

# Using an intersectional approach to unpack some basic questions about international migration



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# Two basic questions about international migration today

- Is international migration becoming more or less feminized?

Less

More

- Overall, are female migrants younger or older than male migrants?

Younger

Older



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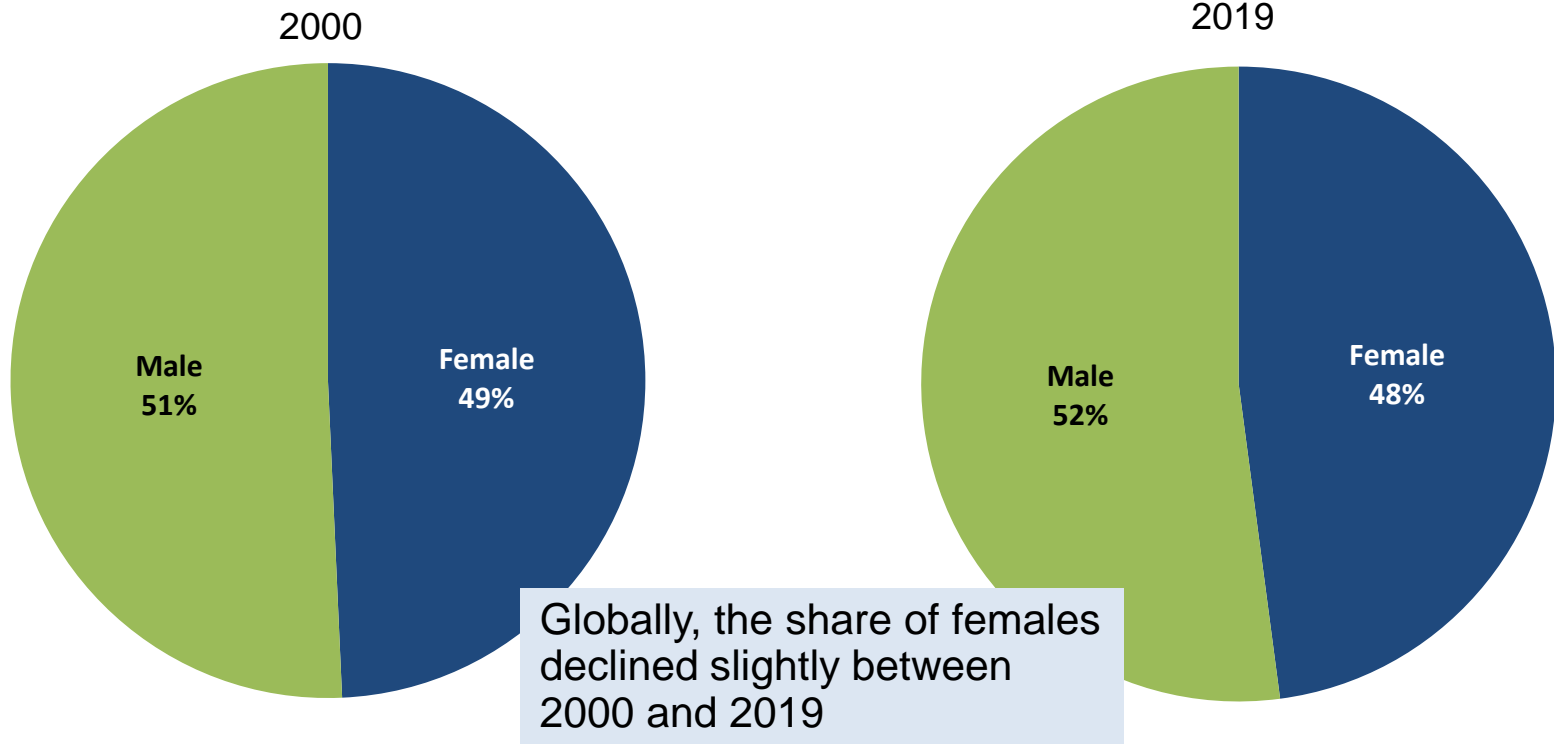


