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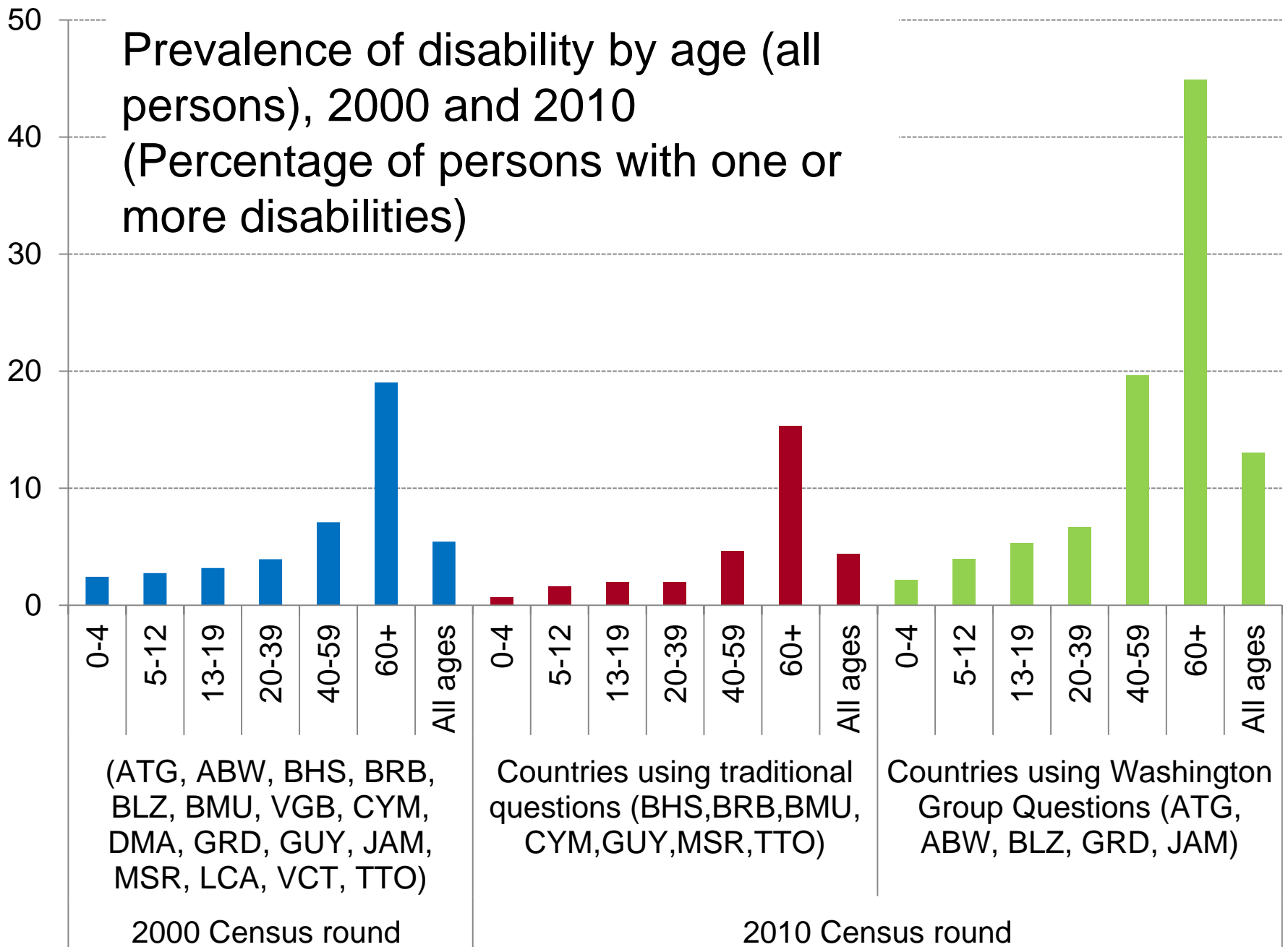
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Thematic headings from an ECLAC study (in progress) on “Disability, human rights and public policy in the Caribbean”:

- Health and health care
- Rehabilitation
- Care and support services
- Accessible buildings and public spaces
- Accessible transport
- Accessible information and communication technology
- Education
- Work and employment
- Income protection

Prevalence of disability by age (all persons), 2000 and 2010 (Percentage of persons with one or more disabilities)



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on the basis of the population and housing censuses.

