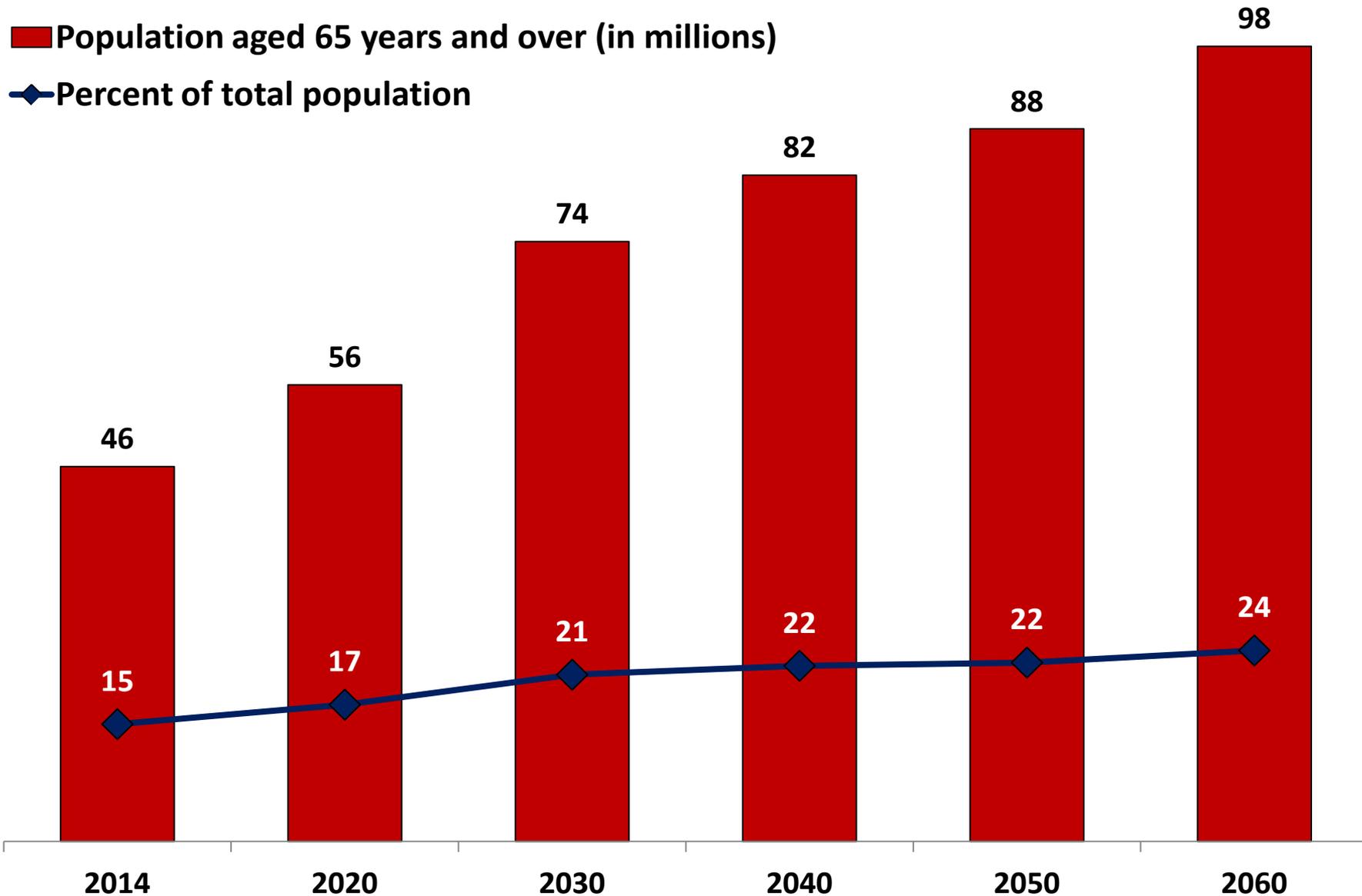


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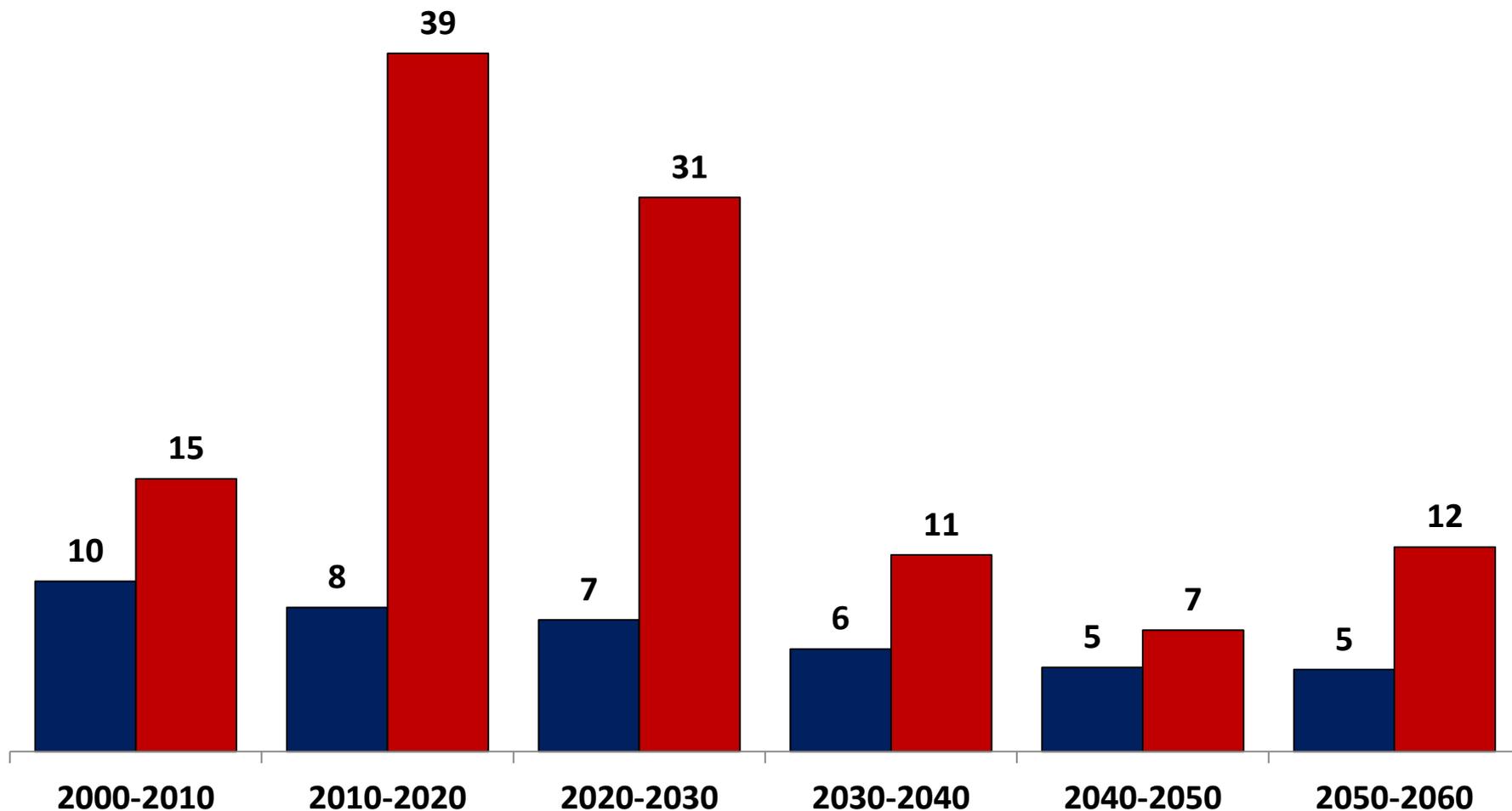
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# Population Aged 65 and Over: 2014 to 2060



