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Is It Too Early to Study the Elderly
in the Thirld World?

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Table 1

MEDIAN AGE, PERCENTAGE ELDERLY - REGIONS OF THE WORLD - 1985

	Median Age	Percentage Elderly	Pop. Elderly (000)	Percentage of total world population
WORLD	23.3	8.6%	415,570	100.0%
MDC's *	32.5	15.8	185,198	24.2
LDC's	20.8	6.3	230,372	75.8
AFRICA	17.2	4.8	26,598	11.4
EASTERN	16.3	4.3	6,890	3.3
MIDDLE	17.9	5.2	3,250	1.3
NORTHERN	18.3	5.6	6,976	2.6
SOUTHERN	19.1	6.0	2,244	0.8
WESTERN	16.5	4.3	7,238	3.5
AMERICAS	24.7	10.3	69,033	13.8
LATIN AM.	20.7	6.7	27,151	8.4
CARIBBEAN	22.1	8.2	2,626	0.7
CENTRAL	18.3	5.3	5,557	2.2
TEMP. SOUTH	26.6	11.6	5,277	0.9
TROP. SOUTH	20.8	6.1	13,691	4.6
NORTH	31.2	15.9	41,882	5.4
ASIA	22.0	6.9	193,559	58.3
EAST	24.5	8.5	106,448	25.9
CHINA	23.7	7.9	84,398	22.0
JAPAN	35.1	14.4	17,248	2.5
OTHER	23.5	7.0	4,802	1.4
SOUTH	20.1	5.5	87,111	32.5
SOUTHEAST	20.2	5.6	22,363	8.3
SOUTHERN	20.1	5.5	58,342	21.9
WESTERN	19.4	5.7	6,406	2.3
ARAB	17.5	4.6	2,640	1.2
NON-ARAB	21.4	6.9	3,766	1.1
EUROPE	33.9	17.6	86,804	10.2
EAST	32.6	15.8	17,836	2.3
NORTH	35.0	20.2	16,561	1.7
SOUTH	32.7	16.5	23,484	3.0
WEST	35.6	18.7	28,923	3.2
OCEANIA	27.3	12.1	2,997	0.5
AUS.-N.Z.	30.0	14.1	2,685	0.4
MELANESIA	18.9	5.3	263	0.1
POLYNESIA	18.3	5.7	49	0.0
U.S.S.R.	30.3	13.1	36,579	5.8

Total World Population: 4,842,043,000

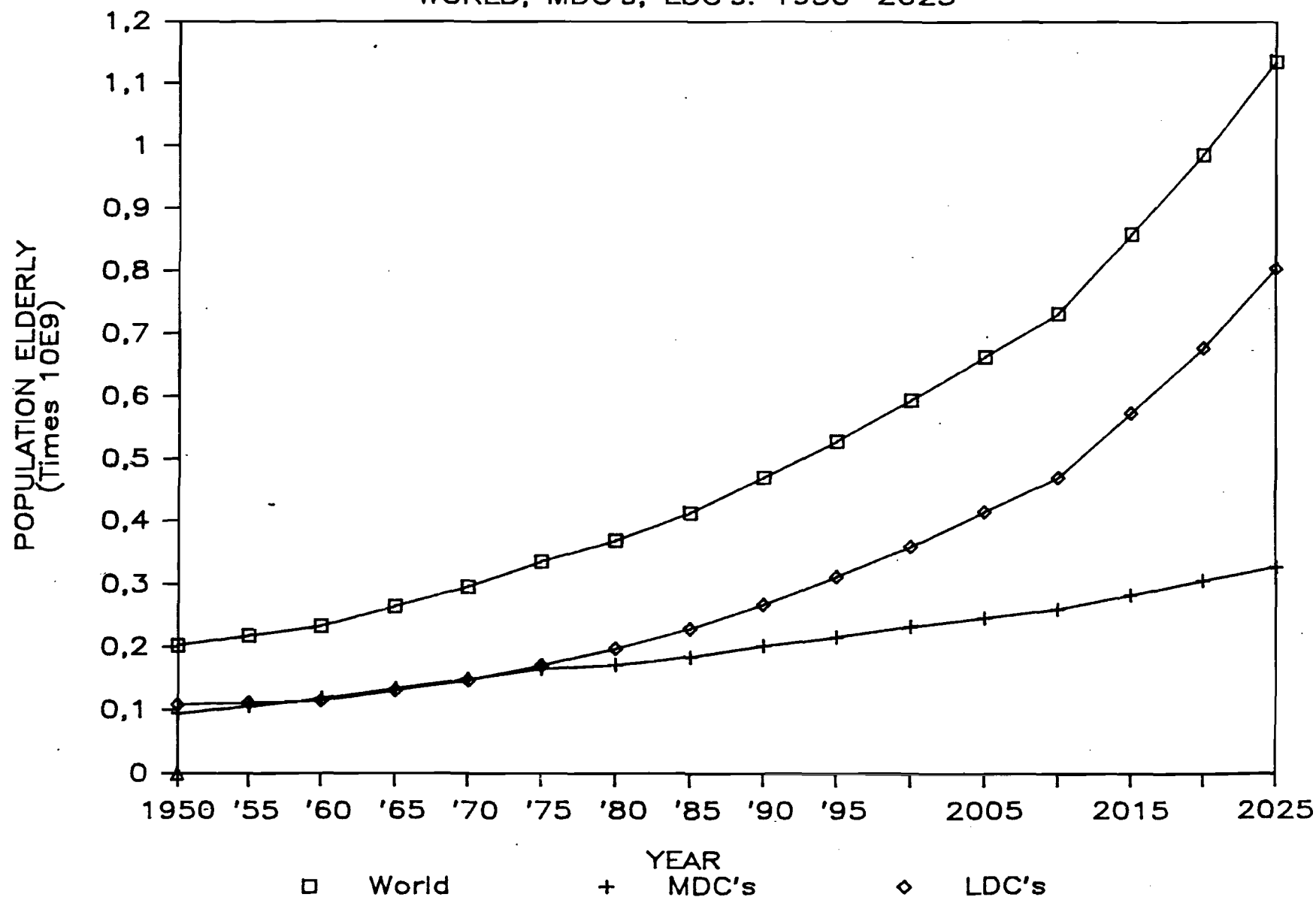
*MDC's - N.America, Japan, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, USSR

