

# Patterns of Mortality Improvement over Age and Time for 201 Countries or Areas

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## Abstract

Mortality improvement map is a useful tool for monitoring mortality dynamics over age and time. Mortality improvement maps have been estimated for 201 countries providing deeper yet concise insights into the global mortality dynamics.

## Introduction

Temporal mortality dynamics is usually analyzed by exploring trends in mortality indicators such as life expectancy at birth or age-specific death rates. Deeper yet succinct insights into mortality dynamics could be gained by exploring surfaces of mortality improvement over age and time. Mortality improvement surfaces could be thought as a part of exploratory data analysis aiming at concise presentation of trends in age-specific death rates. The tool is gaining more importance now as more and more data becomes available while time and

resources for the analysis remains limited. Mortality improvement surfaces are also helpful for data quality assessment as data problems could produce unusual trends in death rates at specific ages or in the specific time periods. Or, another way around, any unusual trends picked up by this visualization tool need to be further explored and explained excluding data quality problems as a possible culprit. Finally, mortality improvement surfaces are useful as a first building block for developing models aimed at explaining and forecasting trends in mortality.

## Estimation

Given force of mortality at age  $x$  and time  $t$

$$\mu(x, t)$$

rate of mortality improvement is defined as -log derivative in time direction

$$r(x, t) = -\frac{d}{dt} \ln \mu(x, t)$$

As mortality was largely declining over last decades, the positive rates of mortality improvement correspond to declining mortality trends.

Mortality estimates are commonly available for single ages and calendar years as a matrix of death rates

$$m_{xt}$$

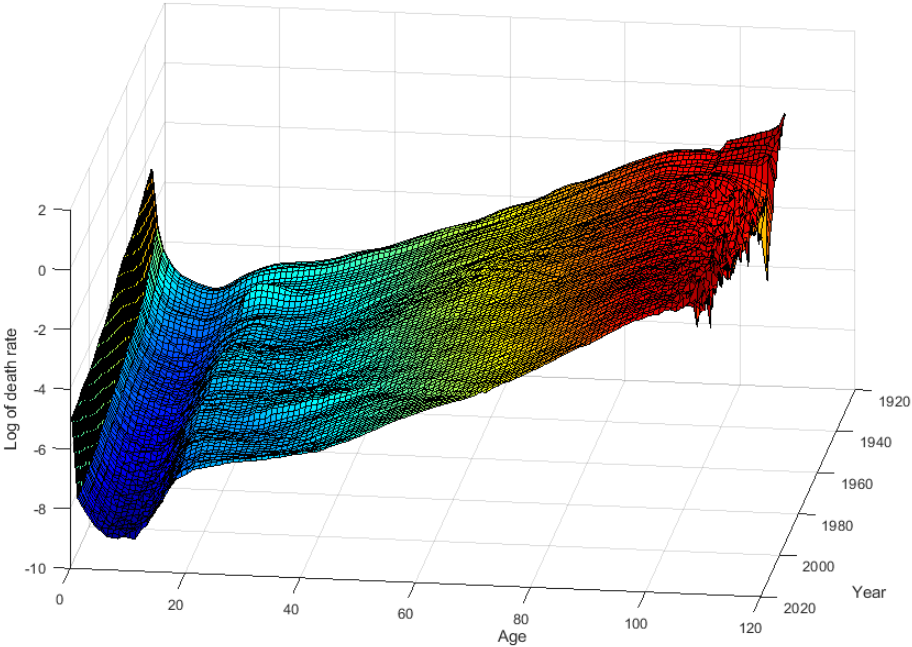
In this case, direct estimate of mortality improvement surface can be computed as a matrix of

$$r_{xt} = -\ln \frac{m_{x,t+1}}{m_{x,t}} \quad (1)$$

Figure 1 shows an example of three-dimensional surfaces of log death rates,  $m_{xt}$  and the corresponding direct estimate of mortality improvement surface,  $r_{xt}$  for United States, males, years 1933-2019. The same information could be also presented with Lexis maps as in many cases Lexis maps provide more informative display (Fig. 2). As it seen from both figures, the direct estimate  $r_{xt}$  is quite noisy with only a few features barely discernable.

Figure 1. Three-dimensional surfaces of log death rates and direct estimates of mortality improvement for United States, Males, years 1933-2018

a) Log death rates,  $m_{xt}$



b) Direct estimates of mortality improvement rates,  $r_{xt}$

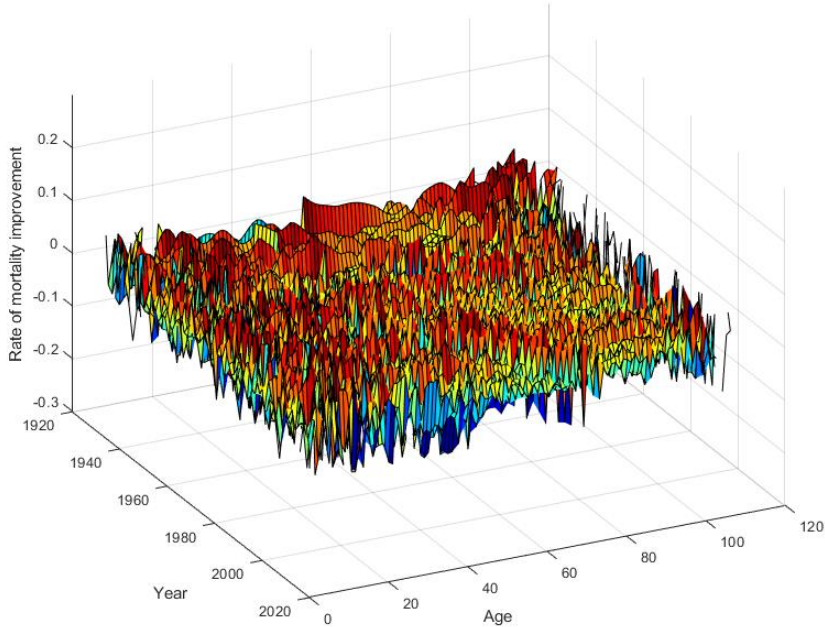
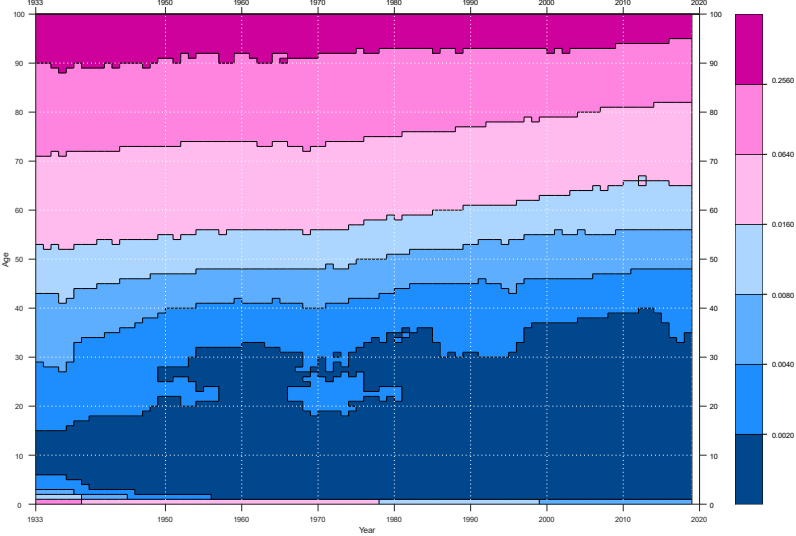
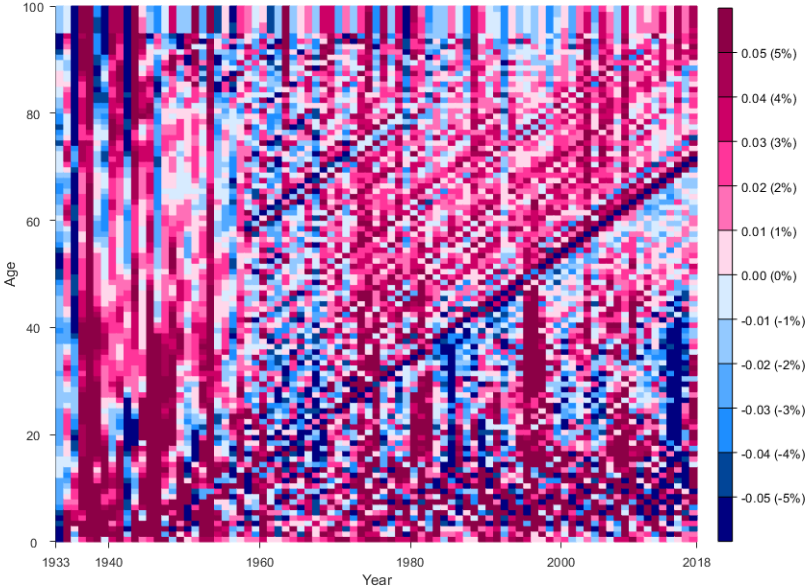


Figure 2. Lexis maps of death rates and direct estimates of mortality improvement for United States, Males, years 1933-2018

a) Death rates,  $m_{xt}$



b) Direct estimates of mortality improvement rates,  $r_{xt}$



With lack of theoretical background for dynamics of mortality over time, smoothing is a preferable way of obtaining further insights into the trends of death rates over age and time. By “smoothing” it is commonly understood a wide battery of methods that do not assume any “rigid” parametric form (Hastie and Tibshirani, 1990). We need to note that boundaries between parametric and nonparametric methods, and “rigid” and “not rigid” models, are somewhat blurred. Splines, for example, are commonly cited to be nonparametric methods due to flexible shapes they could take. Each spline, however, can be represented as a combination of b-splines, and coefficients of b-splines could be estimated as ordinary parameters making a spline a parametric function.

Mortality improvement surface,  $r_{xt}$ , could be estimated either by smoothing death rates,  $m_{xt}$ , first, and then by applying Eq. (1) to compute  $r_{xt}$  directly from  $m_{xt}$ , or, first, by computing direct estimate of  $r_{xt}$  from the unsmoothed matrix of  $m_{xt}$ , and then by applying a smoothing procedure to  $r_{xt}$ . In the simplest case, a smoothing procedure could be applied to trend of death rates at each age, that is treating death rates at each age as independent time series. Any procedure developed for smoothing univariate time series or scatter plots could be used for this purpose. Common choice includes moving average (possibly with several iterative applications of the same procedure), kernel smoothing (a moving average with custom weights), LOESS smoother (Cleveland, 1979), smoothing splines (Hastie and Tibshirani, 1990; McNeil et al., 1993; Dierckx, 1993; De Boor, 2001), or p-splines (Eilers and Marx, 1996; Camarda, 2012), among others. As Poisson regression is frequently used to analyze series of death rates, provided that both series of deaths and corresponding population exposures are readily available, it could be also applied locally in a way similar to LOESS smoother thus accounting for variability in death rates based in different number of deaths in the numerator of the rate. Poisson regression approach, for example, was used by Andreev (1999) for estimating surface of mortality improvement (progress) for Denmark—the first mortality improvement surface ever estimated in demographic research<sup>1</sup>.

Univariate smoothing methods could be further extended to handle two-dimensional data. In this case we assume that data at neighboring ages provide useful information for estimating rates of mortality improvement along with the data at neighboring years. Existing techniques include bivariate kernel smoothers with various kernels (Hastie and Tibshirani, 1990), tensor

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<sup>1</sup> To the best knowledge of the author

product splines (De Boor, 2001), or extensions of p-spline into two dimensions (Eilers and Marx, 1996; Camarda, 2012). LOESS and Poisson local regression techniques could be also easily adapted for two dimensions as well.

Several smoothing techniques have been tested on the data for the United States by Andreev (2018). A few useful conclusions from this exercise as follows. First, the results appeared to be similar among the smoothing techniques provided that their degrees of smoothing were similar (the degree of smoothing was measured as reduction in variance of the directly computed matrix of  $r_{xt}$ ). Second, the selected degree of smoothing appeared to be more important than the smoothing method itself. Finally, exploratory analysis of mortality dynamics appeared to be highly benefited by computing estimates at different degrees of smoothing and exploring them in an animation-like fashion to minimize bias due to under- or over-smoothing.

Accordingly, the maps of mortality improvement presented here were computed by iterative kernel smoother with Gaussian 3x3 kernel. For each country the smoother was run for 100 iterations to produce 100 estimates of the  $r_{xt}$  surface. These estimates were further combined into animation files, and further examined. The maps presented in this document are based on the selected number of iterations depending how many blobs an estimate produced given the selected scale and on reduction of variance in the directly computed  $r_{xt}$  matrix. All additional material is available from the author. The maps are being currently uploaded at [MortalityTrends.org](http://MortalityTrends.org) and in future will be included as a standard output.

## **Example of mortality improvement map for United States, Males**

In this section, main features of mortality improvement map for United States, Males are discussed (Fig. 3). This detail example is provided to facilitate interpretation of mortality improvement maps for other countries as well. The data on death rates,  $m_{xt}$ , for the United States<sup>2</sup> are available for the period from 1933 to 2018, and mortality improvement rates,  $r_{xt}$  could be estimated for the period from 1933 to 2017<sup>3</sup>. Figure 3 shows final estimate of mortality

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<sup>2</sup> The data are available at <http://www.mortalitytrends.org>.

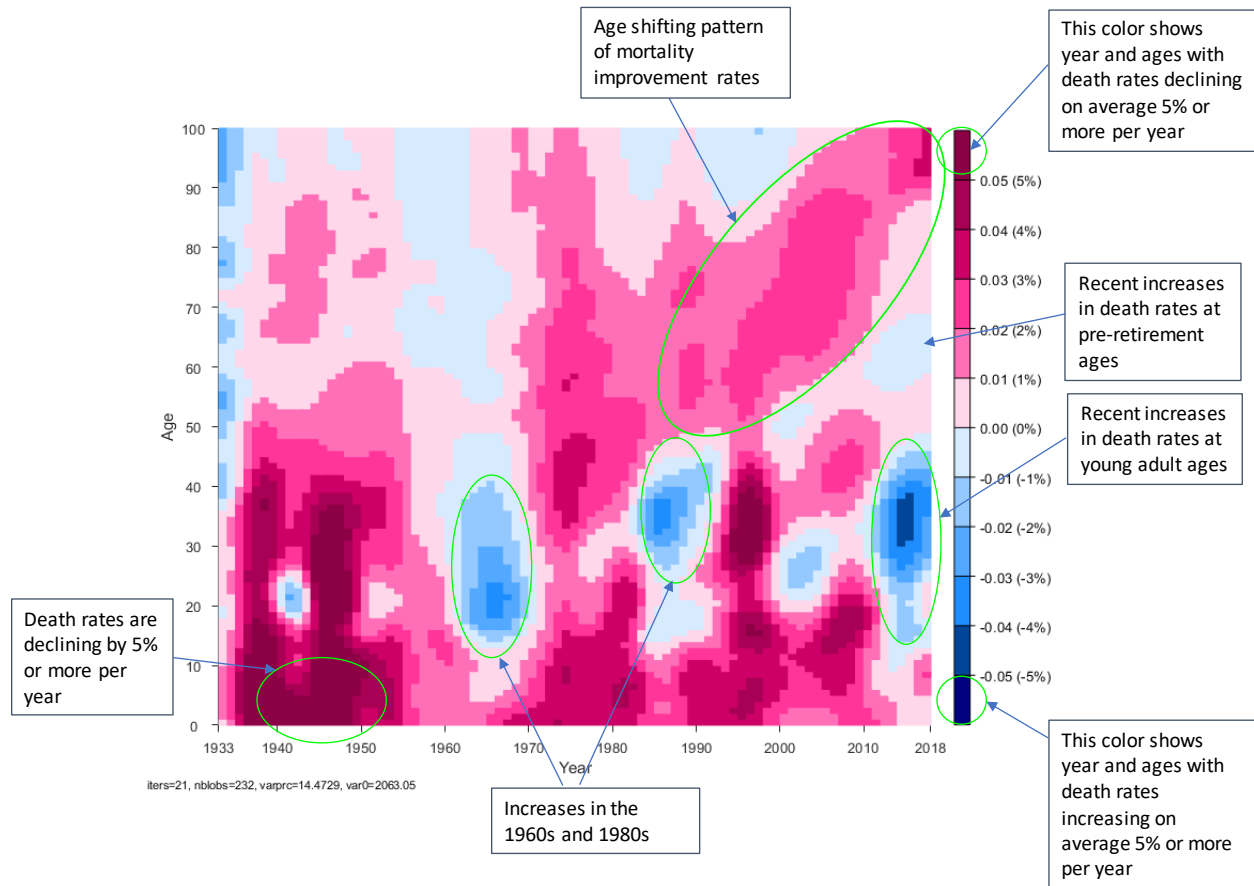
<sup>3</sup> One needs two death rates at two adjacent years to estimate a single rate of mortality improvement so the time span is reduced by a single year

improvement matrix. Each small rectangle on this map refers to the single  $r_{xt}$  for the given year and age. The scale on the right partitions all  $r_{xt}$  into groups assigning colors depending on their value. For example, all values of  $r_{xt}$  that are less than -5% are painted in deep blue color. The areas painted in deep blue, for this reason, are depicting years and ages where death rates were *increasing* at 5% or more annually. On the other hand, all rectangles painted in magenta color show areas where death rates were declining, with the fastest declines, more than 5% annually, painted in deep magenta color. The final estimate of  $r_{xt}$  shown in figure is based on 21 iterations of bivariate kernel smoother with Gaussian 3x3 kernel applied to an initial matrix of direct estimates of  $r_{xt}$  computed with Eq. (1). The final estimate of  $r_{xt}$  has 232 blobs and its variance is only 14% of the variance of the direct estimate.

For males of the United States there is a single area of deep blue color showing where death rates were rapidly increasing: in the years around 2015 and at ages 30-40. This unfavorable development in the U.S. mortality is referred in the literature as “deaths of despair” (Case and Deaton, 2020). Similar, but less dramatic increases in mortality are noticeable at young adult ages in the 1960s, 1980s, and the 2000s. Death rates at pre- and early-retirement ages, ages 60-70, in recent years, were also slightly increasing as shown by the lightest blue hue used for the scale range from -1% to 0.

The fastest declines in death rates took place at child and young adult ages from the mid-1930s to the mid-1950s, as depicted by the deep magenta area for  $r_{xt}$  at the level 5% or larger. Moreover, rapid rates of mortality improvements at child ages, age 15 or less, occurred throughout the entire period shown in Fig. 3. Other two features of this map are rapid decline in young adult mortality, age group 20-40, in the late 1990s, and accelerated decline in mortality at older ages 50 and older, the decline that started in the mid-1970s. Before the 1970s, death rates at older ages were virtually stagnant.

Figure 3. Mortality improvement map for United States, Males



## Example of predominantly period pattern of mortality improvement, Russia, Males

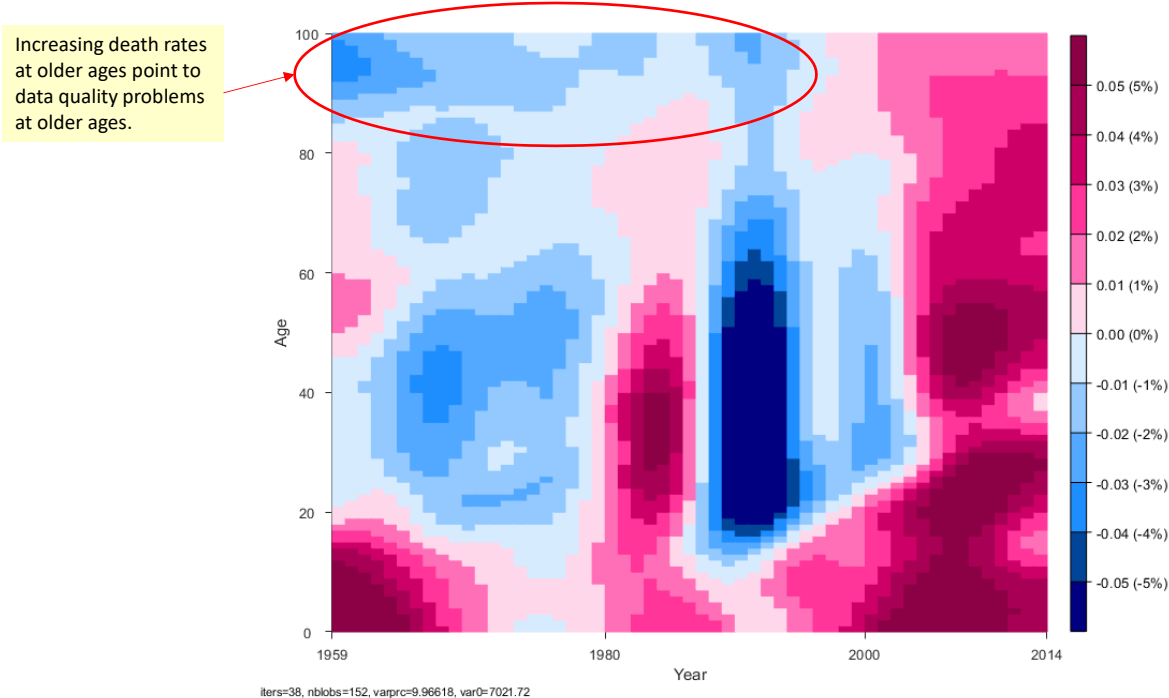
Figure 4 provides an example of a predominantly period pattern of mortality improvement as based on estimates for Russia, Males. Until the early 1980s, substantial progress has been done in infant and child mortality while mortality at adult ages and older ages was increasing. In the 1980s, death rates at adult ages started to decline rapidly, and the progress made in child ages continued. The progress against mortality in the 1980s was fueled mainly by Gorbachev's anti-alcohol campaign instituted in 1985. With the abolishment of Gorbachev's policies by Yeltsin's government following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, with rapid transition to market



economy and with carrying out privatization of the state equity virtually in a year or two, Russian adult death rates surged again eliminating virtually all progress made against mortality over last decades. At child ages, the progress largely stagnated. It is not until the mid-2000s, a decade later, that mortality started to decline again.

Mortality improvement in this country is driven mostly by period effects with no clear evidence of any cohort effects. Increases at older ages, 80 years or older, until the year 2000, are manifestation of improvements in data quality rather indication of deteriorating health conditions. As age misreporting biases death rates at older ages downwards, improvements in data quality over time will gradually increase directly computed death rates to their true values. Visually it appears as increasing trends in death rates even if true values are not changing over time, simply by virtue of eliminating of erroneous records. It is not until the year 2000 or so that directly computed death rates could be regarded as reliable and be used without adjustments, at least up to age 90 or so (Andreev *et al.*, 2017).

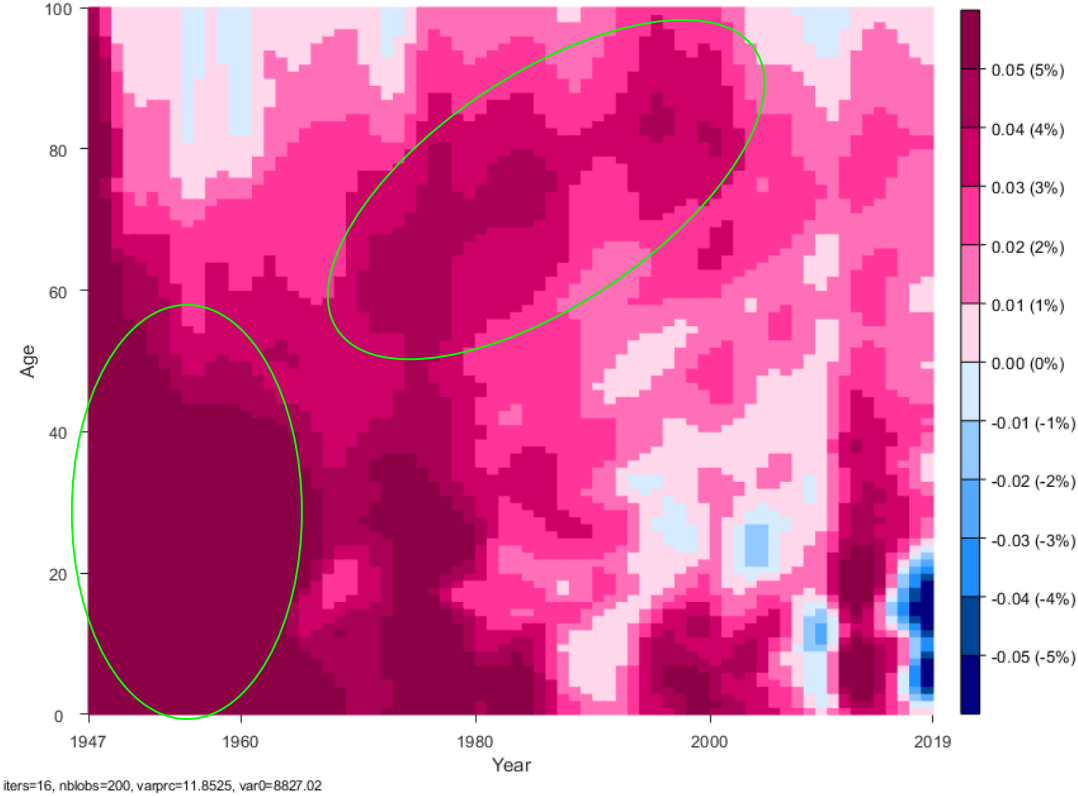
Figure 4. Mortality improvement map for Russia, Males



# Example of age-shifting pattern of mortality improvement, Japan, Females

In many high-longevity countries, structural shifts in mortality improvement patterns took place in the 1970s—if before this period most of the progress in reducing mortality took place in childhood and young adult ages, then after this period rapid mortality progress shifted to the older ages. Mortality dynamics in Japanese female population is one of the noticeable examples of such structural shift (Fig. 5). The two green ellipses in Fig. 5 highlight age shift in mortality improvements rates.

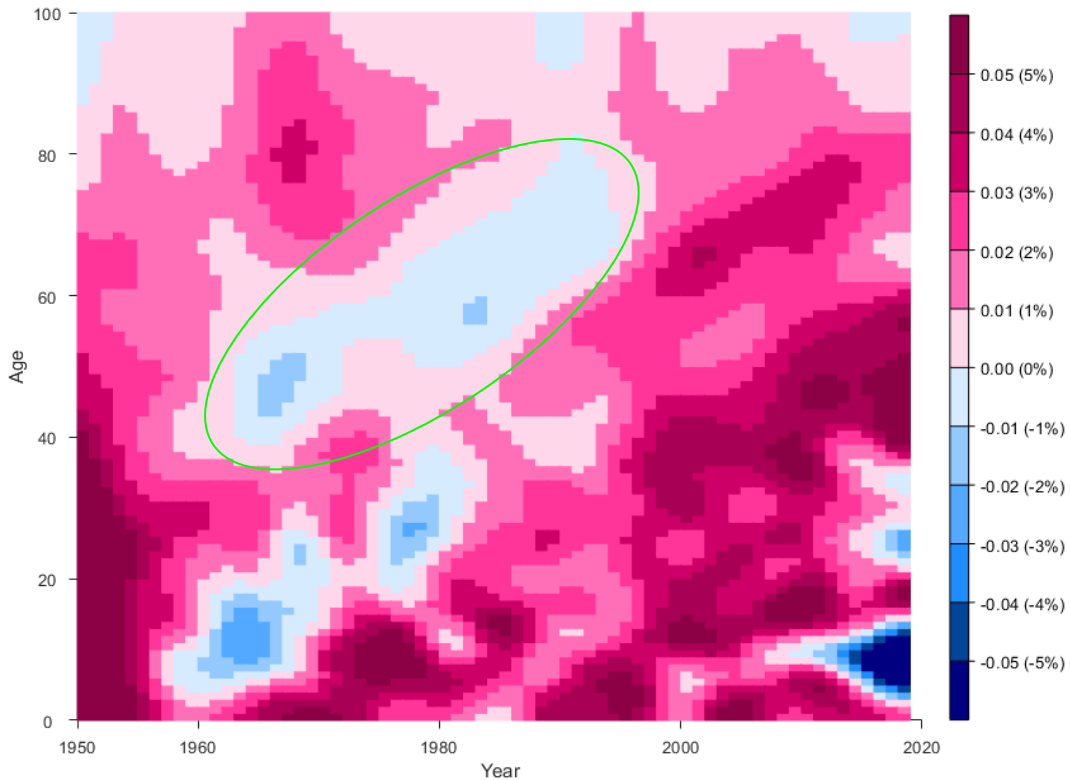
Figure 5. Mortality improvement map for Japan, Female



# Example of a negative cohort effect, Denmark, Females

Danish females born approximately in the 1925-1935 period exhibit increasing mortality (Fig. 6, blue area designated with a green ellipse). This negative cohort effect is attributed mostly to smoking habits of this particular cohort (Jacobsen *et al.*, 2006).

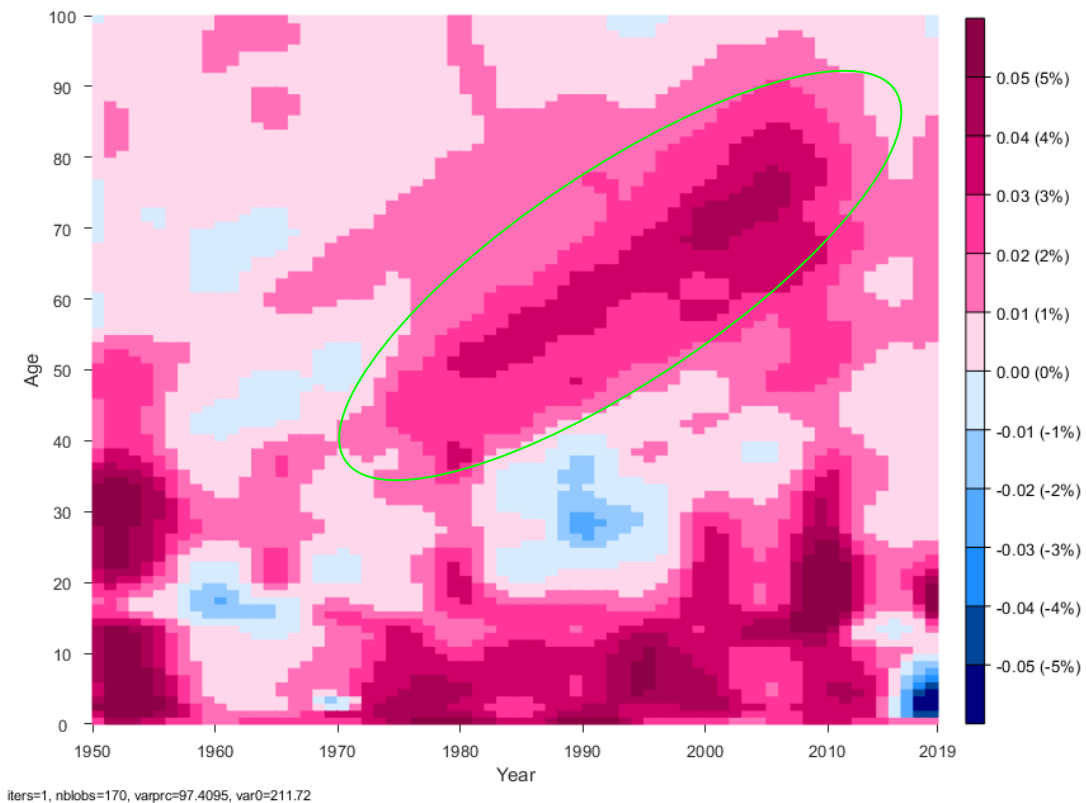
Figure 6. Mortality improvement map for Denmark, Females



## Example of a positive cohort effect, United Kingdom, Males

Contrasting with mortality dynamics in female population of Denmark, the U.K. male cohorts born in the 1930s demonstrate an accelerated mortality decline. Rates of mortality improvement for these cohorts were clearly much higher than for the rest of the population (Fig. 7). This cohort effect was widely discussed in actuarial studies.

Figure 7. Mortality improvement map for United Kingdom, Males



## Conclusion

Maps of mortality improvements it is a useful display for summarizing mortality trends over age and time in a large body of population data. They are easy to produce<sup>4</sup> and thus could be examined at a routine basis, along with more traditional methods. They are not, however, readily available and to address this need we are currently adding them to our web site application ([MortalityTrends.org](http://MortalityTrends.org)). Further advances in exploratory analysis of mortality trends could be to be produced by computing estimates of mortality improvement maps at different degrees of smoothing and exploring them in a movie-like fashion to minimize bias due to under- or over-smoothing. It is not very technically challenging but more computationally and storage demanding.

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<sup>4</sup> The method used could be coded just in a few lines of code

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## **Mortality Improvement Maps for 201 Countries or Areas**

The maps are shown in order of country population size. Updated mortality improvement maps will be available at

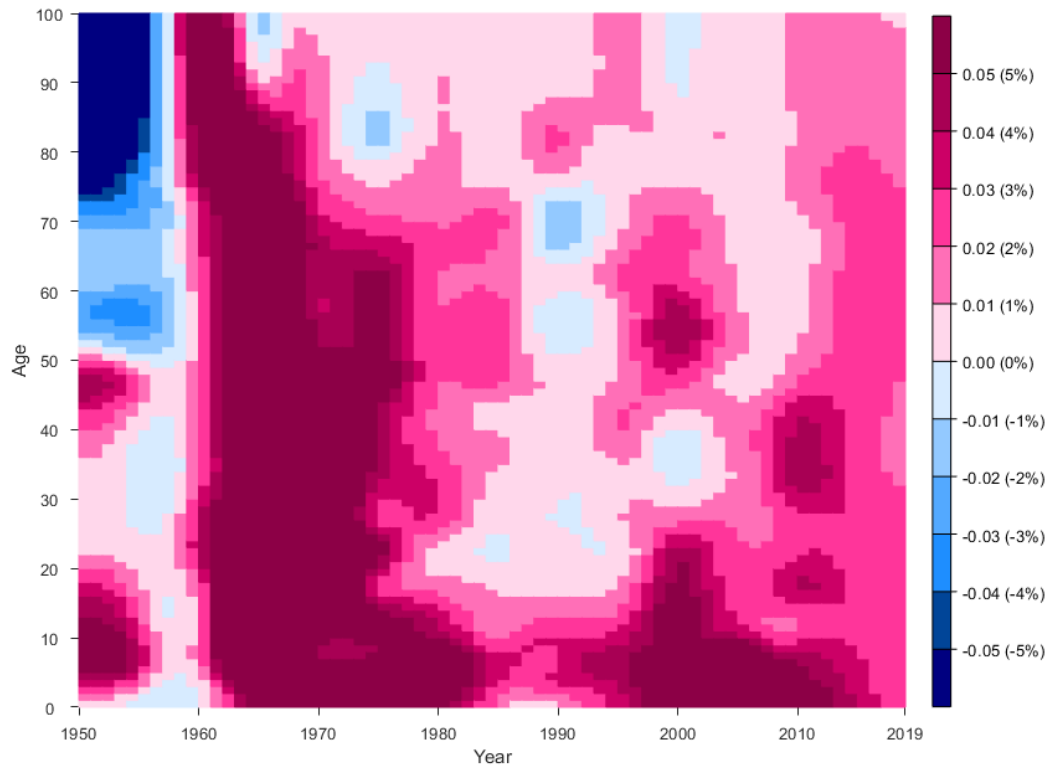
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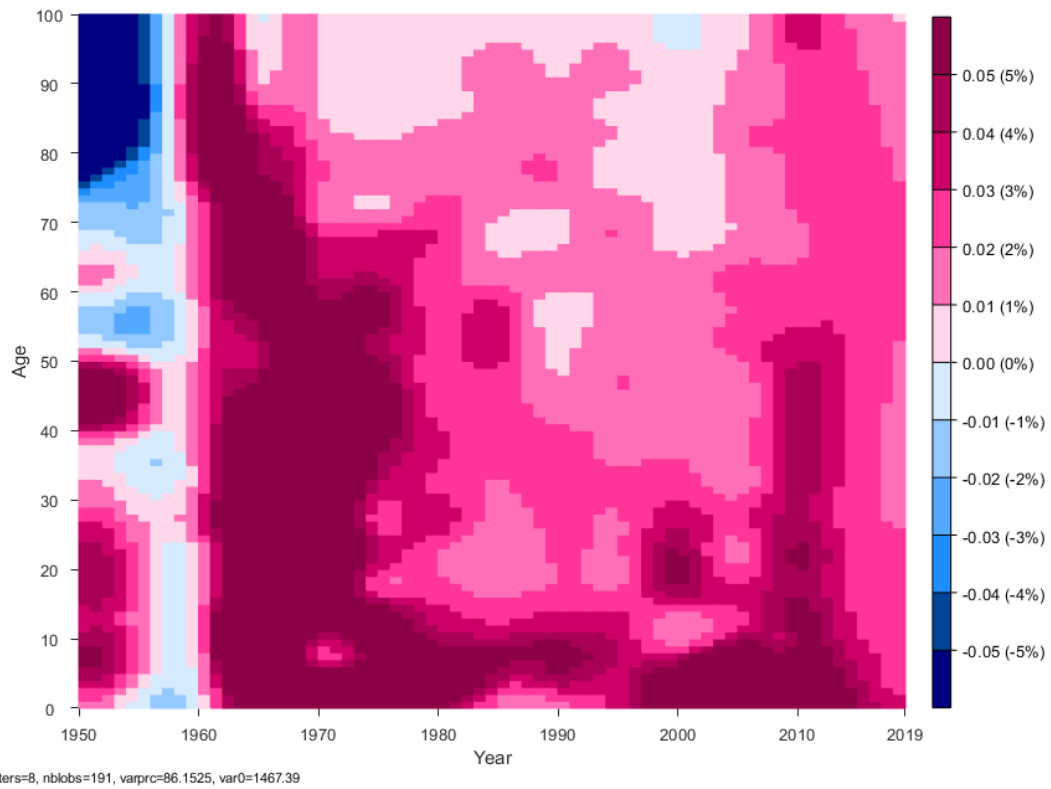
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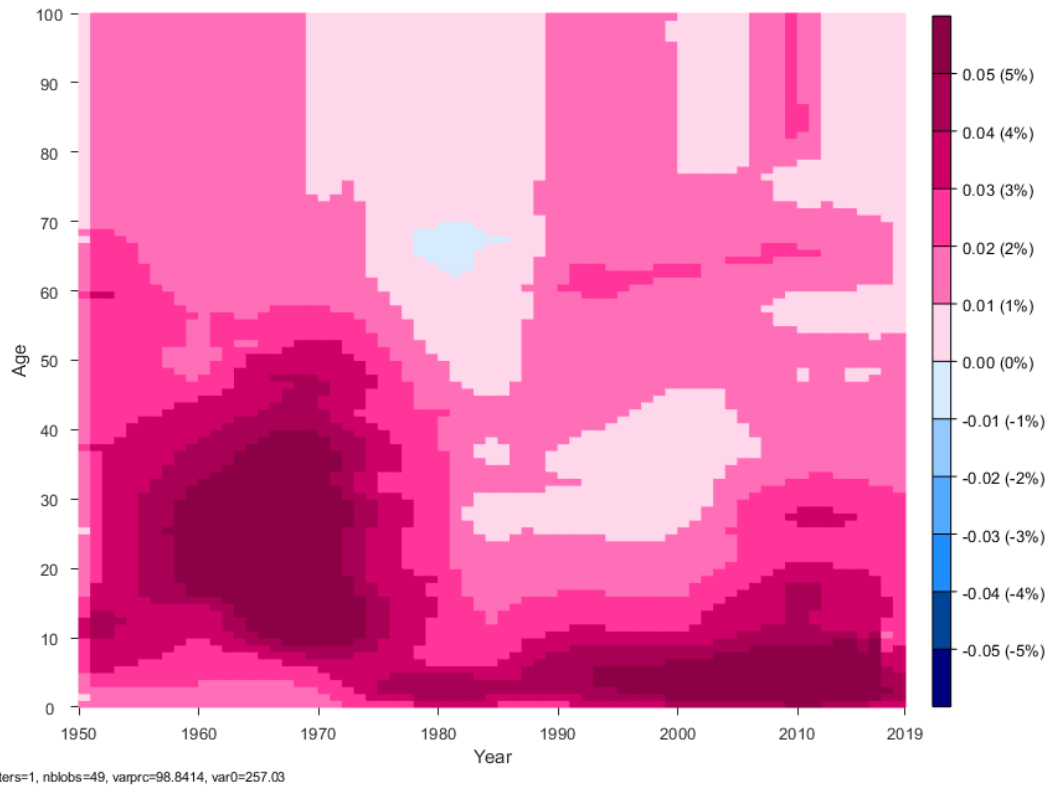
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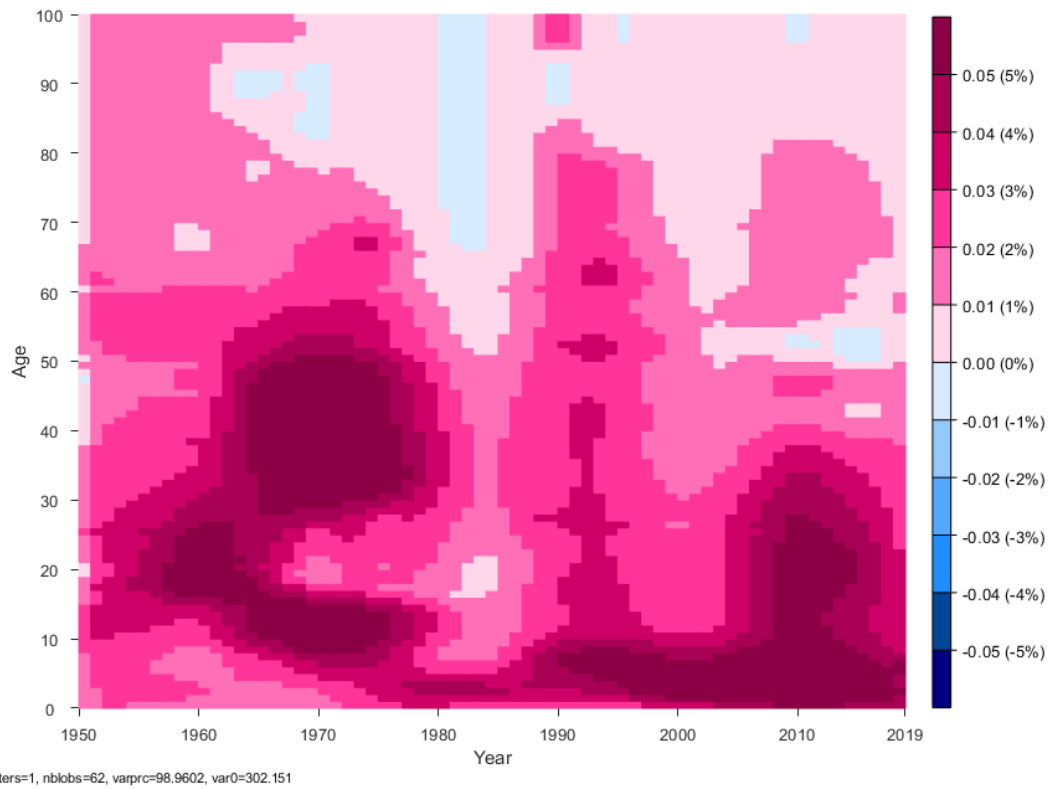


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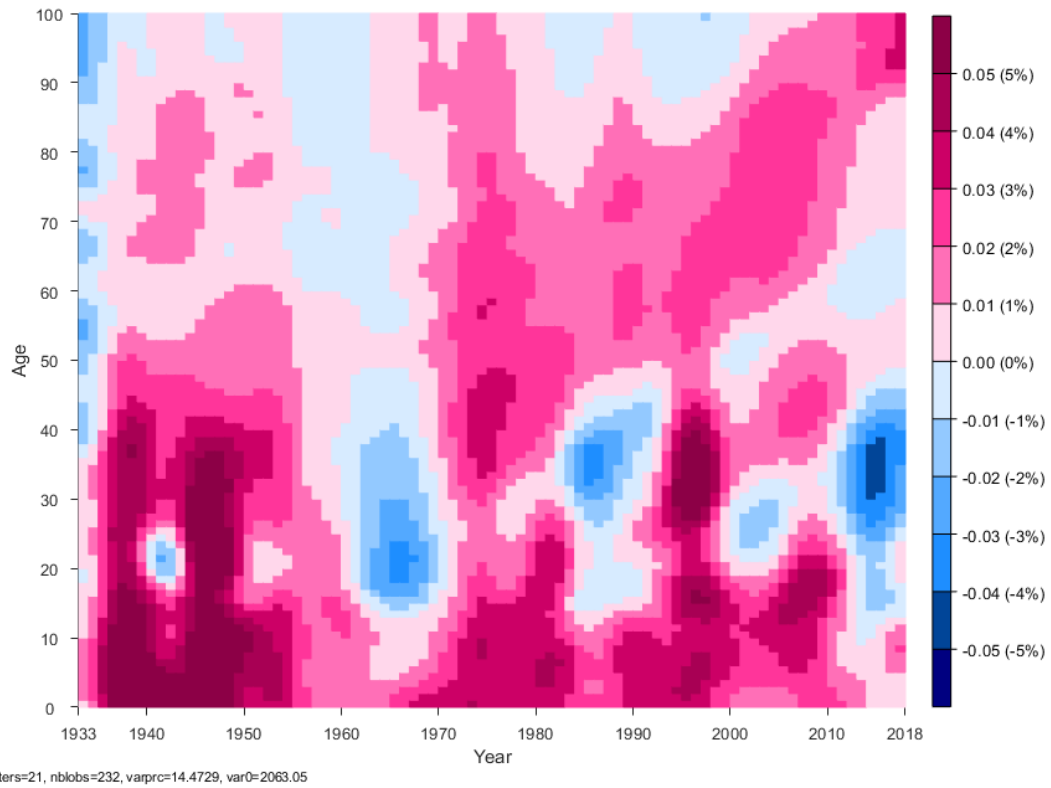


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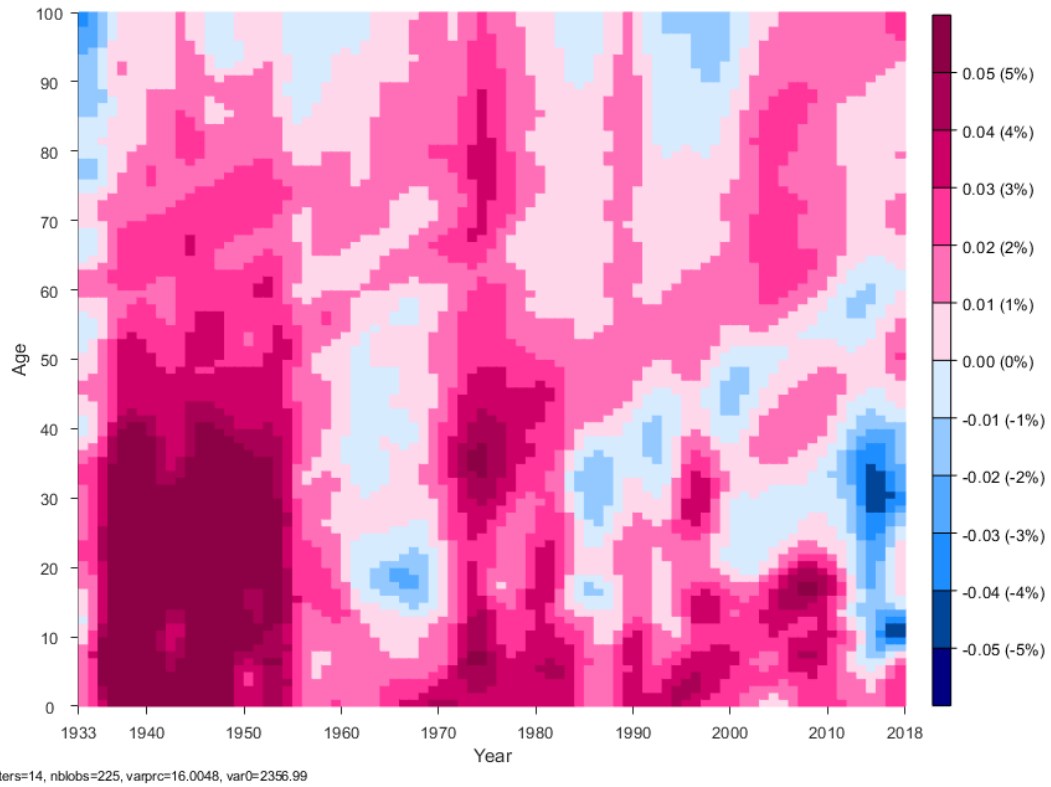


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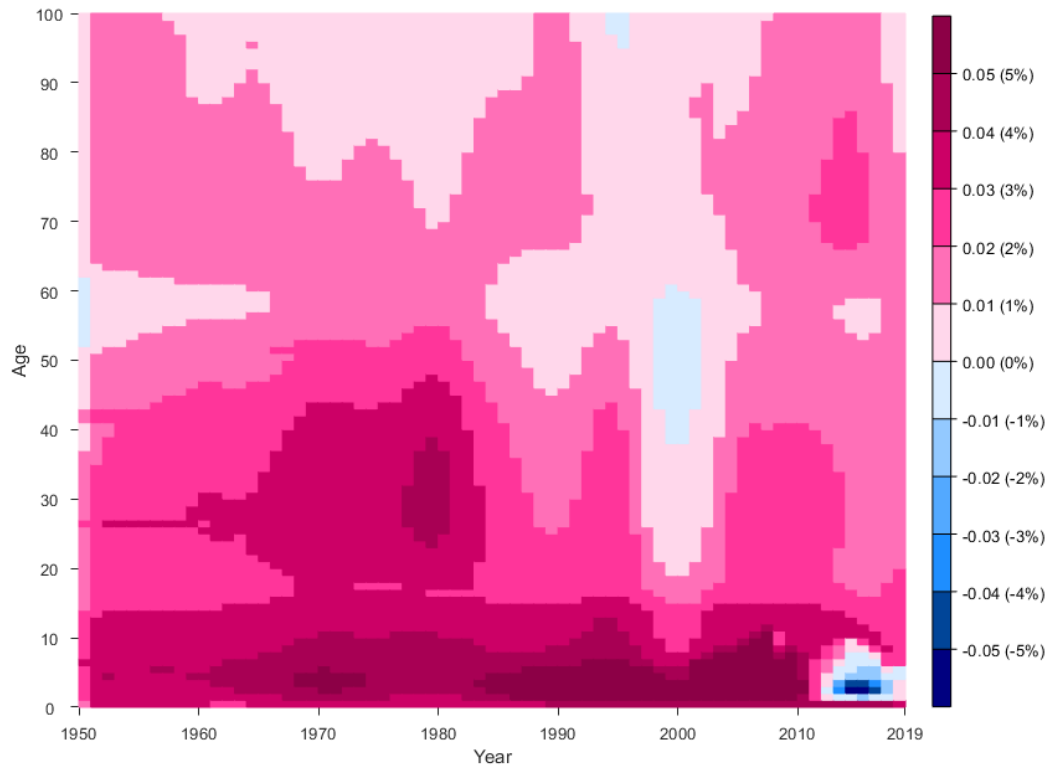


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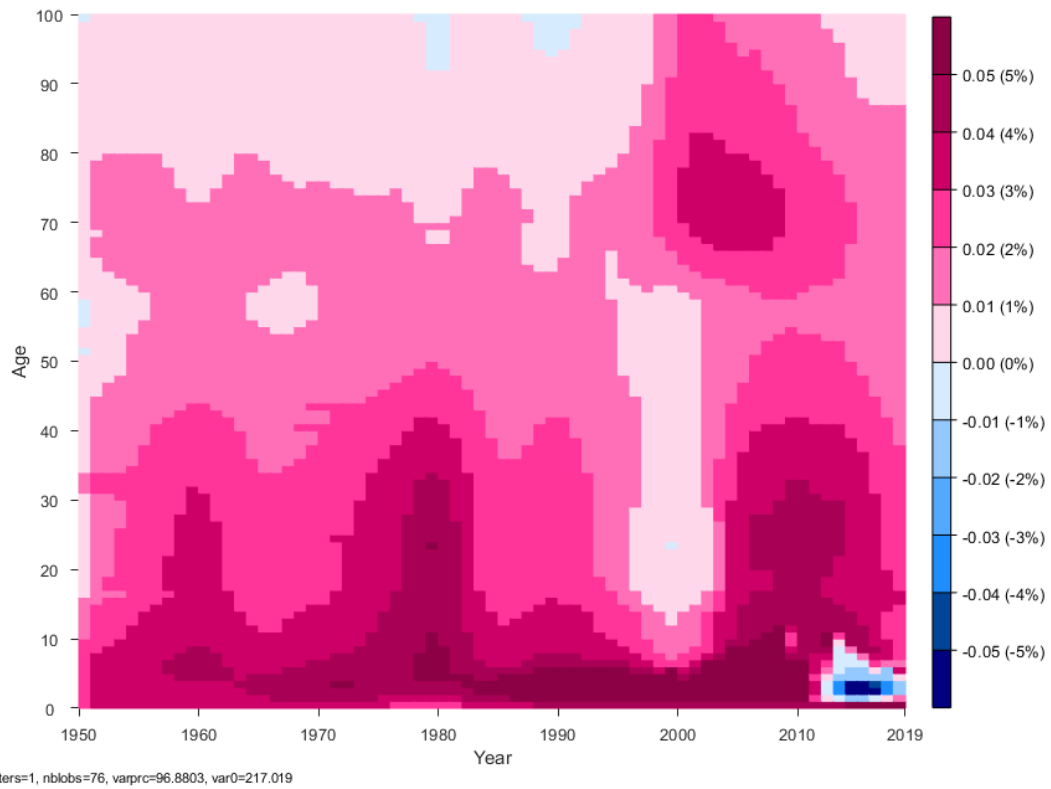


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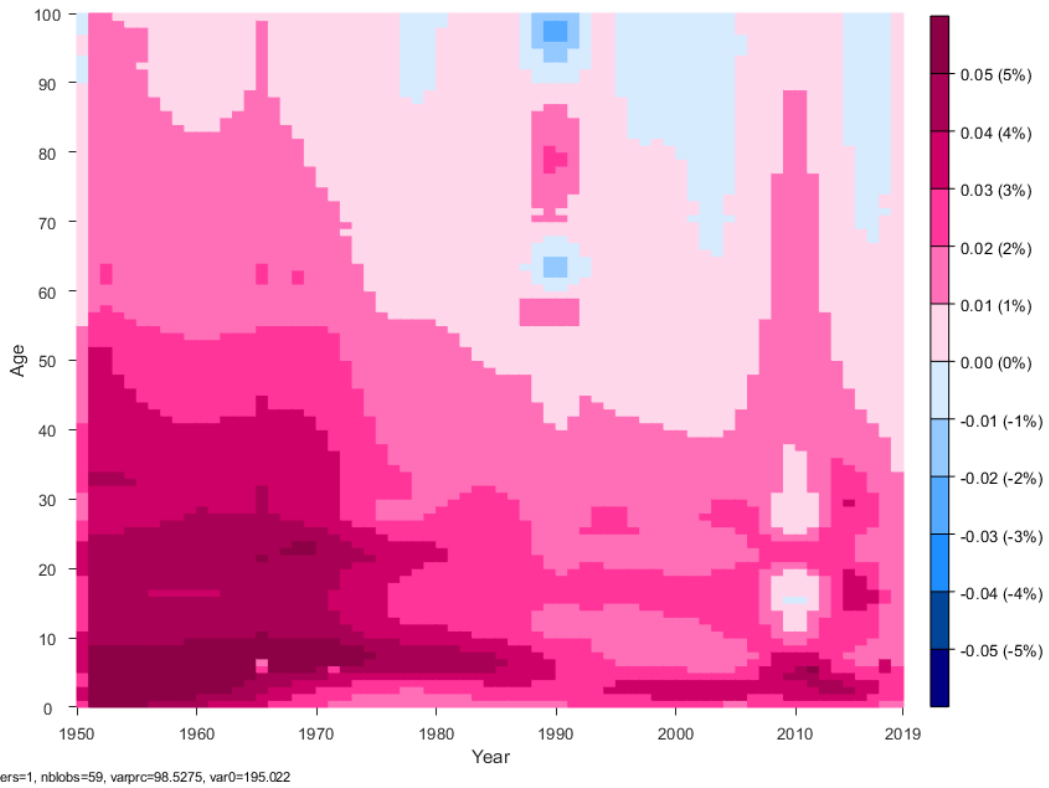


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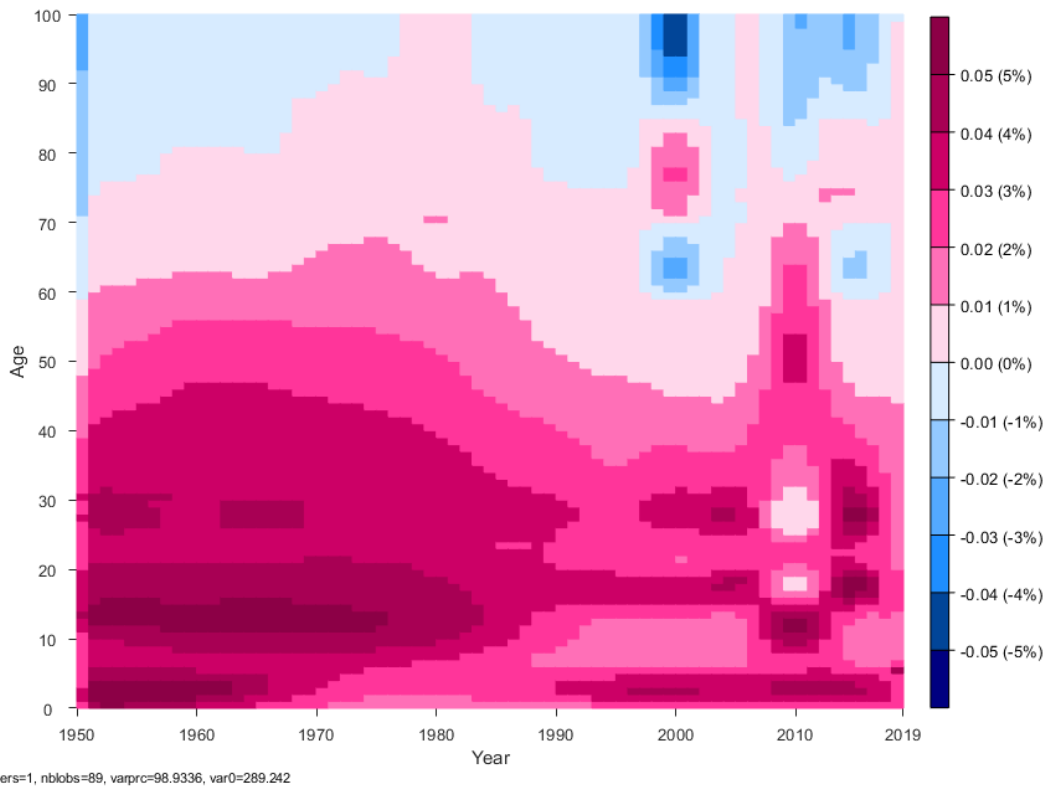


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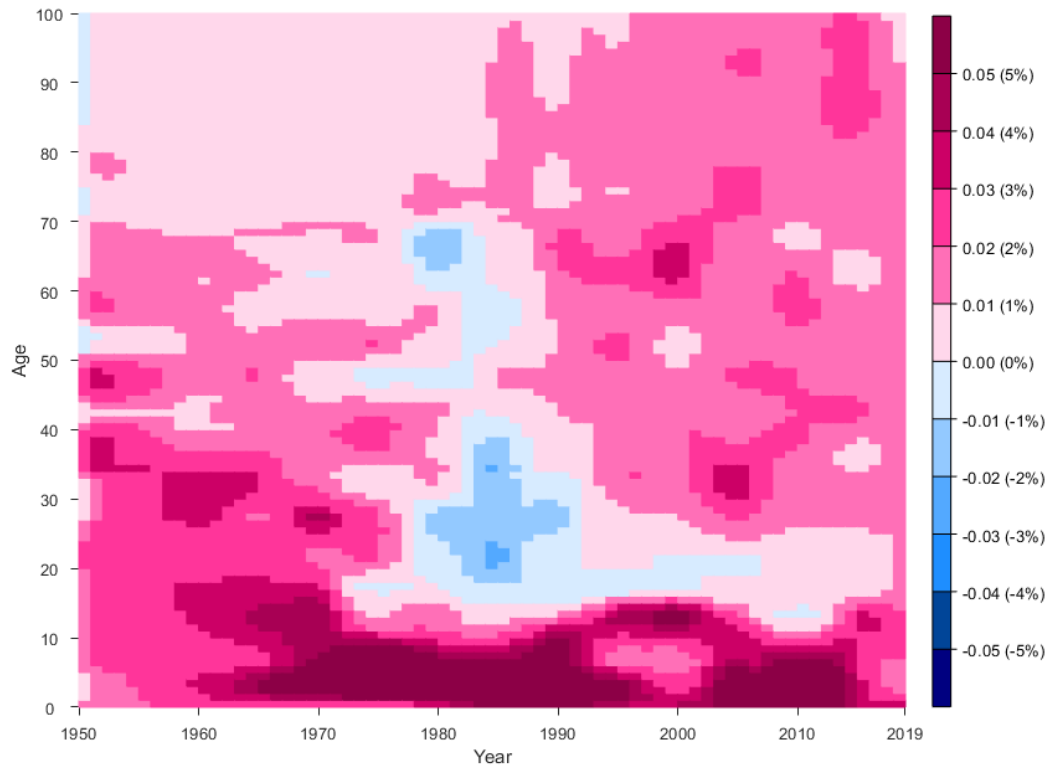


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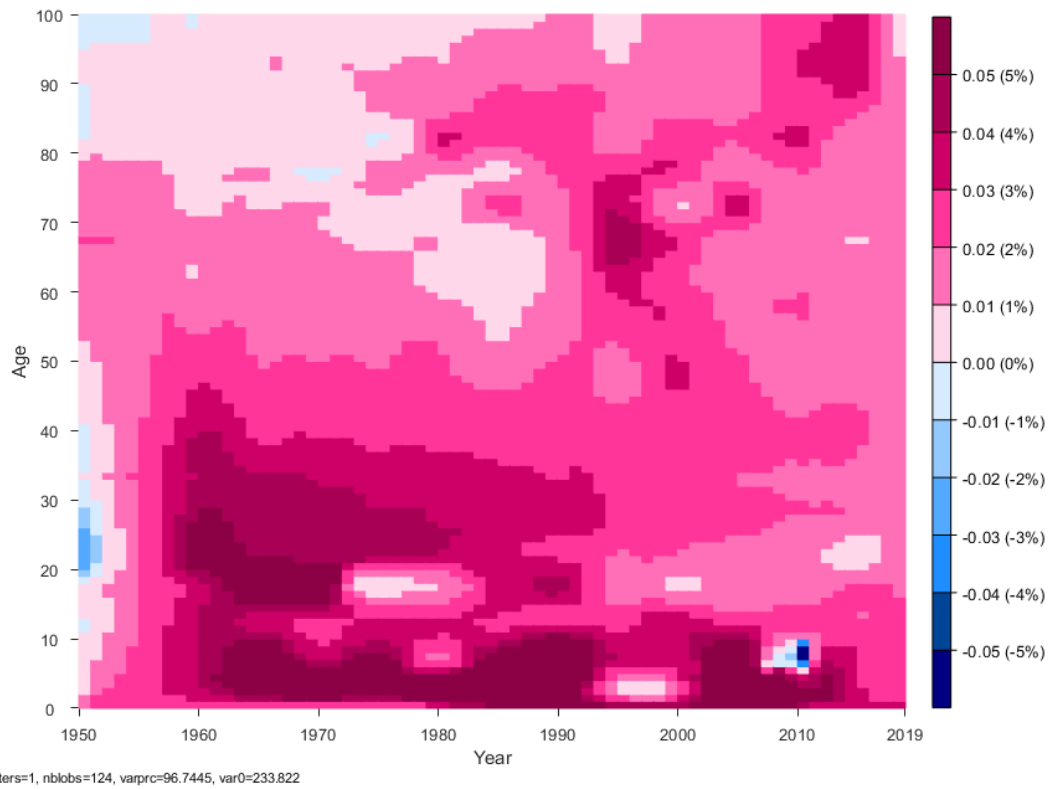


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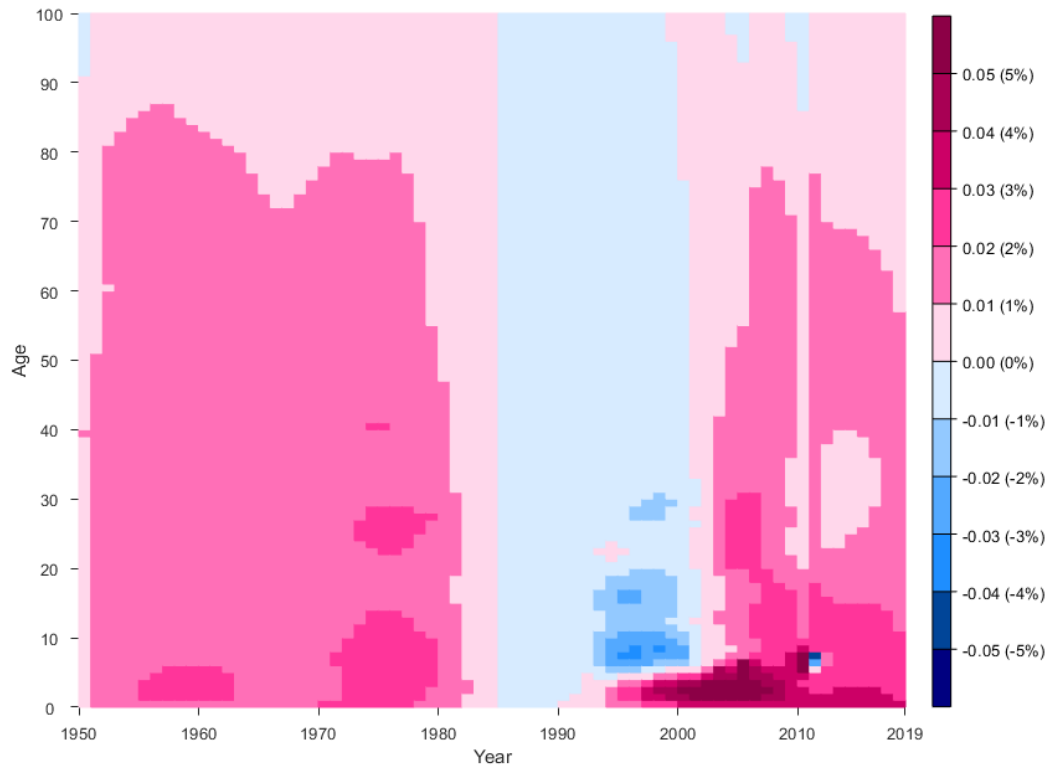


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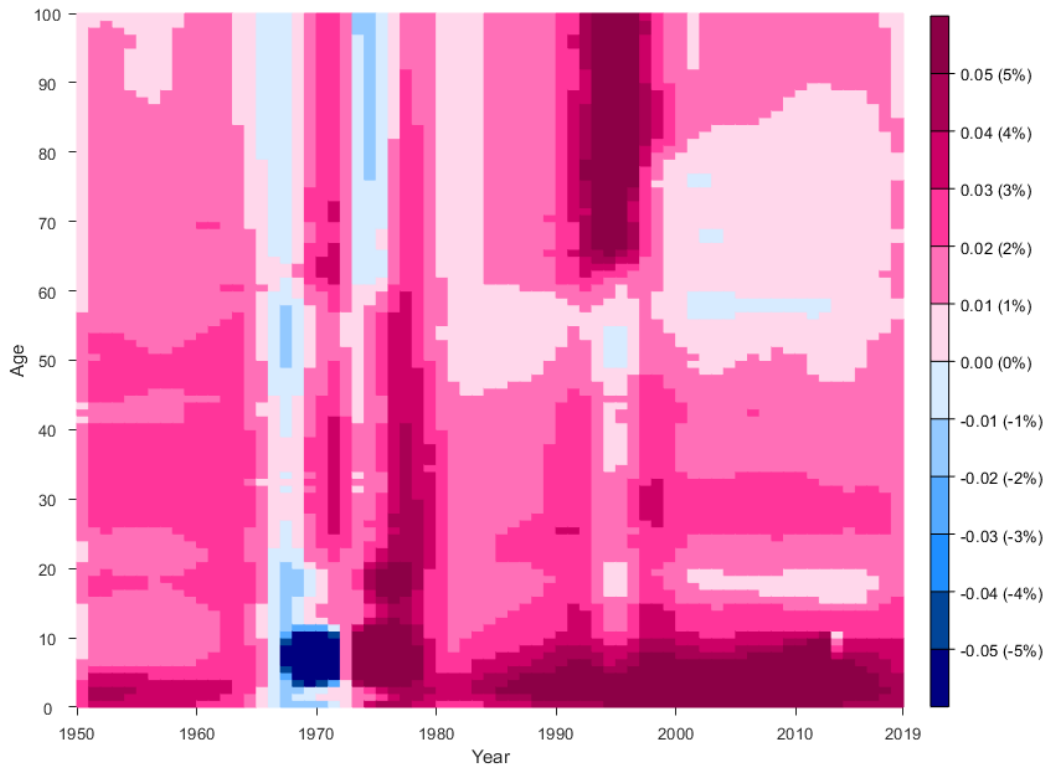


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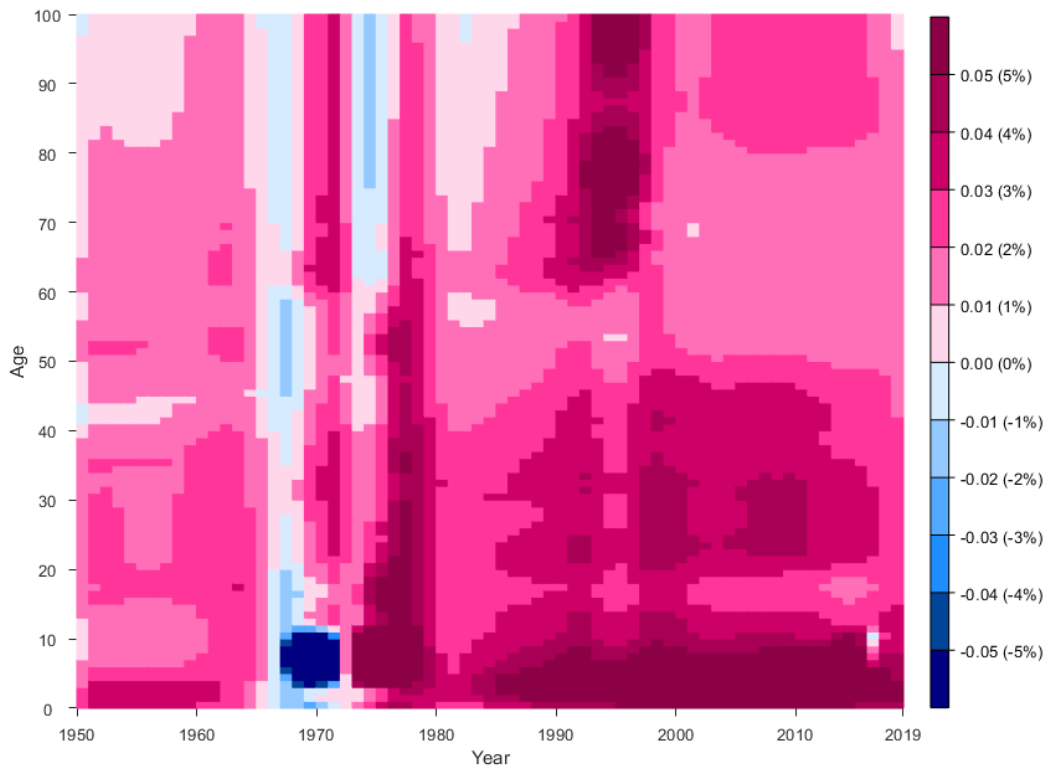
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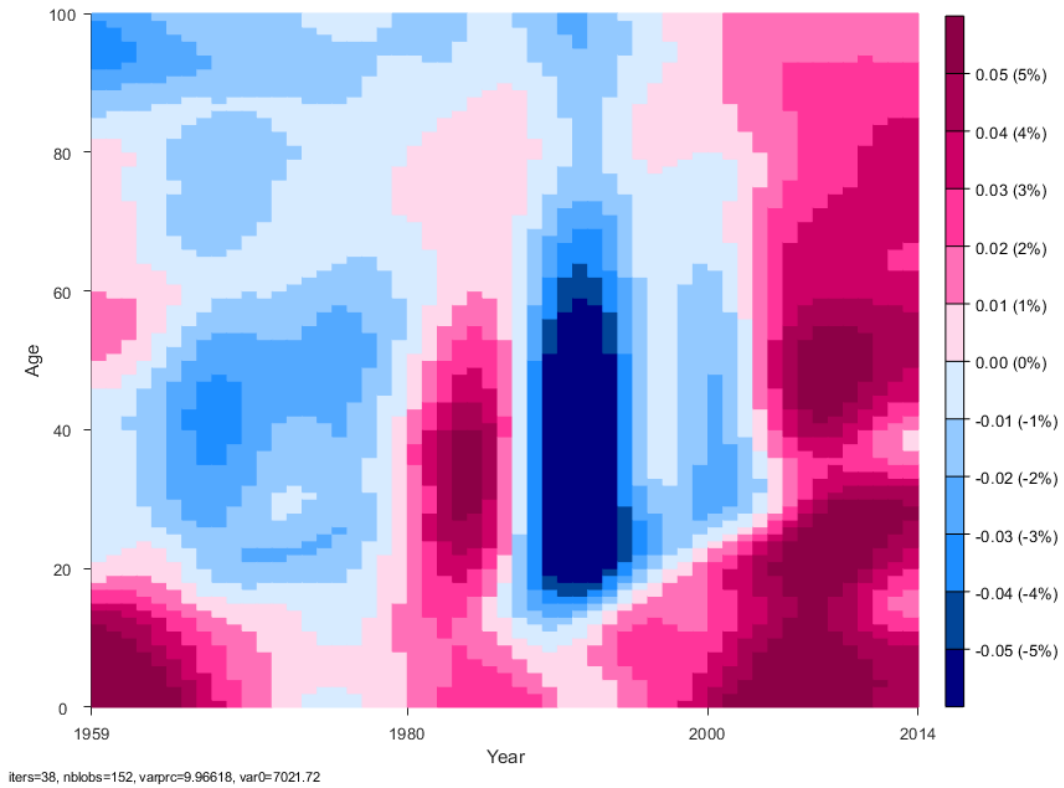
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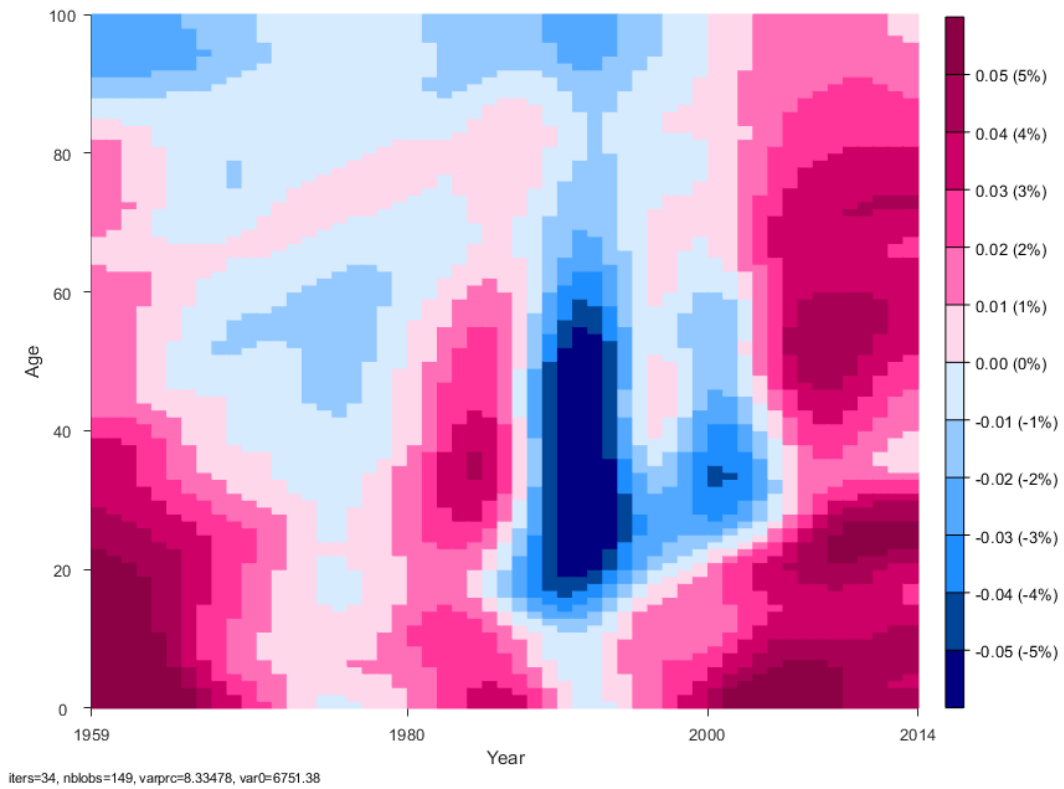
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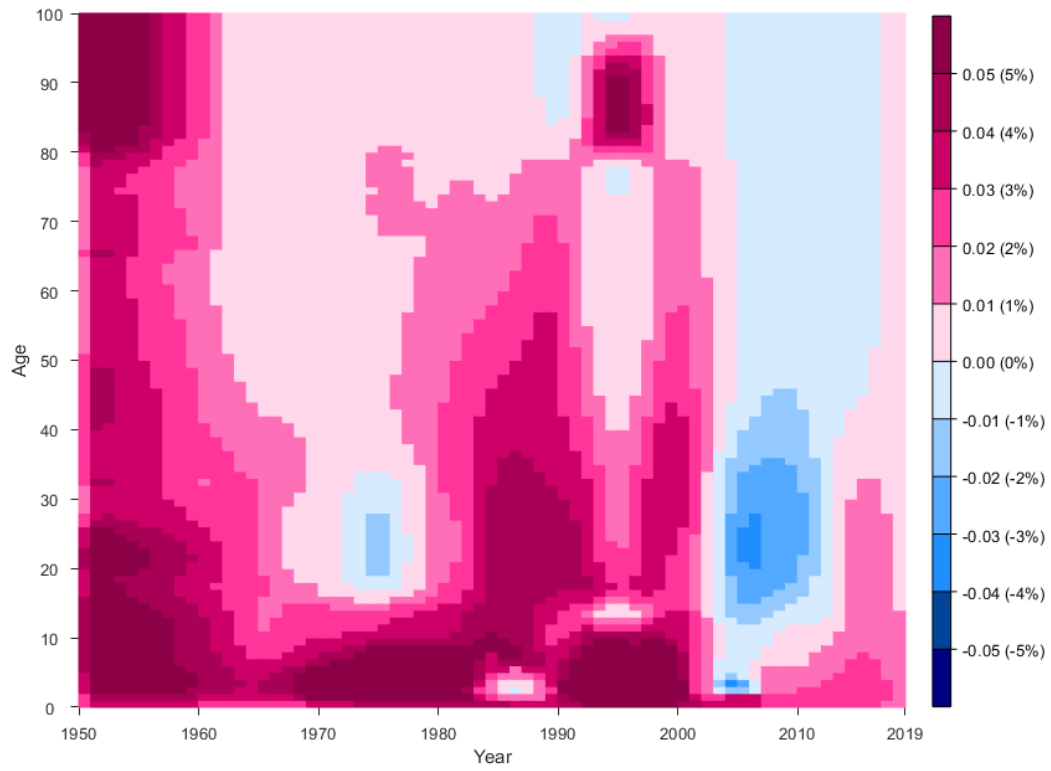
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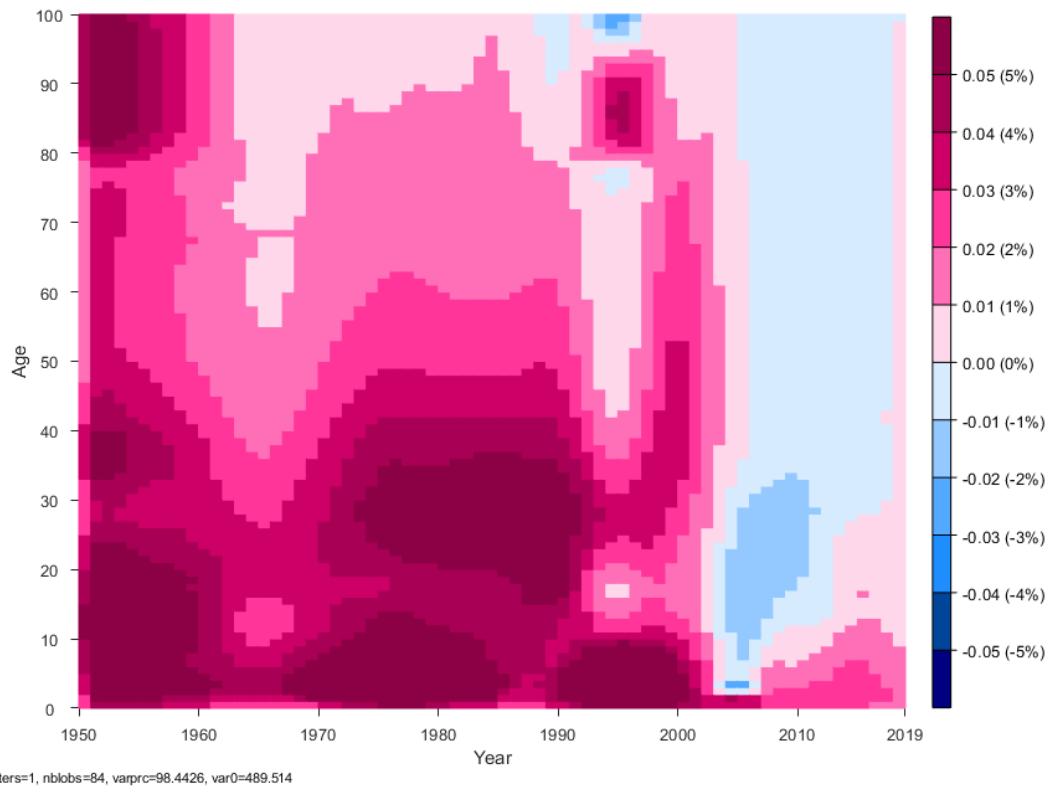


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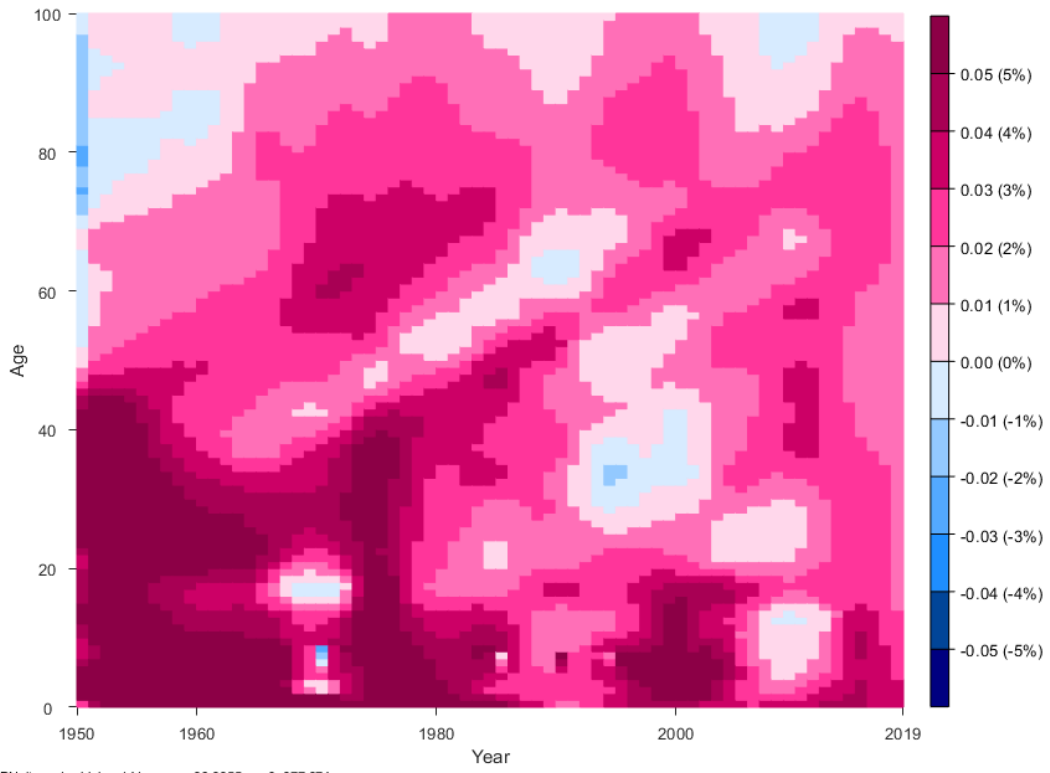


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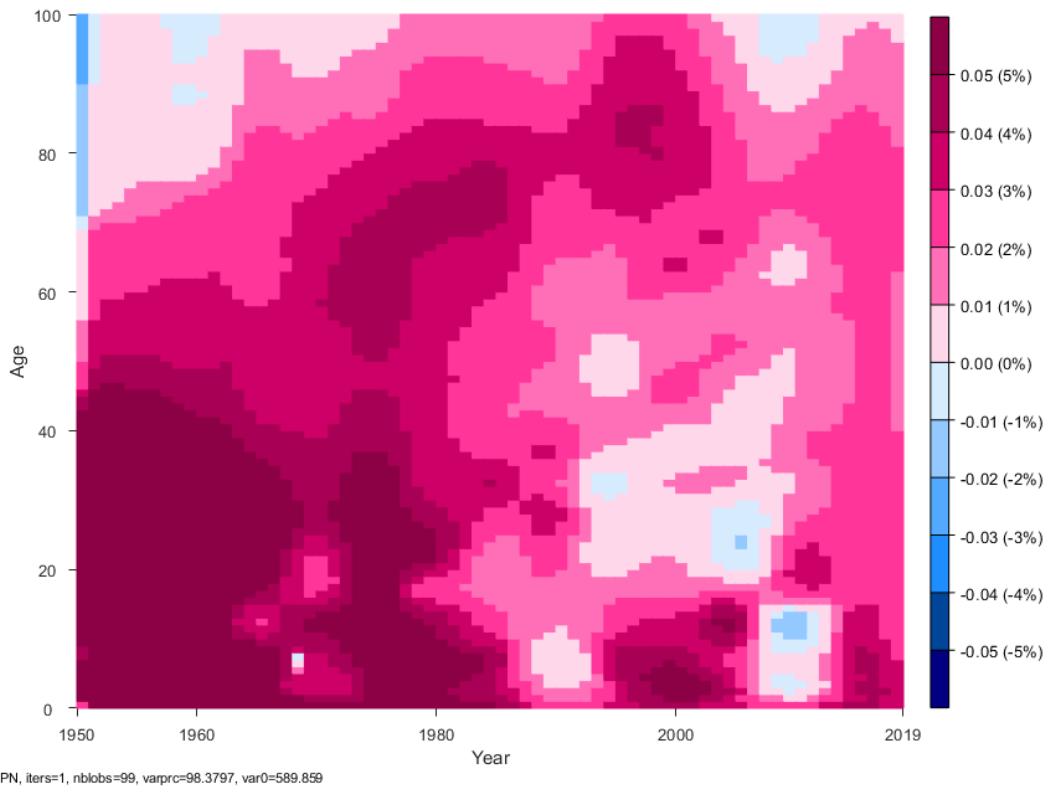


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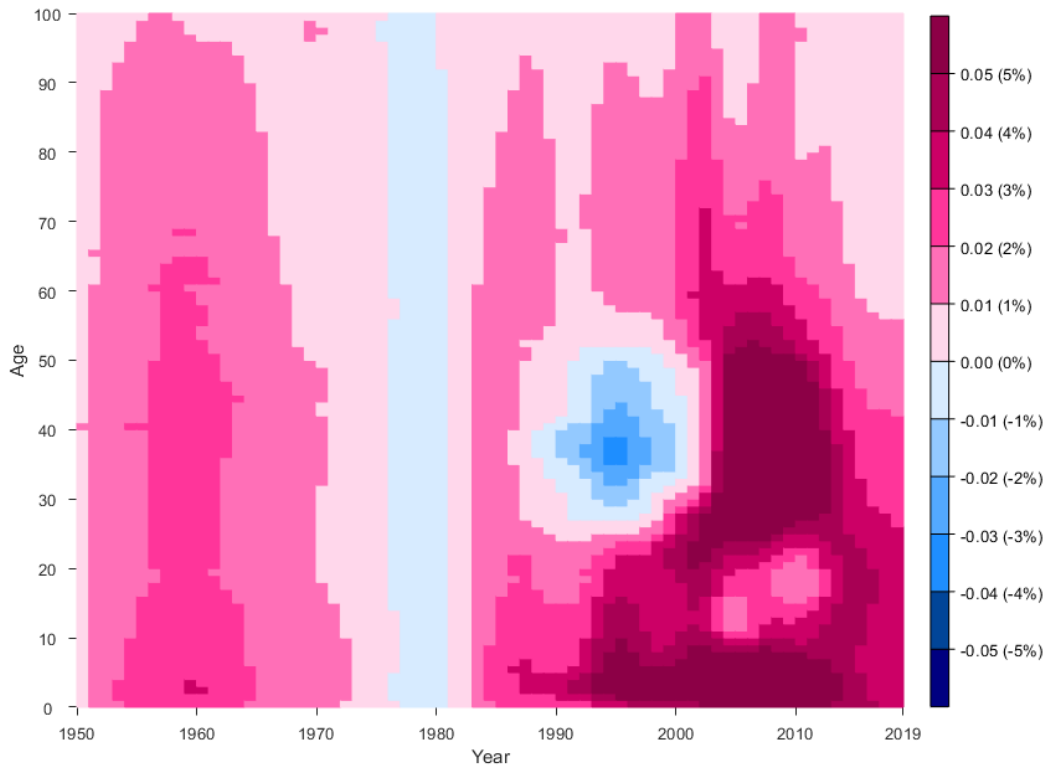


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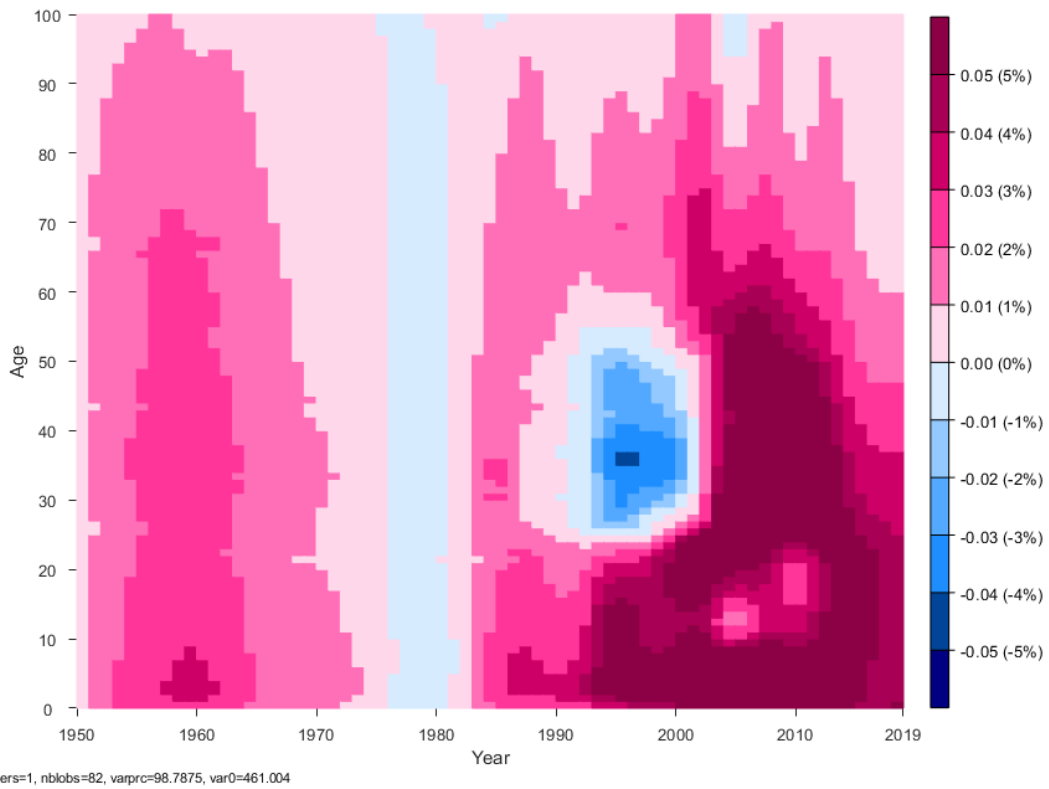


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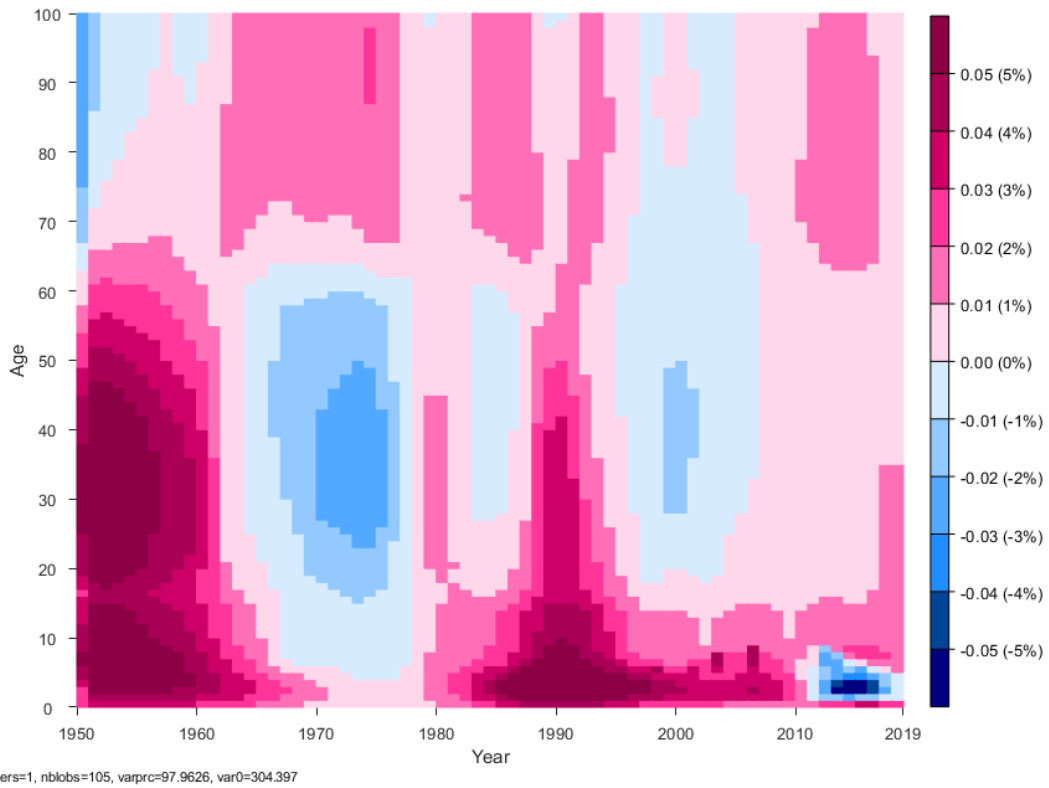


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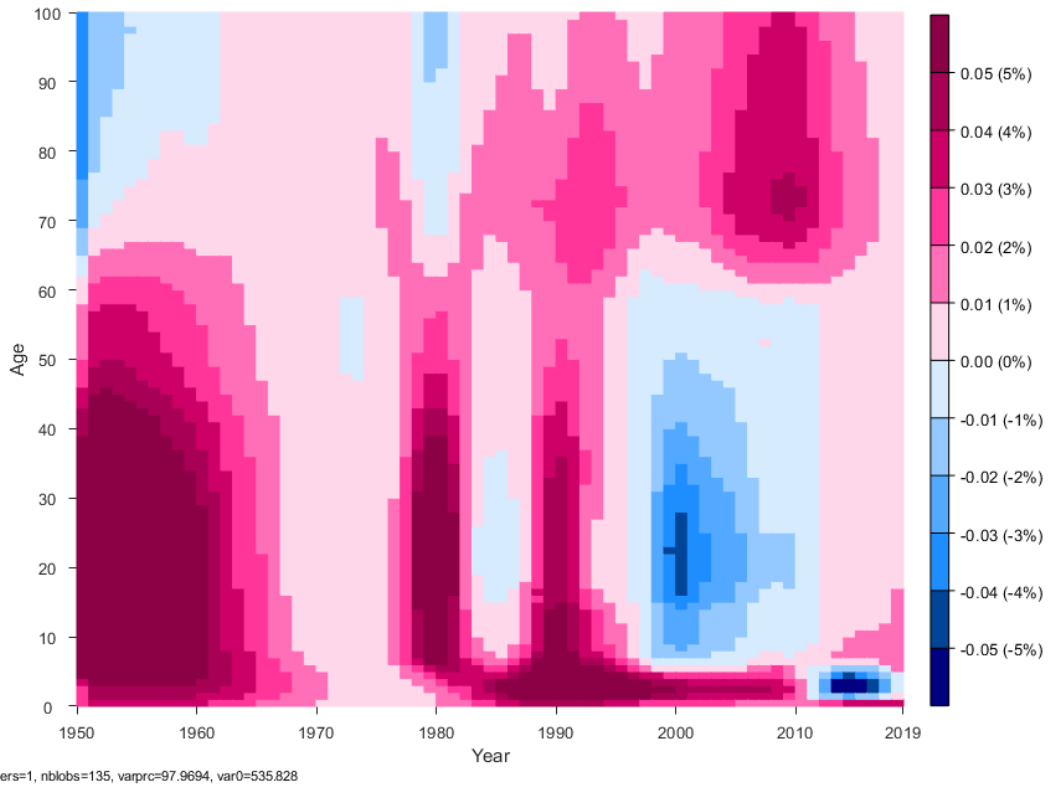


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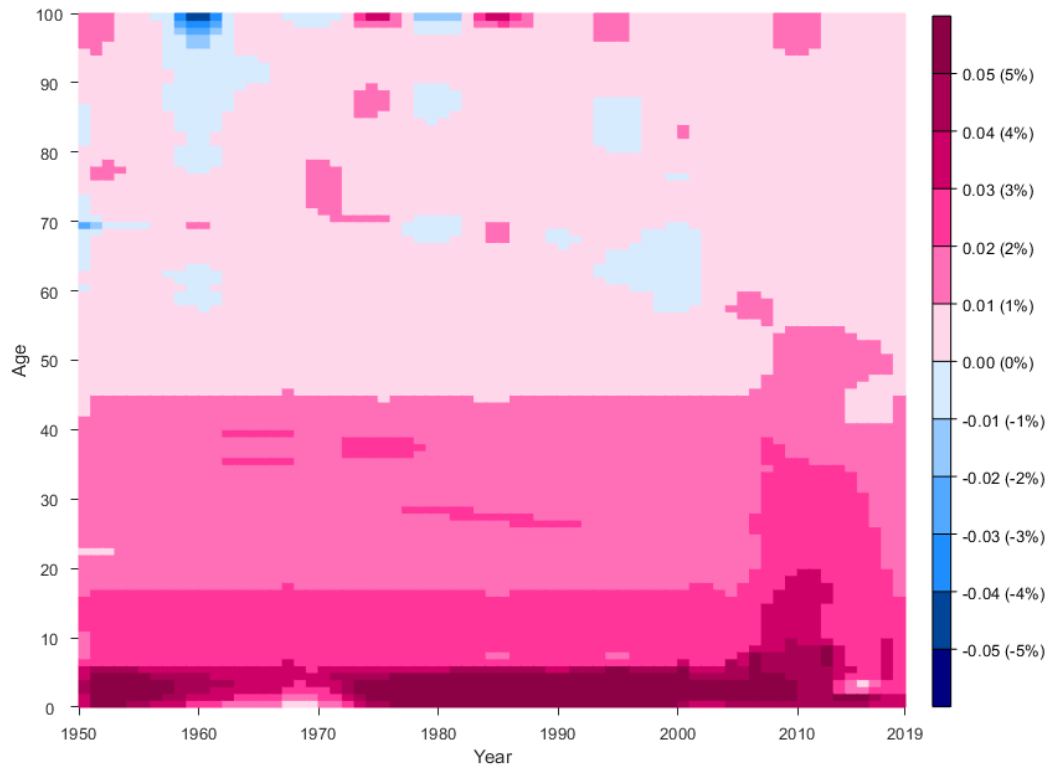


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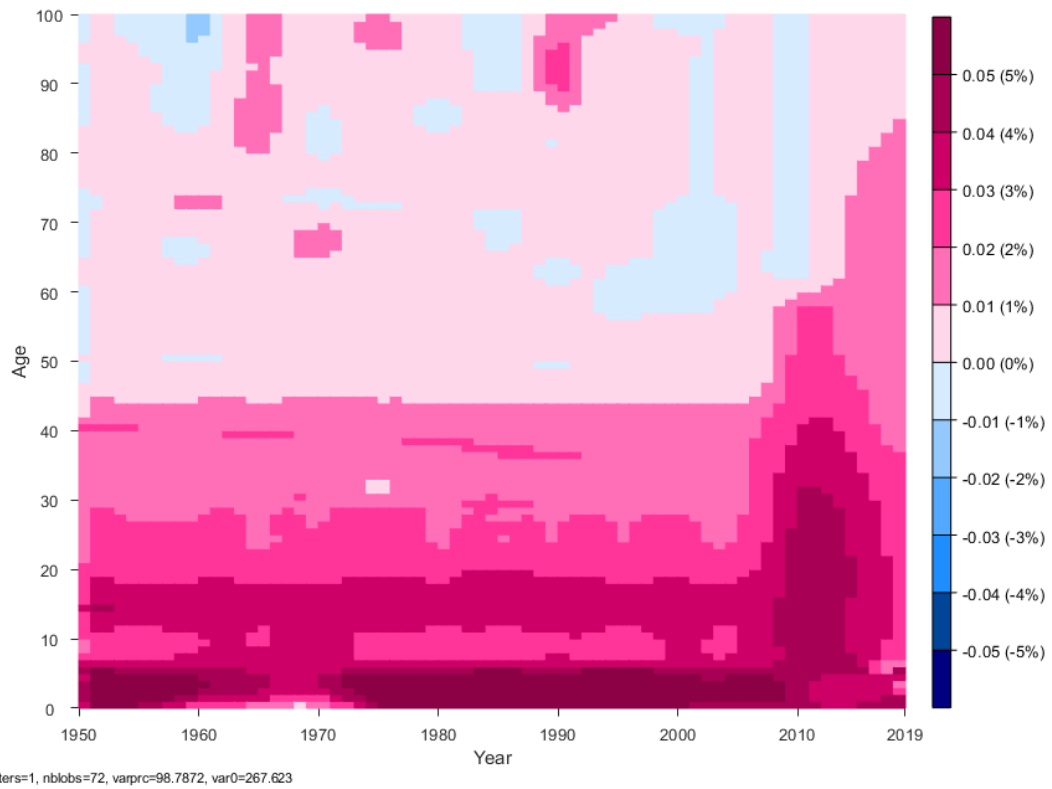


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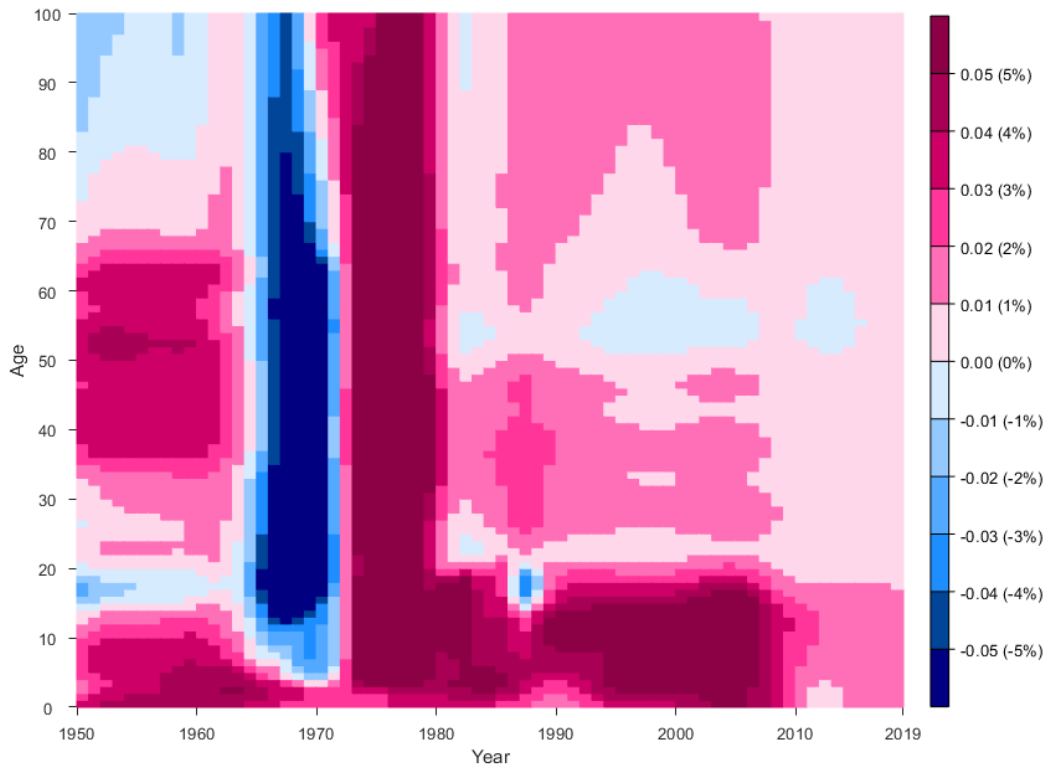


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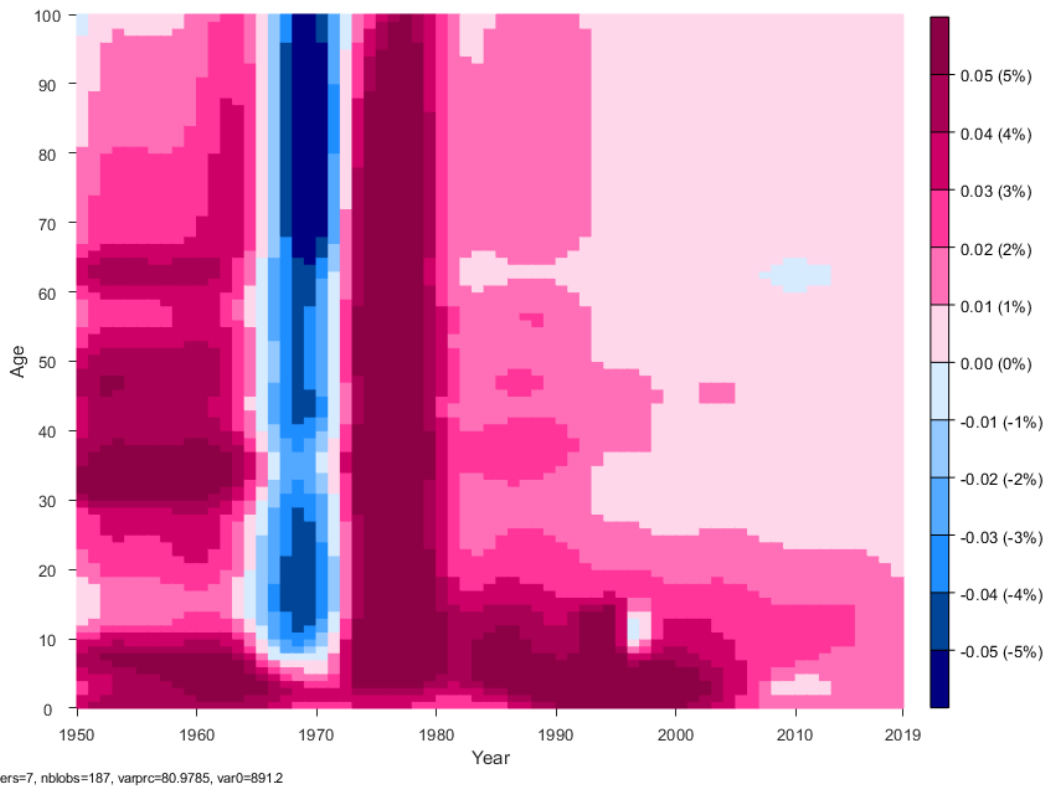


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## Males



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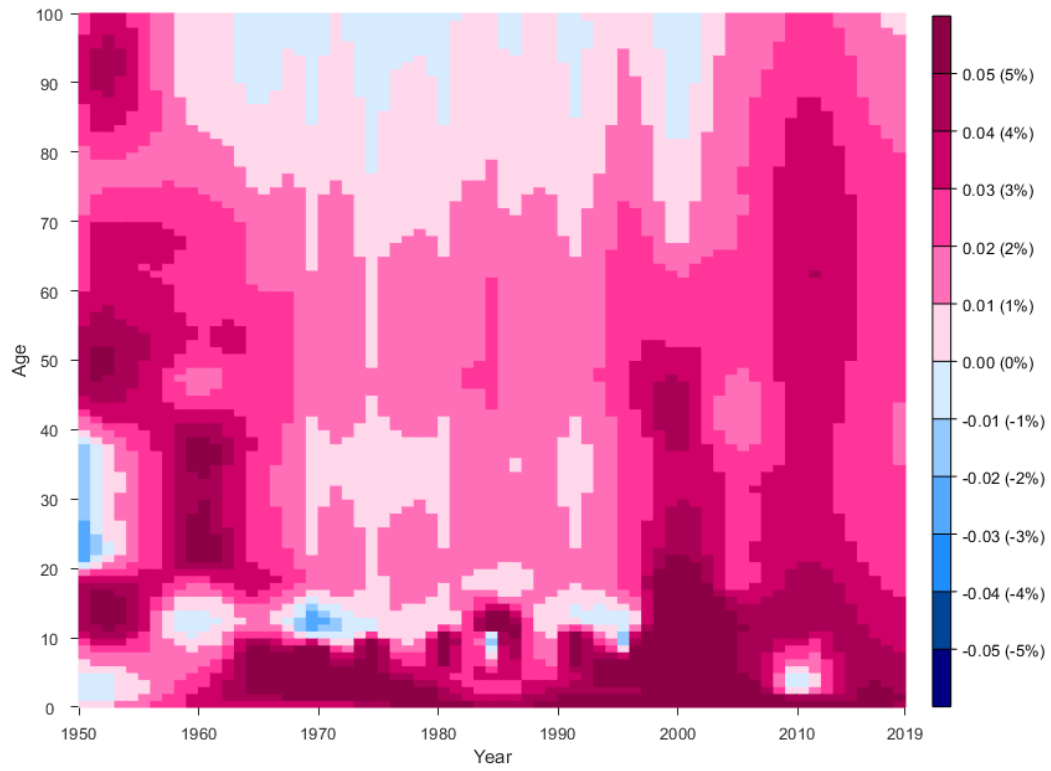


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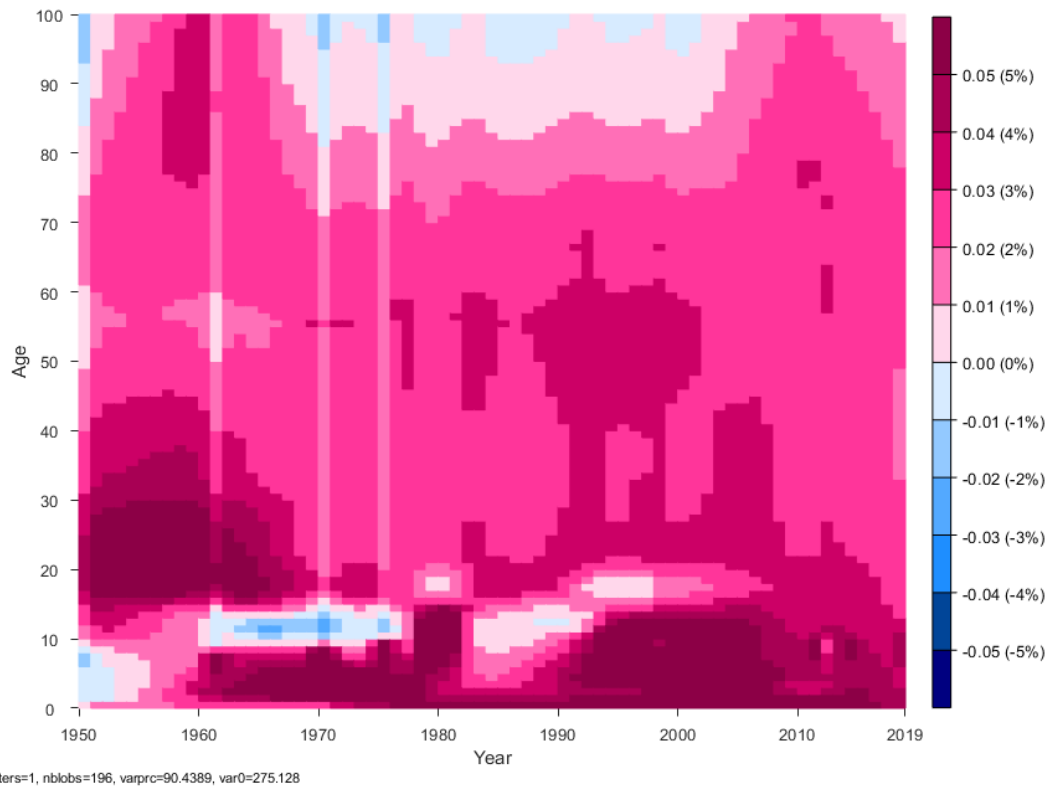


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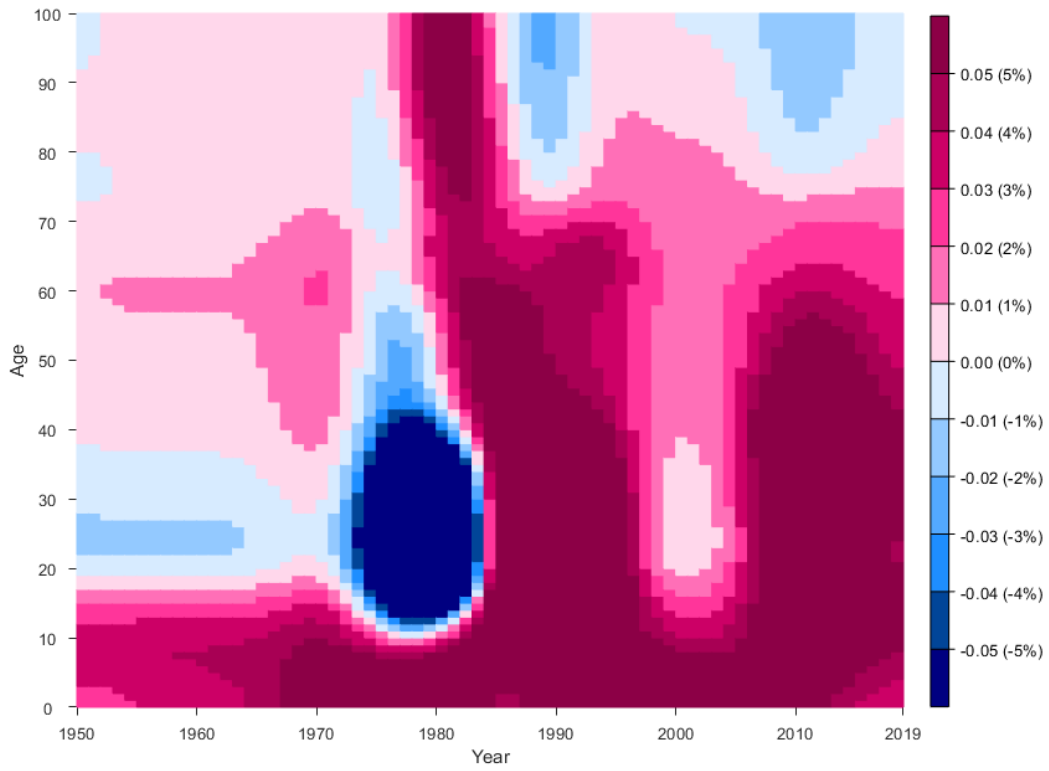
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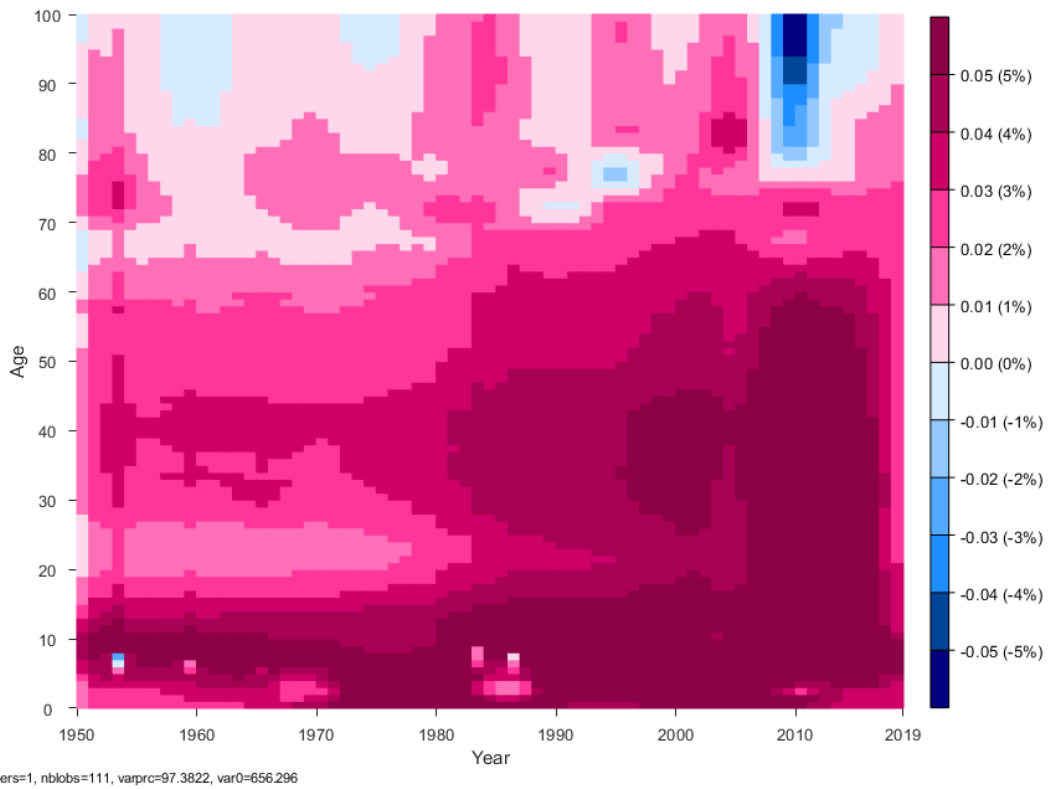


# Iran (Islamic Republic of)

## Males



## Females

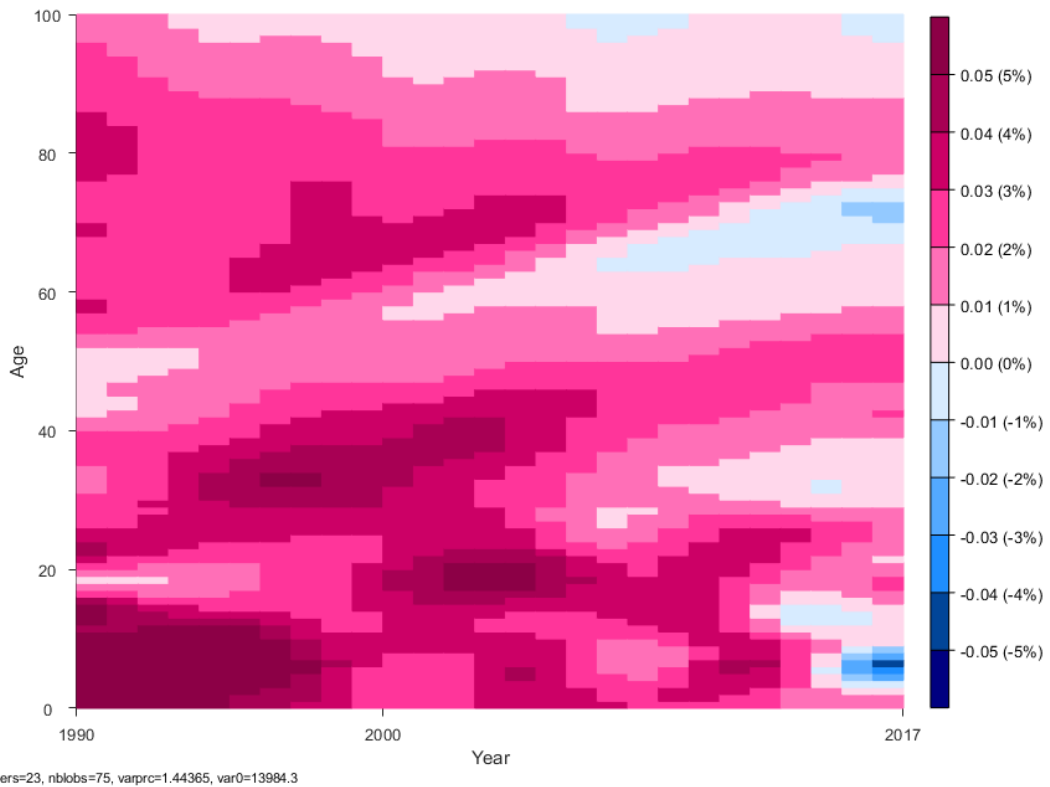


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## Males

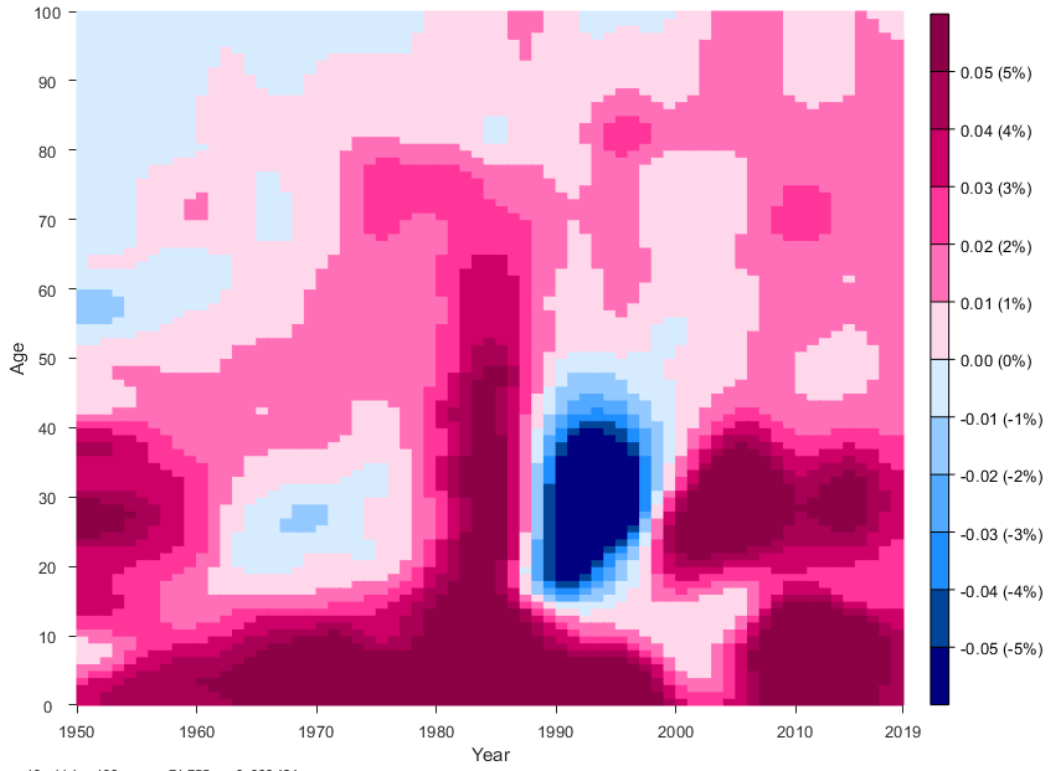


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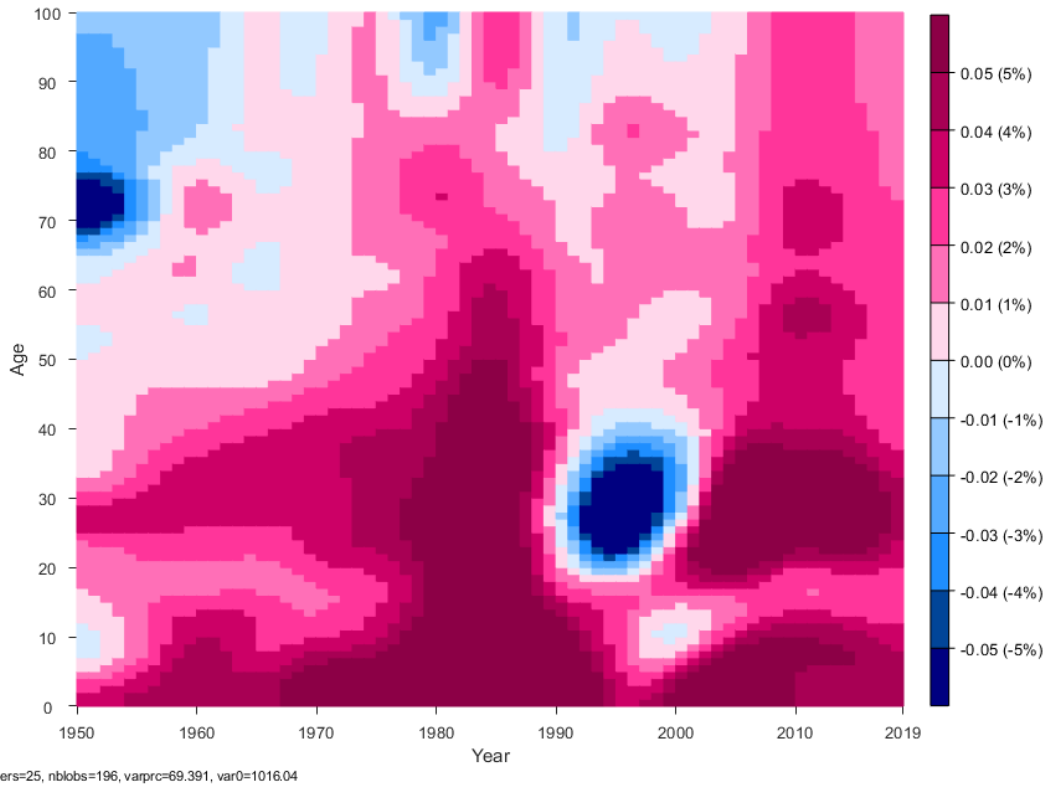