**Is international migration becoming more or less feminized?**



# Women comprise slightly less than half of all international migrants worldwide

Percentage of females among all international migrants, 2000 and 2019



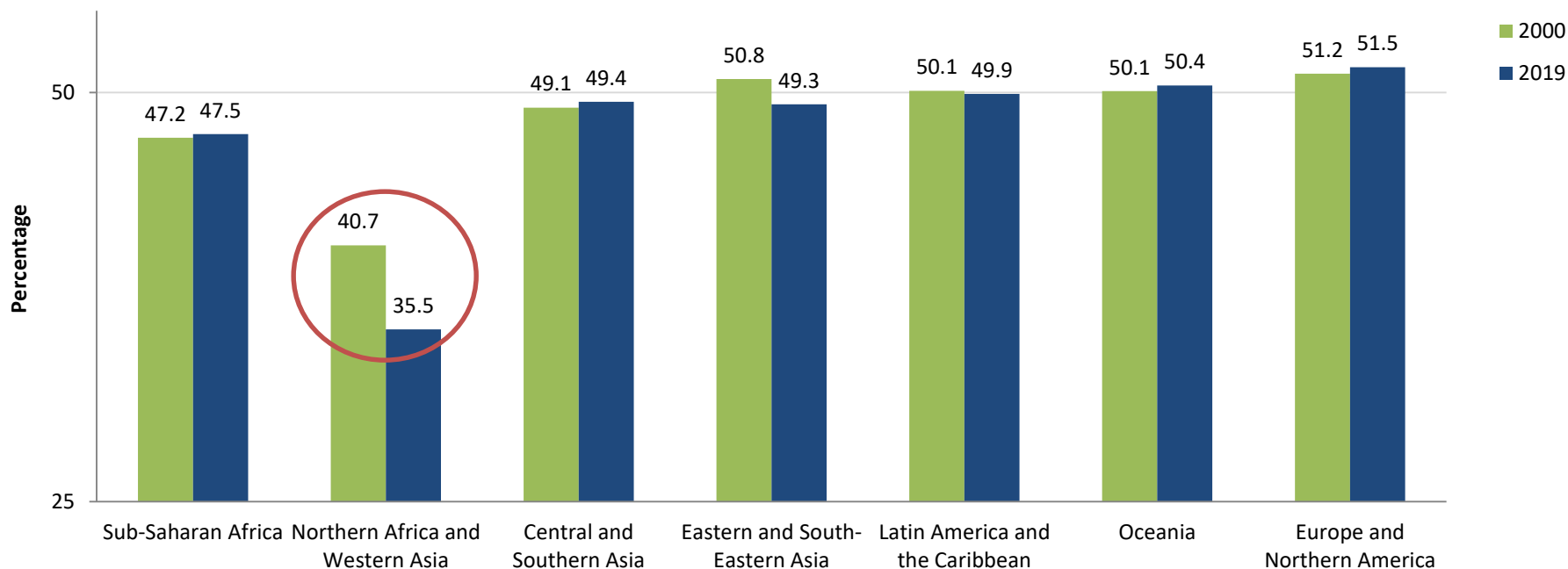
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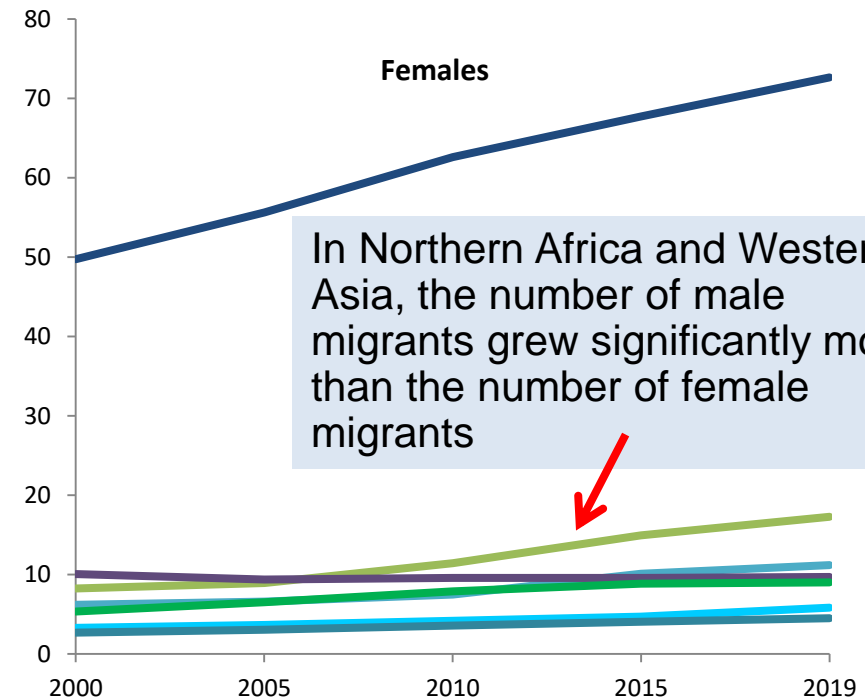
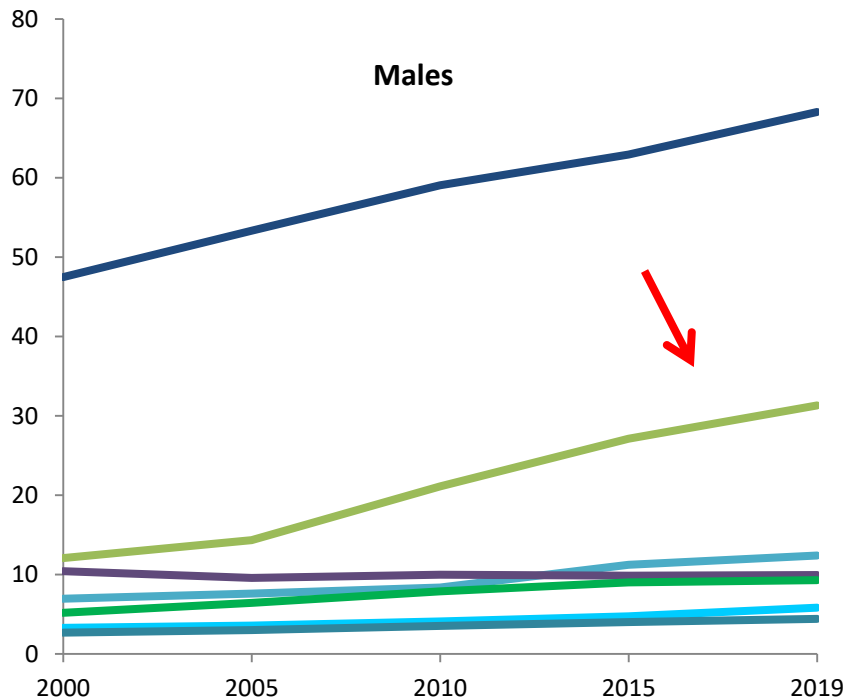
# Most regions host a comparable number of male and females migrants