LDC's - Africa, Latin America, Asia (except Japan), Oceania

Source: Naciones Unidas. 1986. Perspectivas de la Población Mundial. Estimaciones y Proyecciones en 1982. New York.

Graph 1 — POPULATION ELDERLY

WORLD, MDC's, LDC's. 1950-2025



Graph 2 — PERCENT ELDERLY

WORLD, MDC's, LDC's. 1950-2025

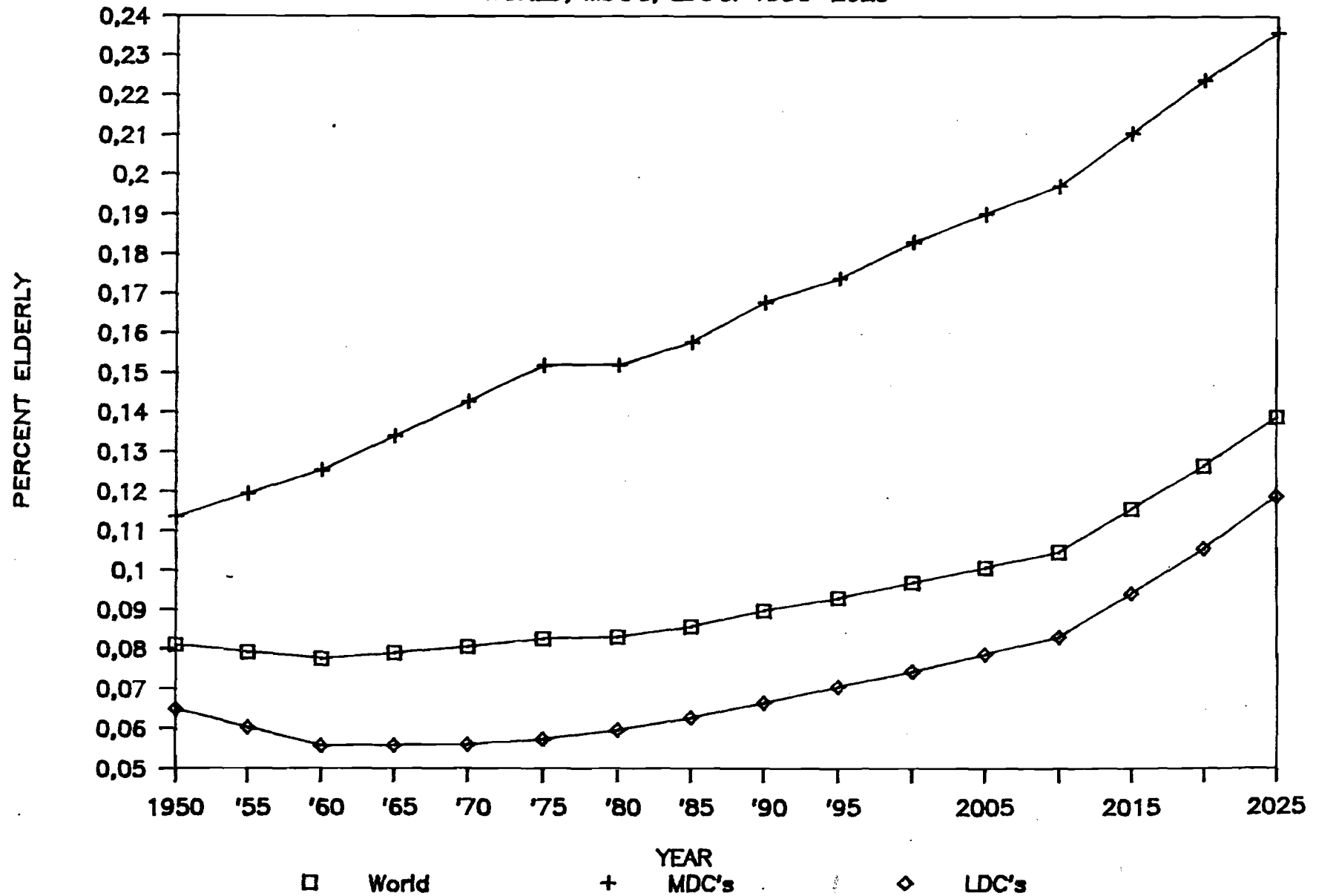


Table 2

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE (ARITHMETIC MEAN) - WORLD AND REGIONS
1950-1985 AND 1985-2025

	PERCENTAGE ELDERLY		POPULATION ELDERLY		POPULATION 0-59	
	1950 1985	1985 2025	1950 1985	1985 2025	1950 1985	1985 2025
WORLD	0.2%	1.5%	3.0%	4.3%	2.6%	1.5%
MDC's *	1.1	1.2	2.7	1.9	1.0	0.2
LDC's	-0.1	2.2	3.2	6.2	3.4	1.8
AFRICA	-0.5	0.6	3.1	6.7	4.3	4.8
EASTERN	-0.3	0.4	3.8	7.3	4.8	5.7
MIDDLE	-0.4	0.3	2.5	5.7	3.4	4.8
NORTHERN	-0.2	1.5	3.4	6.9	4.1	3.2
SOUTHERN	-0.8	0.8	1.6	5.6	3.4	3.5
WESTERN	-0.6	0.4	2.9	6.9	4.7	5.5
AMERICAS	0.5	1.3	4.0	4.0	2.8	1.5
