

# Maternal deaths in Mexico, 2010-2013:

disentangling the effect of individual  
and system level factors by a  
multivariate analysis of health  
information systems data

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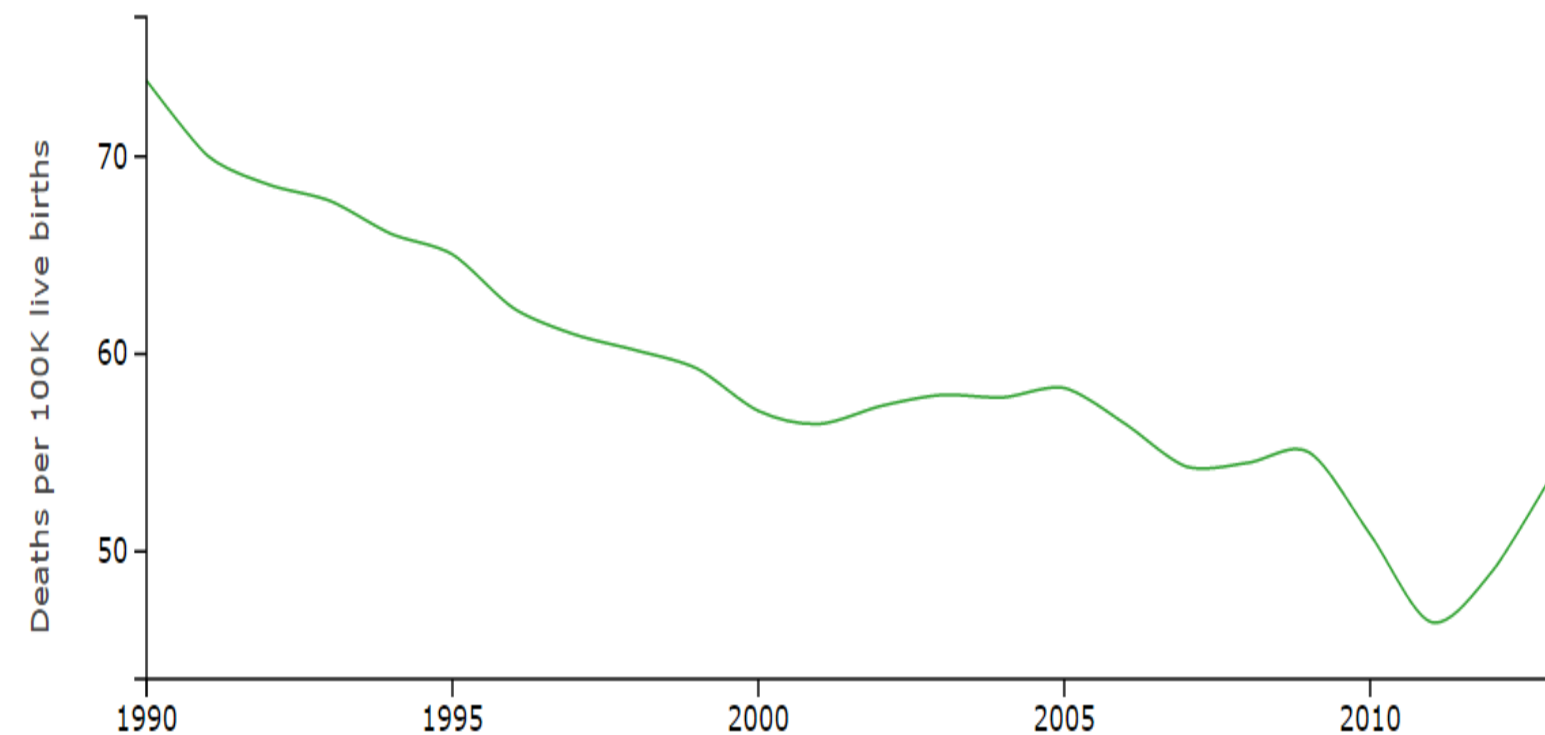


# The Mexican background



Maternal Mortality is still a problem in Mexico:

- 54 deaths per 100,000 live births (est. 2013); 108 in the world<sup>1</sup>
- The decrease in the MMR from the year 2000 did not meet the the Millenium Development Goal for the country



1. Kassebaum N.J., Bertozzi-Villa A., Coggeshall M.S., et al. Global, regional, and national levels and causes of maternal mortality during 1990–2013: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013. *The Lancet*. 2014: 1-25.



## Surprisingly... limited data on risk factors for maternal deaths

- ✓ There are studies but...
  - Often limited in spatio/temporal scope
- ✓ There is a rich source of spatio/temporal data on maternal deaths from health information systems but...
  - Due to methodological complexities, these sources are often only used for simple, univariate or bivariate analyses
  - **Challenge:** How to incorporate data on the denominator of the MMR?
  - Quality of data is poor, with important amount of missing/non-specified data

