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Asia Pacific launch of "Making progress against child labour: Global estimates and trends 2000-2012"

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Key global findings



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- Child labour continues to decline.
- Between 2008-2012 it did so faster than before.
- But...we will miss the goal of eliminating the worst forms of child labour by 2016 (globally and regionally).



Key figs: Global & regional



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- Globally, 168 million children are still in child labour (11% of 5-17 year olds).
 - 2000 figure = 246 million
- **Asia Pacific - now 78 million (9.3%)**
 - **2000 figure = 114 million**
- Globally, more than half (85 million, 5.4%) are in still hazardous work.
- **Asia Pacific - 33.8 million (4.1%)**
 - **2008 figure = 48 million (5.6%)**

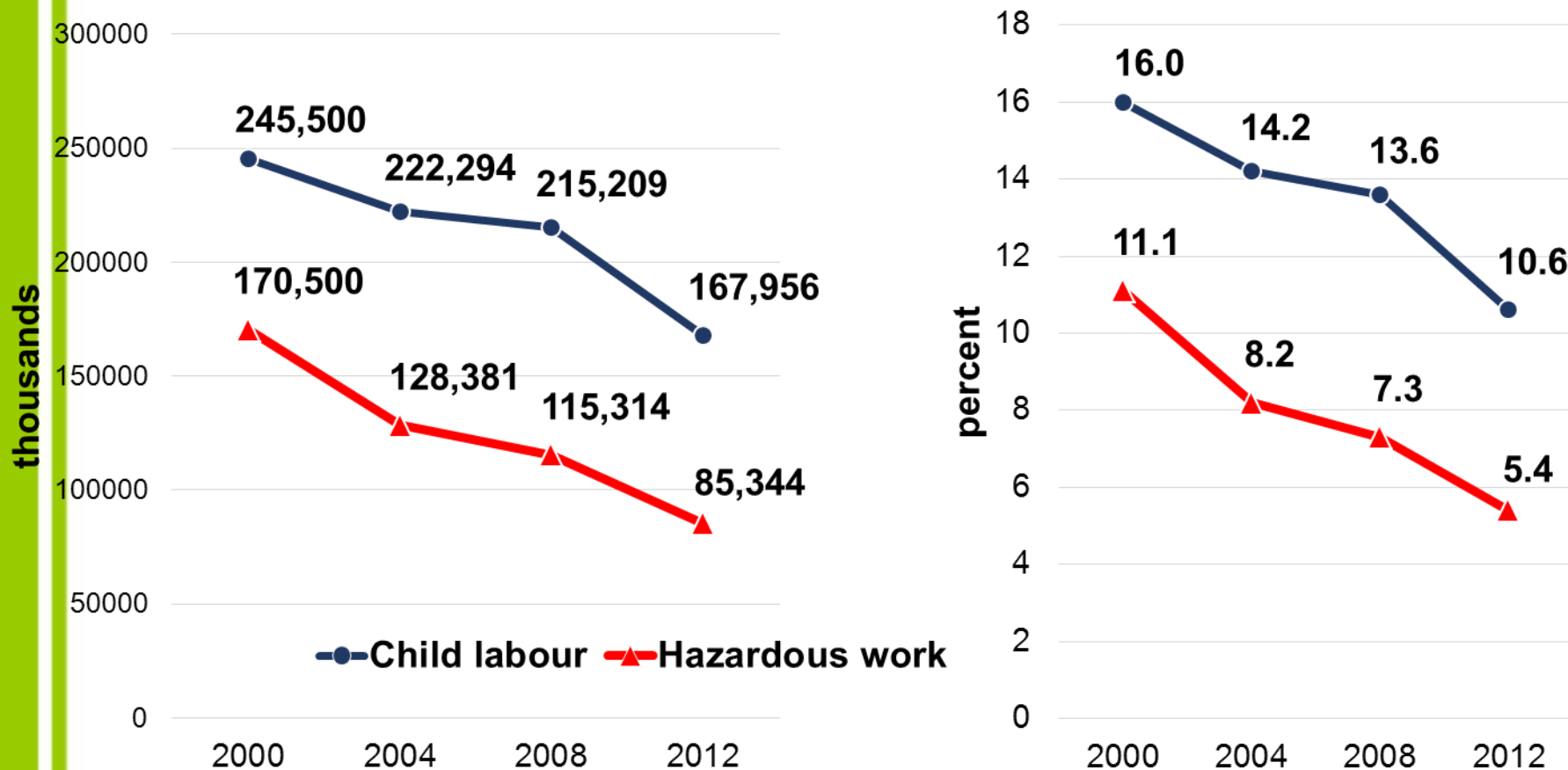


Global Trends: child labour & hazardous work



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Number and % of children (5-17) in child labour and hazardous work,



How Asia Pacific compares with other regions

- **Asia-Pacific** – the largest reduction, but still has the largest number of child labourers.

By comparison:

- **Sub-Saharan Africa** - the highest incidence (more than one in five children).
- **Latin America**, numbers/incidence remains low but persistent, especially hazardous work.

