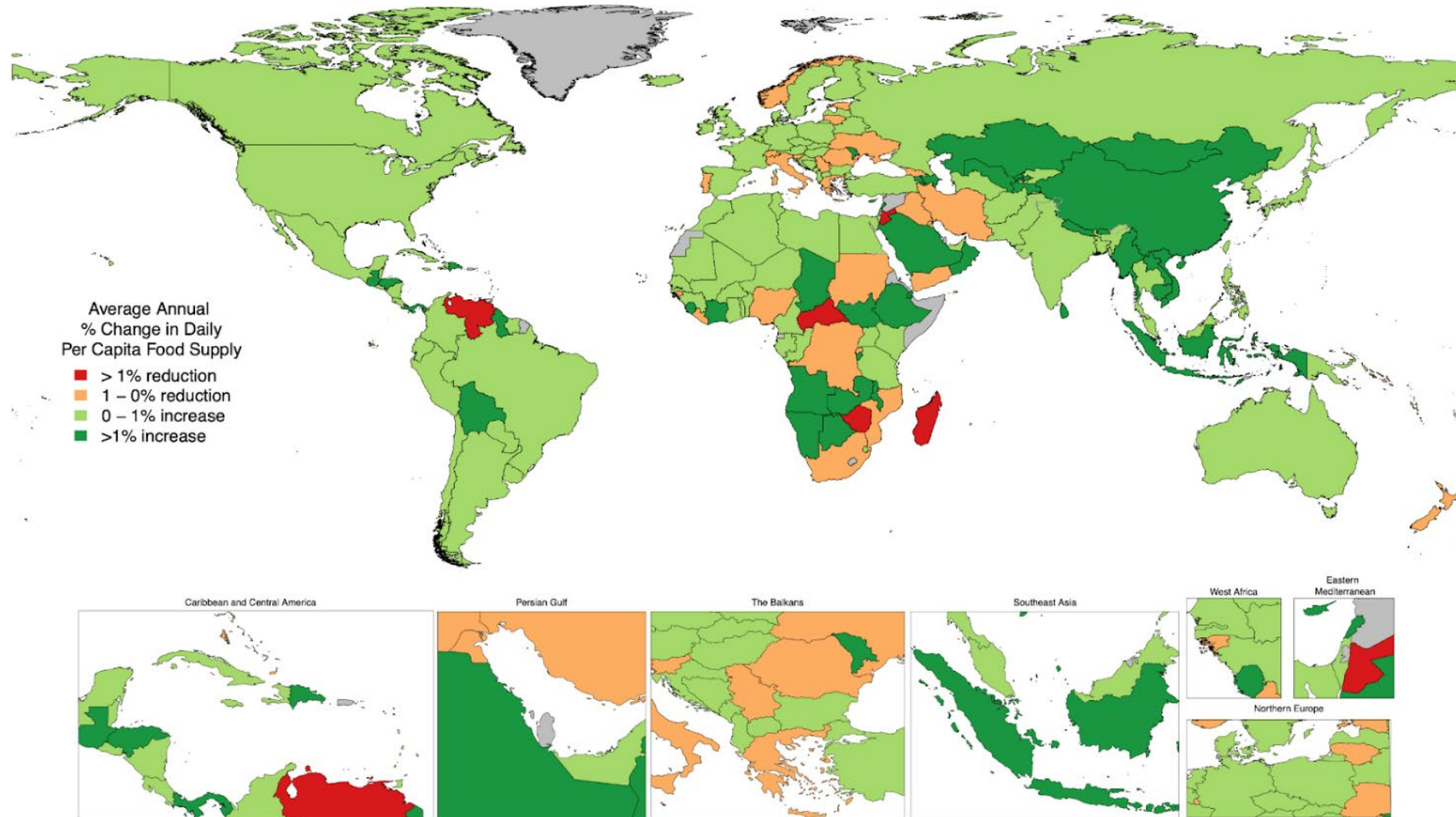
- WB, GAVI, WHO, GFATM, GFF etc call for domestic resource mobilization as a part of the financing solution.
- Tracking overtime using standardized methods is critical

# Food Insecurity: global Per Capita Kilocalorie Supply from all Foods Per Day (1961-2020) have steadily increased



Source: FAO

# Food Insecurity: Geographic Distribution of Average Annual Percent Change in Daily Caloric Availability Per Capita Over the Past Decade





# Knowing where people live is critical to saving lives



Food Security

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Humanitarian Response



Population Health

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# Understanding damage and loss through a people-focused lens: population and demographic changes.

Combining the strengths of Planet, Microsoft, and IHME, new levels of detail and insight can be unlocked for population mapping.

The work will help identify the communities that are most at risk for death, illness, and mass migration.

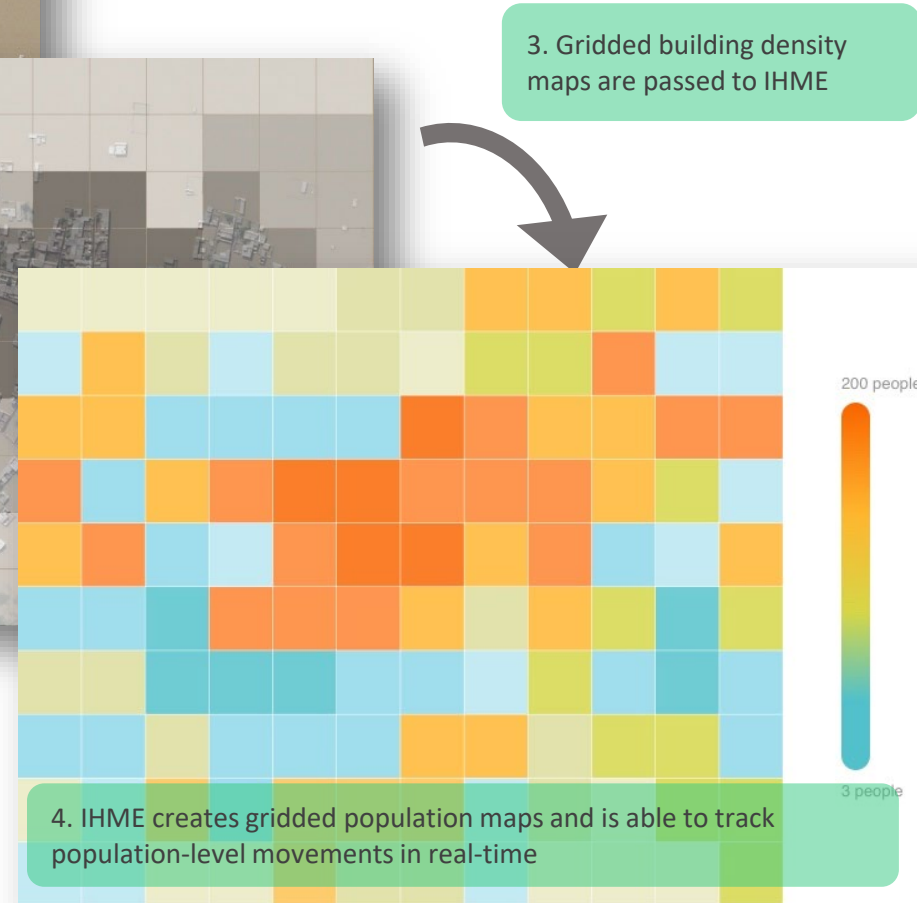


Sample satellite image showing flooded Kabul river, Pakistan 2022 (courtesy of Planet)

1. Planet delivers frequently-updated, high-res satellite images



2. Microsoft image-processing AI identifies buildings



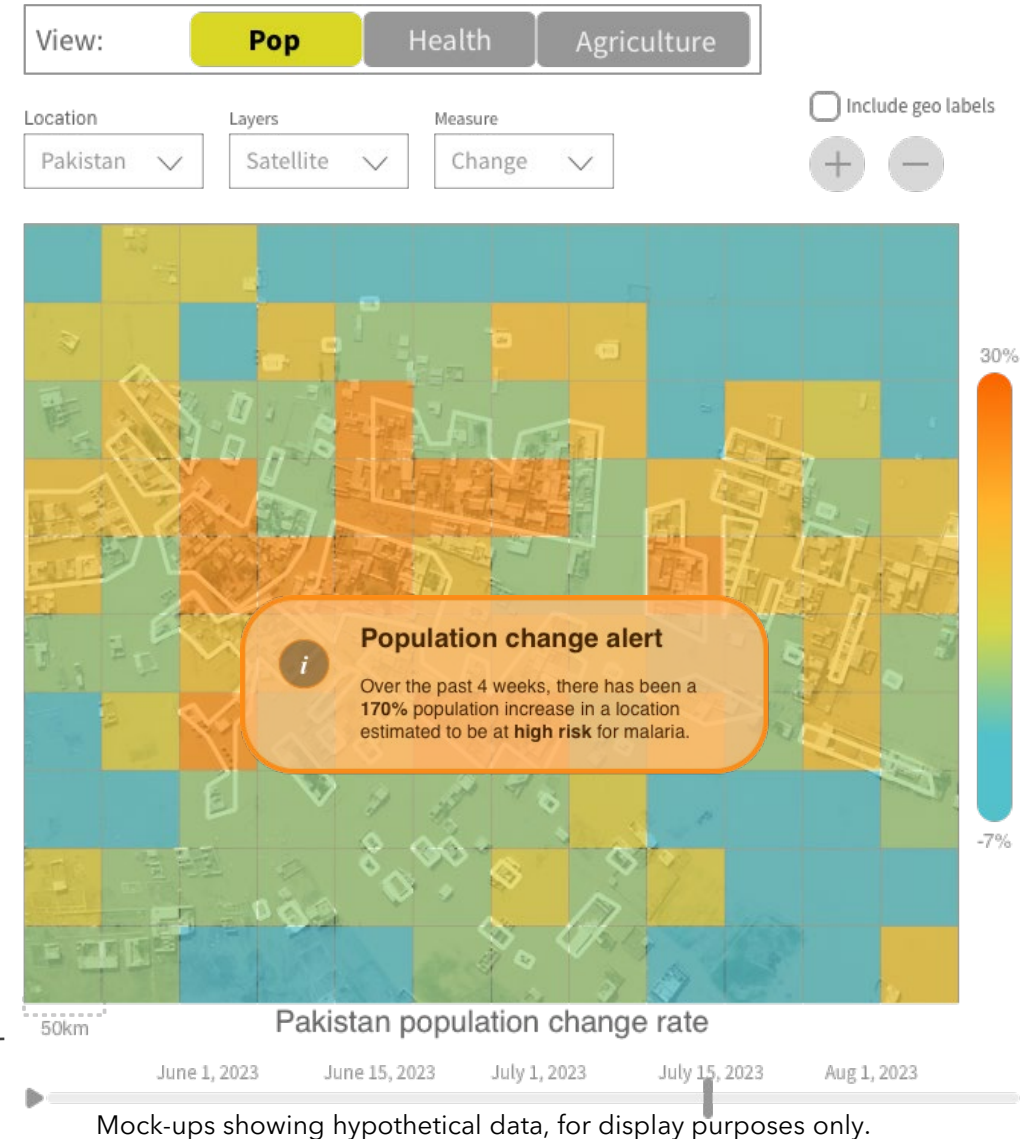
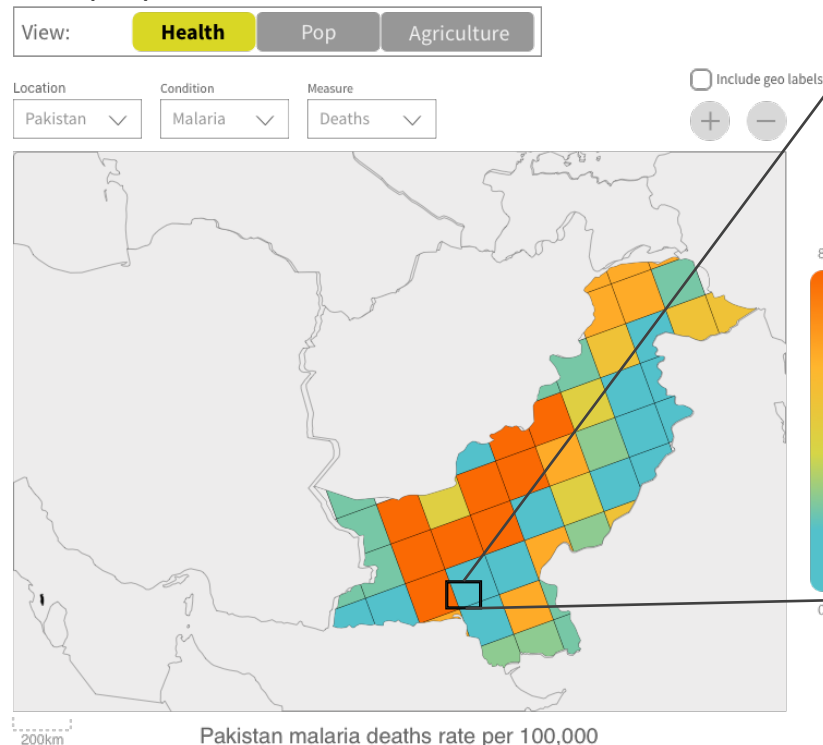
IHME's scientists are leveraging