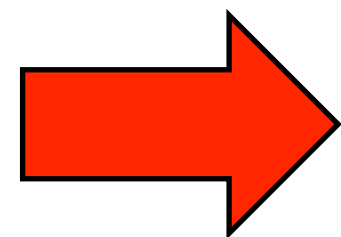
# ➤ Data sources & analytic strategy

Probabilistic imputation of missing and non-defined values, using MICE

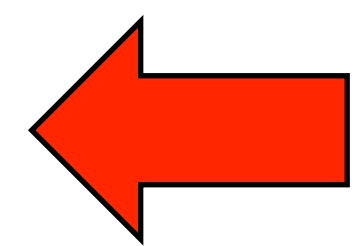
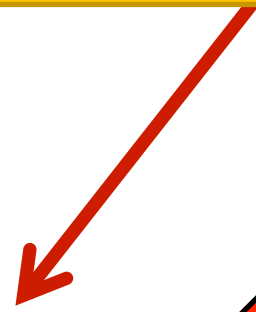
Intentional Search and Reclassification of Maternal Deaths (BIRMM)

Birth Information System (SINAC)

Merging by covariate patterns



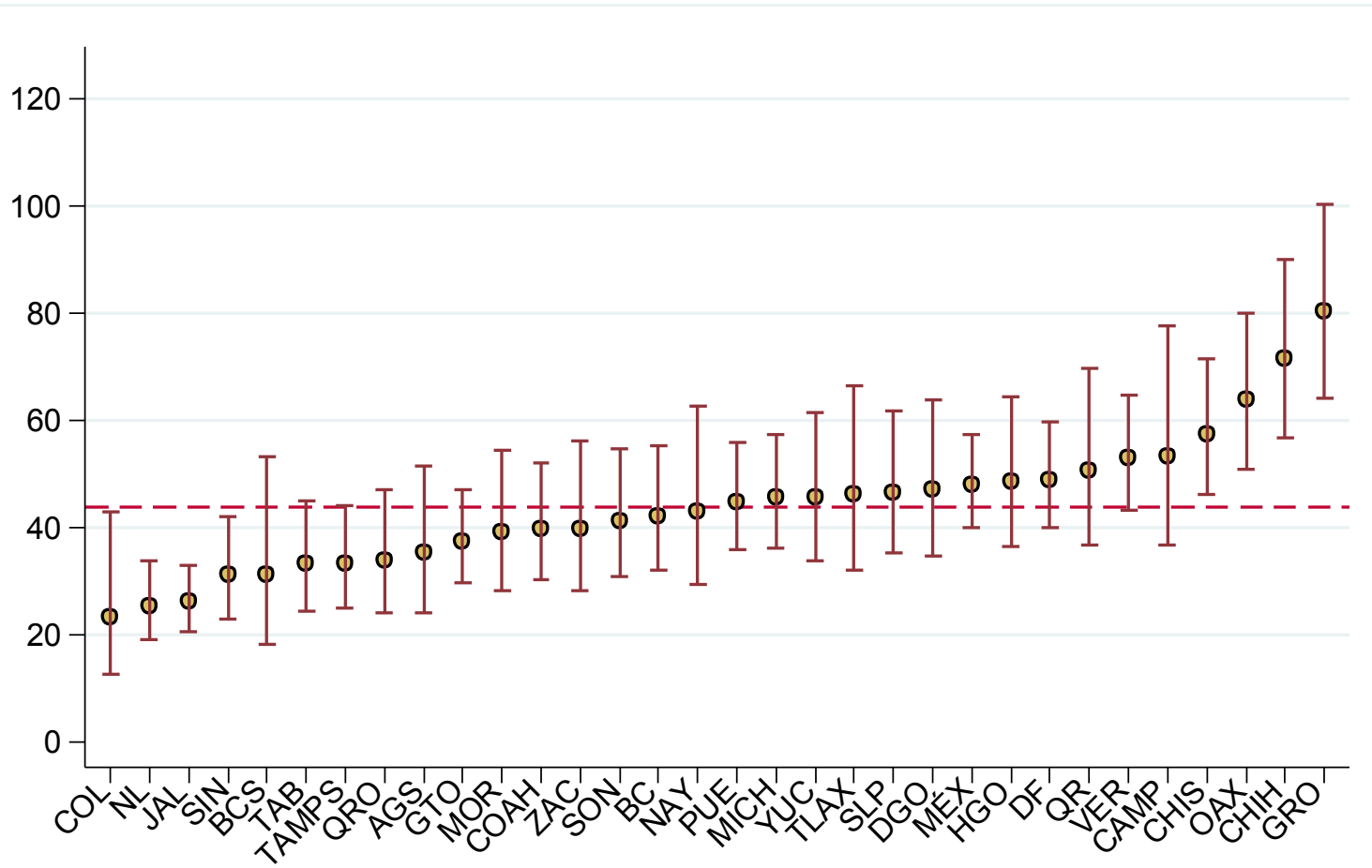
4217 deaths;  
~8,000,000 births



2010-2013

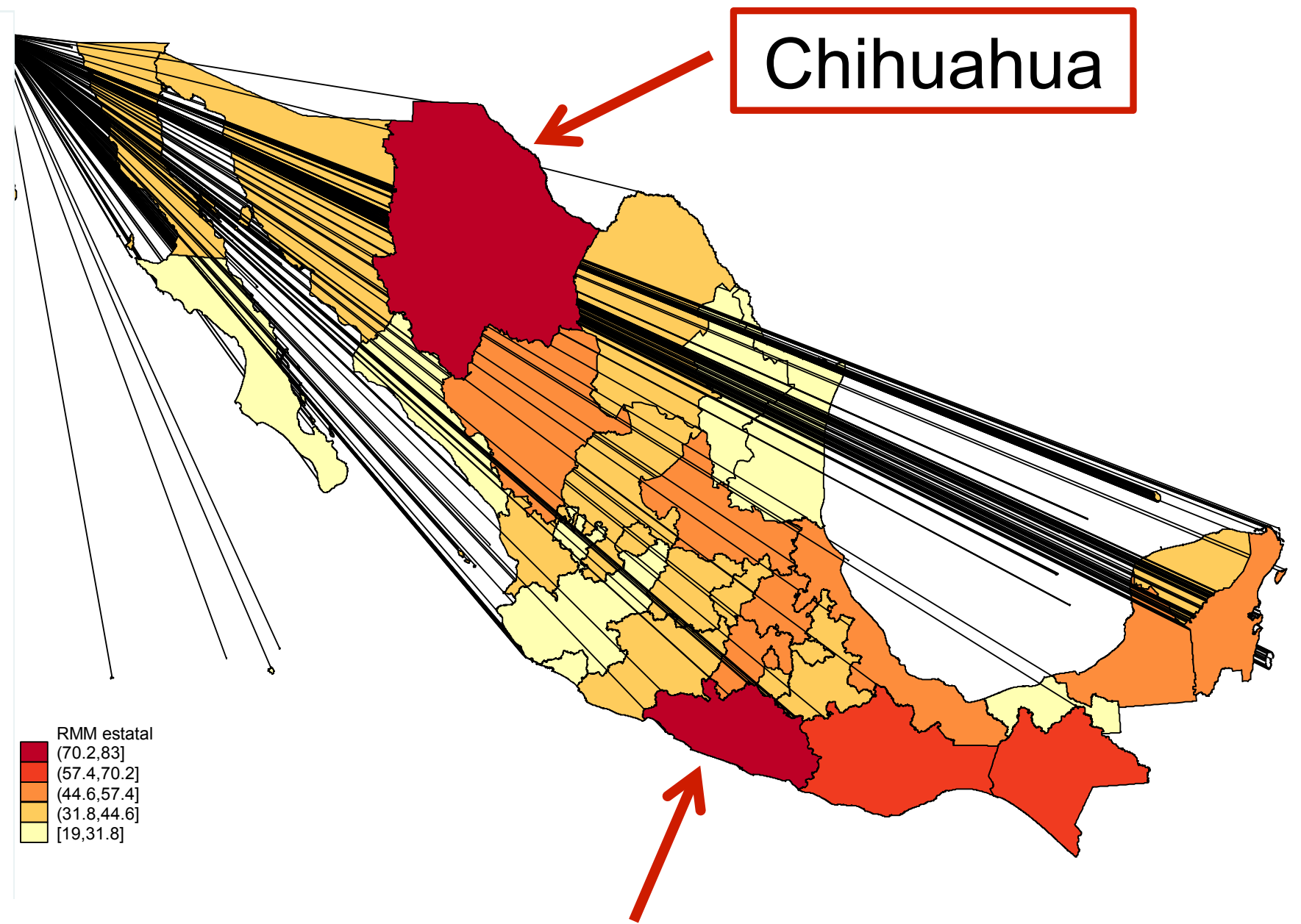
Analysis: Count Data models  
"Multidimensional contingency table"

# Adjusted geographical distribution of Maternal Deaths



● MMR    ———— Uncertainty Interval 95%

Models adjusted for maternal age, parity, education; day and hour of birth, geography & health provider

