

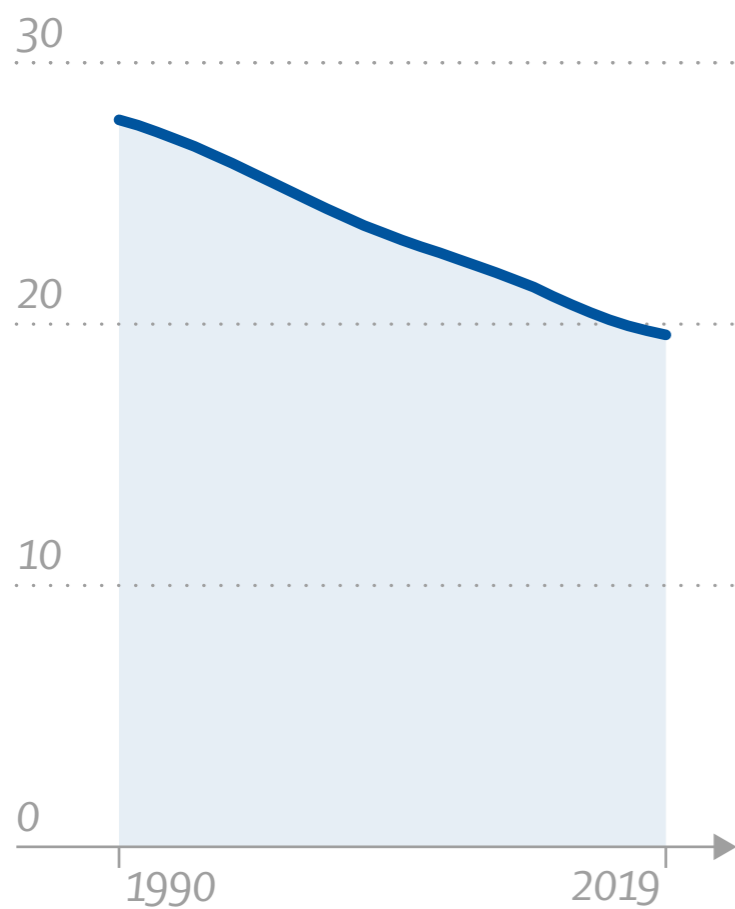
# Prevalence of smoking has fallen, but the number of people who smoke has risen since 1990

Since 1990, the prevalence of smoking has decreased steadily around the globe. However, as populations have grown, the total number of smokers around the world has increased.

