

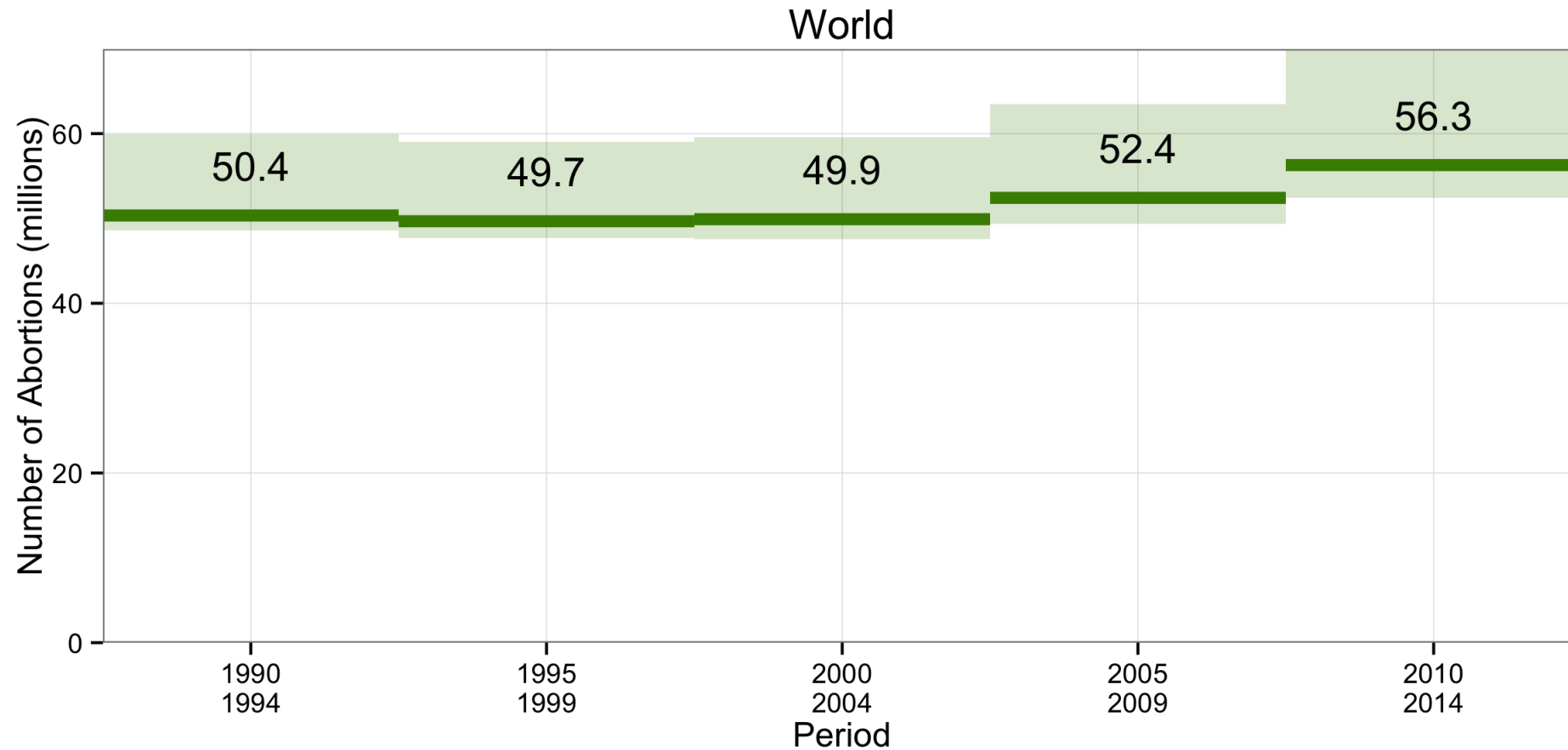
Induced abortion: incidence and legal status