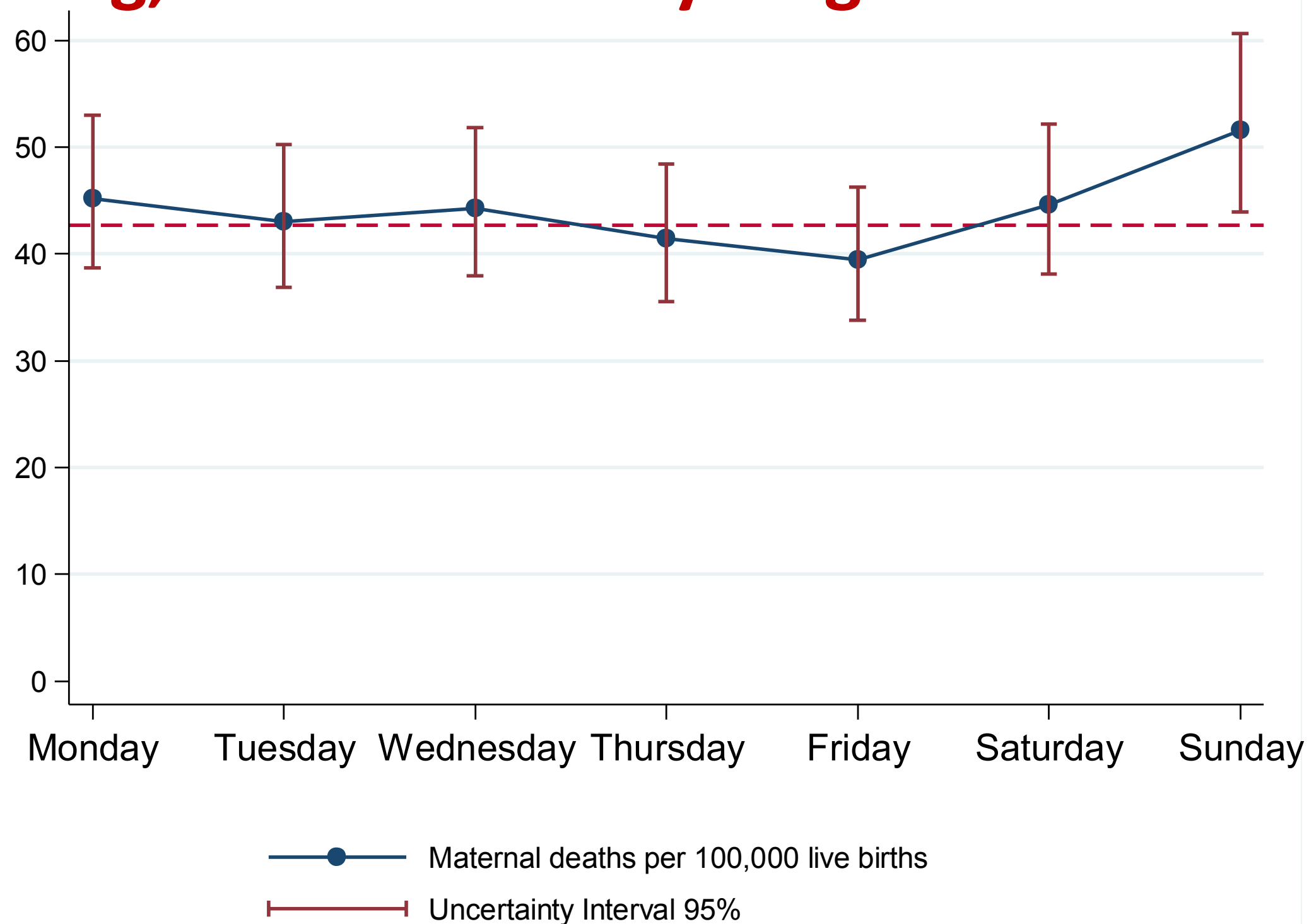


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Guerrero



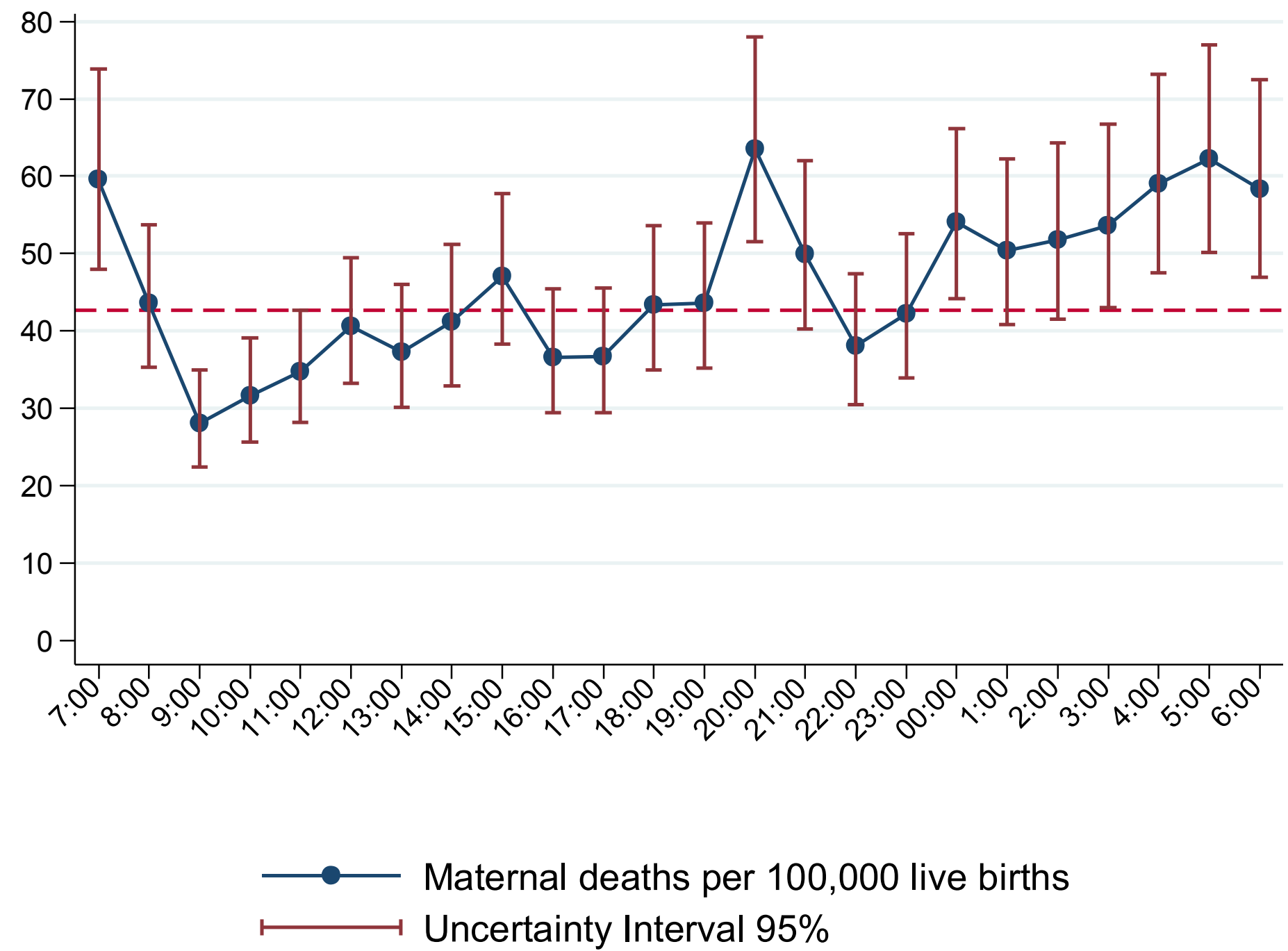
## ➤ After adjusting, MMR in Sundays is greater than average