Percentage of females among all international migrants, by region of destination, 2000 and 2019



# Further disaggregating the data by region can help clarify the global trend

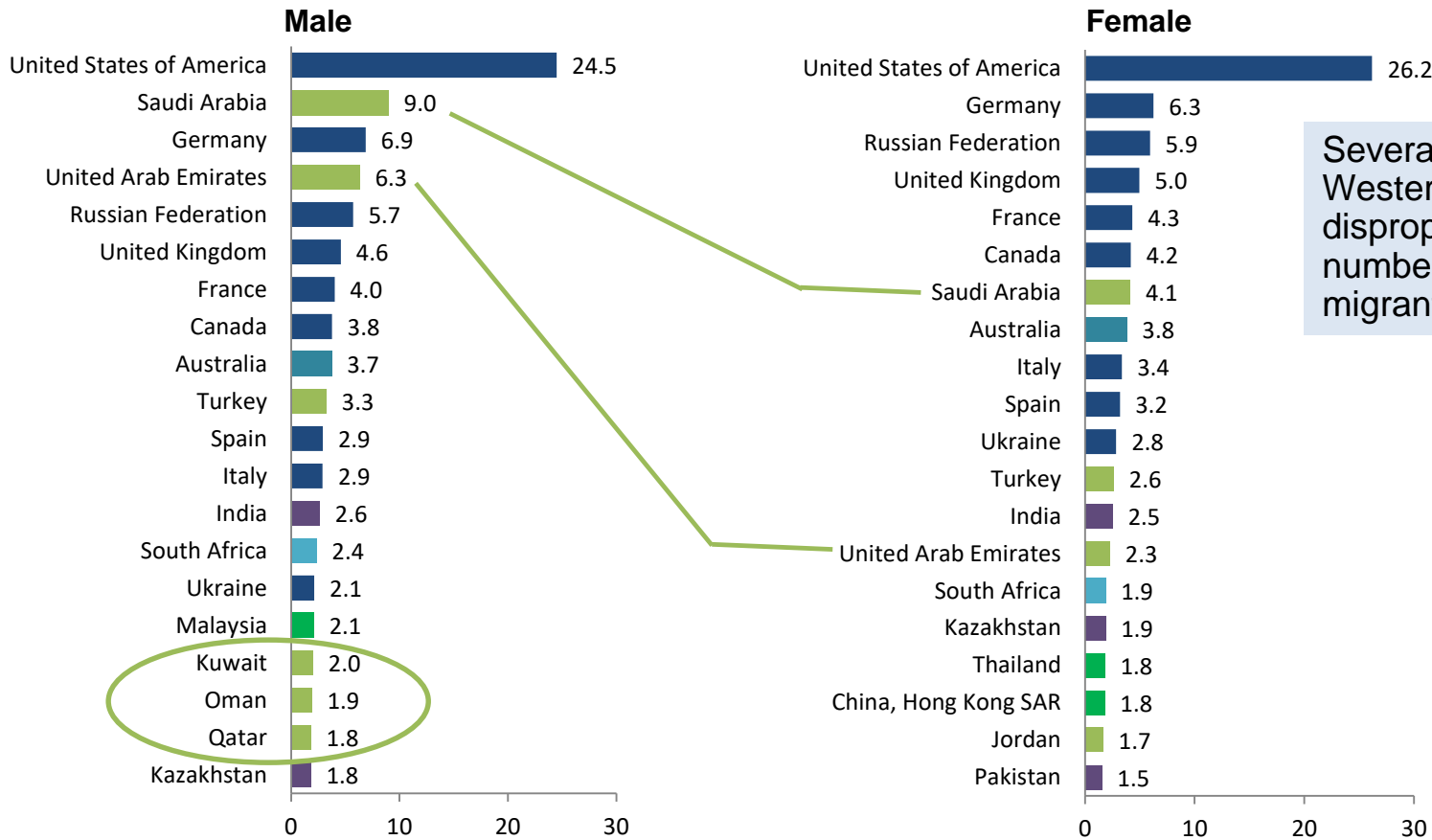
Number of international migrants, by sex and region of destination, 2000 to 2019 (millions)



- Europe and Northern America
- Northern Africa and Western Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Central and Southern Asia
- Eastern and South-Eastern Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Oceania

# We can drill down further to see where the migrants live...

Countries hosting the largest numbers of male and female migrants, 2019 (millions)

