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A Ticking Clock on American Freedom
It's later than you think, but it's not too late.

By Adrienne LaFrance

Remember that facts still matter. Every individual who speaks out, every person who calls a lie a lie, demonstrates fealty to the truth.

Put another way: If you lose reality, you lose the rule of law. You lose democracy. You are no longer free.

11,398,255 women and girls denied contraceptive care because of US foreign aid cuts

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Low- and middle-income countries

Health benefits of investing in family planning

USD 607,500,000
INVESTMENT



49,283,310 women and couples
receive modern contraceptive care



15,240,528 unintended pregnancies averted
• 4,599,449 unplanned births averted
• 5,432,596 unsafe abortion averted



16,203 women's and girls' lives
saved

Notes: Subregional/regional estimates, if shown, include data for low- and middle-income countries only. Impact estimates assume investments cover both family planning service delivery and associated programs and systems. Estimates are for 2024. www.gutmacher.org/fp-investment-calculator.

RESULTS

Nationwide phone survey of 1,200 registered voters April 2-7, 2025

Currently, Elon Musk and Donald Trump have frozen all U.S. investment in global reproductive health and family planning services and funding.

This means nearly one million women will lose access to contraceptives and other care resources every week that the freeze is in place. If it is kept in place for three months, more than 11 million women will lose access, leading to 4.2 million unintended pregnancies and more than 8 thousand maternal deaths.

Based on this, do you support or oppose ending the freeze on funding for global family planning services?

Strongly support.....	47	67	49	26
Not so strongly support	11	11	13	10
Not so strongly oppose	6	5	2	9
Strongly oppose	28	15	26	41
(Don't know).....	8	2	10	13
(Refused).....	1	0	0	2
Support	58	78	62	36
Oppose	34	20	28	50
	ALL	DEM	IND/DK	REP

White House Assesses Ways to Persuade Women to Have More Children

"National Medal of Motherhood"



A third calls on the government to fund programs that educate women on their menstrual cycles — in part so they can better understand when they are ovulating and able to conceive.



Description
English: J. D. Vance speaking at an event in Phoenix, Arizona
Date 17 April 2021
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The fertility crisis is here and it will permanently alter the economy



Analysis by [Nicole Goodkind](#), CNN

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“A reduction in the share of workers can lead to labor shortages, which may raise the bargaining power of employees and lift wages — all of which is ultimately inflationary,” Simona Paravani-Mellinghoff, managing director at BlackRock, wrote in an analysis last year.

CEOs make 399 times as much as typical workers

CEO-to-worker compensation ratio, 1965–2021

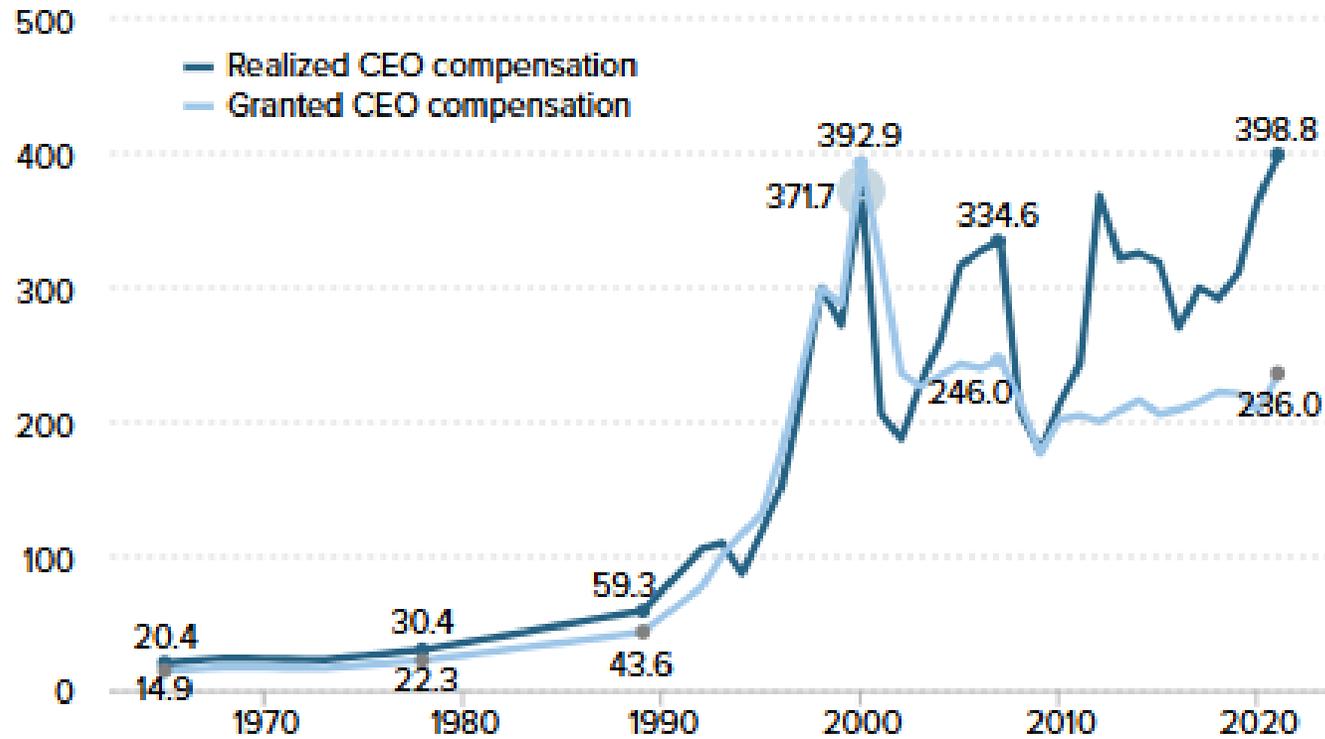


Chart Data

Notes: Average annual compensation for CEOs is for CEOs at the top 350 U.S. firms ranked by sales. Typical worker compensation is the average annual compensation (wages and benefits of a full-time, full-year worker) of production/nonsupervisory workers in the industries that the top 350 firms operate in. ...