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## Males

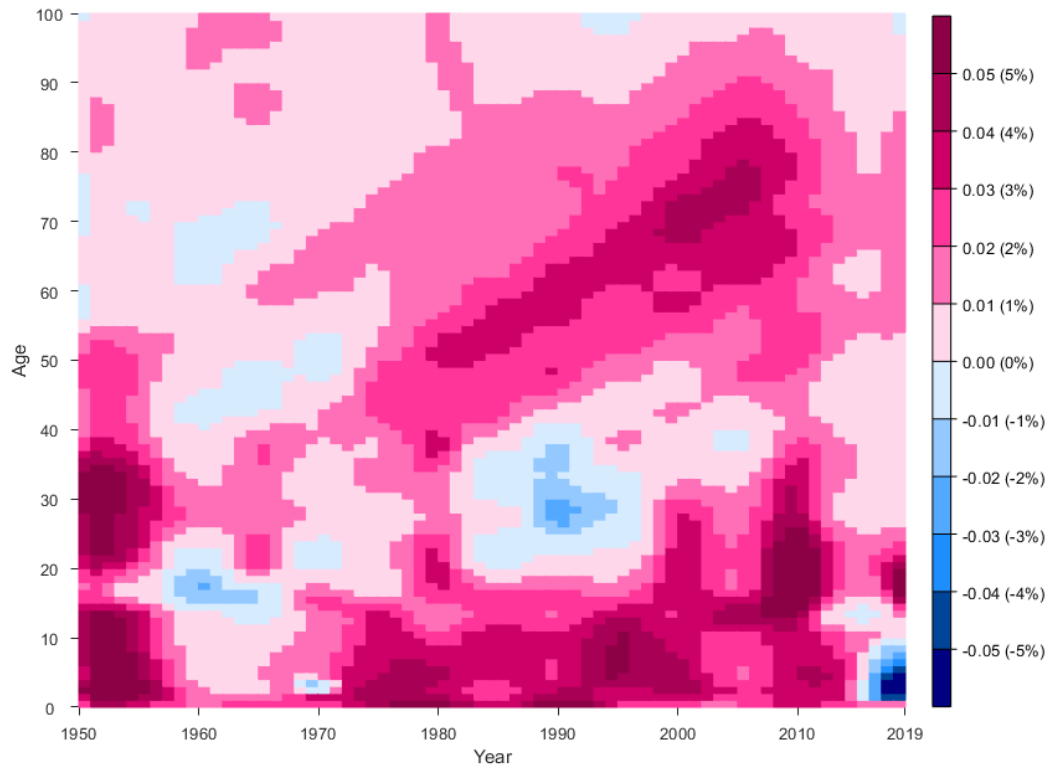


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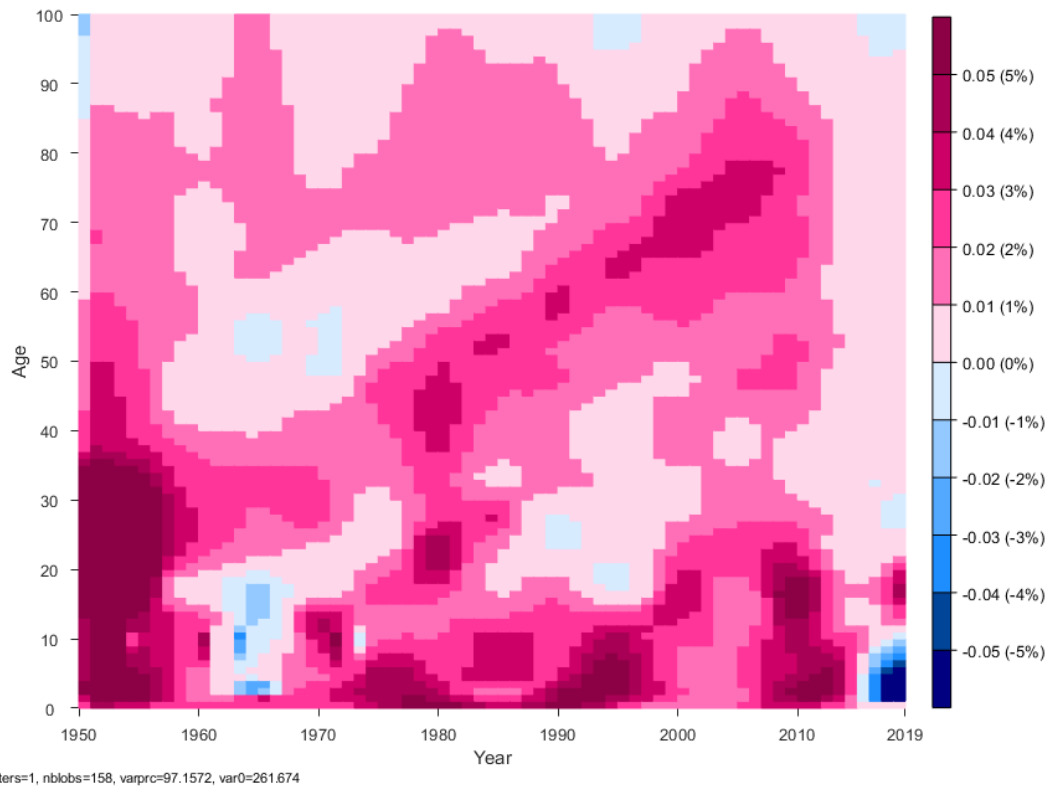


# United Kingdom

## Males

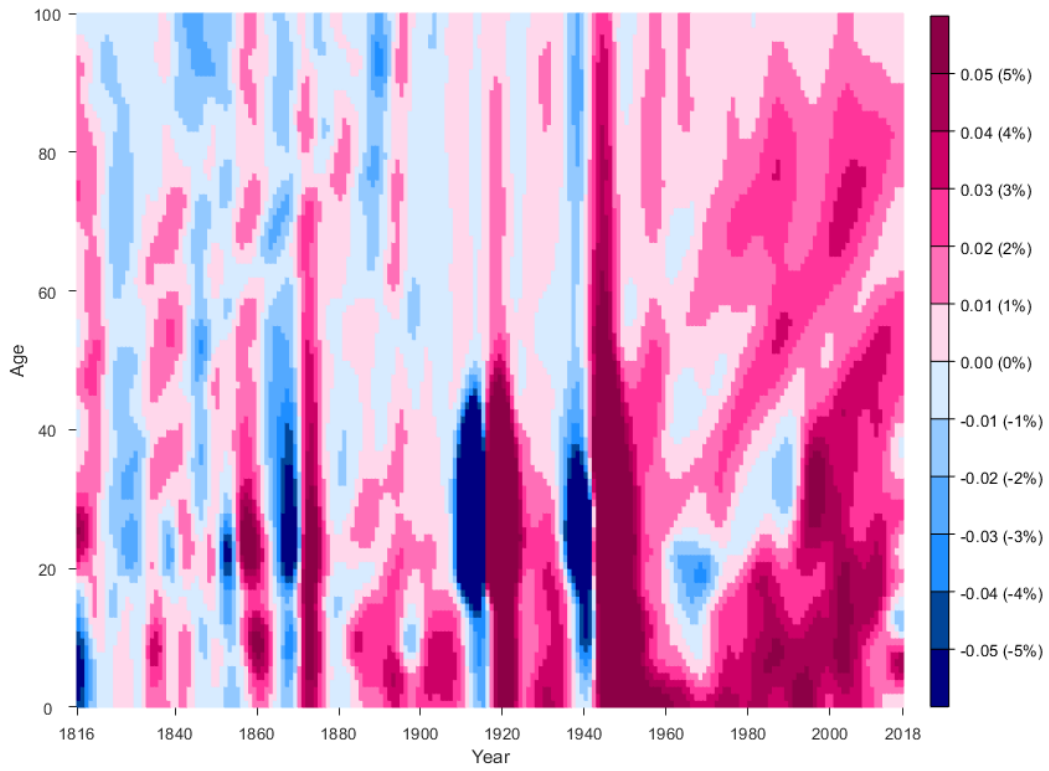


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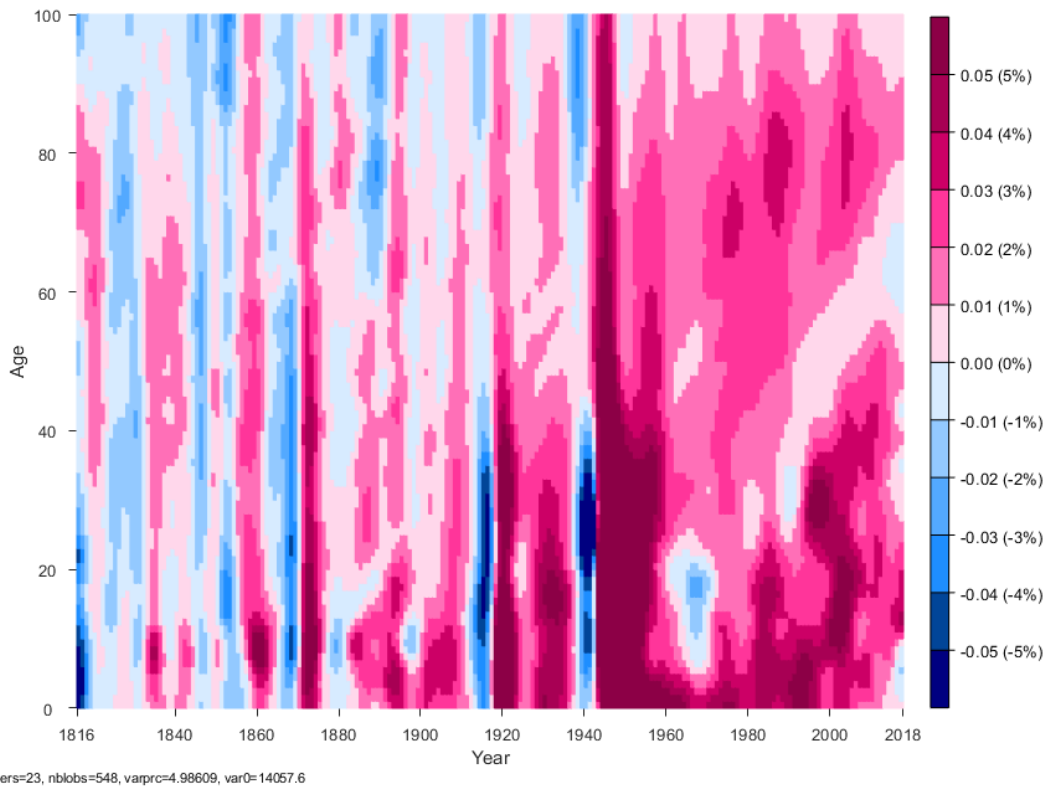


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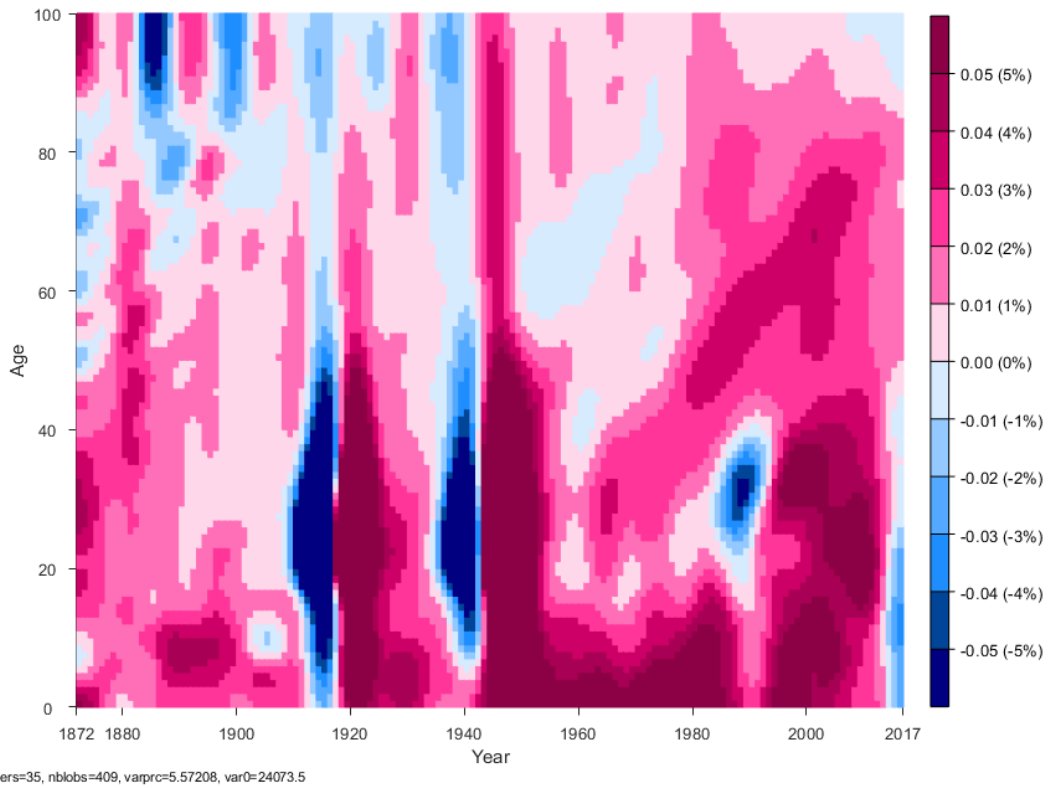


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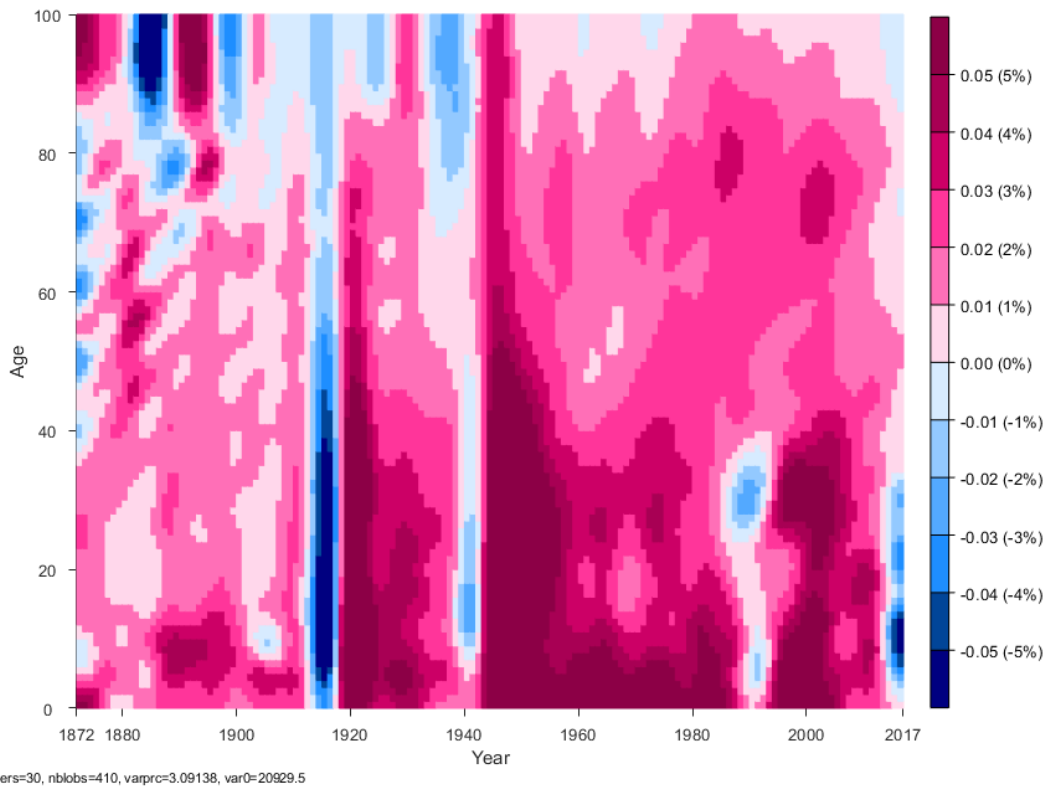


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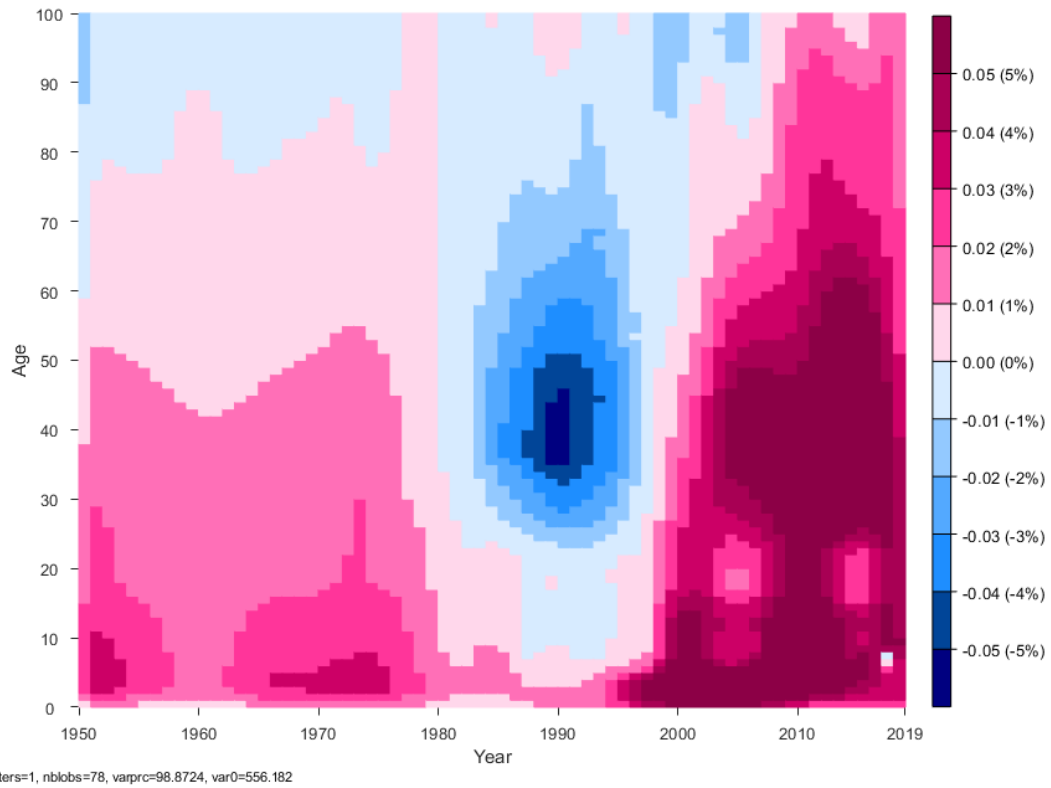


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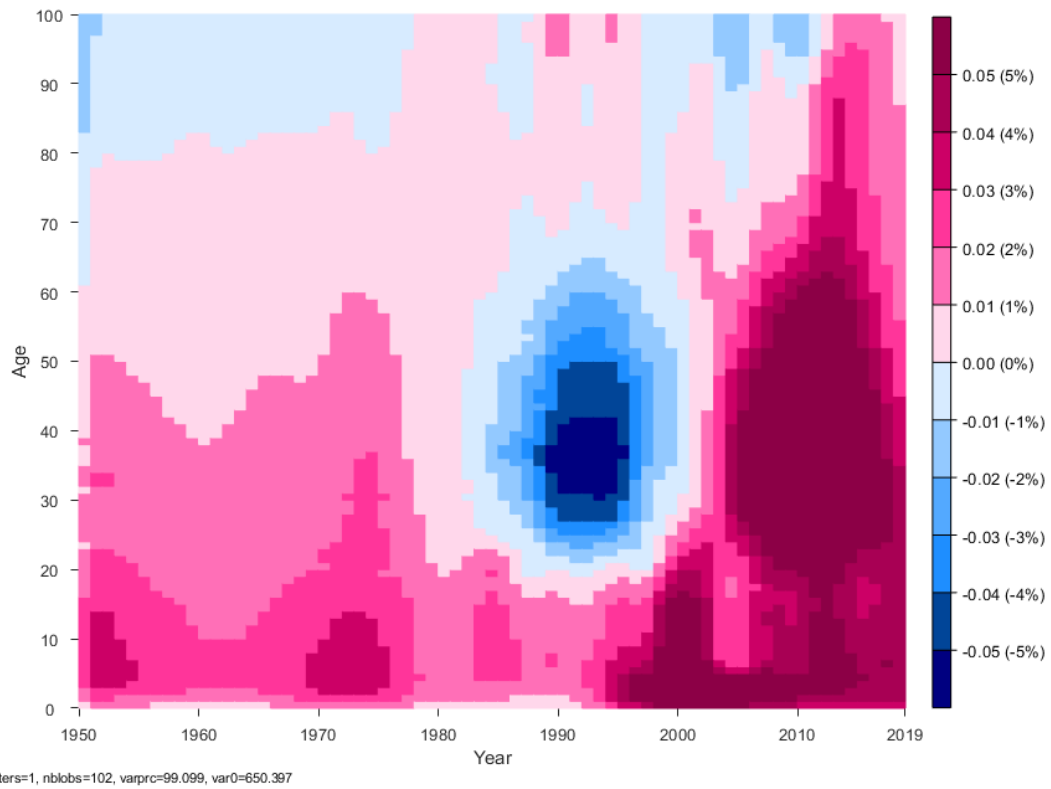


# United Republic of Tanzania

## Males

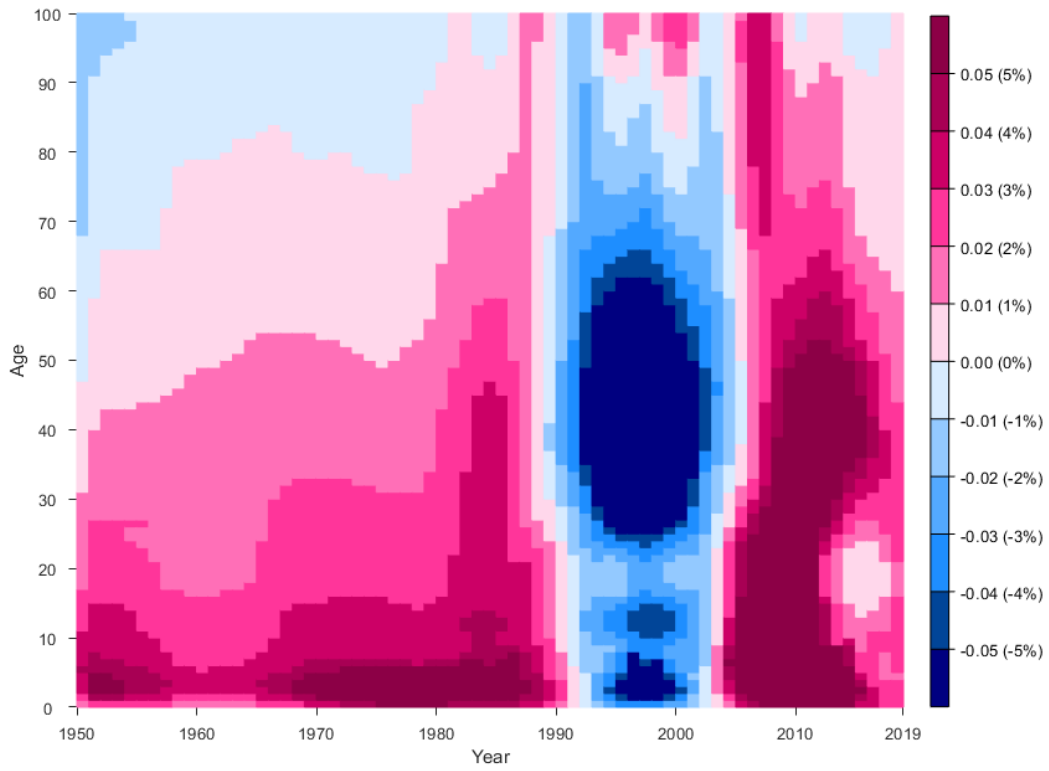


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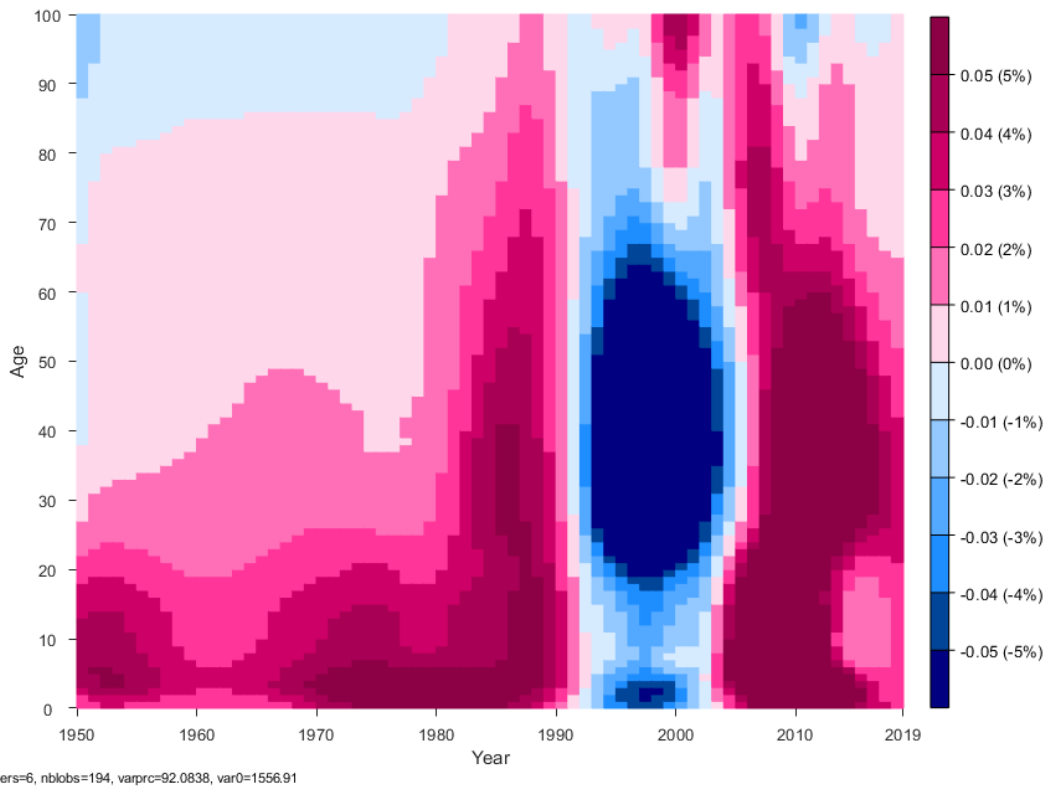


# South Africa

## Males



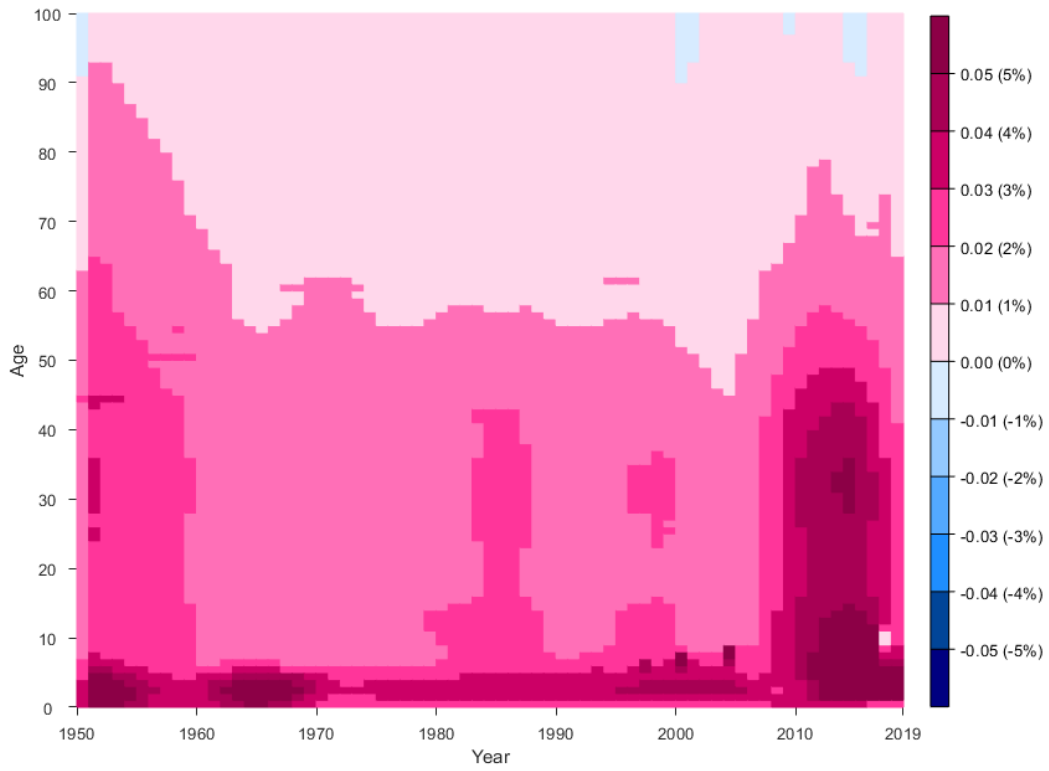
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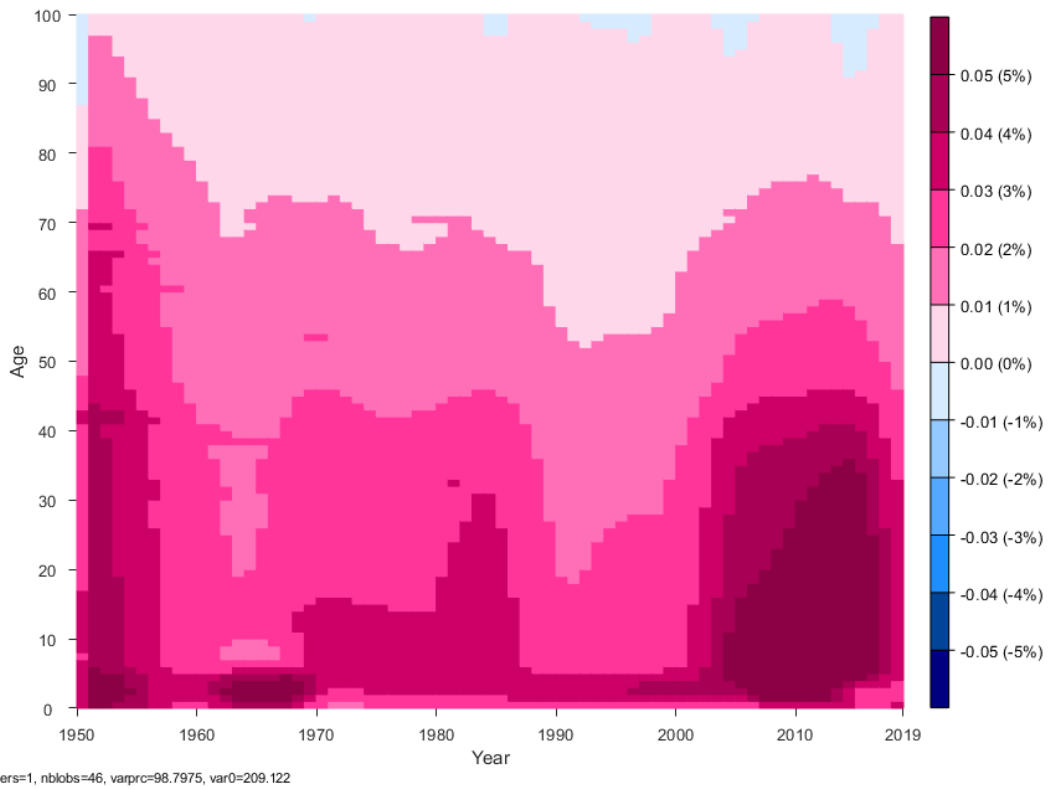


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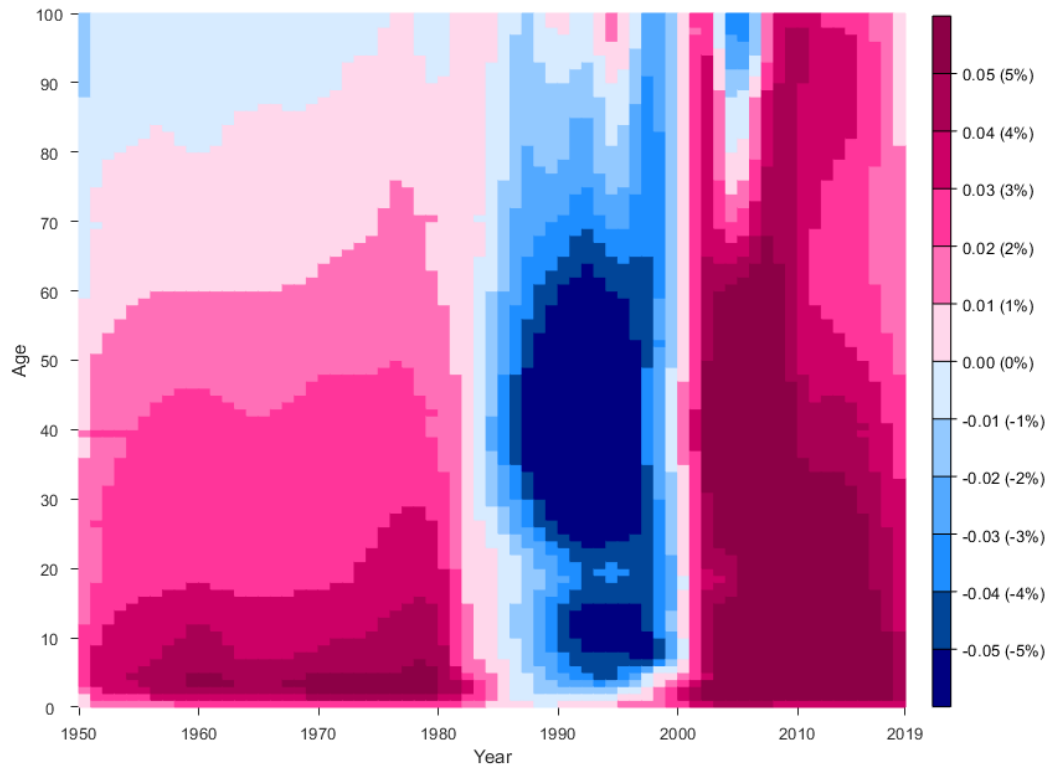


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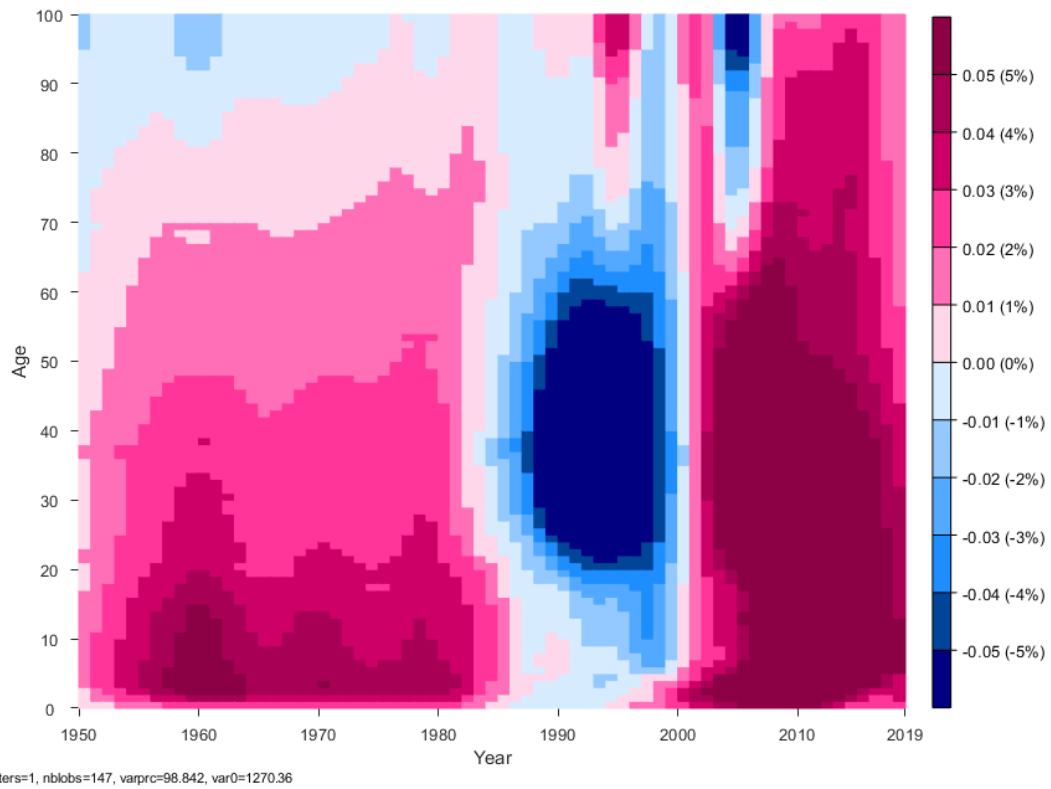


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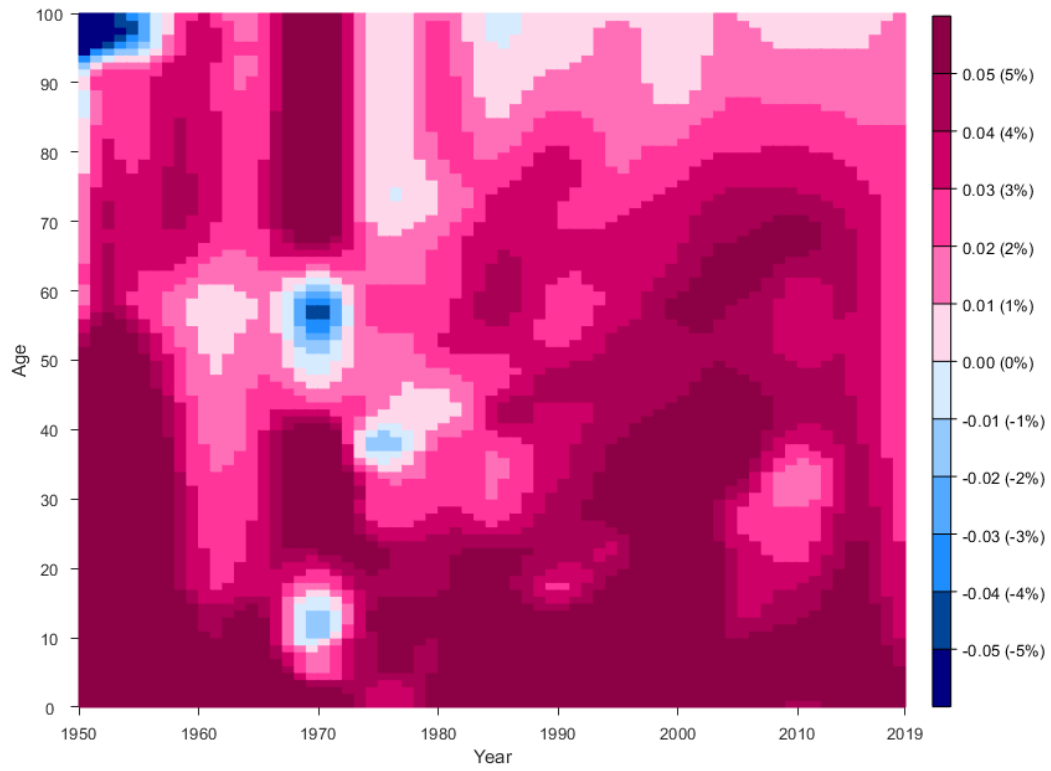


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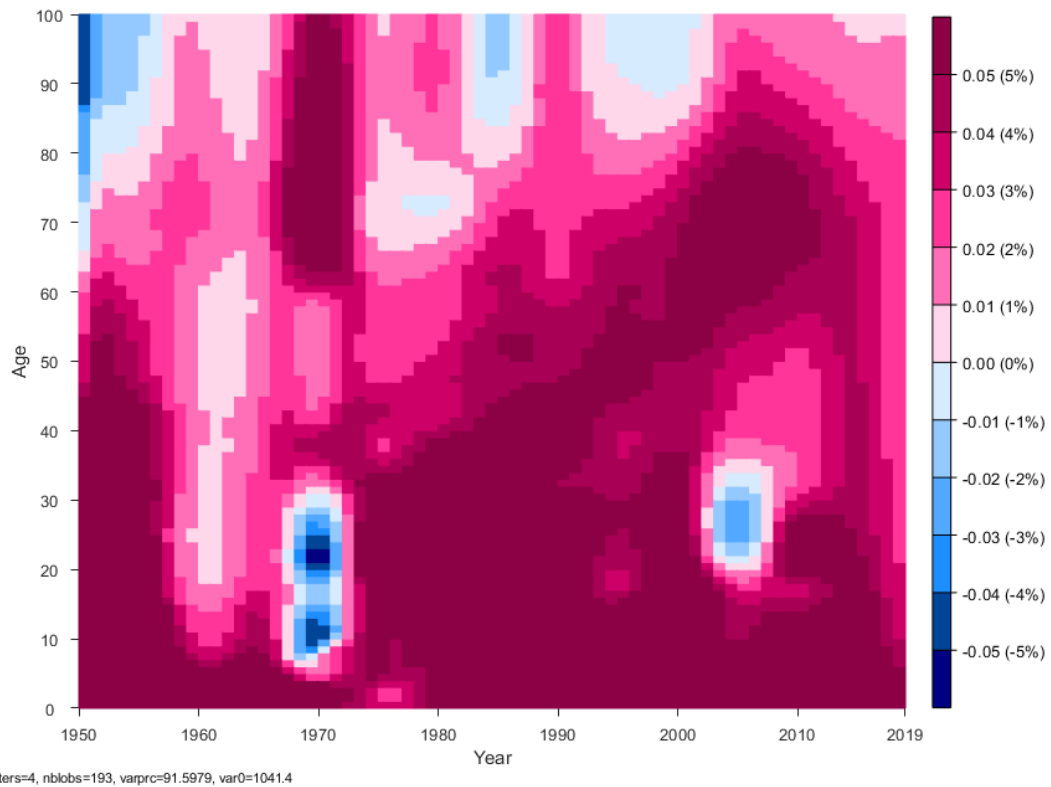


# Republic of Korea

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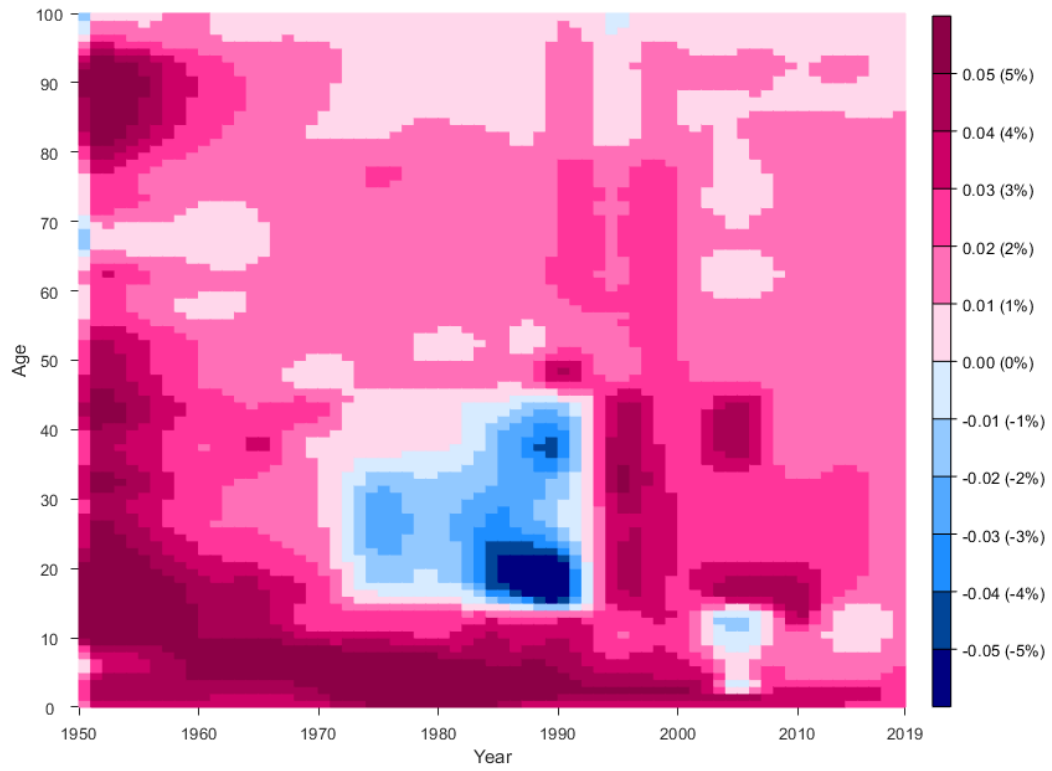


## Females



# Colombia

## Males

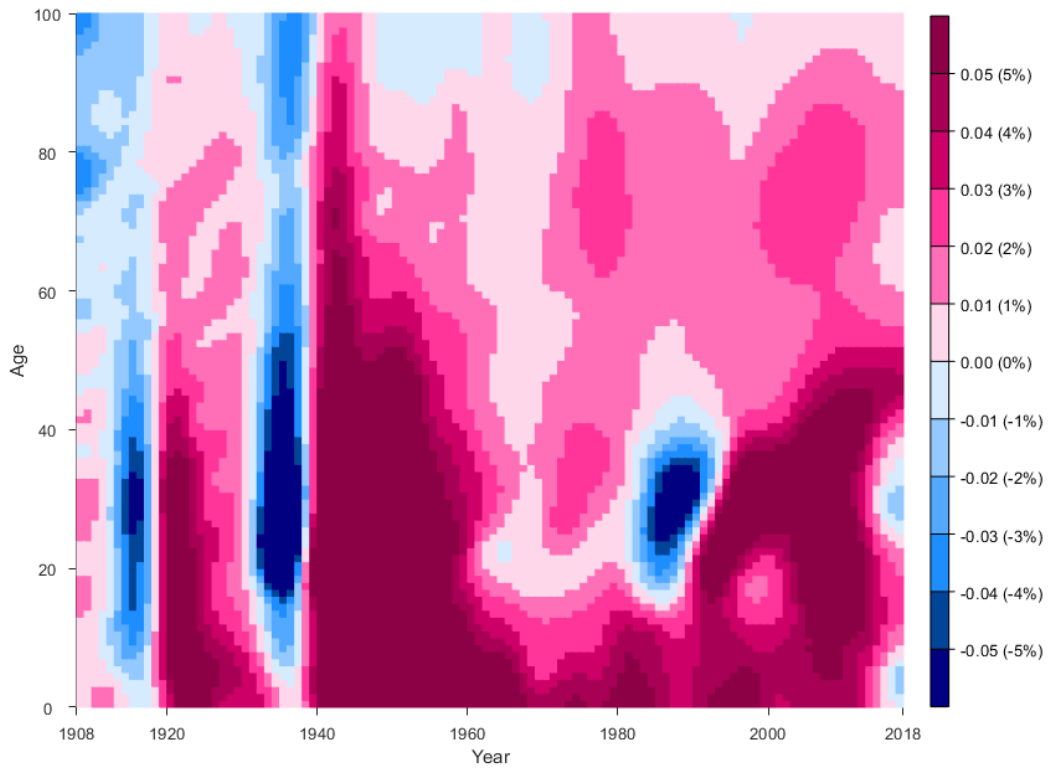


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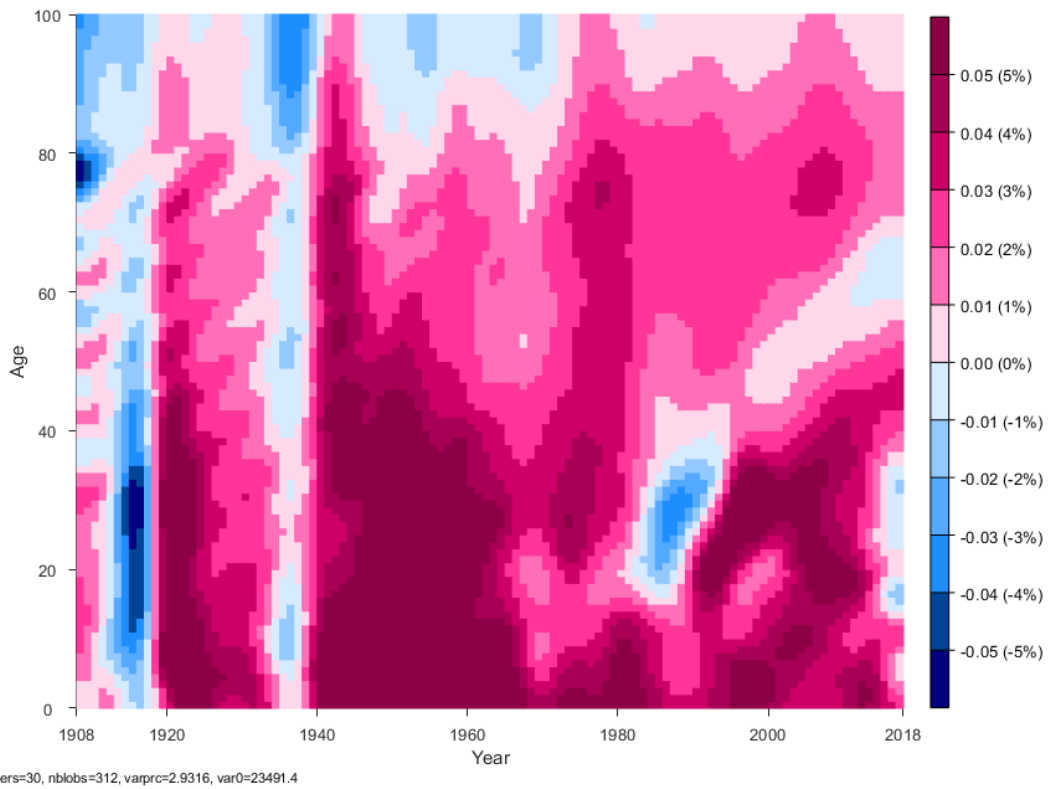


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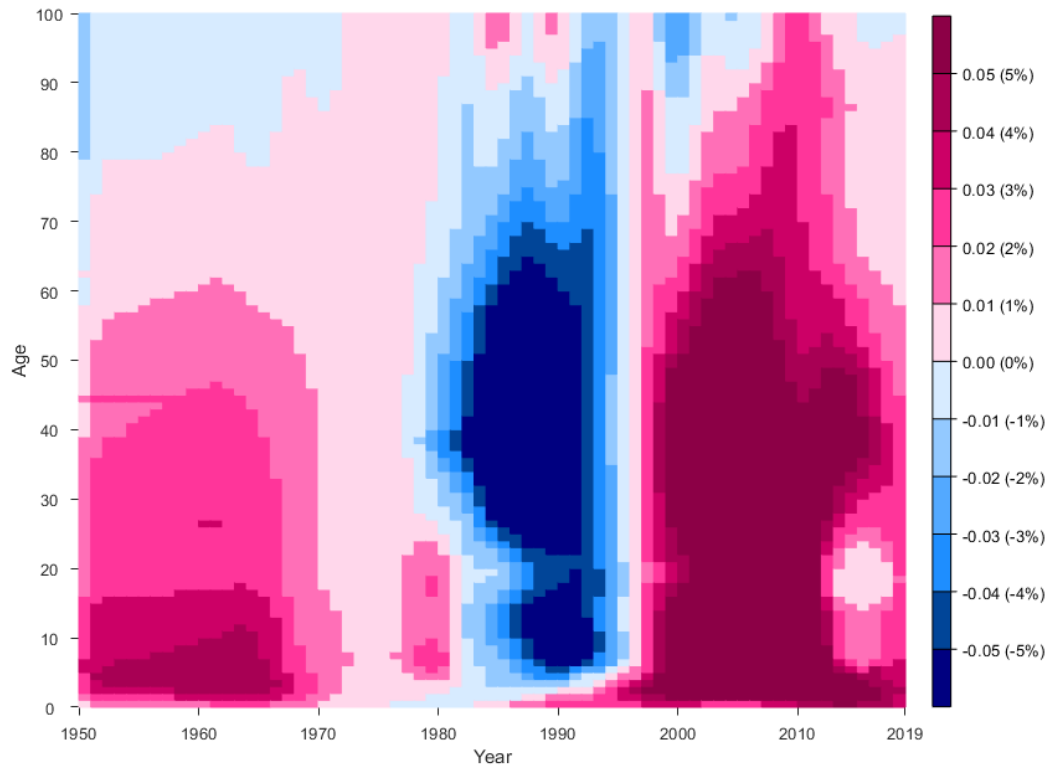


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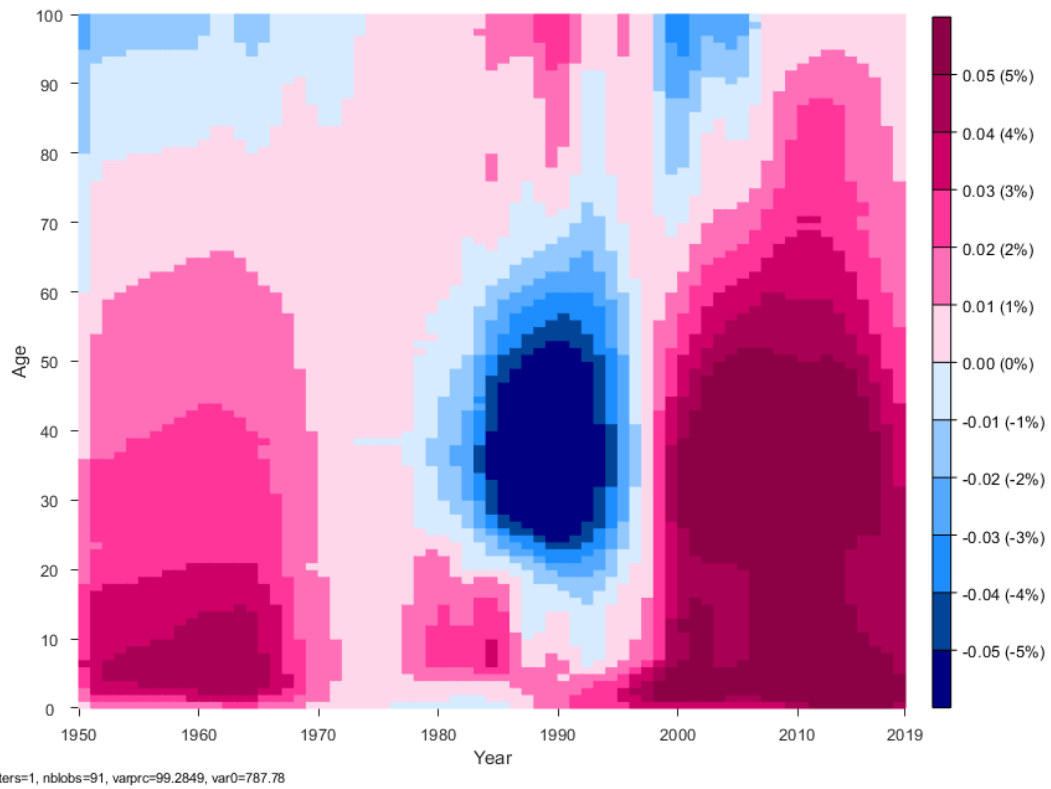


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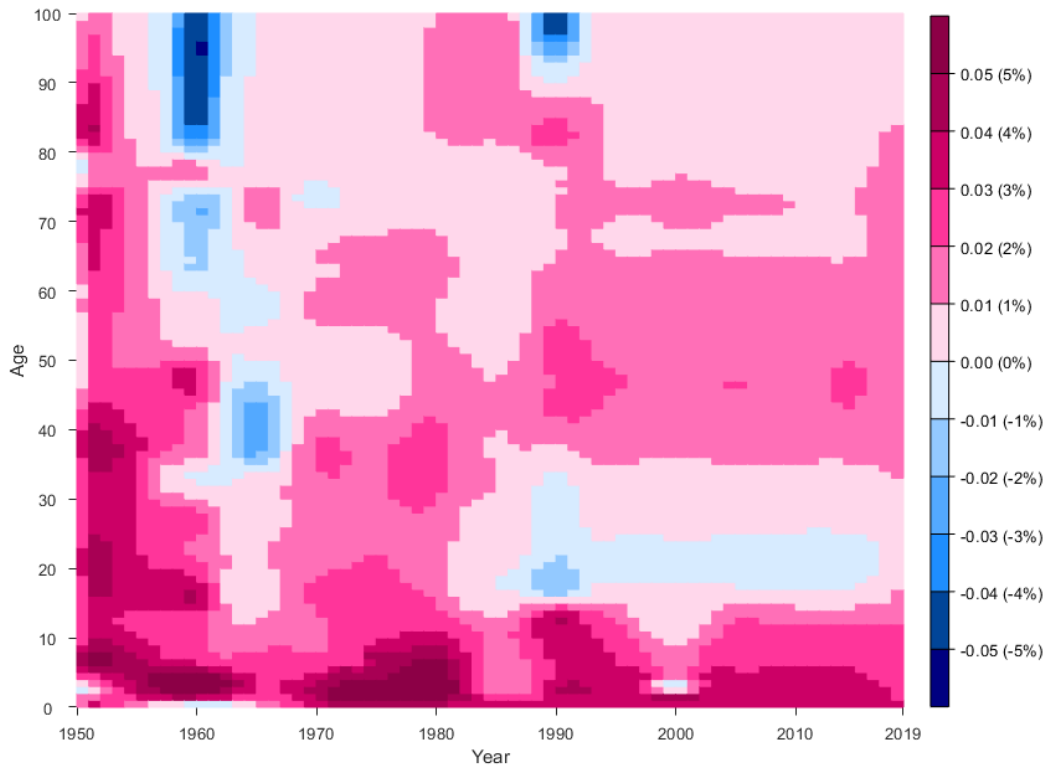


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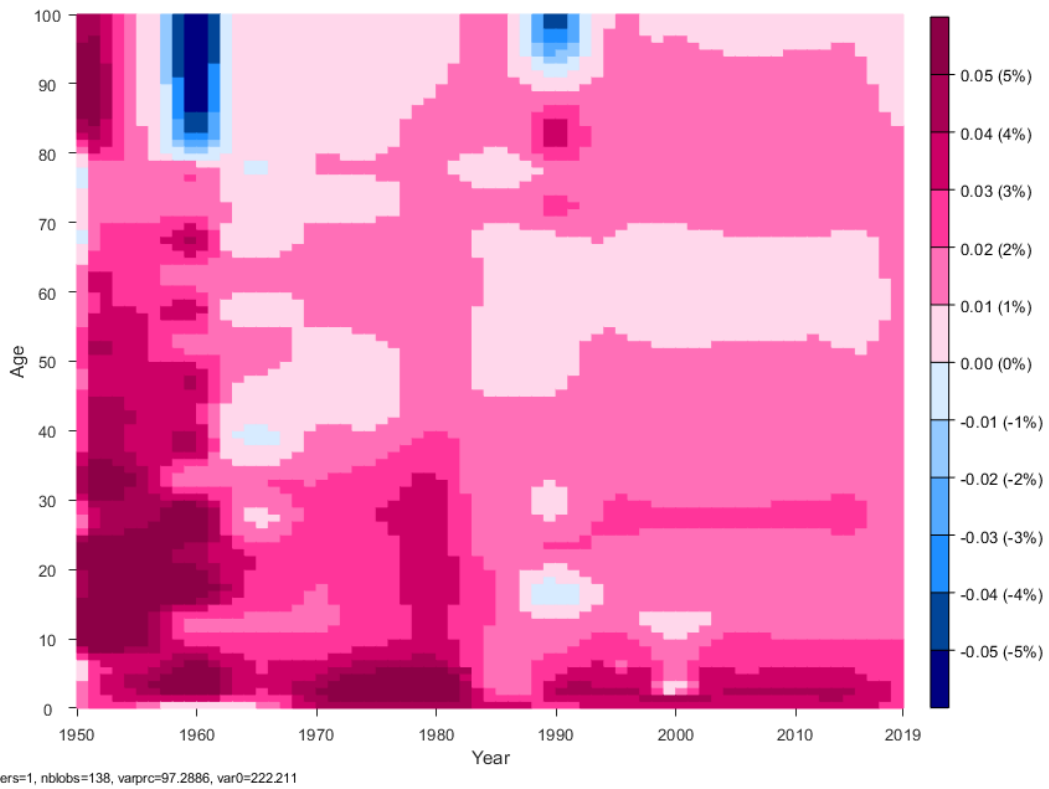


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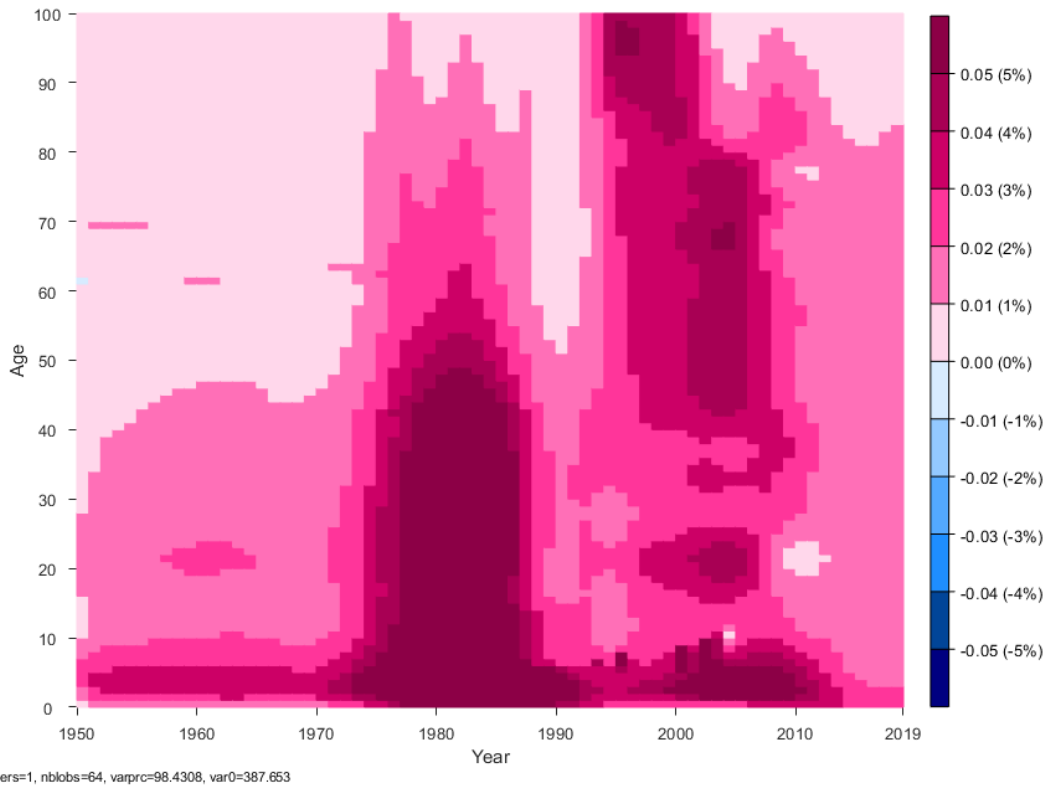


## Females



# Algeria

## Males



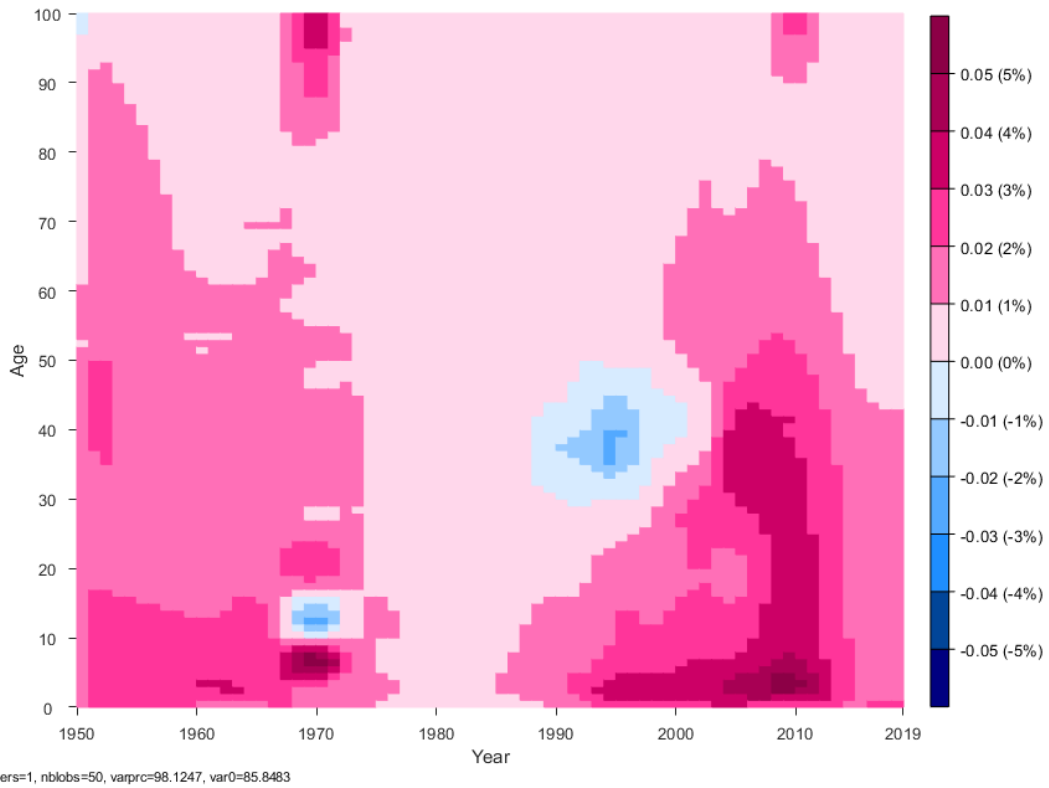
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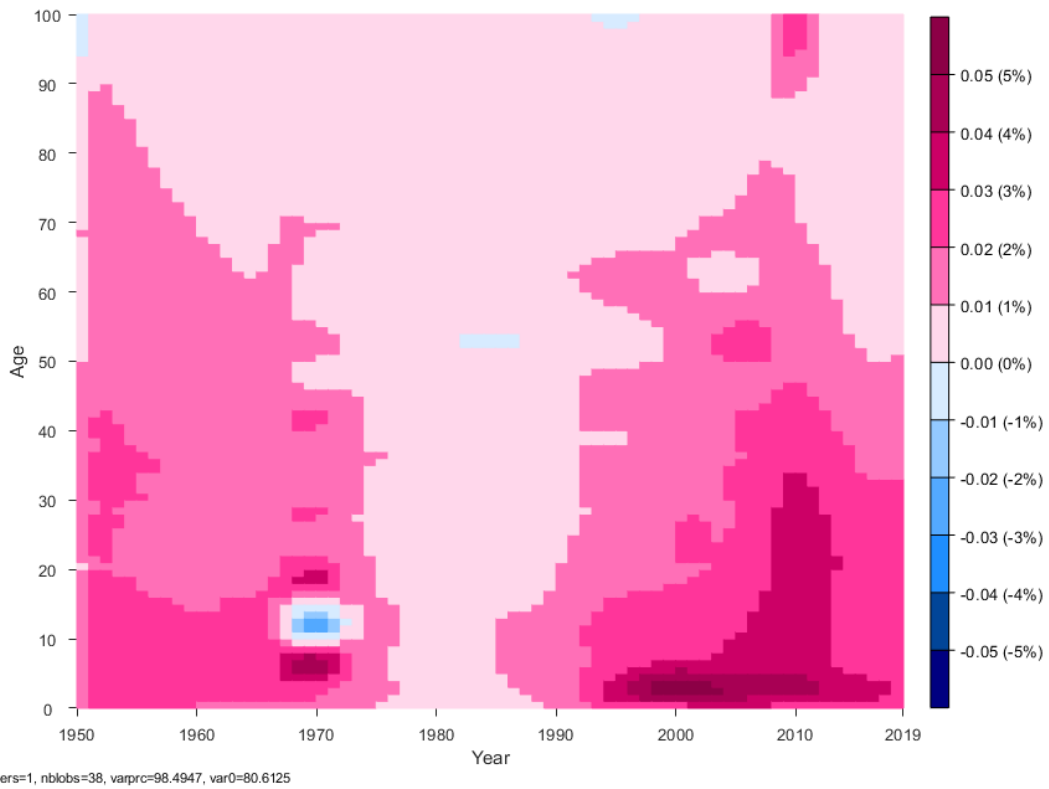


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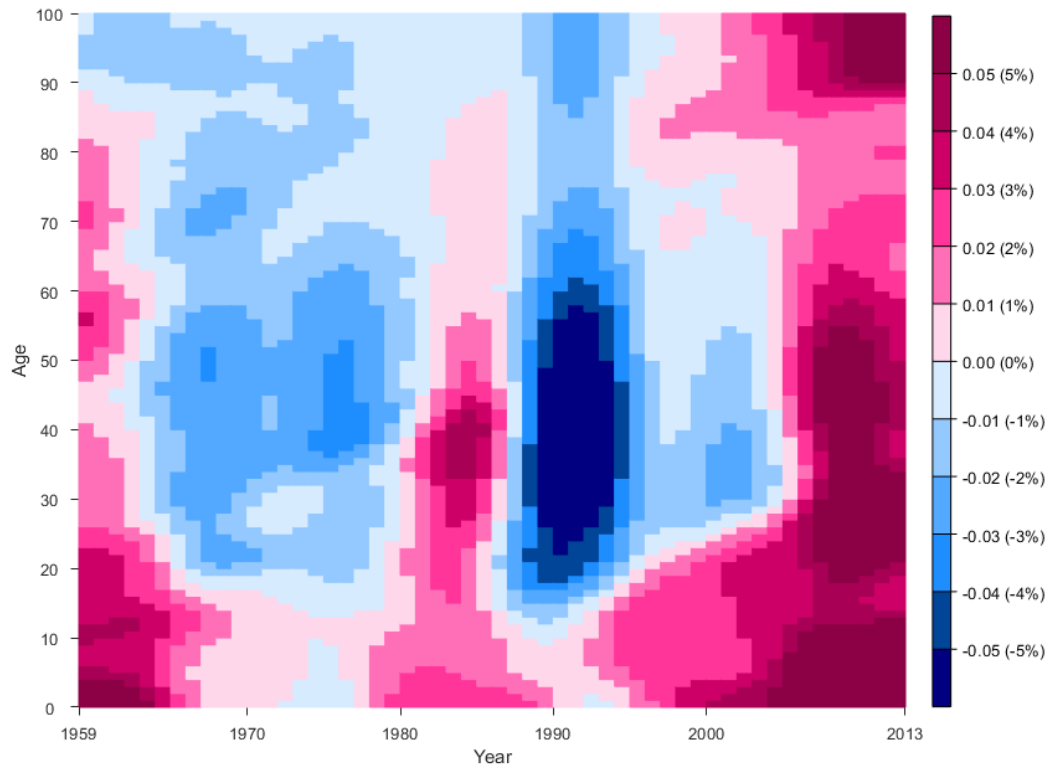


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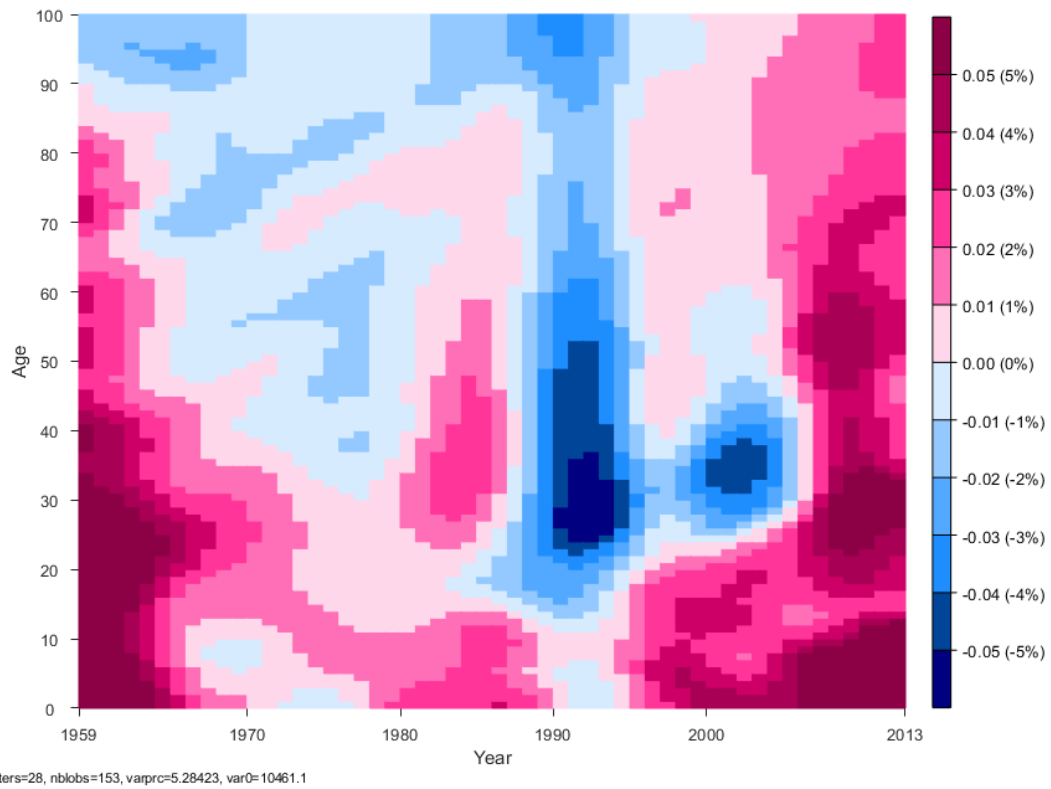


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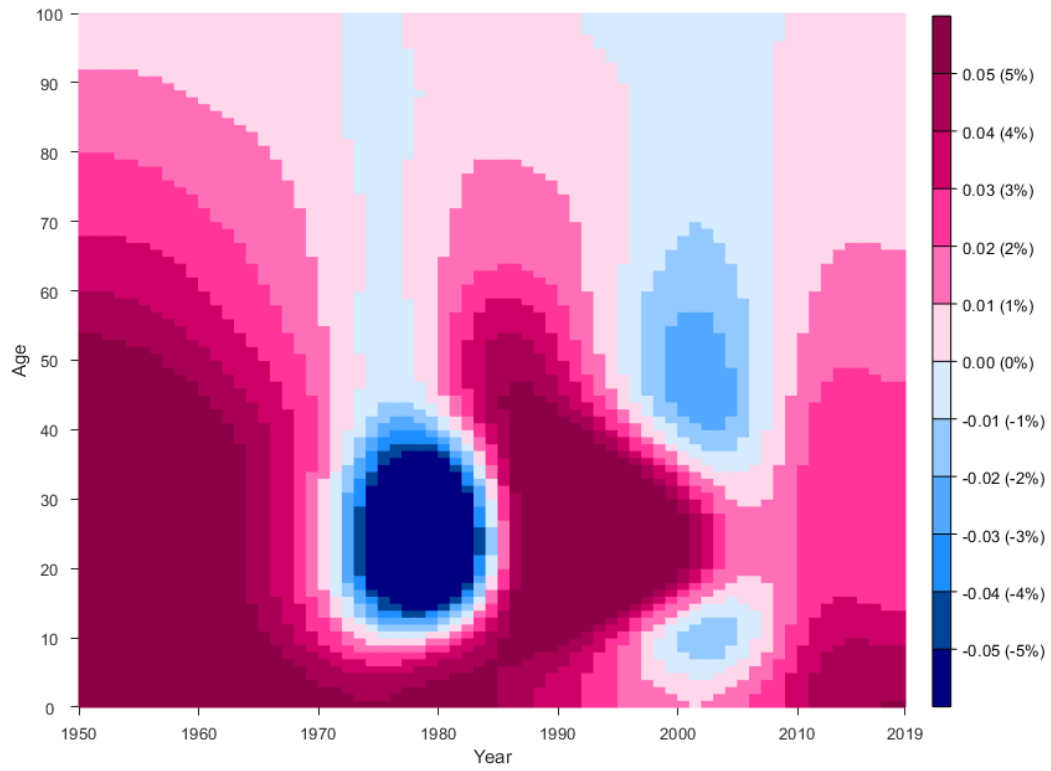


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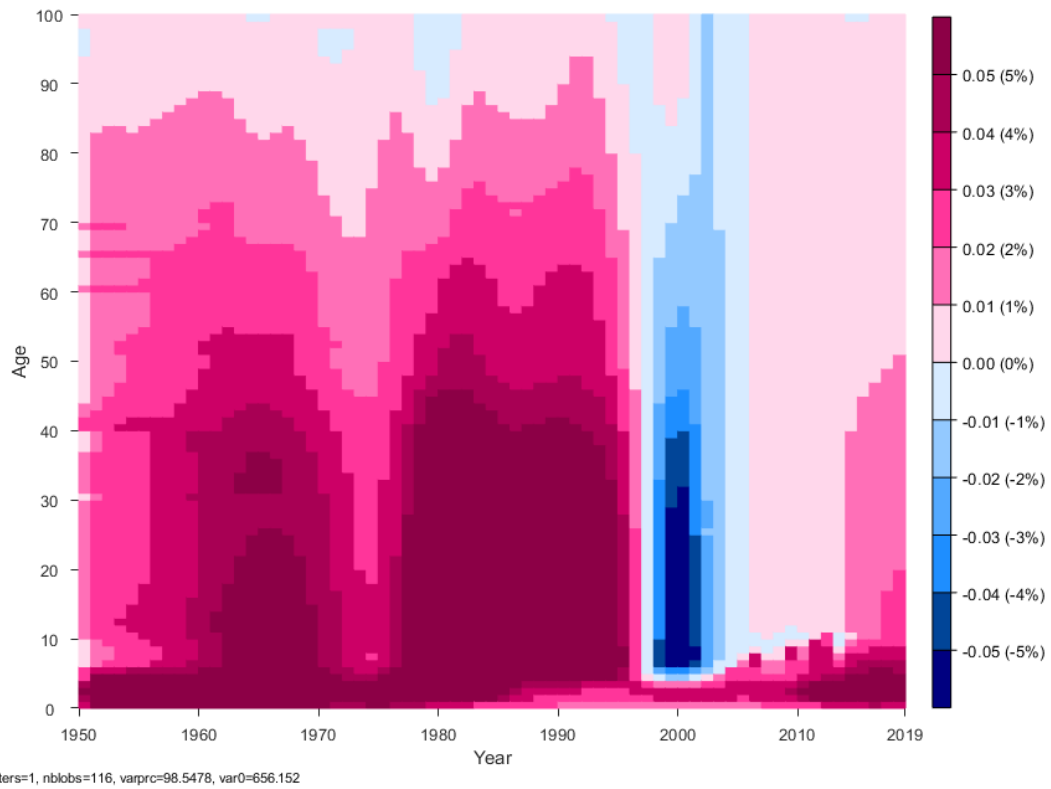


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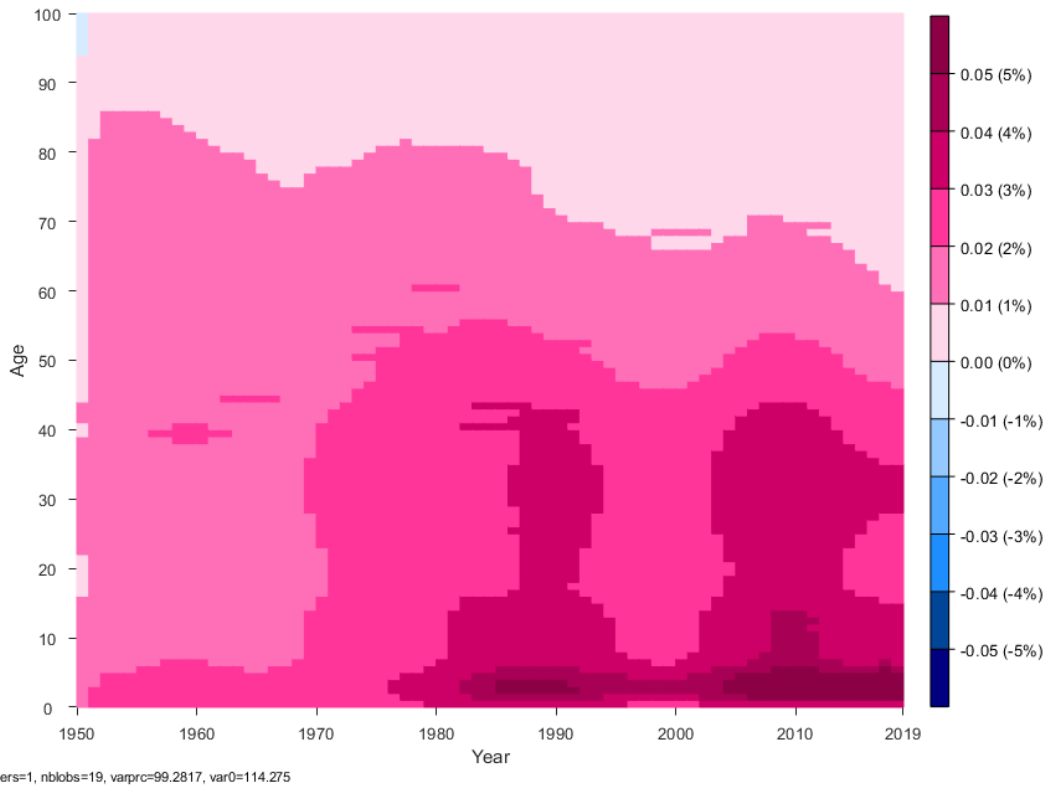


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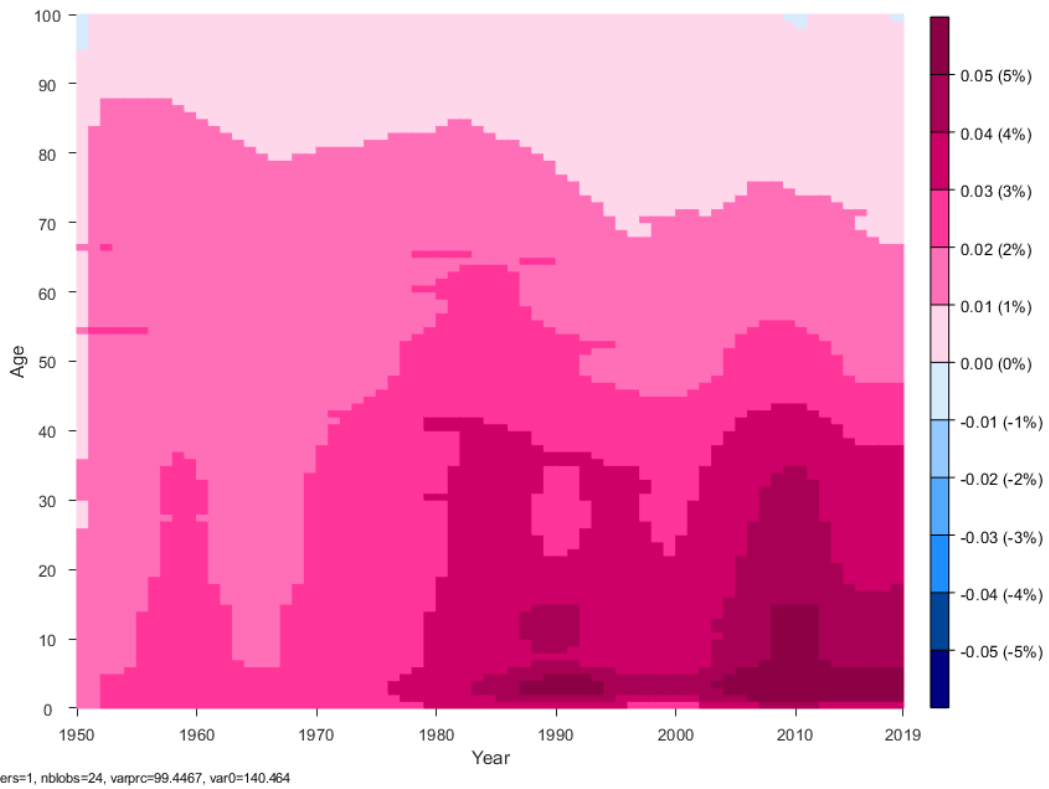


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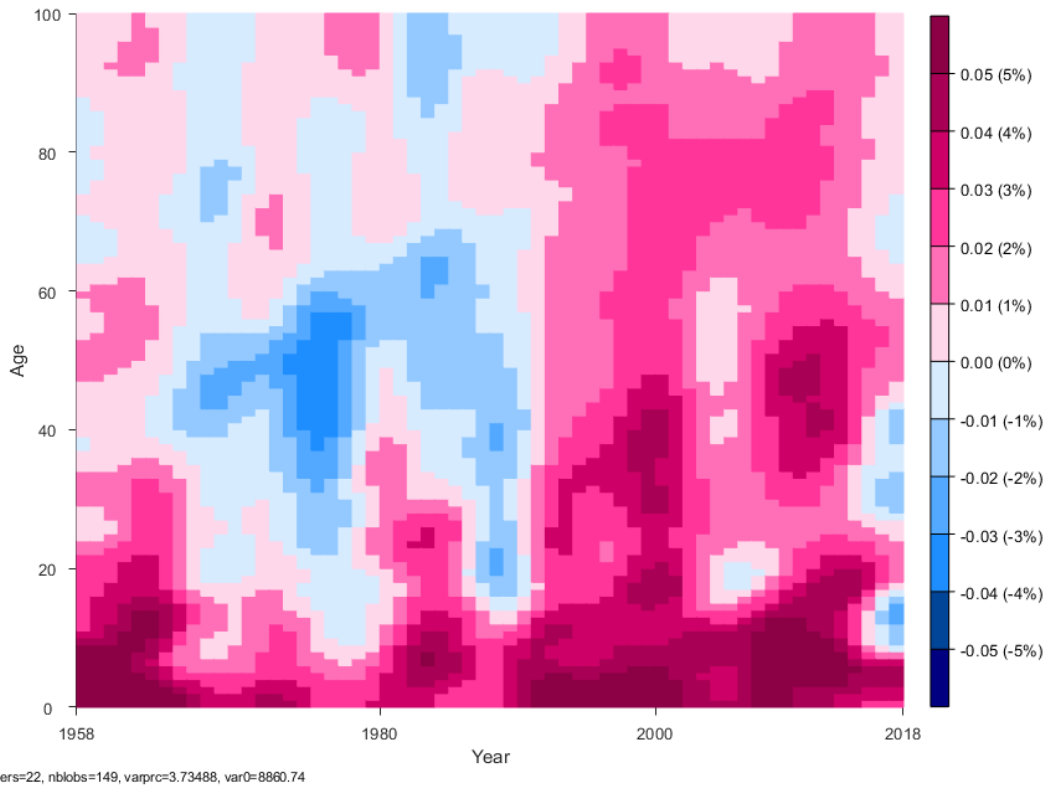


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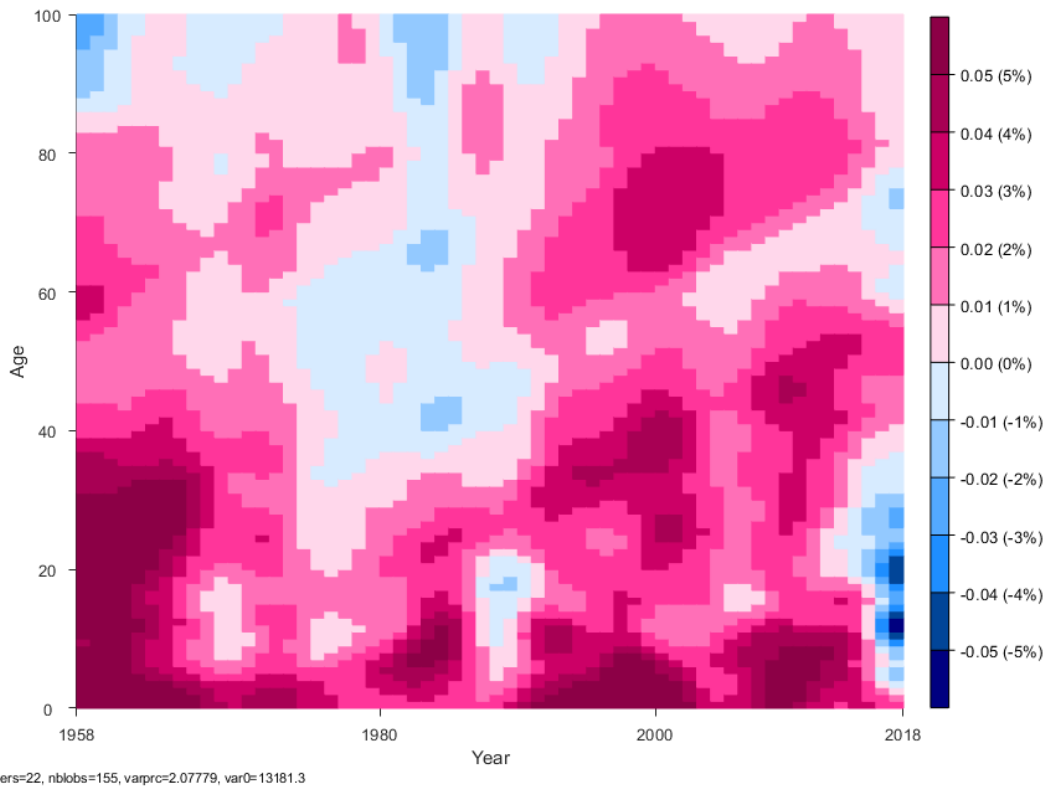


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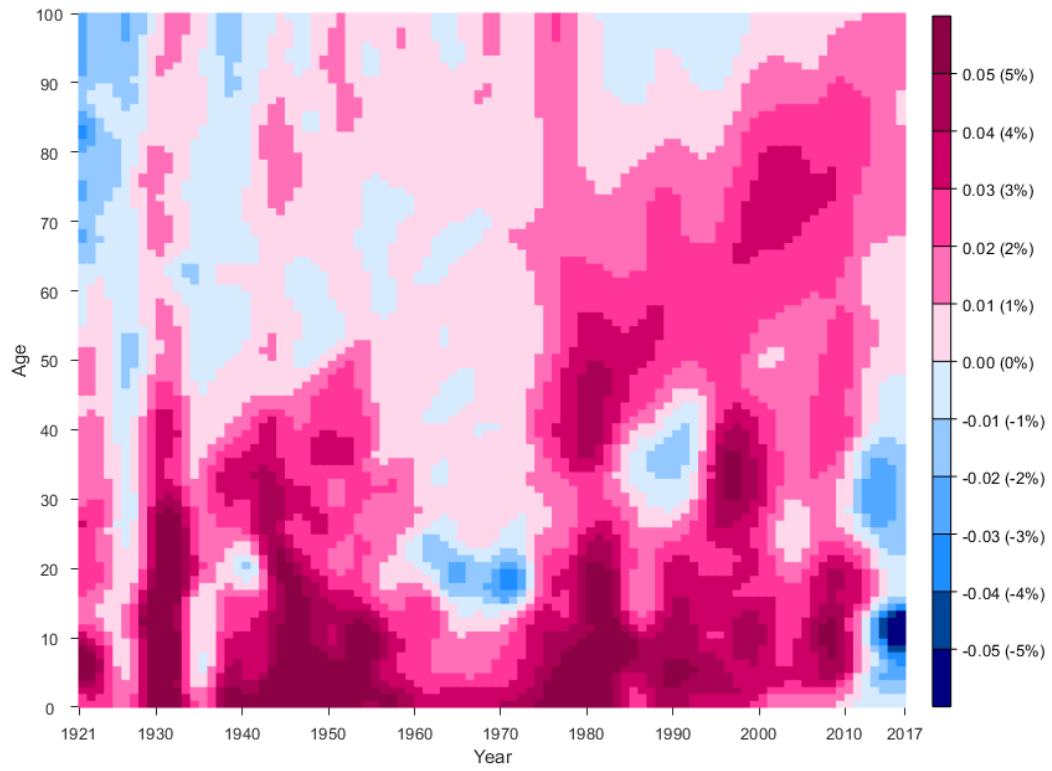


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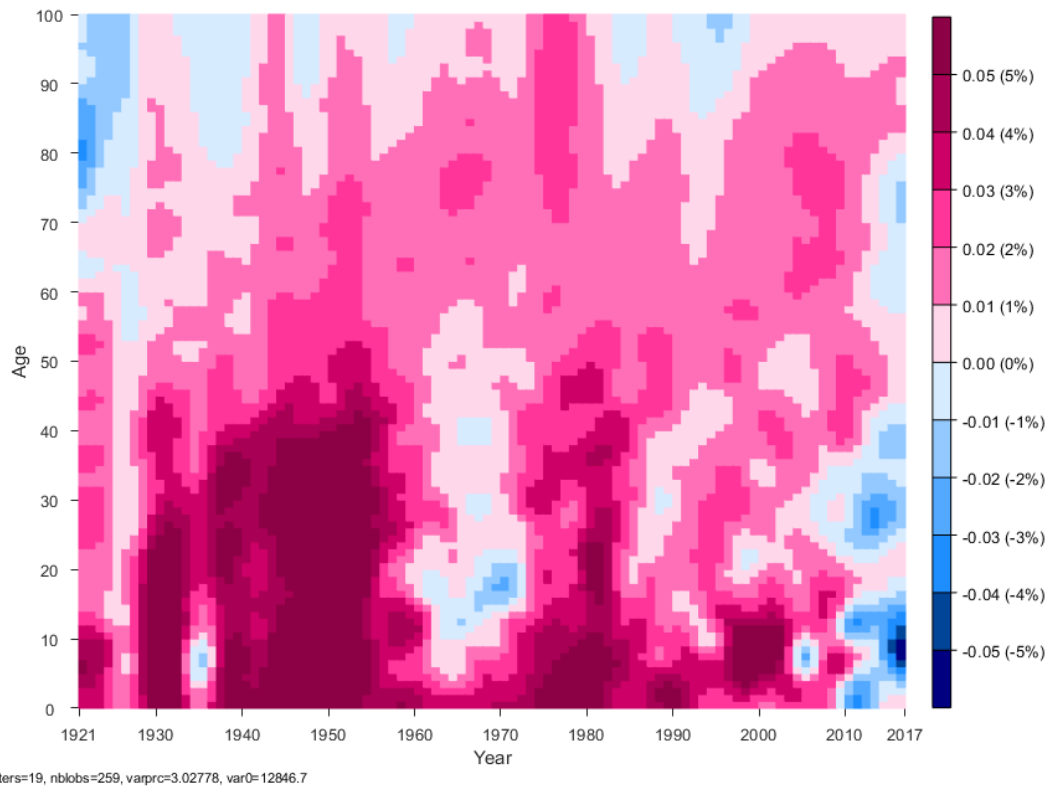


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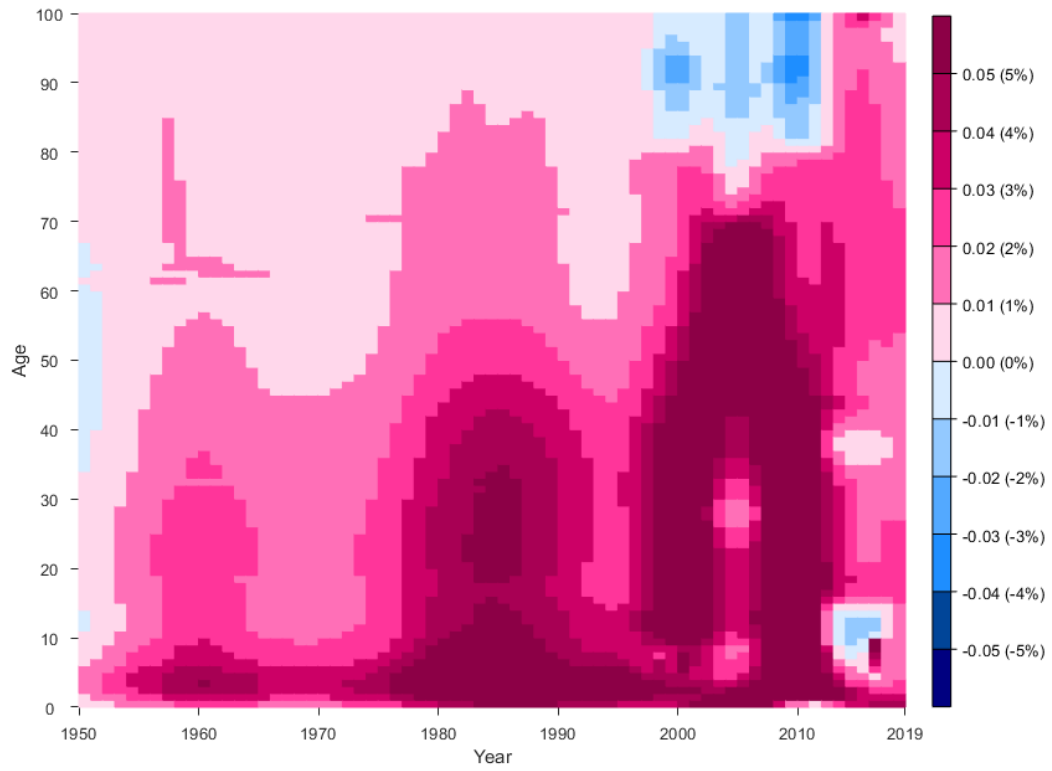


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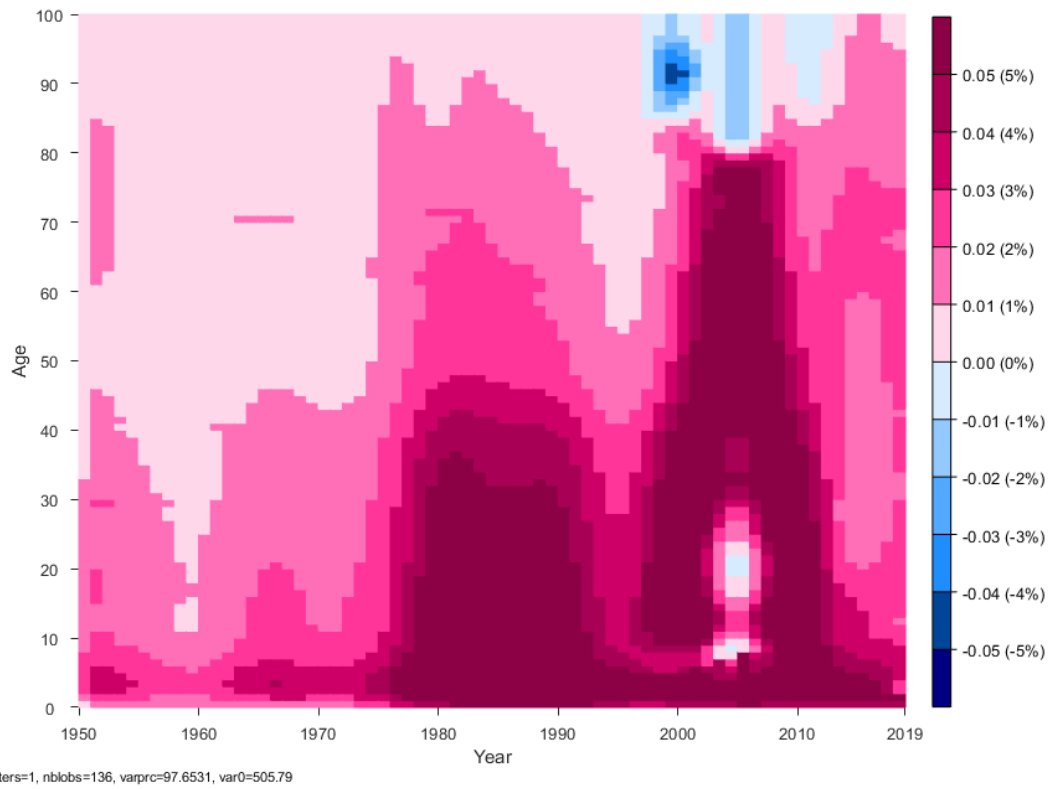


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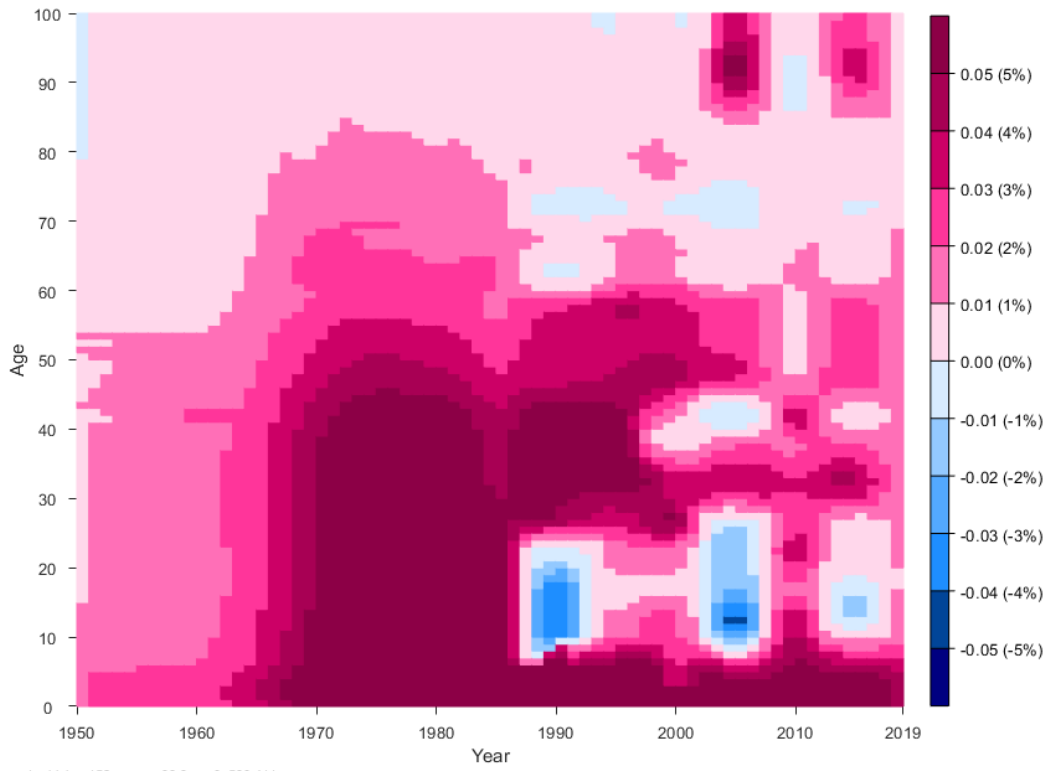


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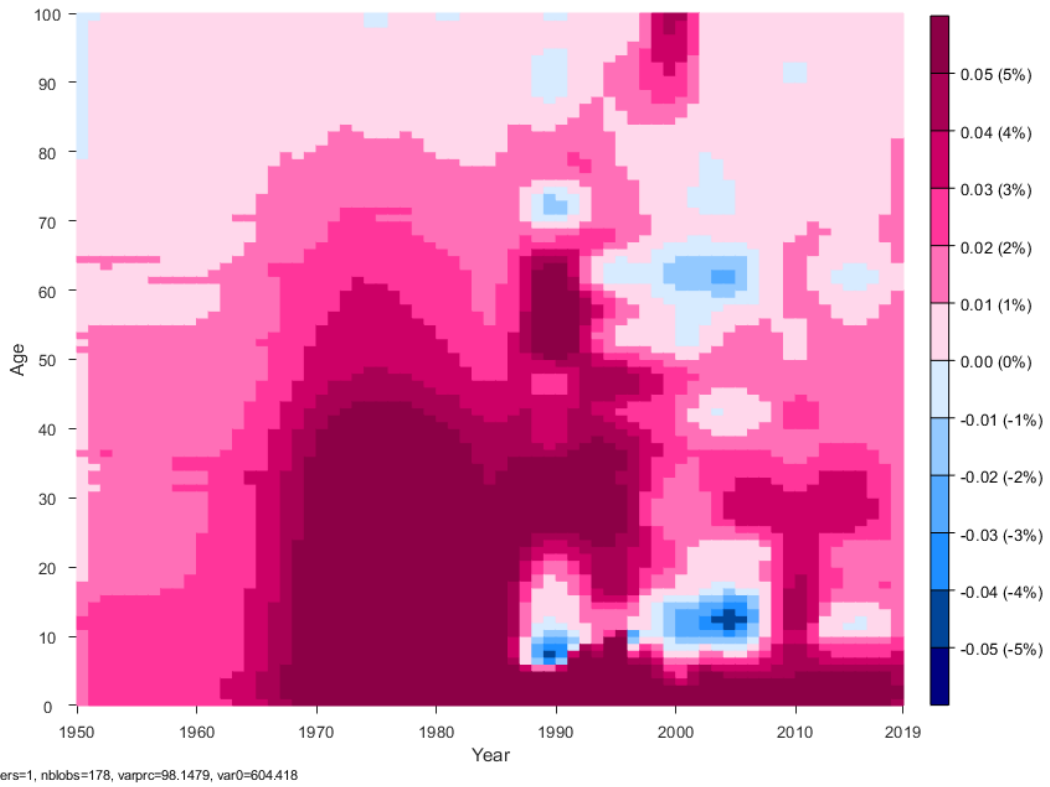


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## Males



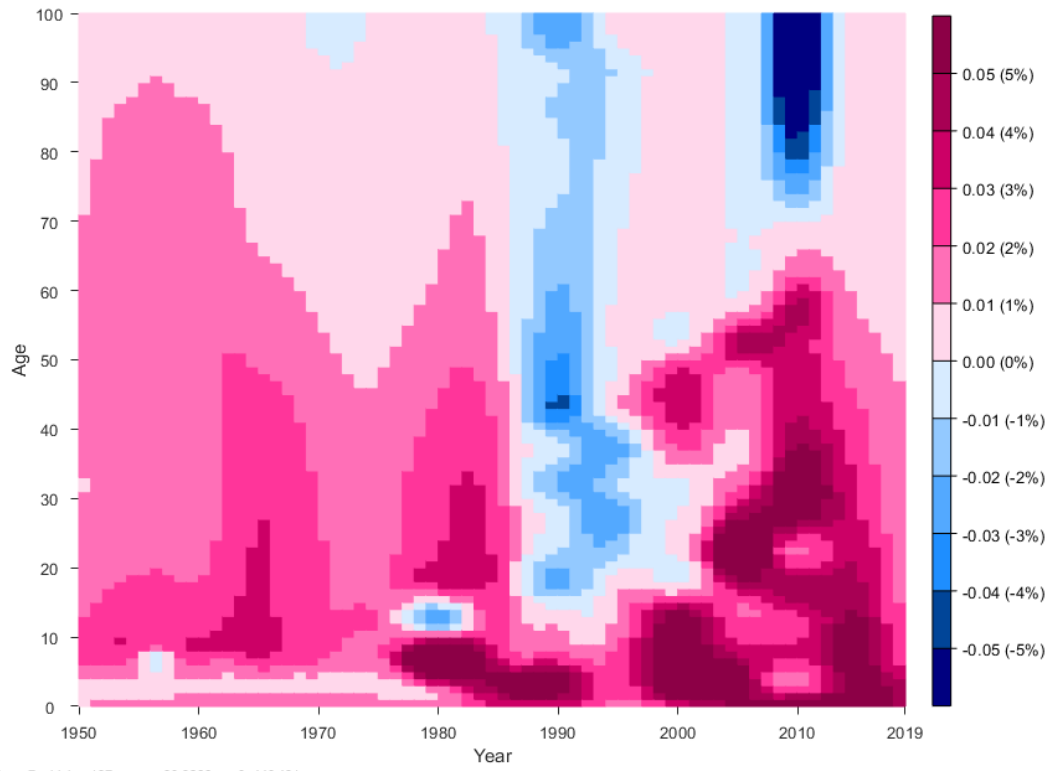
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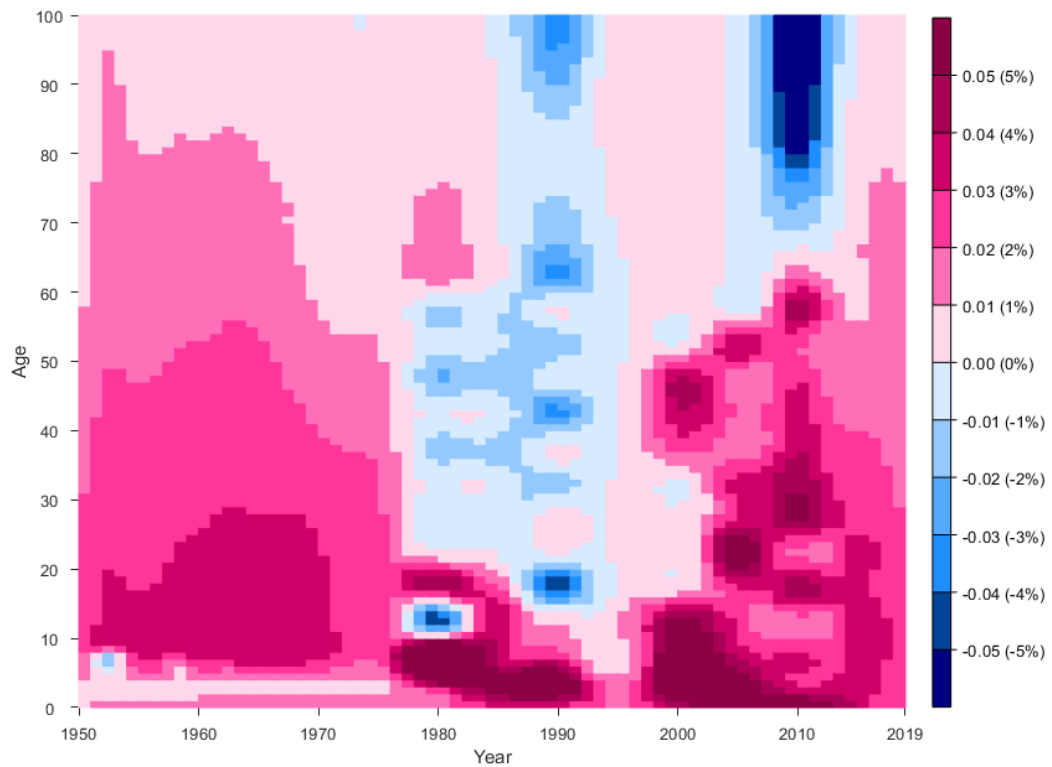
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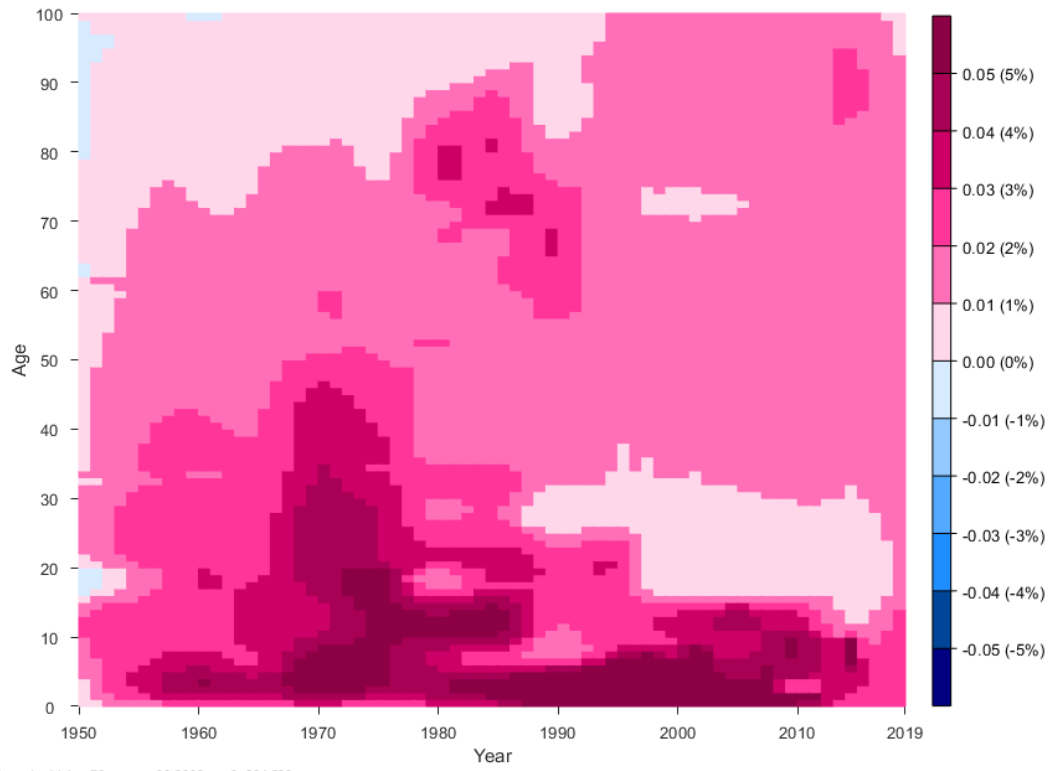
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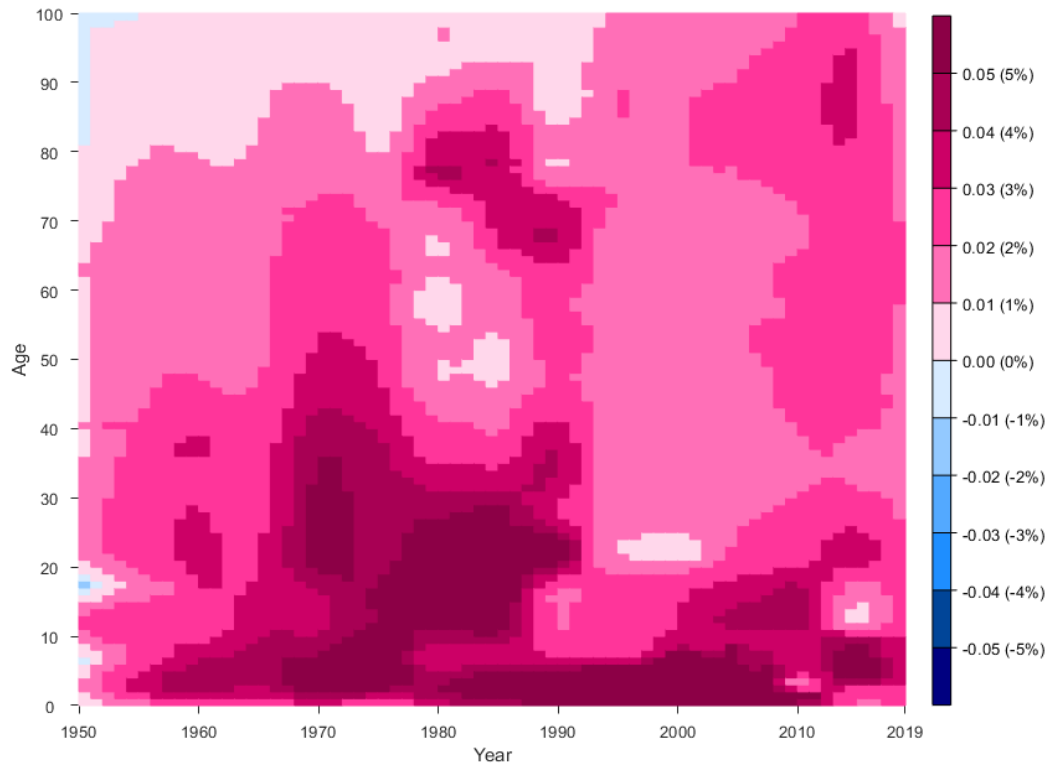
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## Males



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## Females



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## Males

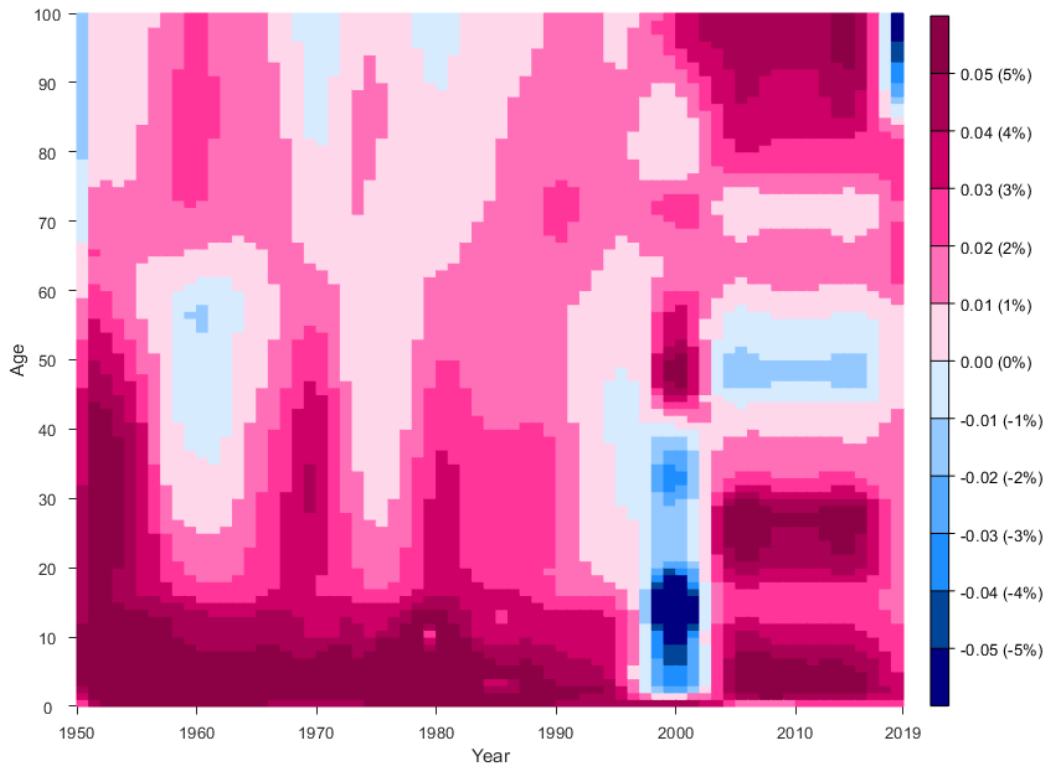


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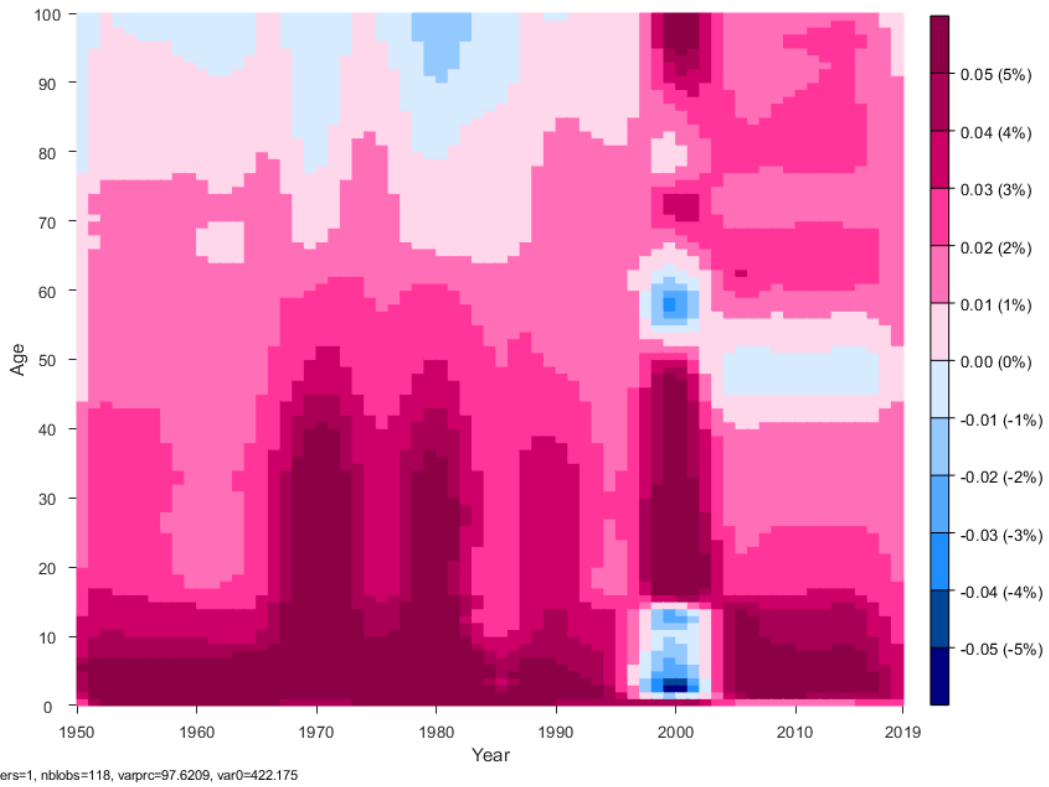