- building density counts;
- gold standard country and regional population estimates;
- cutting-edge small area estimation techniques to create **consistent** and **rigorous** population estimates at the 40m<sup>2</sup>

# Understanding damage and loss through a people-focused lens: population and demographic changes.

Drawing on multiple layers of data, IHME's research would provide novel access to:

- Distribution of health burden
- Population movement over time
- Vulnerable populations





# Using detailed population maps to better estimate the human niche and forecast migration

- Better estimates of where people live, will allow estimating models of the current human niche.
- More refined models would take into account that humans can thrive above 30 degrees C day/nigh annual mean temperature if they are high income.
- Our preliminary estimates taking in account where population is growing the fastest suggest than 800 million or more are likely to migrate over the century in RCP4.5 scenario.

# Short-list of threats to health

- Artificial intelligence/malicious AI
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Pandemics
- Threat to reproductive rights and justice from low fertility
- Lack of policy response to aging
- Mental health
- Climate (including climate migration and food insecurity)
- Diabetes and obesity
- New pollutants
- Conflict

# Cross-cutting or underlying themes that need to be addressed

- Global governance
- Trust
- Commercial interests (political economy and private sector)
- Food systems
- Access to technologies/supply chains
- Poverty and inequity
- Gender inequality
- One health
- Health workforce
- Data intelligence systems
- Intersection of systems and human behavior
- Structural discrimination
- Culture

# Some cross-cutting solutions worth exploring

- 1) Accelerated innovation
- 2) New forms of global and regional cooperation that are not constrained by UN, Bretton Woods rules that create greater transparency, global surveillance, and facilitate response.
- 3) Resilient health systems – core capacities, effective surveillance, policy triggers for decision-making, evidence rules.
- 4) Enhancing trust between individuals and between governments and communities.
- 5) Focus adaptation and manage migration in high risk locations.

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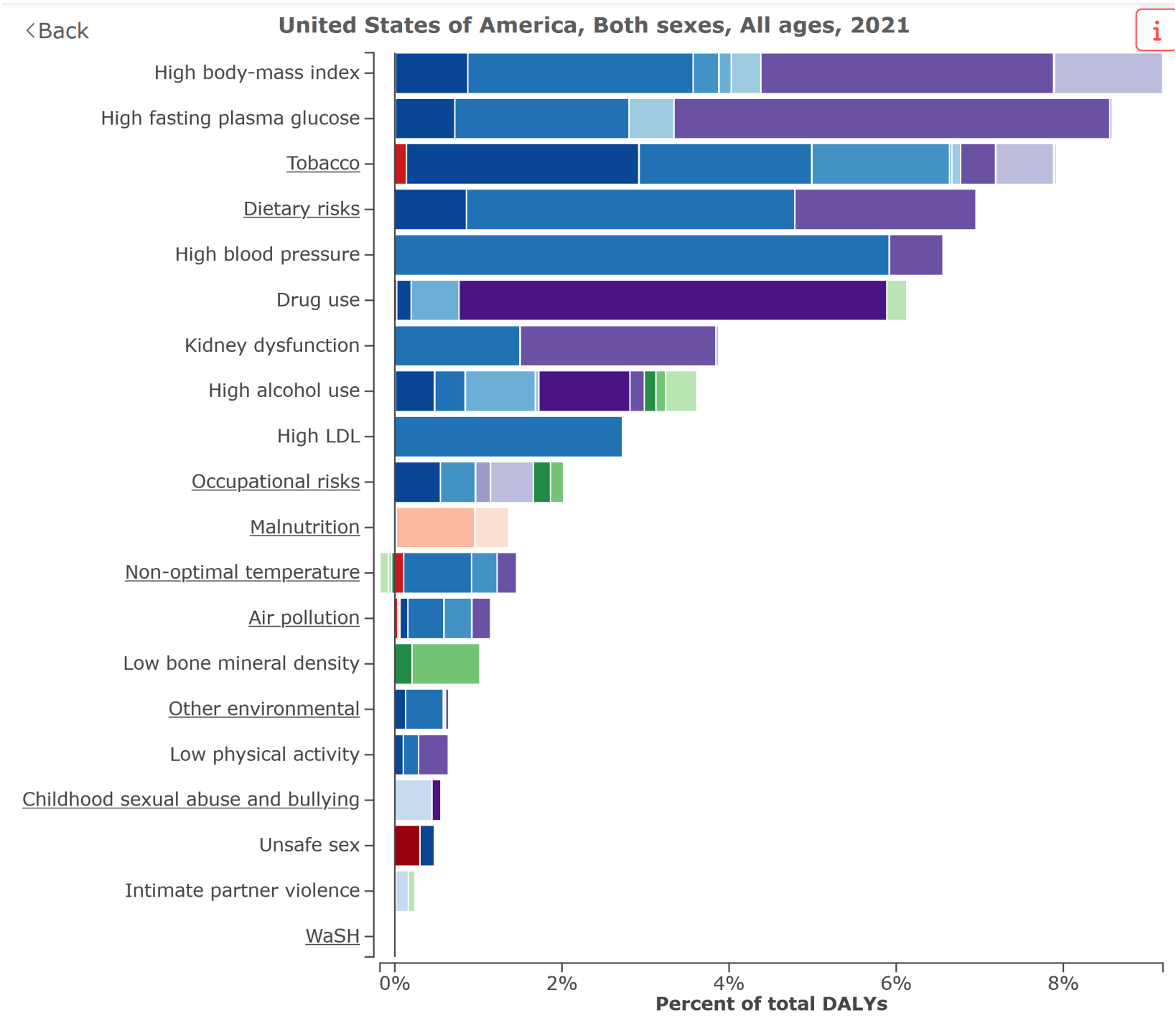
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# Risk factors contributing to US burden of disease 2021



