

# **EXTRA-MARITAL FERTILITY IN SERBIA REGIONAL ASPECT**

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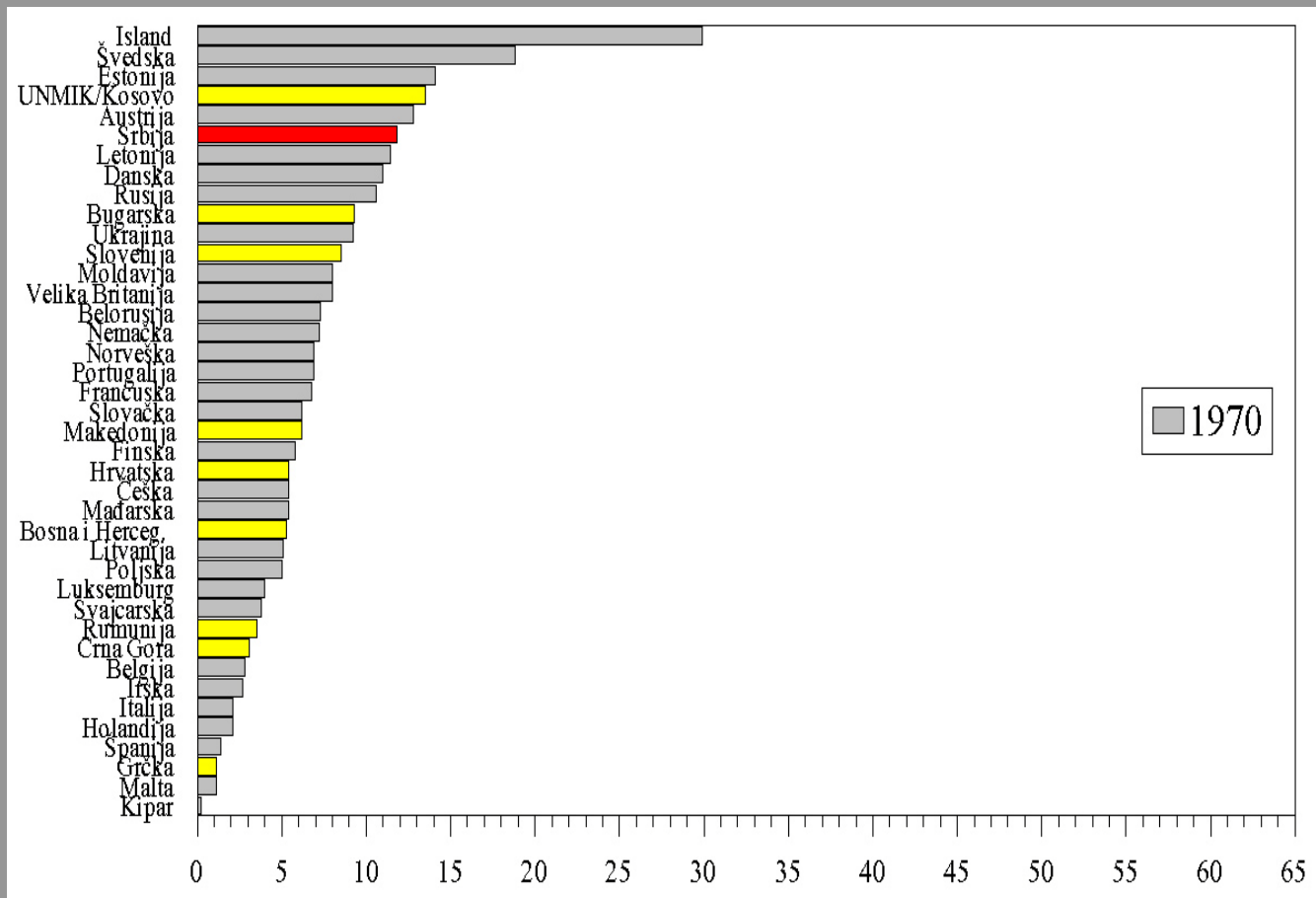
*In the last four decades the share of extra-marital births in the total number of live births has been increasing in all European countries*

**In Serbia, from a European aspect, the increase was moderate. In the period of 1970-2008**

- the number of extramarital births increased more by a quarter - from 12.135 to 15.747**
- the share of extramarital births increased 2 times - from 11,8% to 22,8%**