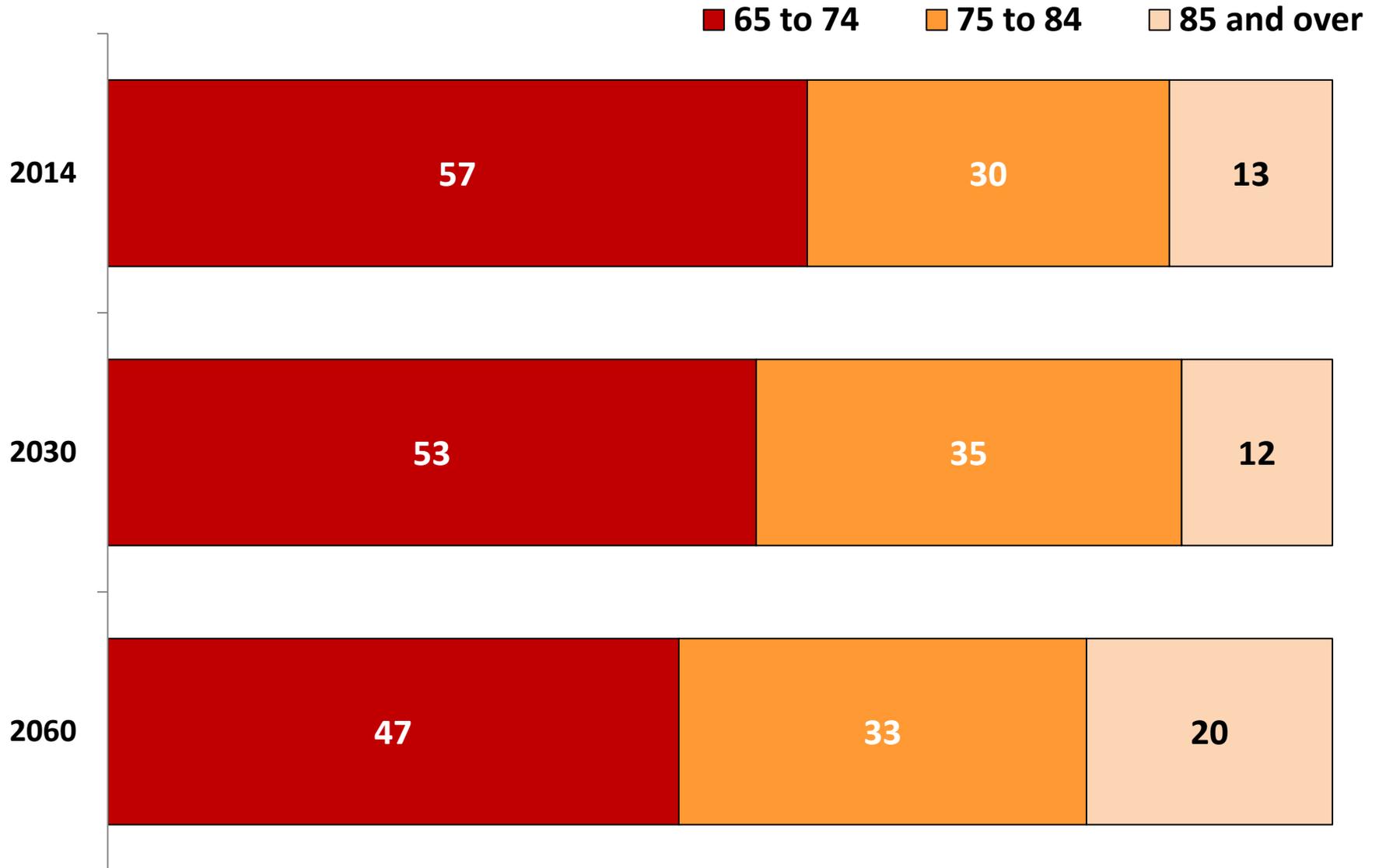
# Percent Change in Population Size by Decade: 2000-2010 to 2050-2060