Measurement of disability: Traditional questions

Do you/does suffer from any disability or infirmity?

What type of disability do you/does have?

Sight Only

Hearing Only

Speech Only

Physical Disability only

Multiple Disability

Slowness of Learning

Mental Retardation

Mental Illness

Other or Not Stated

Measurement of disability: New style (Washington Group) questions

1. Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?

a. No - no difficulty;

b. Yes – some difficulty;

c. Yes – a lot of difficulty;

d. Cannot do at all.

2. Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?

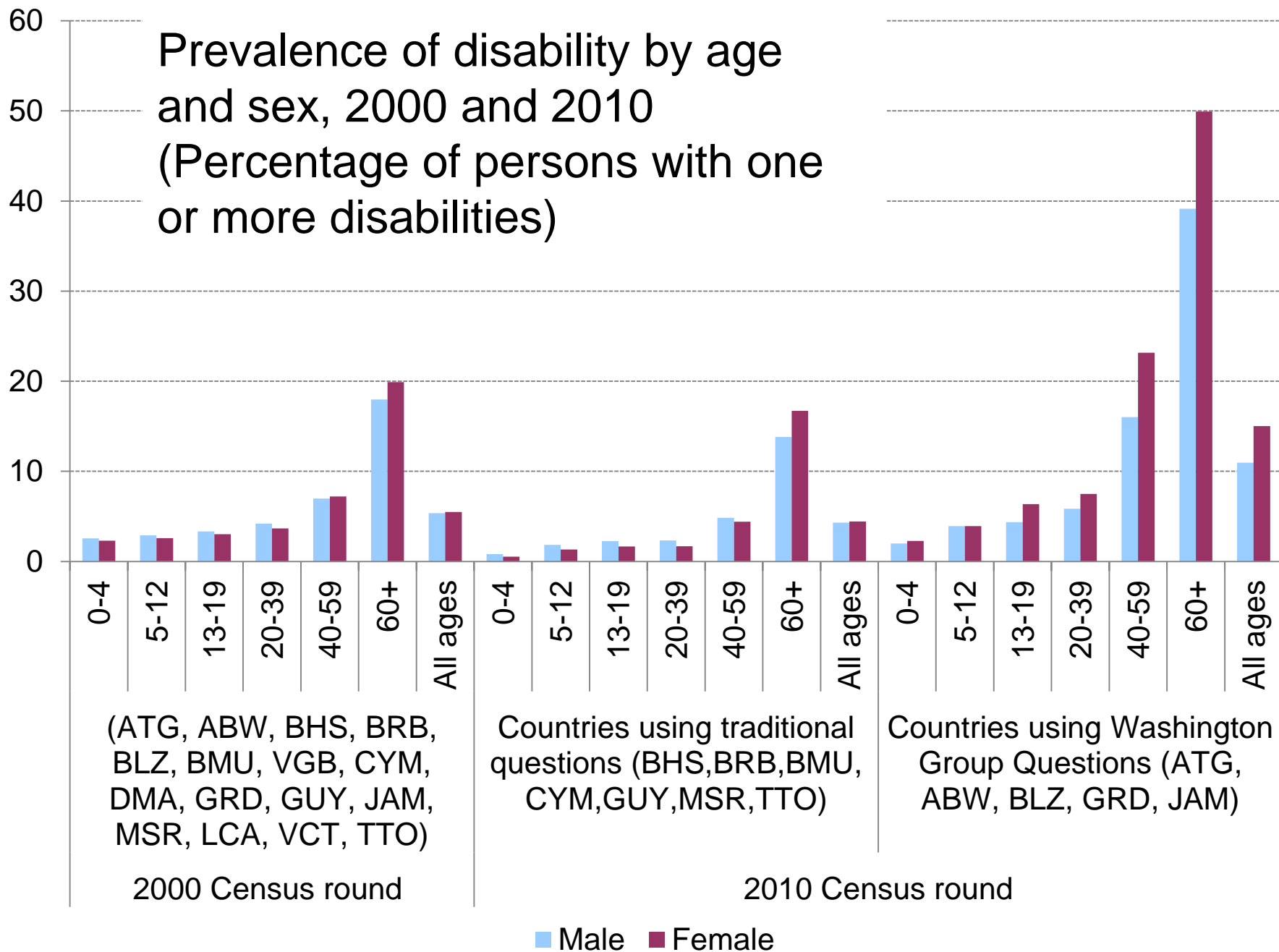
3. Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?

4. Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?

5. Do you have difficulty (with self-care such as) washing all over or dressing?

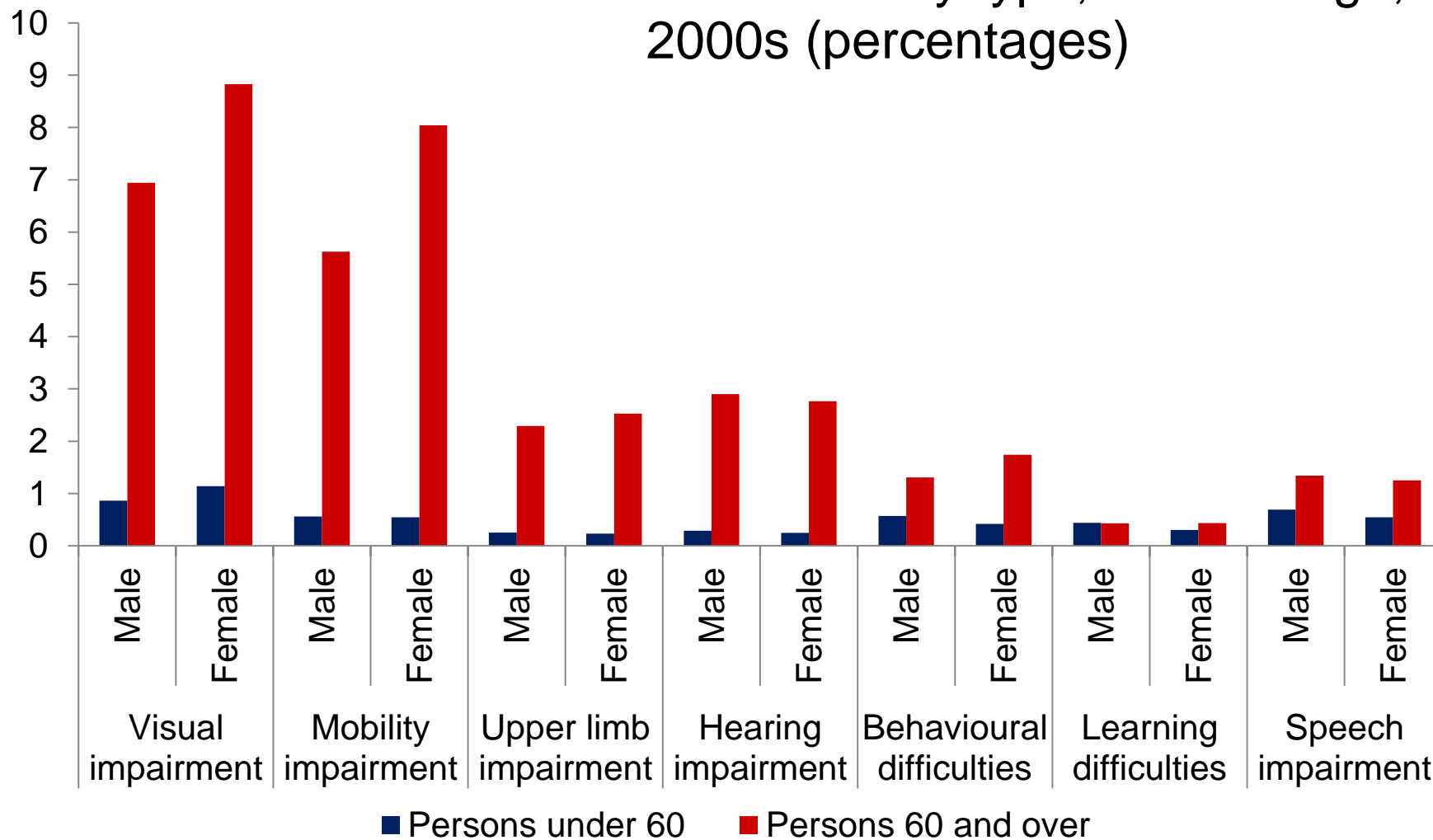
6. Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?