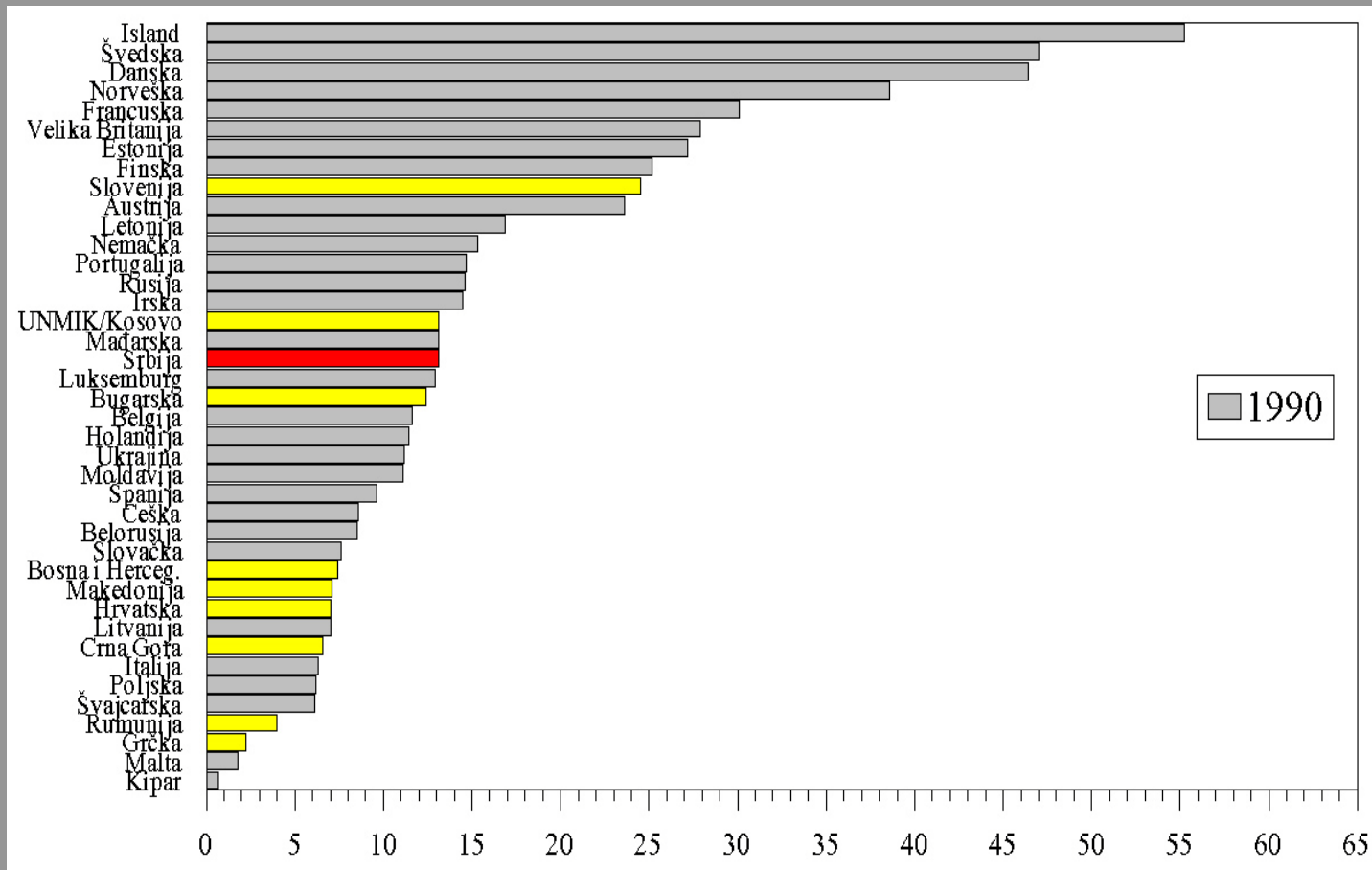
# Share of extra-marital births (%)