■ Total population ■ 65 and over

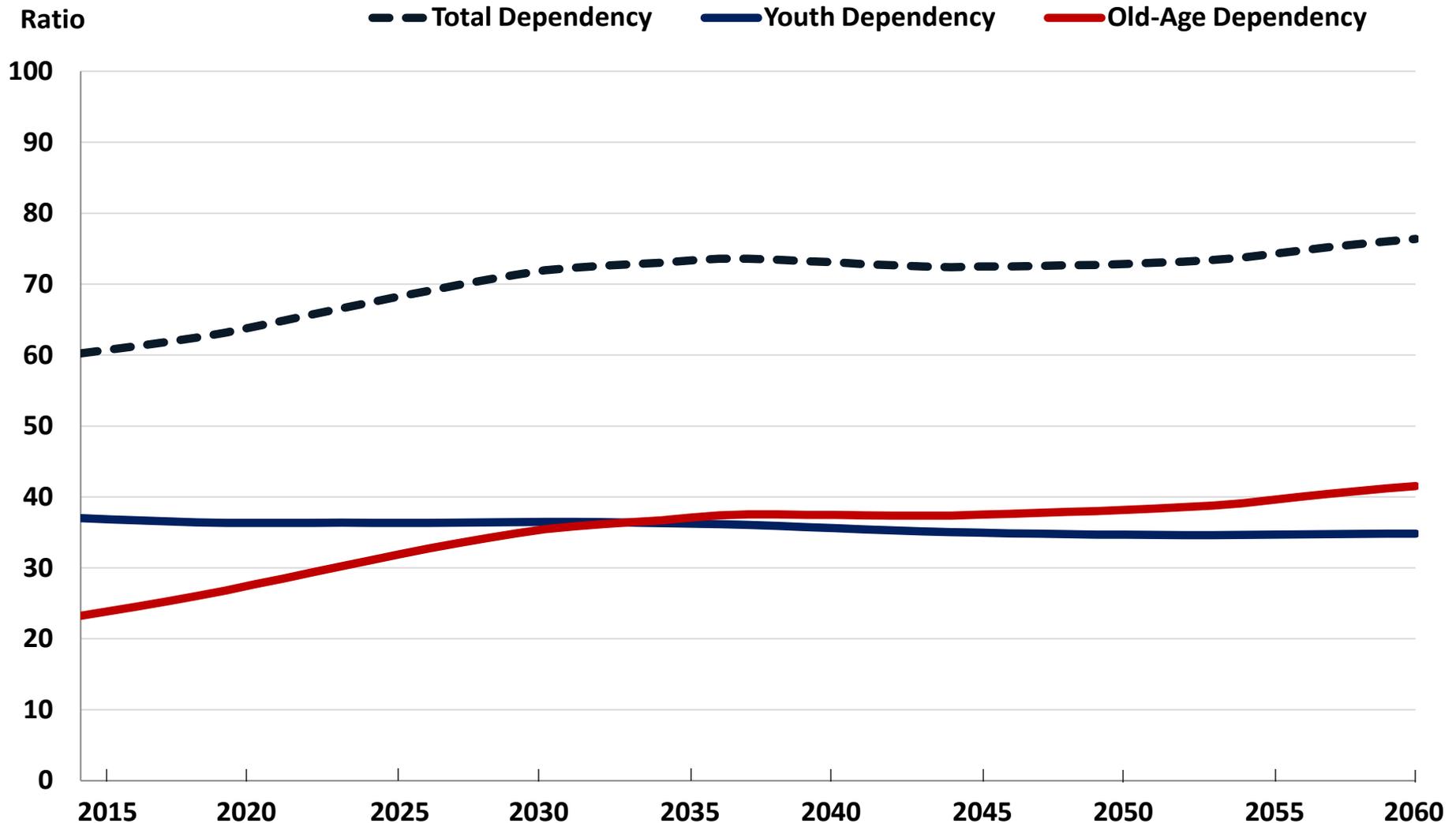


# Distribution of the Older Population by Age Group: 2014 to 2060

(Percent of population 65 and over)



# Projected Dependency Ratios: 2014 to 2060



Note: Old-age dependency = (Population aged 65 and over/Population aged 18 to 64)\*100.