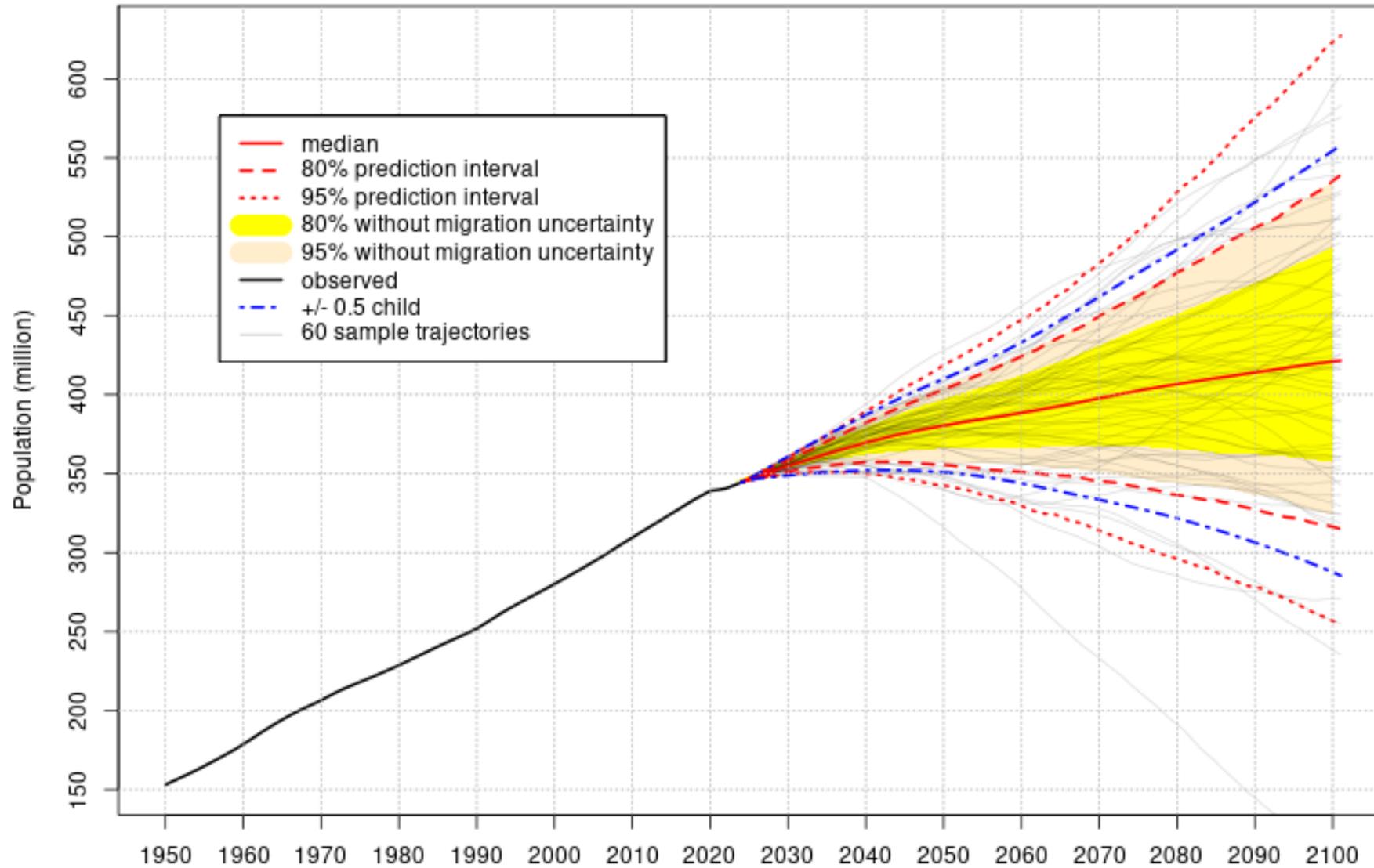
Source: Authors' analysis of data from Compustat's ExecuComp database, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics data series, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis NIPA tables.

Global Economics Analyst

The Potentially Large Effects of Artificial Intelligence on Economic Growth (Briggs/Kodnani)

Using data on occupational tasks in both the US and Europe, we find that roughly two-thirds of current jobs are exposed to some degree of AI automation, and that generative AI could substitute up to one-fourth of current work.

