



# Theme group Ageing & Longevity

- MAIN RESULTS
- PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

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**Theme group Ageing & Longevity  
examines and projects  
changes and differences  
in mortality and health  
and its consequences for ageing**

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# AGEING & LONGEVITY: WHAT DO WE KNOW?

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- Longer and healthier life
  - Delay of mortality to old age
  - Delay of severe limitations to old age
- Longer active
  - Ability to work > labour force participation
- Later old
  - Ageing starts at higher age
- But not for everyone
  - Differences by education
  - Differences across countries and regions

# AGEING & LONGEVITY: PLANS FOR RESEARCH

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- Longer and healthier life
  - Limit to increase in life expectancy?
  - Will smoking and obesity have a downward effect?
- Longer active
  - How long can we work?
- Later old
  - How can we measure ageing better?
- But not for everyone
  - What causes educational differences?
  - Do differences across countries become smaller?

# LONGEVITY

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- Joop:
  - shape and shift of distribution of age at death
- Govert:
  - educational differences caused by education?
  - conditions in early life
- Fanny:
  - impact of smoking, obesity and alcohol on mortality

# AGEING

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- Michaël:
  - does ability to work allow a rise in age at retirement?
- Ilya:
  - convergence in ageing across EU regions?
- Nicole:
  - ageing and sustainability: beyond GDP
- Arun:
  - new ageing indicators: not only age

# LONGEVITY

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**Joop de Beer:  
Longevity: delay or compression?**



# LONGEVITY

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**Increase in life expectancy: is there a limit?**

**Two views:**

- 1. Limit to improvement at oldest ages:  
compression of mortality**
- 2. Continuation of (linear) trend**

# LONGEVITY

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**Japanese women:**

**high life expectancy: 86.8 years**

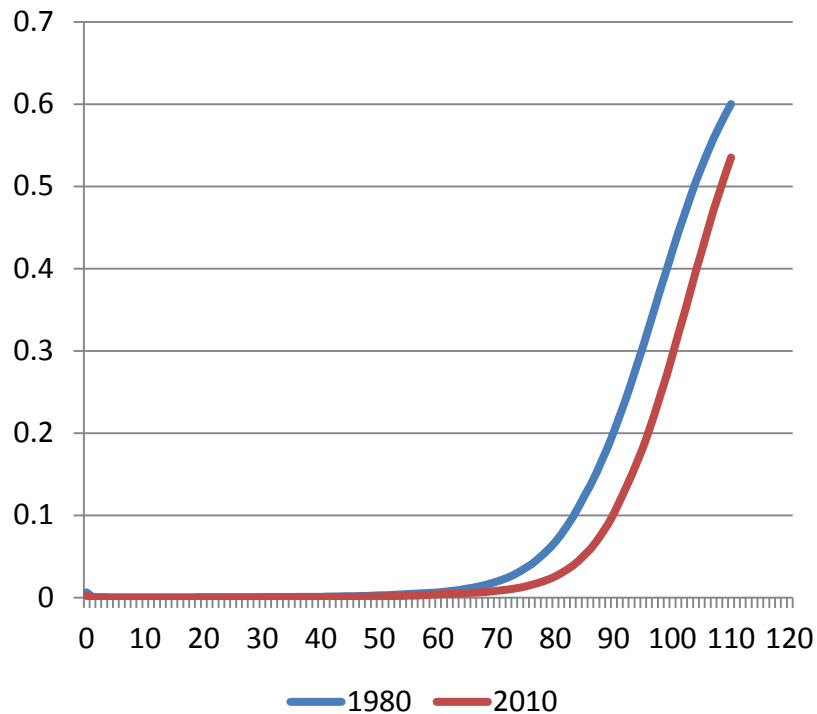
**increase 2.5 years per decade**

**If increase continues:**

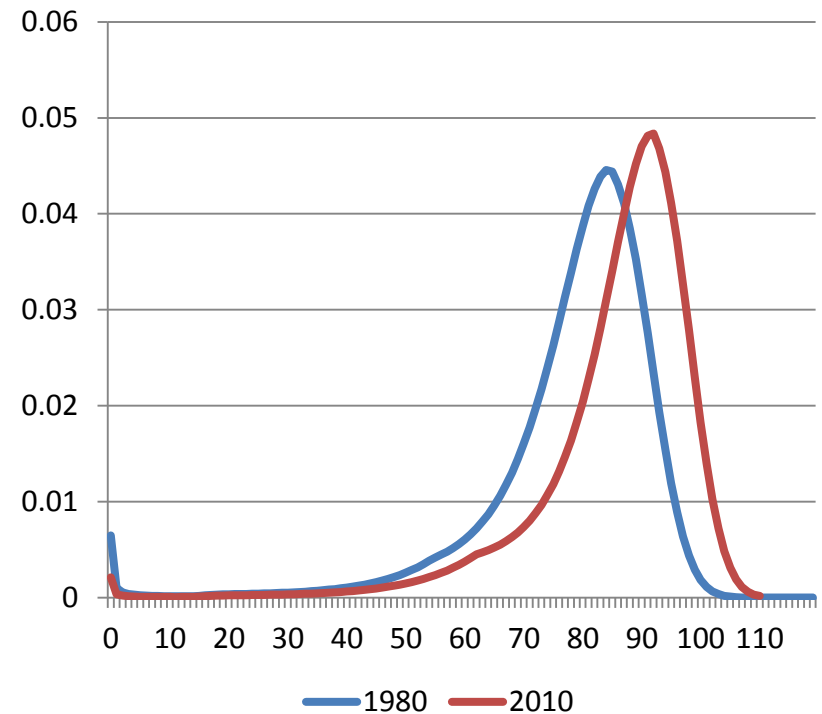
**in 2060 life expectancy will be 100 years**

# LIFE TABLE: JAPANESE WOMEN

## Death probability

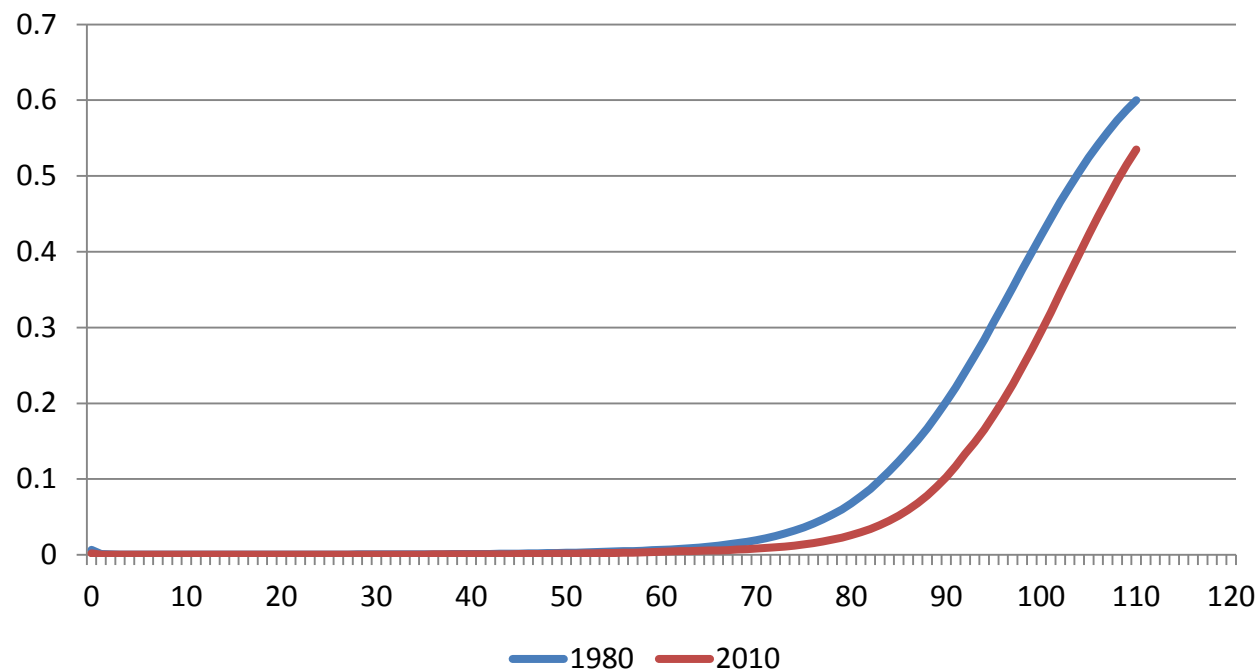


## Distribution of age at death



# PROJECTION OF DEATH PROBABILITY

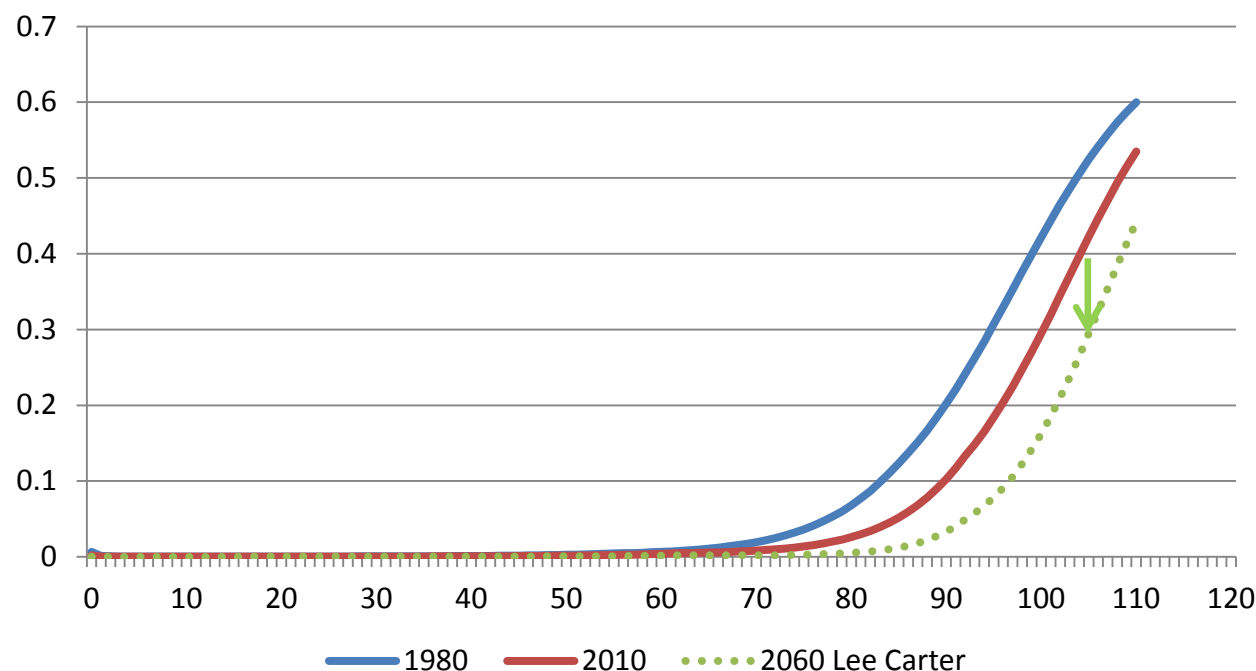
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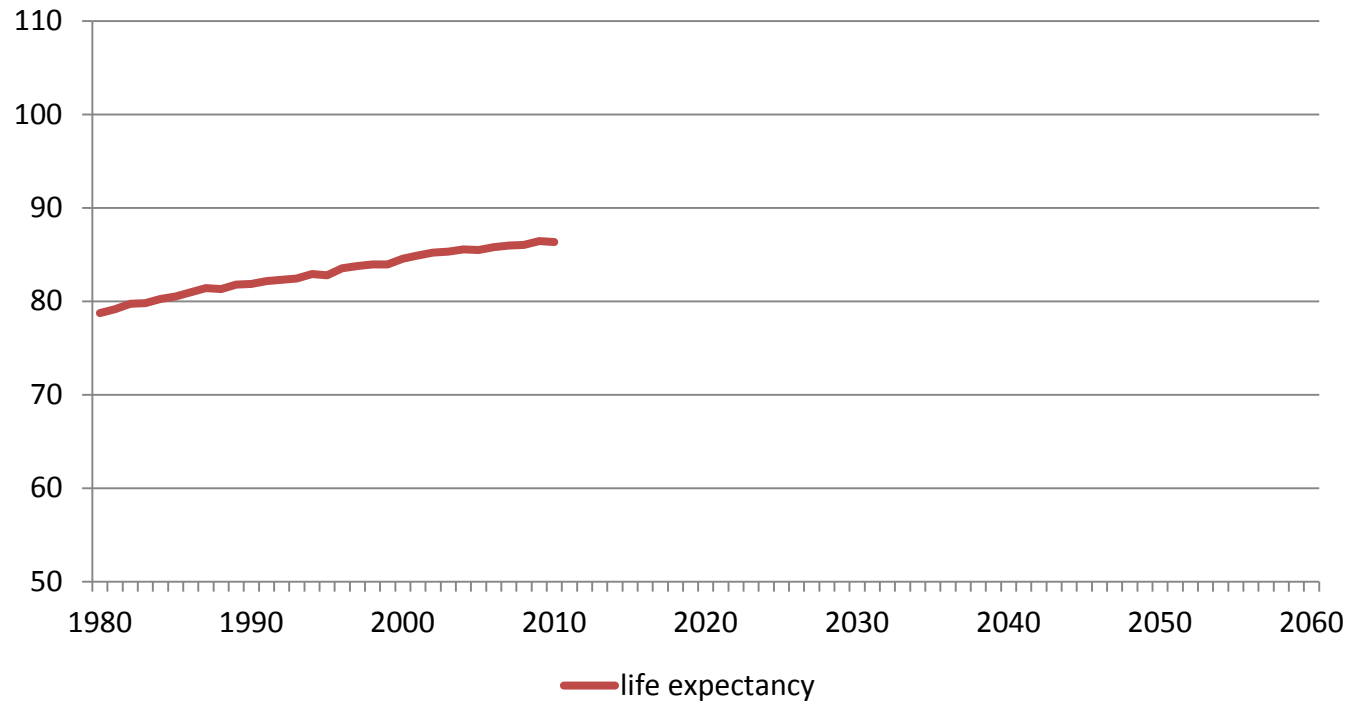
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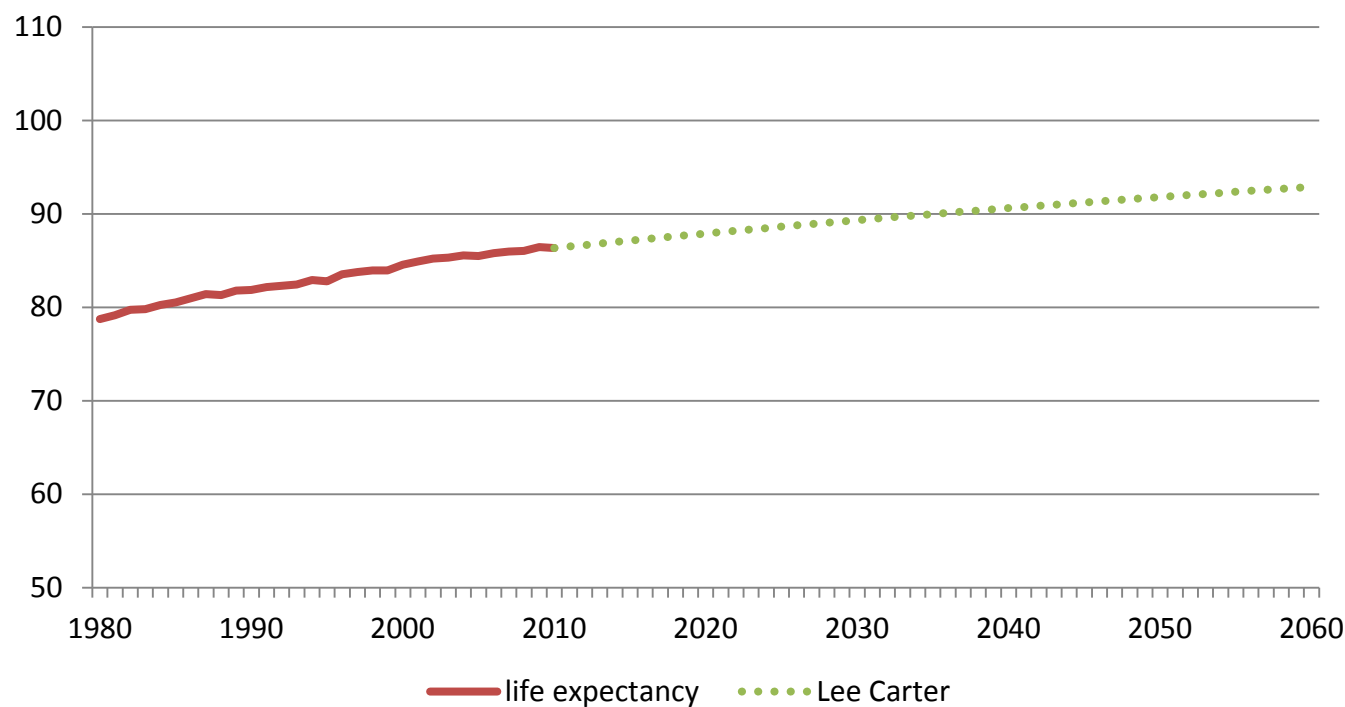
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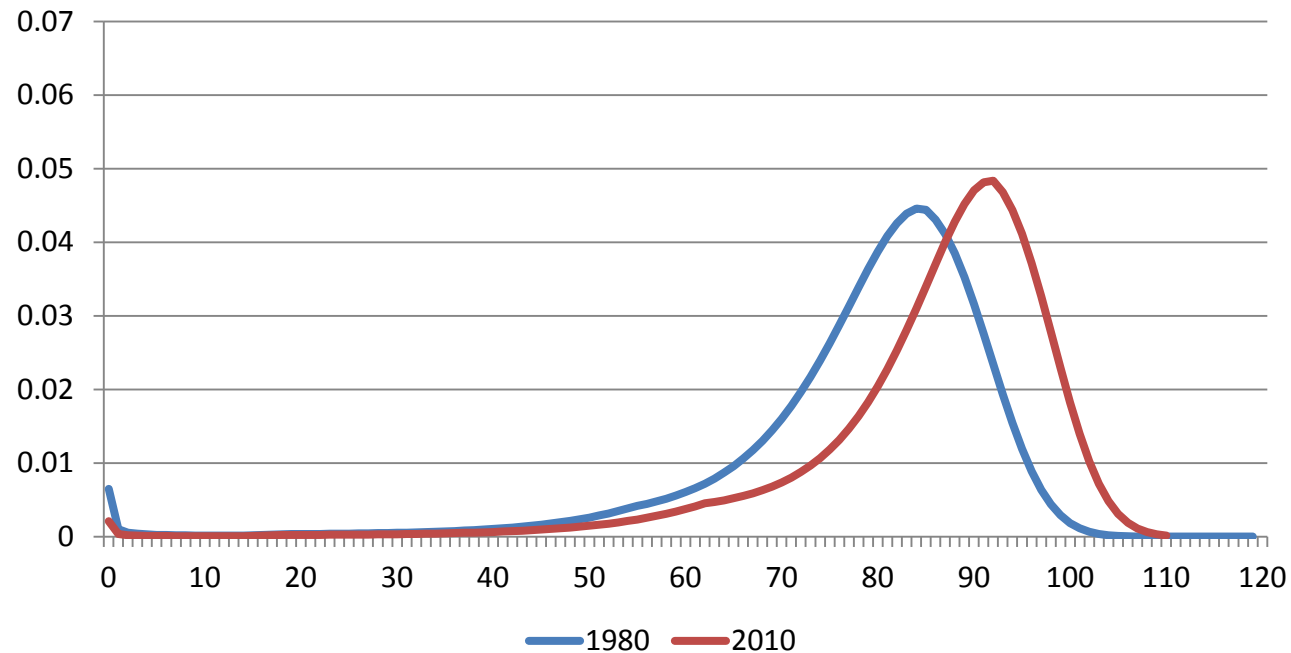
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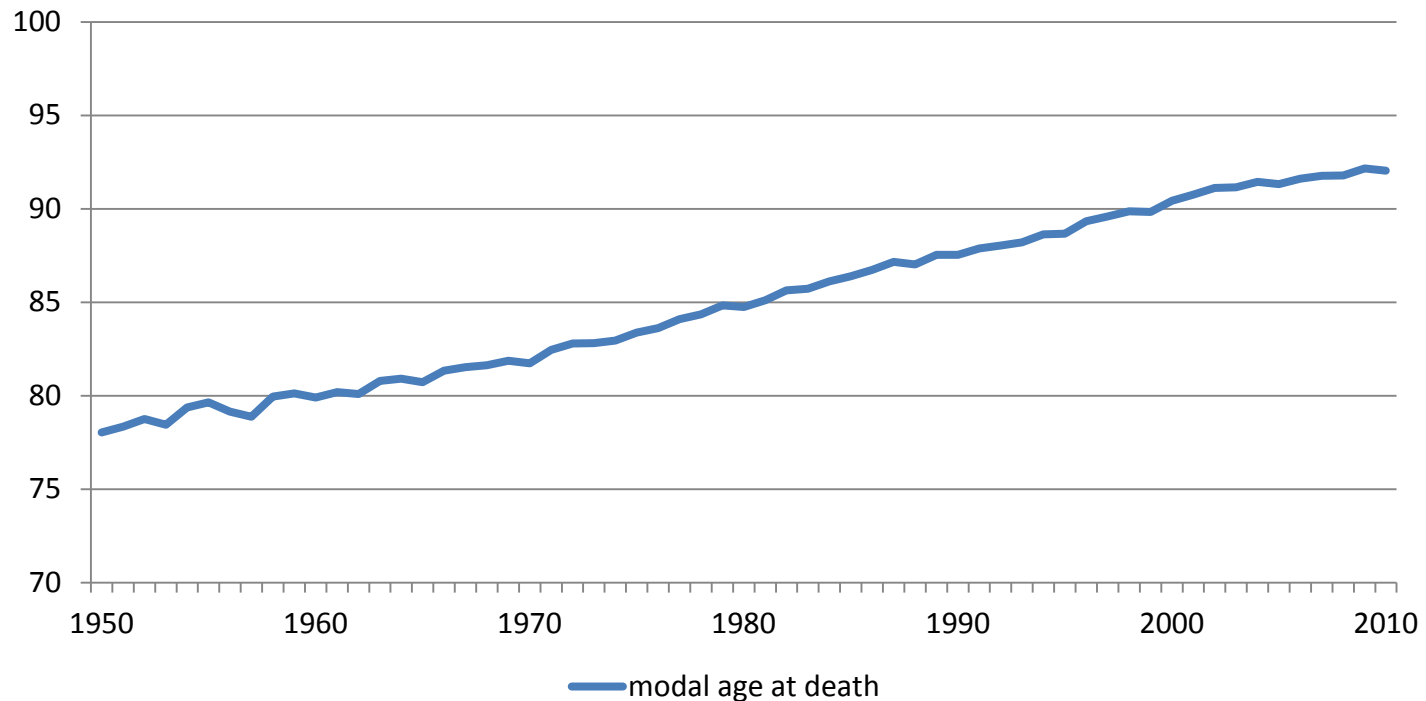
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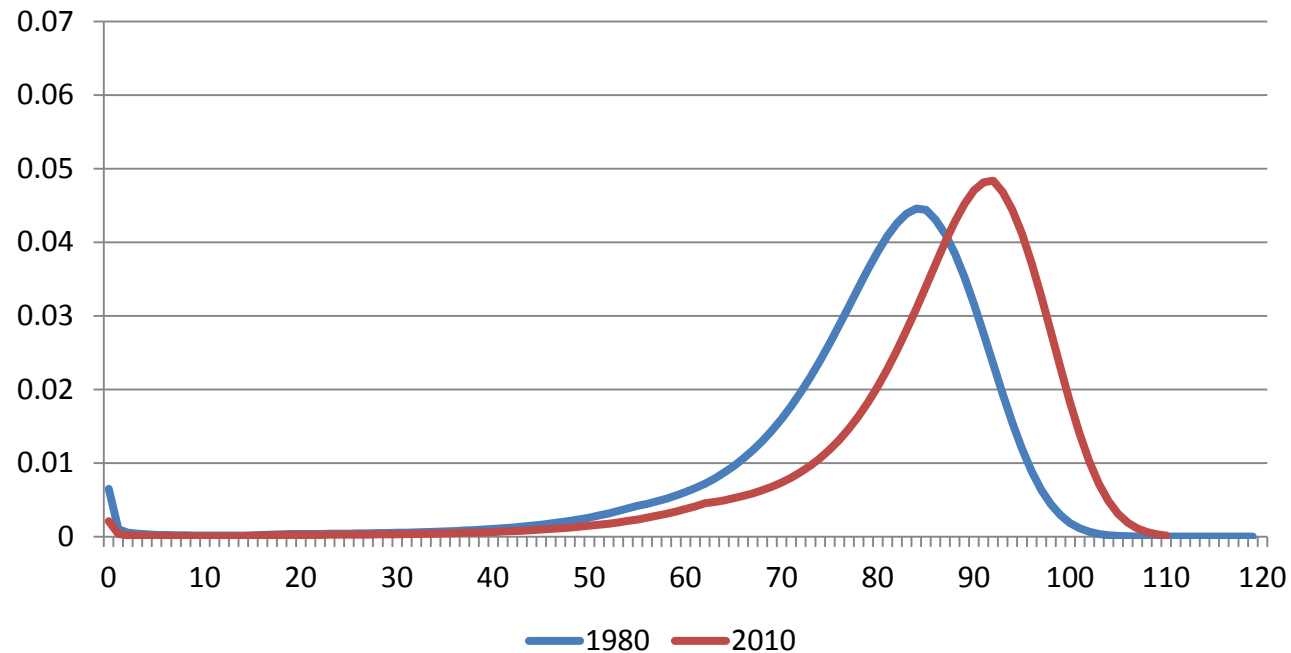
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## Japanese women 1950 and 2010 Linear increase in modal age at death



