

Fertility, Proximate Determinants and Fertility Preferences



2007 Jordan Population and Family Health Survey

- **Levels, trends, and differentials**
- Determinants of fertility
- Fertility preferences, ideal family size, and adoption
- Pregnancy outcome

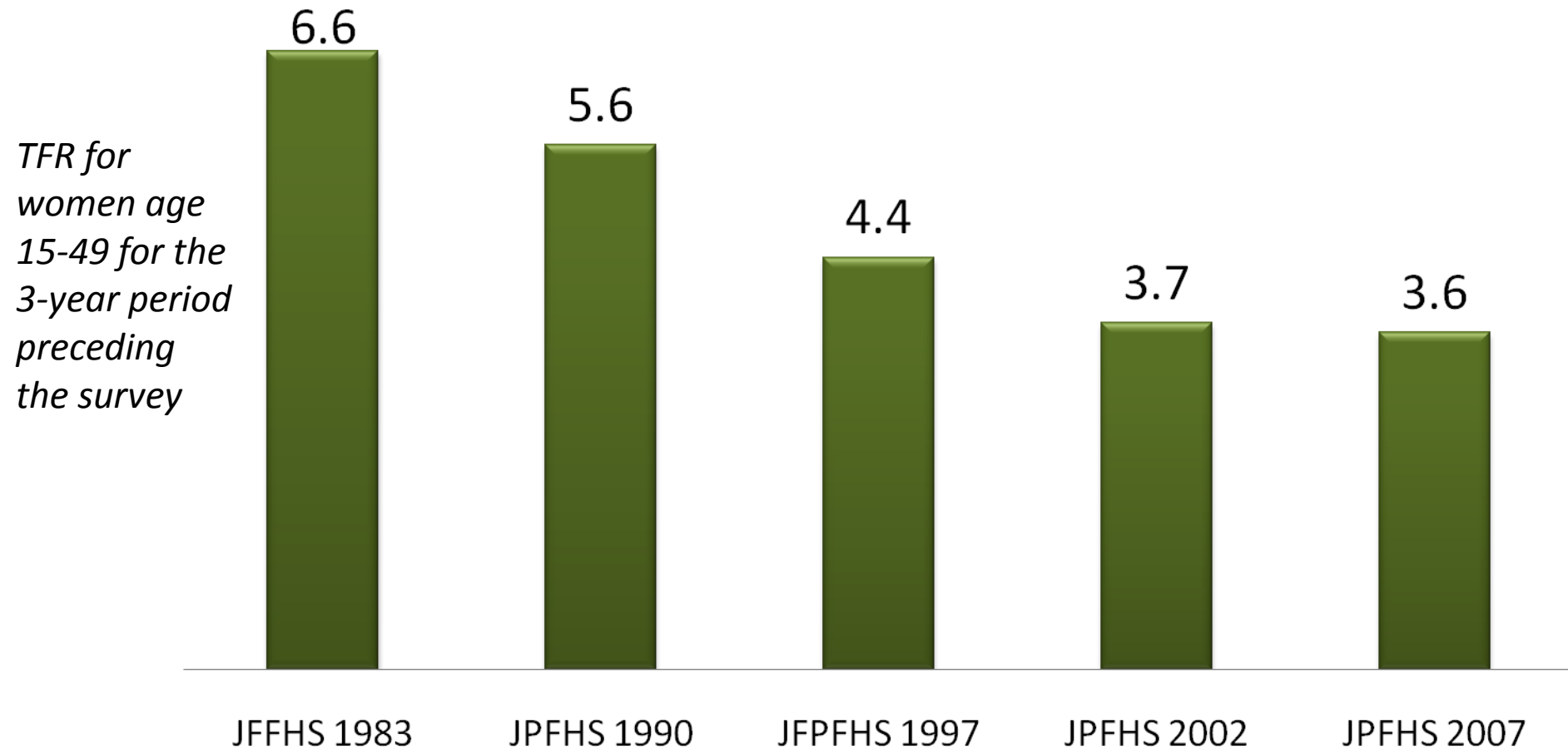


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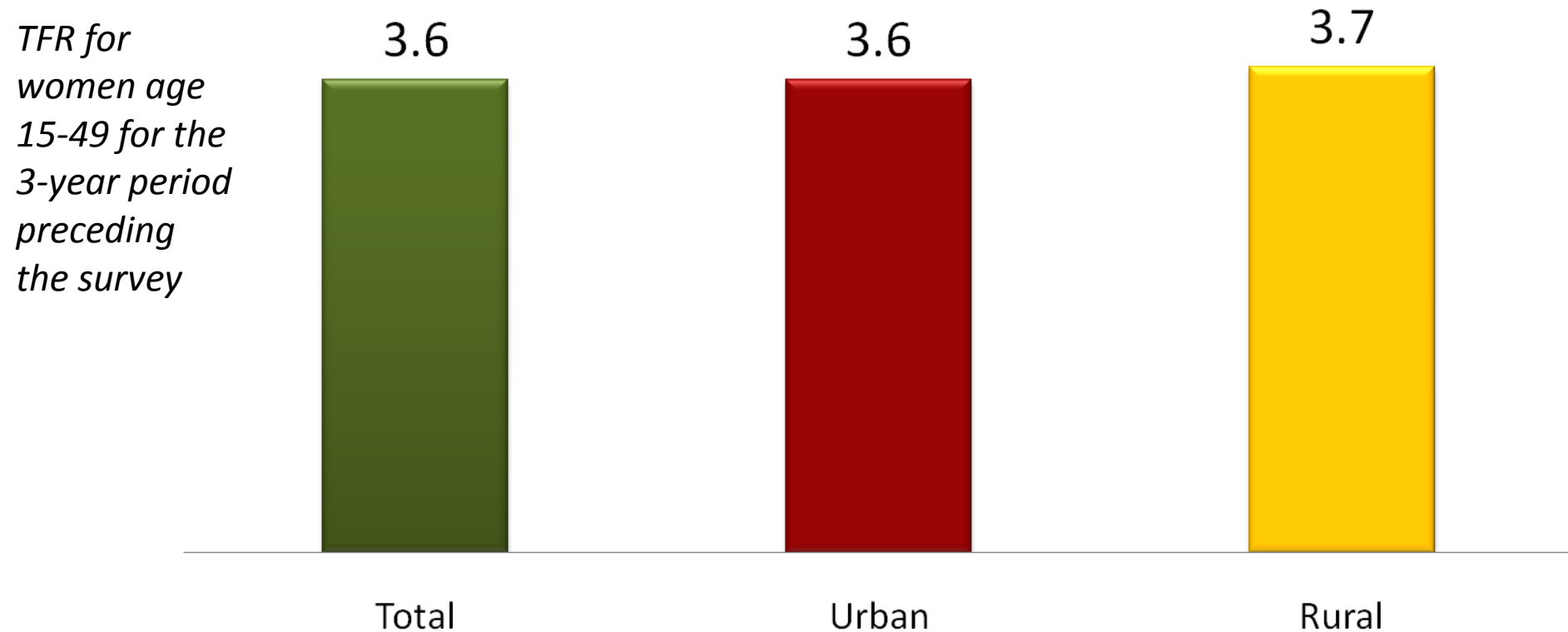
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At current fertility levels, a woman in Jordan will have an average of 3.6 children in her lifetime.

