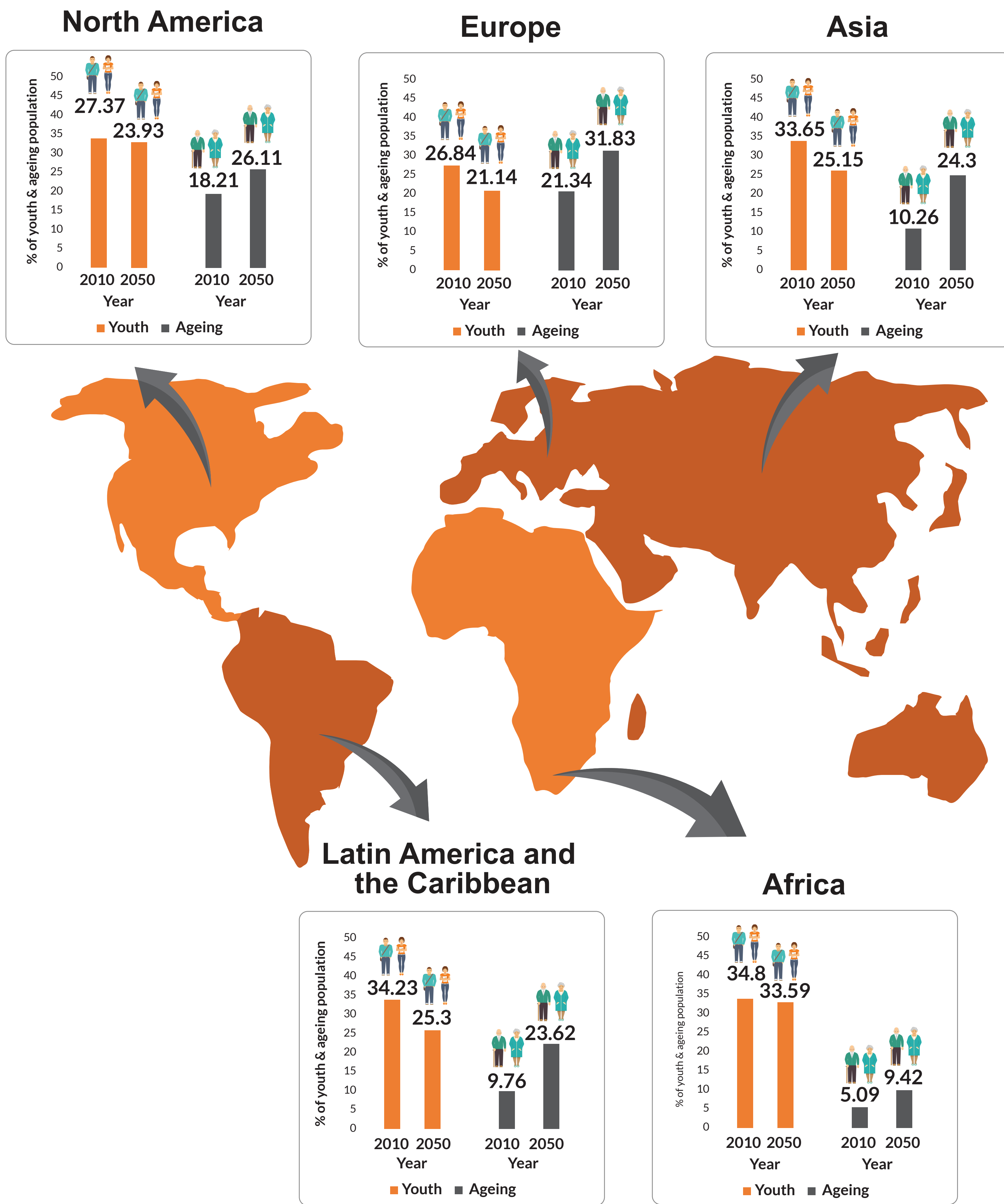


Demographic Shift of the World

(Comparison of Youth & Ageing Population, 2010 and 2050)



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Youth Population (15 - 34 years)

The percentage of Youth population has lowered over the years. In some regions, the fall is drastic, whereas in the others, it is in small scale. Asian and the Latin American countries are the ones where the reduction will be significant.

Youth population supports any country to grow in the following ways:

1. It helps to create a labour pool in the society, which eventually helps in nation building.
2. It helps to establish growing markets of manufactured products.

However, it causes a few disadvantages too.

1. People shift to the cities during their young age in search of jobs and for higher education which increases rural-urban migration. It transforms the areas into shanty towns.
2. At times, the migrated people do not get the job as desired due to lack of skill and education. It increases poverty and induces lower standard of living.

Ageing Population (60 - 89 years)

Ageing population will gradually increase in all the regions. Asia, Latin America and Europe will experience the maximum increase.

Advantages:

1. A large number of ageing population signifies a better life expectancy in the economy which is a result of availability of better medical facilities.
2. A large population of ageing people helps to add experiences of the workforce.
3. The market for geriatric care products grows with the growing demand of medicines and several health-related equipment from the old aged people.

Disadvantages:

1. It increases the dependency ratio of the older people to the younger population in the country.
2. It widens the imbalance between the government revenue and expenditure of the economy. The overall expenses (e.g. – Pensions, cost of Healthcare) on them increase over time, while the tax revenue from them gets lowered. Being the senior citizens, they get several facilities from government at discounted rate (Healthcare treatment, Air/train fare etc.). Simultaneously, as they get retired by 60 years, they stop adding to income generation of the economy.