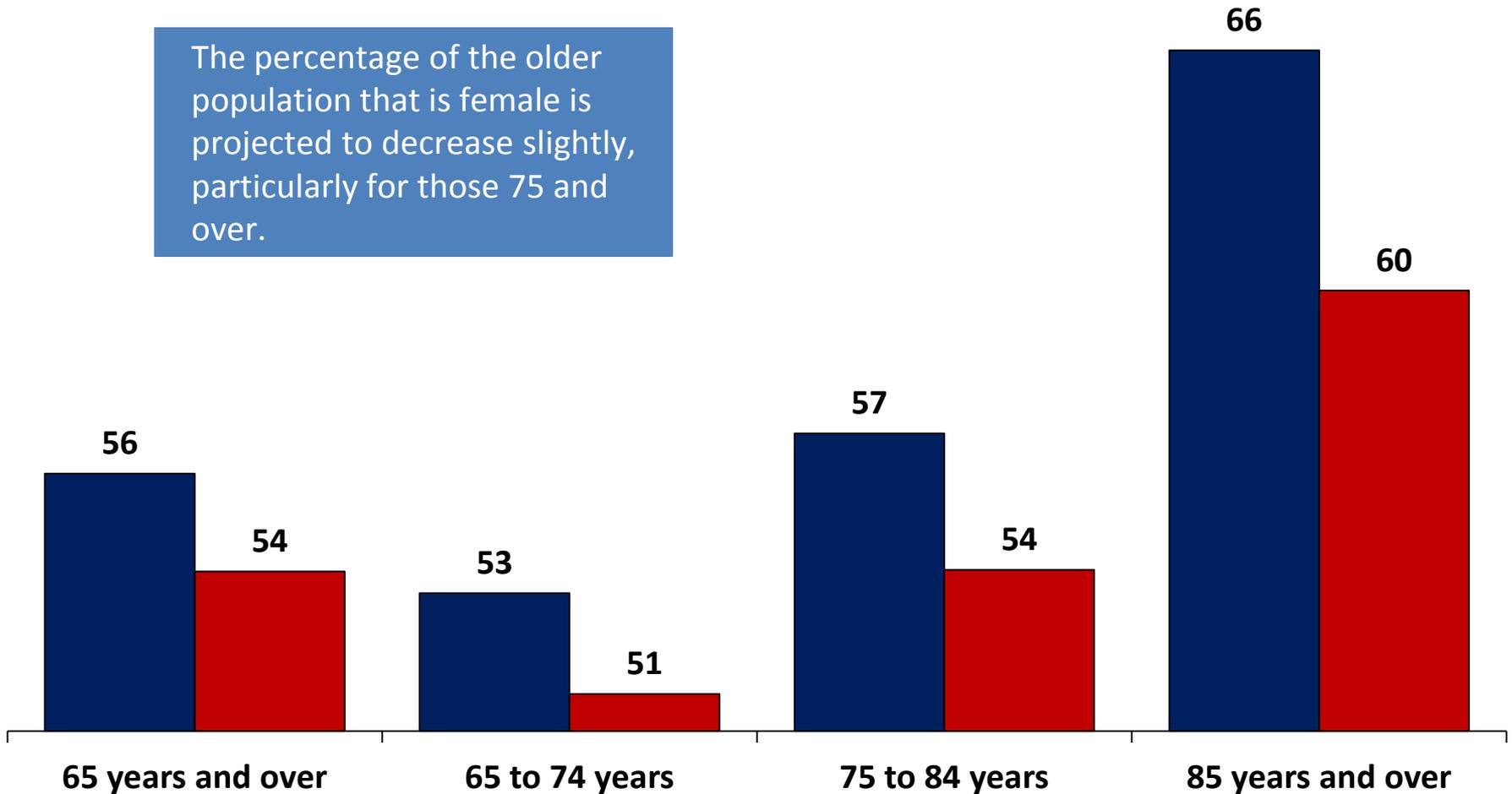
Youth dependency = (Population under 18/Population aged 18 to 64)\*100.

