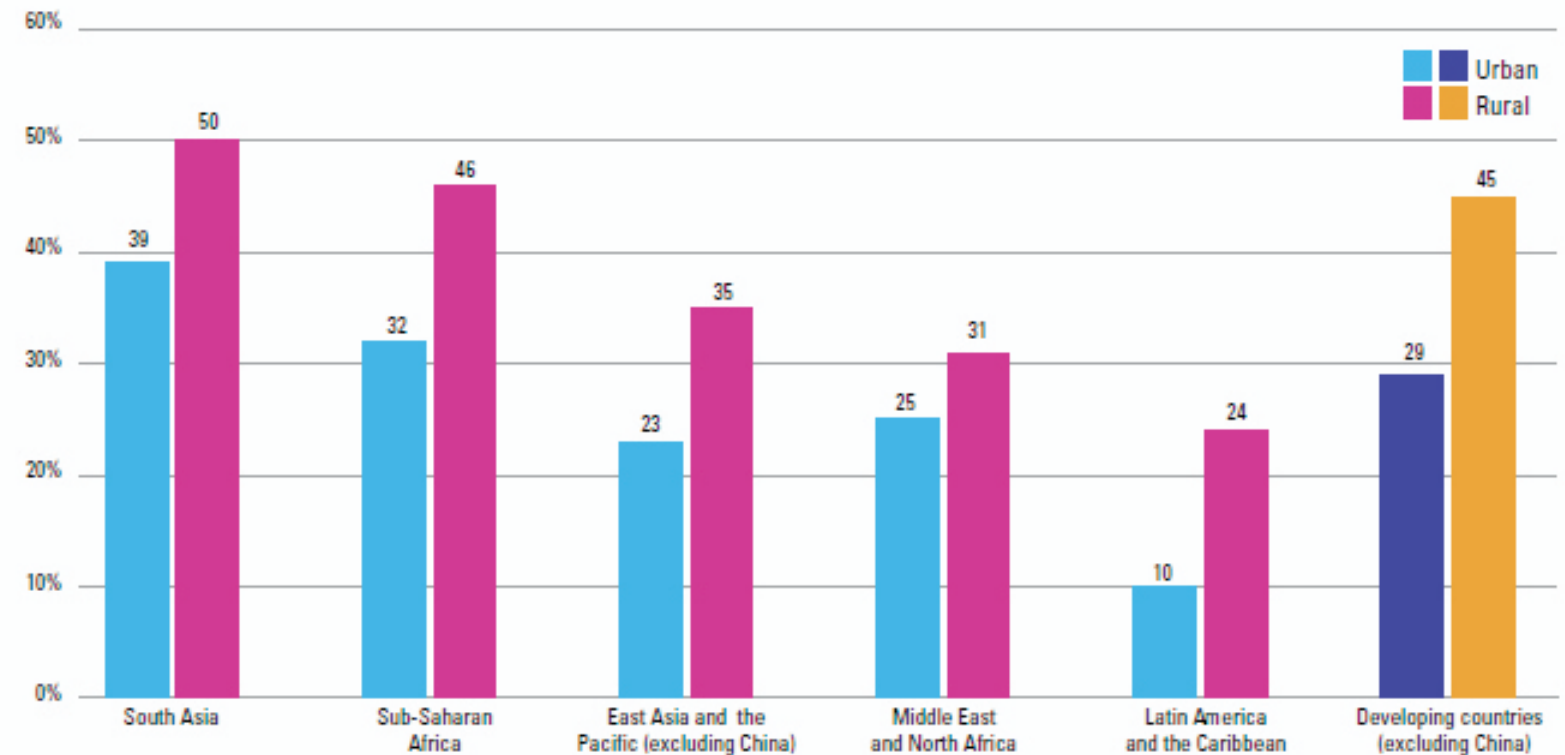


## In developing countries, rural children are 50% more likely to be stunted than urban children

Percentage of children 0–59 months old who are stunted, by area of residence

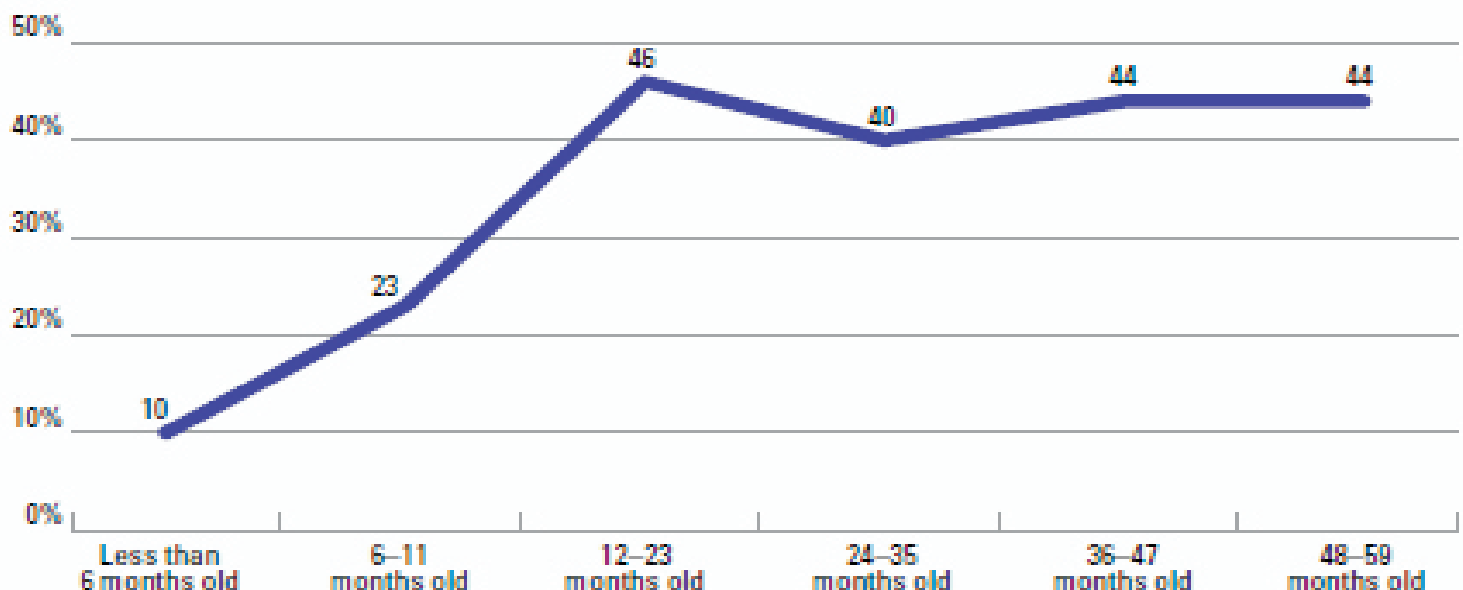


**Note:** Analysis is based on a subset of 72 countries (excluding China) with residence information, covering 65% of the under-five population in the developing world. Prevalence estimates are calculated according to WHO Child Growth Standards, 2003–2009.

**Source:** UNICEF global databases, 2010.

## Stunting is largely irreversible after the first two years of life

Percentage of children 0–59 months old who are stunted, by age



**Note:** Analysis is based on data from 40 countries (excluding China), covering 56% of children under 5 years old in developing countries. Prevalence estimates are calculated according to the NCHS reference population, as there were insufficient data to calculate estimates according to WHO Child Growth Standards.

**Source:** DHS and National Family Health Survey, 2003–2009, with additional analysis by UNICEF.