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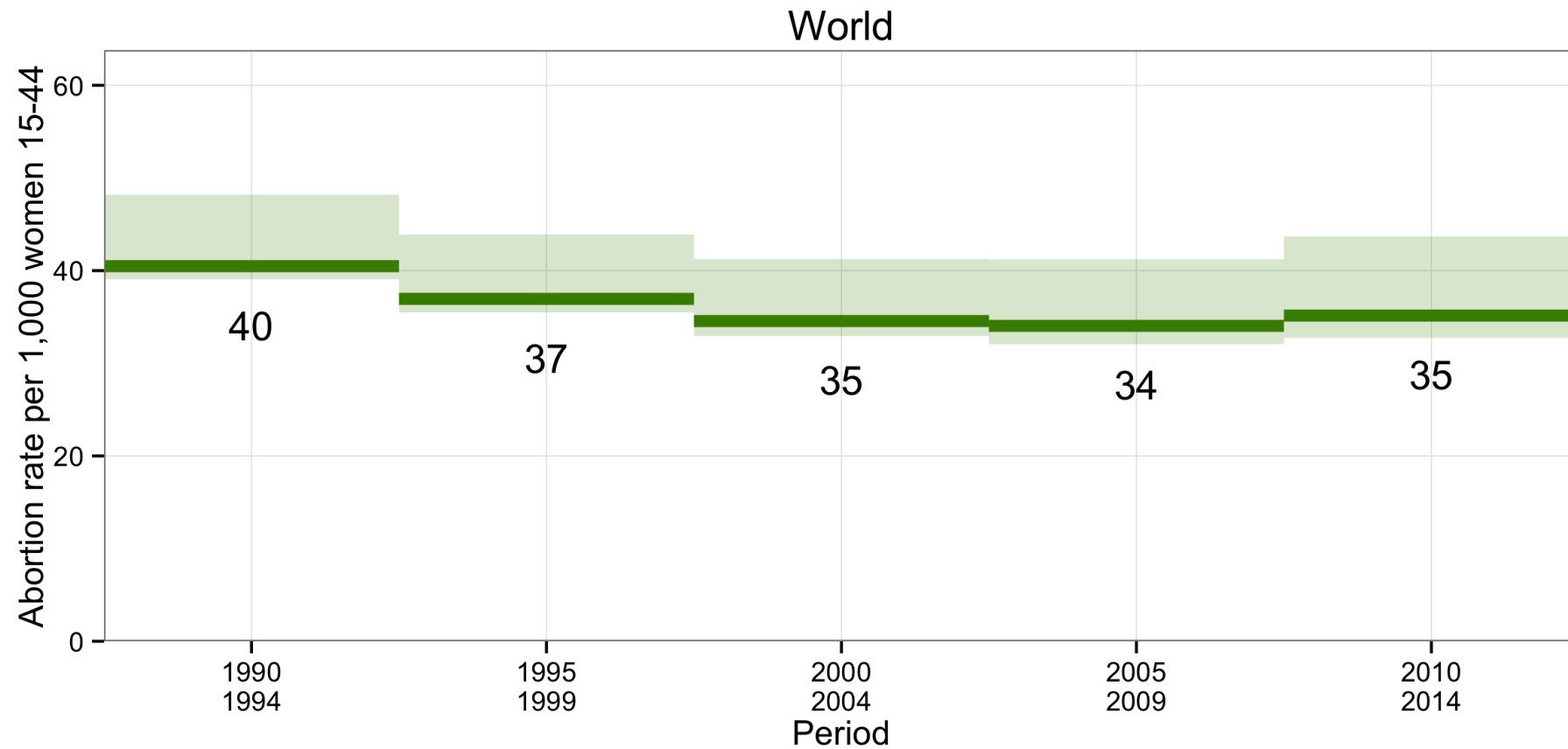
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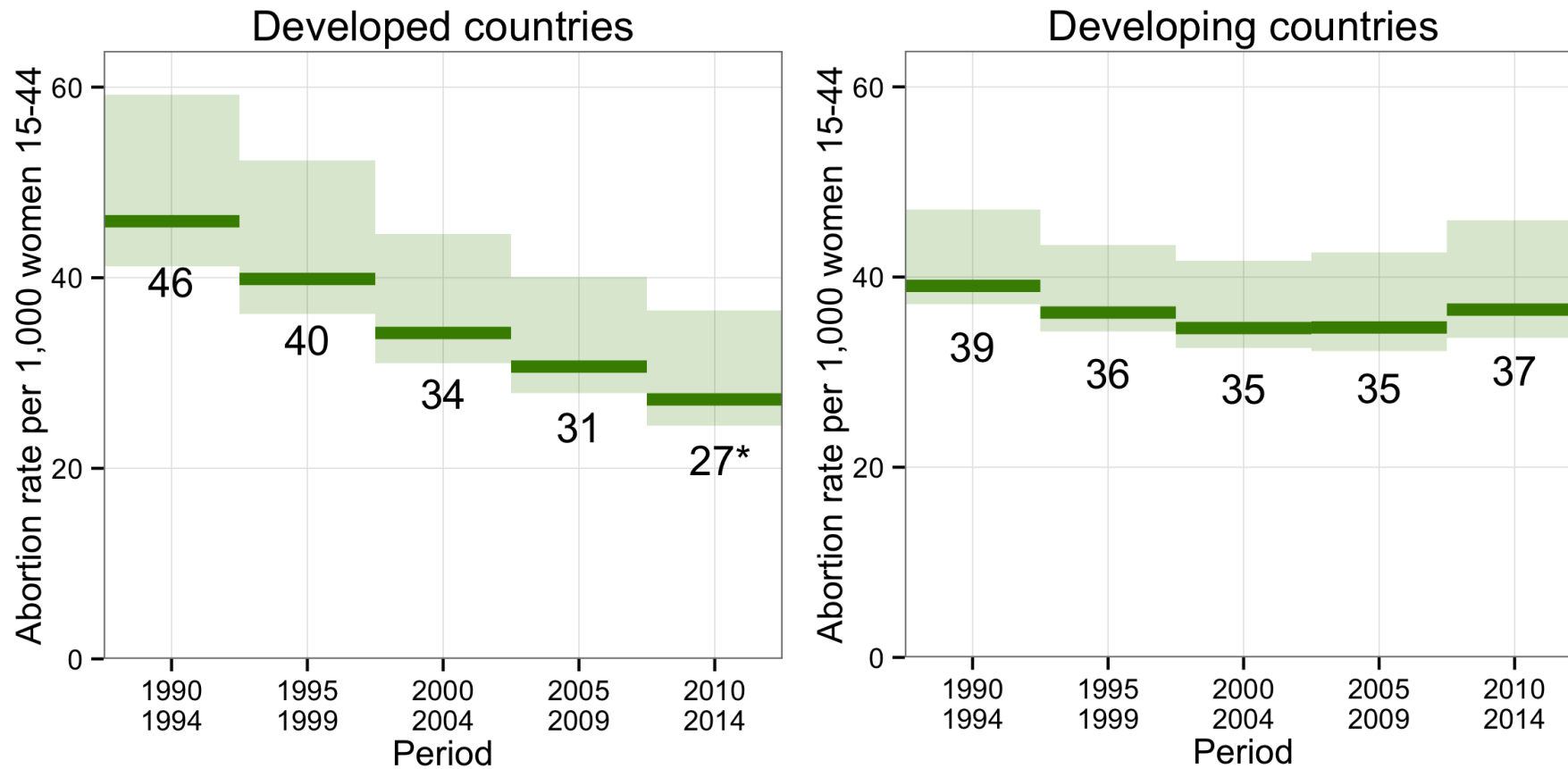
About 56 million abortions took place each year in 2010-2014

