

Trends in Abortion and Contraception: Global Overview

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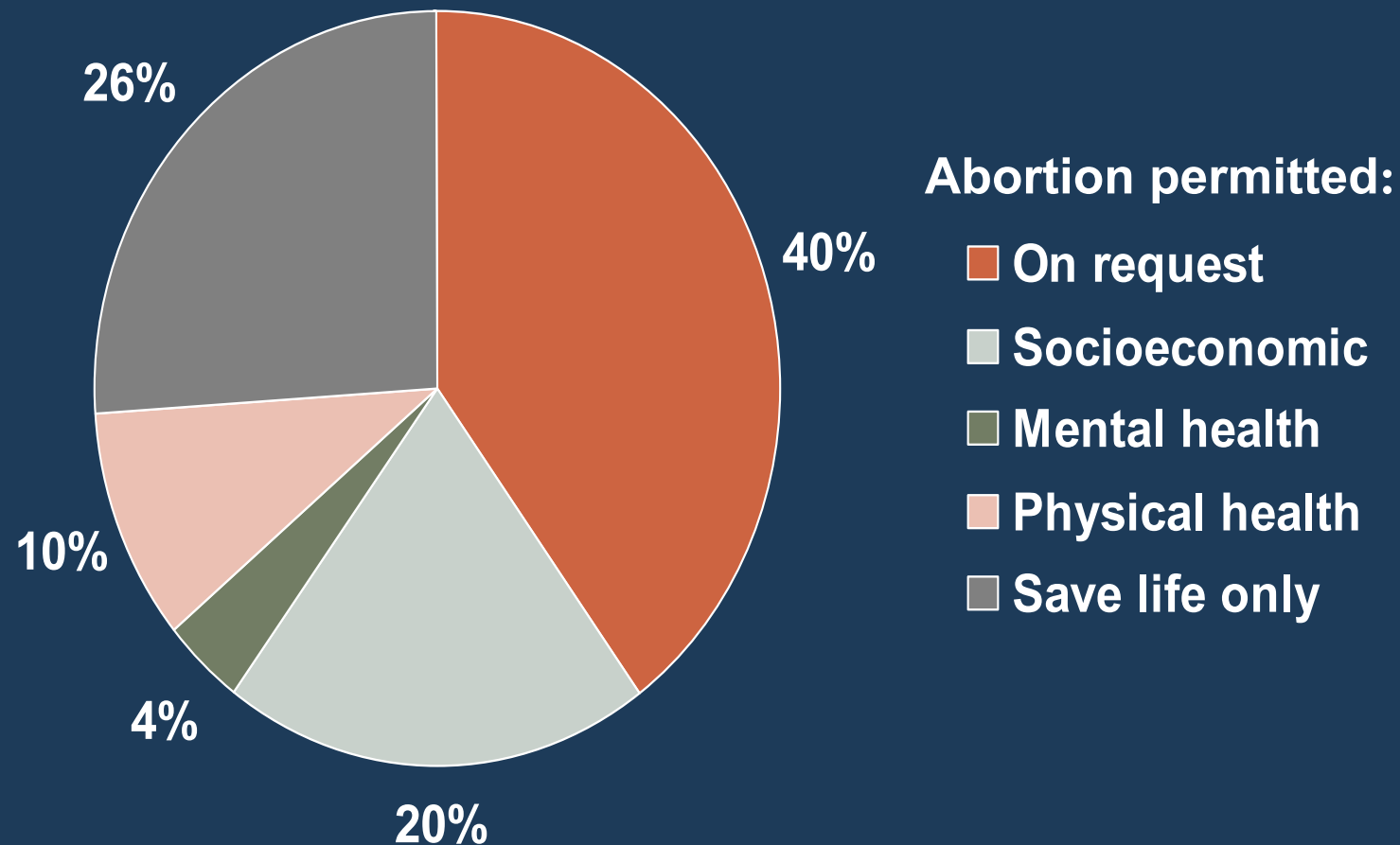


Seville, Spain, October 2010

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World's population according to the law governing abortion



Countries with major changes in laws governing abortion since January 2005

Less restrictive

- Colombia
- Ethiopia
- Mexico City
- Niger
- Portugal
- Spain
- Swaziland
- Thailand
- Togo
- Victoria (Australia)

