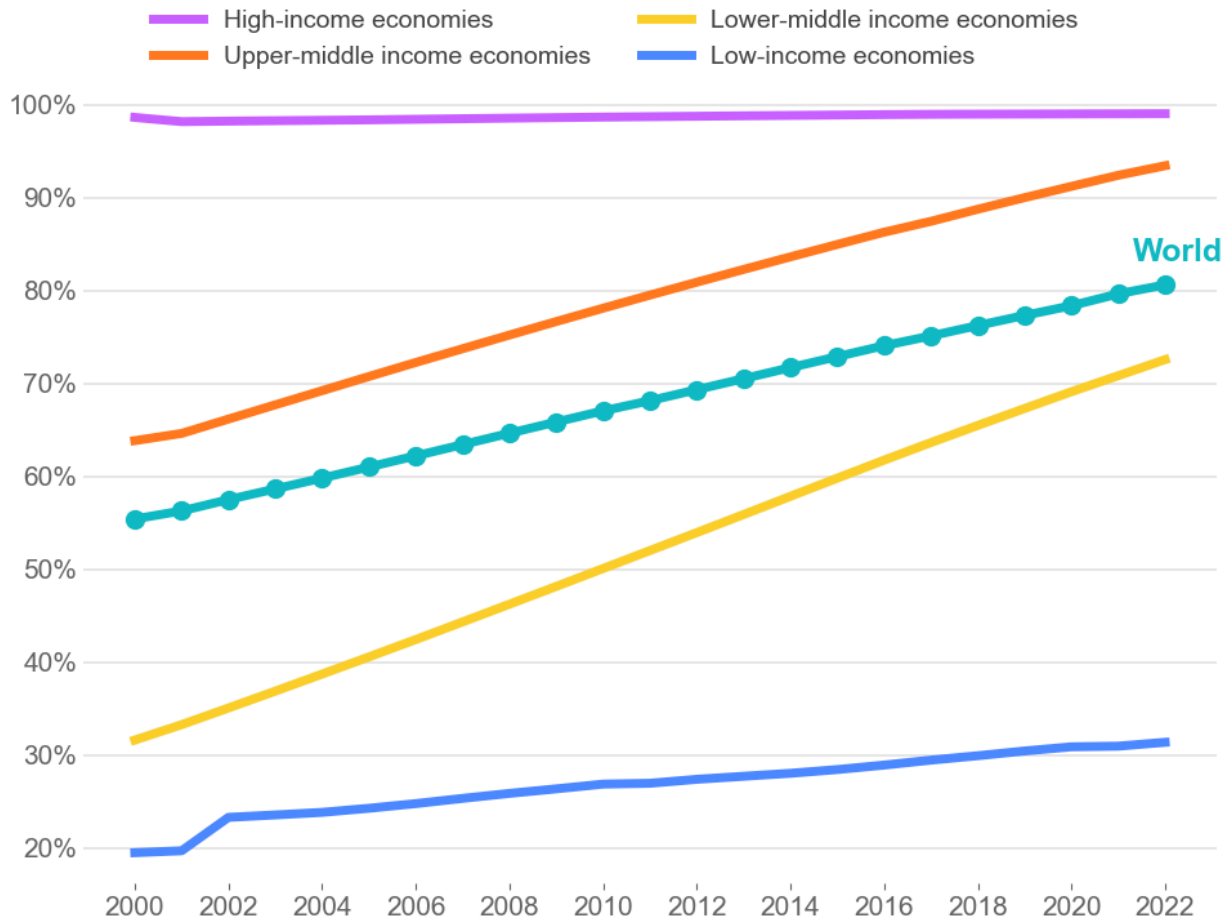


Basic Sanitation Coverage by Income Group

Percent of population using at least basic sanitation services, annual



Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene

Access to sanitation facilities grew substantially from 2000 to 2022. Over 80 percent of the world's population was using sanitation services by 2022, a major improvement from only 55 percent in 2000. Sanitation coverage grew the most in middle-income countries, whose gains drove overall global progress. While upper-income countries maintained nearly 100 percent coverage, low-income countries experienced only modest growth. At just over 30 percent coverage in 2022, low-income countries remained well below the global average, suggesting a need for targeted measures to address income-driven disparities. The data for each income group and the world was pre-aggregated (weighted average, excluding small samples) by the World Bank and was analyzed using Python scripts.