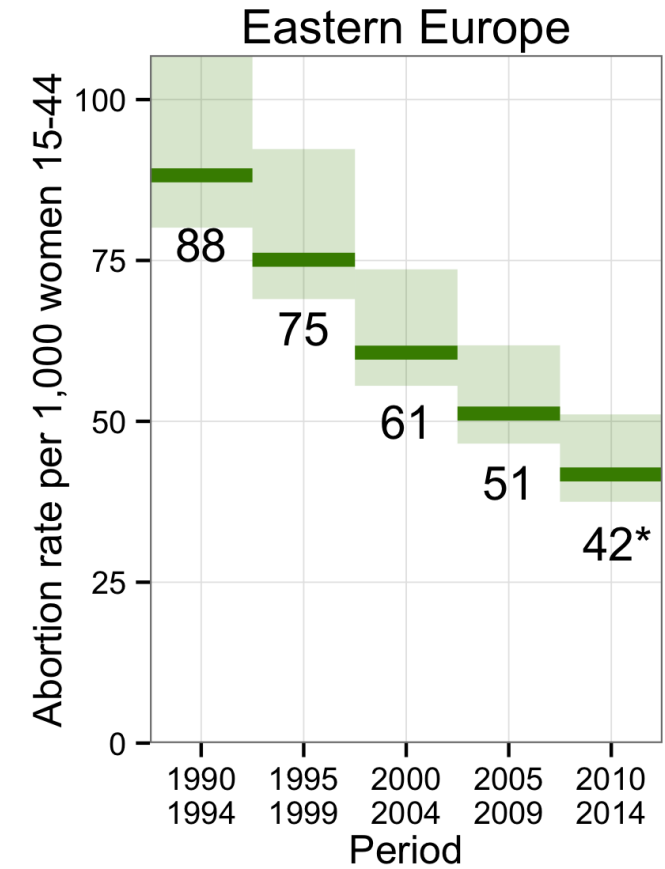
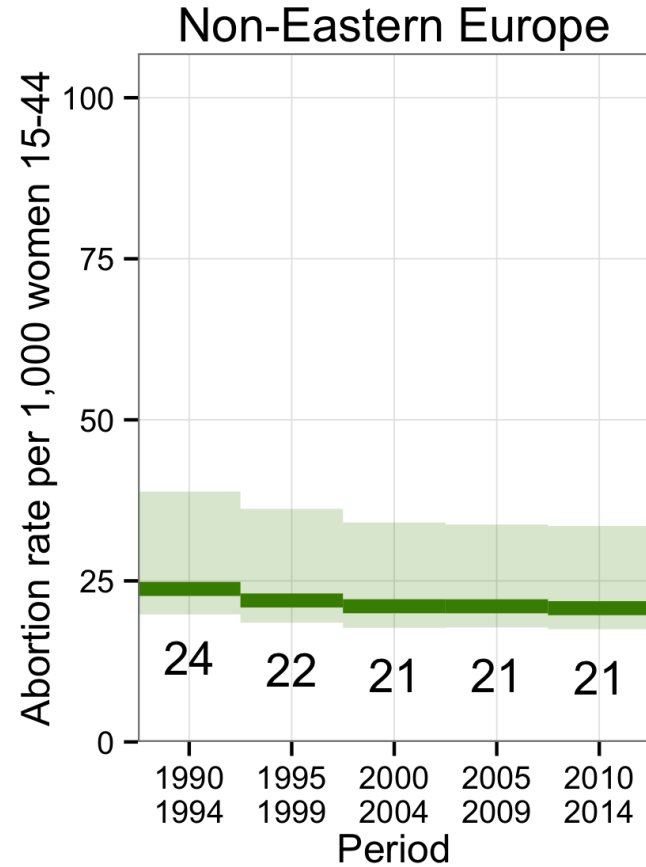
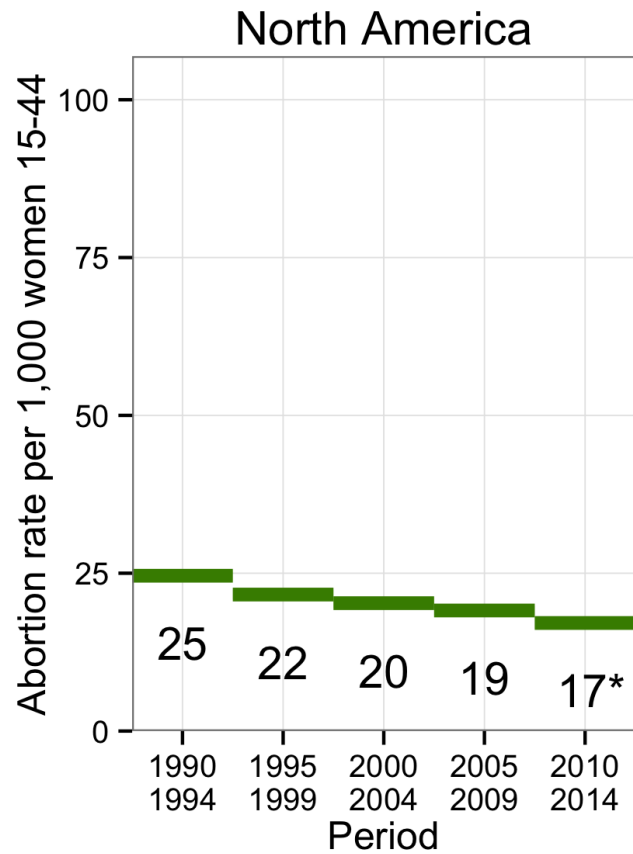