## Europe, 1970.



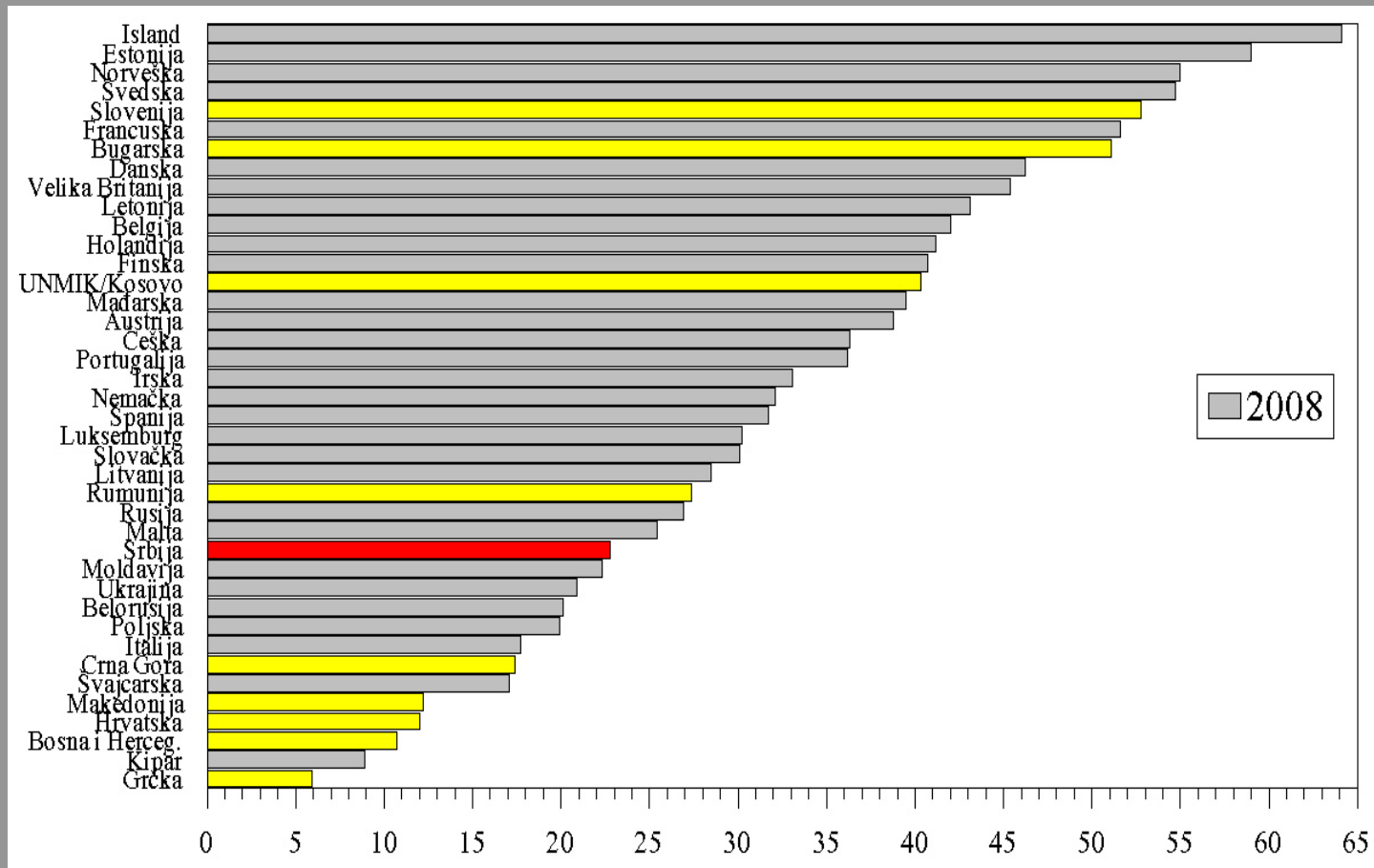
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## Europe, 1990.