# Malaysia

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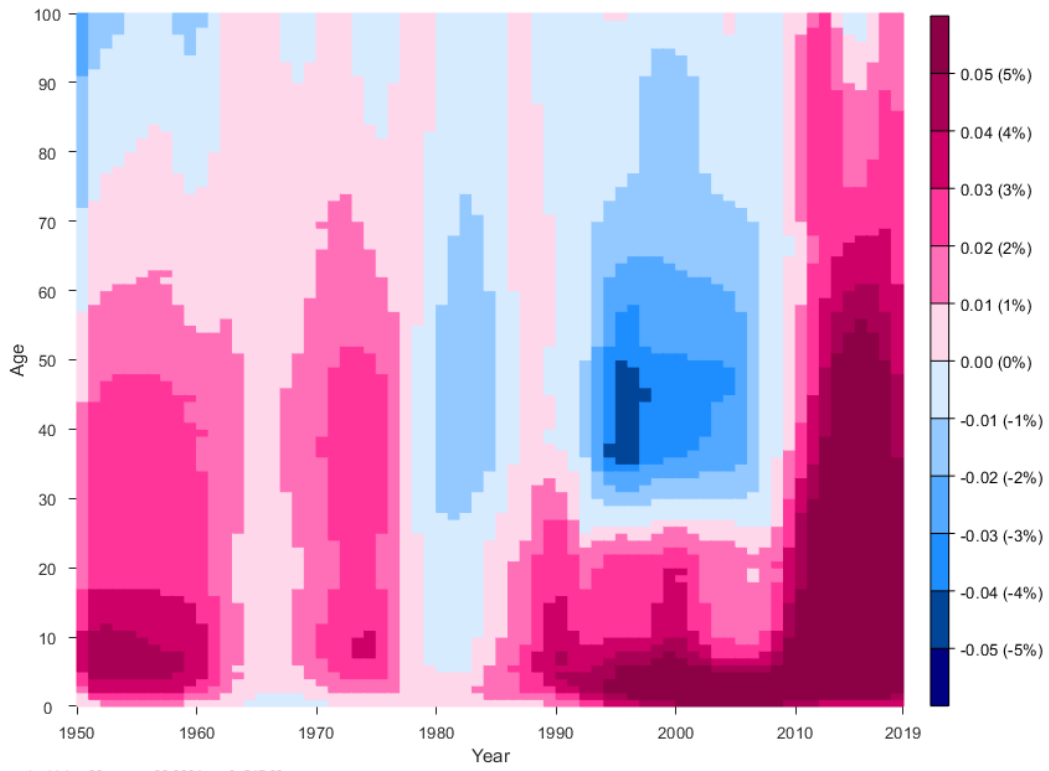


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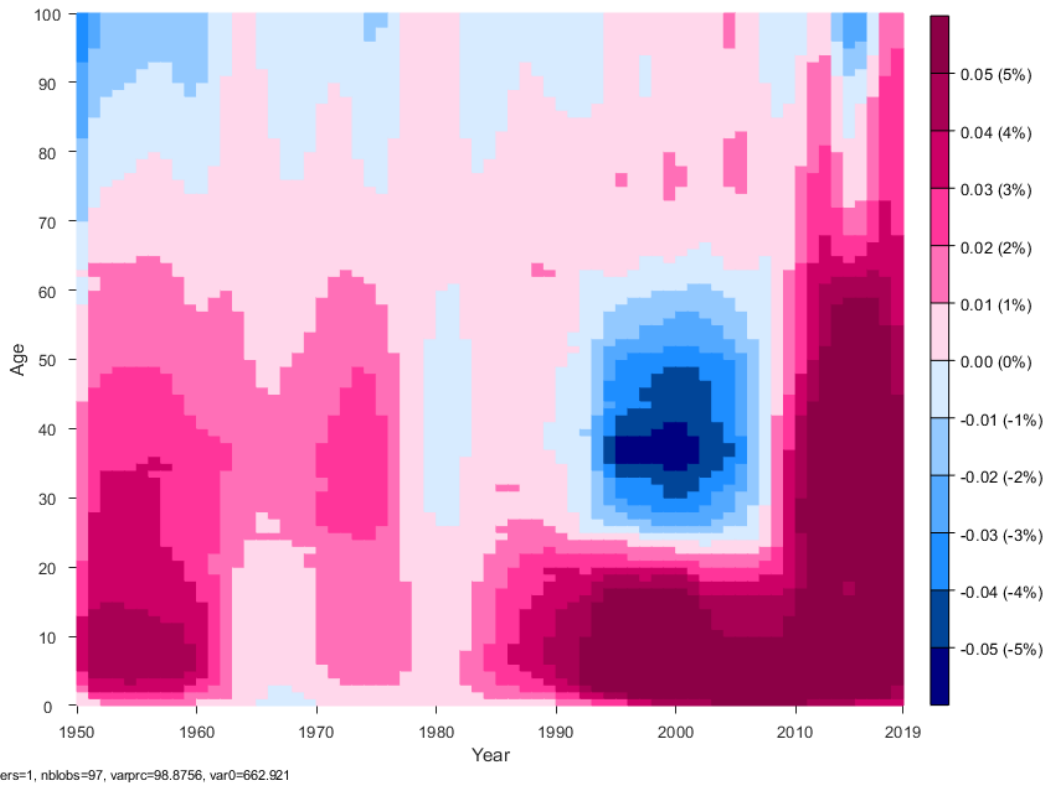


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## Males

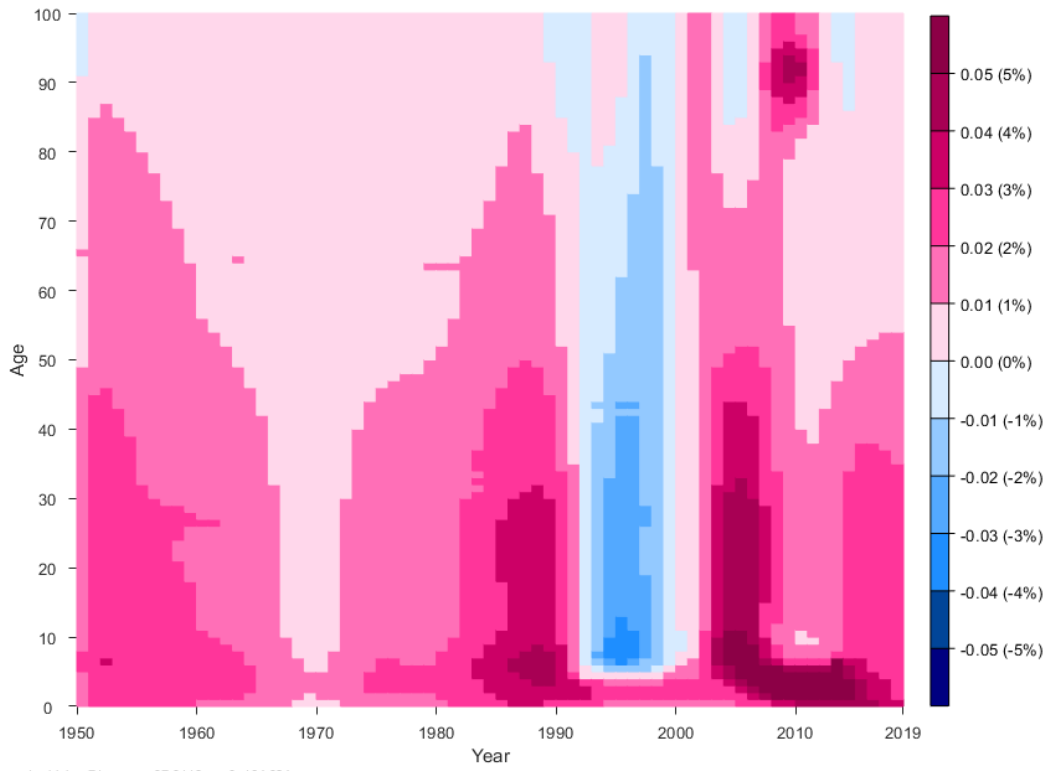


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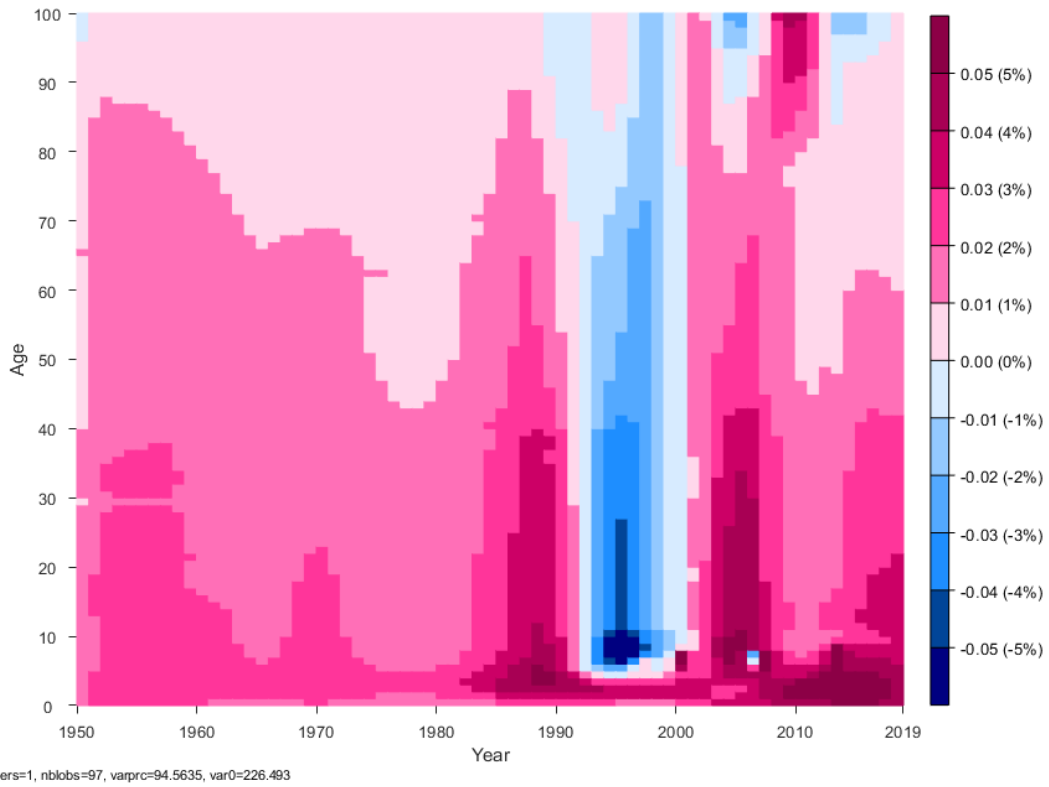


# Ghana

## Males



## Females



# Yemen

## Males

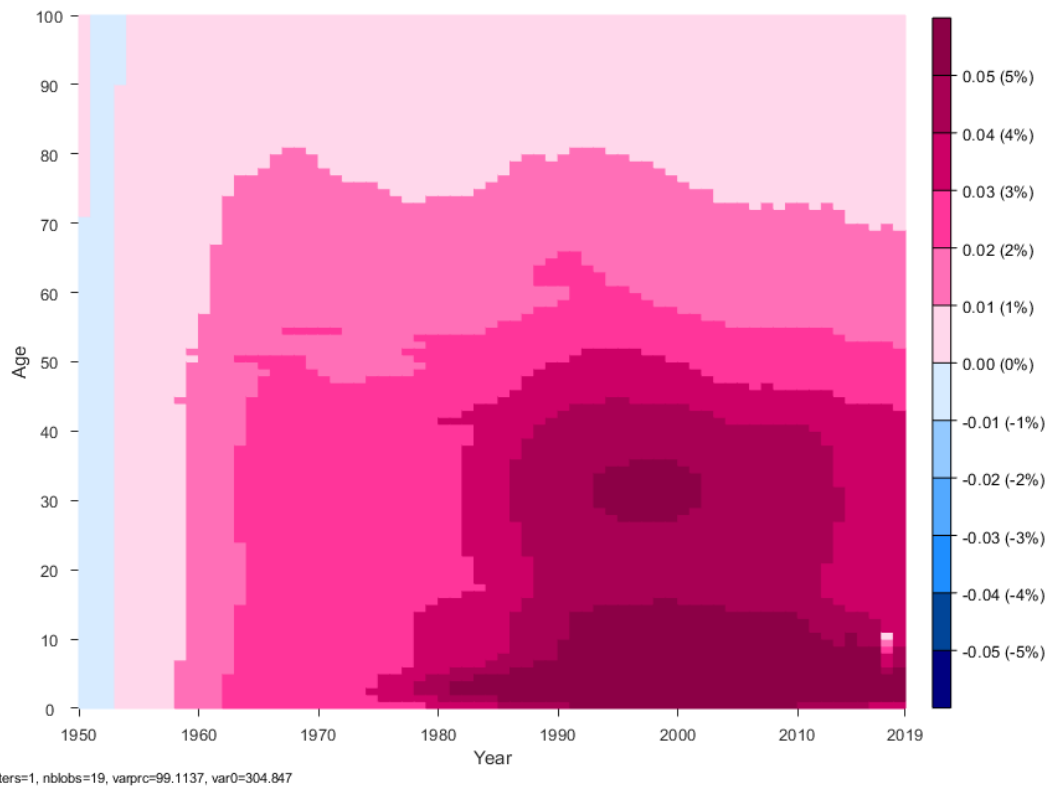


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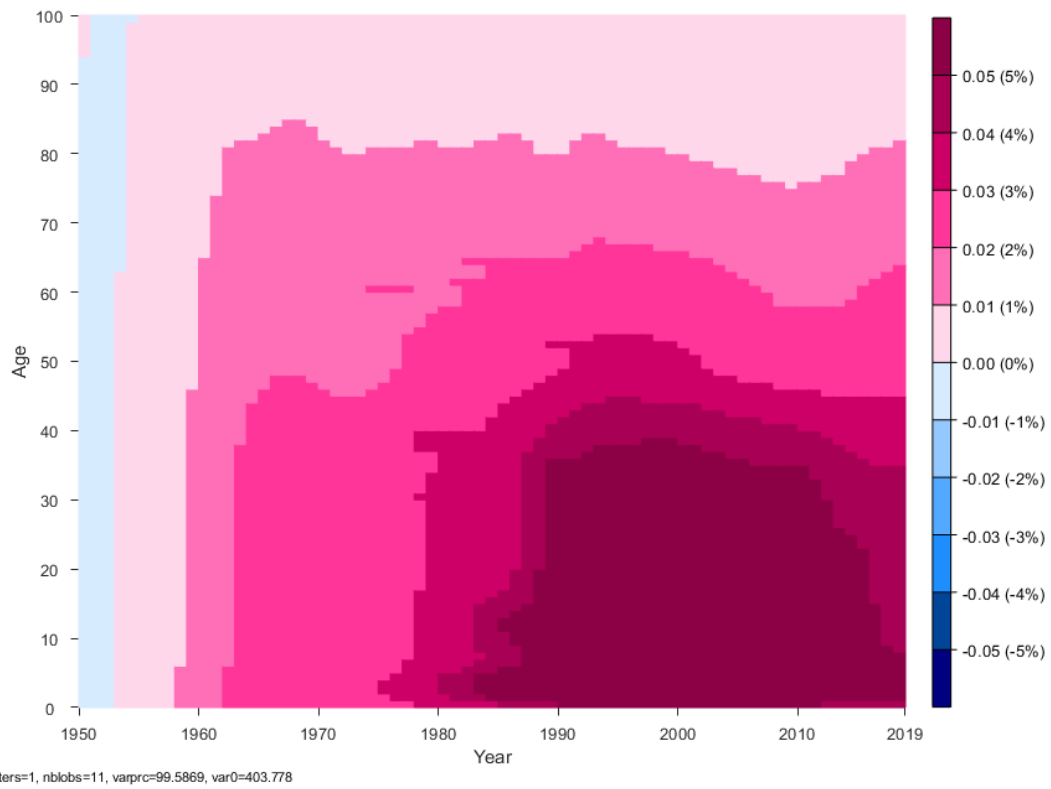


# Nepal

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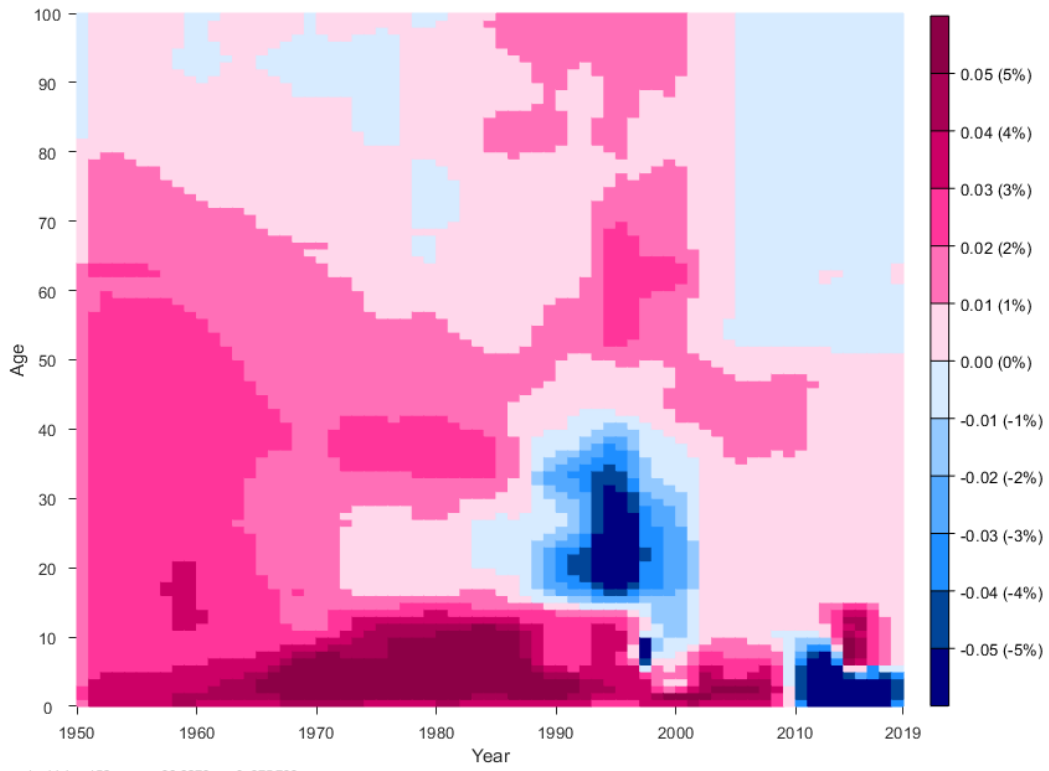
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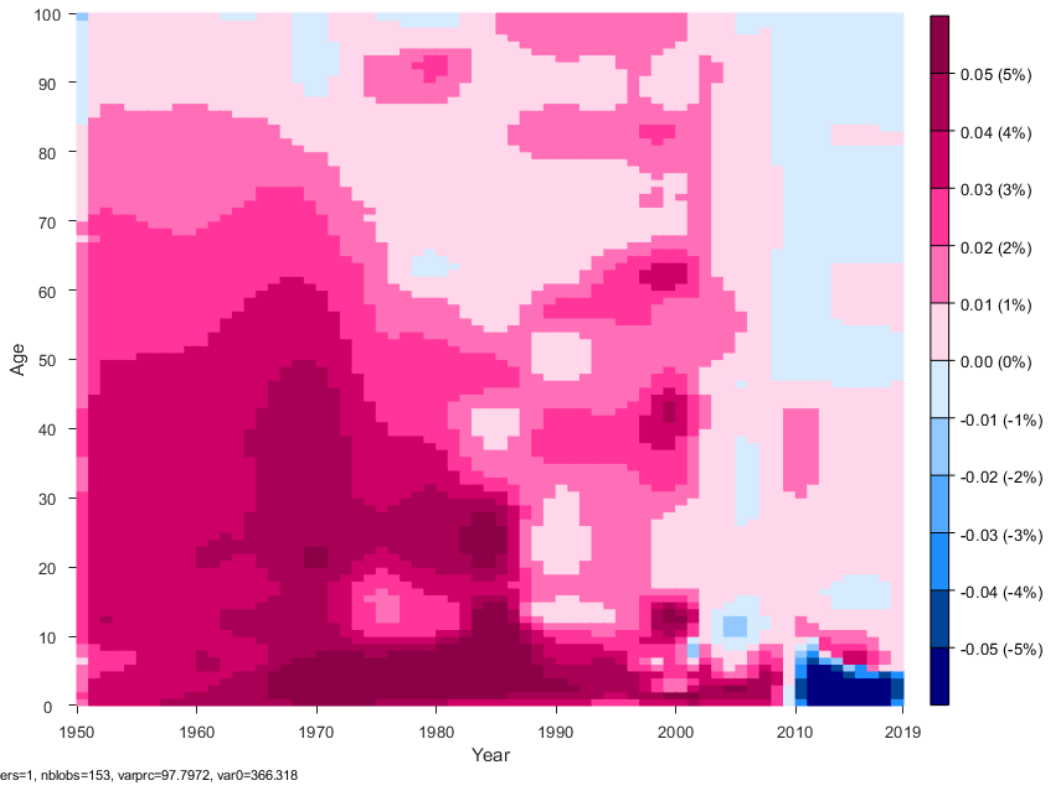


# Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

## Males

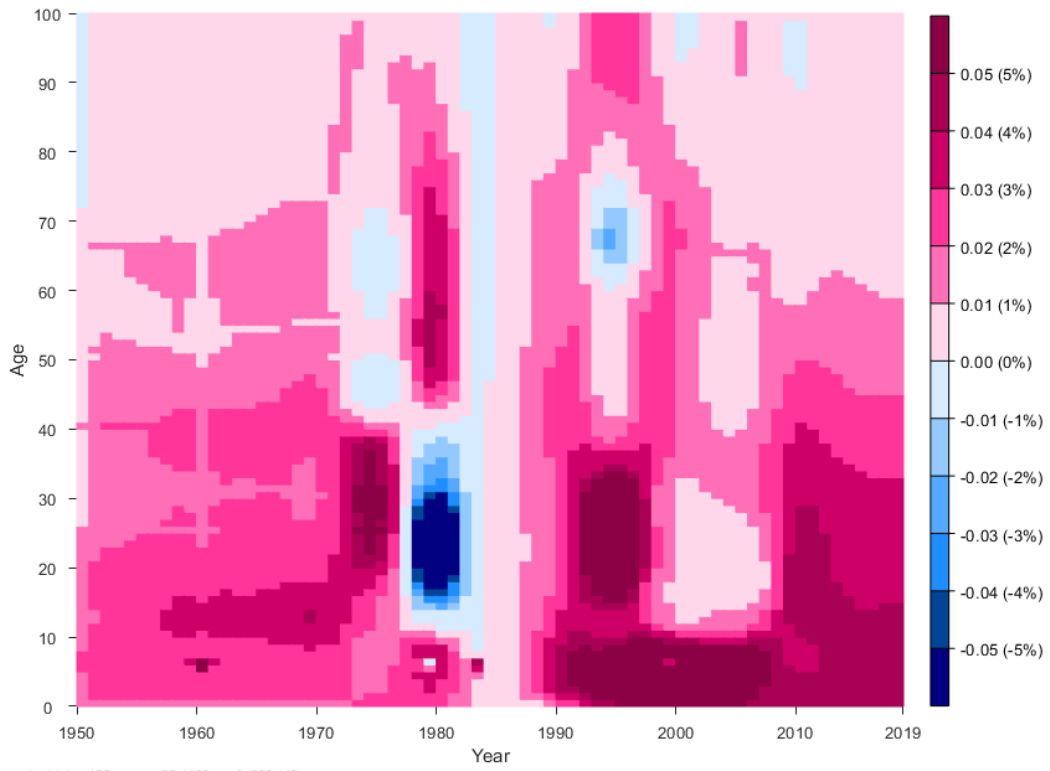


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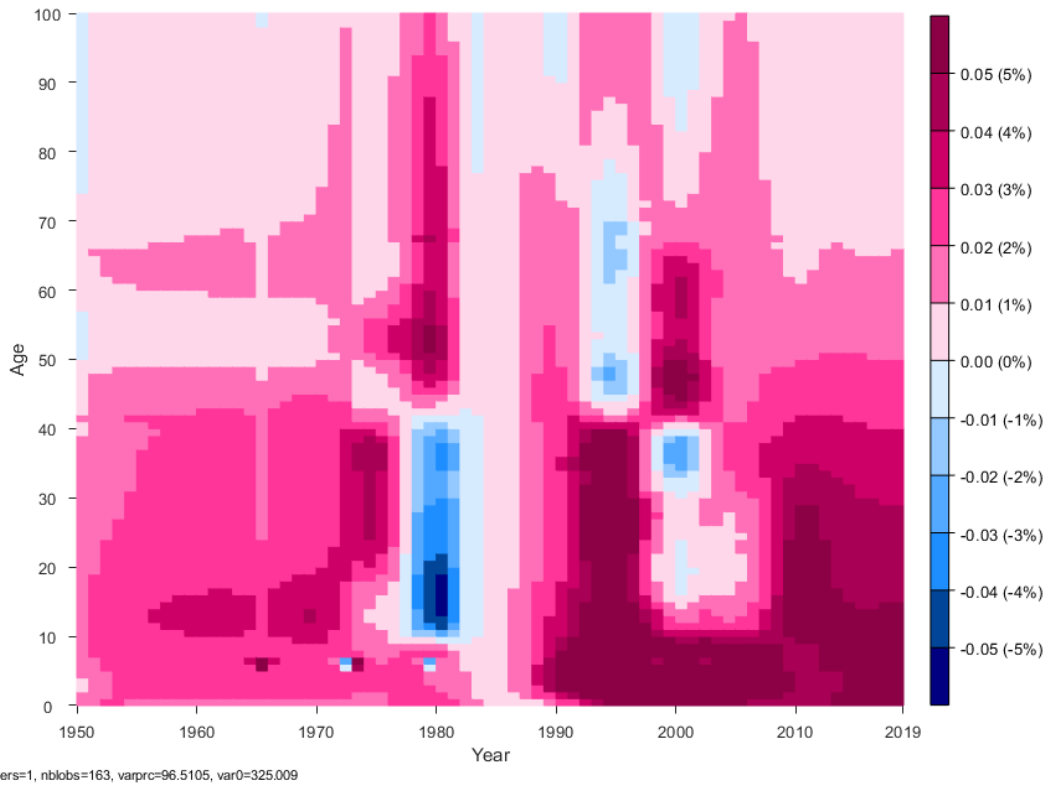


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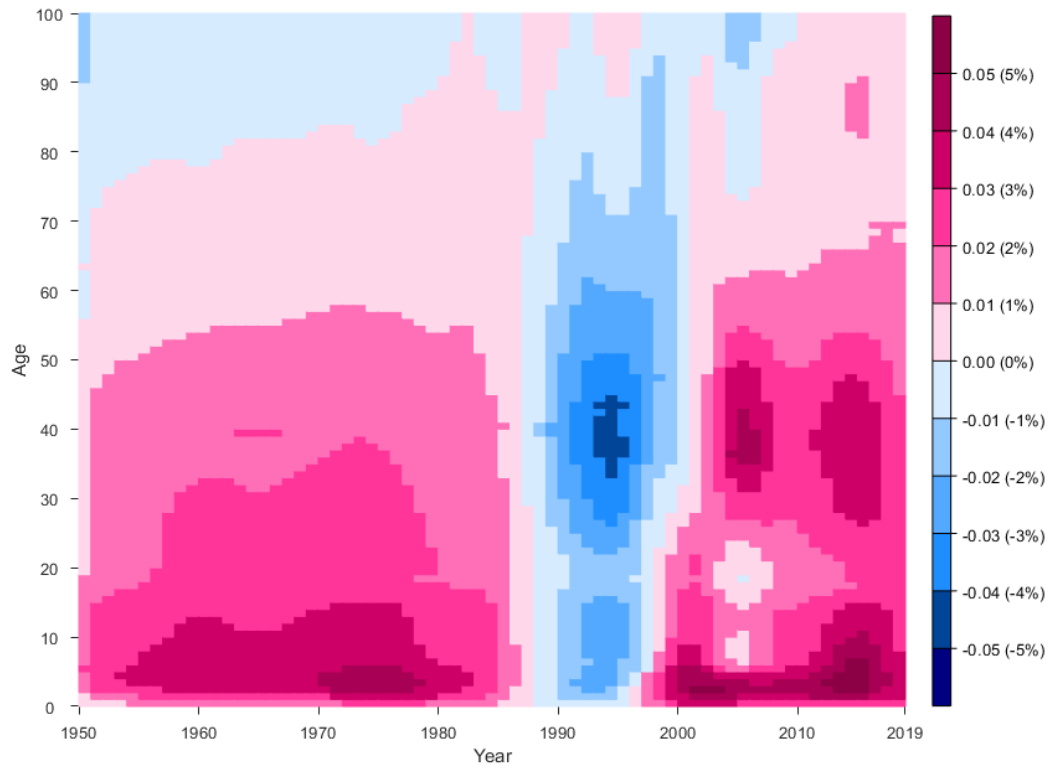


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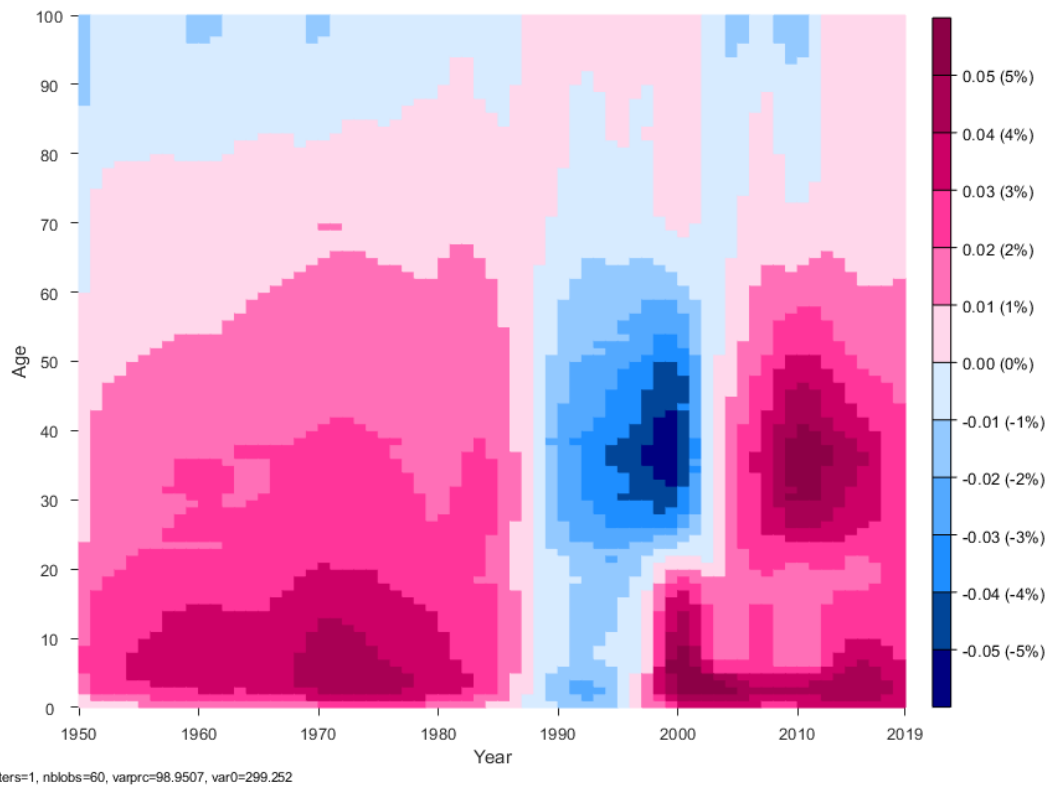


# Cameroon

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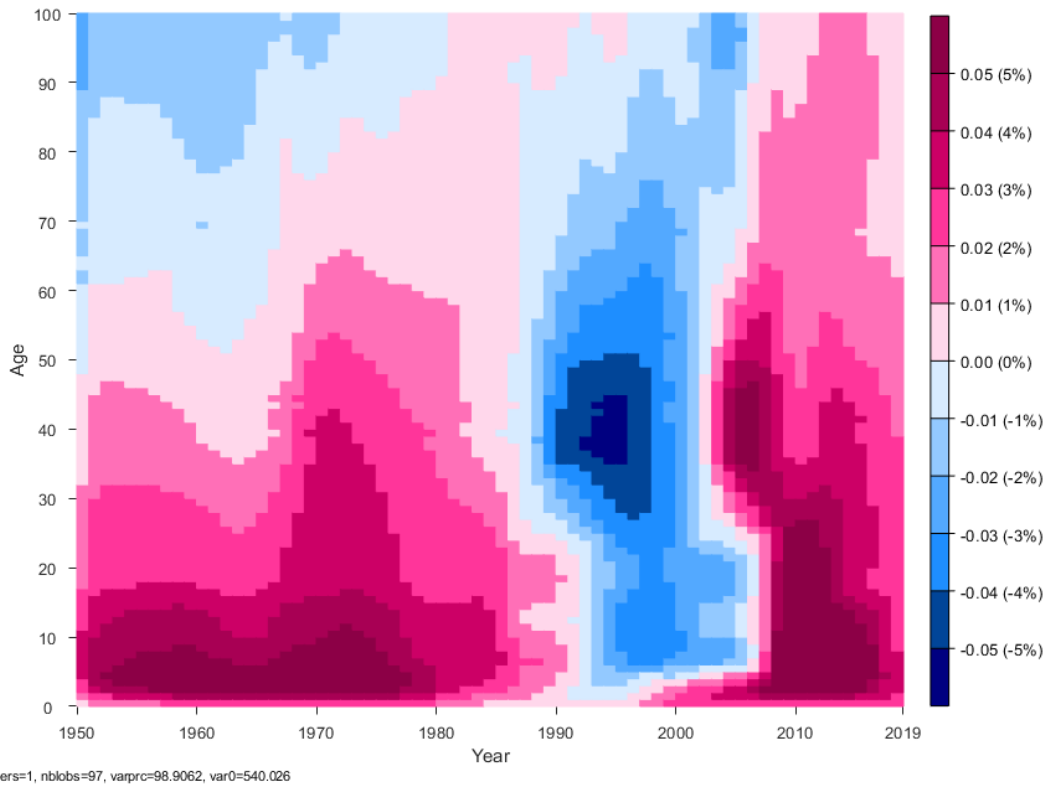


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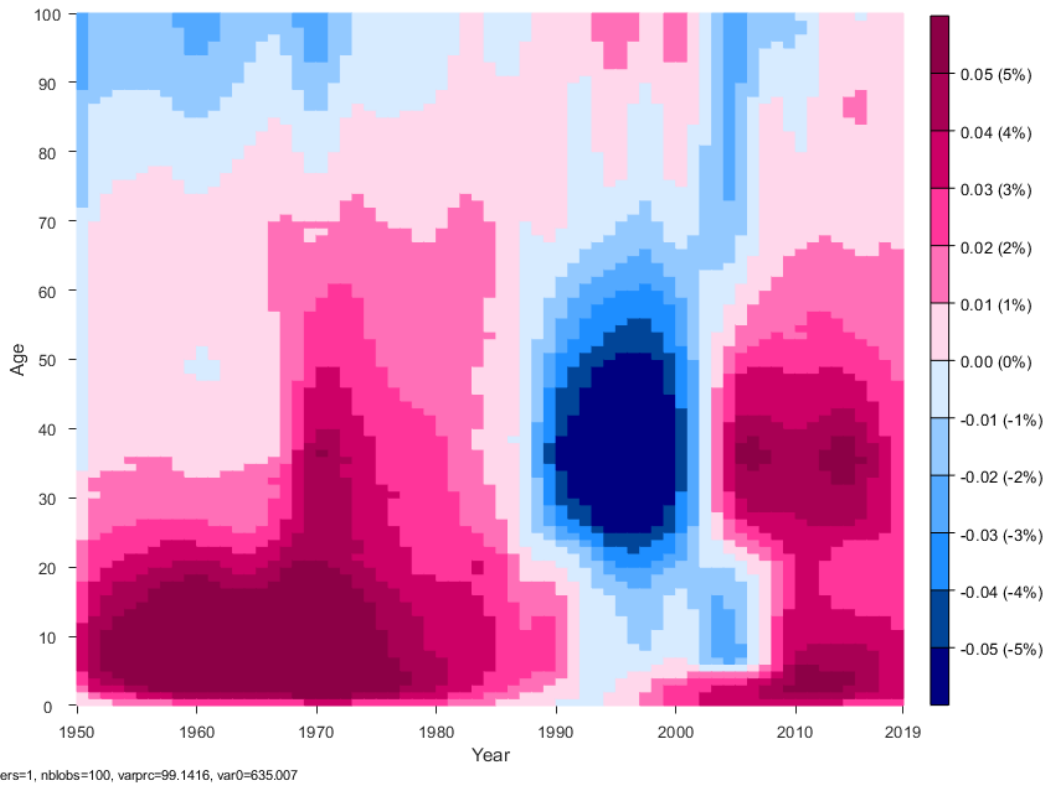


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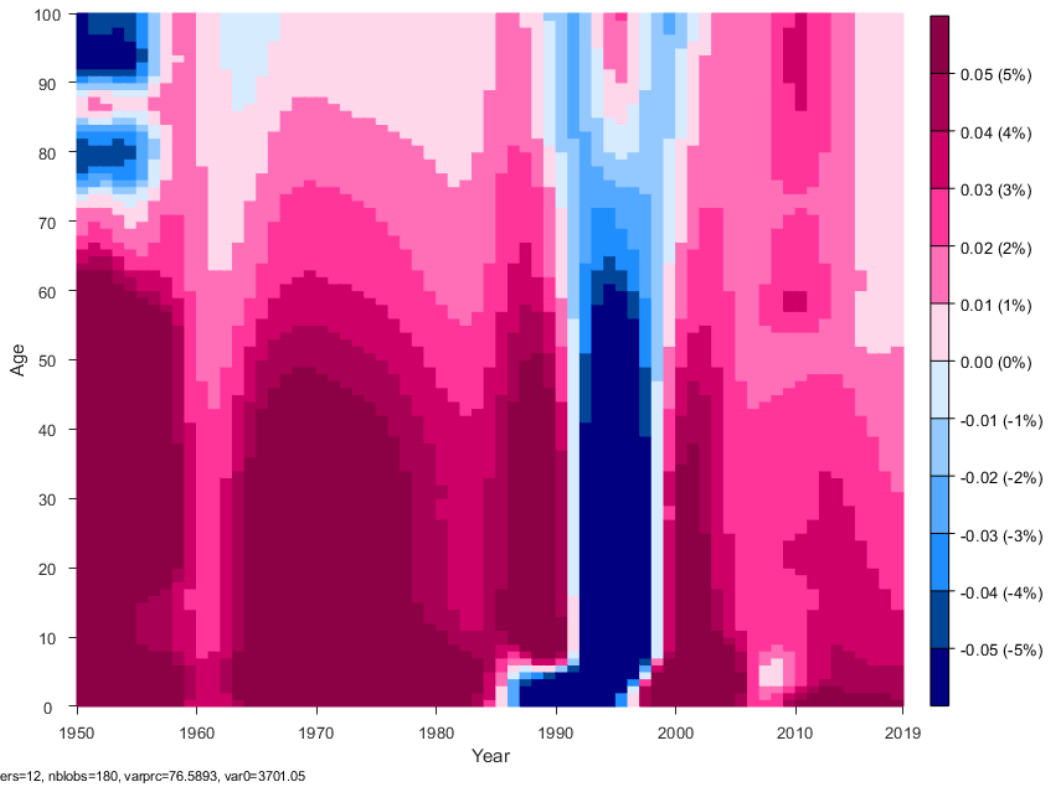


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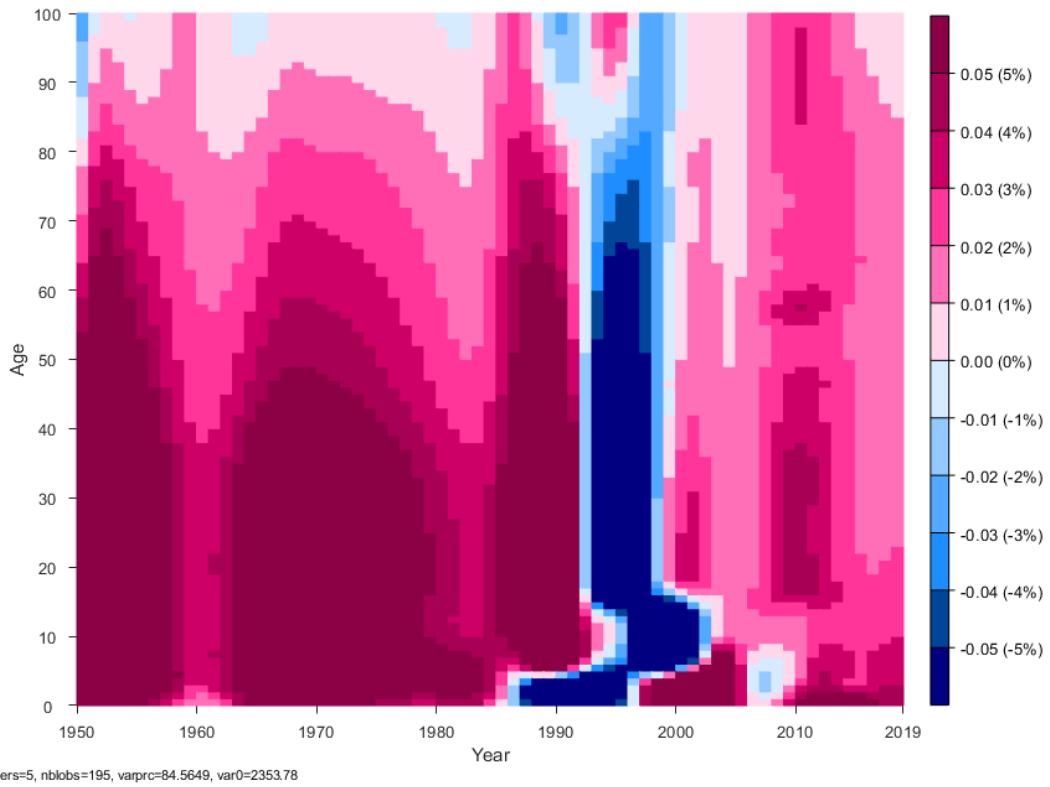


# Dem. People's Rep. of Korea

## Males

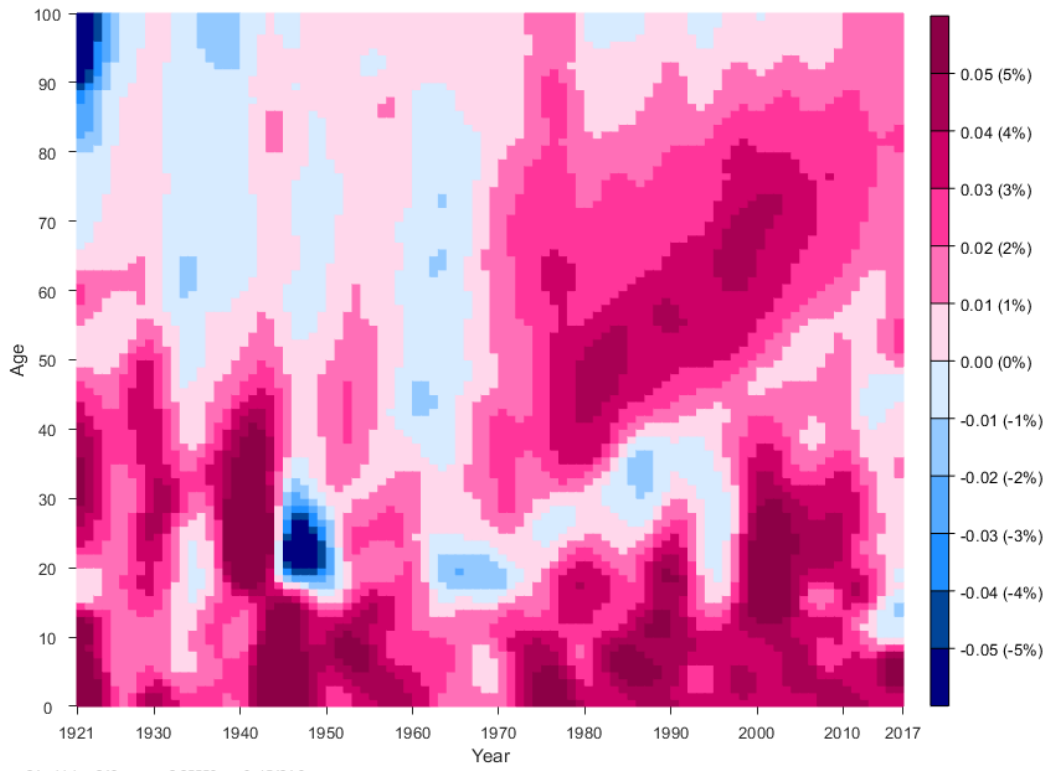


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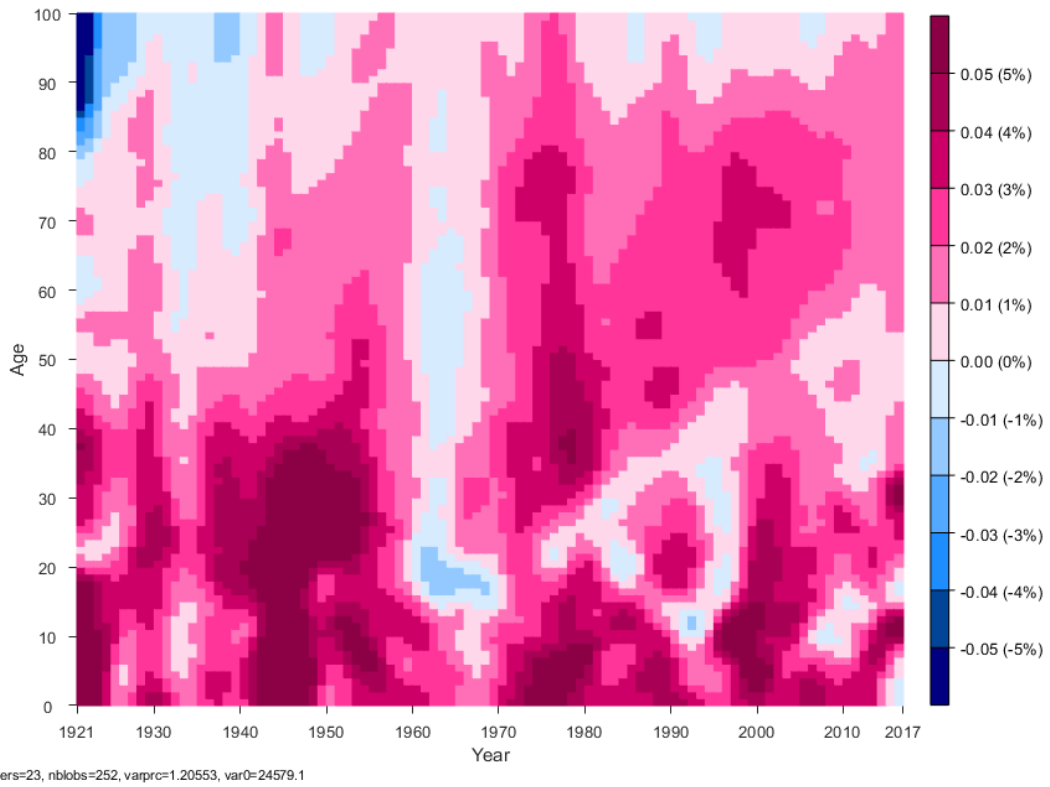


# Australia

## Males

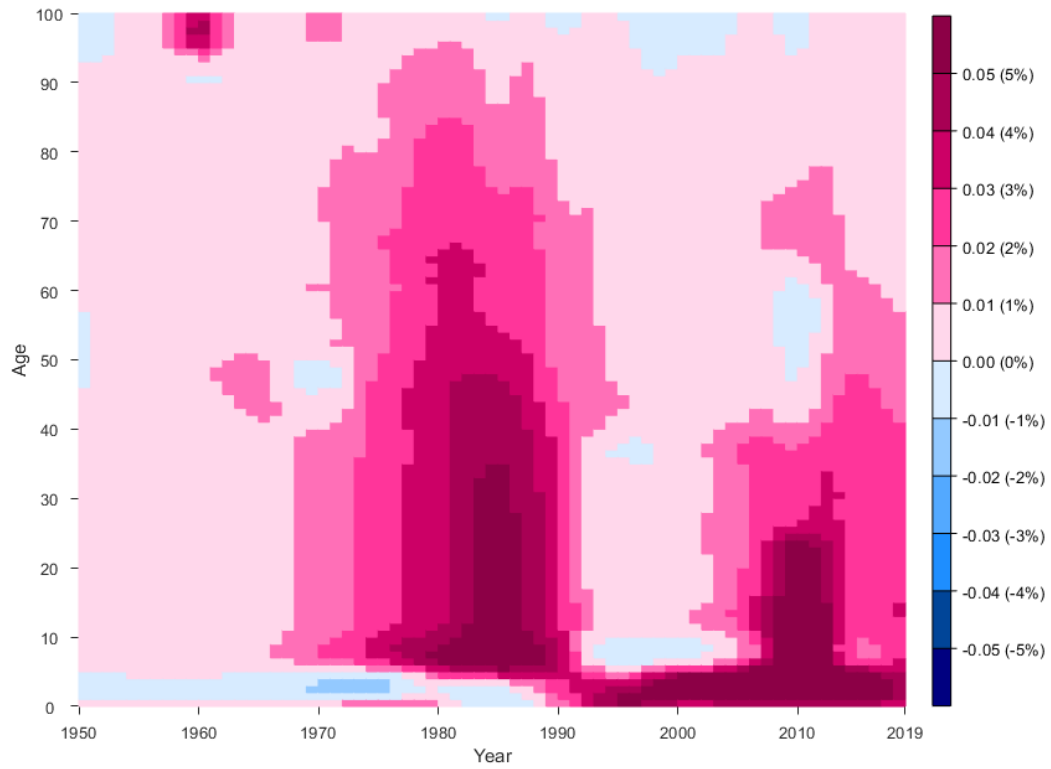


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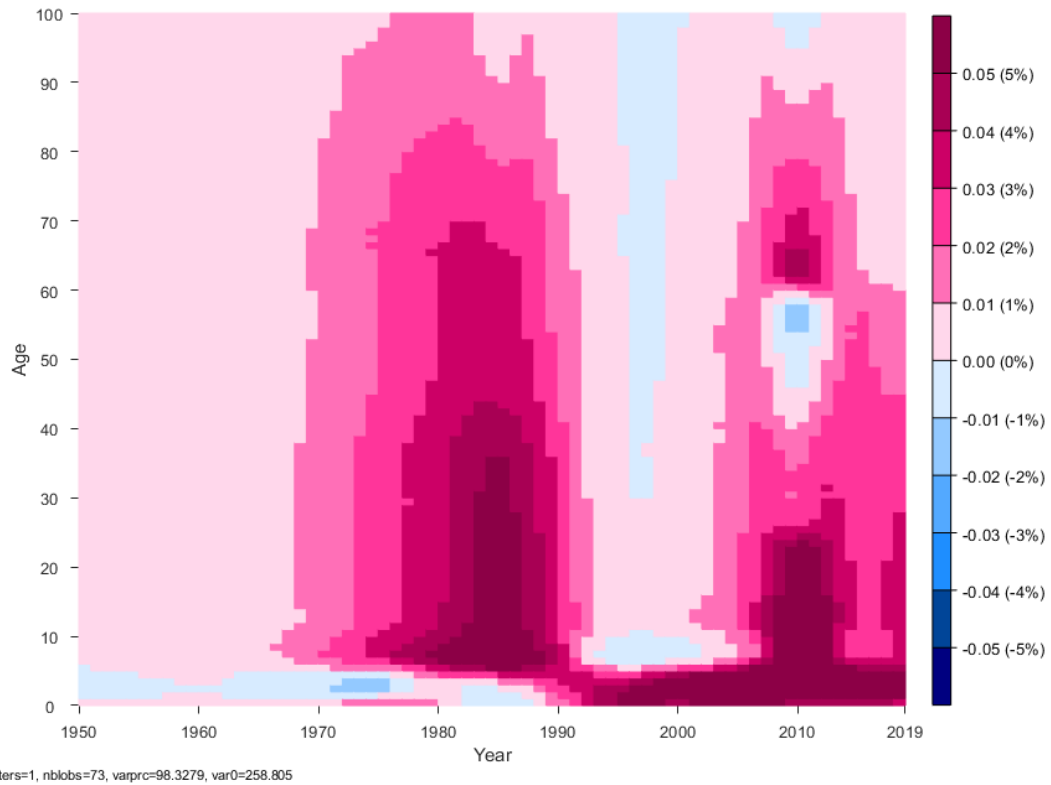


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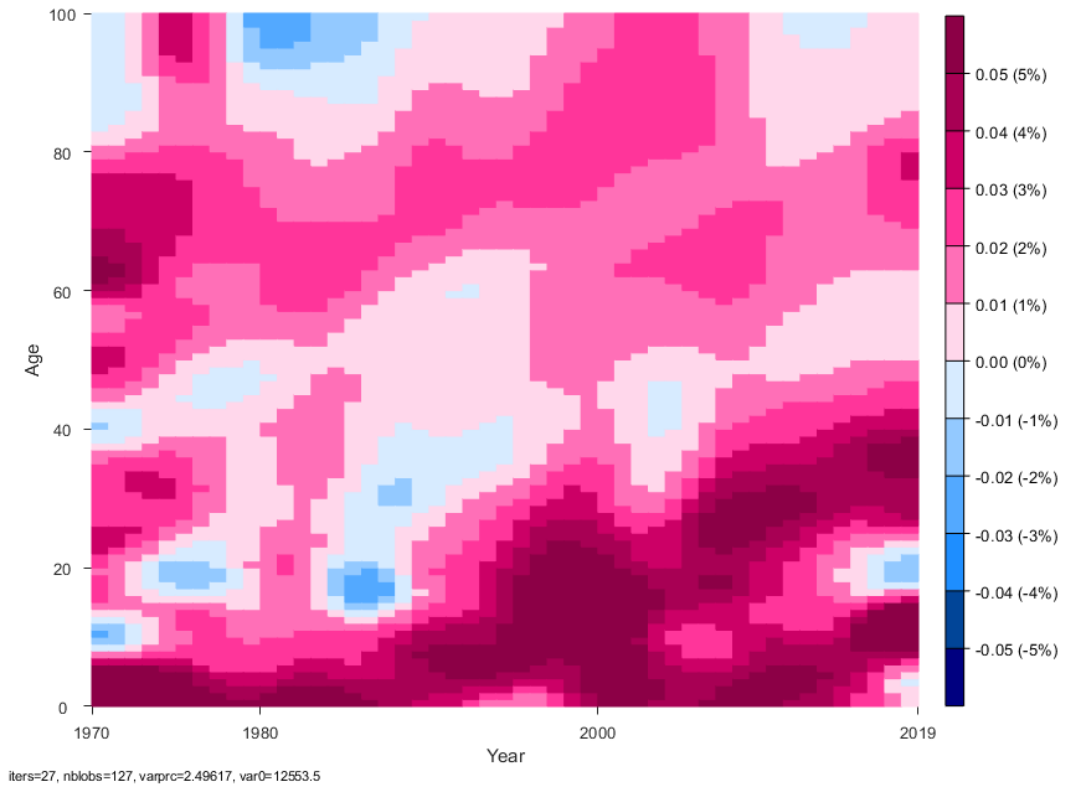


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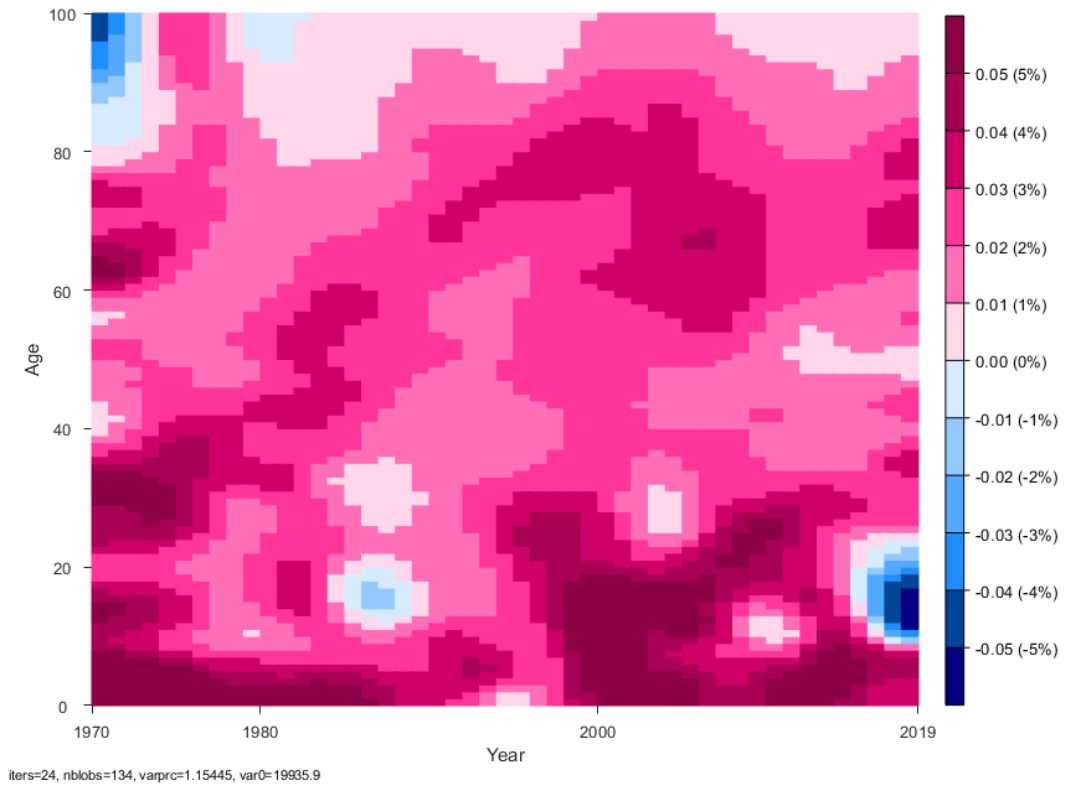


# China, Taiwan Province of China

## Males



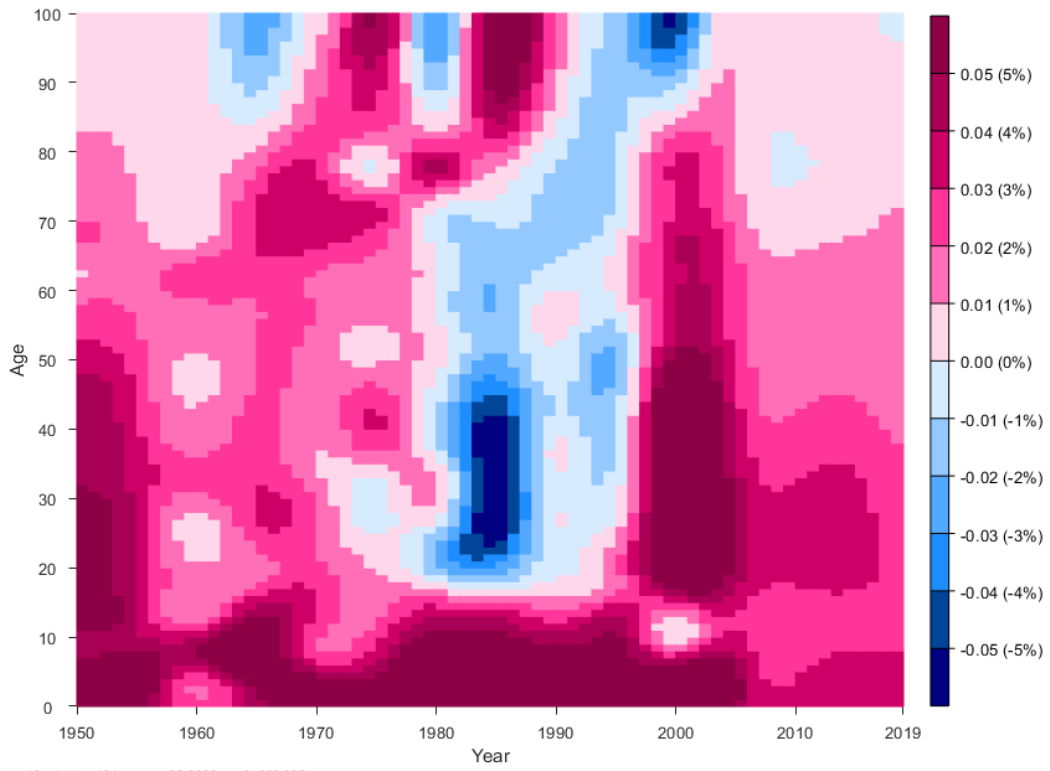
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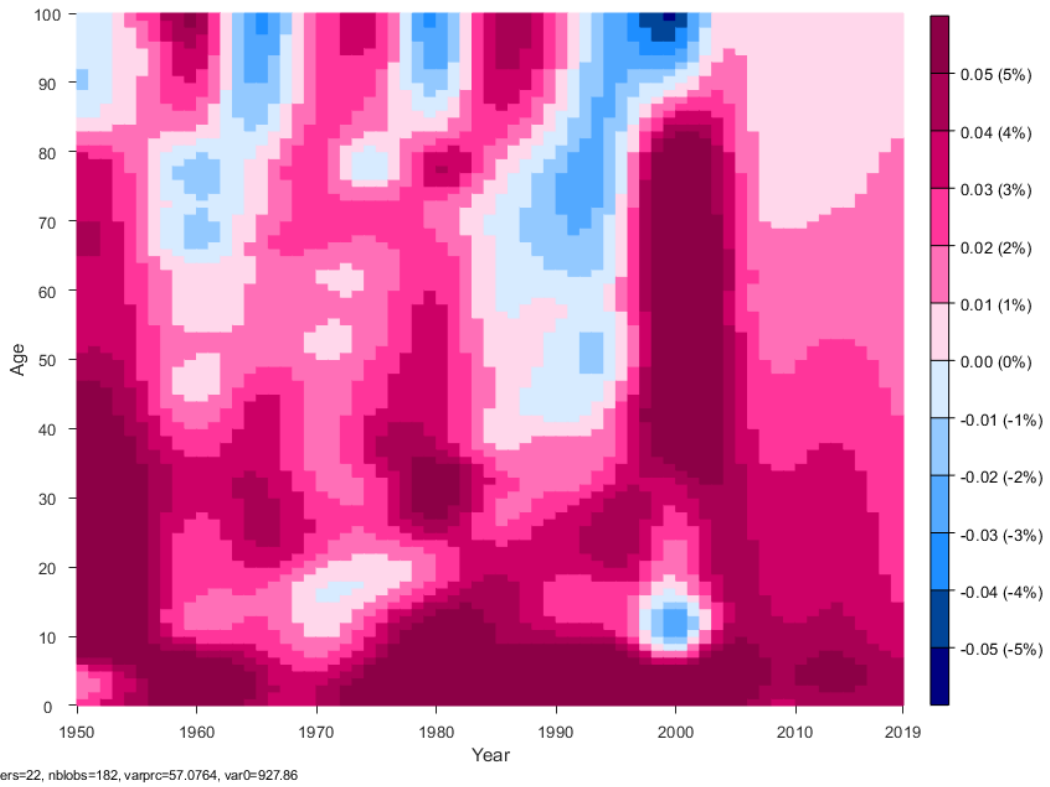


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## Males

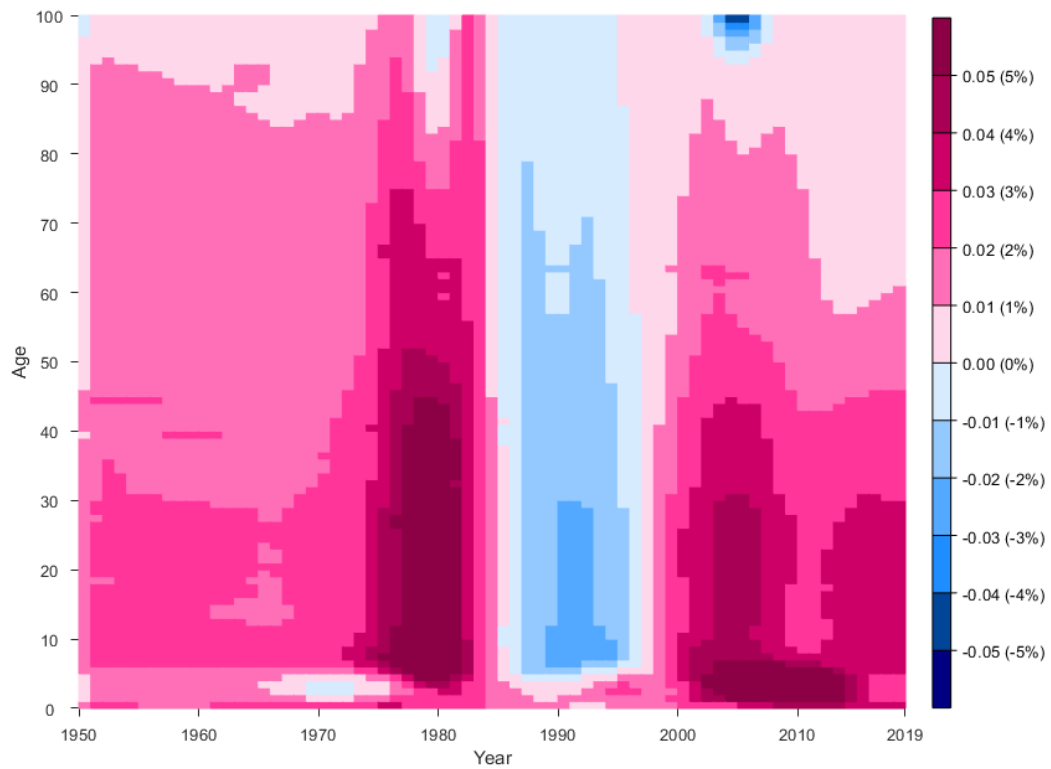


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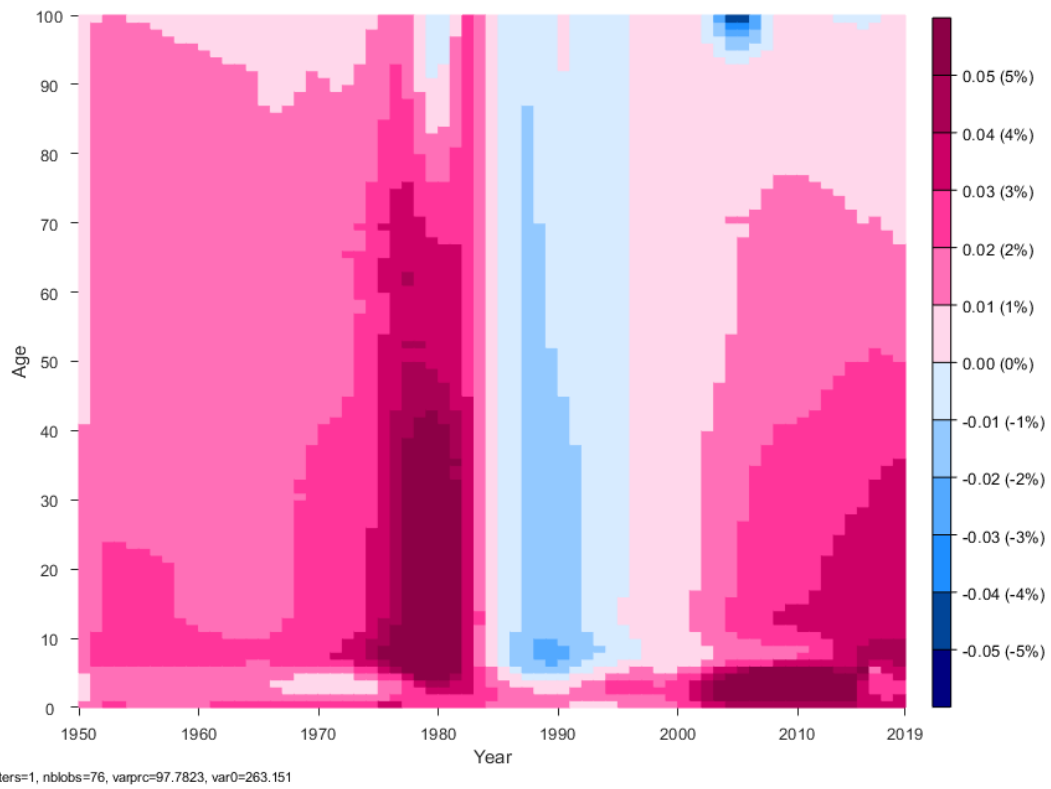


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## Males

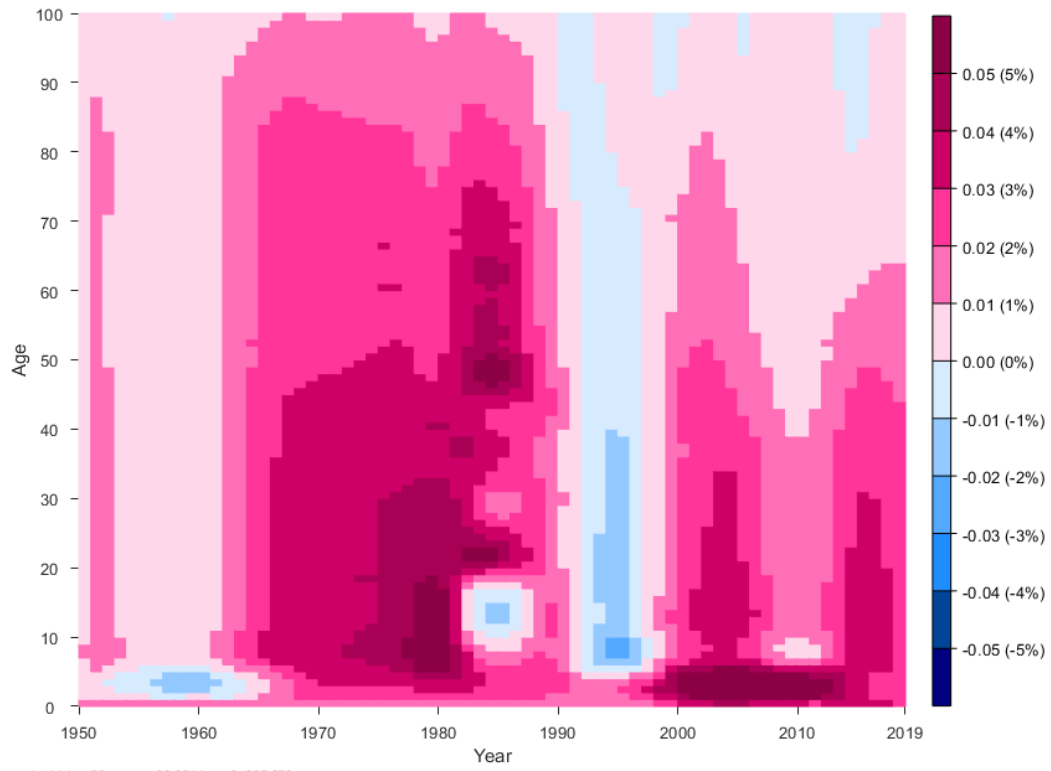


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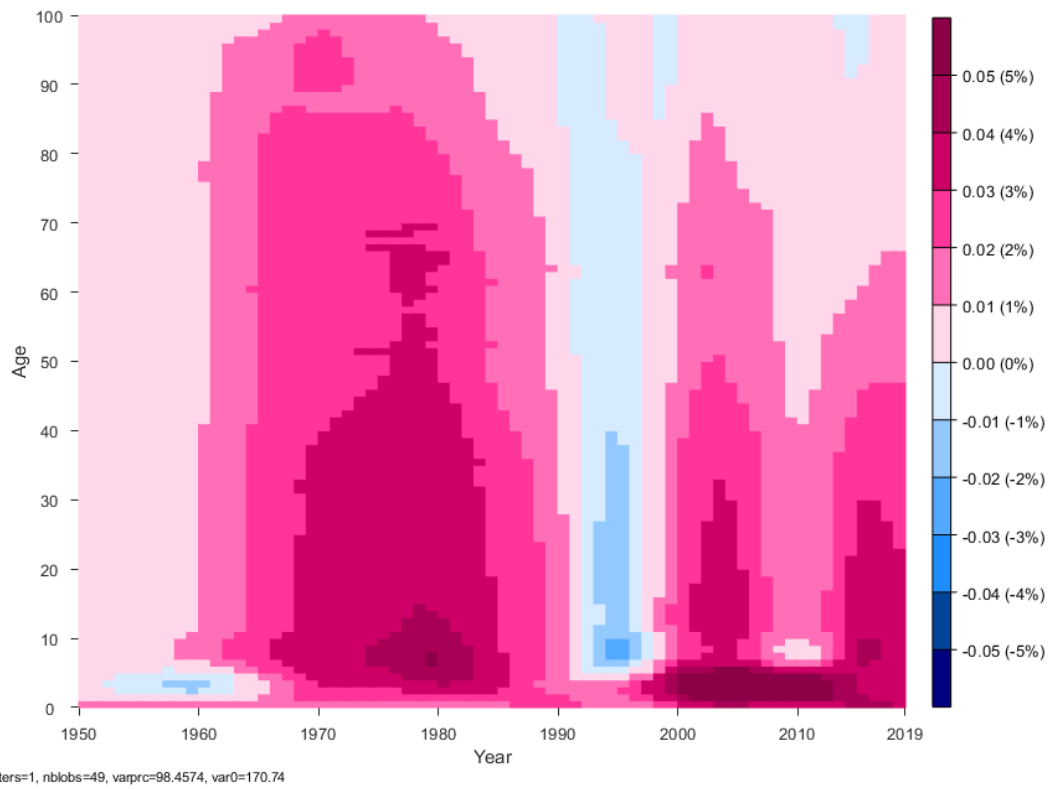


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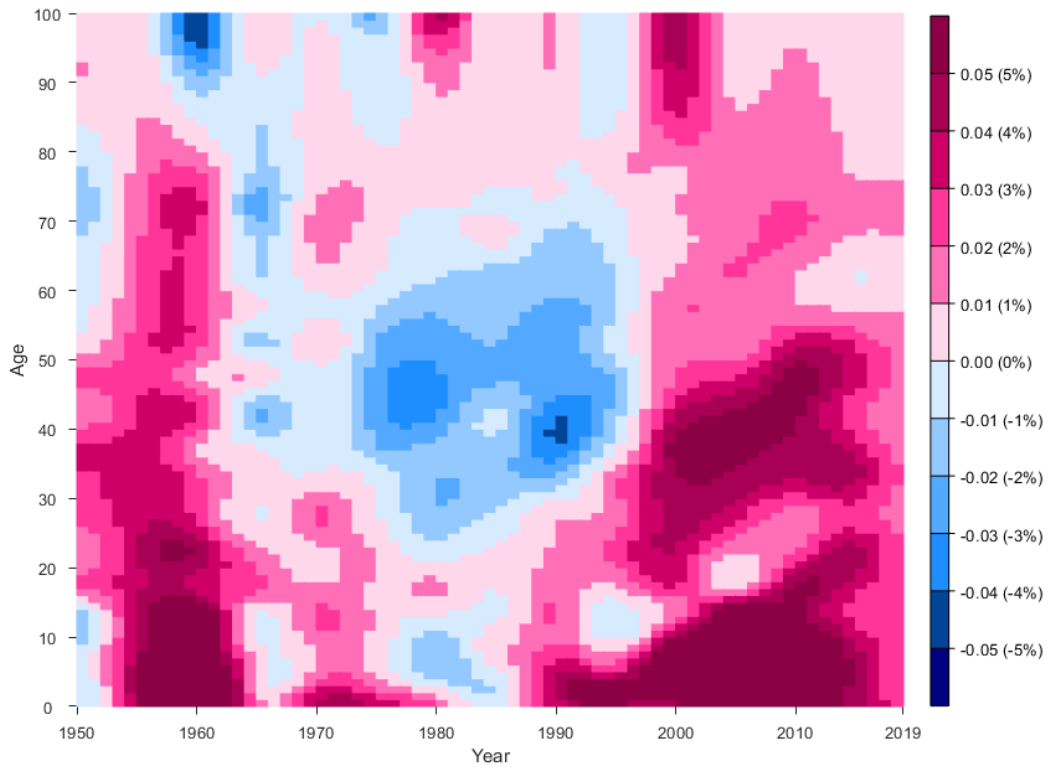


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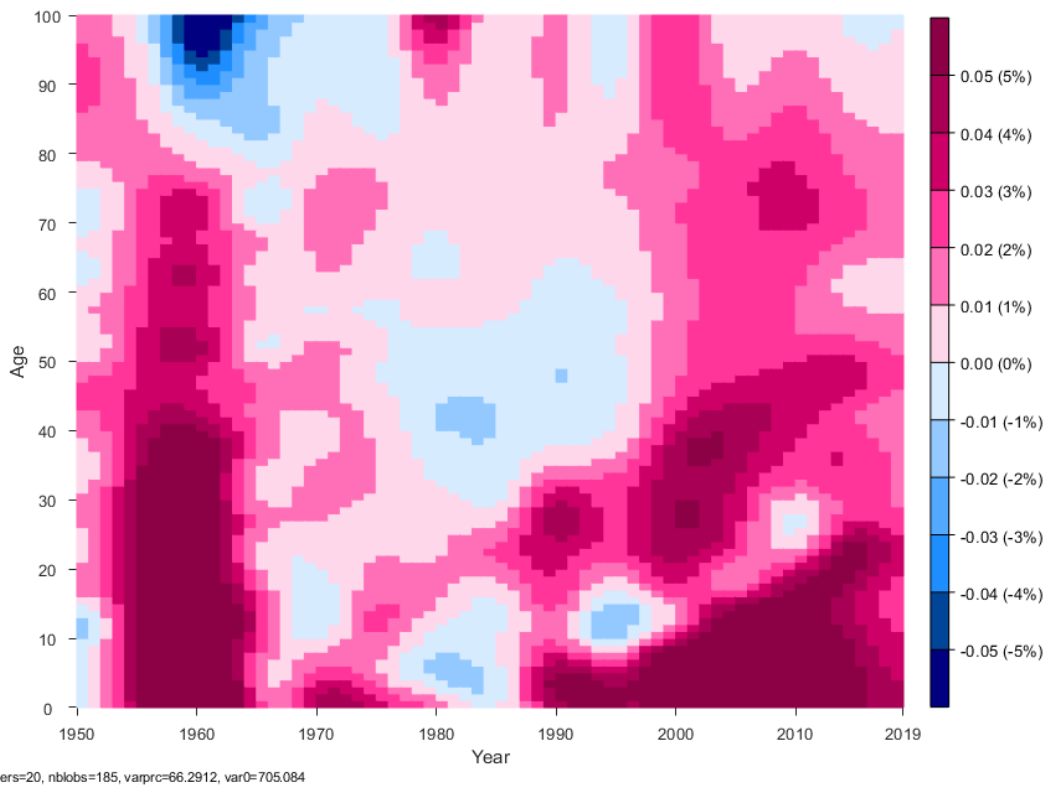


# Romania

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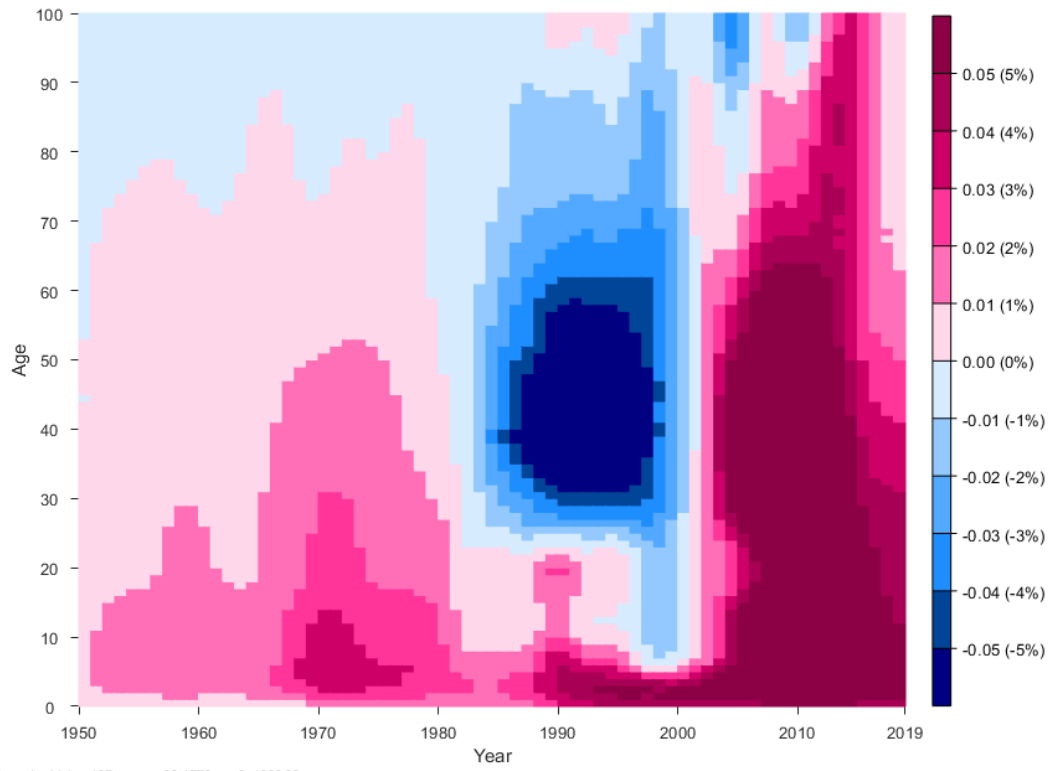


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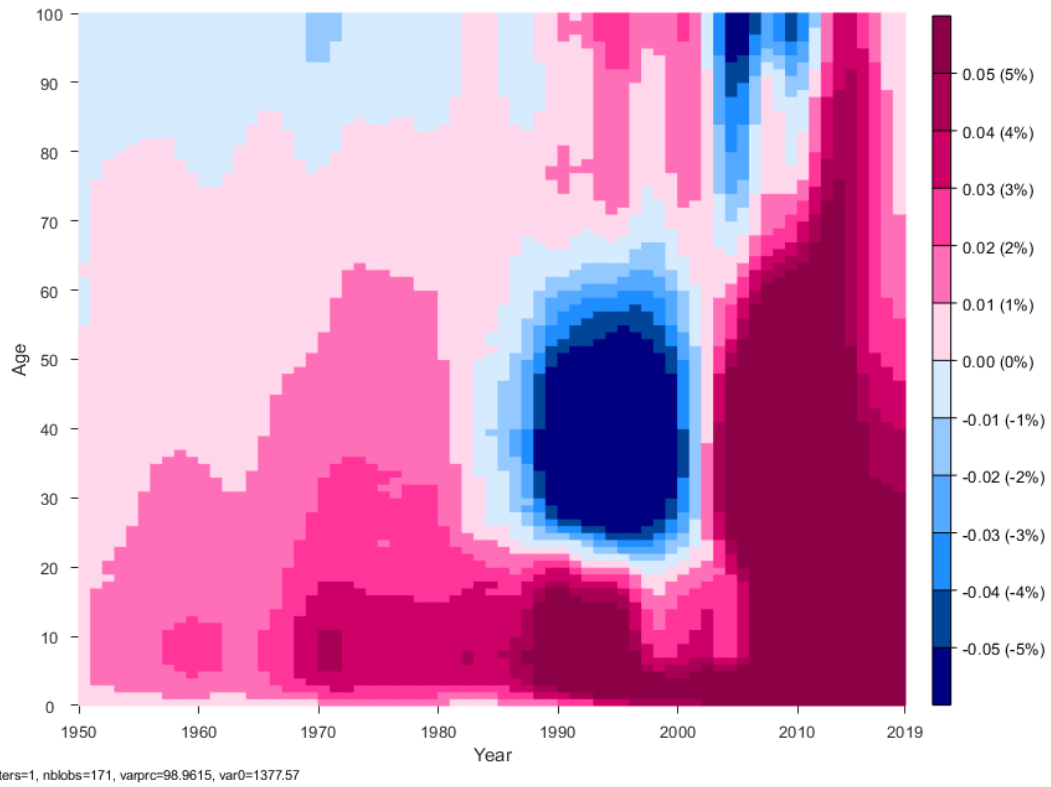


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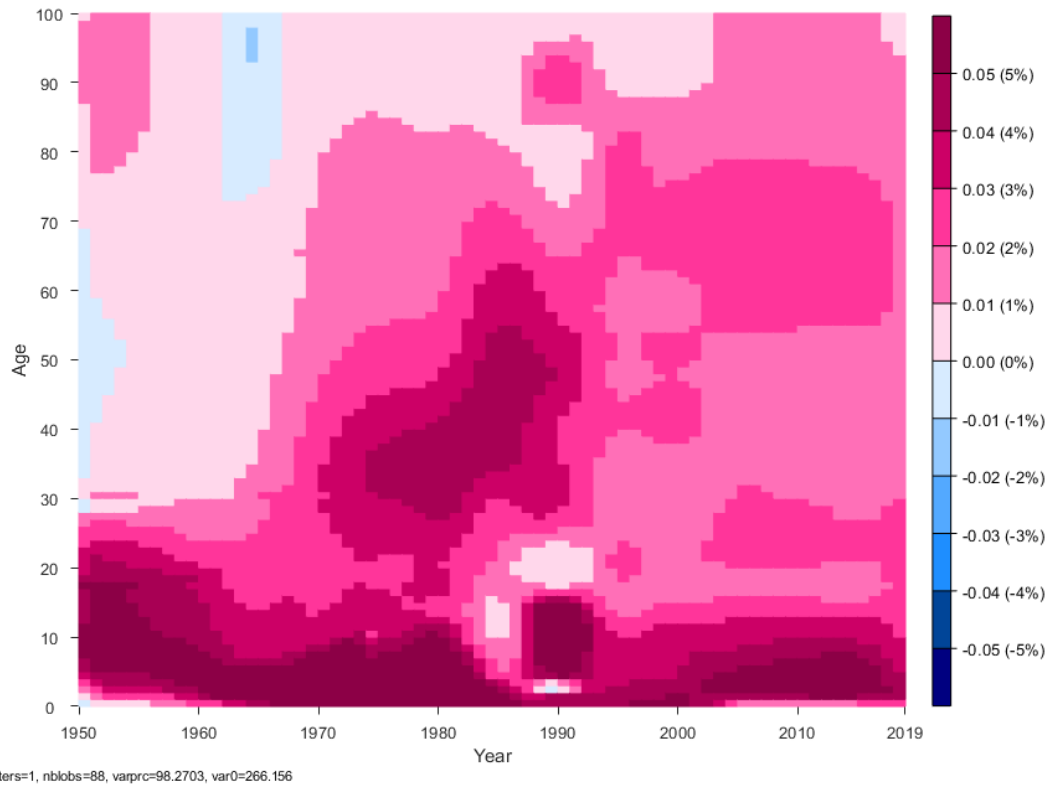


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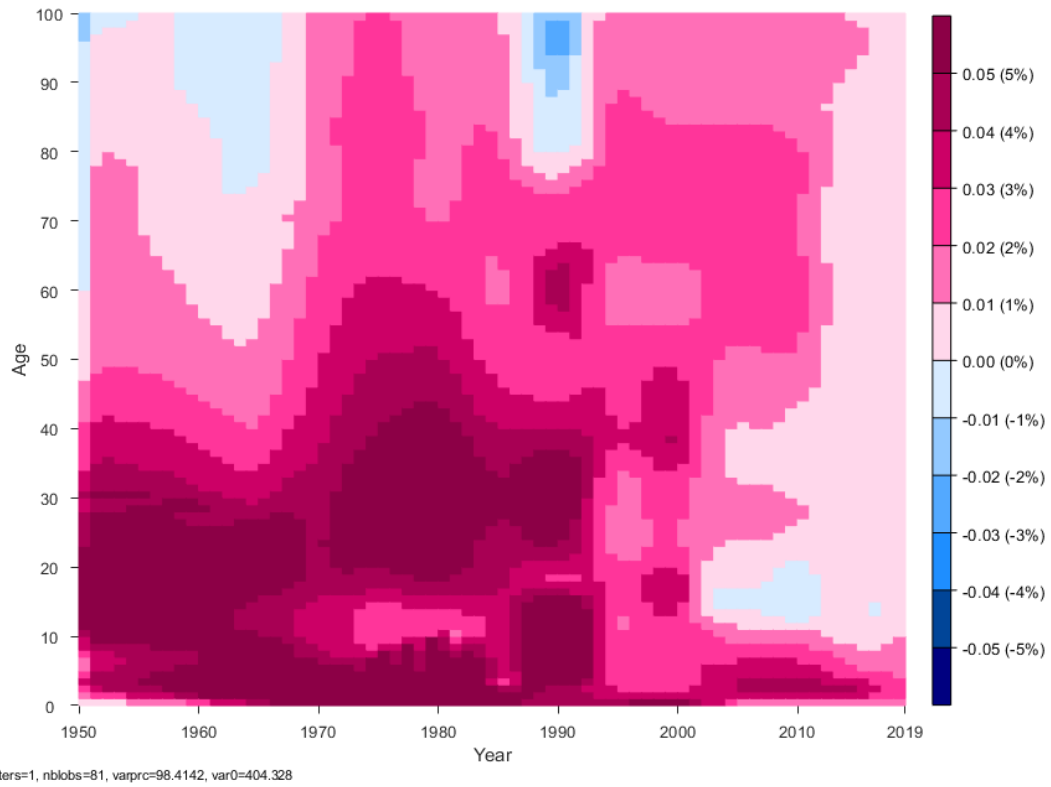


# Chile

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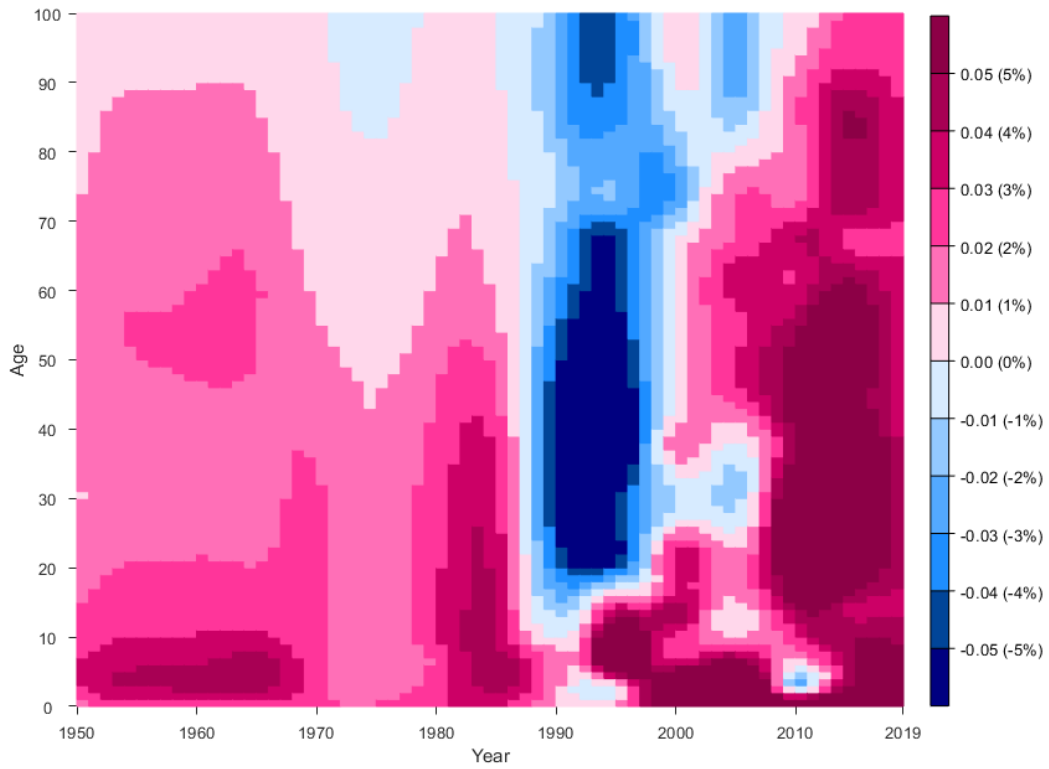


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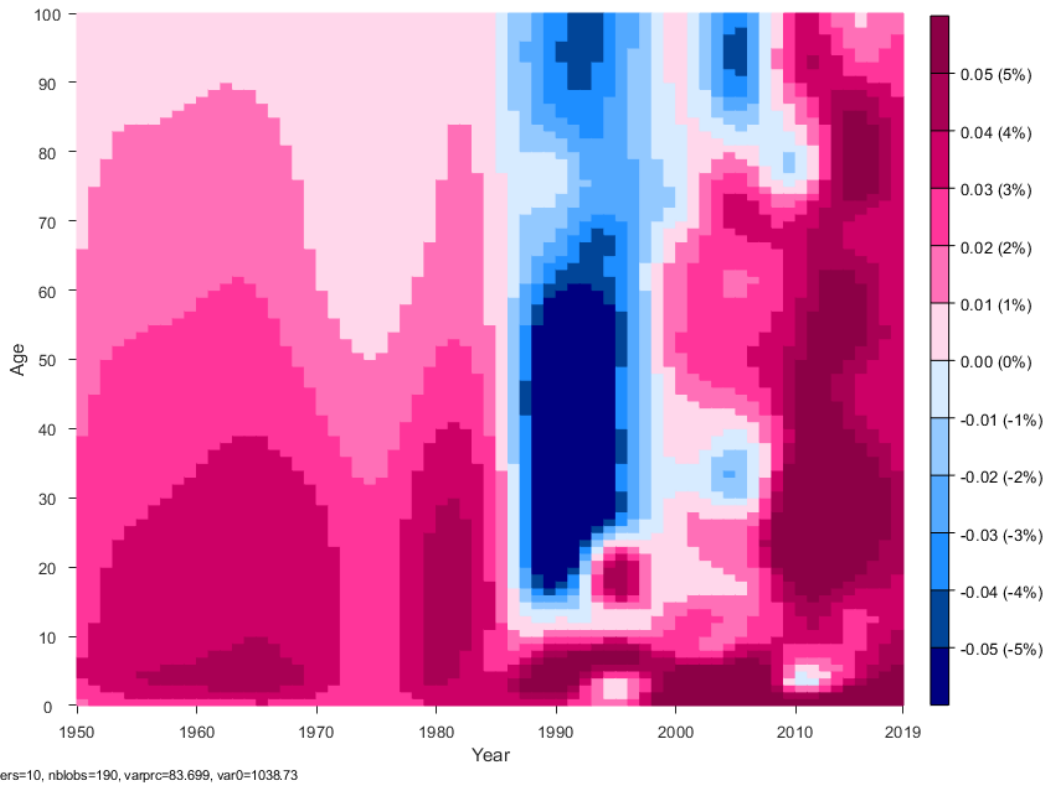


# Kazakhstan

## Males

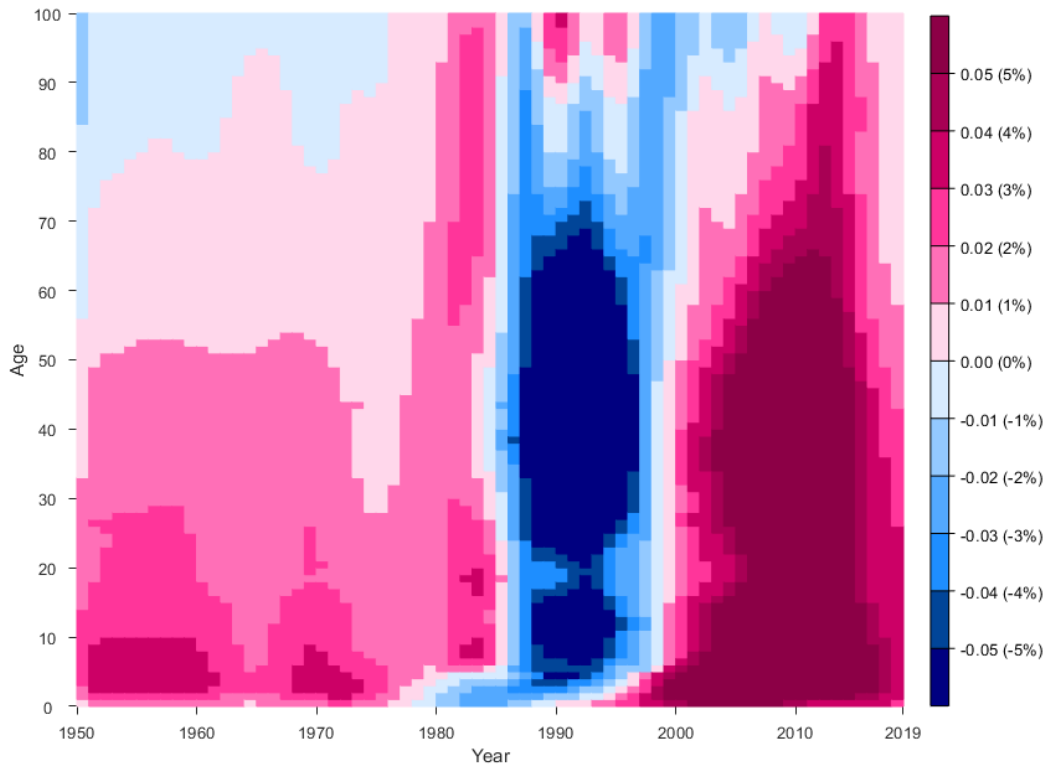


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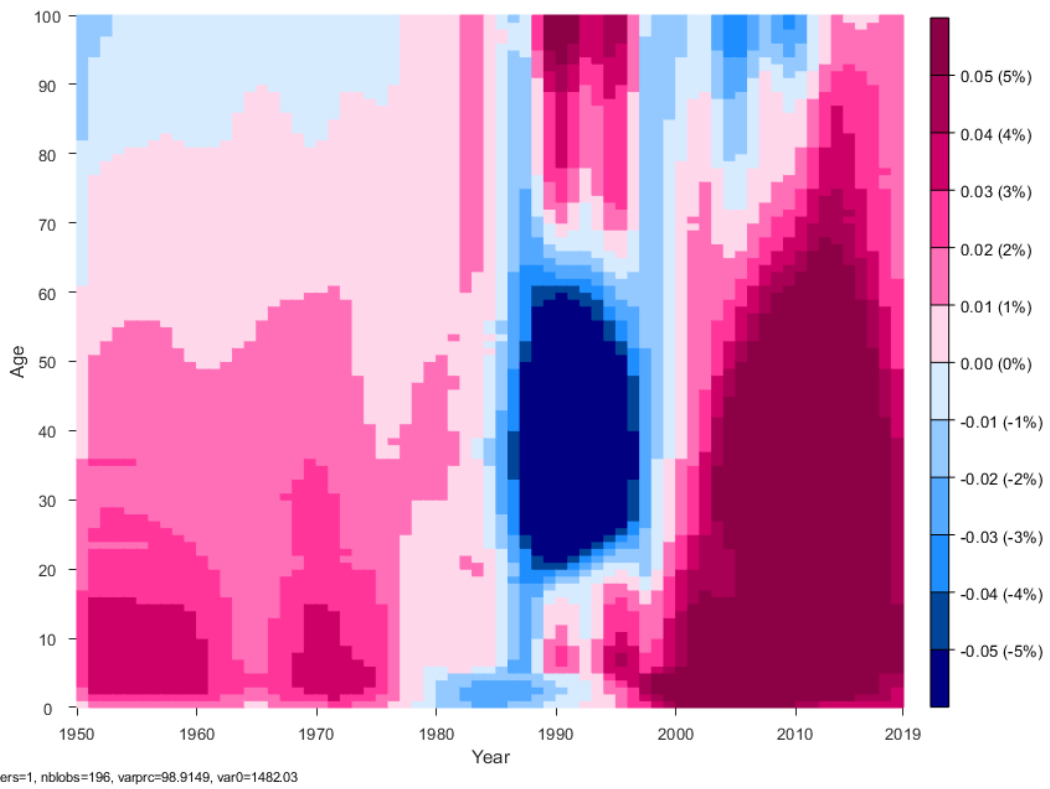


# Zambia

## Males



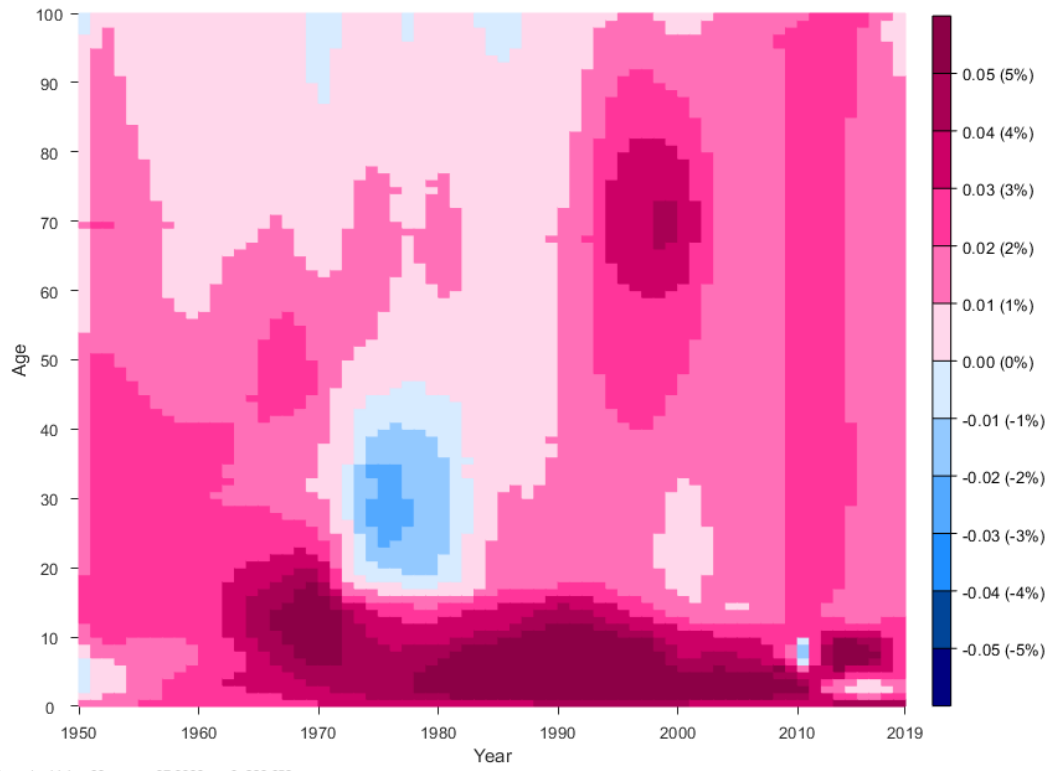
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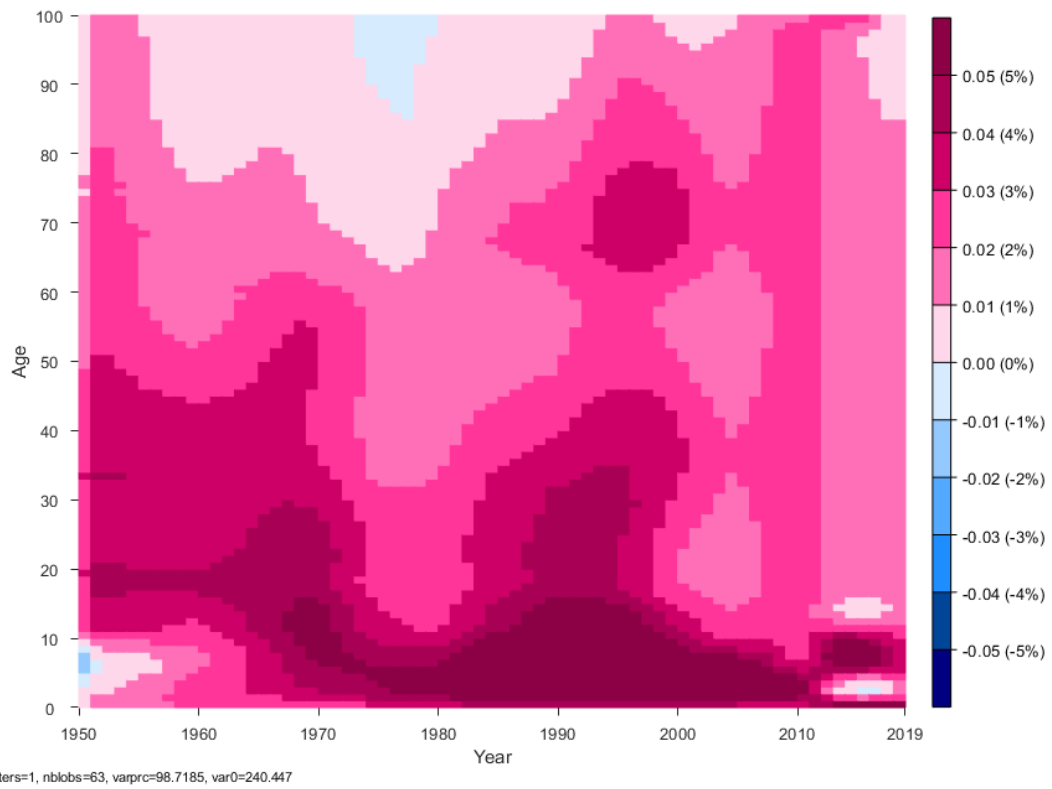


# Guatemala

## Males



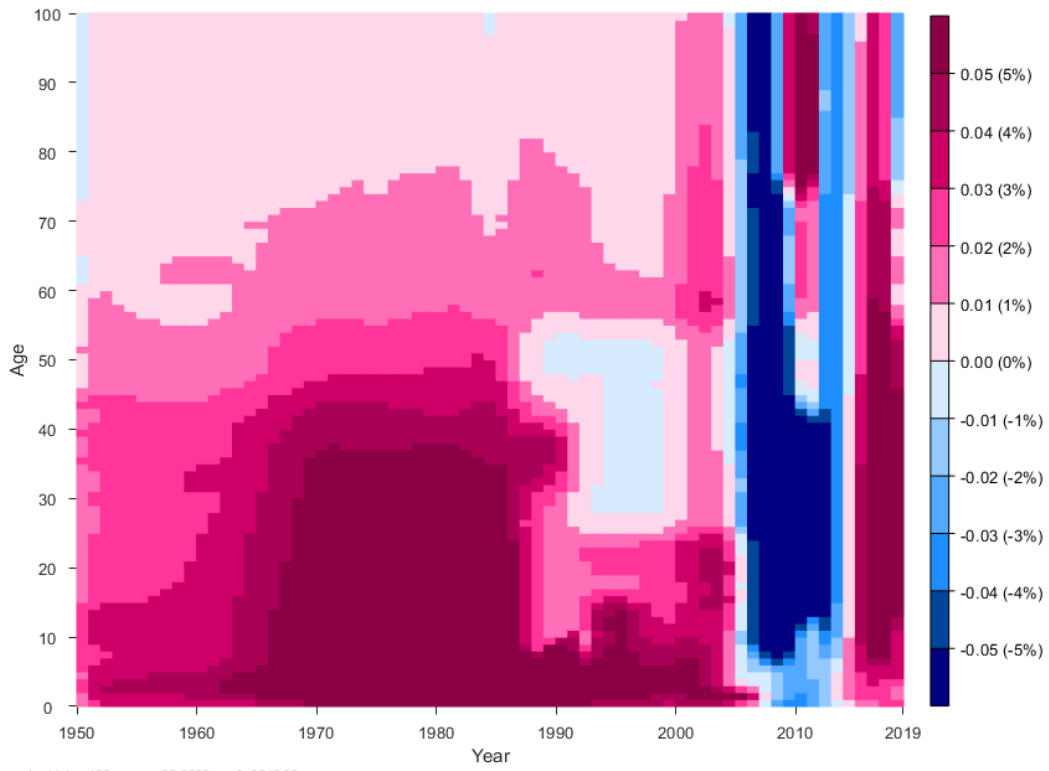
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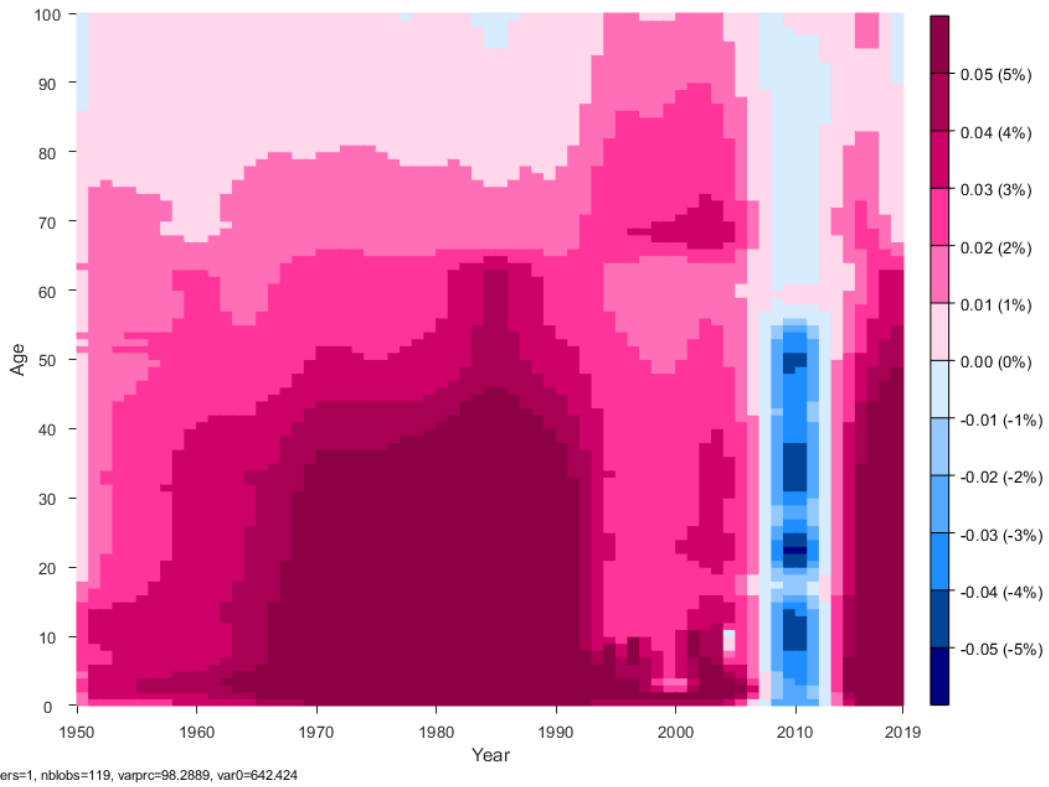


# Syrian Arab Republic

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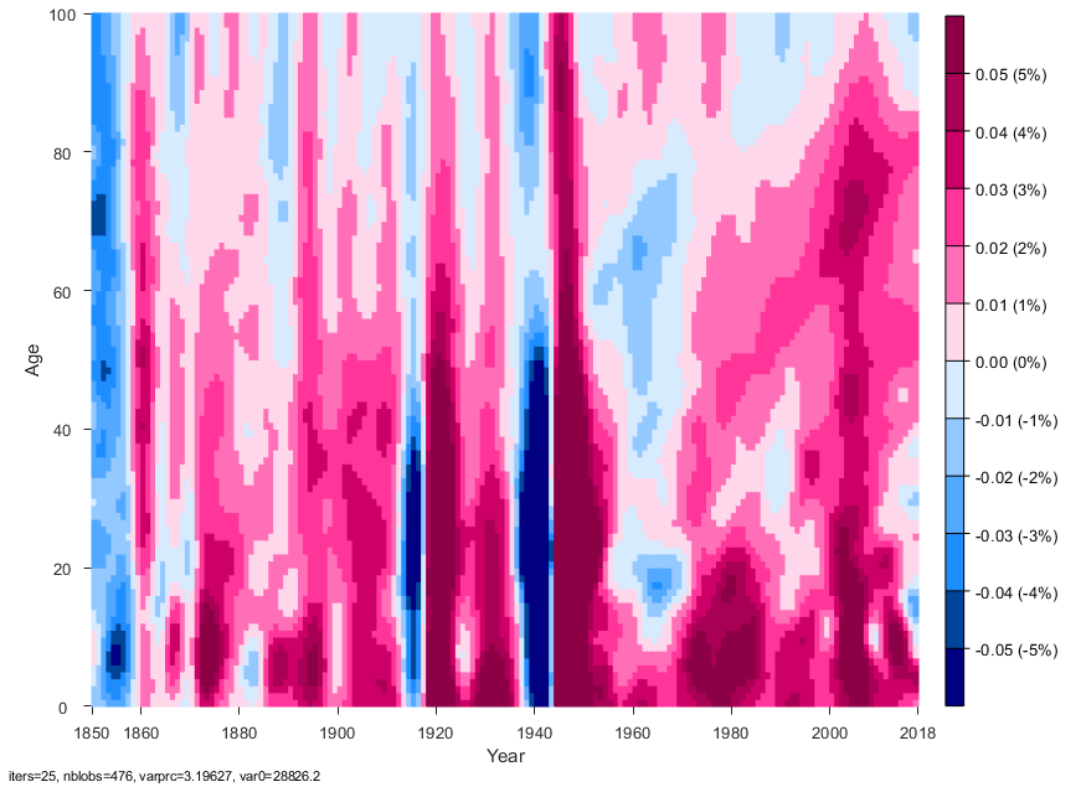


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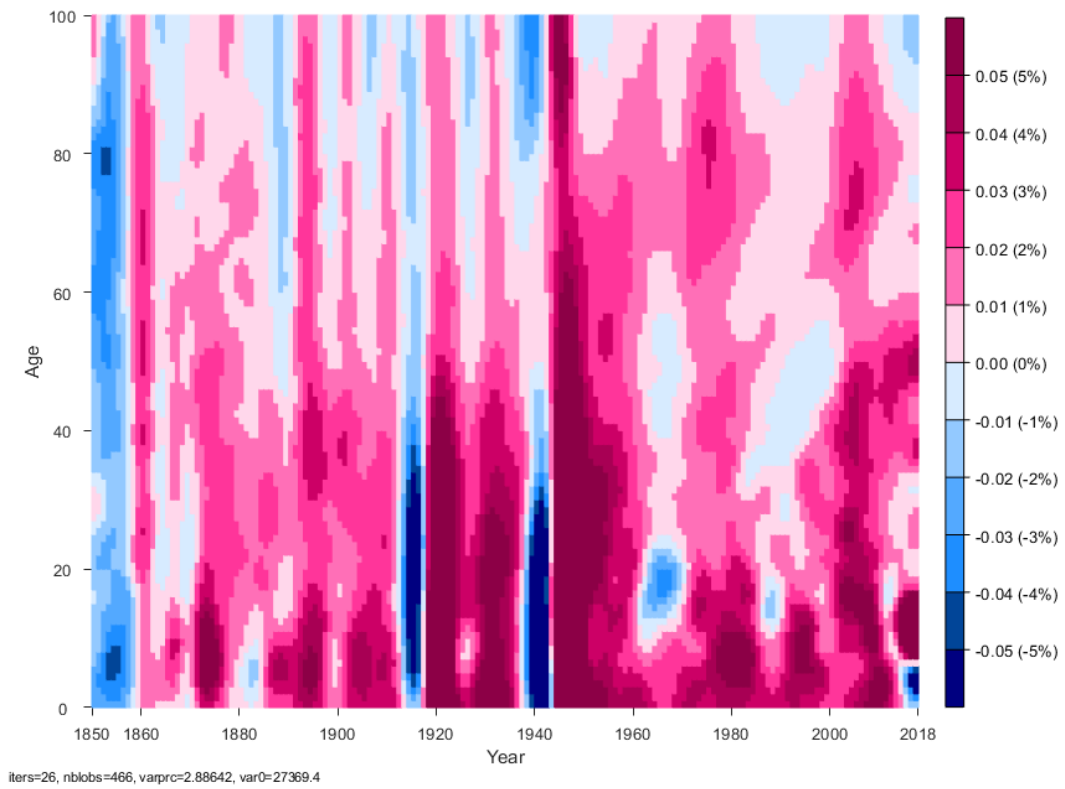


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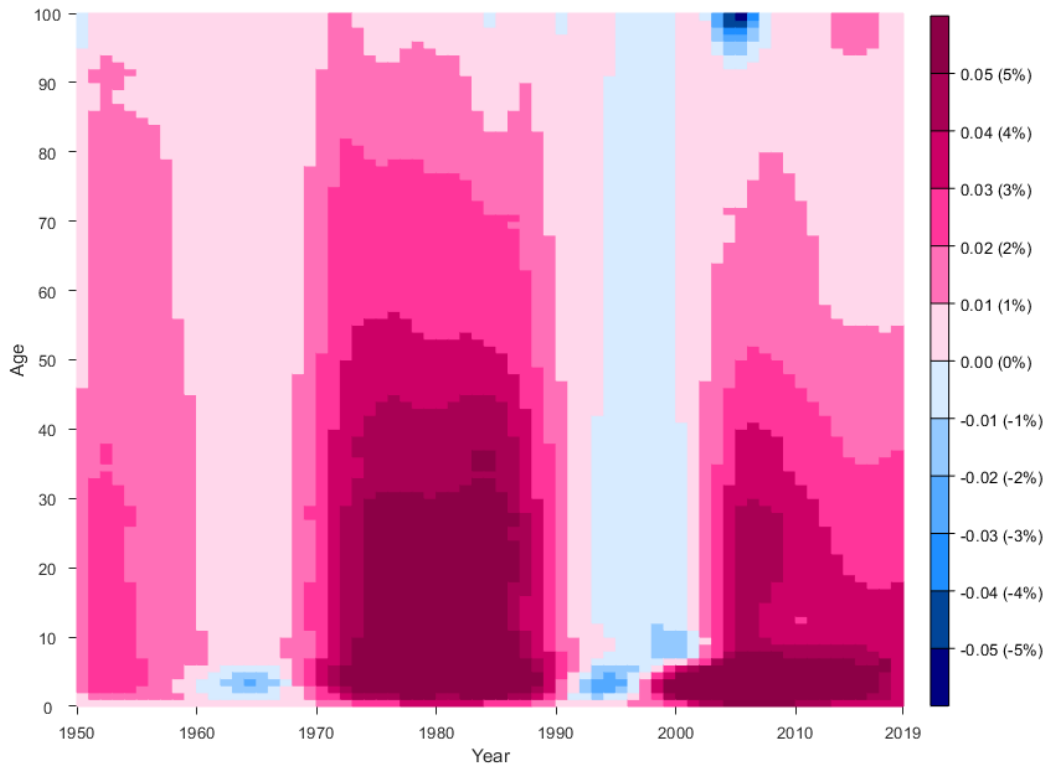


## Females



# Senegal

## Males

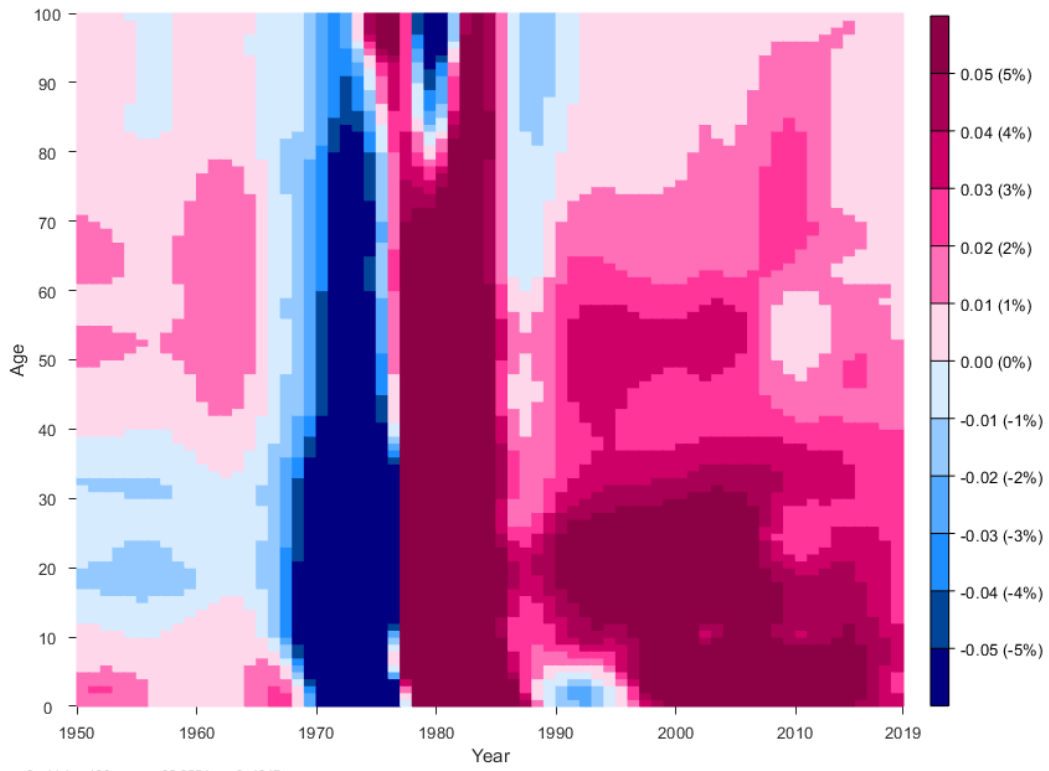


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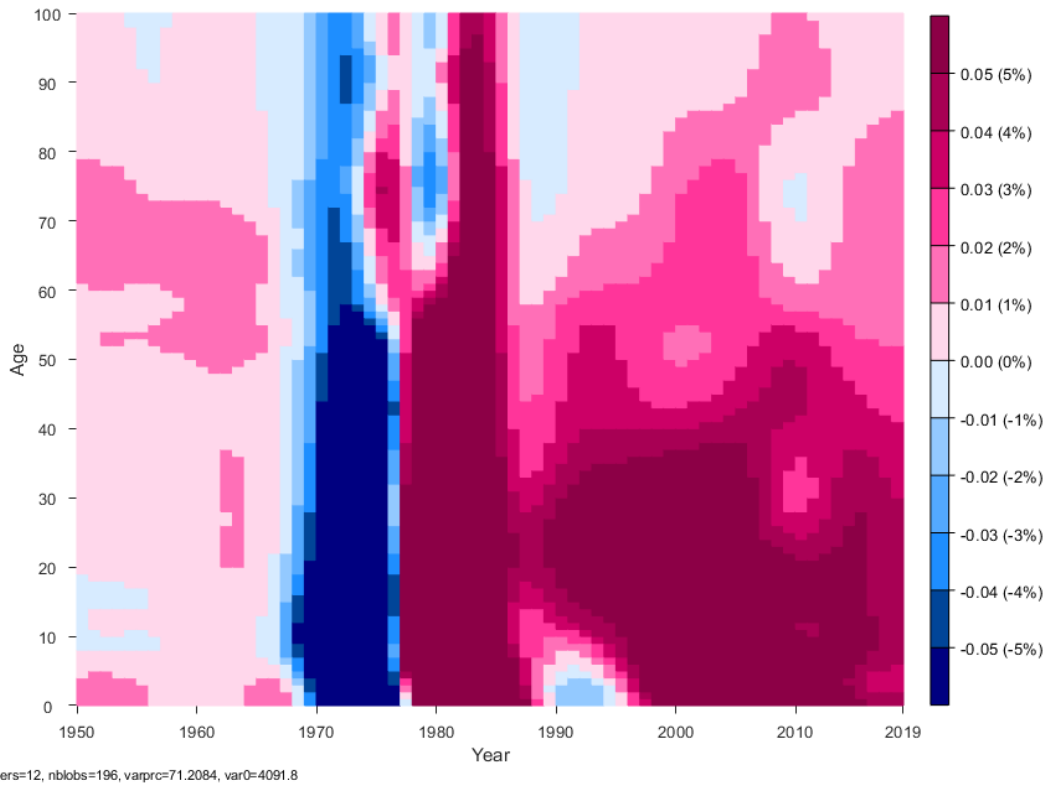