The global abortion rate fell slightly

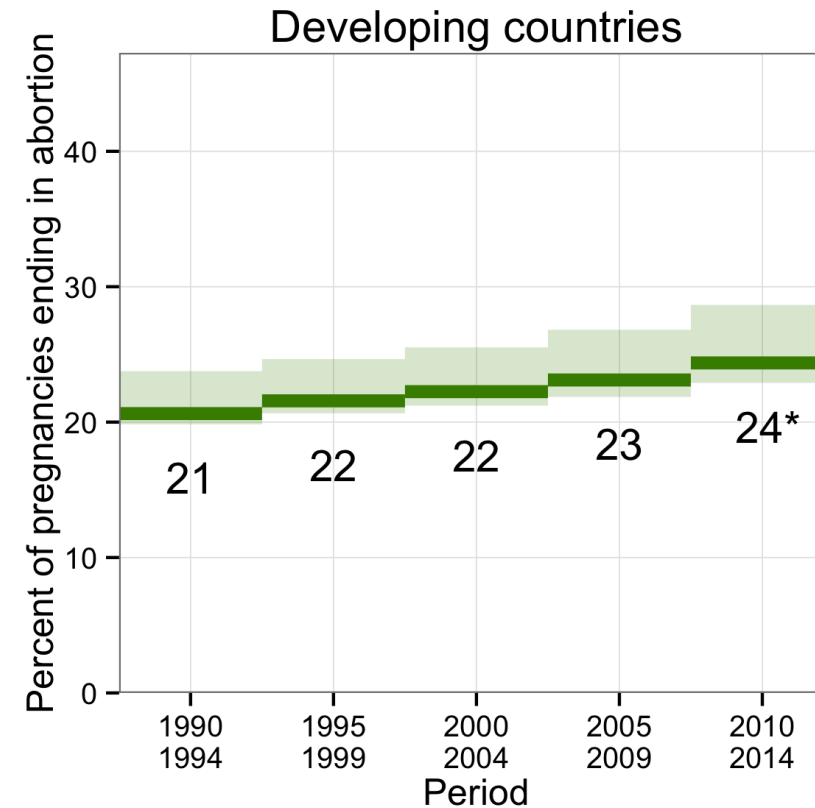
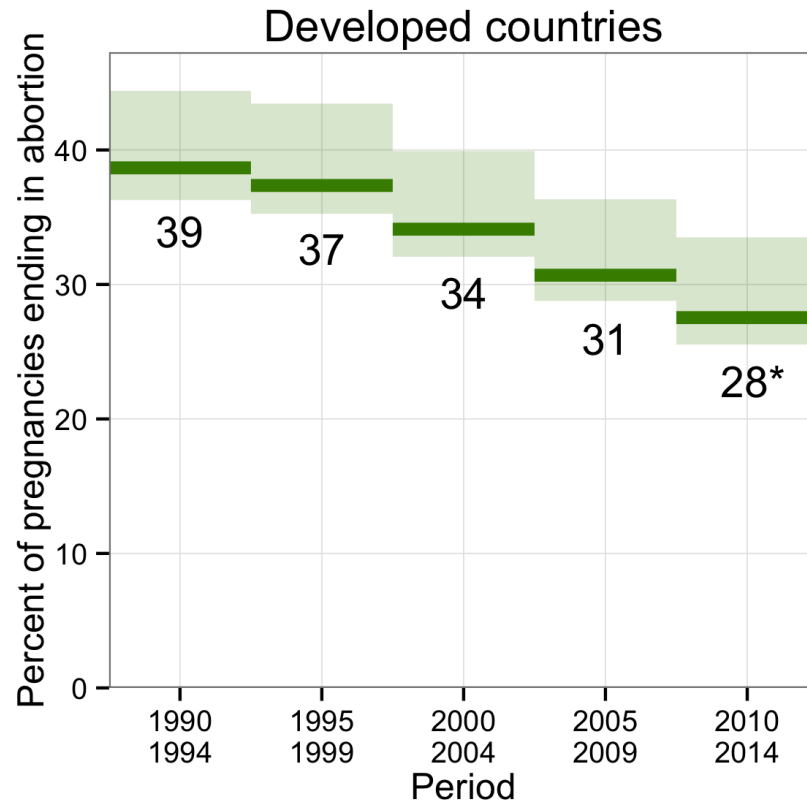


The abortion rate fell significantly in the developed world, but not in the developing world