Models adjusted for maternal age, parity, education; day and hour of birth, geography & health provider



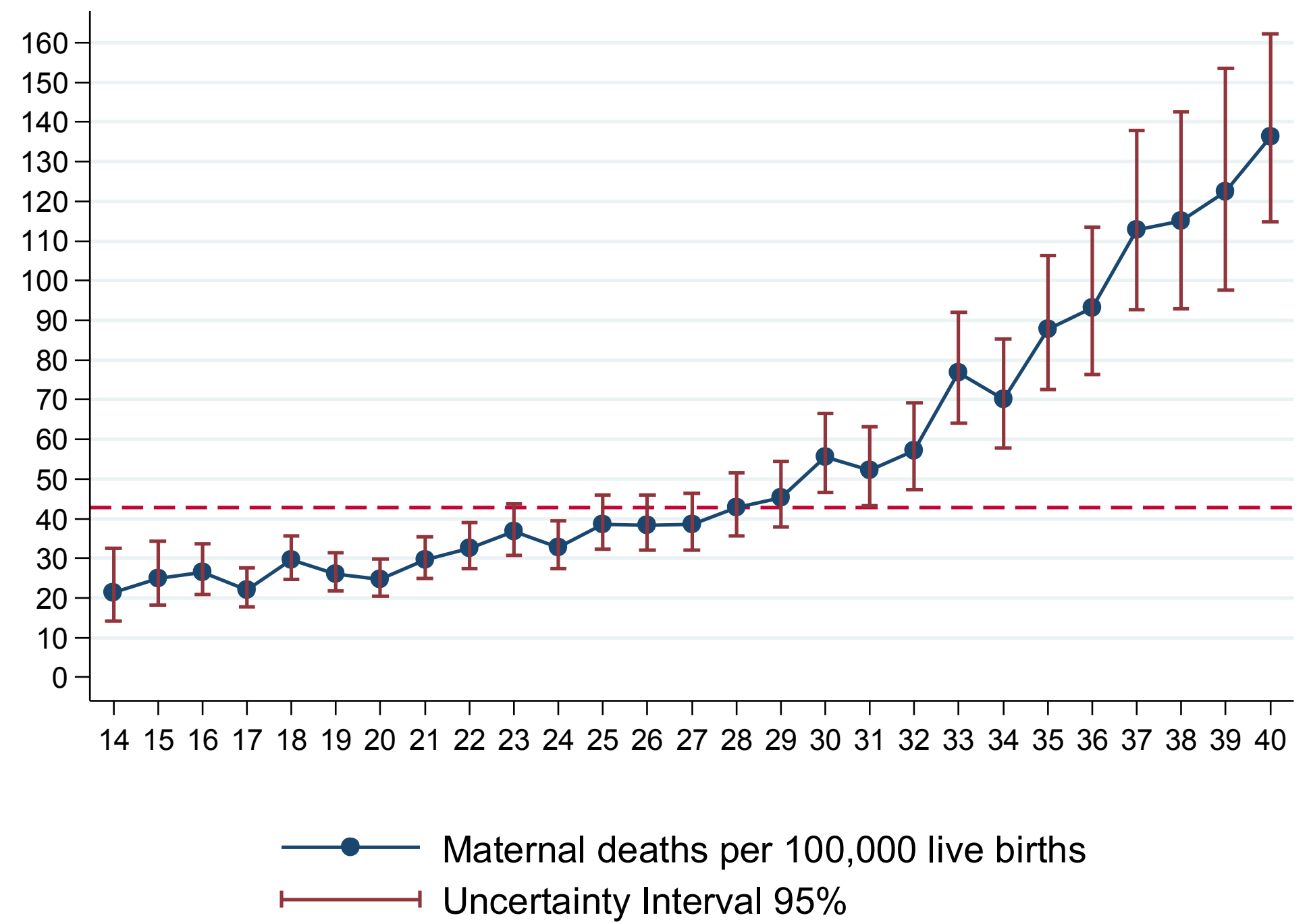
# A peak in risk is observed during the afternoon- night shift change, risk consistently higher after midnight...