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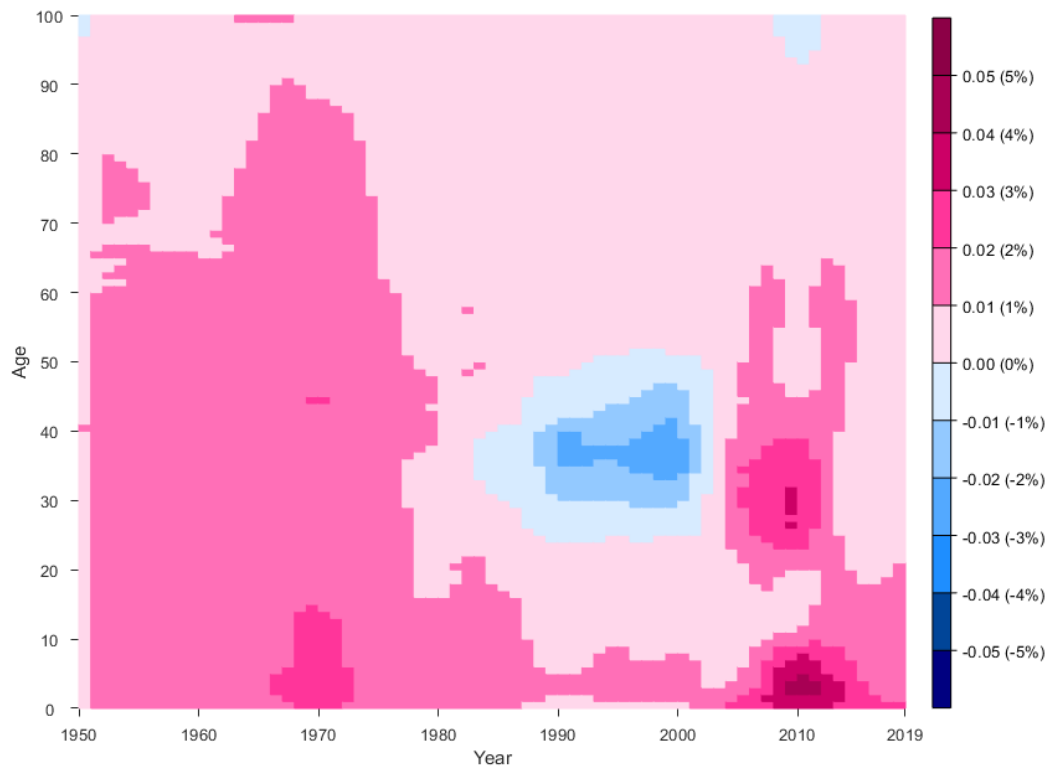


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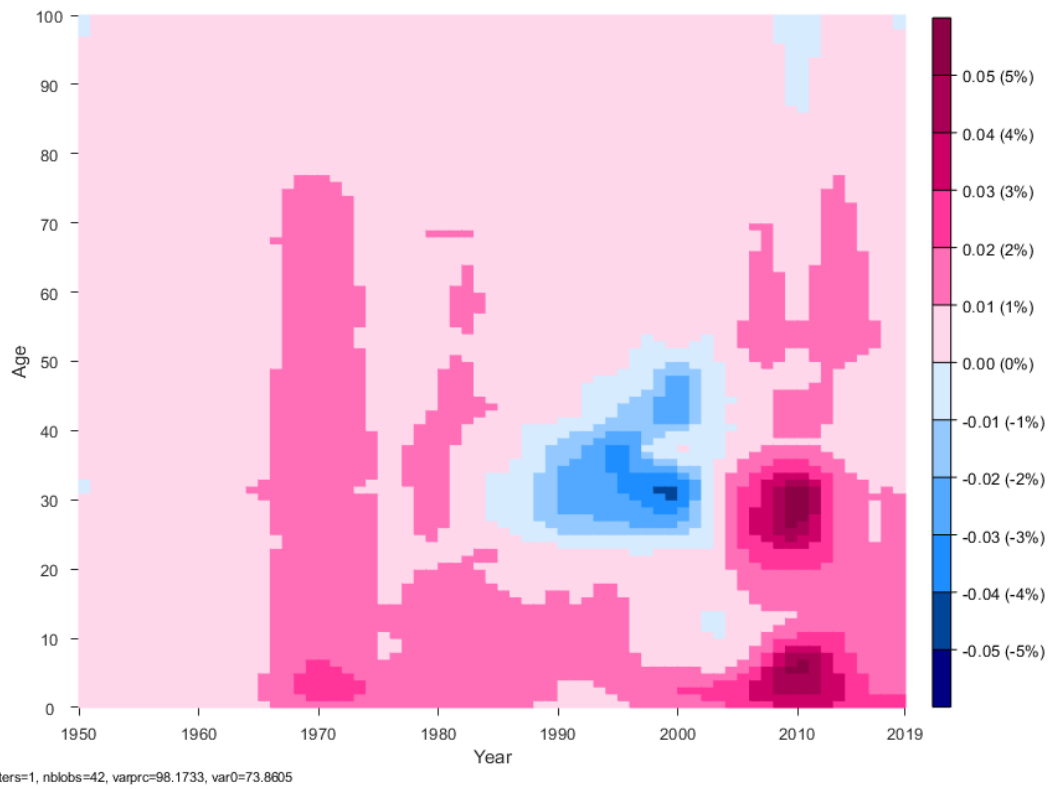


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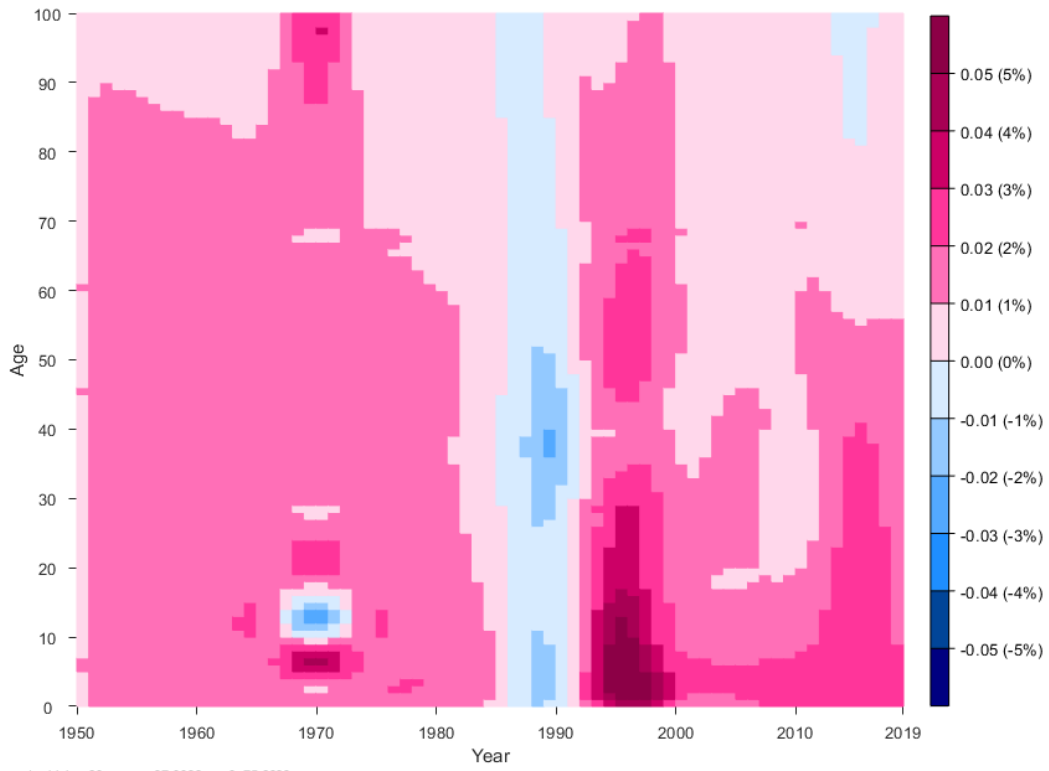


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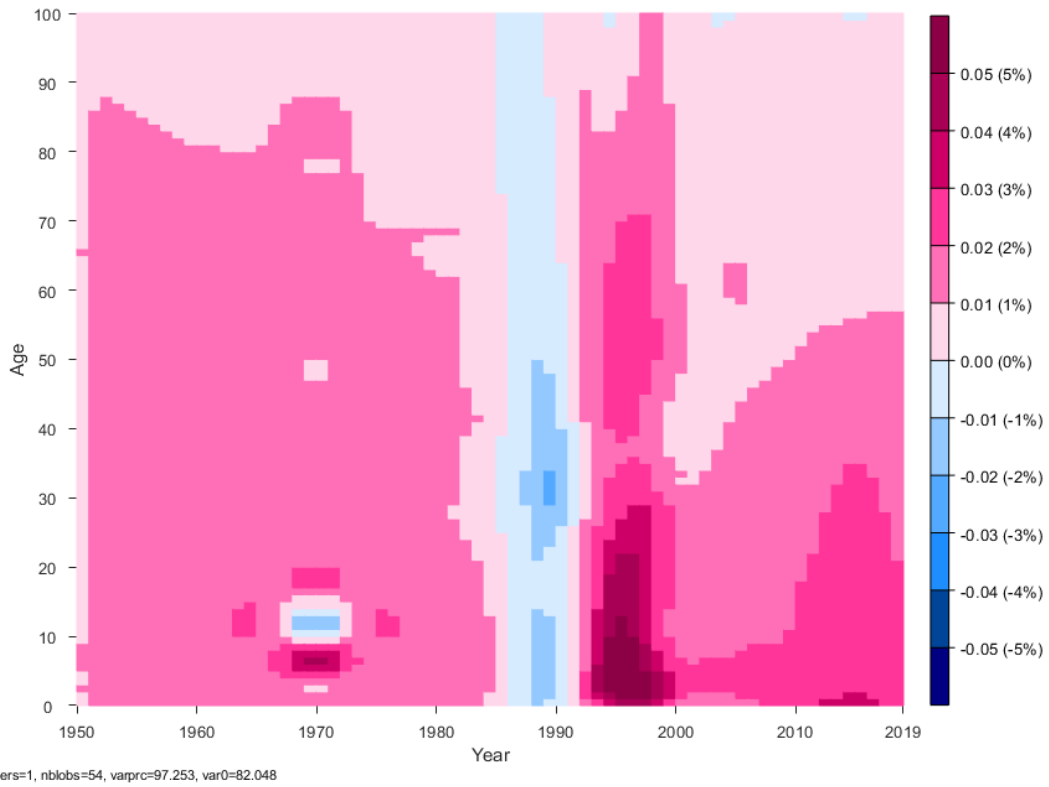


# Somalia

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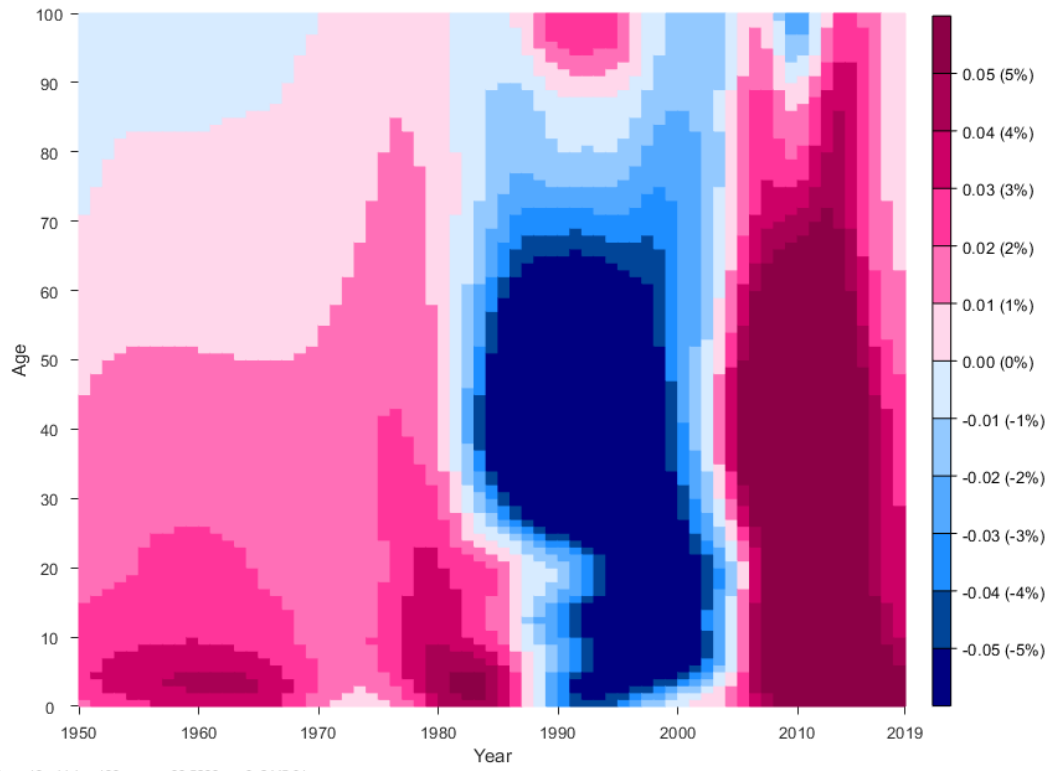
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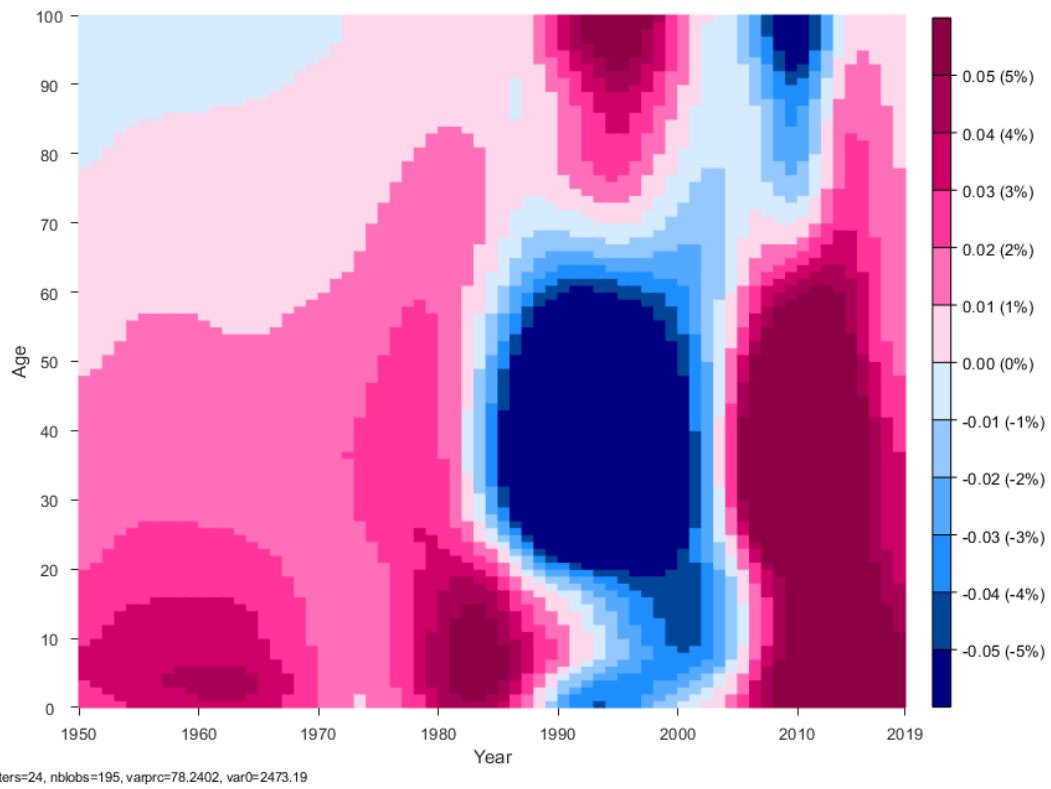


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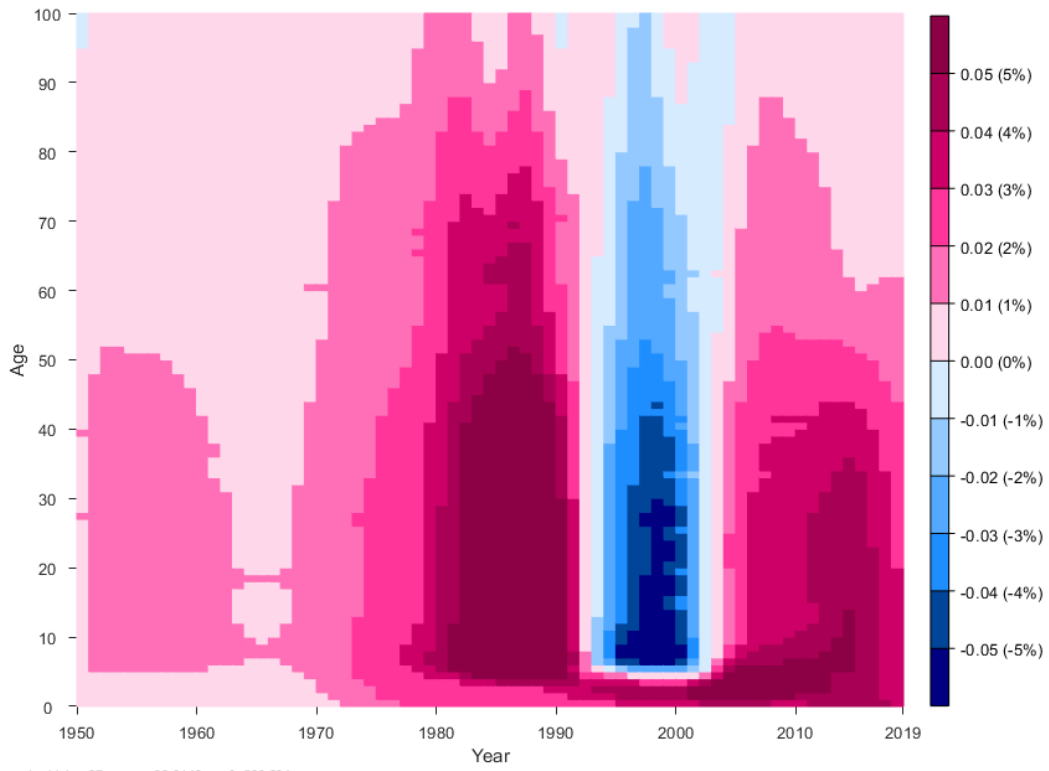


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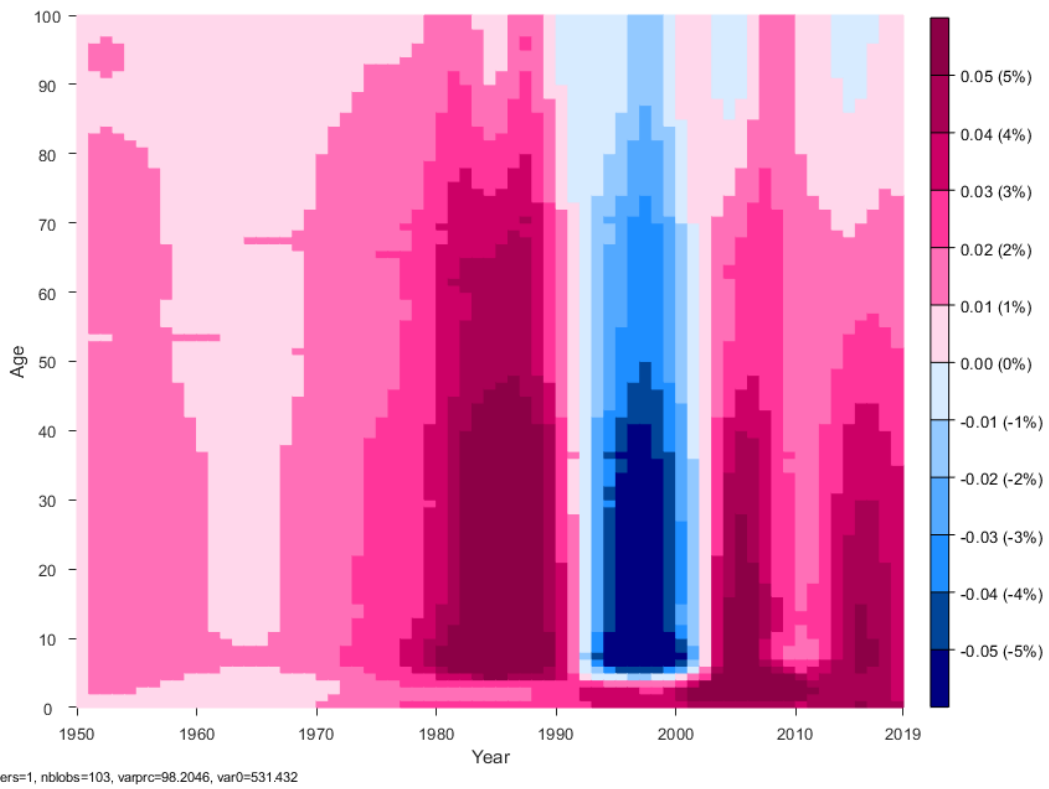


# Guinea

## Males



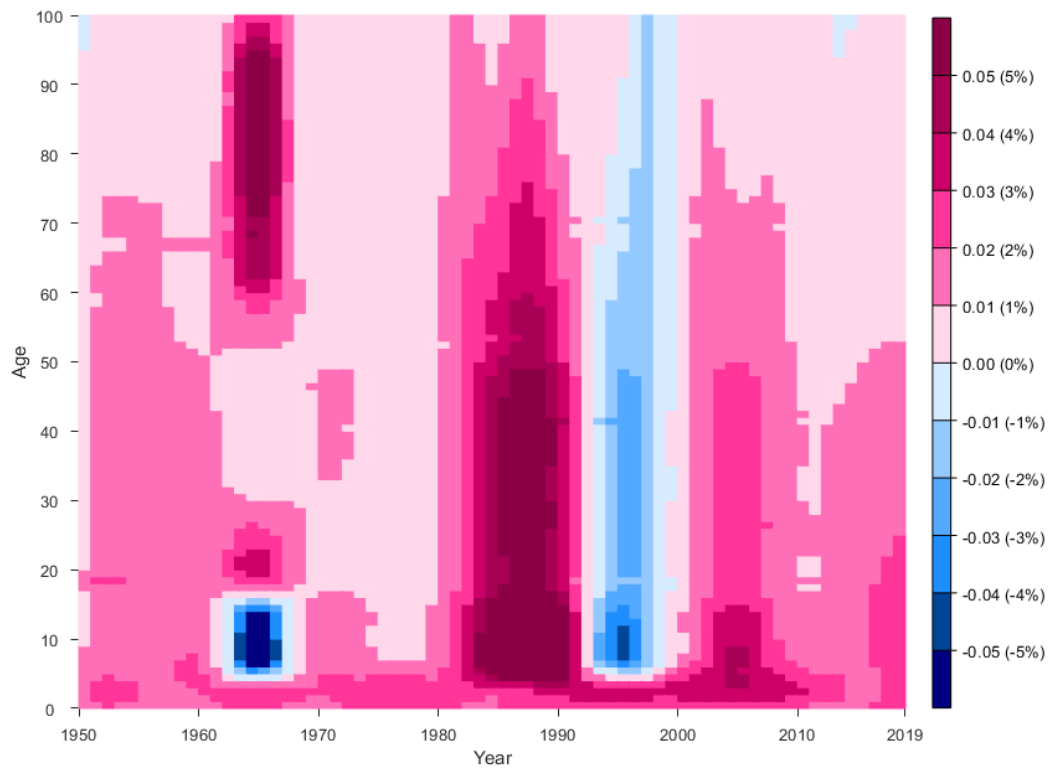
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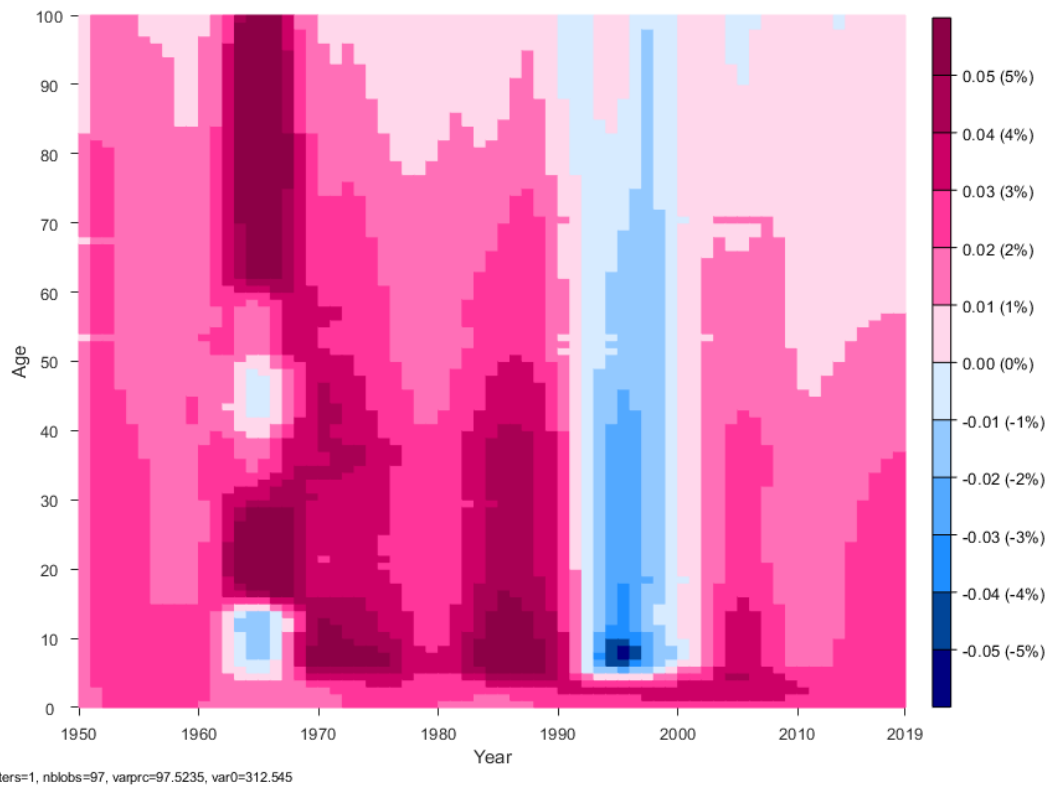


# Benin

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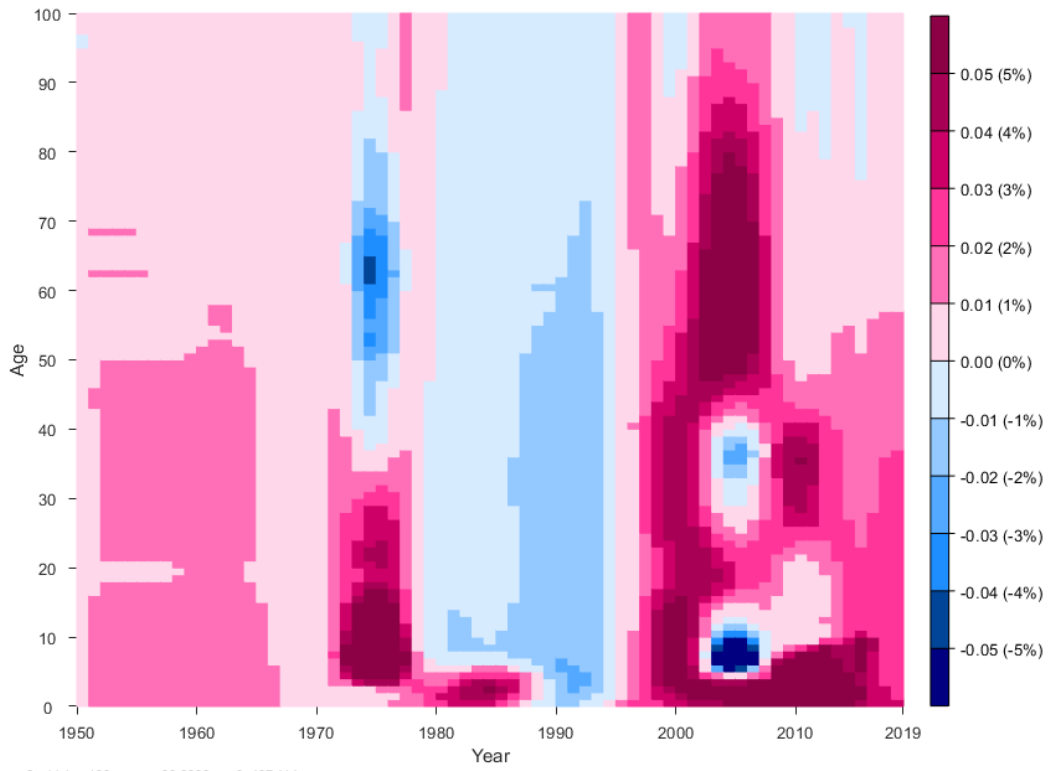


## Females



# Burundi

## Males

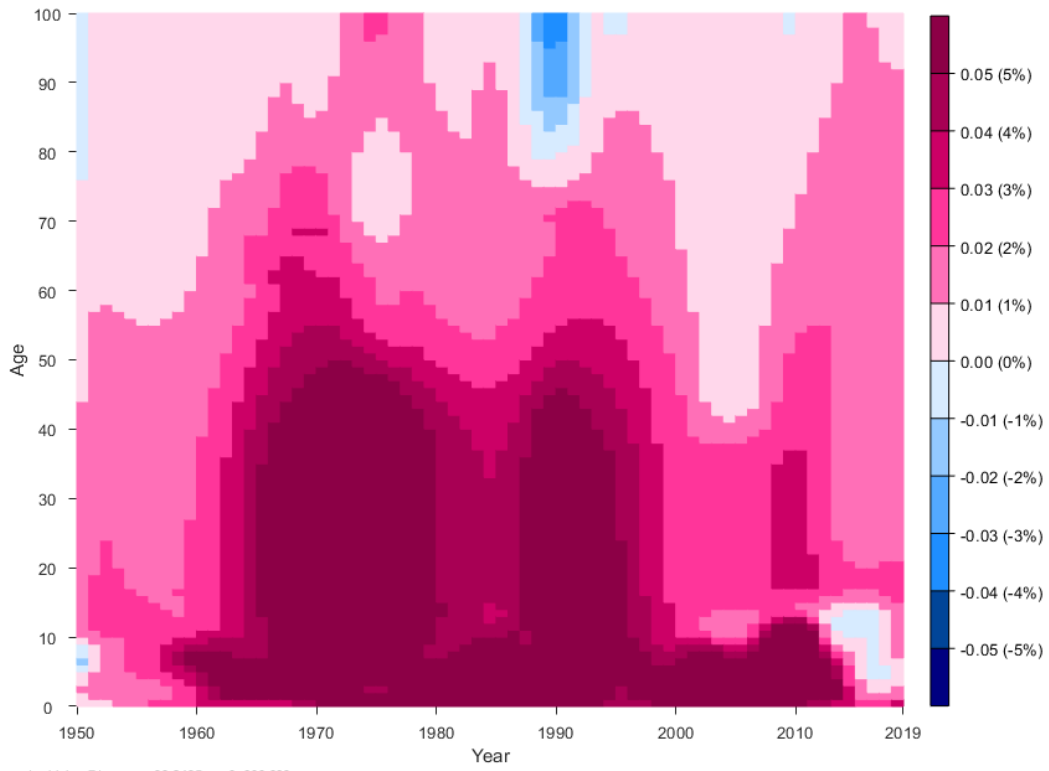


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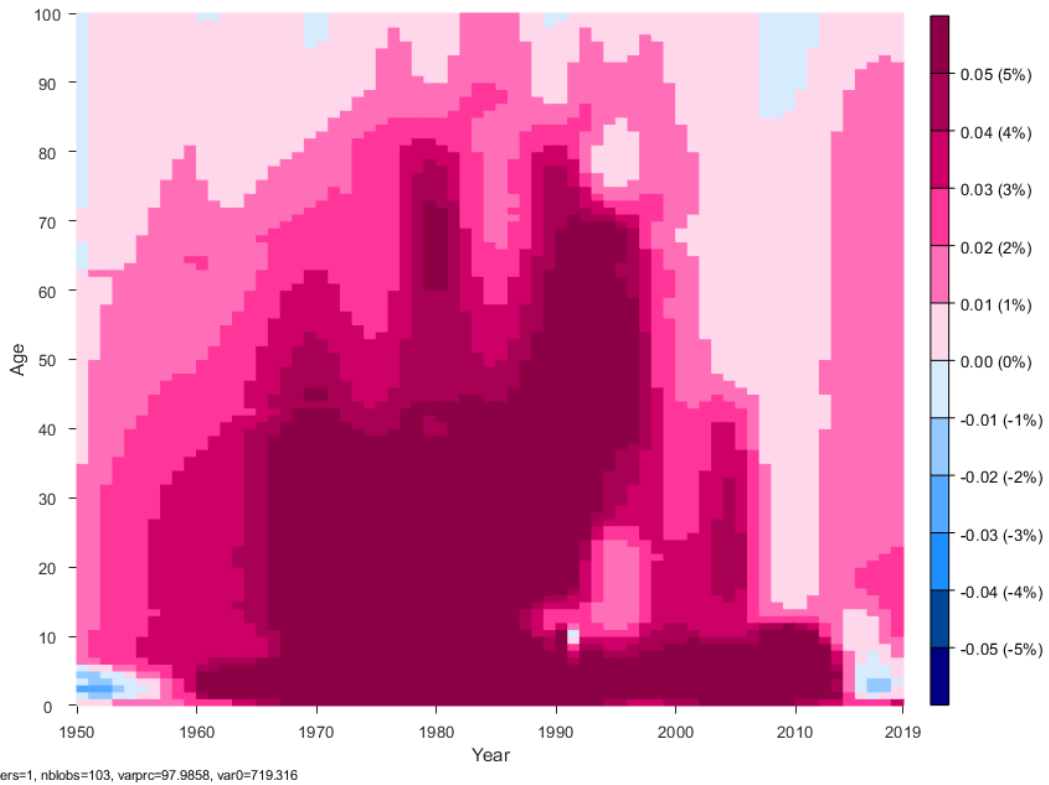


# Tunisia

## Males



## Females

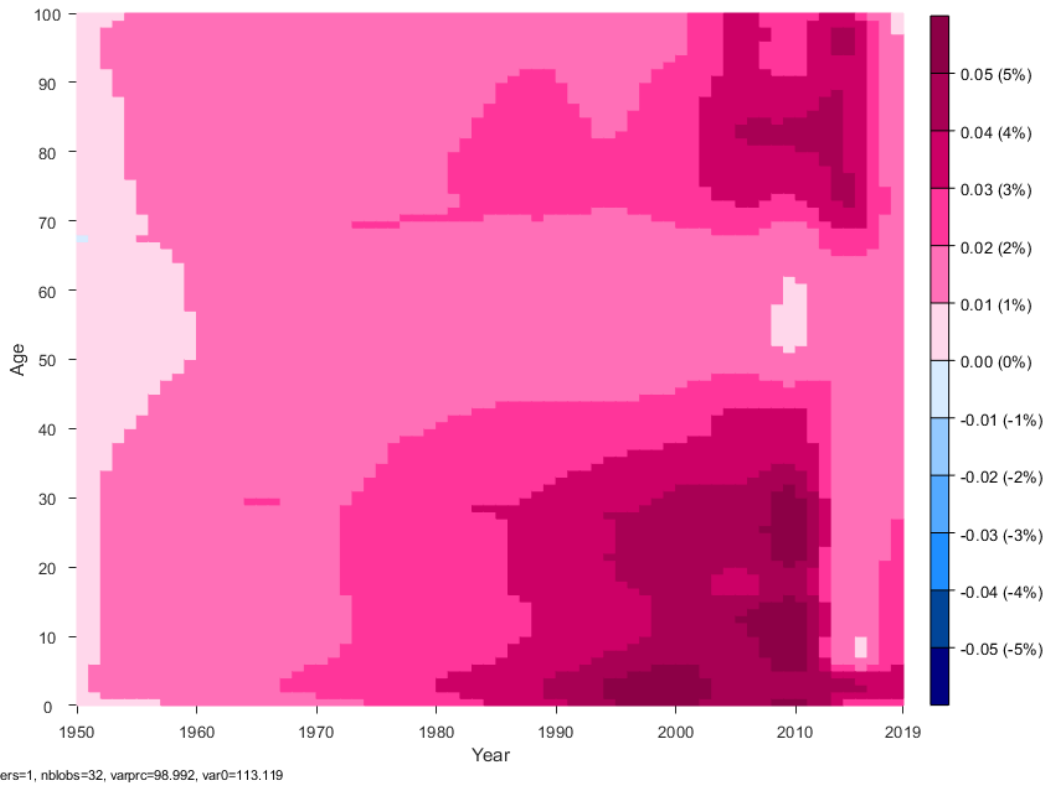


# Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

## Males

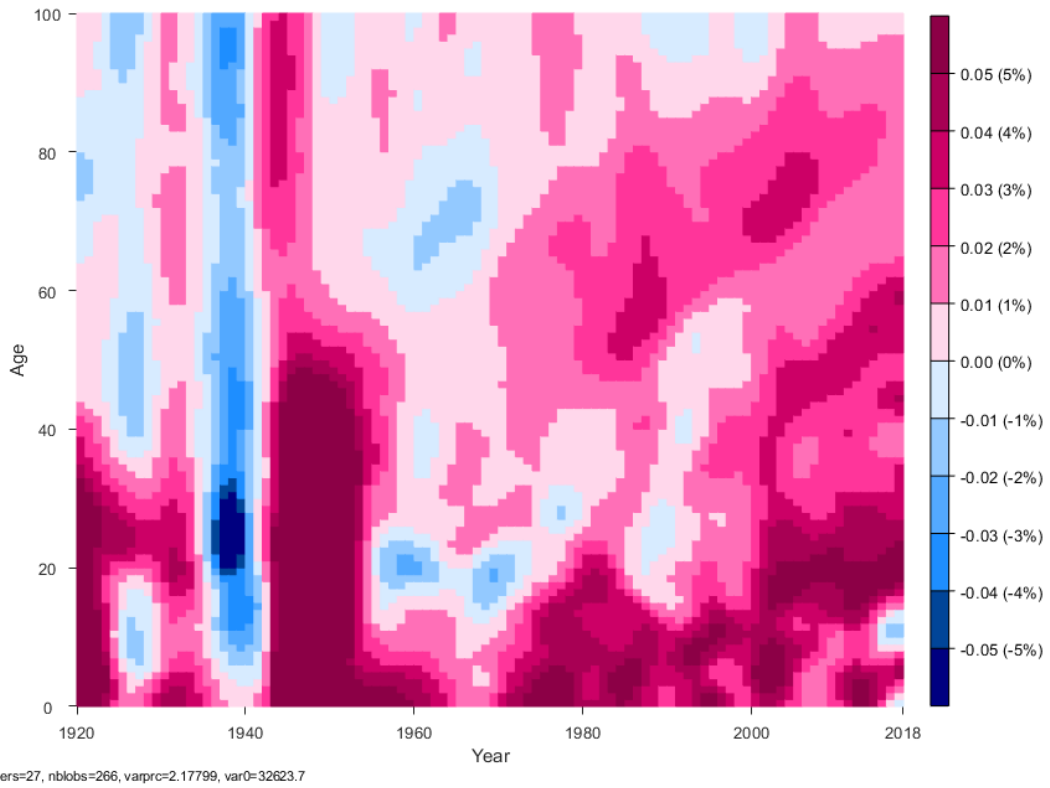


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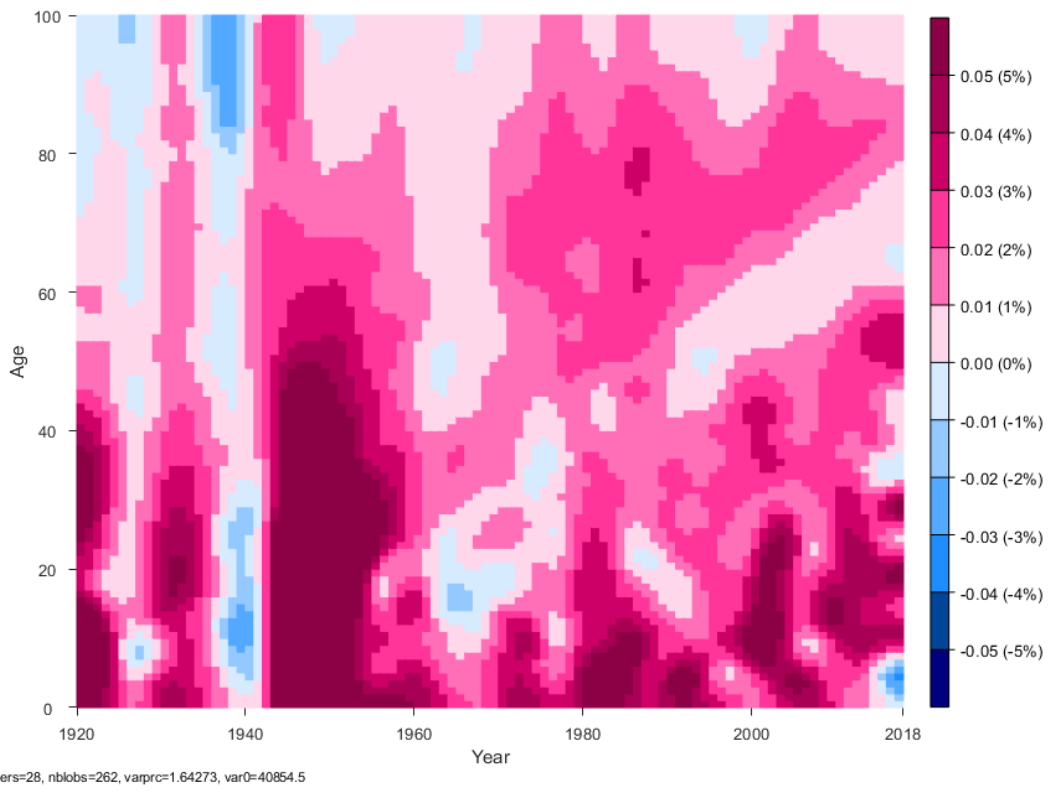


# Belgium

## Males



## Females



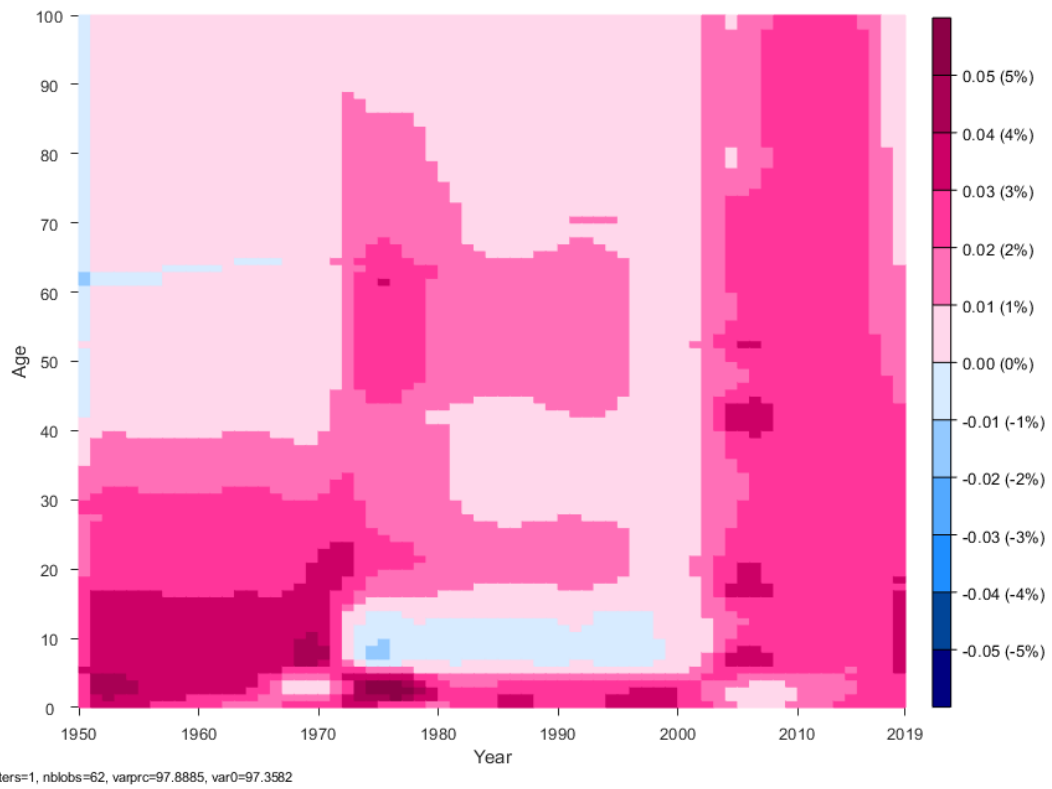


# Haiti

## Males



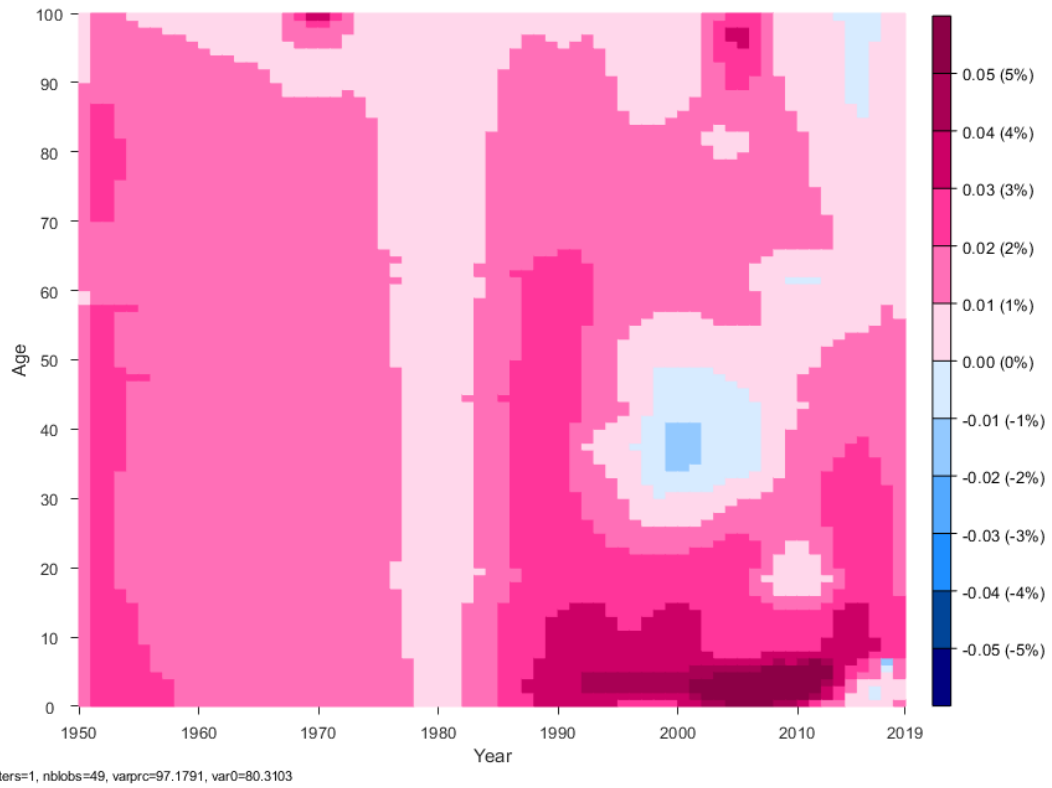
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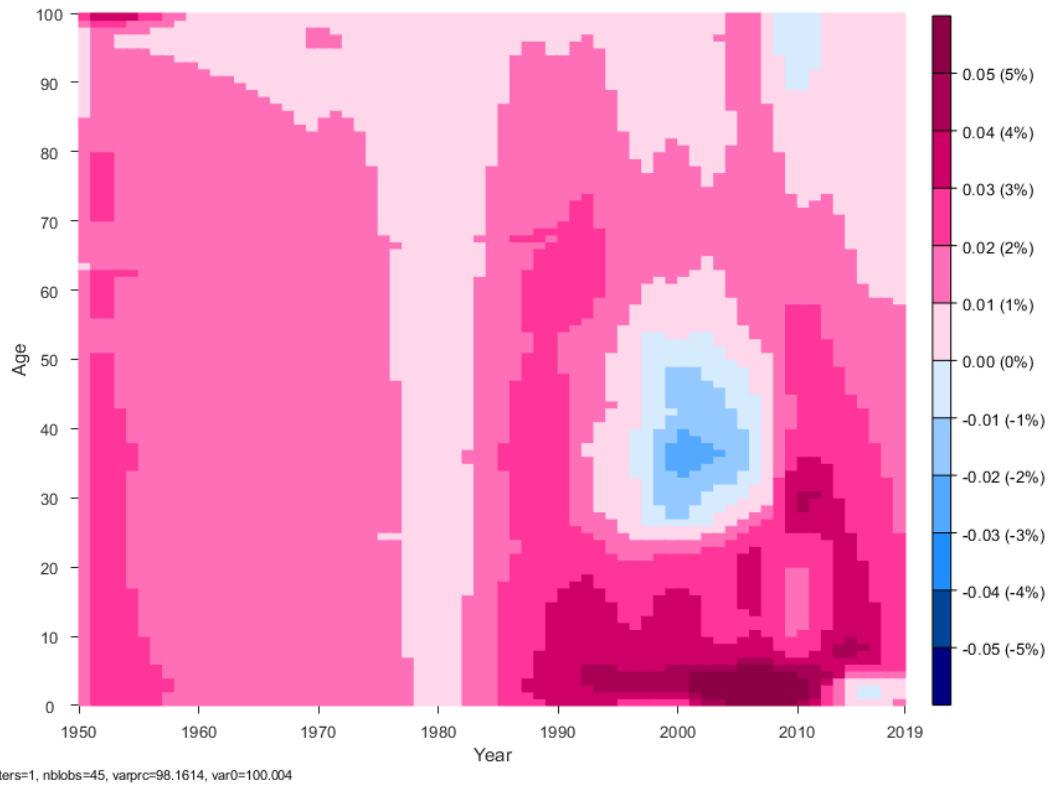


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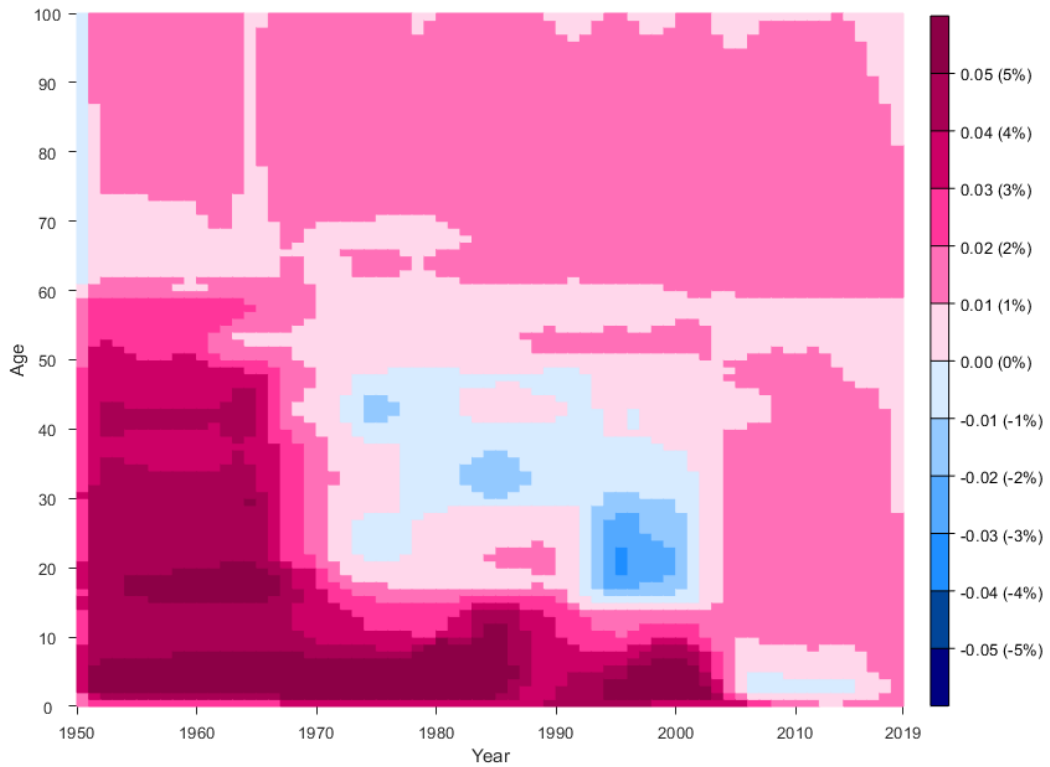


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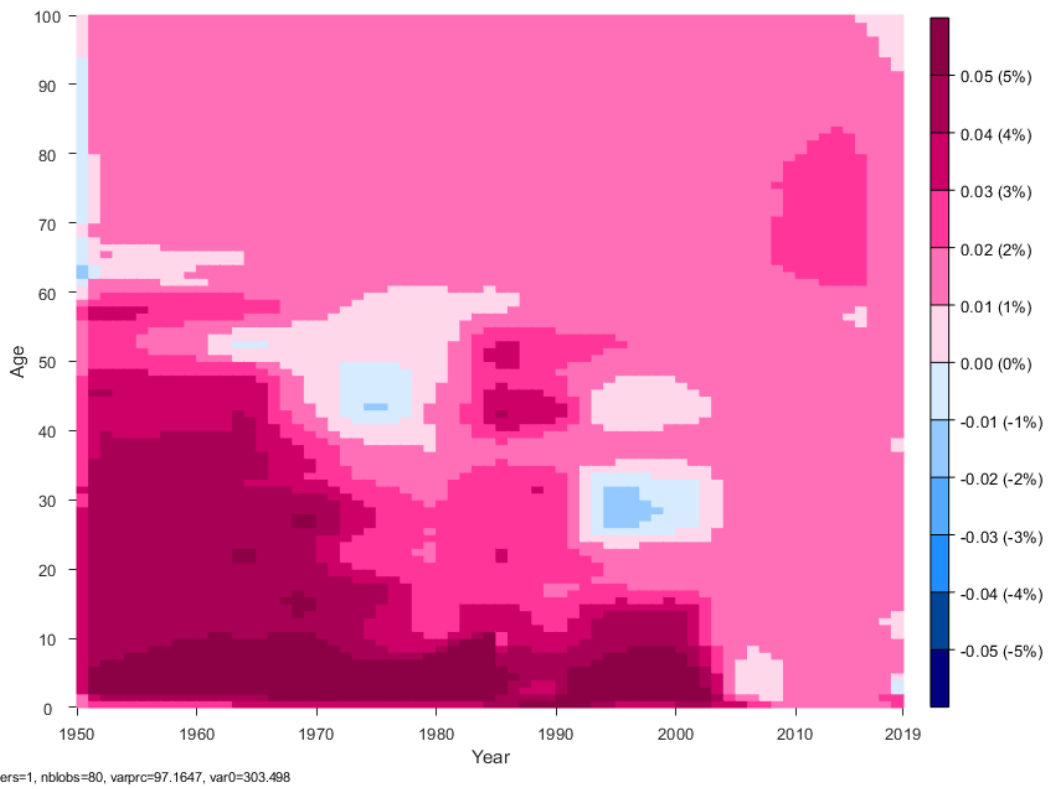


# Dominican Republic

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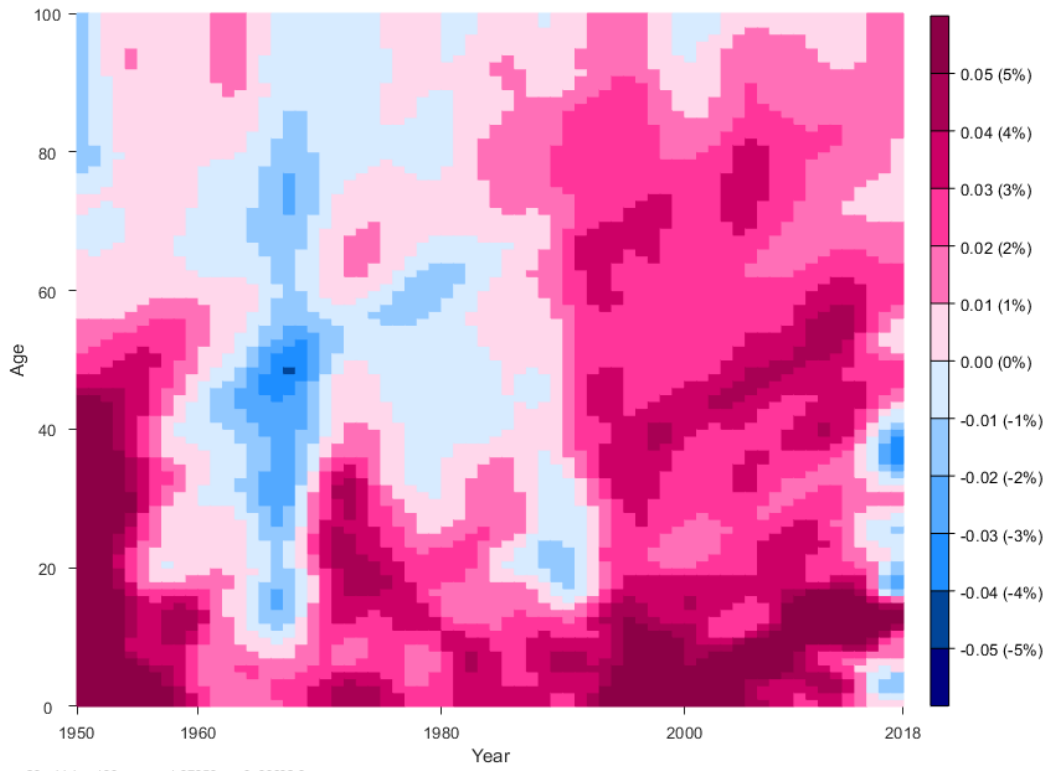


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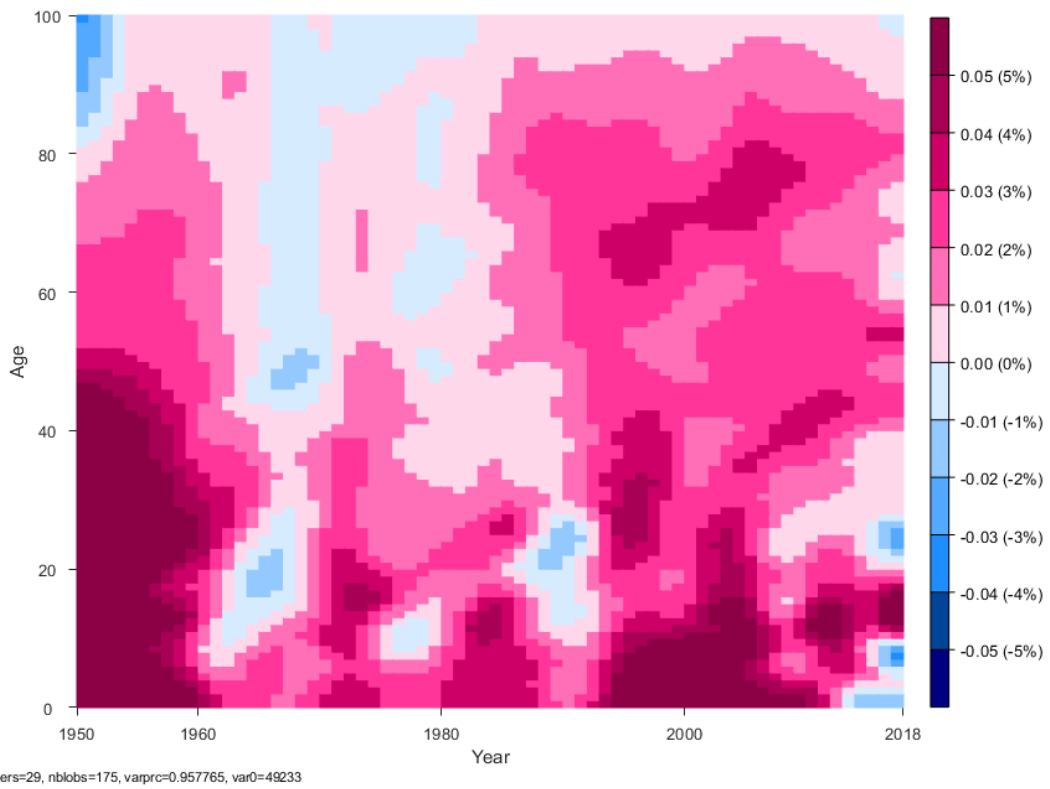


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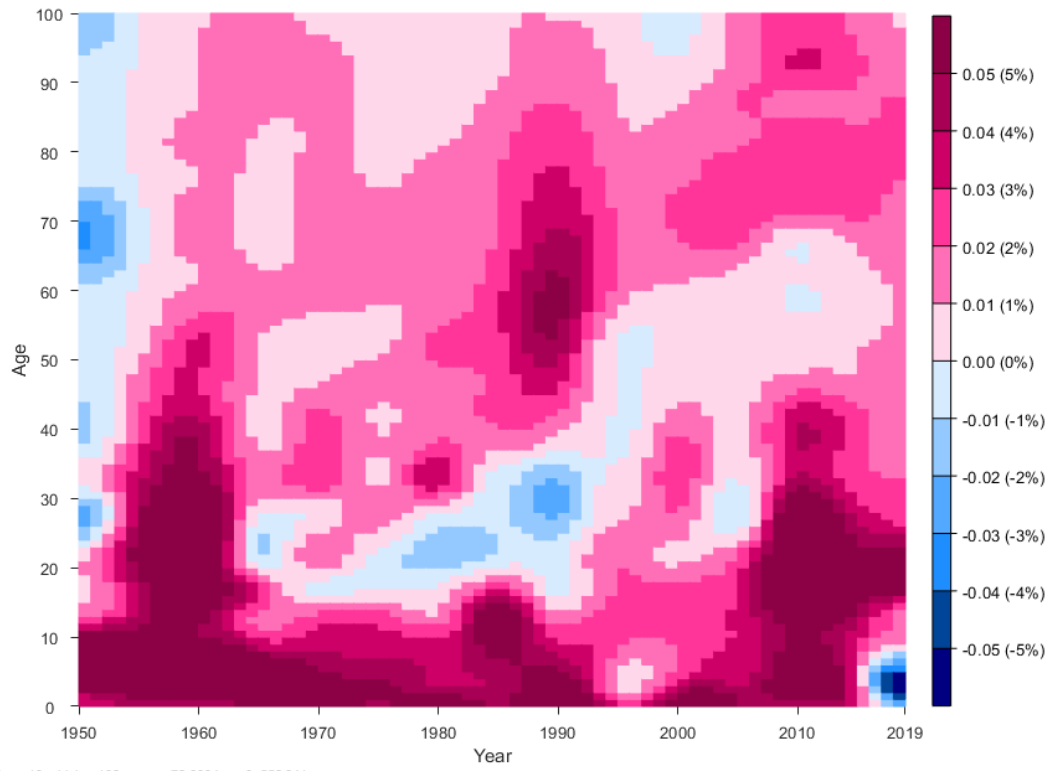


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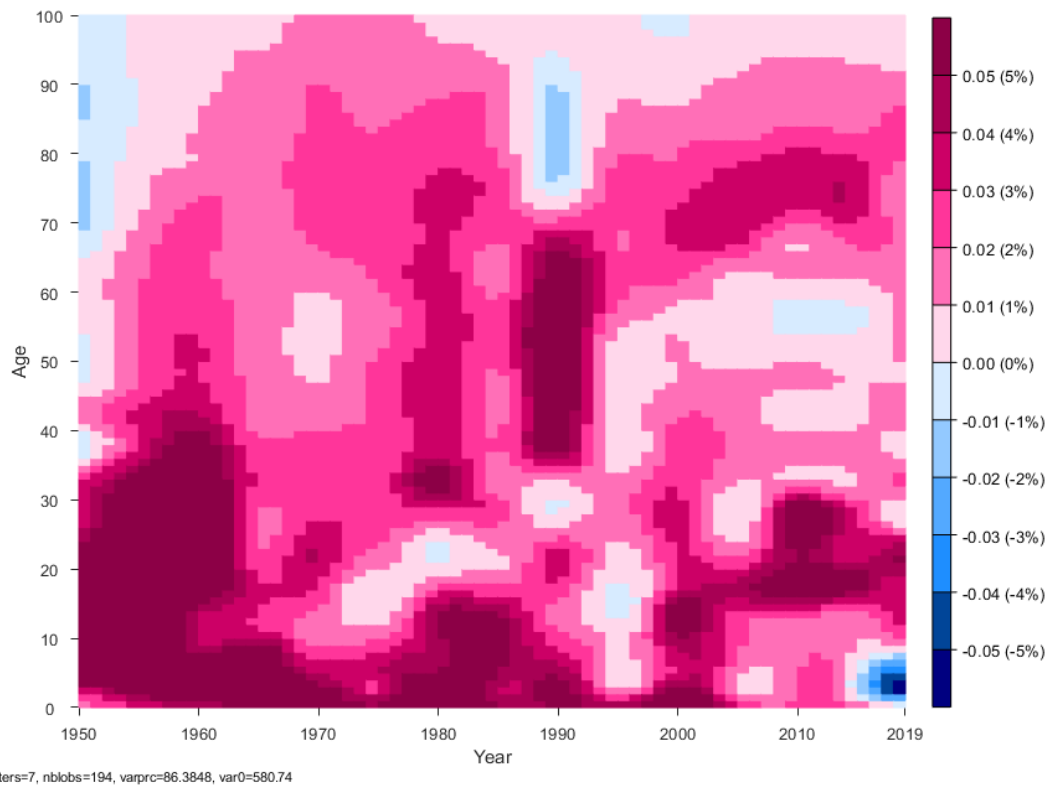


# Greece

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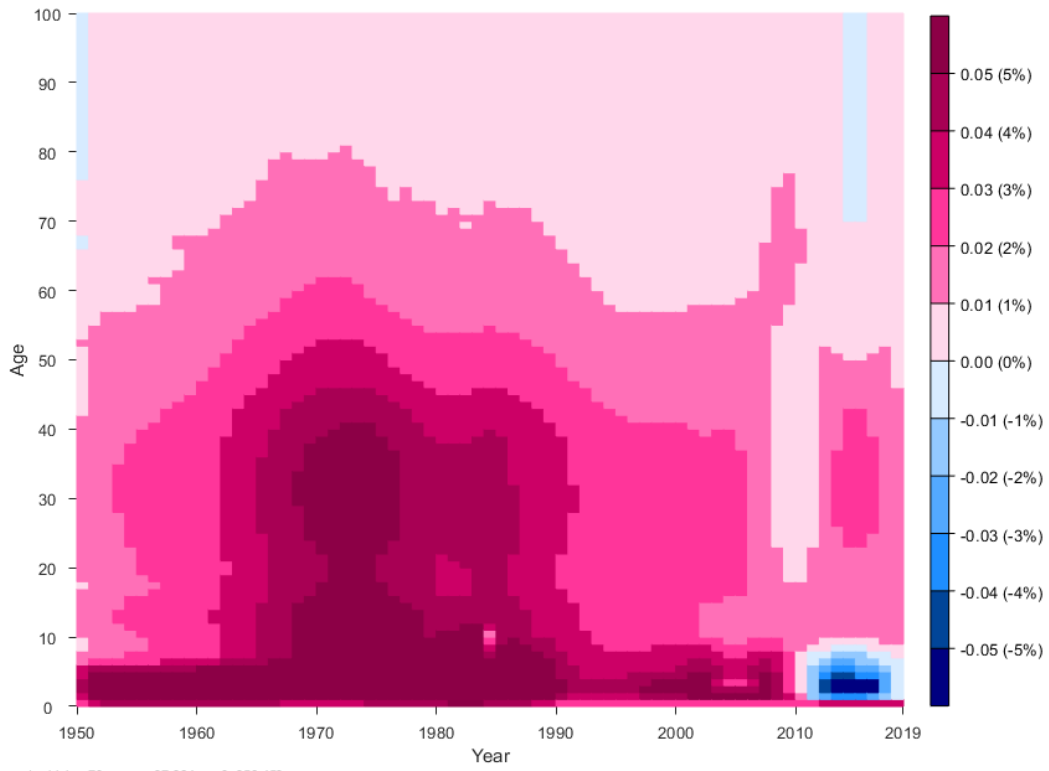


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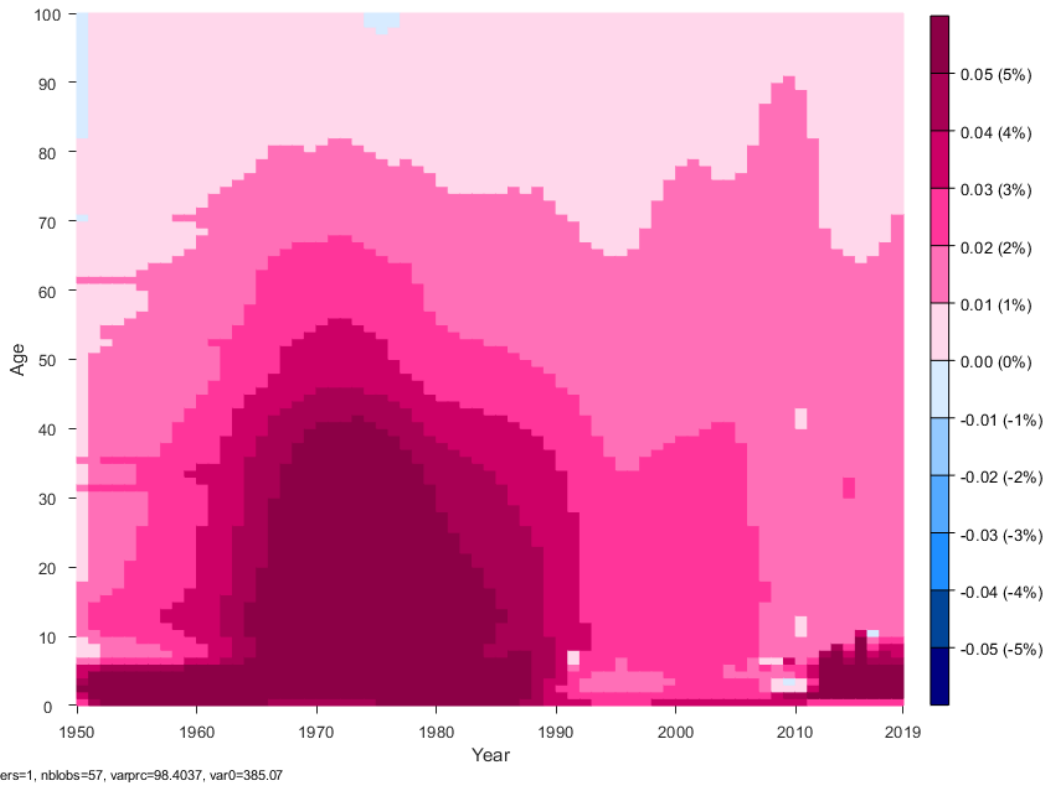


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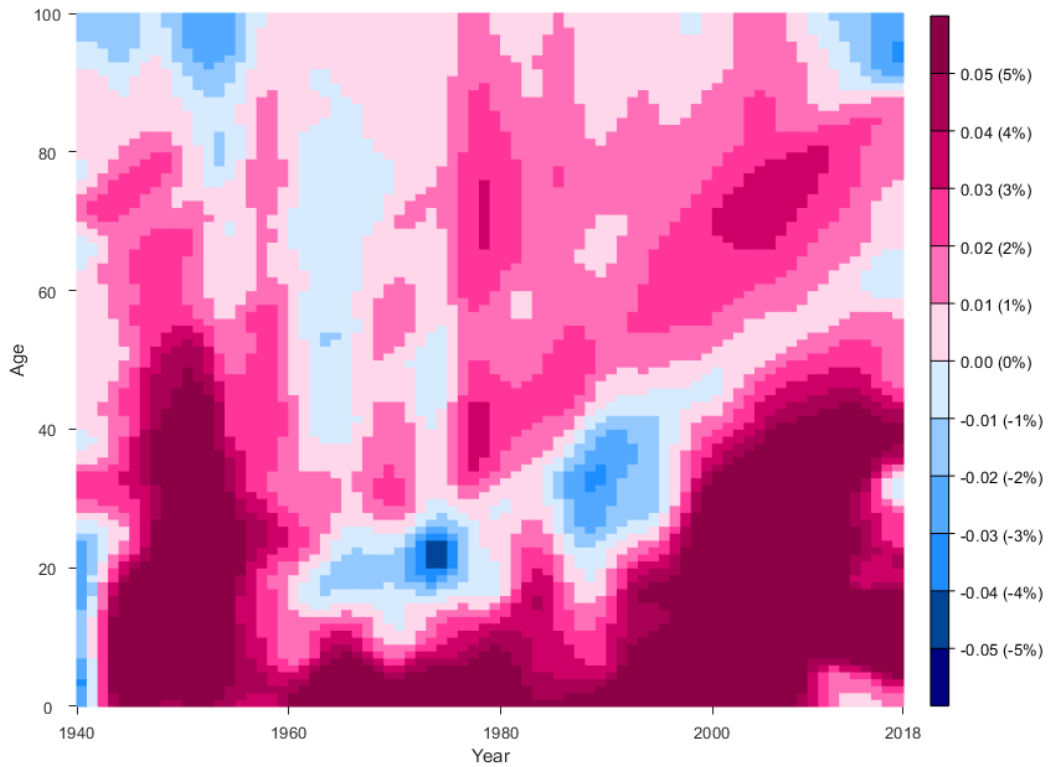


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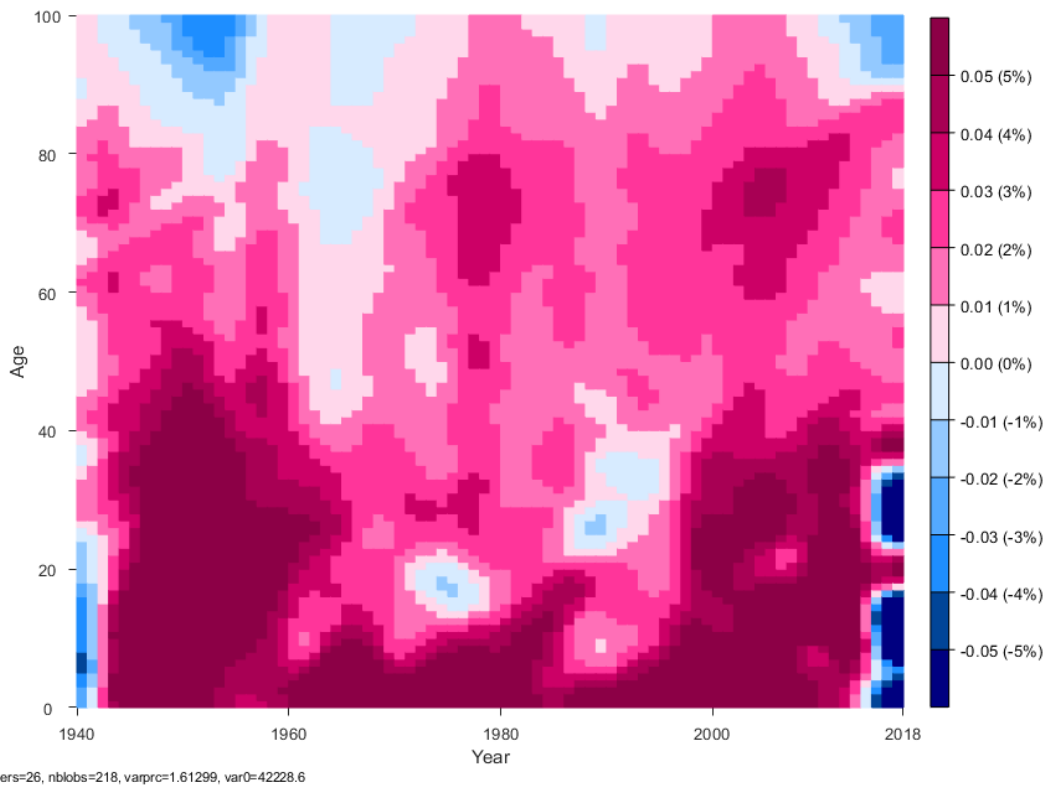


# Portugal

## Males



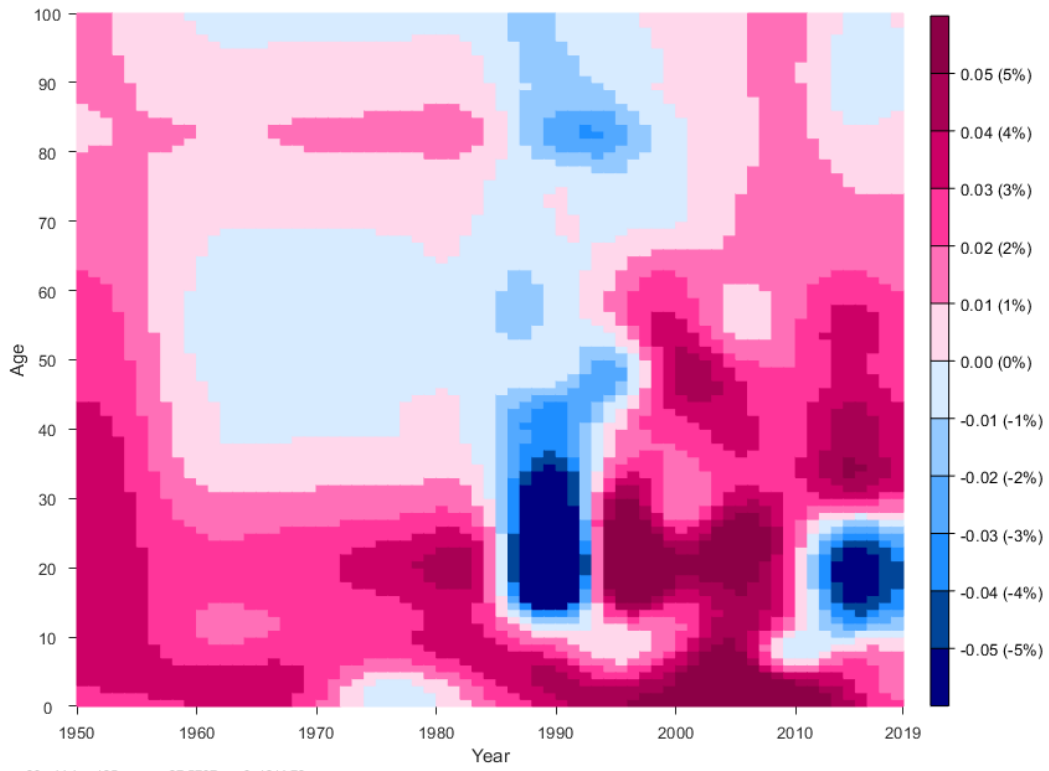
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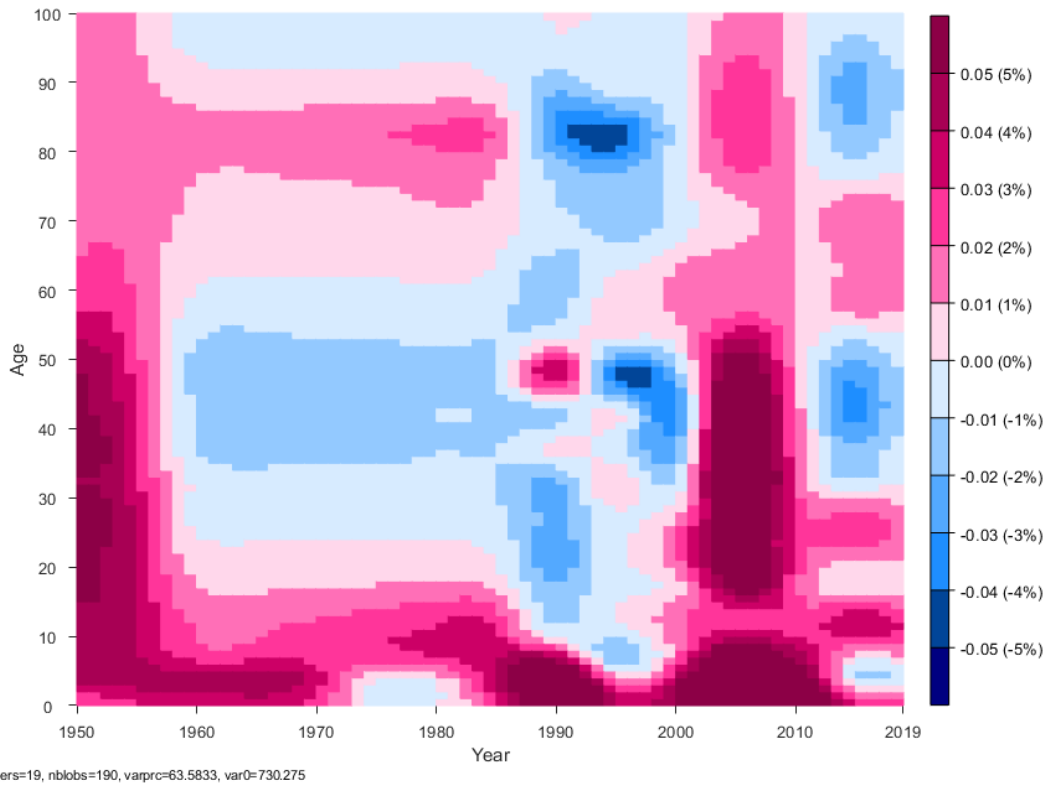


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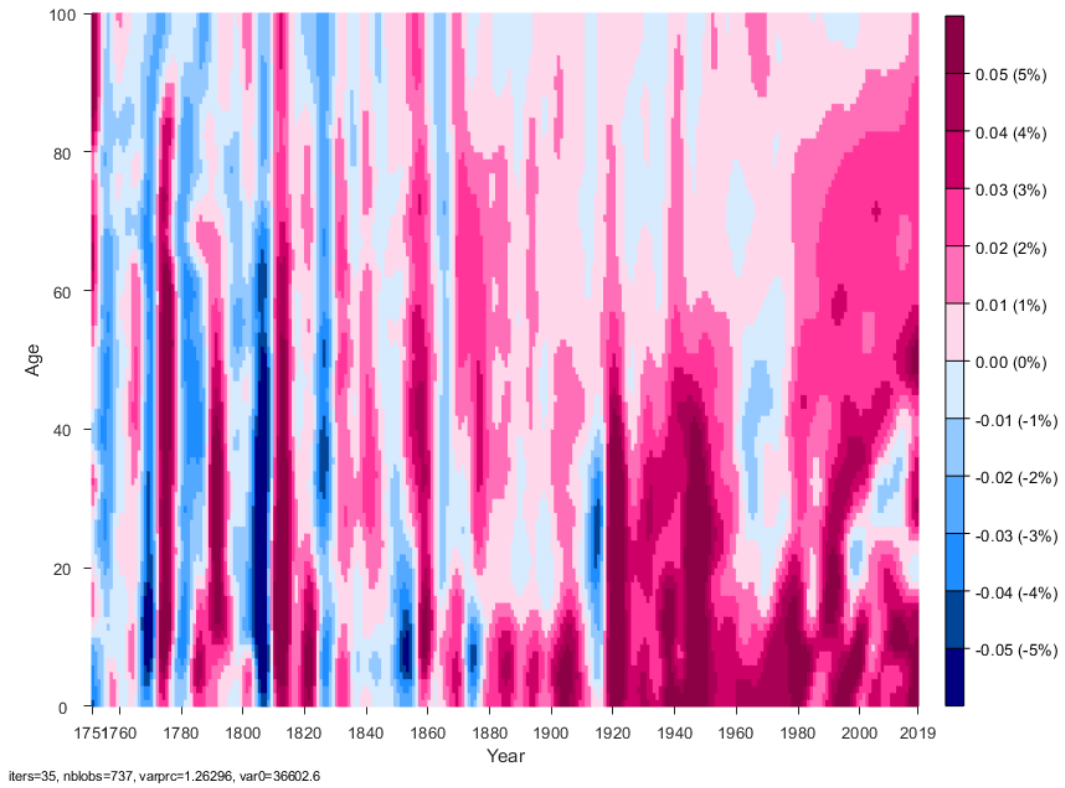


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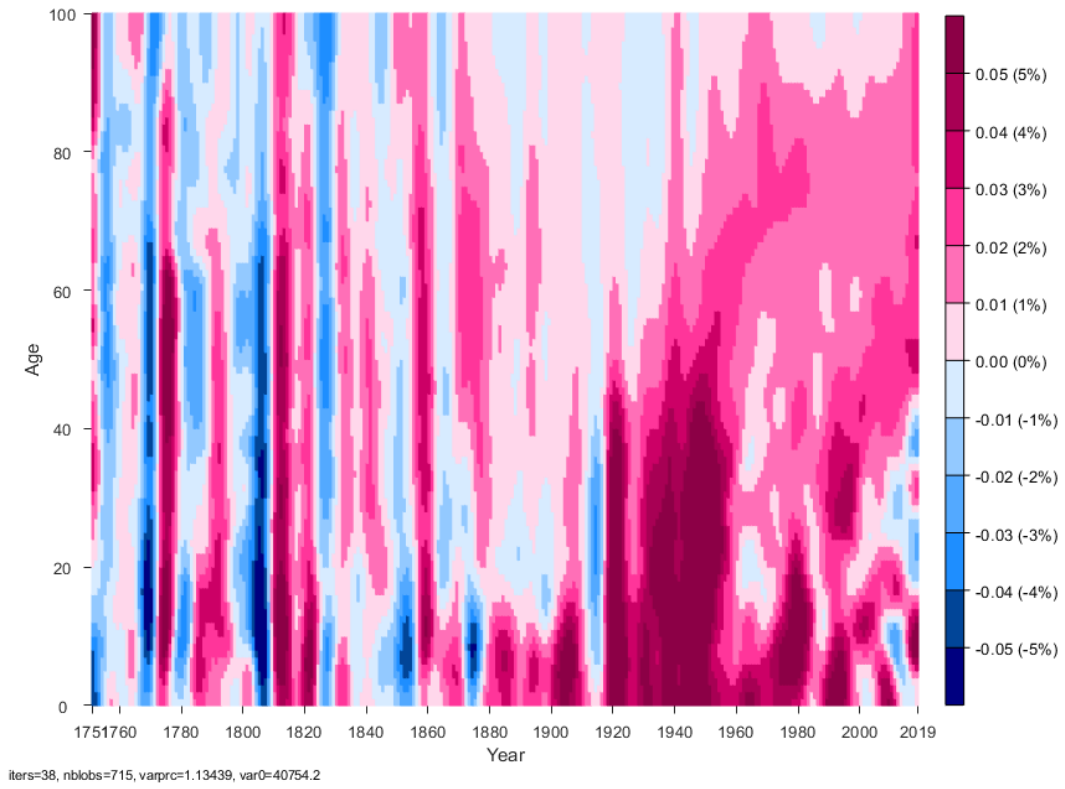


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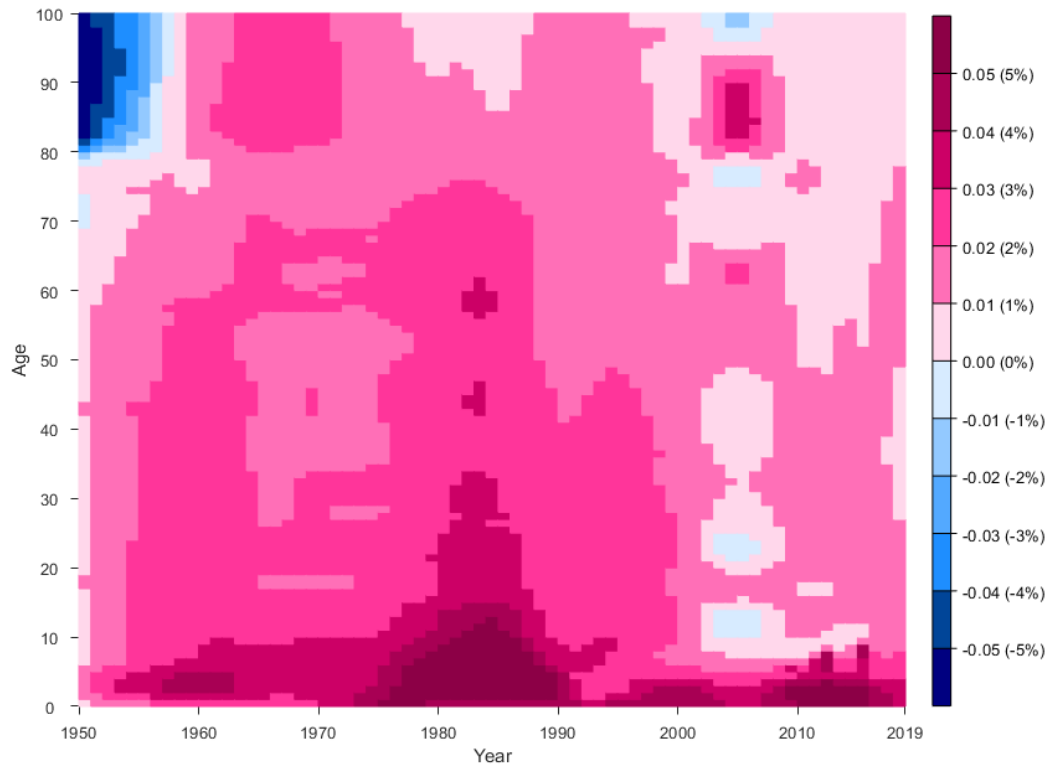


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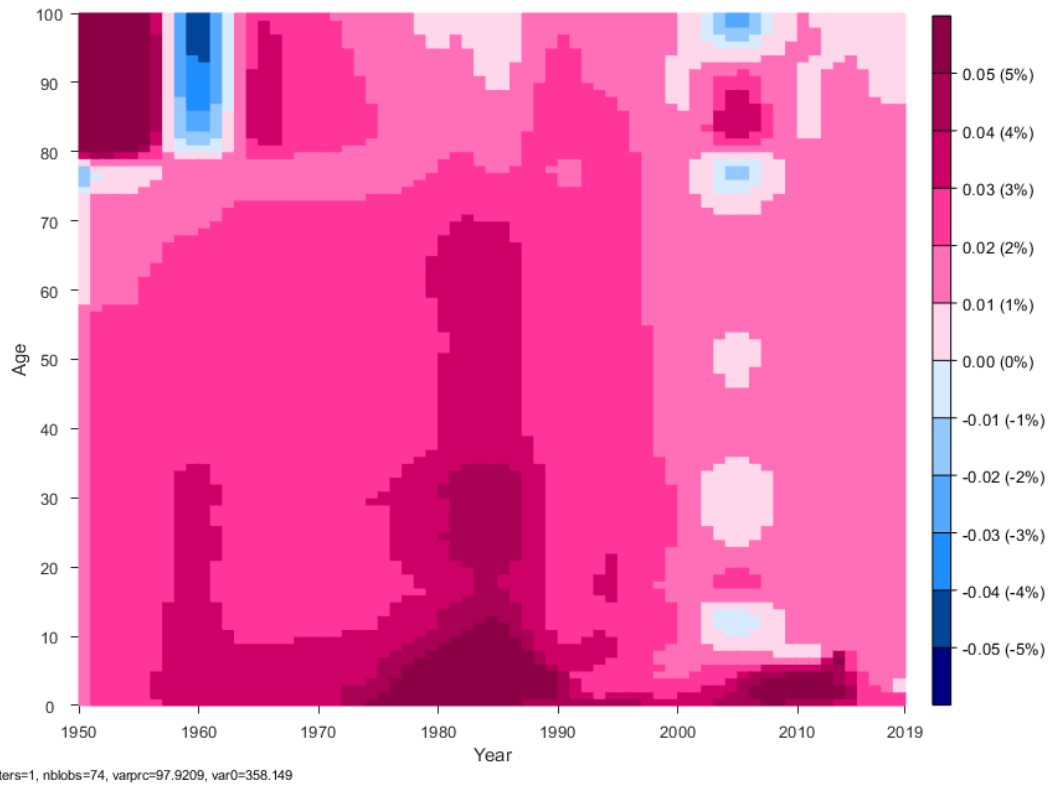


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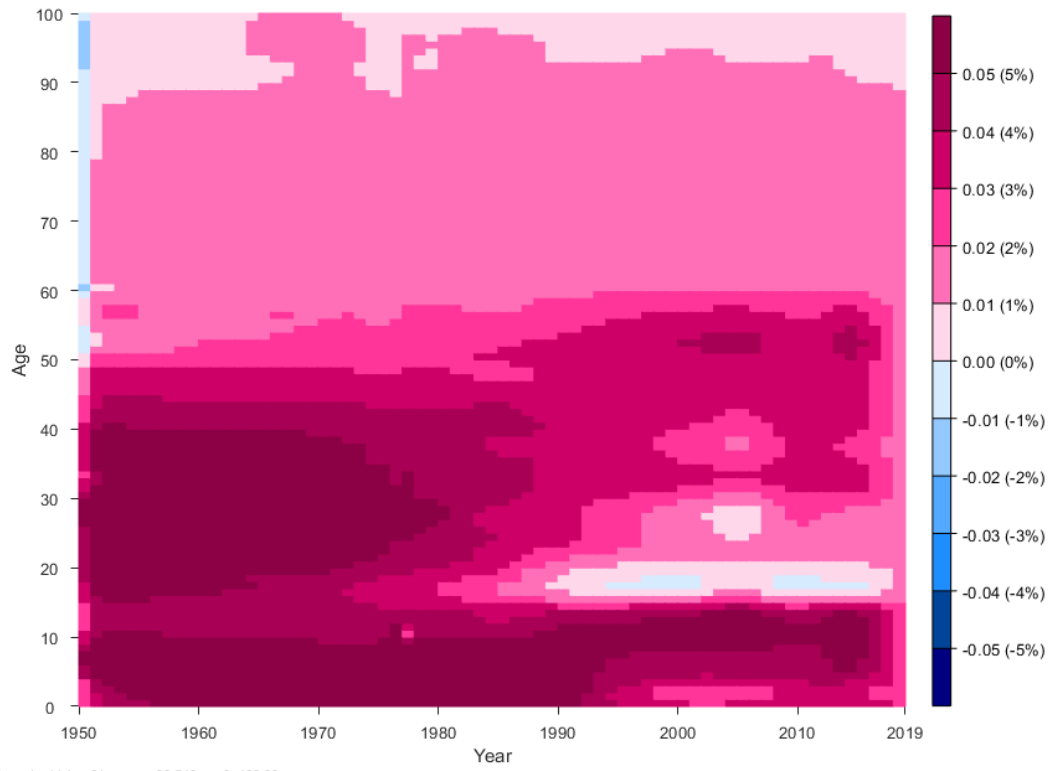


## Females



# United Arab Emirates

## Males

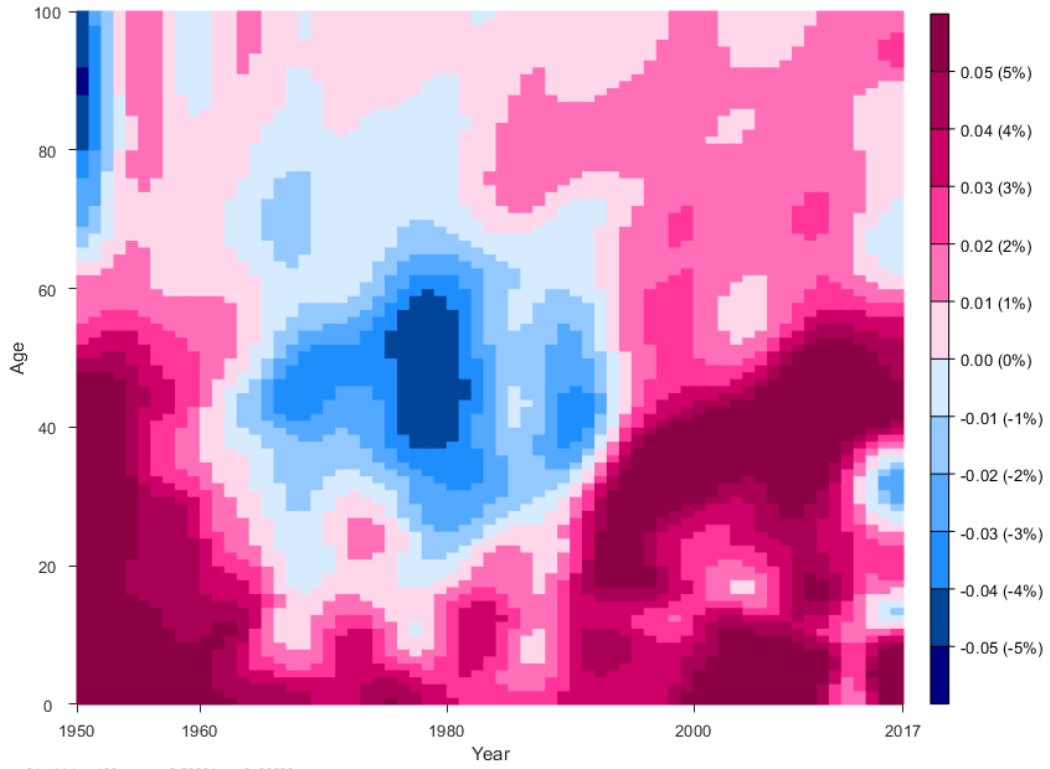


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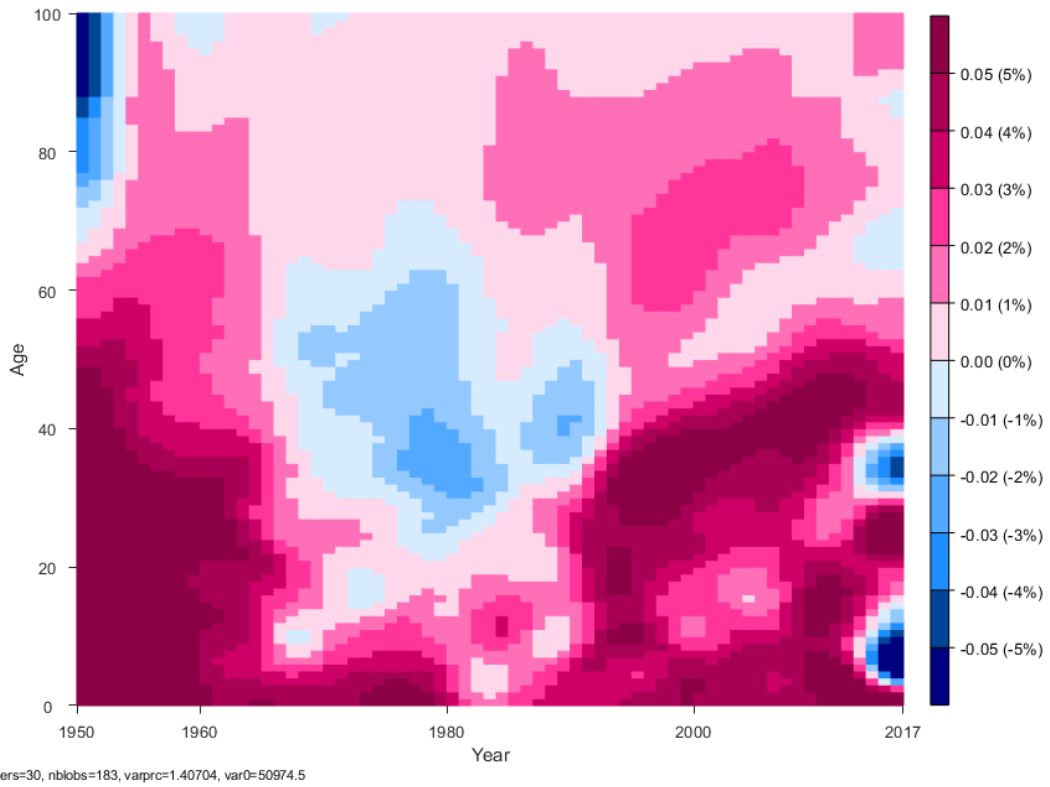


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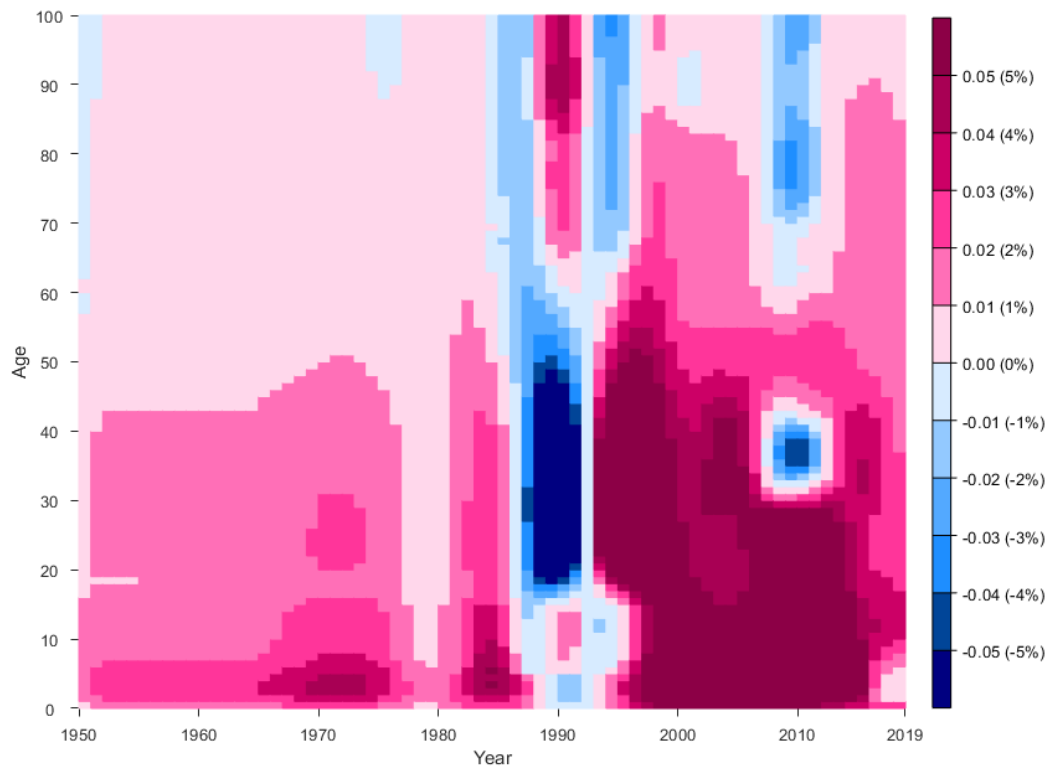


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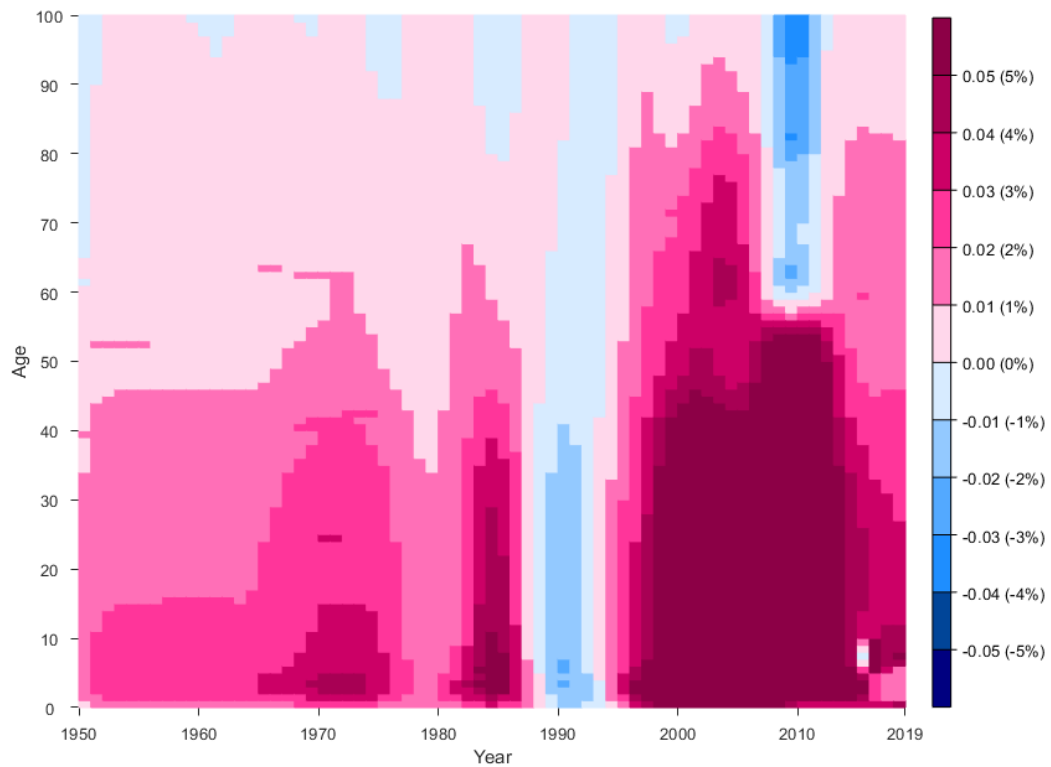
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## Males



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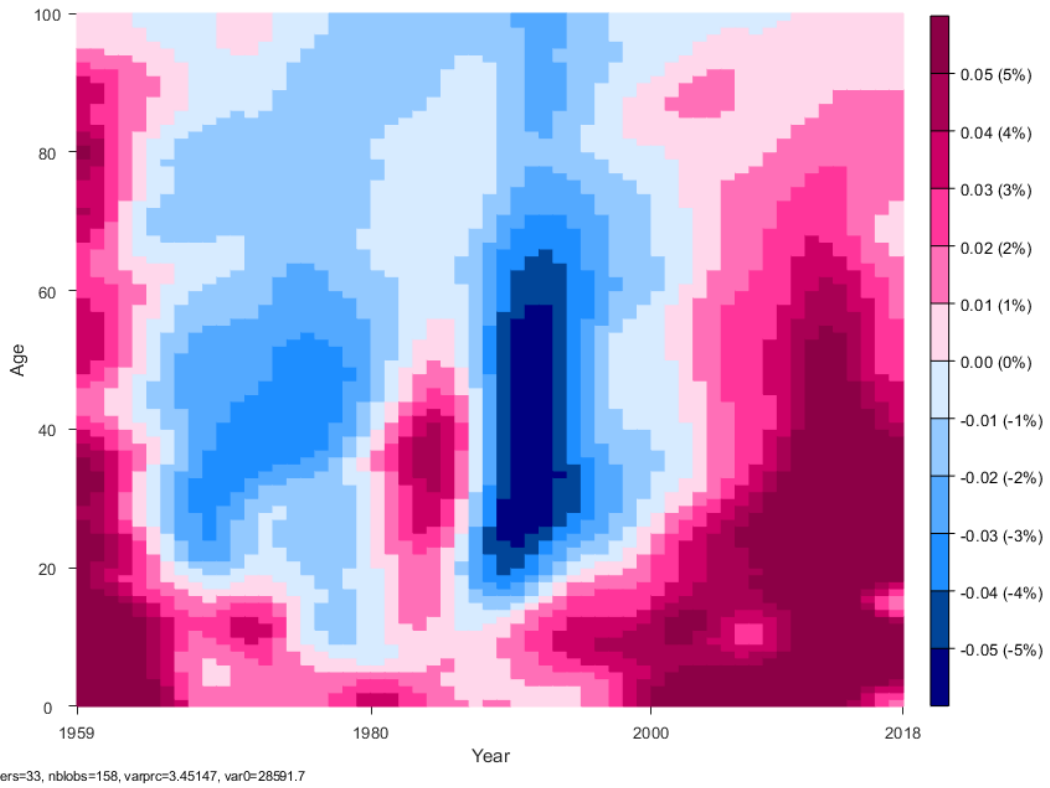
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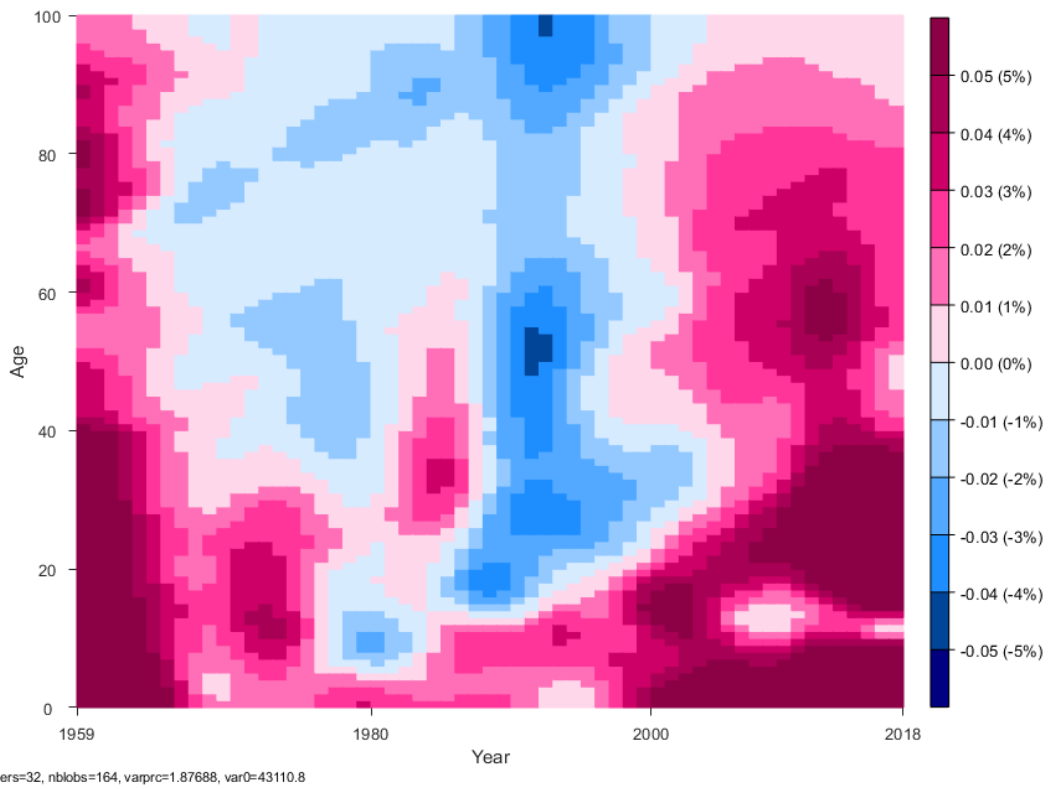
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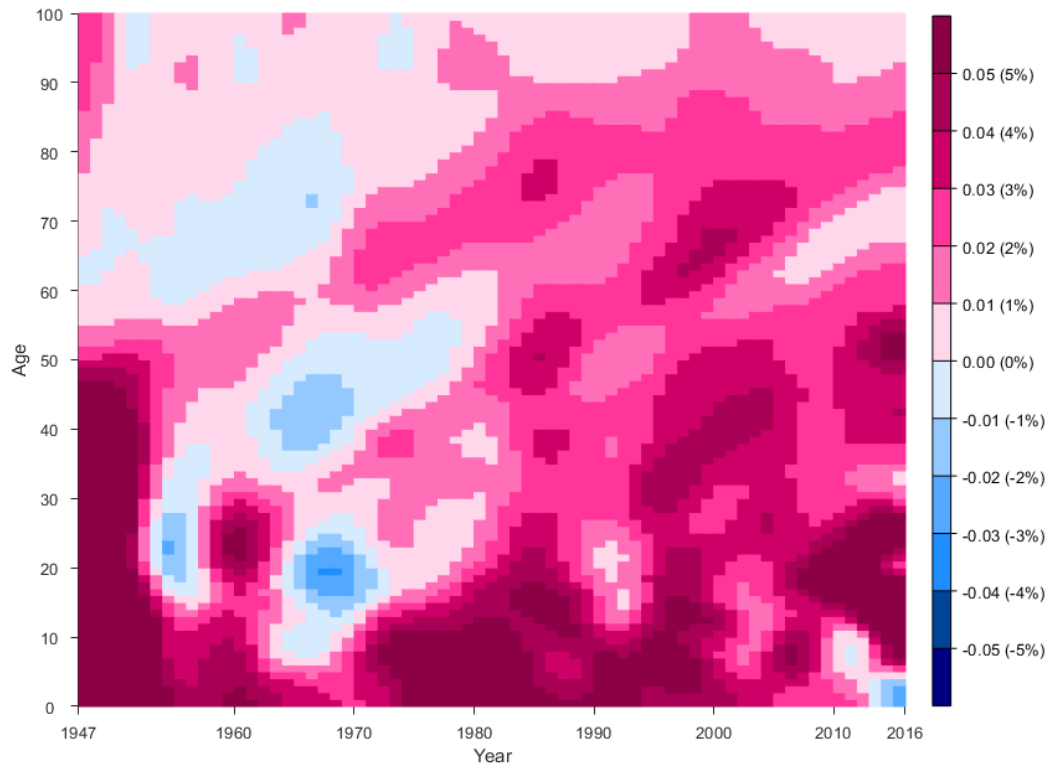


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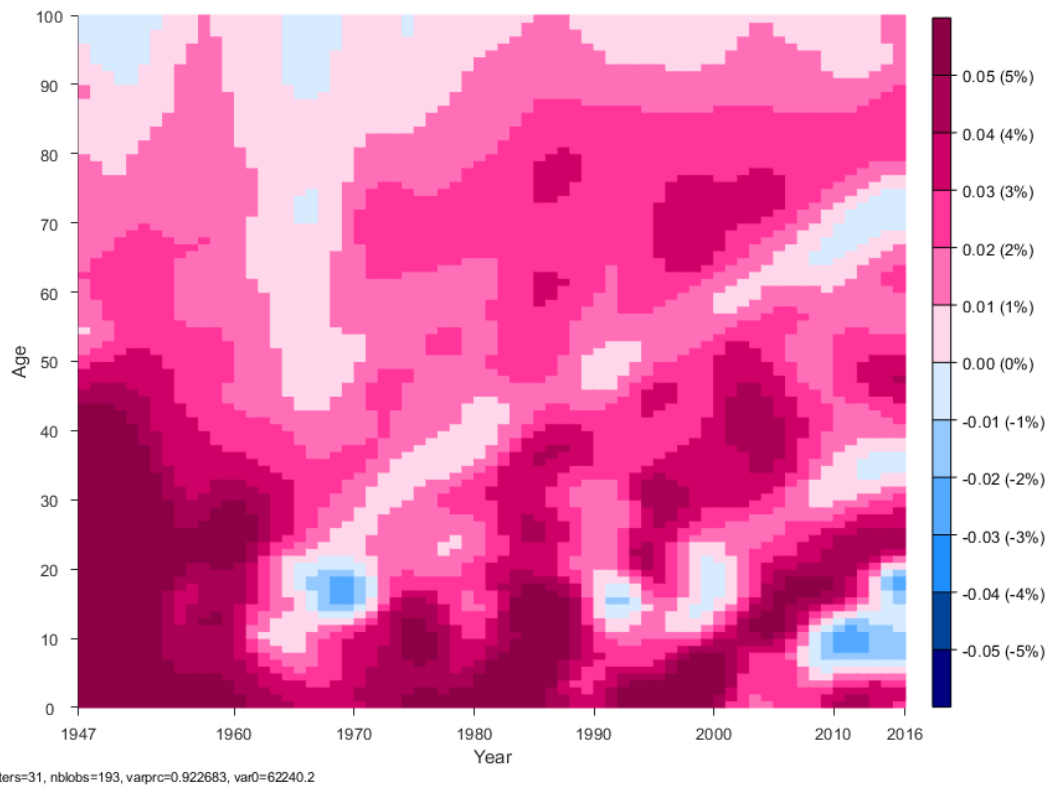


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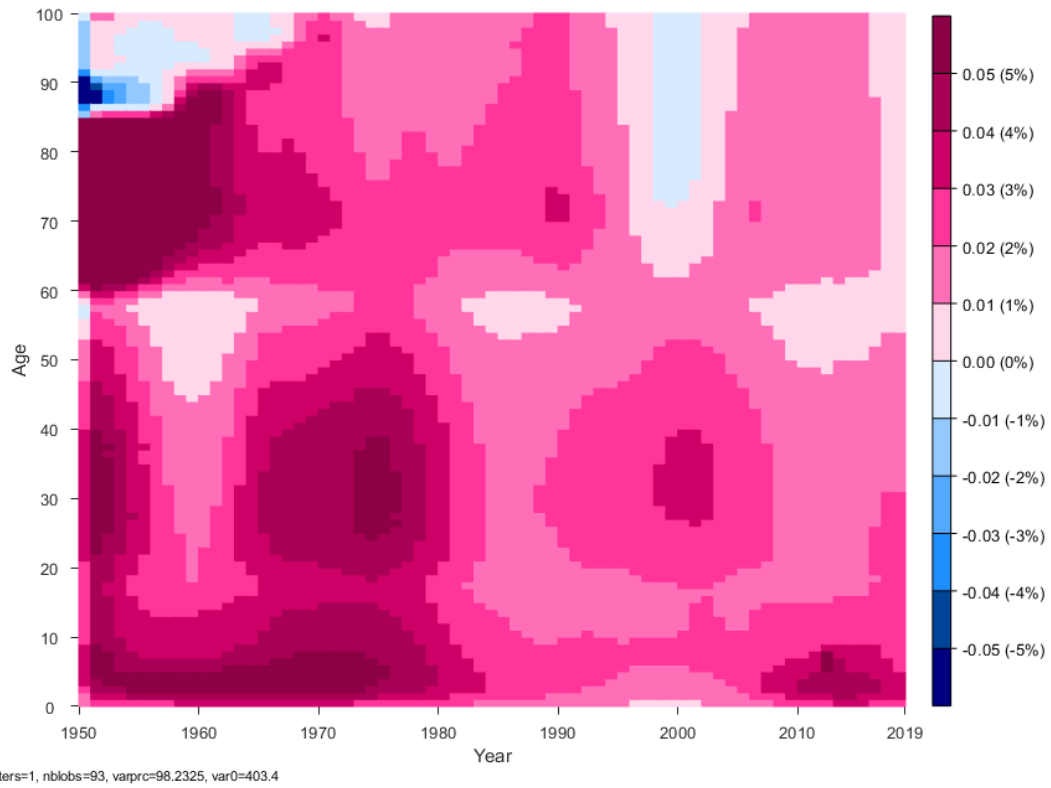
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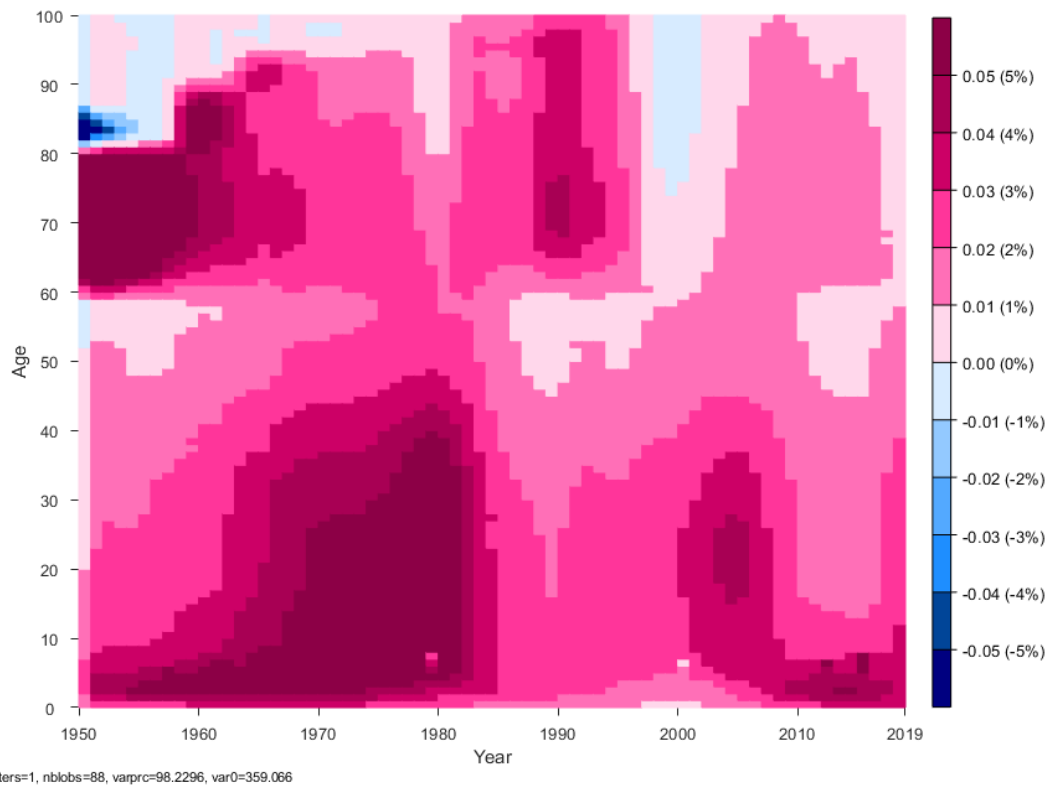


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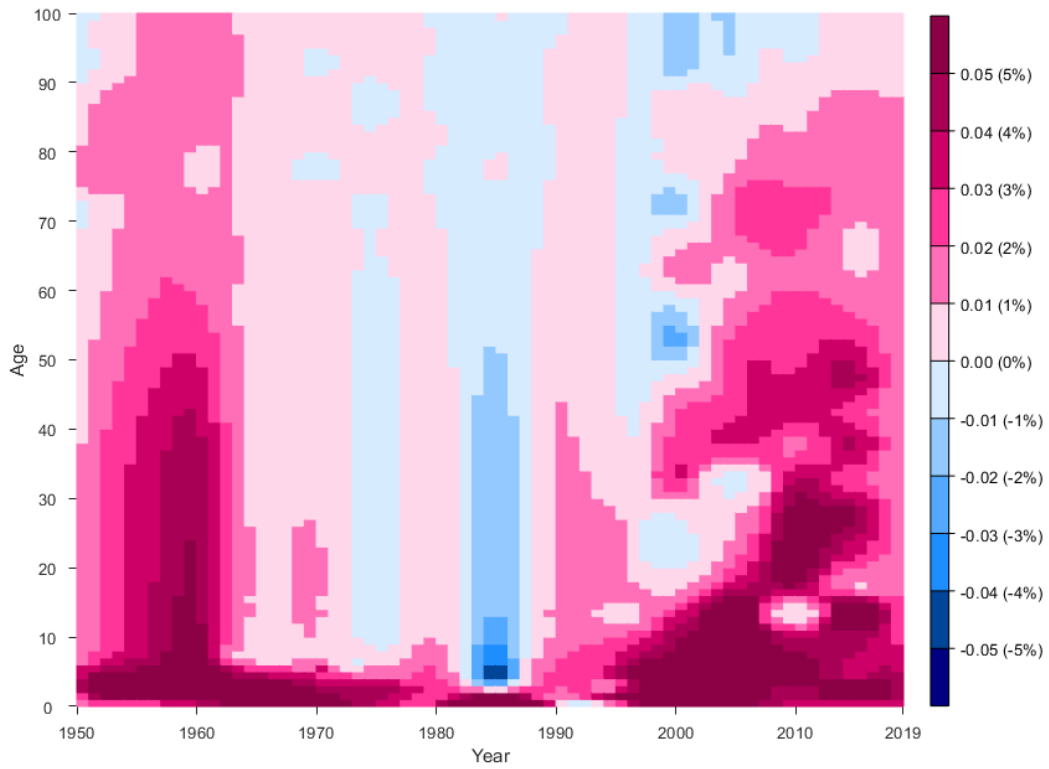