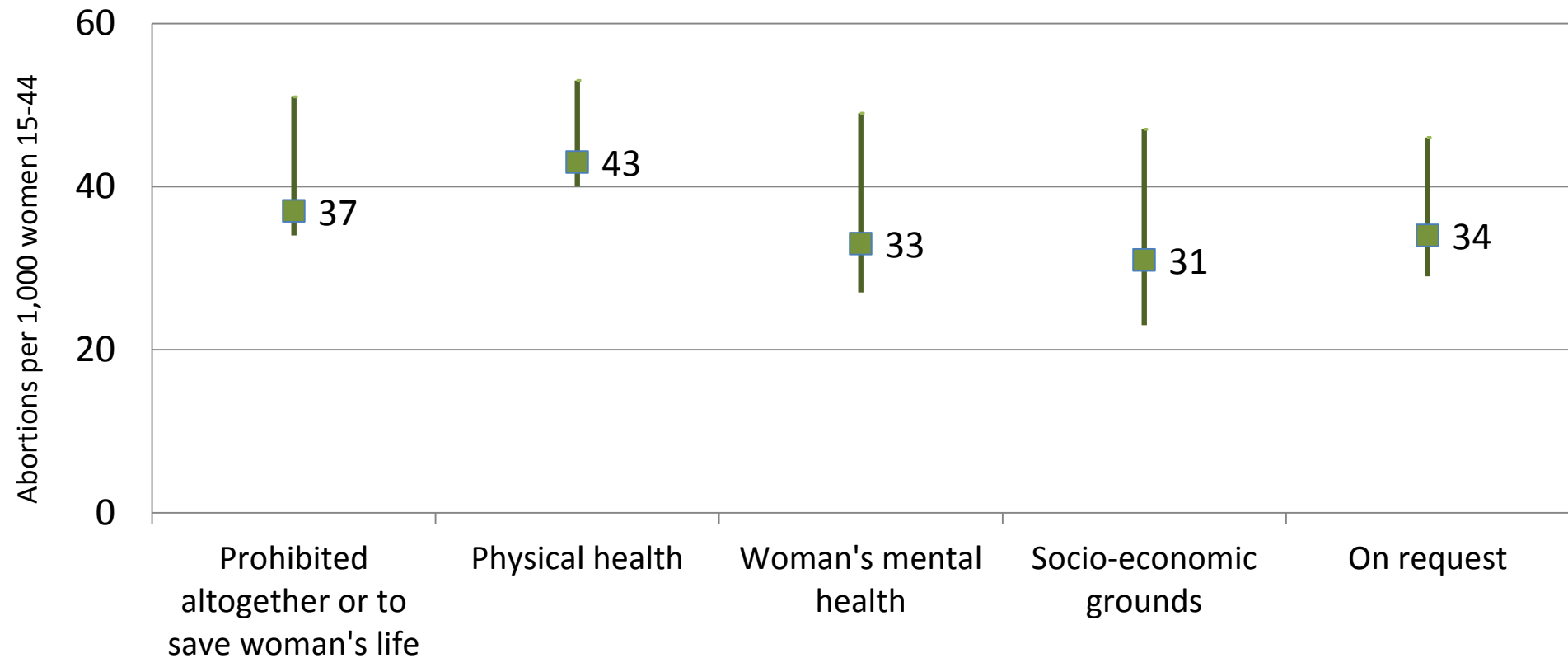




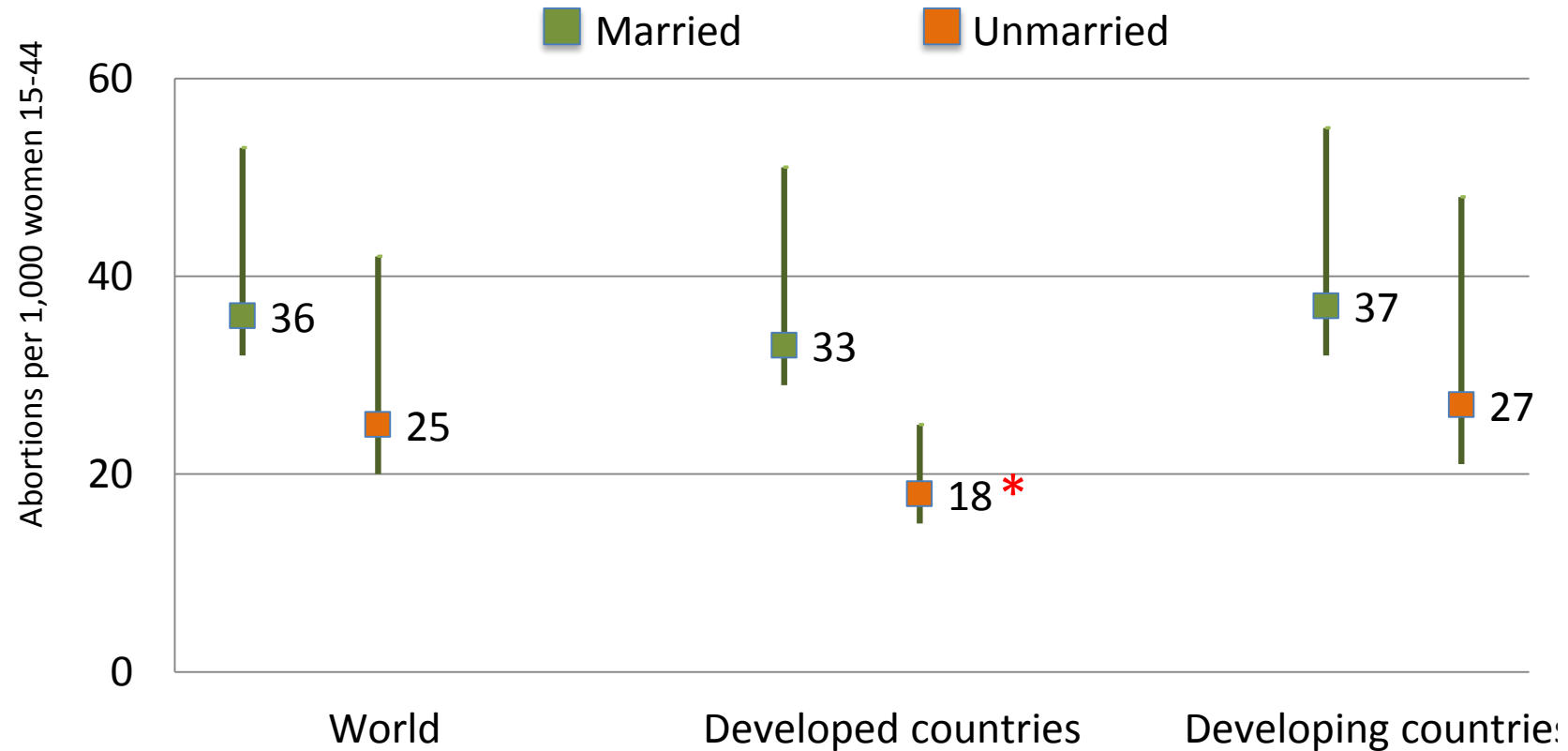
The percent of pregnancies ending in abortion is increasing in the developing world



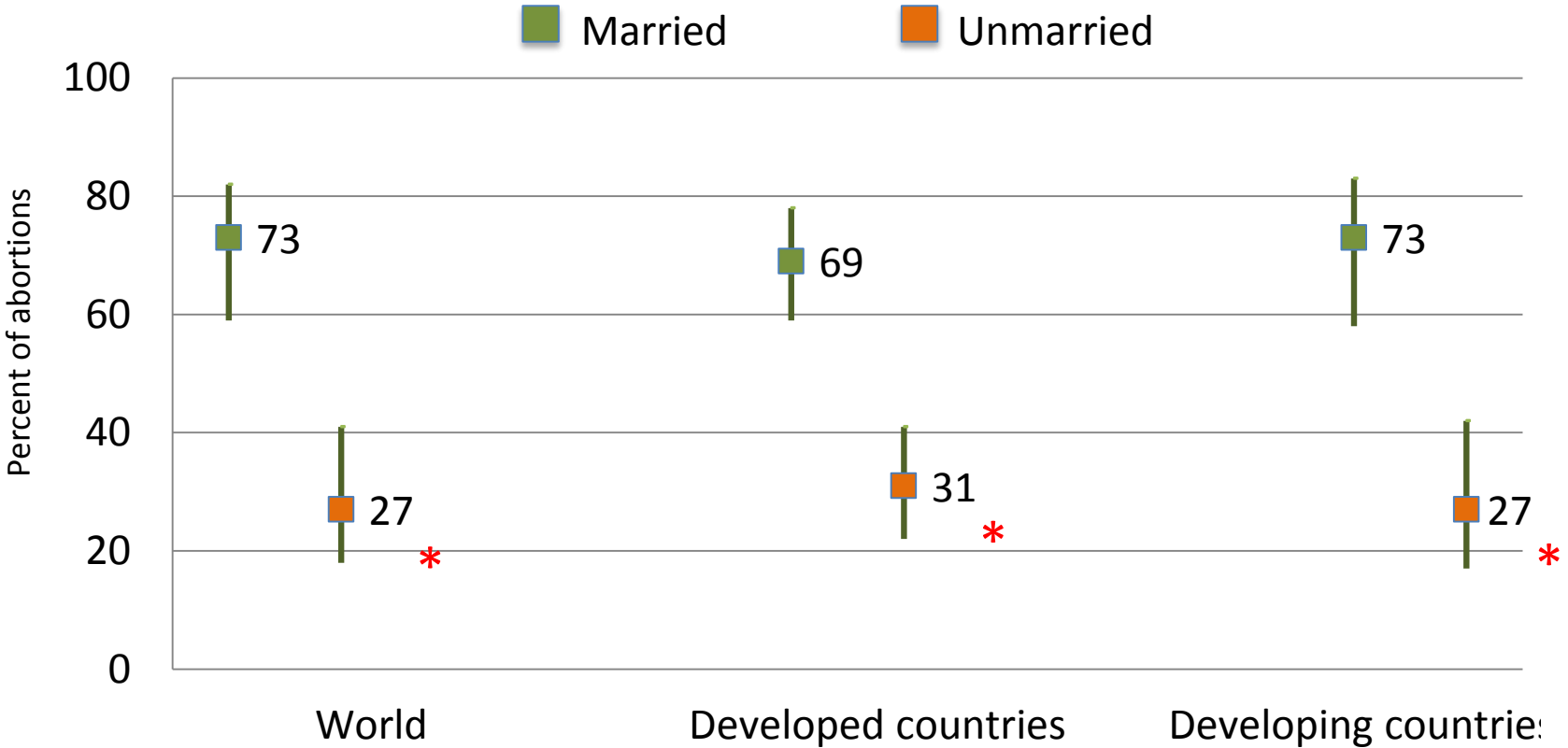
The abortion rate is similar in countries grouped by legal status