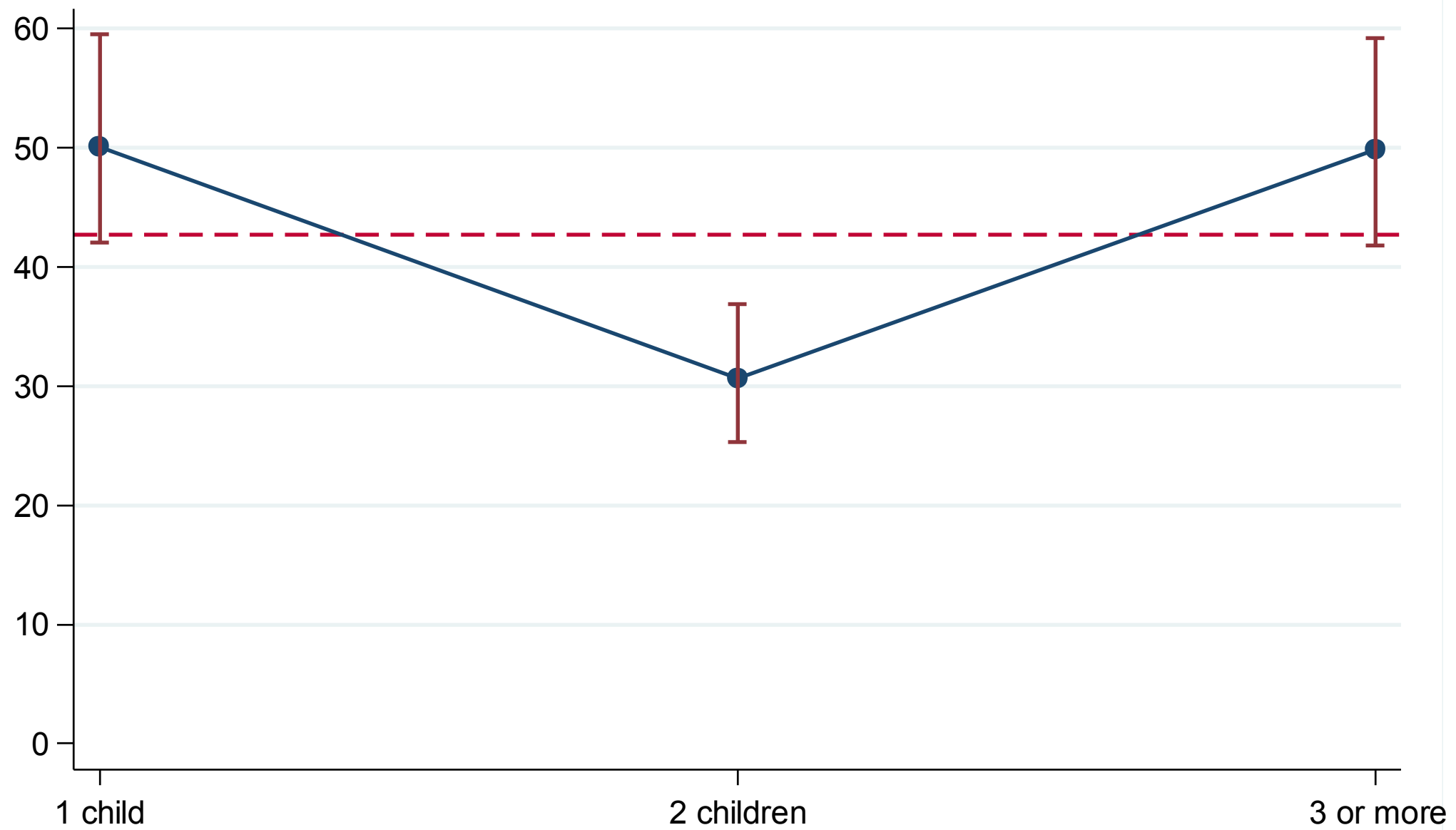
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# ➤ Risk increases with age, after proper adjustment youngest women show the lowest risk