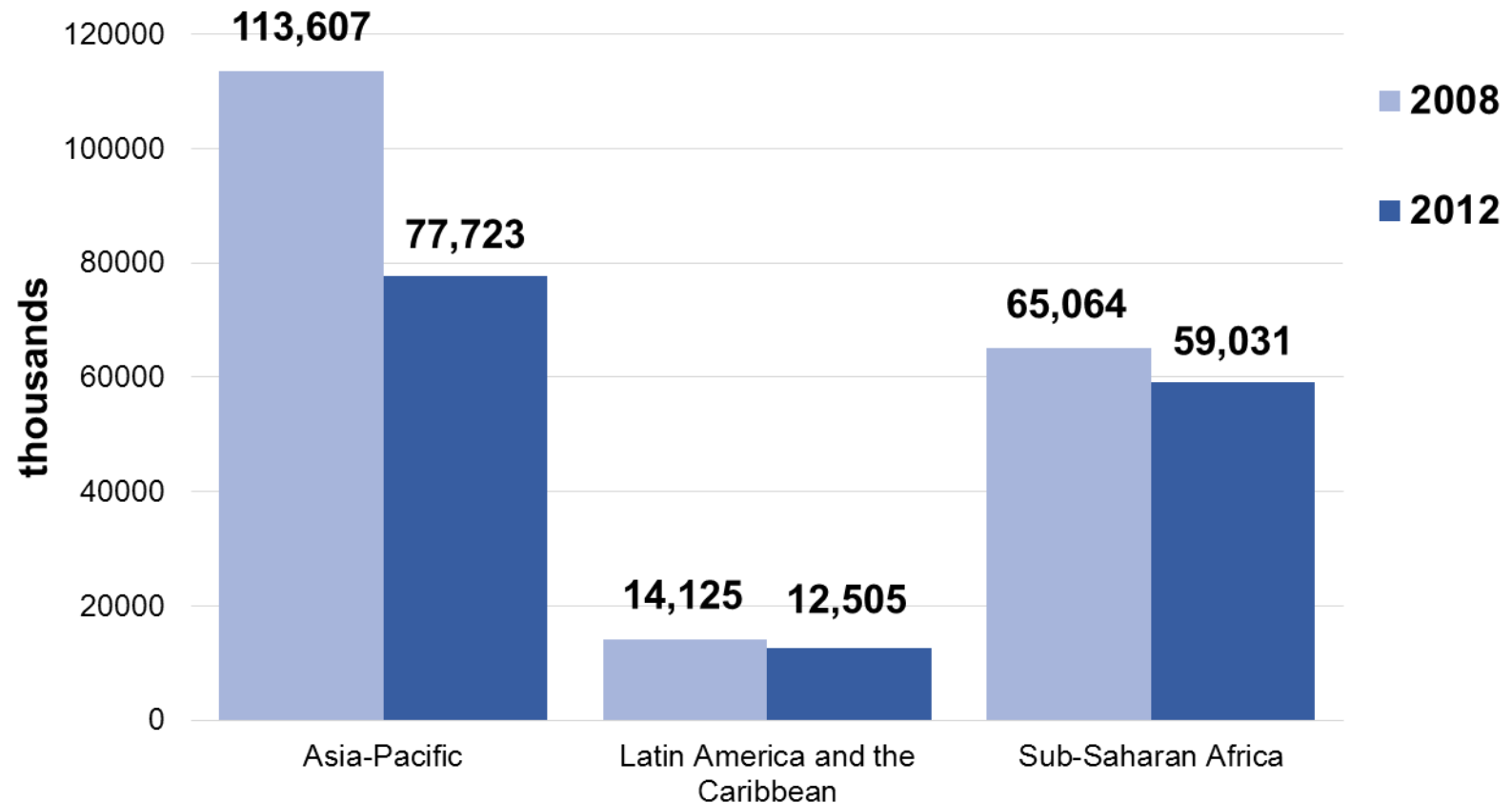


Regional Trends – child labour numbers



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Absolute number of children (5-17) in child labour, 2008-2012

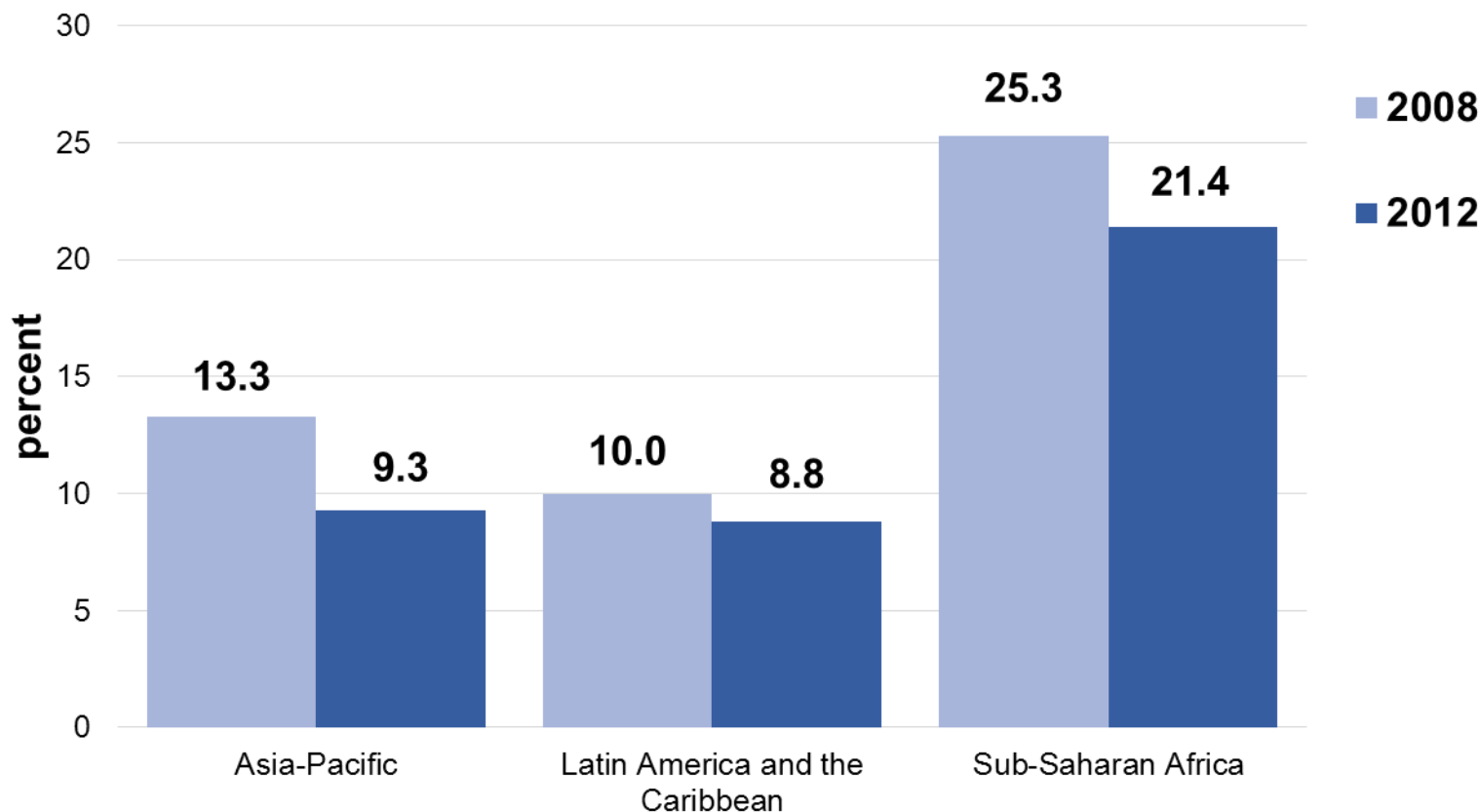


Regional Trends – child labour by %



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Percentage of children (5-17) in **child labour**, 2008-2012