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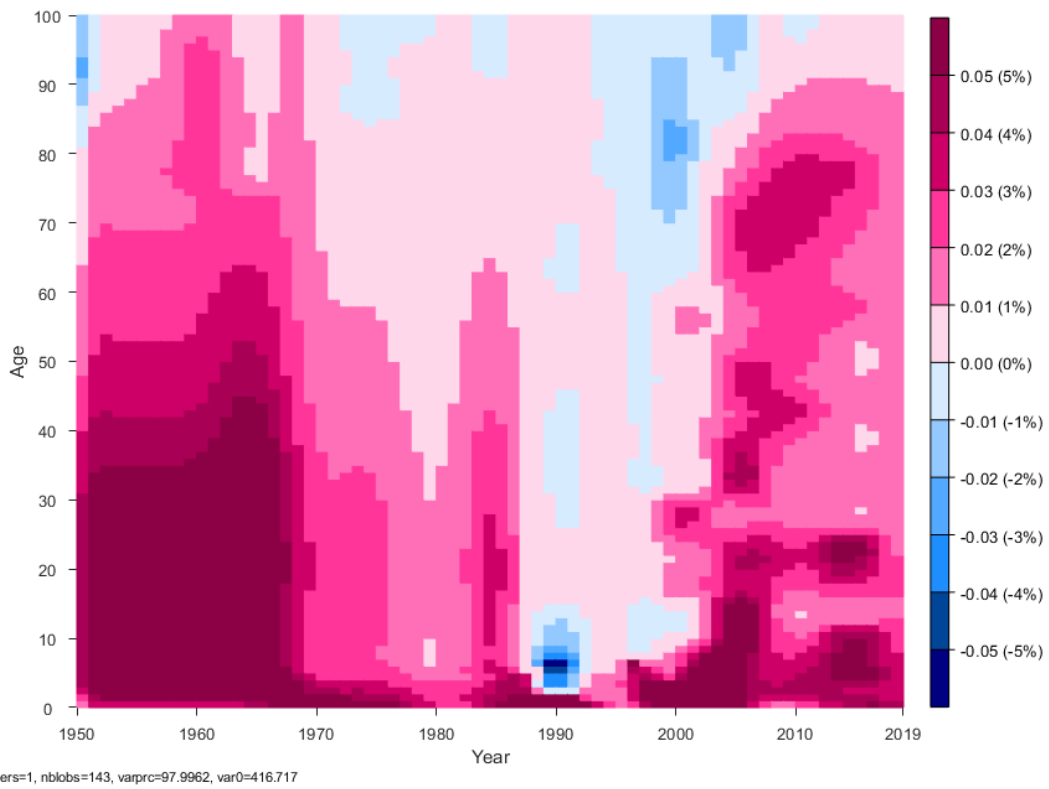


Serbia

Males

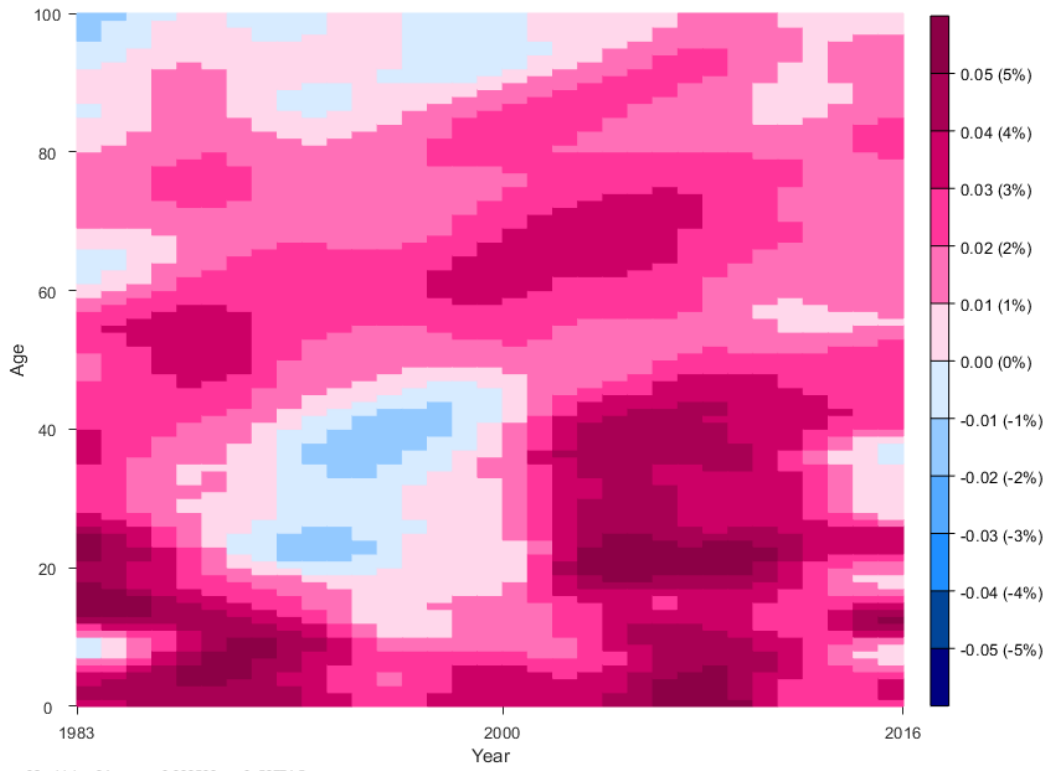


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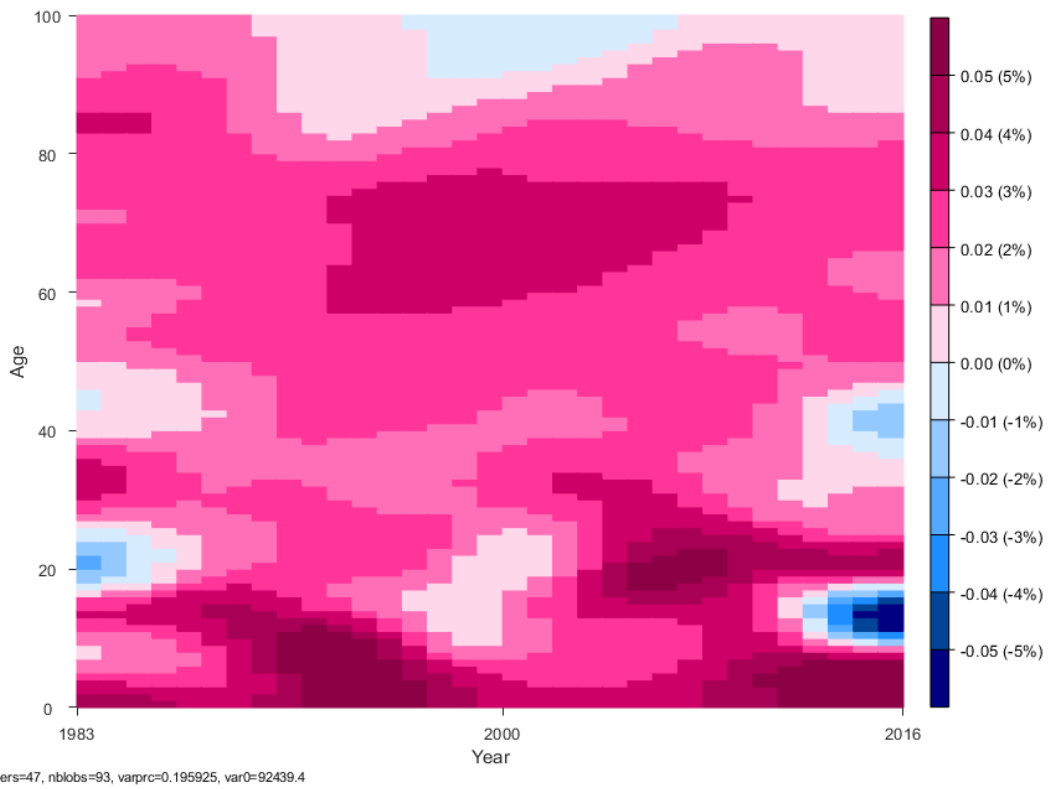


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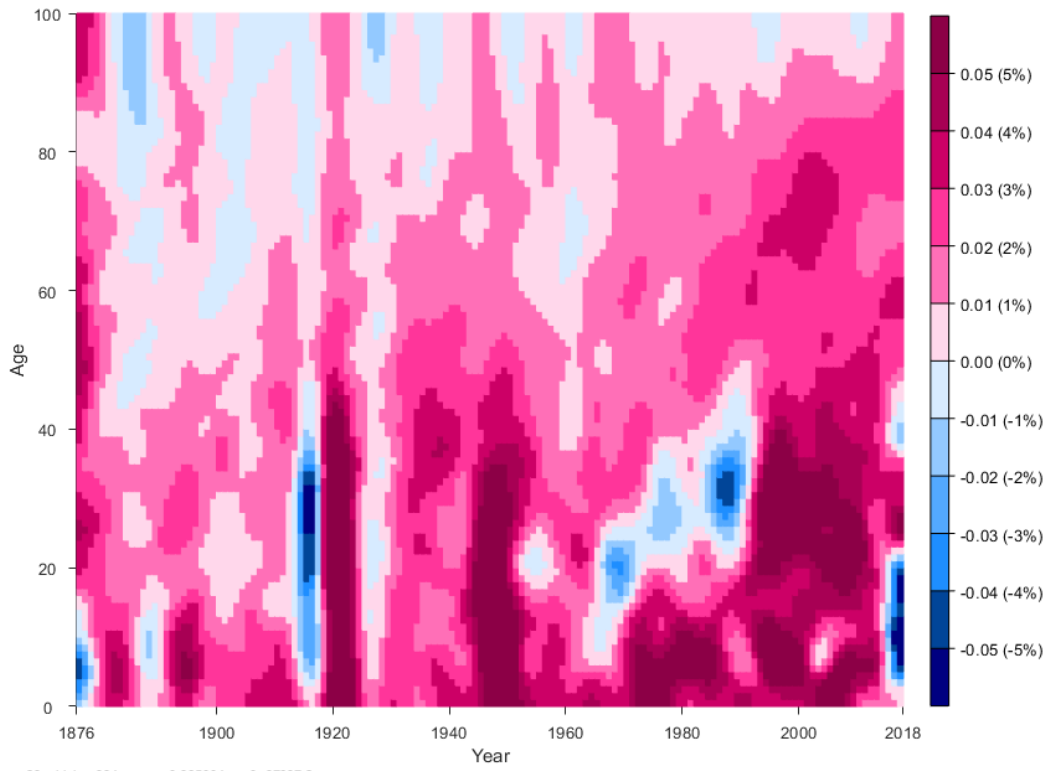


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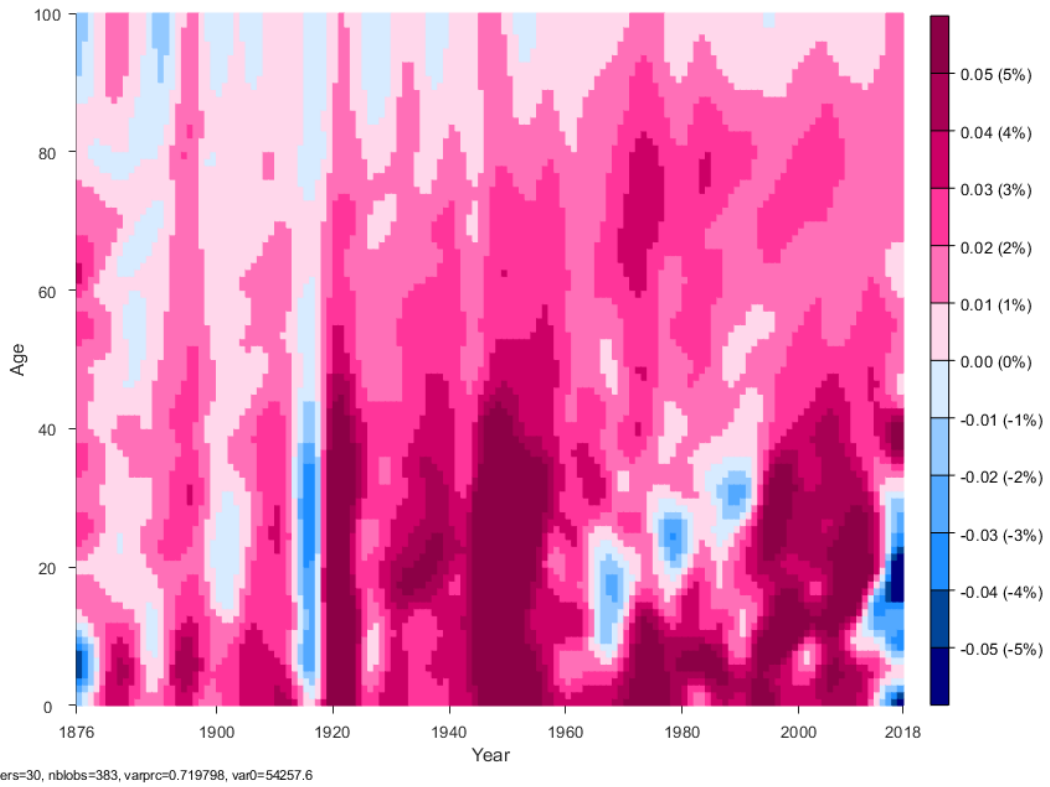


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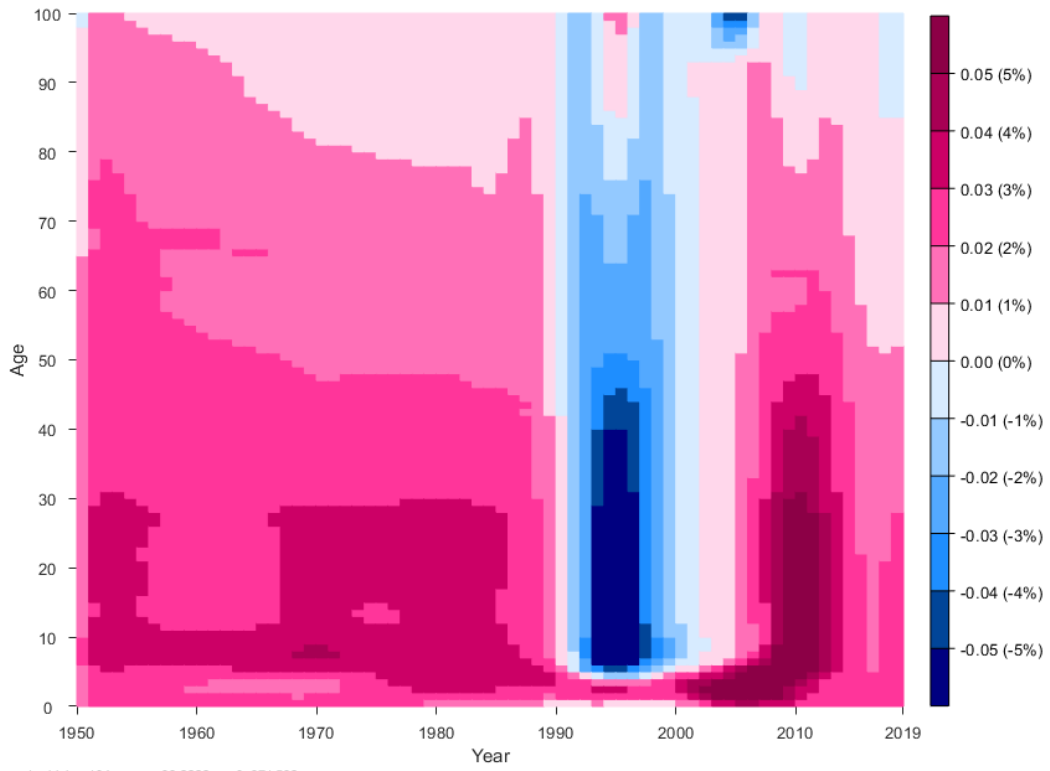


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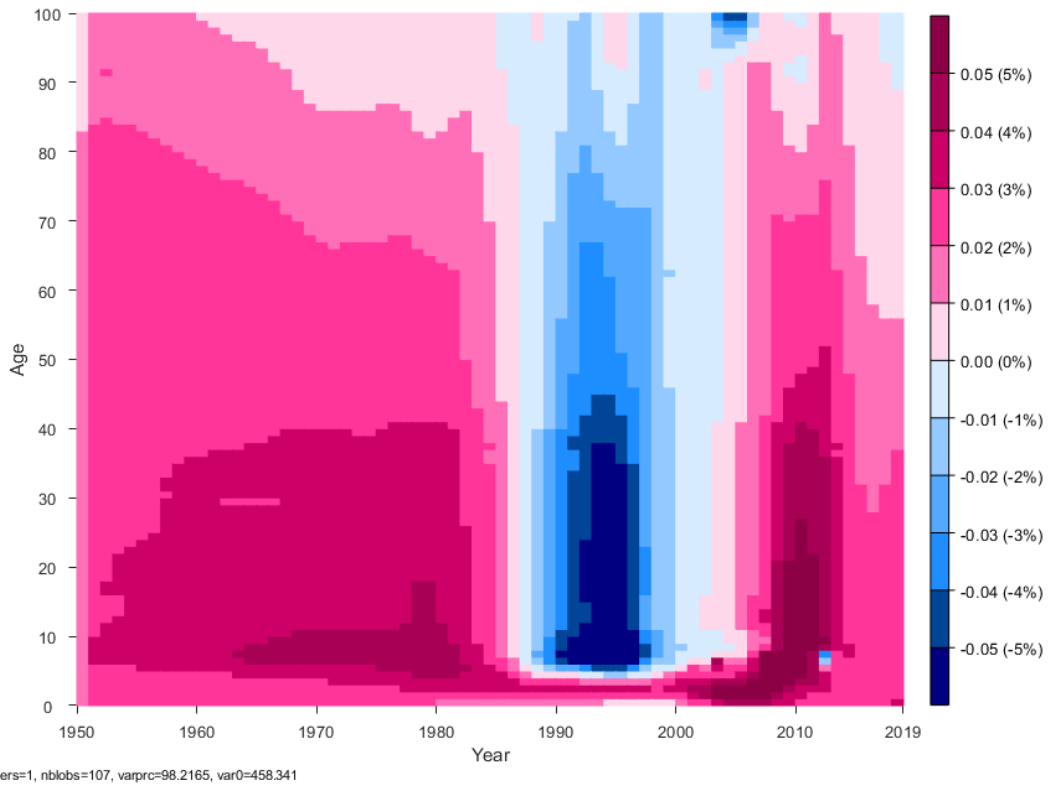


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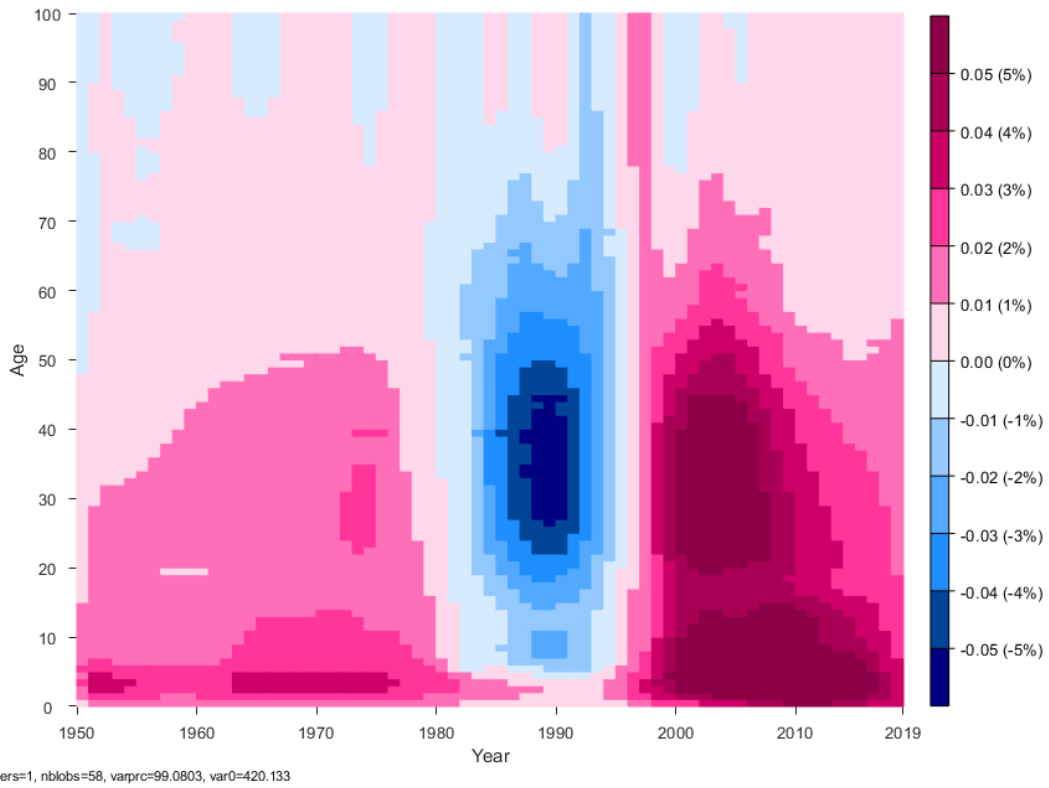


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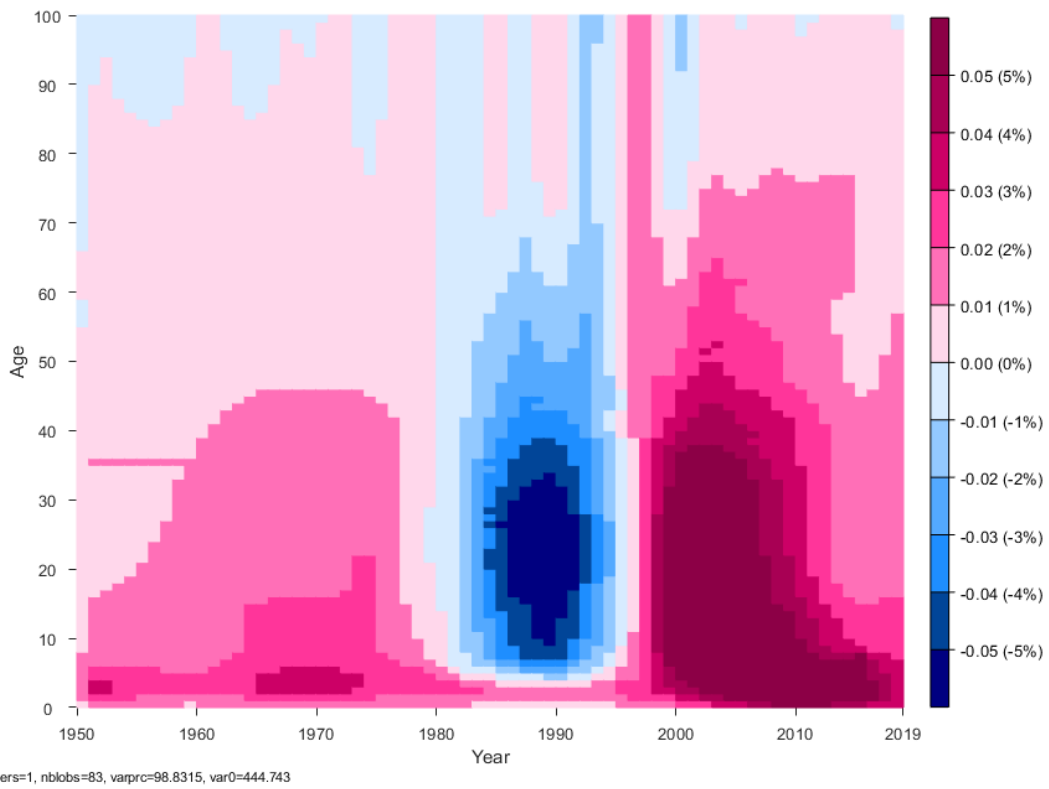


# Sierra Leone

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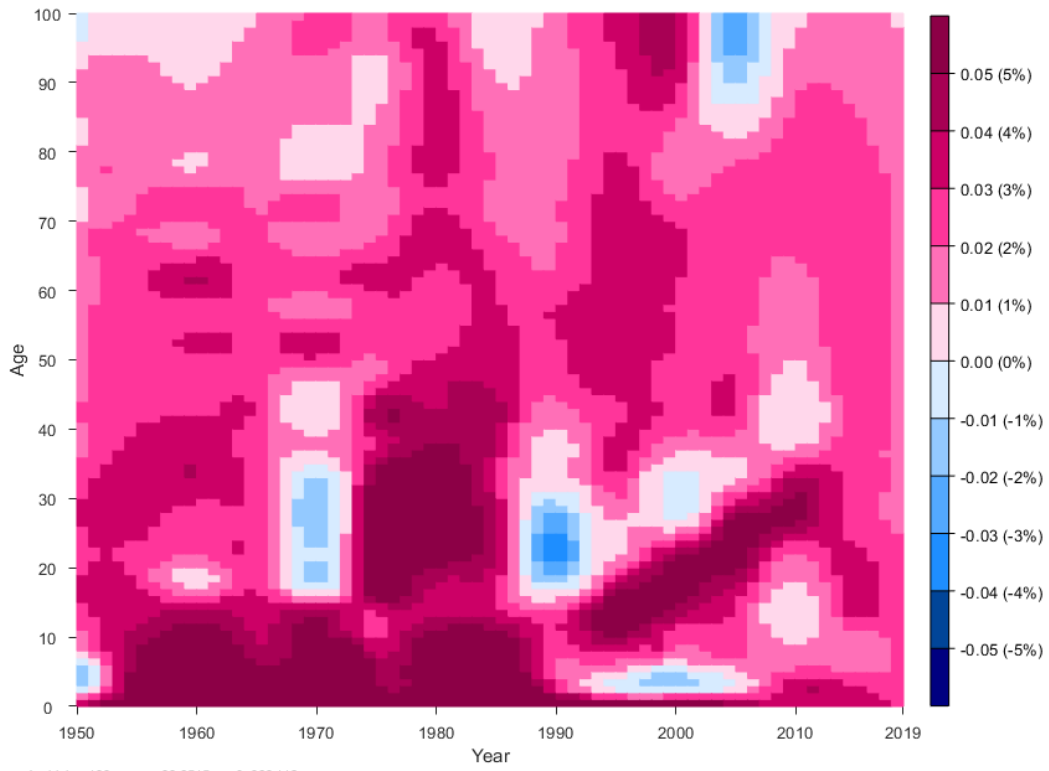


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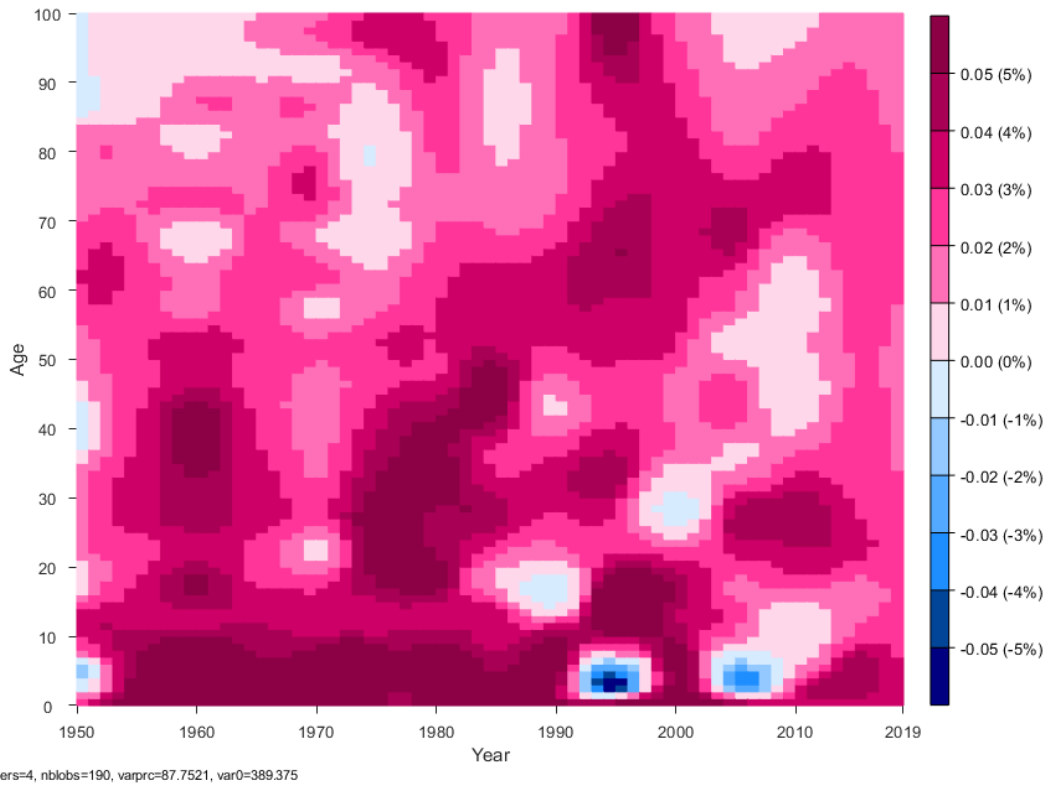


# China, Hong Kong SAR

## Males

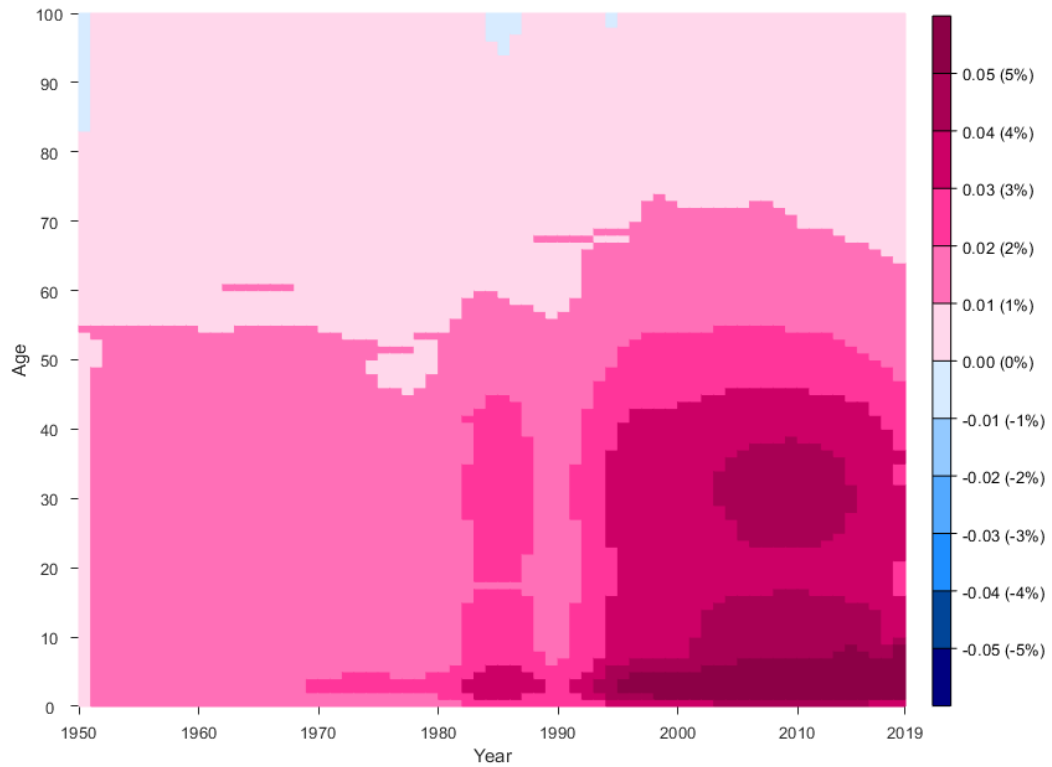


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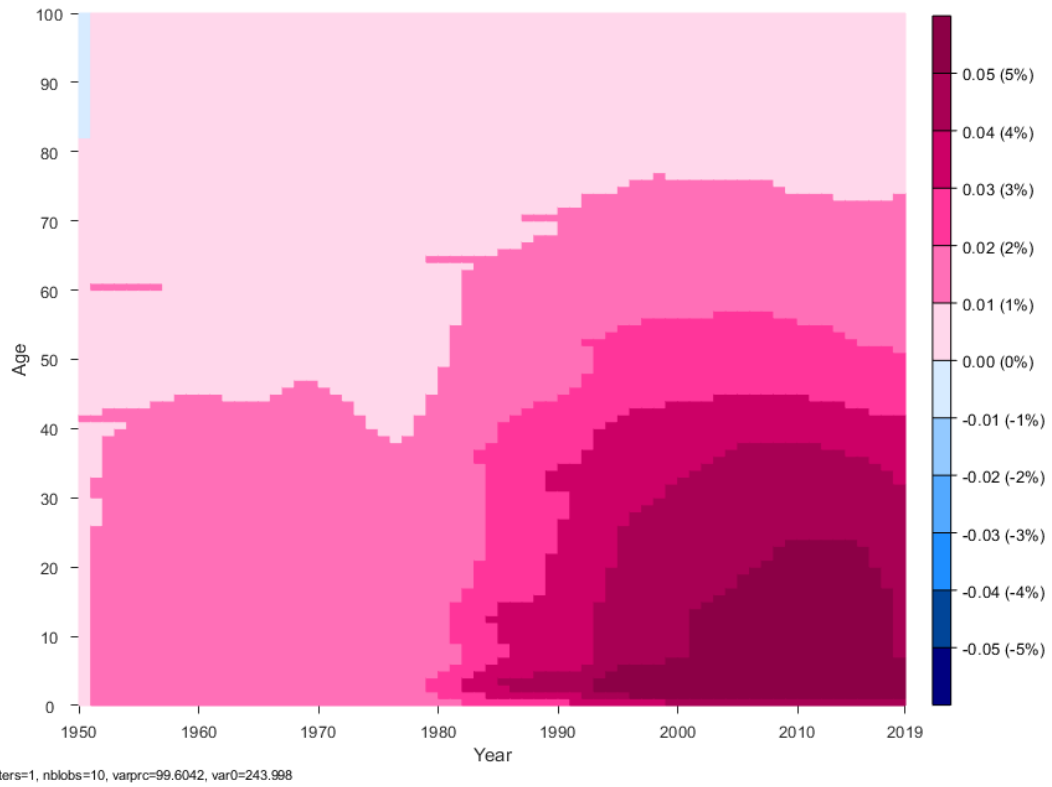


# Lao People's Dem. Republic

## Males



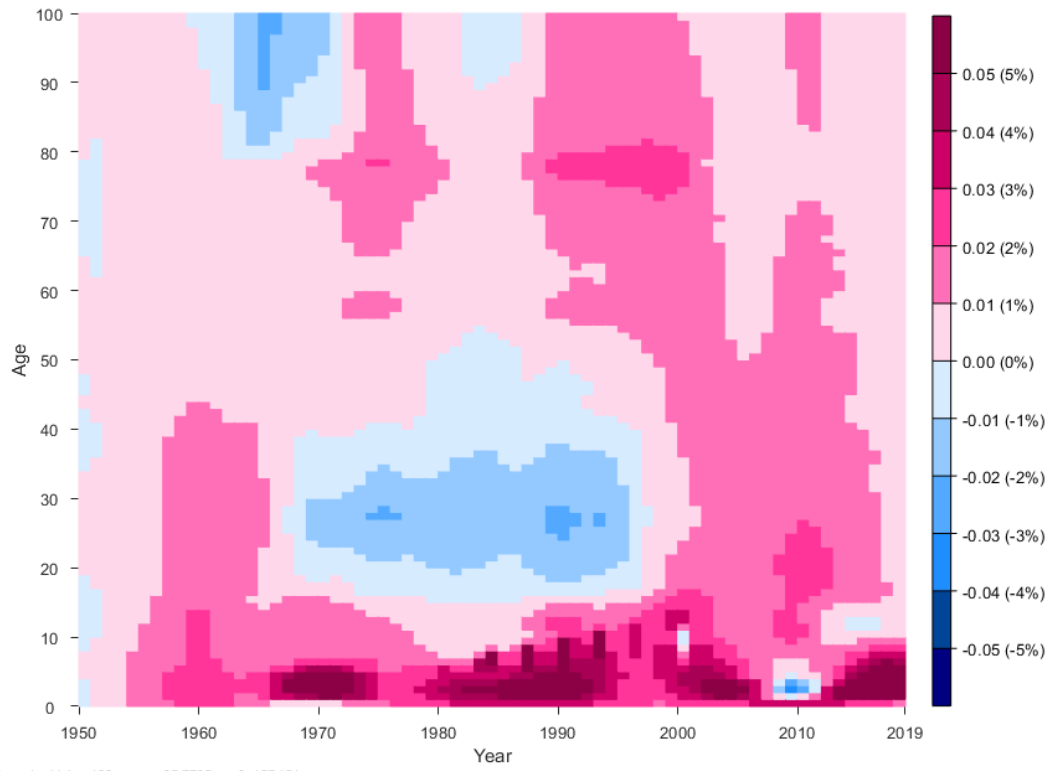
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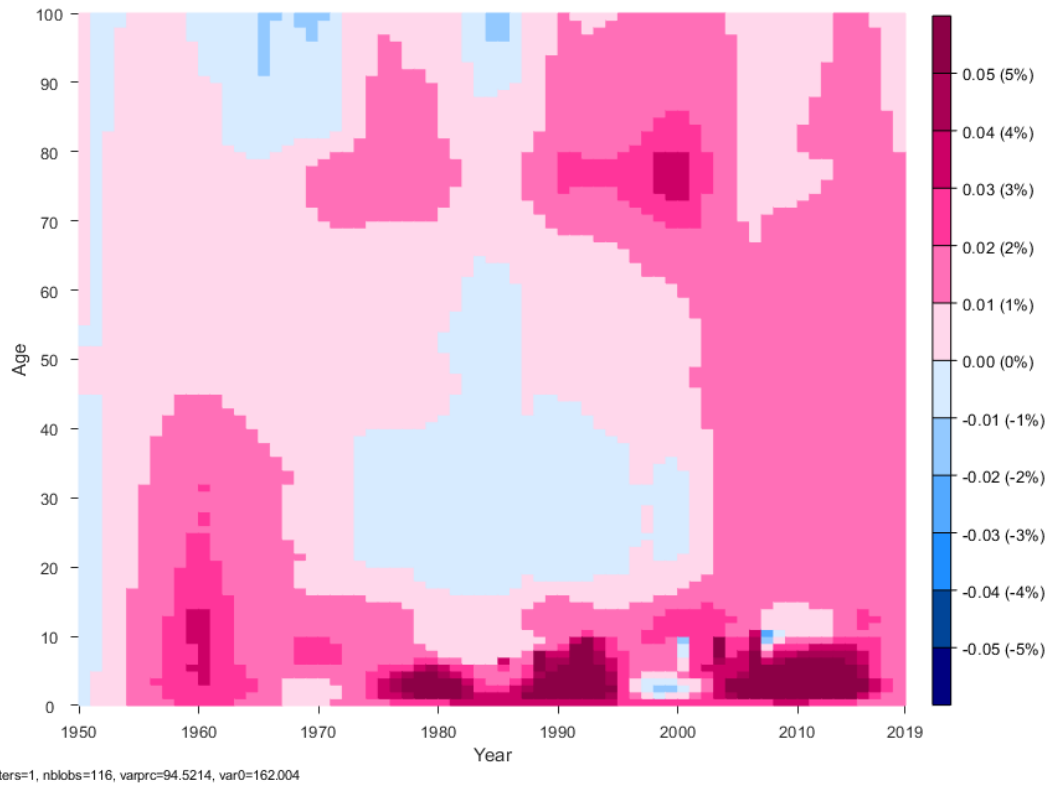


# Paraguay

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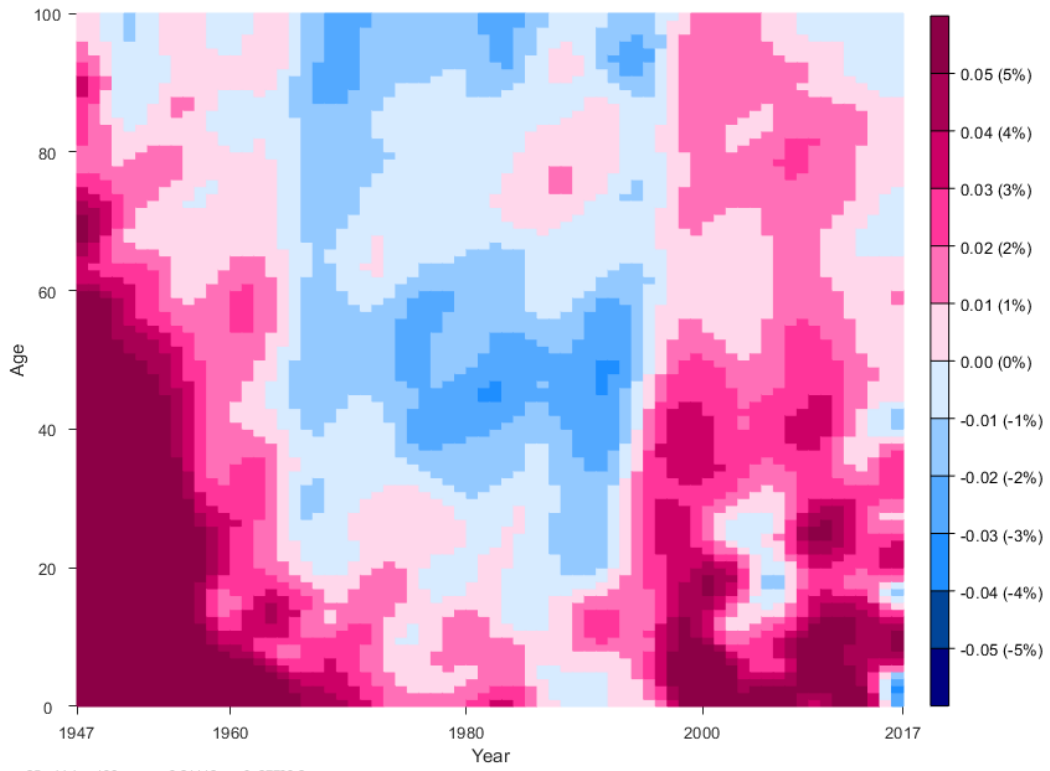


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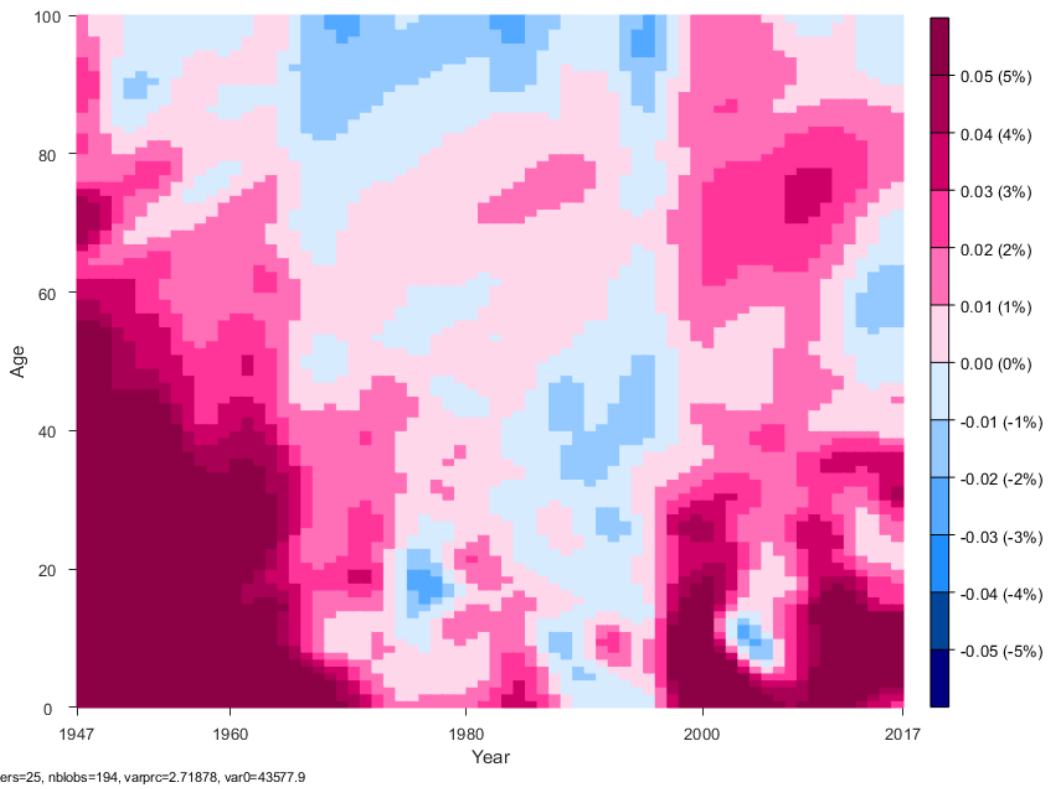


# Bulgaria

## Males



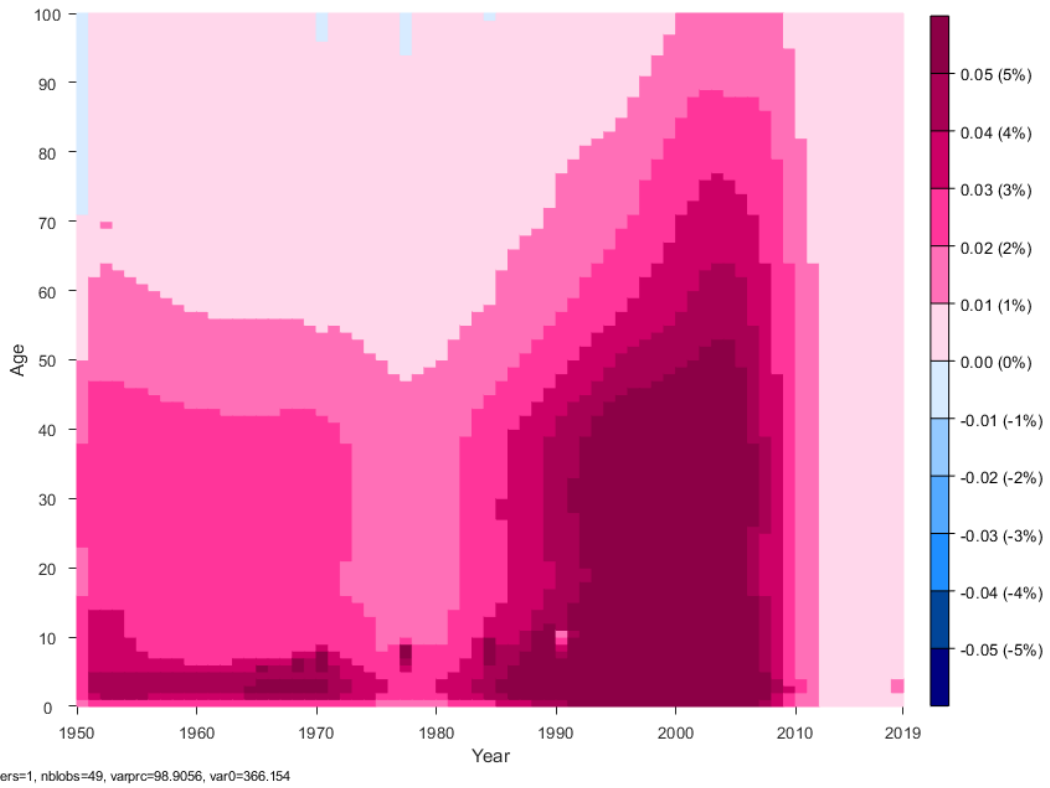
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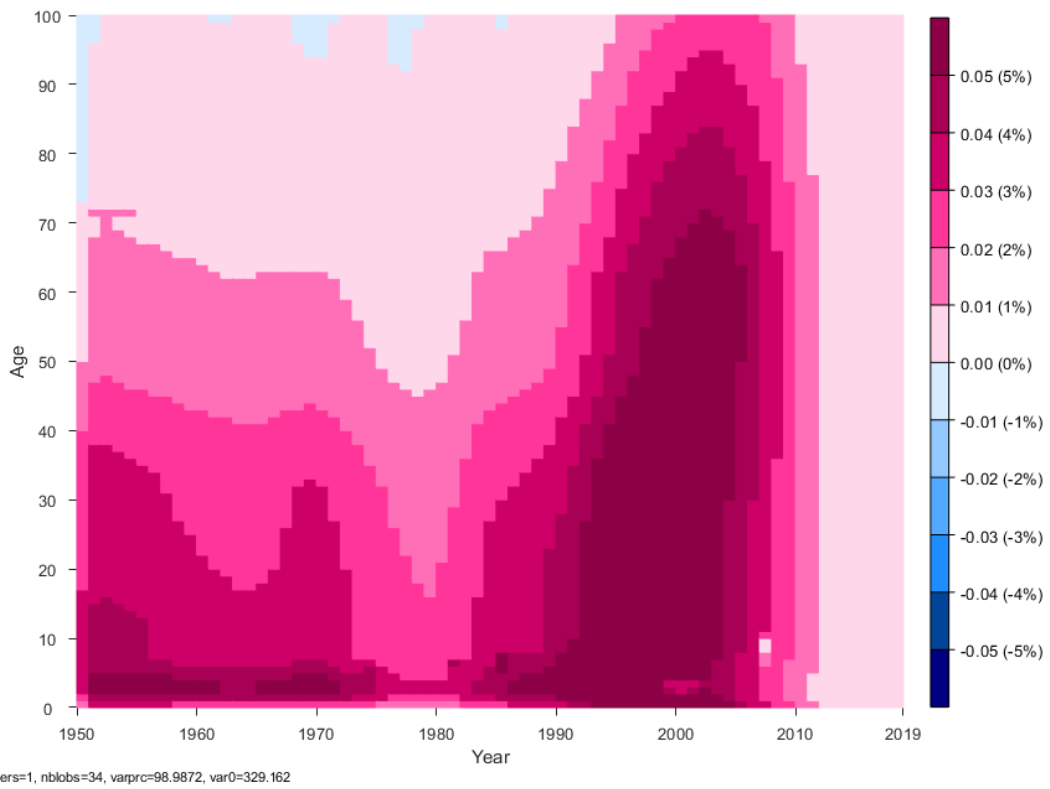


# Lebanon

## Males

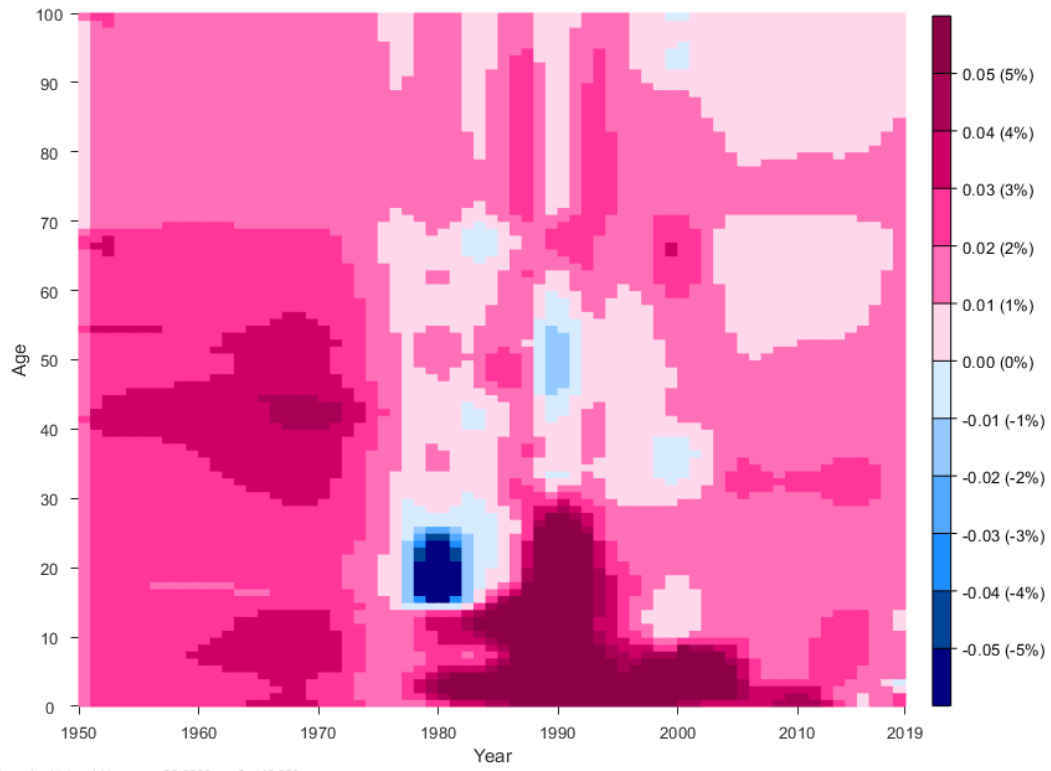


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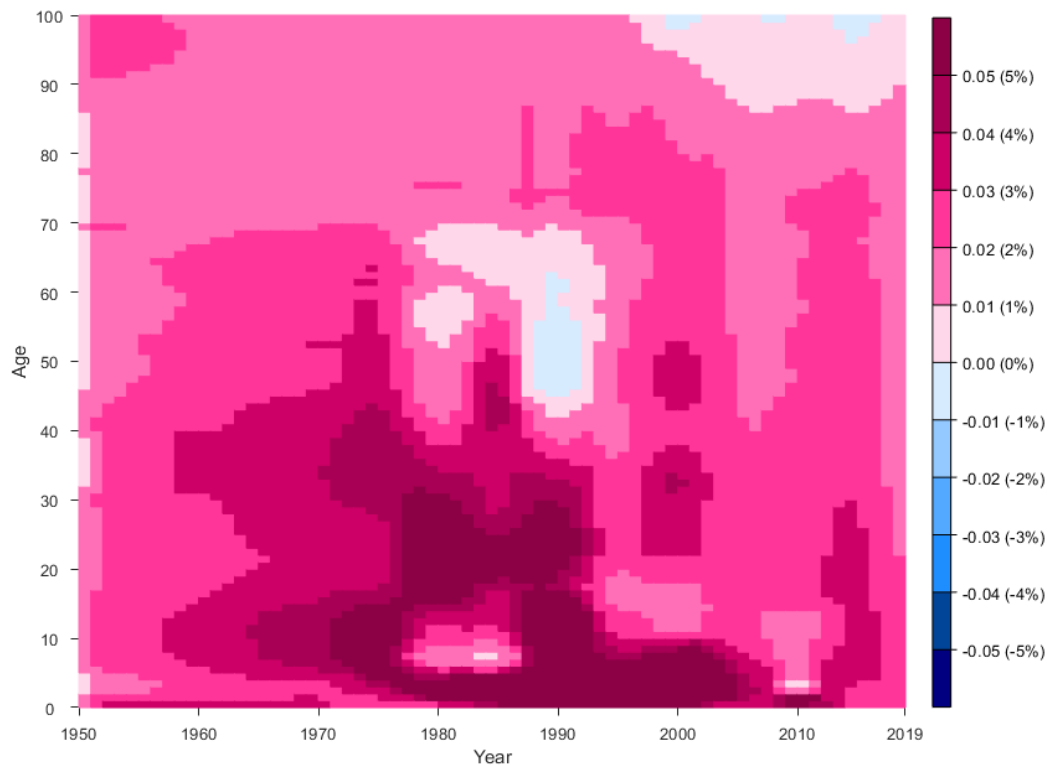
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## Males



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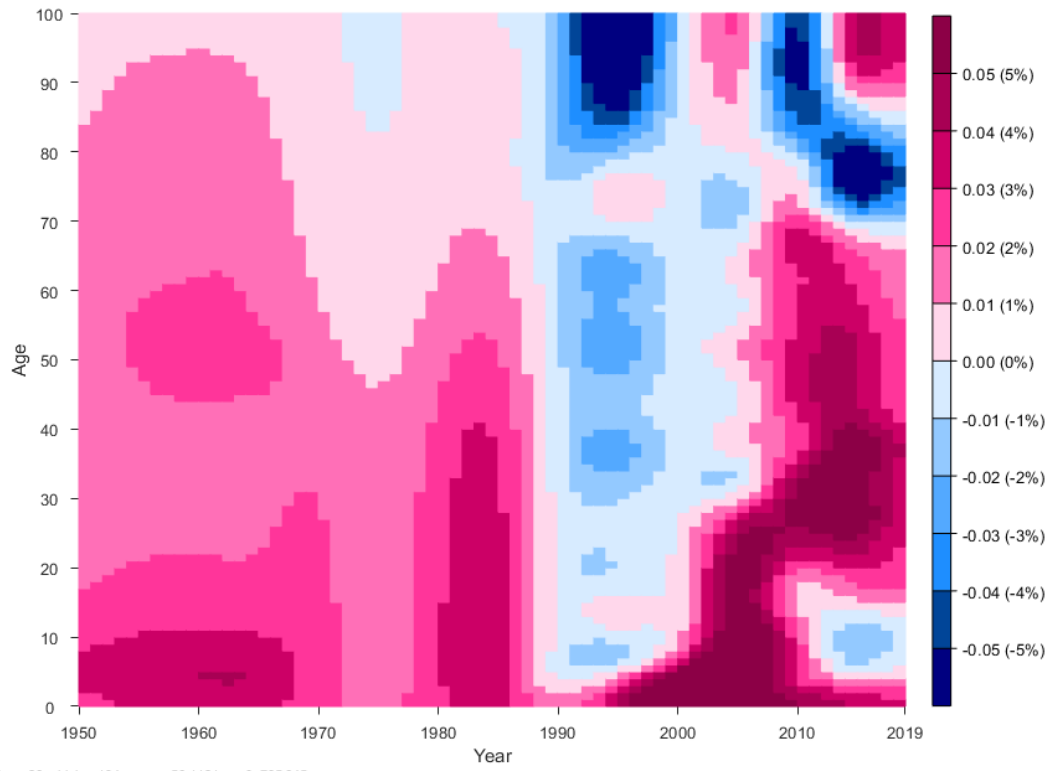
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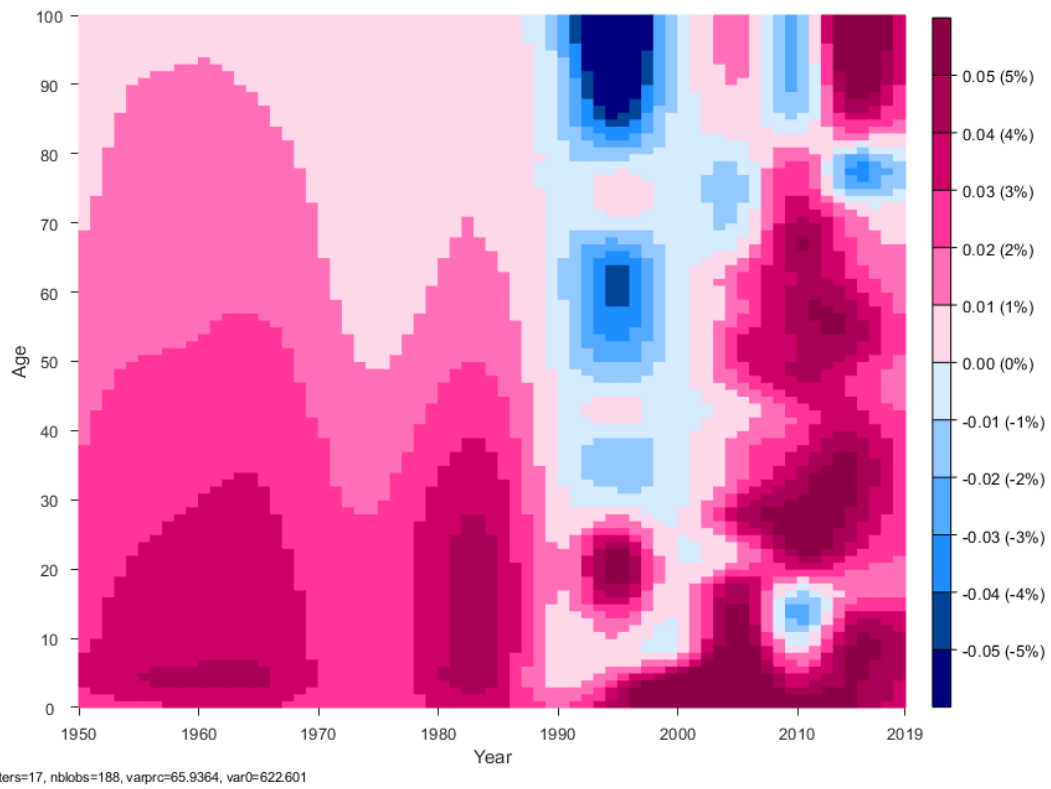
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# Kyrgyzstan

## Males

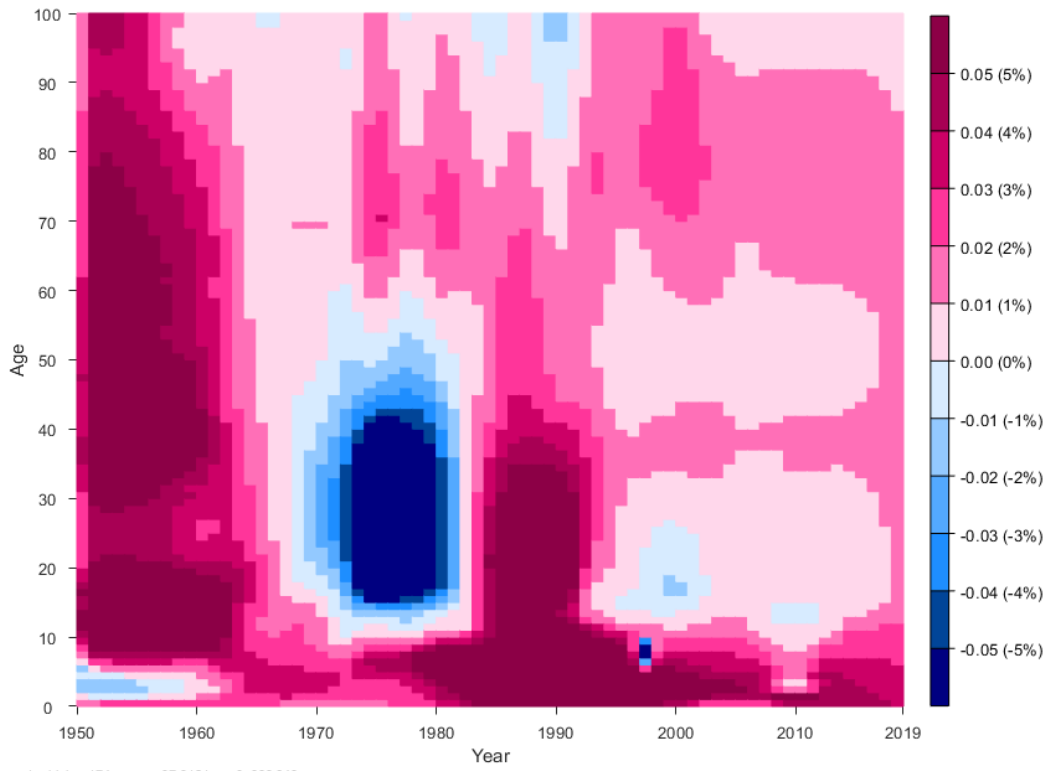


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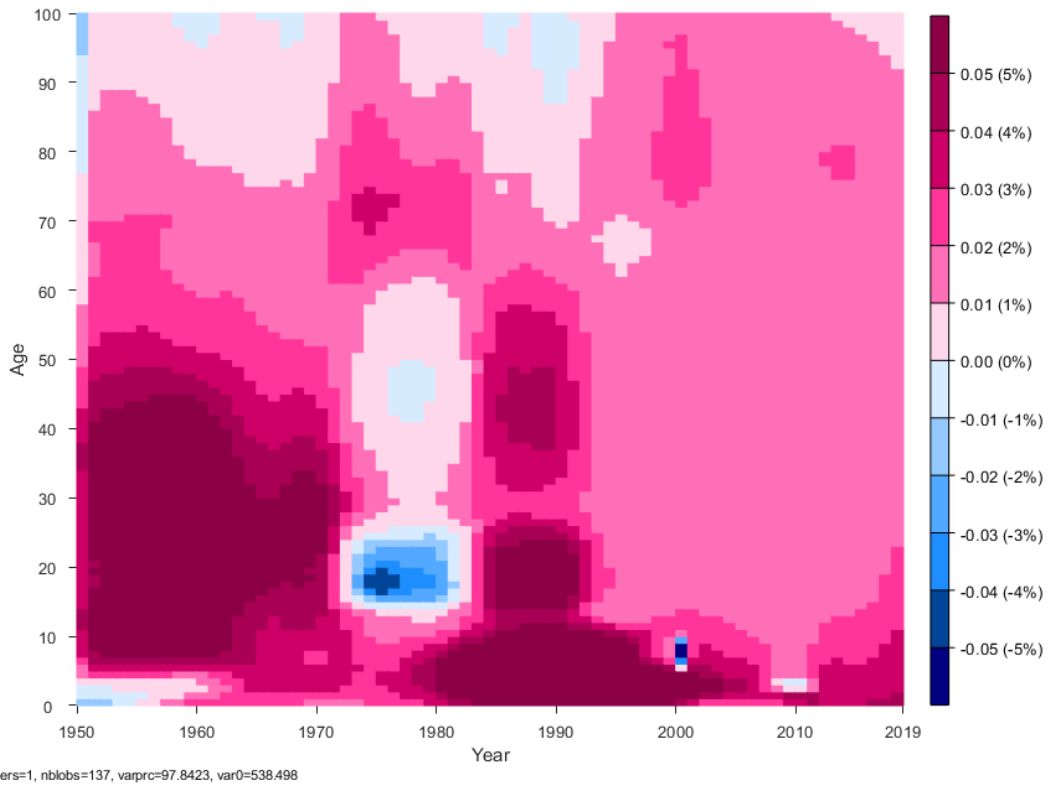


# El Salvador

## Males

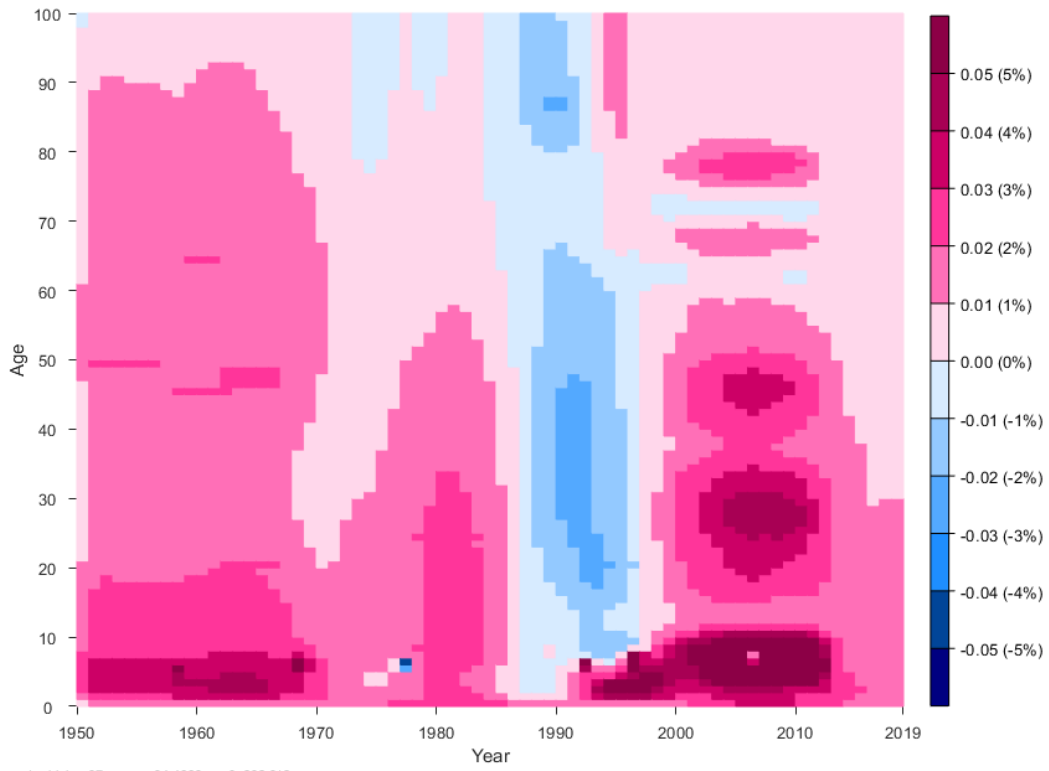


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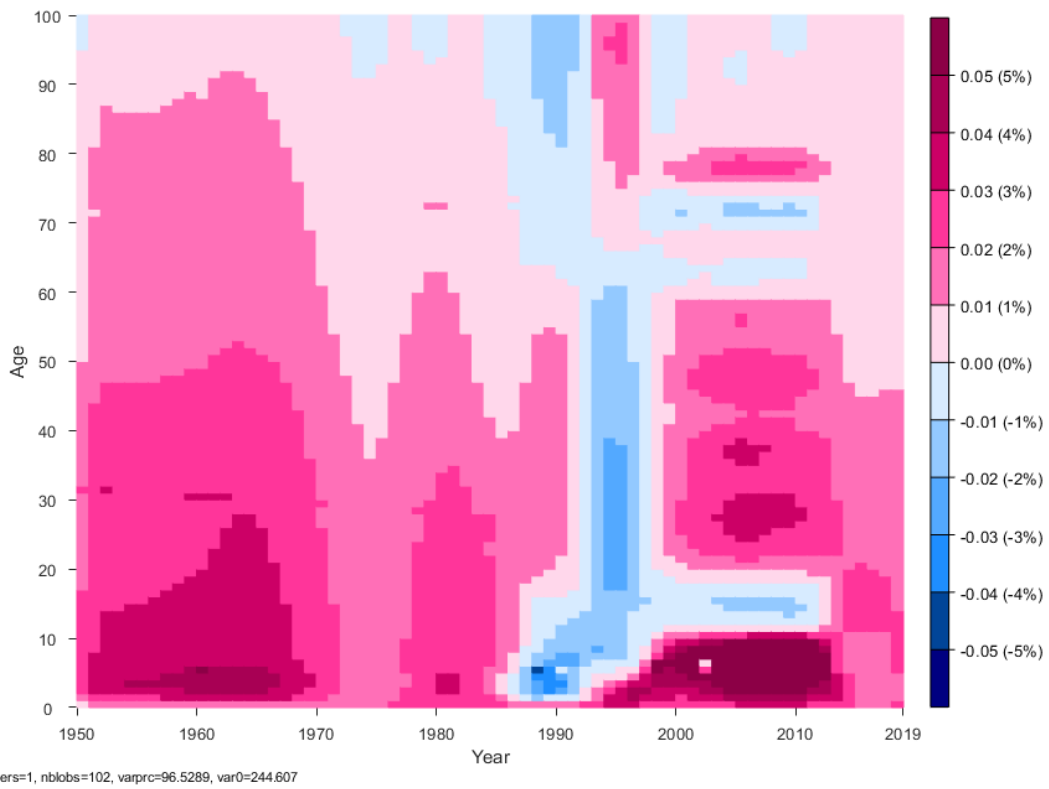


# Turkmenistan

## Males



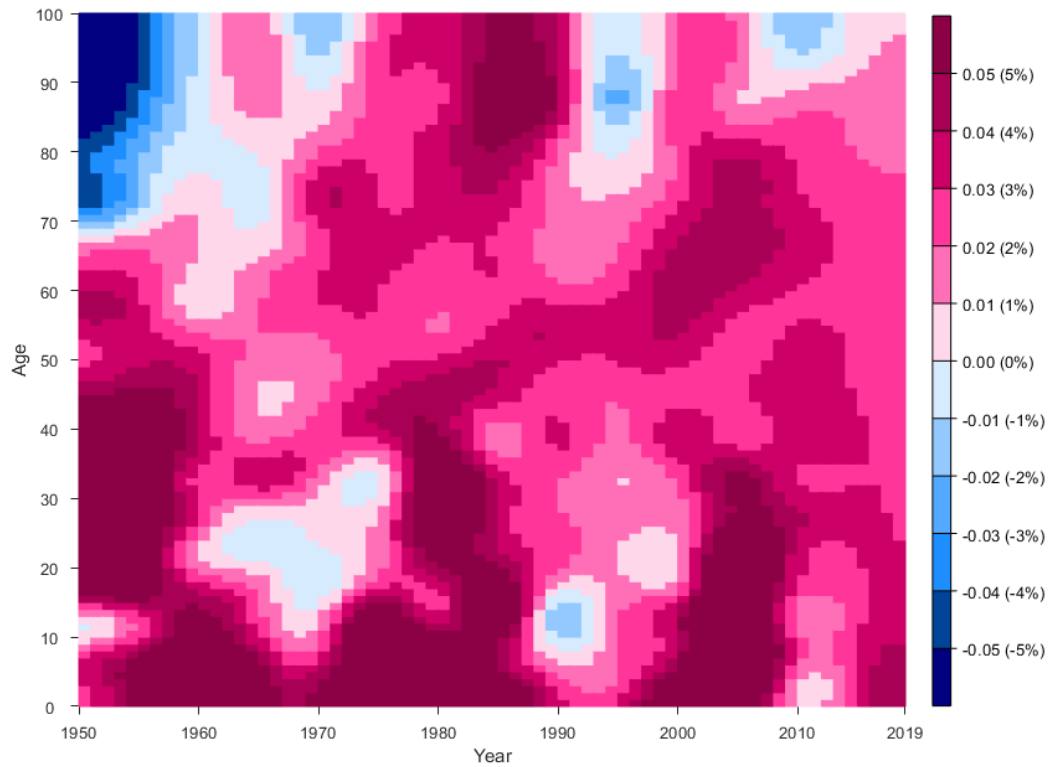
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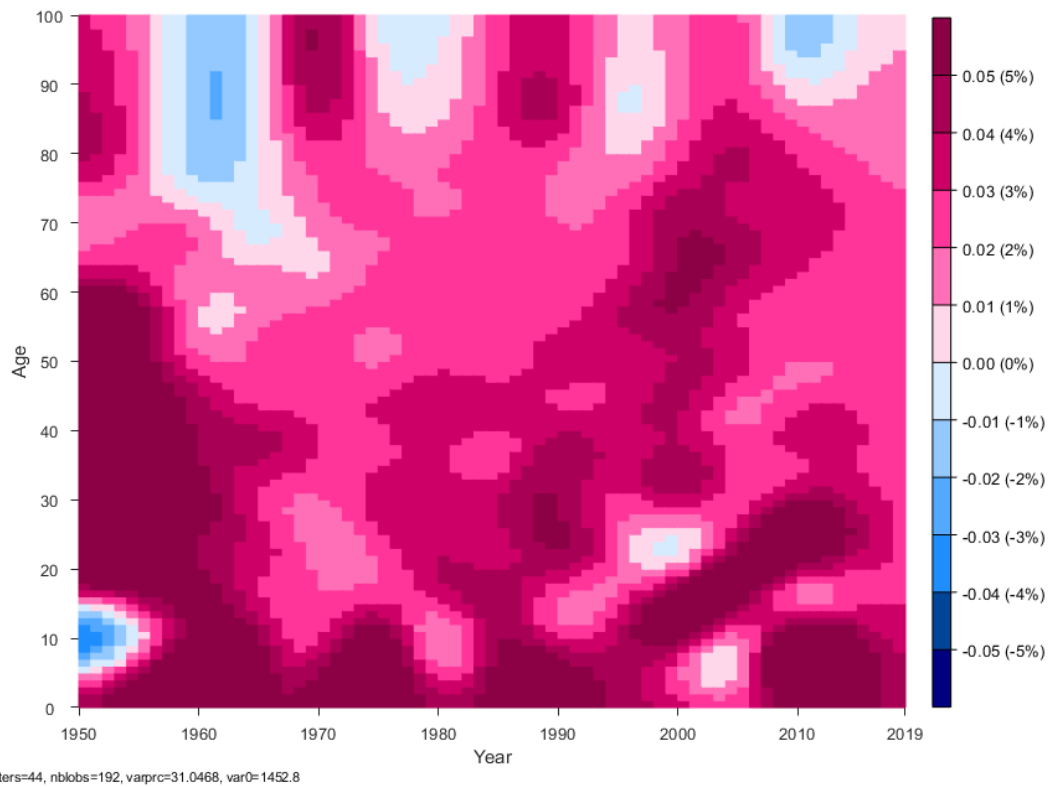


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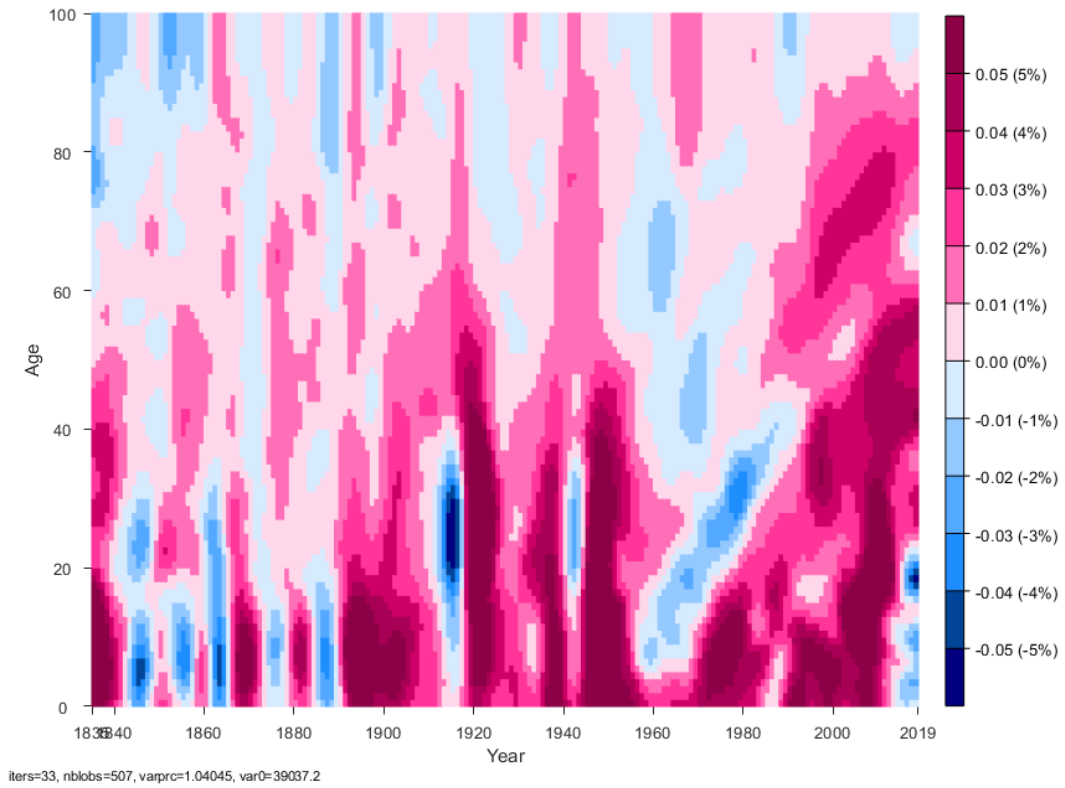


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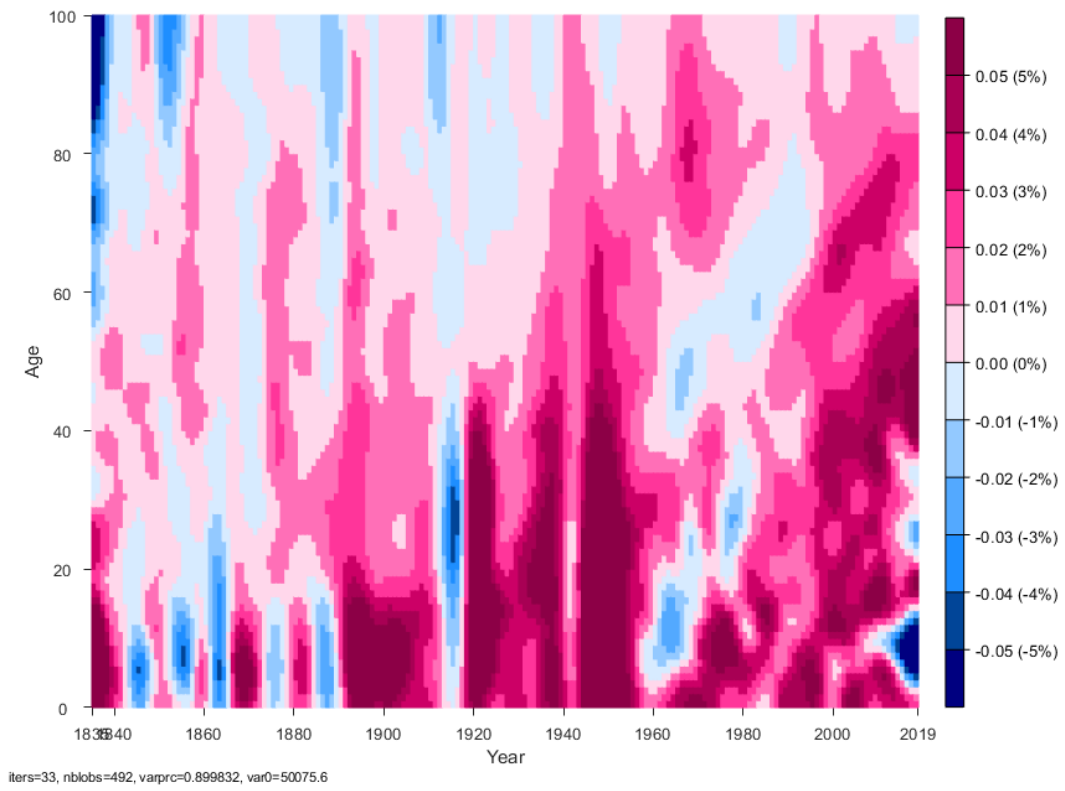


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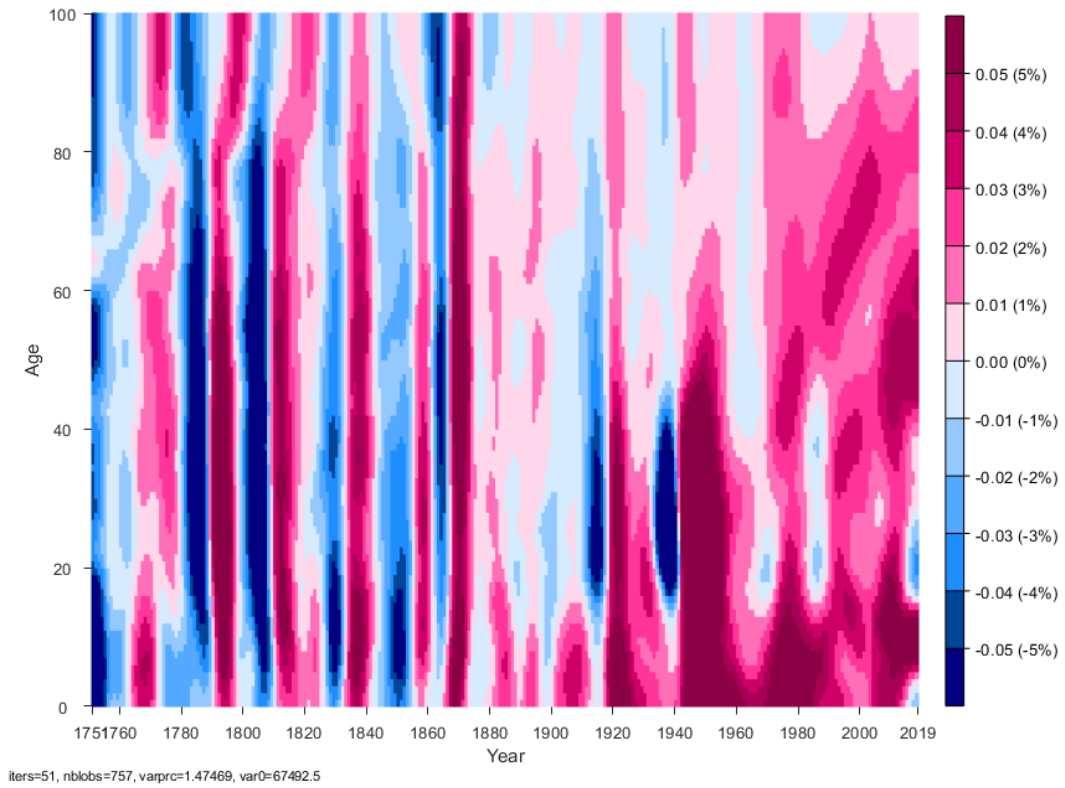


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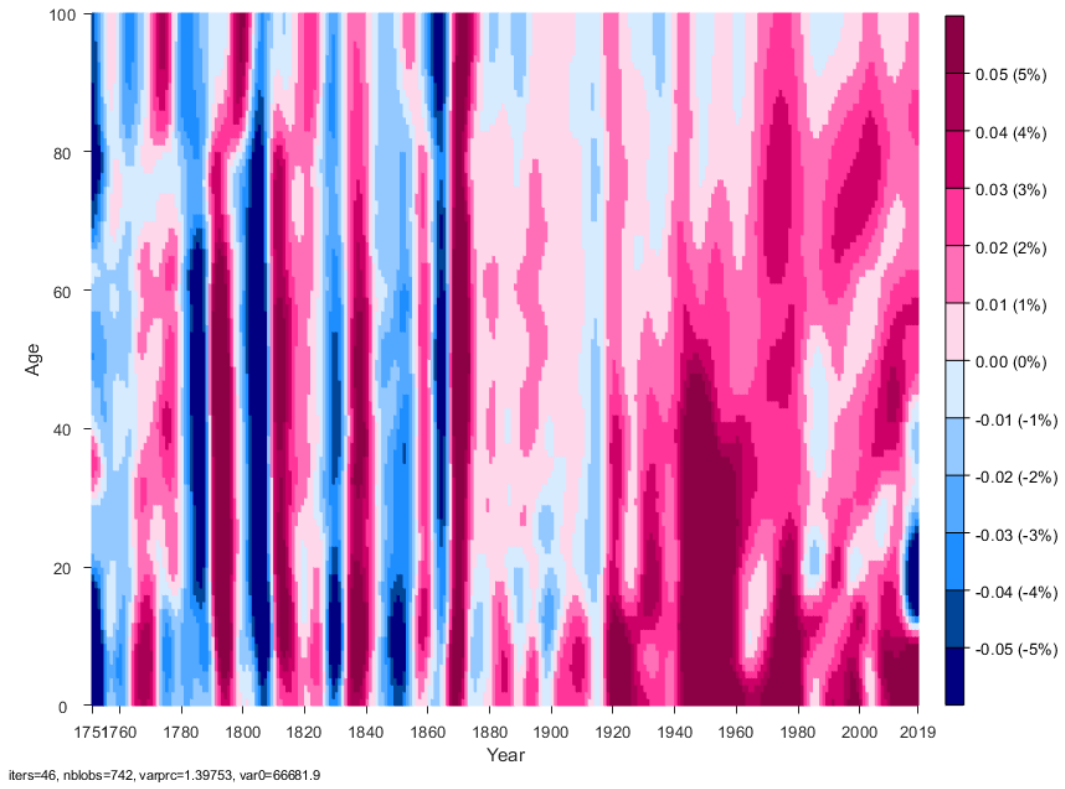


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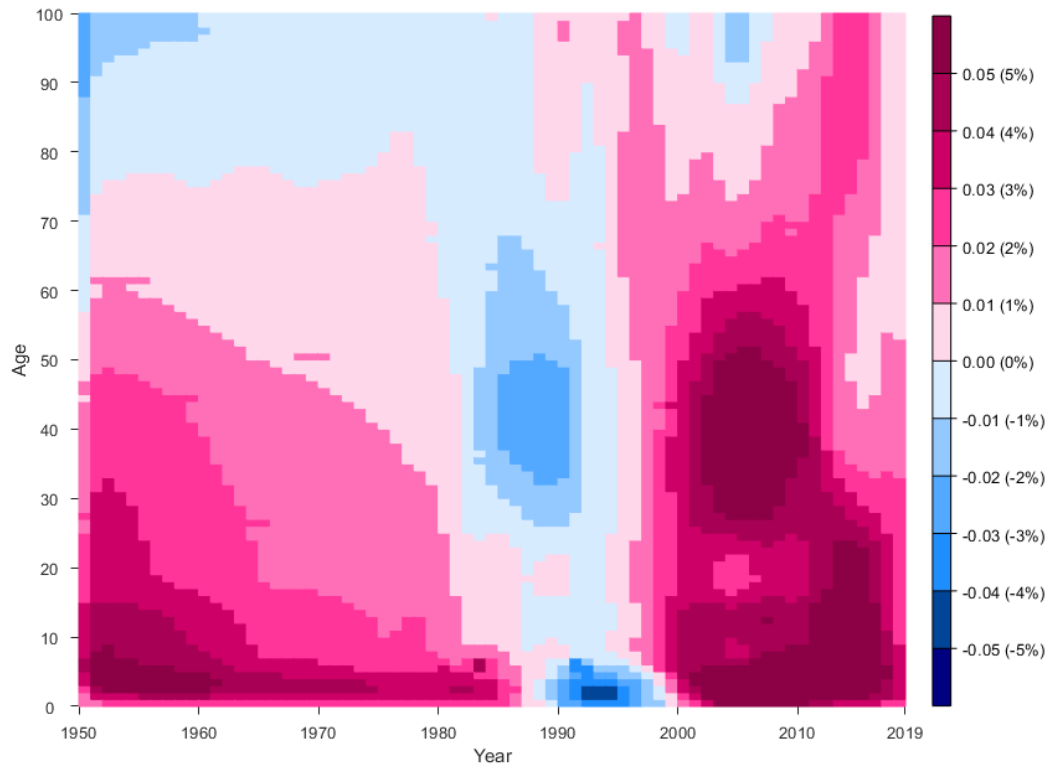


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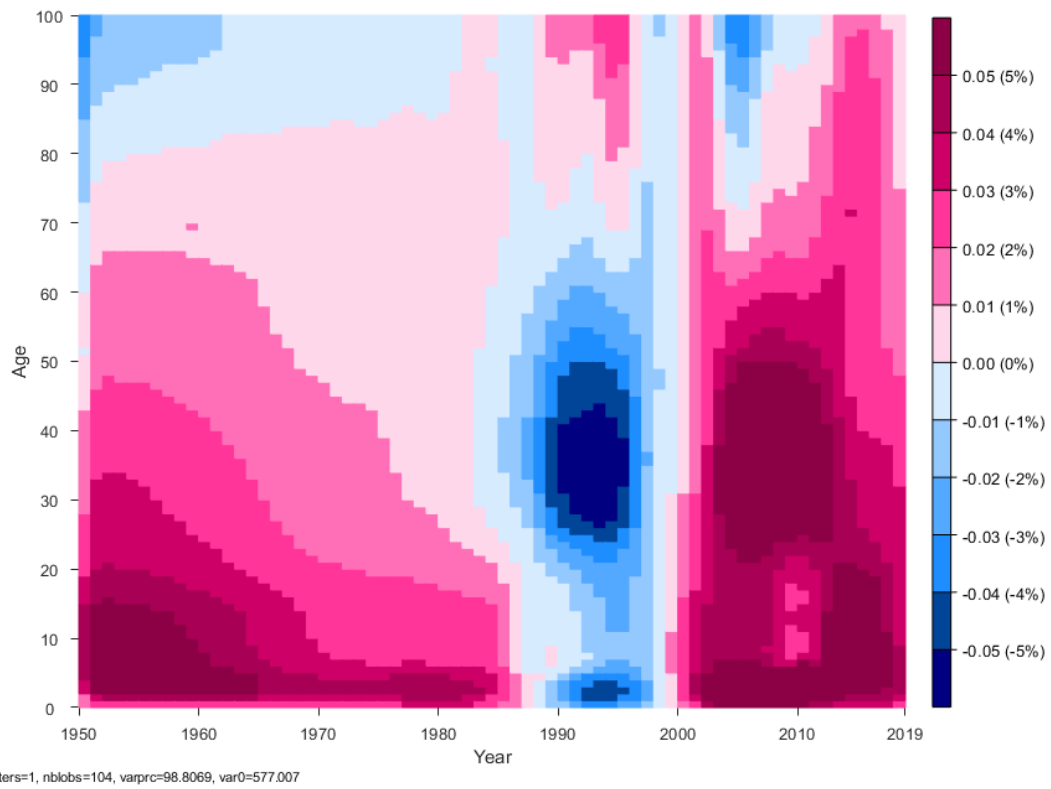


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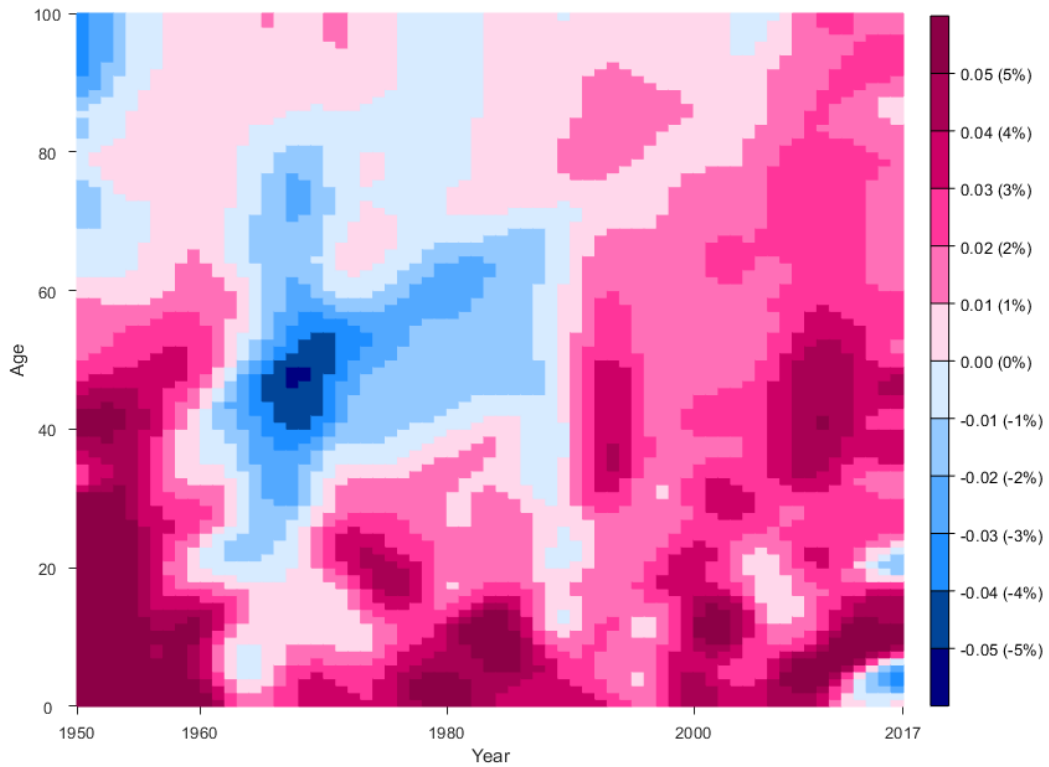


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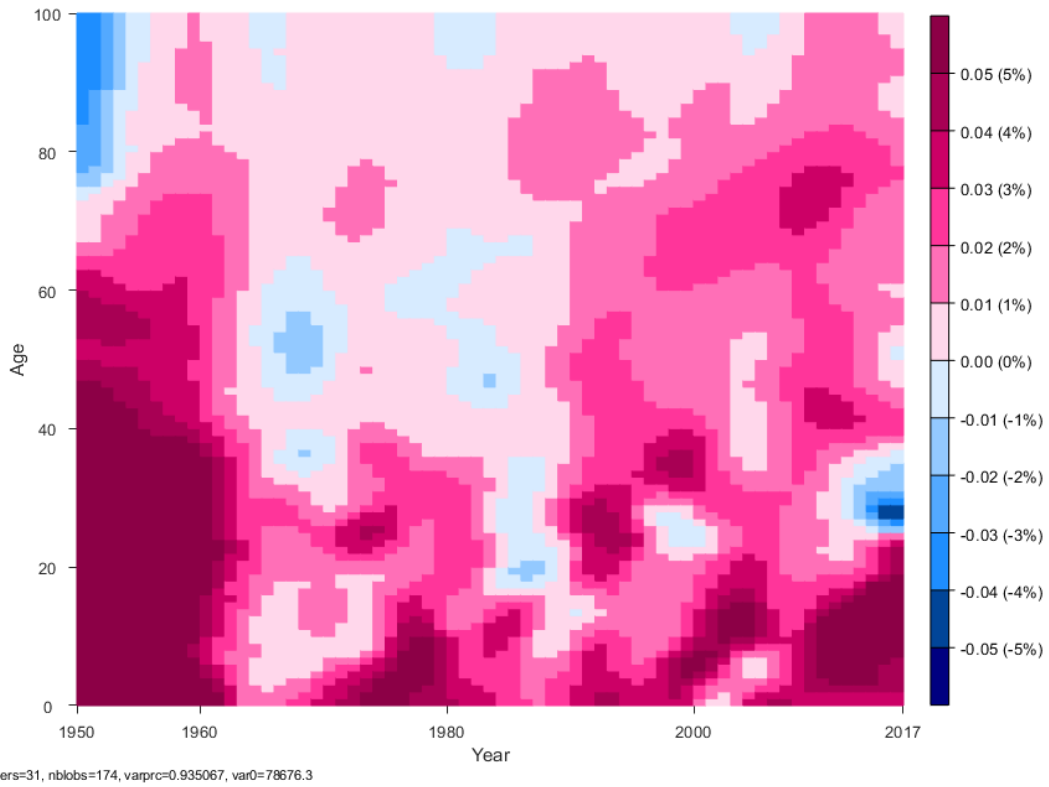


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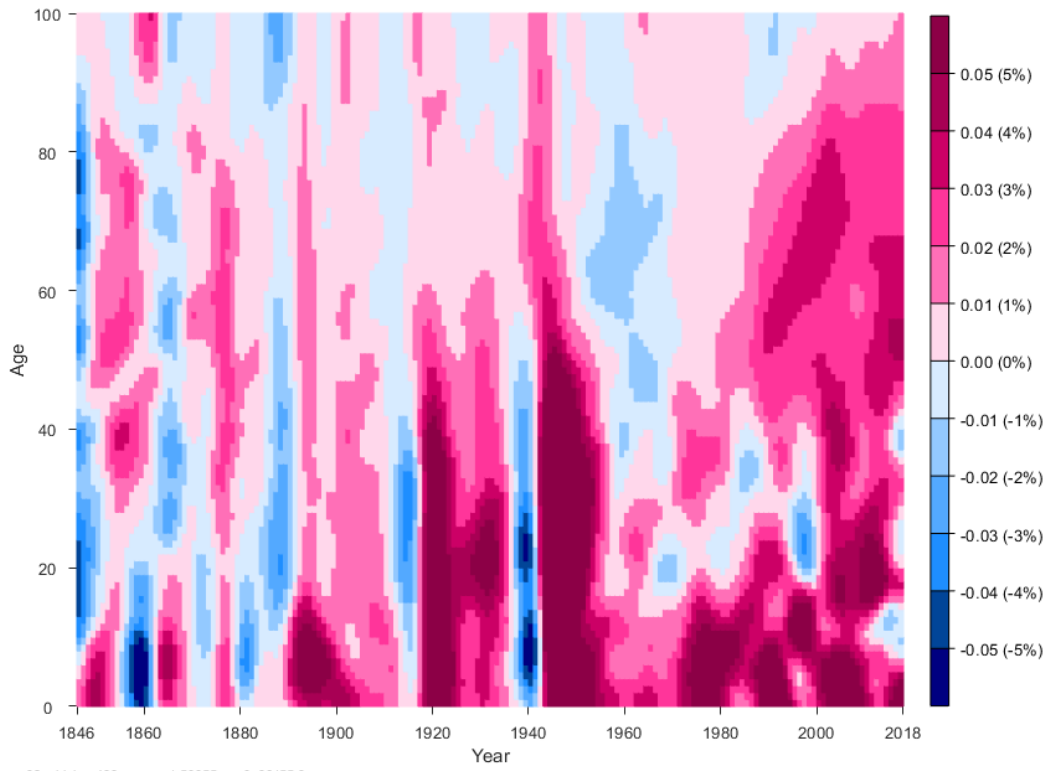


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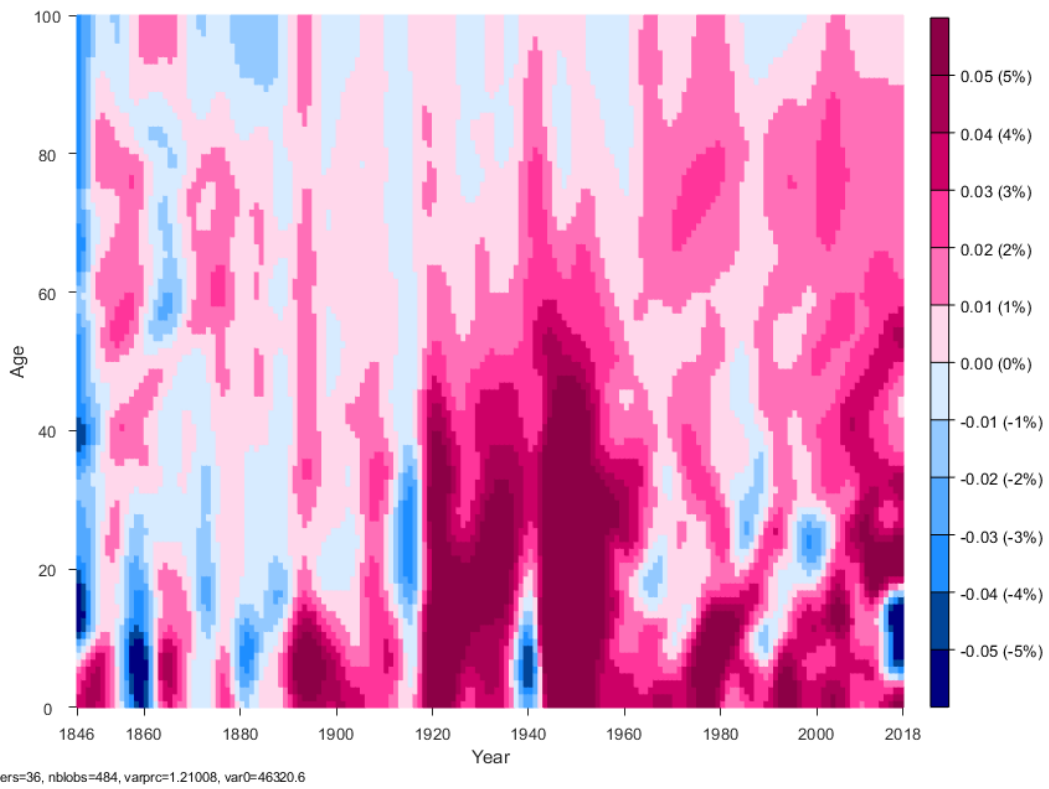


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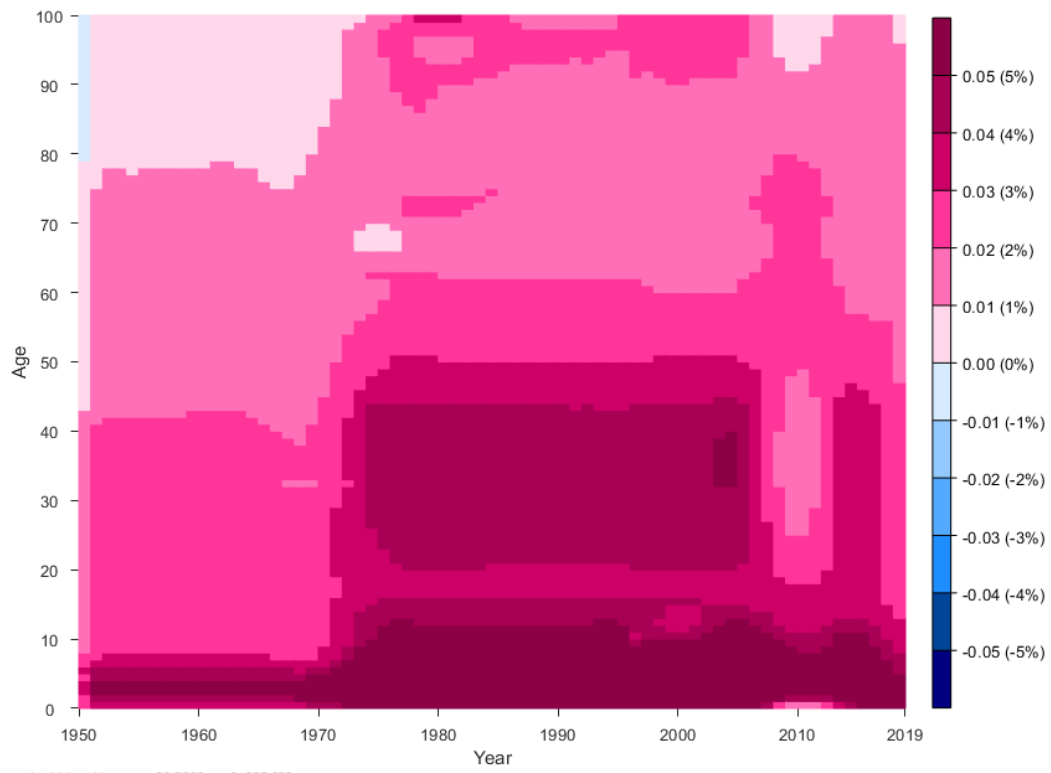


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# Oman

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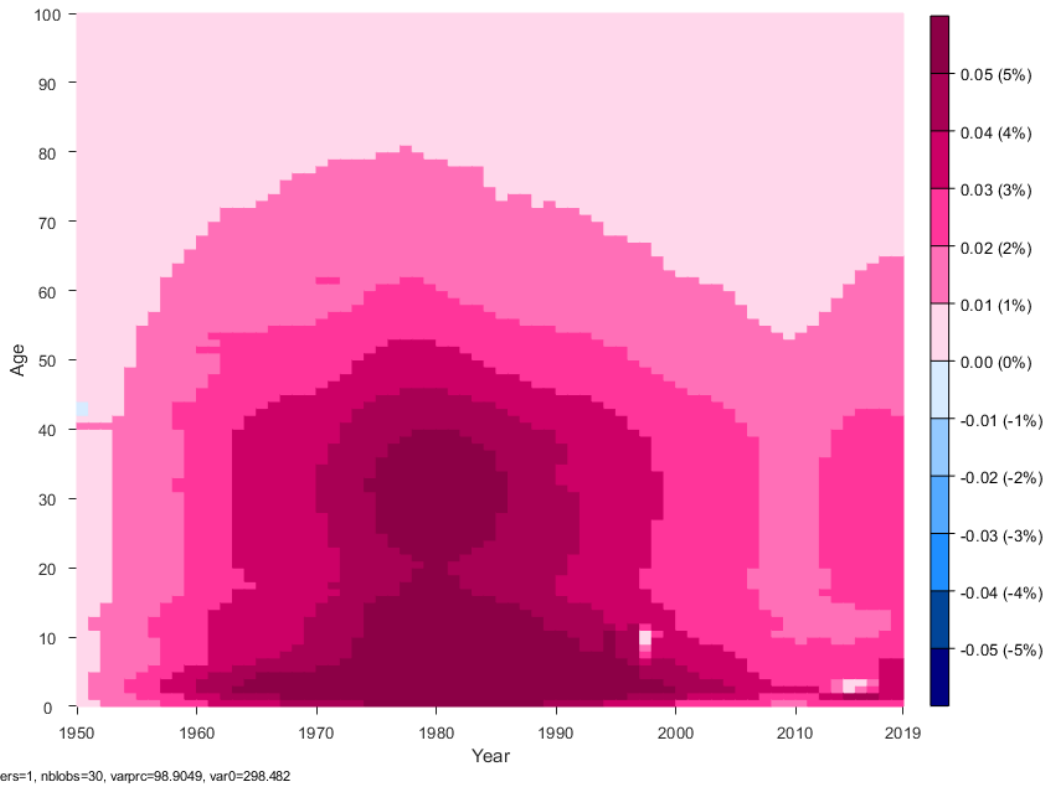


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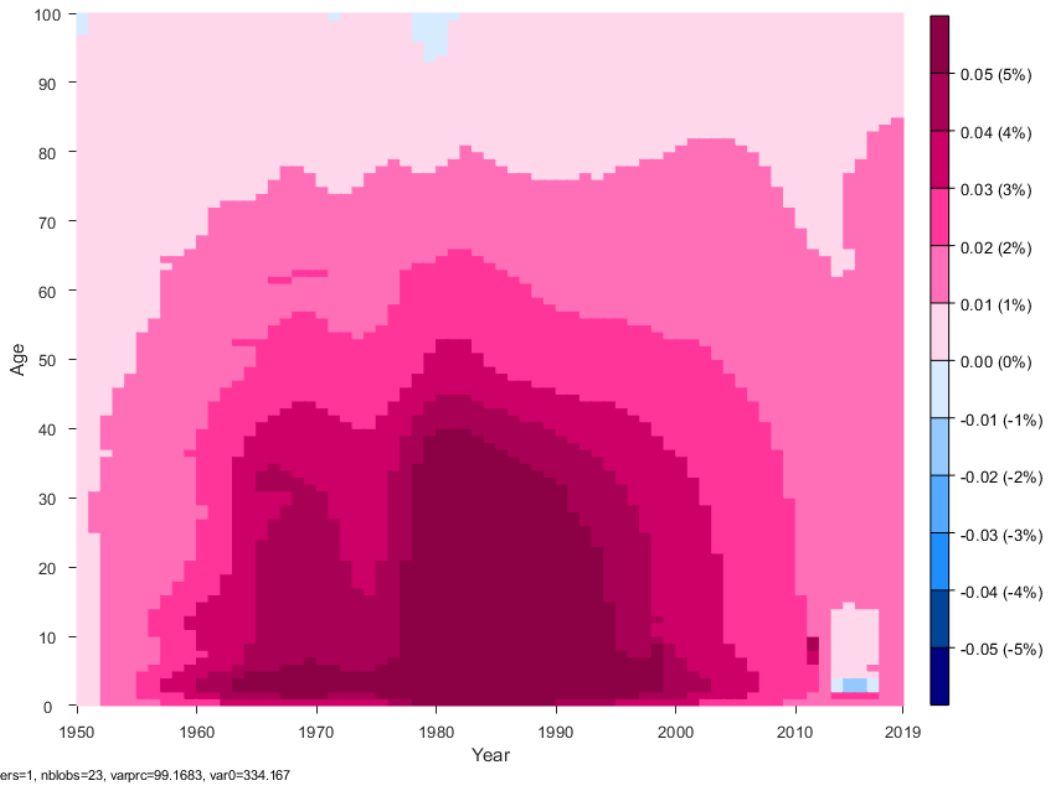


# State of Palestine

## Males



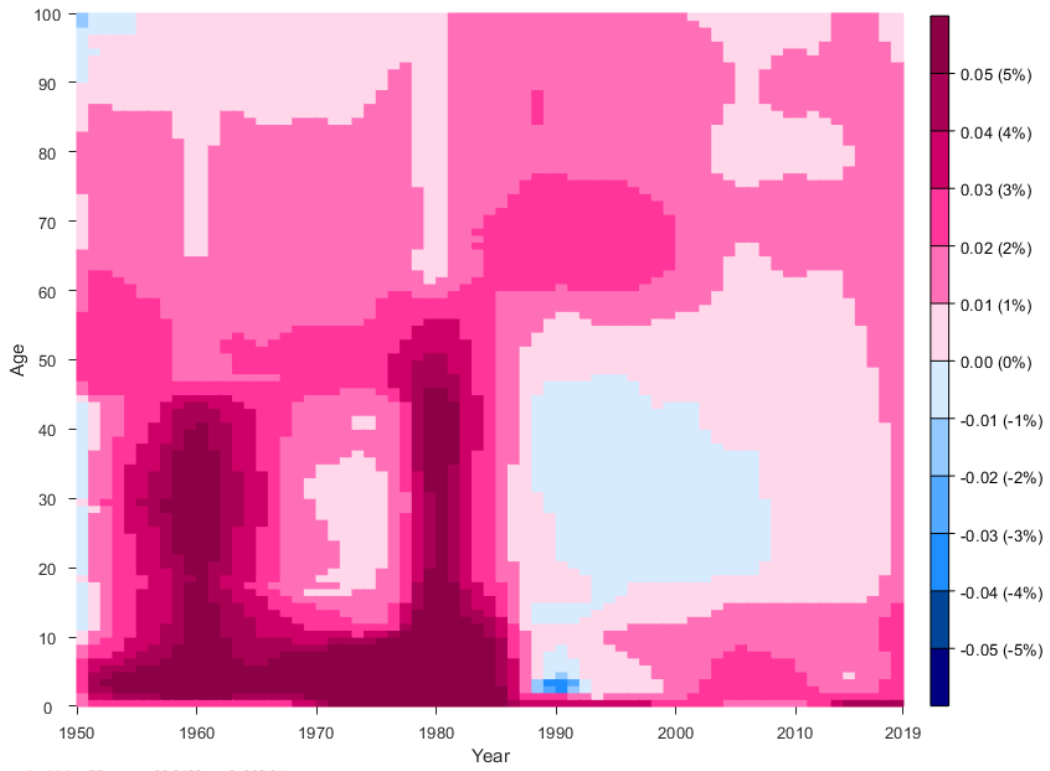
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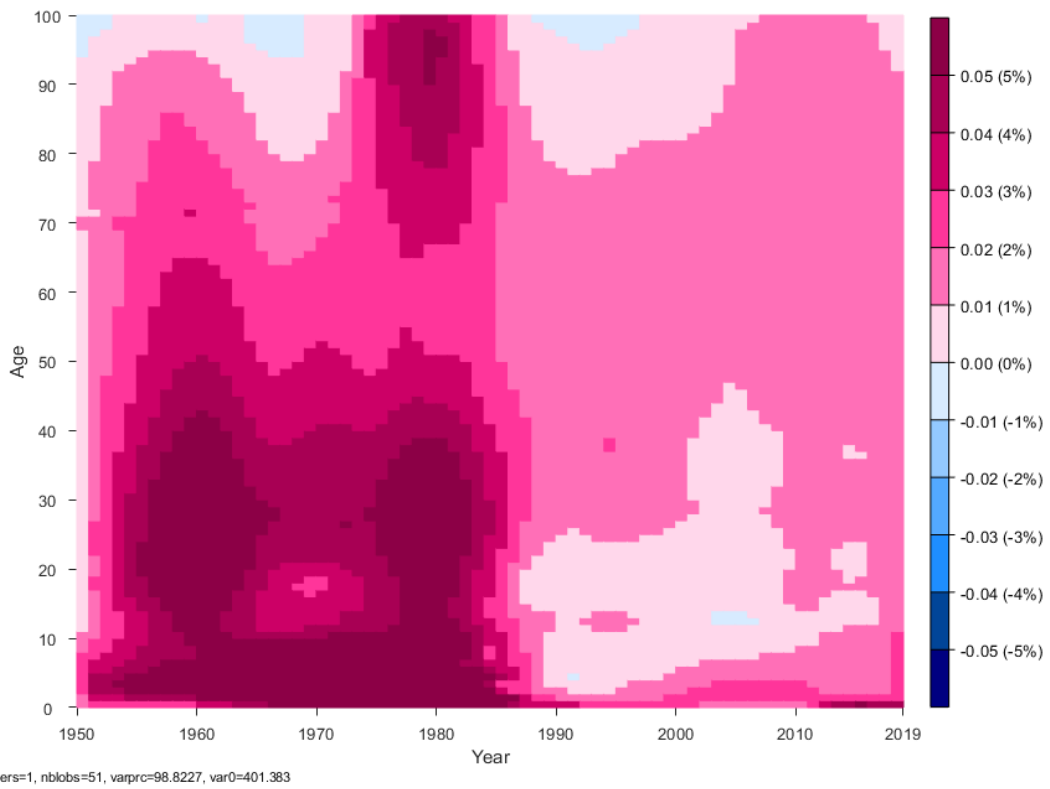


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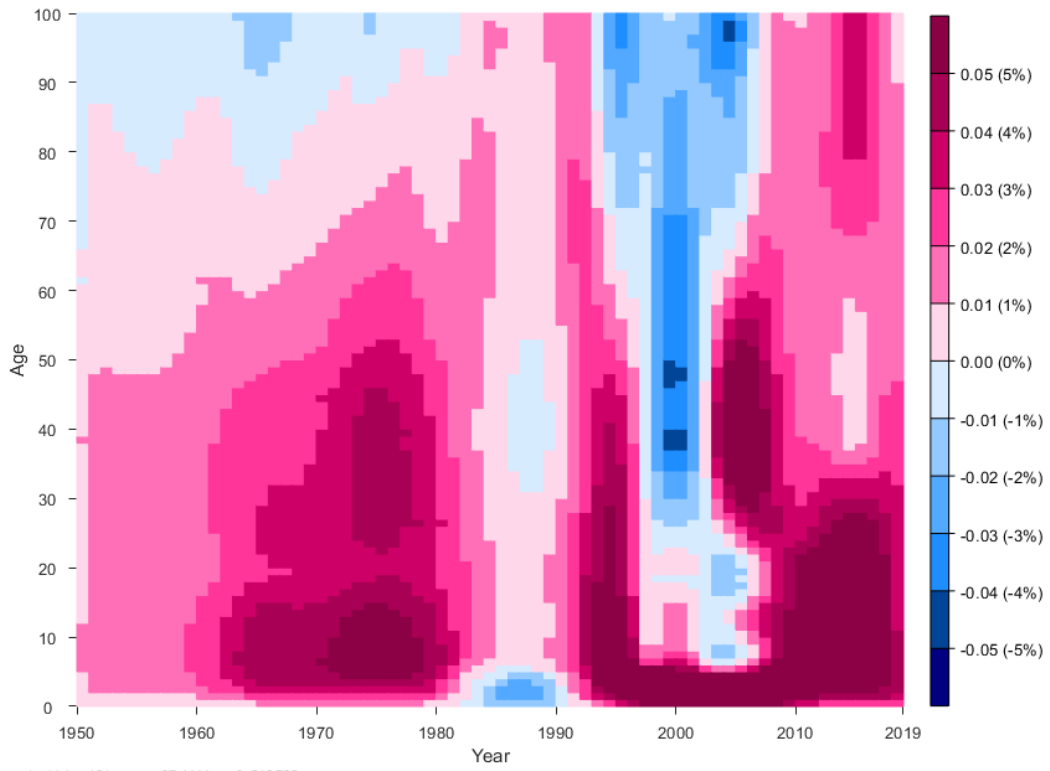


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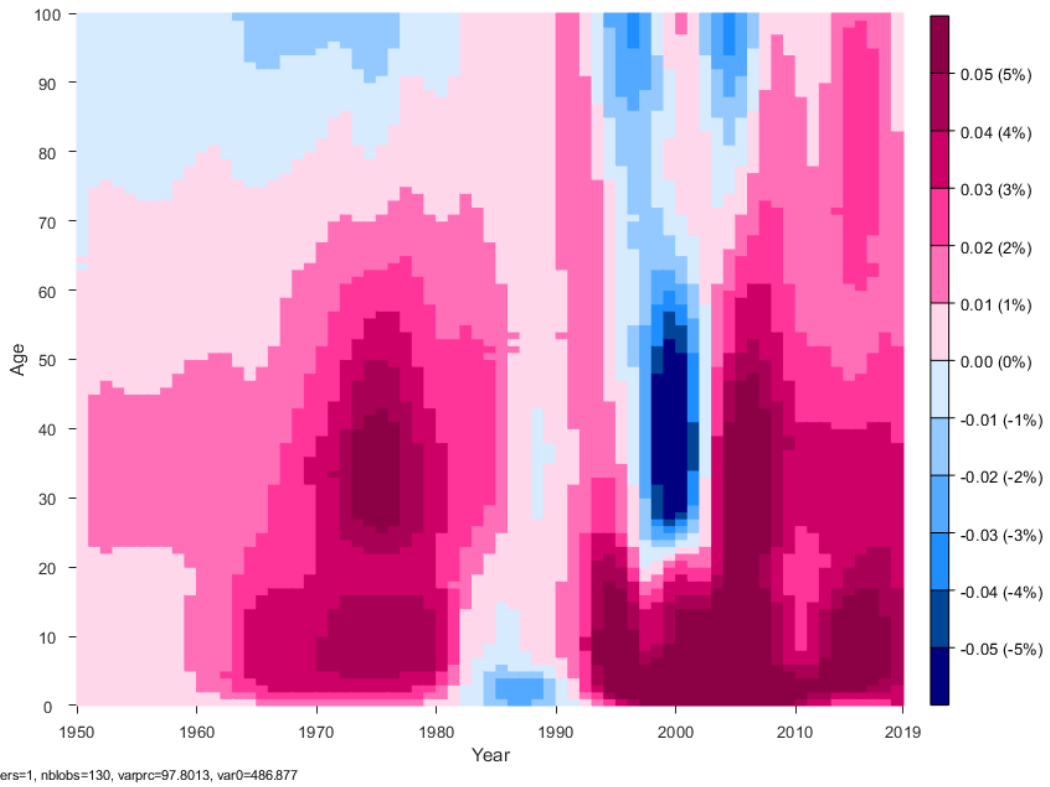


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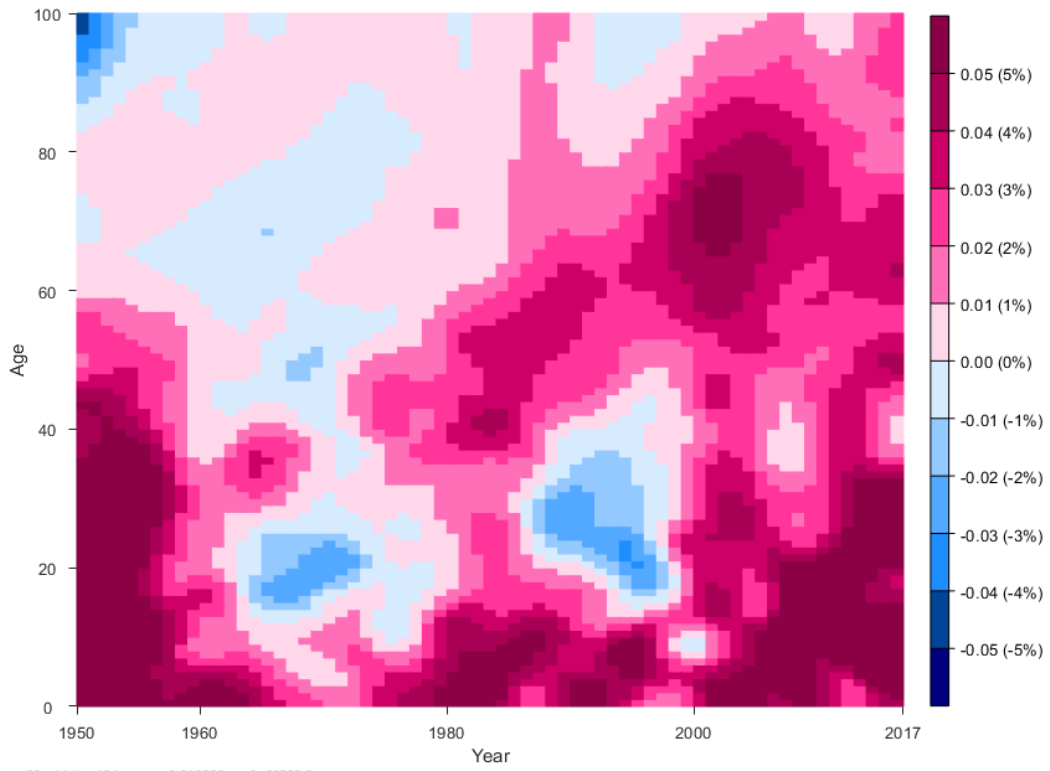