More restrictive

- Several Mexican states
- Nicaragua

Almost 42 million abortions occurred worldwide in 2003

Millions of abortions

50

40

30

20

10

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World

Developed
countries

Developing
countries

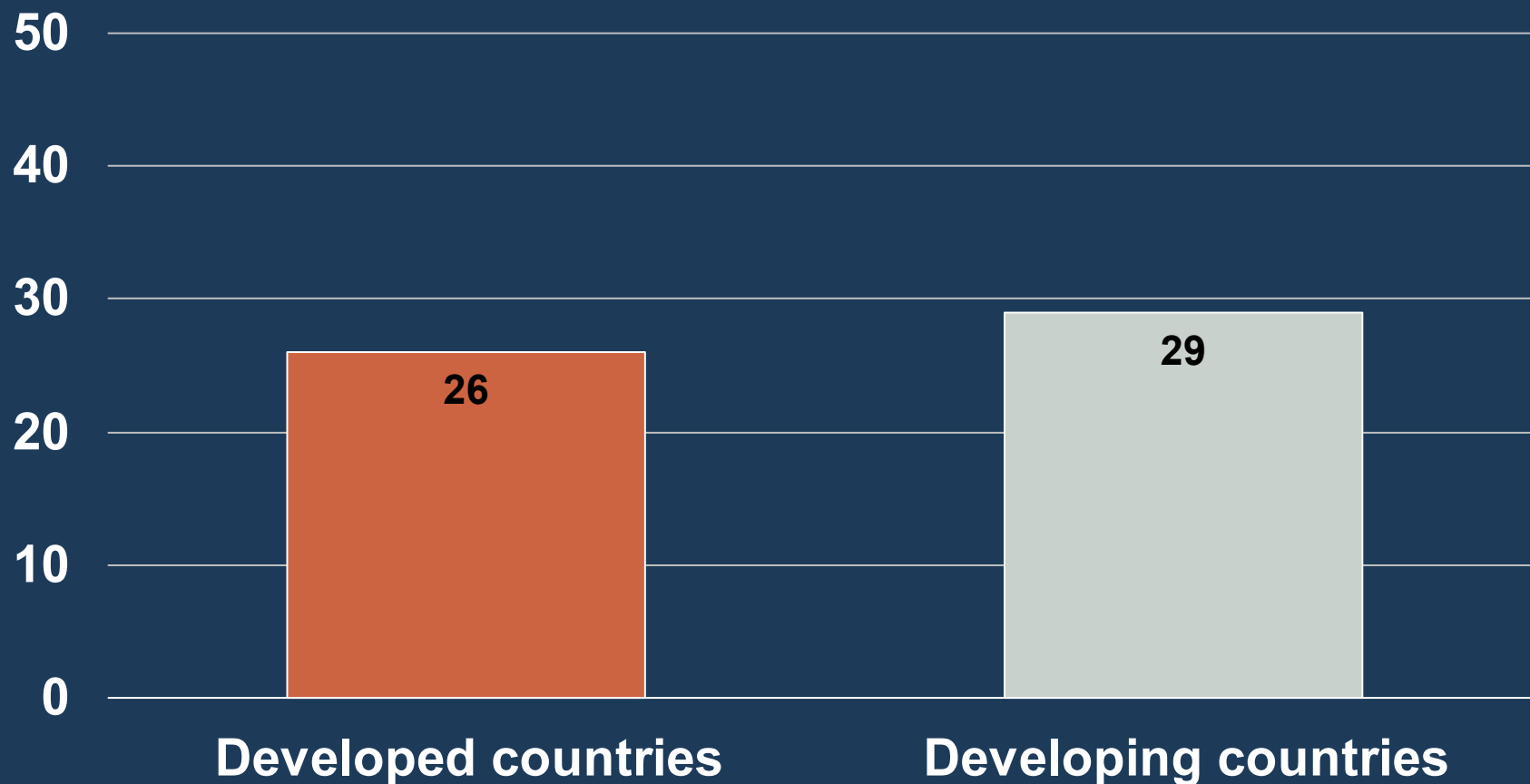
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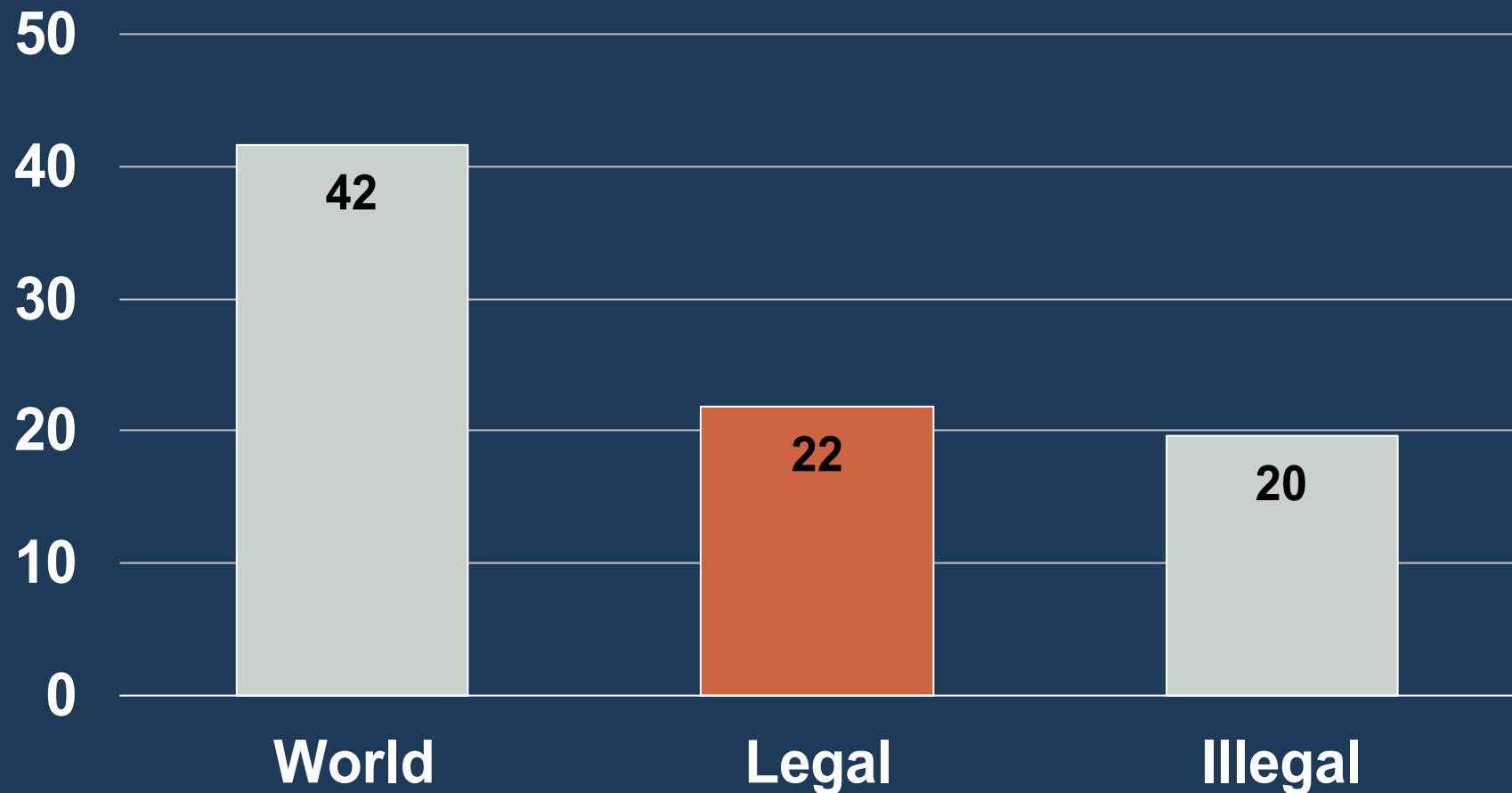
Abortion rates of developed and developing countries, 2003