Prevalence of disability by age and sex, 2000 and 2010 (Percentage of persons with one or more disabilities)



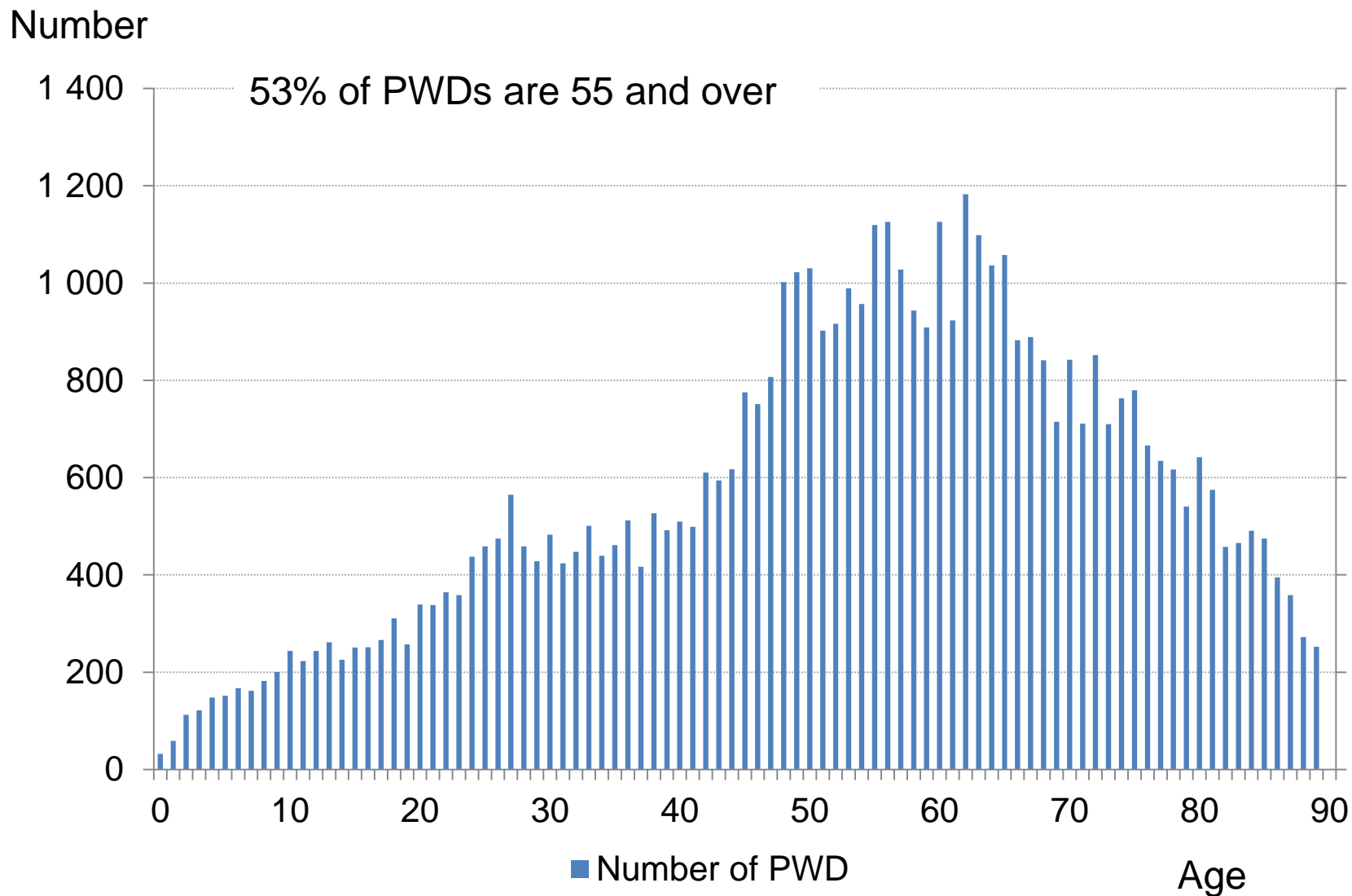
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Prevalence of disability in the Caribbean by type, sex and age, 2000s (percentages)