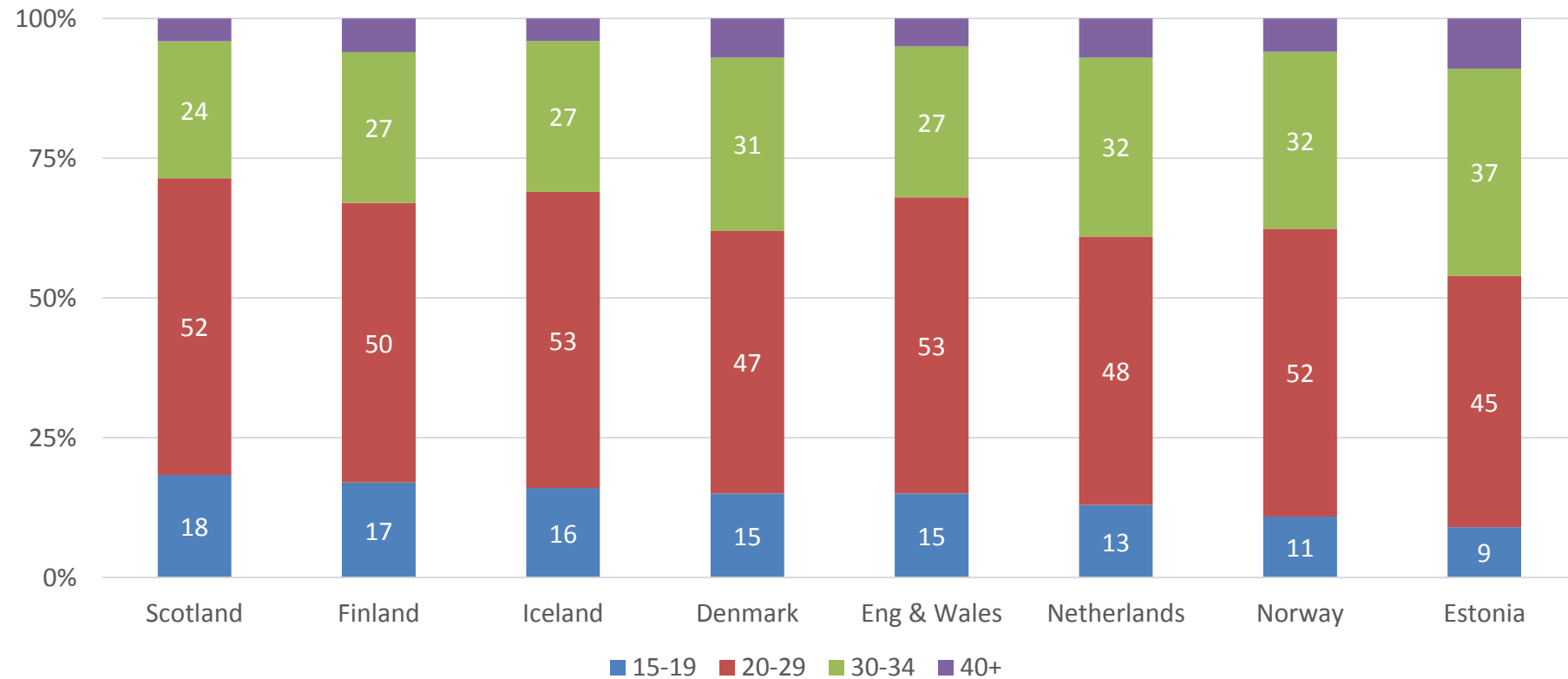
The abortion rate is higher among married women than unmarried women