Fertility Trends



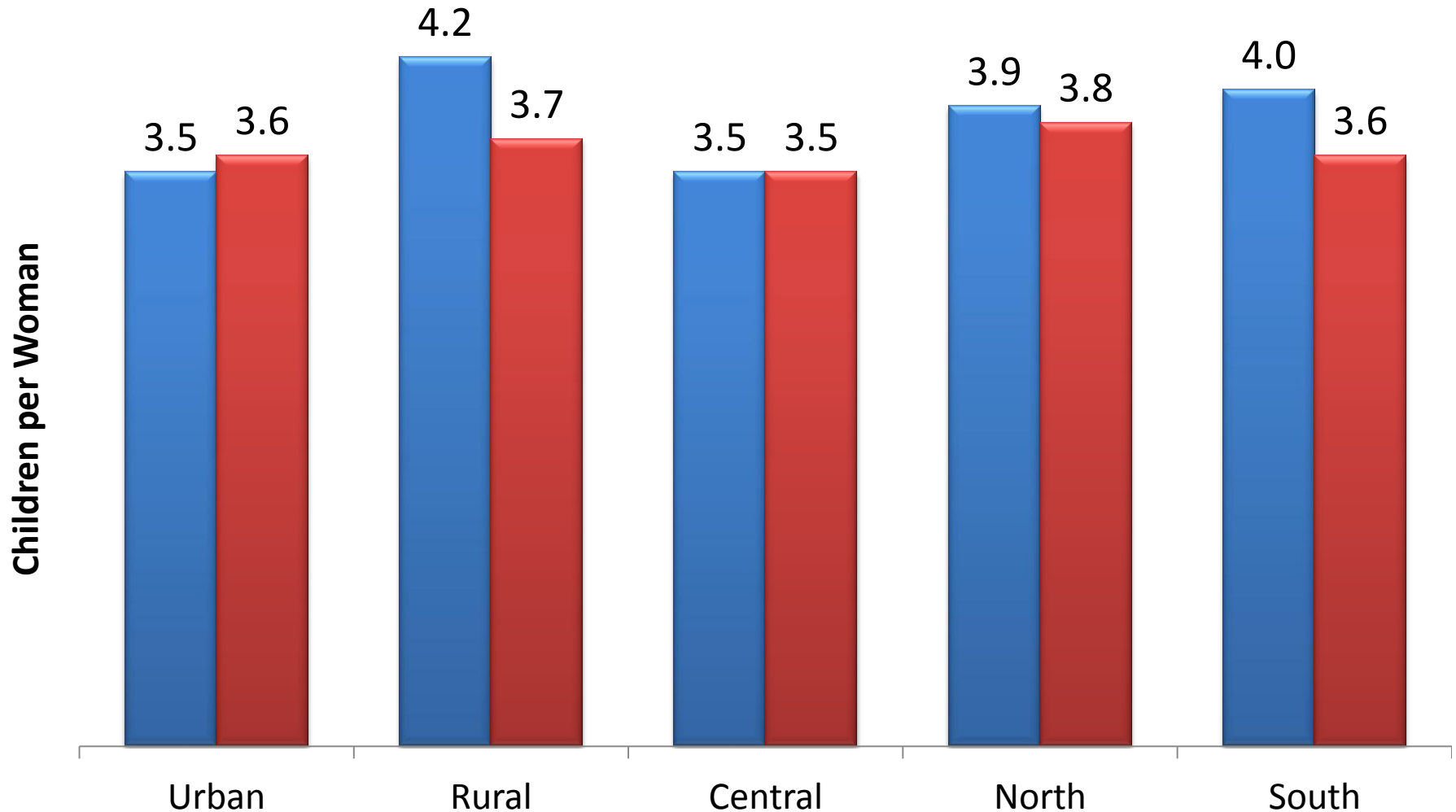
Fertility Differentials

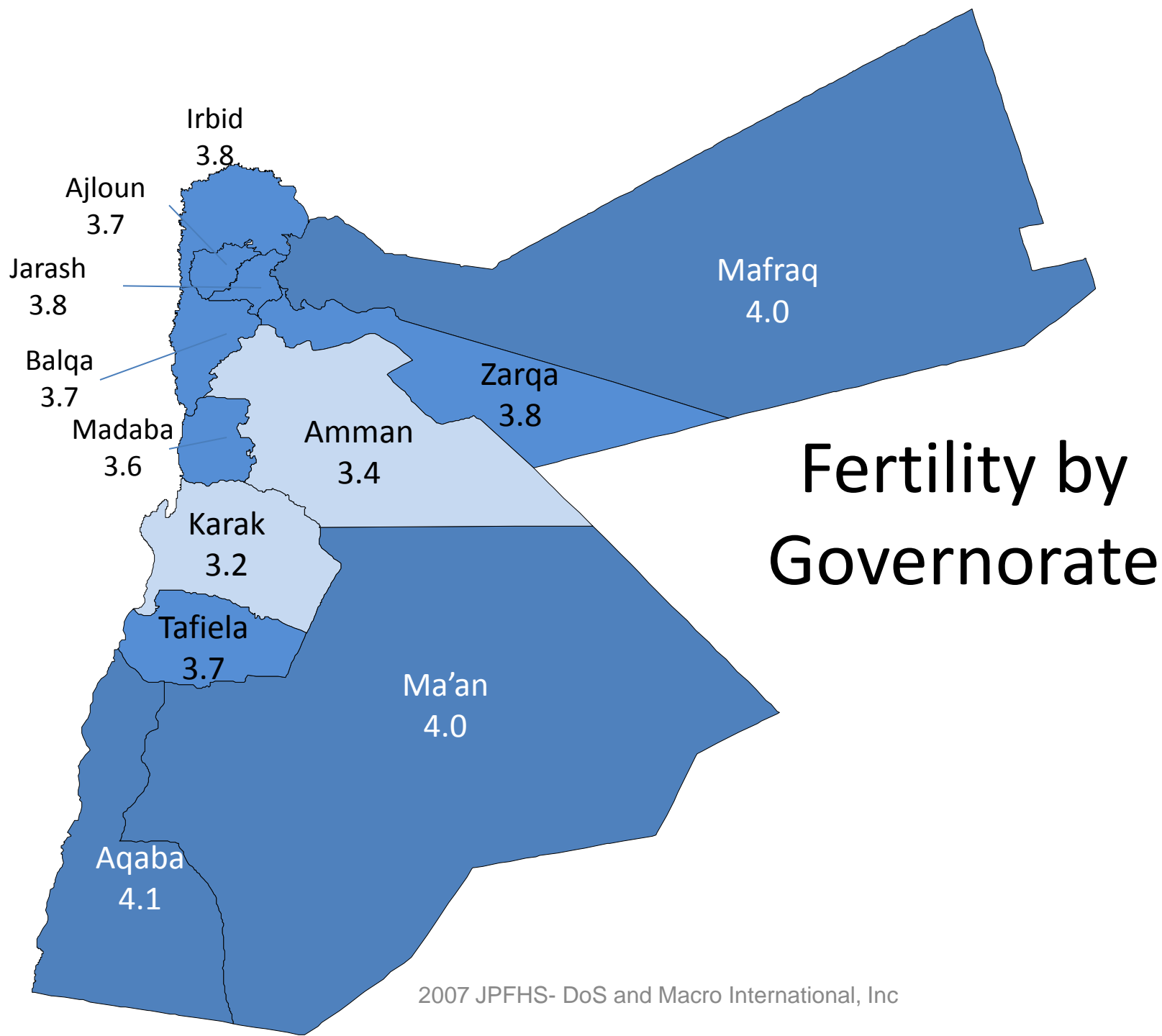


Trends in Fertility by Region

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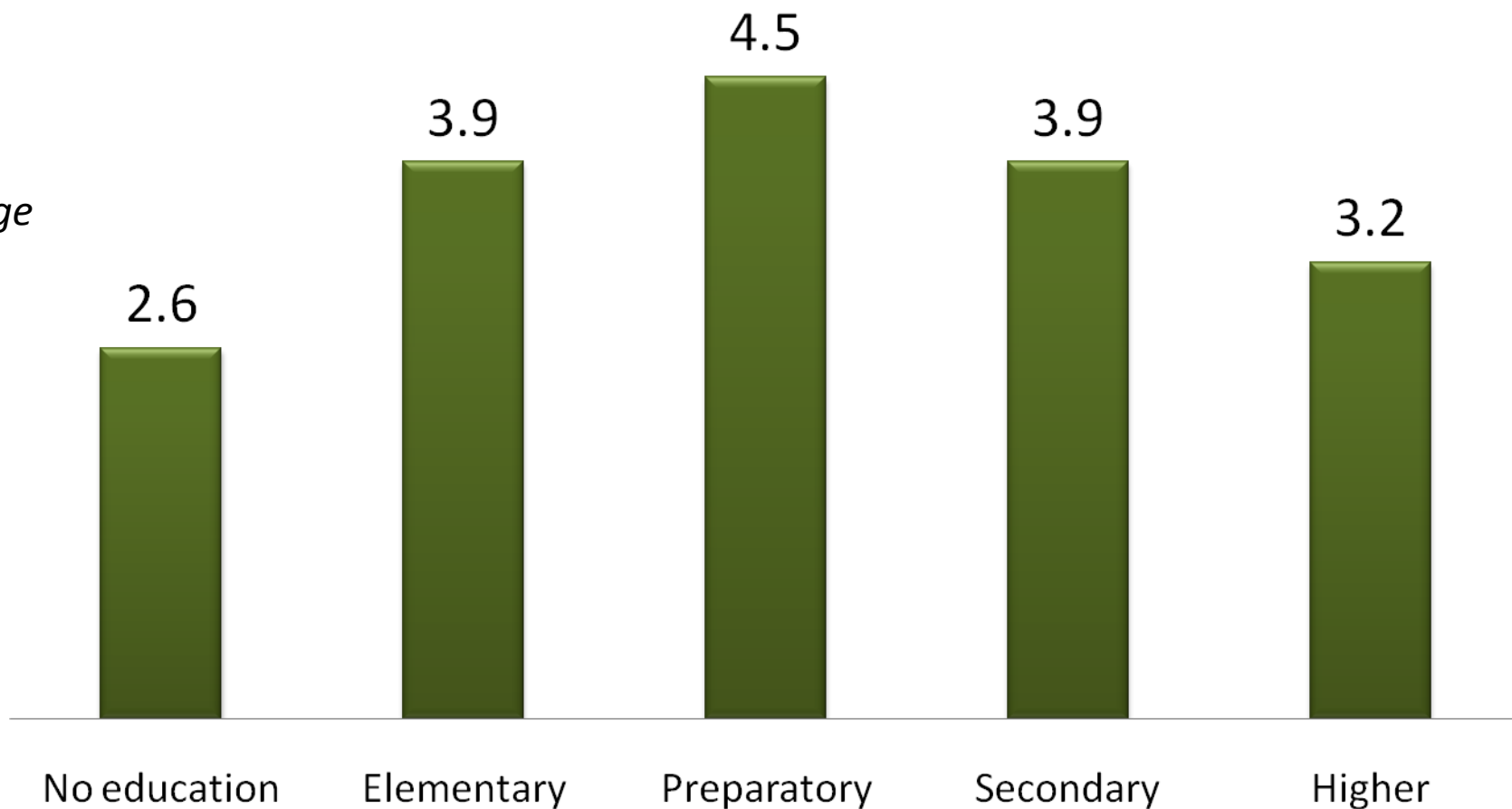