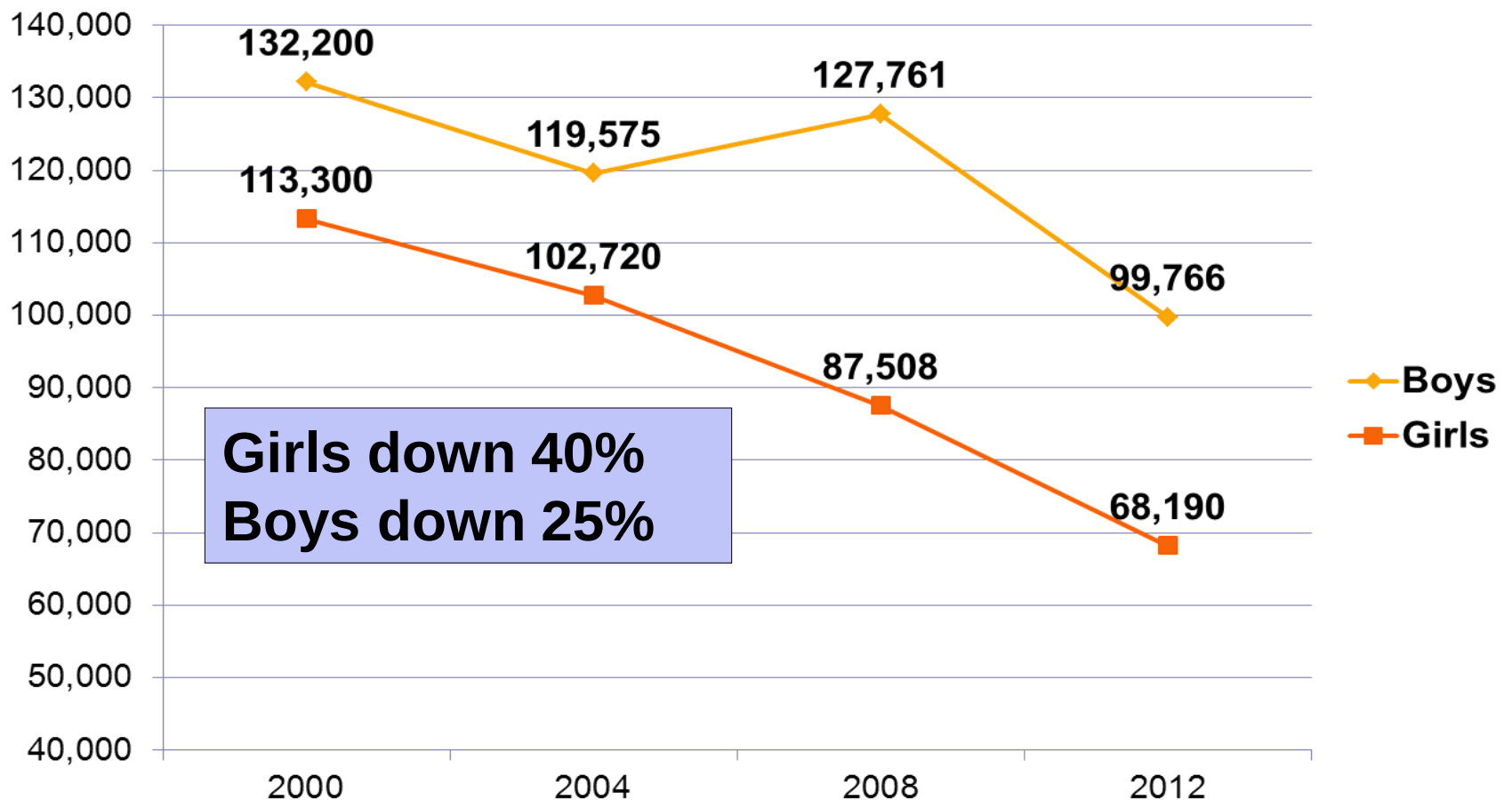


Global gender trends



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Number of child labourers by sex



Global trends – children by age

- Good progress for younger children (5-14).
 - Child labour declined by more than 1/3
 - Hazardous work by 2/3
- Older children (15-17) in hazardous work, progress mixed.
 - possibly reflecting labour market and economic conditions.