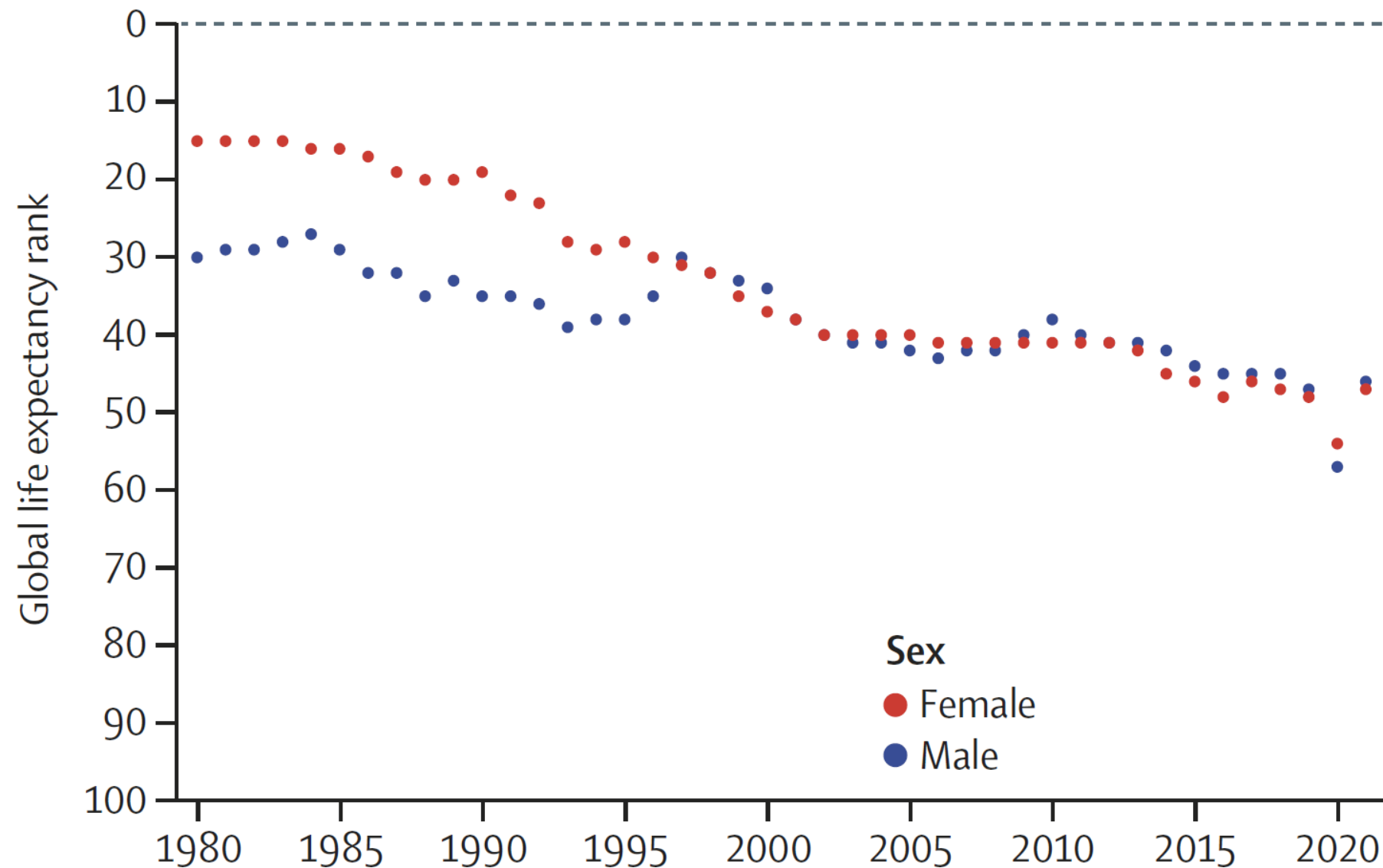


# Years of healthy life lost in 1990, 2010, and 2021

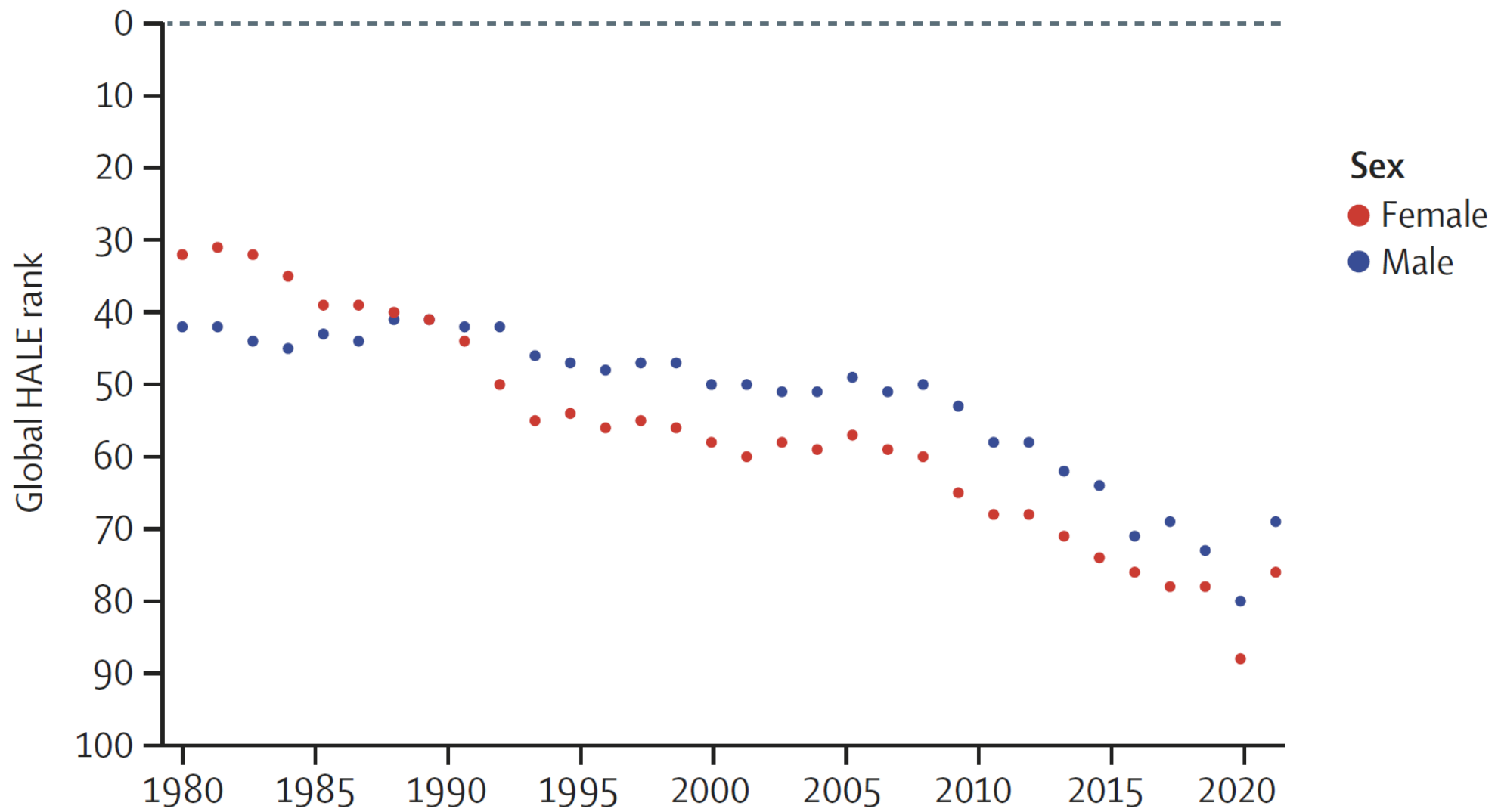
Leading causes, 1990	Age-standardised rate of DALYs per 100 000	Leading causes, 2010	Age-standardised rate of DALYs per 100 000	Leading causes, 2021	Age-standardised rate of DALYs per 100 000
1 Ischaemic heart disease	3400 (3190 to 3500)	1 Ischaemic heart disease	1780 (1660 to 1850)	1 COVID-19	2390 (2290 to 2580)
2 Road injuries	1290 (1210 to 1380)	2 Low back pain	1200 (868 to 1560)	2 Drug use disorders	1940 (1630 to 2250)
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4 Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer	1250 (1210 to 1290)	4 Other musculoskeletal disorders	904 (654 to 1200)	4 Low back pain	1180 (857 to 1540)
5 Neonatal disorders	1060 (999 to 1130)	5 Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer	878 (832 to 904)	5 Depressive disorders	1010 (709 to 1360)
6 Stroke	964 (892 to 1030)	6 Depressive disorders	839 (592 to 1150)	6 Other musculoskeletal disorders	969 (700 to 1280)
7 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	724 (684 to 765)	7 Diabetes mellitus	834 (685 to 1010)	7 Diabetes mellitus	959 (765 to 1190)
8 Headache disorders	707 (139 to 1500)	8 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	827 (776 to 864)	8 Anxiety disorders	804 (555 to 1090)
9 Other musculoskeletal disorders	682 (490 to 918)	9 Neonatal disorders	818 (758 to 883)	9 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	778 (725 to 820)
10 Depressive disorders	648 (452 to 875)	10 Road injuries	776 (723 to 841)	10 Road injuries	707 (657 to 769)
11 Interpersonal violence	630 (615 to 648)	11 Stroke	725 (663 to 783)	11 Stroke	695 (636 to 750)
12 Diabetes mellitus	623 (541 to 726)	12 Anxiety disorders	676 (469 to 916)	12 Neonatal disorders	690 (613 to 768)
13 Anxiety disorders	611 (422 to 828)	13 Headache disorders	671 (138 to 1420)	13 Headache disorders	685 (137 to 1450)
14 Congenital birth defects	591 (562 to 622)	14 Self-harm	566 (557 to 575)	14 Self-harm	639 (617 to 660)
15 Self-harm	574 (566 to 582)	15 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias	519 (245 to 1090)	15 Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer	630 (591 to 657)
16 HIV/AIDS	530 (516 to 548)	16 Age-related and other hearing loss	431 (299 to 593)	16 Chronic kidney disease	543 (500 to 583)
17 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias	529 (249 to 1120)	17 Falls	426 (336 to 538)	17 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias	510 (240 to 1070)
18 Breast cancer	485 (463 to 507)	18 Chronic kidney disease	426 (384 to 461)	18 Falls	467 (372 to 588)
19 Colon and rectum cancer	469 (446 to 488)	19 Congenital birth defects	423 (399 to 450)	19 Asthma	430 (292 to 627)
20 Age-related and other hearing loss	443 (310 to 615)	20 Asthma	401 (274 to 569)	20 Age-related and other hearing loss	418 (293 to 581)
21 Asthma	440 (304 to 630)	21 Cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases	395 (385 to 402)	21 Cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases	406 (393 to 418)
22 Lower respiratory infections	433 (405 to 449)	22 Interpersonal violence	388 (376 to 402)	22 Interpersonal violence	388 (373 to 405)
23 Falls	424 (322 to 545)	23 Colon and rectum cancer	350 (331 to 365)	23 Alcohol use disorders	367 (299 to 452)
24 Cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases	388 (380 to 395)	24 Alcohol use disorders	336 (264 to 424)	24 Congenital birth defects	364 (332 to 400)
25 Alcohol use disorders	377 (287 to 491)	25 Breast cancer	321 (302 to 339)	25 Colon and rectum cancer	316 (298 to 330)
26 Drug use disorders	353 (273 to 430)	28 Lower respiratory infections	252 (234 to 262)	29 Breast cancer	277 (260 to 295)
31 Chronic kidney disease	276 (247 to 303)	41 HIV/AIDS	139 (124 to 158)	37 Lower respiratory infections	188 (175 to 200)
.. COVID-19	..	.. COVID-19	..	57 HIV/AIDS	94.9 (78.2 to 116)

- Communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases
- Non-communicable diseases
- Injuries
- Other COVID-19 outcomes