Abortions/1000 women 15-44



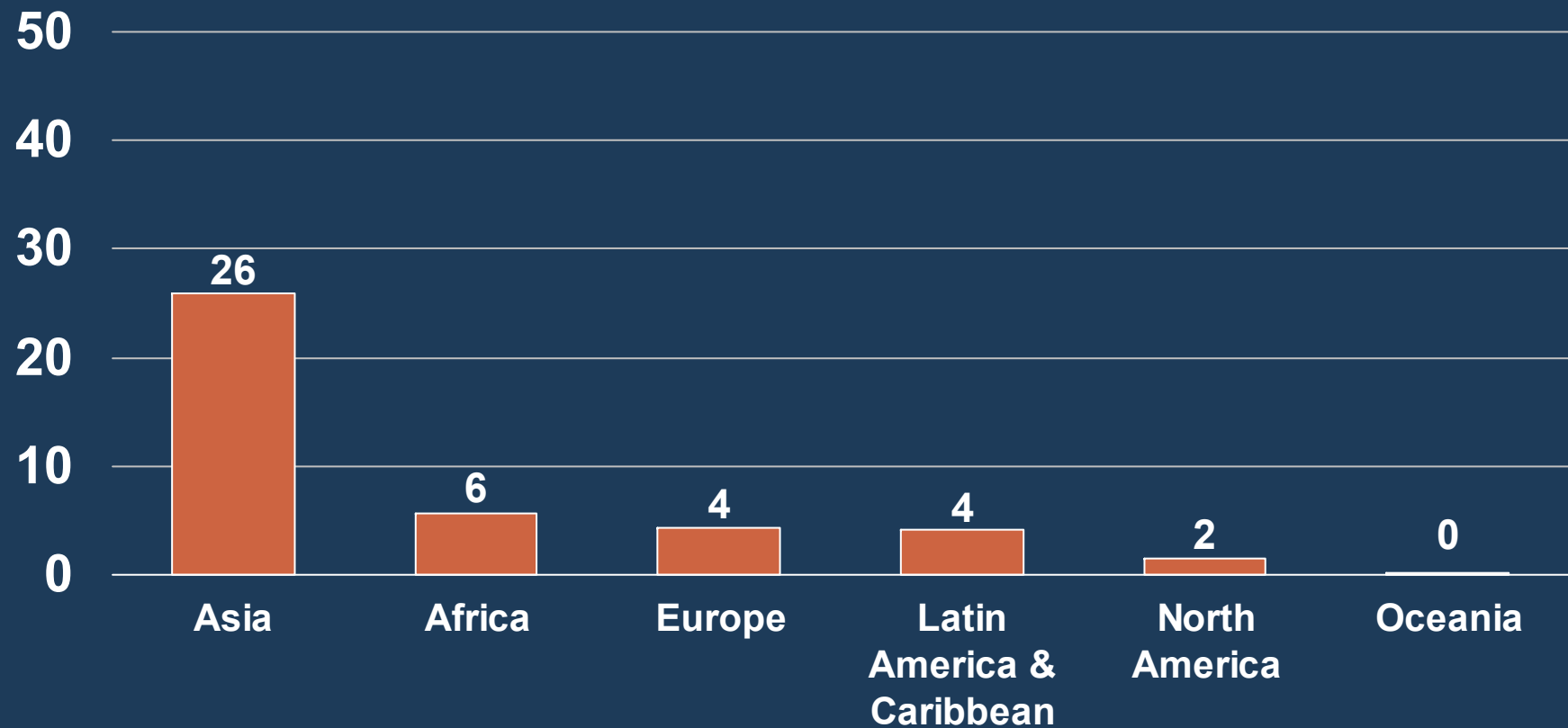
Legal status of abortions, 2003

Millions of abortions



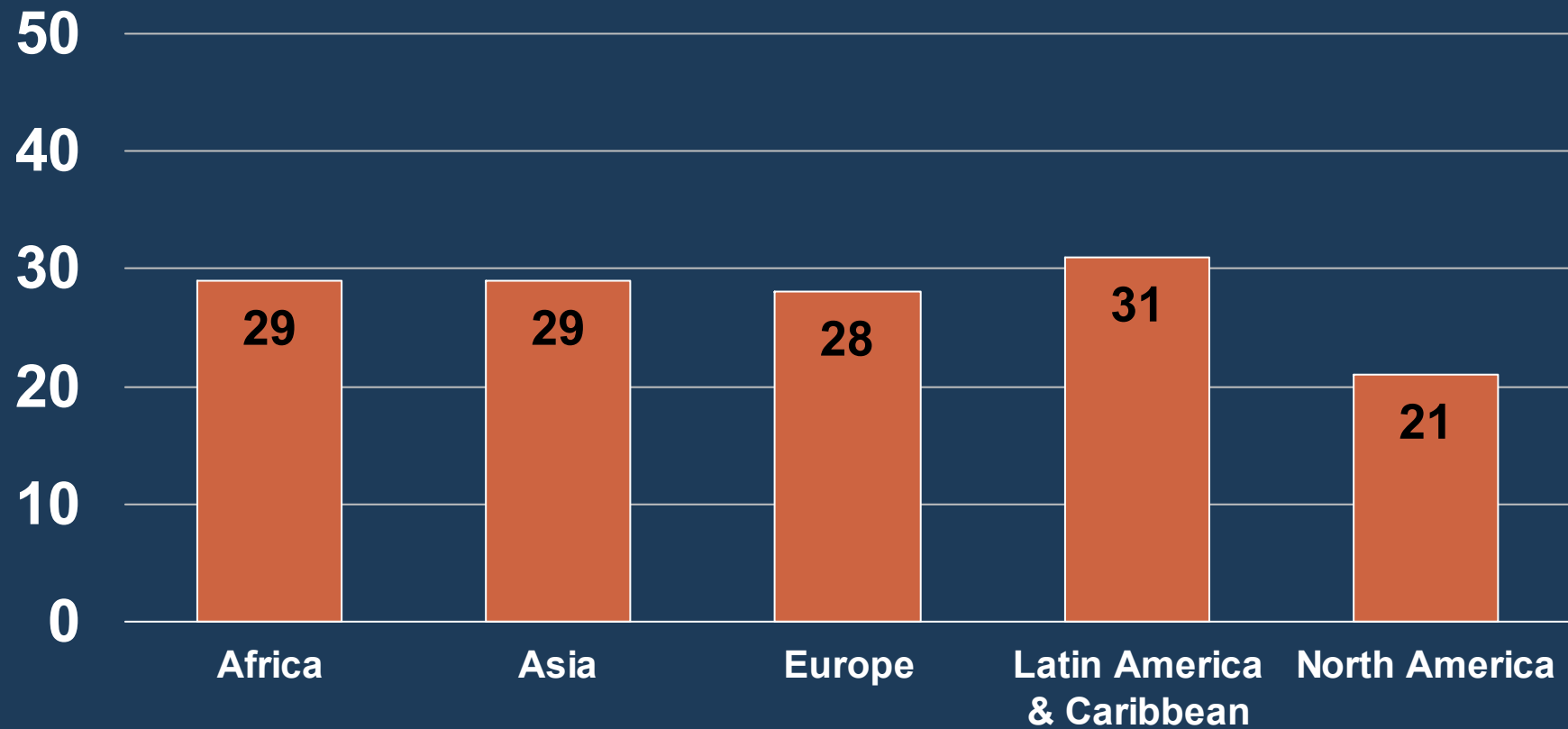