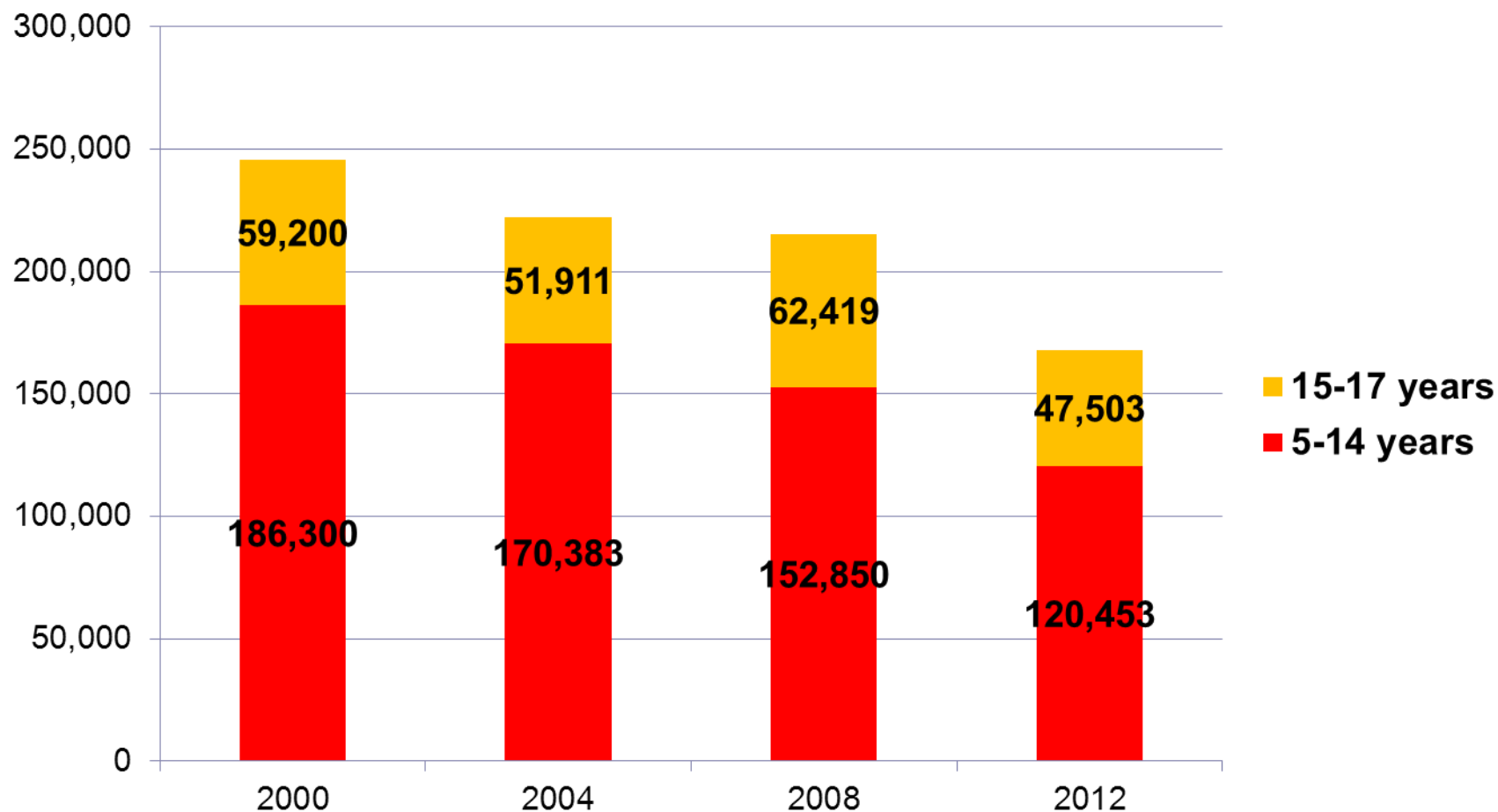


Child labour – broken down by age



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Number of child labourers by age group

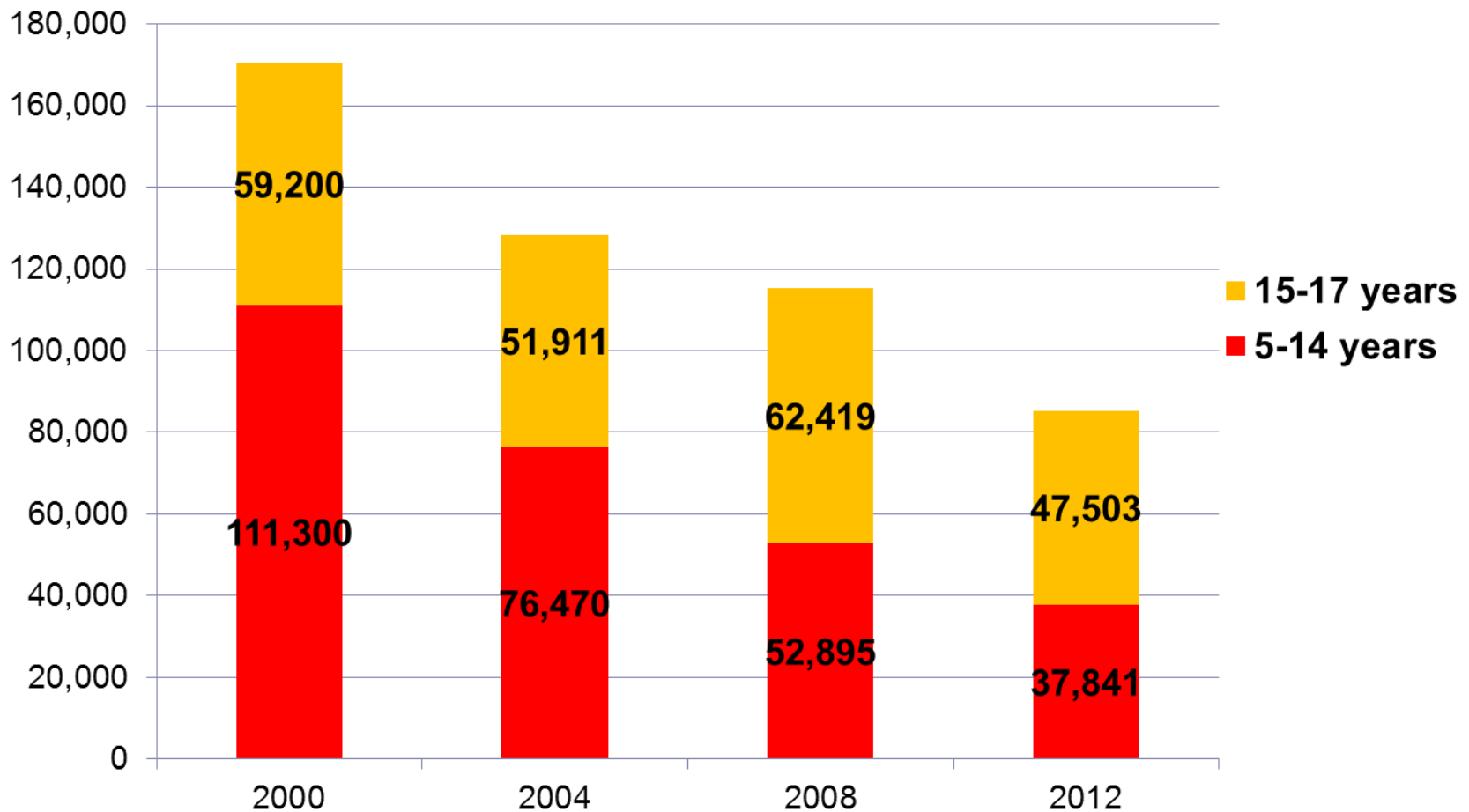


Children in hazardous work – by age



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Number of child labourers in hazardous work, by age group