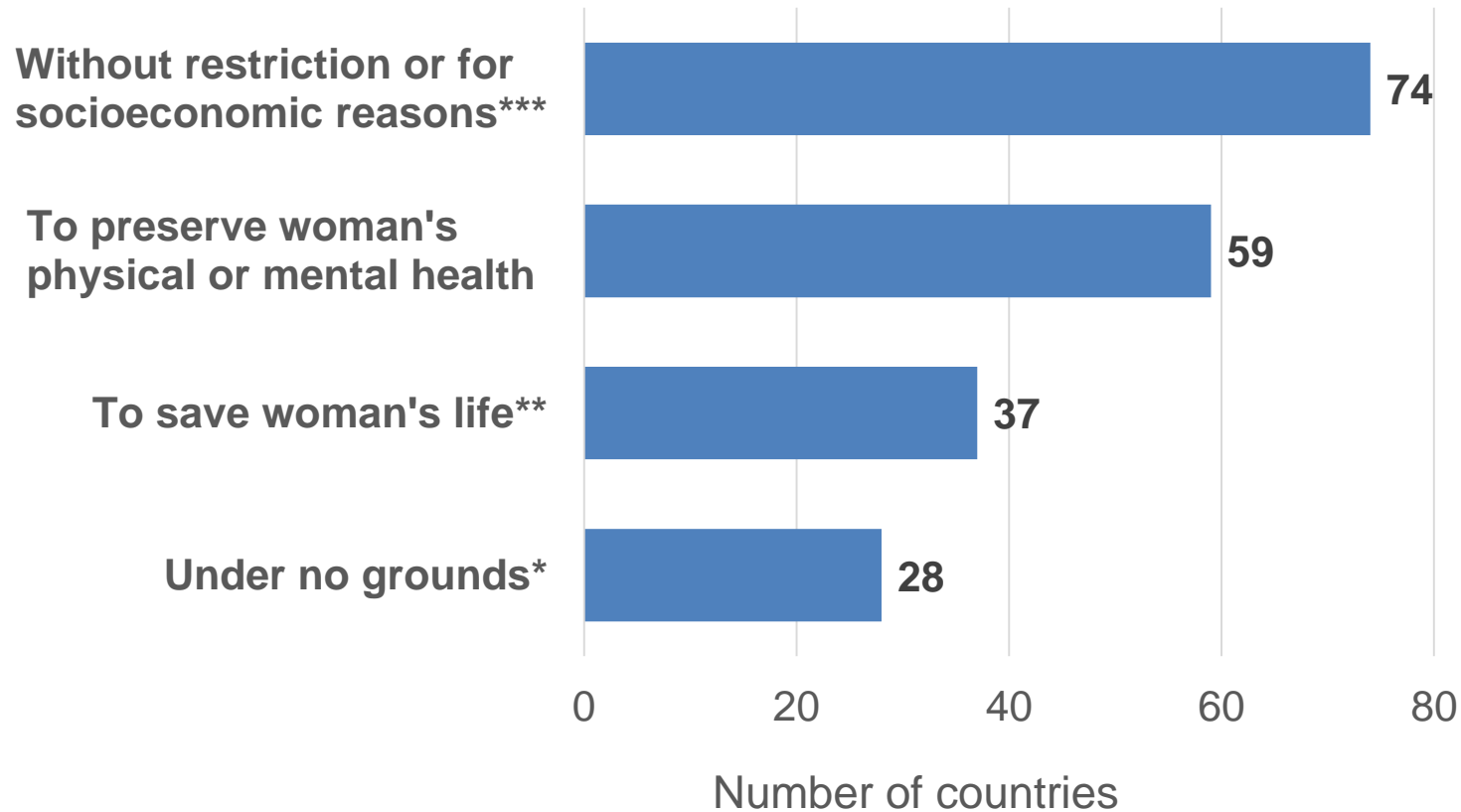
Married women account for the majority of abortions



Adolescents account for 10-20% of abortions in European countries with data



Worldwide, 65 countries do not legally allow abortion, or allow it only to save a woman's life

