

The National Transfer Accounts and the 2016 Demographic Dividend Report for Nigeria: What have we learned?

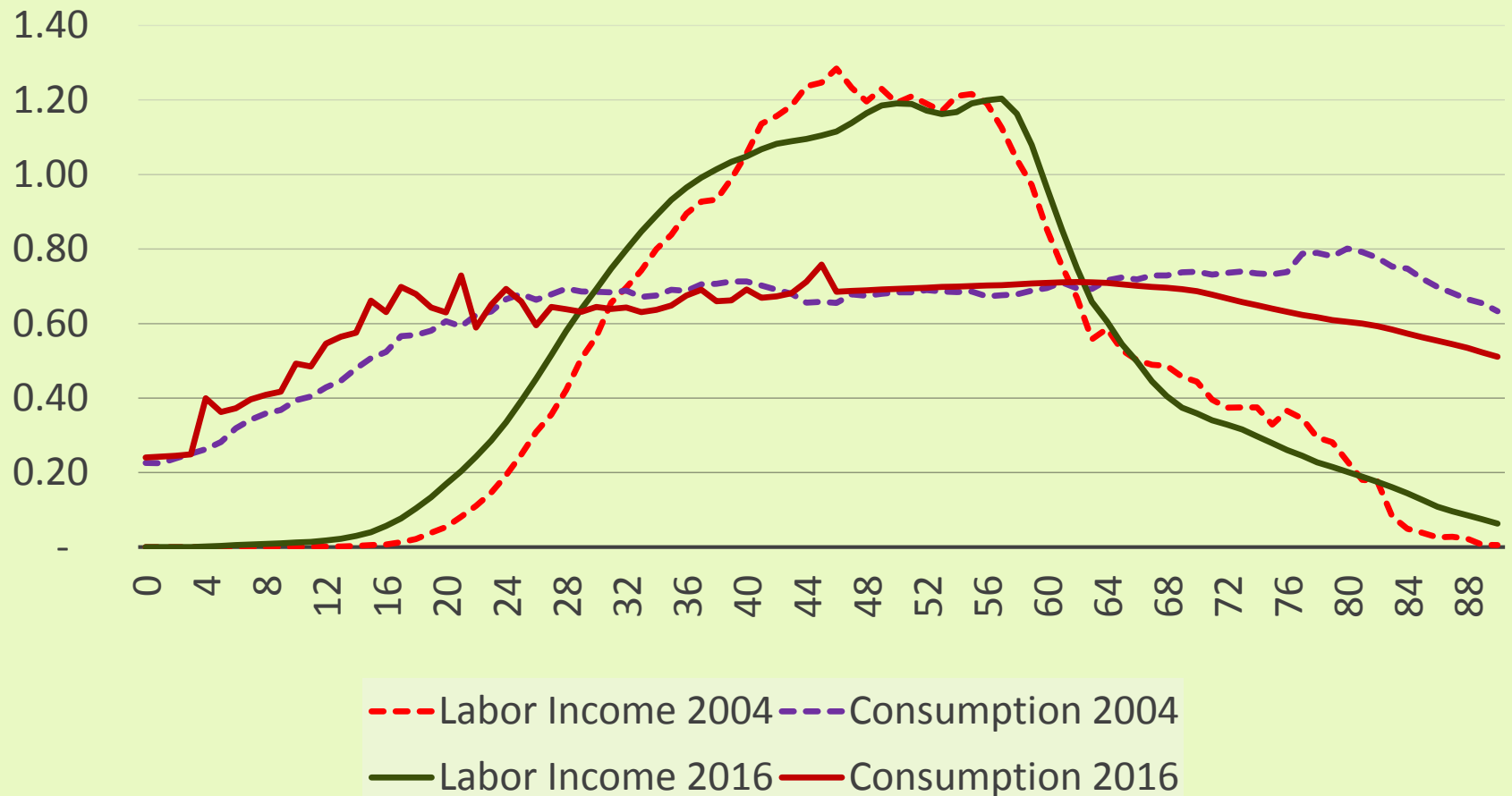
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