Total dependency = ((Population aged 65 and over + Population under 18)/Population aged 18 to 64)\*100

# Percent Female for the Older Population by Age: 2014 and 2060

■ 2014 ■ 2060

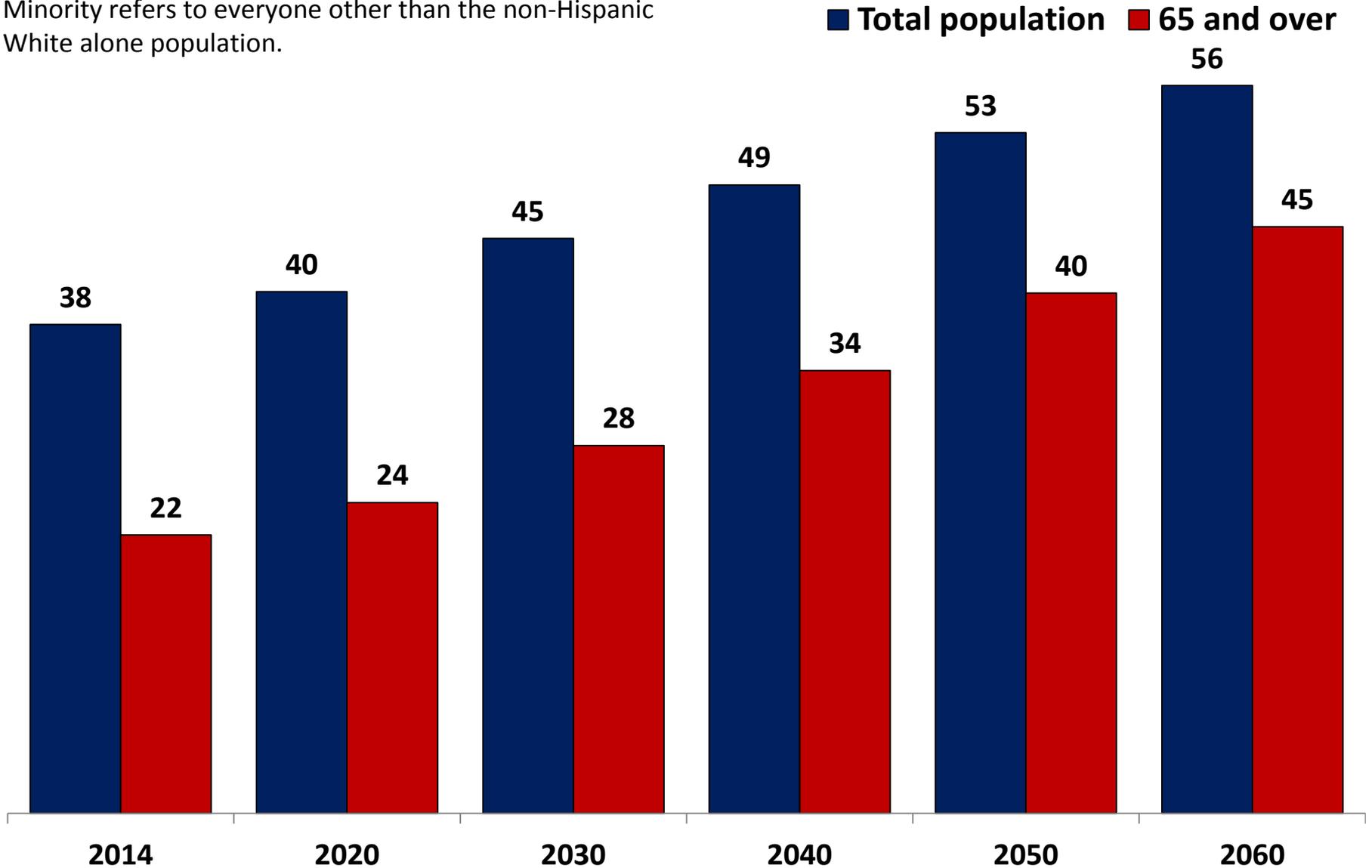
The percentage of the older population that is female is projected to decrease slightly, particularly for those 75 and over.



Note: The scale begins at 50 percent, rather than zero.