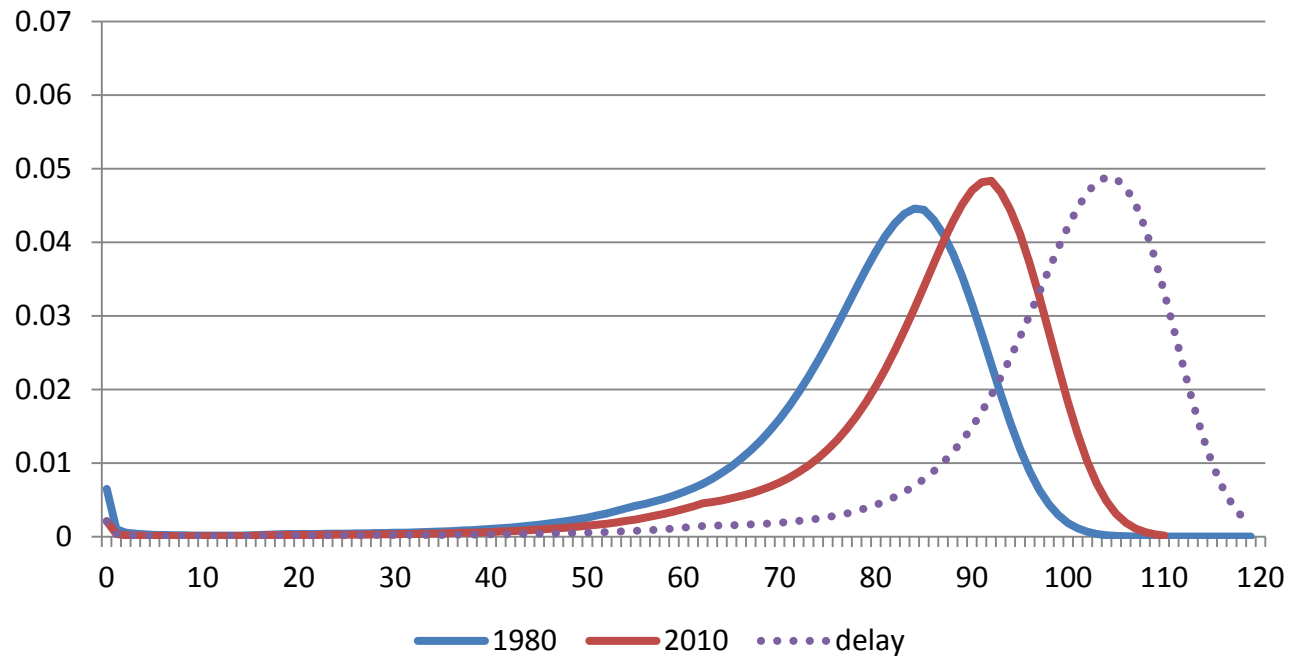
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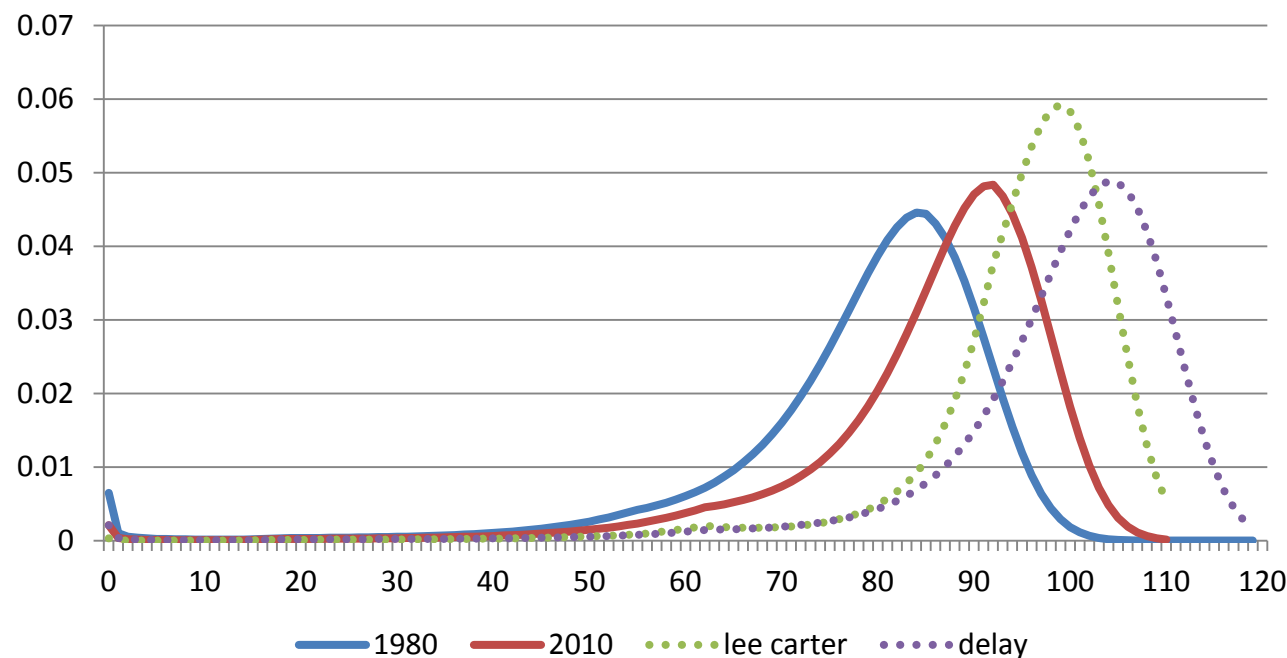


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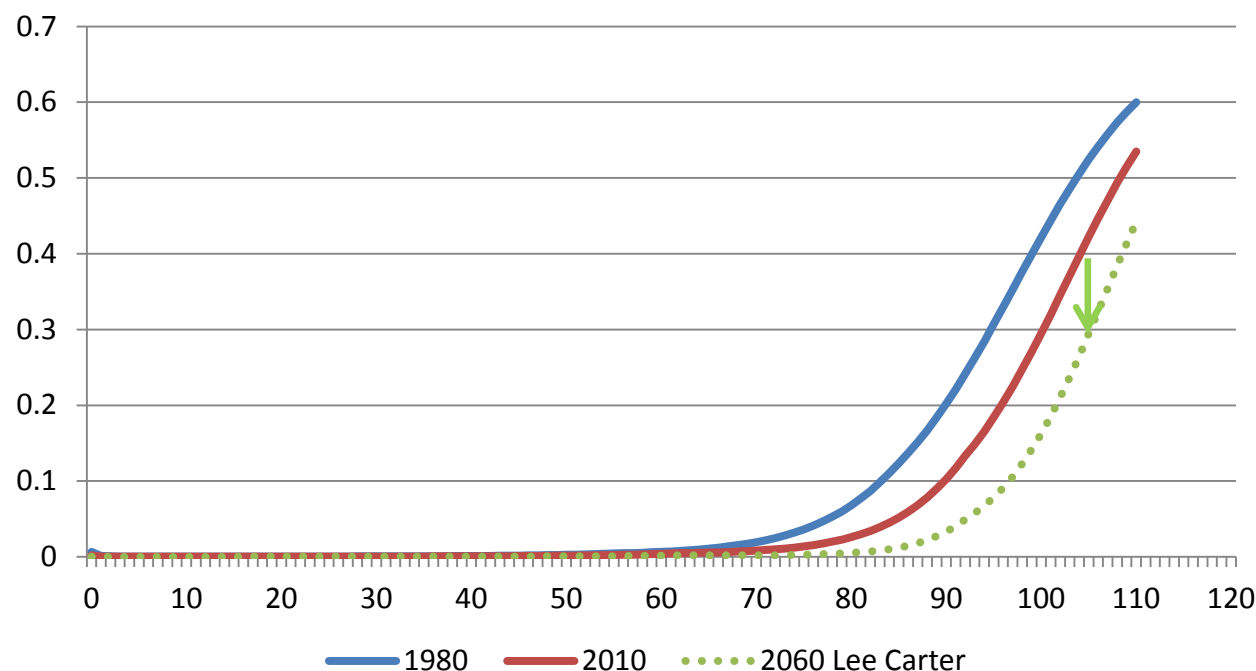
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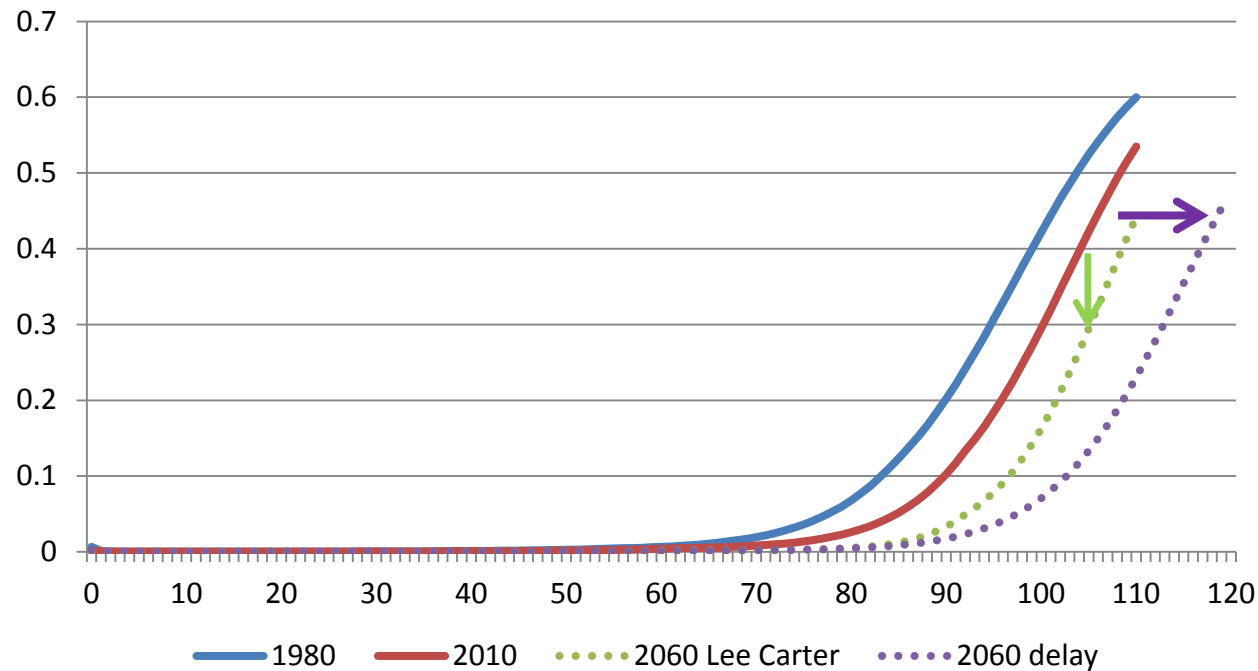