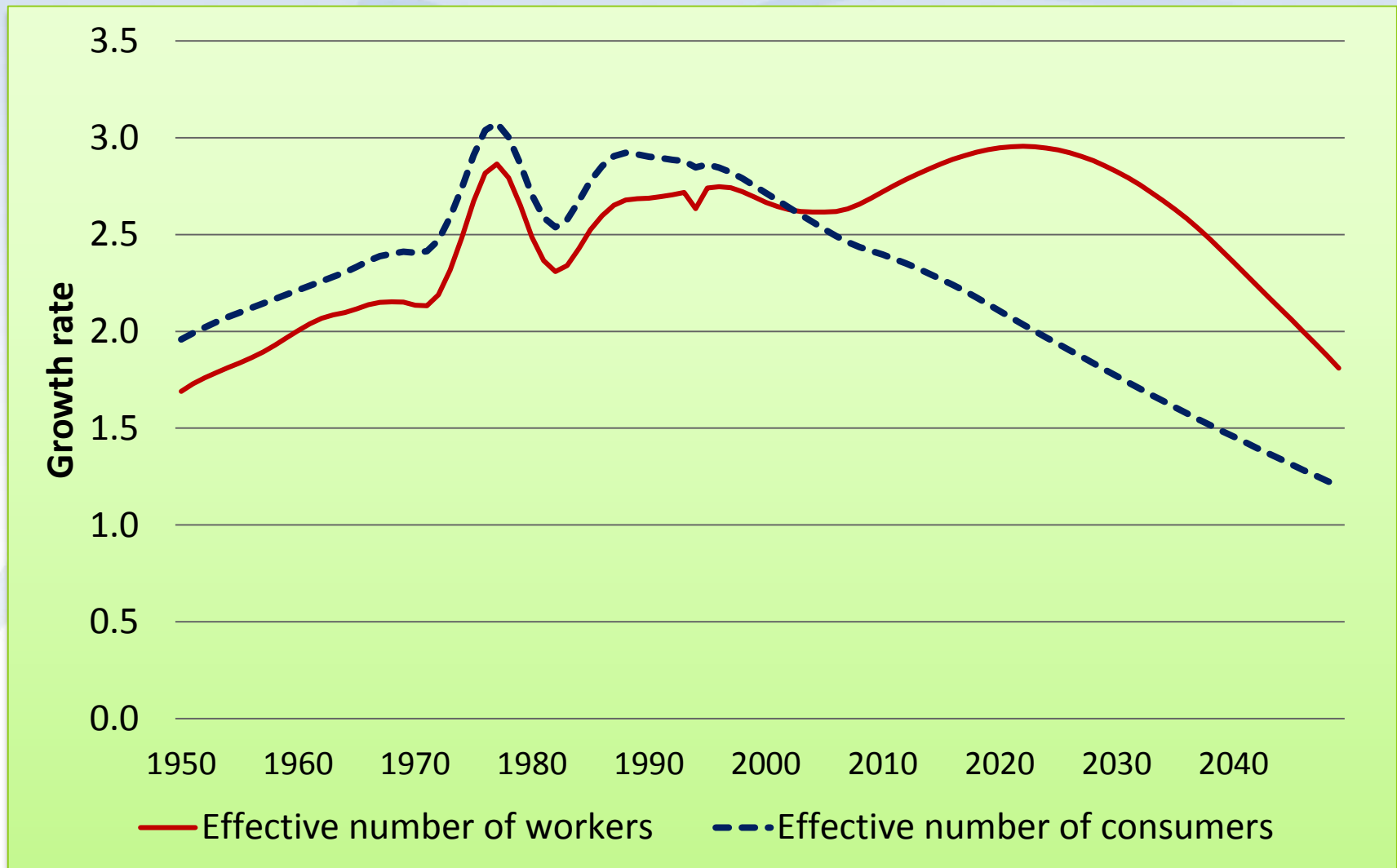
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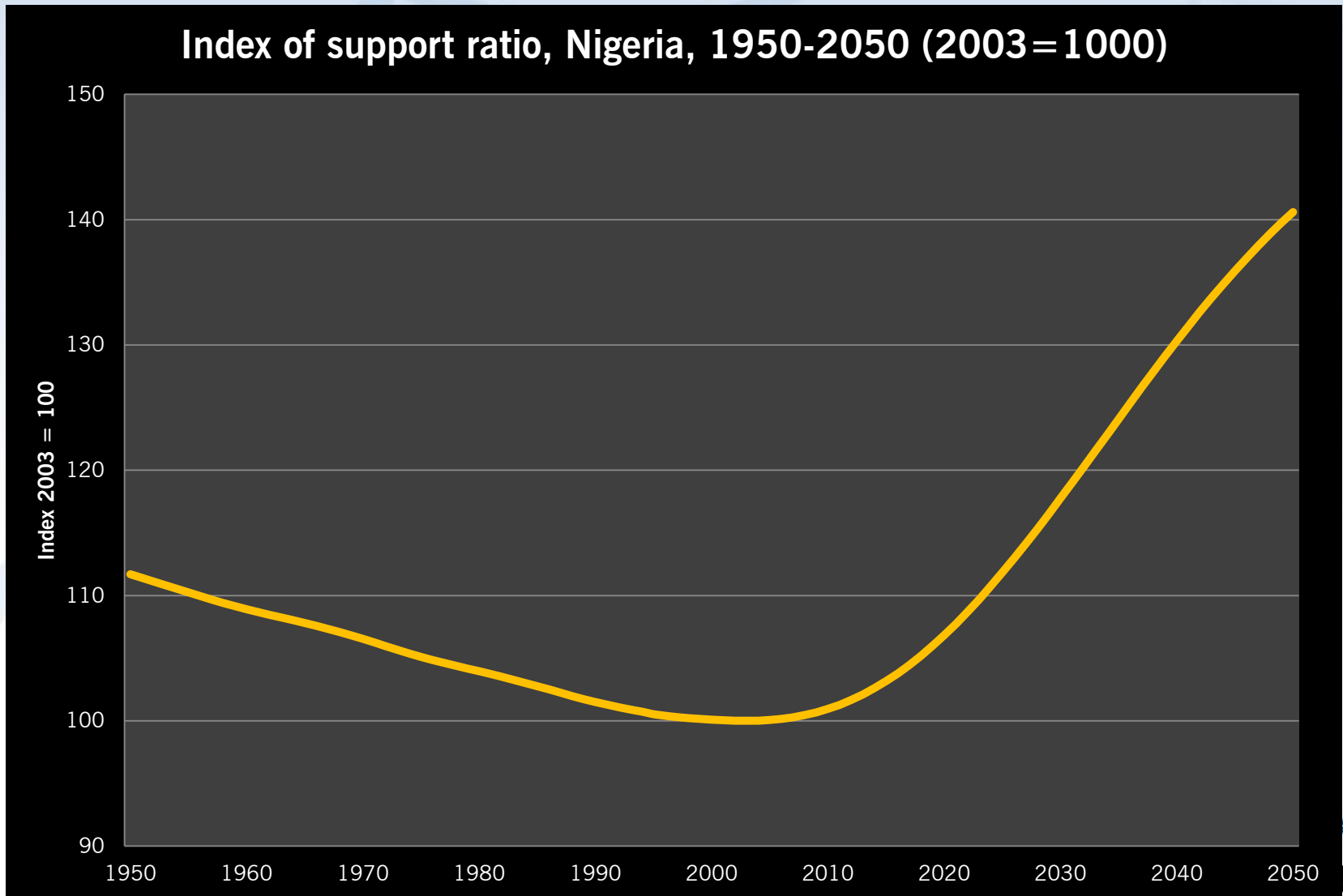
Age Profile of Per Capita Labour Income and Consumption in Nigeria, 2004 and 2016