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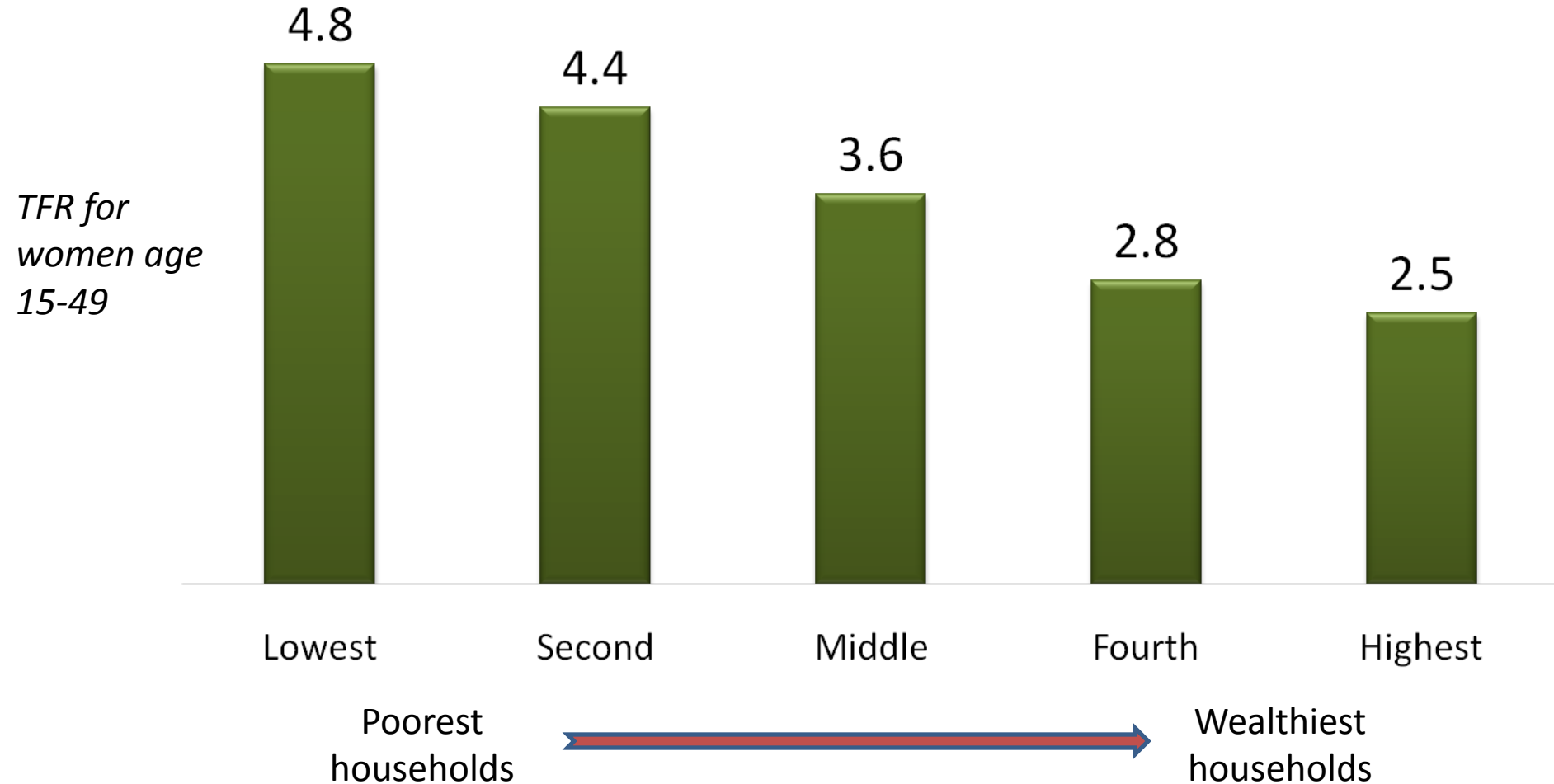


Fertility by Education

*TFR for
women age
15-49*



Fertility By Wealth



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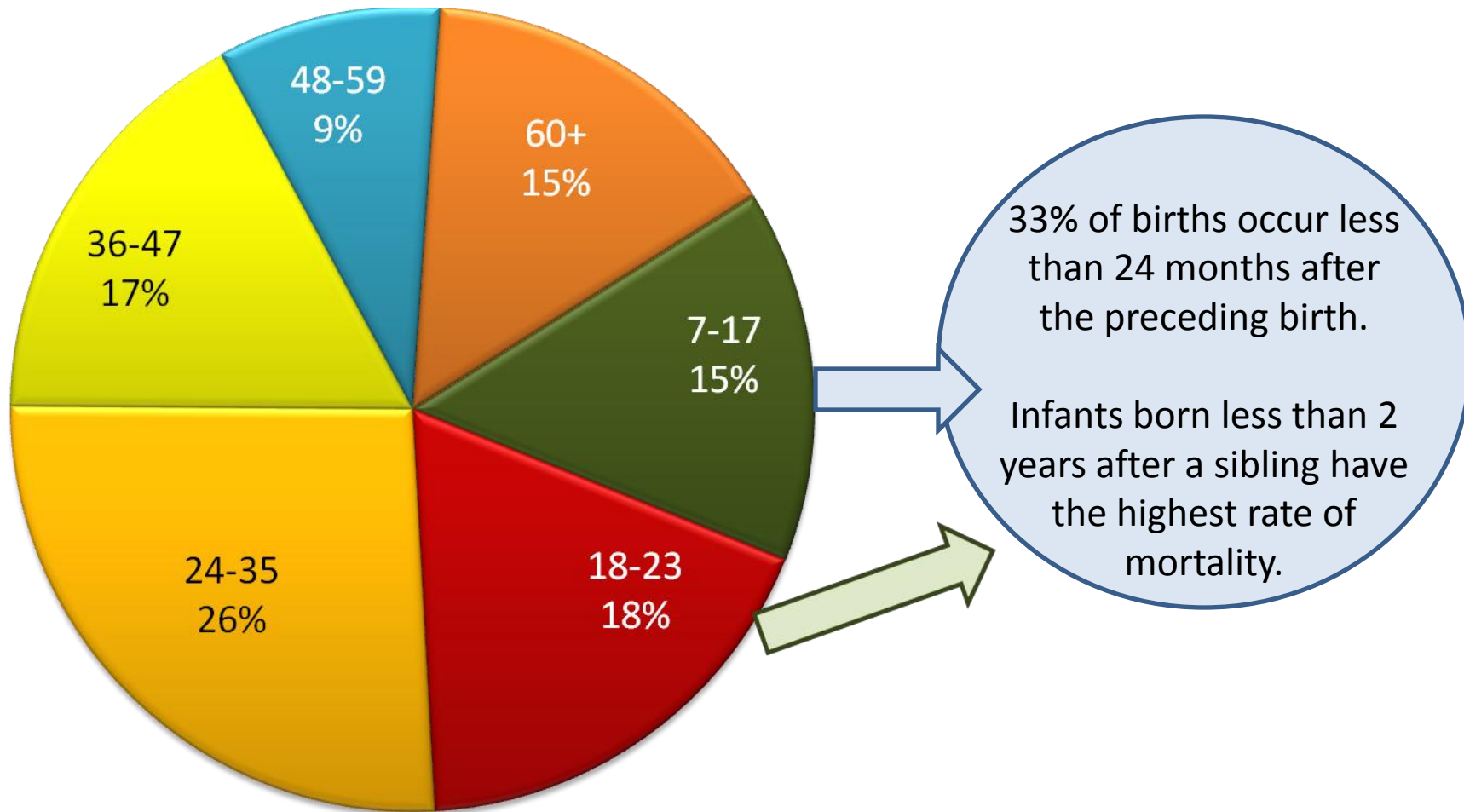