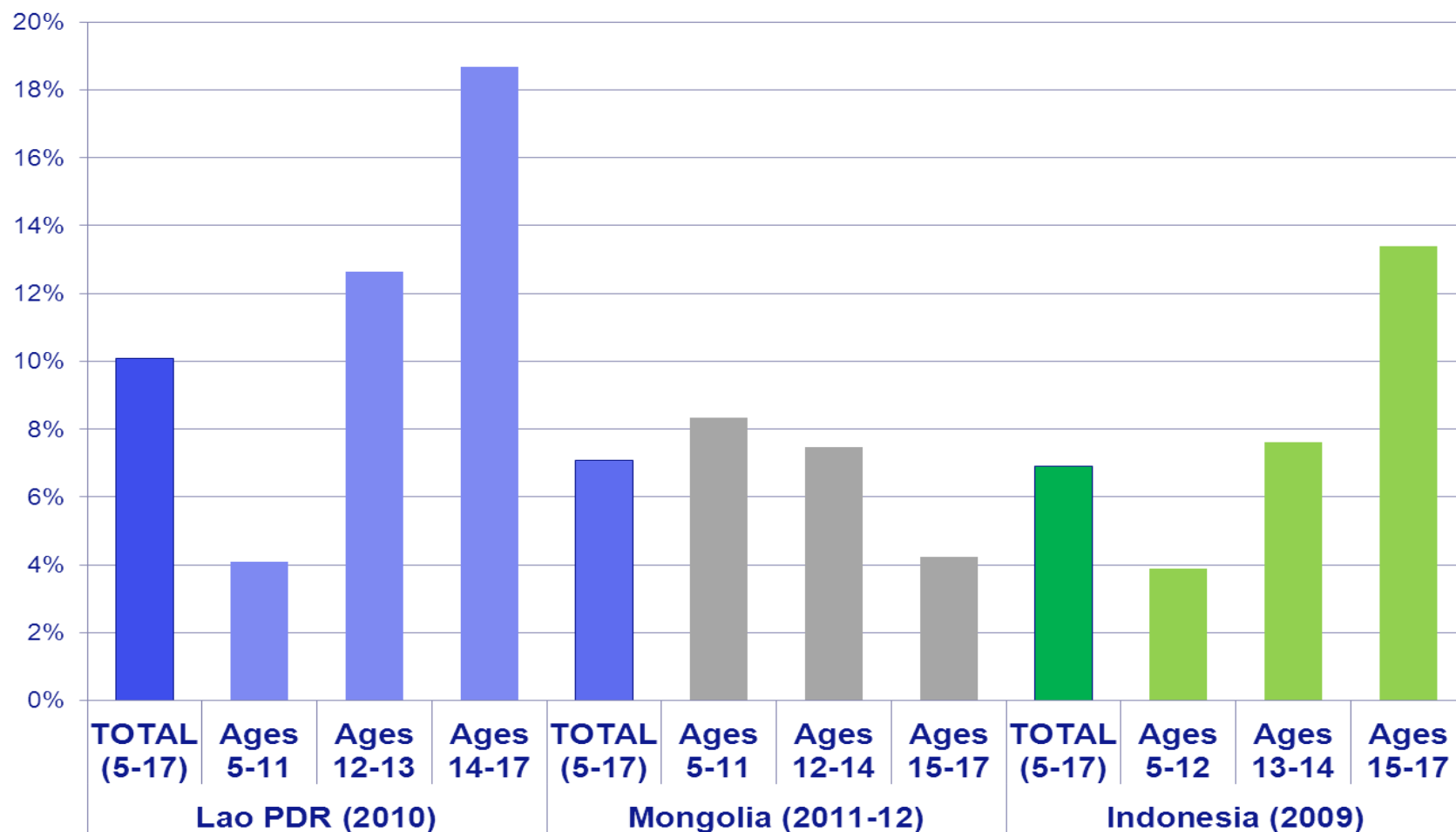


Child labour by age - some Asian examples



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Percentage of total population of 5-17 years of age in child labour



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Rich & Poor

Global child labour by national income

For the first time estimates are presented by national income levels:

- **Low-income countries** have 74.4 million child labourers.
- ***Middle-income countries*** have 93.6 million child labourers,

So - child labour is not limited to the poorest countries.

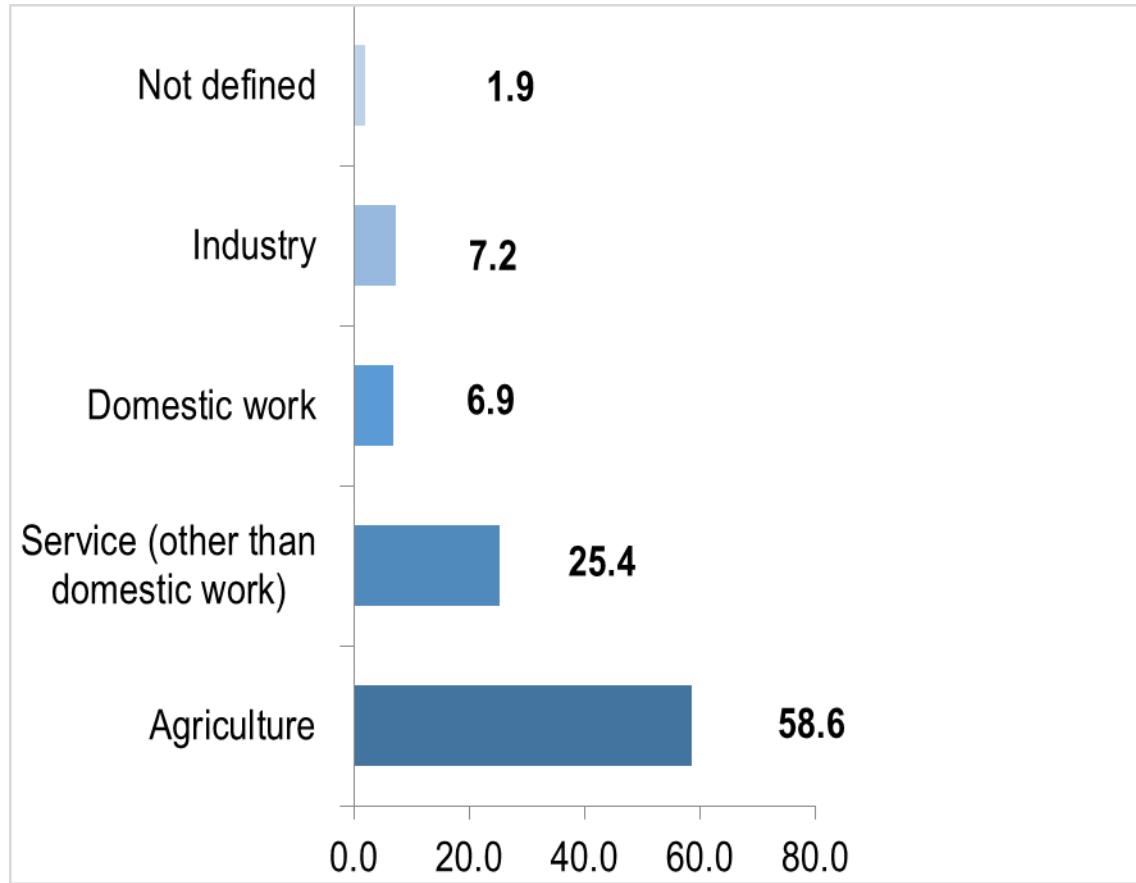


Globally - what are child labourers doing?