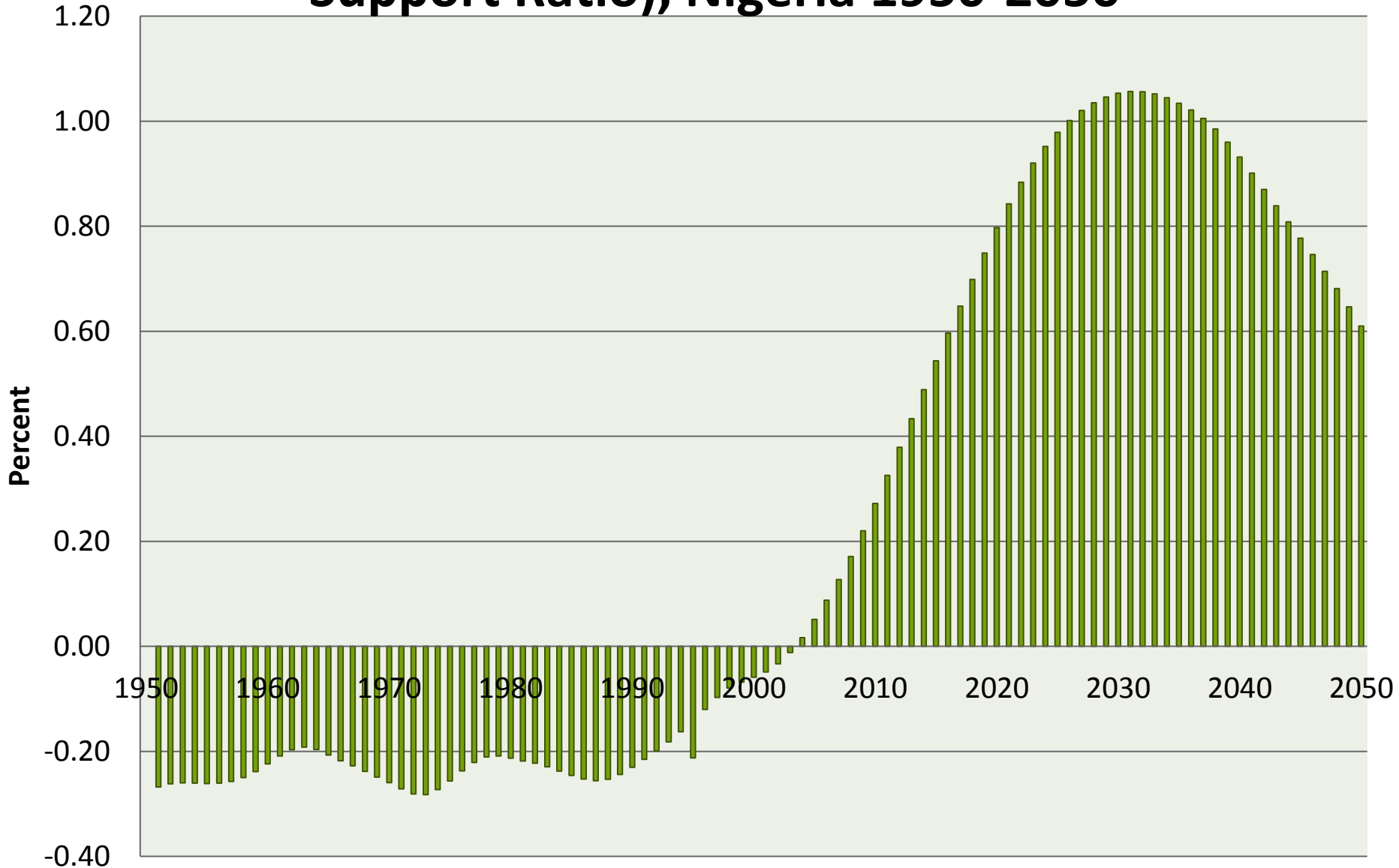
Growth rates of effective consumers and effective producers, Nigeria 1920-2050