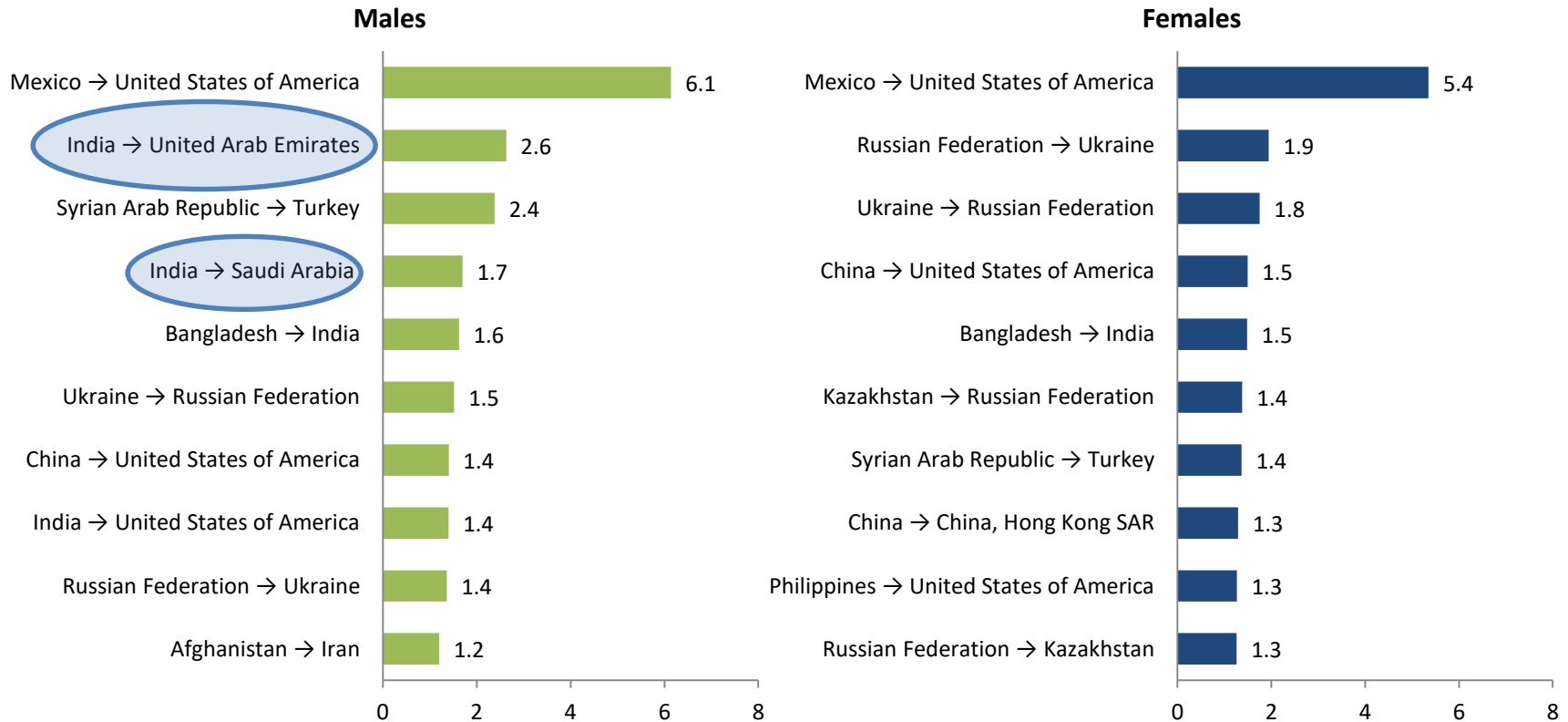


Several countries in Western Asia host a disproportionate number of male migrants

- Europe and Northern America
- Northern Africa and Western Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Central and Southern Asia
- Eastern and South-Eastern Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Oceania

# ... and where they come from

Major bilateral corridors of international migrant stock, by sex, 2019 (millions)



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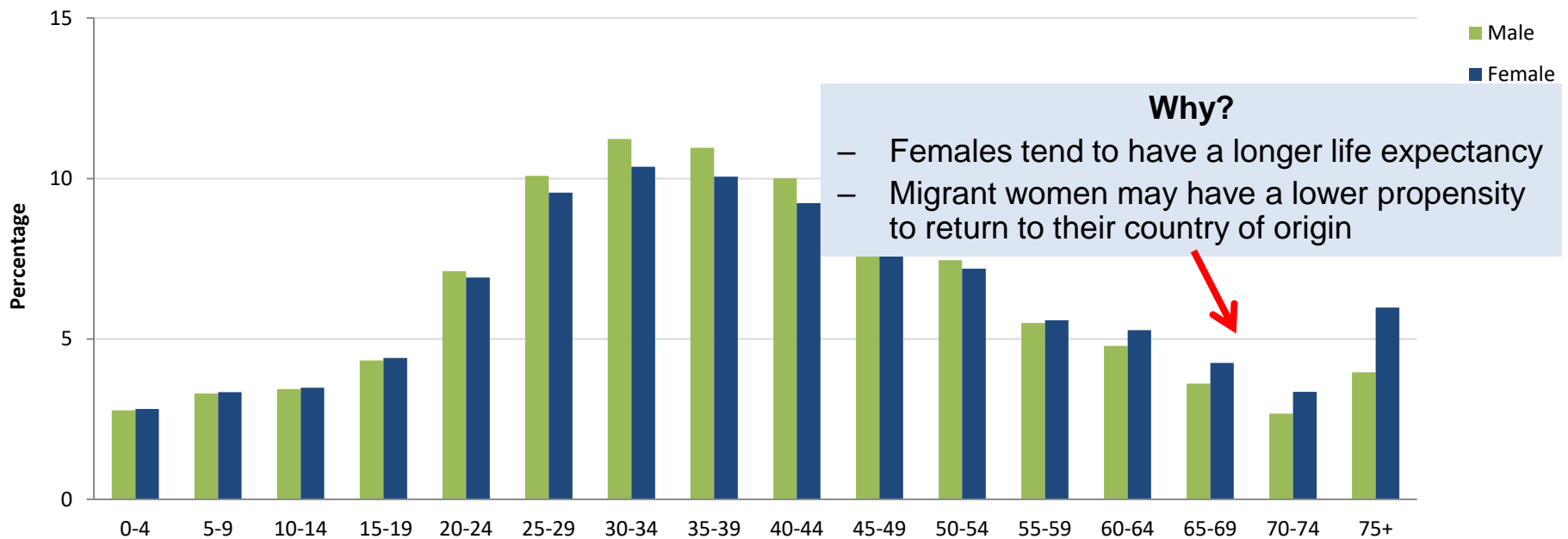