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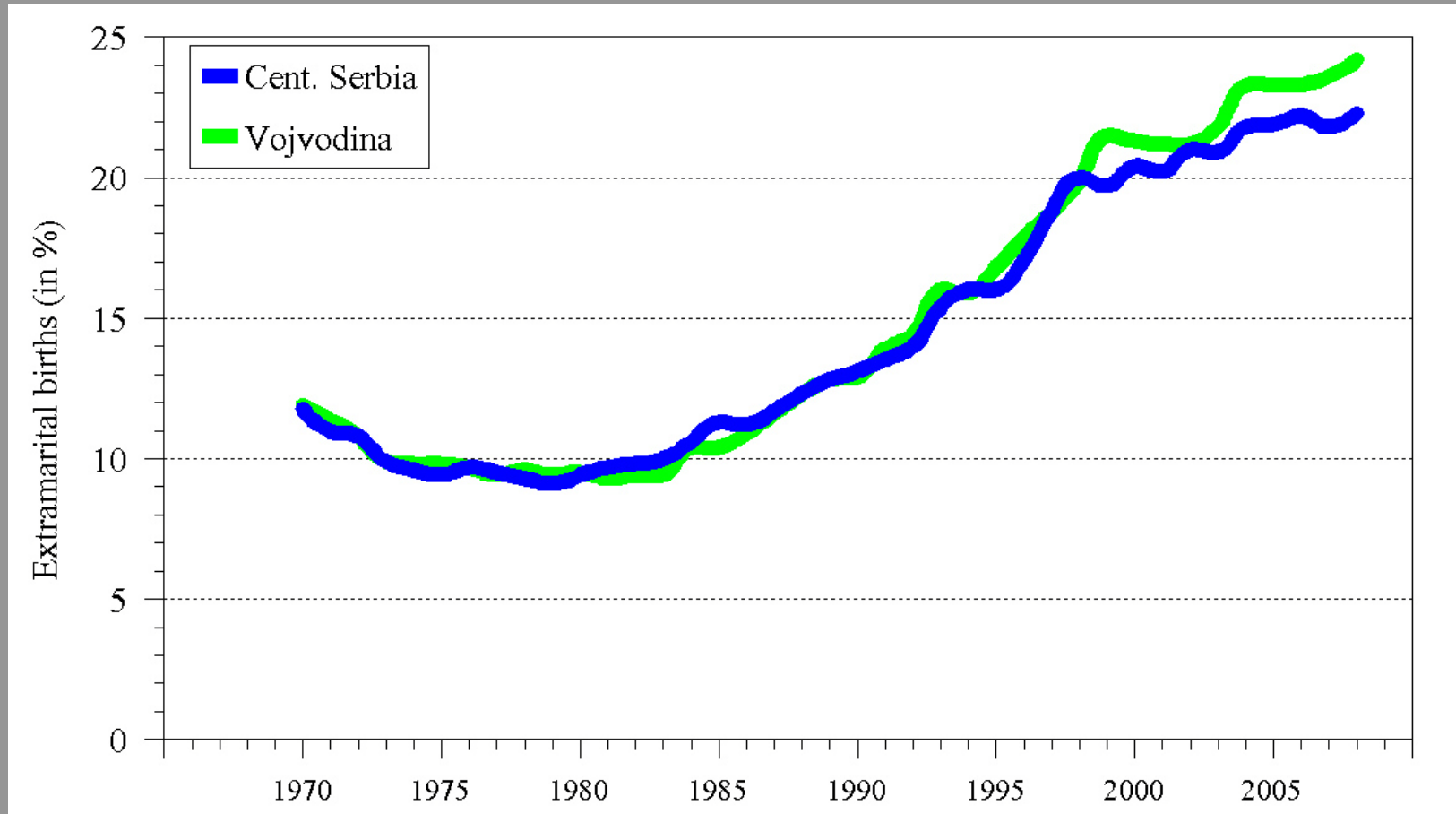
## Europe, 2008