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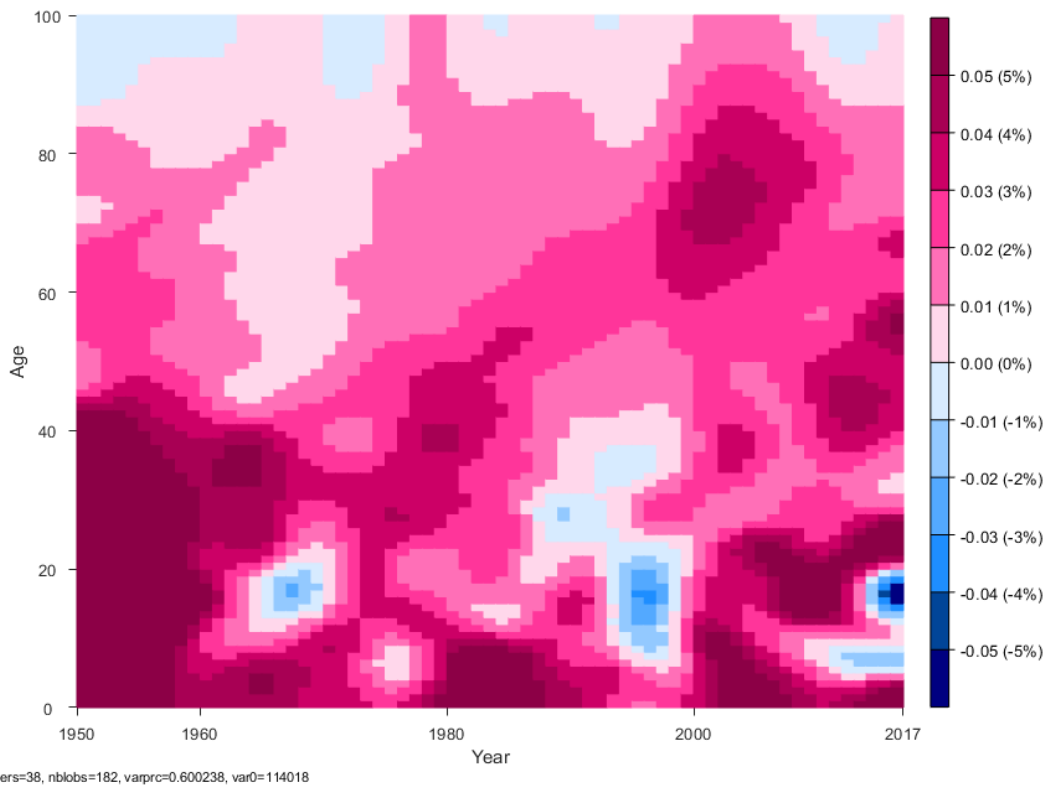


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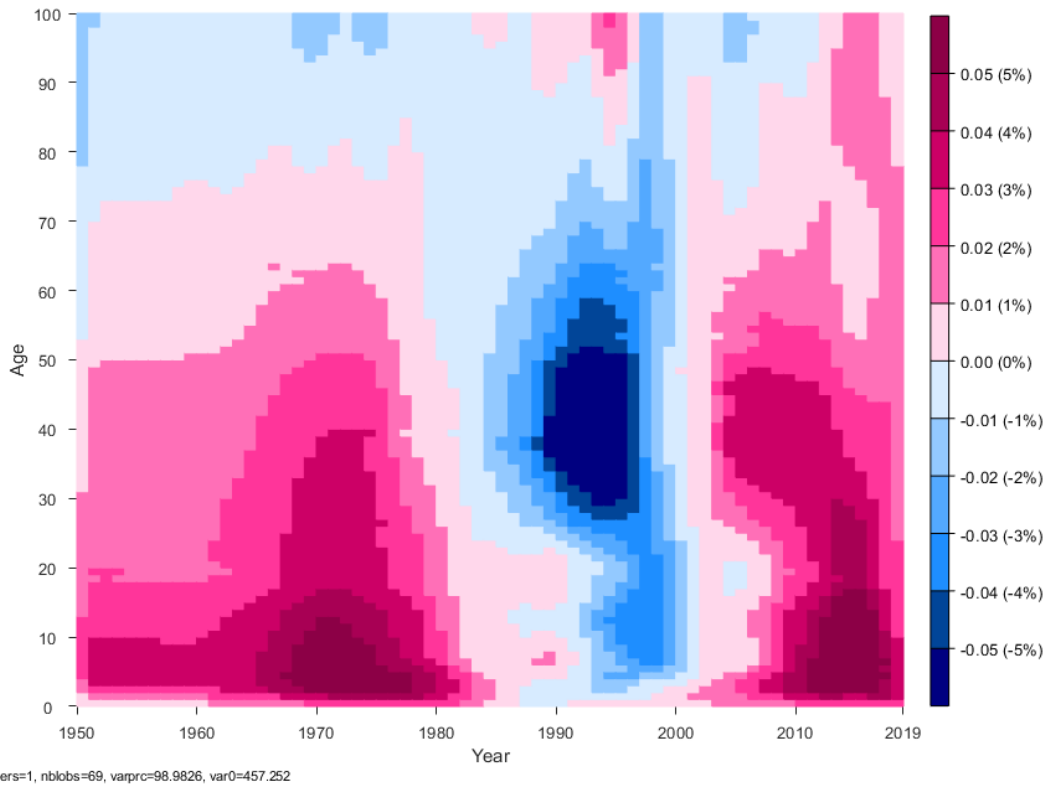


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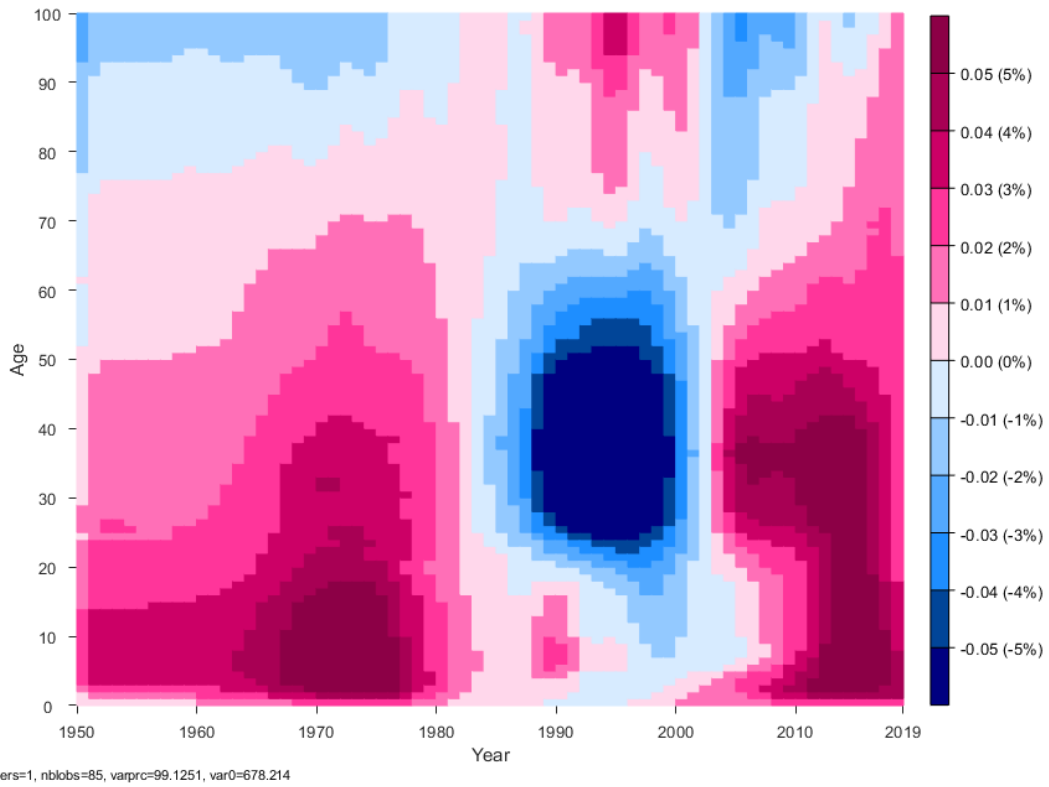


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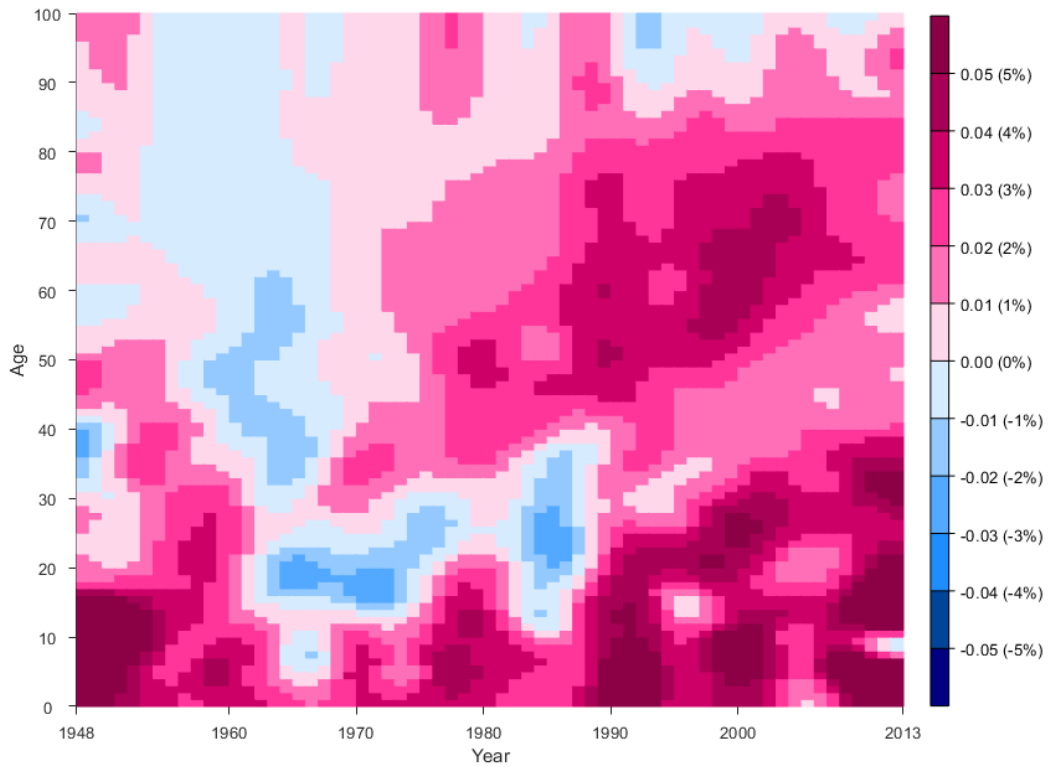


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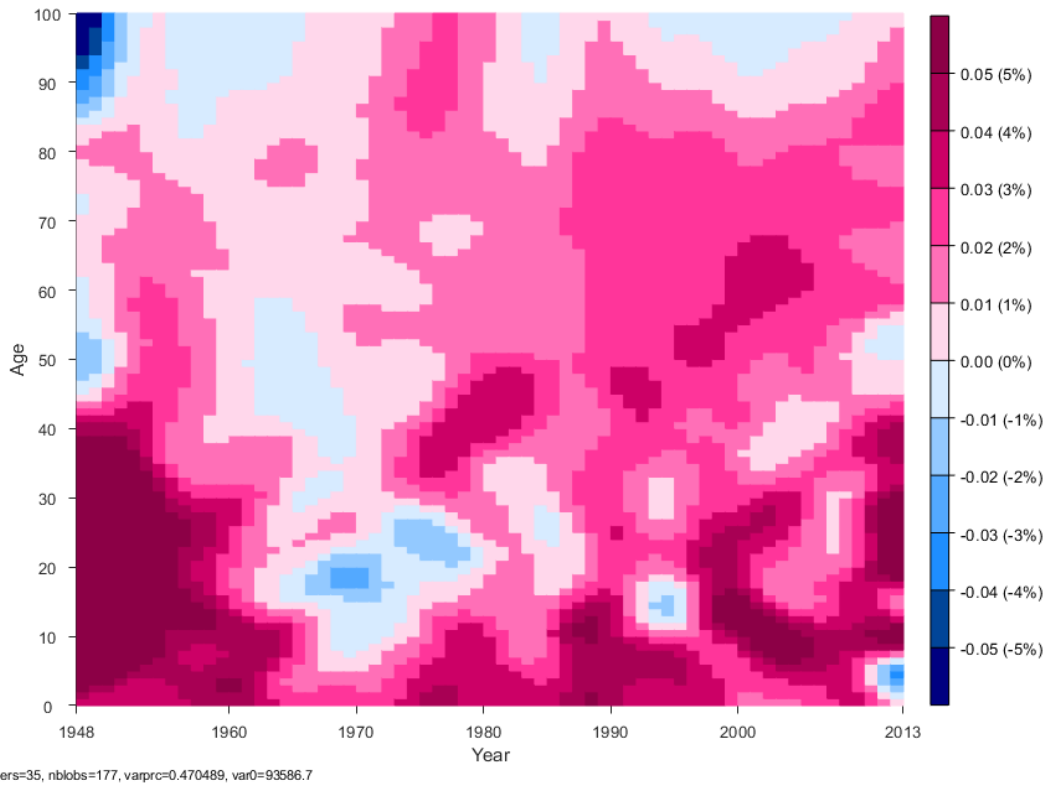


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## Males



## Females

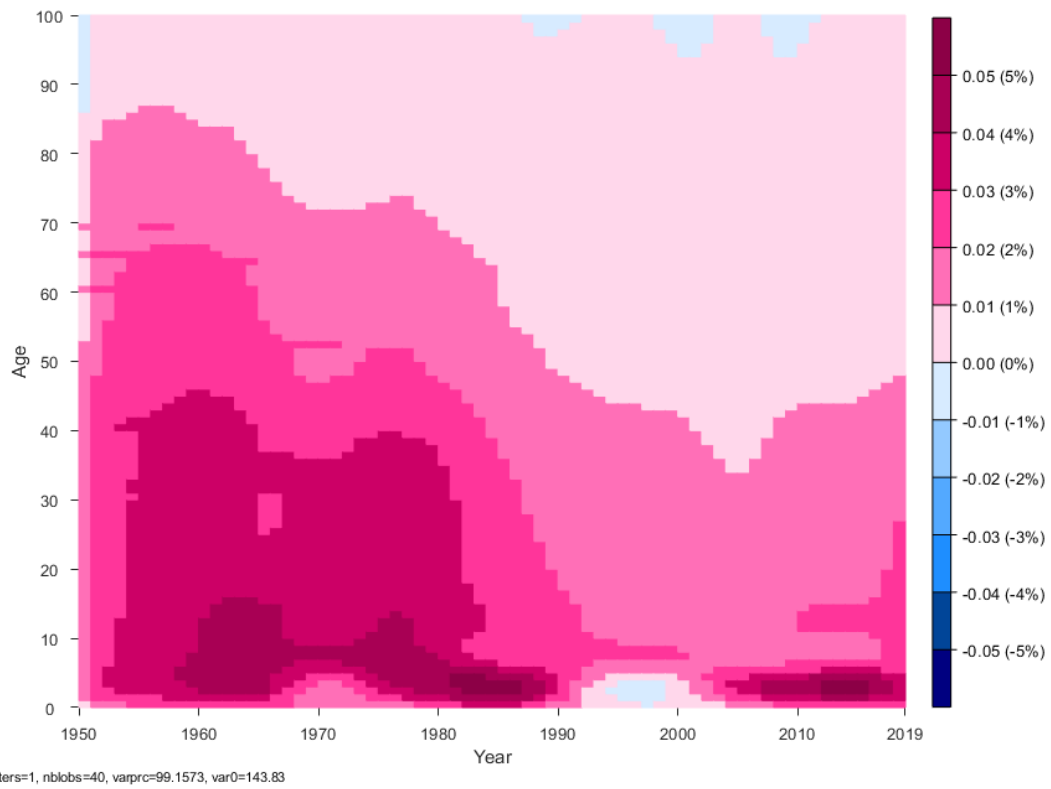


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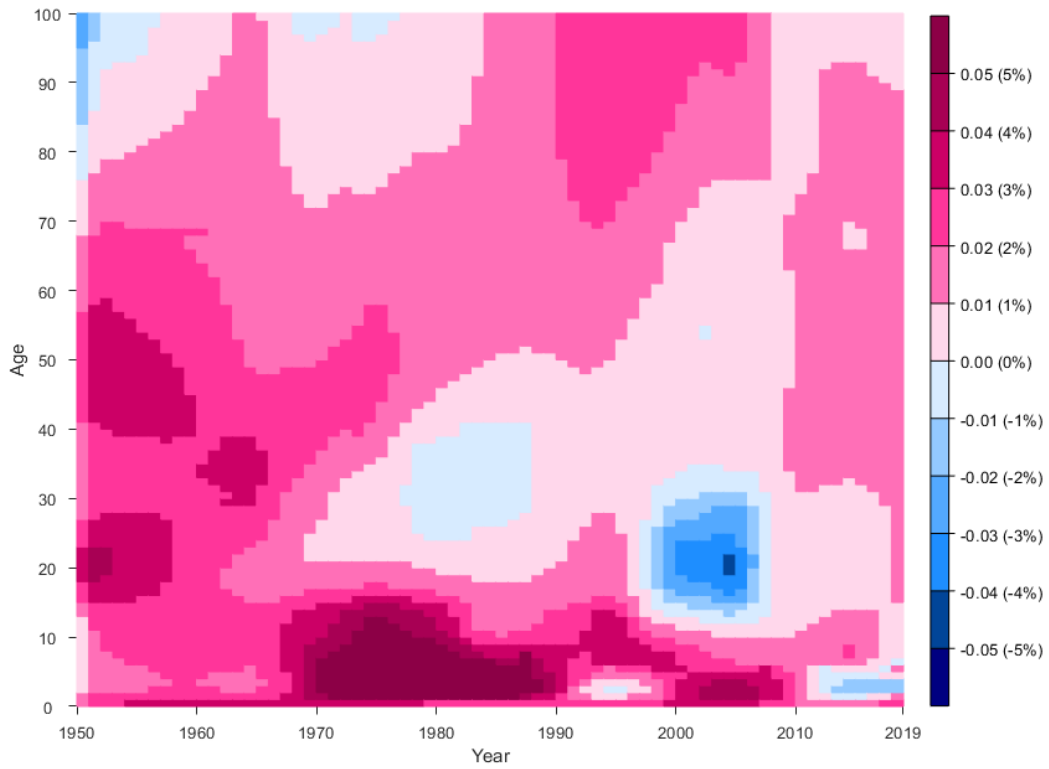


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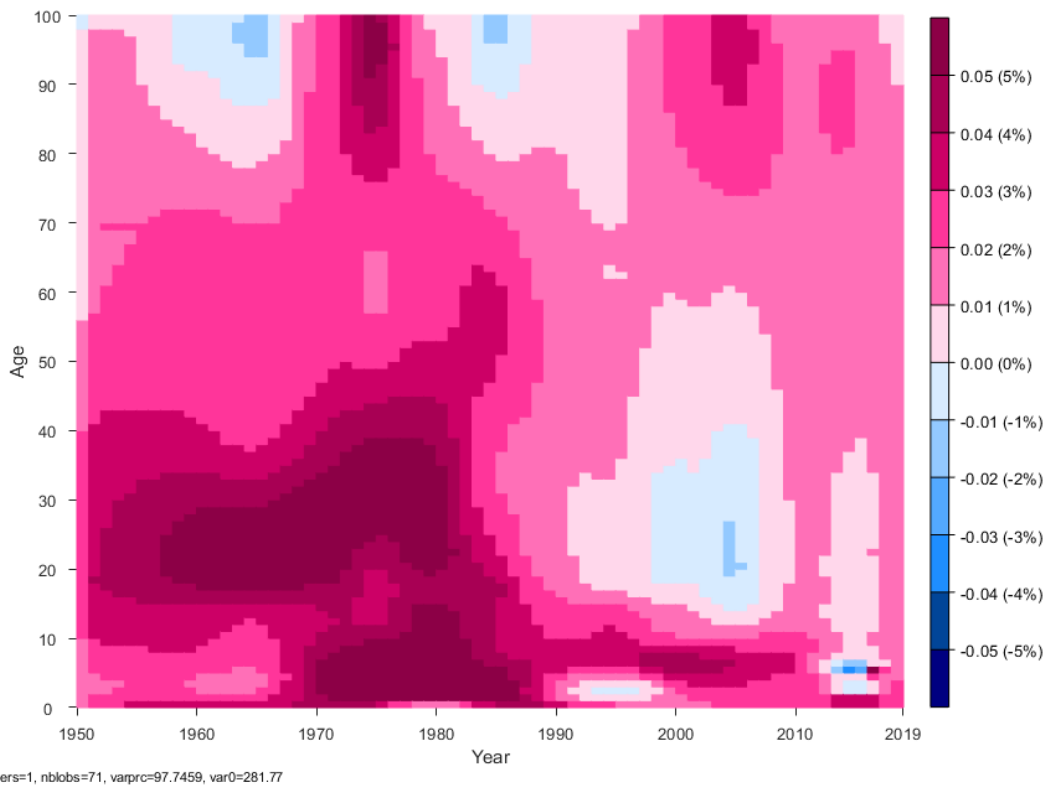


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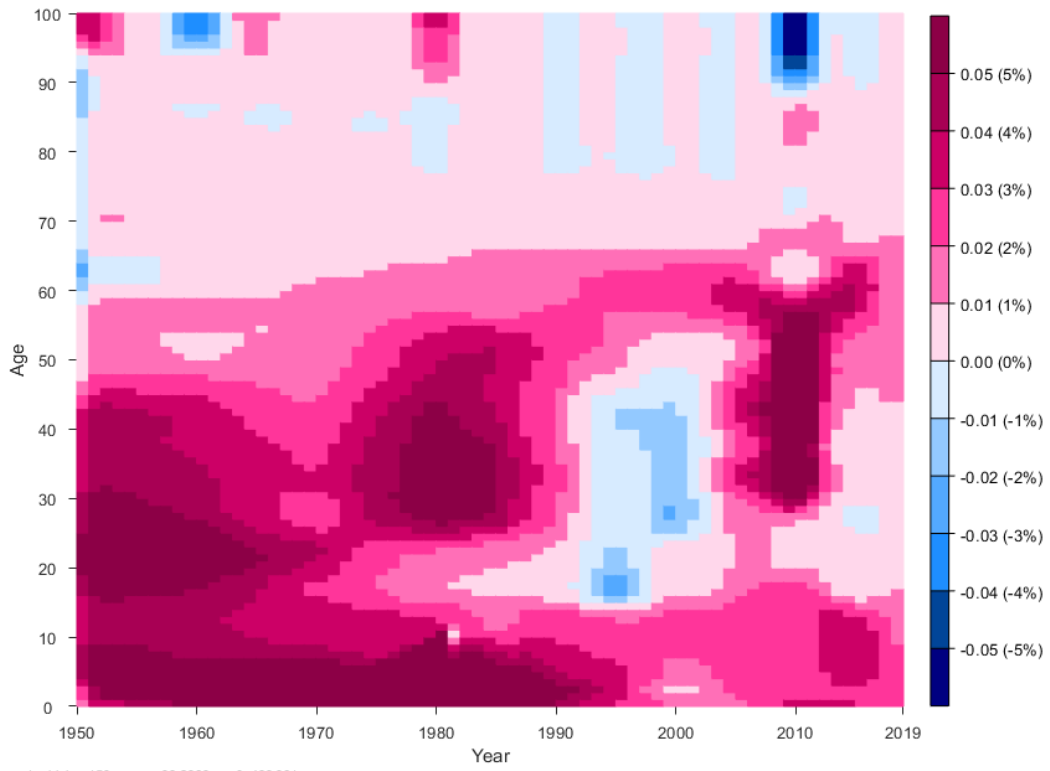


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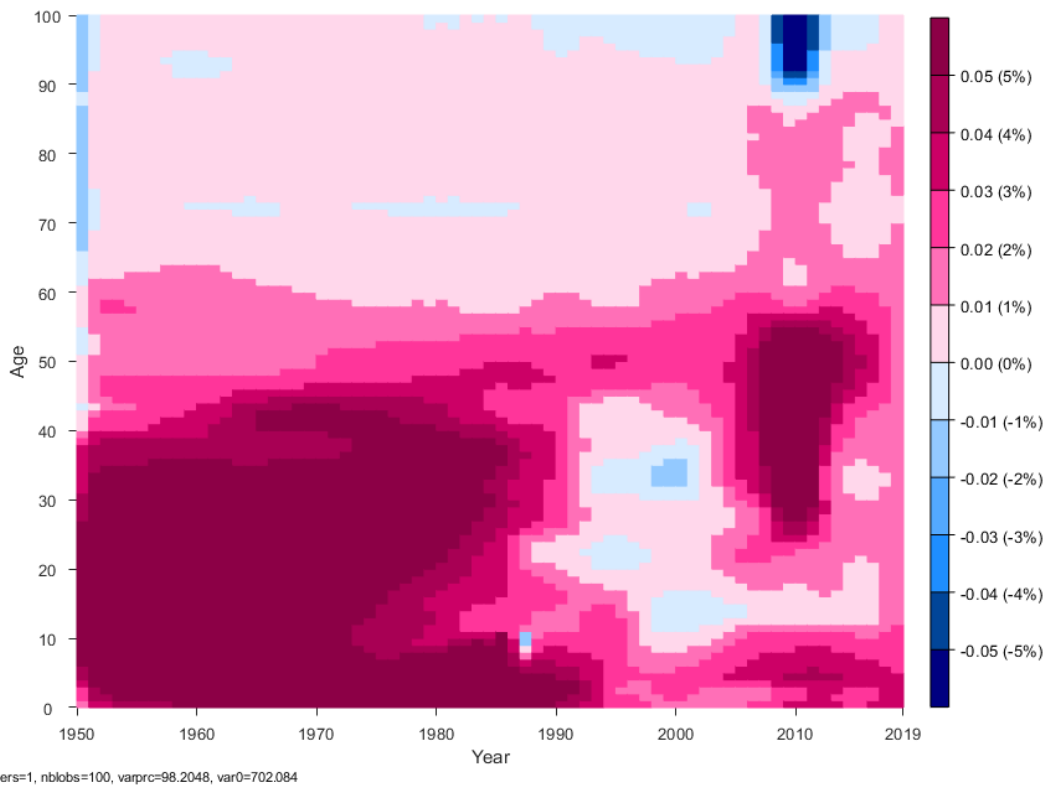


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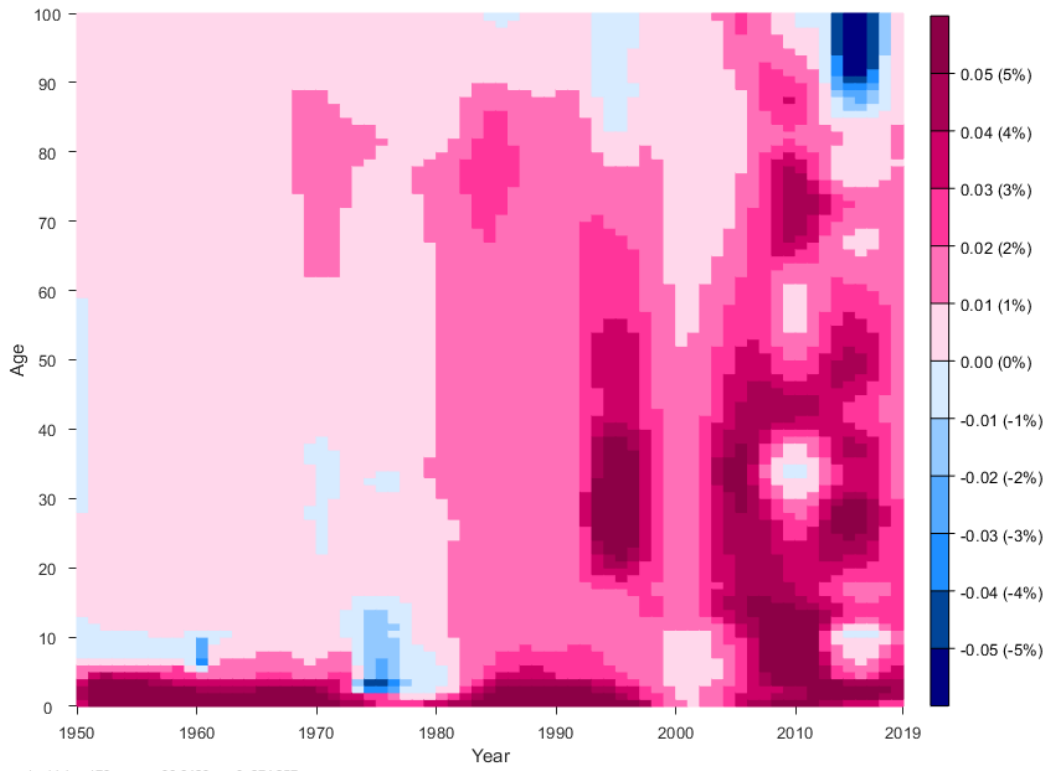
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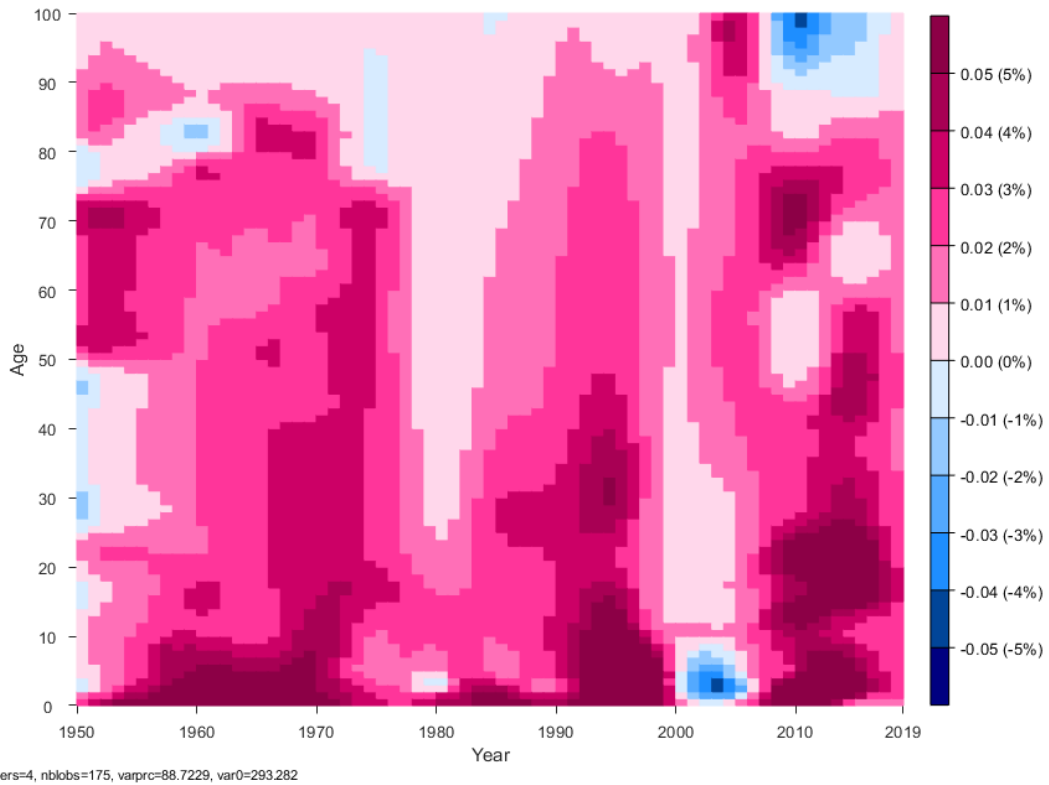


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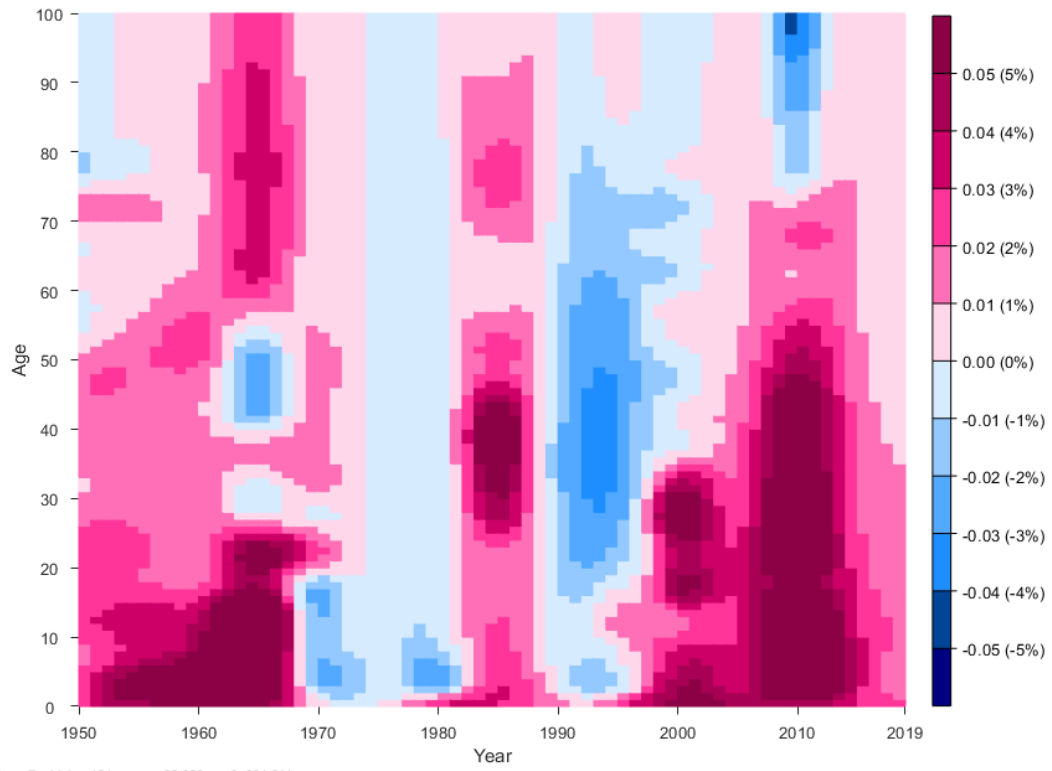


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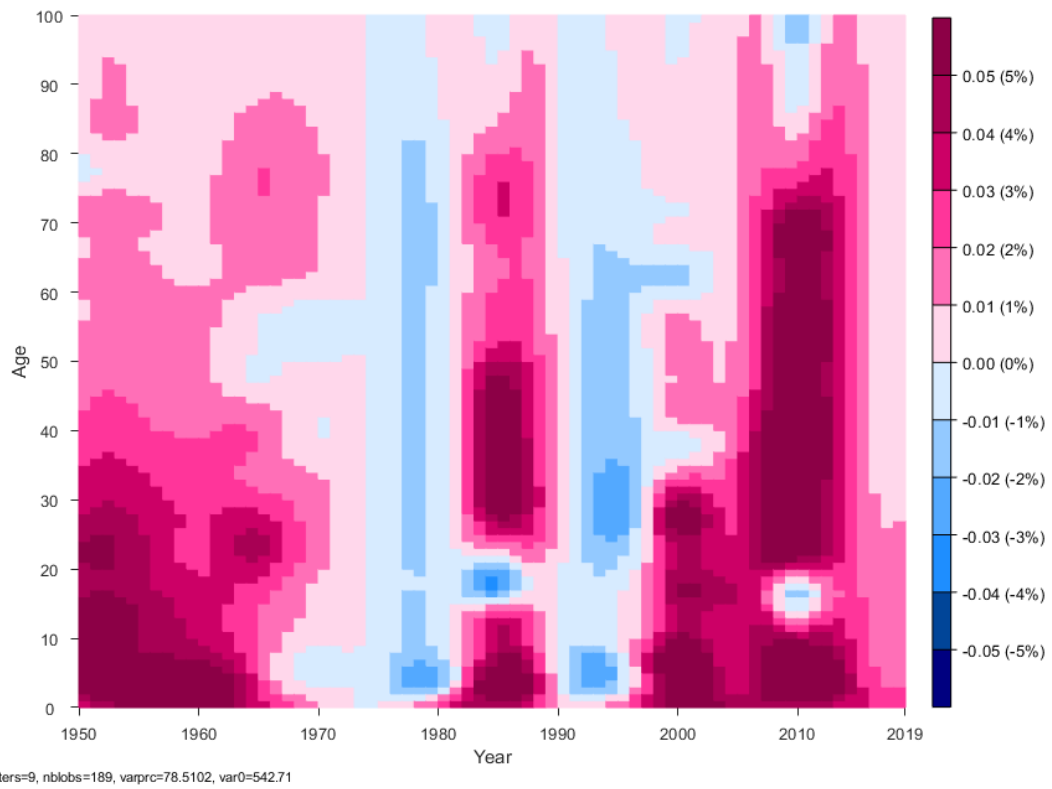


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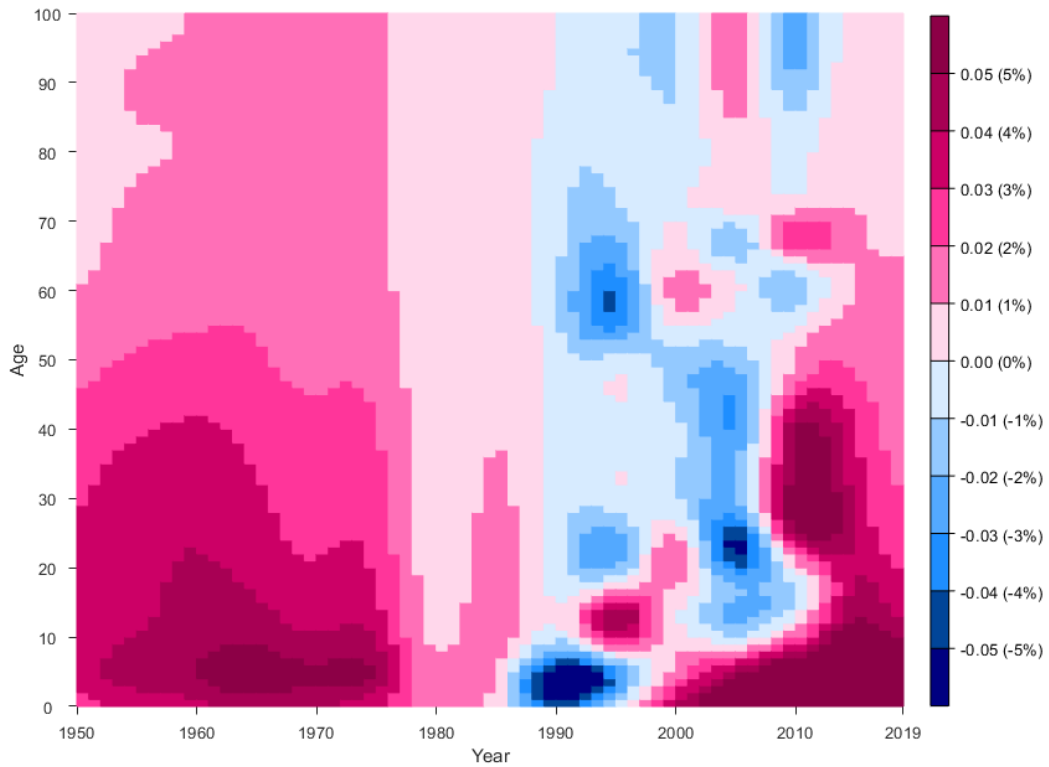


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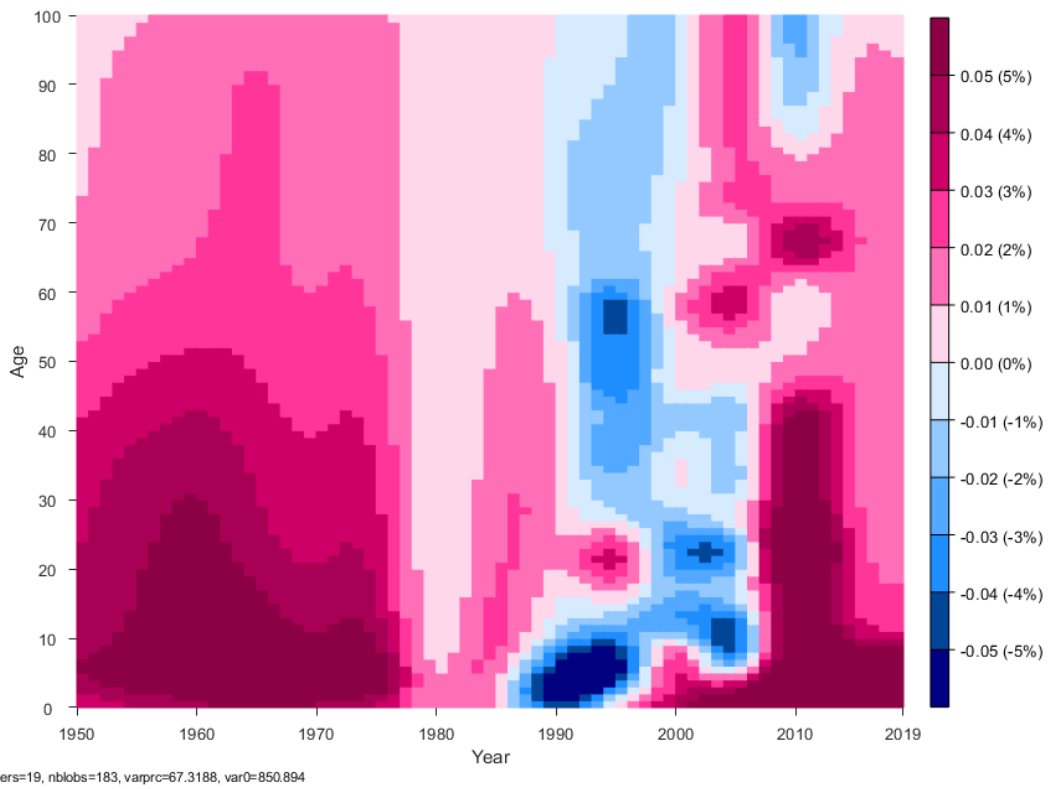


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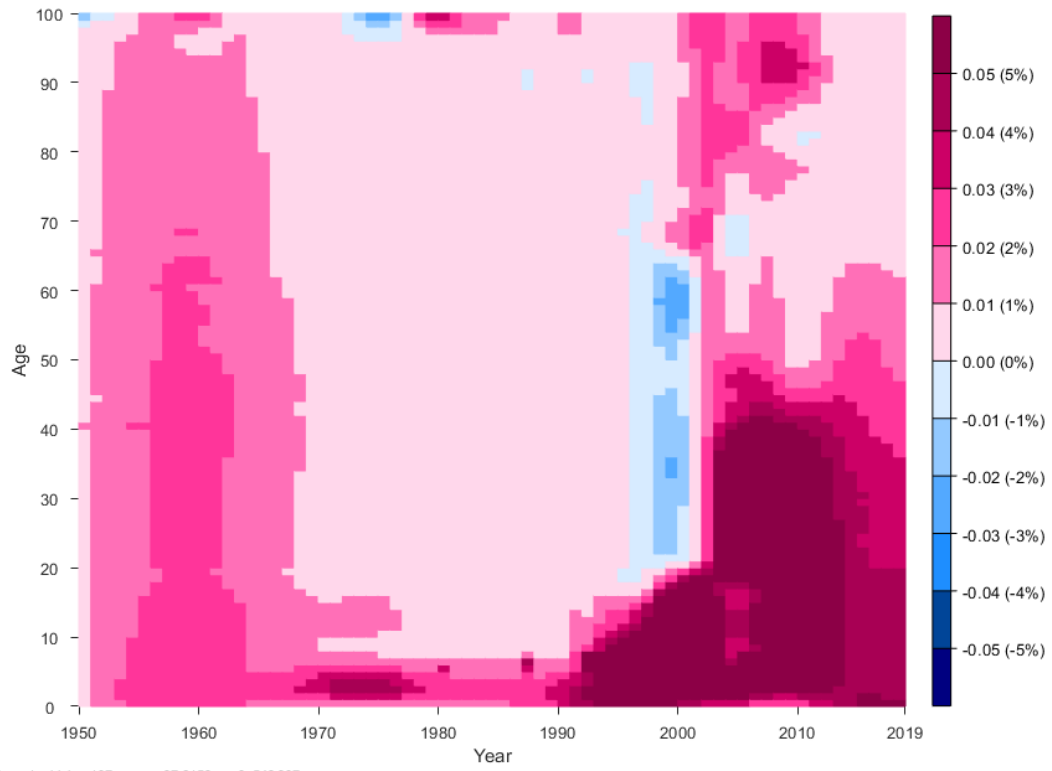


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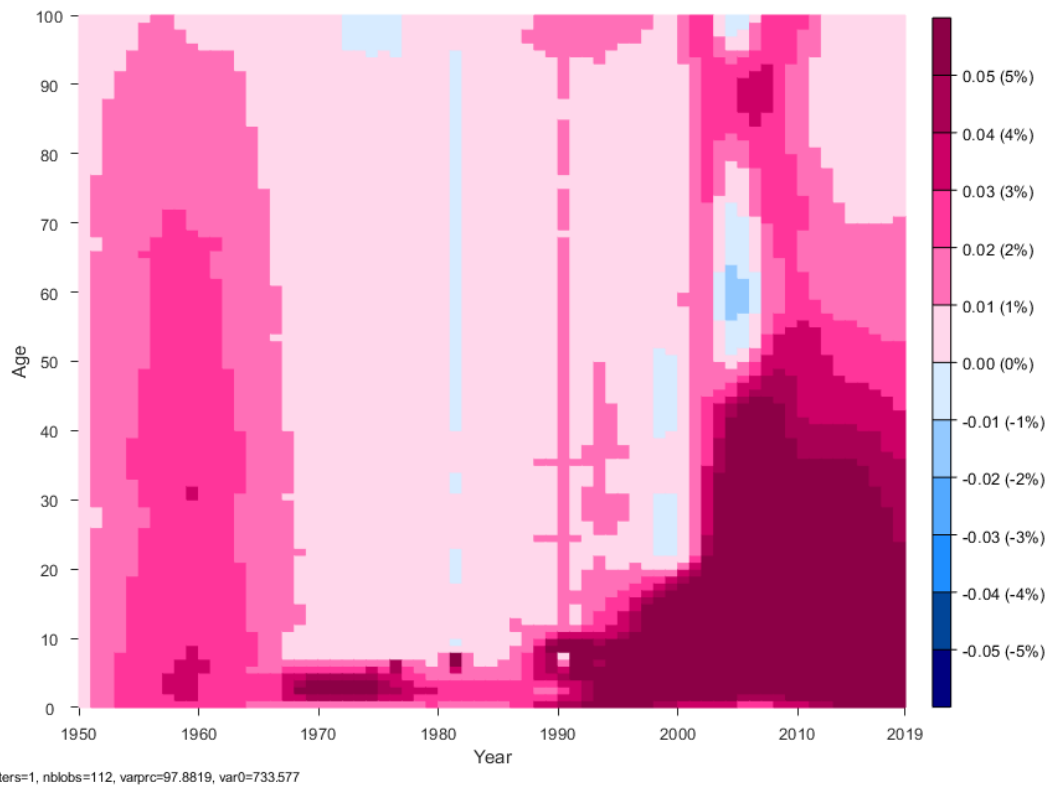


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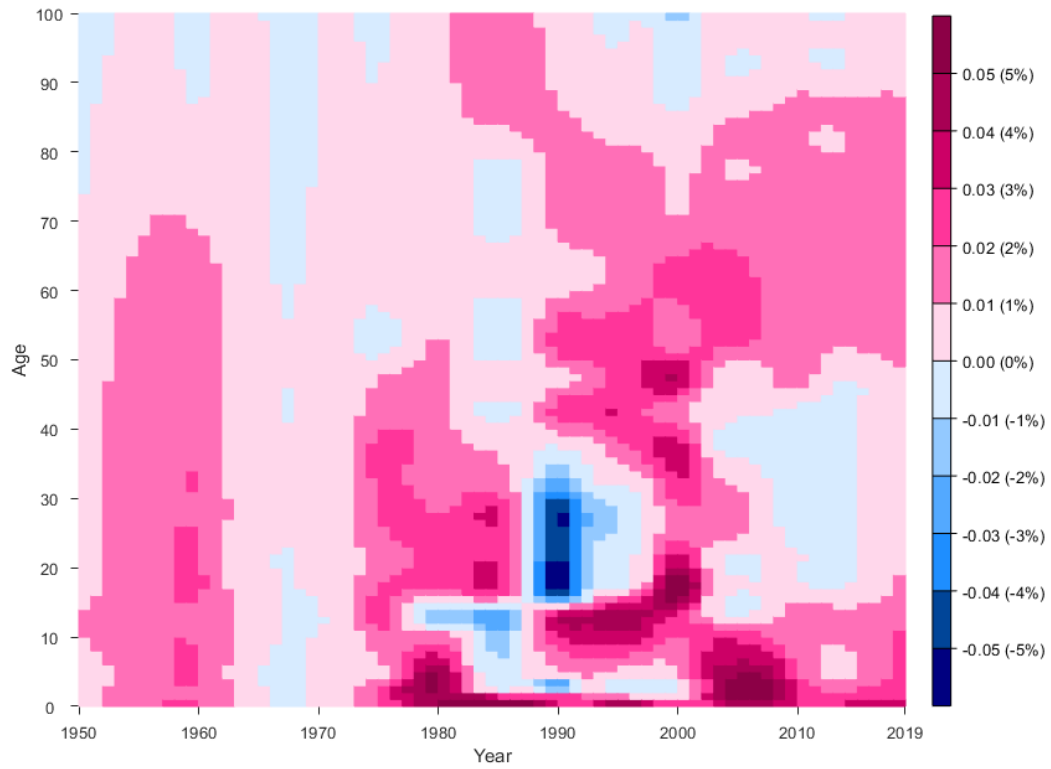


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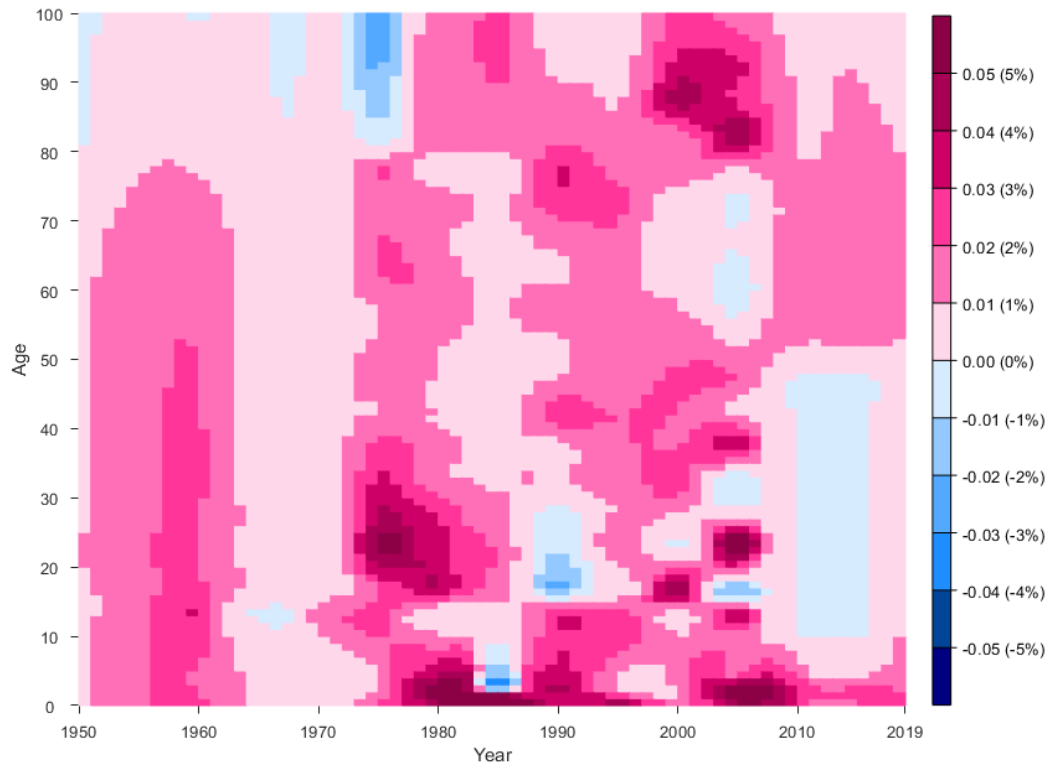
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## Males



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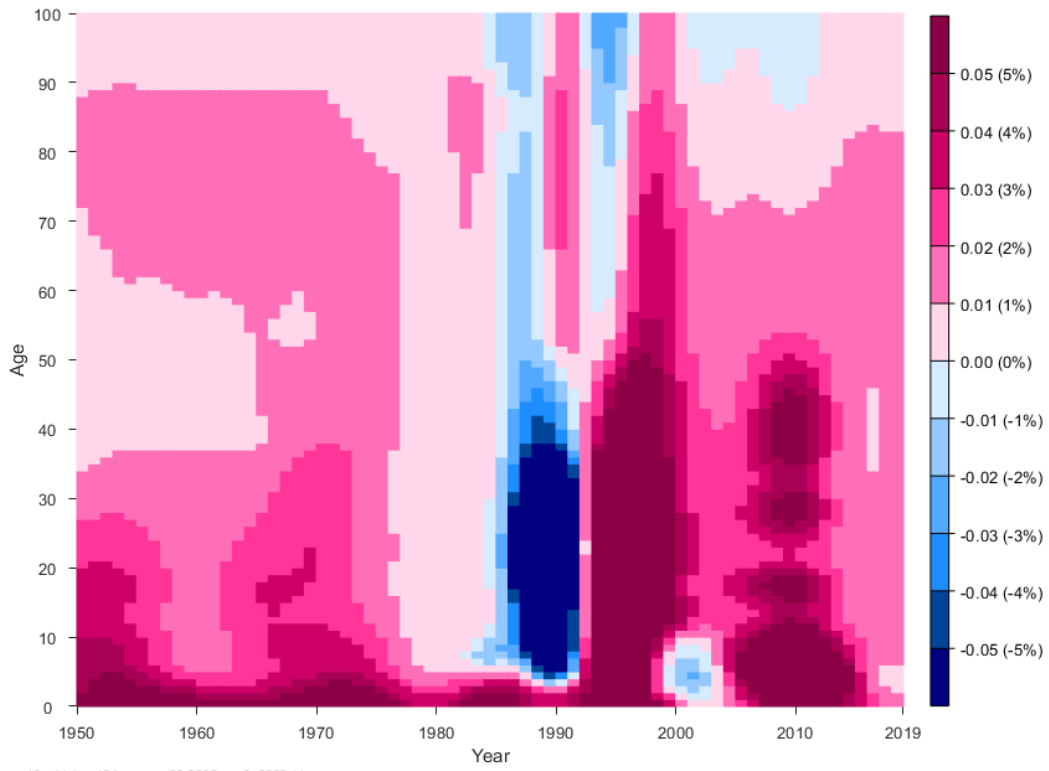
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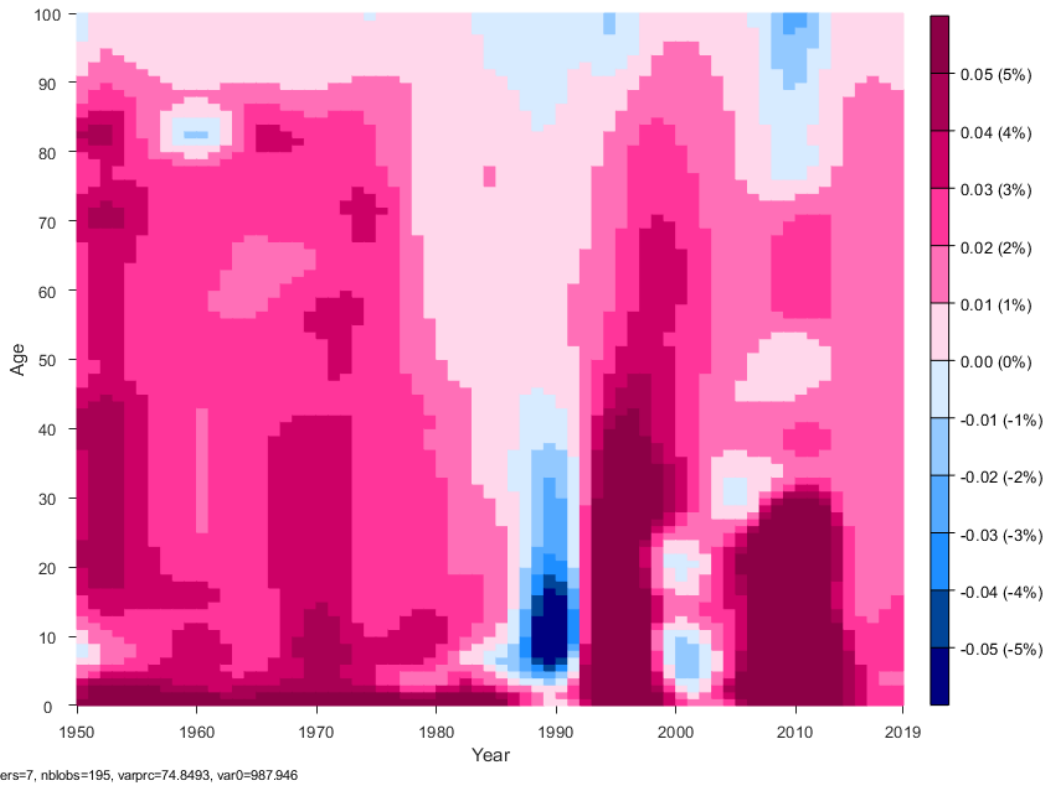
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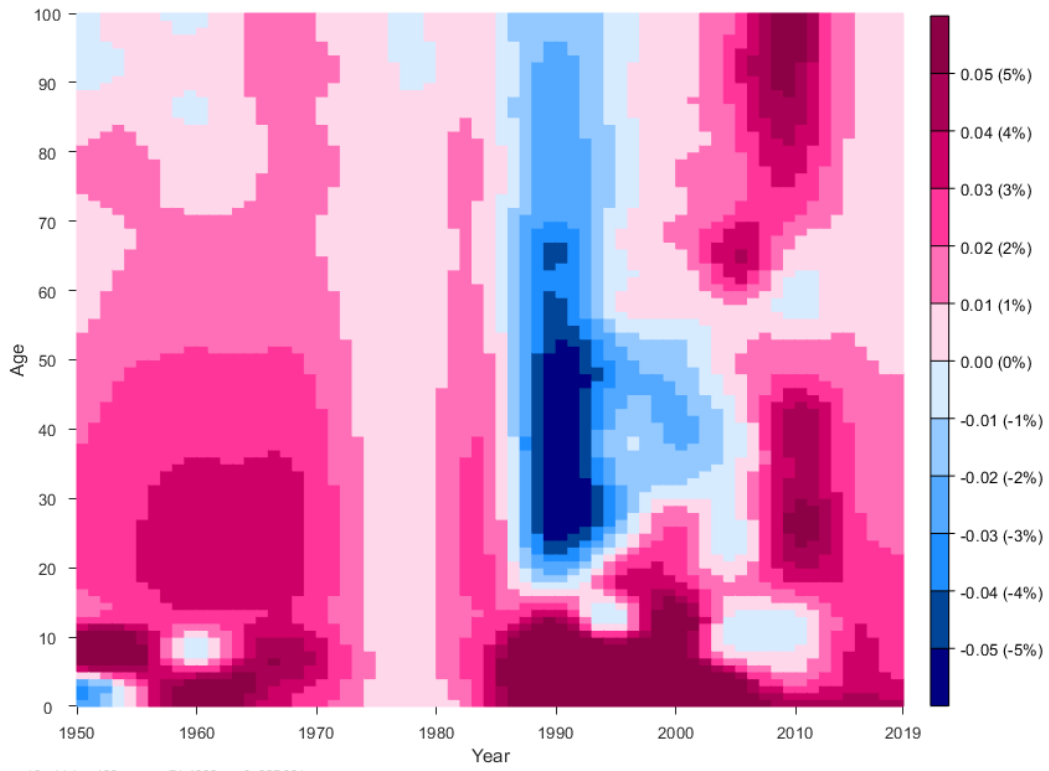


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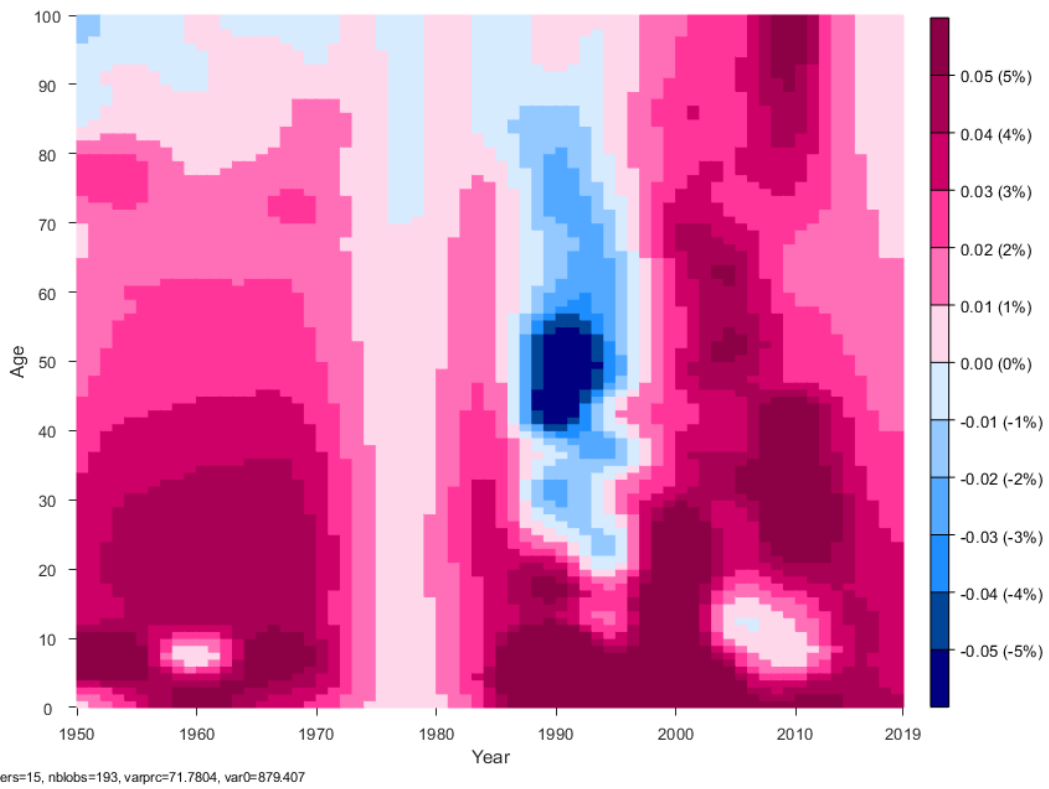


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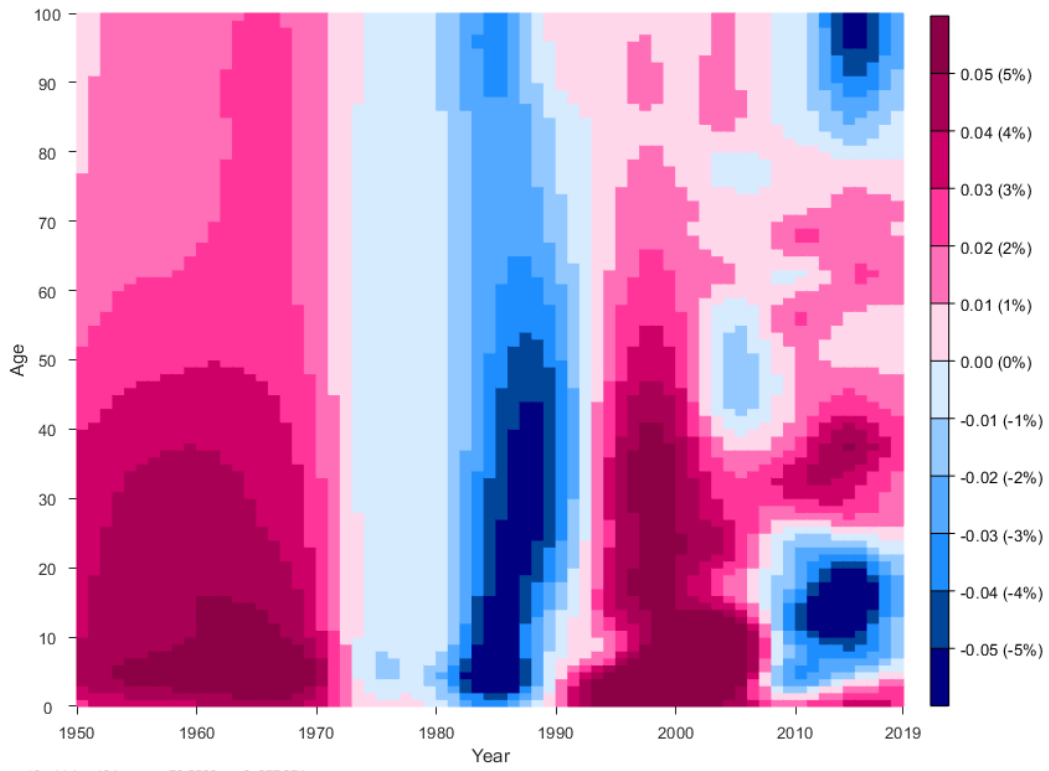


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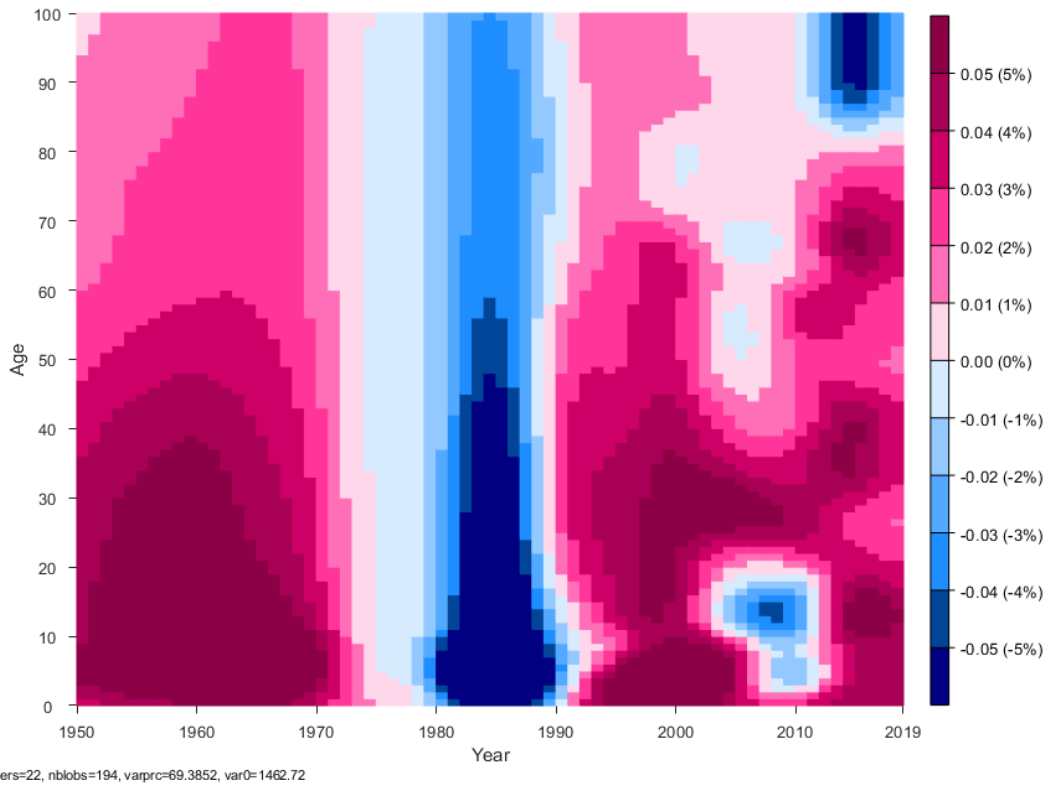


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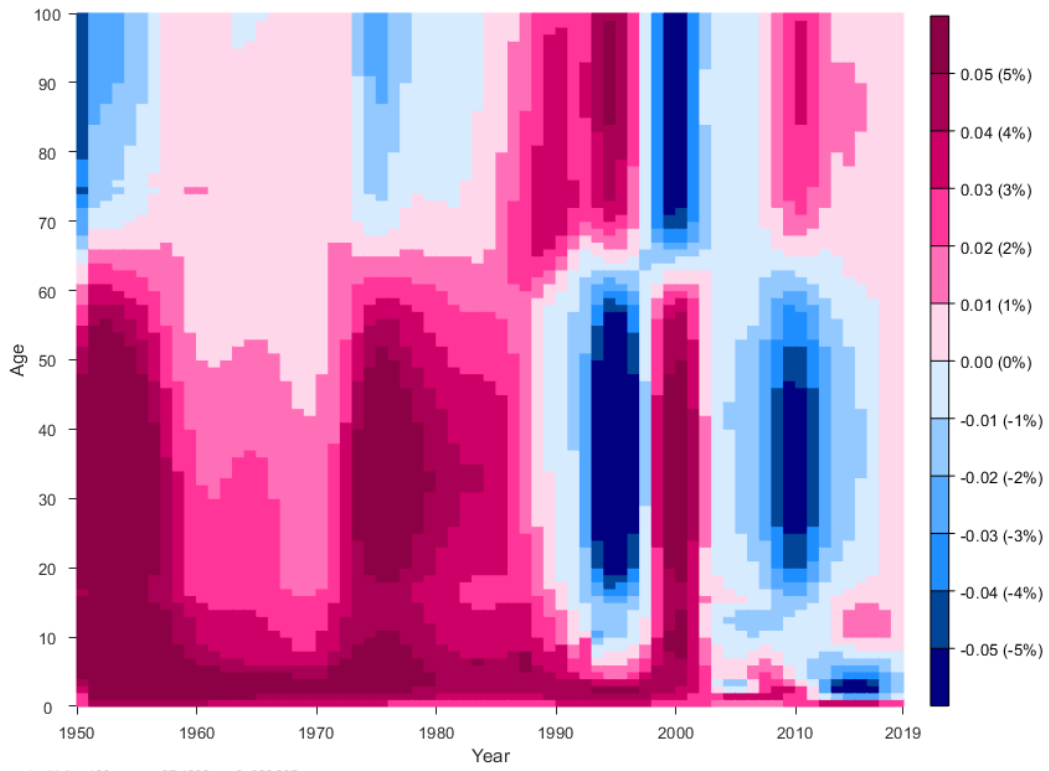
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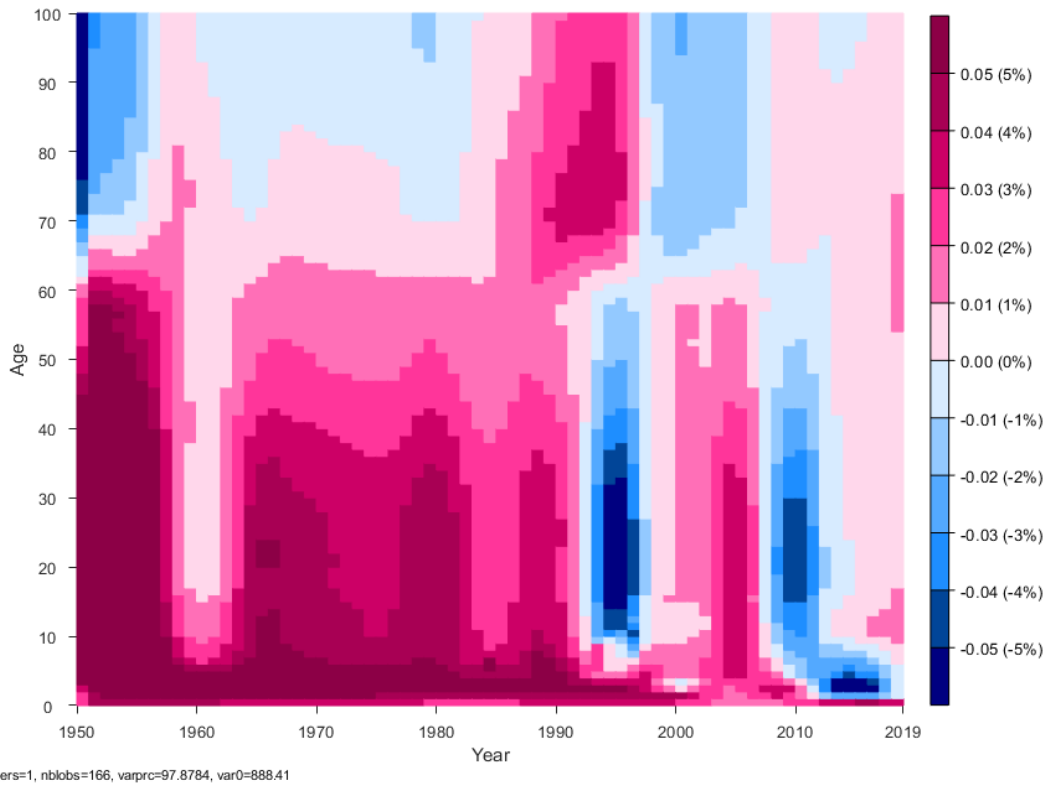


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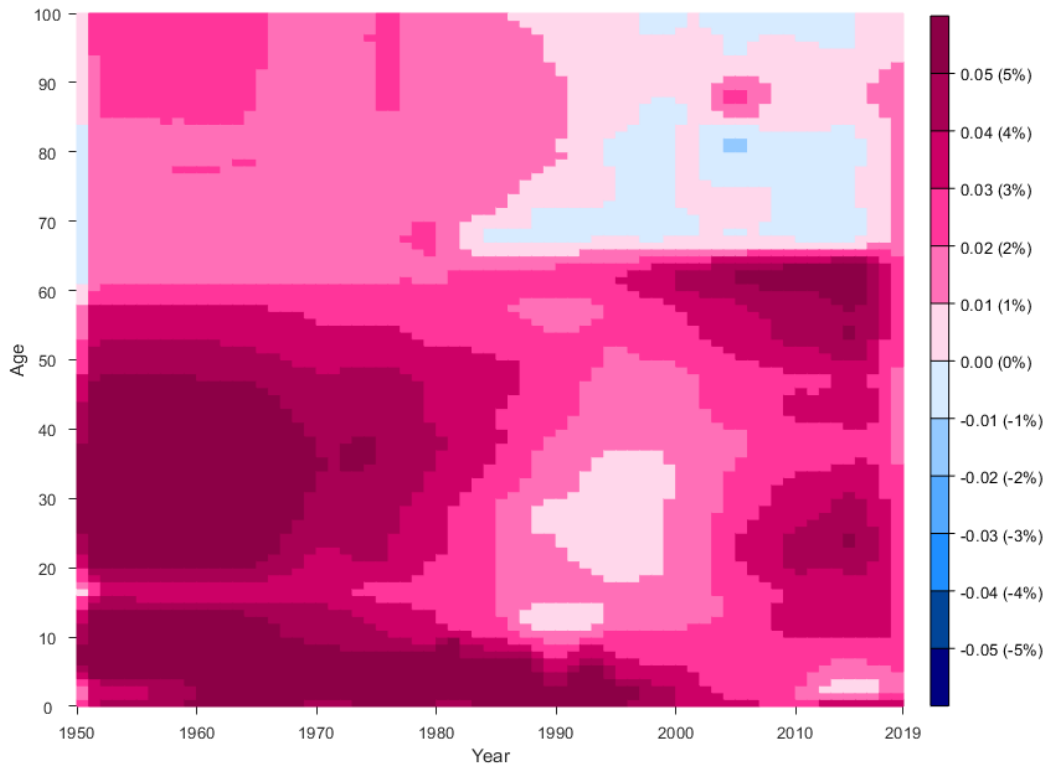


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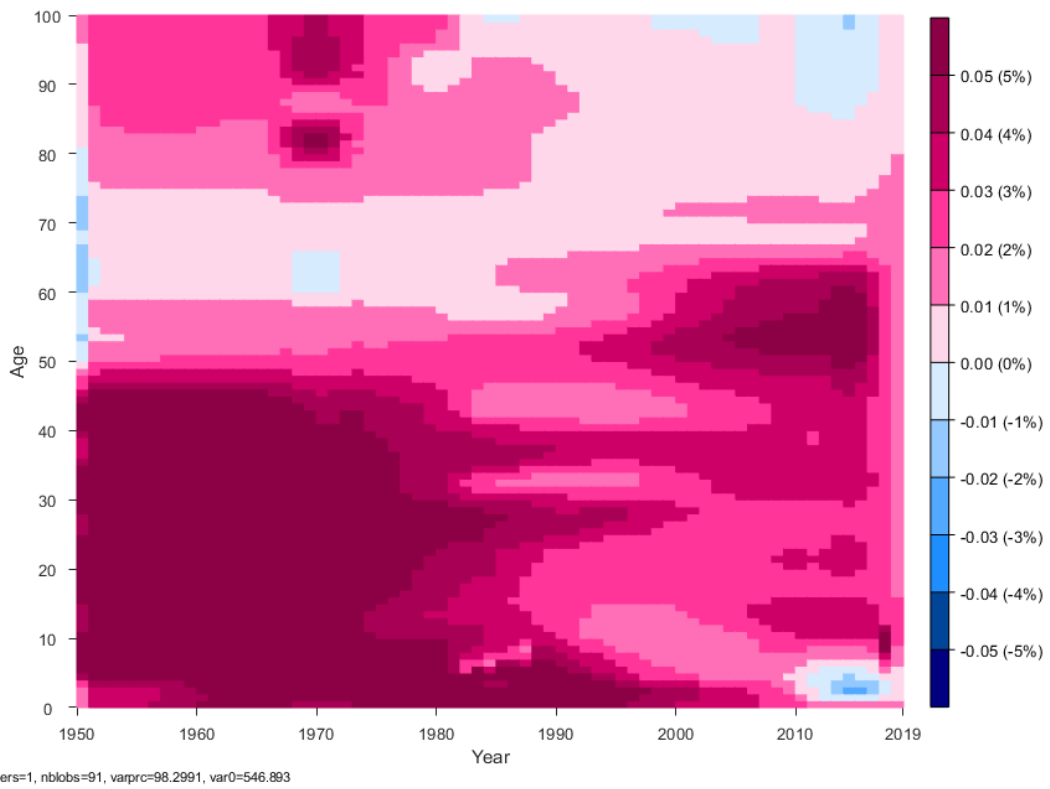


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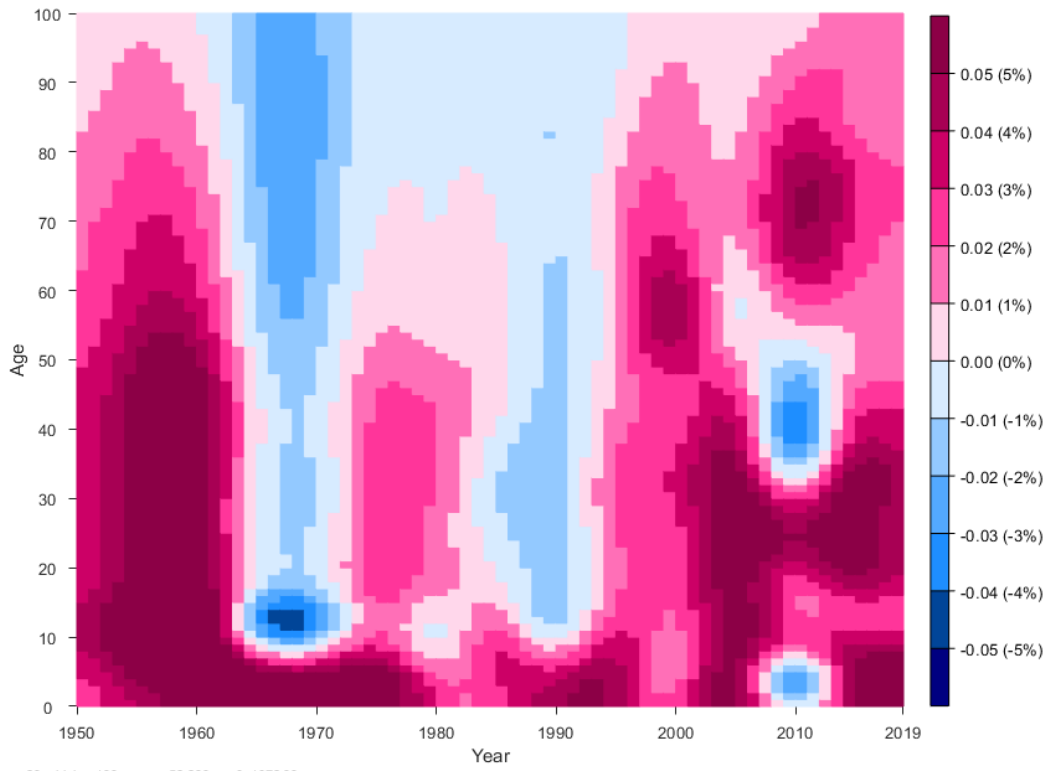


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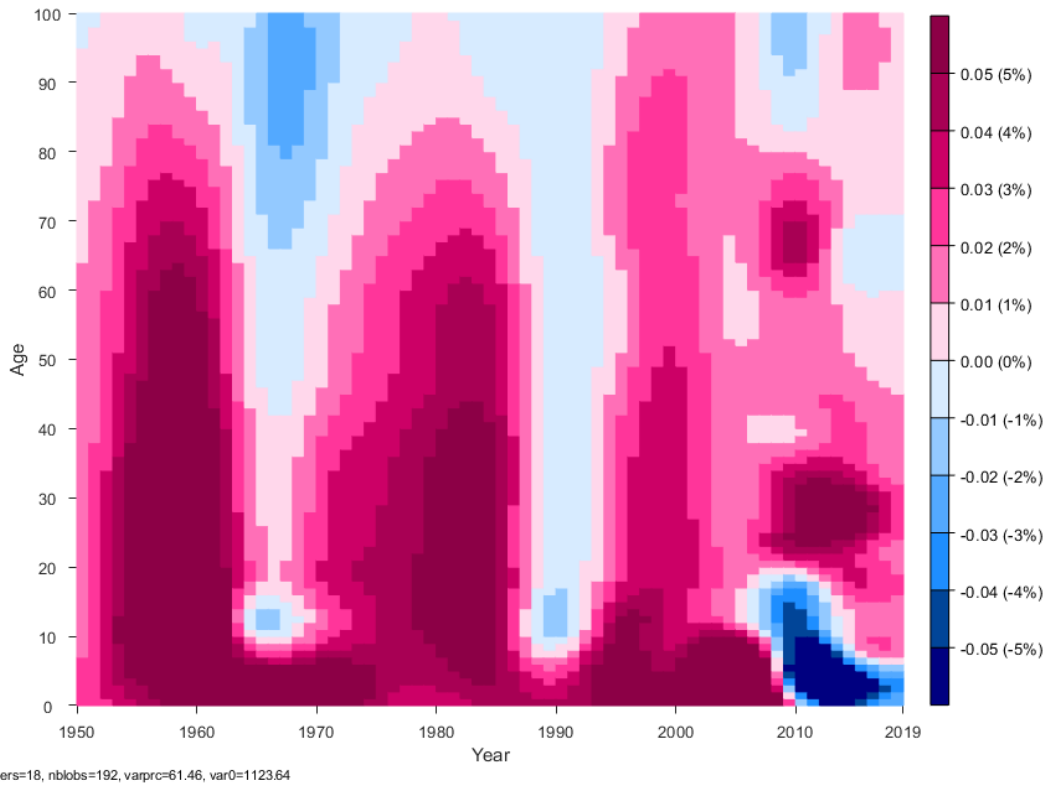


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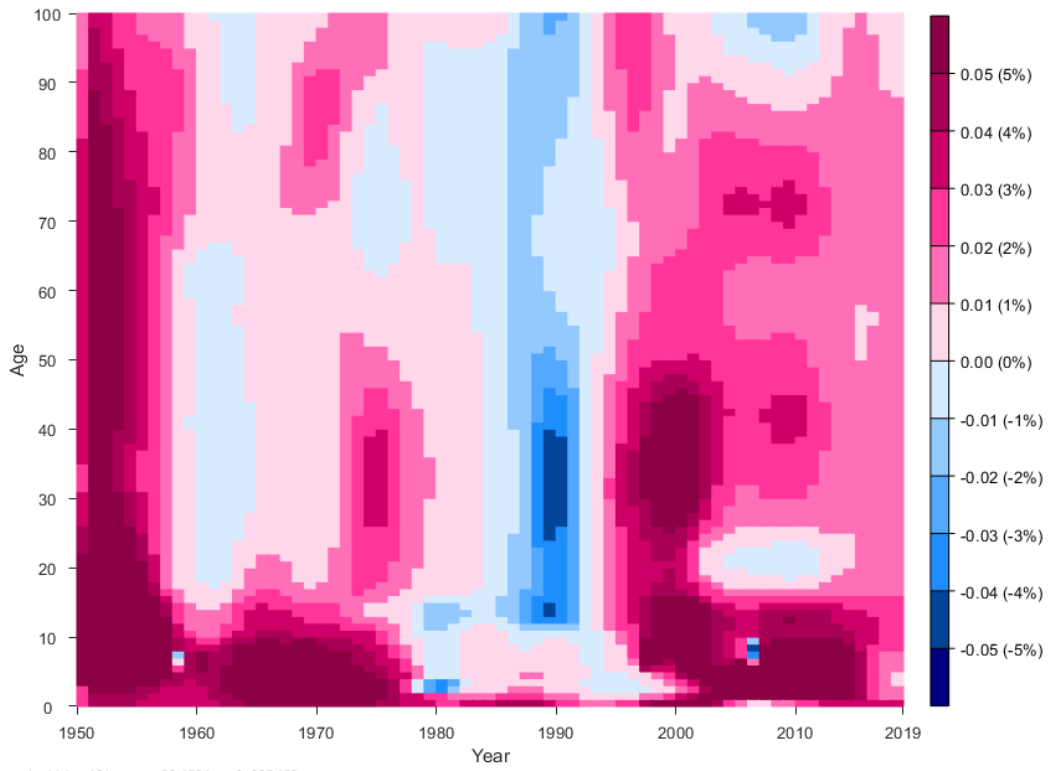


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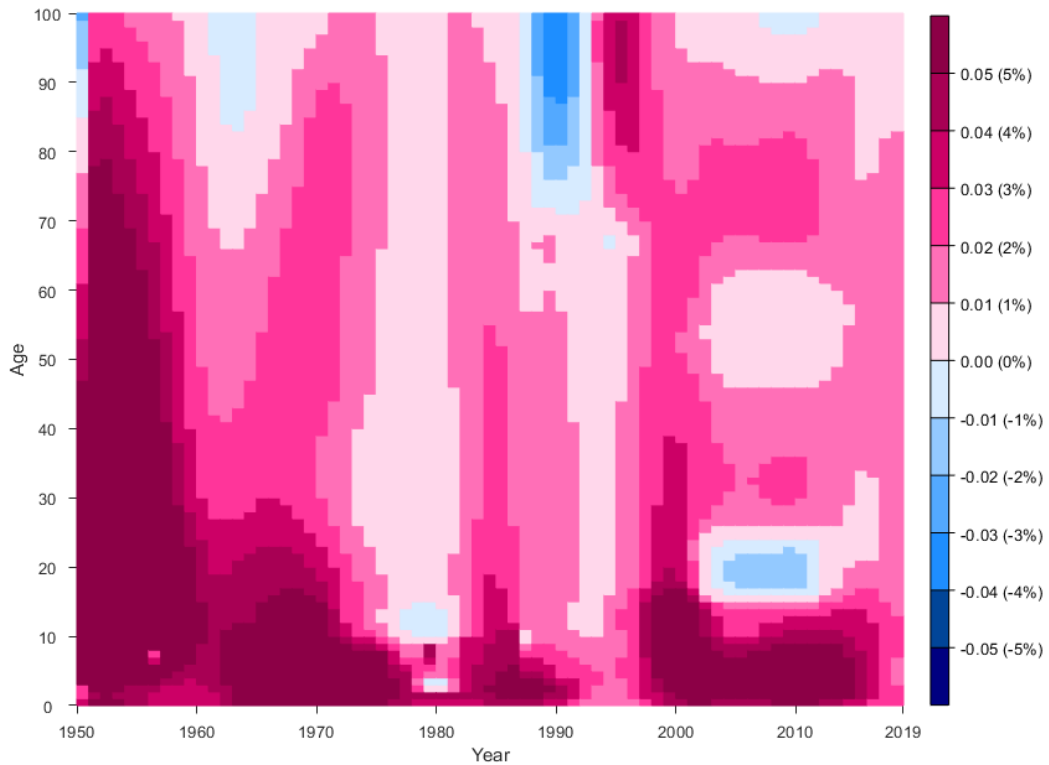
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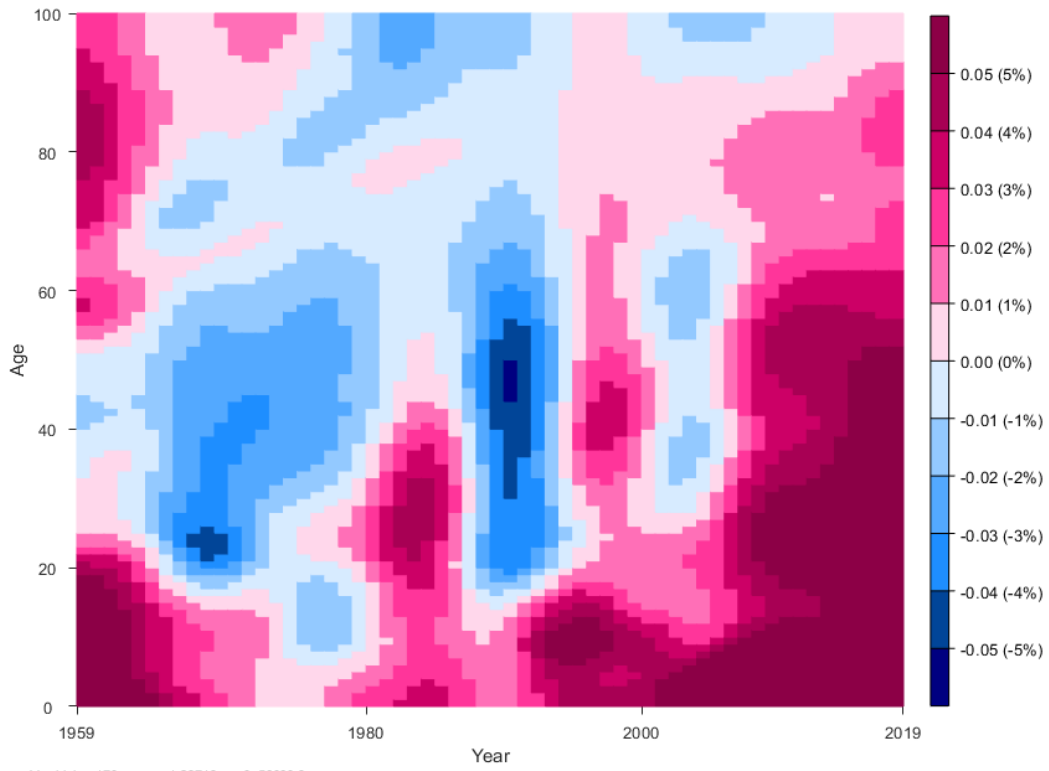
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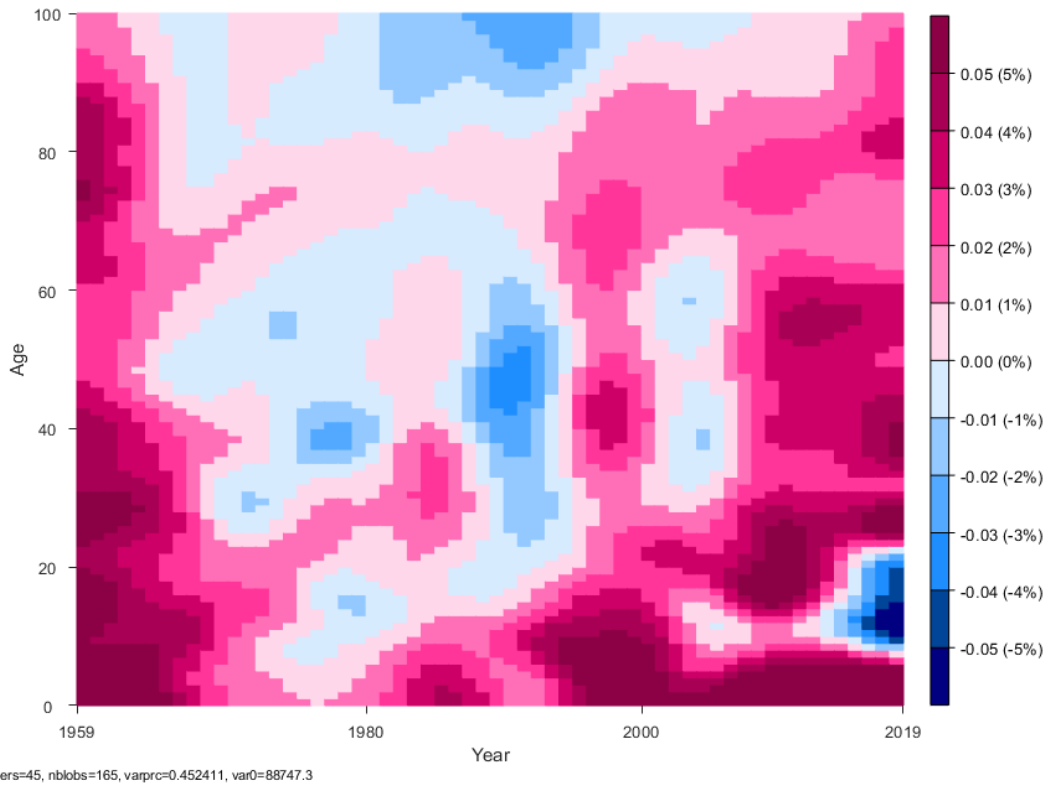
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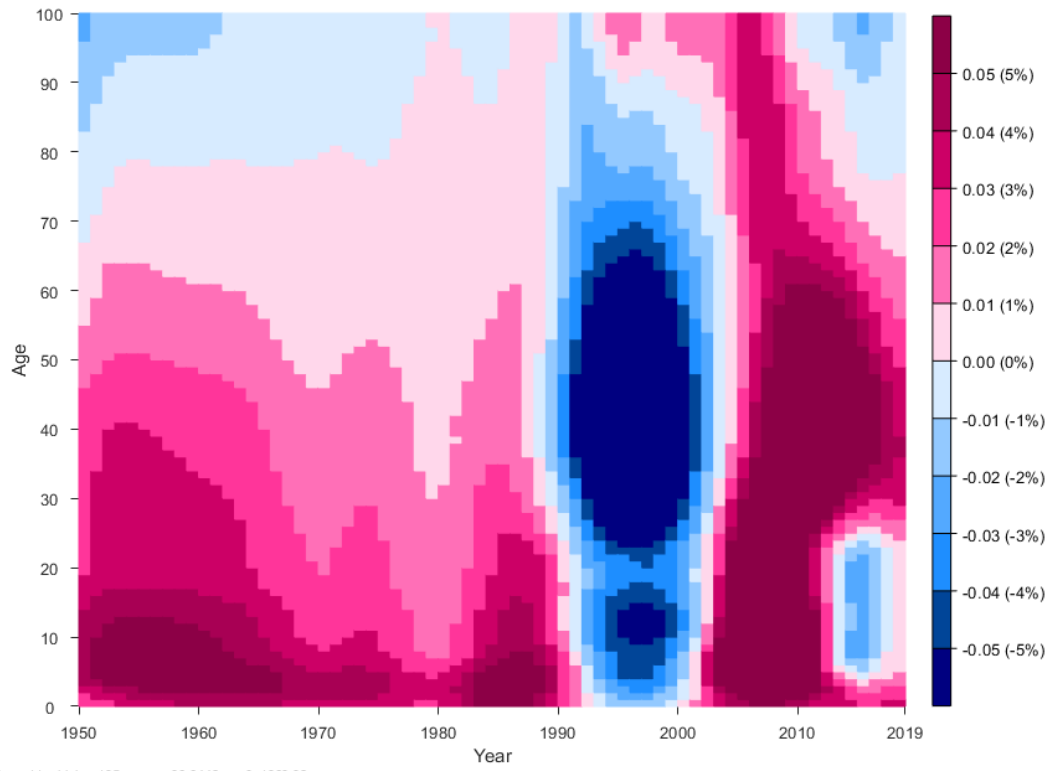


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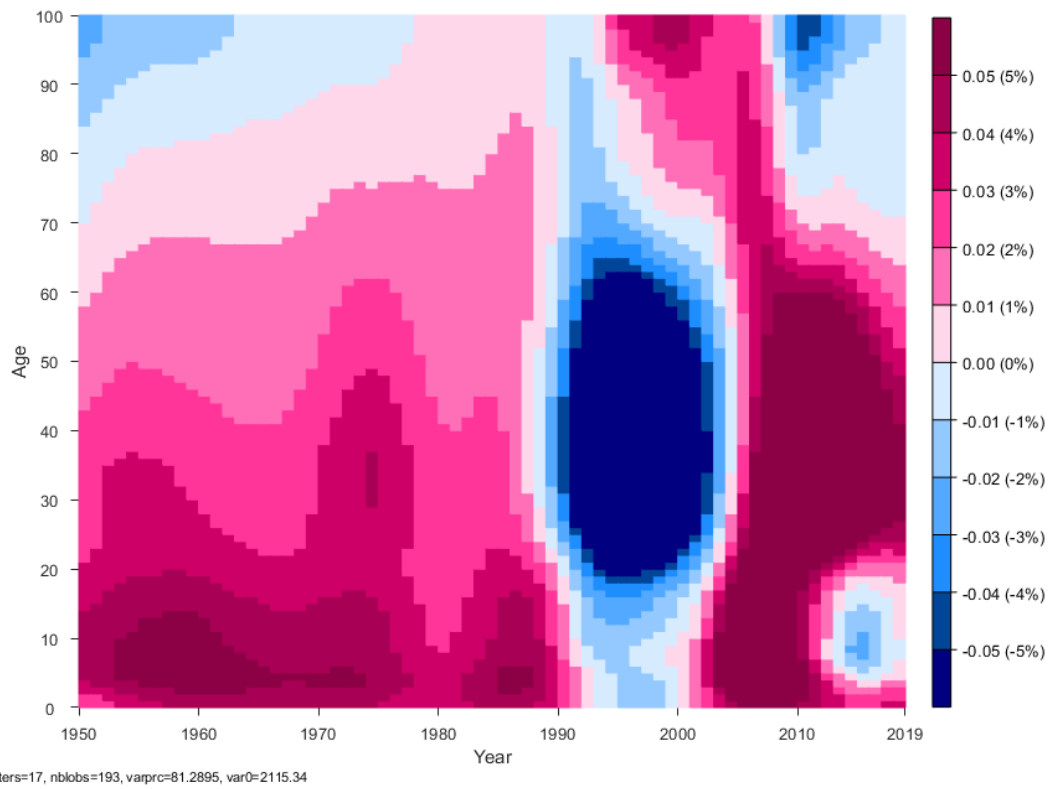


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## Males



## Females

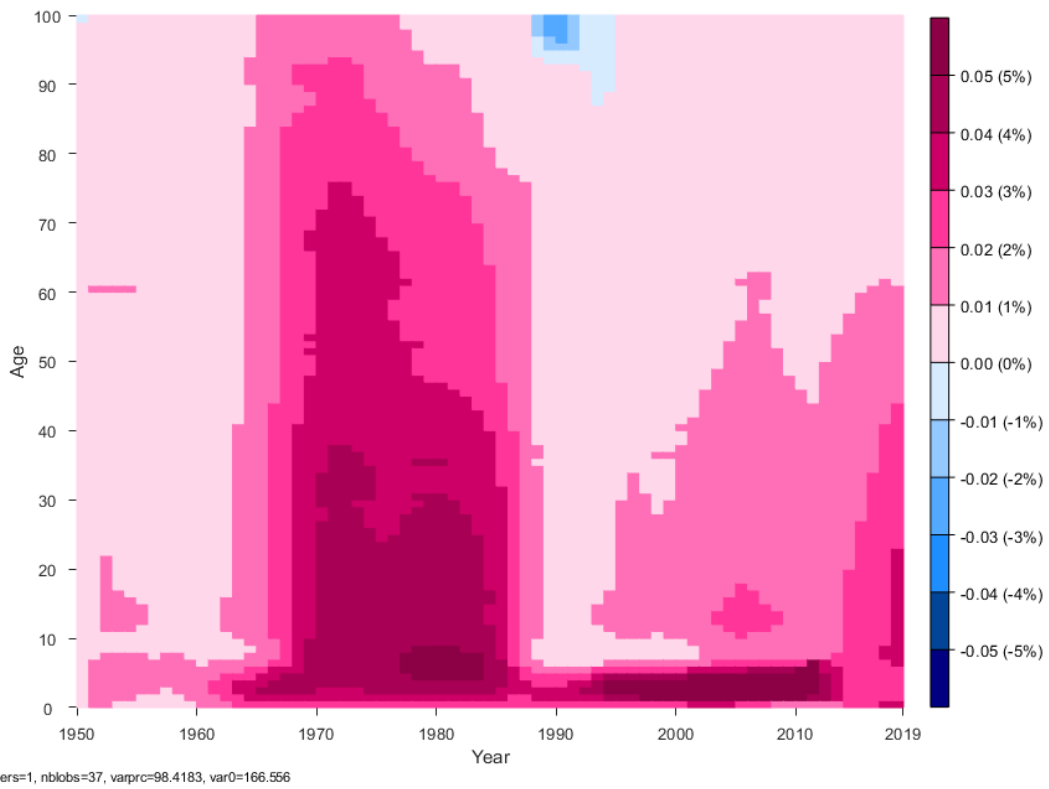


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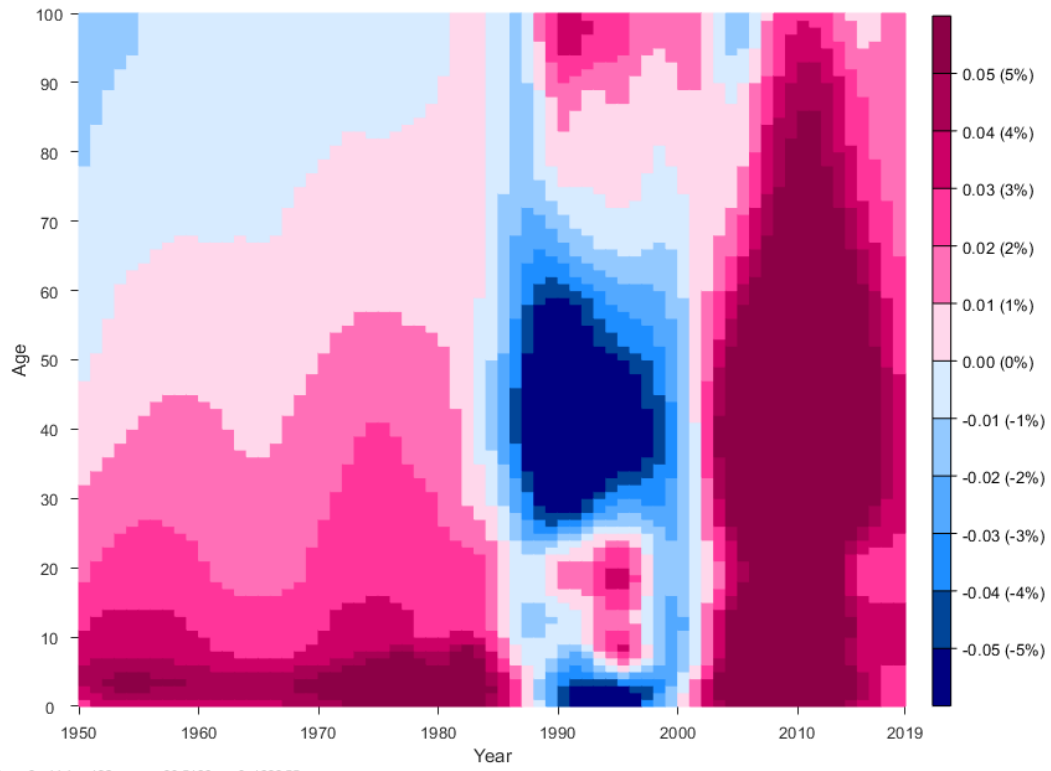


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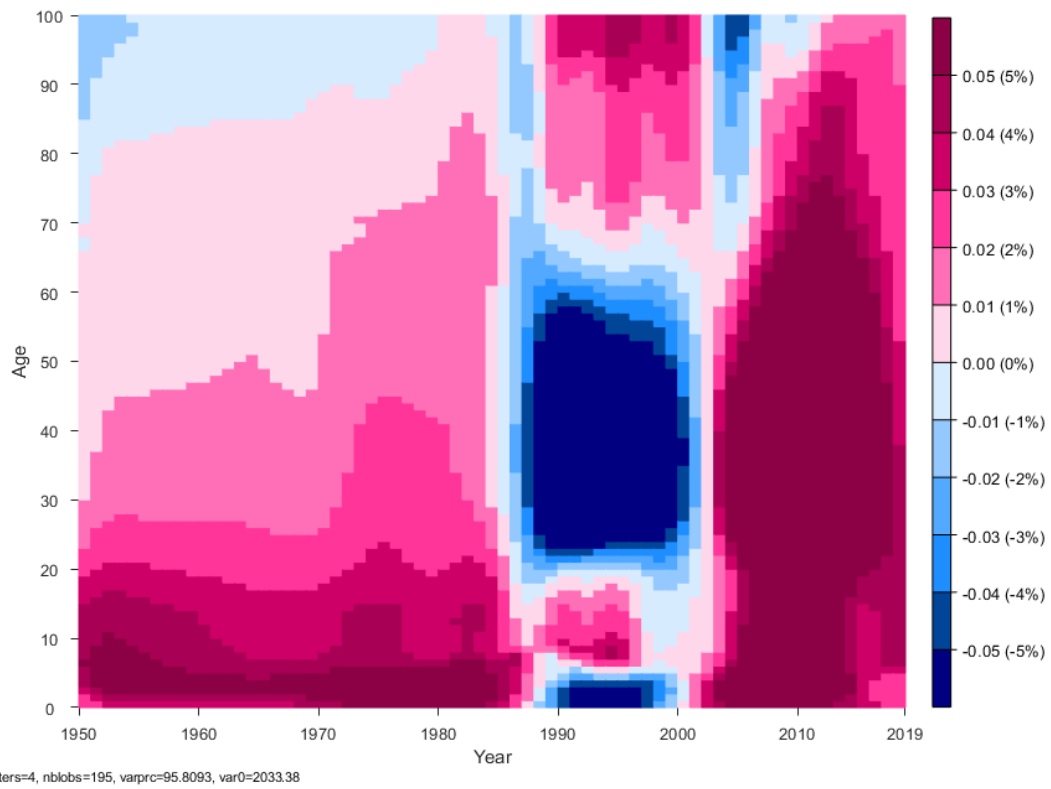


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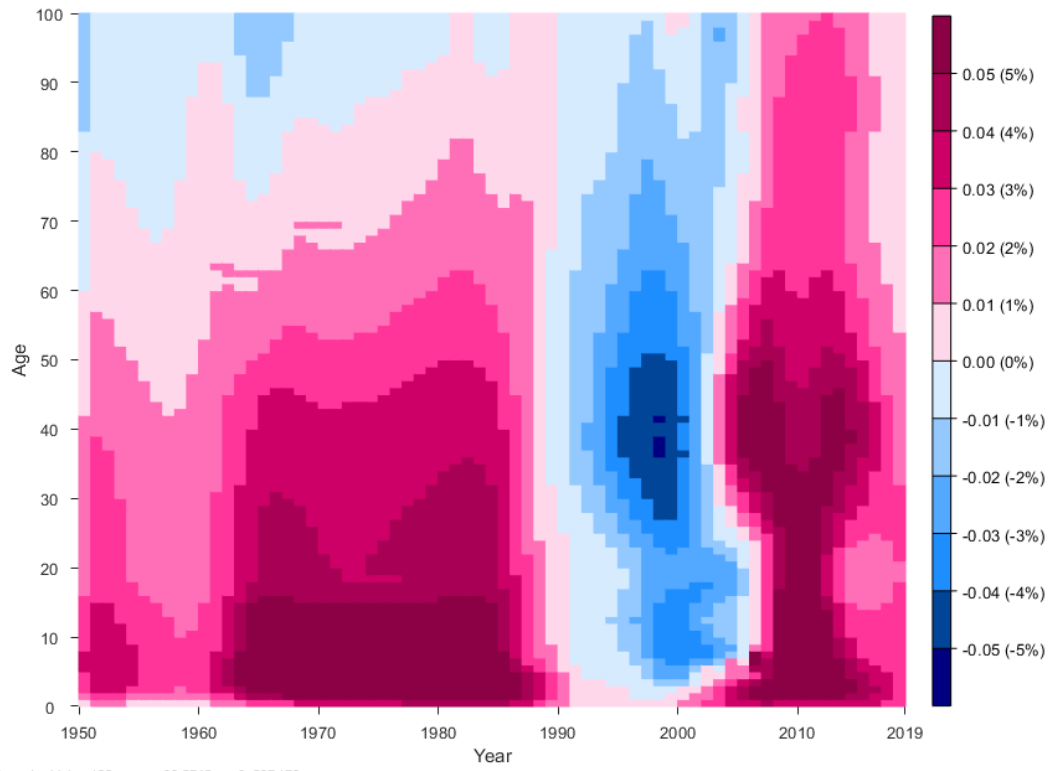
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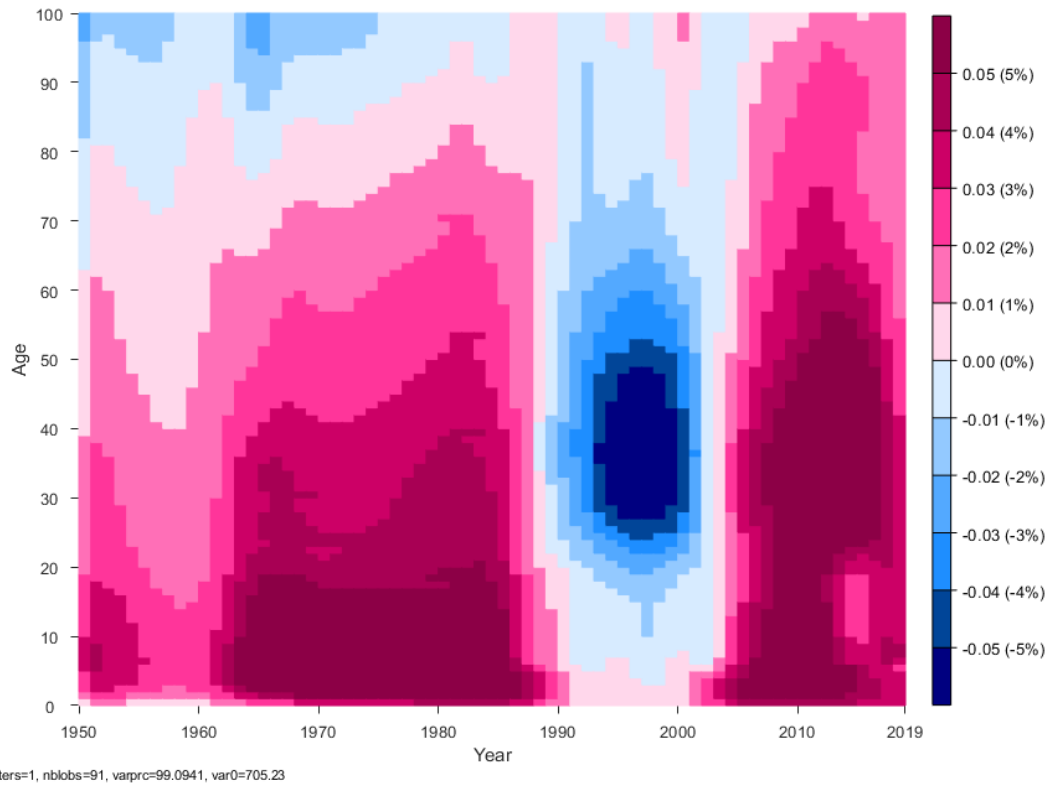


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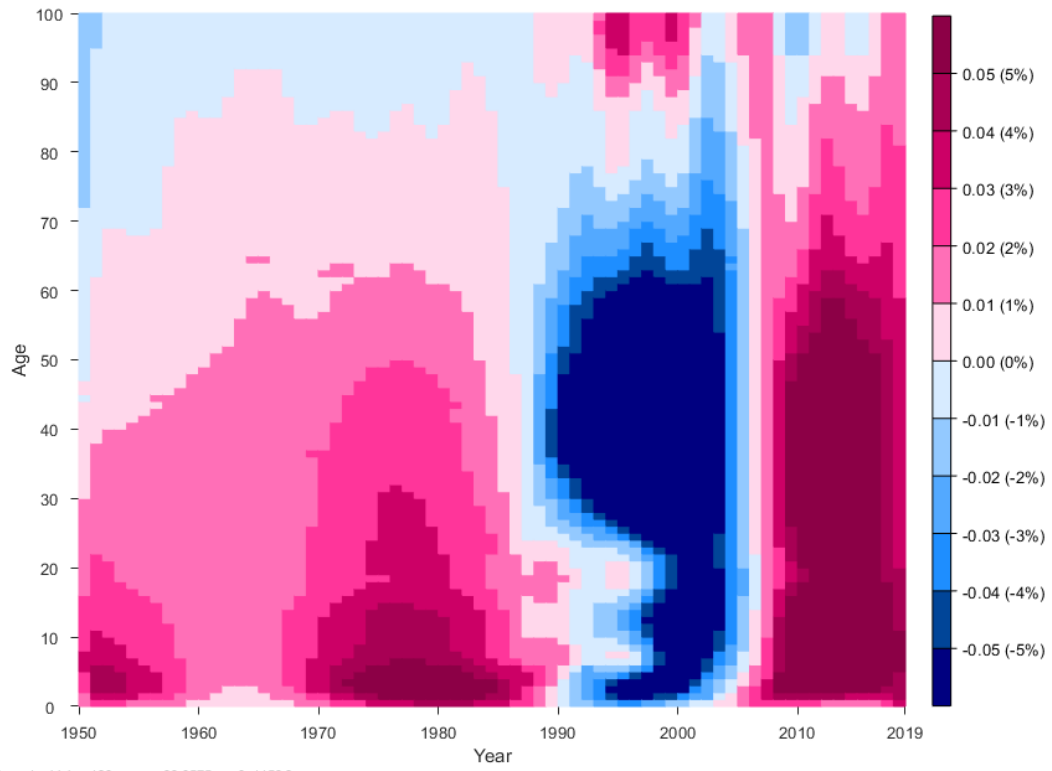


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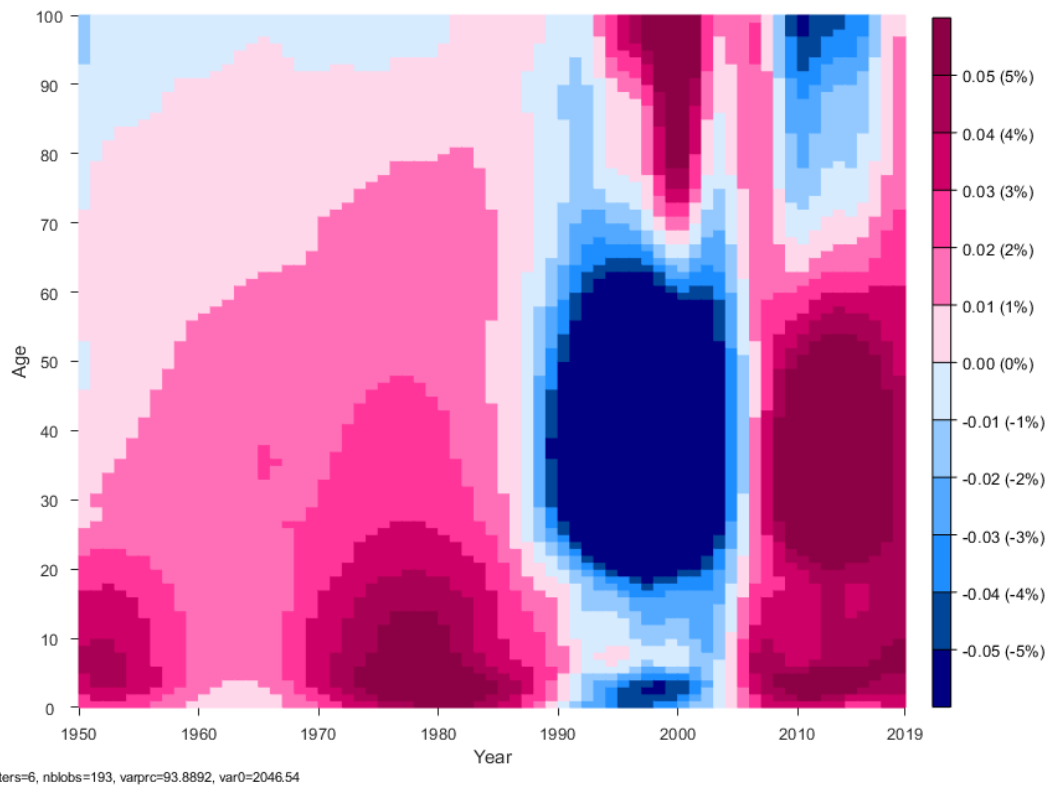


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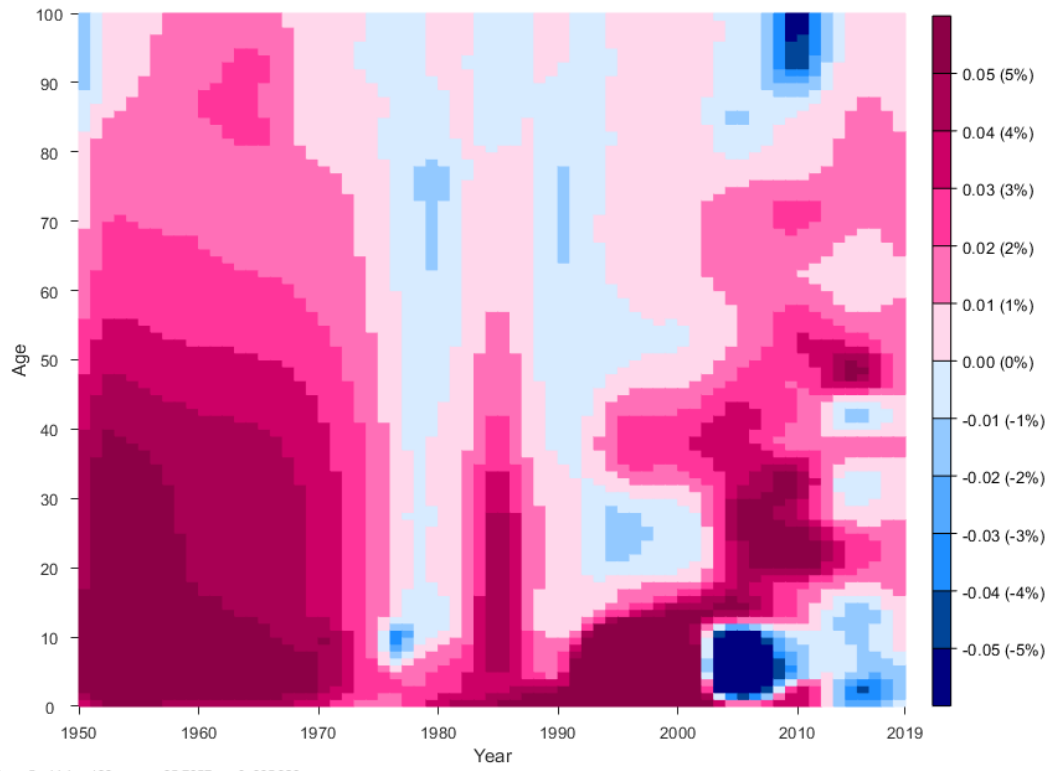


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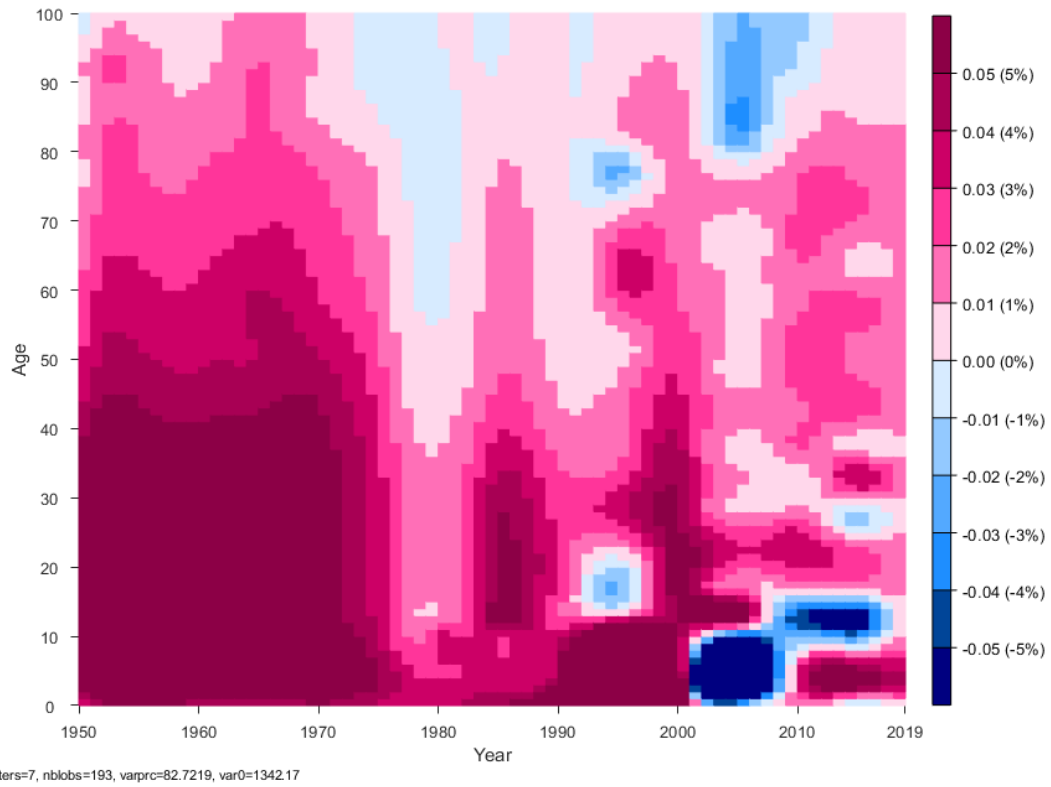


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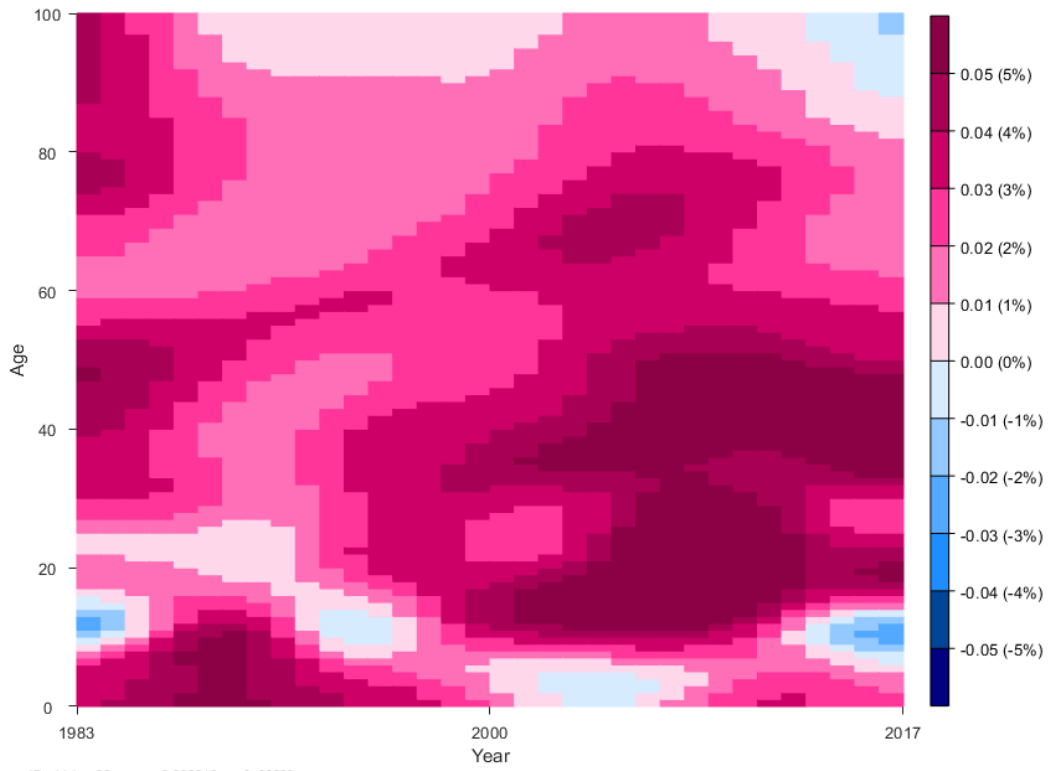