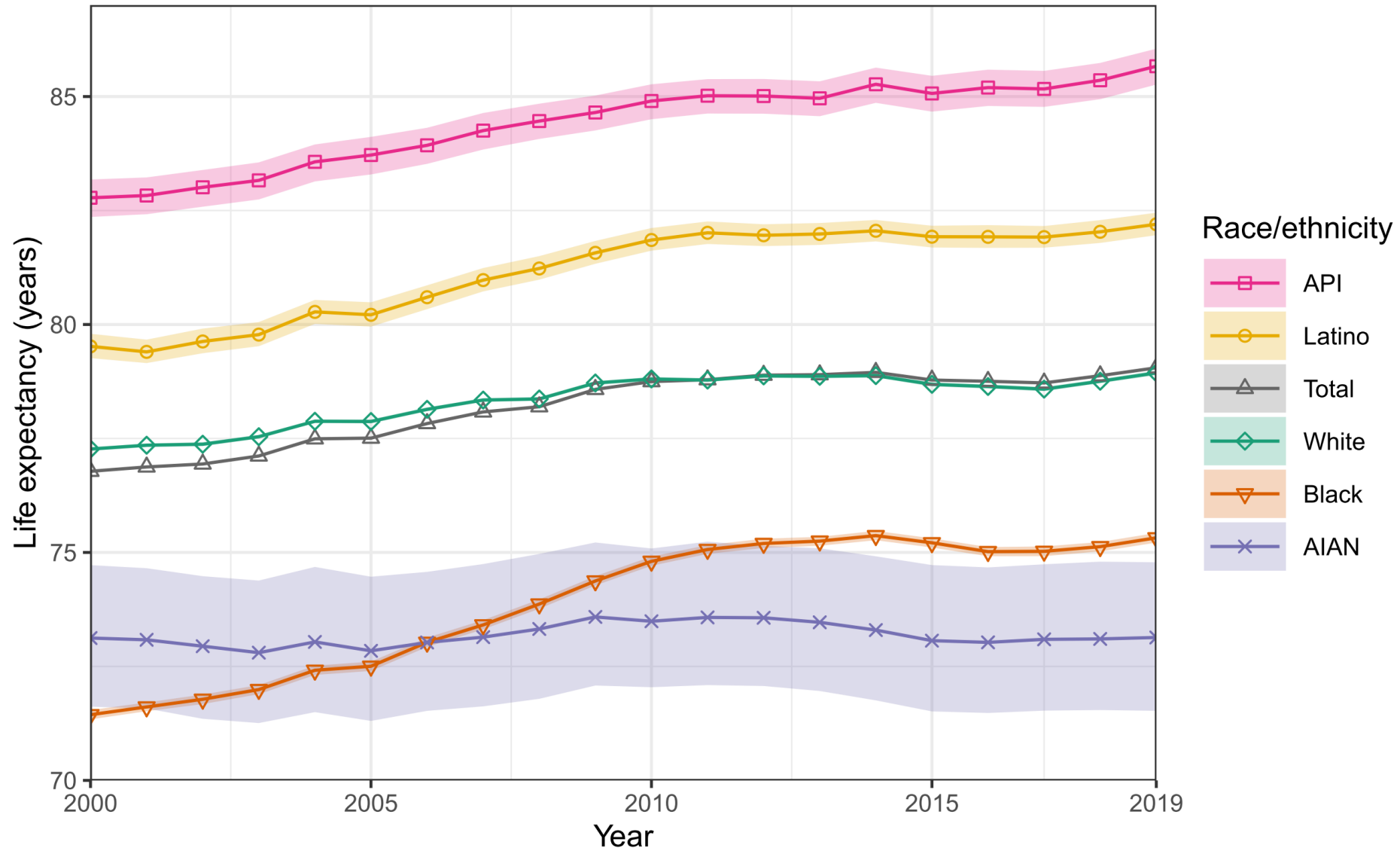
# Steady decline over 40+ years: Global life expectancy ranking for the USA, 1980-2021



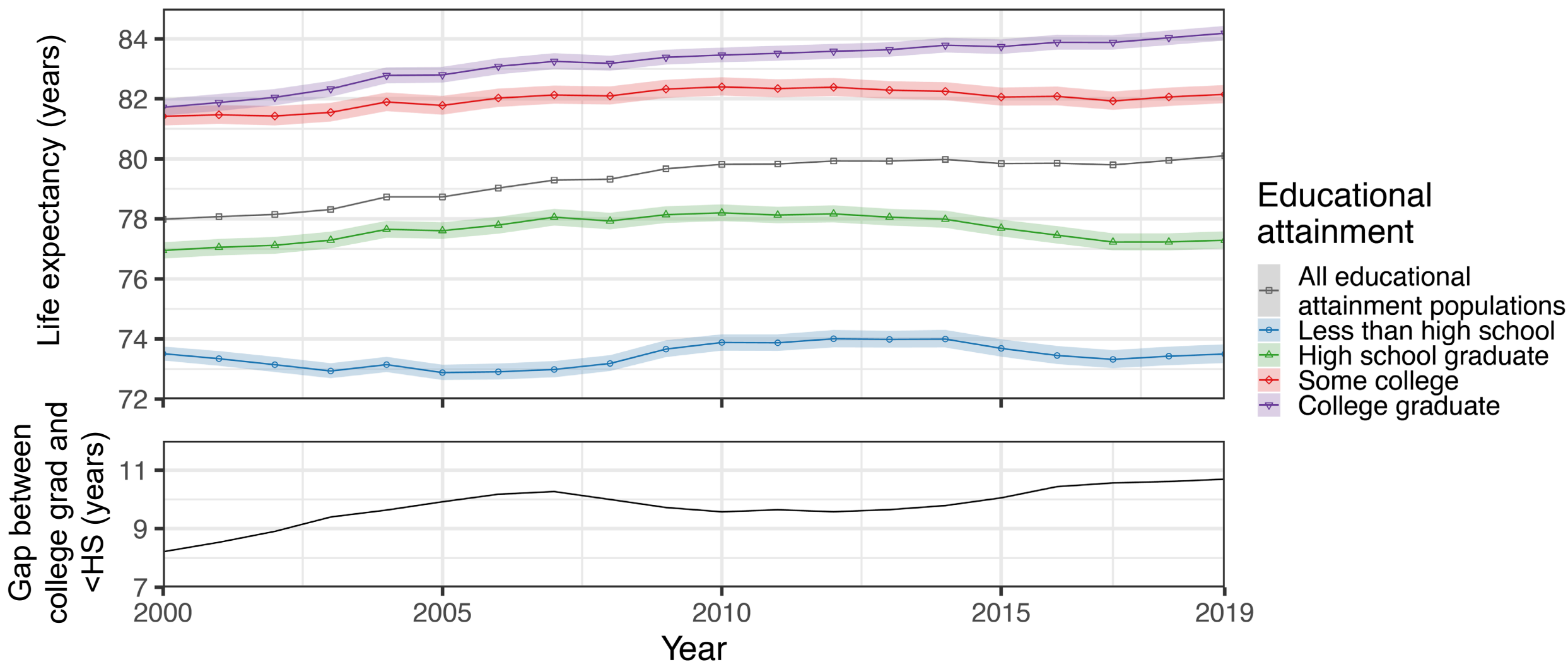
# High disease prevalence means Global HALE ranking of the USA are even lower than for life expectancy



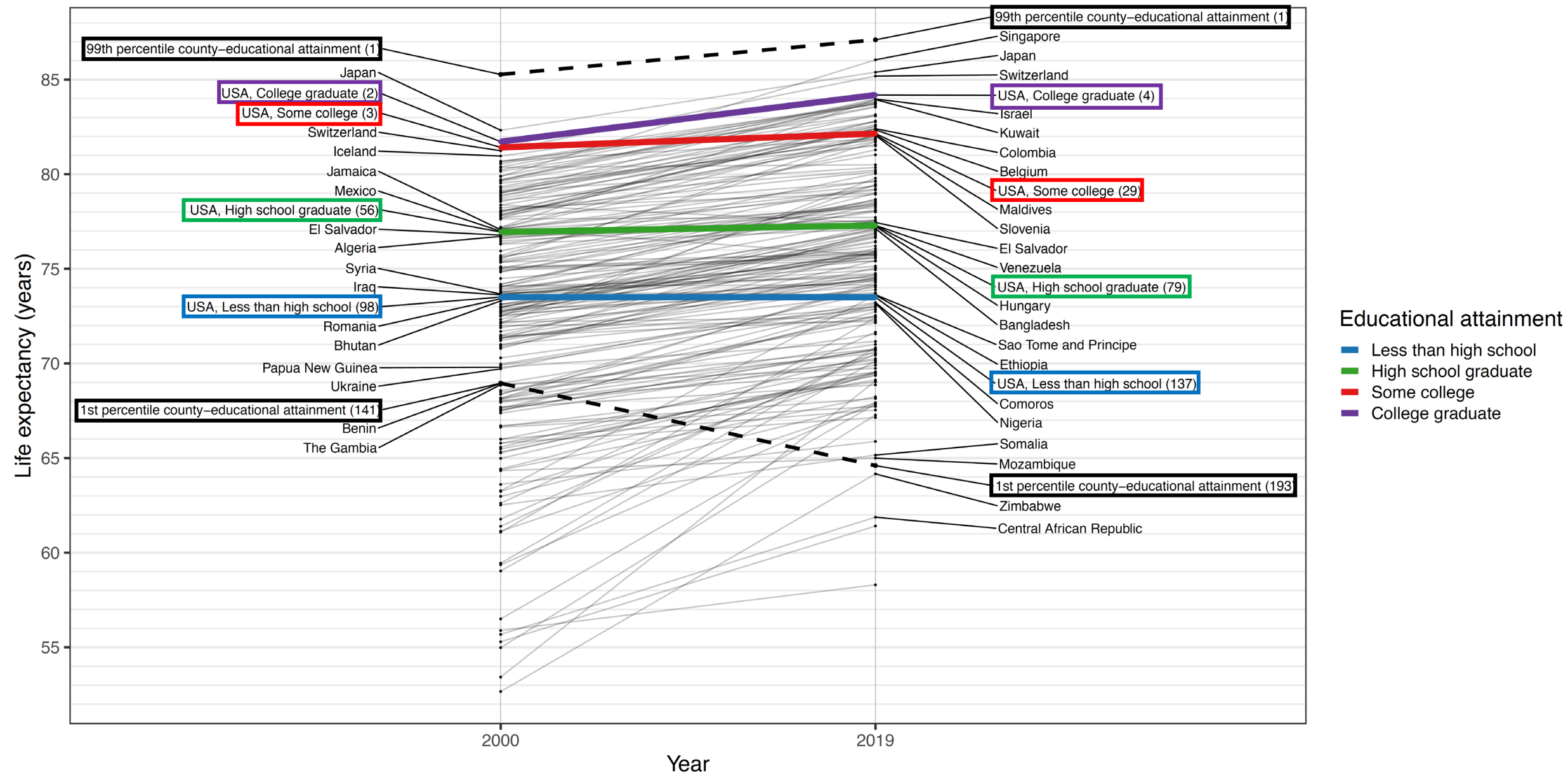
# National life expectancy by racial/ethnic group