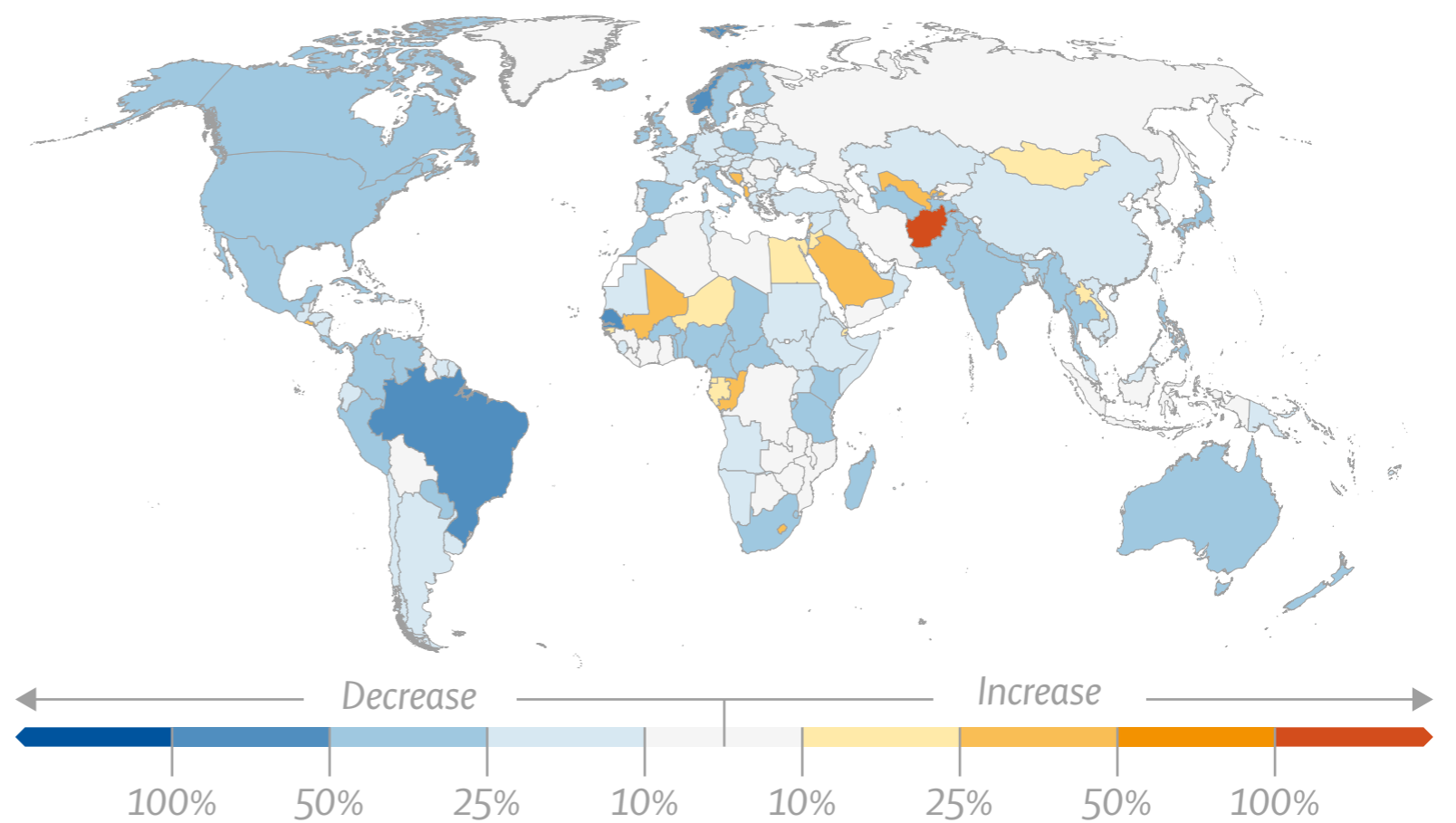
## Prevalence of smoking

Globally, the proportion of people who smoke regularly has decreased steadily since 1990

### Global prevalence (%)



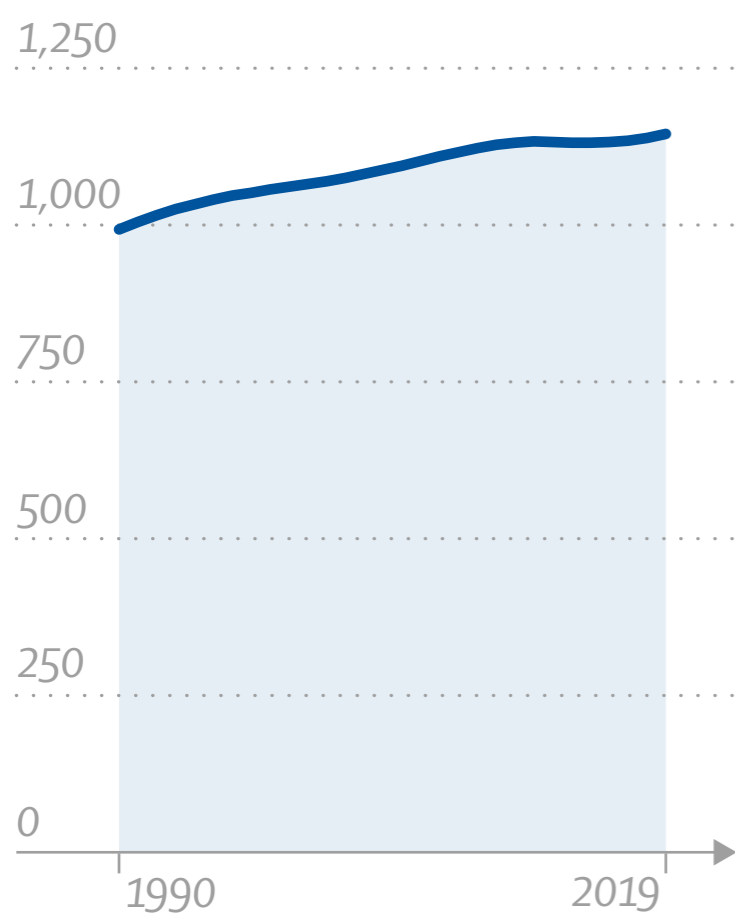
### Change in prevalence by country, 1990–2019