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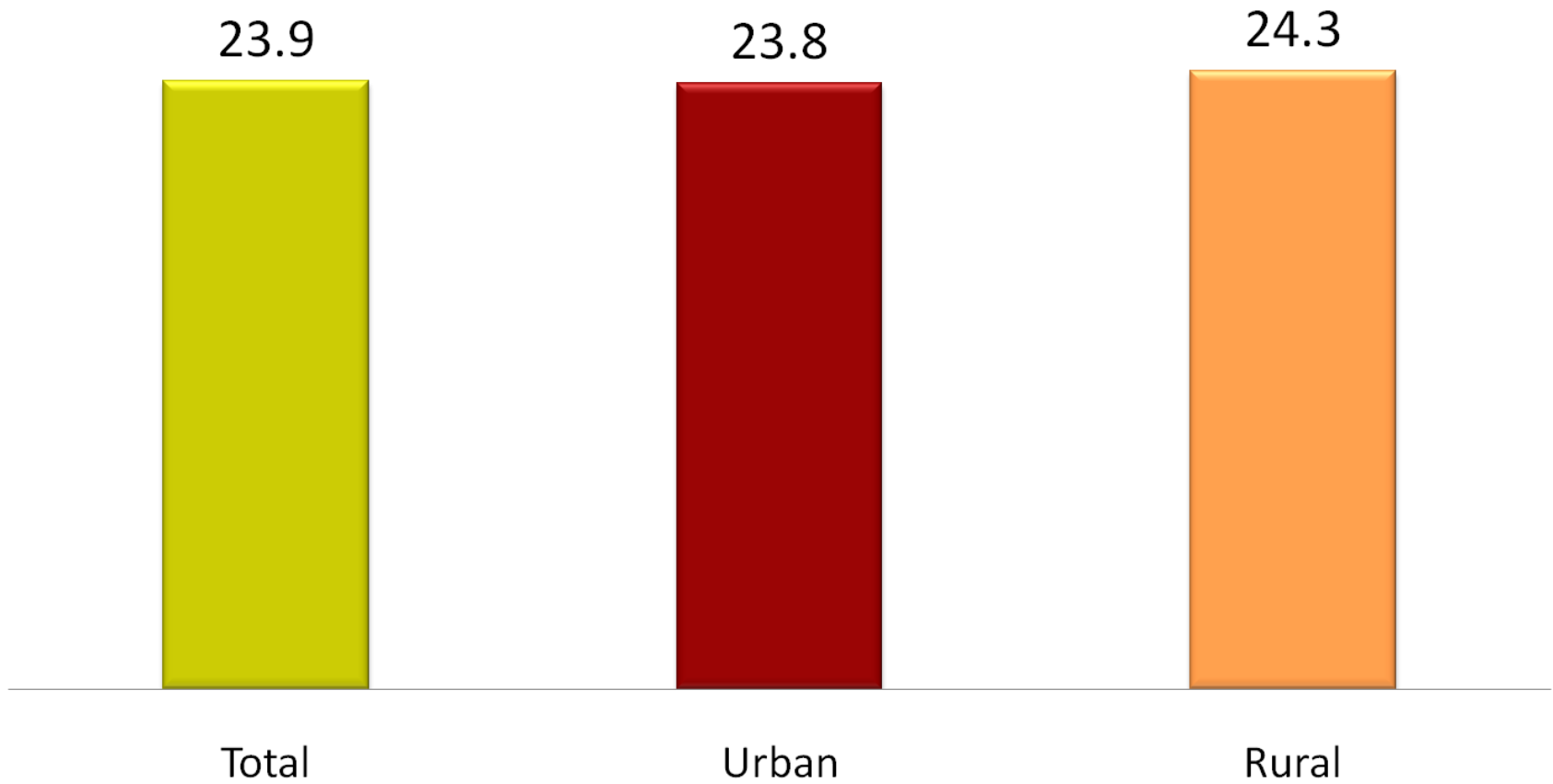
Birth Intervals

In addition to their impact on **fertility**, birth intervals may also affect the **health** of mothers and their children.