# National Life Expectancy, 2000–19



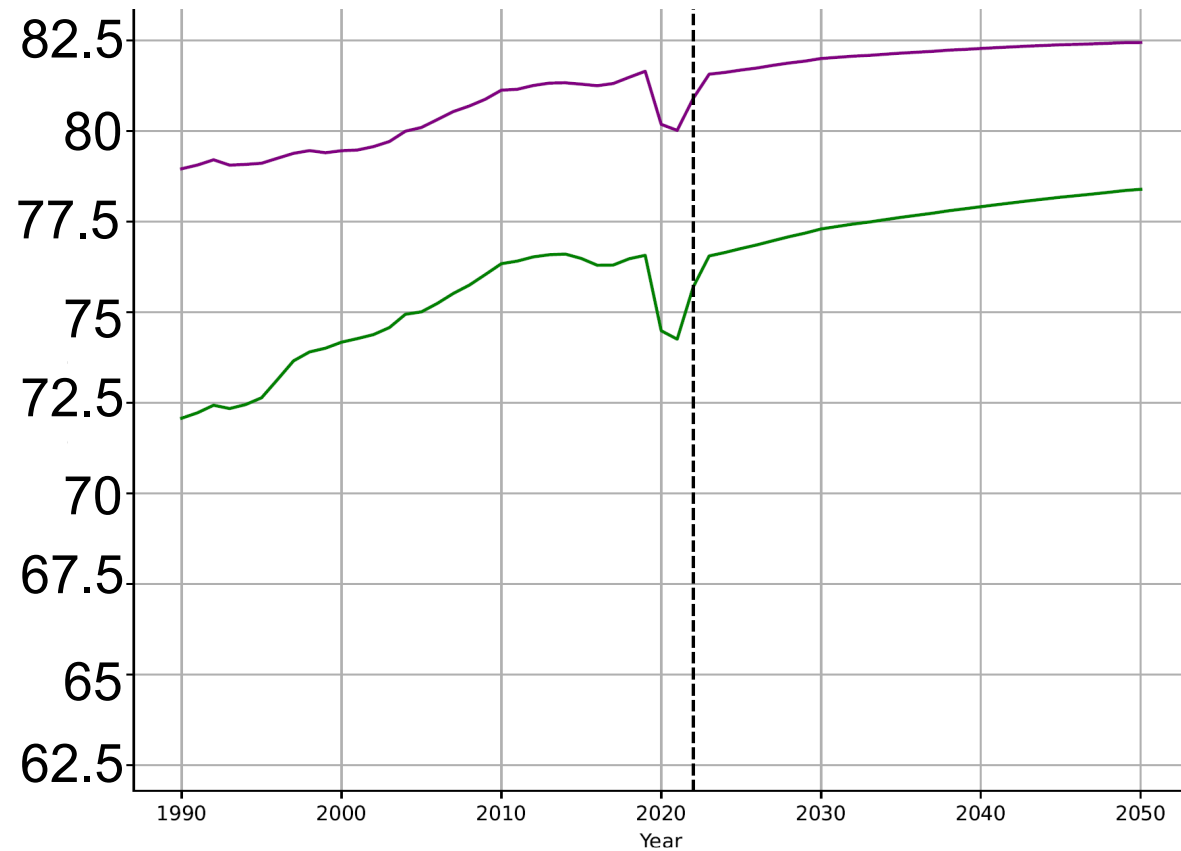
# Comparison to Other Countries



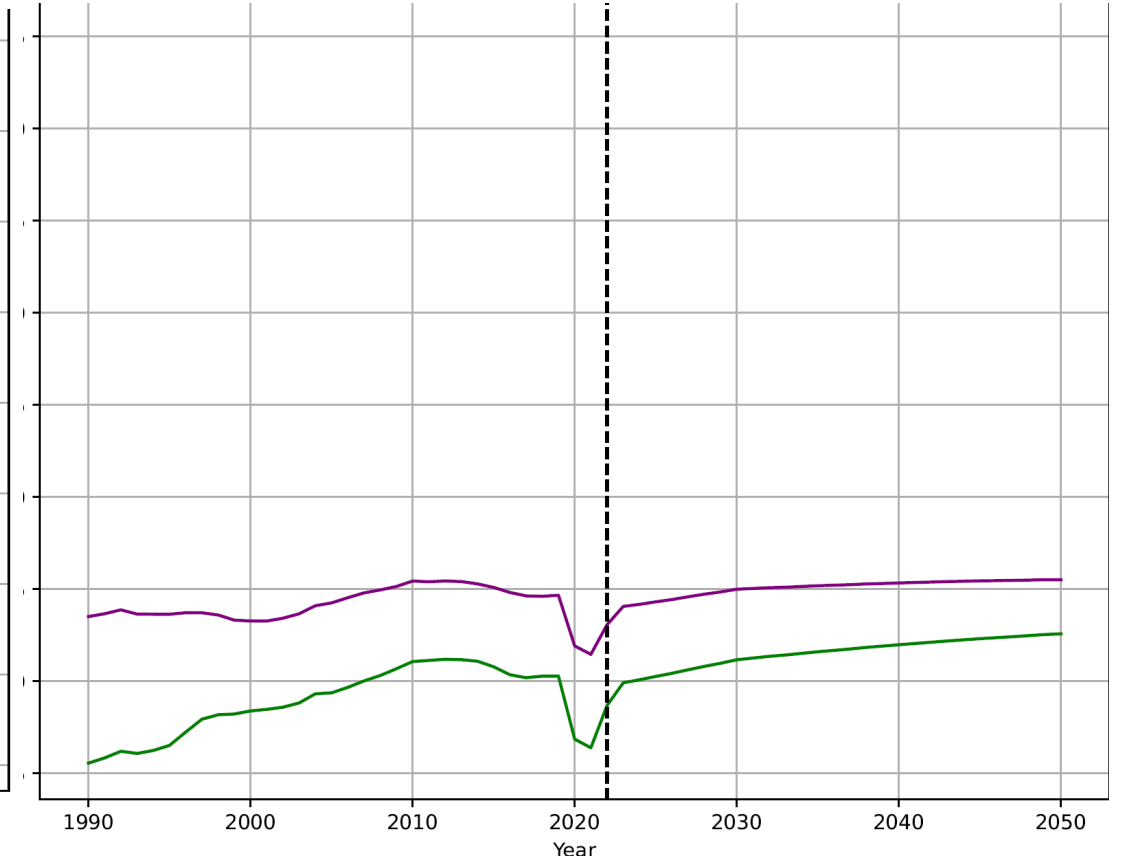


# Forecasts: USA slight improvement

Life expectancy

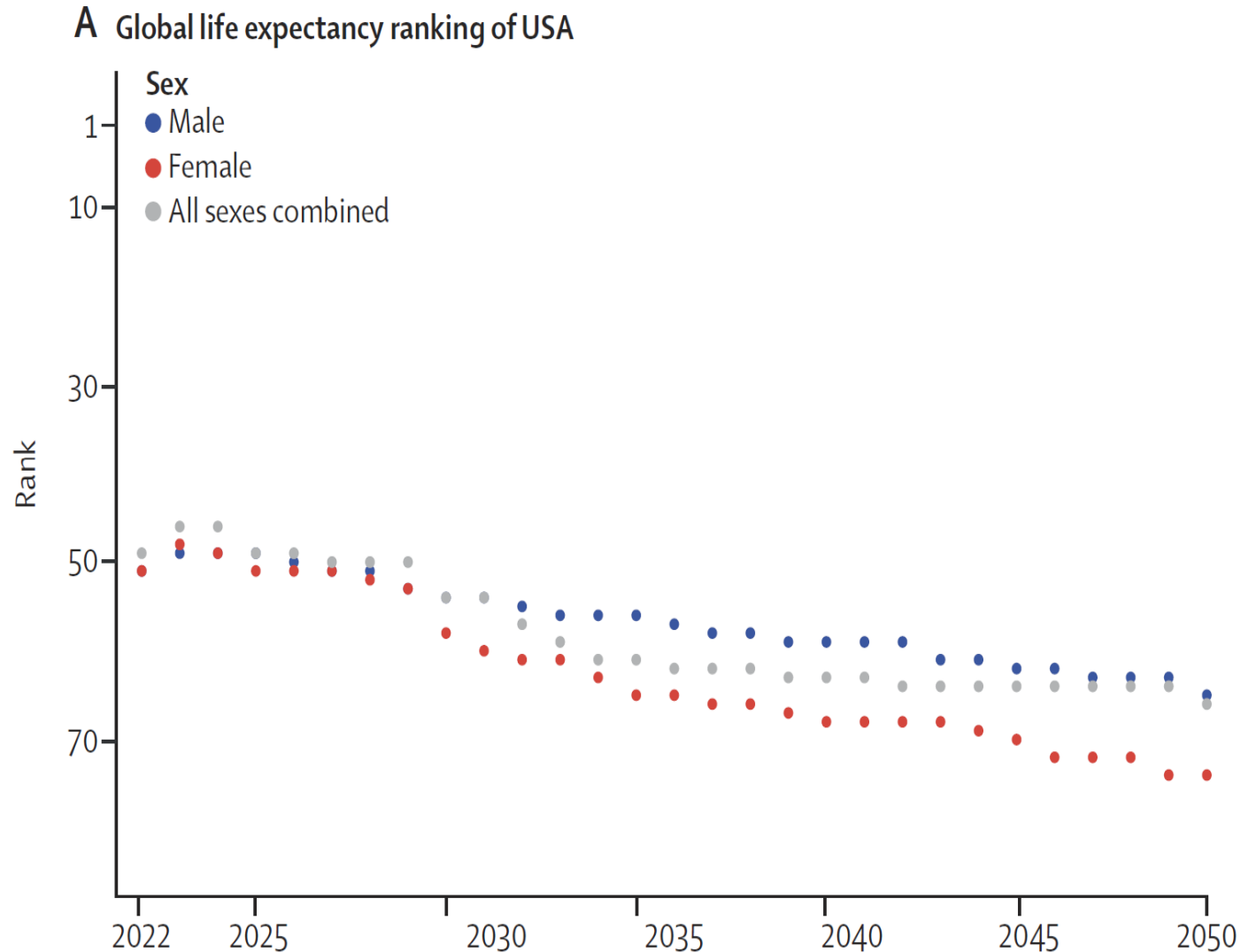


Healthy life expectancy (HALE)

