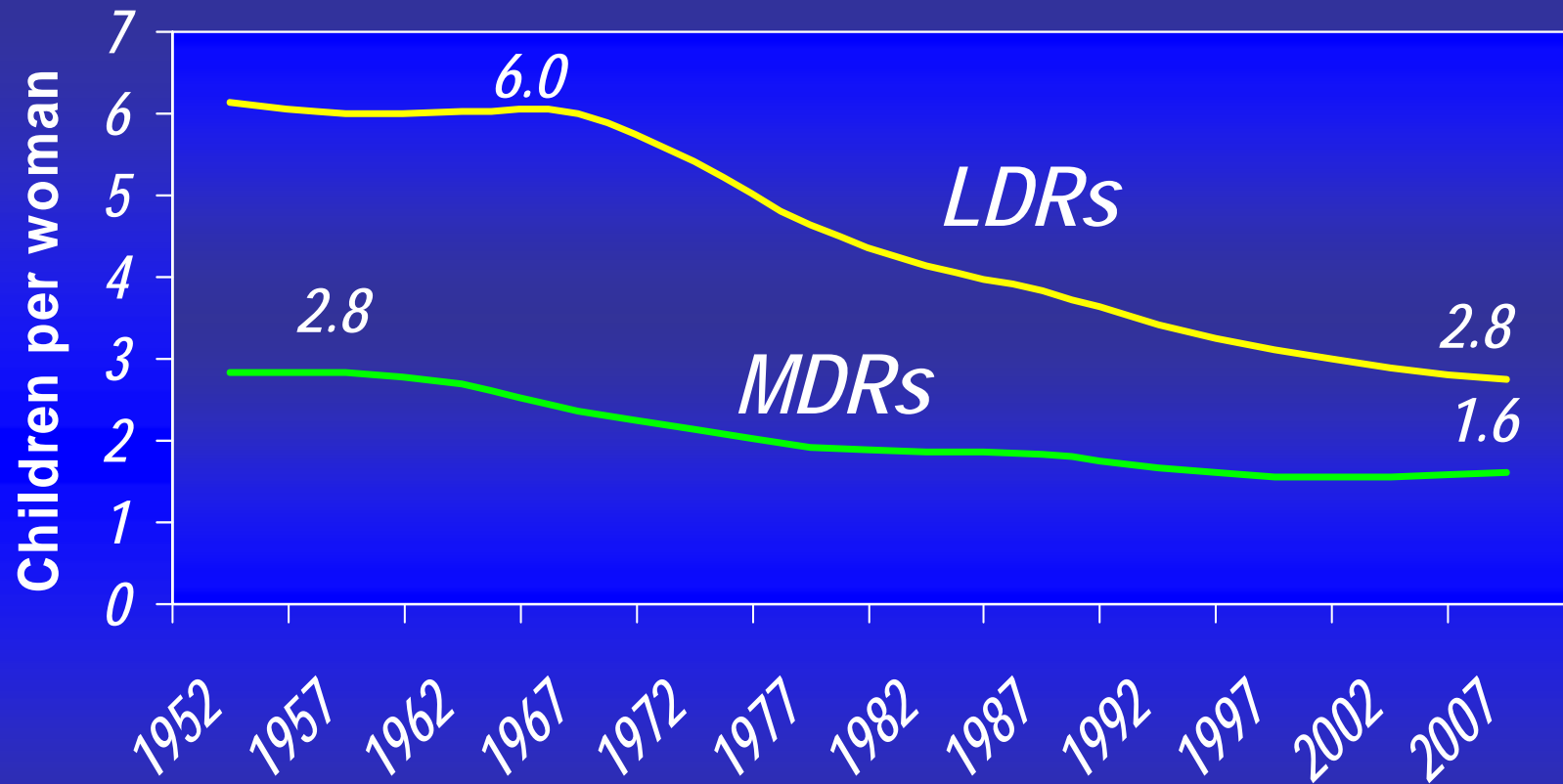




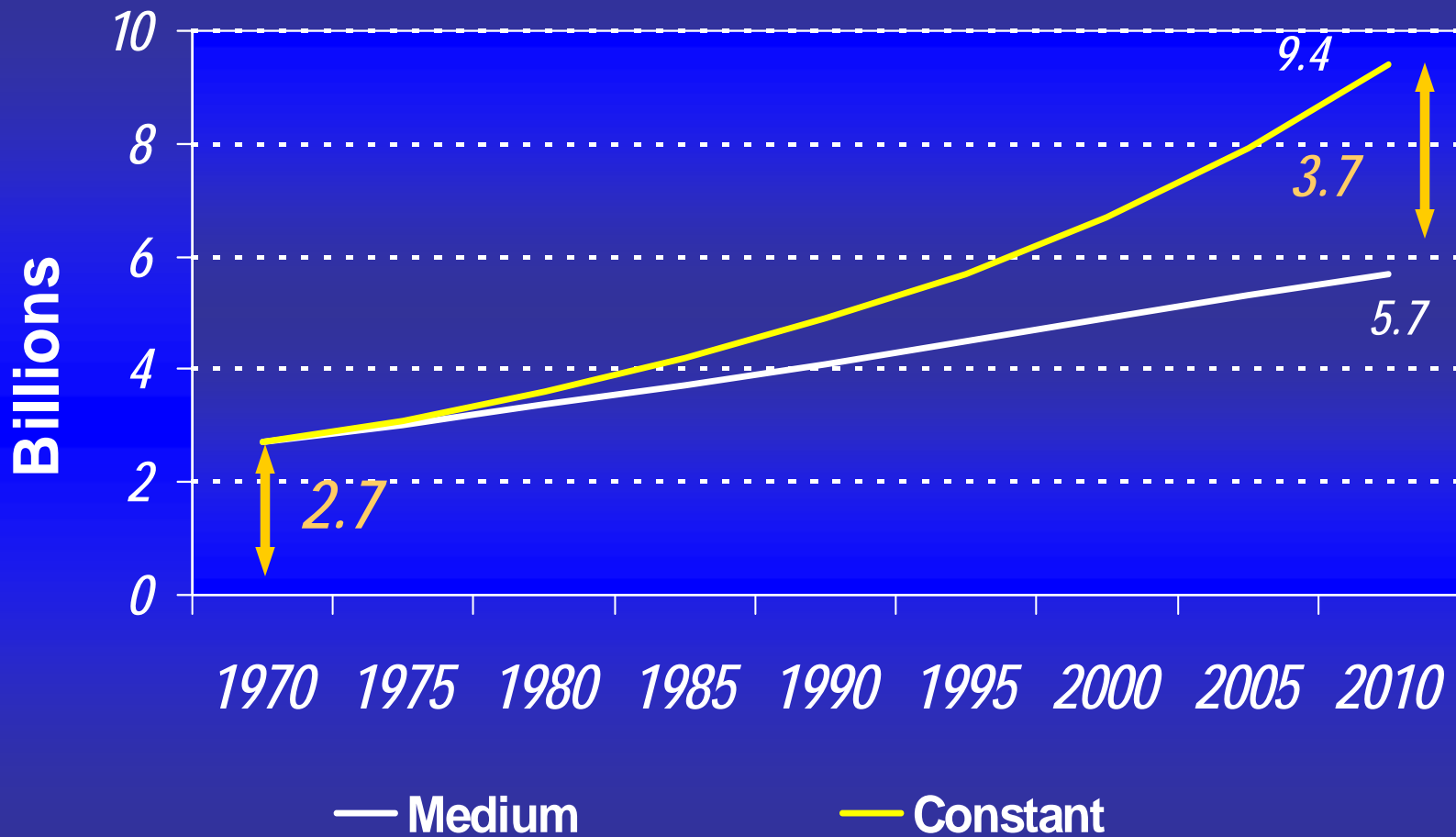
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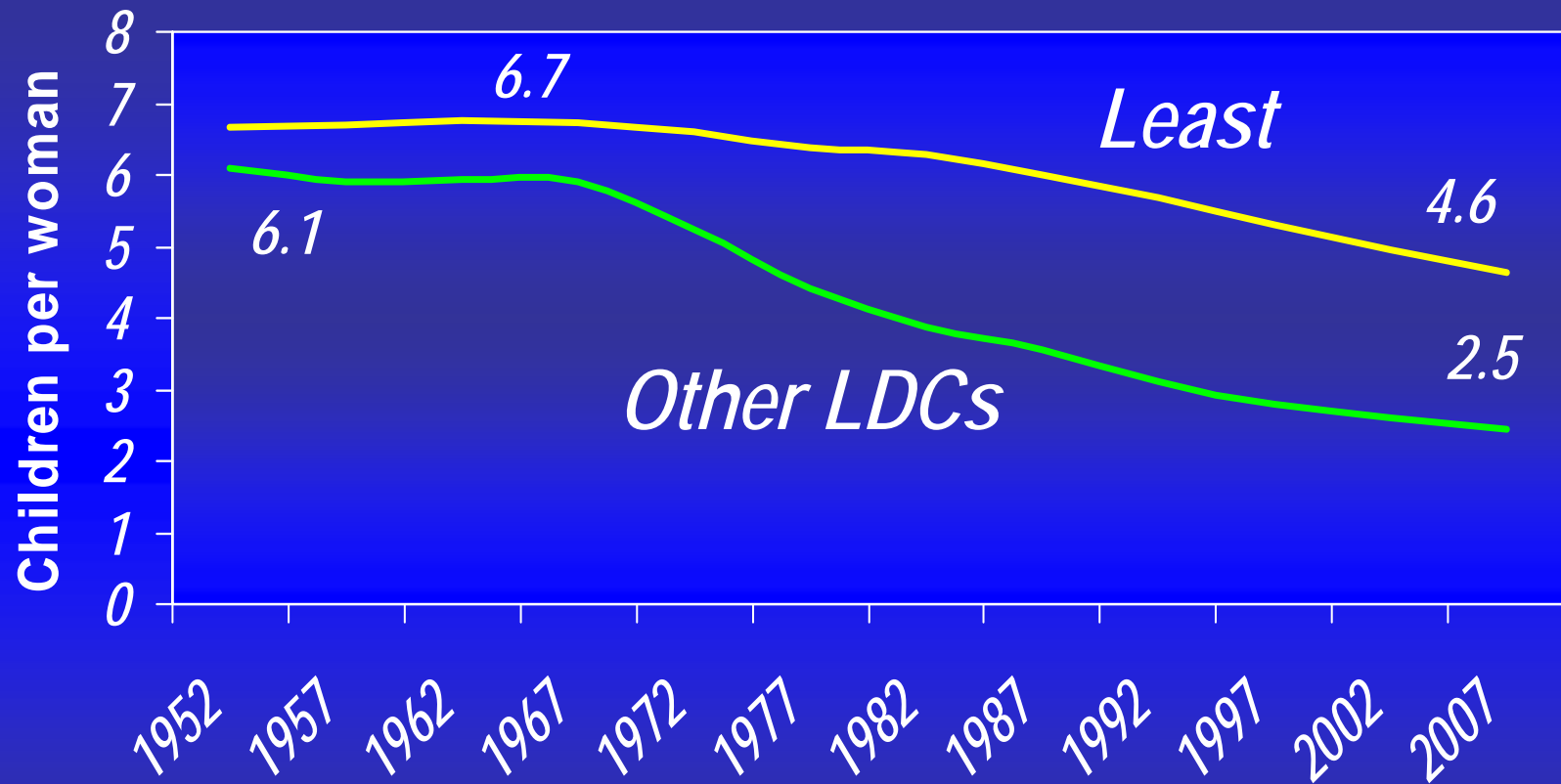
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