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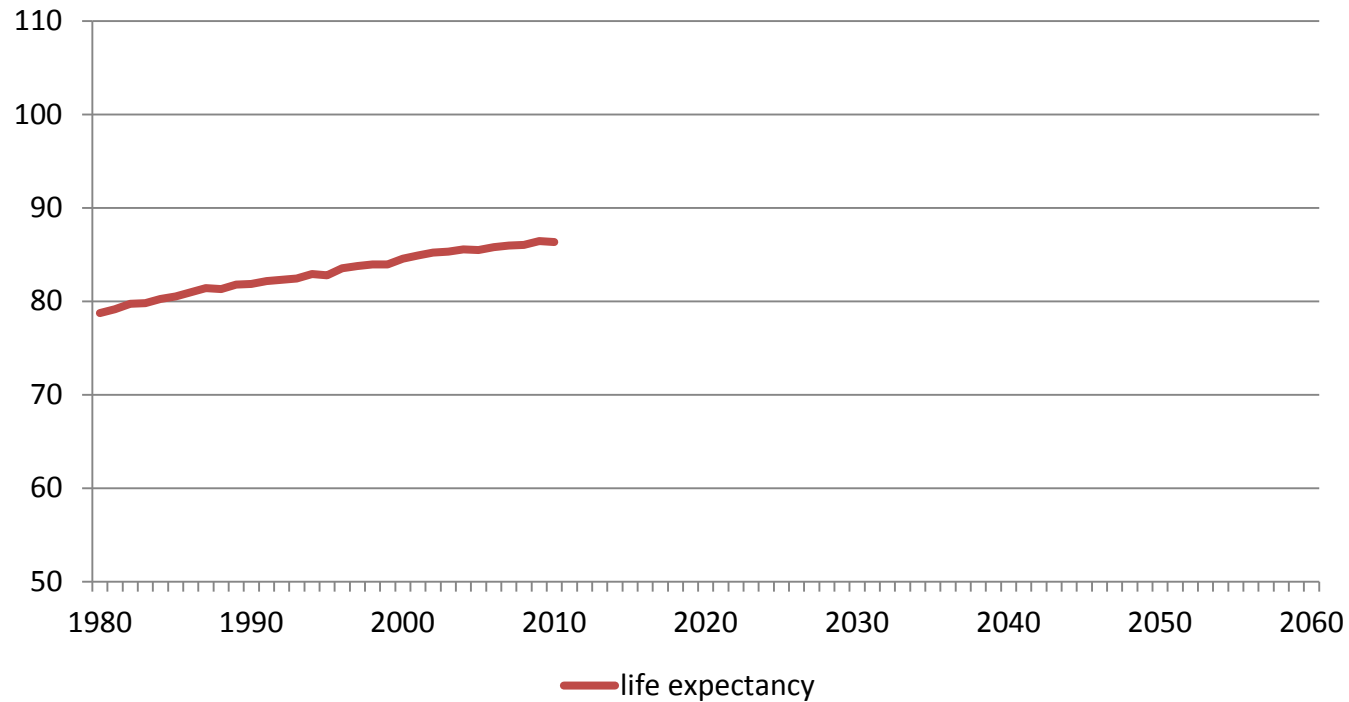
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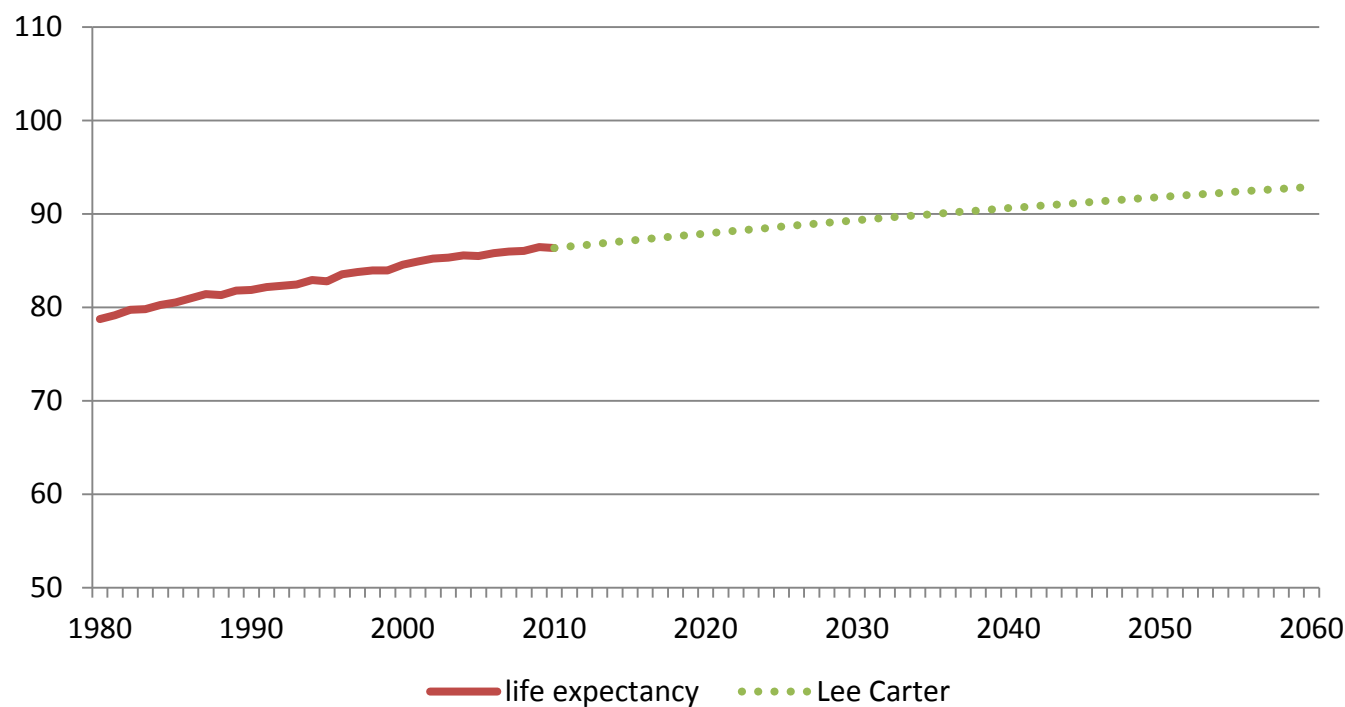
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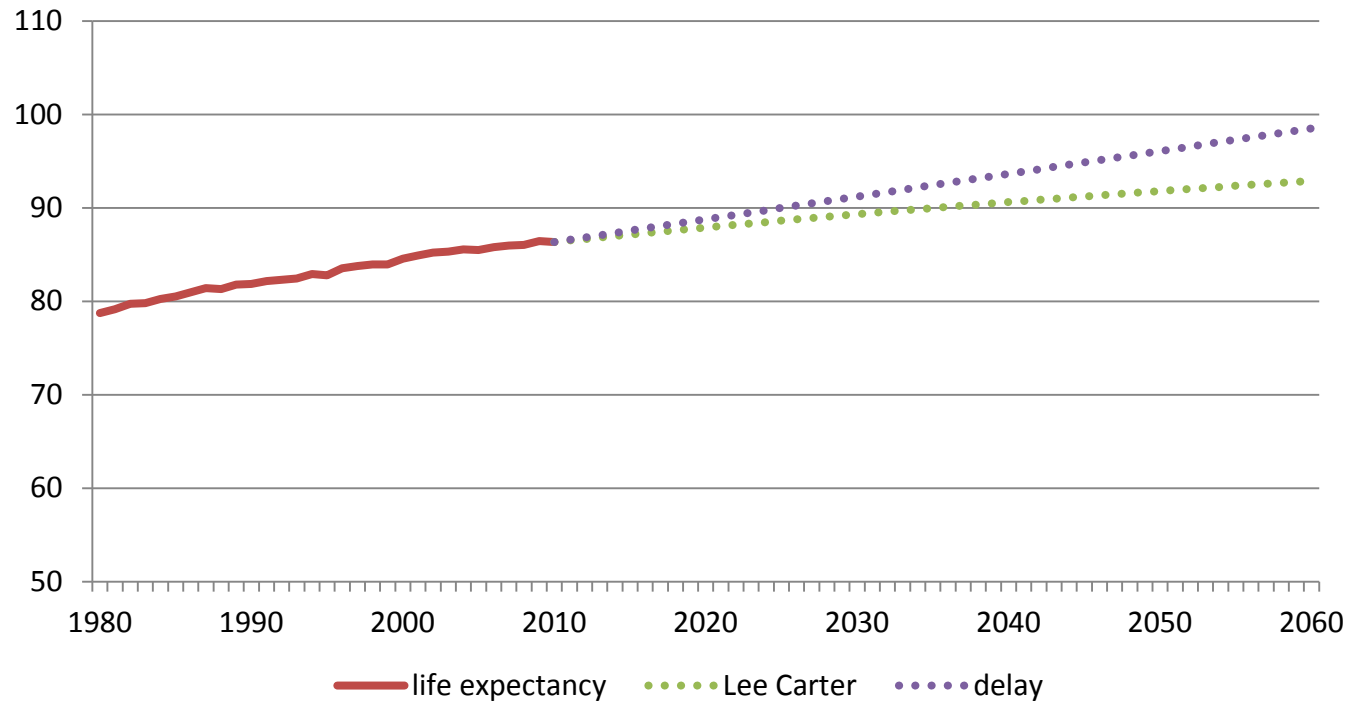




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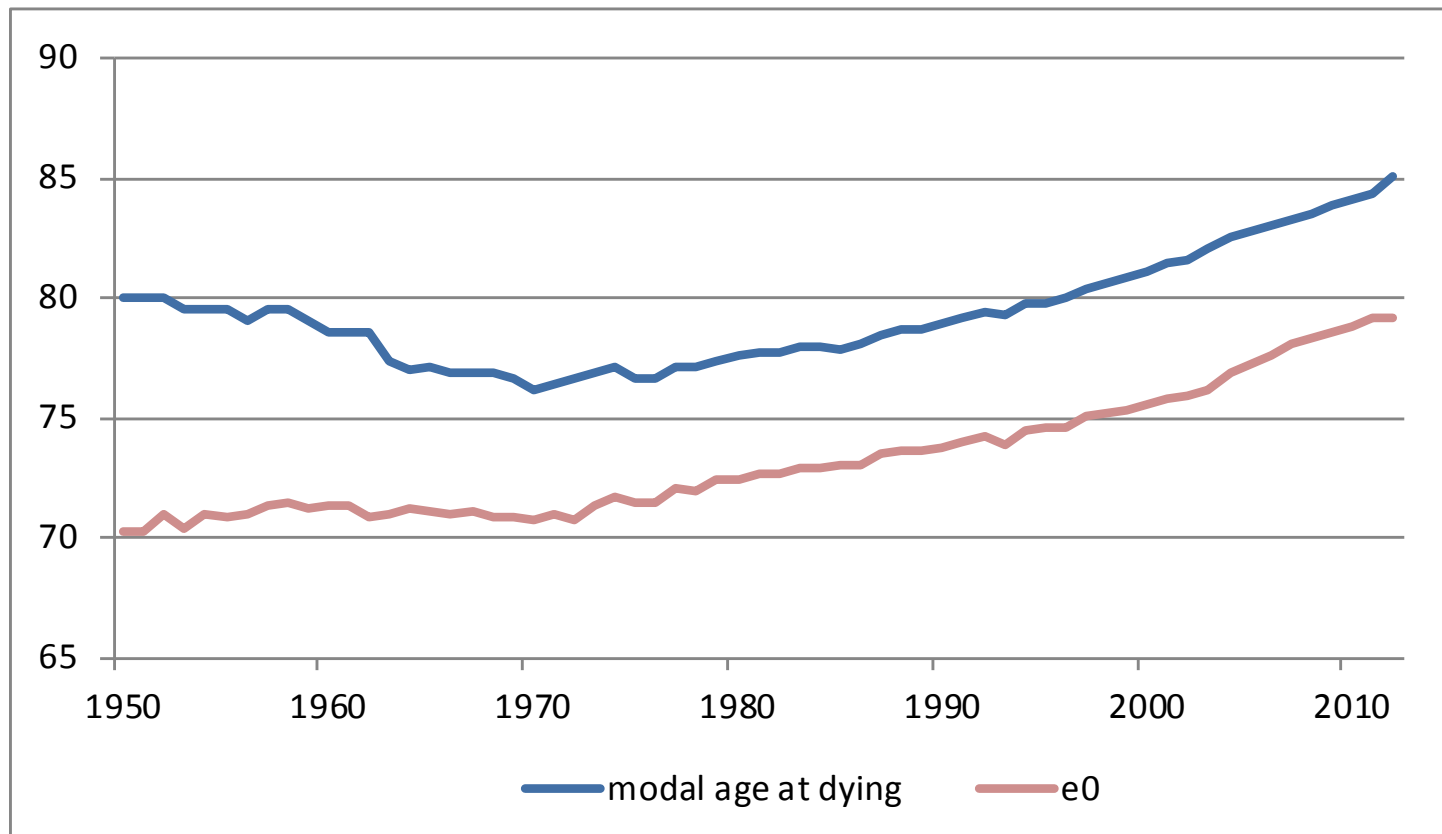


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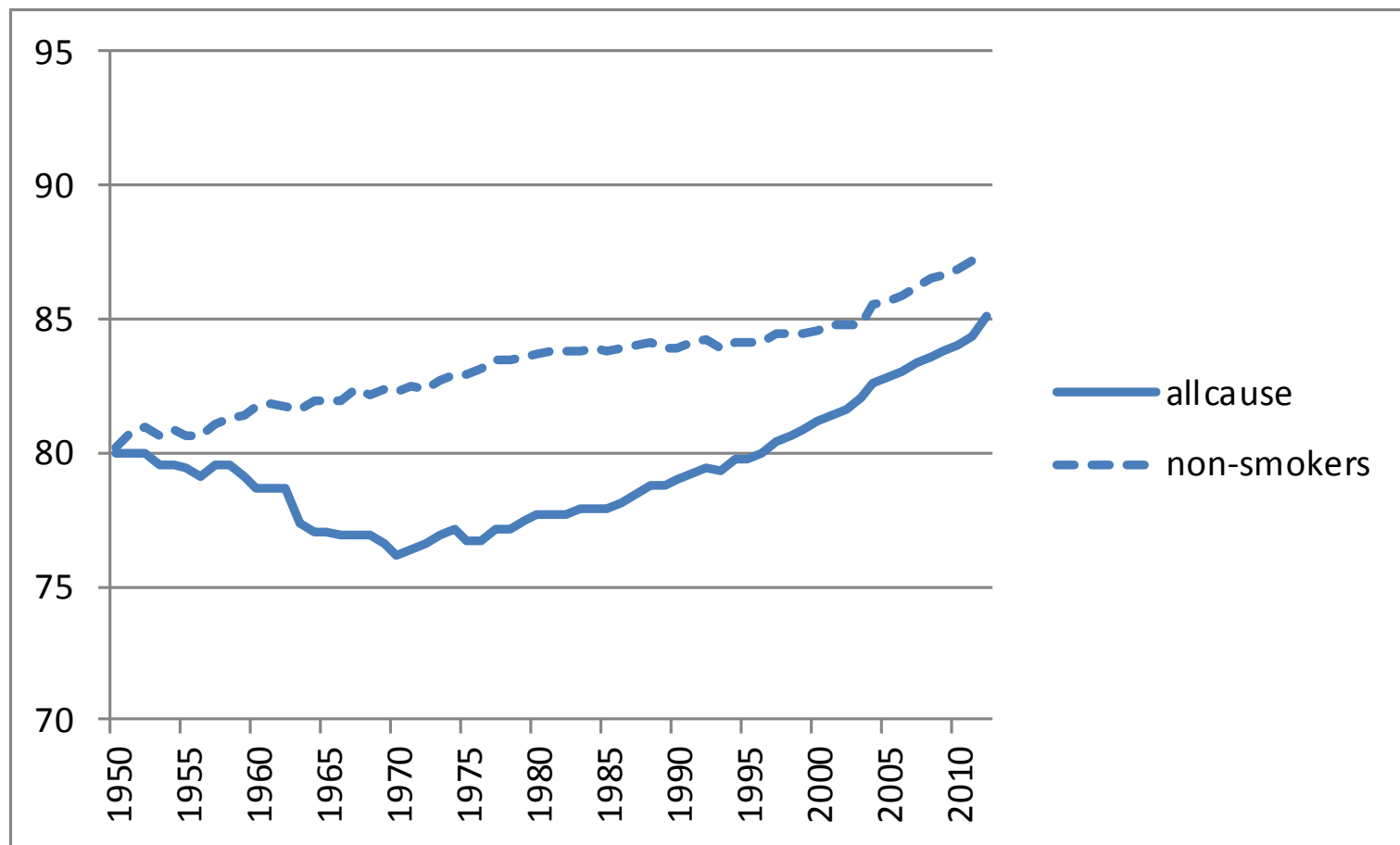
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## **Fanny Janssen: Impact of smoking on life expectancy**