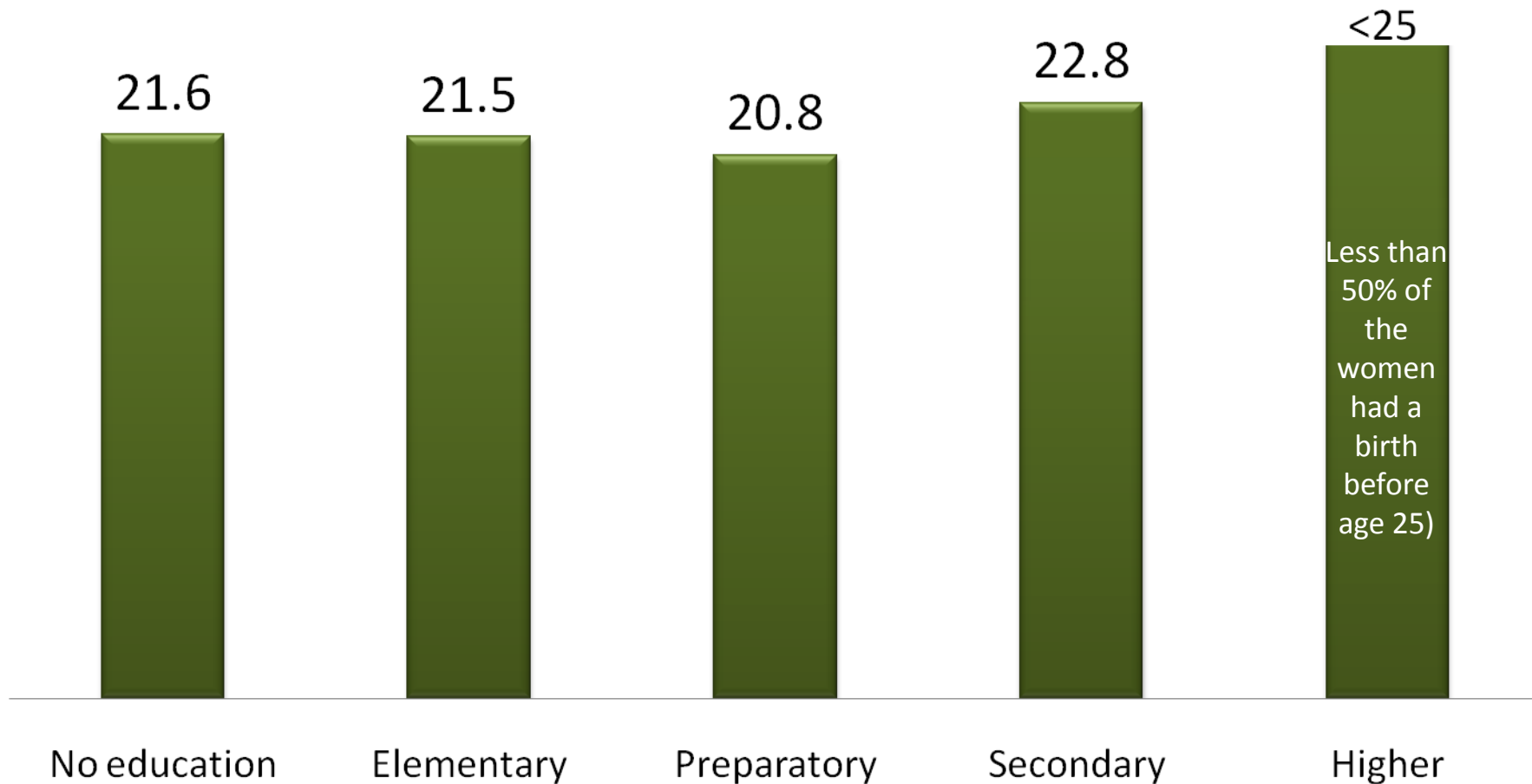
Length of Birth Intervals



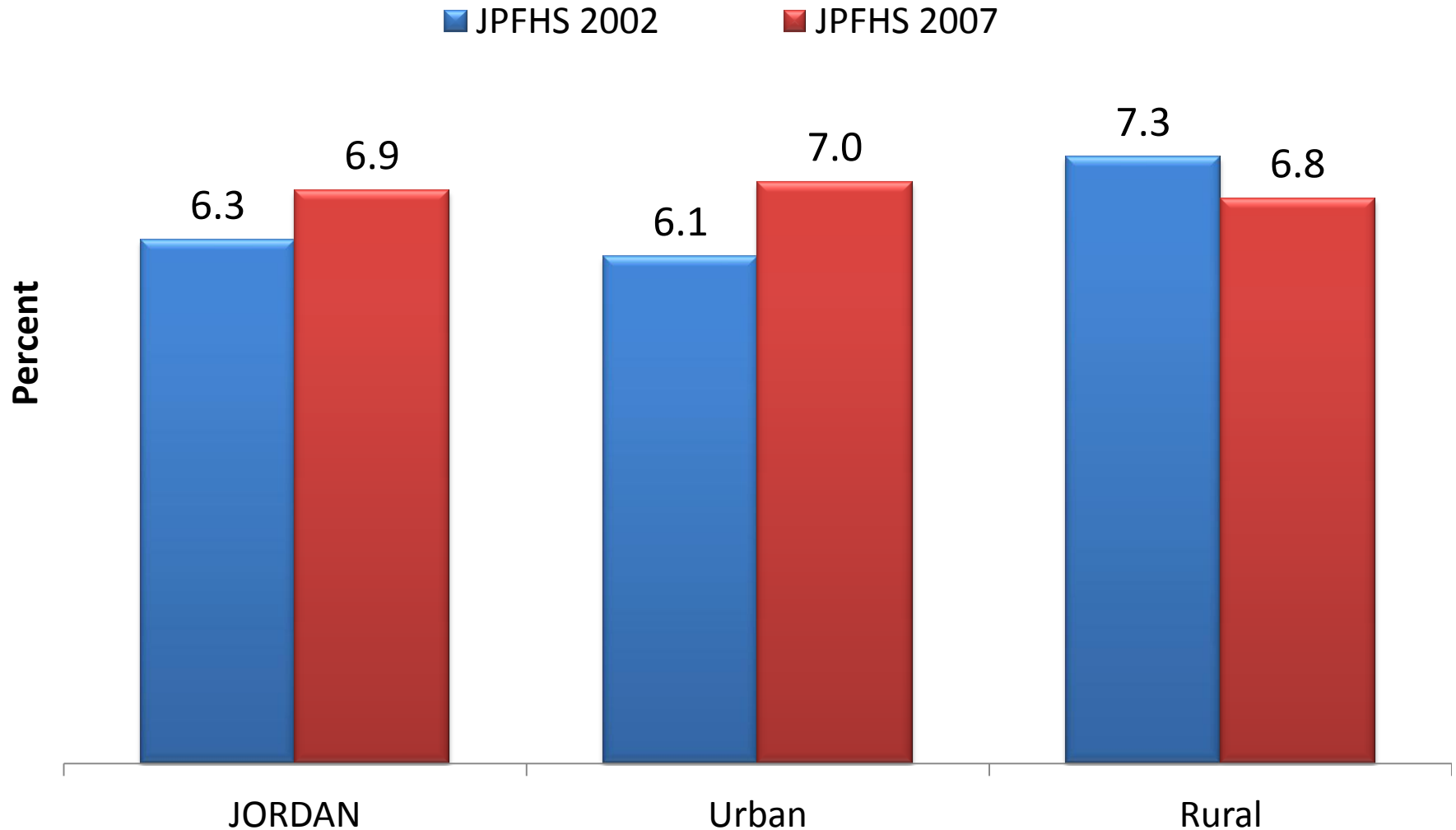
Median Age at First Birth for Women 25-29



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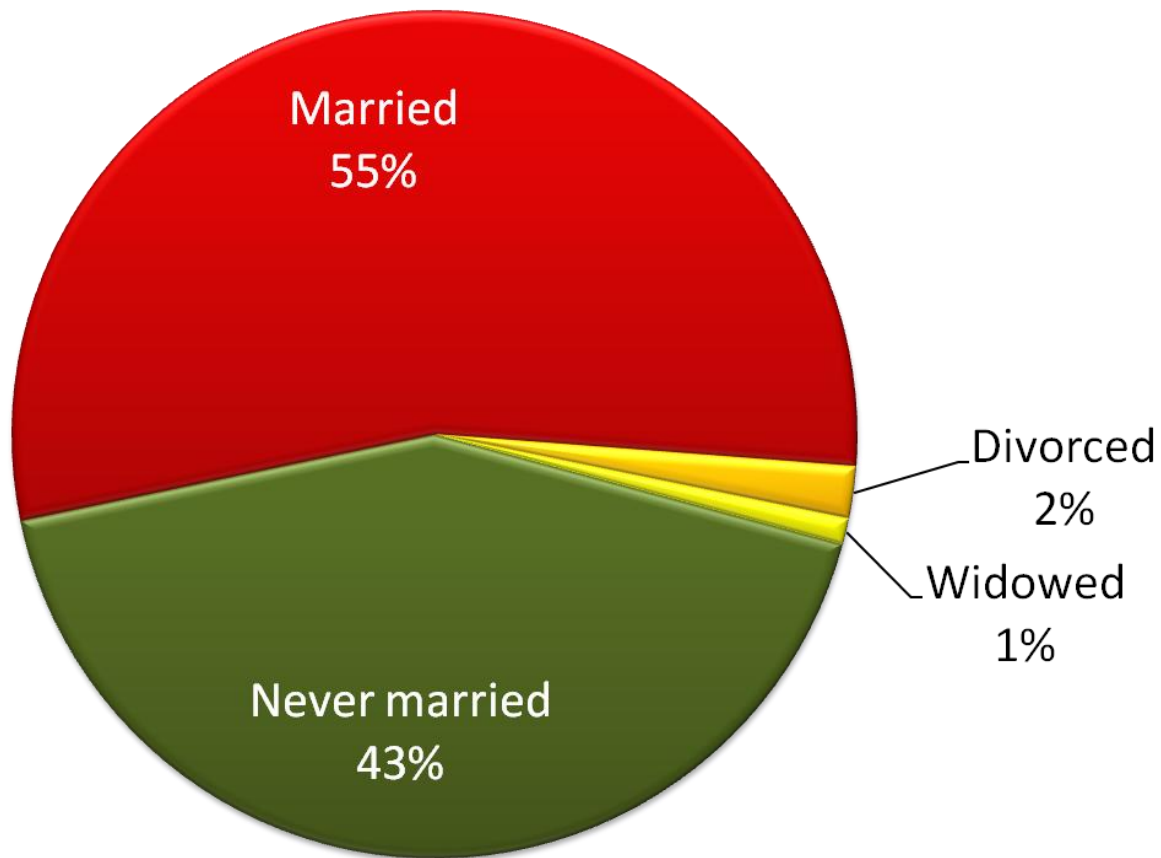
Trends in Percent of Women Pregnant