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Distribution of child labourers by economic sector,
5-17 years age group, 2012 (%)

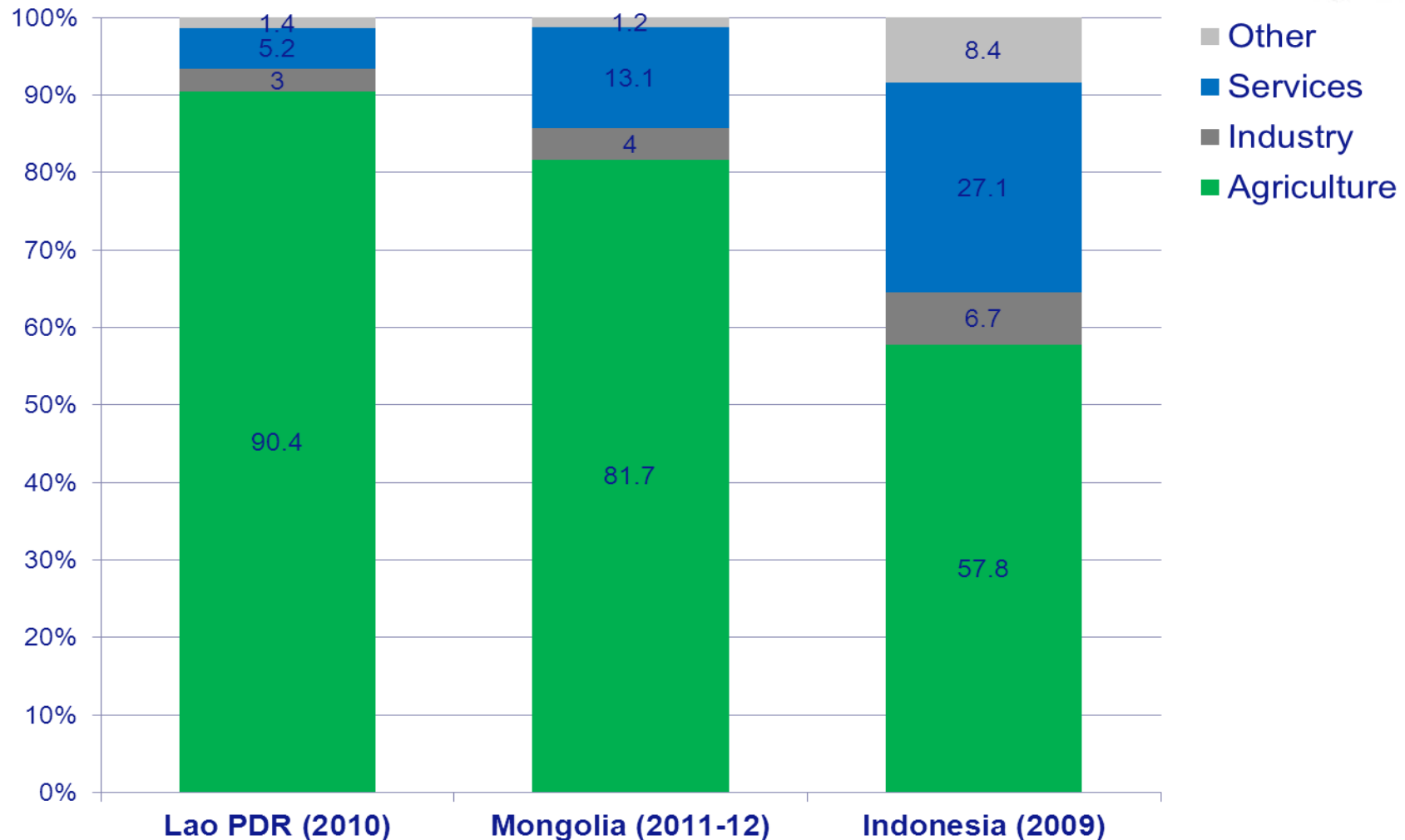


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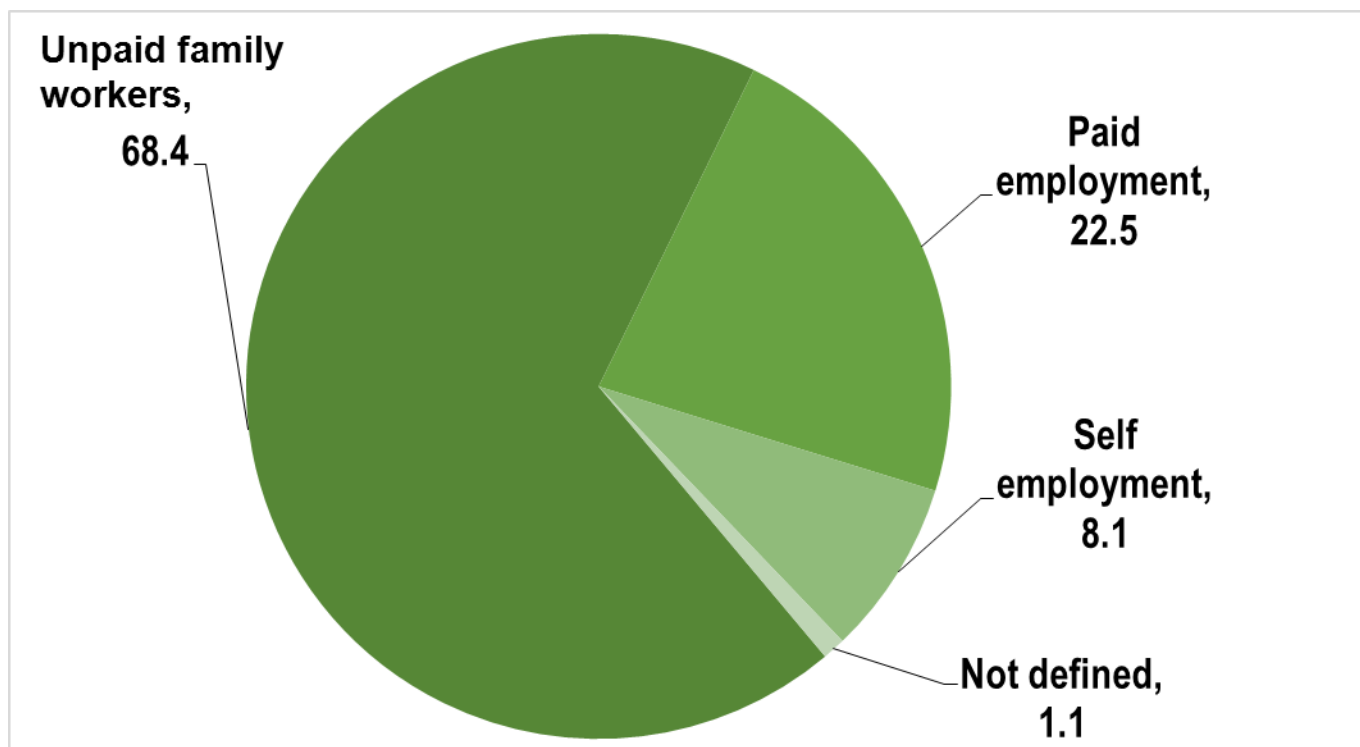


