

FERTILITY TRANSITION

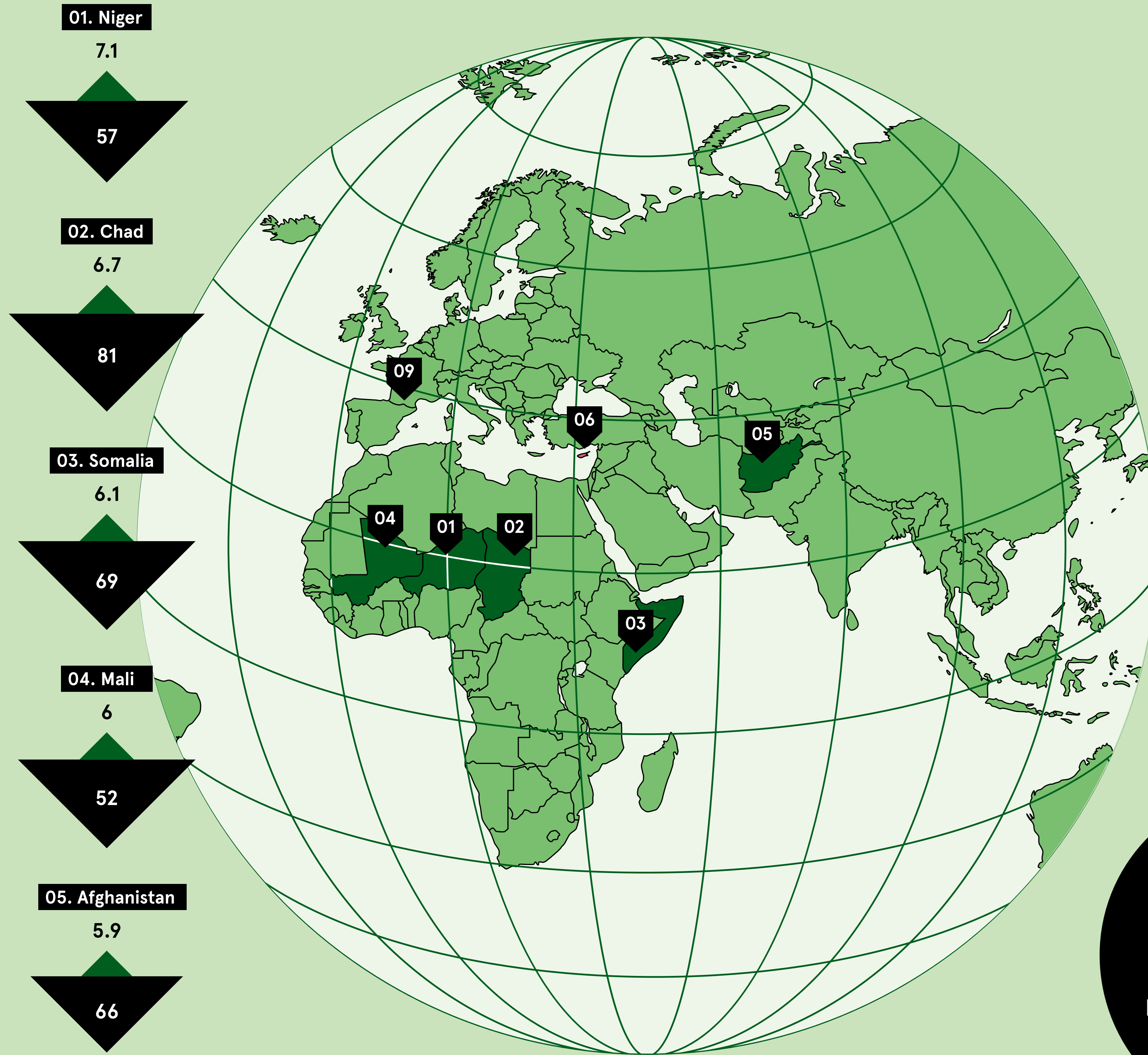
The average number of children a woman has over her lifetime has almost halved since 1950, despite the annual number of births continuing to rise worldwide. However, there still remains a large disparity in average fertility rates in different parts of the world, ranging from just one in Cyprus to seven in Niger