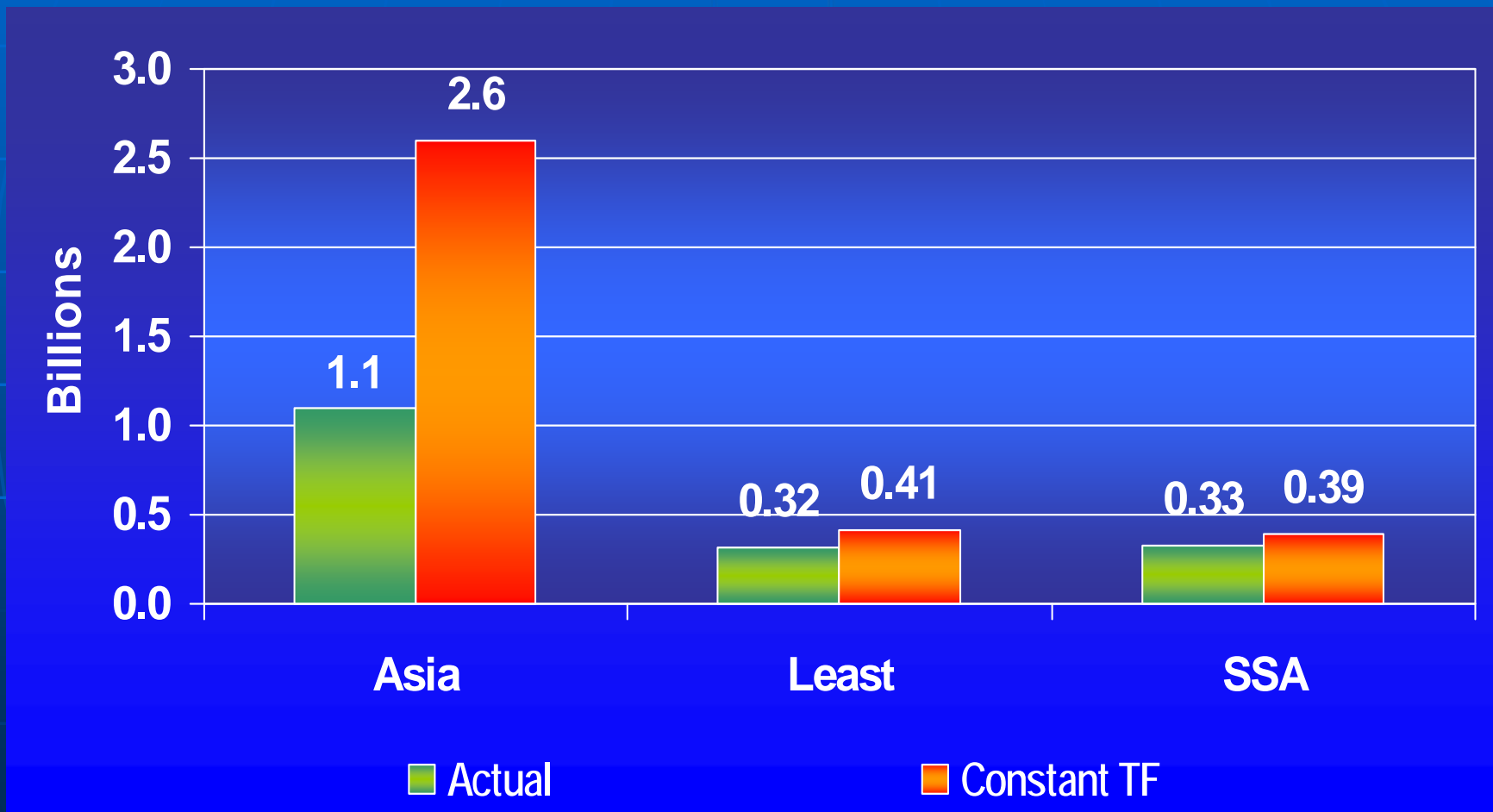
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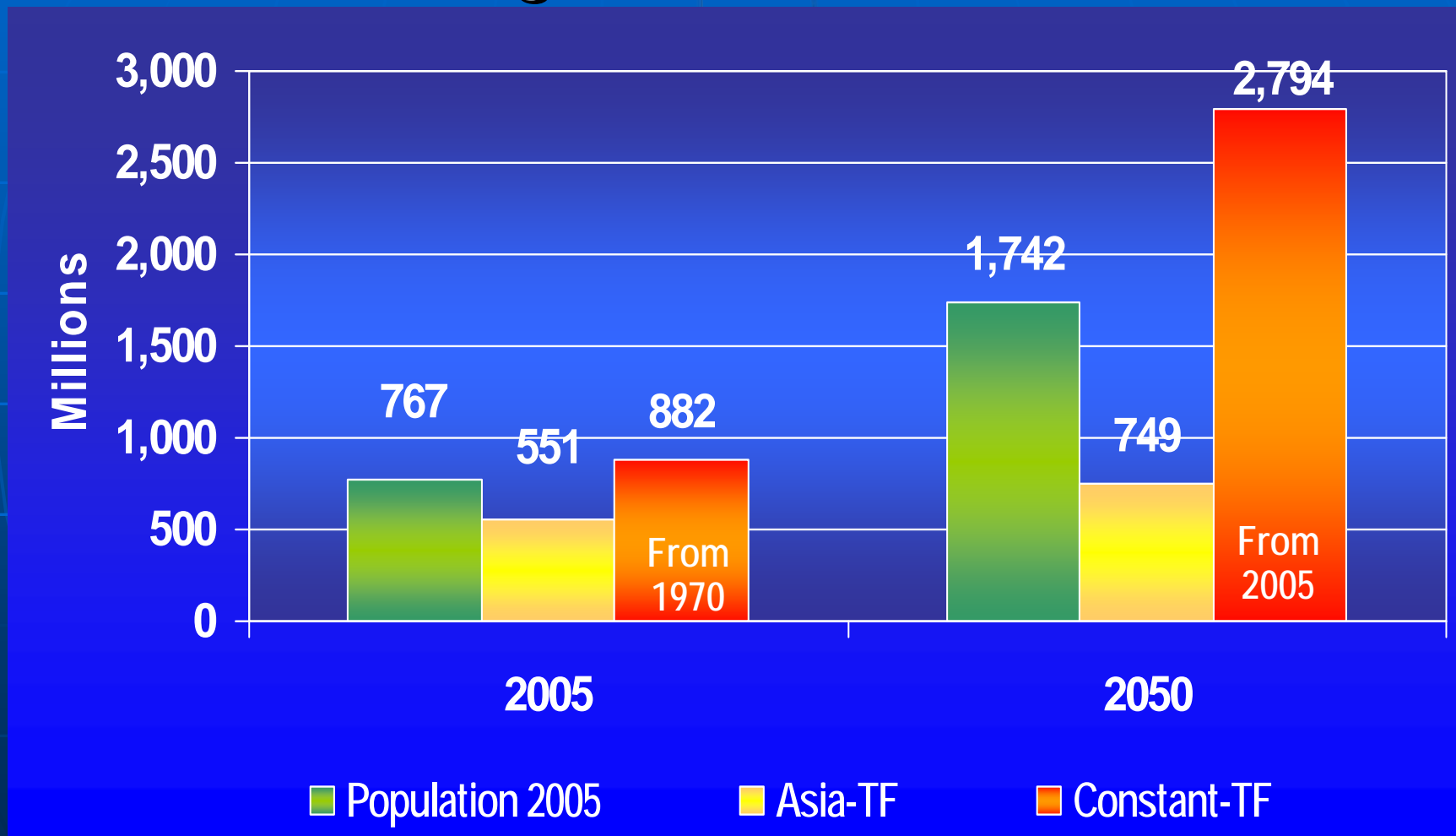
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