How are child labourers working?



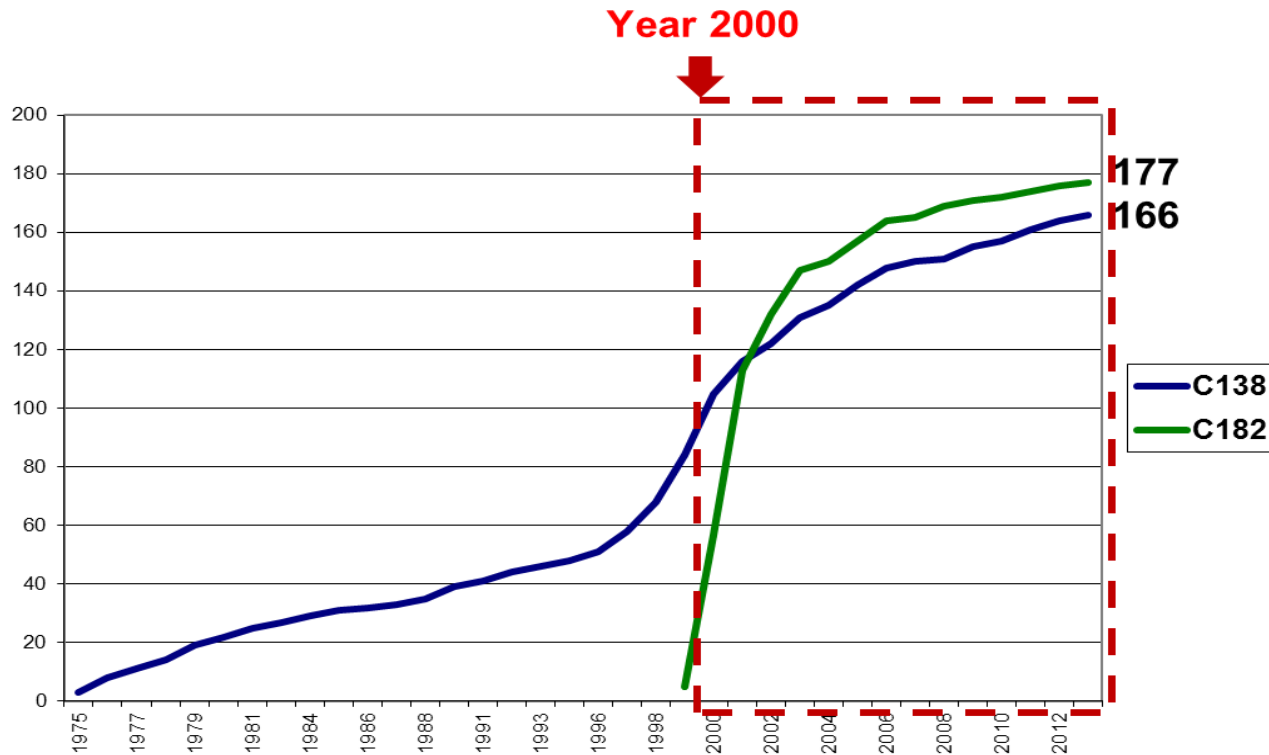
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Distribution of child labourers (5-17) by employment status,
(%)



What are countries doing to end child labour?