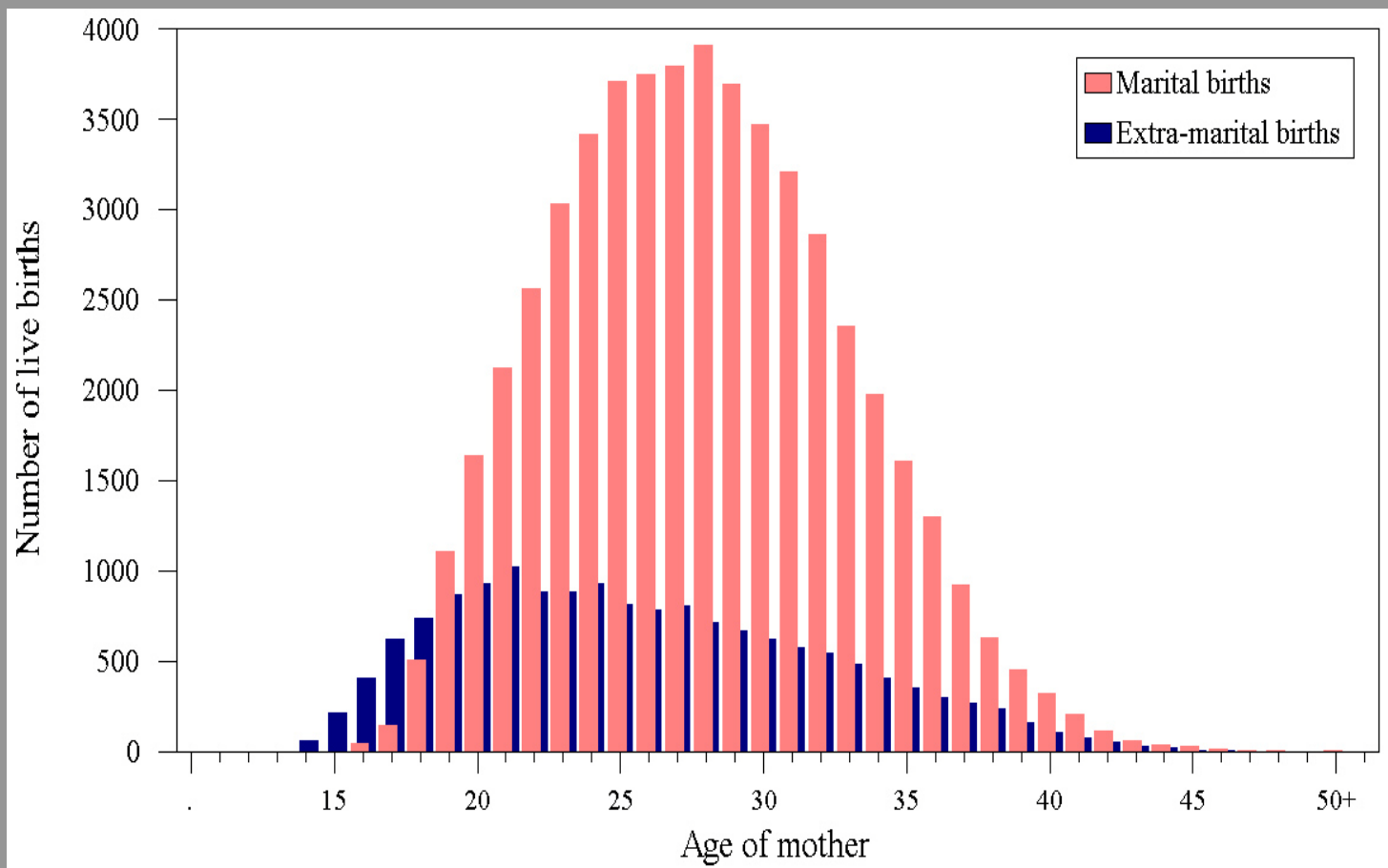
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## Central Serbia and Vojvodina