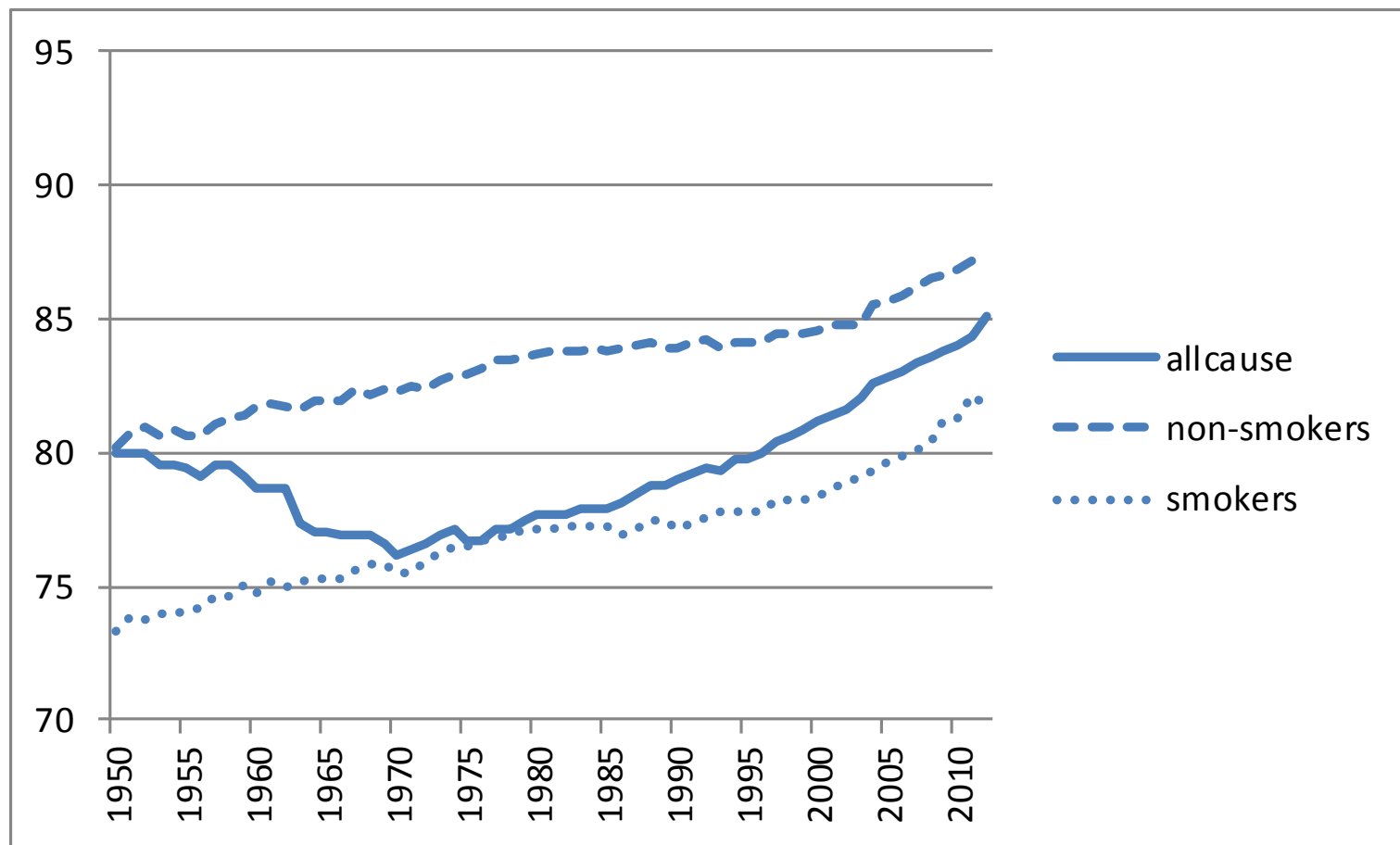
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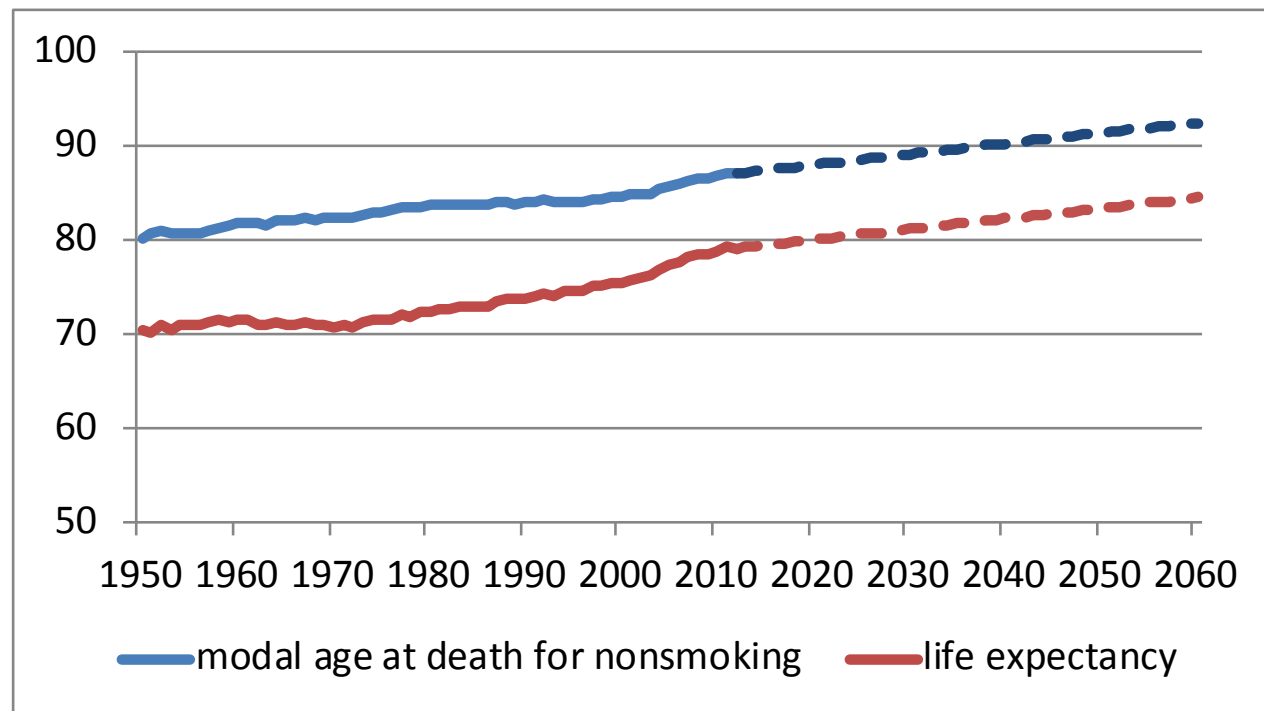
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Projection life expectancy, Dutch men

Assume: delay, no compression



# FUTURE PLANS

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- 1) **Assess impact of smoking, alcohol and obesity on mortality (VIDI)**
- 2) **Improve mortality projections by including lifestyle-related mortality (VIDI)**
- 3) **To examine socio- economic differences in the impact of lifestyle on mortality**
- 4) **To extend to developing countries**

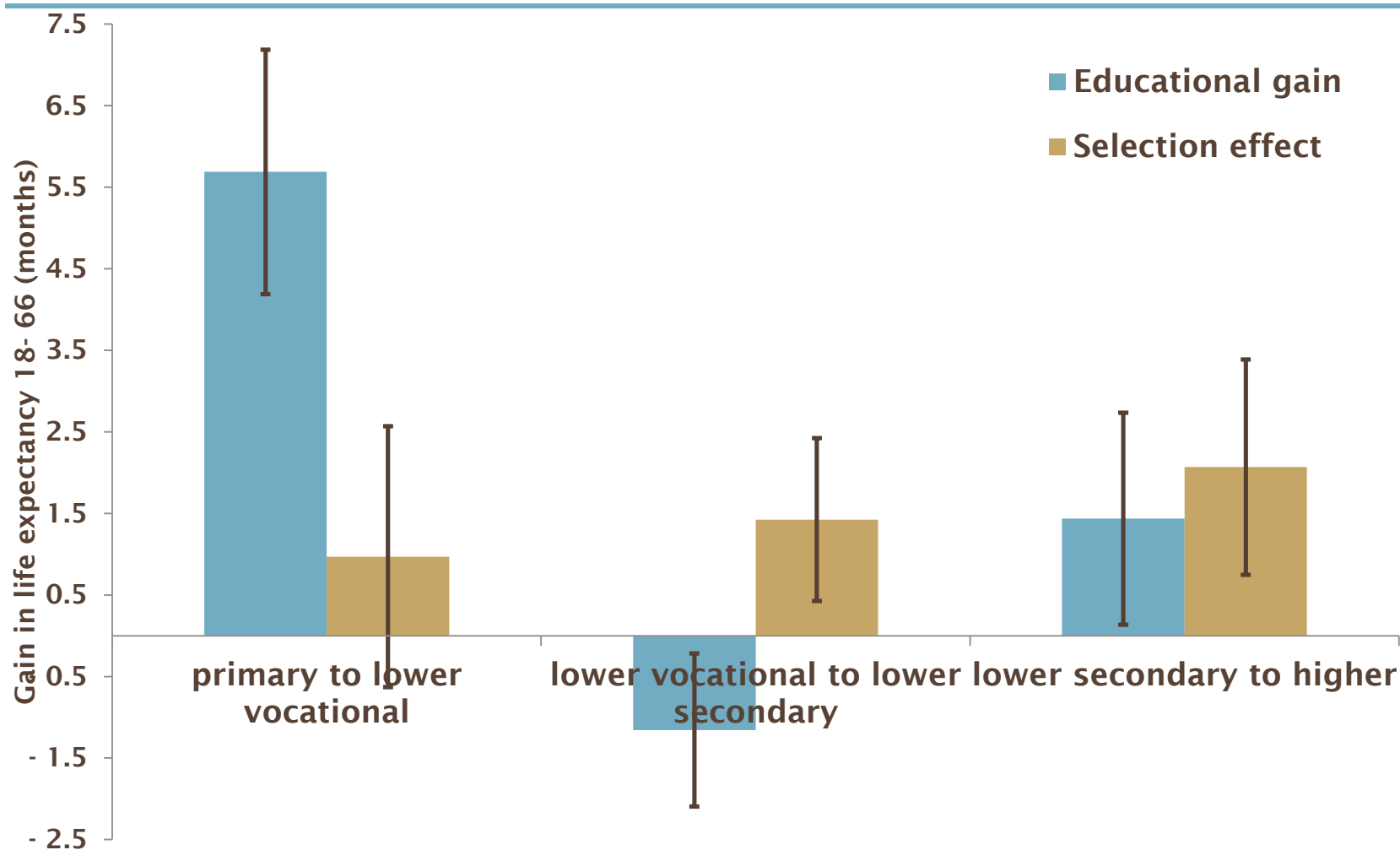
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## **Govert Bijwaard: Impact of education on life expectancy**



# EDUCATIONAL GAINS IN LIFE-EXPECTANCY

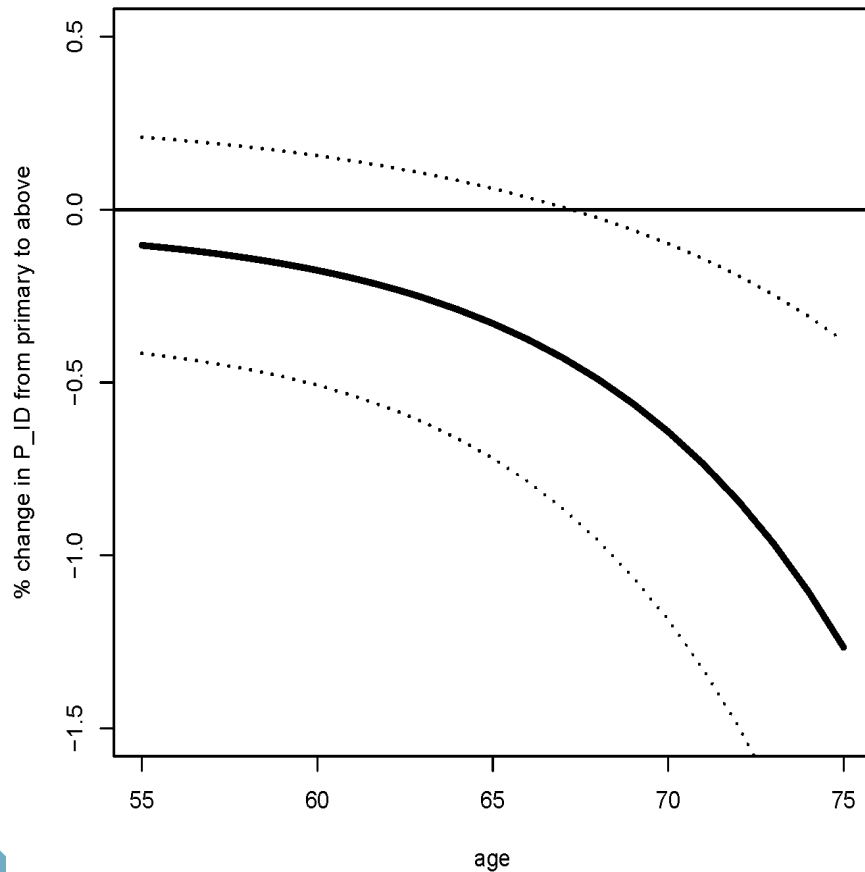


Source: Dutch military conscription data (born 1944-1947)

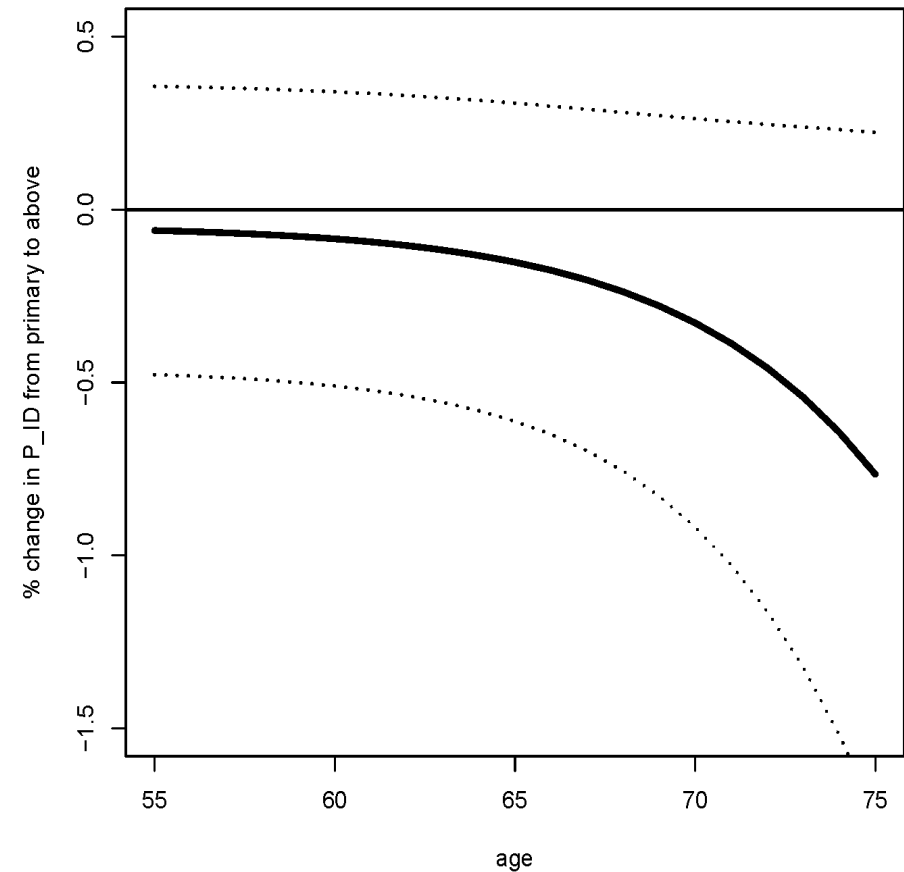
# DECREASE OF PROBABILITY TO DIE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER HOSPITALIZATION

DOES INTELLIGENCE EXPLAIN EFFECT OF INCREASING EDUCATION?