139m

babies were born in 2017 alone, compared with 93 million in 1950

COUNTRIES WITH HIGHEST BIRTH RATES

2017 data for the top five countries



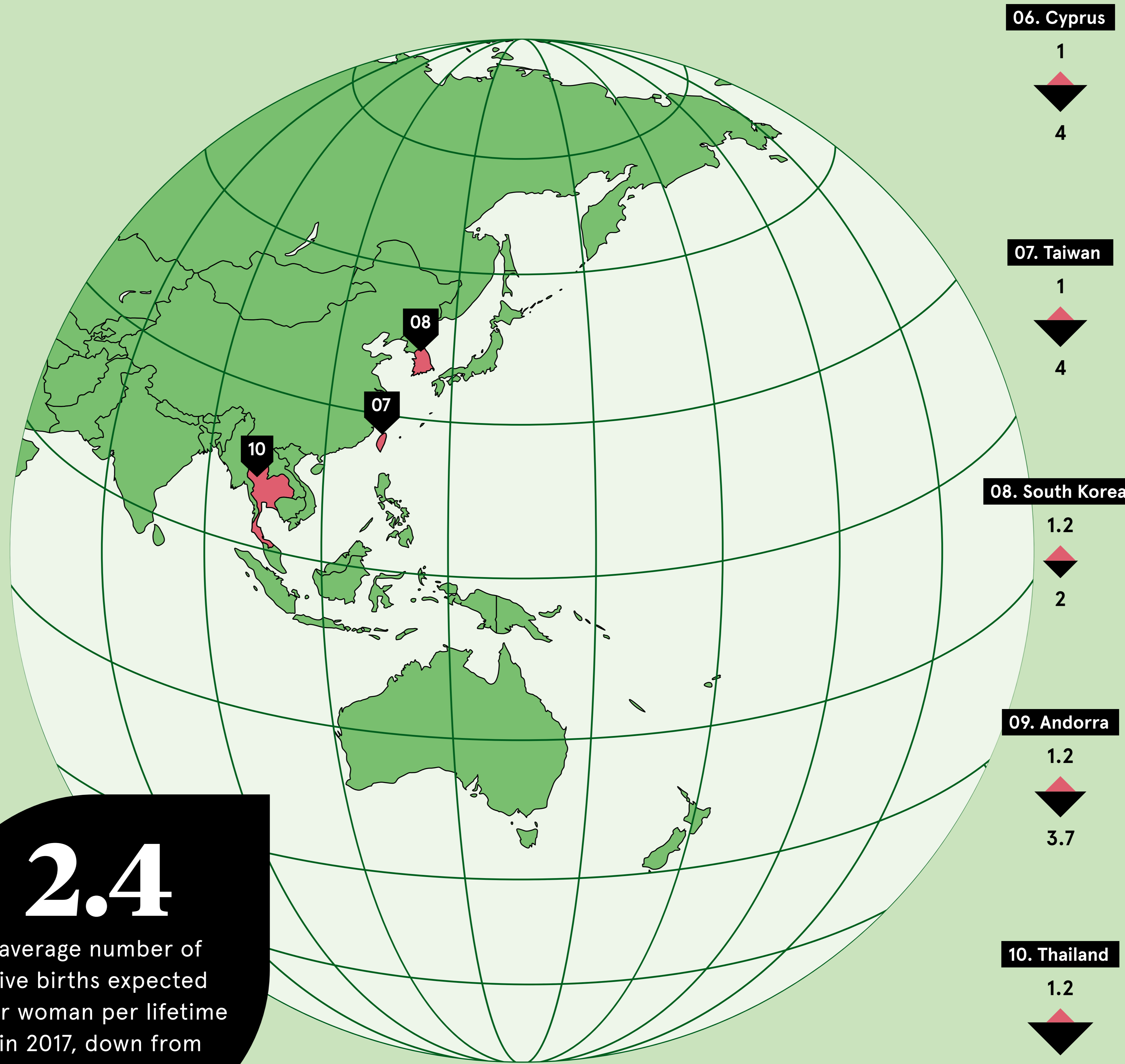
Highest fertility rate
(number of births per woman)

Lowest fertility rate
(number of births per woman)

Mortality rate
(infant mortality per 1,000 live births)