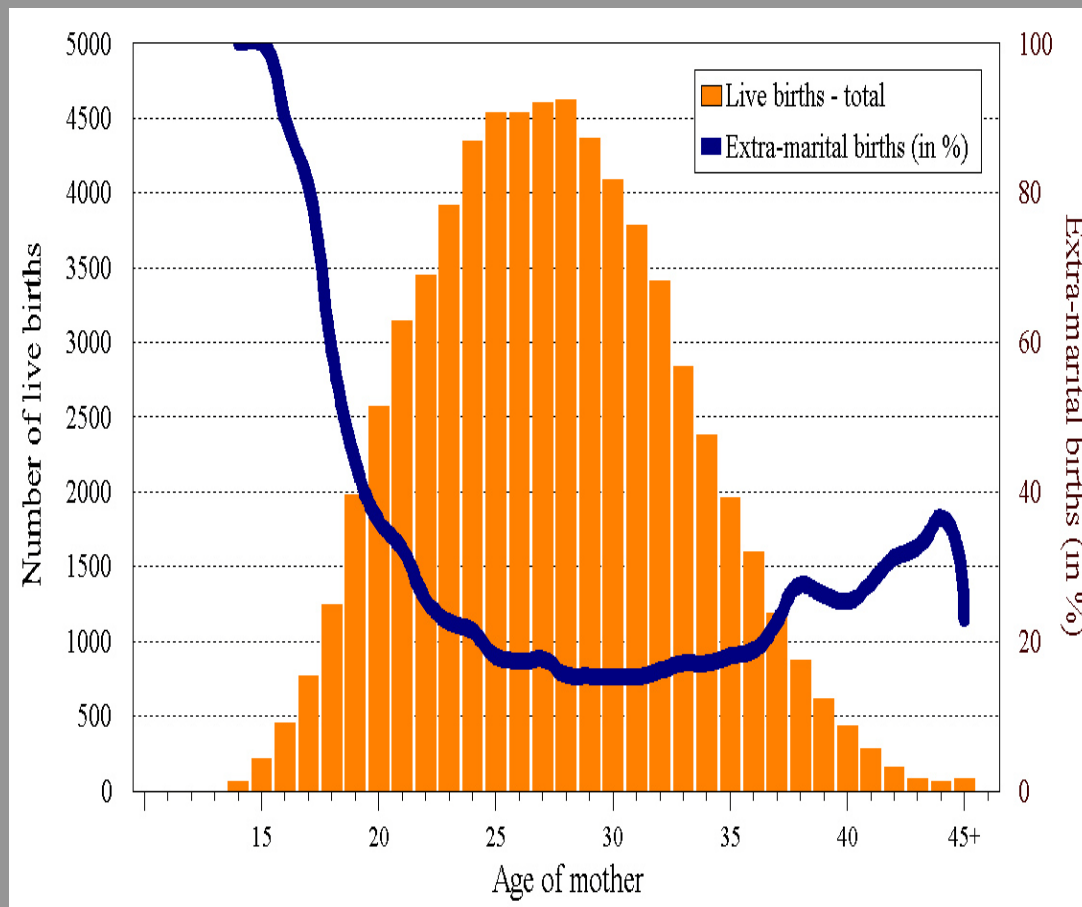
### 1970-2008



# Marital and extra-marital births by age of mother Serbia, 2008



# Total live birth and share of extra-marital births by age of mother. Serbia, 2008

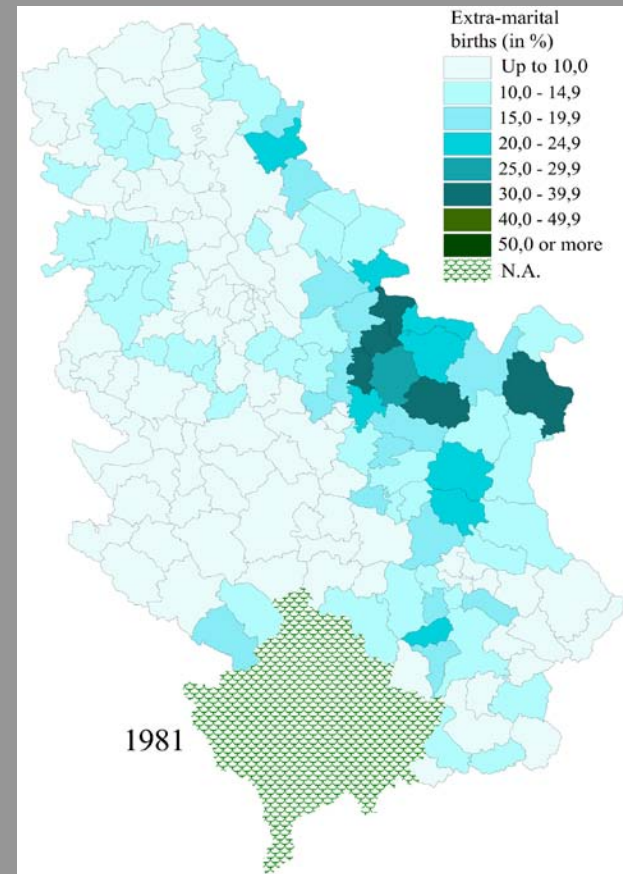
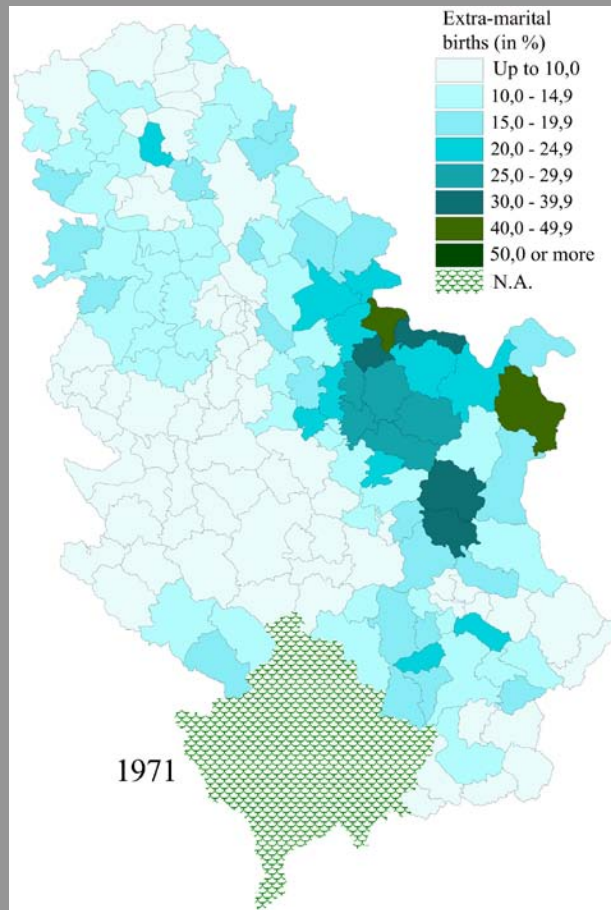




- **The highest and constantly growing share with women without education**
- **The lowest share with women with university education**