Without intelligence

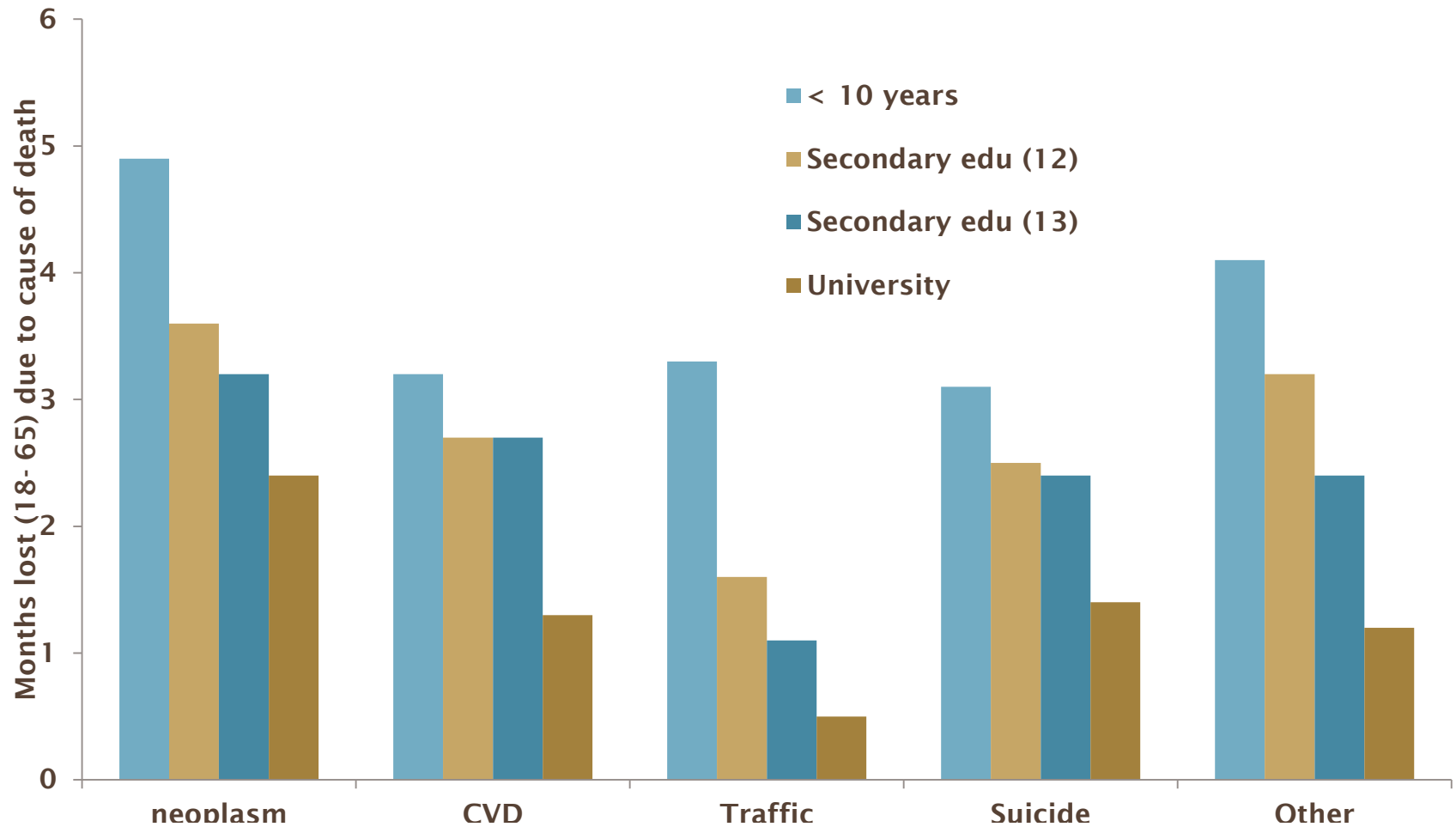


With intelligence



Source: Brabant data

# EDUCATIONAL GAINS AND CAUSE OF DEATH



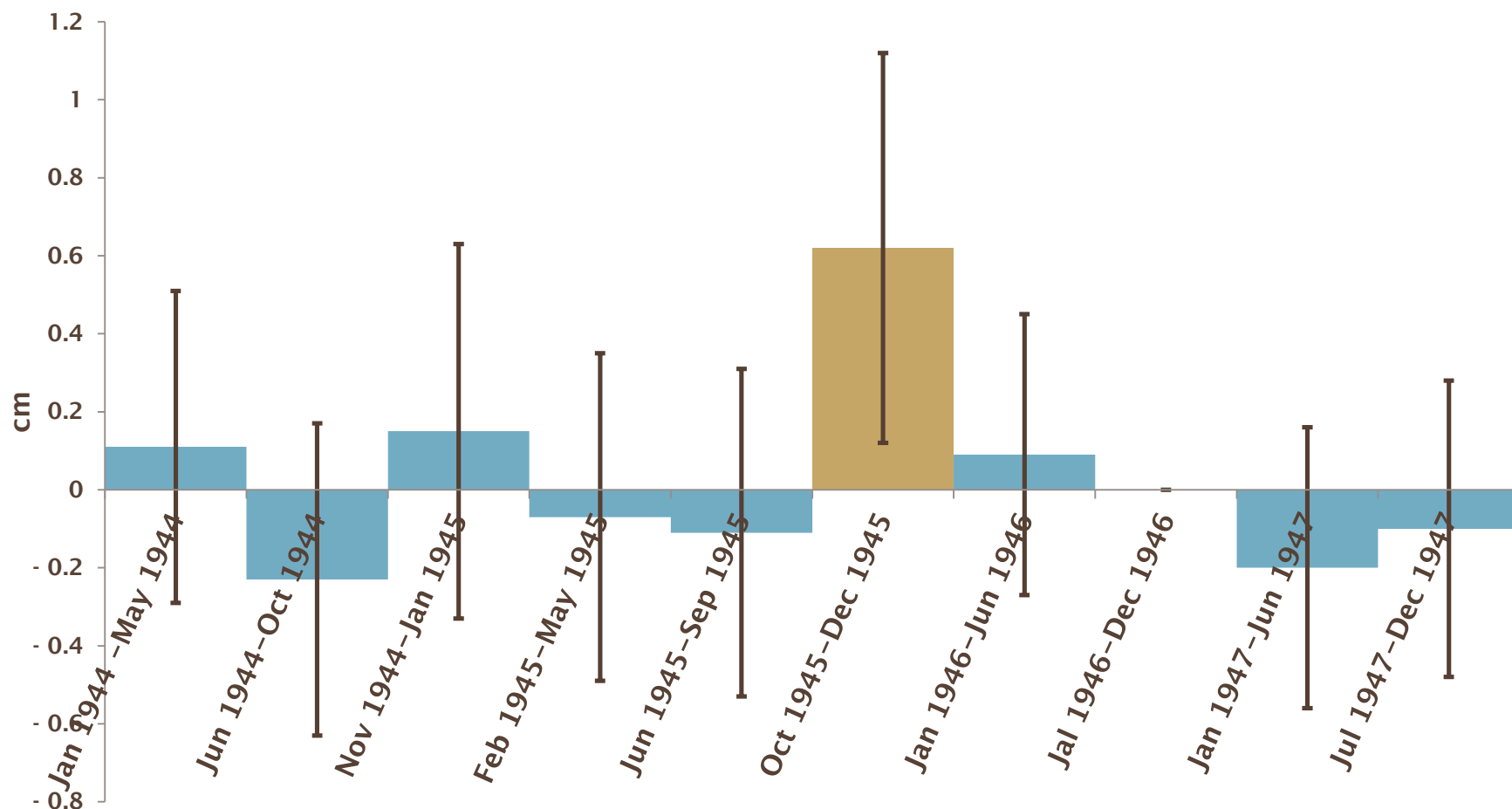
Source: Swedish conscription data (born 1951)

# EARLY LIFE AND IMPACT ON LATER LIFE OUTCOMES

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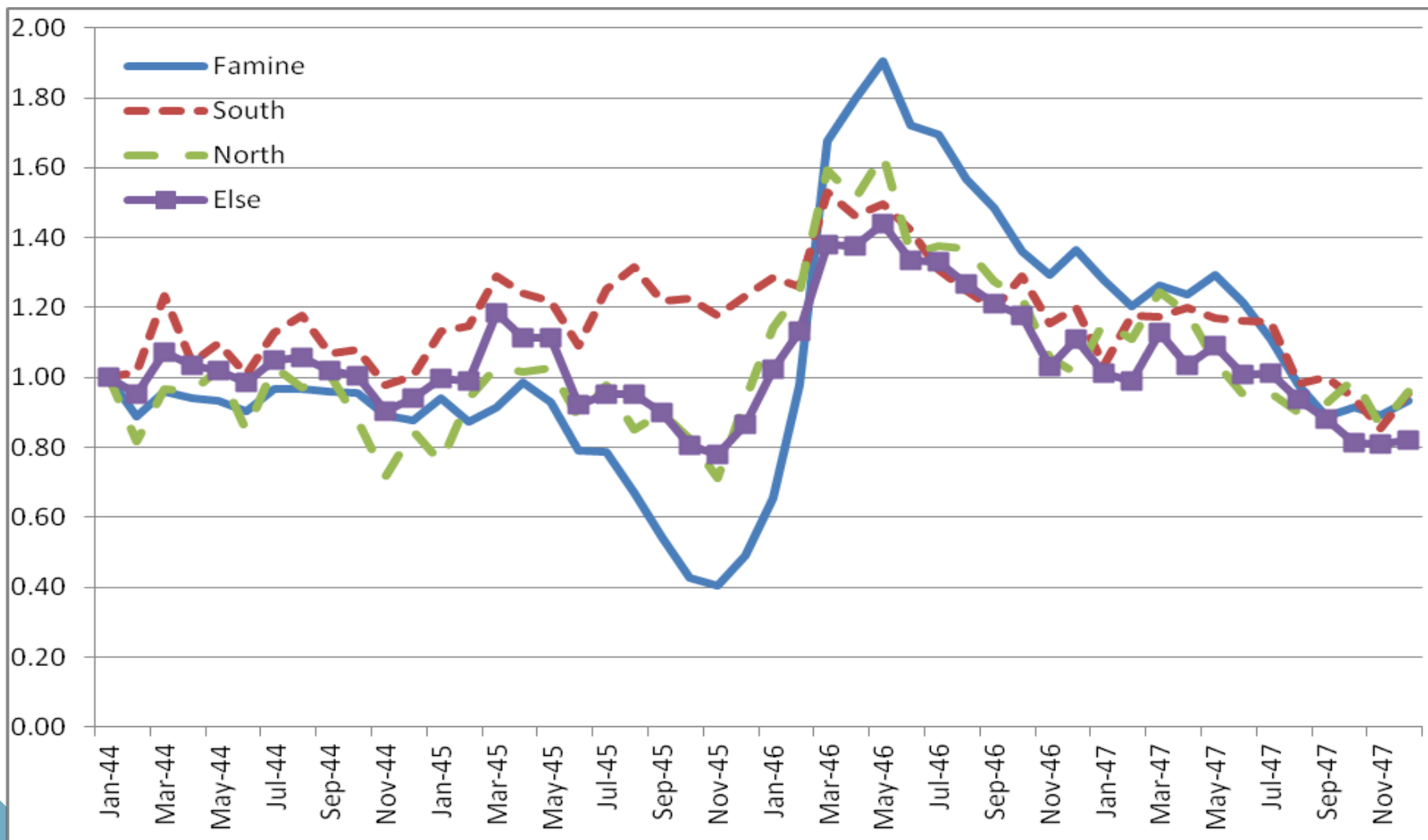
- Impact of famine on height, weight (bmi), education and intelligence (**FAMINE- 2**)
- Impact of famine on socio- economic outcomes
- Home care use (together with RUG- FEB)
- Medication use

# COHORT EFFECT FAMINE ON HEIGHT



Source: Dutch military conscription data (born 1944-1947)

# RELATIVE NUMBER OF BIRTHS



## **Michaël Boissonneault: Impact of health on work**

# WILL OLDER PEOPLE BE HEALTHY ENOUGH TO HAVE LONGER ACTIVE LIVES?

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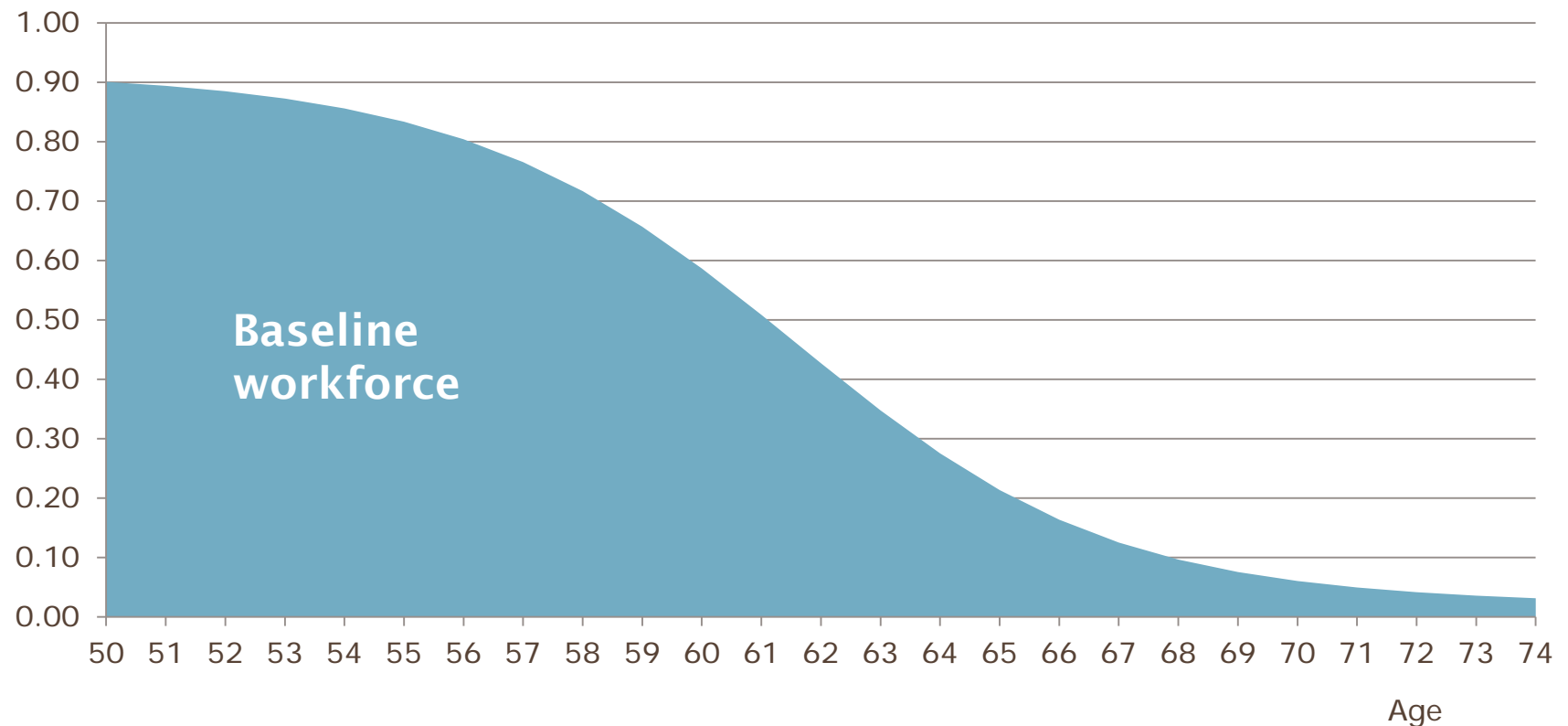
**We aim at modelling participation taking into account:**

- **Changes in retirement behaviour (as induced by policy)**
- **The fact that older people more often have adverse health conditions that prevent them to work**



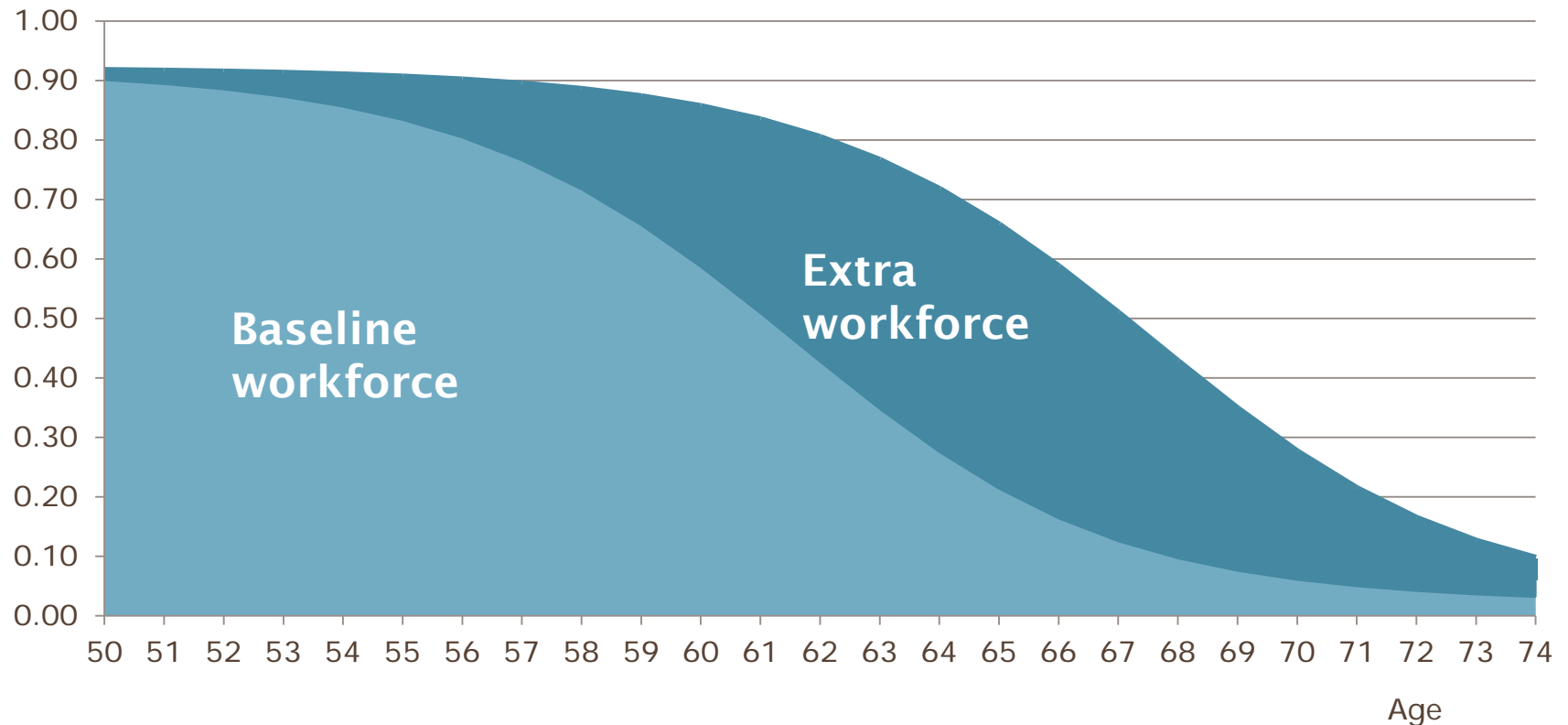
# CHANGE IN LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION

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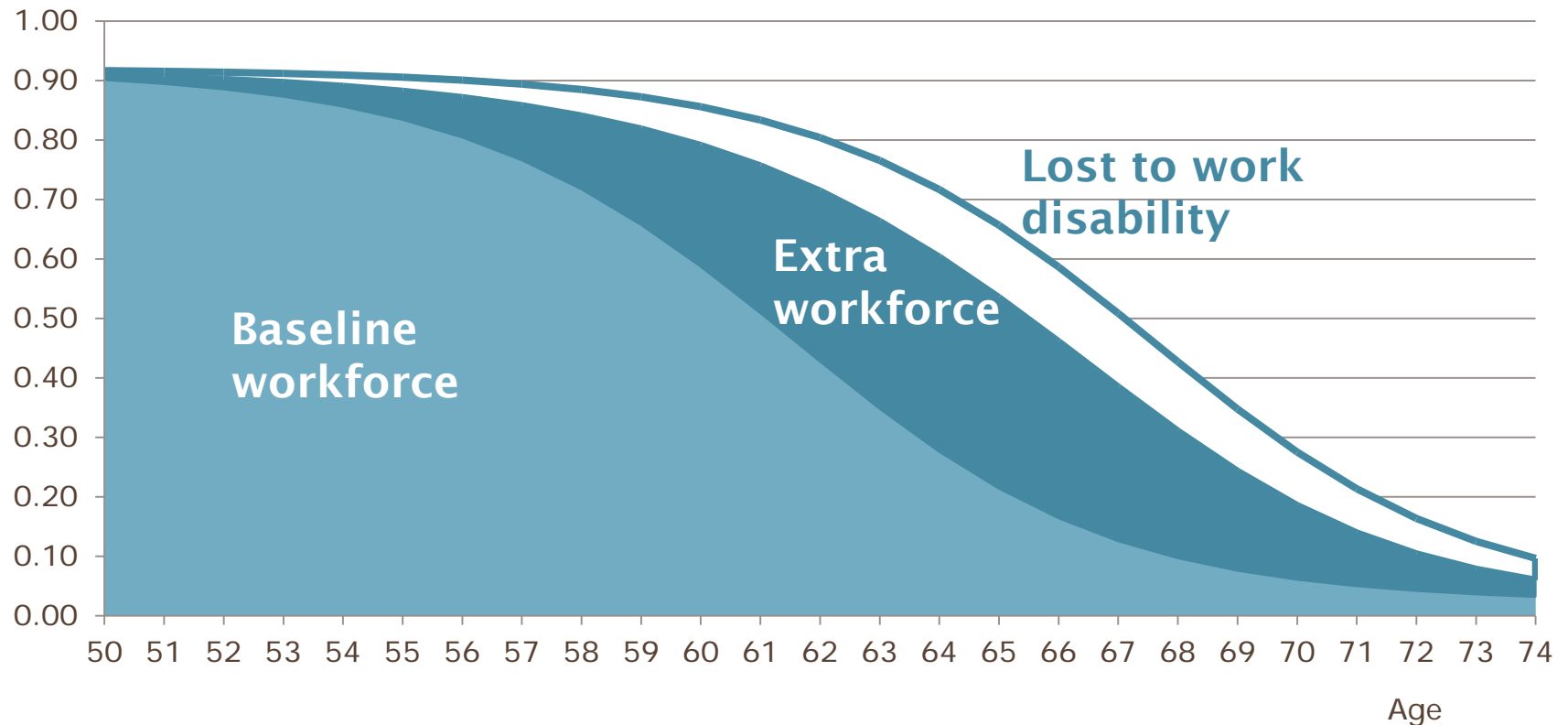


