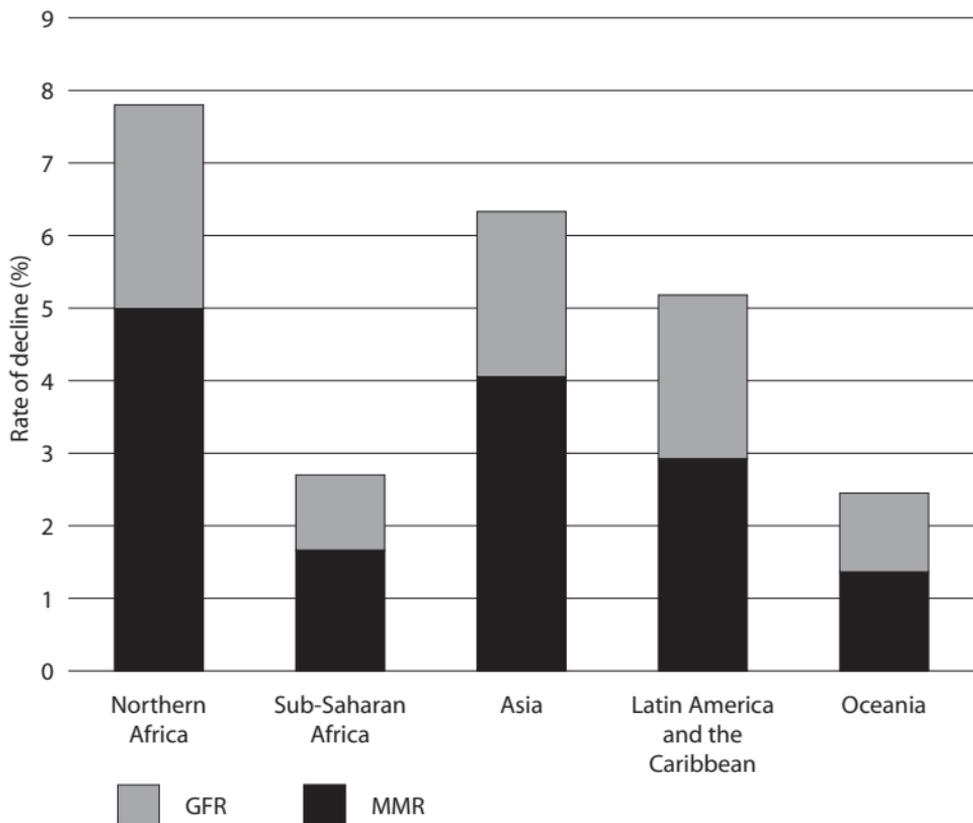


**FIGURE 4. Annual rate of decline in the lifetime risk of maternal death**



*Note:* The sum of rates of the change in MMR and GFR approximates the rate of change in lifetime risk of maternal death. A third component, the rate of change in the average length of a woman's reproductive lifetime, is negligible. For this reason, and because it typically has a negative effect on the overall rate of decline, it is not shown here. *Sources:* MMR—reference 8; GFR—reference 19.