United States of America: Total Population



United States of America: Population (Age 0-24)

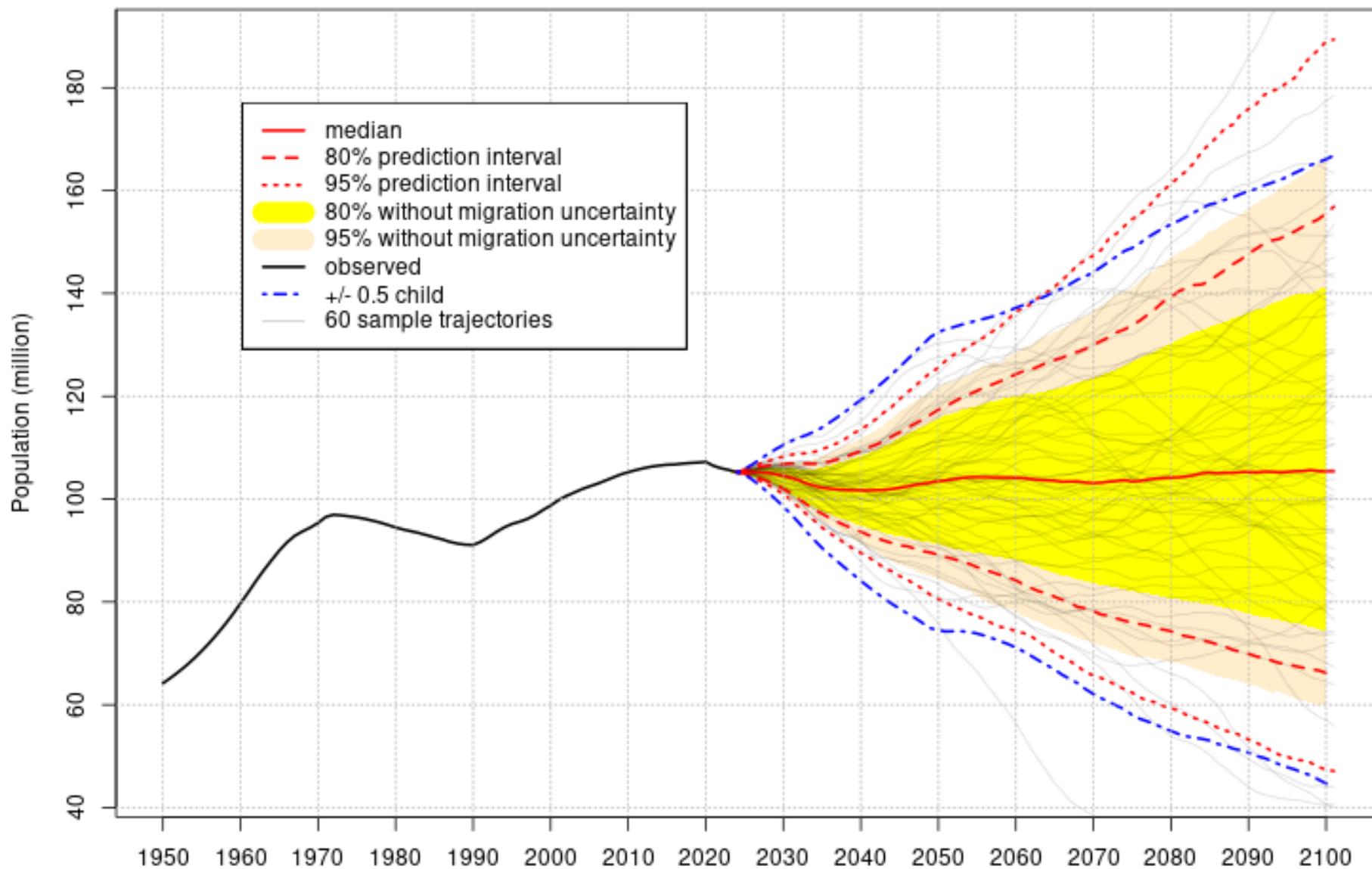
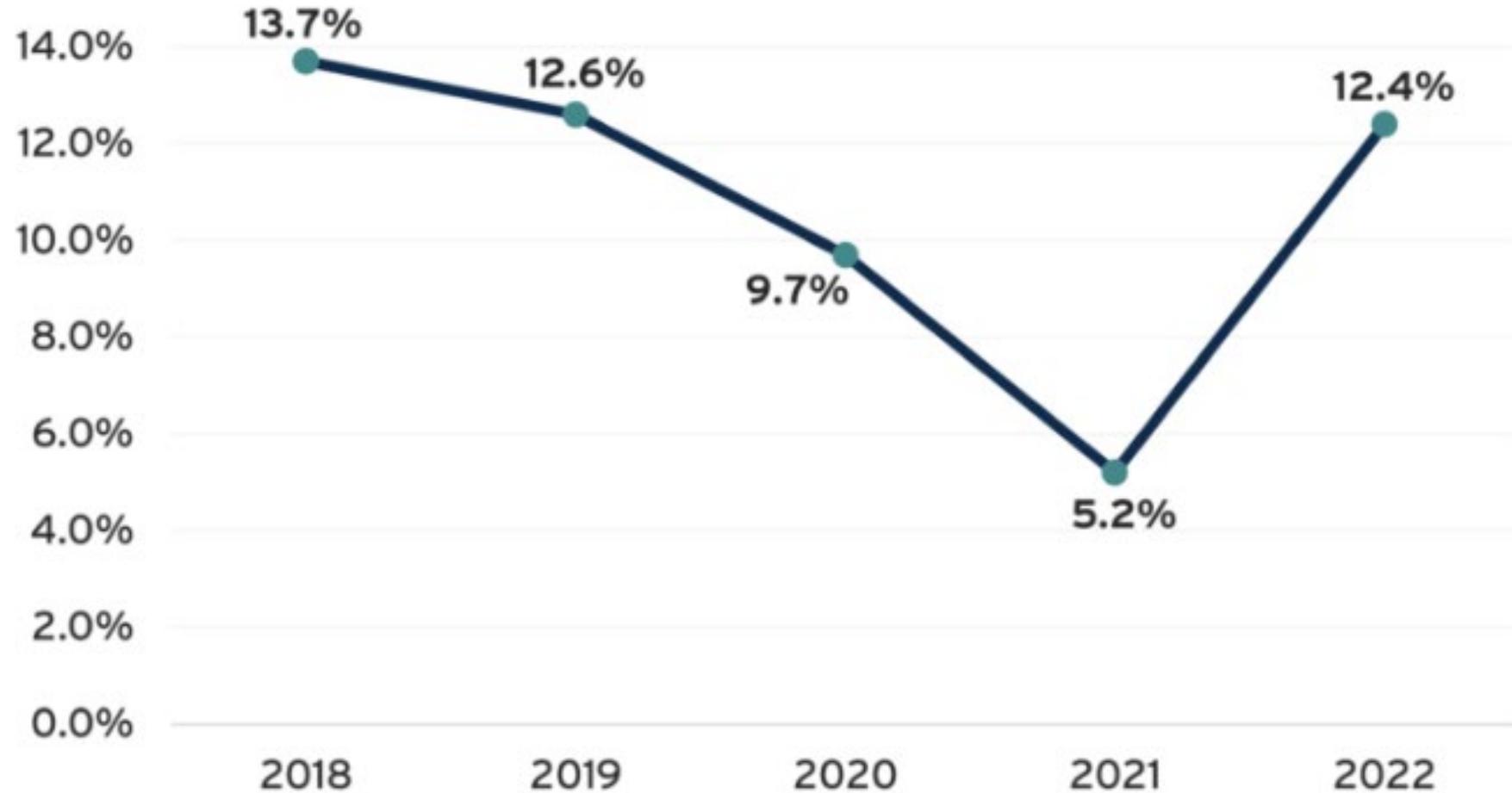