# ➤ Increased risk in primiparous and multiparous women

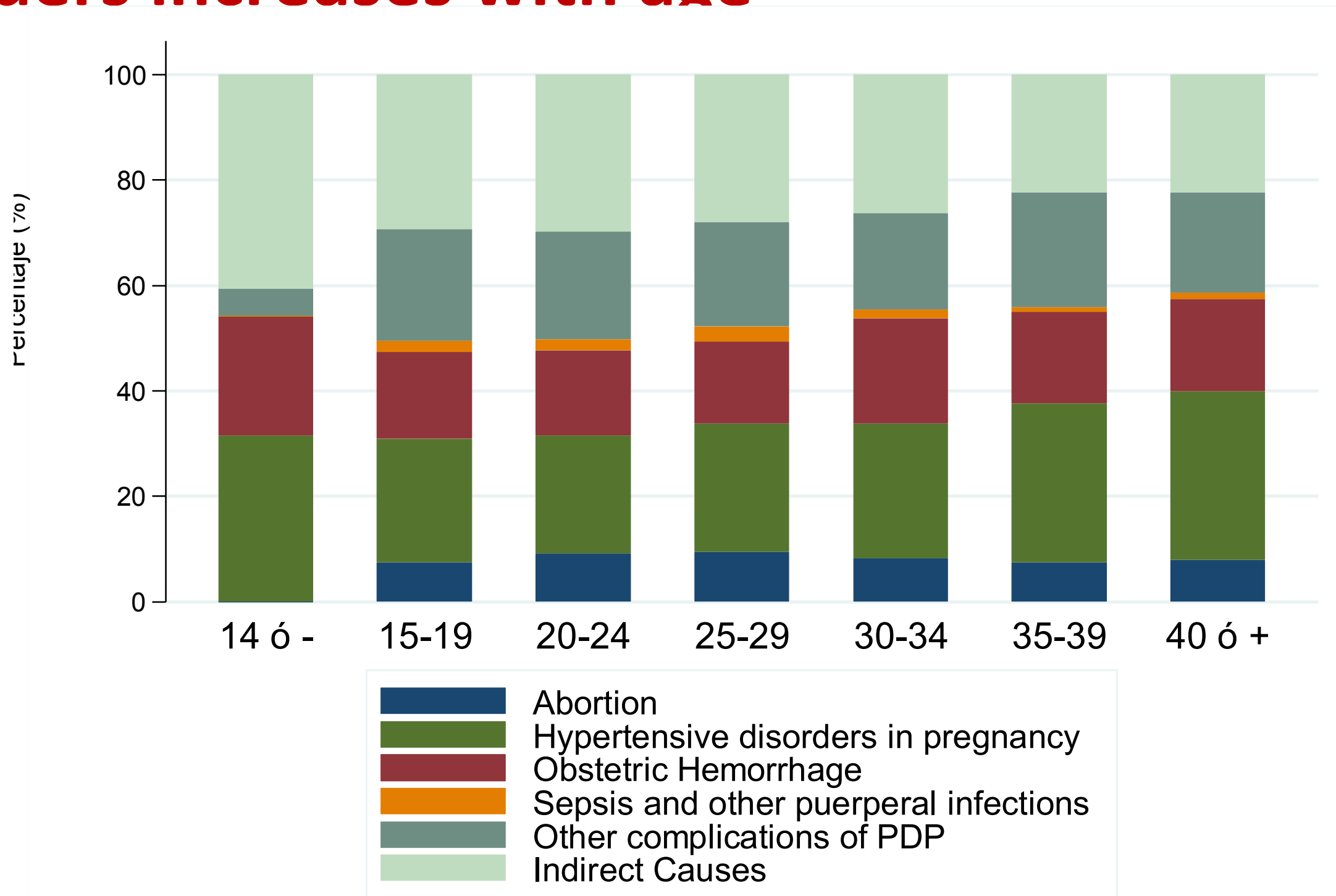


● Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births  
|—| Uncertainty Interval 95%

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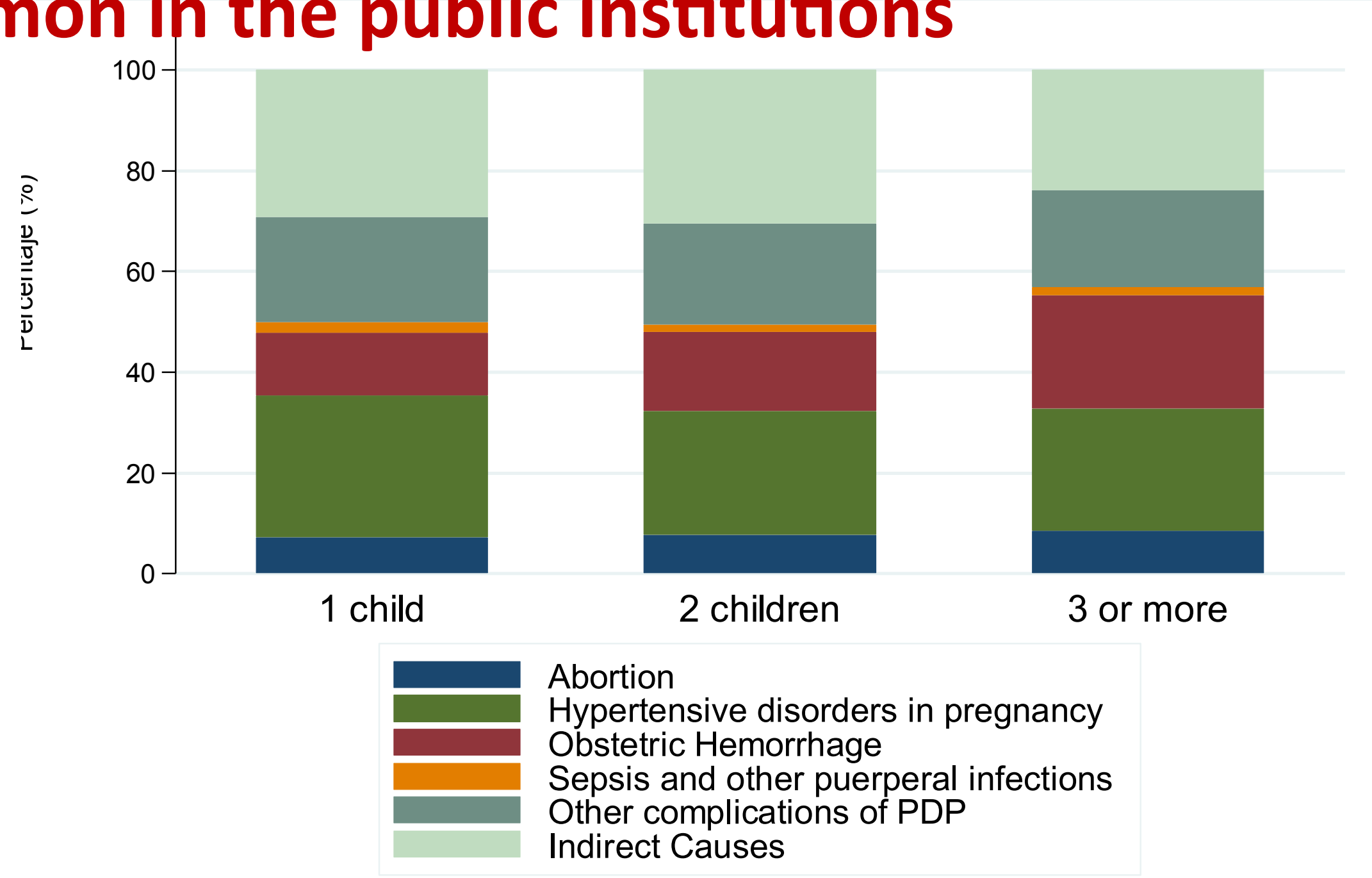
# Proportion of women dying from hypertensive disorders increases with age