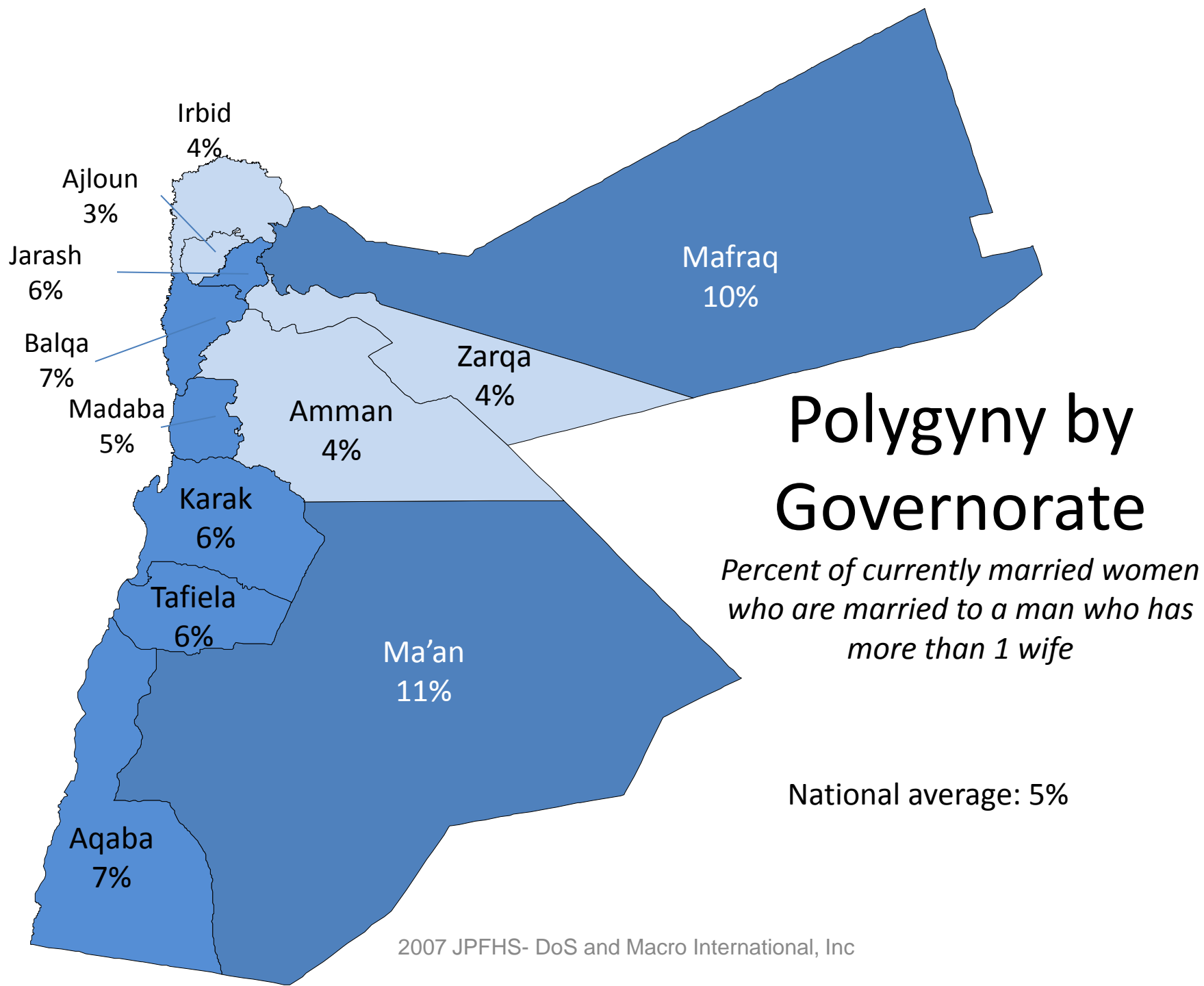


Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood

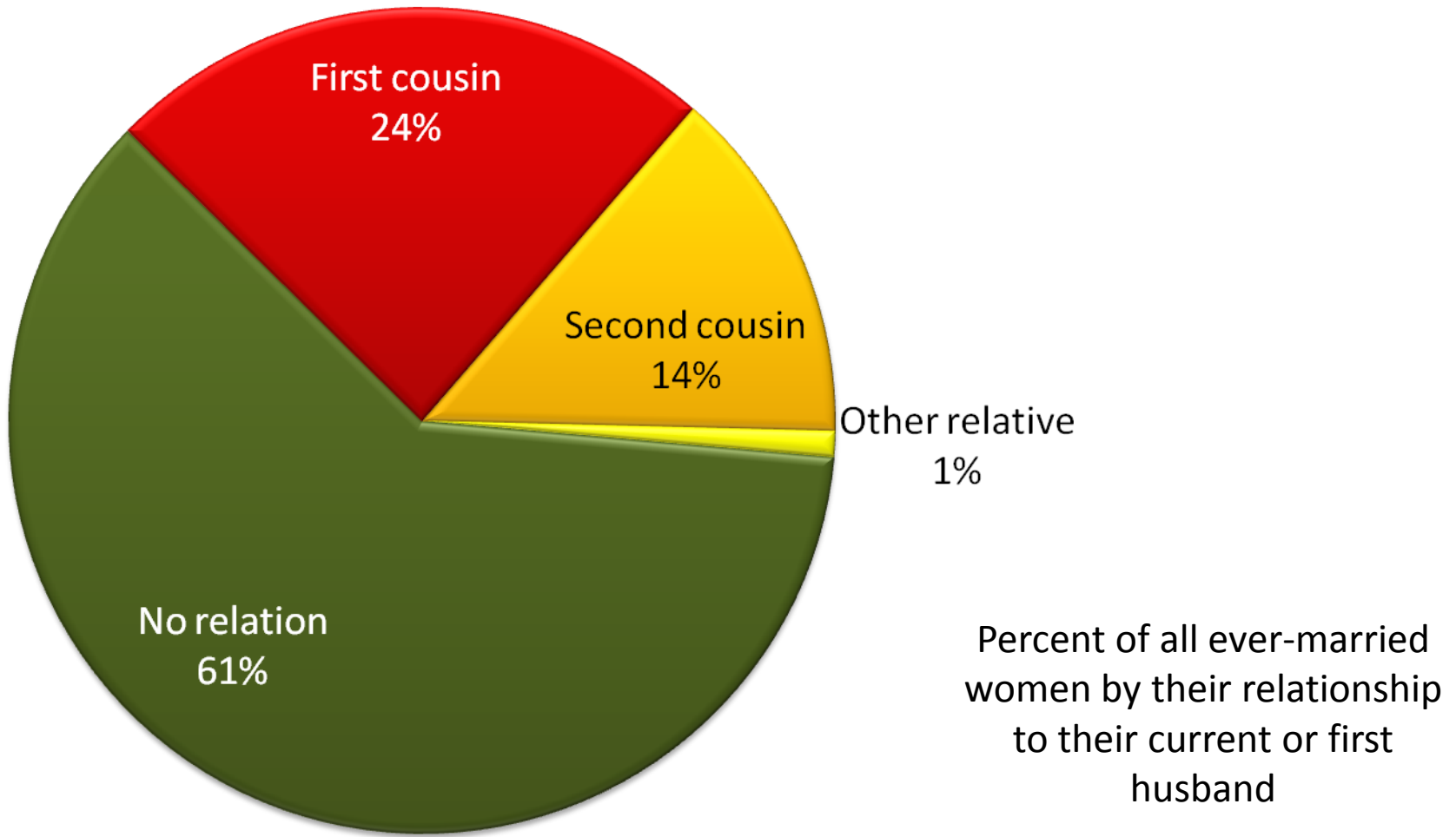
- **3%** of women between the ages of 15-19 are *already mothers* and another **1%** are *pregnant* with their first child.