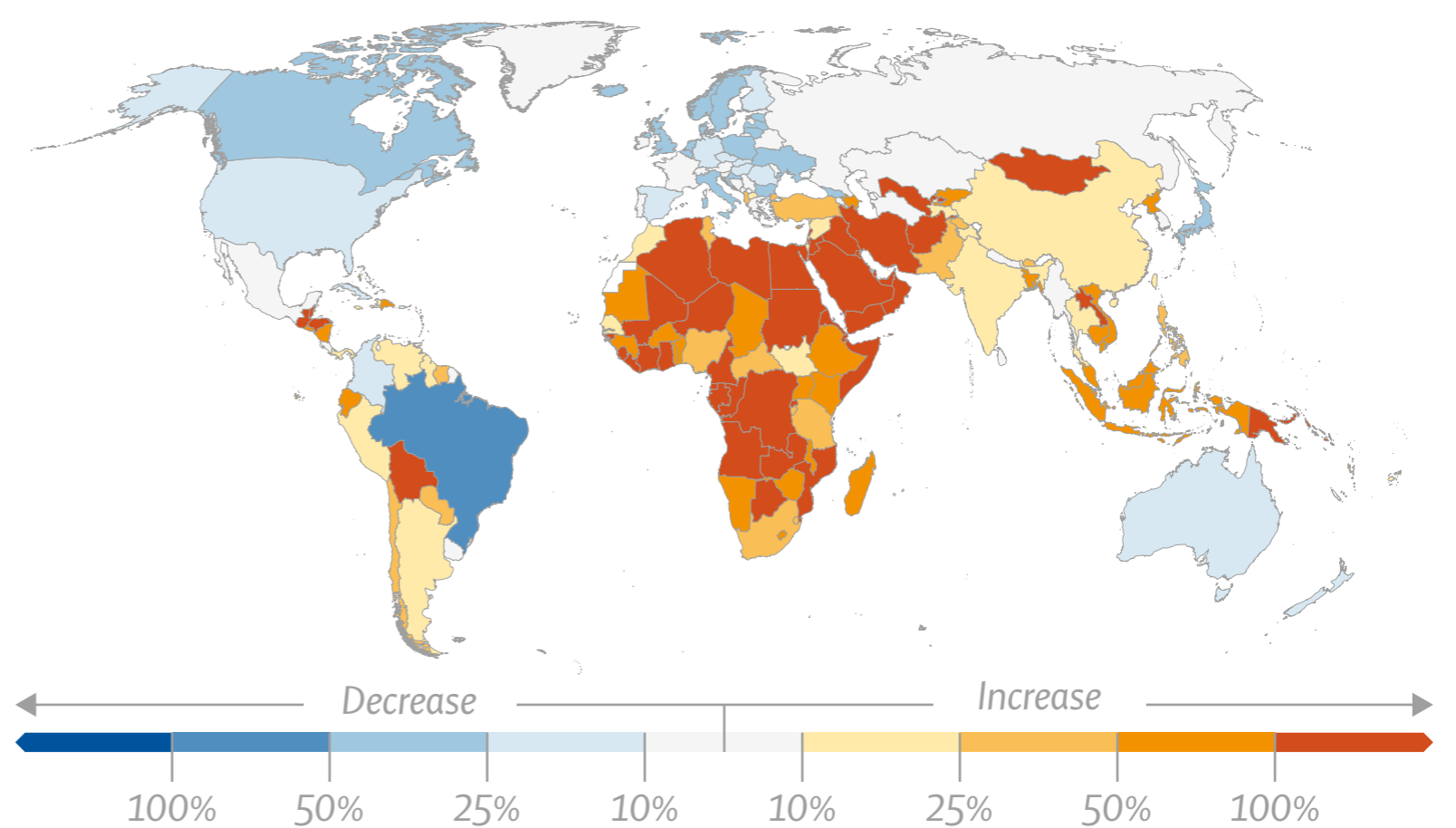
## Number of smokers

With population growth, the absolute number of smokers has risen in many parts of the world

### Global smokers (millions)



### Change in number of smokers by country, 1990–2019



In 2019, smoking accounted for

**7.7 million deaths**

Without intervention, deaths attributable to smoking will increase over the coming decades

Read the full paper: GBD 2019 Tobacco Collaborators. Spatial, temporal, and demographic patterns in prevalence of smoking tobacco use and attributable disease burden in 204 countries and territories, 1990–2019: a systematic analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019. *Lancet Public Health* 2021; published online May 27