LATIN AM.	0.7	2.1	5.9	6.4	4.1	2.1
CARIBBEAN	0.7	1.5	3.8	4.7	2.4	1.8
CENTRAL	0.1	2.6	5.7	8.3	5.4	2.5
TEMP. SOUTH	1.7	0.9	5.2	2.7	2.0	1.2
TROP. SOUTH	0.9	2.5	6.8	7.3	4.5	2.1
NORTH	0.9	1.2	3.1	2.4	1.5	0.5
ASIA	0.0	2.8	3.1	5.8	3.0	1.1
EAST	1.3	3.1	4.9	5.1	2.3	0.5
CHINA	1.2	3.3	4.9	5.5	2.5	0.5
JAPAN	2.5	2.1	4.8	2.4	0.9	-0.2
OTHER	0.8	3.7	4.8	7.3	3.0	1.0
SOUTH	-0.8	2.7	1.8	6.7	3.8	1.6
SOUTHEAST	-0.4	3.1	2.6	7.0	3.5	1.5
SOUTHERN	-1.0	2.7	1.3	6.5	3.7	1.5
WESTERN	-0.2	1.7	4.3	7.6	4.8	3.2
ARAB	-0.7	1.7	3.4	9.3	5.6	4.3
NON-ARAB	0.4	2.1	5.0	6.4	4.0	2.1
EUROPE	1.1	1.0	2.0	1.3	0.5	-0.1
EAST	1.3	1.0	2.4	1.6	0.6	0.2
NORTH	1.0	0.7	1.5	0.7	0.2	-0.1
SOUTH	1.4	1.0	2.7	1.5	0.7	0.1
WEST	0.8	1.3	1.7	1.2	0.6	-0.4
OCEANIA	0.2	1.1	3.1	3.3	2.7	1.2
AUS.-N.Z.	0.4	1.2	3.2	2.9	2.4	0.9
MELANESIA	-0.3	1.9	3.0	6.8	3.9	2.6
POLYNESIA	-0.3	2.5	2.5	4.8	3.3	1.0
U.S.S.R.	1.3	1.4	3.6	2.7	1.4	0.5

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