COUNTRIES WITH LOWEST BIRTH RATES

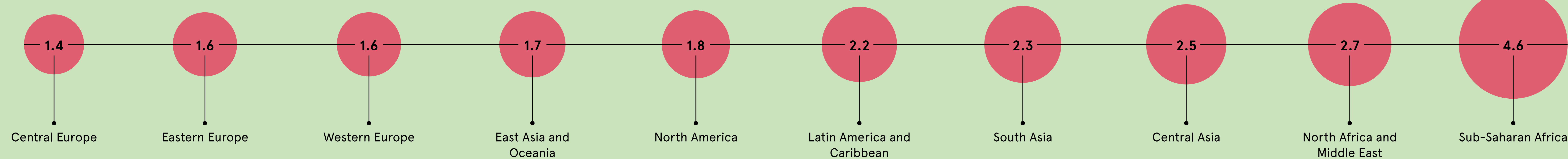
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2.4
average number of live births expected per woman per lifetime in 2017, down from 4.7 in 1950

FERTILITY RATES BY REGION

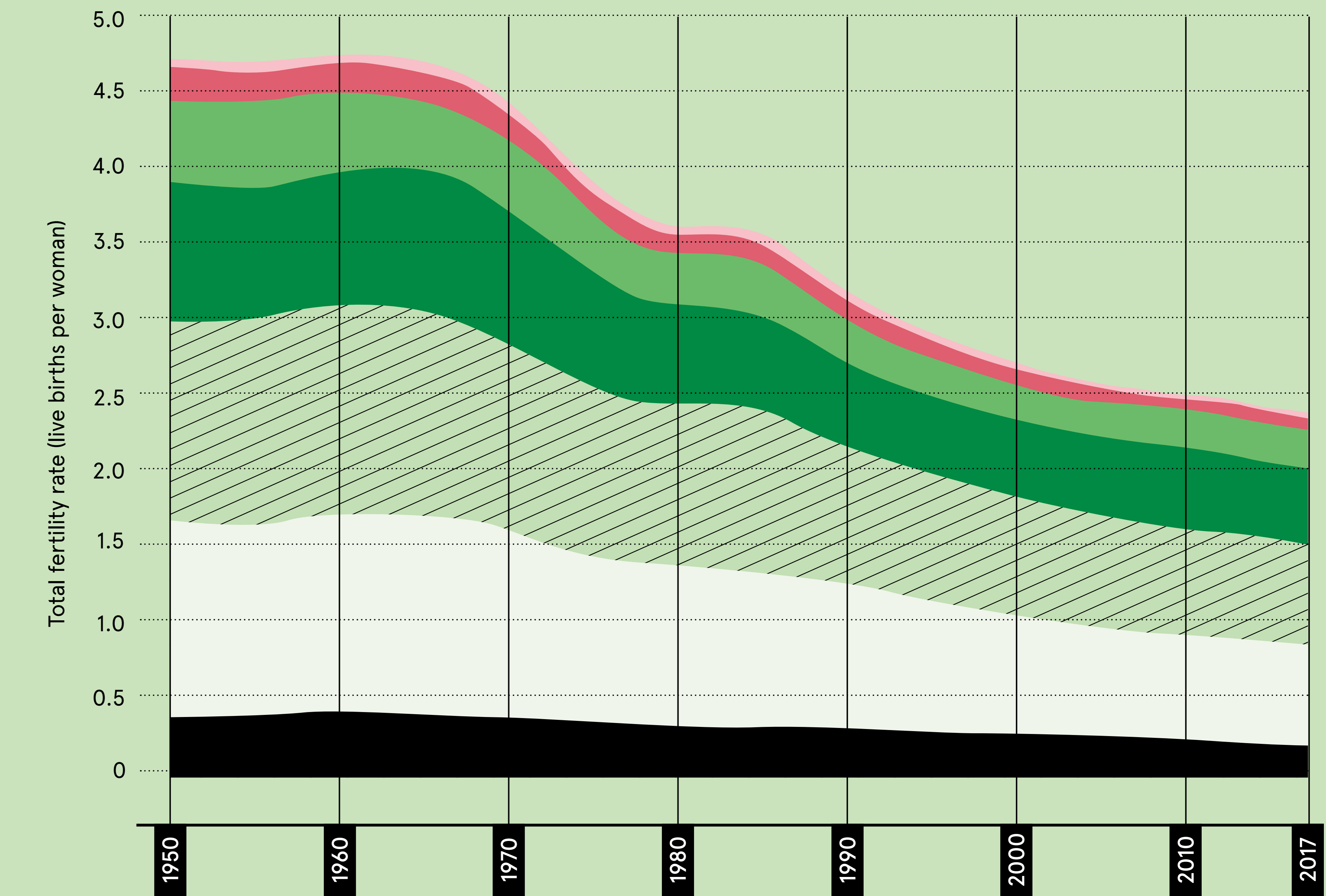
Number of live births per woman in 2017



GLOBAL FERTILITY RATE BY MATERNAL AGE GROUP

Average number of births expected per woman in each age group