FIGURE 1. Percent of Children in Poverty, 2018-2022

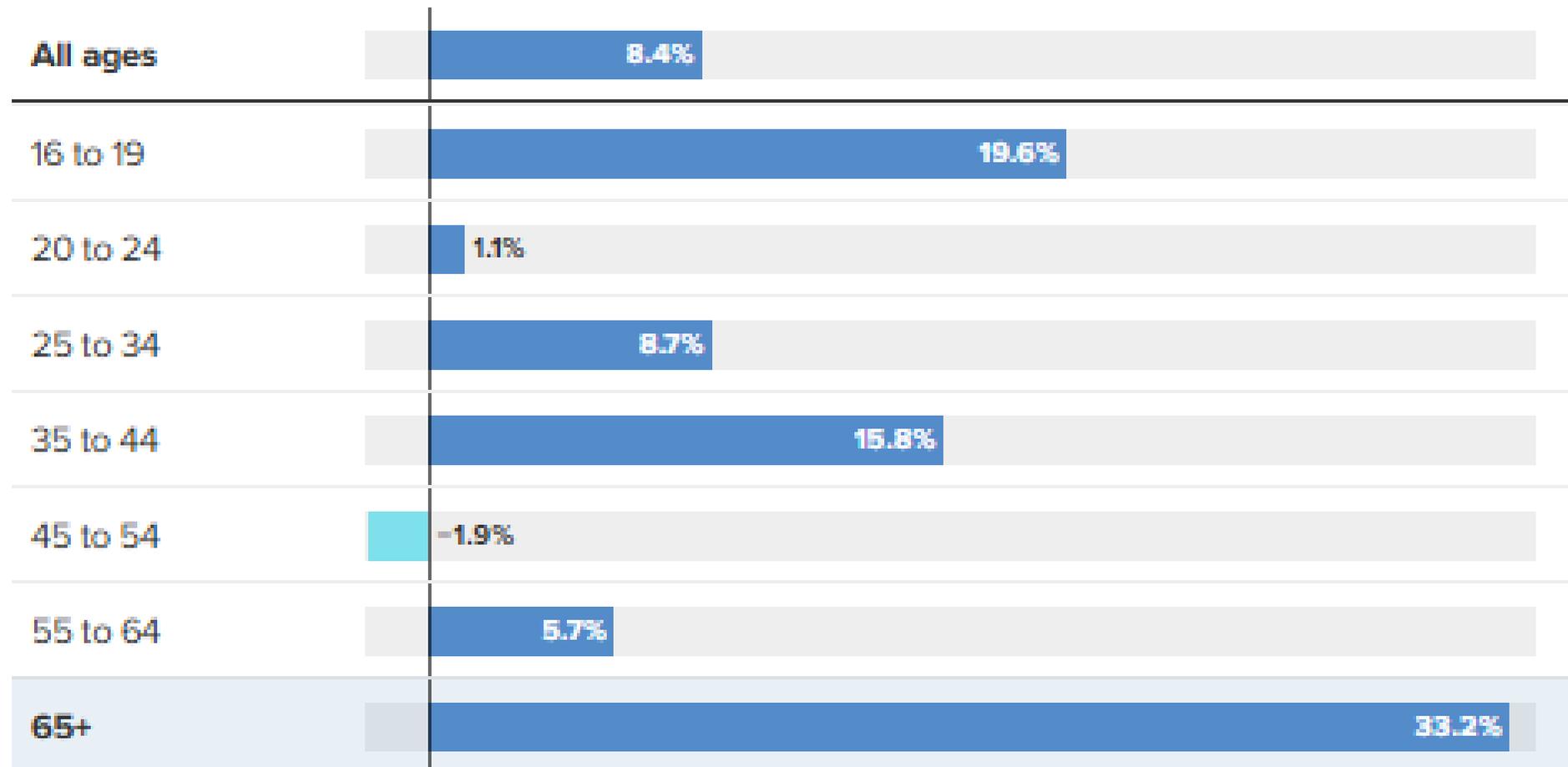


Note: Based on the Supplemental Poverty Measure.

Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, September 2023

Increase in the U.S. workforce over the last decade

Percent change by age bracket | 2015–2024



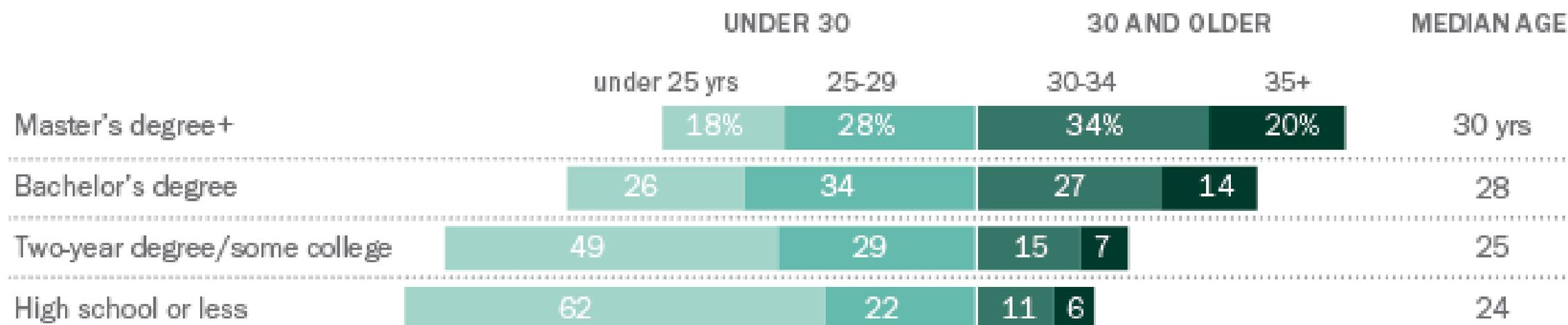
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' current population survey