Achieving the Dividend will Depend on the Structure of the Support Ratio



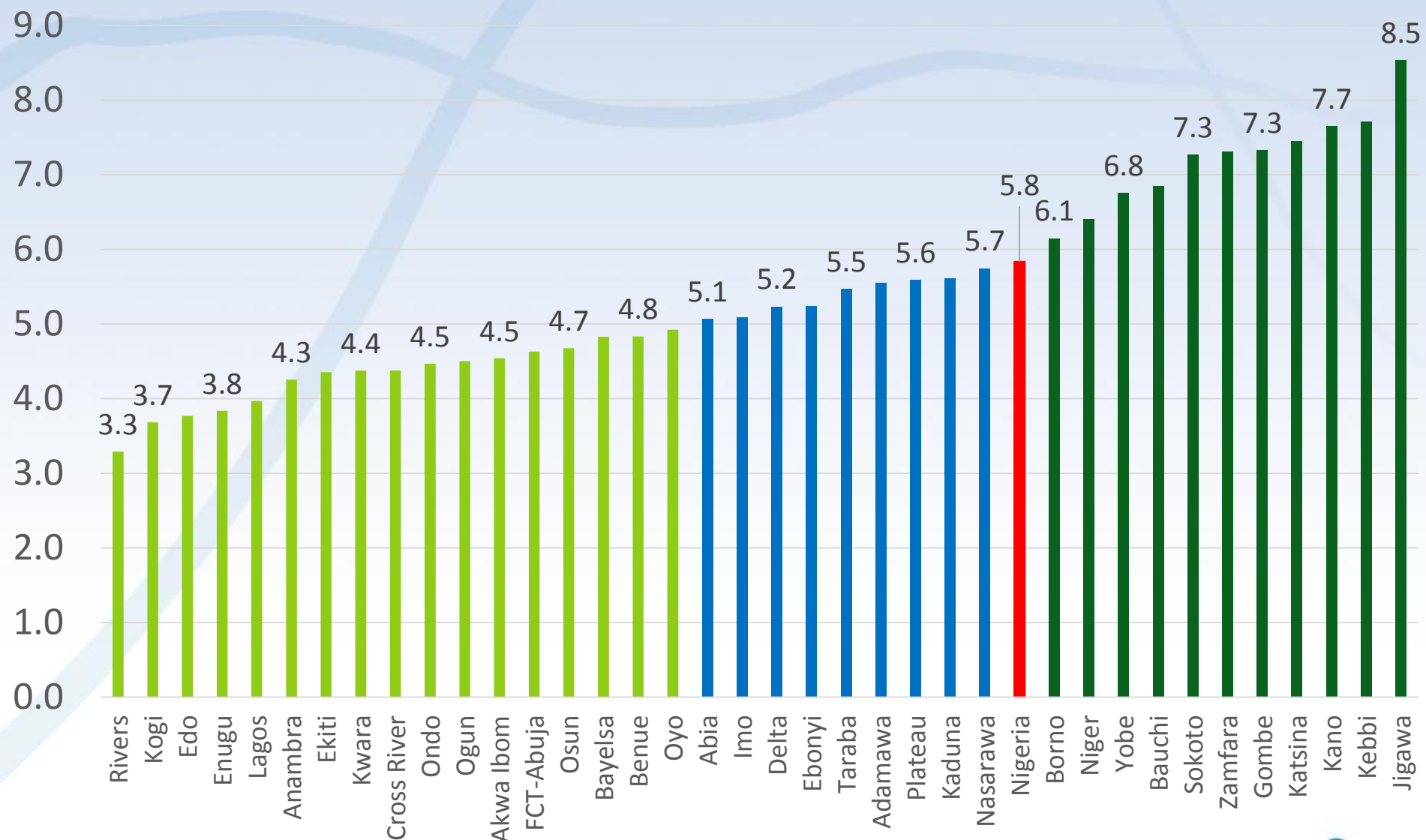
First Demographic Dividend (Growth Rate of Support Ratio), Nigeria 1950-2050