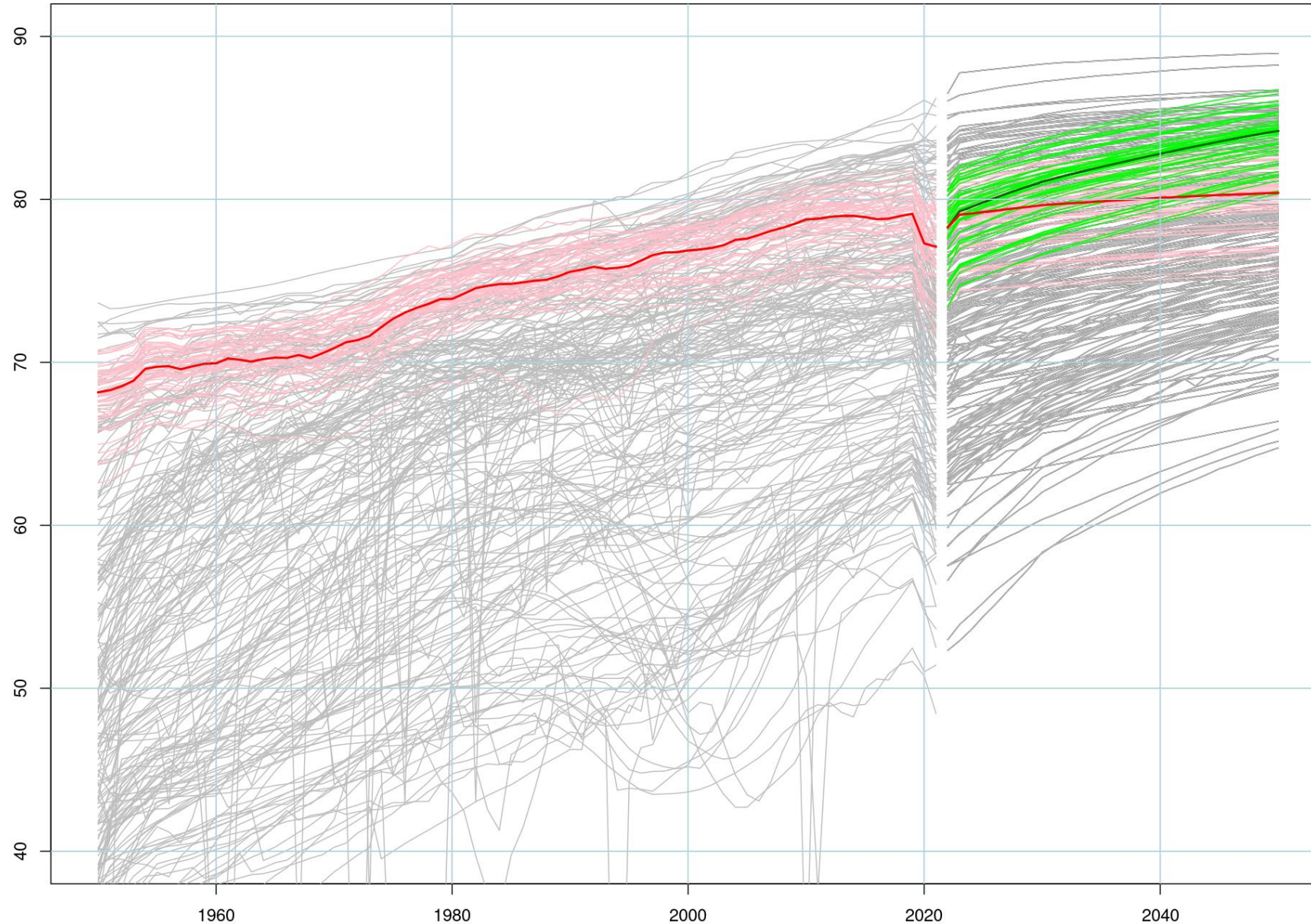


 Females  Males

# US rank expected to continue declining: Global life expectancy ranking of the USA, 2022-2050, reference scenario



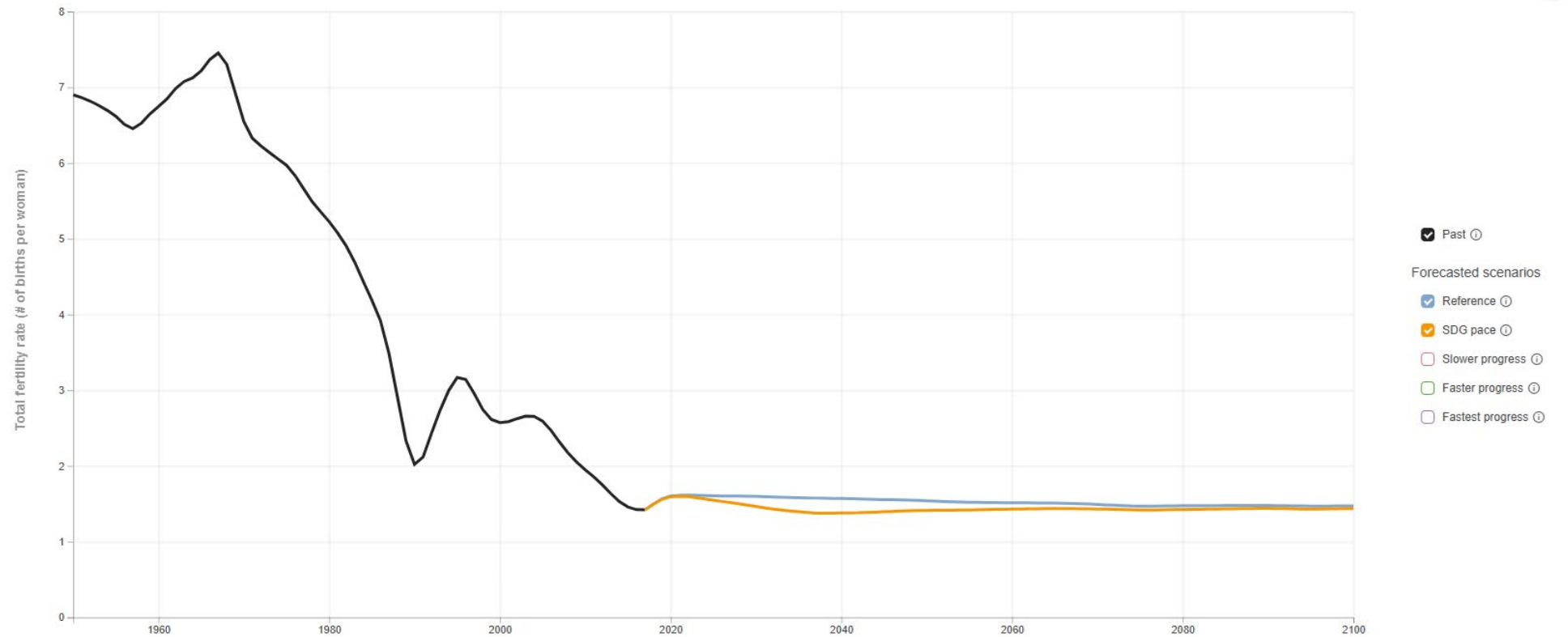
# US and US states compared to country forecasts, green is the behavioral risk factor scenario



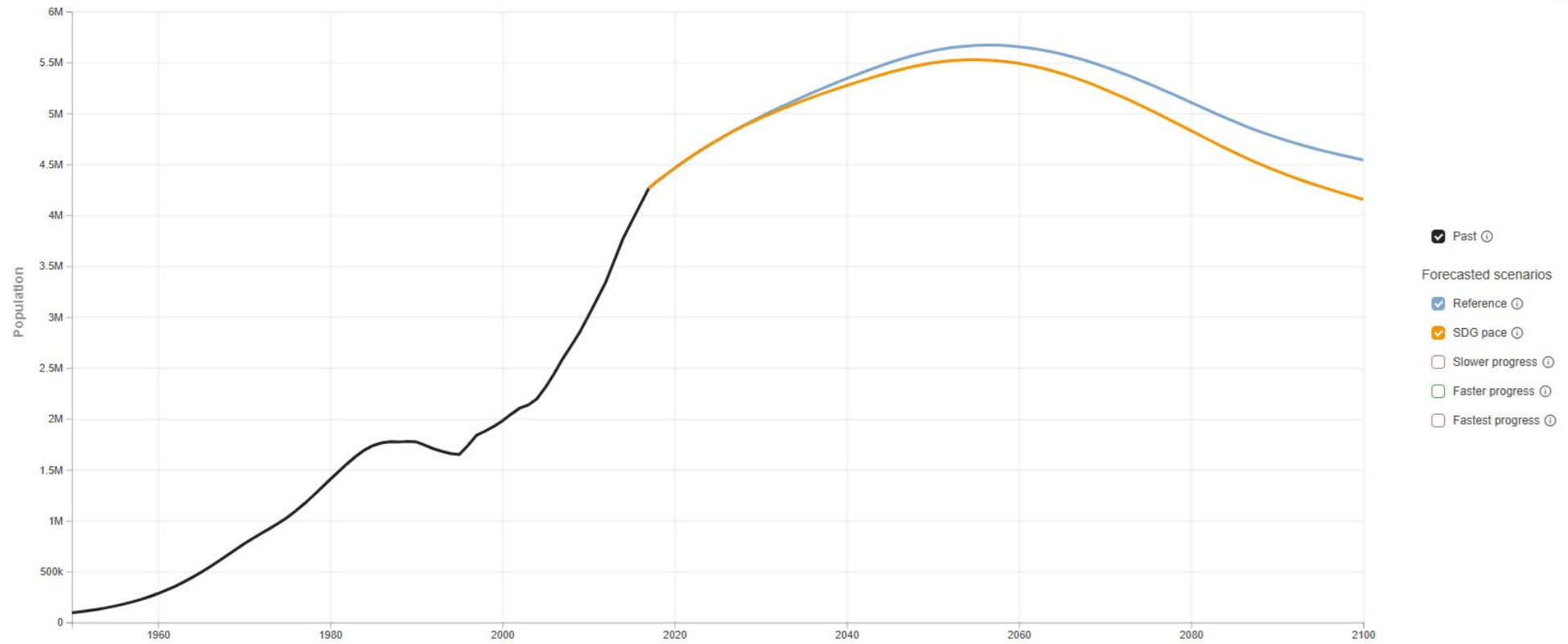
# Some strategies to reduce disease burden in the US

- 1) Close the education gaps between boys and girls and between poor disadvantaged groups the rest of the US. Early child development programs likely will be a critical part of this solution.
- 2) Address the nexus of obesity, diet and physical activity. Both through subsidies, taxes, community health worker led programs, and GLP1s.
- 3) Achieve universal health coverage as a way to enhance access to preventive interventions, primary health care and reduce catastrophic spending.
- 4) Address the other key risk factors especially tobacco and high blood pressure.