Multinomial logit model derechohabiencia adjusted for age, schooling, parity and marital status of the mother; municipal-level index of marginalization, year, place, day, hour and birth attendant

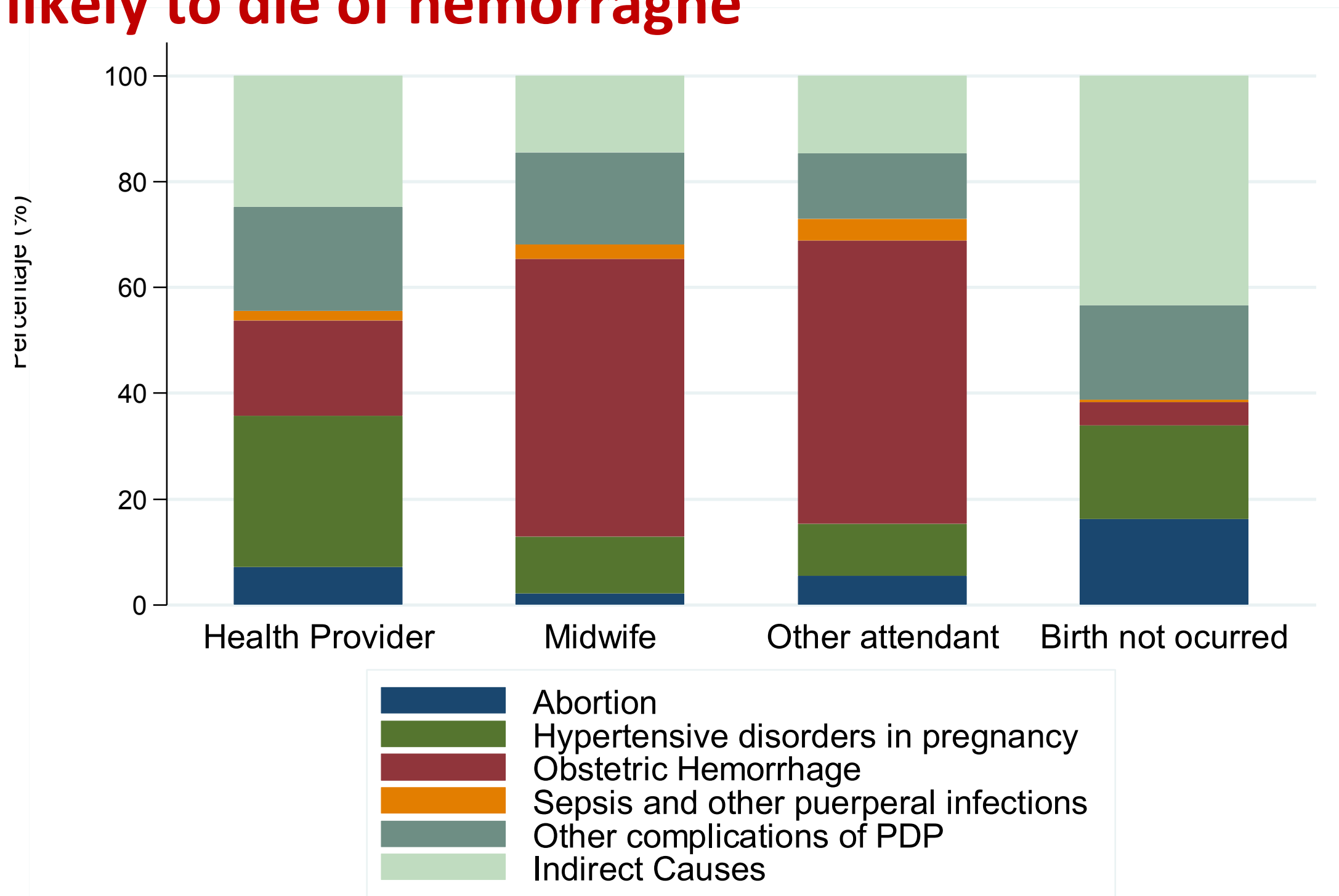


# Death by hemorrhage is more likely in private institutions, death by hypertensive disorders is more common in the public institutions





# Women who died after being attended by a midwife were more likely to die of hemorrhage



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## ➤ Conclusions

- ✓ This is the first time in Mexico that datasets from HIS are used to multivariately model Maternal Mortality Ratios.
- ✓ Differing death rates by day of the week and time of day reflects **institutional culture problems and a failure of the continuity of care**: neglecting of night and weekend shifts, possibly both in terms of availability and competence of personnel.
- ✓ The death cause profile differs by age, parity and **type of health provider** attending delivery, suggesting heterogeneous preventive strategies might prove more effective.
- ✓ After adjusting for factors related to teen pregnancy, **young mothers do not appear to be at a particularly high risk of death**, which contradicts the prevailing views on the matter.