Number of abortions by region, 2003

Millions of abortions



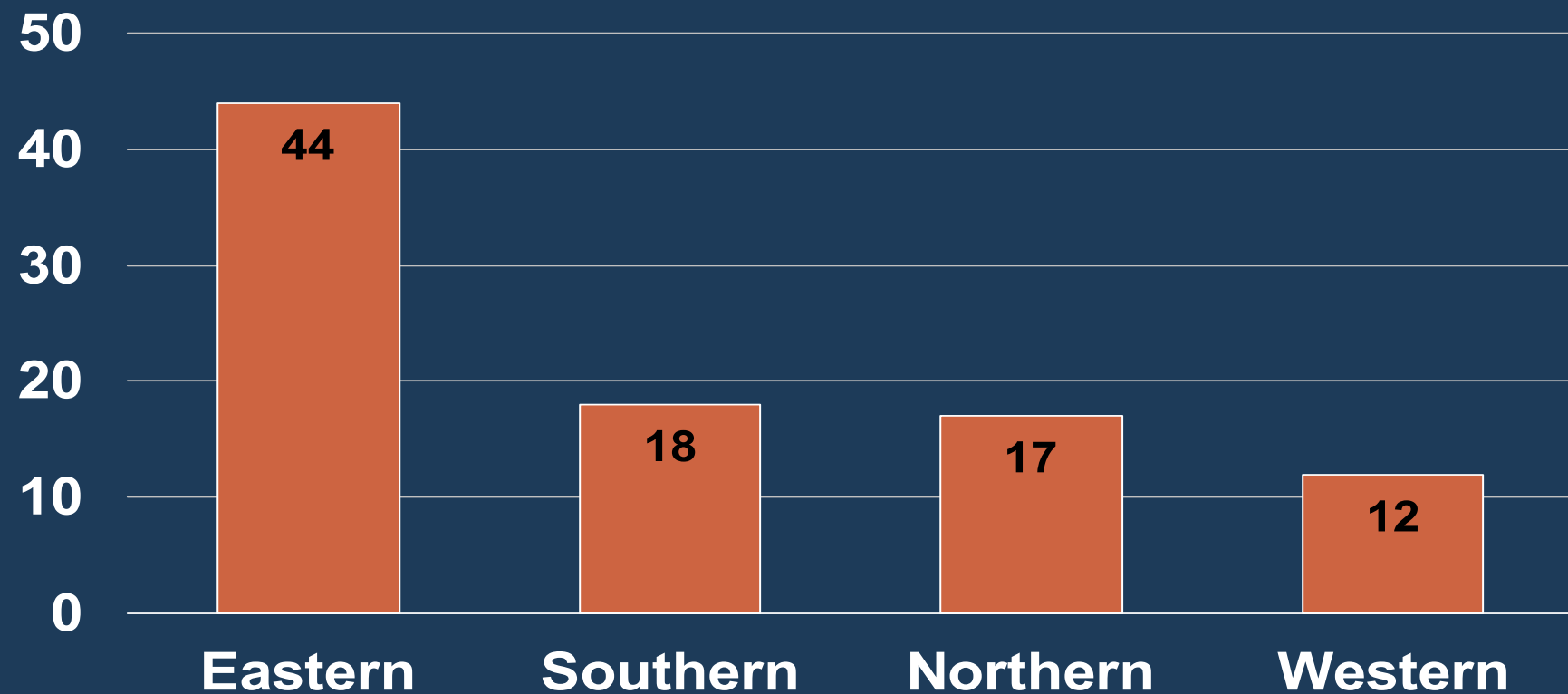
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Abortions/1,000 women 15–44