Total fertility rate, Kuwait, Female, 1950–2100

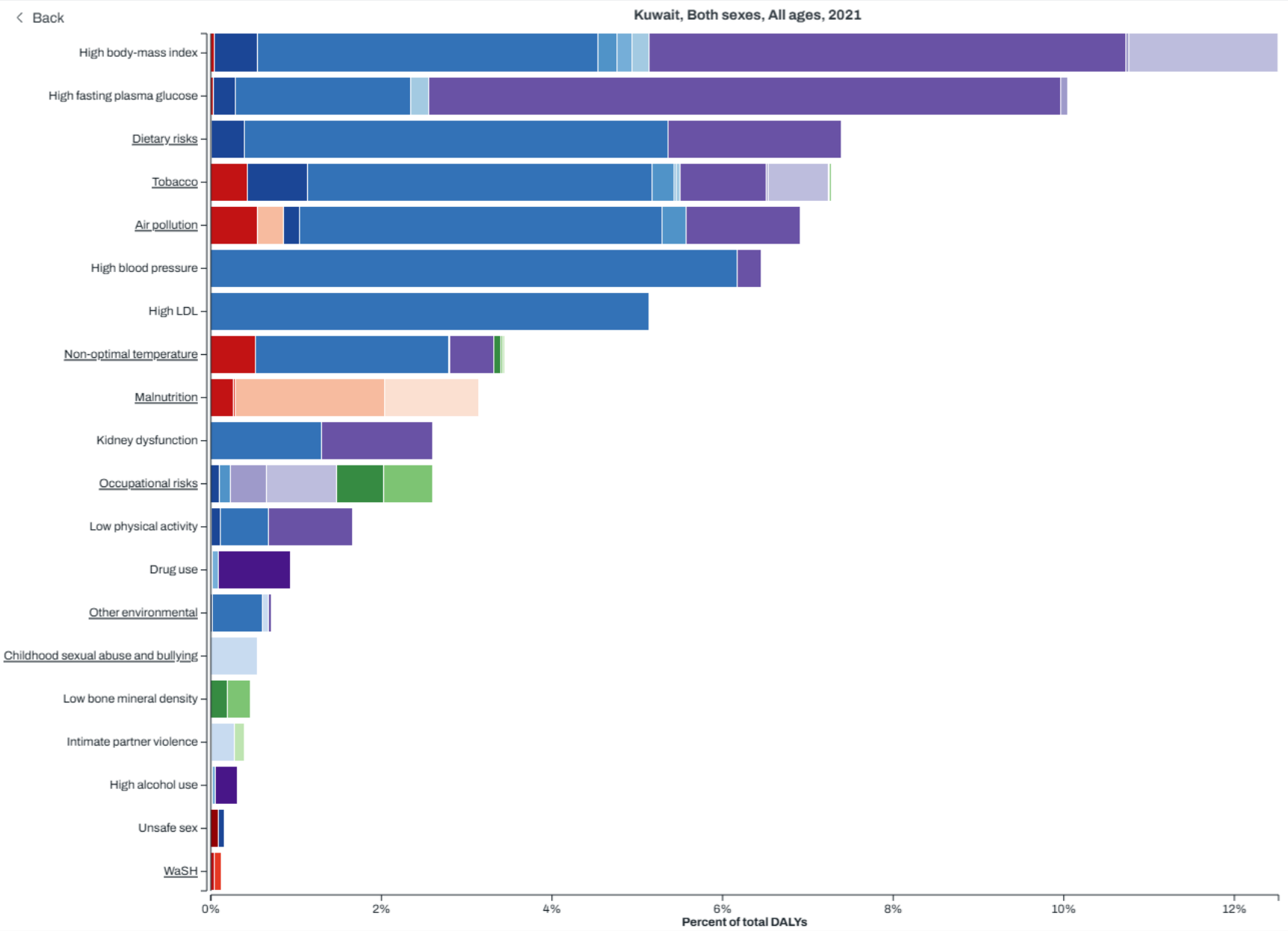


Population, Kuwait, Both sexes, All ages, 1950–2100





# Risk factors contributing to Kuwait burden of disease 202



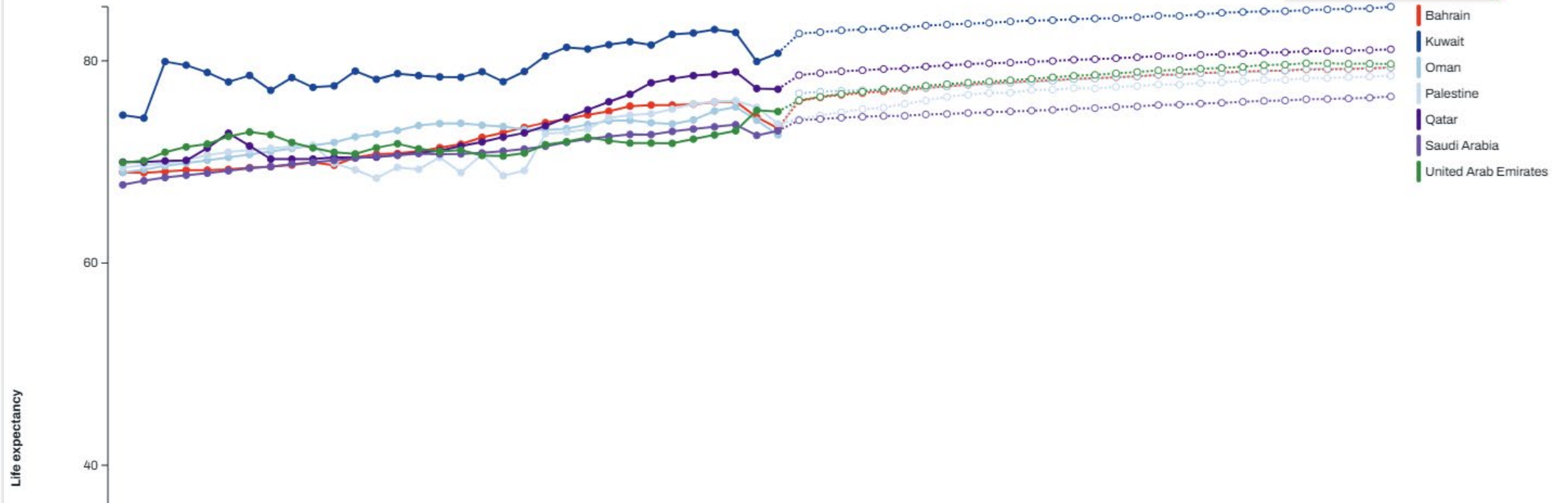
# Life expectancy in GCC countries



## GBD Foresight Visualization

Both sexes, <1 year

Kuwait  
Year: 2050  
Years: 85.35 years (82.68 — 87.2)



# Healthy Life expectancy in GCC countries



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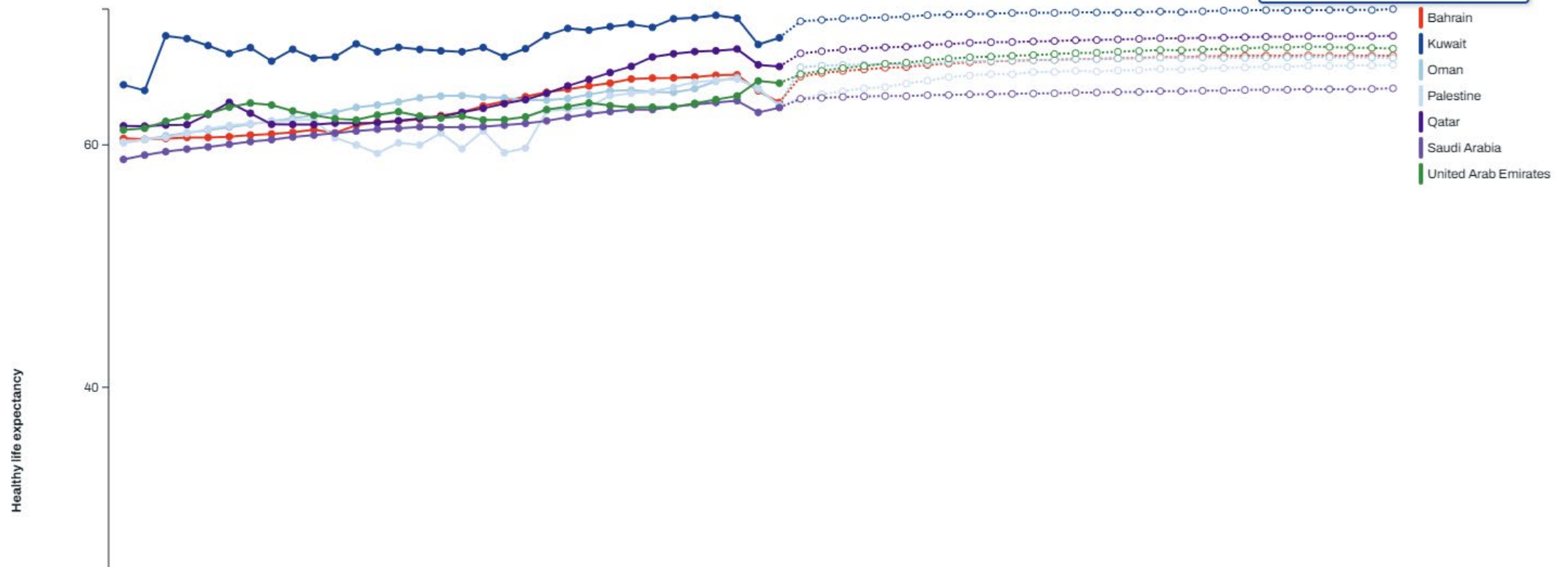
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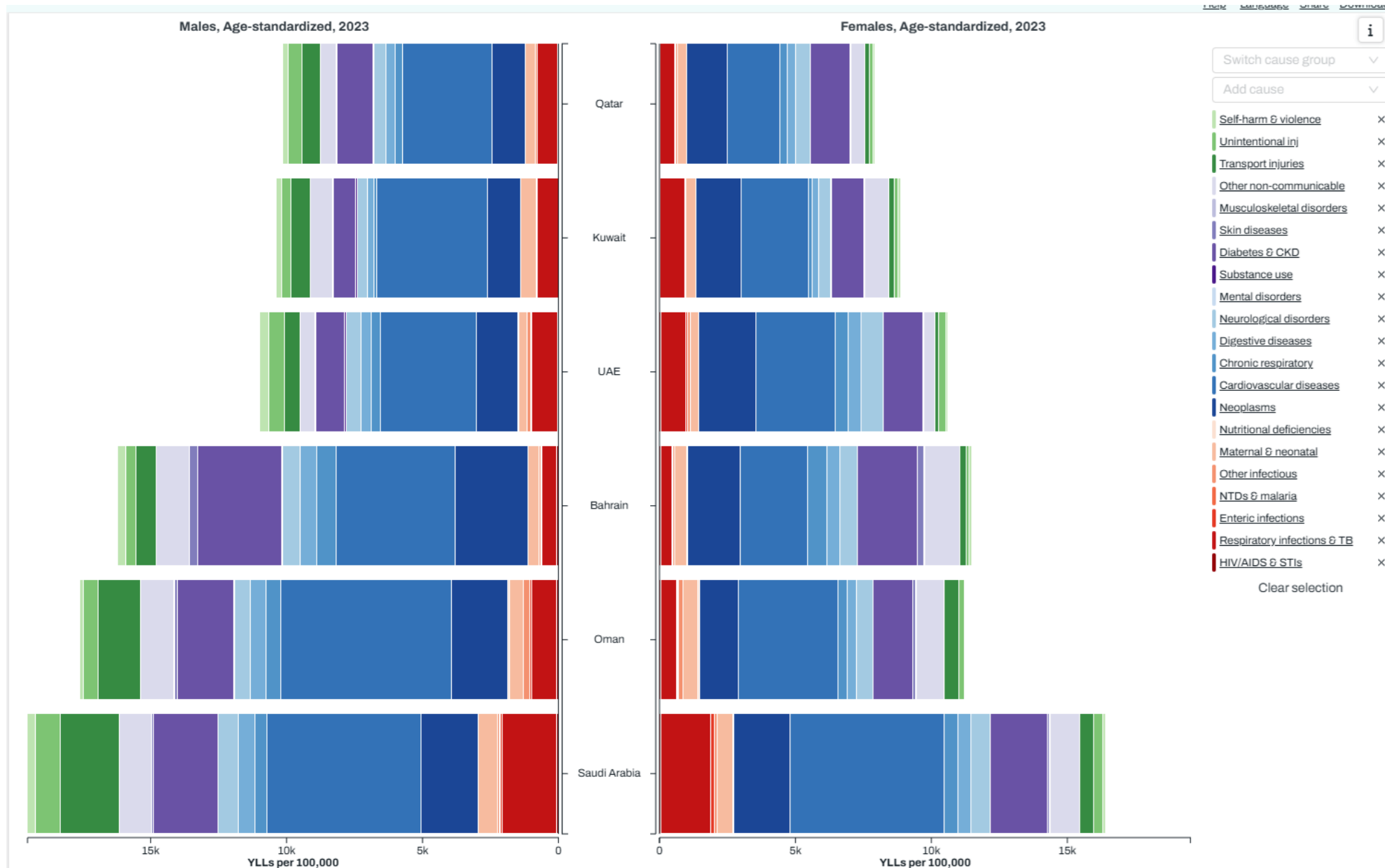
Year: 2050