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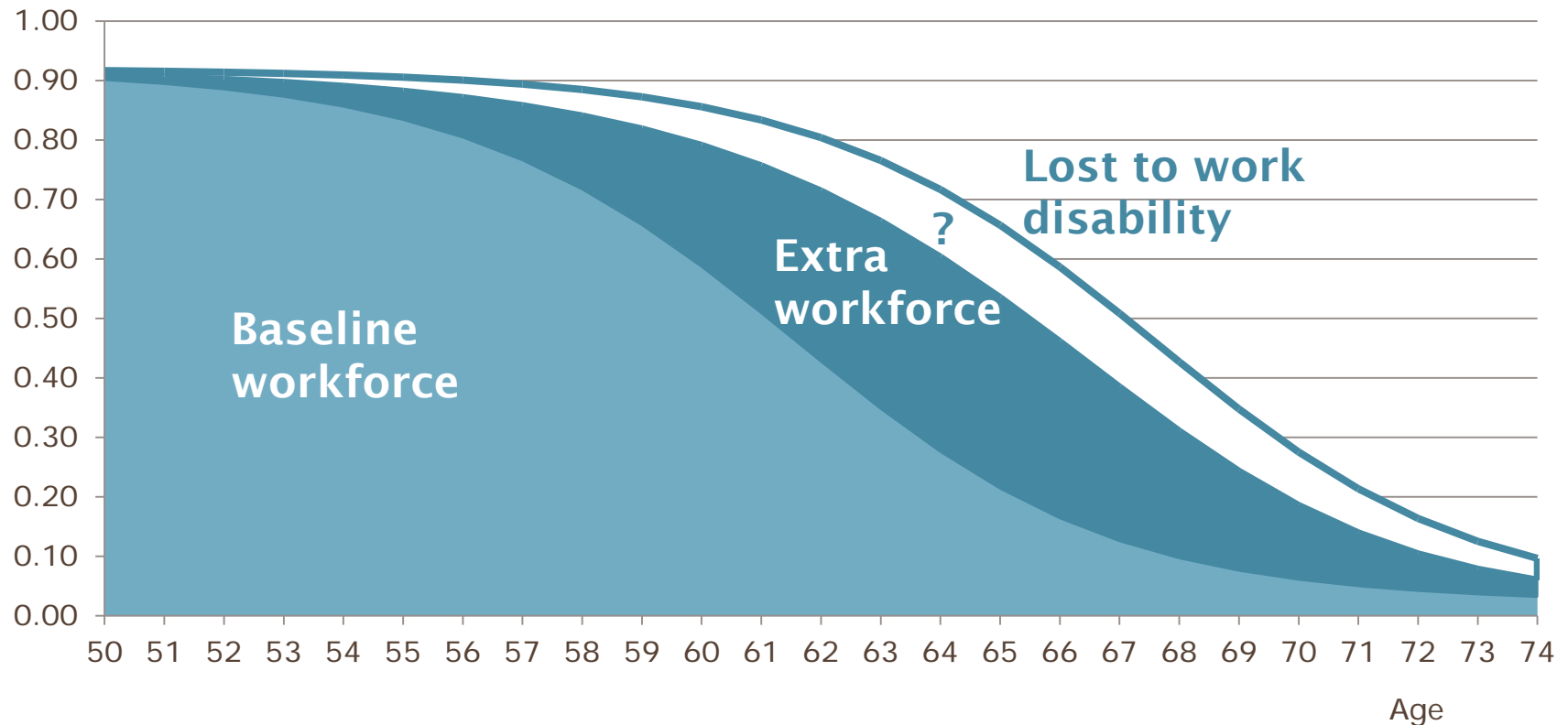
## EXTRA WORKFORCE



# CHANGE IN LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION LOST TO WORK DISABILITY



# CHANGE IN LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION LOST TO WORK DISABILITY: HOW MANY?



# THE MODEL

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## Simple two terms model:

$$L_x = A_x P_x$$

### $A_x$ : Ability to work

- The proportion of people who are able to work

### $P_x$ : Propensity to work

- The proportion of people who actually work inside the population that is able to work

# HOW TO ESTIMATE VALUES FOR THE FORMULA'S TERMS

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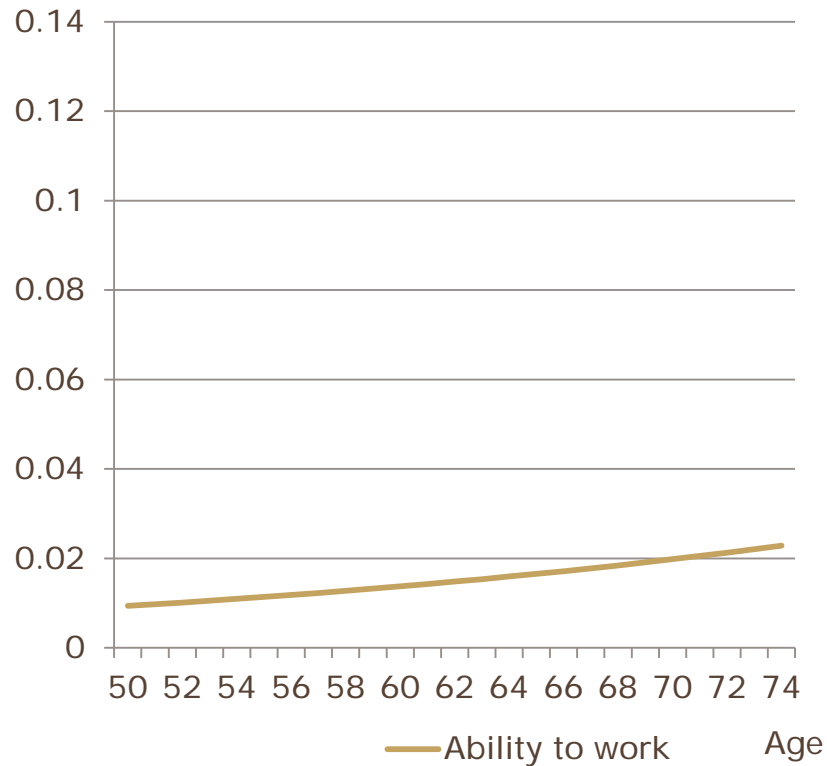
$A_x$ : Ability to work is estimated based on retirement on grounds of poor health

$P_x$ : Propensity to work is based on all non-health related retirements

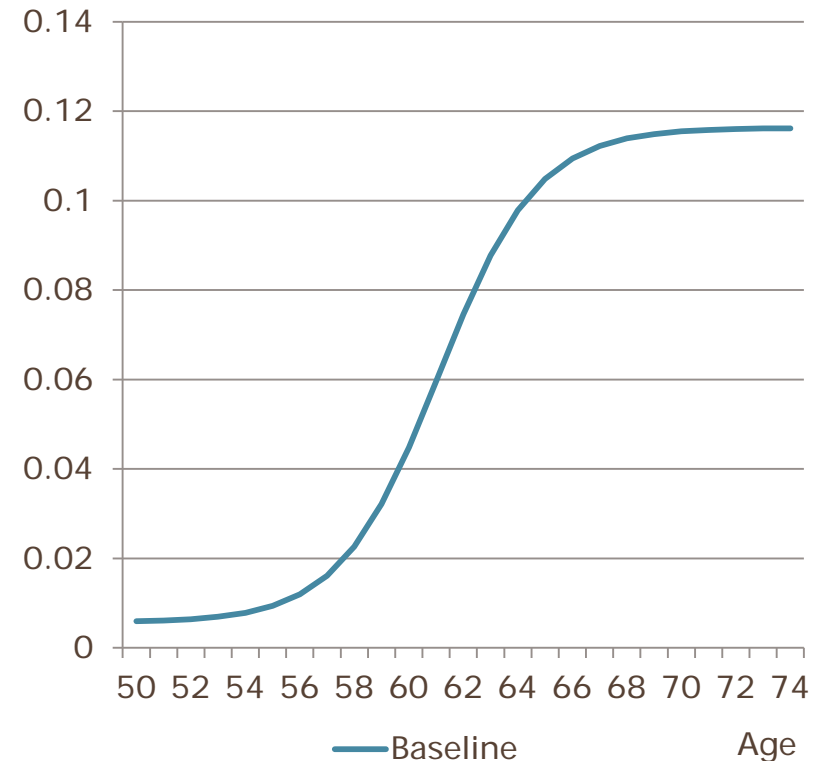
**Surveys contain information about why people retired (SHARE, HRS, different LFS's)**

# ESTIMATED VALUES

## Ability to work



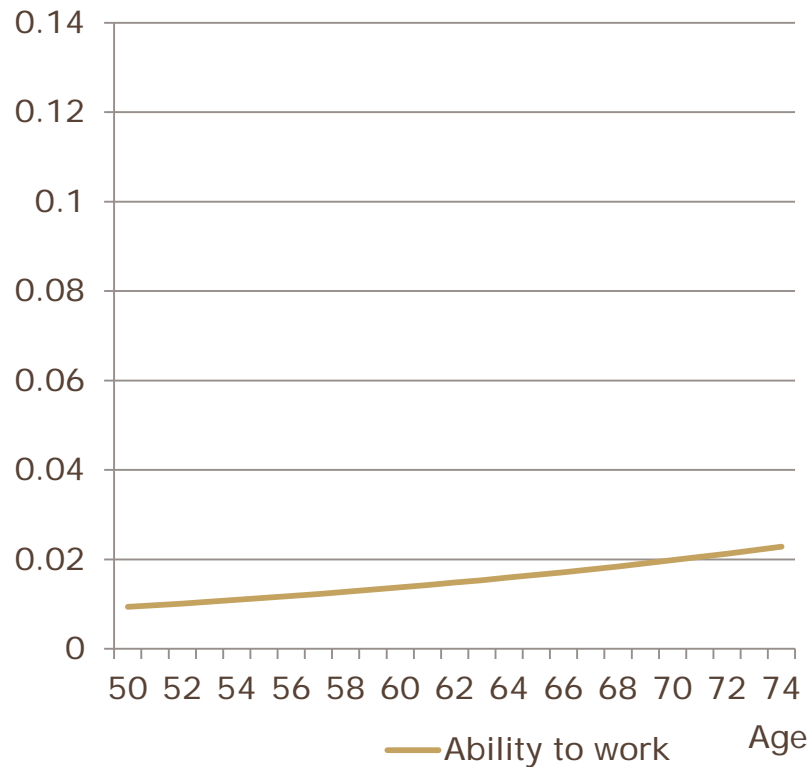
## Propensity: Baseline and Postponement



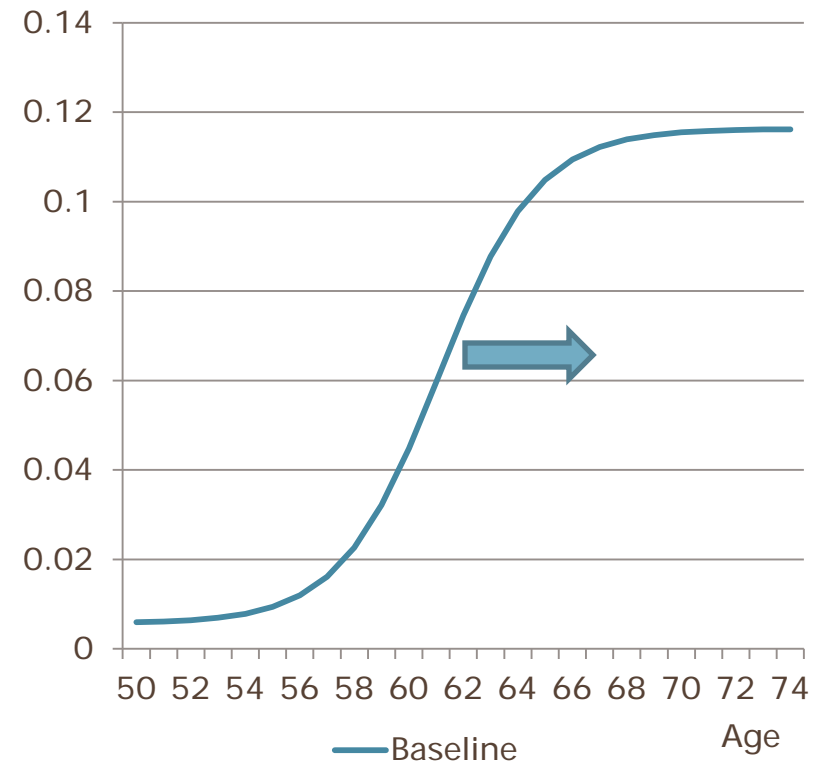
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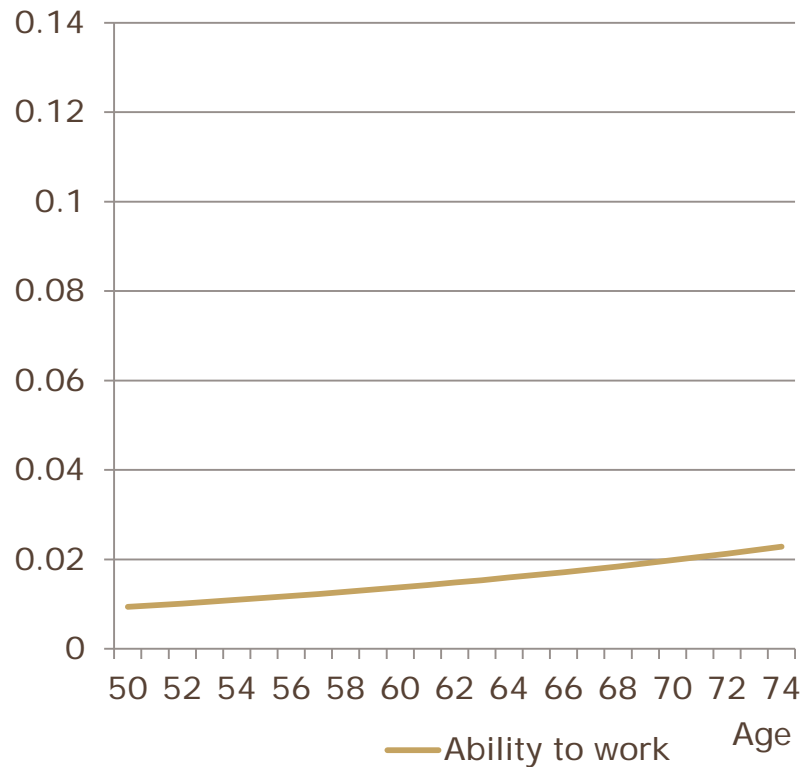


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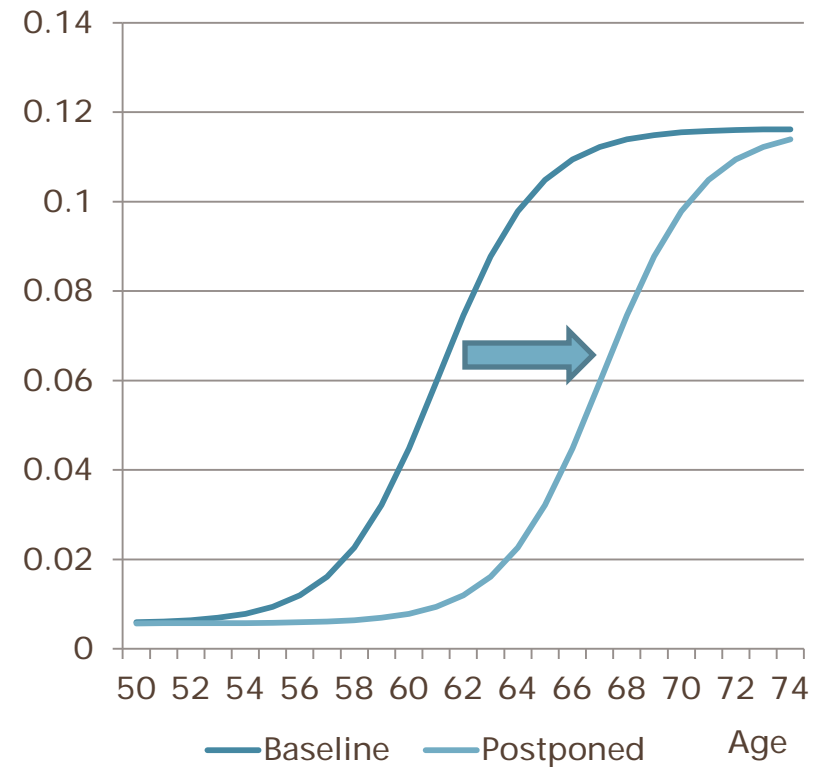