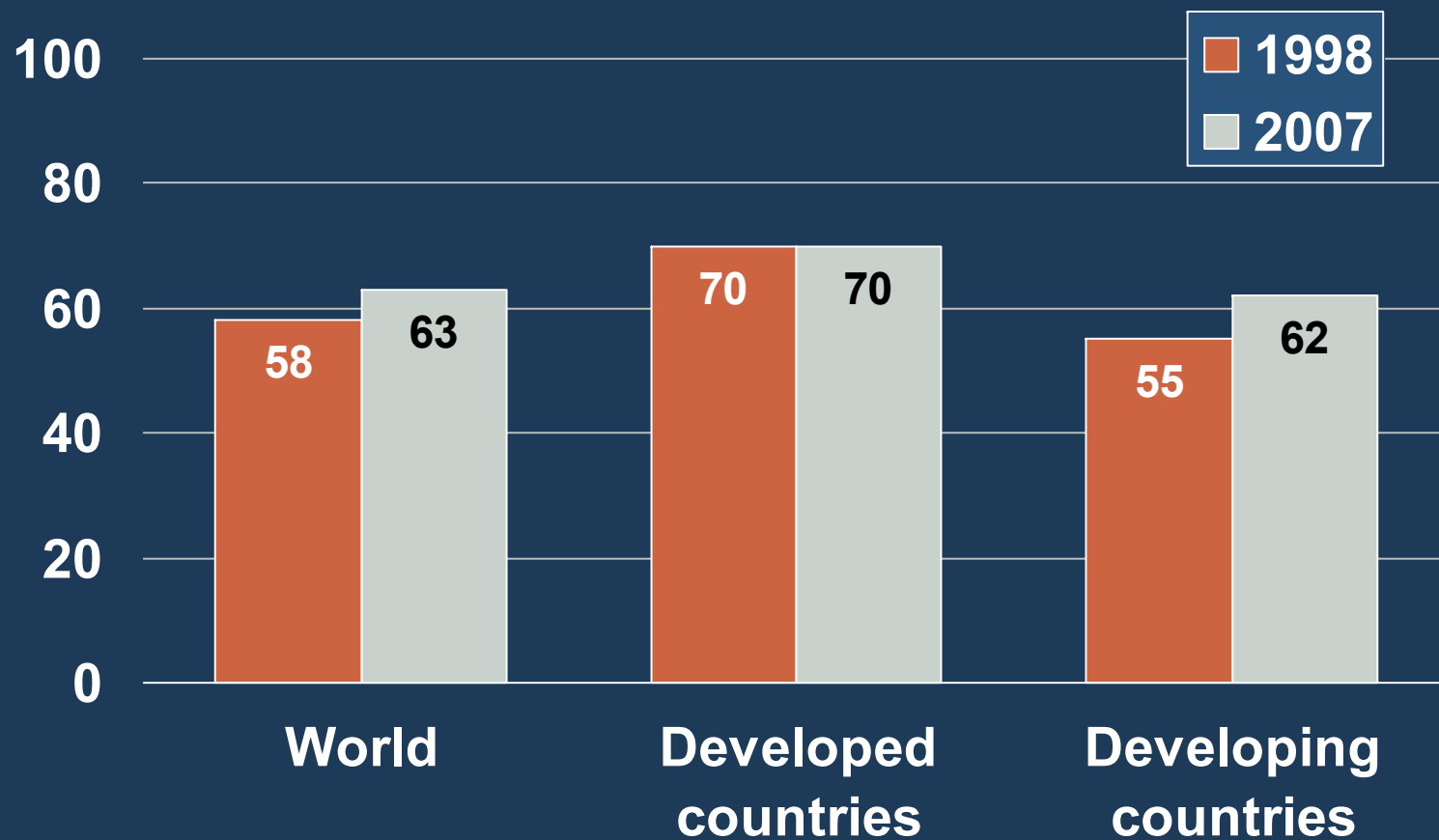
Within Europe, rates are highest in the Eastern/Central sub-region

Abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44, 2003



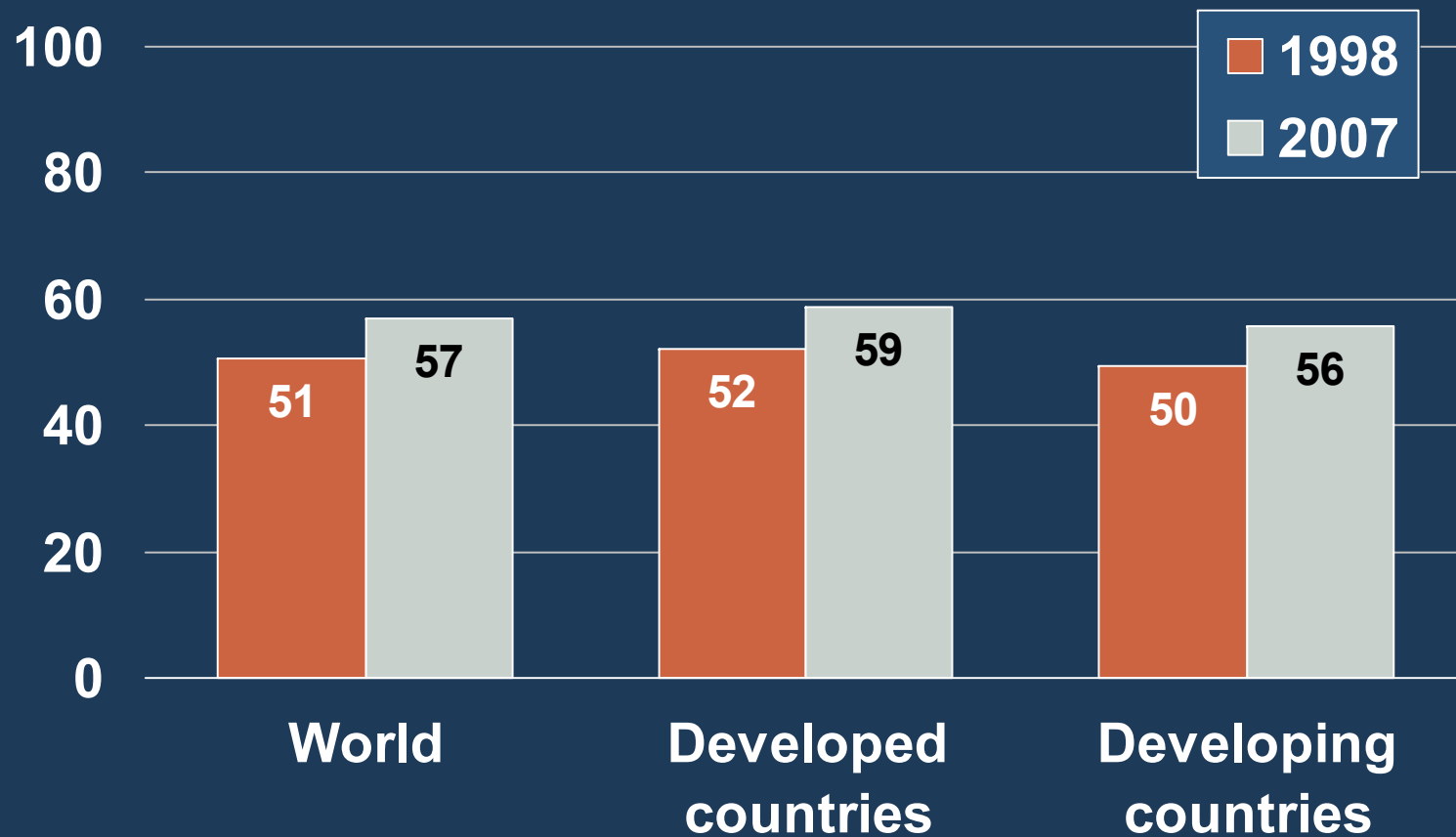
Percentage of married women using any contraceptive method, 1998 and 2007