Data as of Jan. 29, 2025



For Most Highly Educated Women, Motherhood Begins in the Thirties

Age at birth of first child, by educational attainment

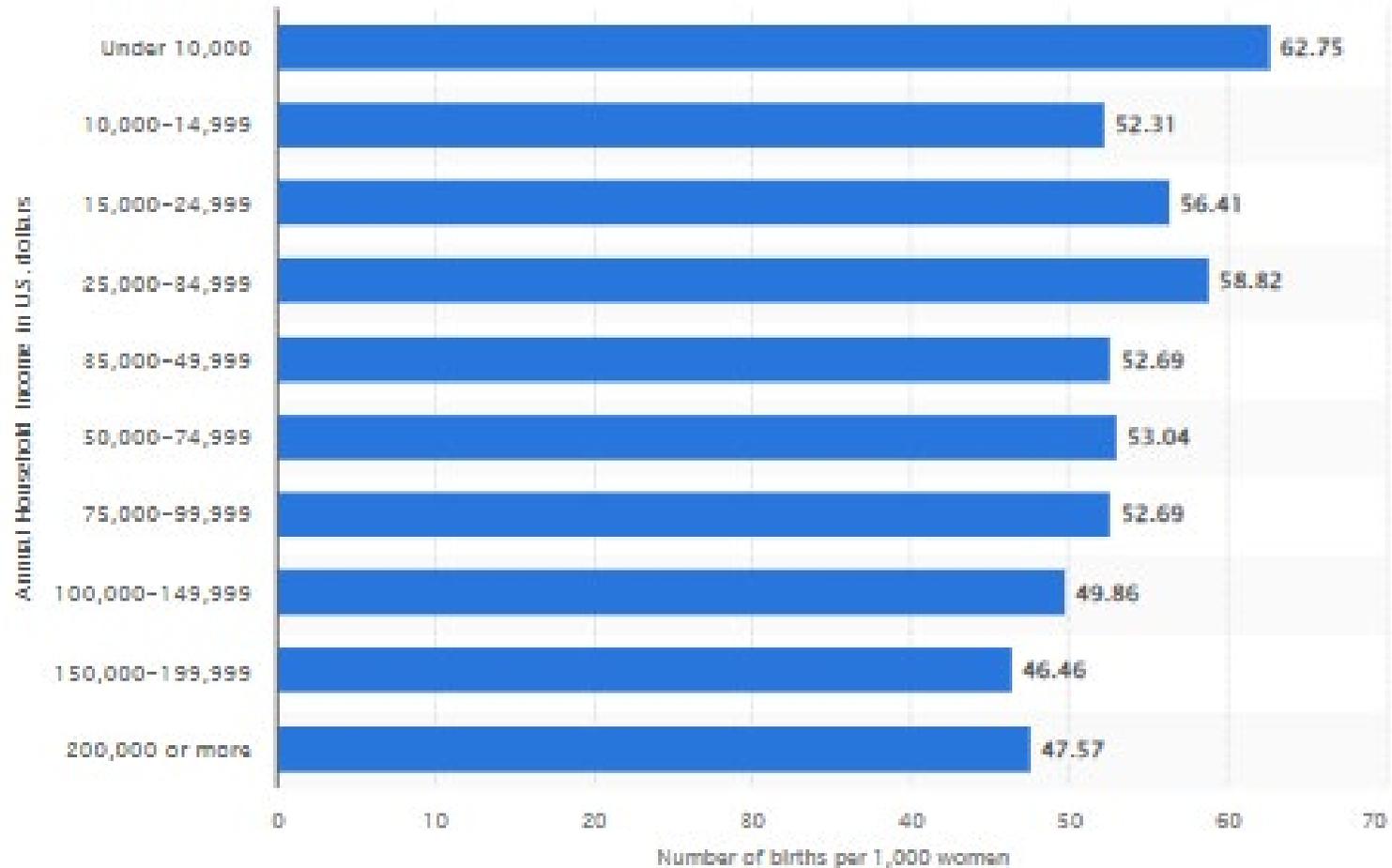


Note: Based on women ages 40-50 who have ever given birth.

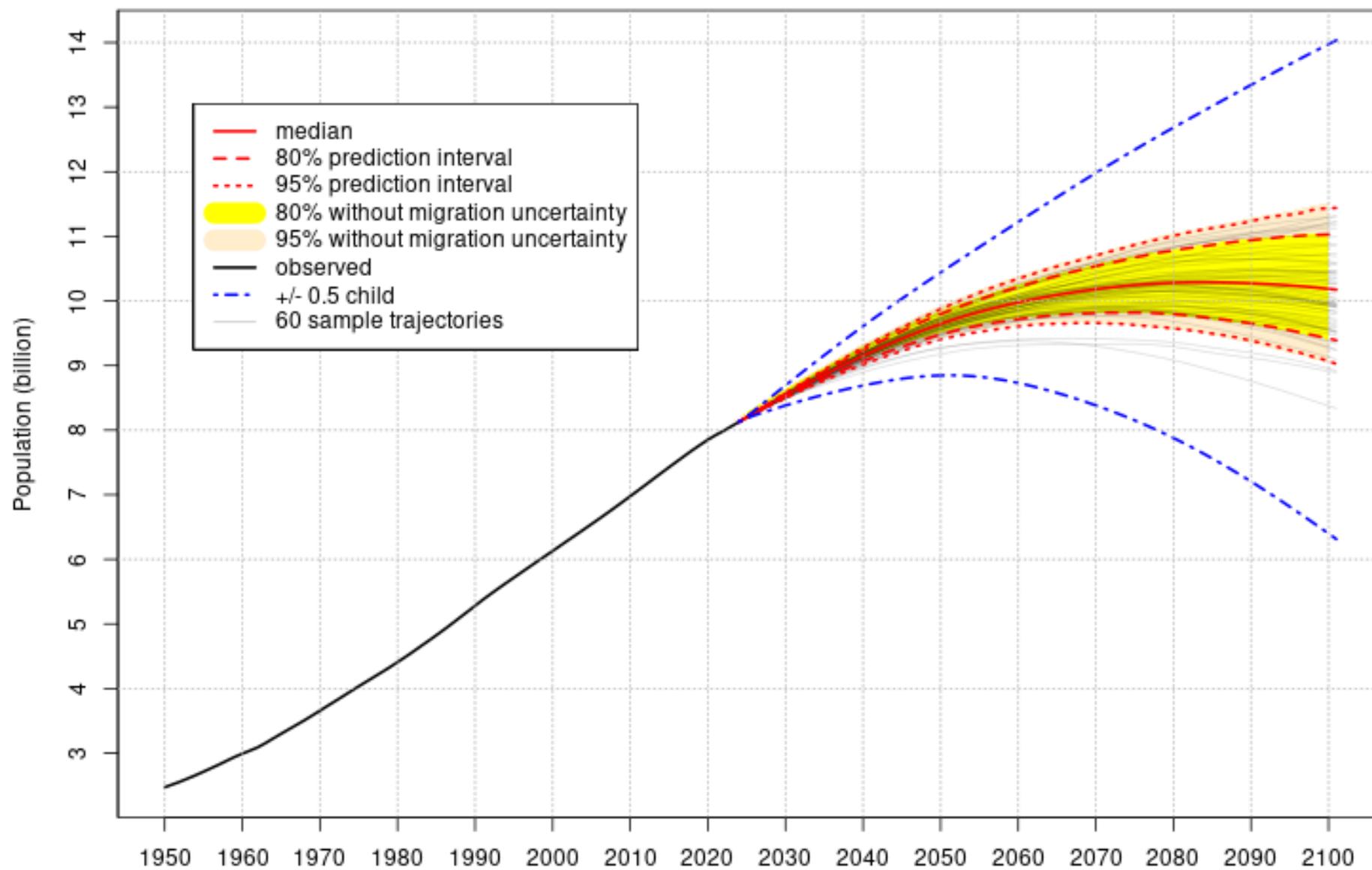
Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2012 Current Population Survey June Supplement