Number of ratifications of Conventions Nos. 138 and 182 by year



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34 countries

C.138 -
23 ratifications

C.182 -
29 ratifications

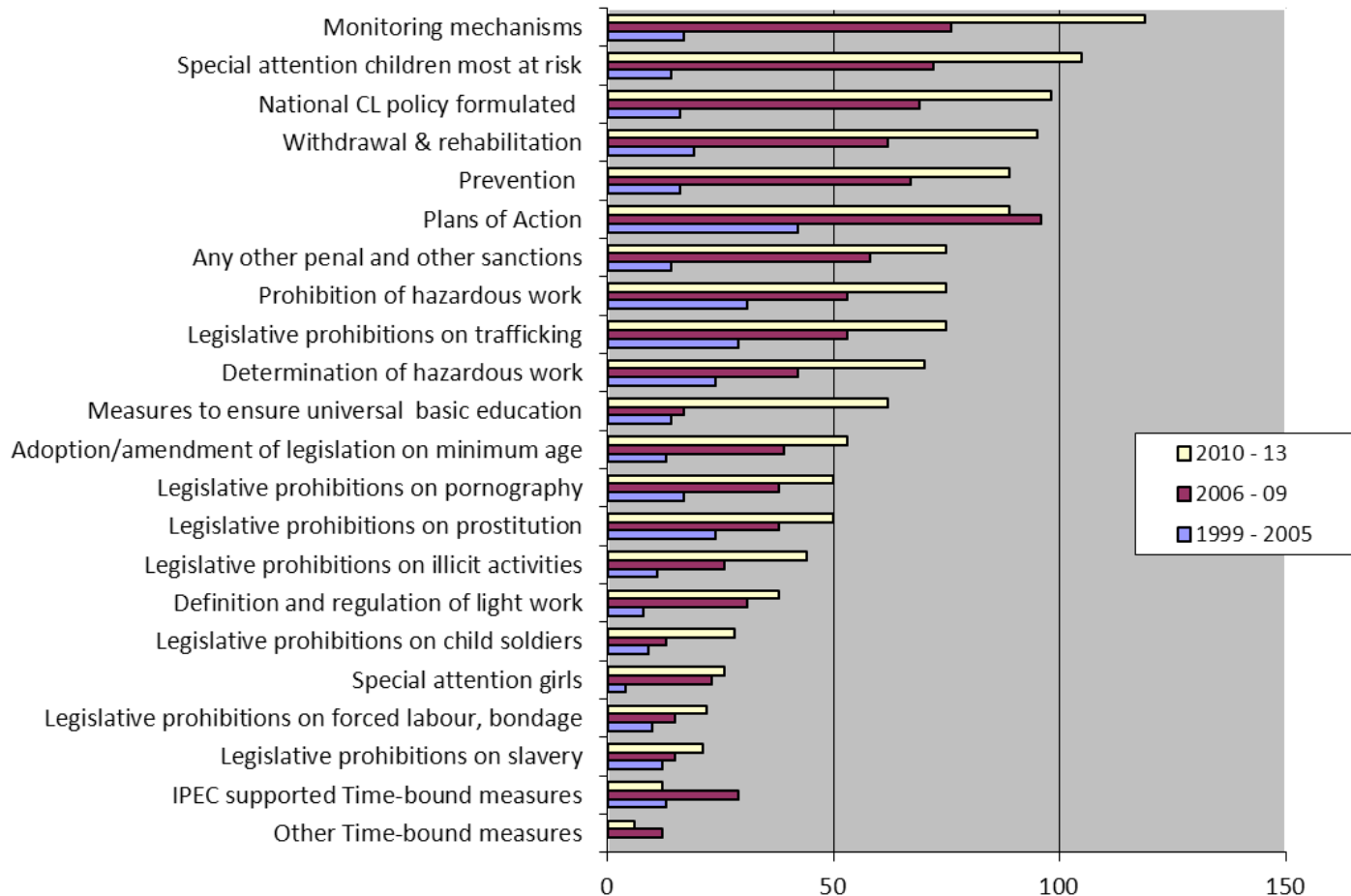


What are countries doing – specific measures



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**Number of action reported under Conventions Nos 138 and 182,
by type (1999-2005, 2005-09 and 2010-13)**



Asia Pacific – what's been achieved



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- Deeper understanding
- Laws and policies largely in place
 - Of 34 countries 23 have ratified C. 138 and 29 ratified C.182
- Better, more comprehensive, data.
- More education, social protection



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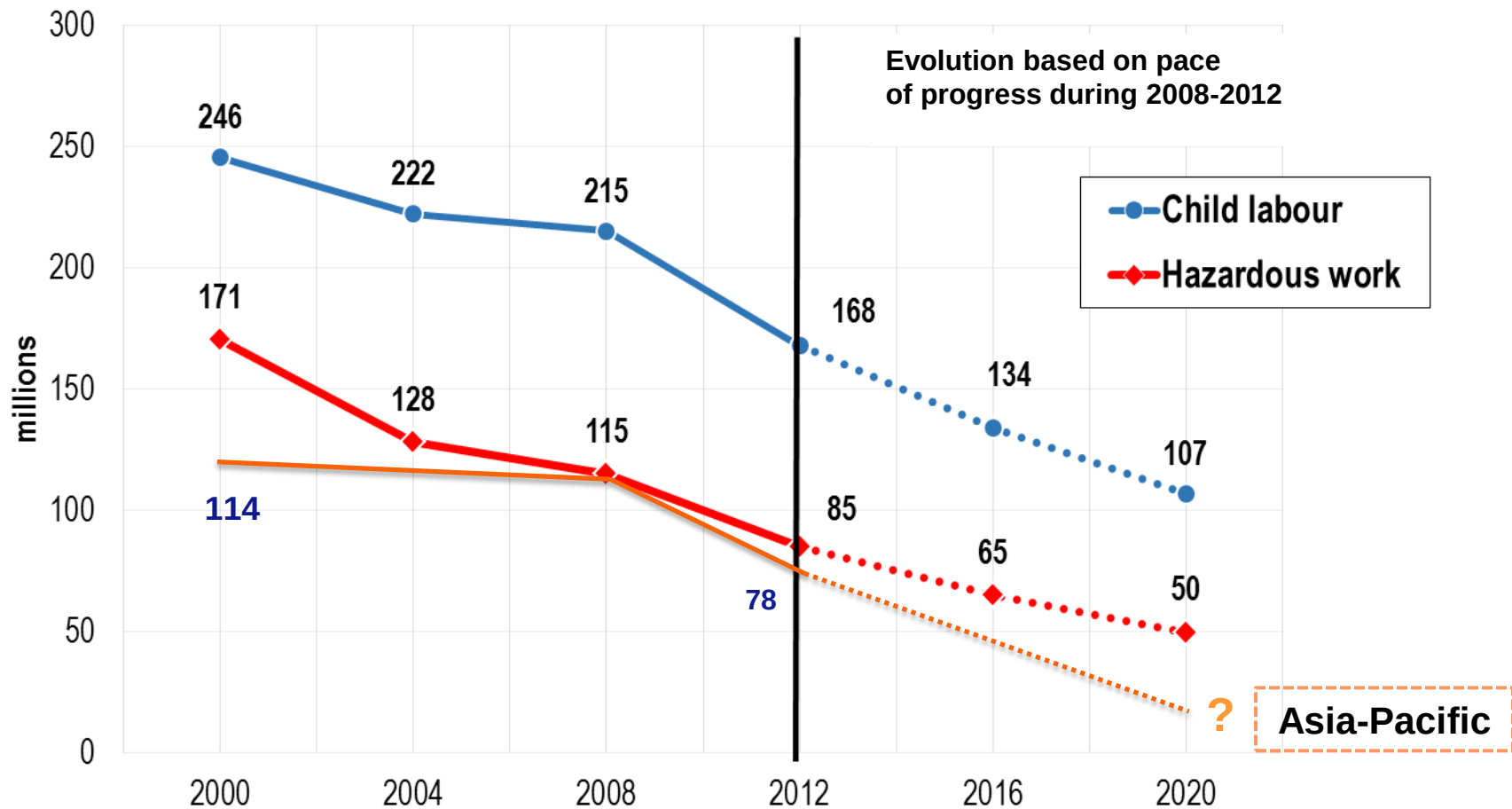
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When will child labour be history?



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Asia Pacific – the ‘to do’ list



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- No complacency
- Multi-pronged approach
- New focus on services, industry, middle income countries
 - Increase work in agricultural sector
- Age and gender-specific responses
- Expose hidden forms (more research/data)





Thank you

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