Current Marital Status: Women

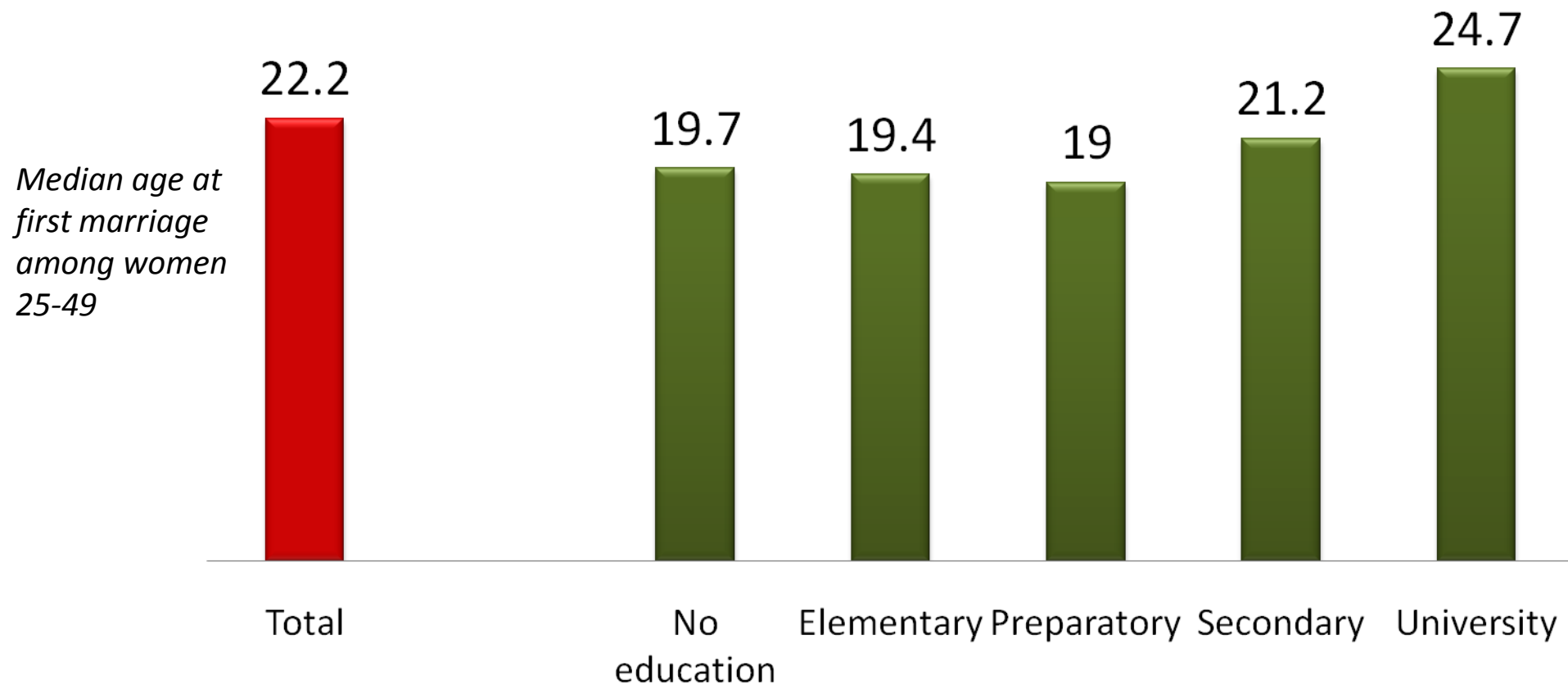




Consanguinity



Age at First Marriage by Education

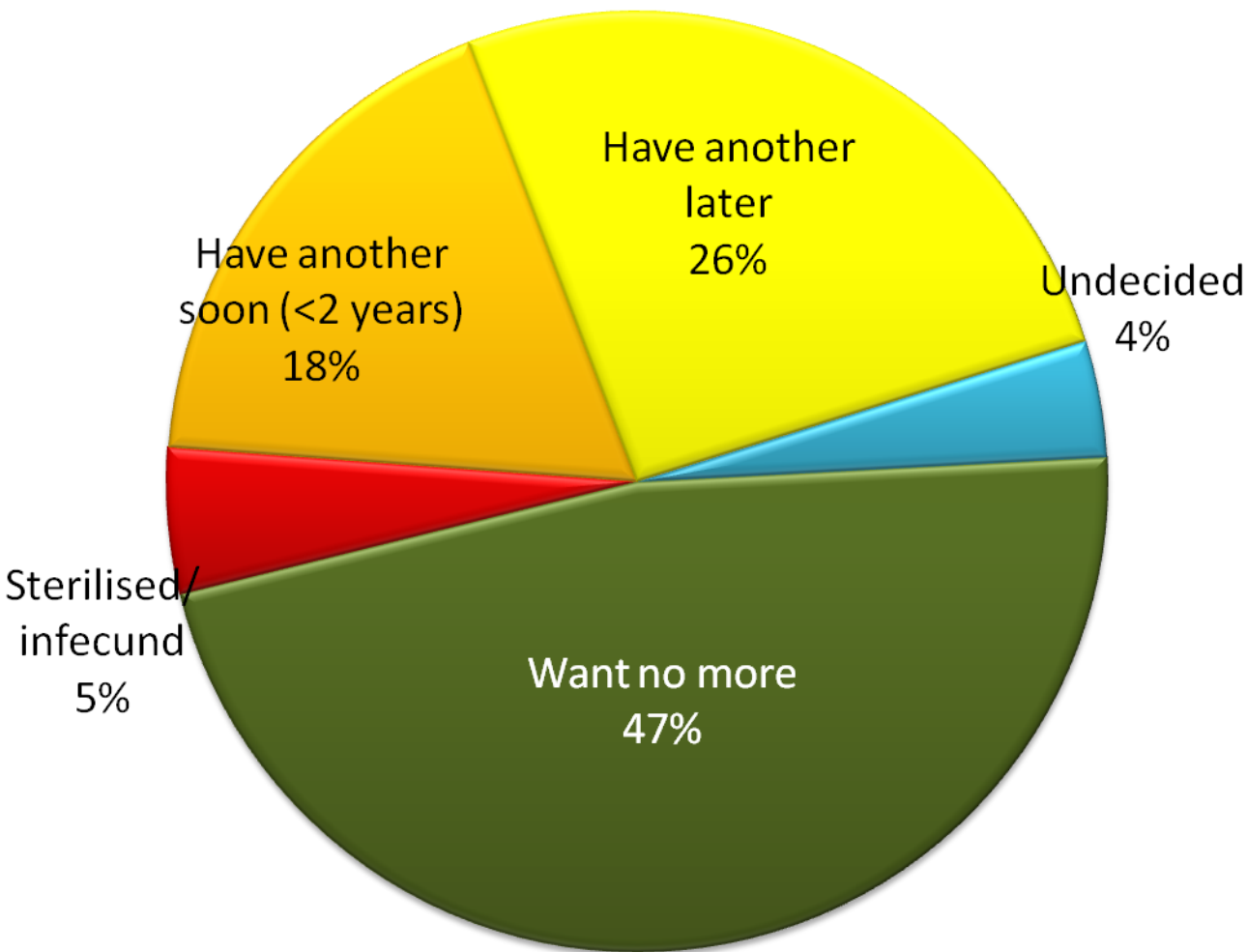


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Fertility Preferences of Married Women



78% either want no more children or want to delay childbearing by at least 2 years, or are already sterilised or infecund.

- Overall, **more than 7 in 10** women either want to *delay* having another child or **stop childbearing** altogether.
 - These women are potential contraceptive users for *spacing* and *limiting*.

**Women are considered as having an
unmet need for family planning
if they are fecund and wish:**

- to space their next birth

OR

- to limit childbearing altogether

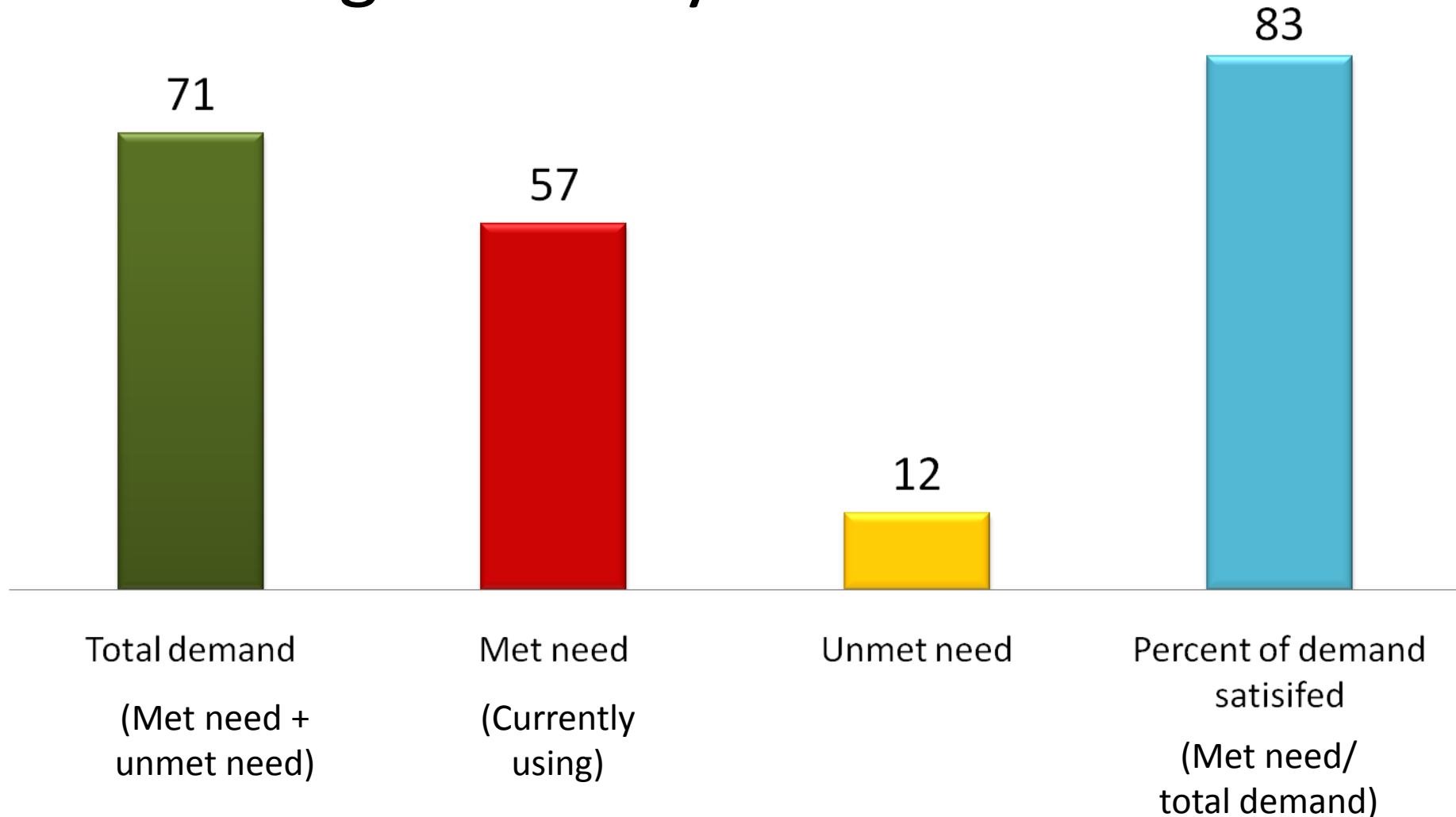
BUT

- are not using contraception

12 percent of currently married women have an unmet need for family planning:

- **5% for spacing**
- **7% for limiting**

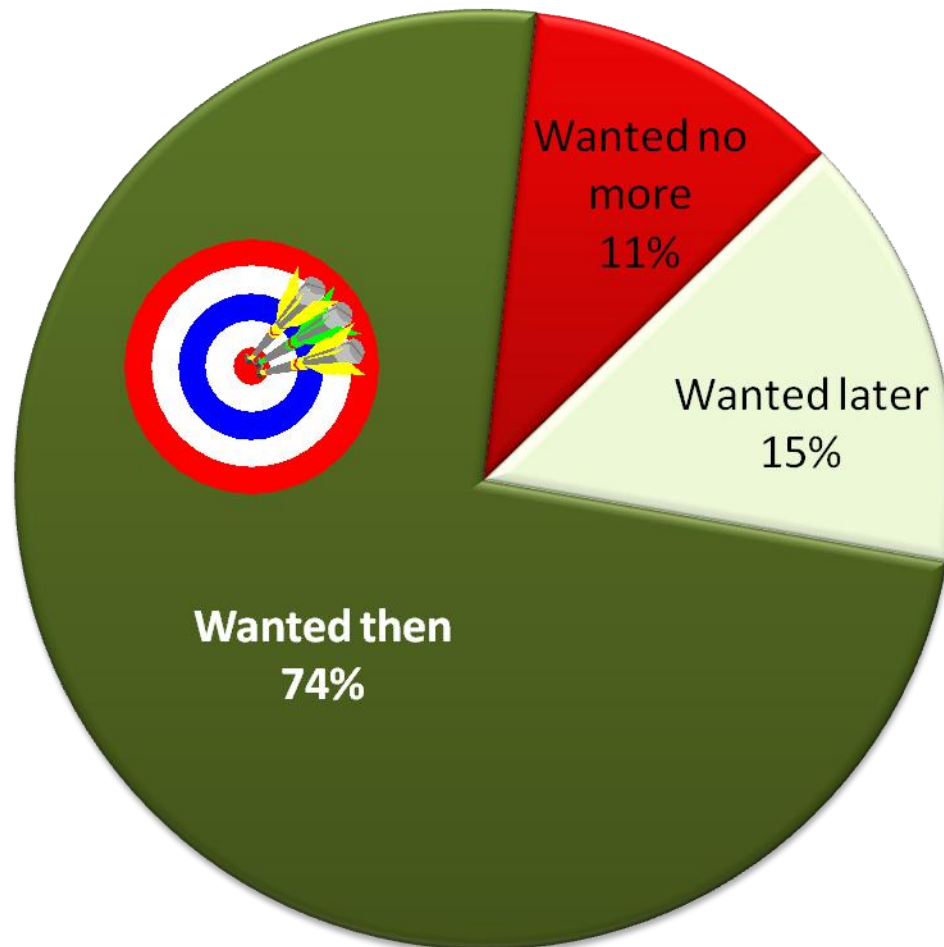
Demand for Family Planning among Currently Married Women



Ideal Family Size

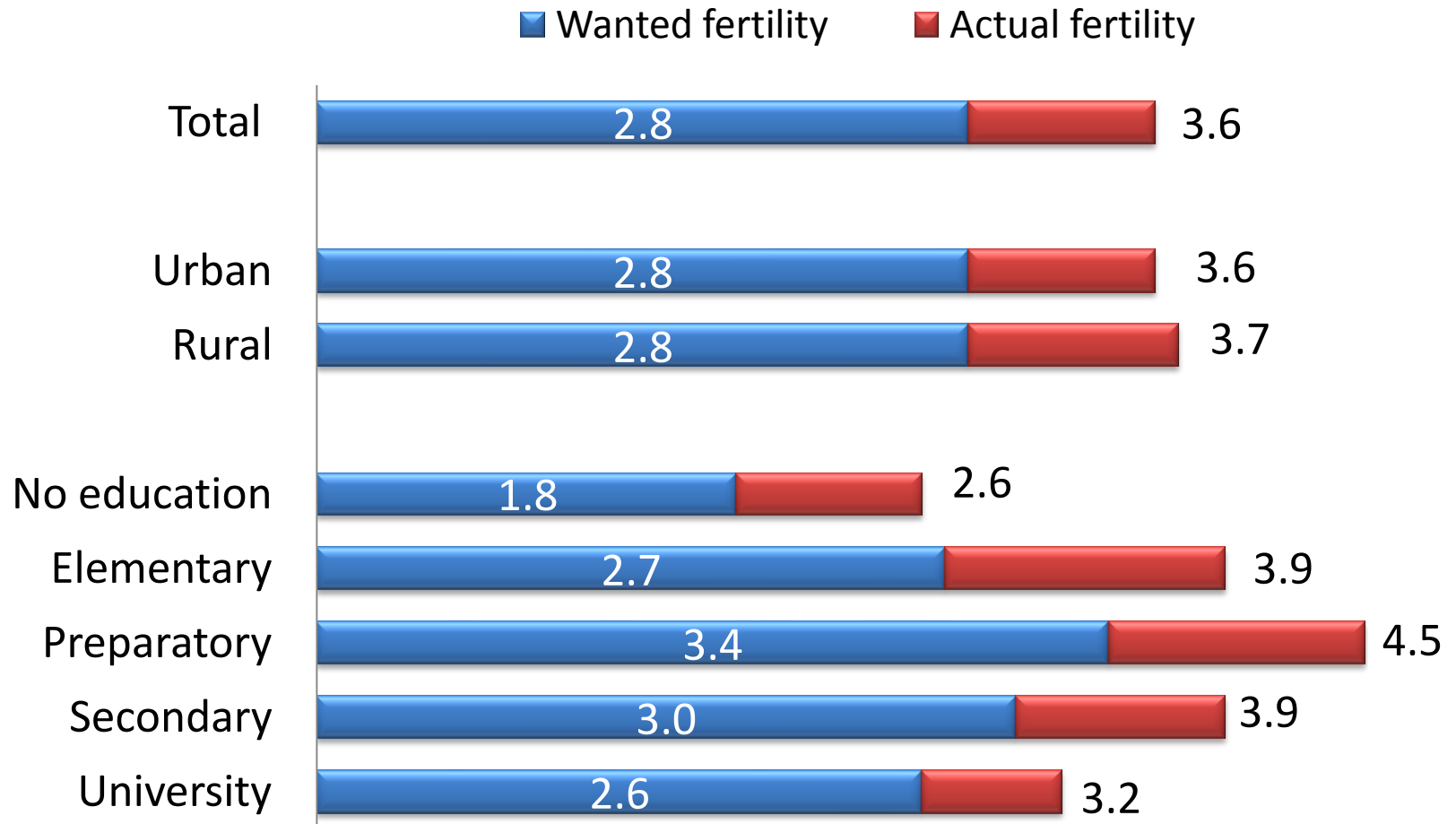
Women report an ideal family size of **3.9** children.

Birth Planning



Distribution of births in the 5 years preceding the survey by birth planning status

Gap Between Wanted and Actual Fertility Rates



Key Findings

- Women have on average **3.6** children.
- TFR has dropped dramatically in the last 20 years, but has remained relatively stable since 2002.
- Women have their *first birth* at a median age of **23.9**.
- **73%** of currently married women either *want no more children* or *want to wait at least 2 years* before their next child and **5%** are already *sterilized* or *infecund*.
- **11%** of married women have an *unmet need* for family planning.

Extra Notes

- Slides 12 :
 - Doctors recommend a birth interval of at least 36 months
- Slide 22 :
 - Almost half of women want no more children. More than three-quarters either want no more children, want to wait at least 2 years before their next birth or are already sterilised or are infecund.

Extra Notes

- Slide 26 :
 - 89% of the demand for FP is satisfied in Namibia.
- Slide 27 :
 - Women want an average of 3.1 children, while men would like 3.9 children. Ideal family size is slightly higher in rural than in urban areas.