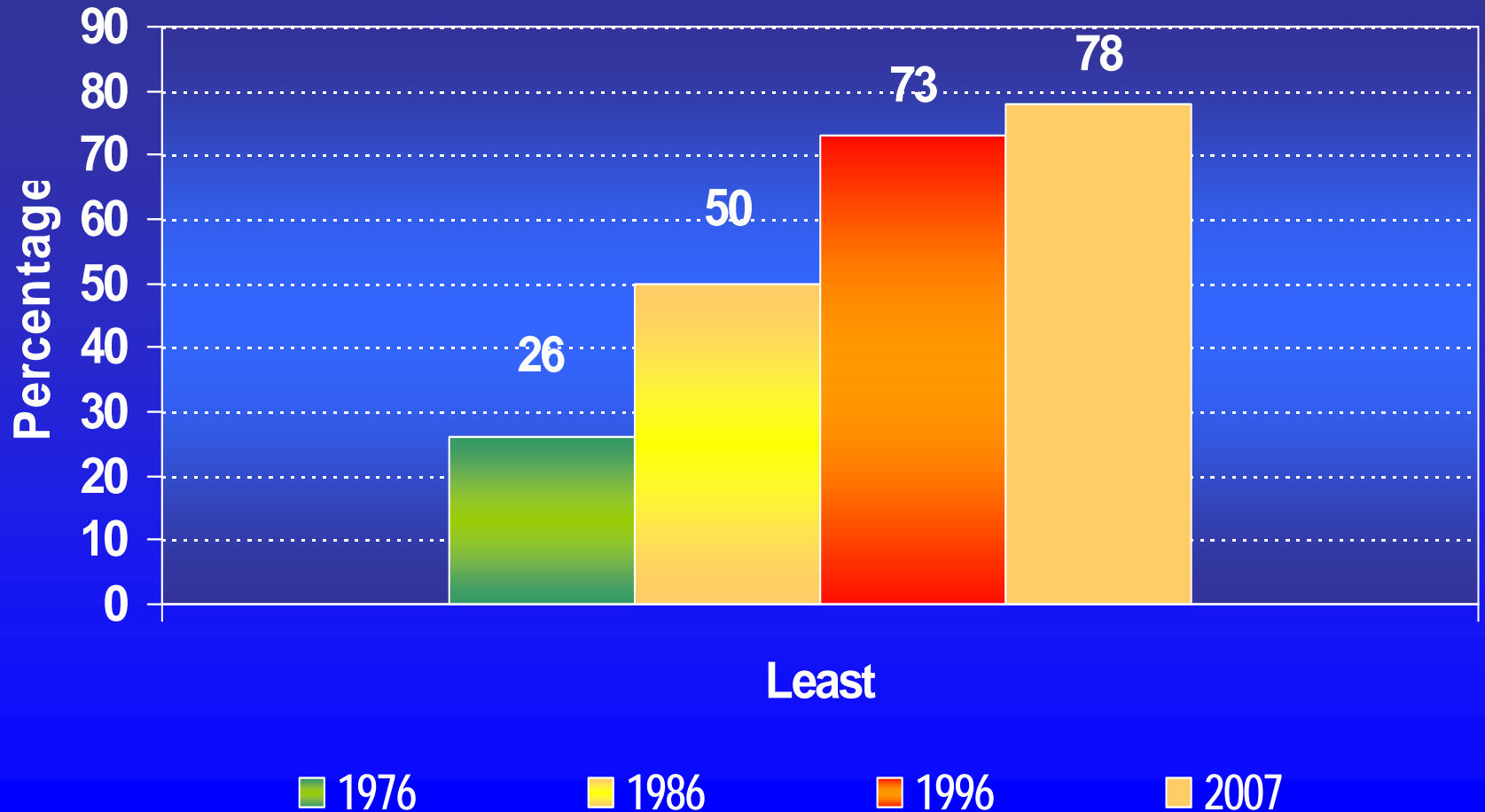
Children 0 to 14 in 2005: actual and according to two simulations



Least developed countries: population according to four simulations



Percentage of Governments concerned about high population growth



Key messages

- Population growth has declined markedly in most developing countries because of reductions of fertility
- Without fertility reductions, the population of the less developed regions would be much larger today (a difference of nearly 4 billion)

Key messages

- Population growth is still fast in many countries, particularly the least developed and is a cause of concern
- Committed and focused policies to accelerate fertility decline in the least developed countries are necessary to moderate population growth earlier and produce smaller populations whose needs will be easier to meet