# Percent Minority: 2014 to 2060

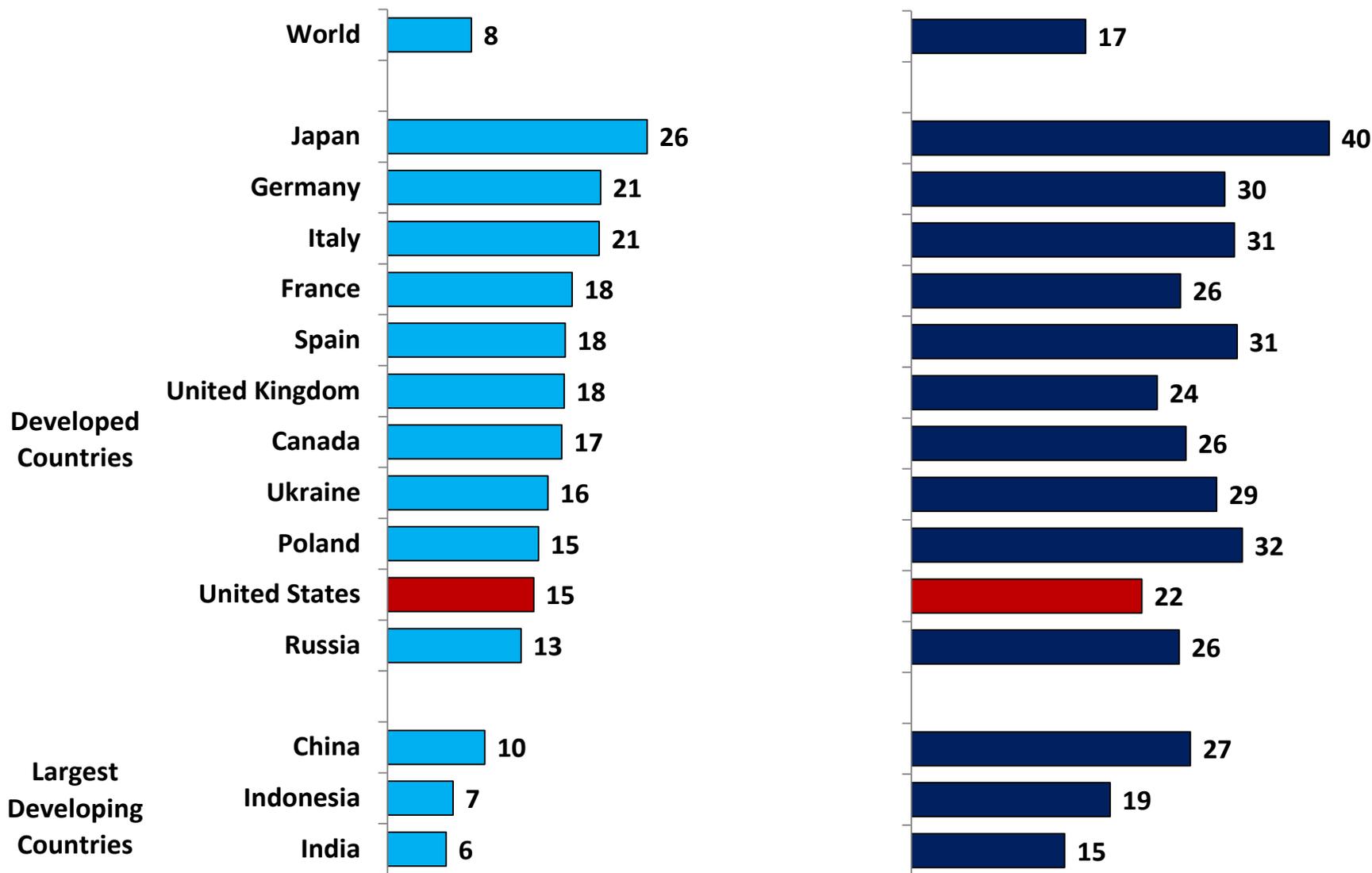
Minority refers to everyone other than the non-Hispanic White alone population.



# Percent 65 Years and Over in Selected Countries: 2014 and 2050

2014

2050



# Summary

- By 2030, one in five people living in the United States will be 65 years or older.
- The older population is projected to more than double, growing from 46 million in 2014 to 98 million in 2060.
- Growth in the older population will be driven by the aging of the baby boomers over the next two decades.

# Summary (continued)

- The population aged 65 and older is projected to be 45% minority in 2060, up from 22% in 2014.
- Despite the increase in the share of the U.S. population that is in the older ages, the nation is projected to remain one of the youngest developed countries in the world.

# For More Information

[www.census.gov/population/projections](http://www.census.gov/population/projections)

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