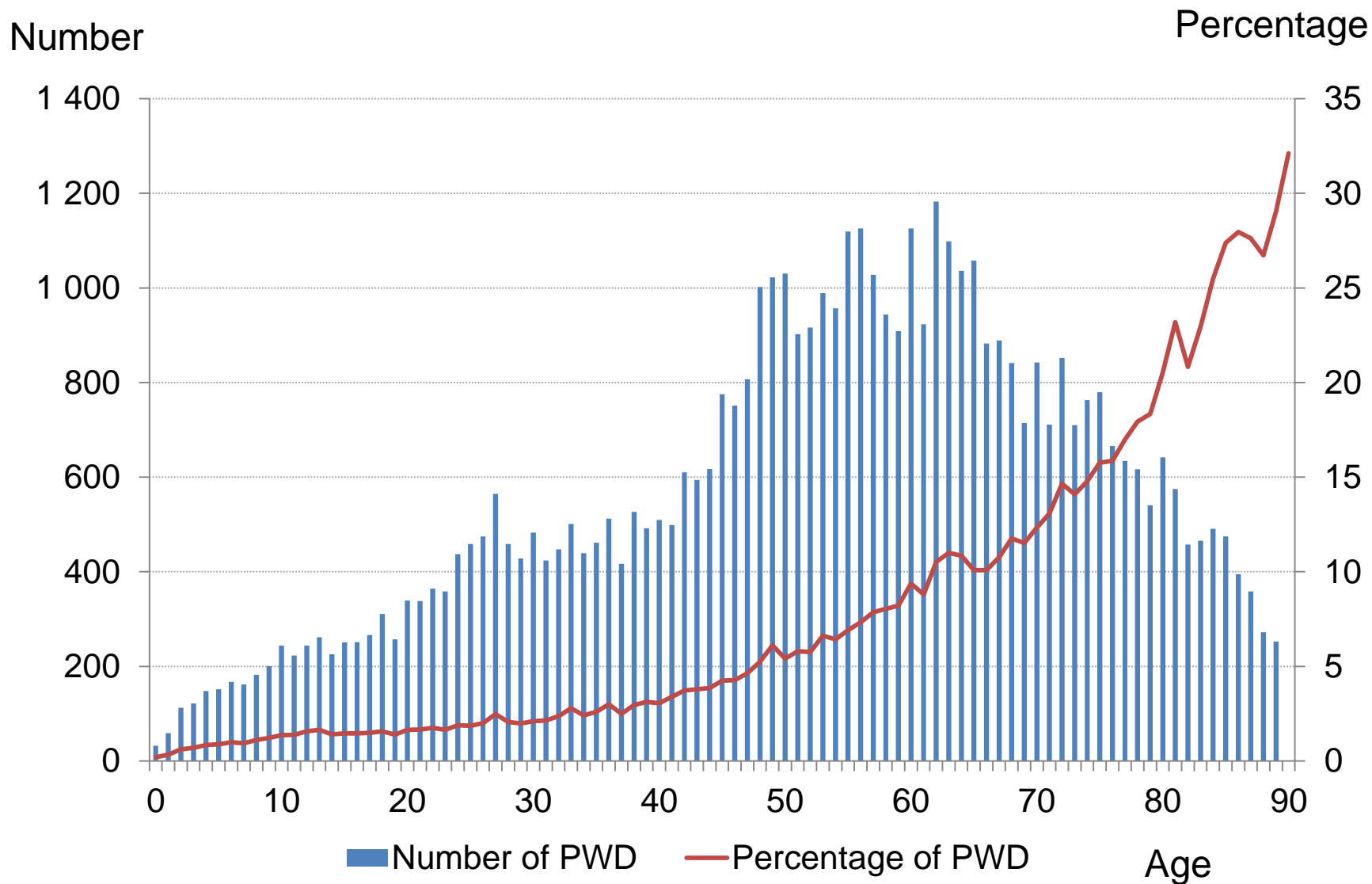


Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on the basis of special tabulations of the following censuses: Antigua and Barbuda (2001), Aruba (2010), Bahamas (2010), Barbados (2000), Belize (2000), Bermuda (2010), Cayman Islands (2010), Grenada (2001), Montserrat (2011), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001).