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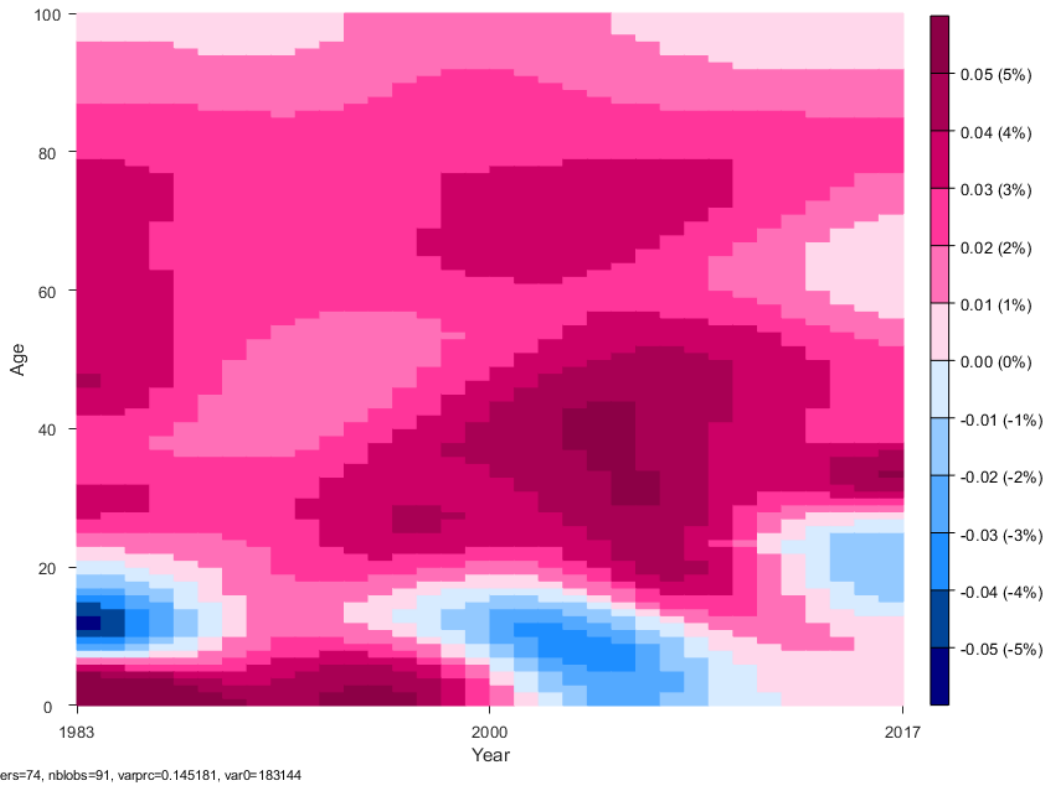


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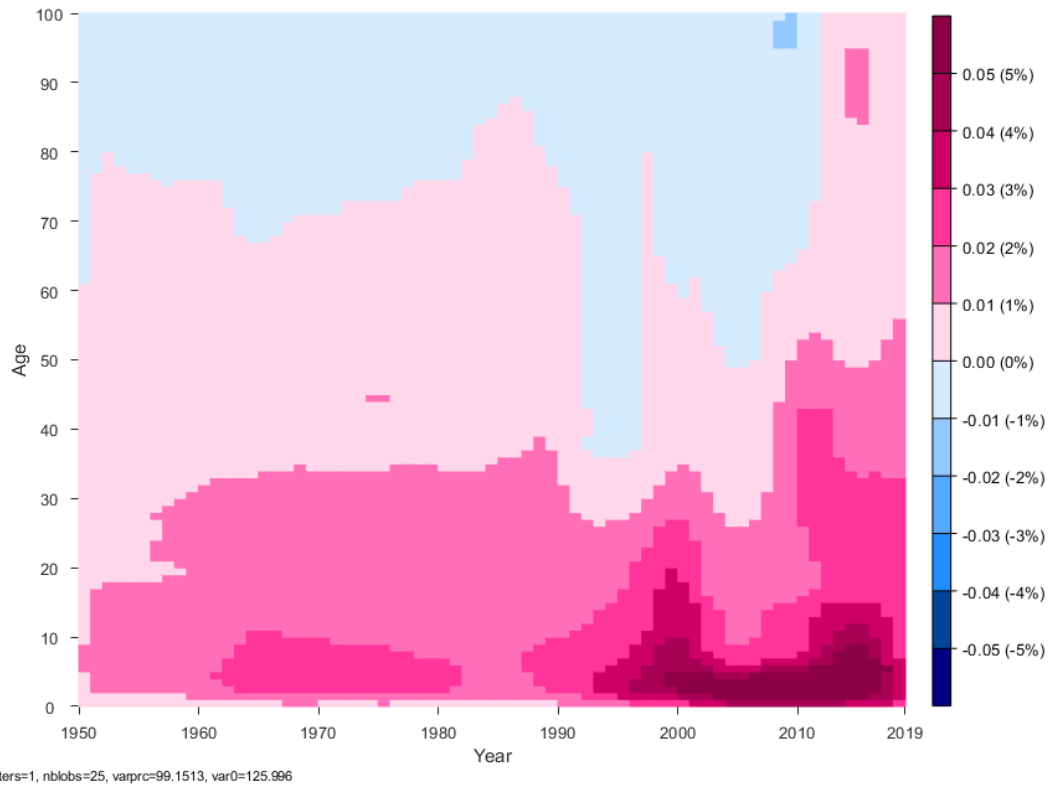


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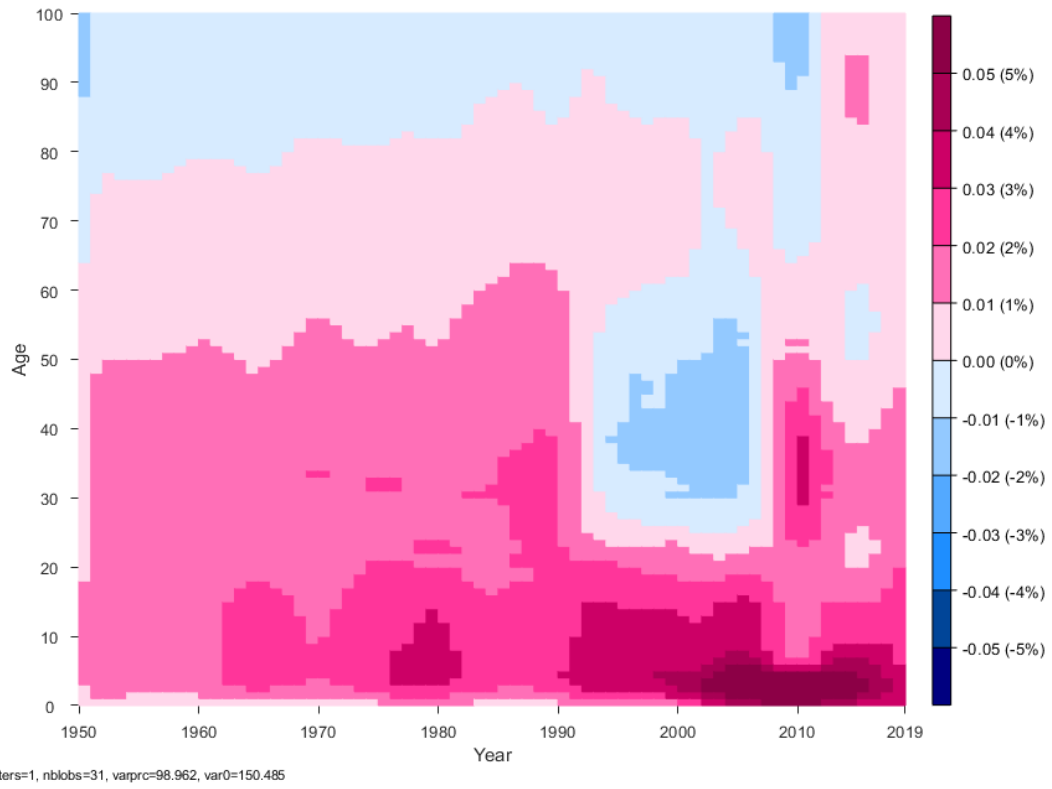


# Guinea-Bissau

## Males

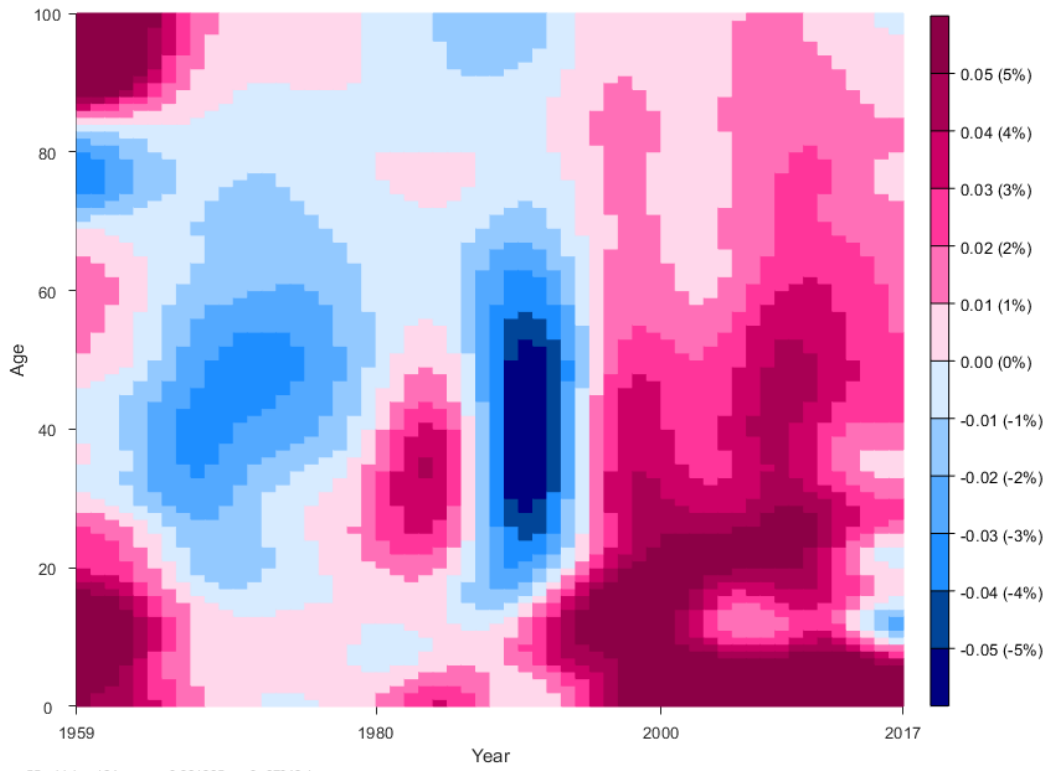


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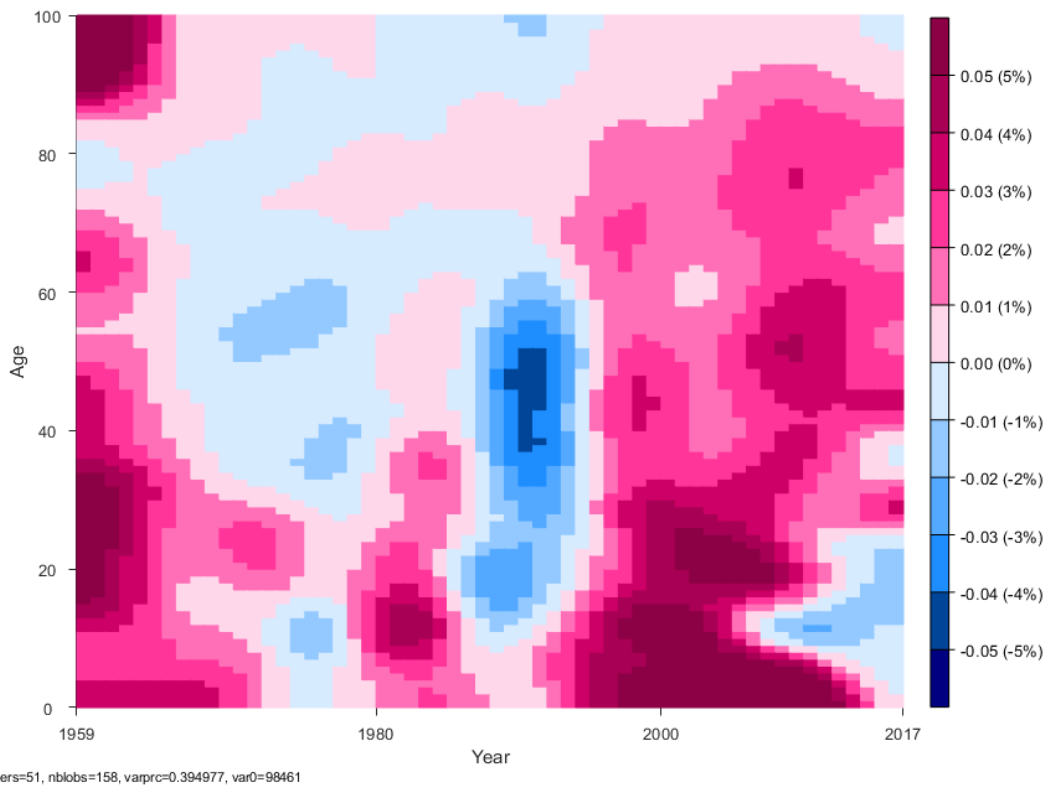


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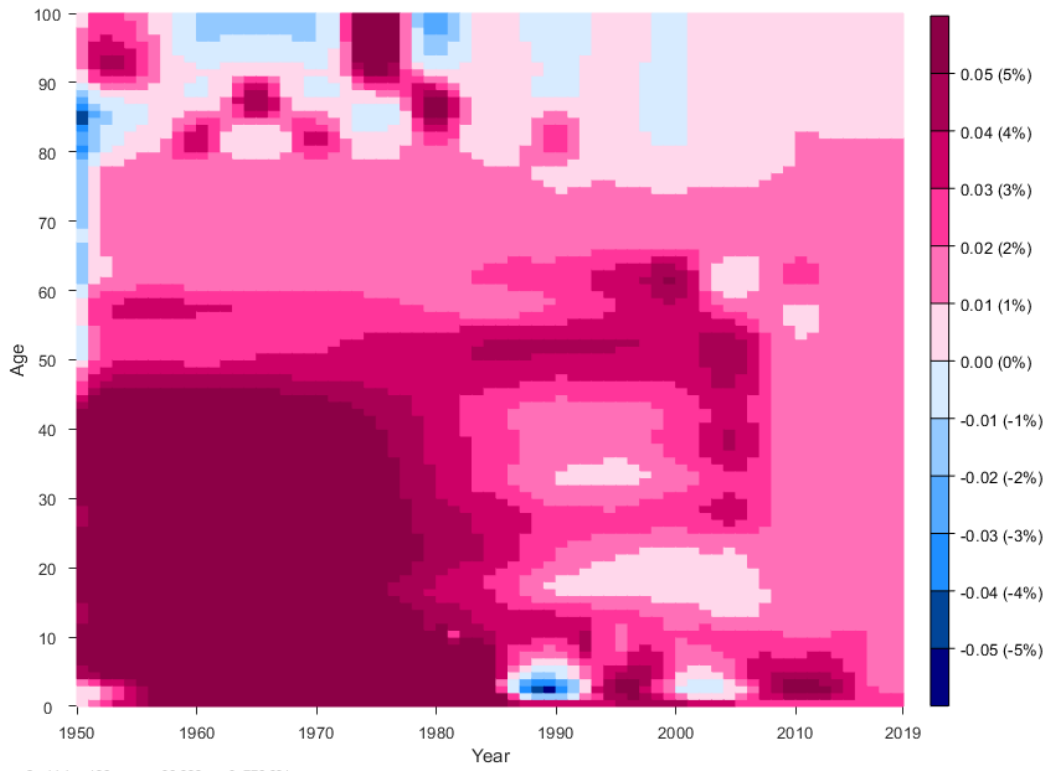


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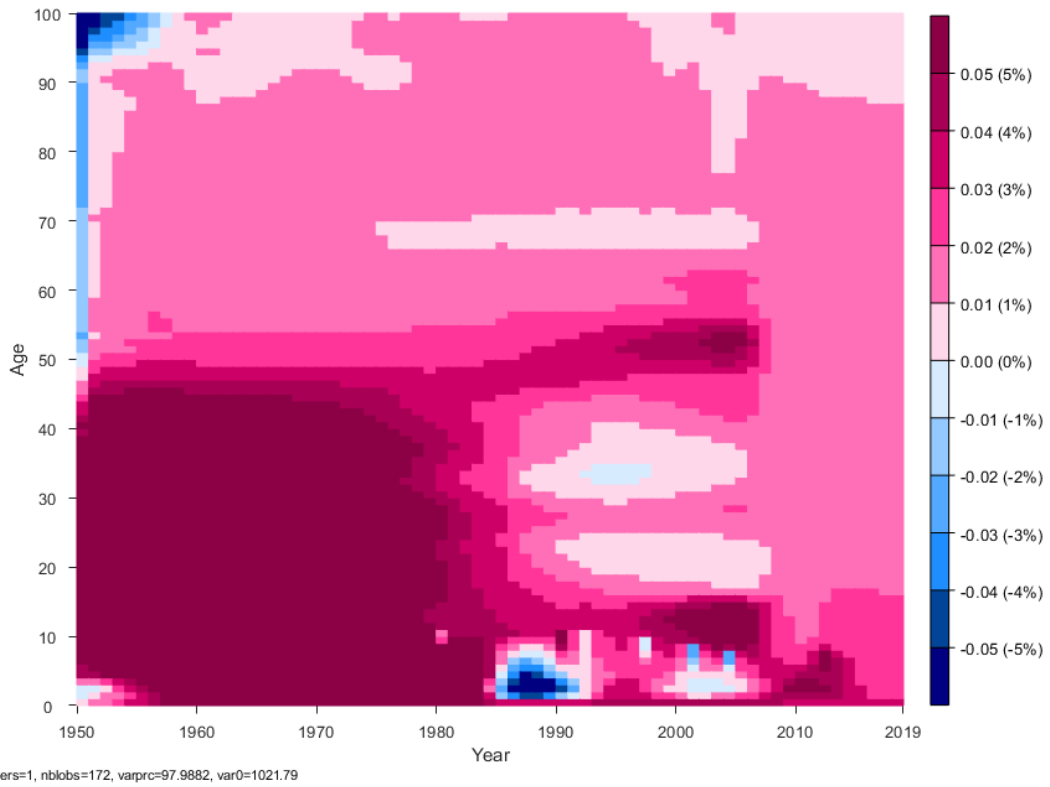


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## Males

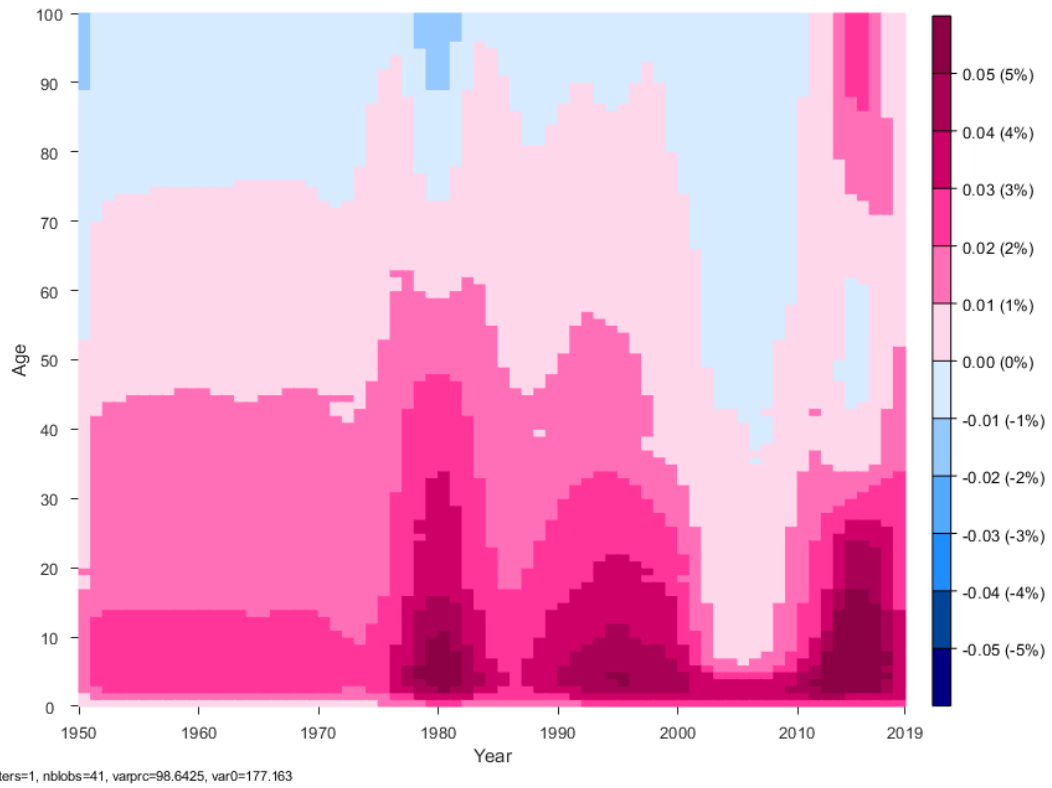


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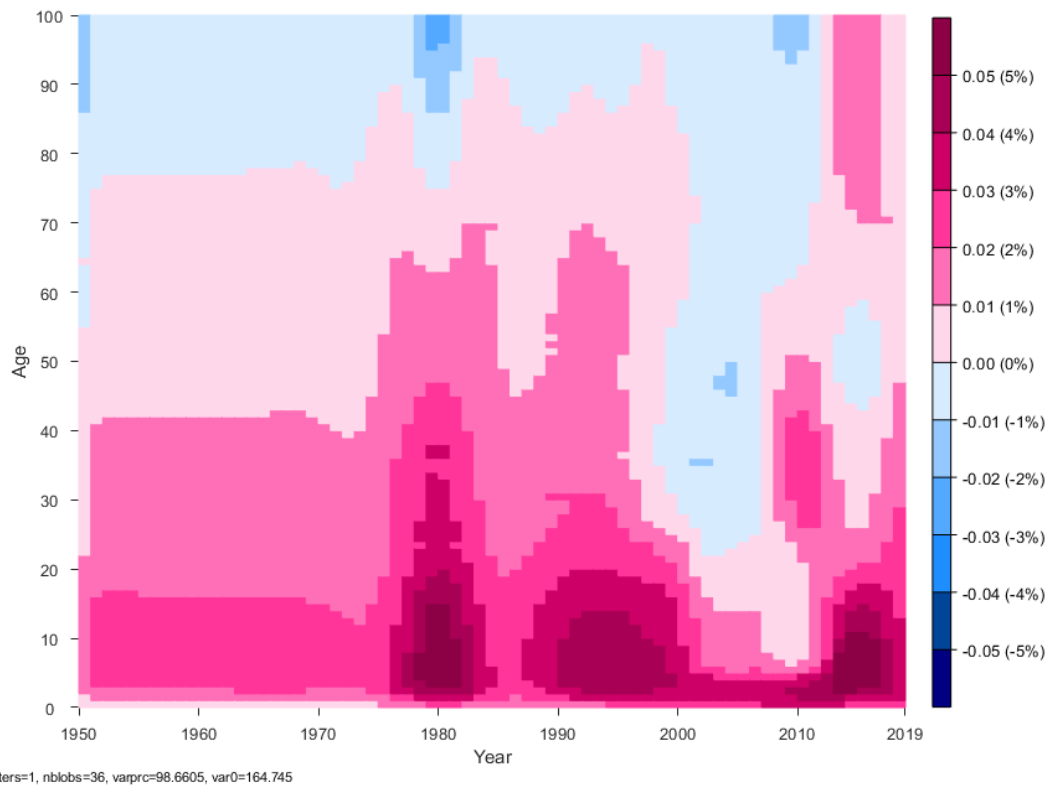


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## Males



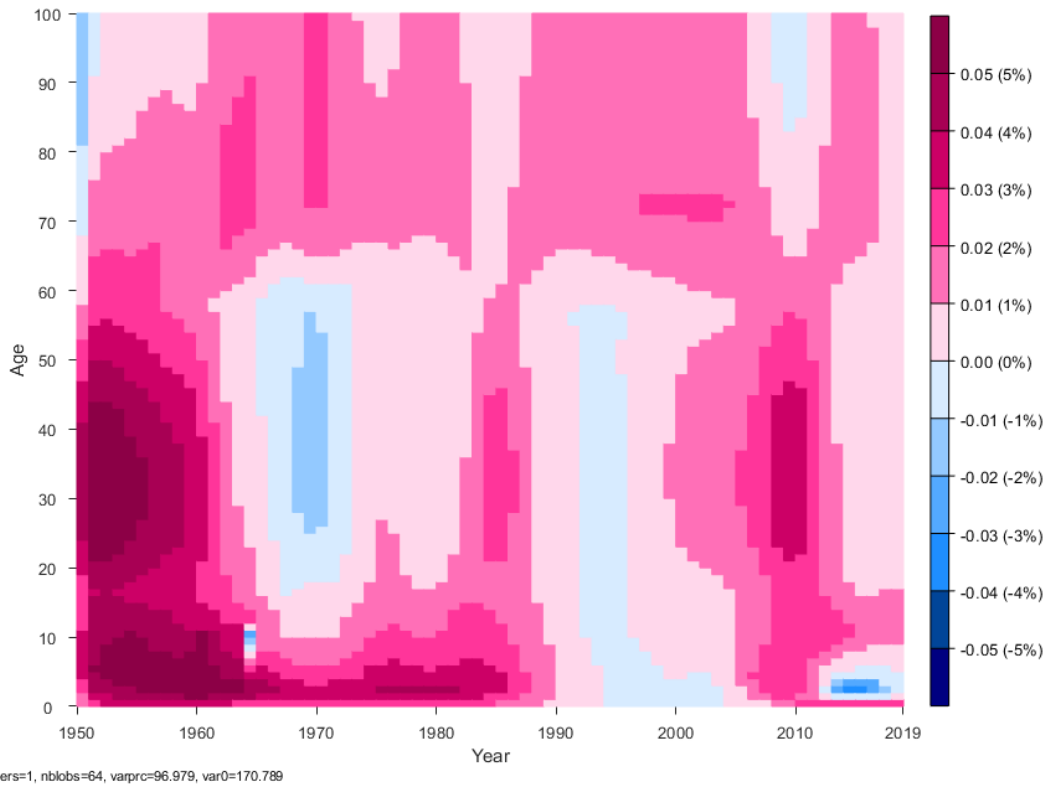
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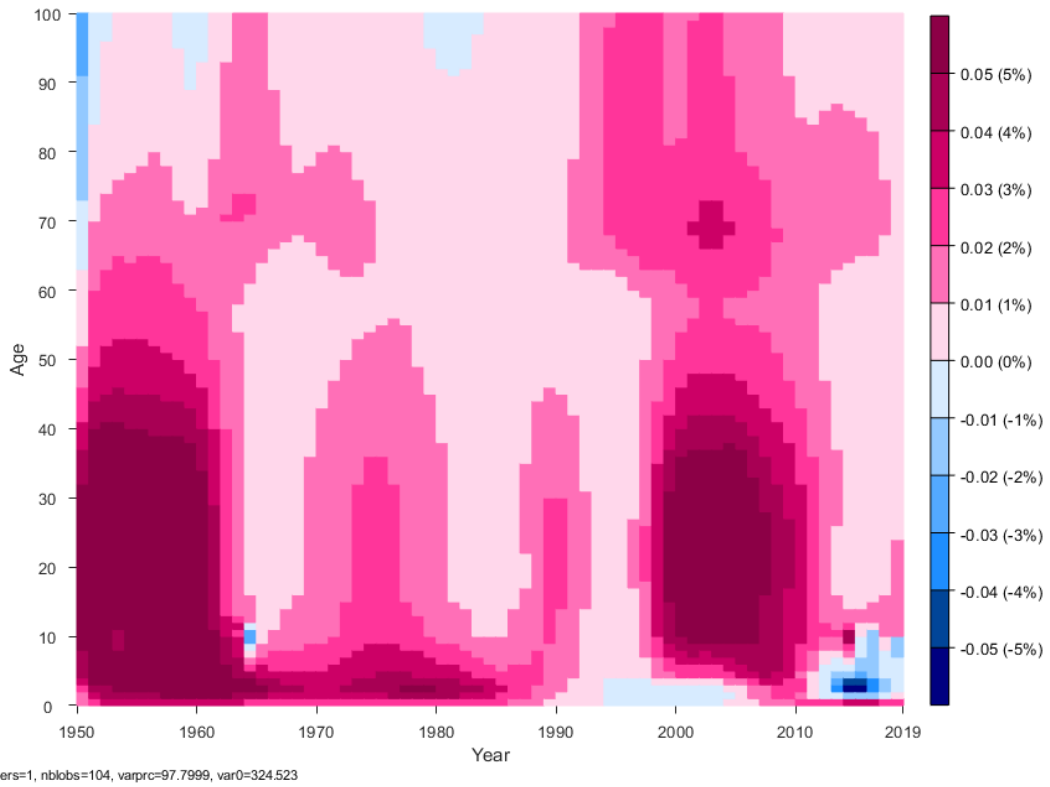


# Trinidad and Tobago

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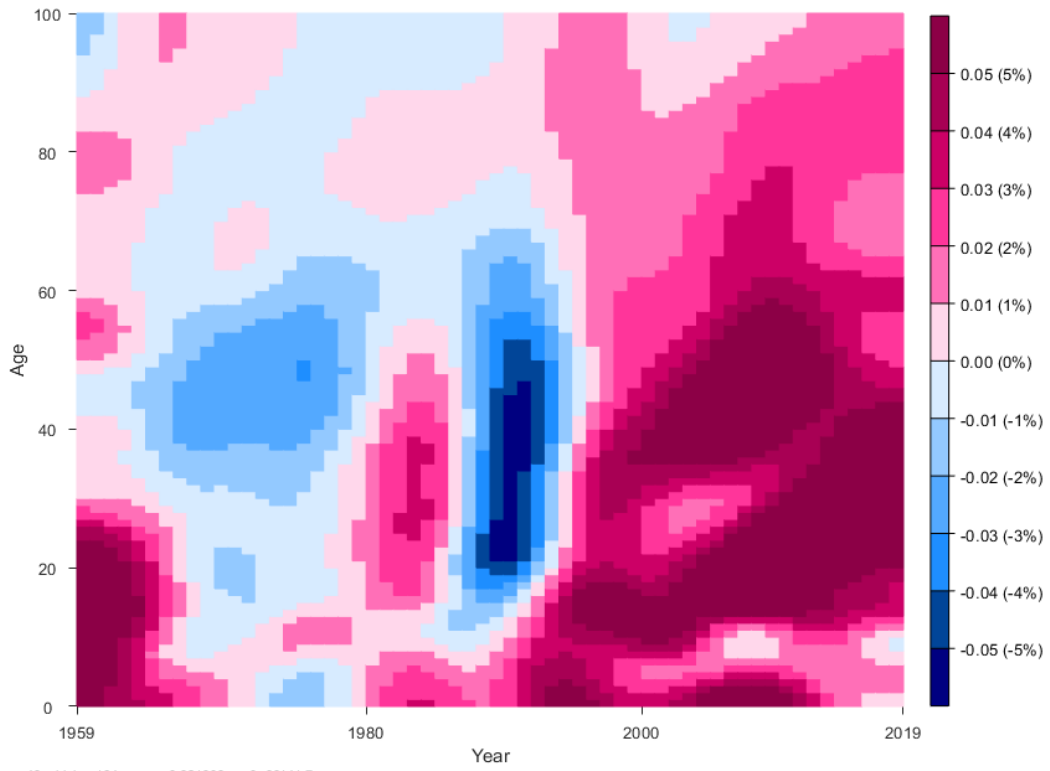


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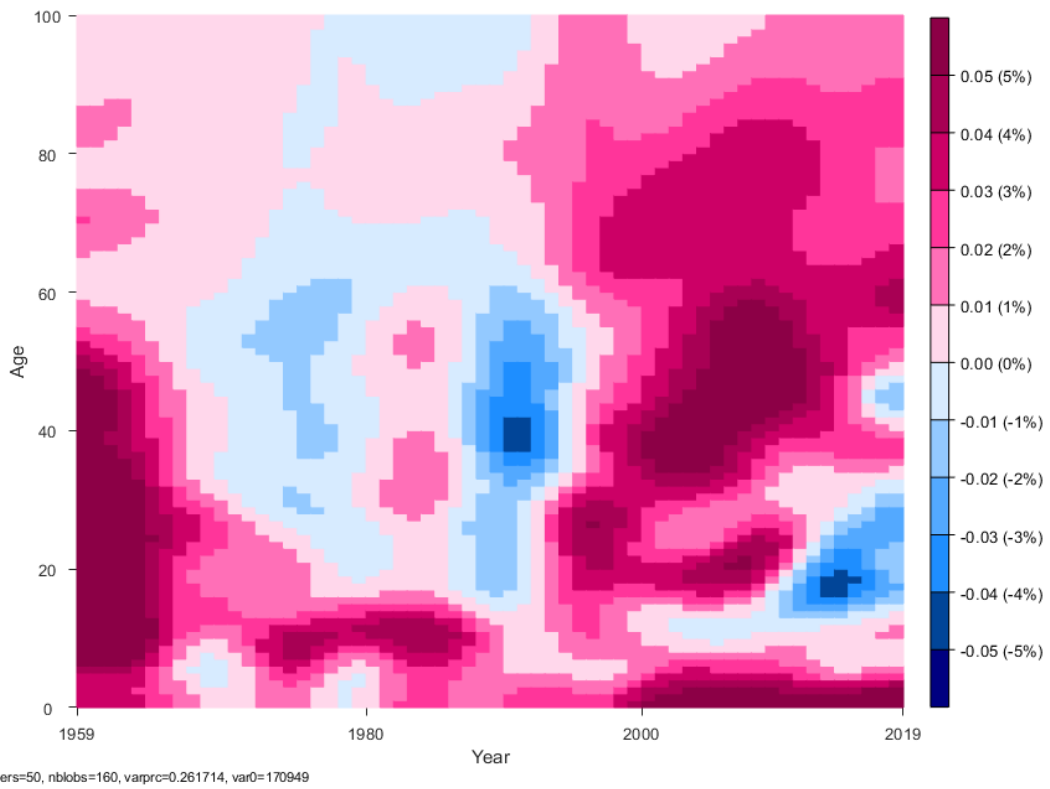


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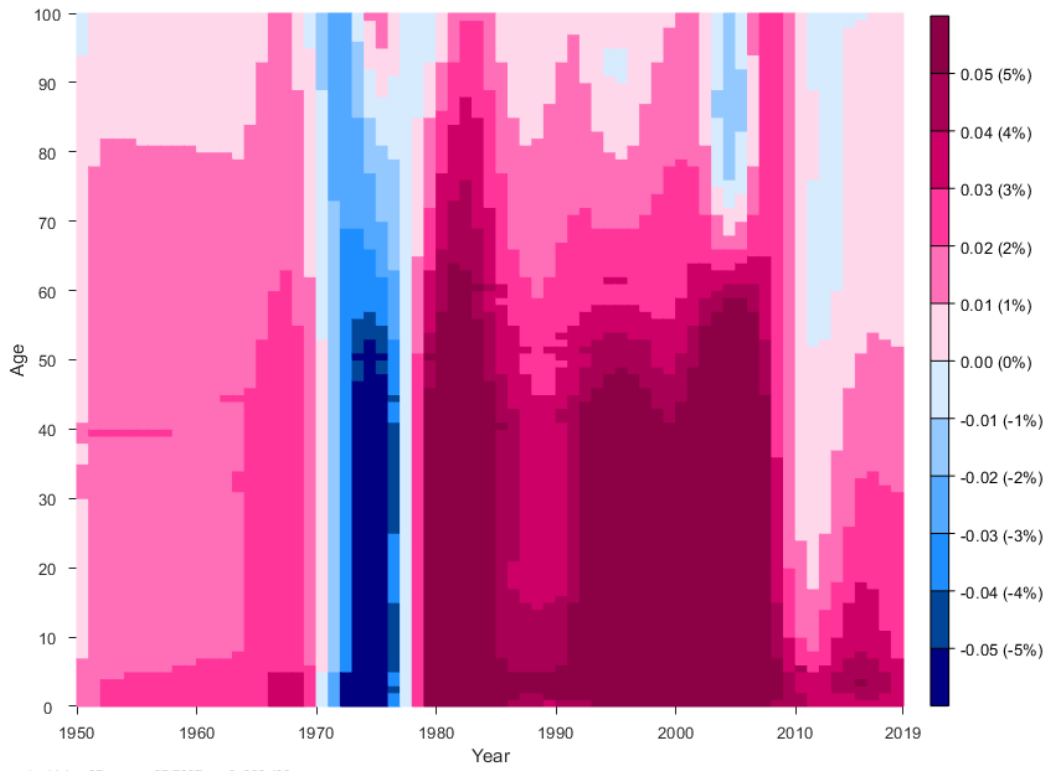


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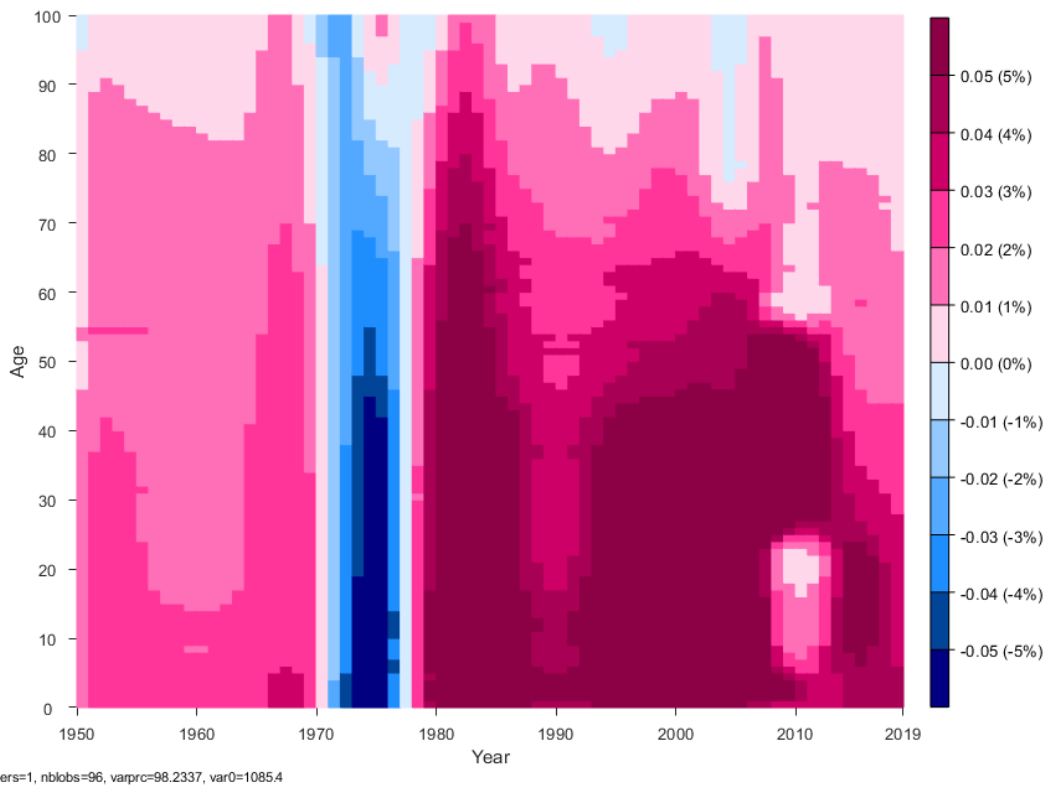


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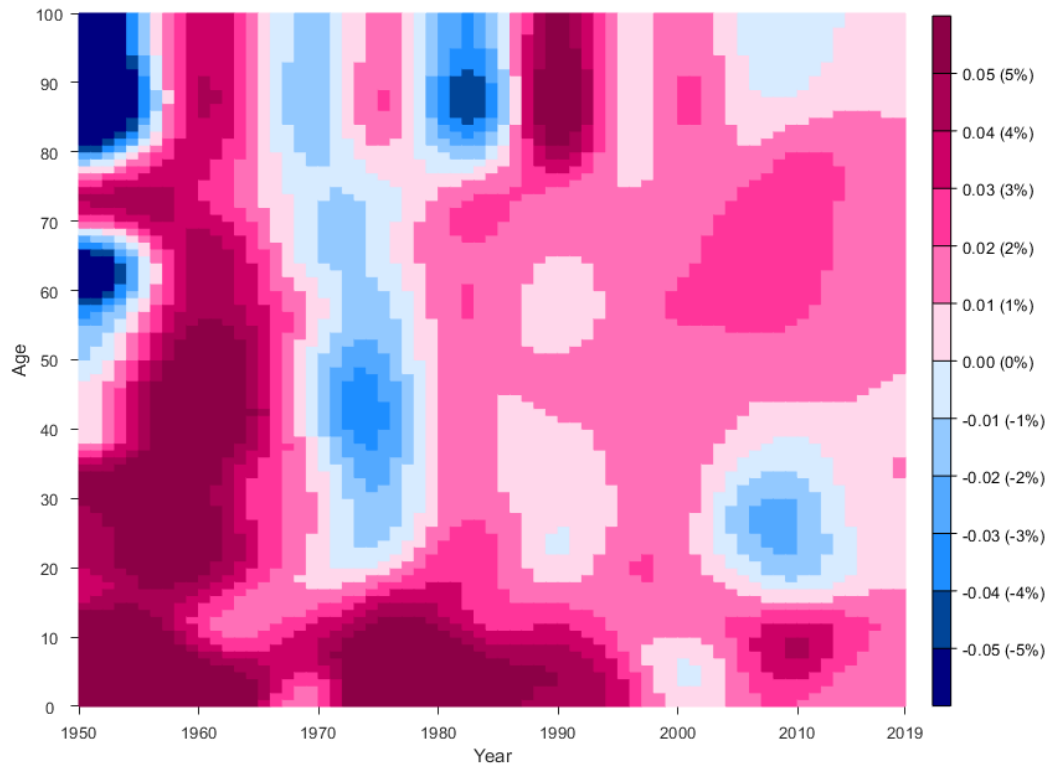


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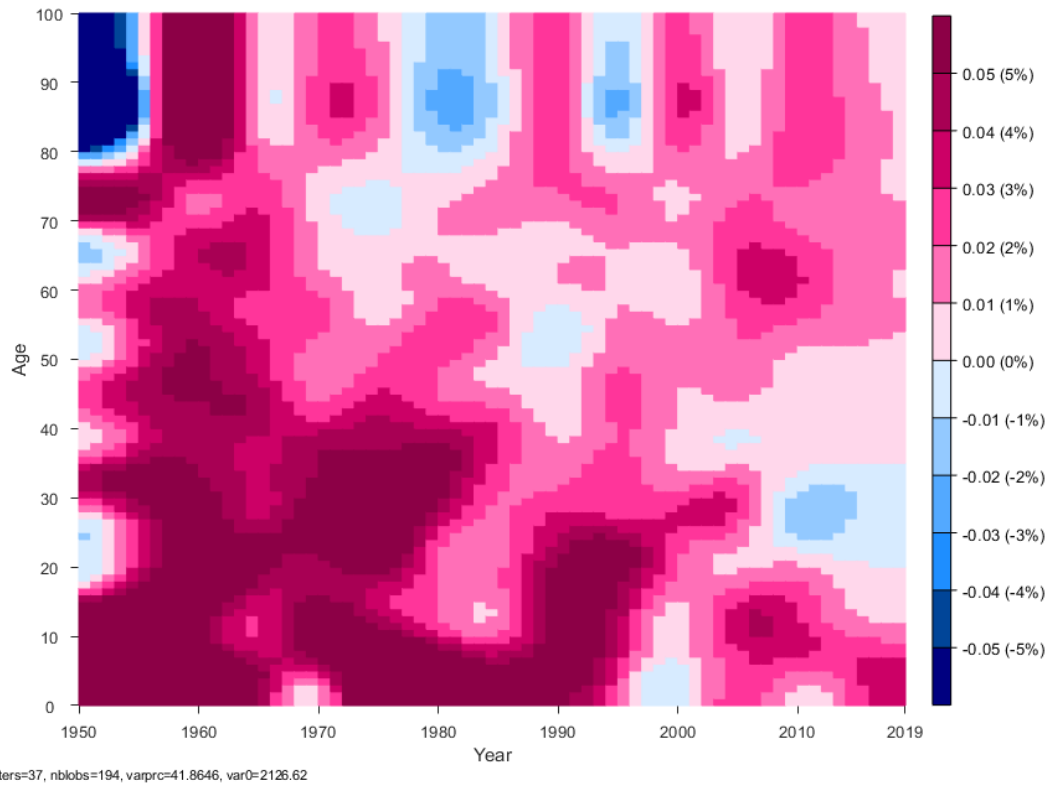


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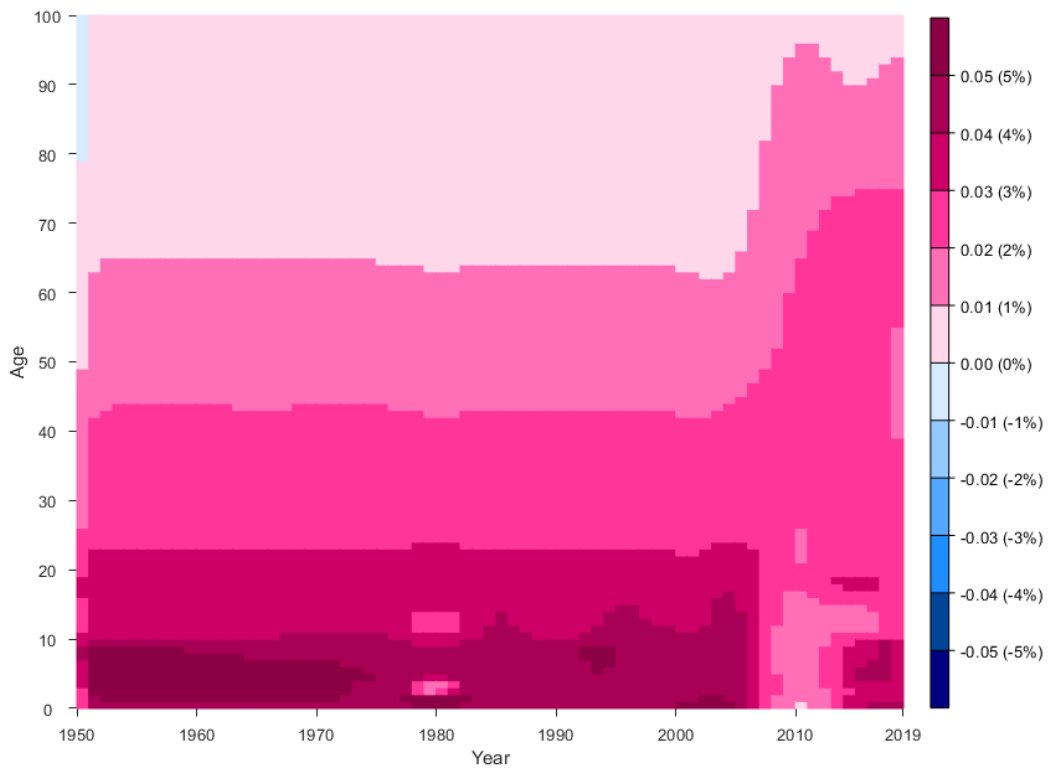


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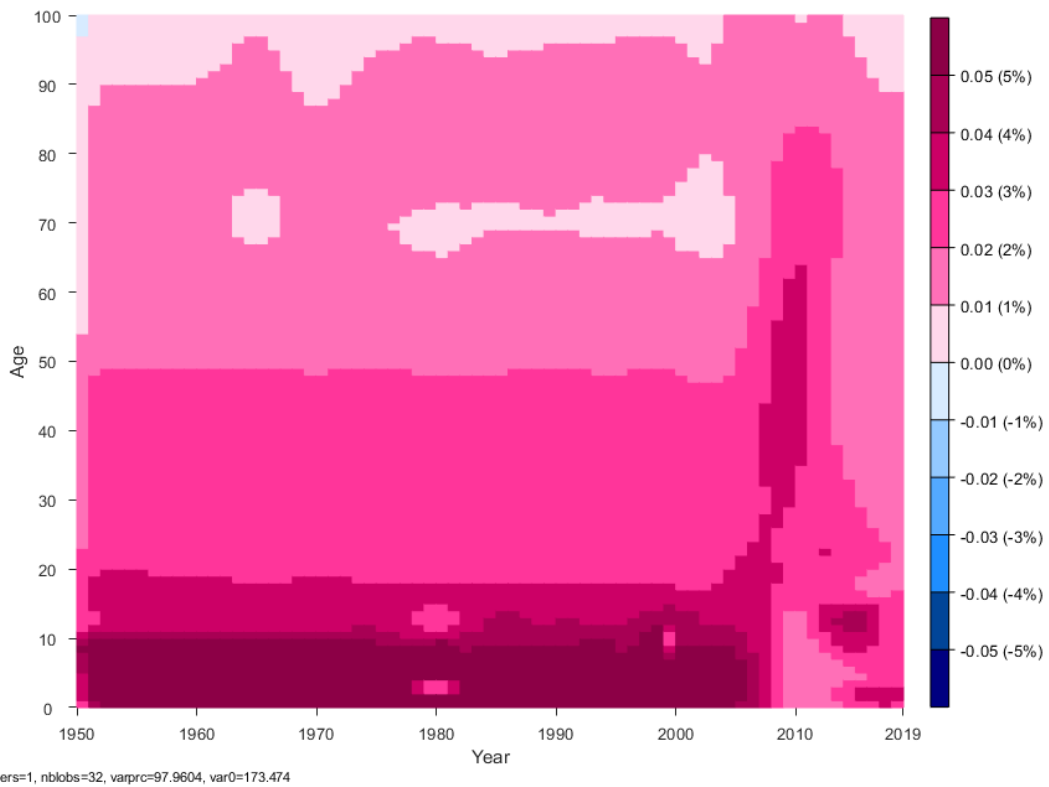


# Cyprus

## Males

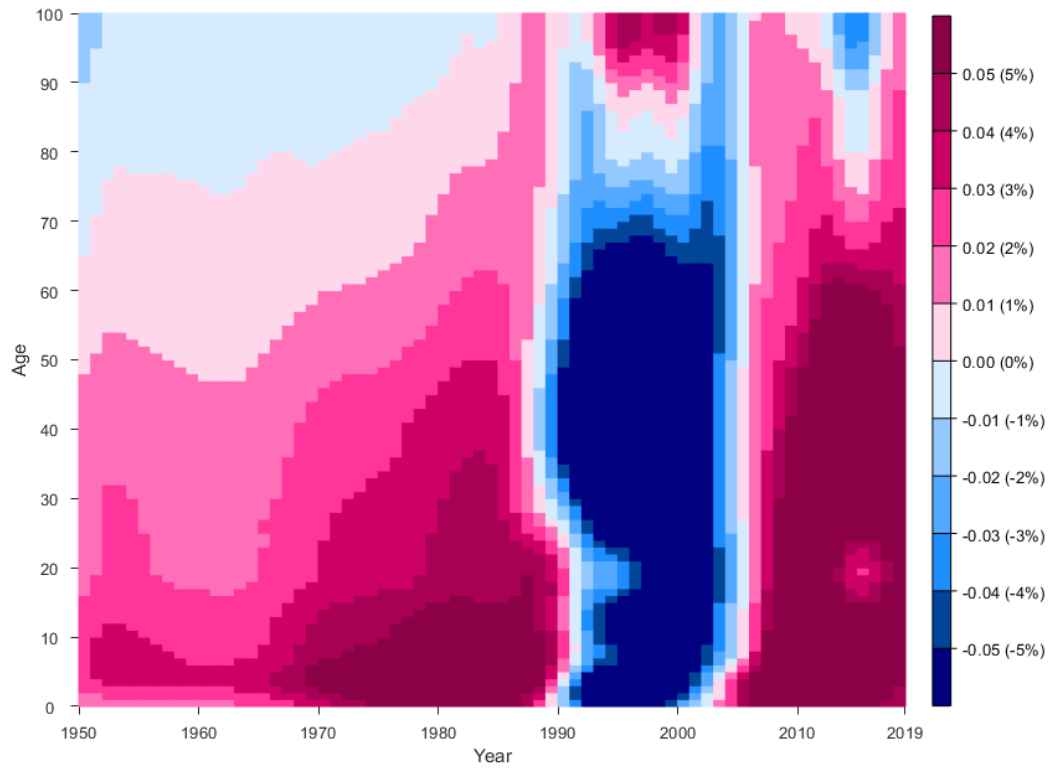


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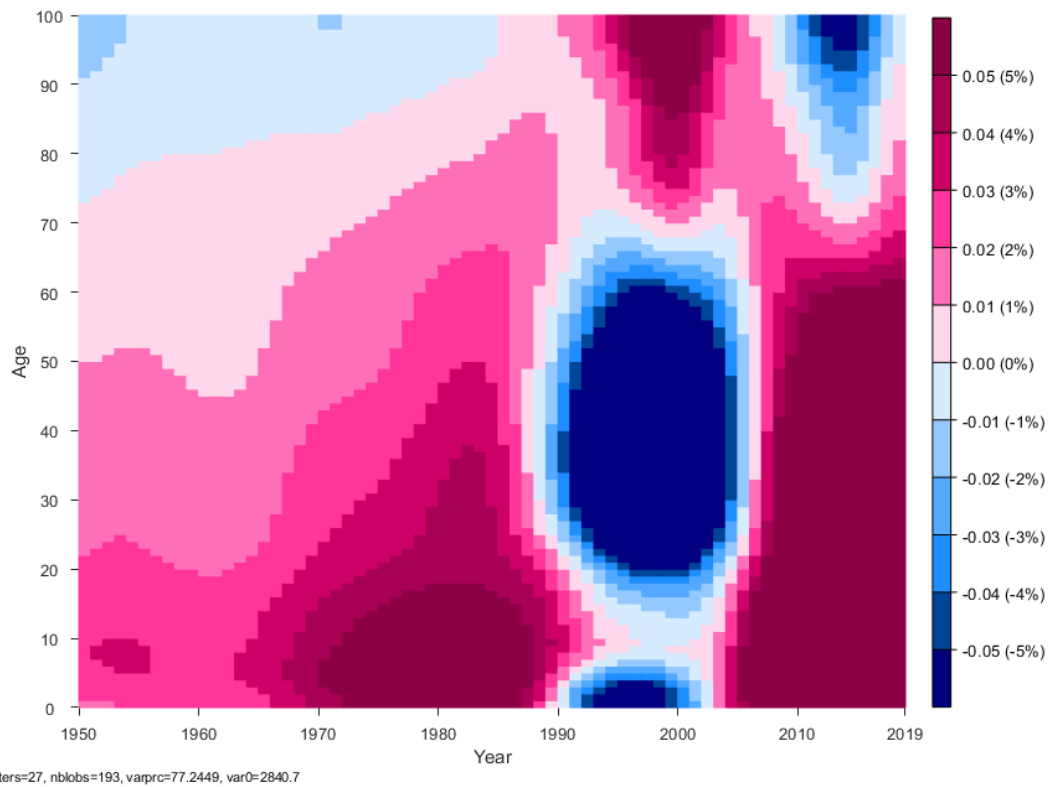


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## Males

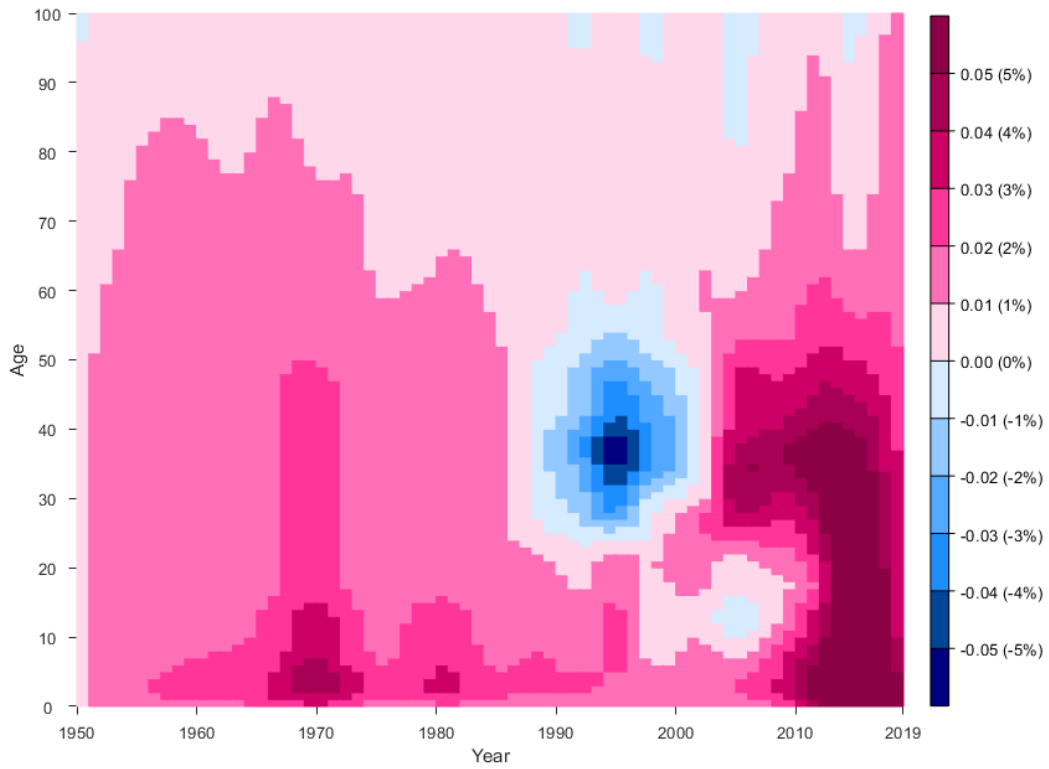


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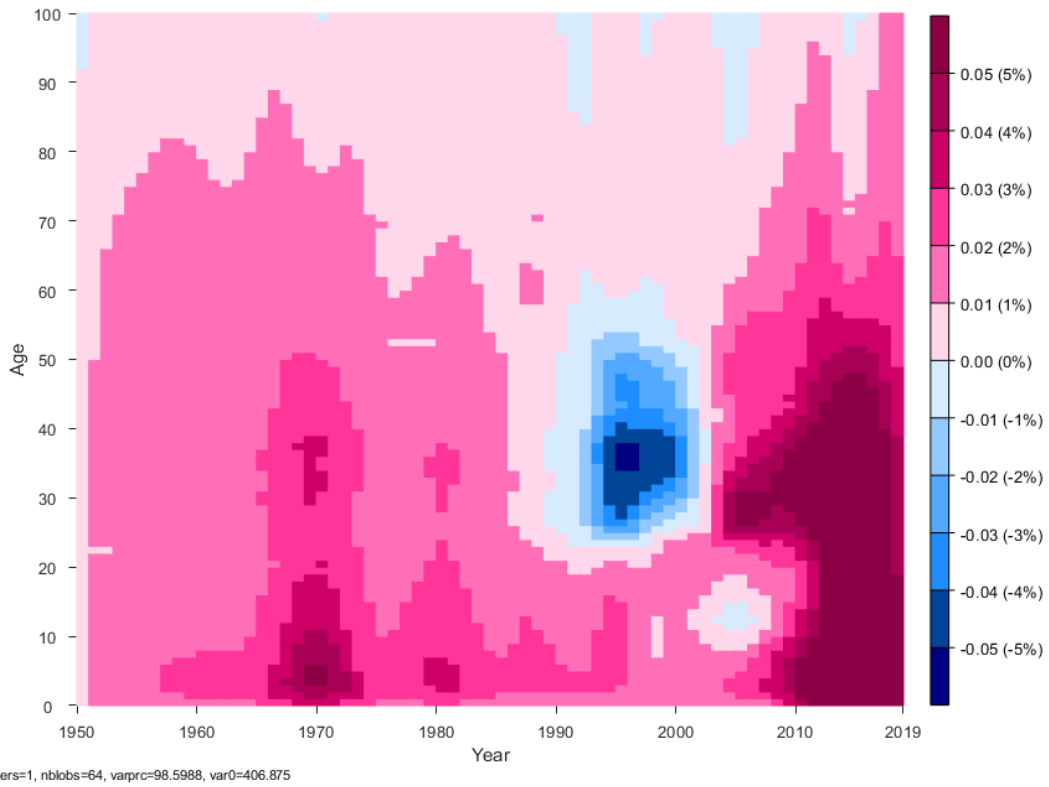


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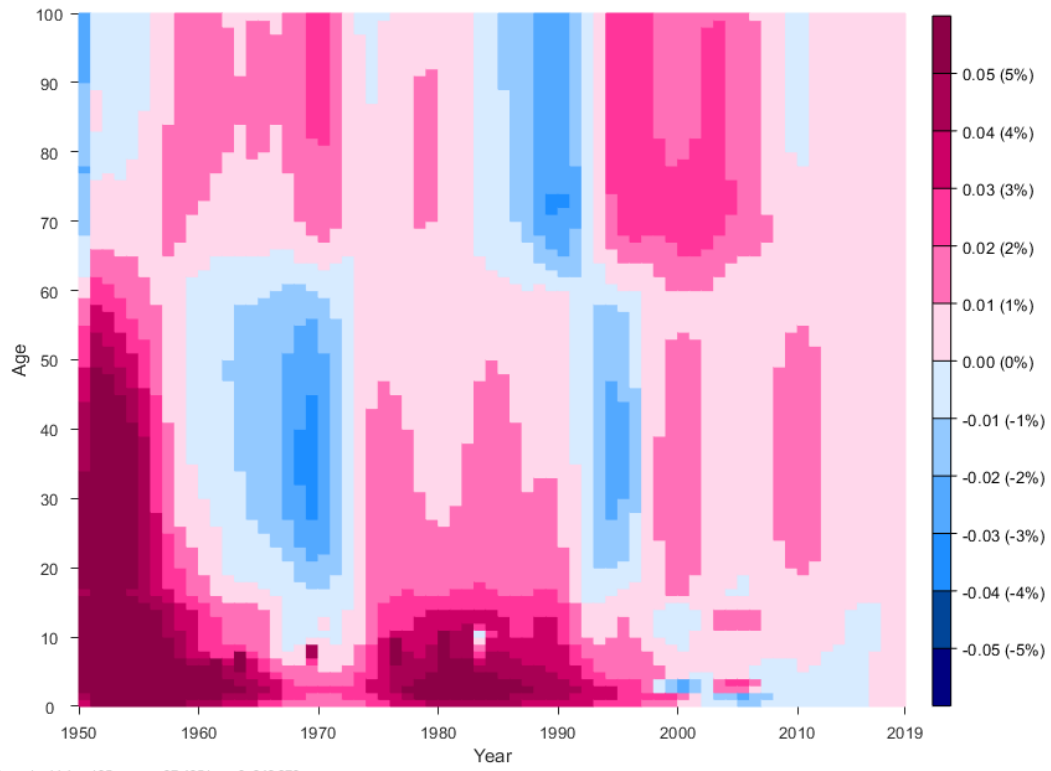


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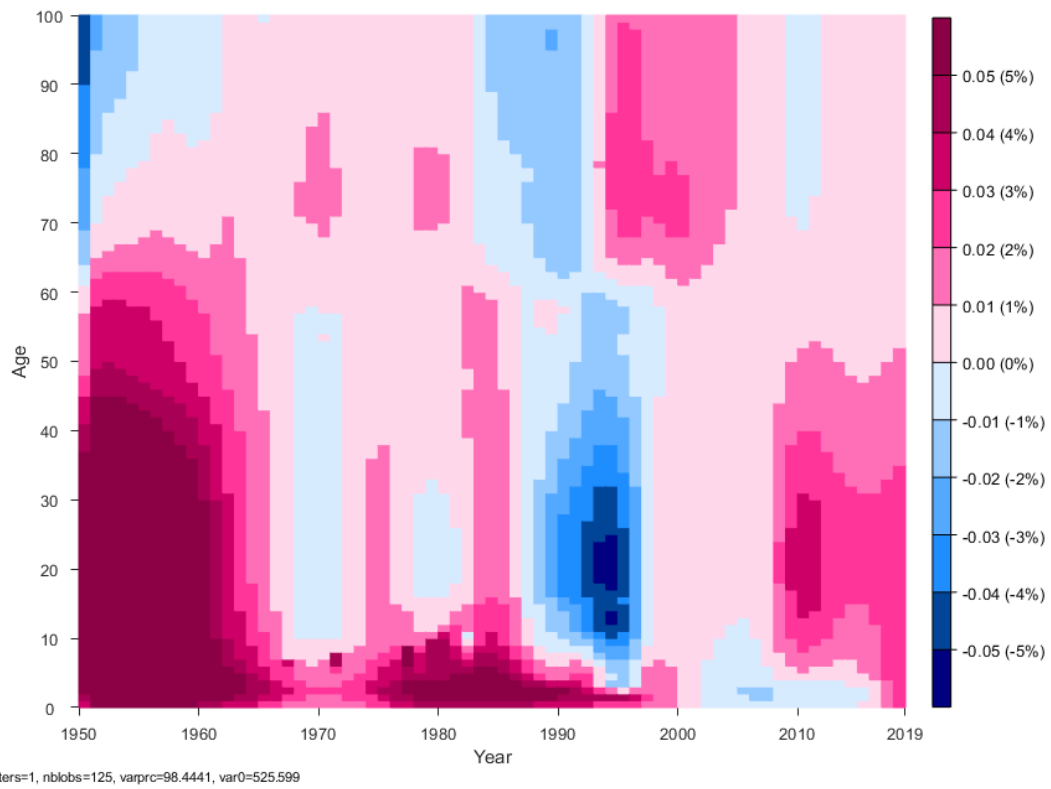


# Fiji

## Males



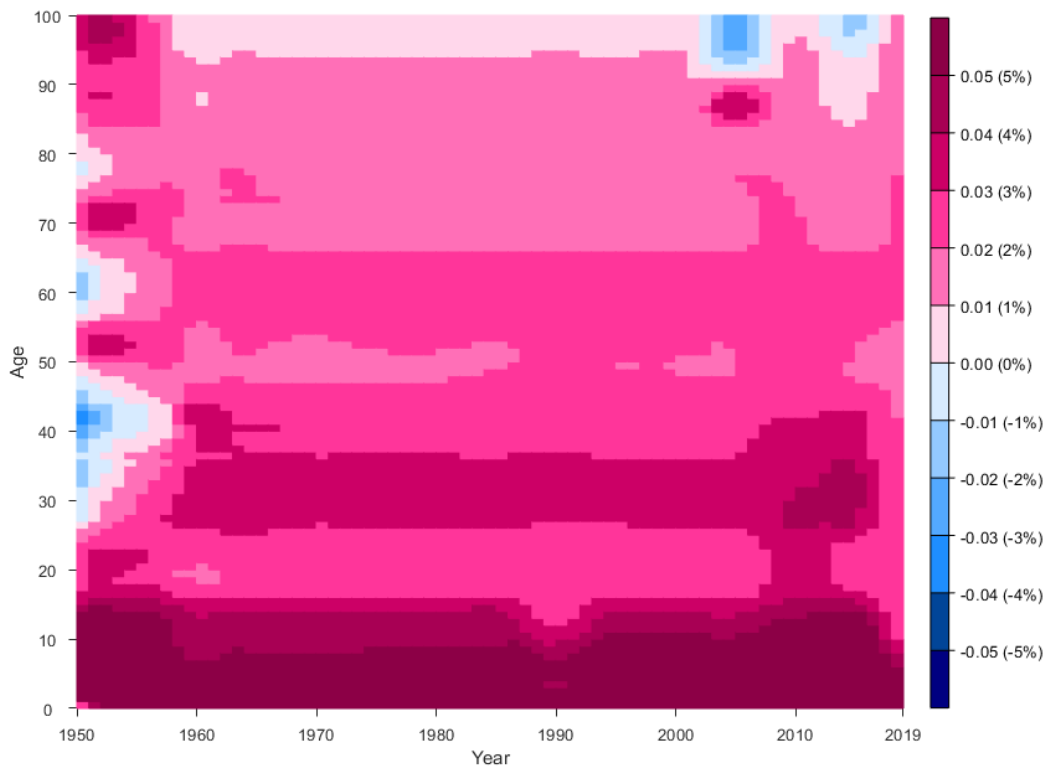
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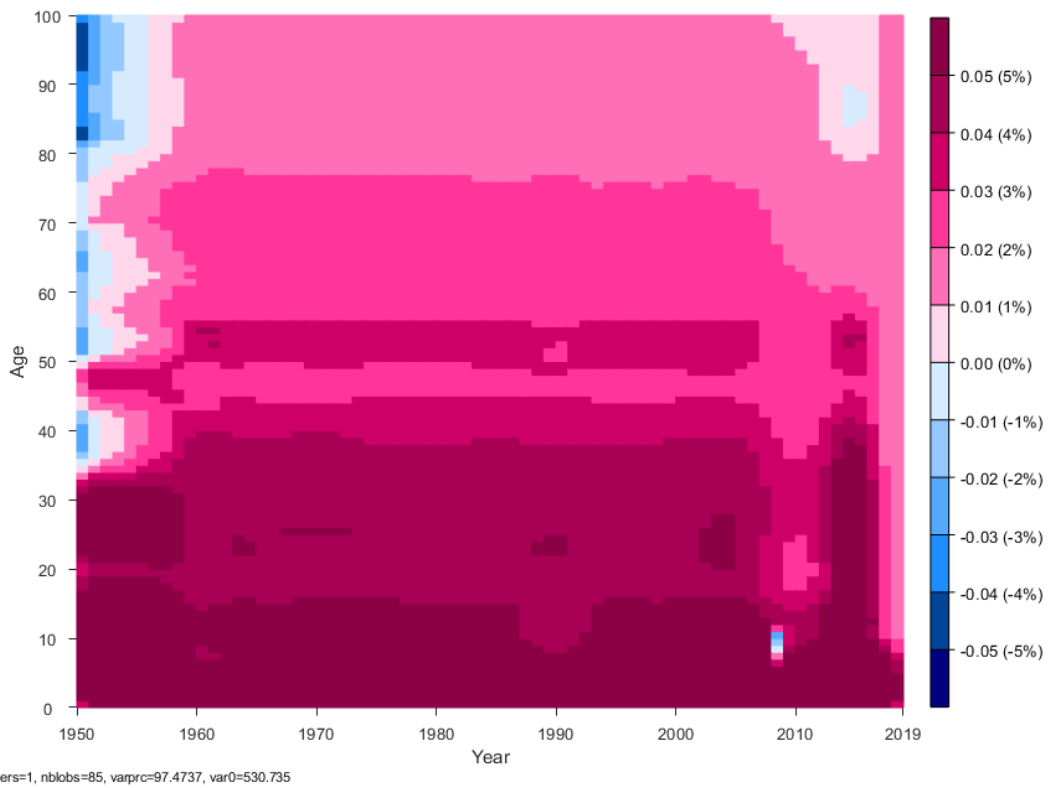


# R鸕ion

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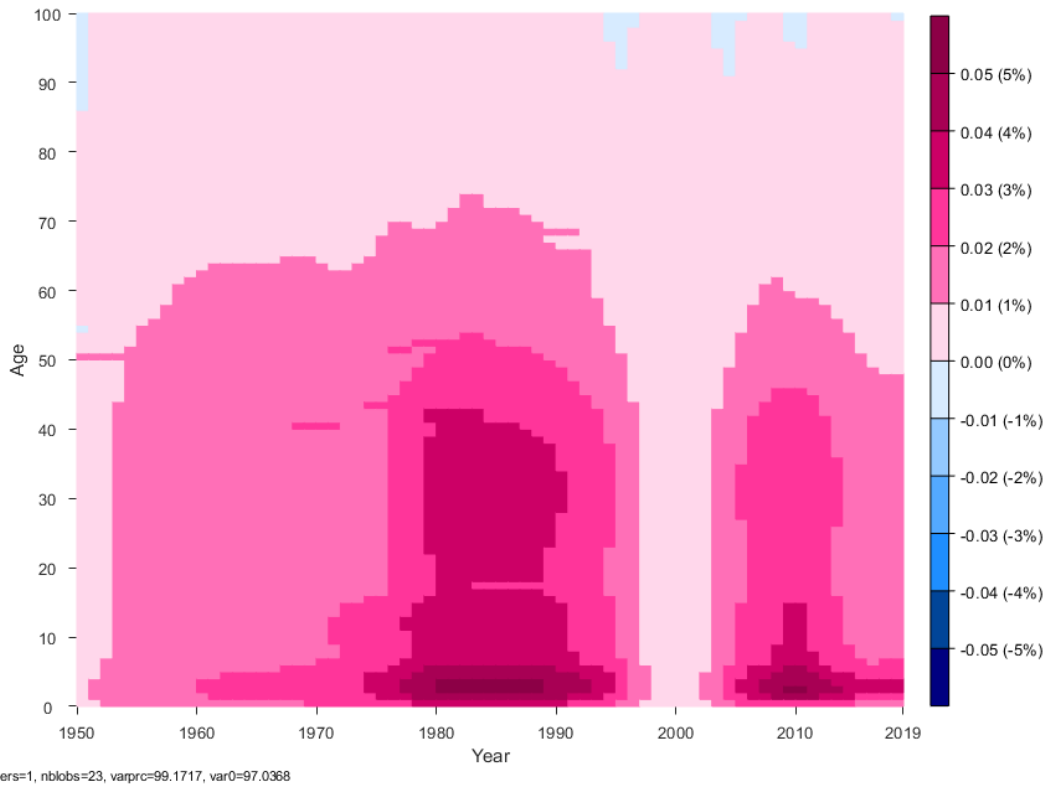


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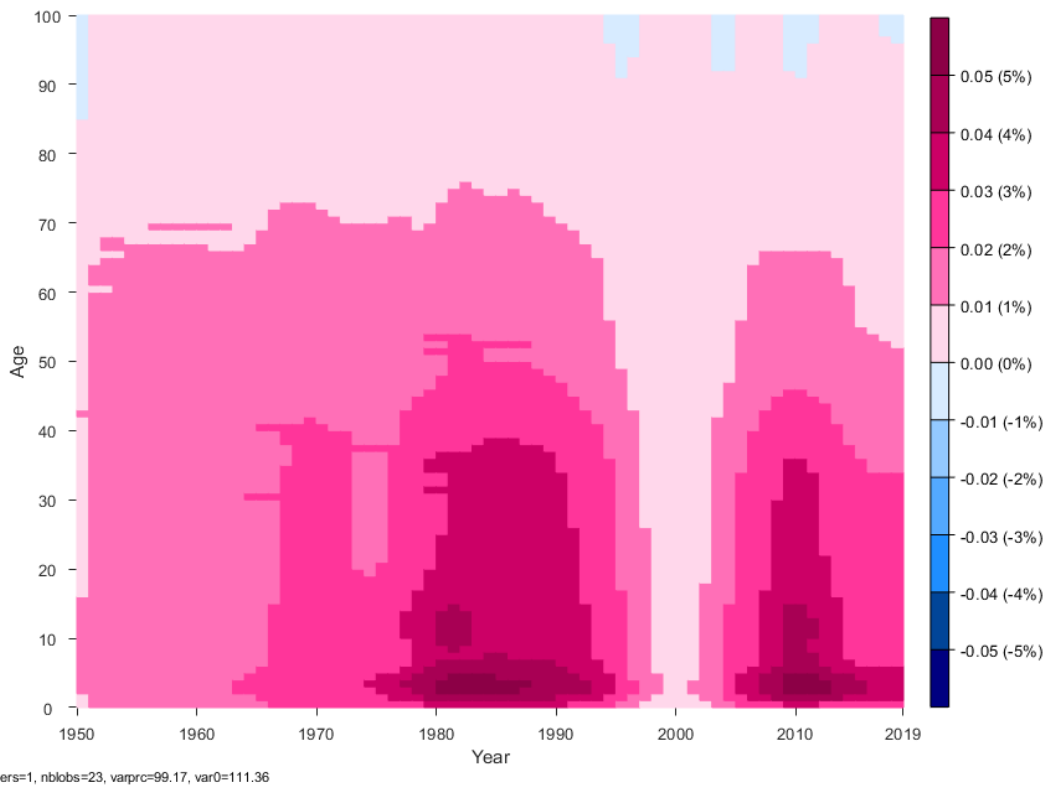


# Comoros

## Males

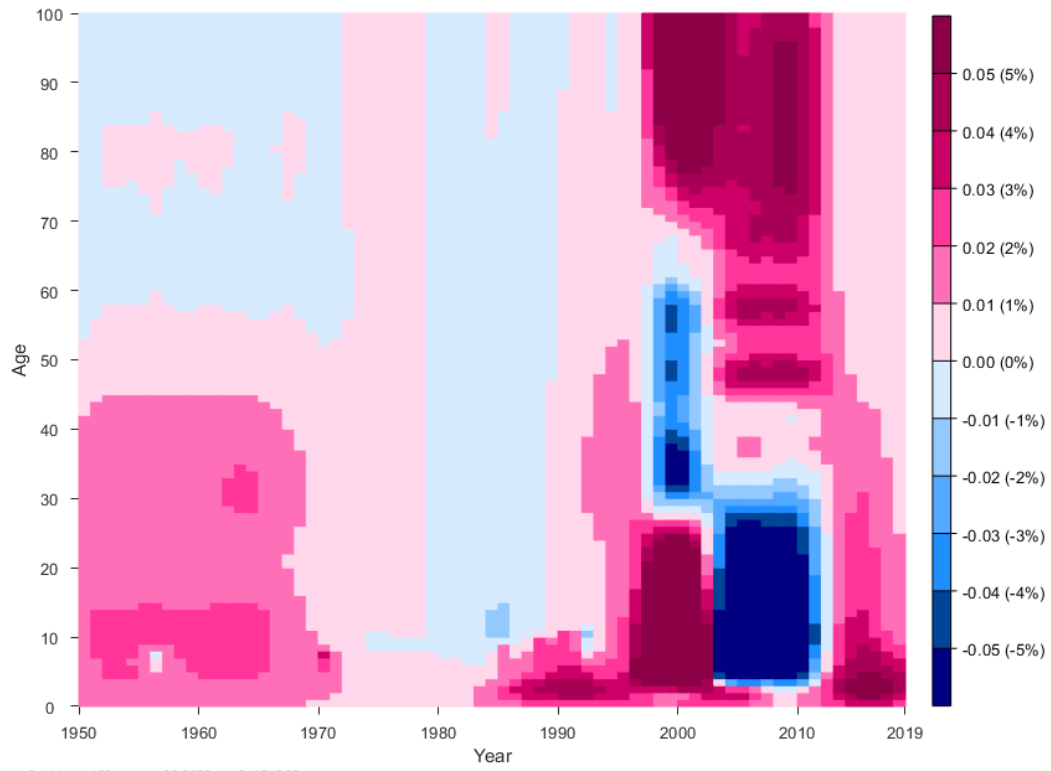


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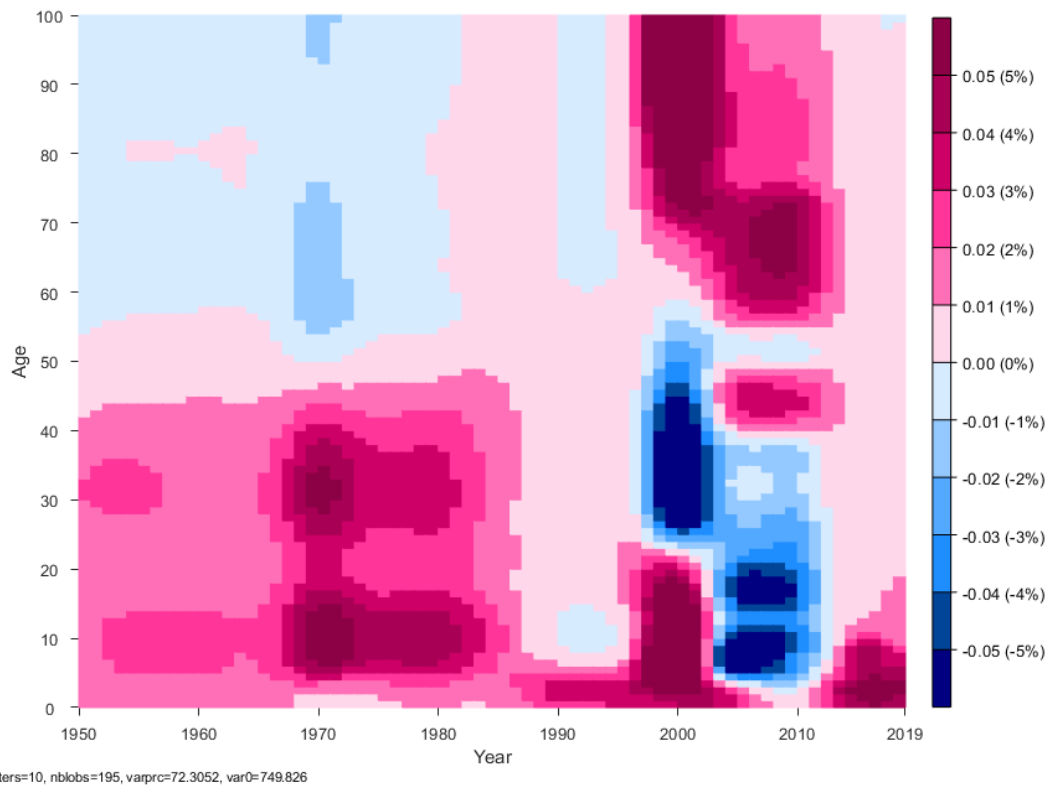


# Guyana

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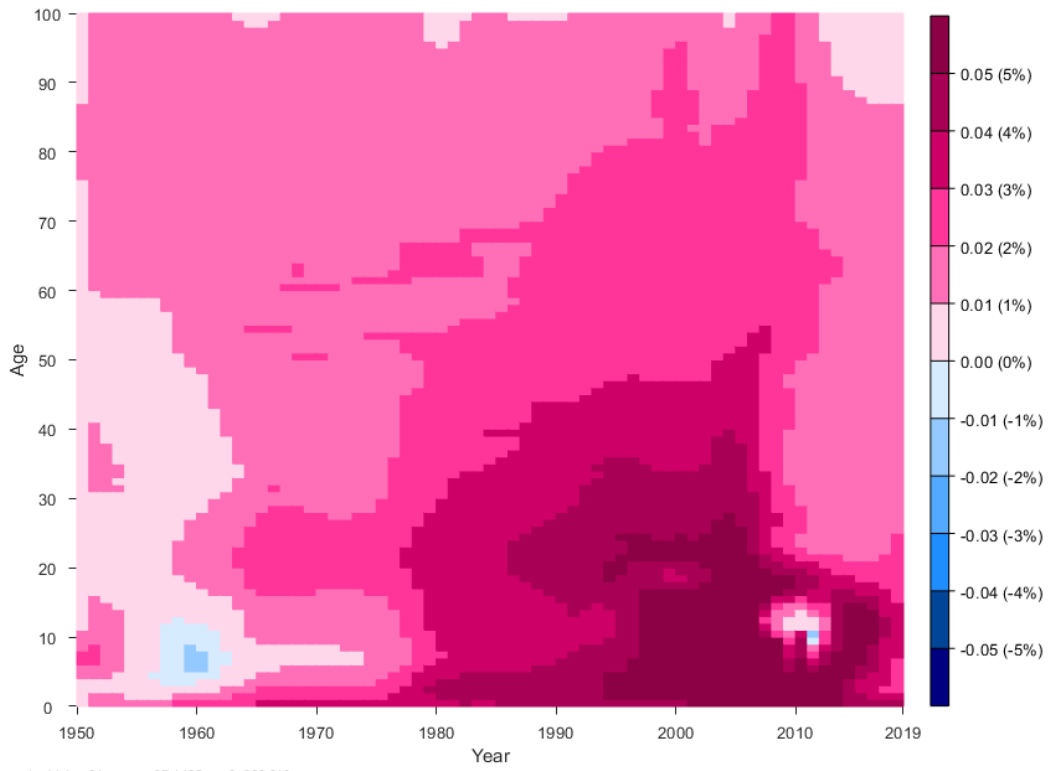


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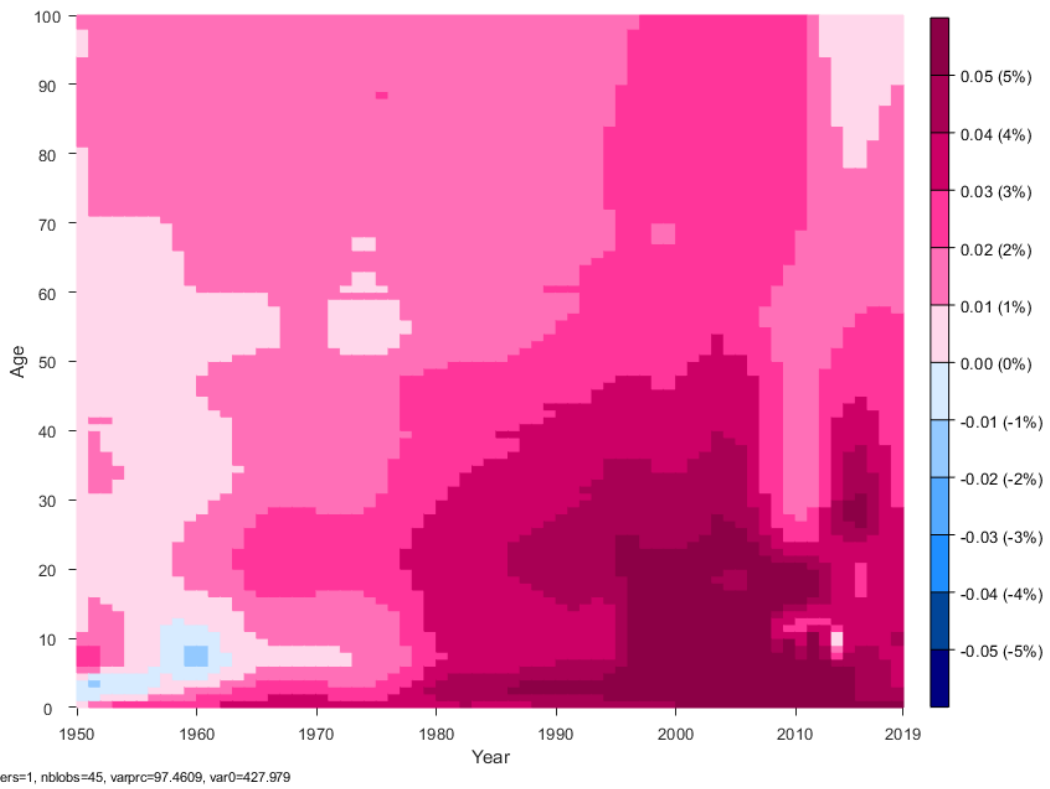


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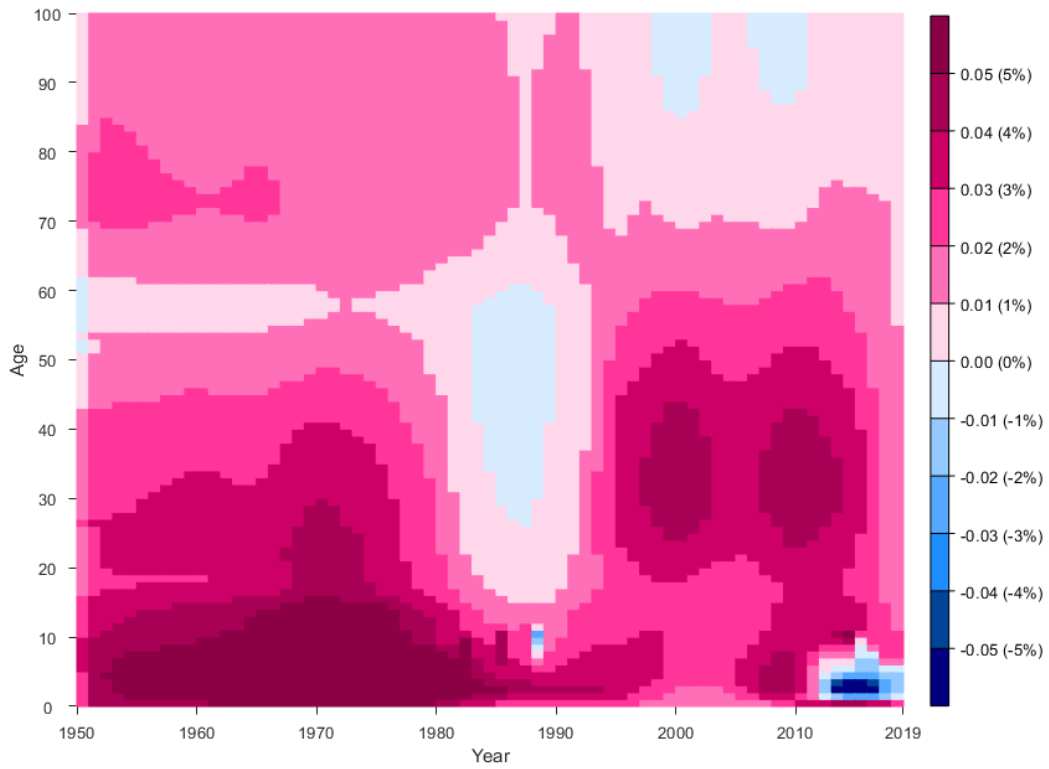


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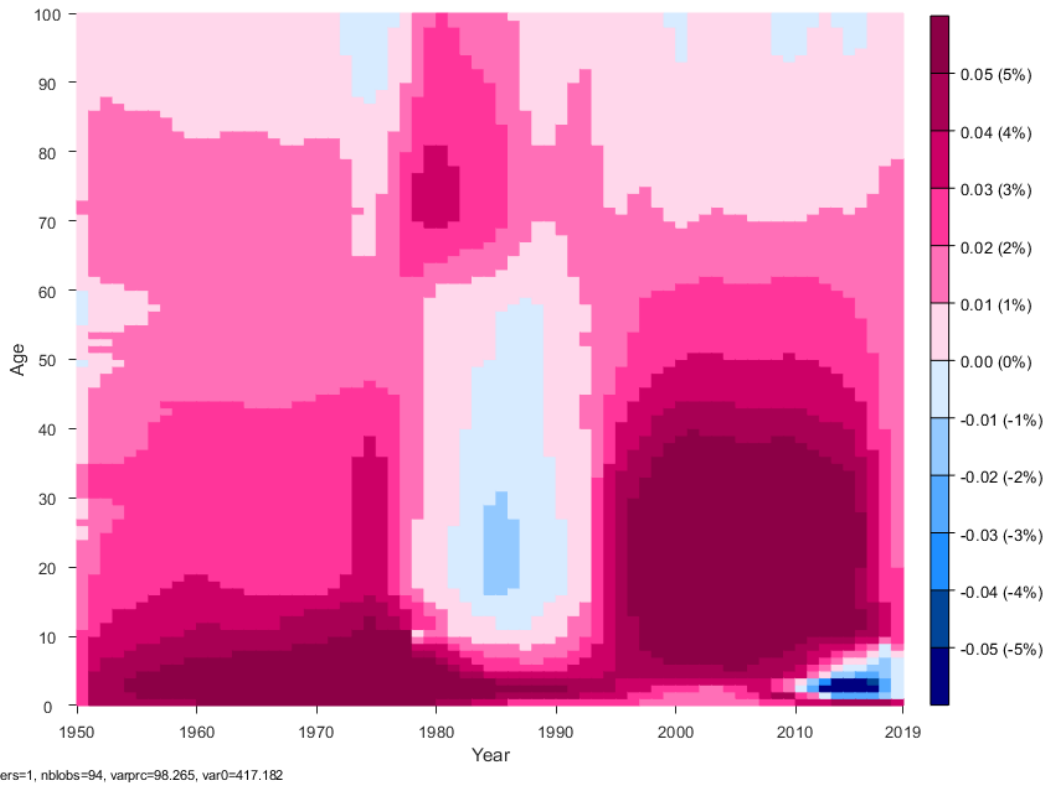


# Solomon Islands

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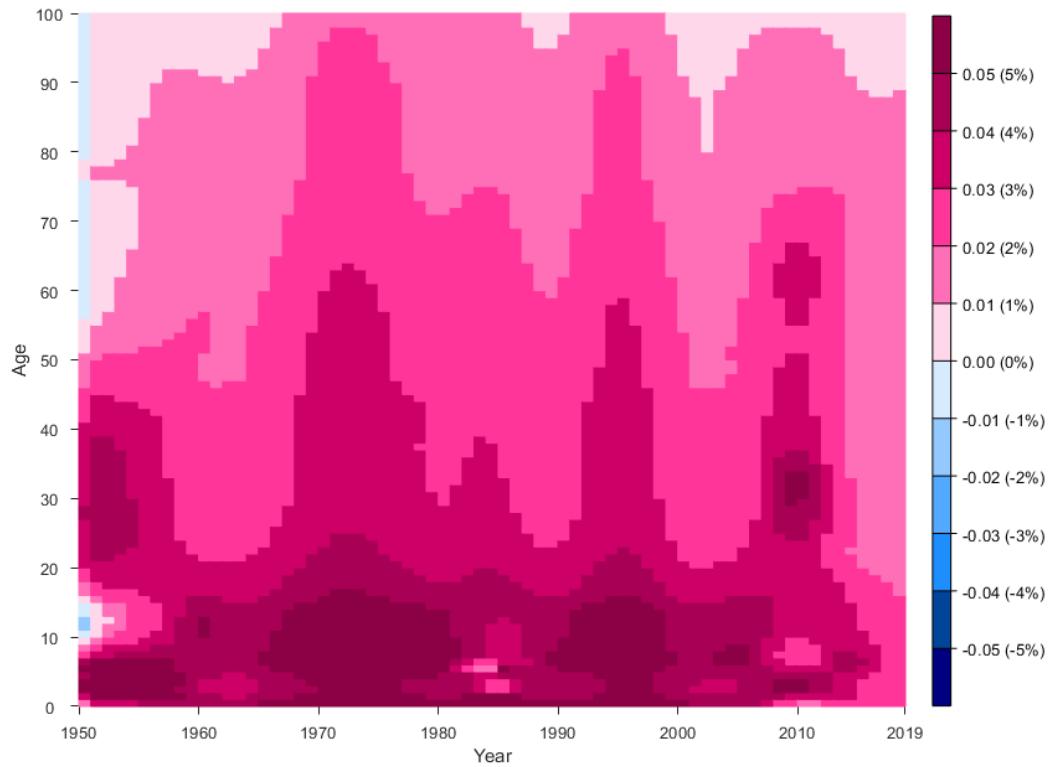


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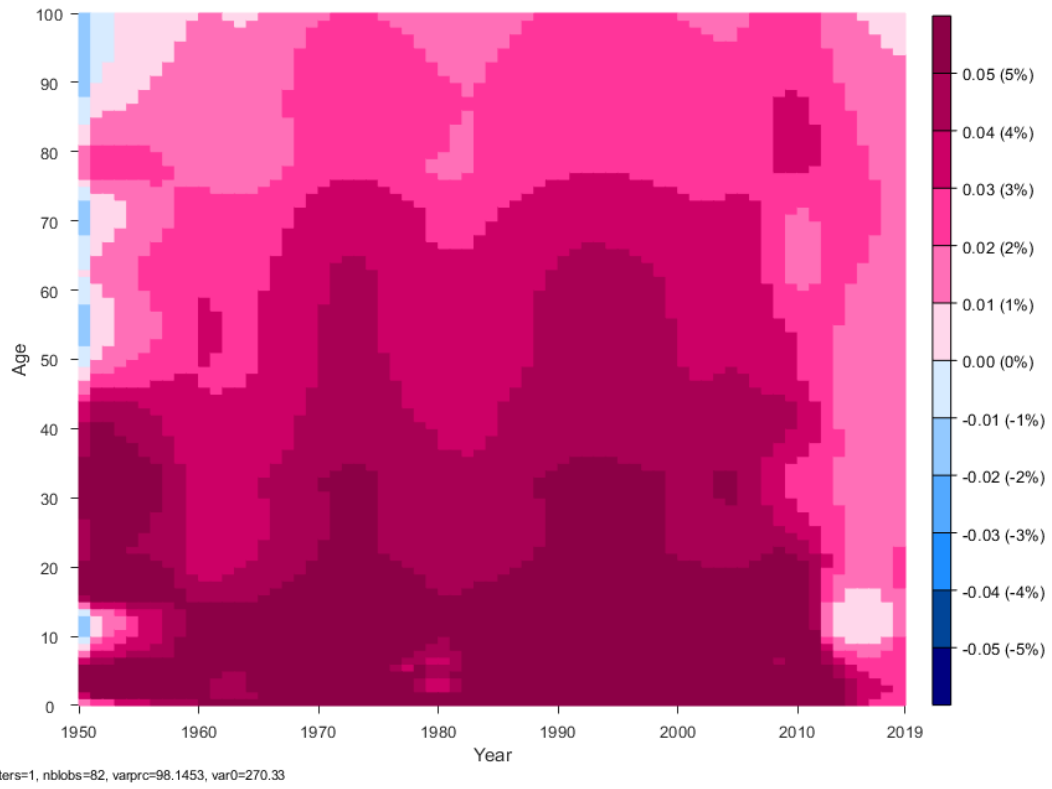


# China, Macao SAR

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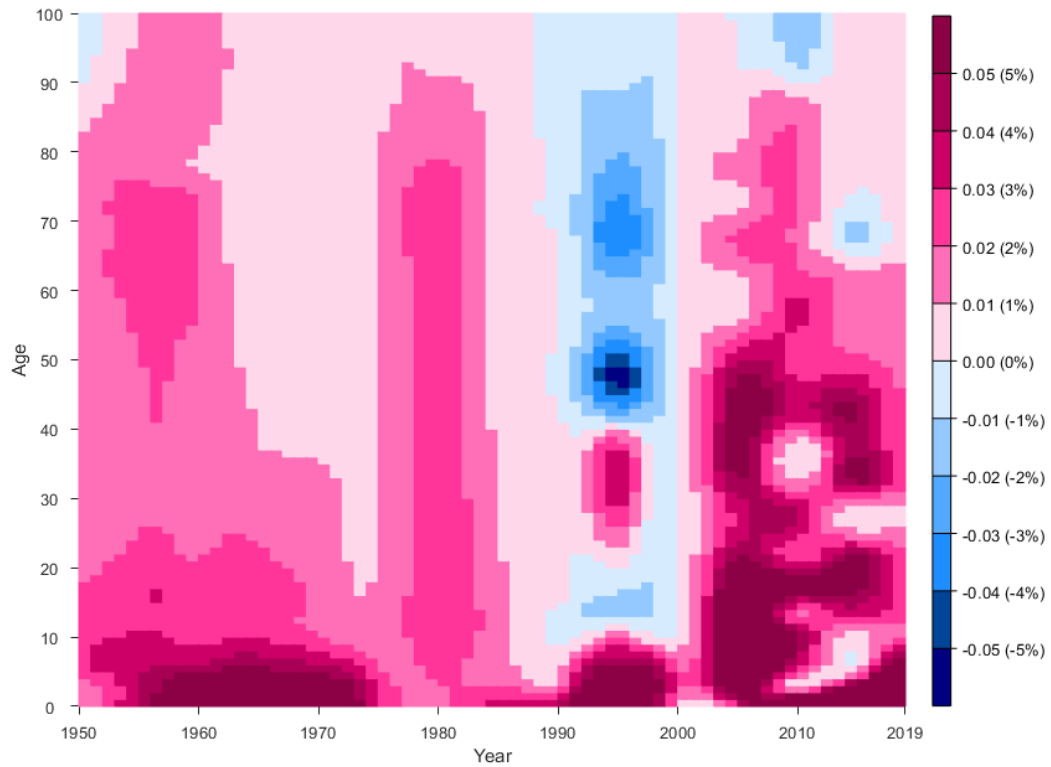


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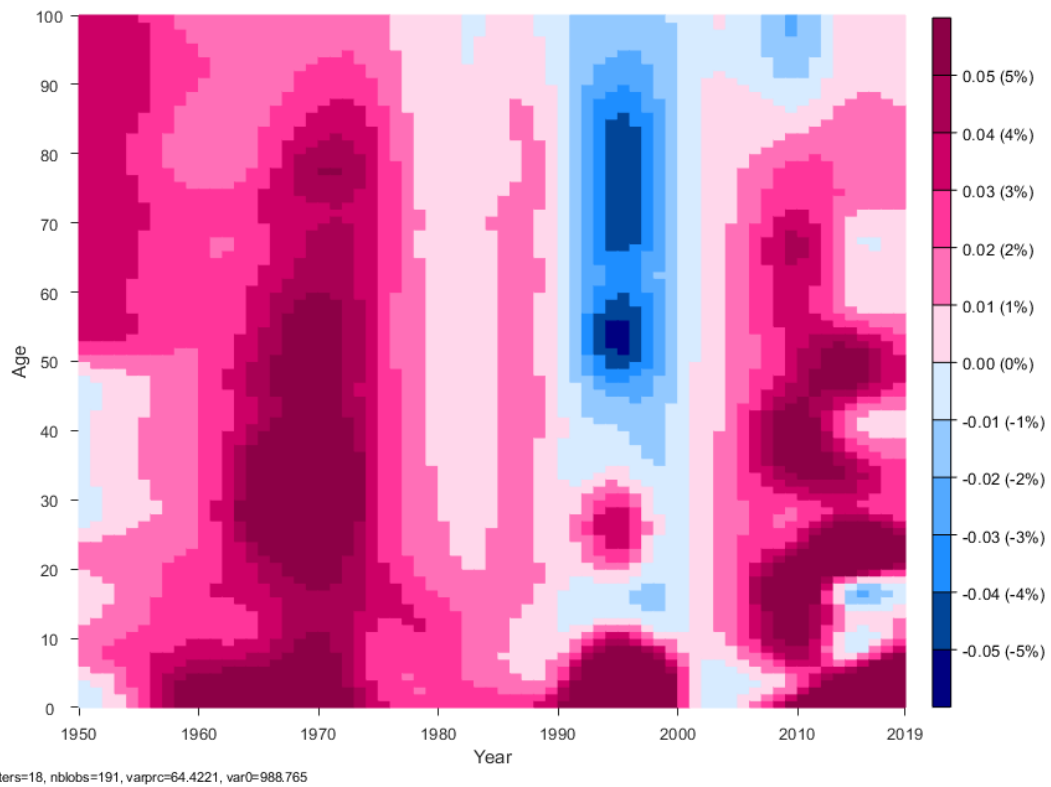


# Montenegro

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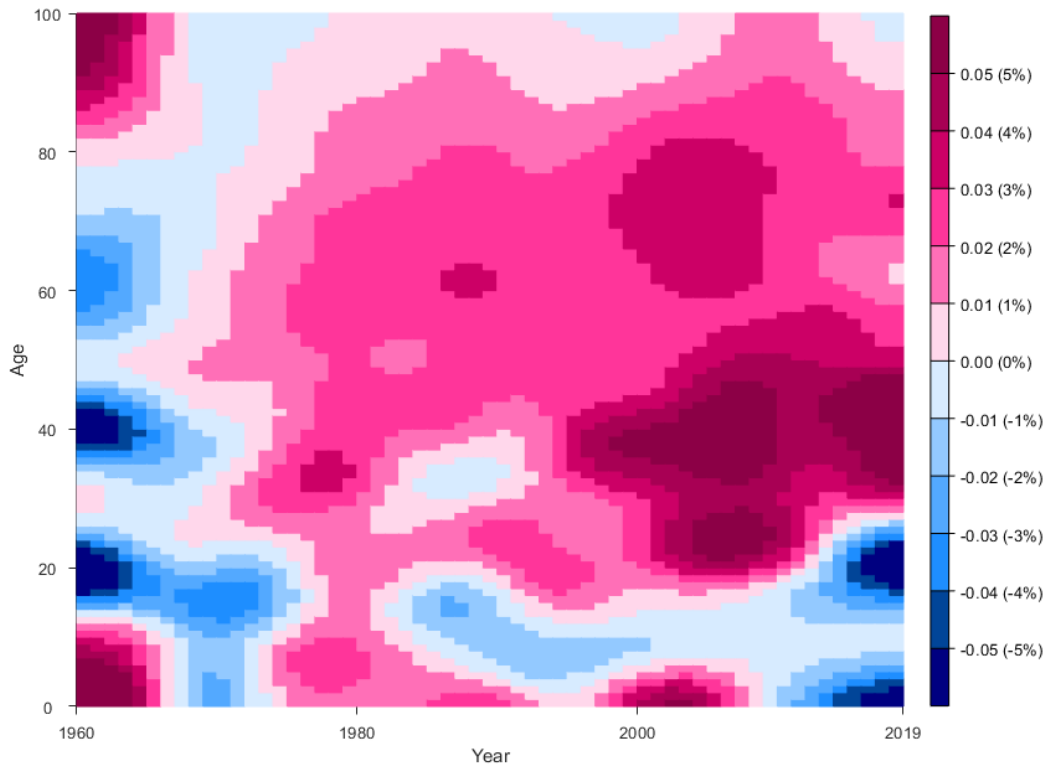


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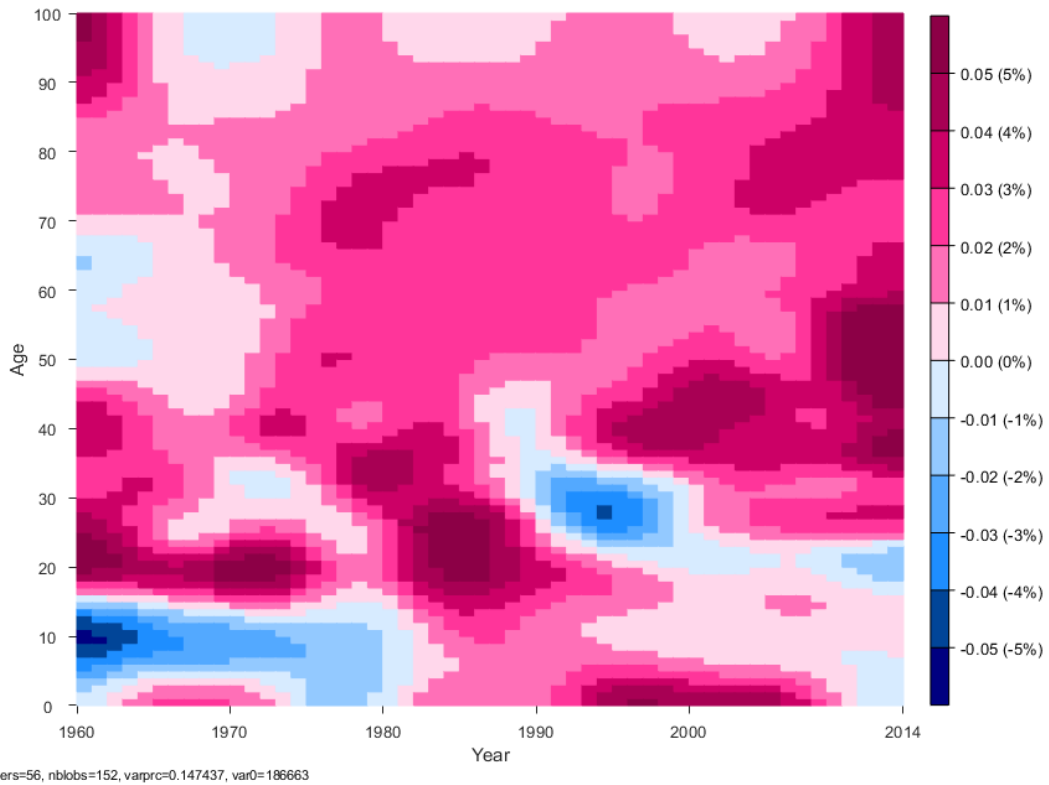


# Luxembourg

## Males



## Females





# Western Sahara

## Males

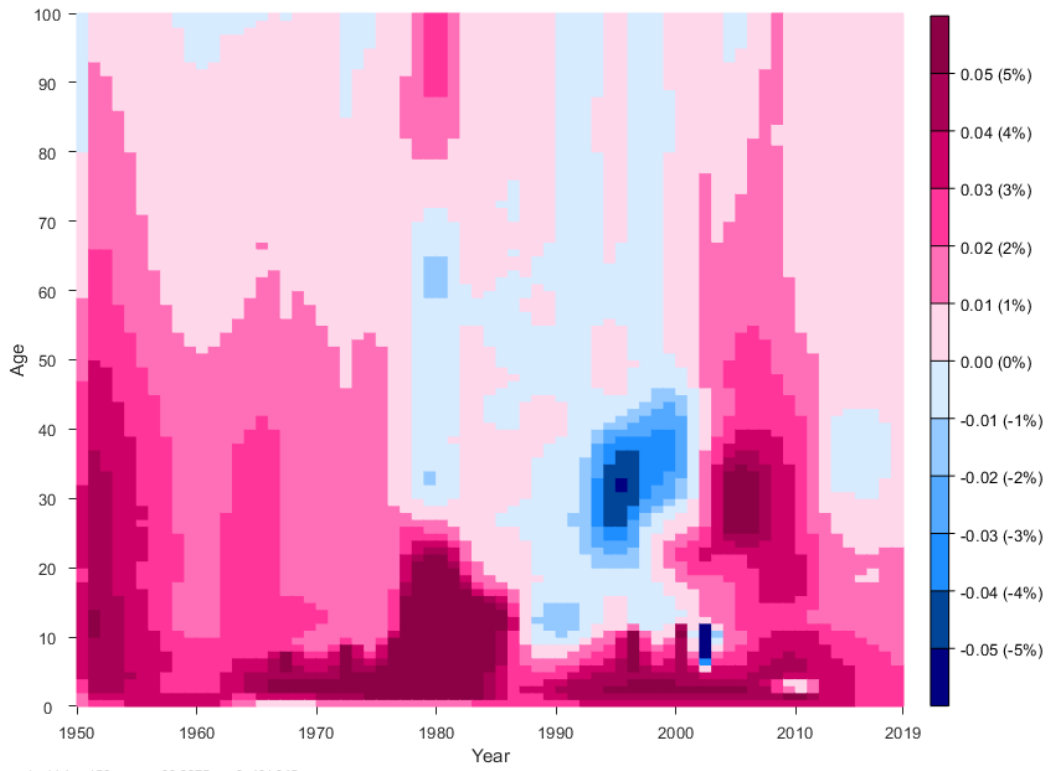


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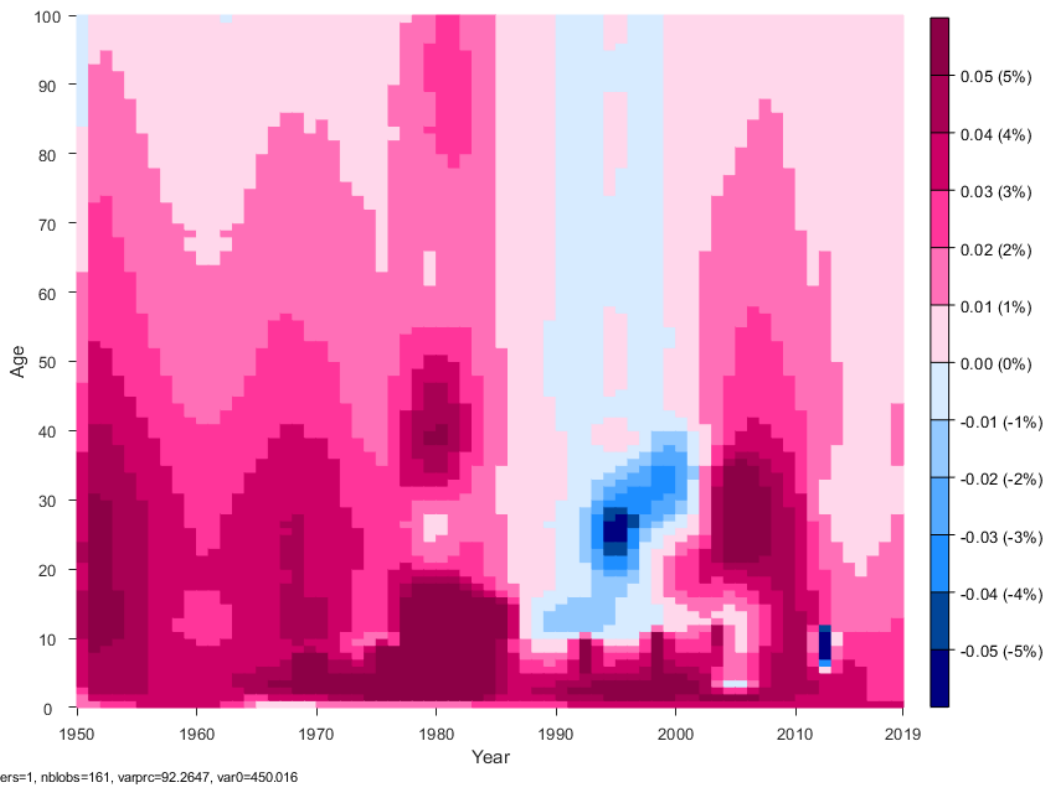


# Suriname

## Males



## Females

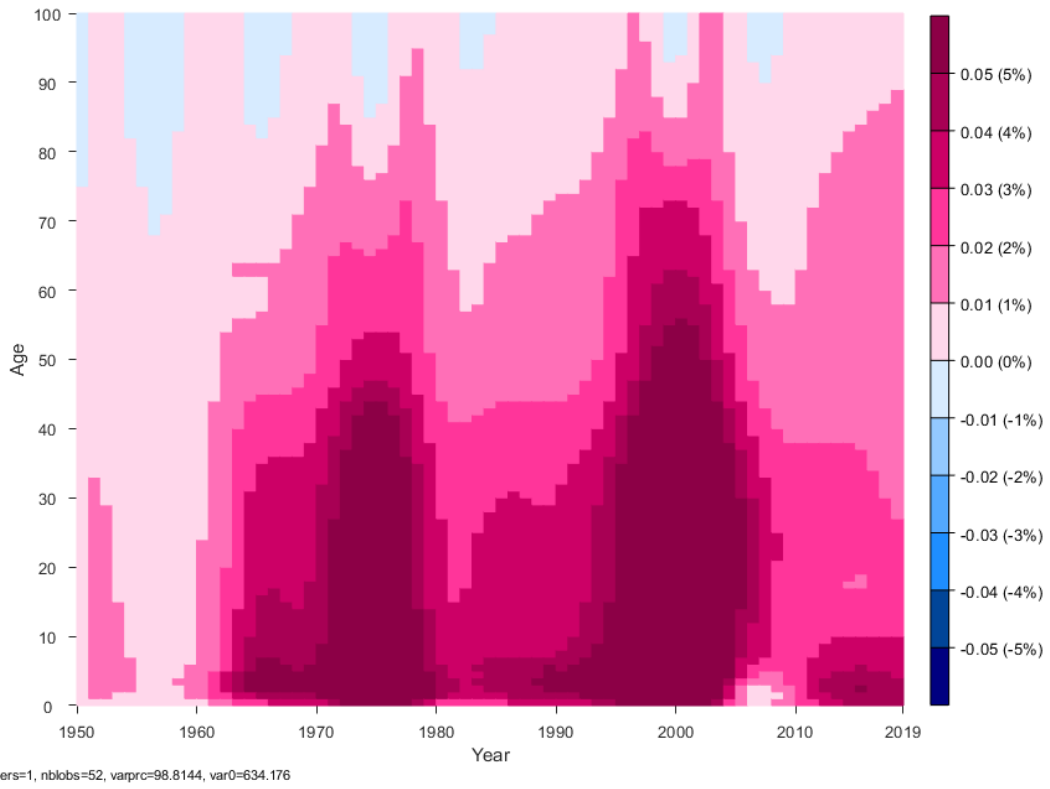


# Cabo Verde

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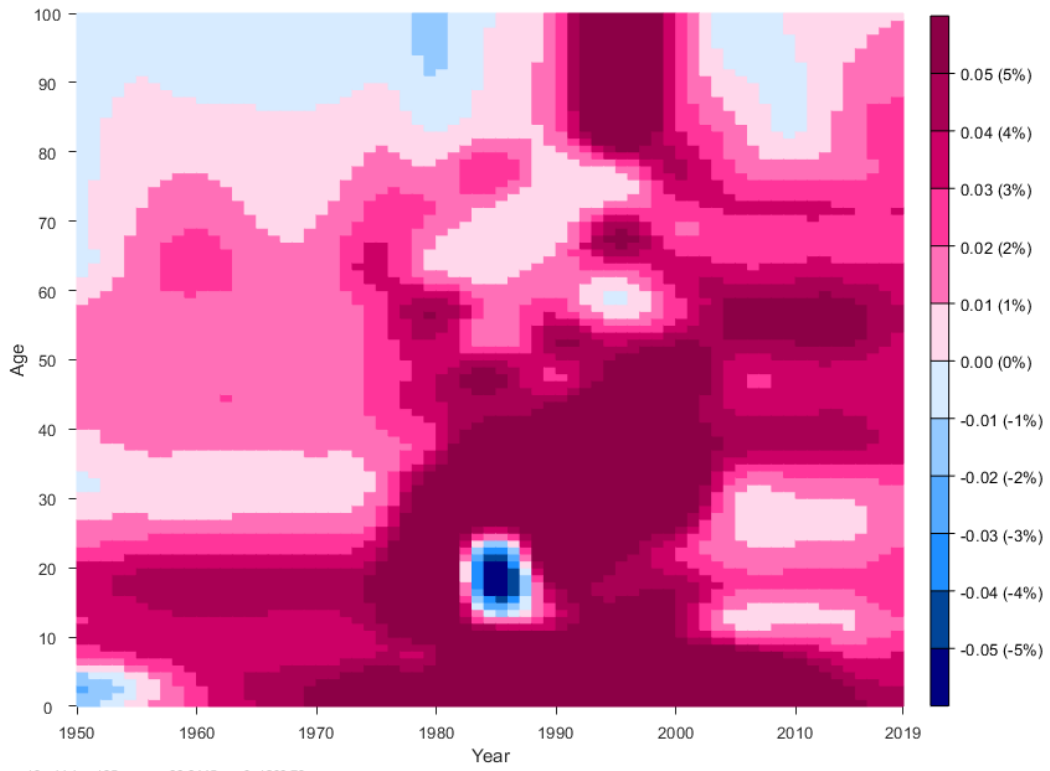


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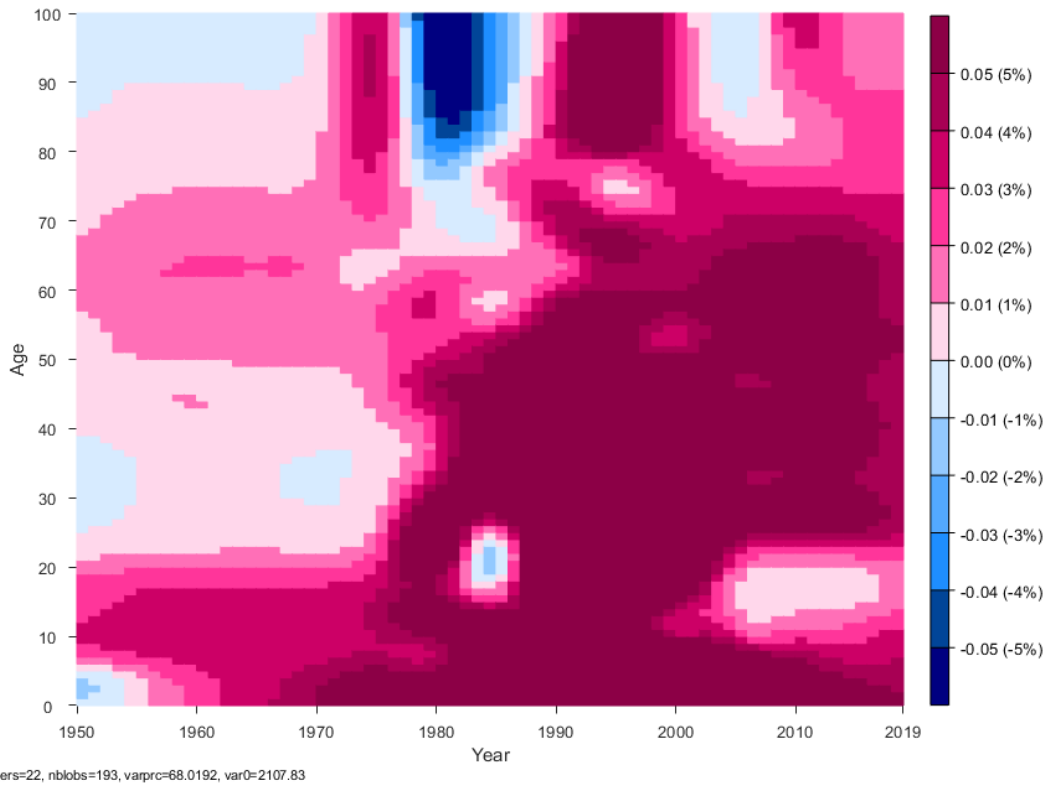


# Maldives

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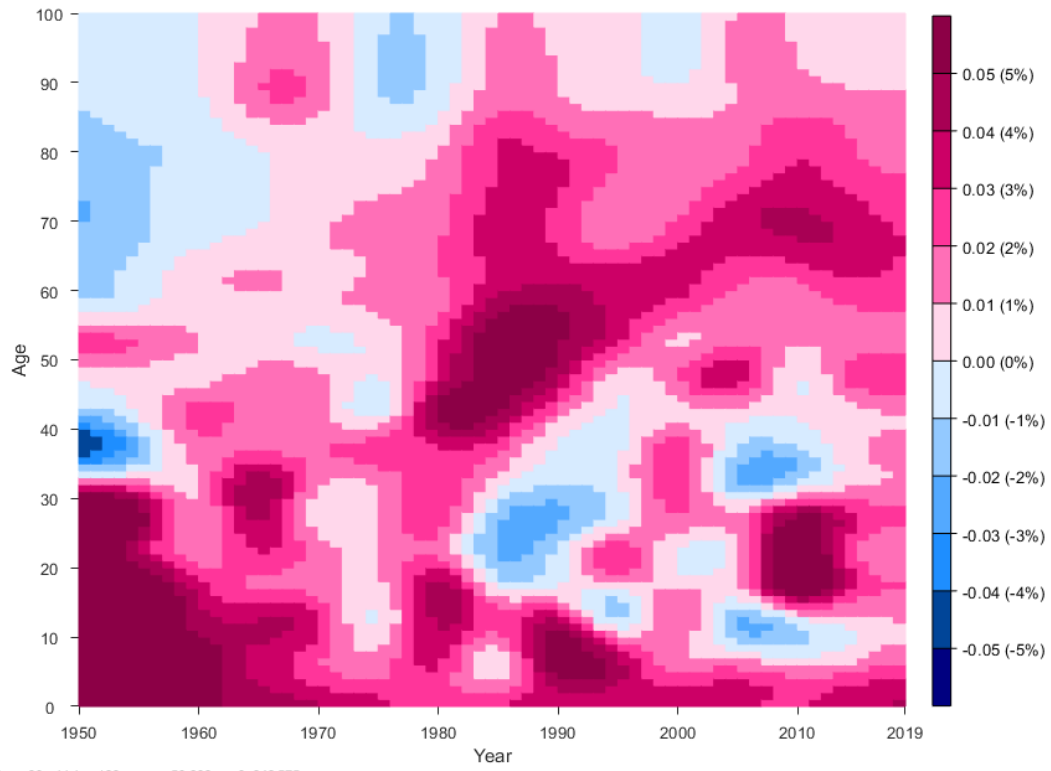