**Overall, are female migrants younger or older than male migrants?**

# Females migrants tend to be over-represented at older ages

Percentage of international migrants, by age and sex, 2019



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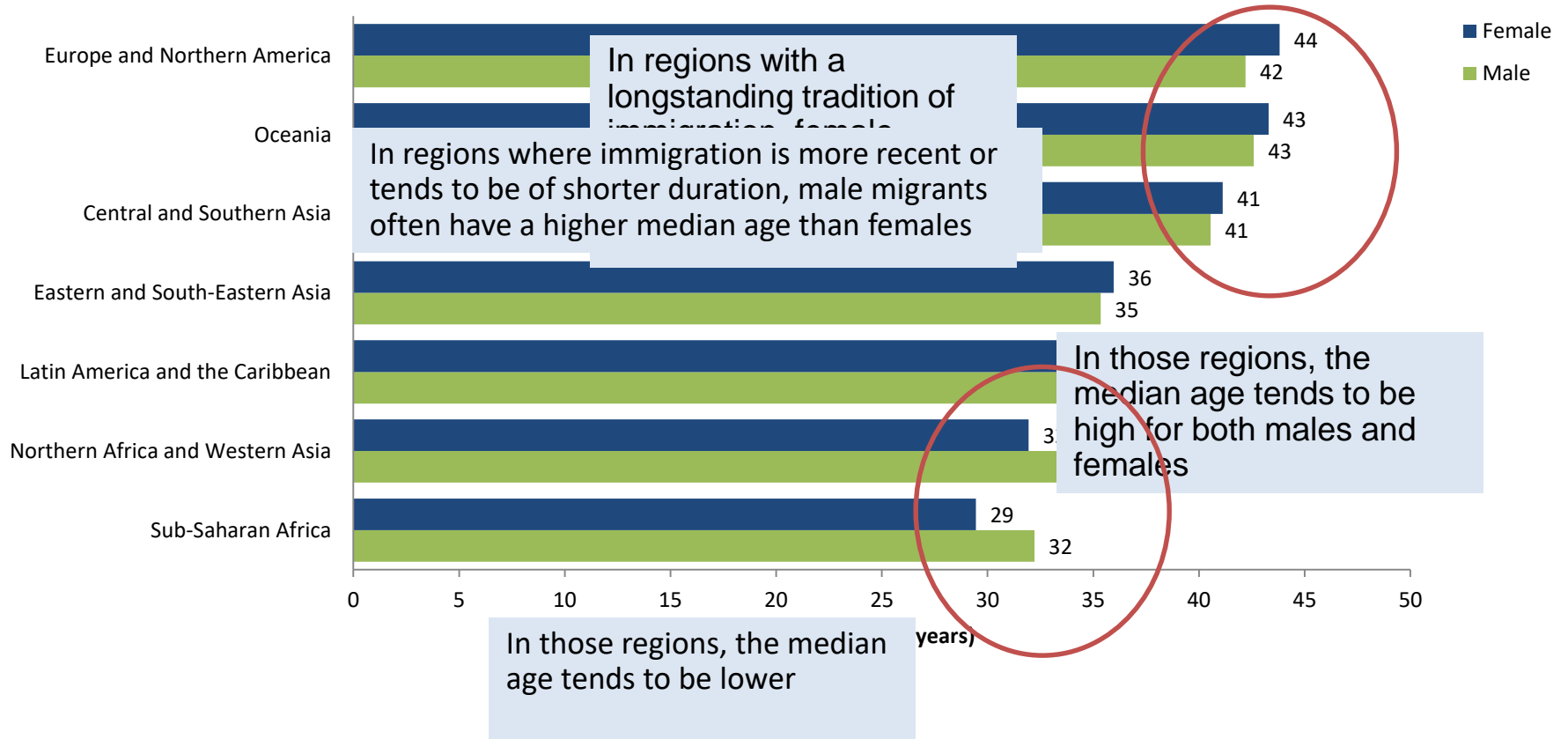