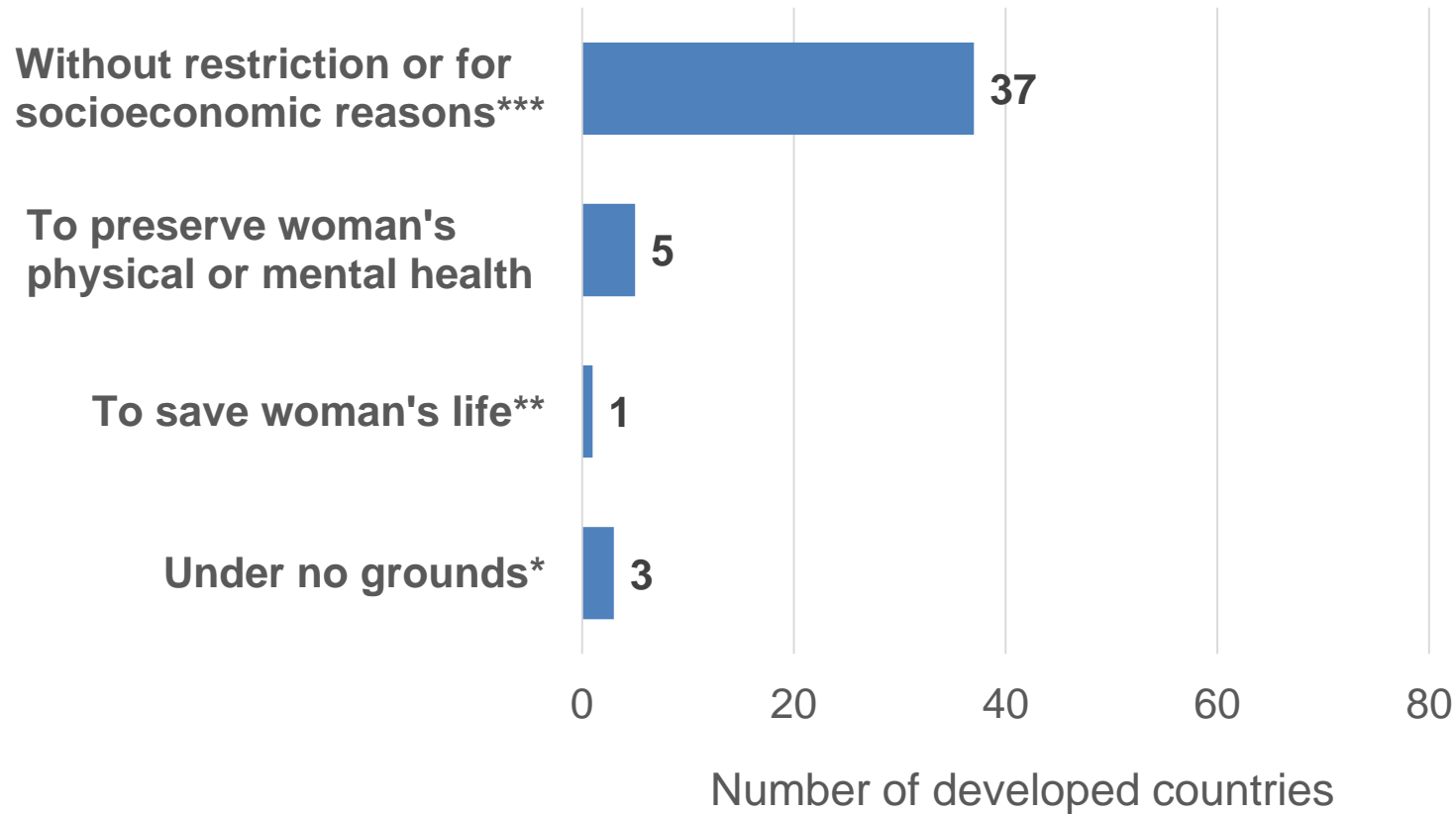


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Four developed countries do not legally allow abortion, or allow it only to save a woman's life

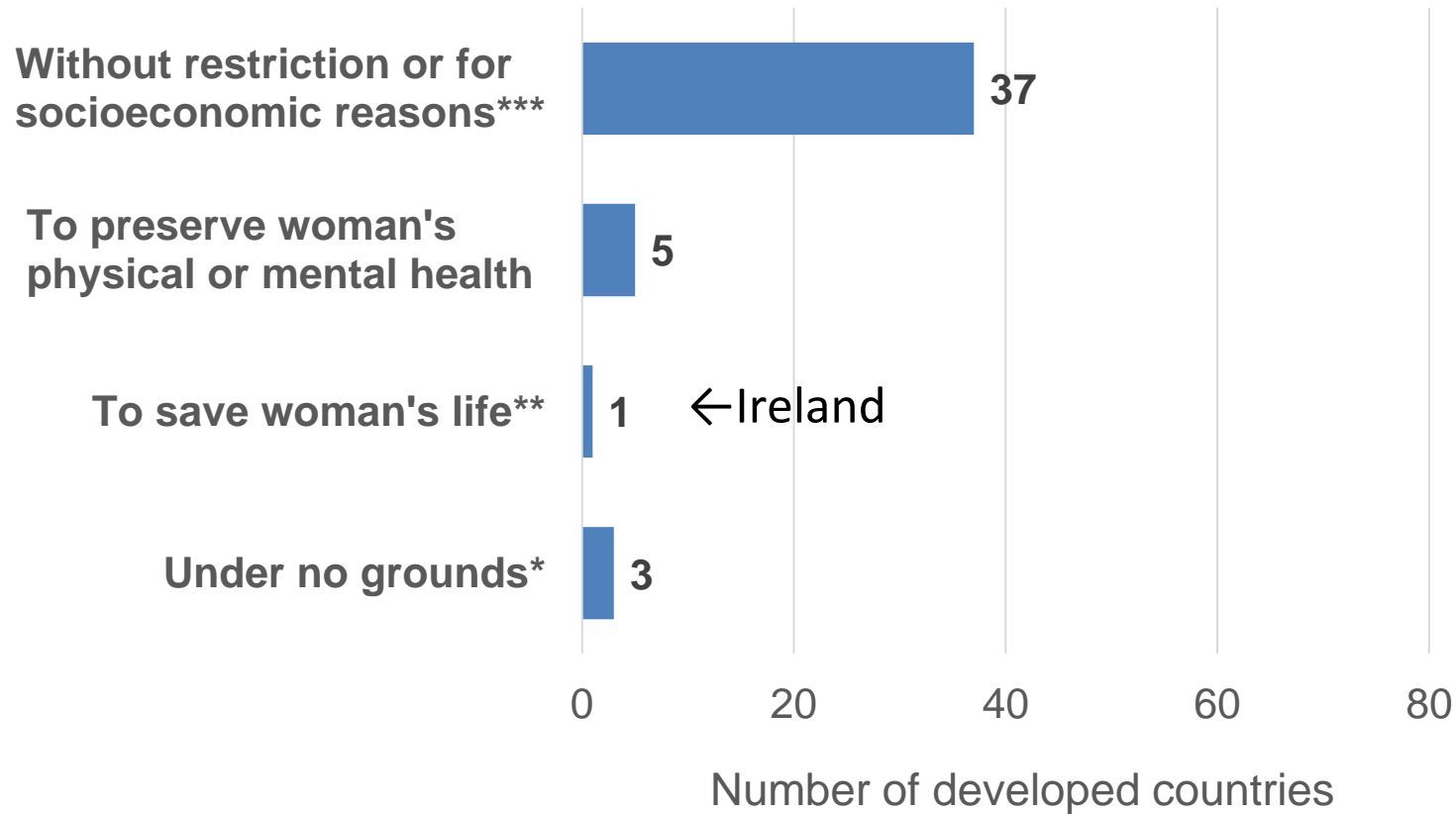


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In Ireland, abortion is allowed to save a woman's life

- **Prohibited altogether:**
 - Andorra, Malta, San Marino

- **Allowed to save woman's life:**
 - Ireland

- **Allowed preserve physical or mental health:**
 - New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Poland

- **Allowed on request or for socioeconomic reasons:**
 - Rest of Europe (34 countries), Australia, Canada, US

A number of countries have changed the grounds for legal abortion between 1994 and 2014

	Worldwide	Developed countries
Expanded grounds for legal abortion	34	6
Narrowed grounds for legal abortion	2	0

Six European countries revised their abortion laws since 1994

- **Expanded grounds for legal abortion:**
 - Albania (1996), Switzerland (2002), Portugal (2007), Monaco (2009), Spain (2010), Luxembourg (2012)

- **Narrowed grounds for legal abortion:**
 - None

Some European countries have enacted or changed the regulations that accompany their abortion laws

- **Enhanced access to legal abortion:**
 - France, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland

- **Restricted access to legal abortion:**
 - Hungary, Russia, Latvia, Slovakia, Germany, Macedonia, Belarus

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