Disability by age in Trinidad and Tobago (number of persons with disabilities by age), 2011



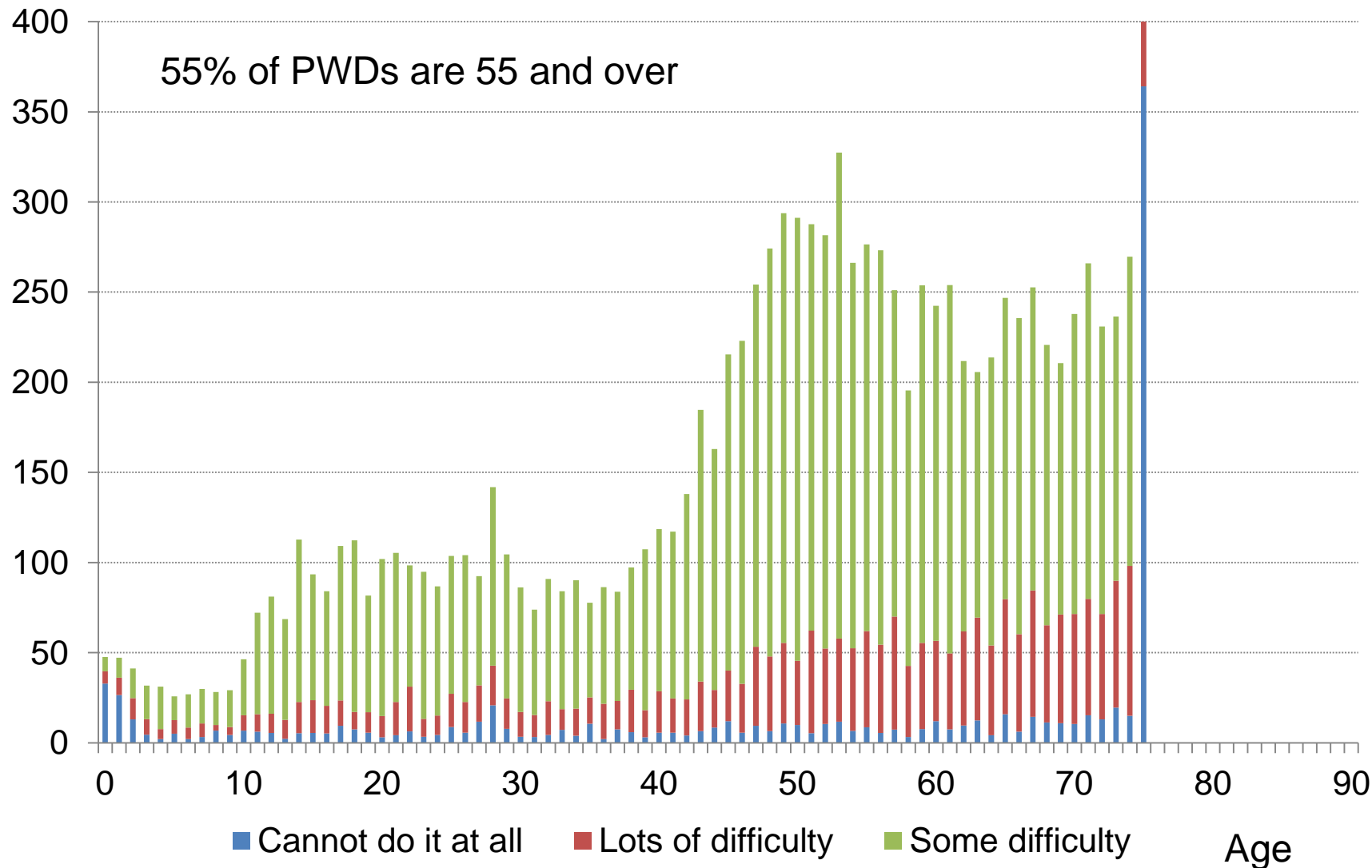
Disability by age in Trinidad and Tobago (number and percentage of persons with disabilities by age), 2011



Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on the basis of the population and housing census, 2011.