Years: 71.21 healthy years (66.92 — 75.15)



Both sexes, <1 year



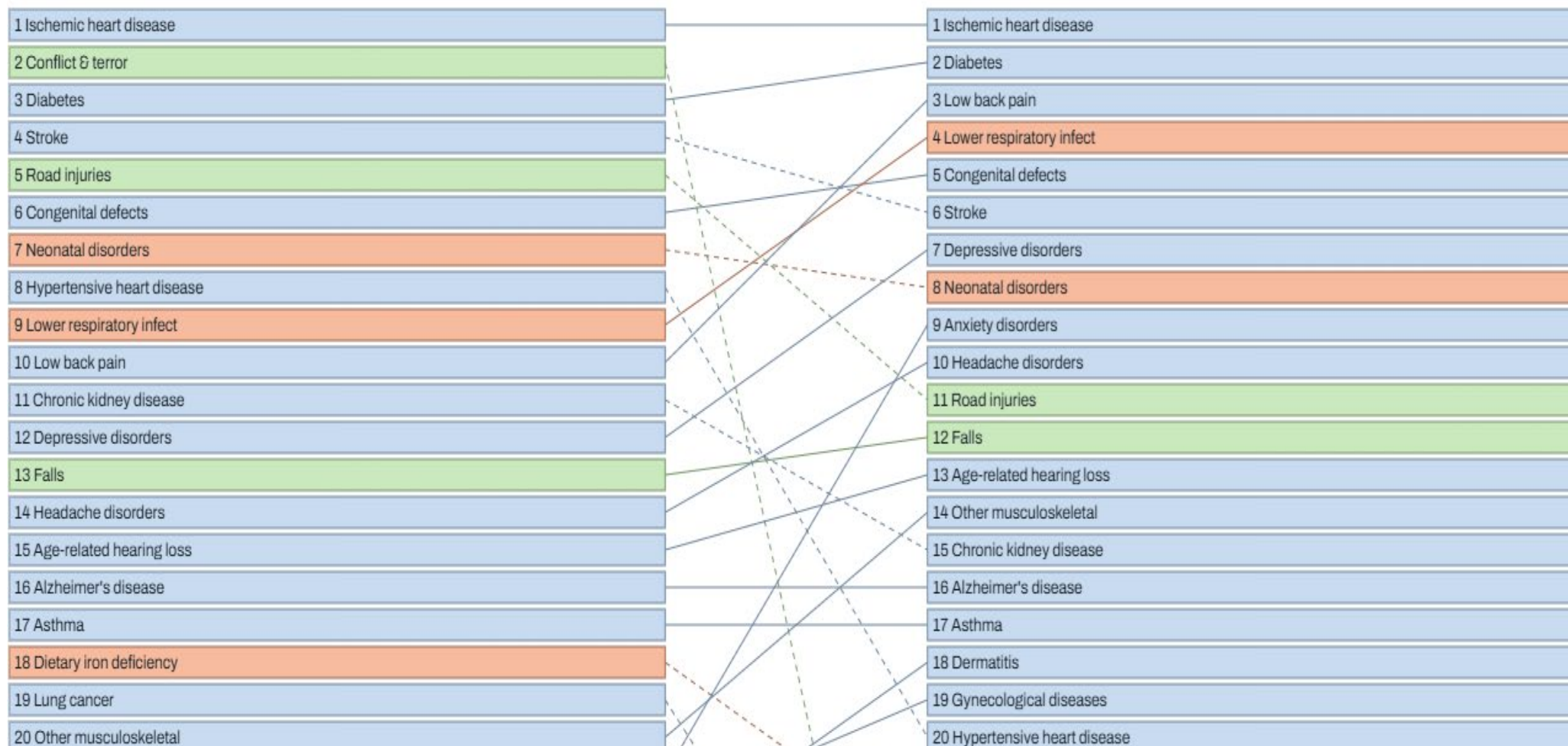


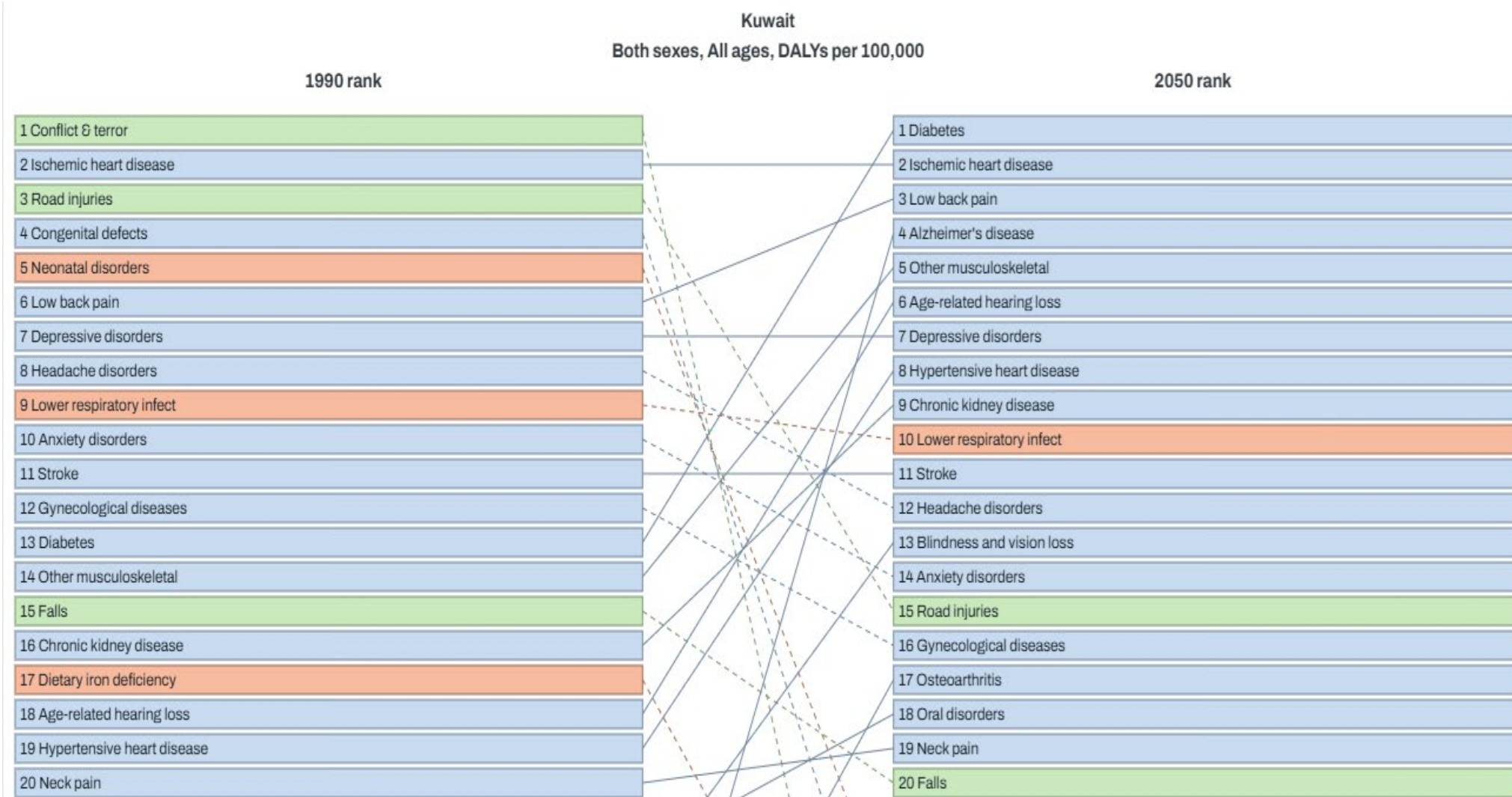


Kuwait  
Both sexes, Age-standardized, DALYs per 100,000

1990 rank

2023 rank





# Some strategies to reduce disease burden in Kuwait

1. Address the other key risk factors especially obesity, diabetes, tobacco, and high blood pressure.
2. Given the diversity of risks and communities, no simple menu of effective programs for risk reduction.
3. Local experimentation to figure out what works in a given community is likely to be necessary.
4. Many leading risks (tobacco, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, alcohol intake, physical inactivity, components of diet) there is an important role for primary health care.
5. Need to broaden the notion of accountability beyond providing high quality care to encompass achieving risk reduction in partnership with patients.
6. Forging a connection between healthcare provision and progress for individuals and communities in health outcomes will be critical for the future.
7. Focus on early disease detection.



# Thank you!

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