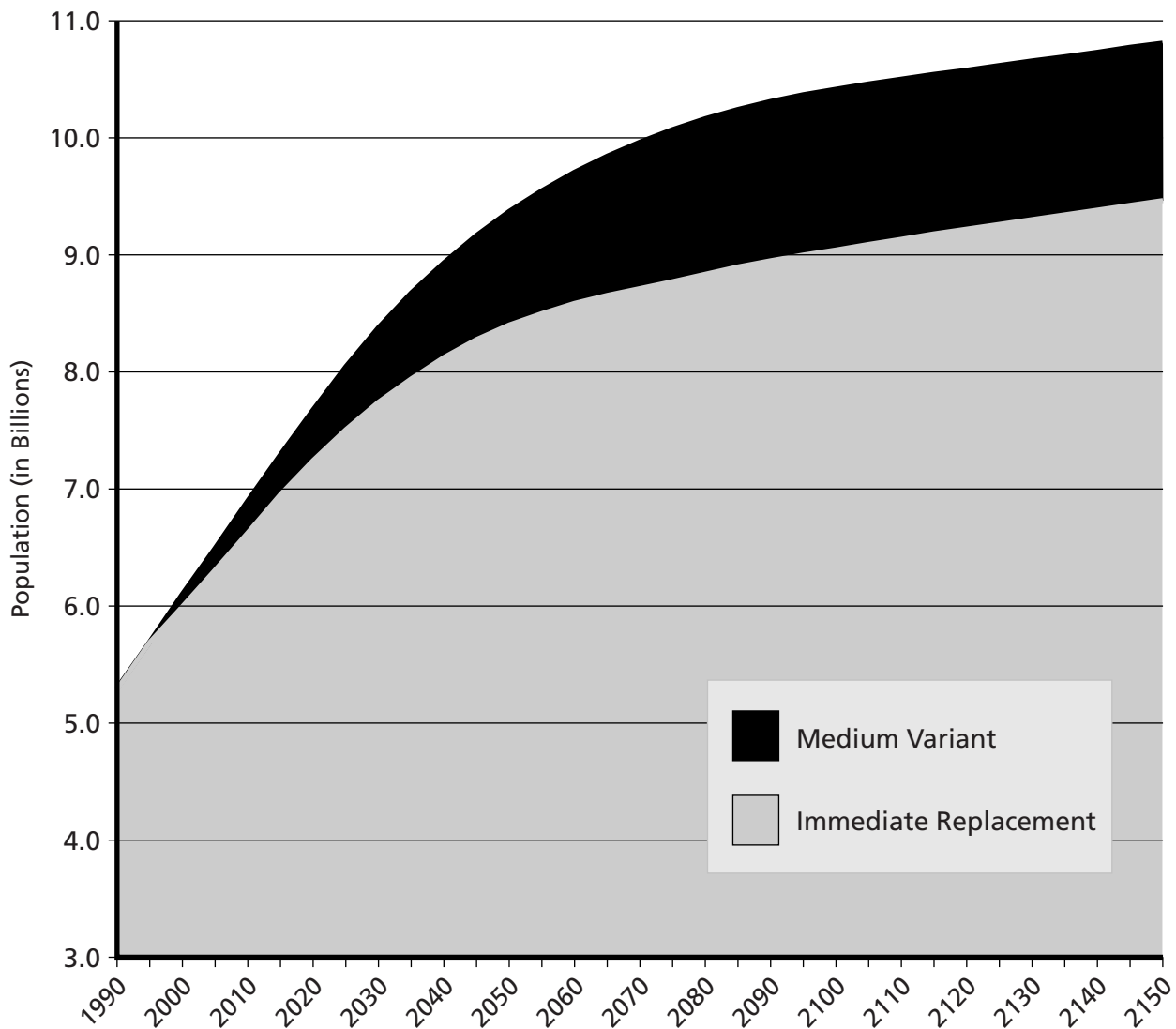


Population momentum as a share of global population growth, 1990-2050



This graph shows that most of the expected population growth in the next 50 years will be the result of past high fertility and large numbers of young people entering their childbearing years. The top curve is the the United Nations' medium-variant (most likely) population projection; the bottom (immediate replacement) shows how fast population would grow if all couples each had about two children.

Source: United Nations. 1996. *World Population Projections to 2150*.