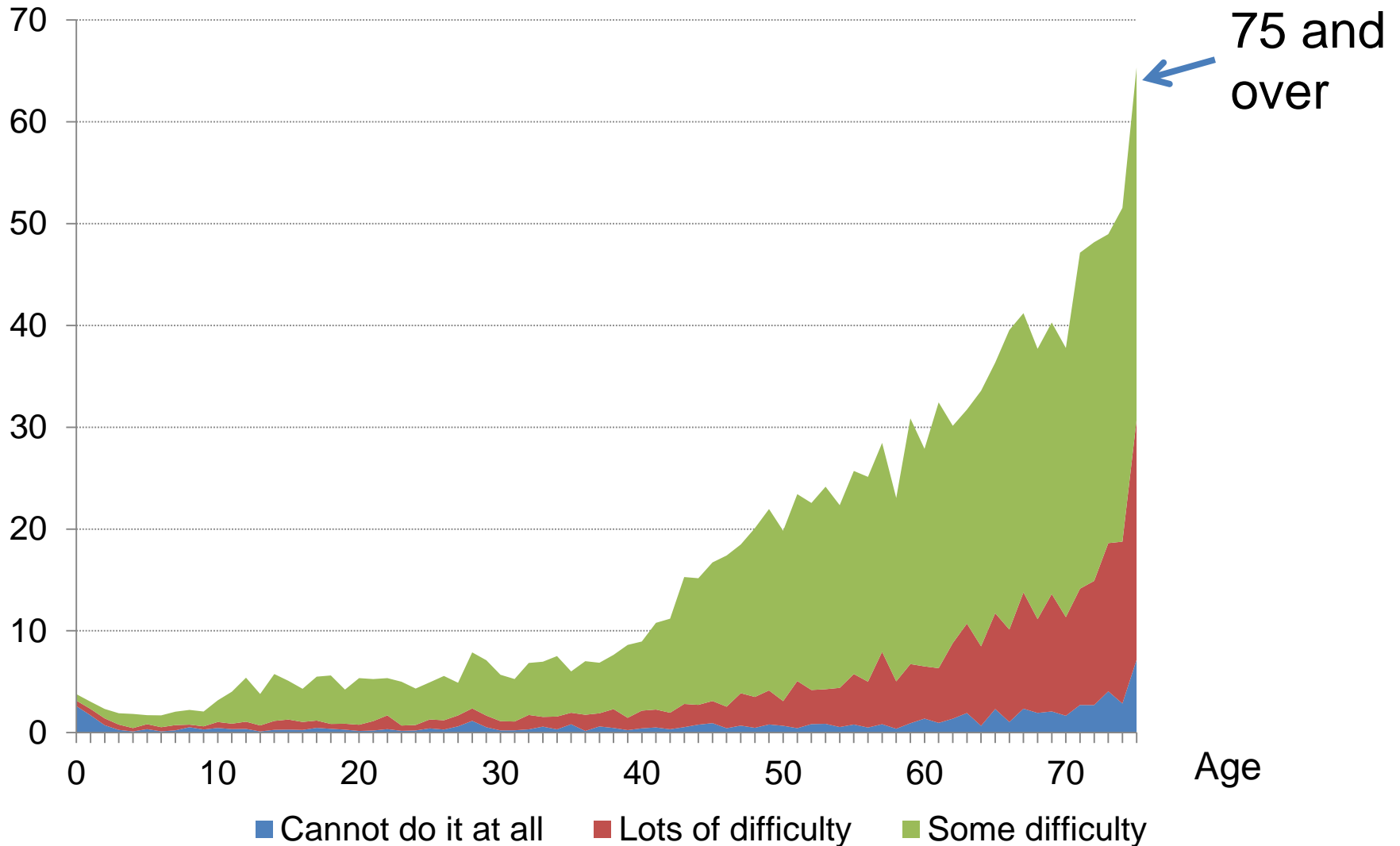
Disability by age and severity in Grenada (number of persons), 2011