- **The most represented are unemployed and dependant women**
- **The highest and constantly increasing share with ethnic Roma women; over 4/5 of the total number of children born by Roma women in 2008**
- **Lower share in urban areas; in the largest urban agglomerations, including Belgrade, it is below the average for Serbia**

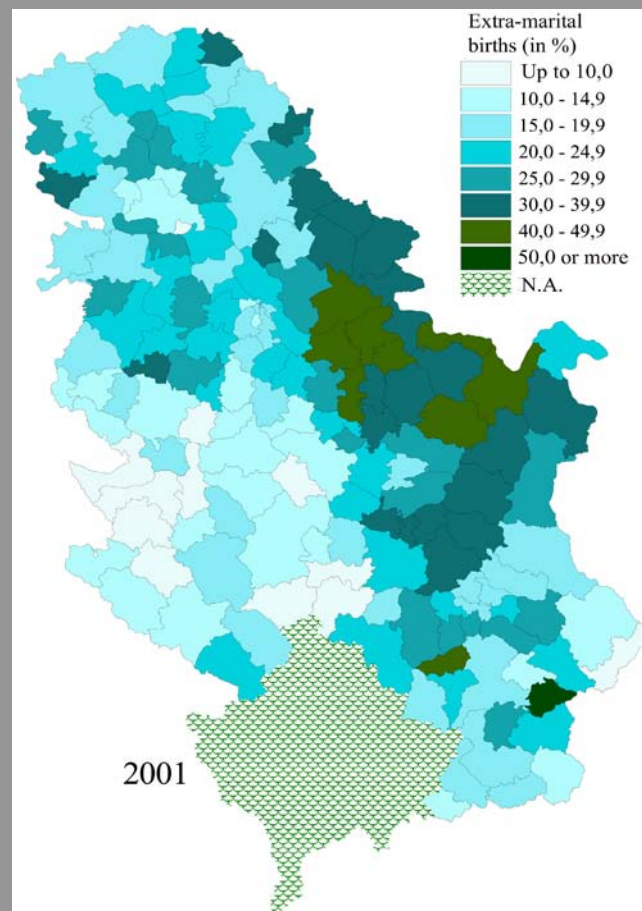
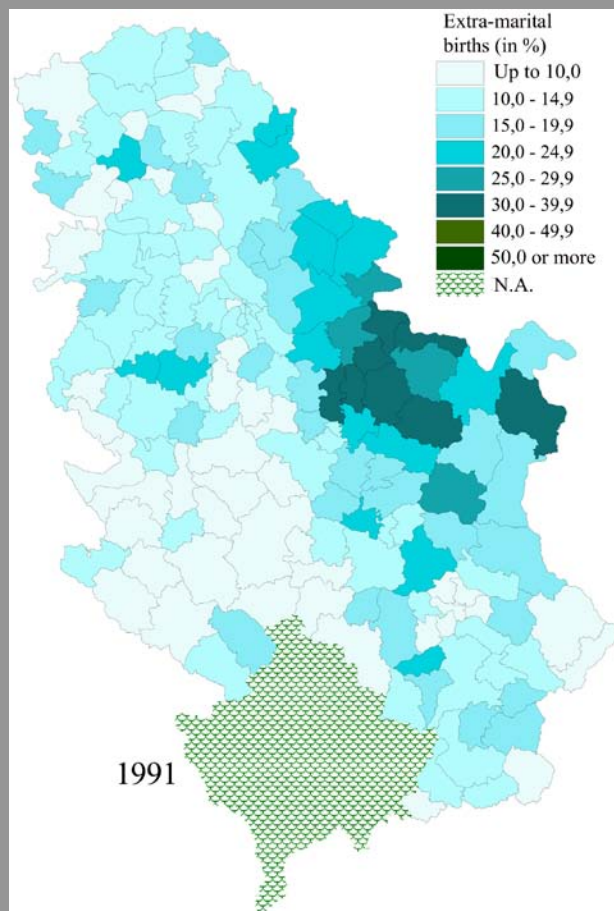
# Share of extra-marital births by municipality (%)