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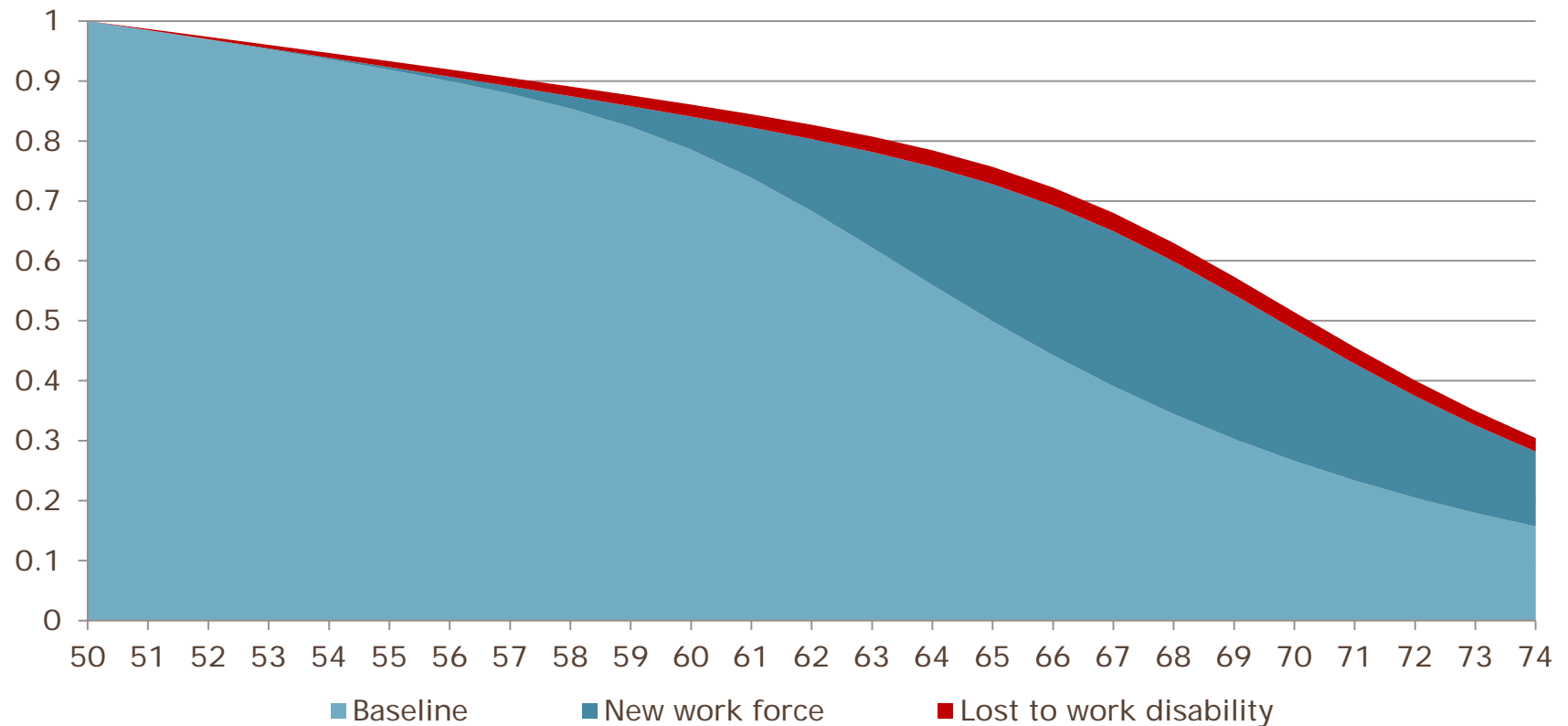


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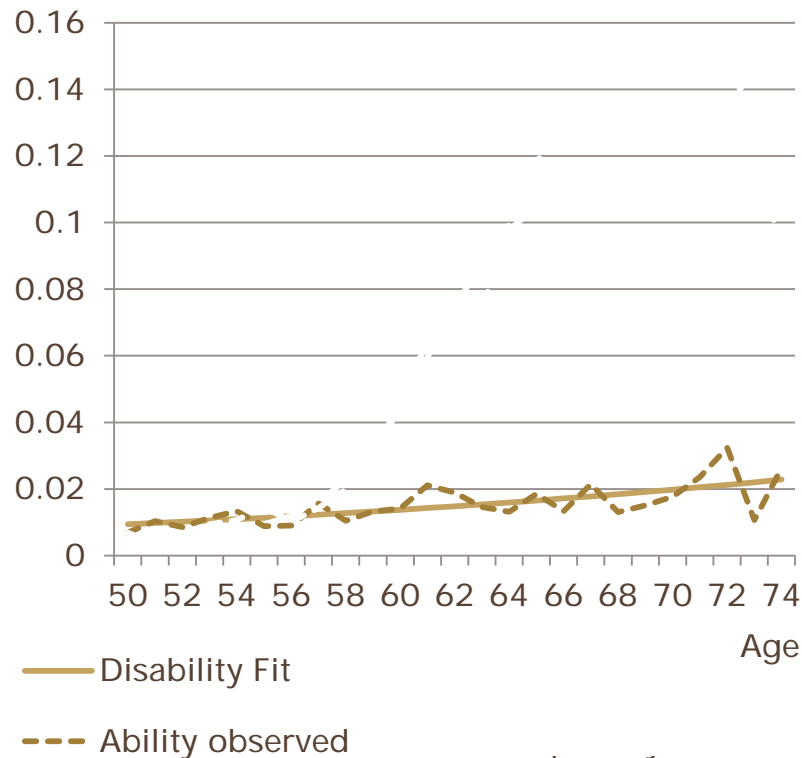
# RESULTS: THE DECREASE WITH AGE IN ABILITY DOES NOT HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON POSTPONEMENT OF PARTICIPATION



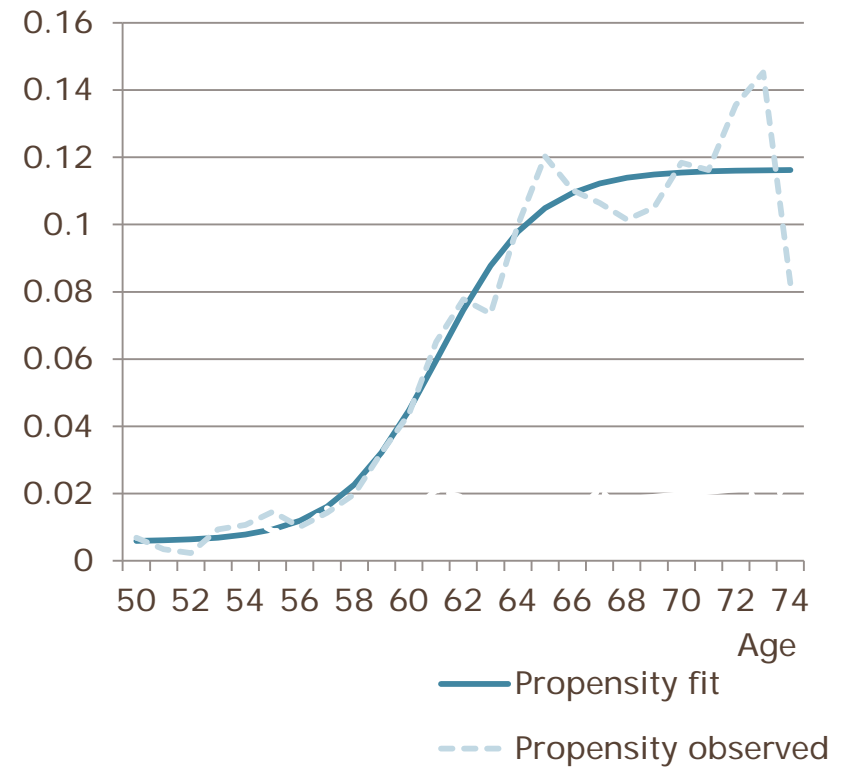
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# ABILITY AND PROPENSITY: FITTED AND OBSERVED VALUES

## Disability: fit and observed values



## Propensity: fit and observed values



Source: HRS waves 2002-2012

## **Ilya Kashnitsky: Regional differences in ageing**

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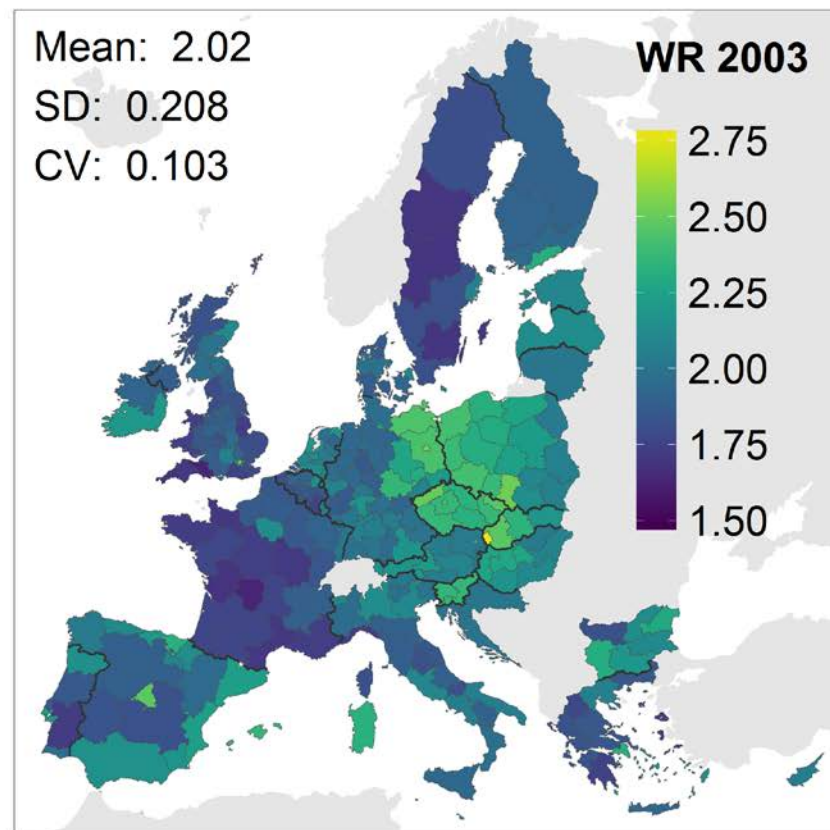
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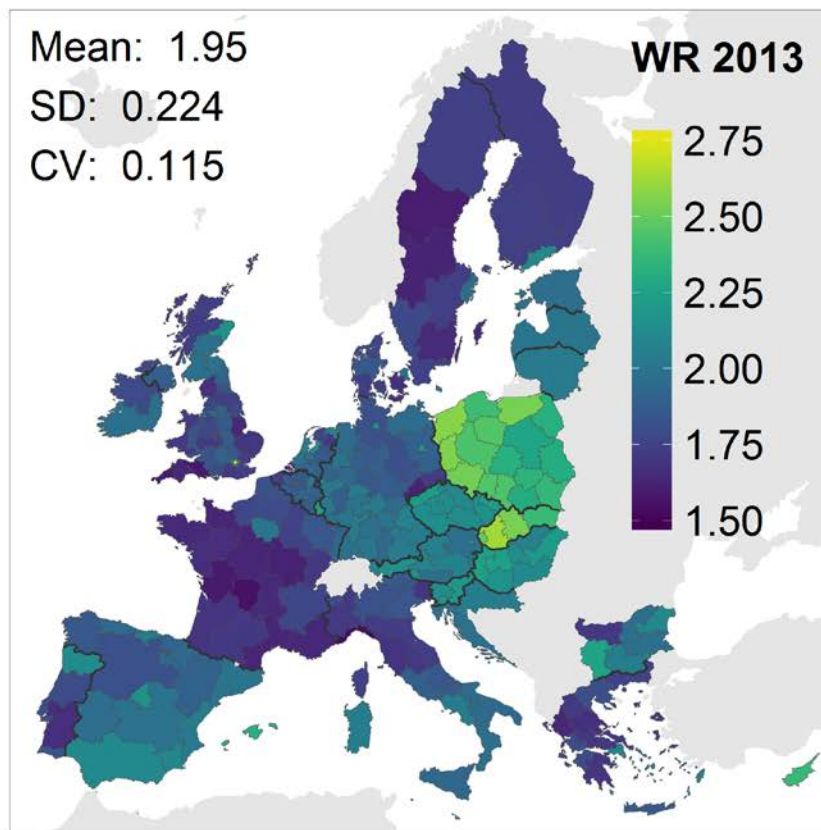
Sigma- convergence **VS** beta- convergence

# NO SIGMA CONVERGENCE

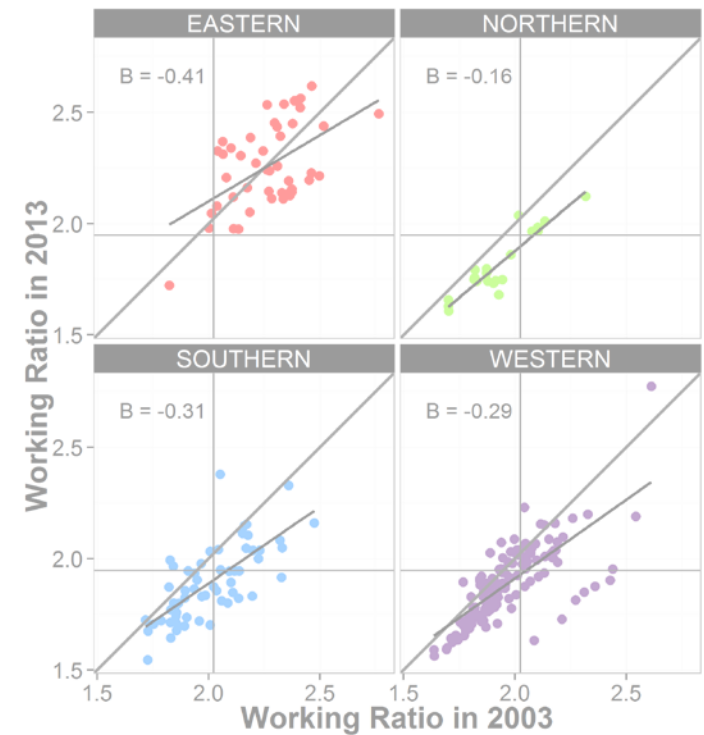
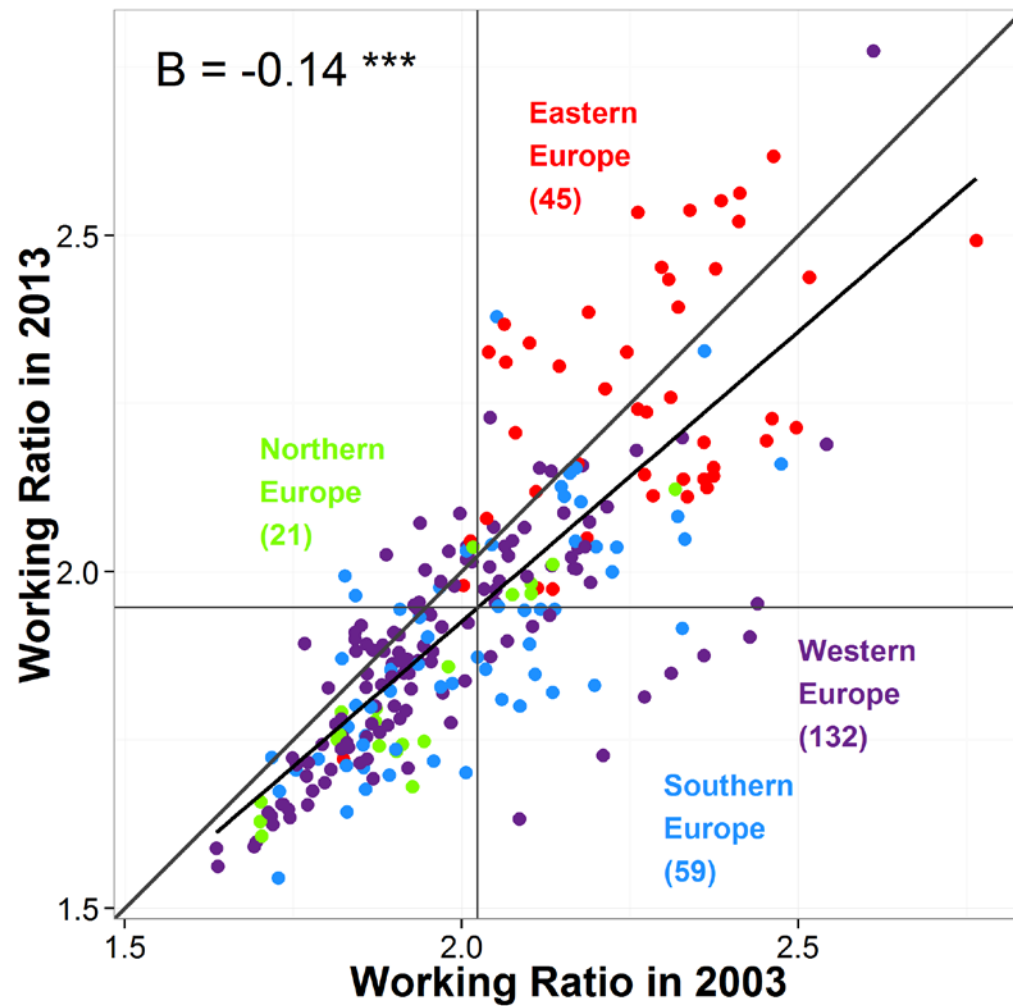
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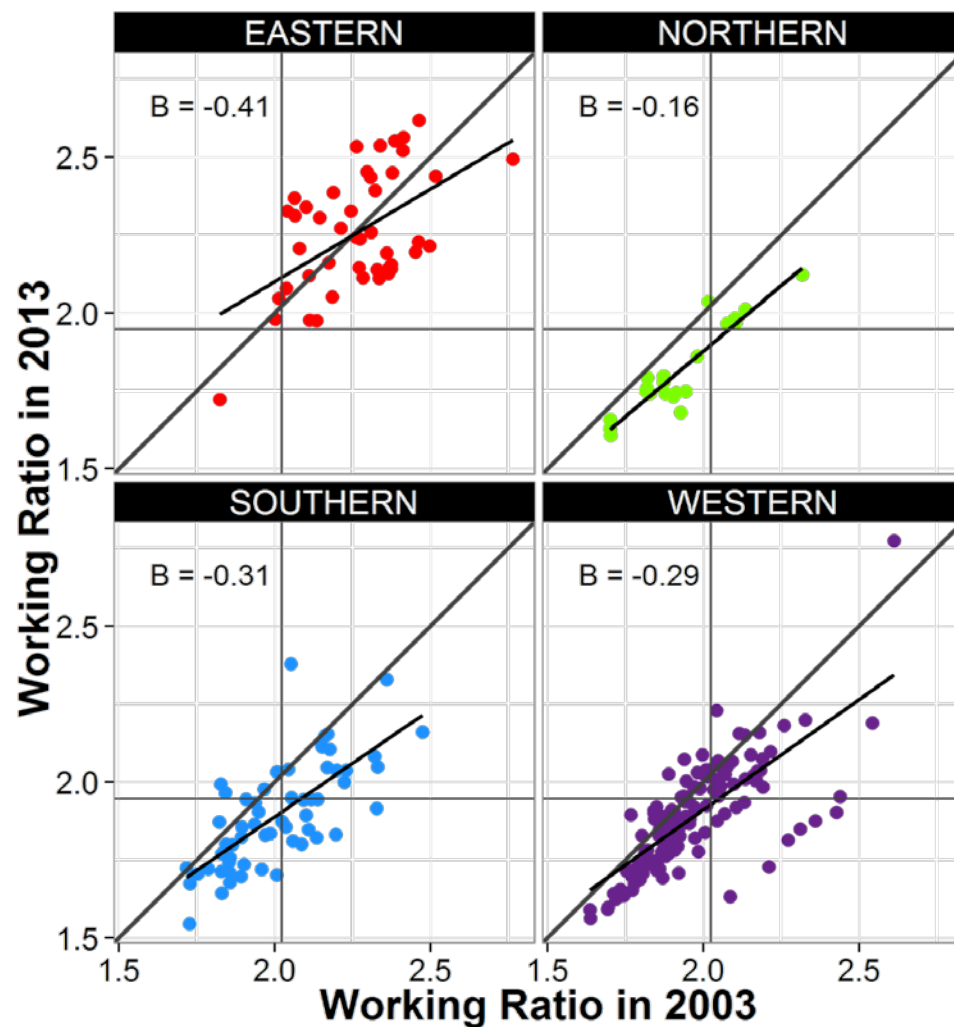
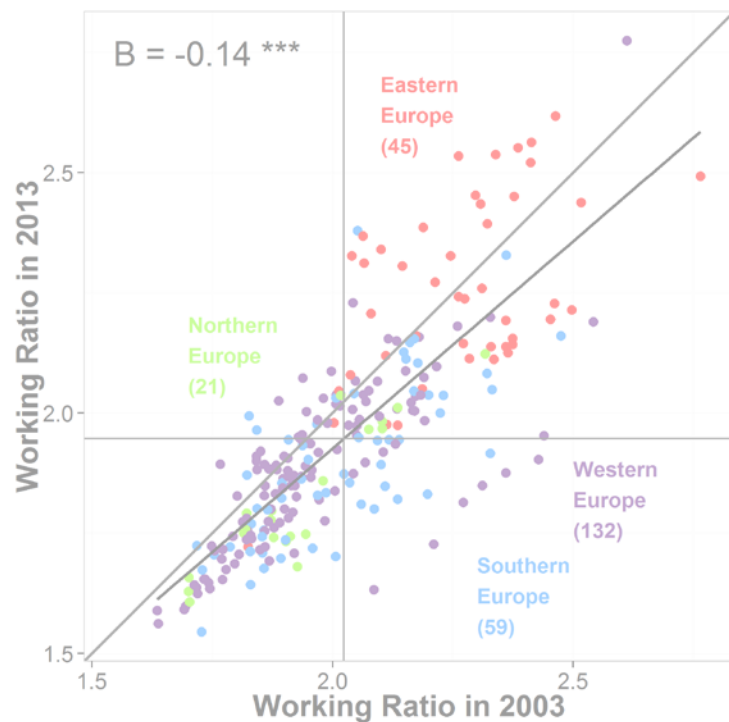
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# BETA CONVERGENCE