50-54* 45-49 40-44 35-39 30-34 25-29 20-24 15-19 10-14*

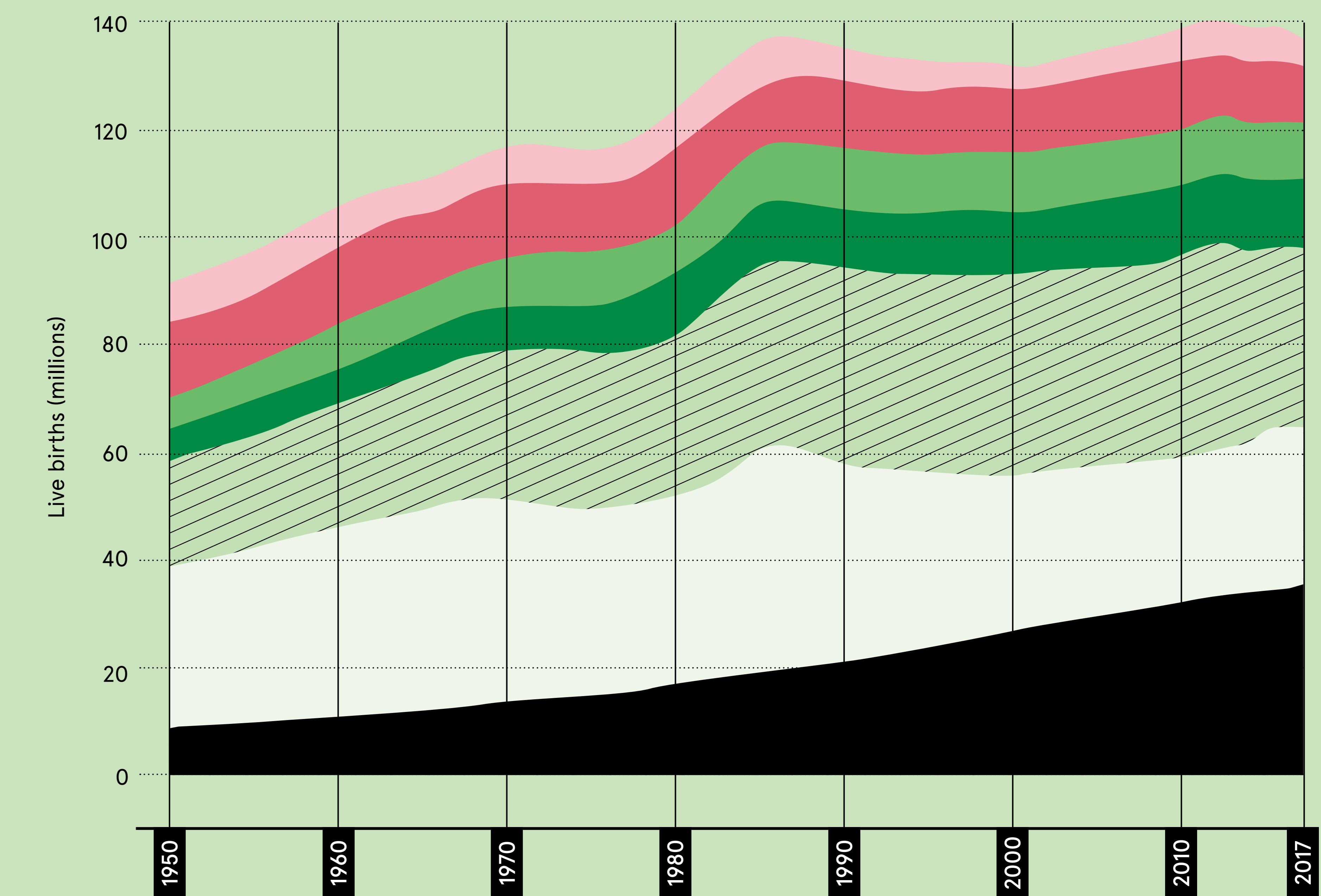


*Figures too small to visualise on chart

NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS BY REGION

Annual number of births

Central Europe, Eastern Europe, Central Asia High income Latin America and Caribbean
North Africa and Middle East South Asia Southeast Asia, East Asia, Oceania Sub-Saharan Africa



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