Lessons Learned from the Demographic Dividend Report

- Nationally representative data are better than regional surveys due to the large heterogeneity between different regions of the country
- There is a need to raise awareness of stakeholders and explore ways of enhancing our understanding of the concept of the Demographic Dividend and what it means in operational terms
- Fertility in Nigeria has not decreased significantly in the past 50 years
- There is wide variation in TFR across different regions of the country
- Children from low-fertility families will be more productive than those from high-fertility families since they should have more invested in their education and health just because there were fewer of them
- Adequate investments in the human capital of women and girls which can generate multiple beneficial effects

Fertility Rates In Nigeria By State, 2016



Lessons Learned from the Demographic Dividend Report

- Human Capital has huge positive implications with regards to potential gains from the Demographic Dividend in Nigeria, including opportunities to:
 - i. Leverage the youthful population to increase the working population
 - ii. Reduce dependency ratios and thereby increase savings and investment because families will spend less on children's education, health and other needs
 - iii. Ignite innovation and creativity to enhance development in all sectors
 - iv. Increase average per capita earnings by the productive utilization of an expanding working population
 - v. Foster the transfer of skills including productive rural-urban and international migration, which directly affects human-capital accumulation and sustainable development
 - vi. Contribute to reducing poverty and inequality and therefore provide an enabling environment for sustainable economic growth and development

Lessons Learned from the Preparation of the Report

- For Nigeria to fully reap the Demographic Dividend, policy makers must create the necessary enabling environment, since different policy environments can lead to different growth paths, irrespective of the demographic effect
- An inclusive and carefully planned and delivered sensitization and advocacy programme on the Demographic Dividend can kindle enormous public interest and have a great potential to stimulate action and commitment as a strategy to harness the potential of young people for sustainable development
- Intervention is key to sensitize and motivate Nigerian policy makers and stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to develop policies and invest in critical areas that will enable Nigeria to harness its Demographic Dividend
- Geographic disparities and diversities within Nigeria must be taken into account to create and reap the Demographic Dividend

Lessons Learned from the Demographic Dividend Report

- Capacity-building process on understanding the methodology of National Transfer Accounts, November 2017
- Capacity-building in writing reports from the NTA estimates
- Verification of the source and quality of mMacroeconomic data used by the bureaucrats in charge of the data
- Buy-in of the relevant government stakeholders in the National Transfer Accounts estimation and results
- Buy-in for the institutionalization of the Demographic Dividend estimation and process of reaping the benefits
- Process of dissemination handled by the stakeholders for more acceptability within the country

Concluding Issues

- **Recurrence:** Demographic Dividend reports should be prepared regularly at both national and state levels, with full political, financial, and technical support of the government and other stakeholders
- **Policy Use:** Demographic Dividend results must be integrated into national economic development and population policy processes
- **Government ownership:** Sustainability of government's interest and leadership will ensure sustainability and effectiveness in harnessing the Demographic Dividend
- **Demand:** More awareness of the importance of Demographic Dividend, especially by state governments
- **Resources:** Human, financial, and organizational resources are key to harnessing the Demographic Dividend in Nigeria
- **Enabling environment:** Policy and legal backing at federal, state and local levels