Number



Disability by age and severity in Grenada (percentages), 2011

Percentage

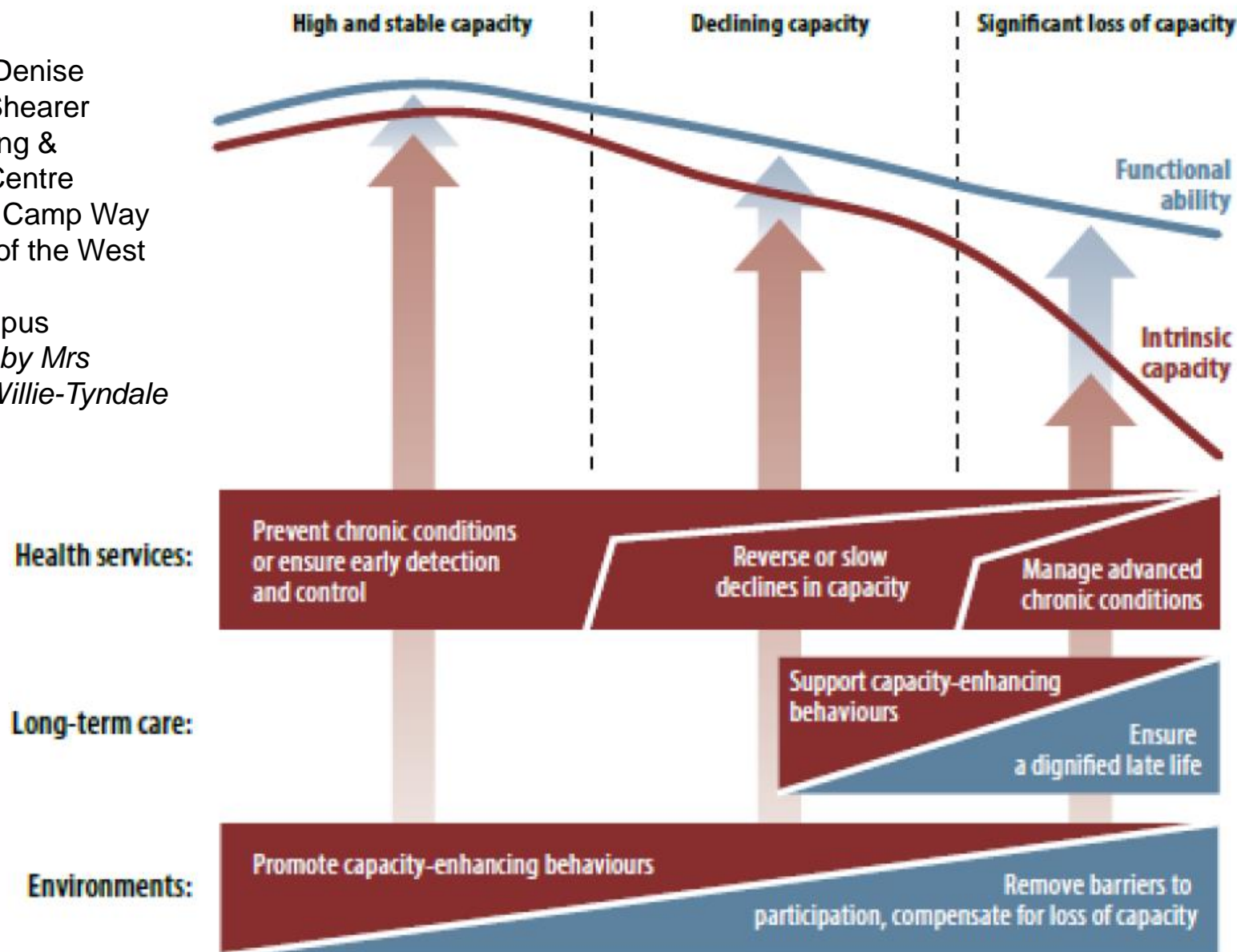


Older persons with disabilities

- Does an 80 year old in need of nursing care have a disability (or disabilities) or are they just old?
- We don't tend to think of old people, particularly those over 70 and 80, who have functional impairments (e.g. visual, hearing, mobility, concentration, dexterity) as having a disability....we just tend to think of them as old.
- Older persons with disabilities have the same right to rehabilitation, assistive devices, adaptations to the environment, reasonable accommodation etc. as younger persons with disabilities.
- Failing to recognise this, leads to double discrimination.

A public-health framework for *Healthy Ageing*: opportunities for public-health action across the life course

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