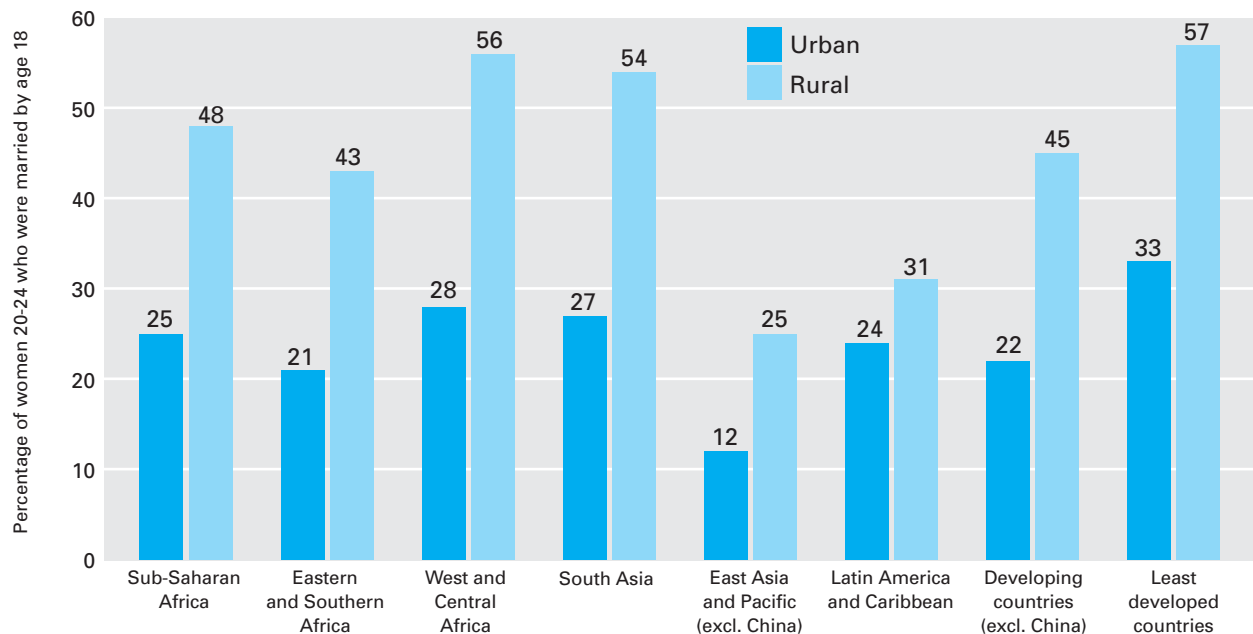


**Figure 3.3: Early marriage\* in the developing world**



\* **Early marriage:** Percentage of women aged 20-24 that were married or in statutory or customary union recognized as marriage before they were 18 years old.

**Regional averages:** These aggregates do not include all countries in each region. However, sufficient data was available for more than 50 per cent of the target population to generate the averages for the regions shown. Averages for East Asia and Pacific and the developing countries do not include China.

**Data range:** Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

**Sources:** Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) and other national surveys.