Percent



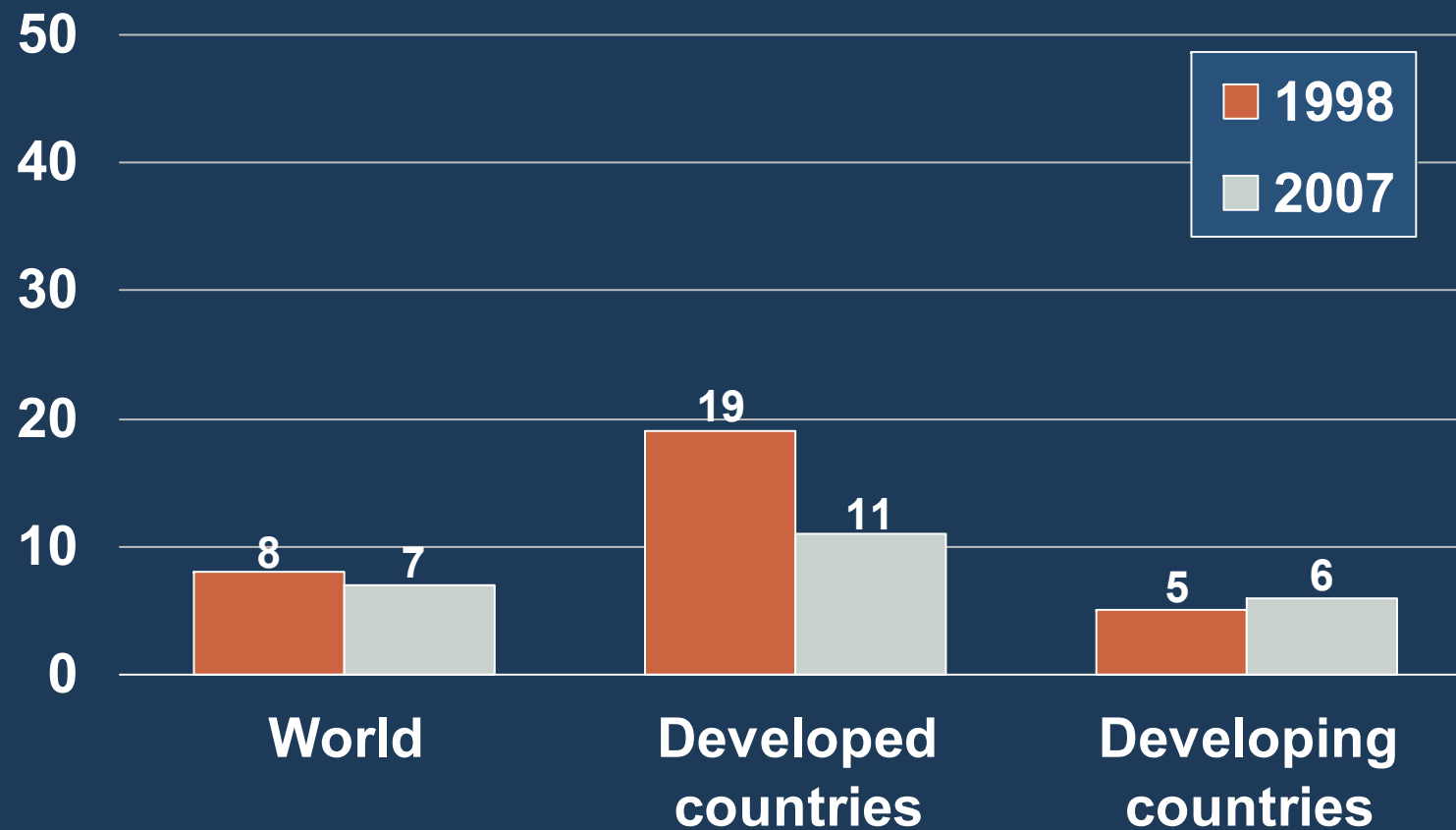
Percentage of married women using a modern method, 1998 and 2007