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# Disaggregating the data by region reveals a more nuanced picture

Median age among international migrants, by sex and region of destination, 2019



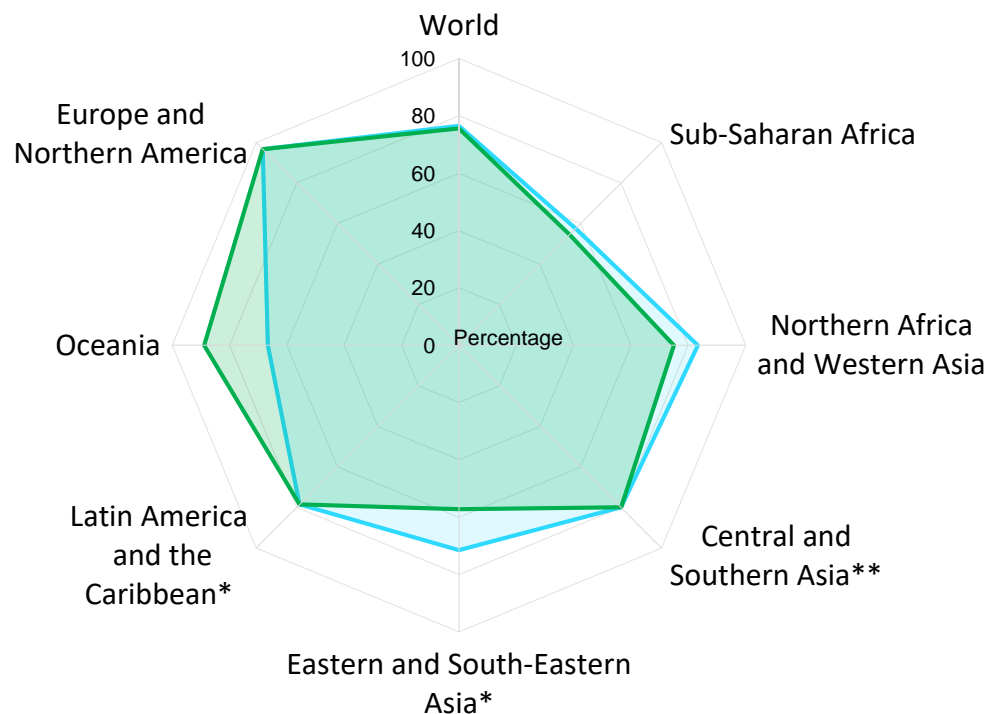


**Data availability and  
the need for capacity building**



# Evidence-based policies are common

Percentage of Governments that reported having measures to promote evidence-based migration policies, by region, 2019



■ A mechanism to ensure that migration policy is informed by data, appropriately disaggregated

■ An annual national report on migration that includes migration data collected by the Government and/or other sources

Based on 111 countries with available data (as of 1 September 2019).



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# Yet there are gaps in the availability of data on basic characteristics of international migrants

Availability of empirical data on the international migrant stock since the 2000 round of population censuses

Regions and number of countries or areas	Countries or areas without any recent data					
	Number			Percentage		
	Total by sex	By age and sex	By origin and sex	Total by sex	By age and sex	By origin and sex
World (232)	14	46	39	6	20	17
Sub-Saharan Africa (51)	7	17	12	14	33	24
Northern Africa and Western Asia (25)	2	7	8	8	28	32
Central and Southern Asia (14)	3	5	7	21	36	50
Eastern and South-Eastern Asia (18)	1	4	3	6	22	17
Latin America and the Caribbean (48)	0	3	3	0	6	6
Oceania (23)	0	6	3	0	26	13
Europe and Northern America (53)	1	4	3	2	8	6

- 10 to less than 20 per cent
- 20 to less than 30 per cent
- 30 per cent or over



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