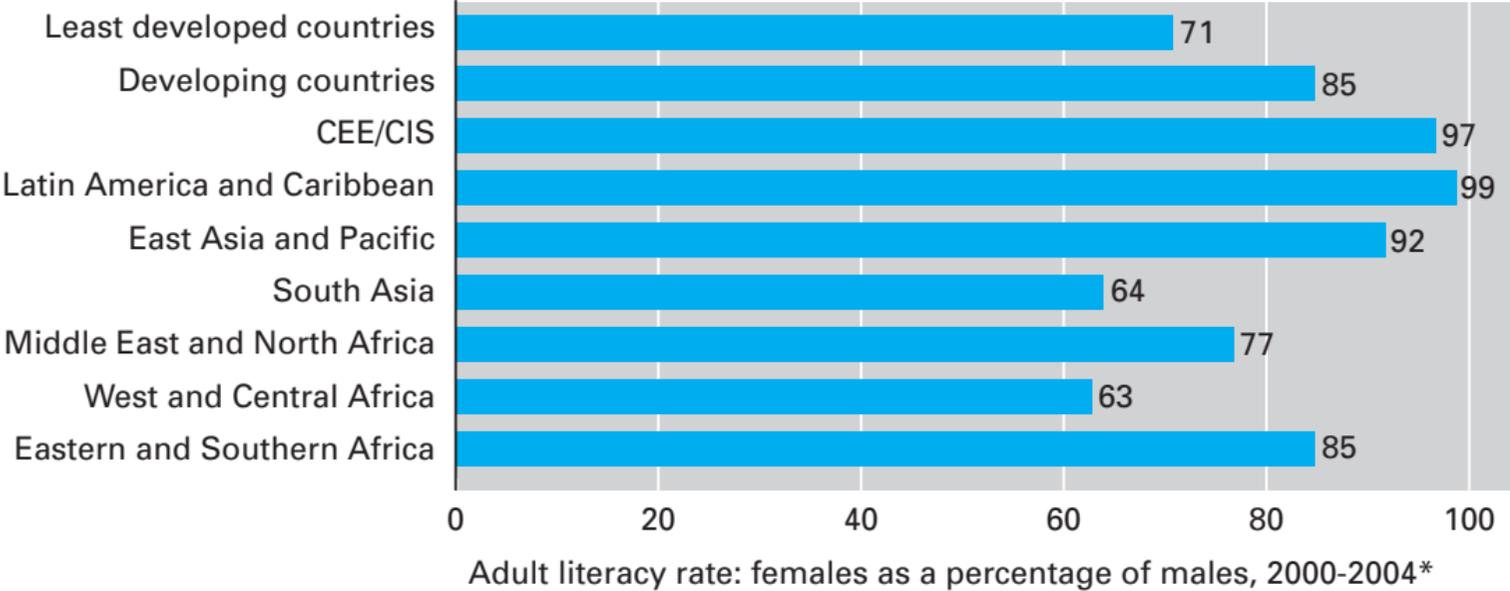


**Figure 2.5** Despite recent improvements, women's literacy rates are generally lower than men's



**Notes:** Adult literacy rate refers to the percentage of persons aged 15 and over who can read and write.

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

**Source:** UNESCO Institute of Statistics. The underlying data can be found in the Statistical Tables of this report, page 98.