Percent

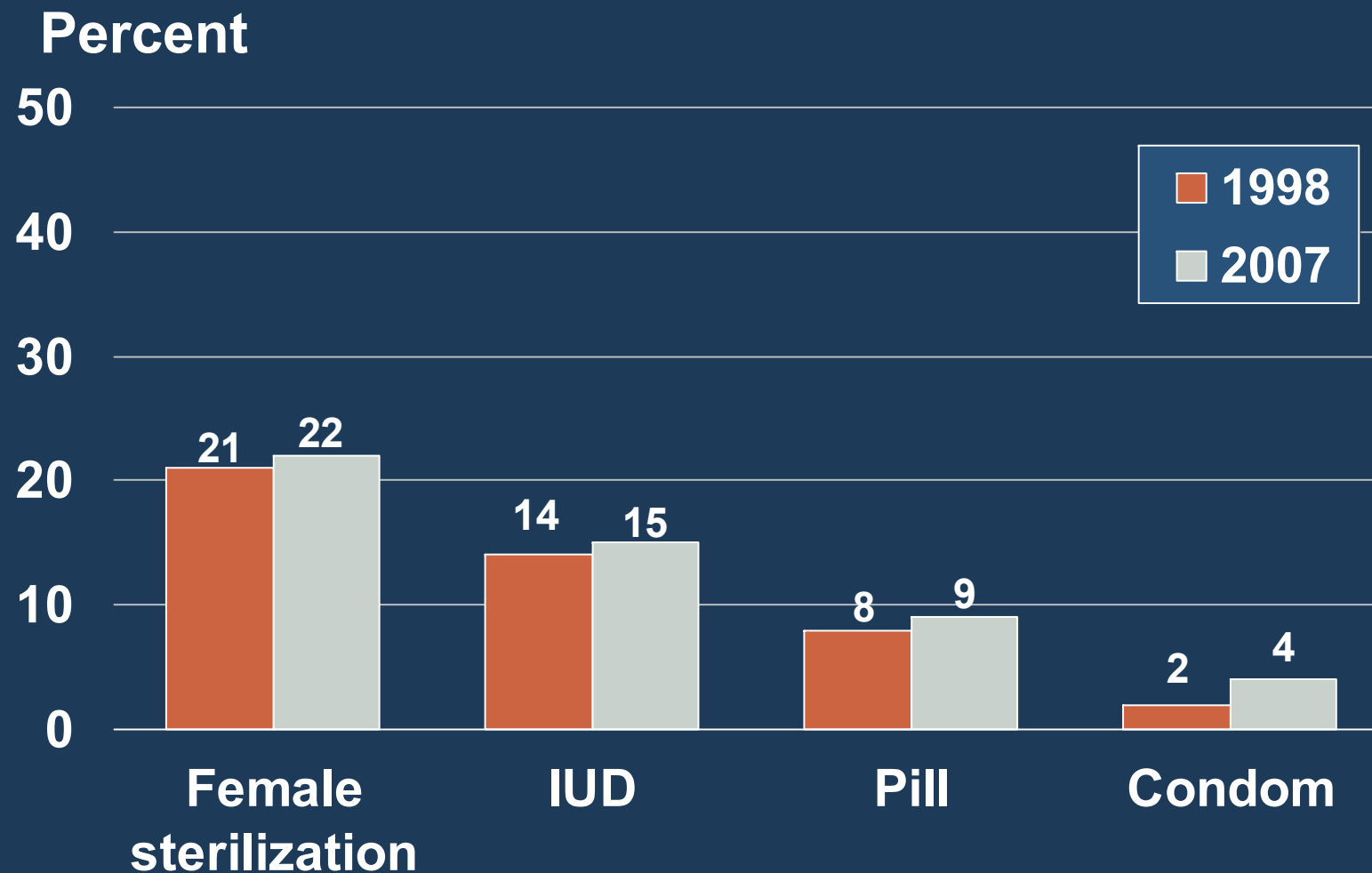


Percentage of married women using a traditional method, 1998 and 2007

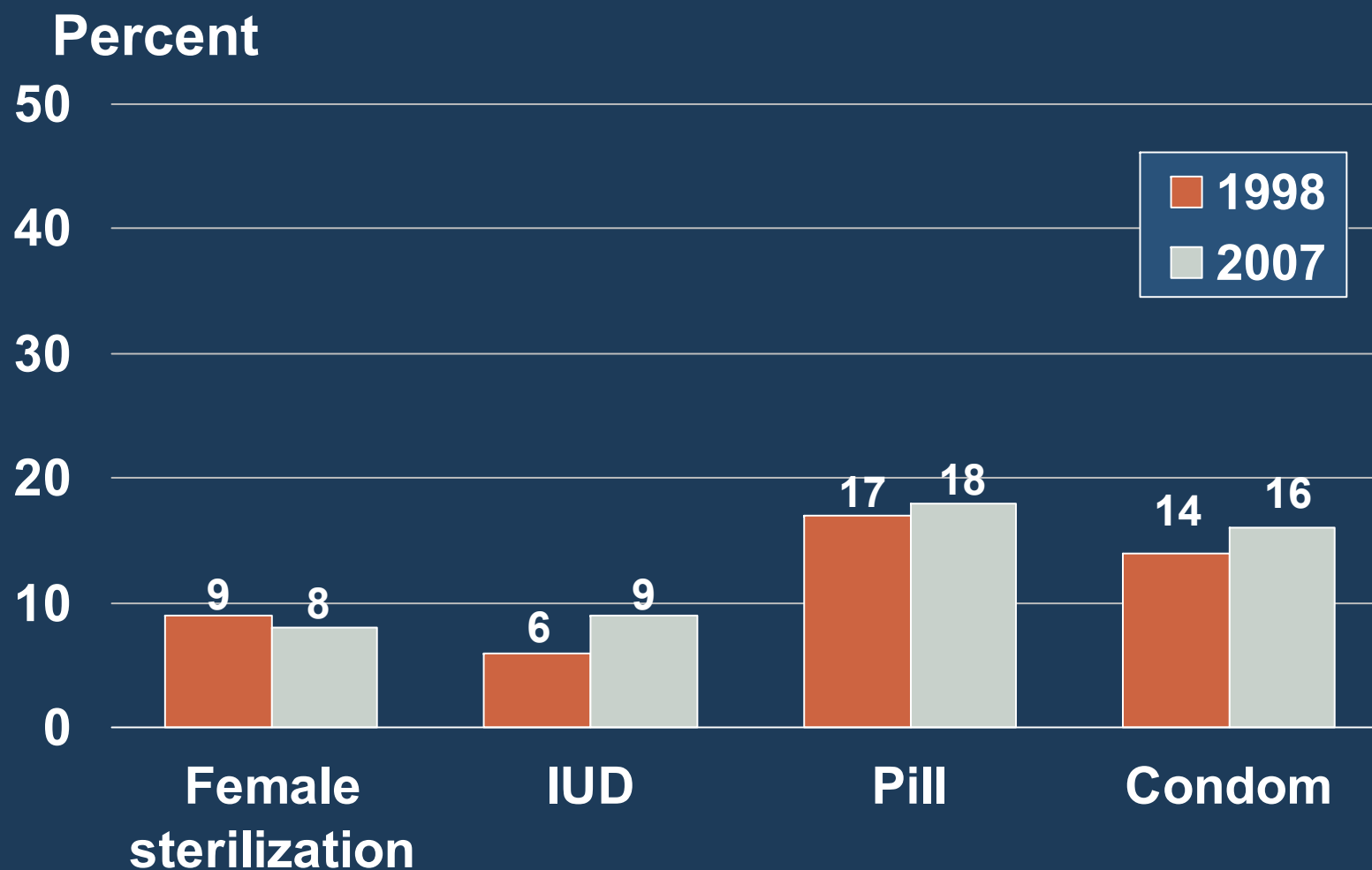
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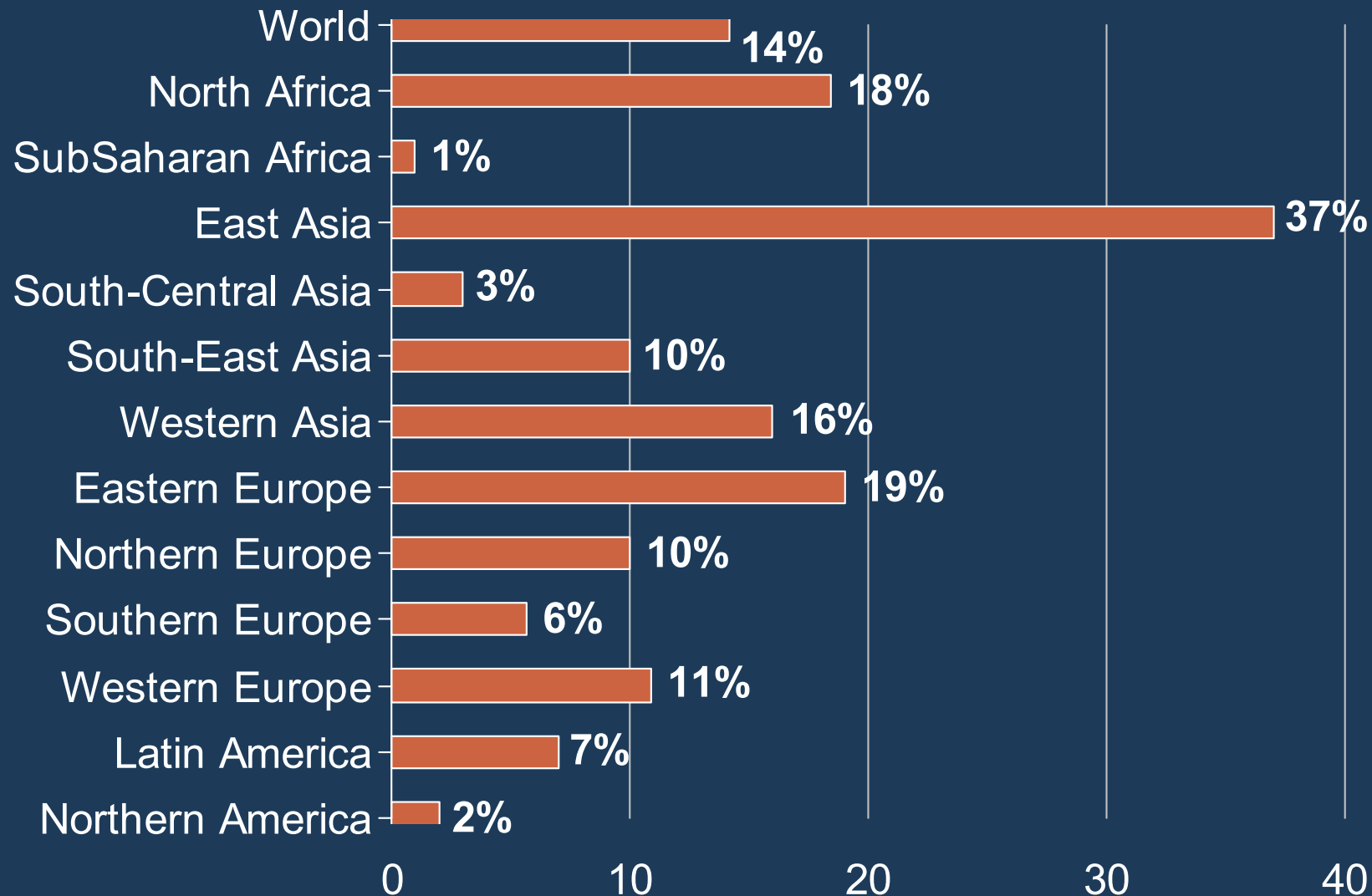
Developing countries: change in method use, 1998 to 2007



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Percentage of married women using an IUD by subregion, 2007



Thank you

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