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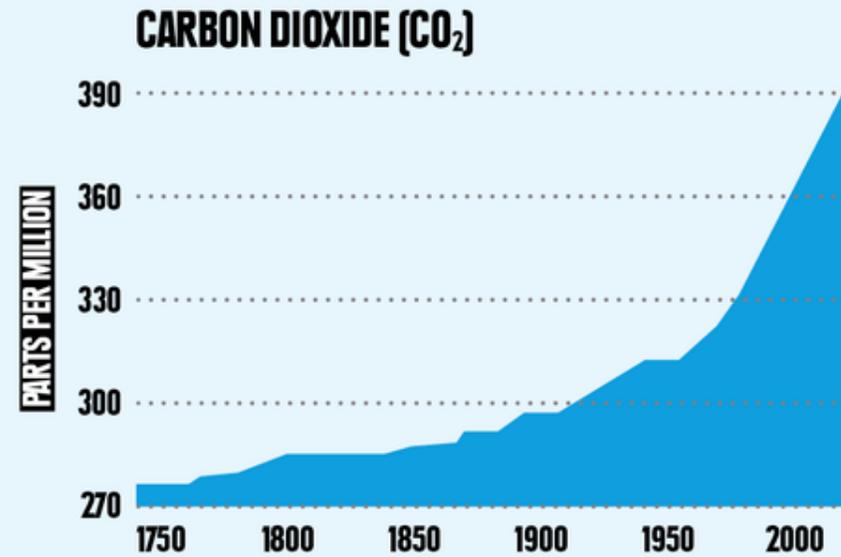
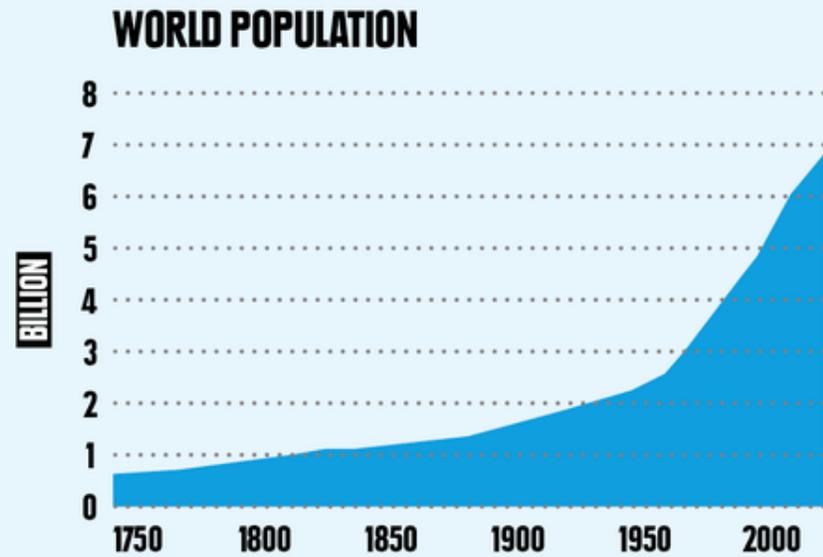
Birth rate in the United States in 2021, by household income