## Serbia, 1971, 1981



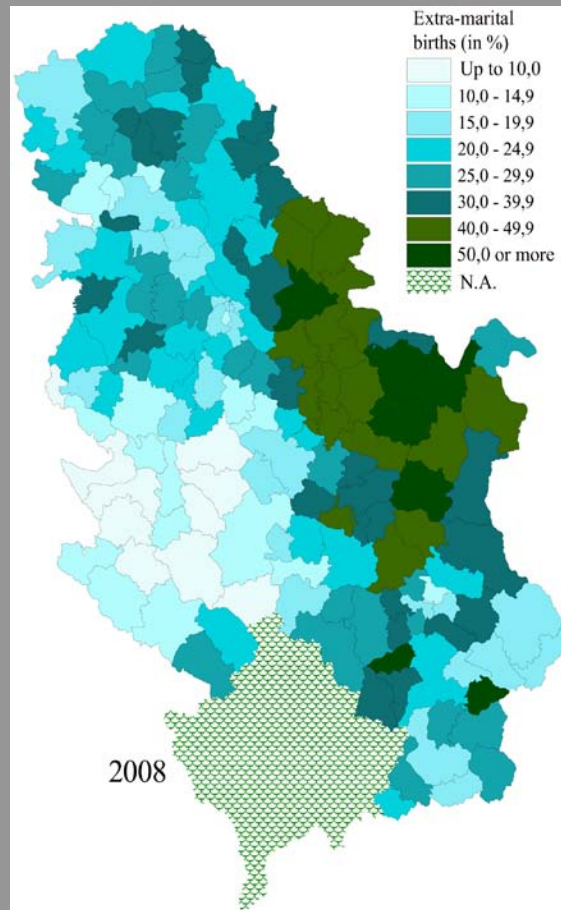
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## Serbia, 1991, 2001



# Share of extra-marital births by municipality (%)

## Serbia, 2008



# Conclusion

According to:

- the moderate increase in the share of extra-marital births
- the characteristics of mothers
- the low prevalence of cohabitation
- the fact that 3/5 children born outside of marriage are not recognized by their fathers

it is assumed that:

- *extra-marital fertility in Serbia is a phenomenon related to adopting new values and norms to a lesser extent, but primarily a continuation of already present tendencies in an environment with traditional moral norms*
- *future dynamics will be developed in a similar manner*