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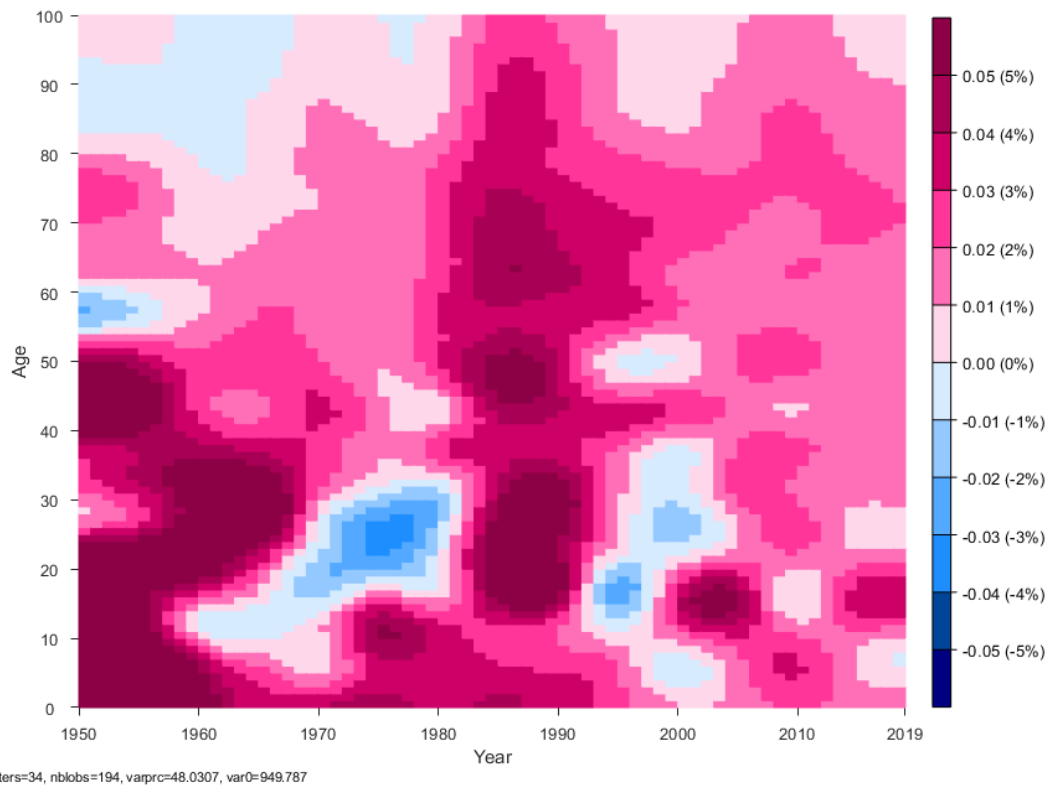


# Malta

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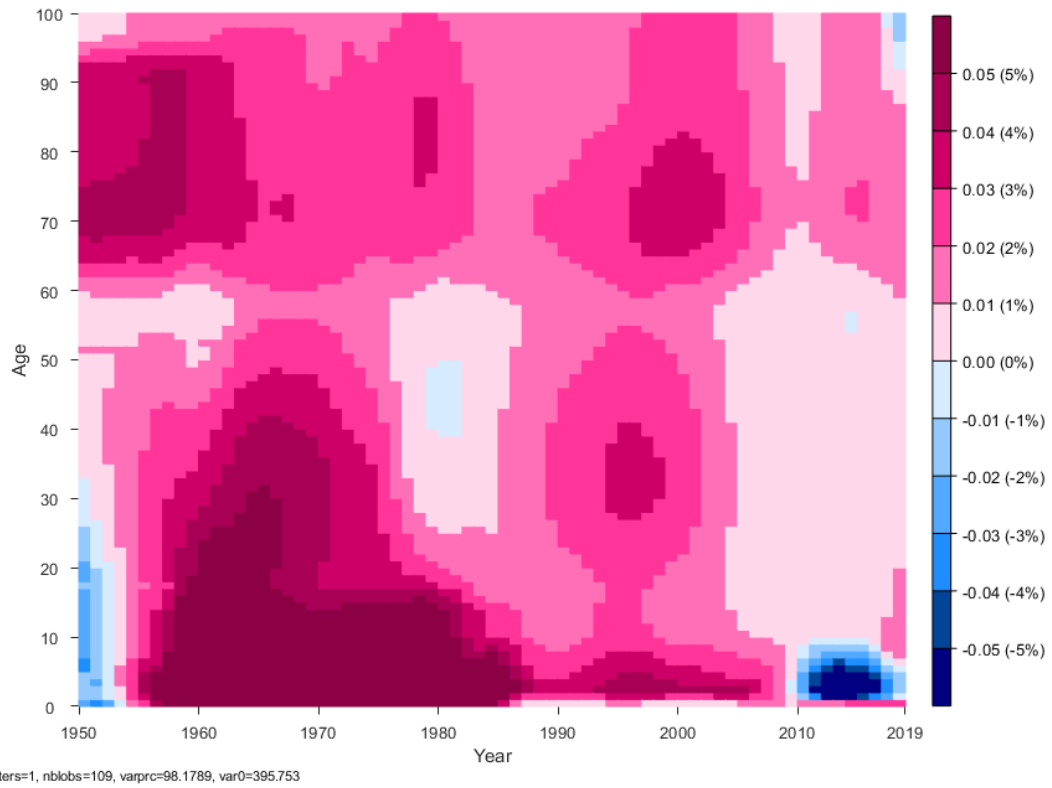


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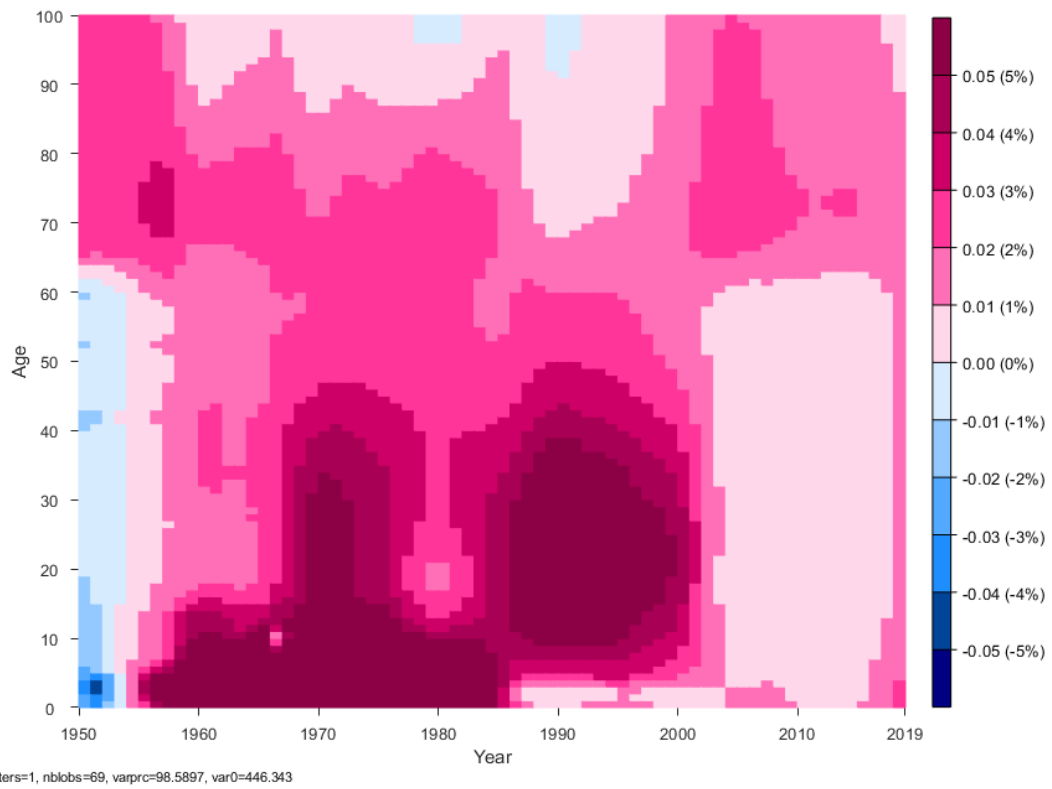


# Brunei Darussalam

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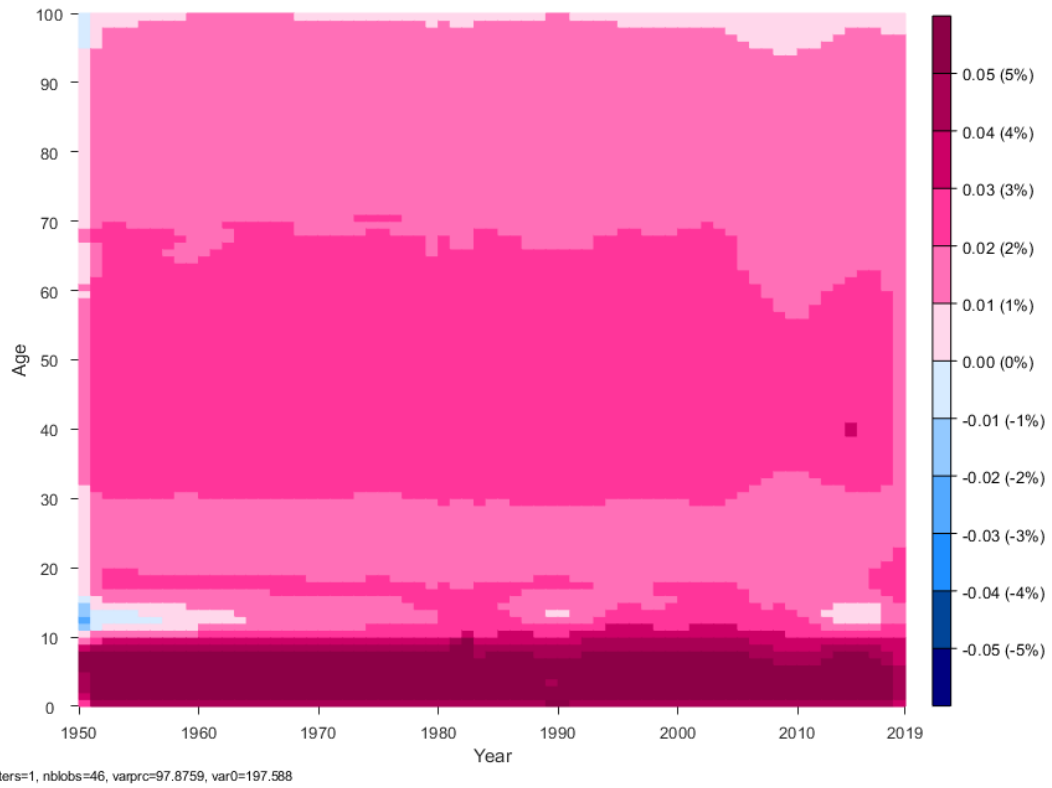


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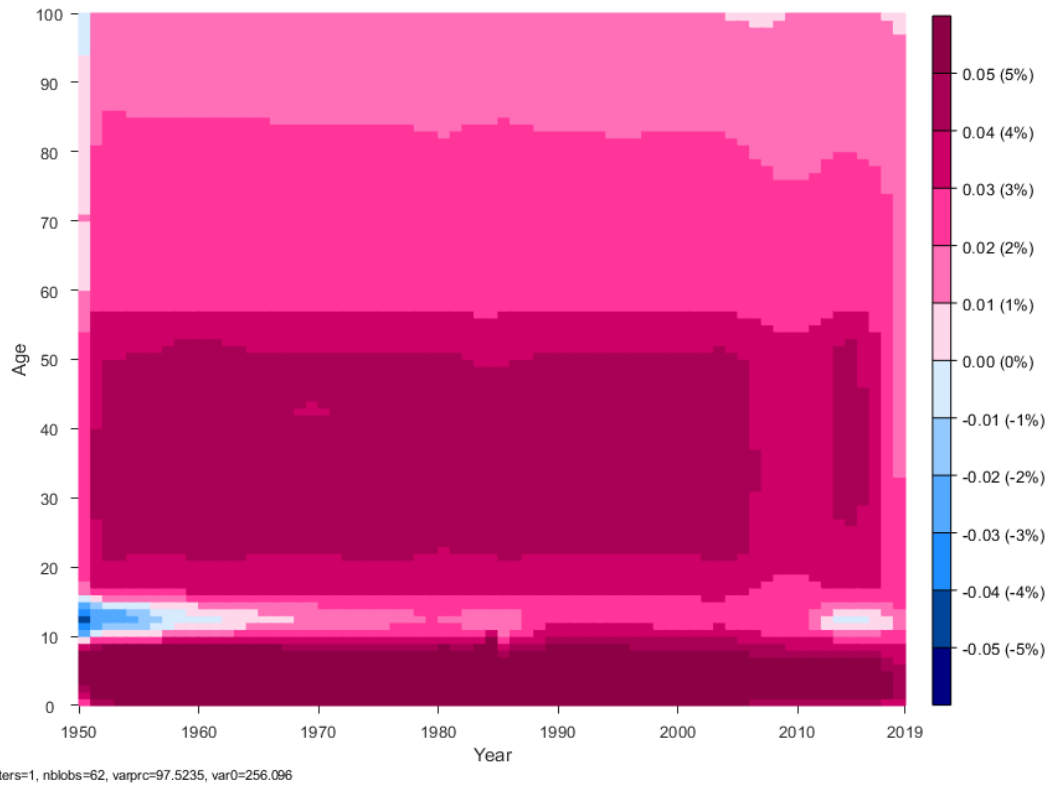


# Guadeloupe

## Males

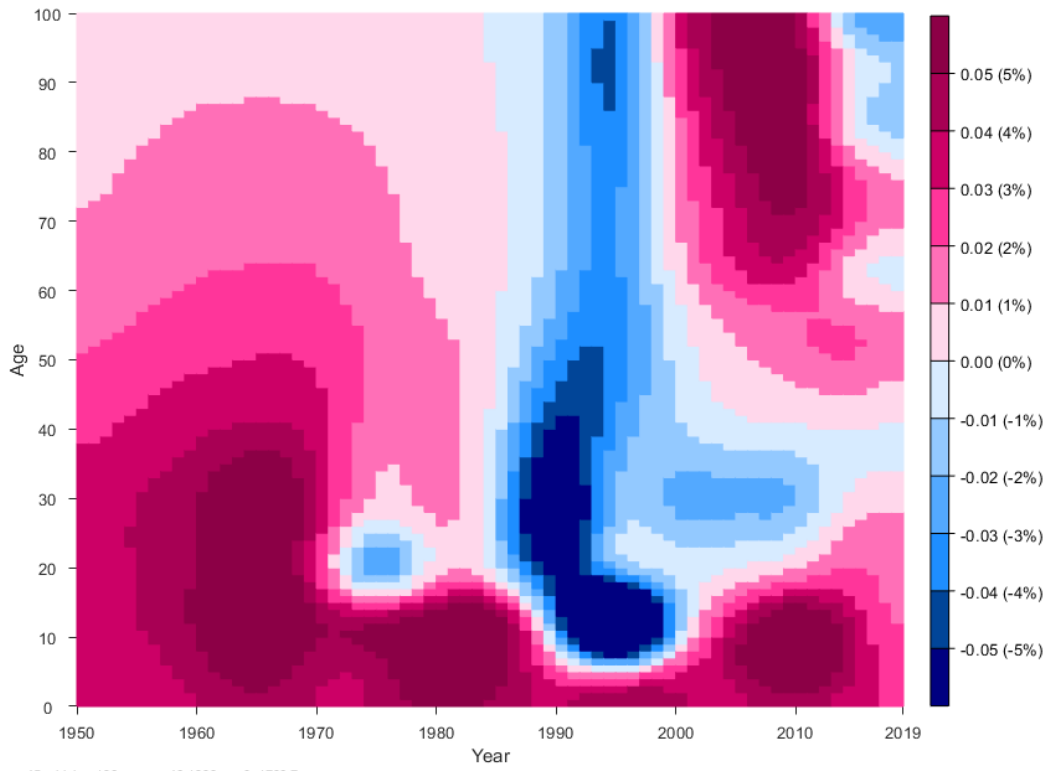


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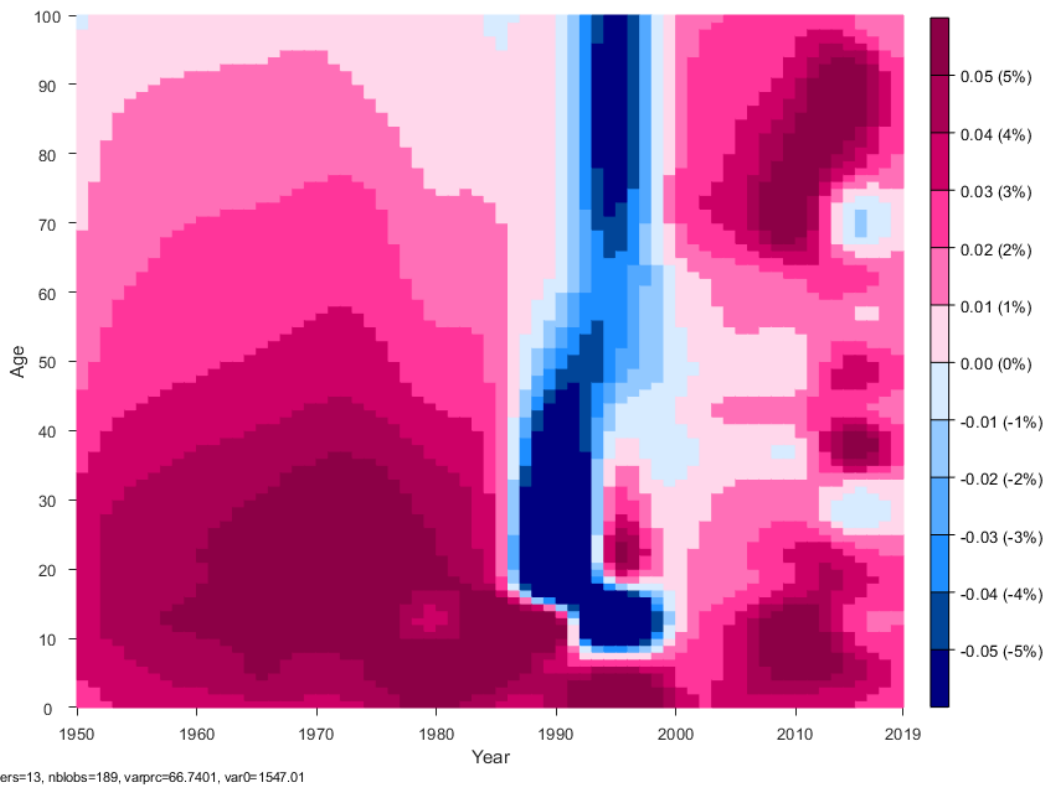


# Belize

## Males



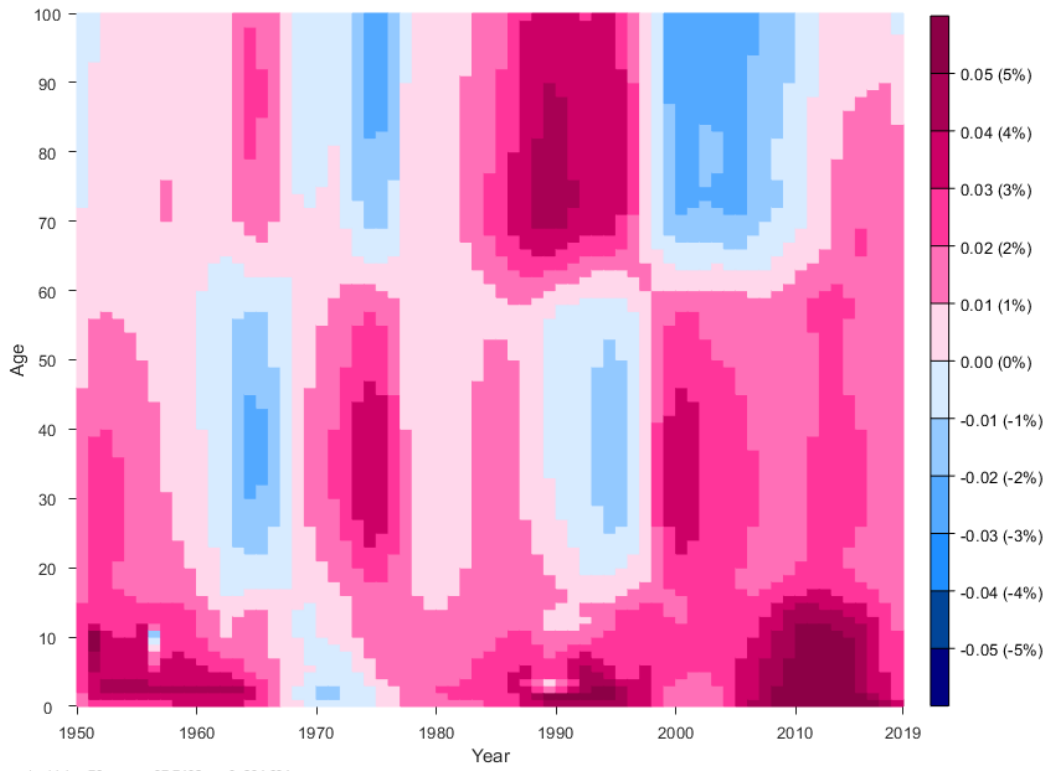
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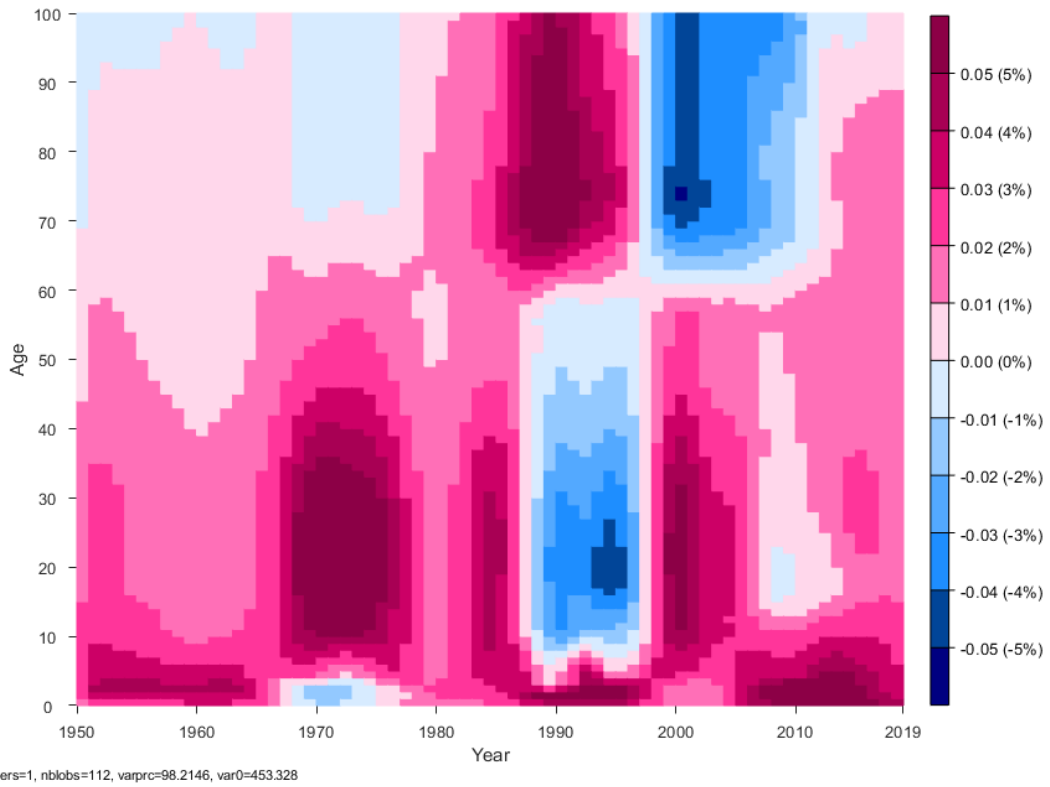


# Bahamas

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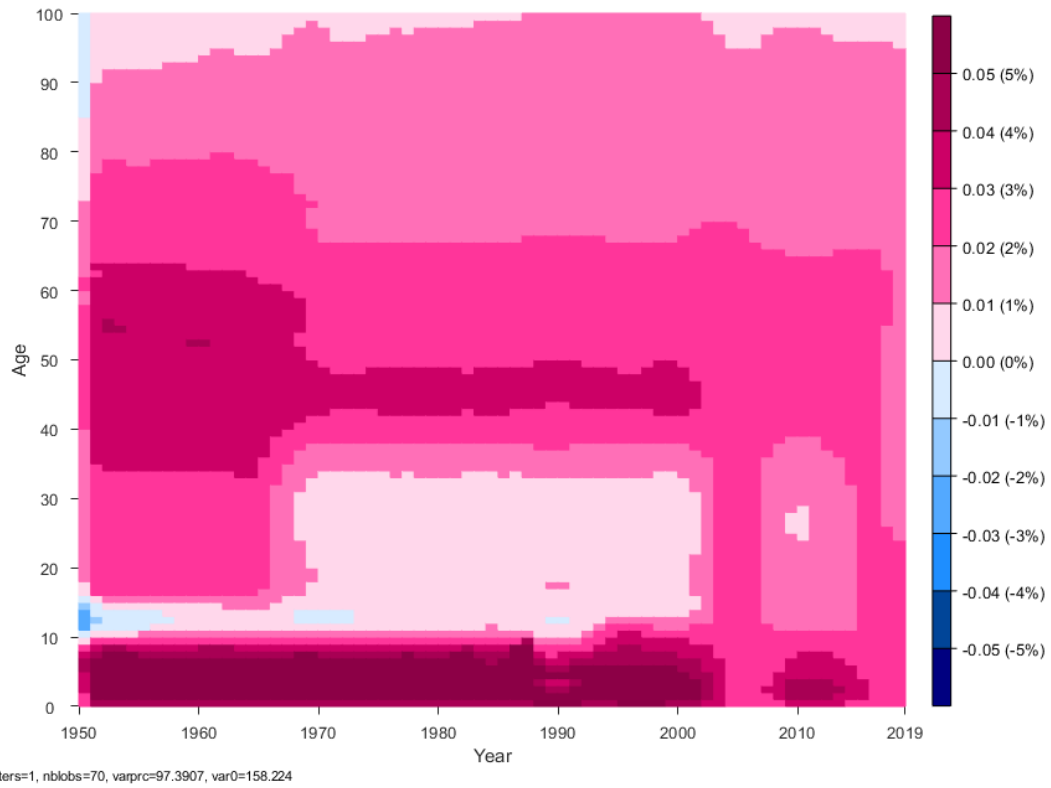


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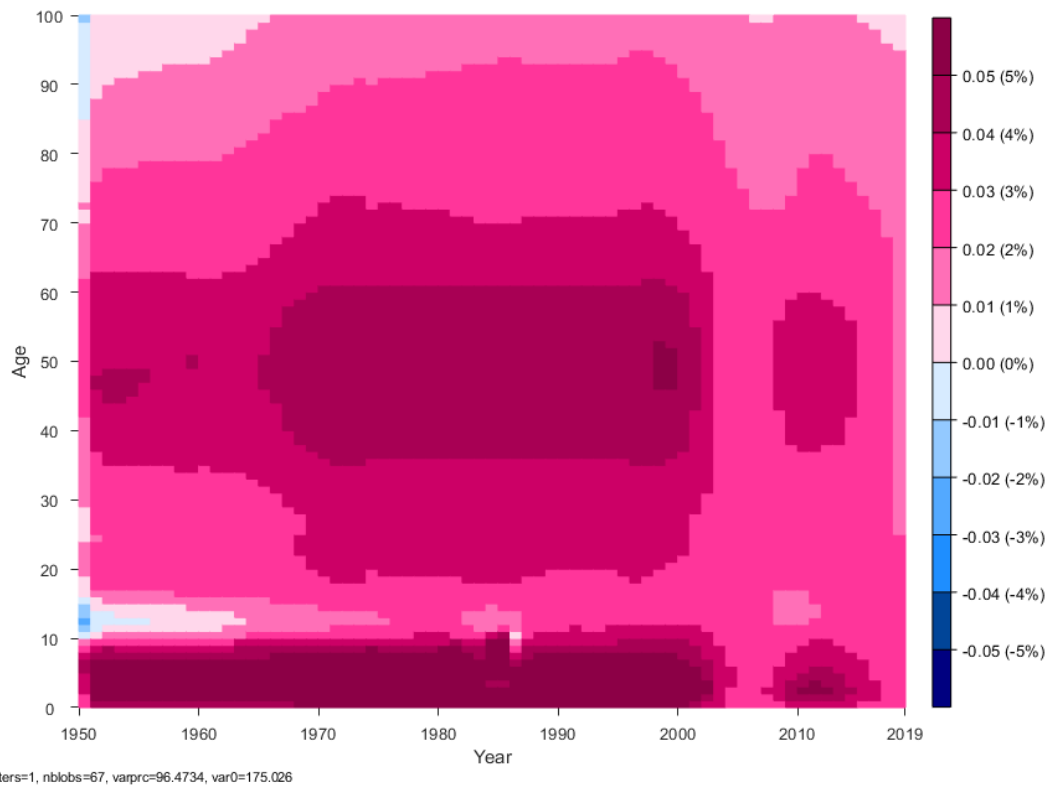


# Martinique

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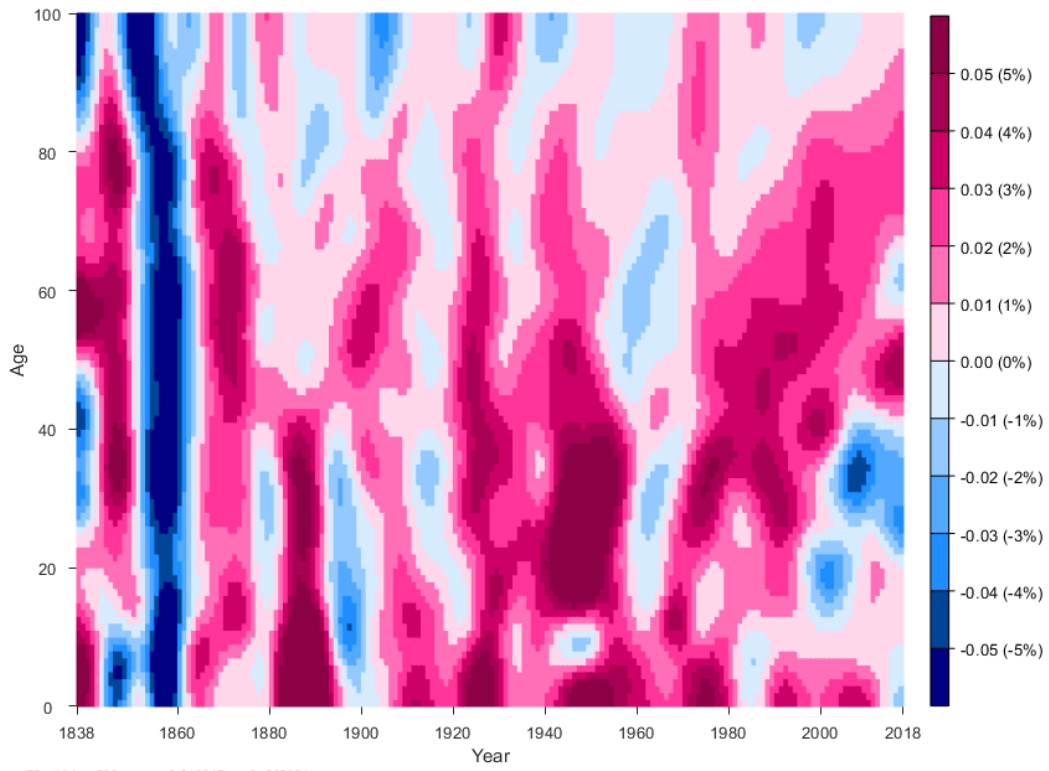


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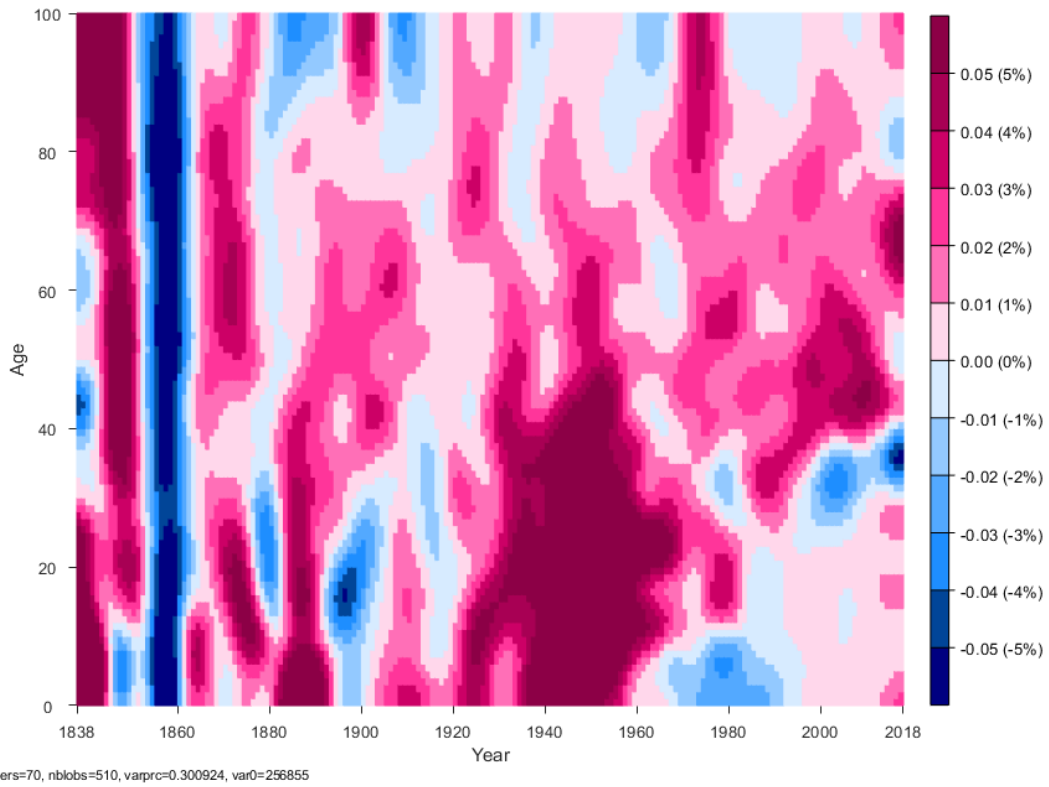


# Iceland

## Males

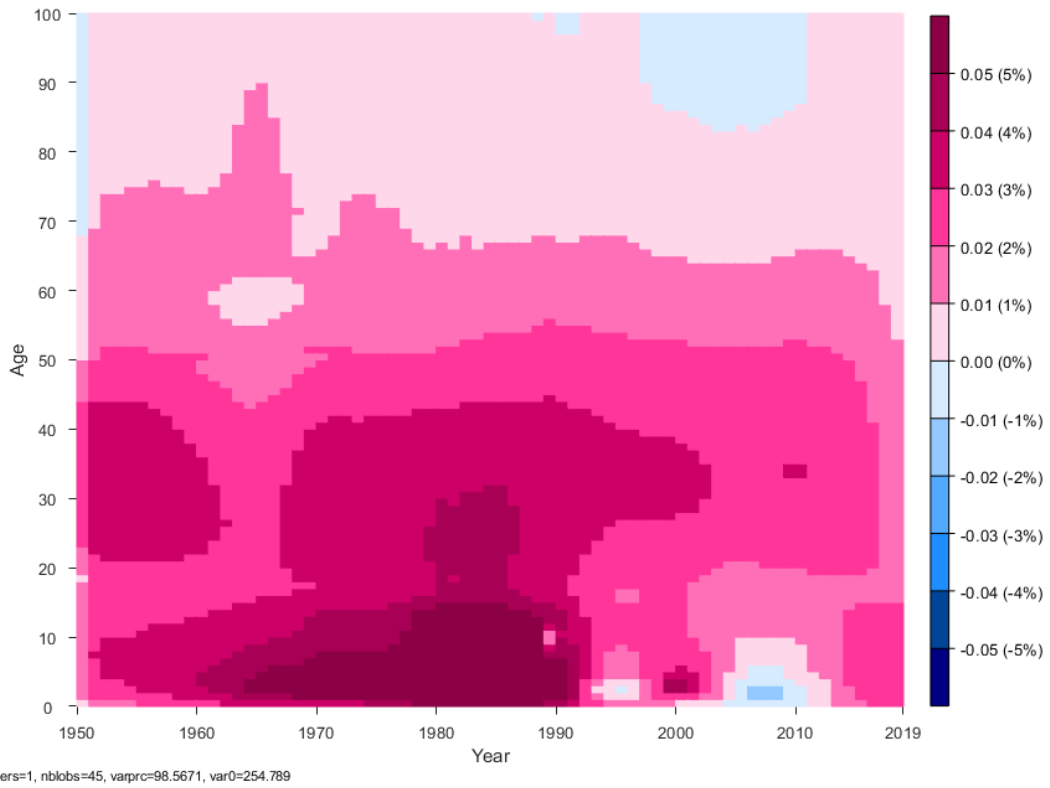


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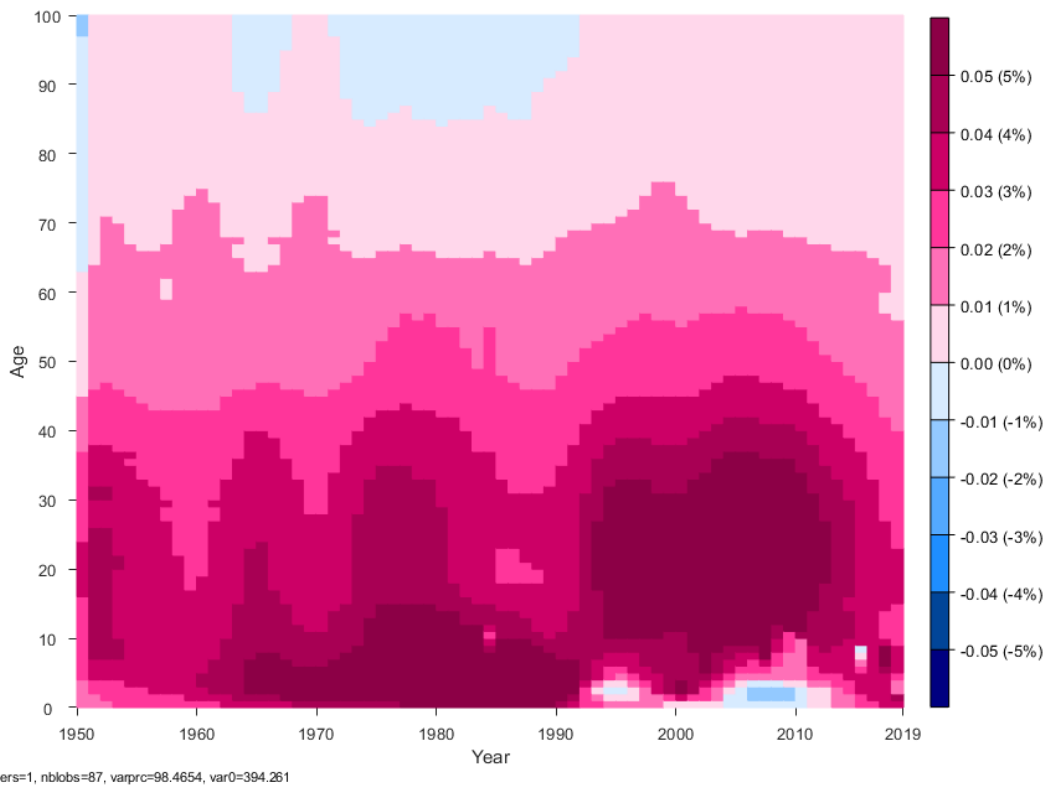


# Vanuatu

## Males



## Females

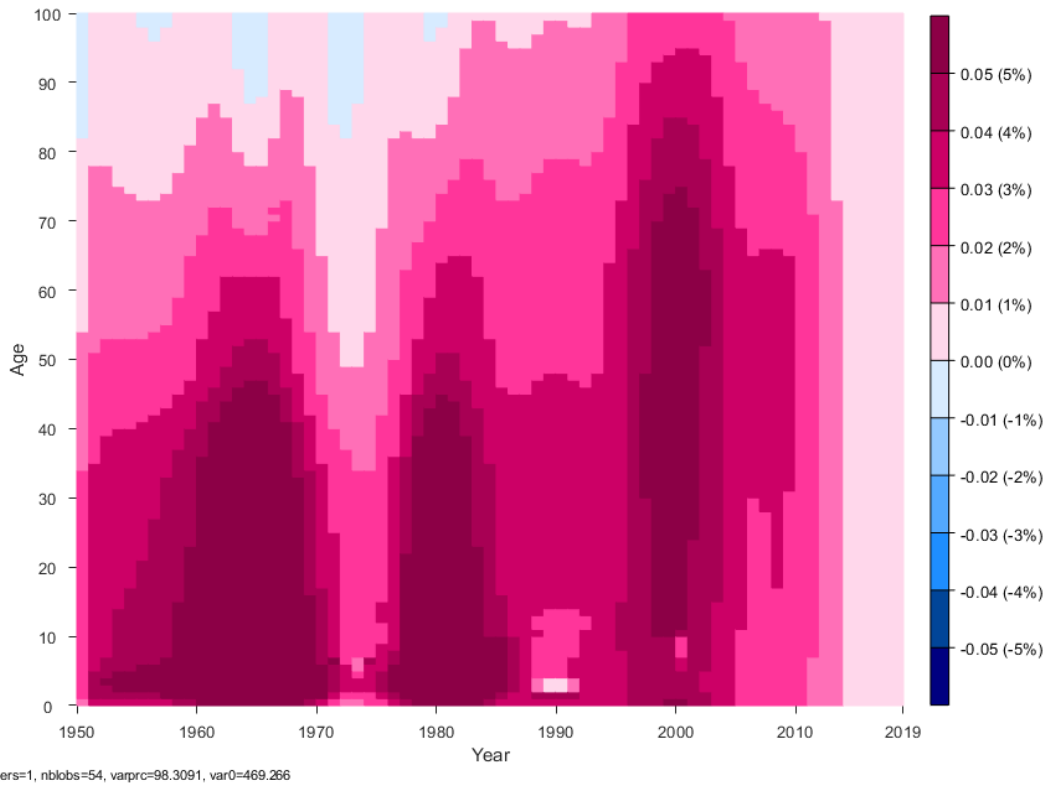


# French Guiana

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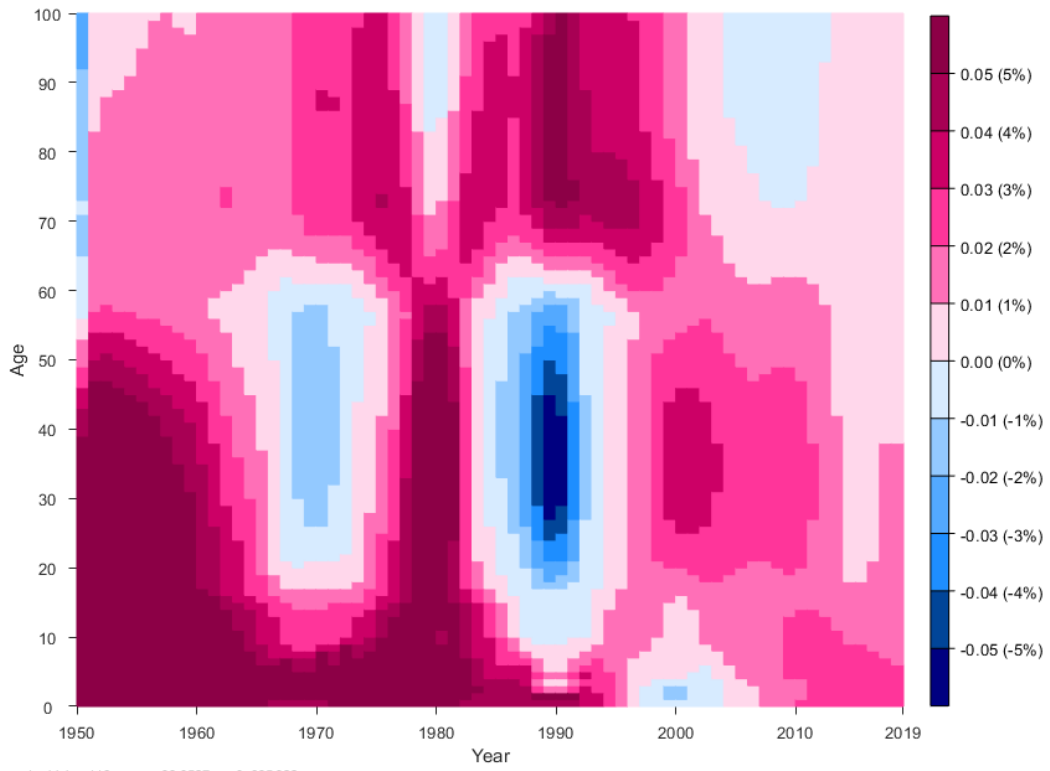


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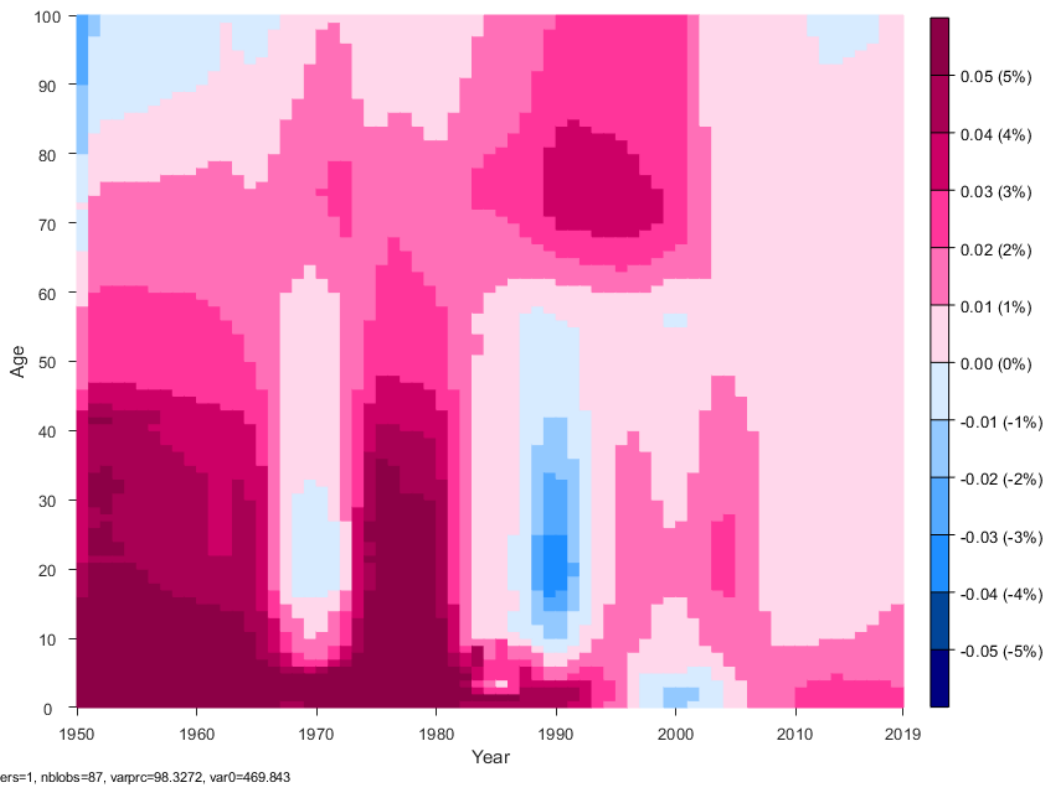


# Barbados

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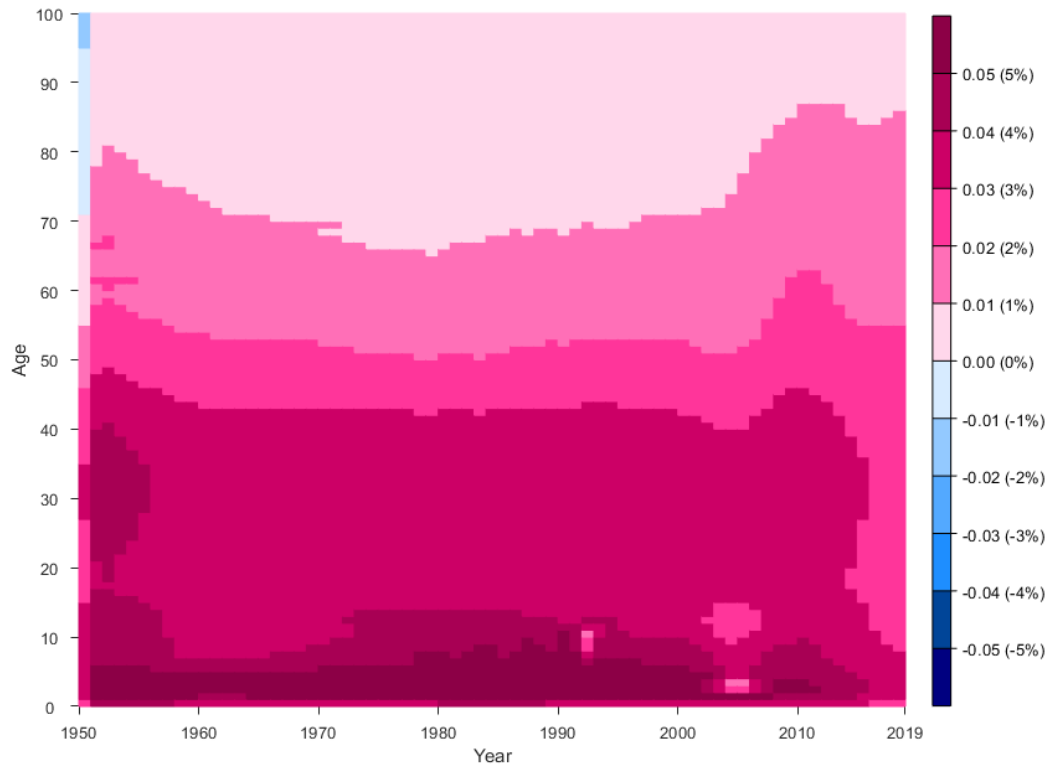


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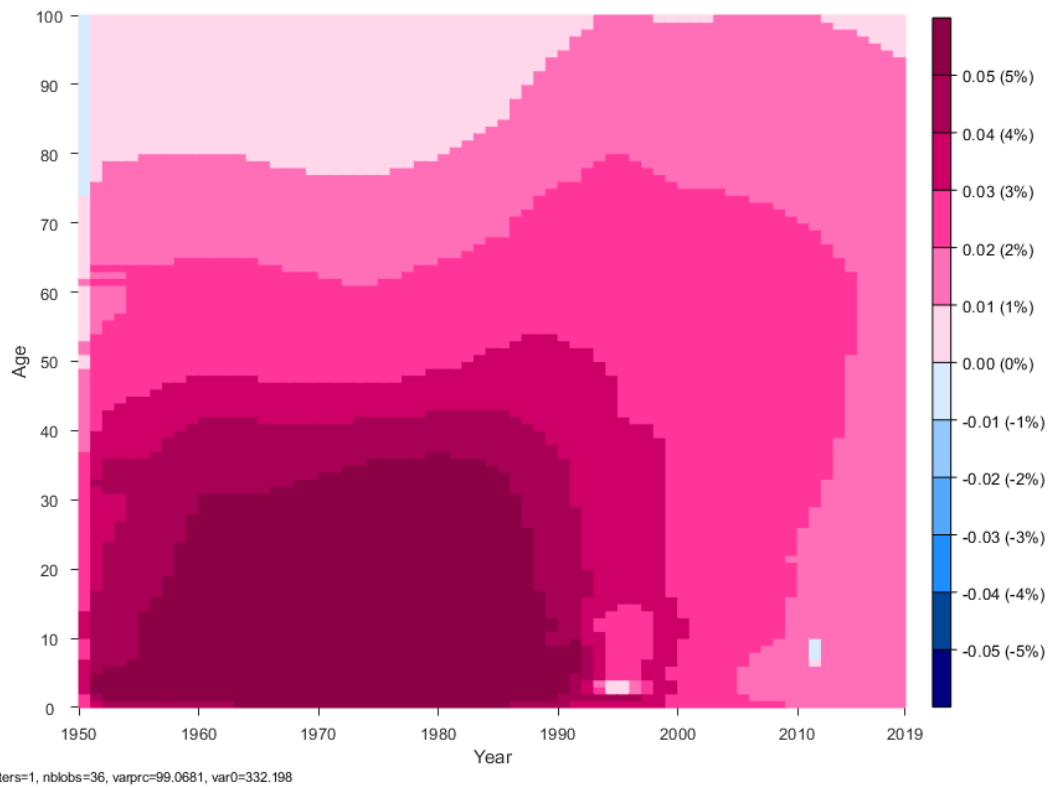


# New Caledonia

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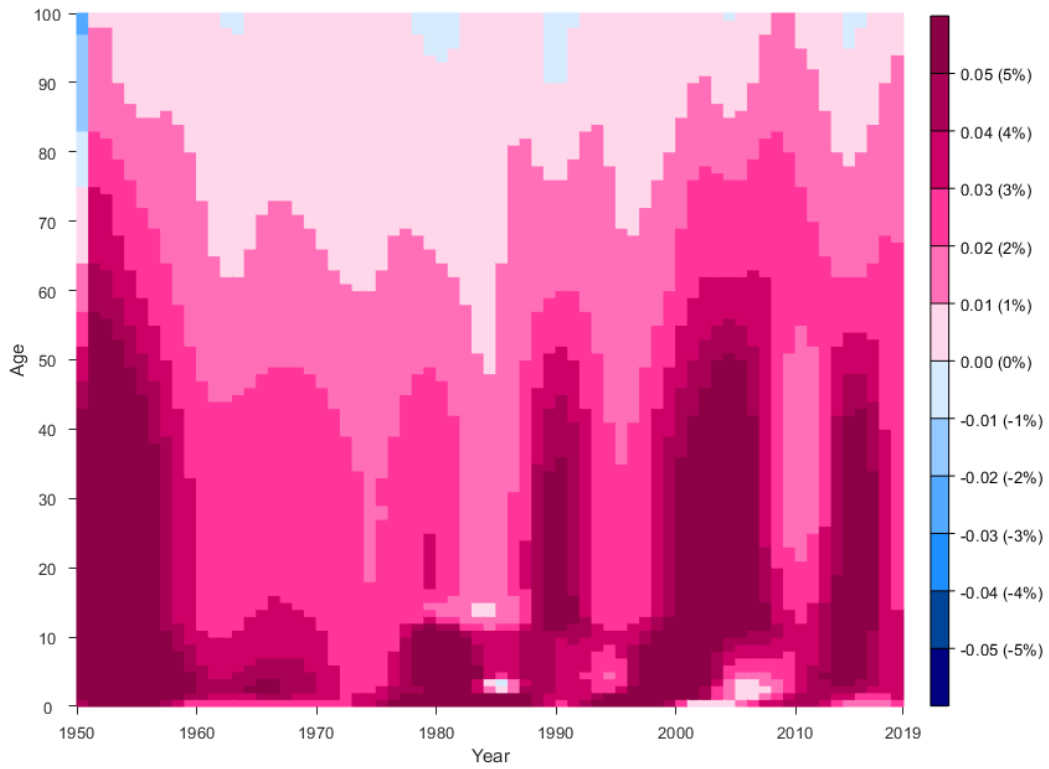


## Females



# French Polynesia

## Males



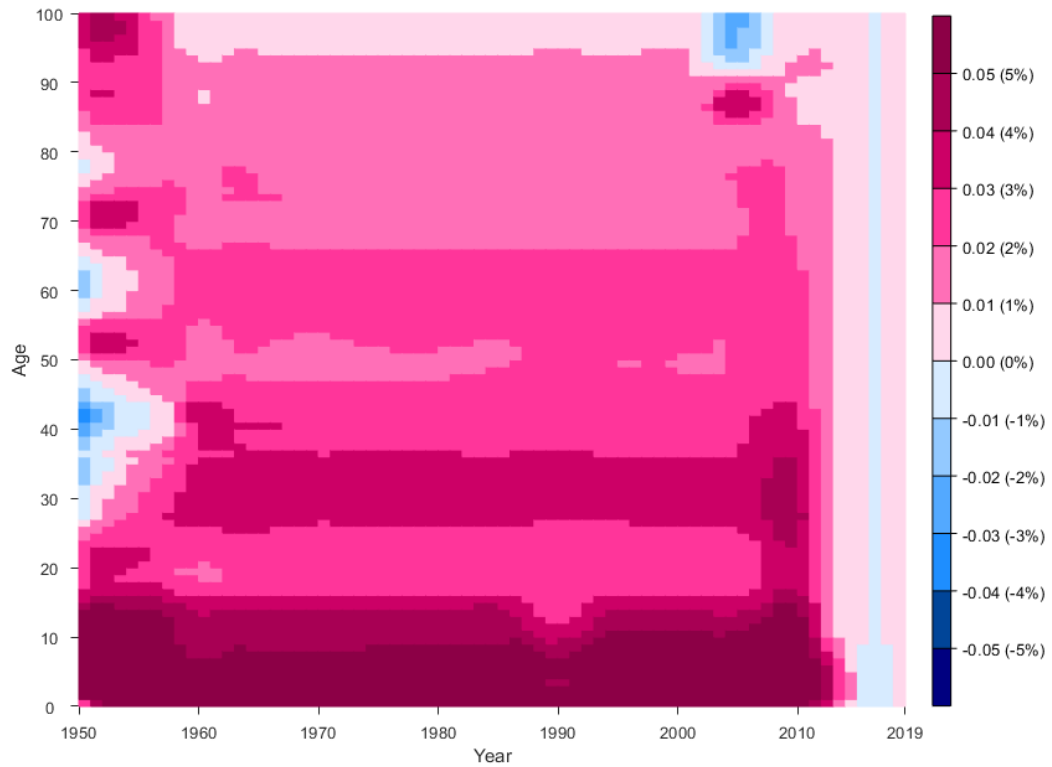
## Females





# Mayotte

## Males

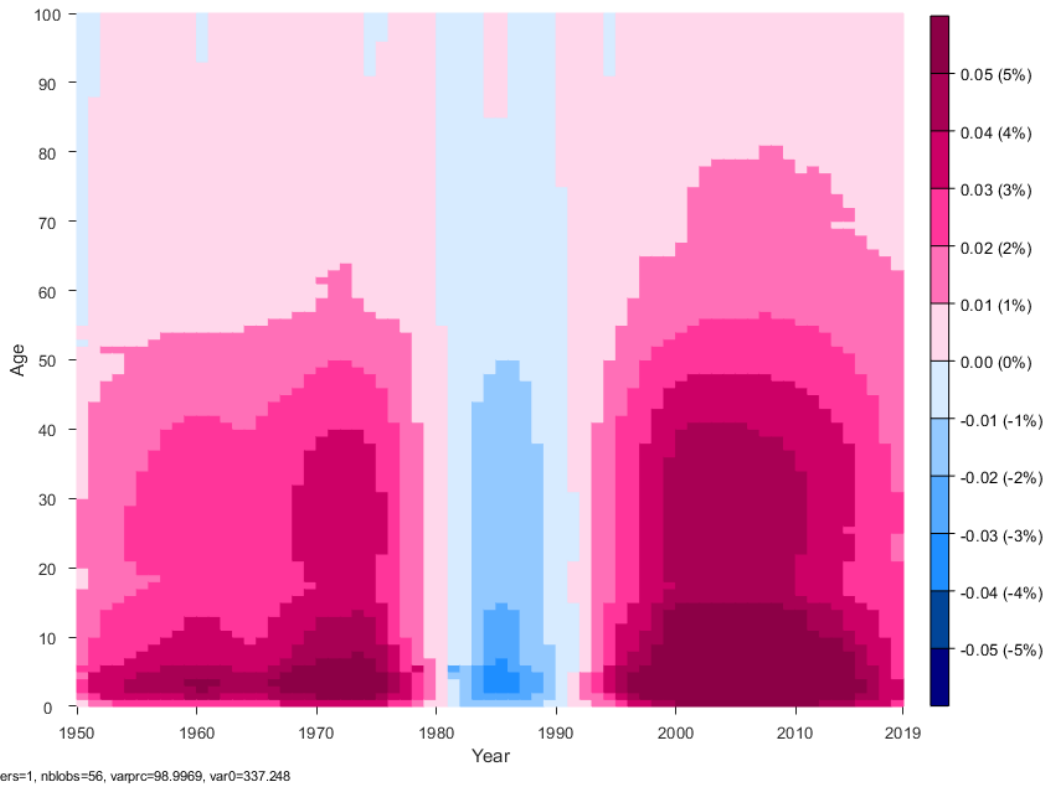


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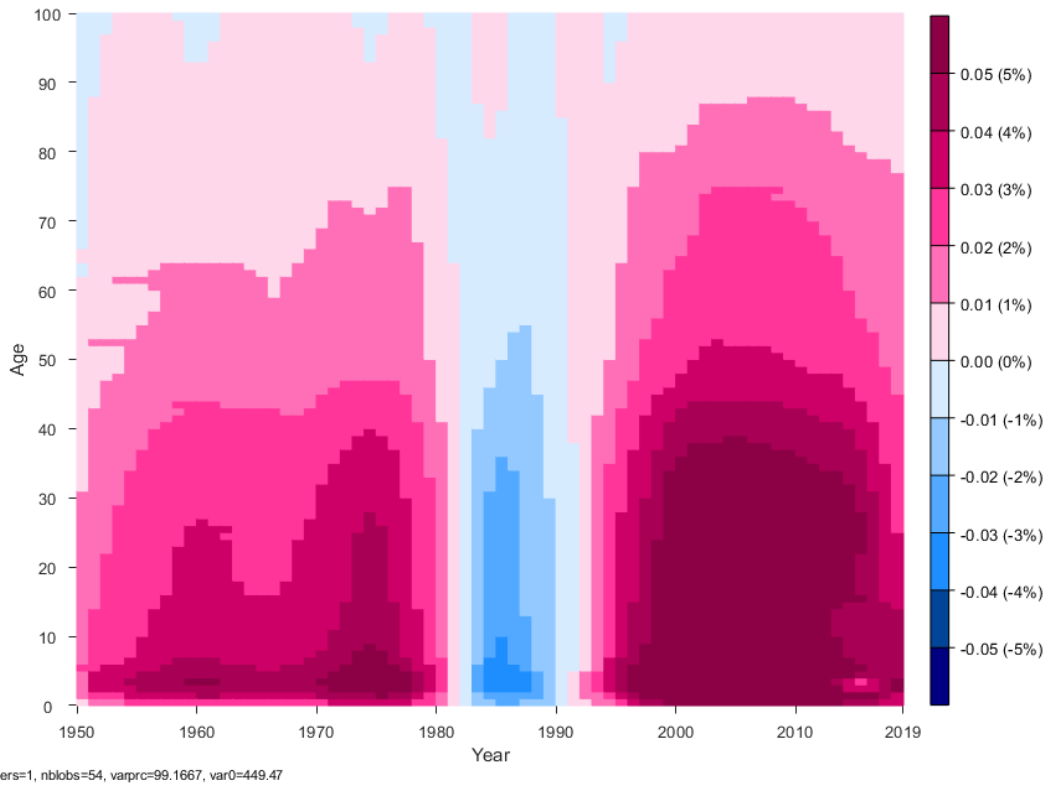


# Sao Tome and Principe

## Males

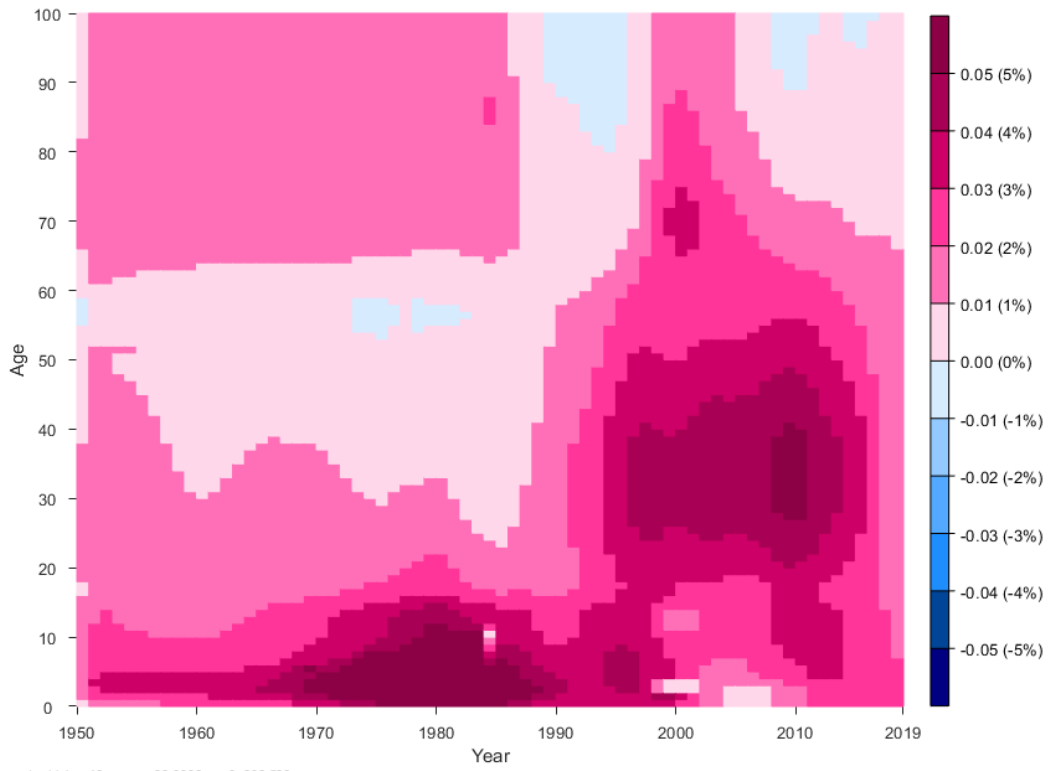


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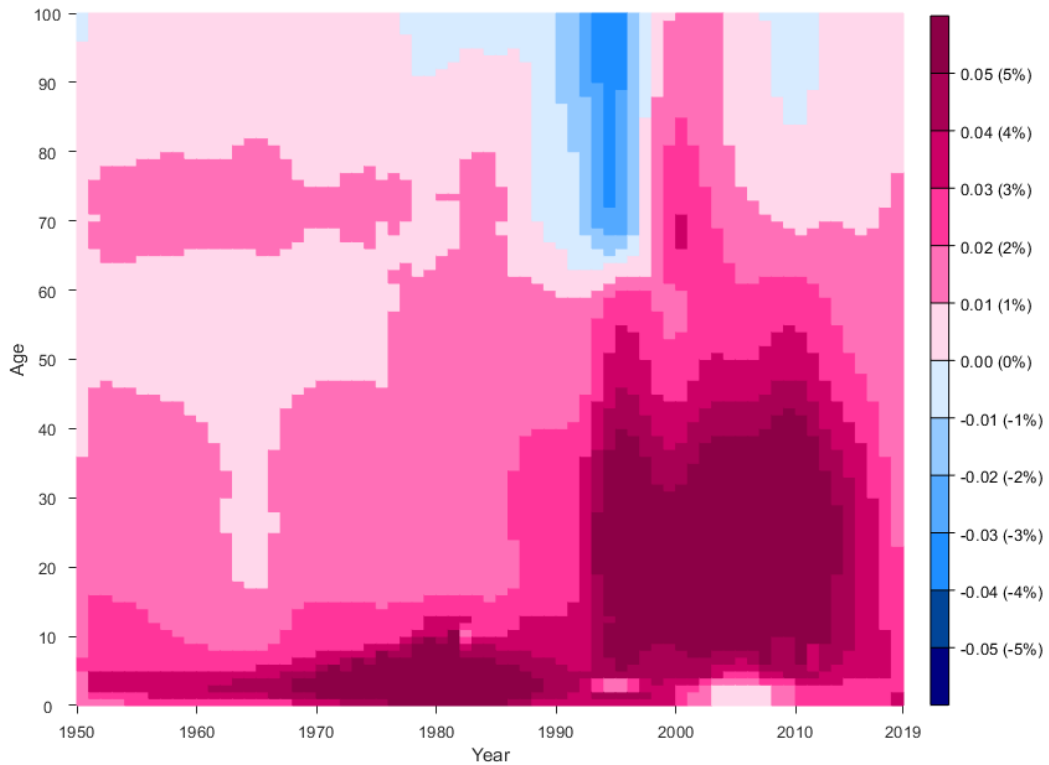
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## Males



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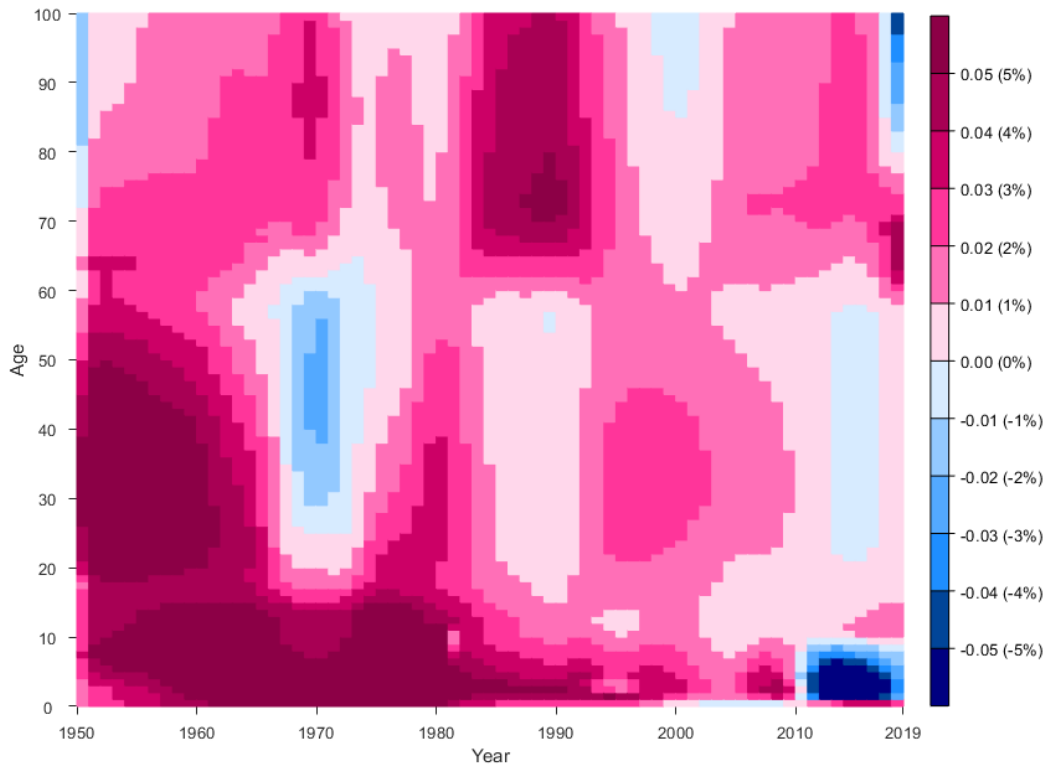
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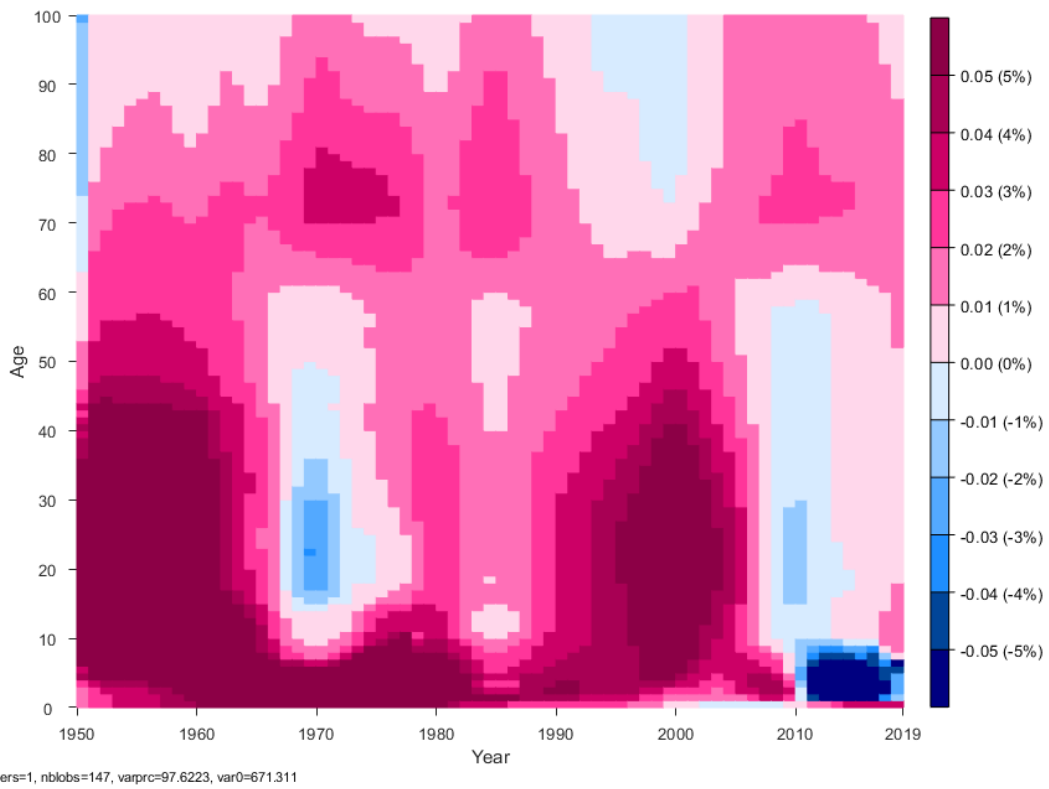
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# Saint Lucia

## Males



## Females



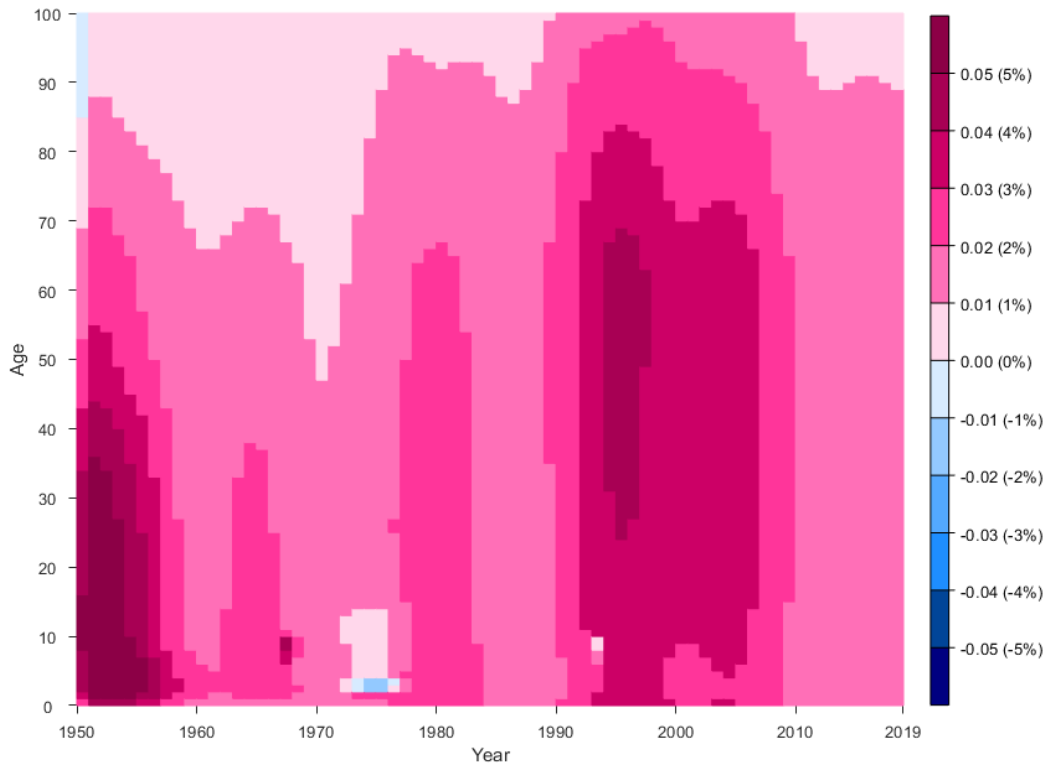
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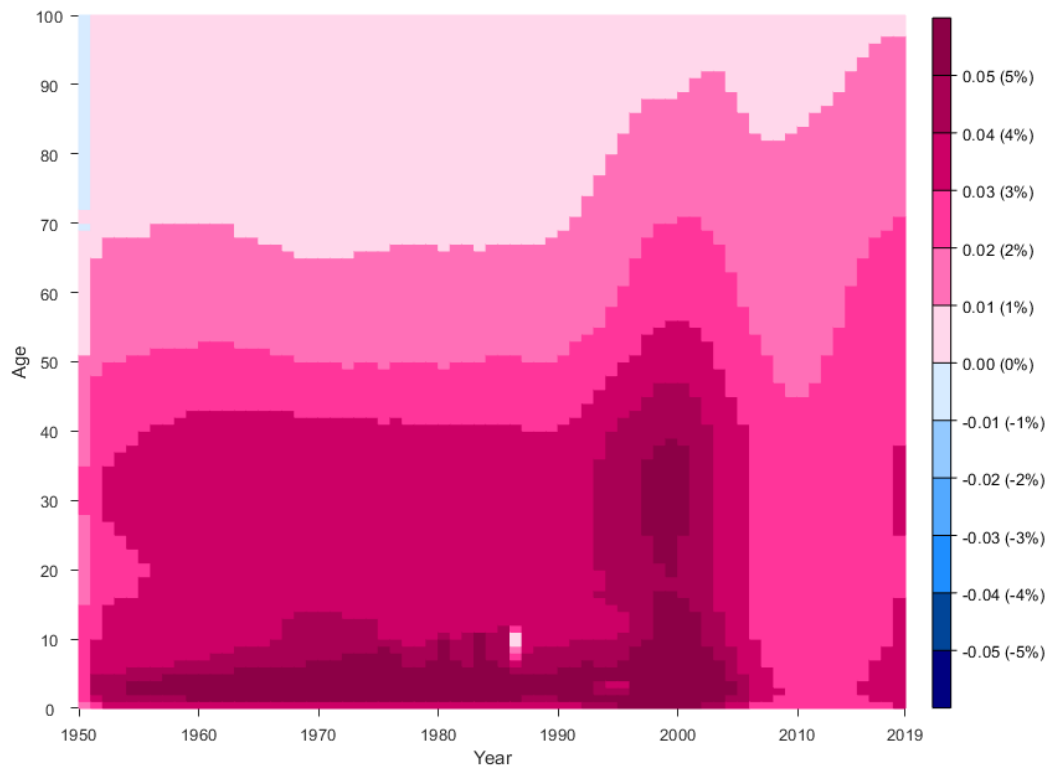
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## Males

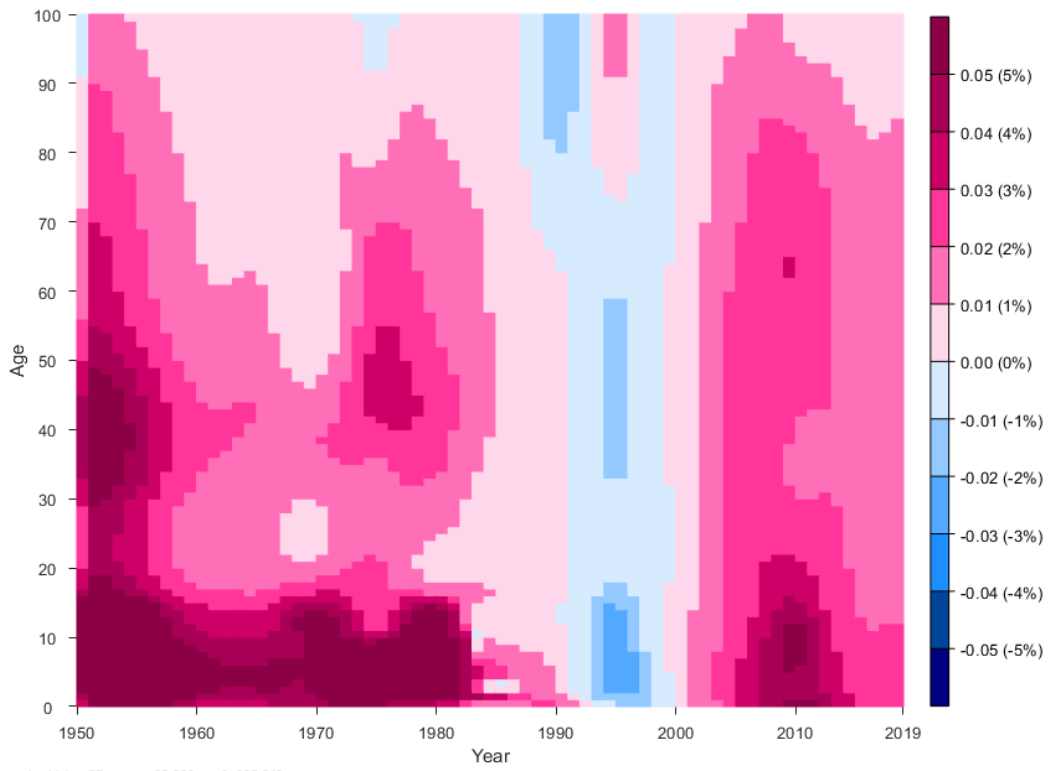


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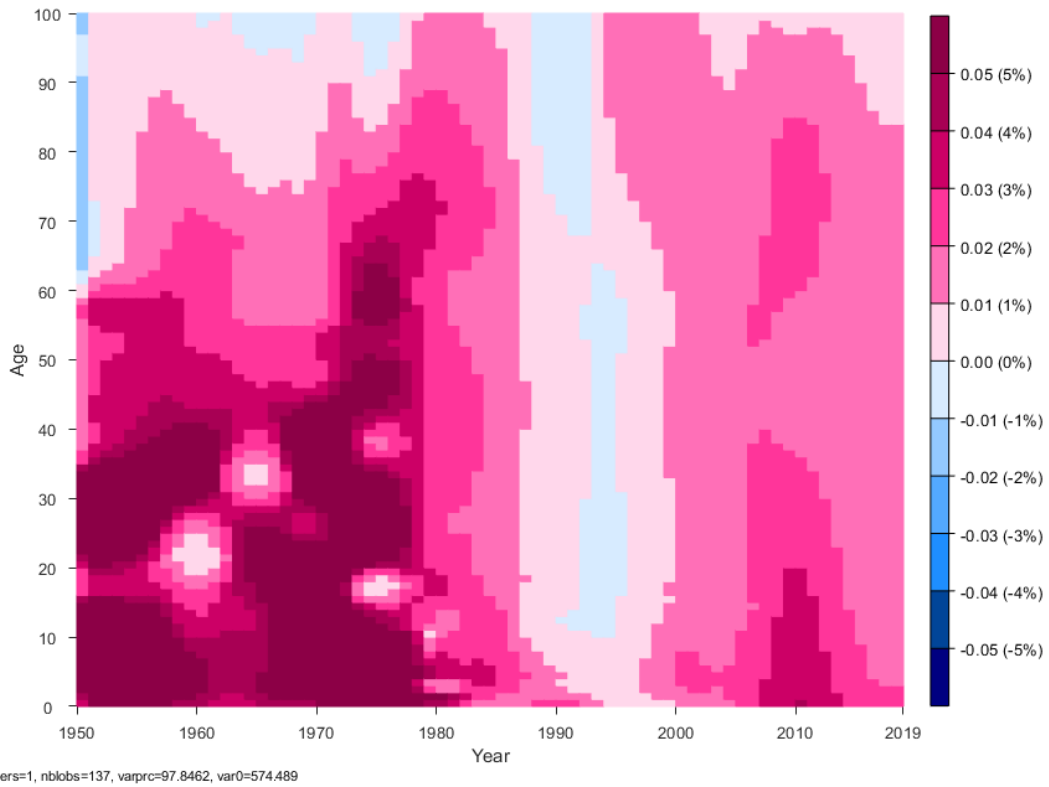


# Cura視

## Males

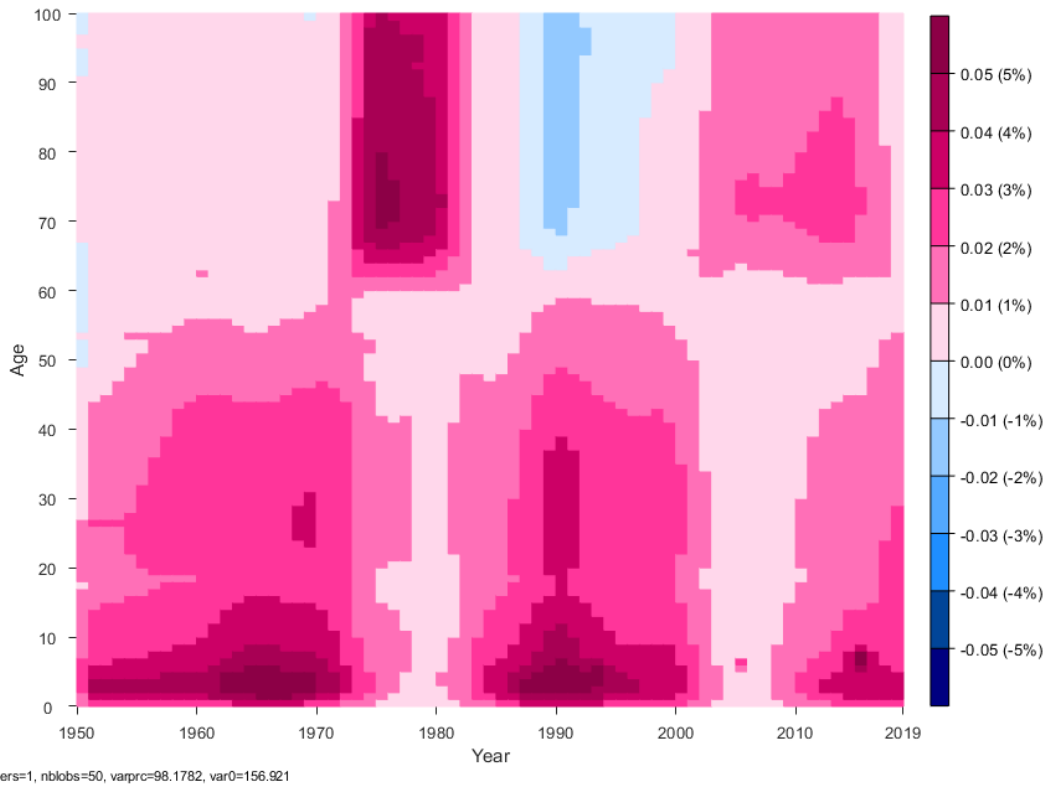


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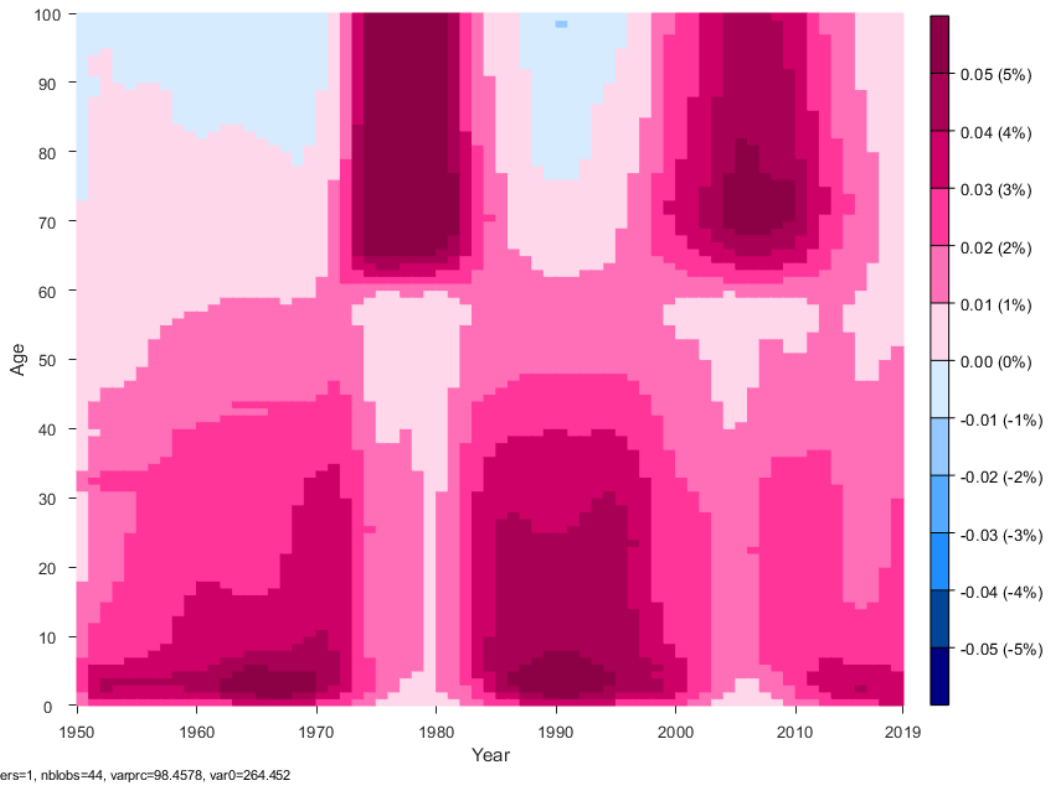


# Kiribati

## Males



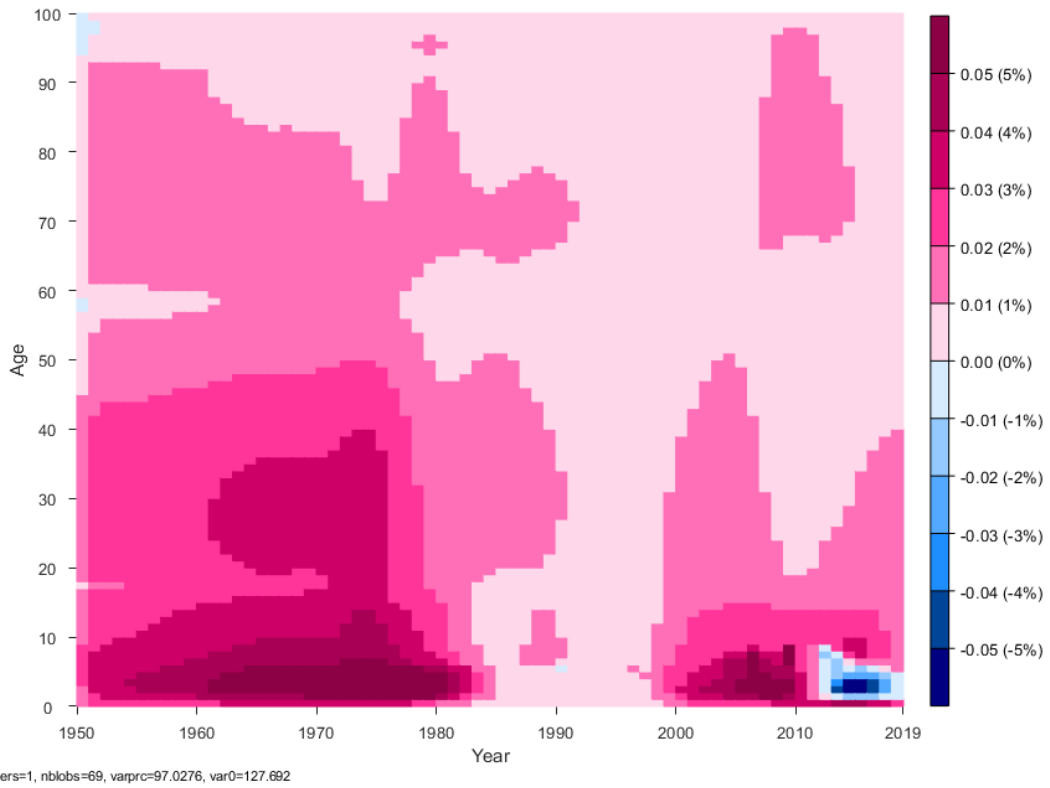
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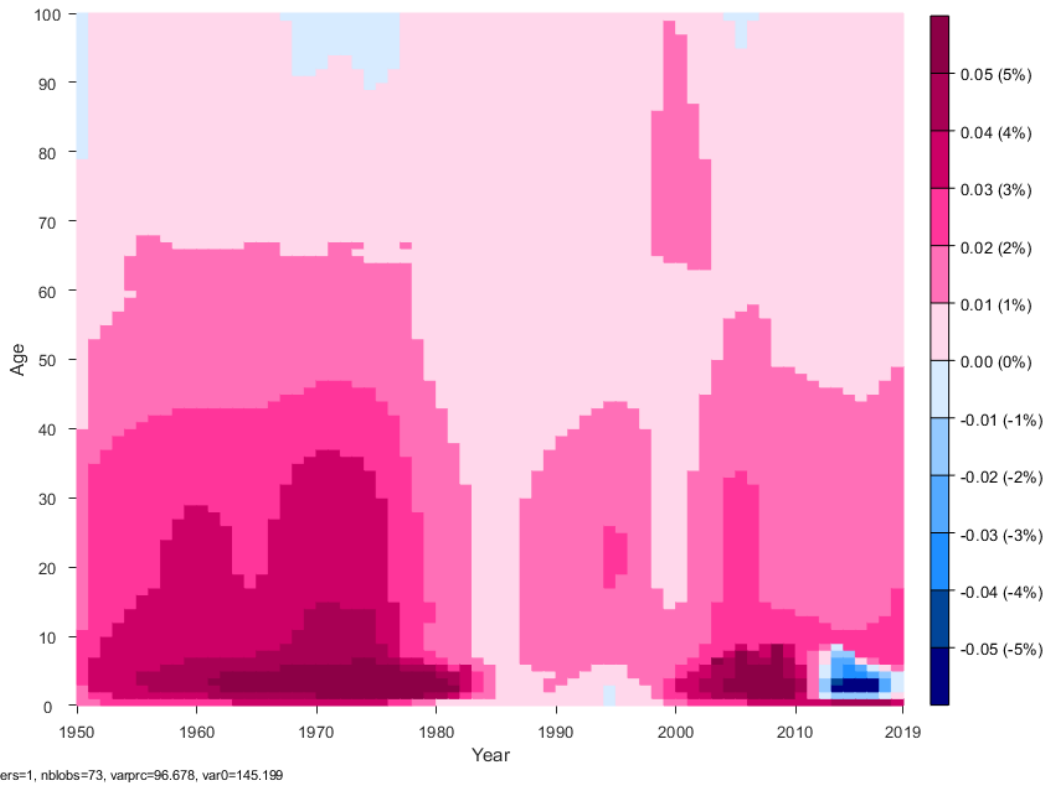


# Micronesia (Fed. States of)

## Males

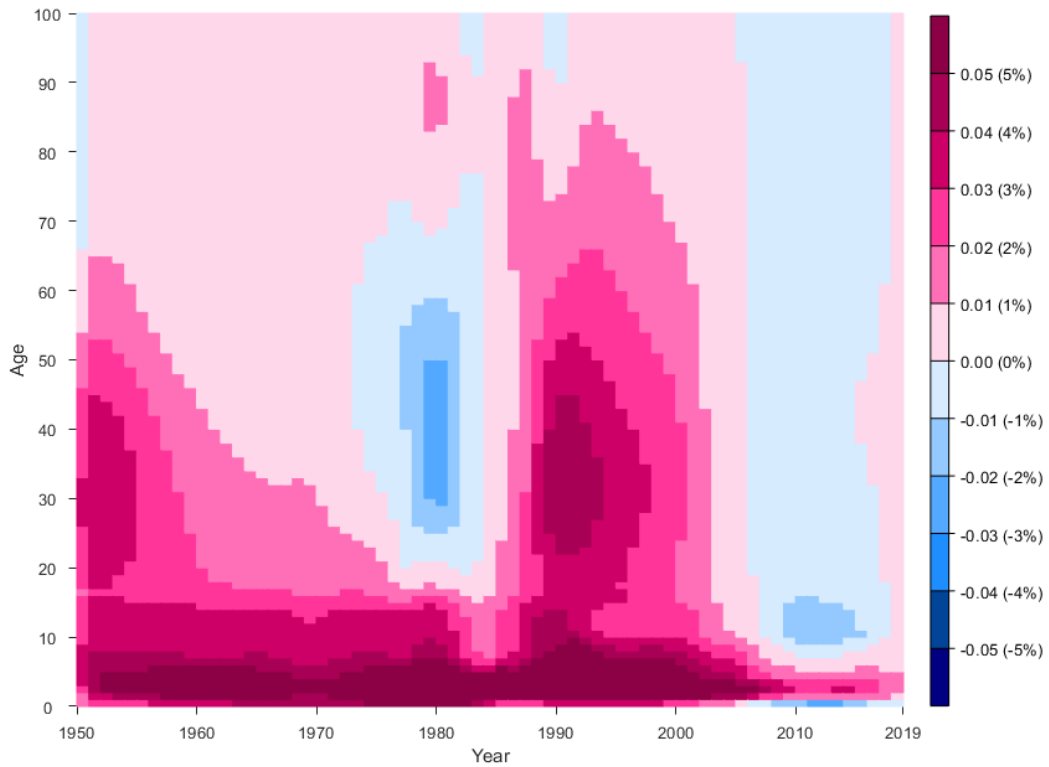


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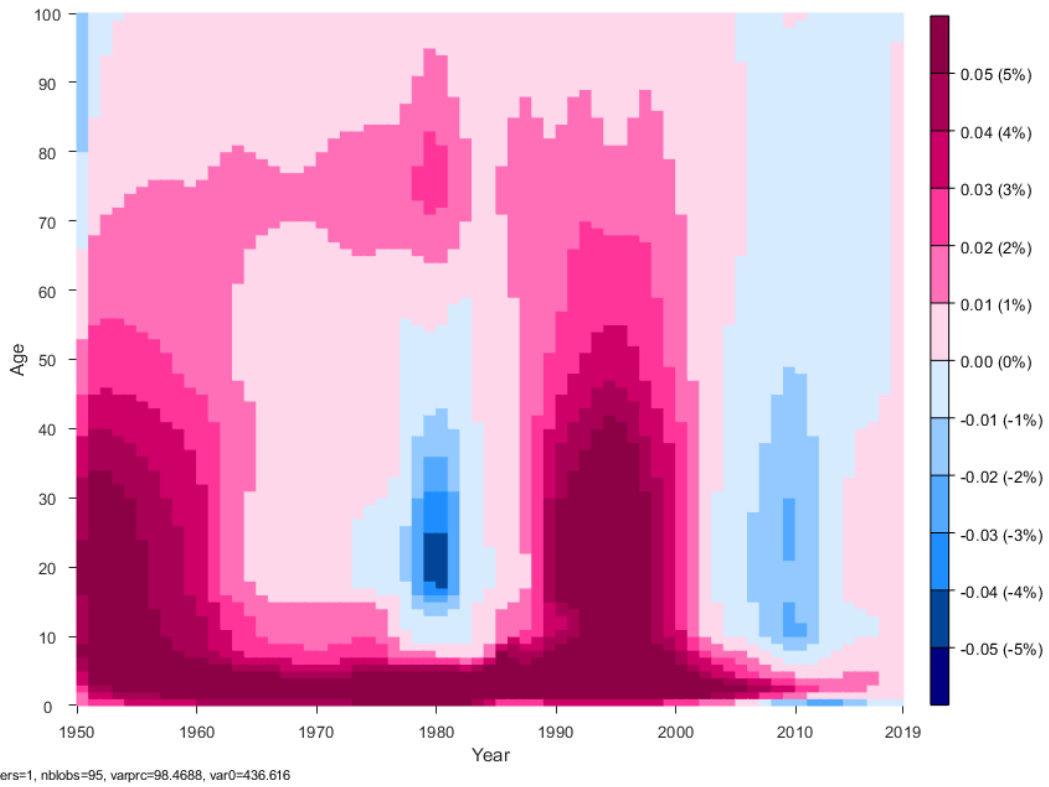


# Grenada

## Males

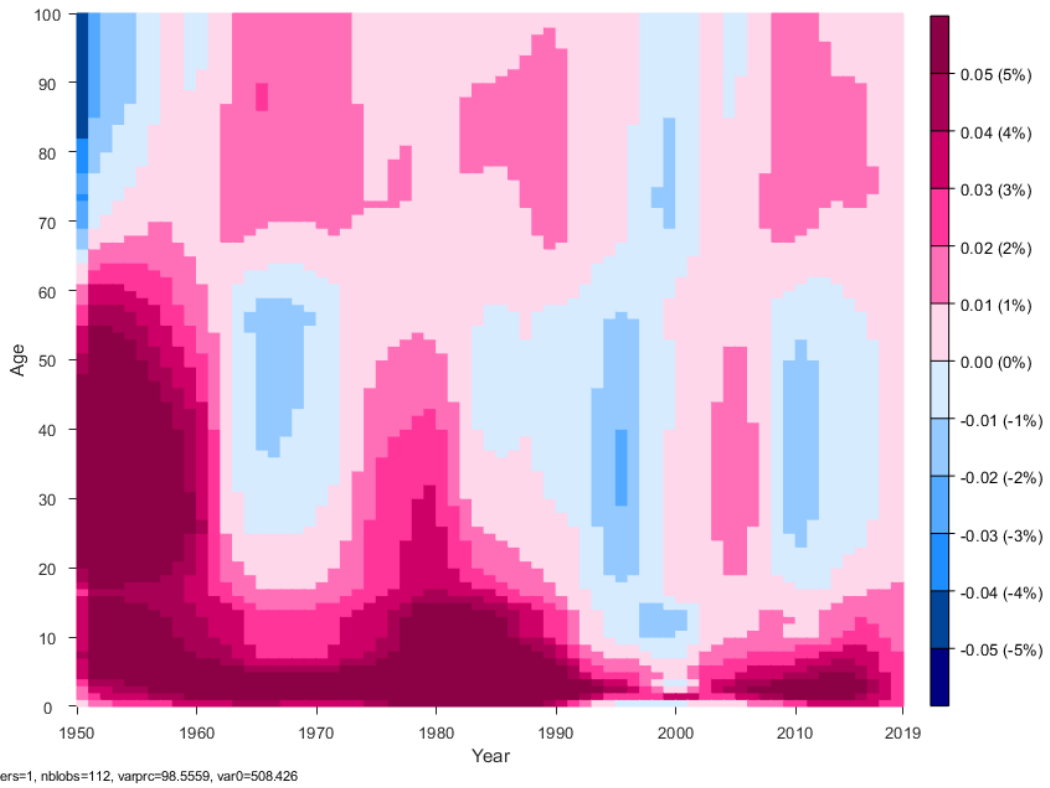


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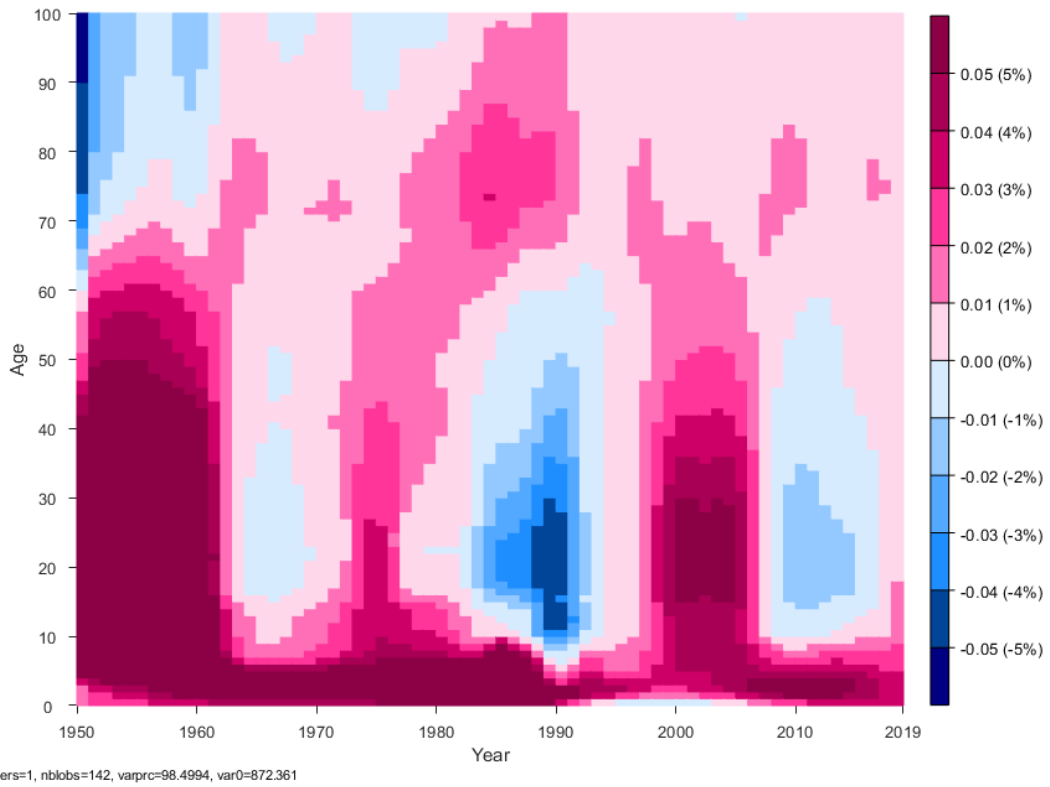


# Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

## Males



## Females



# Aruba

## Males

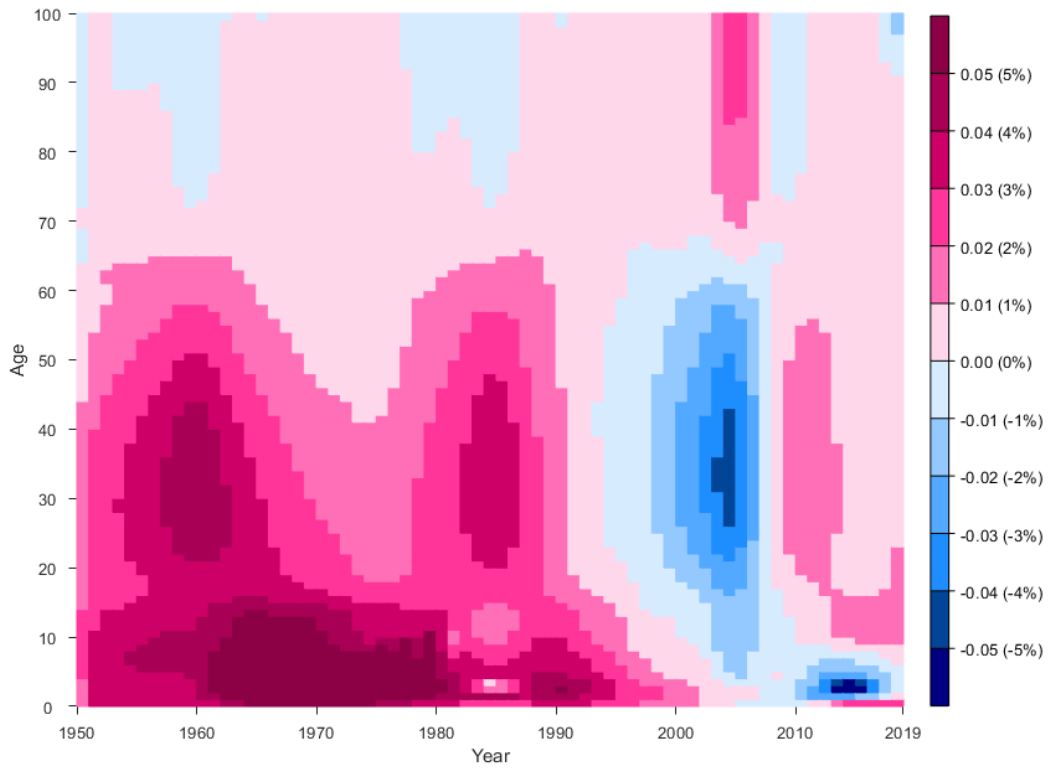


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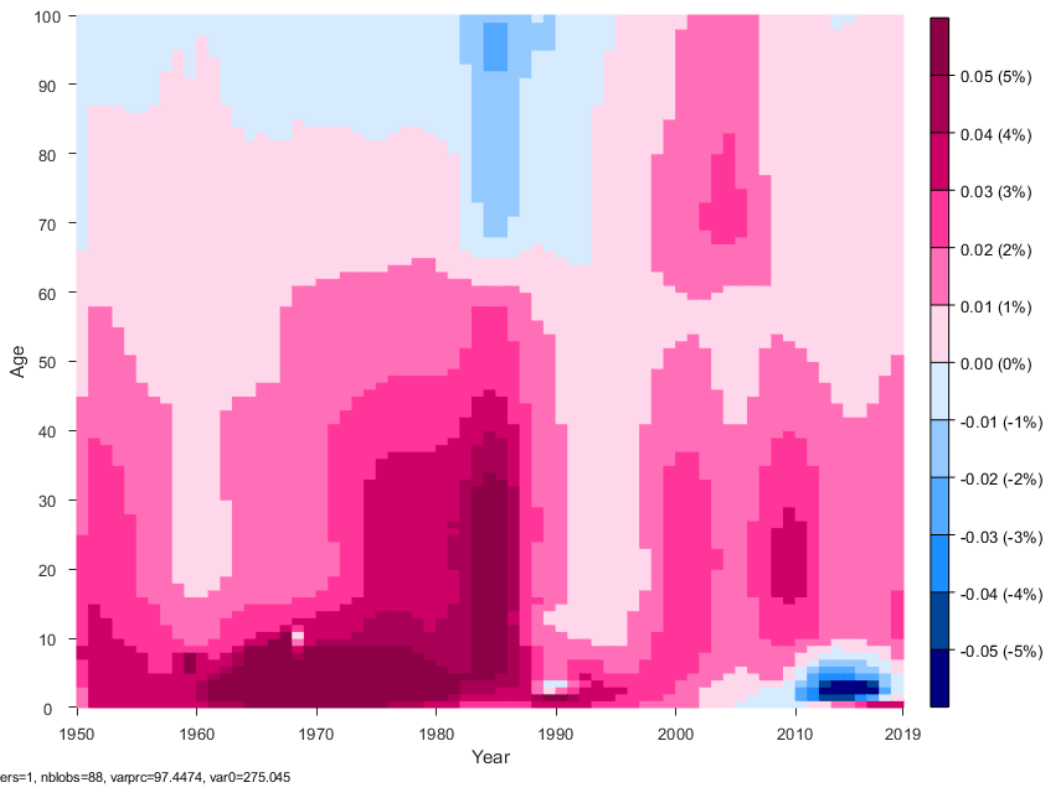


# Tonga

## Males

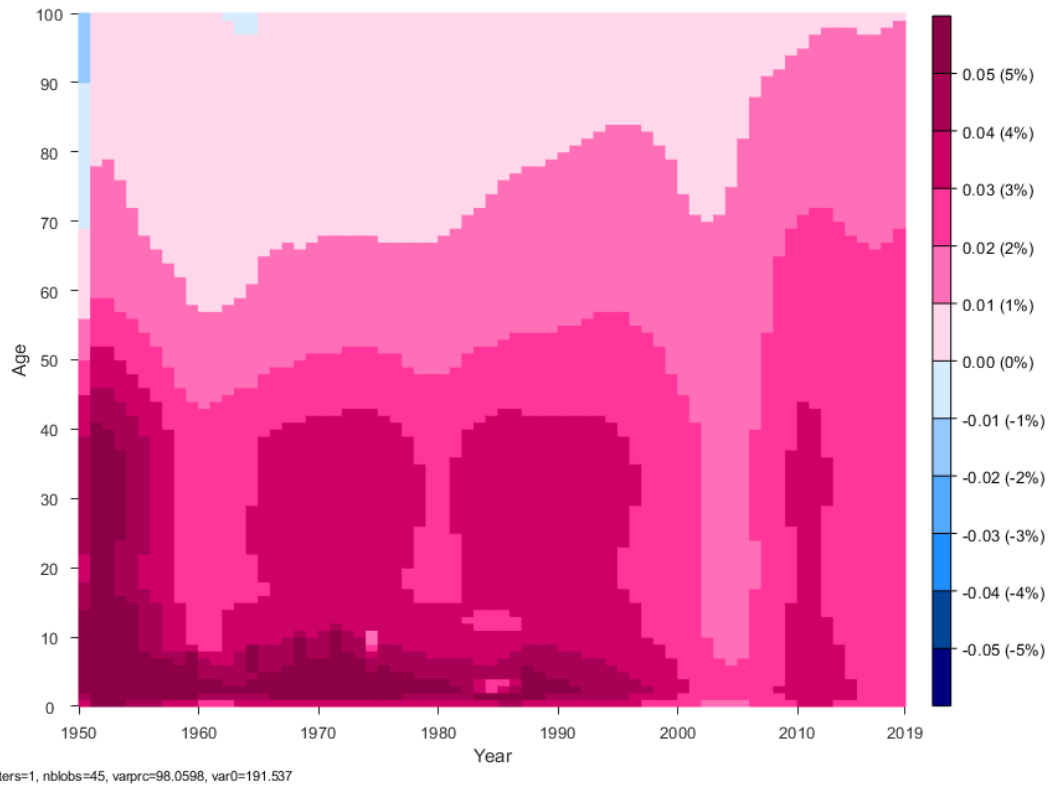


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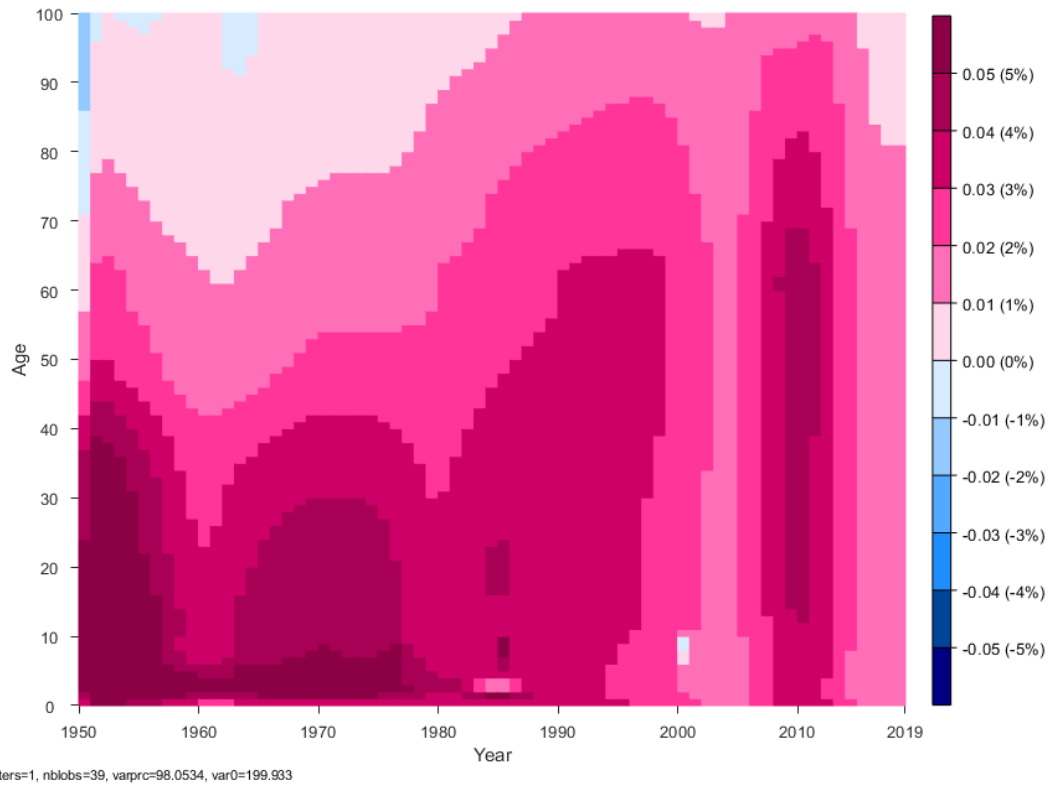


# United States Virgin Islands

## Males

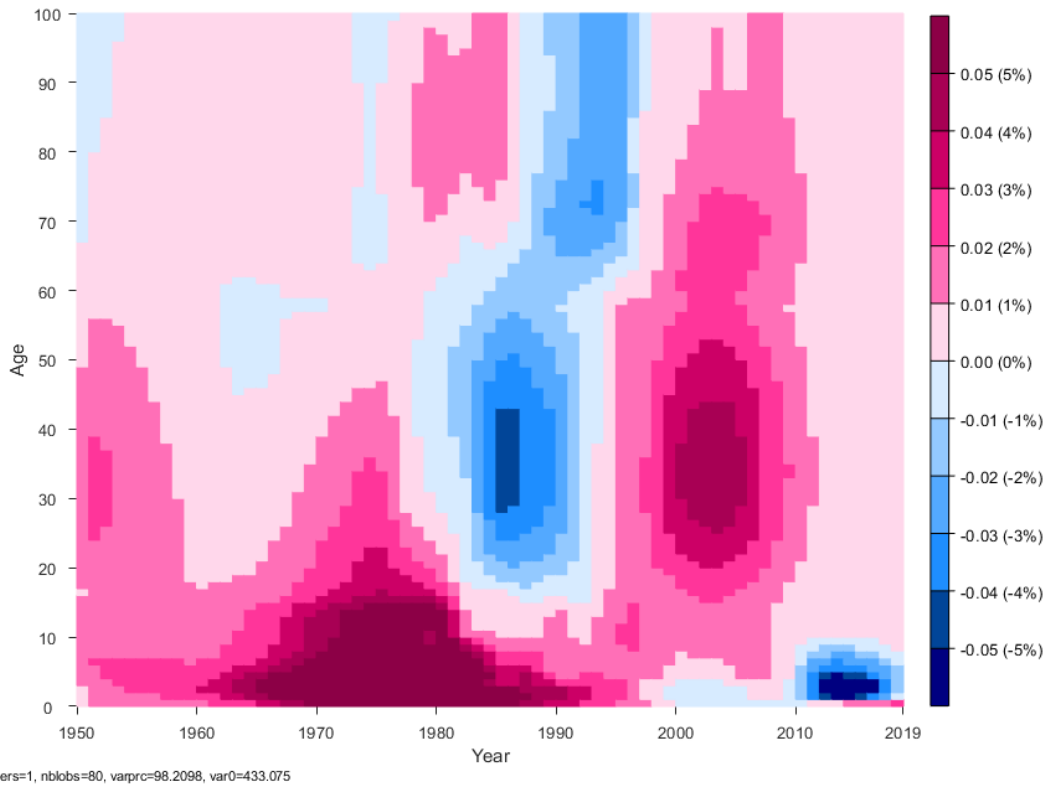


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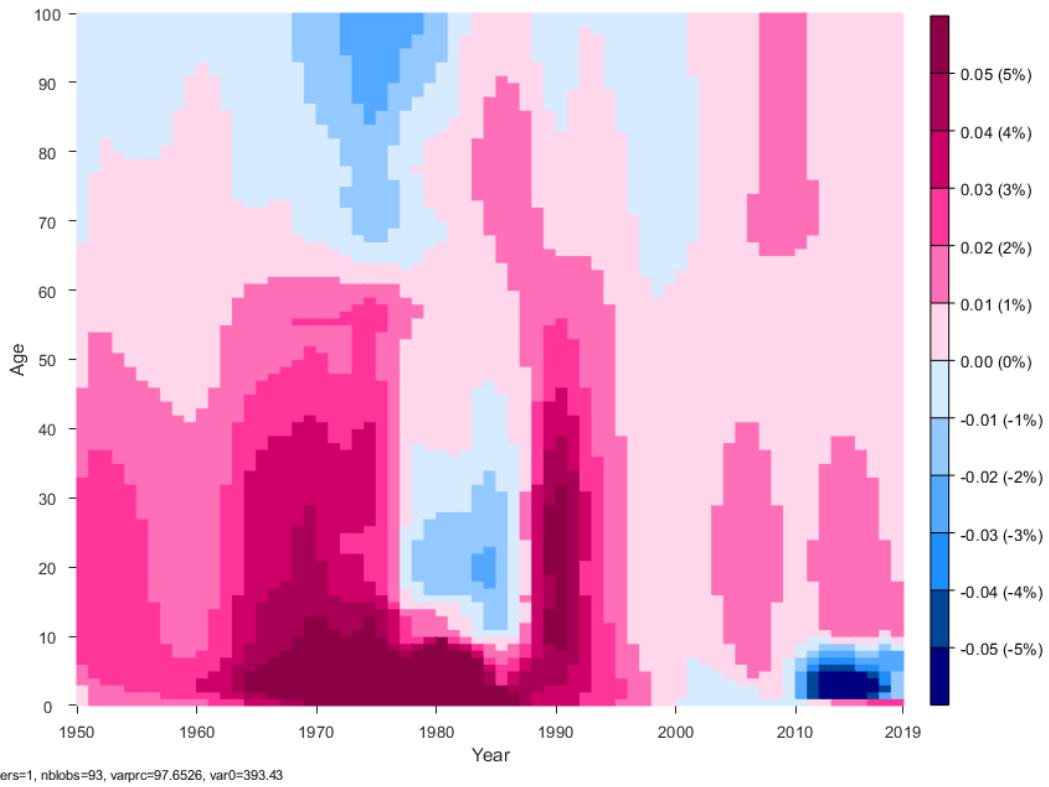


# Seychelles

## Males

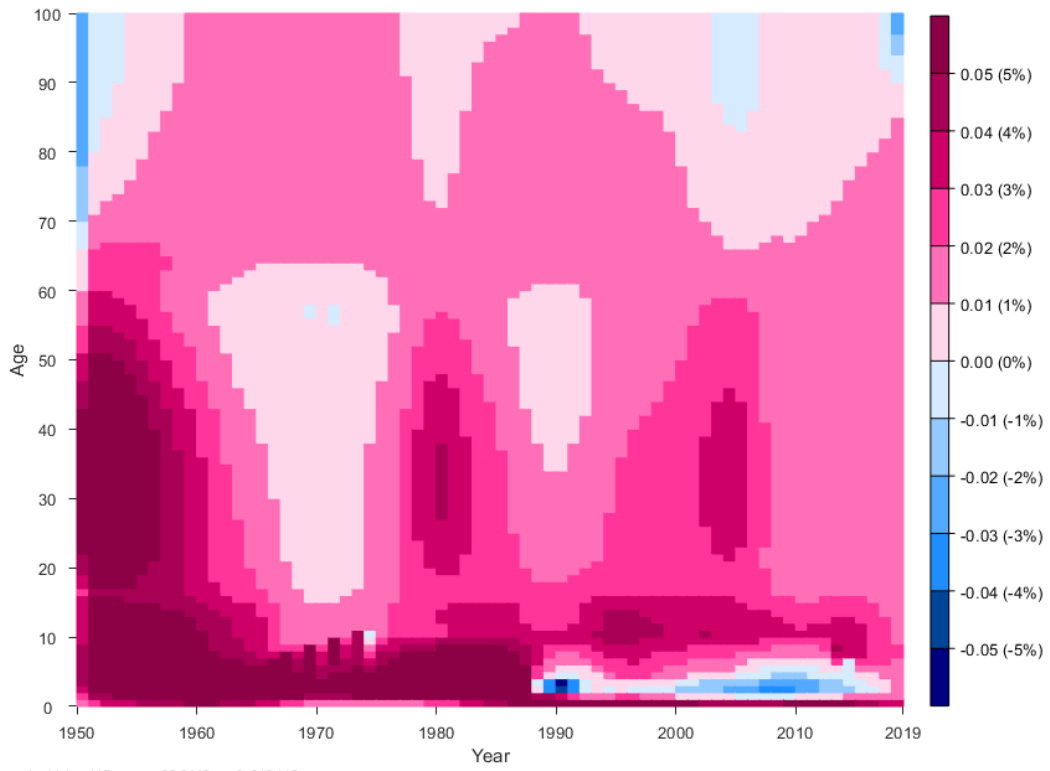


## Females



# Antigua and Barbuda

## Males



## Females