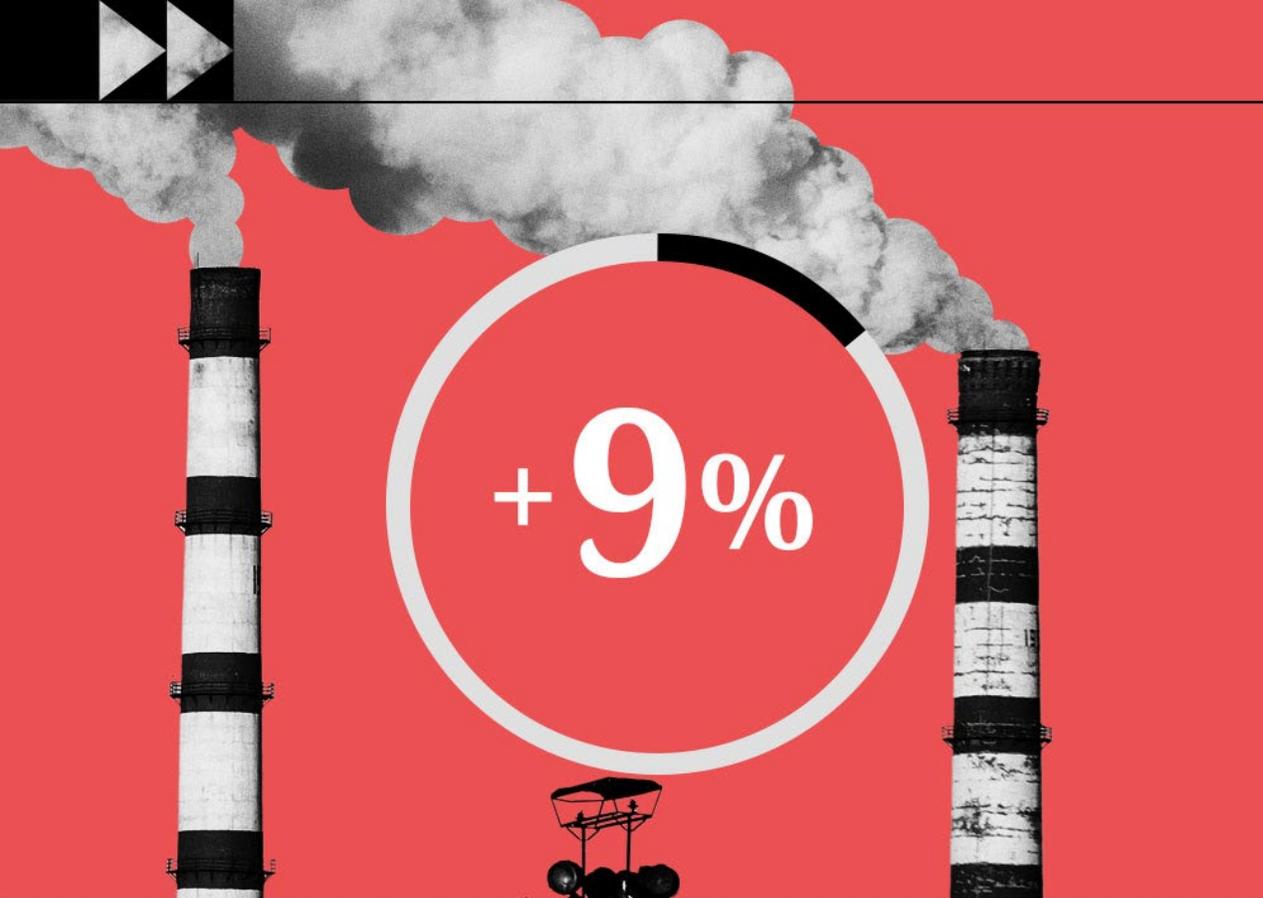
World: Total Population



POPULATION AND CO₂ EMISSIONS, 1750-2015



Source: United Nations, 2017



Increase in global greenhouse gas emissions **projected** by 2030, compared to 2010, based on available national action plans

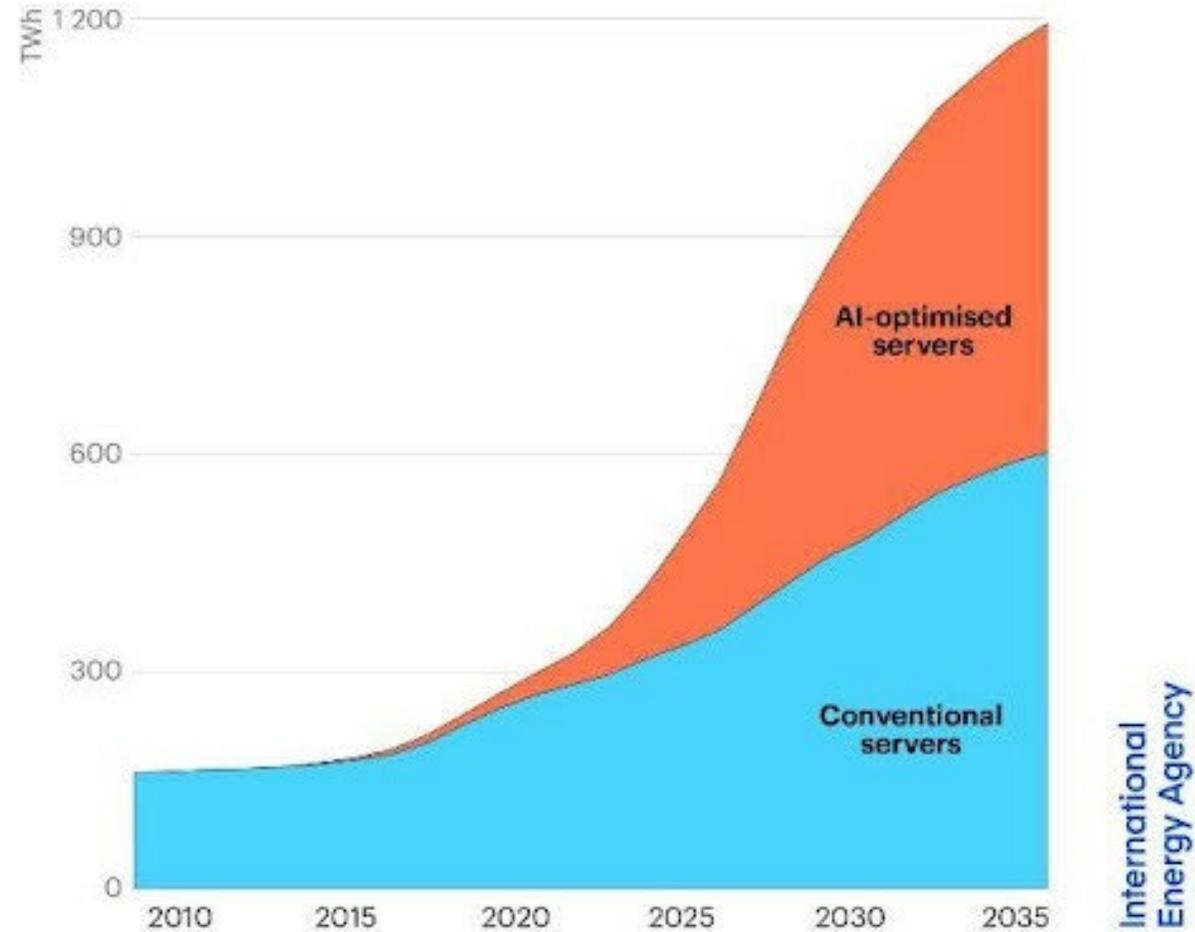


Reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions **needed** by 2030, from 2010 levels, to keep warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius

Source: UNFCCC NDC synthesis report (Nov 2023)

Data centre electricity demand is set to surge in the next decade, **driven by AI**

Data centre electricity demand, historical & projected through 2035



Emissions solutions and their costs



Solution	Cost per ton of CO ₂ averted
Family planning	\$4.50
Girls' education	\$10
Onshore wind	\$24
Utility-scale solar photovoltaic	\$28
New coal with carbon capture and storage	\$95

How Many People Can the Earth Support?





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