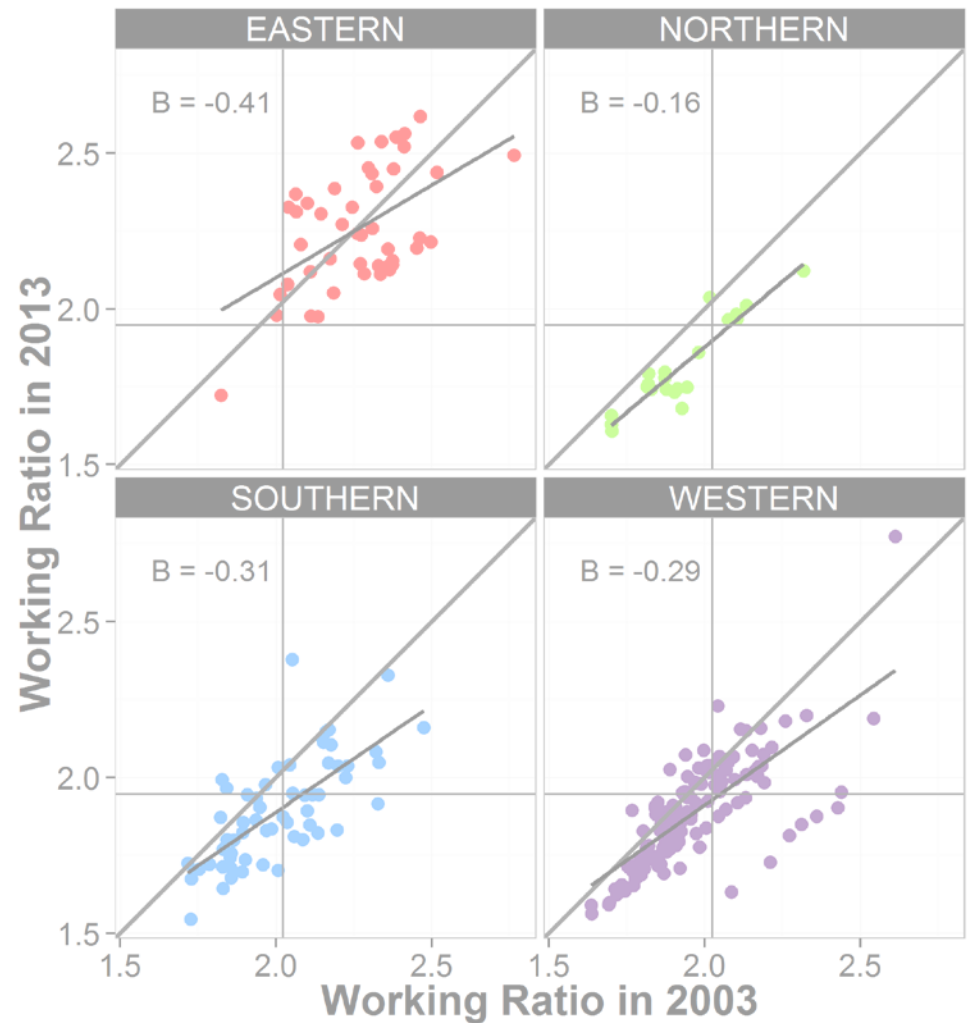


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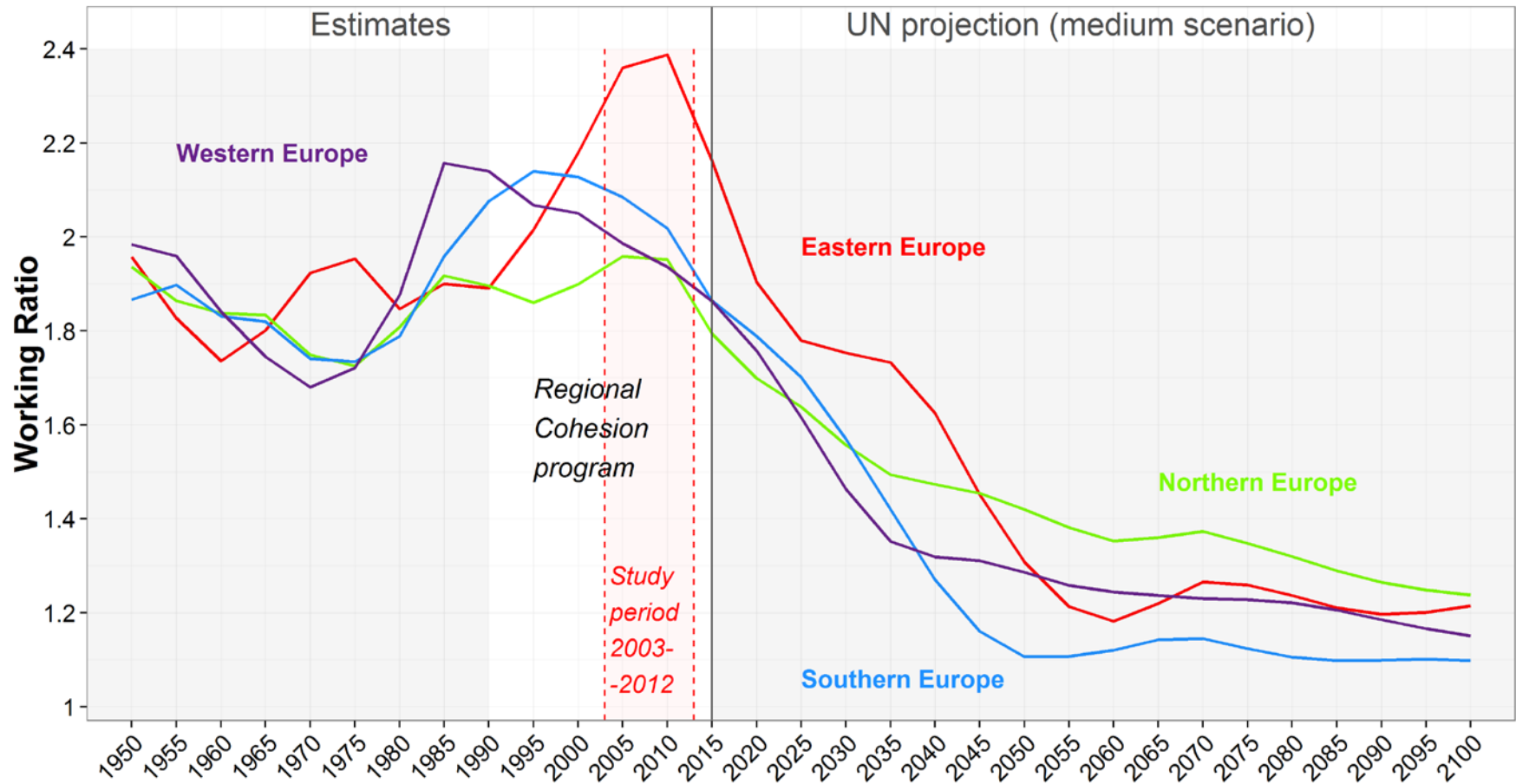


# CLUB CONVERGENCE

|                                                                        | Europe,<br>global | Europe,<br>conditional |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| (Intercept)                                                            | 0.20 (0.08)*      | 0.53 (0.09)***         |
| Initial WR                                                             | -0.14 (0.04)***   | -0.31 (0.04)***        |
| Western (ref)                                                          |                   | NA                     |
| Eastern                                                                |                   | <b>0.16 (0.02)***</b>  |
| Northern                                                               |                   | -0.04 (0.03)           |
| Southern                                                               |                   | -0.02 (0.02)           |
| R <sup>2</sup>                                                         | 0.04              | 0.22                   |
| Adj. R <sup>2</sup>                                                    | 0.04              | 0.21                   |
| Num. obs.                                                              | 257               | 257                    |
| RMSE                                                                   | 0.13              | 0.12                   |
| *** p < 0.001, ** p < 0.01, * p < 0.05; standard errors in parenthesis |                   |                        |



# LONGER PERSPECTIVE



# AGEING

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## **Nicole van der Gaag: Ageing and sustainability**

# AGEING AND POPULATION PROJECTIONS

**COUNTING PEOPLE**  
**THE POWER OF POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

**Ageing**

**Sustainability**

**Beyond GDP**

**Supra- national**  
**EU wide**  
**All regions**

**Profit**  
**Planet**  
**People**

**Targets**  
**Indicators**  
**Europe2020 / SDG**

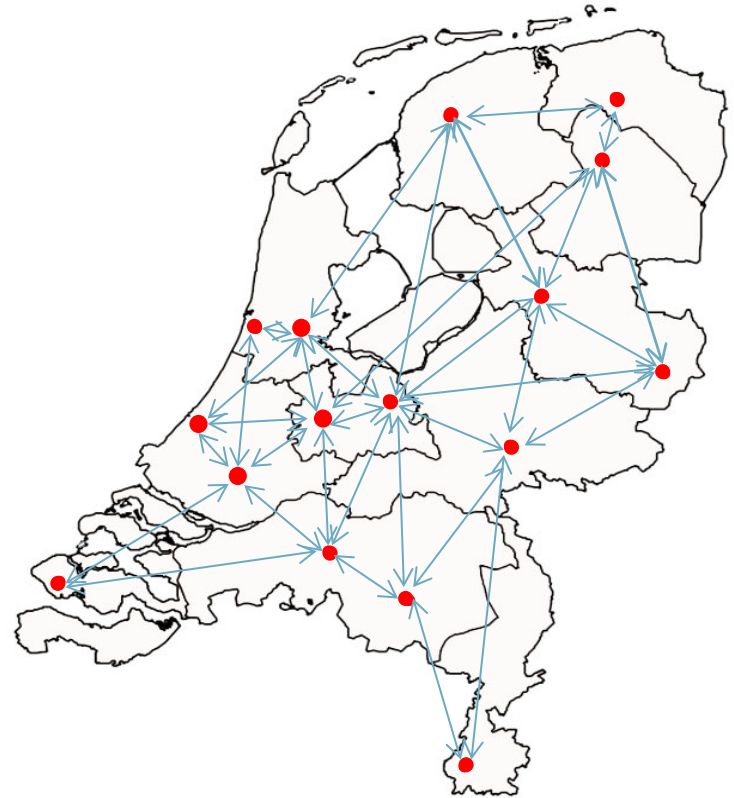


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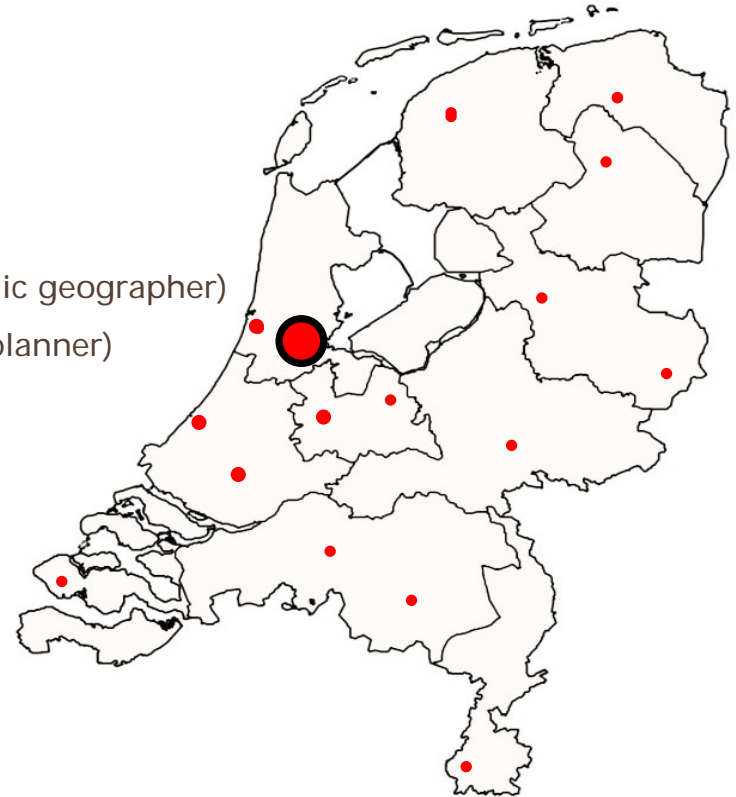
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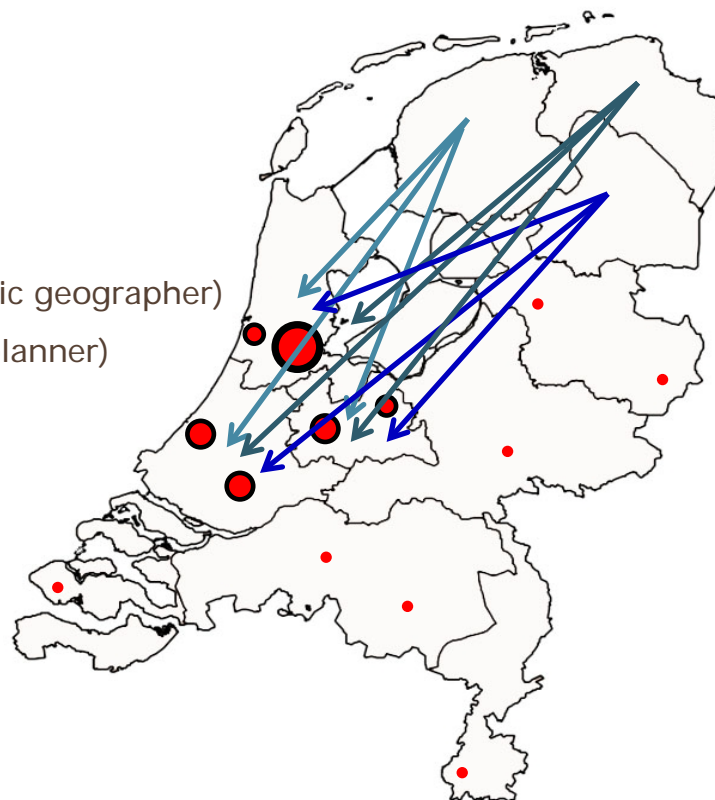
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Heleen Mees (Economist /Legal expert)

Northern provinces:  
Move to the Randstad



# AGEING, SUSTAINABILITY & PROJECTIONS

**THE POWER OF POPULATION PROJECTIONS:**  
How can demographic futures shape the  
progress towards sustainability goals?

**Ageing &  
Migration**

**Well- being**

**Inequality**

This research may fit into the RUG Research Priority  
Sustainable Society and may be linked to the tWIST Programme  
(Towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation)

# thank you

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