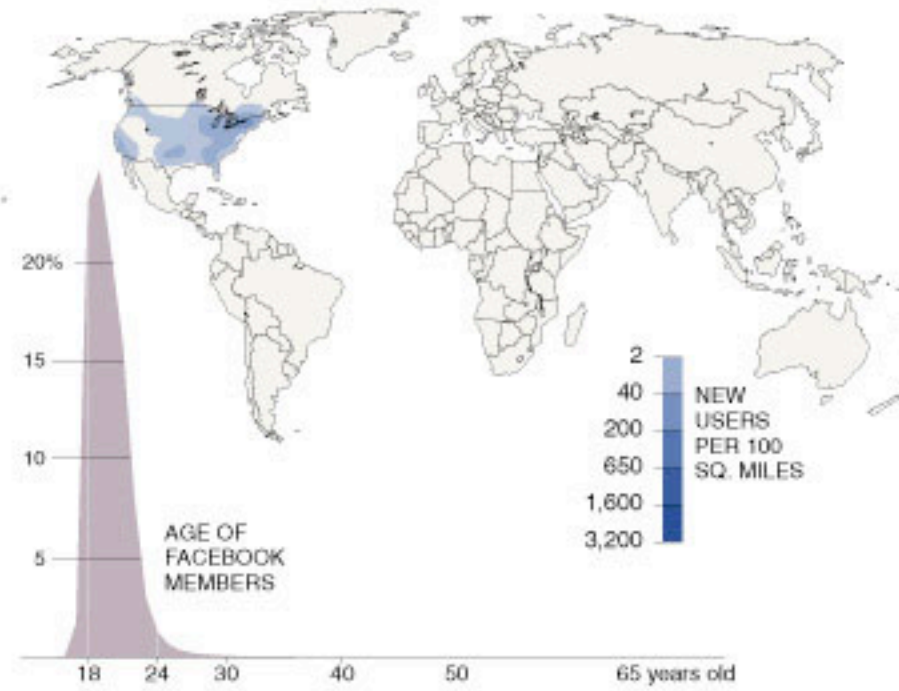


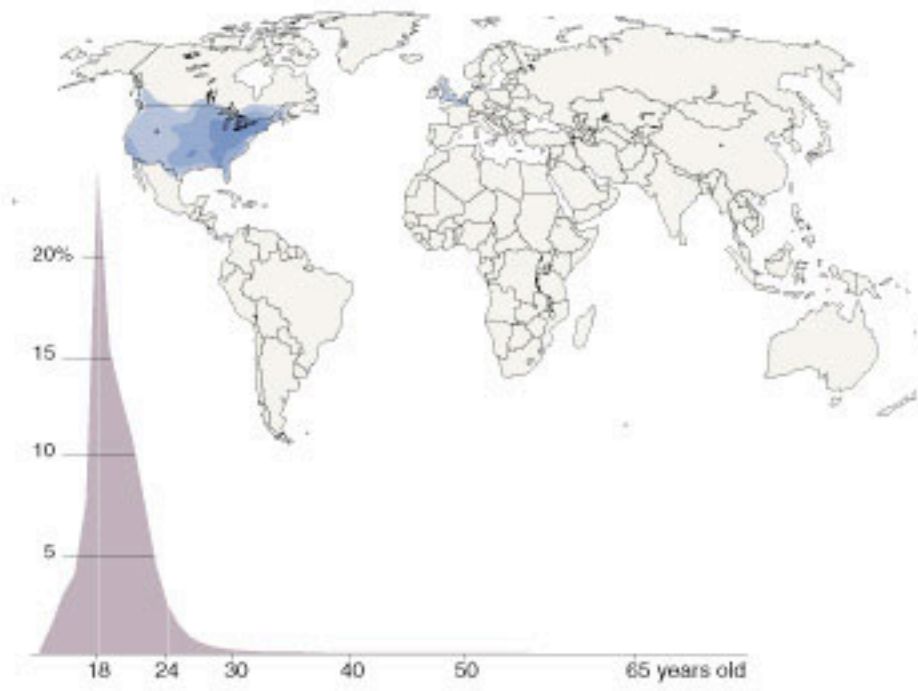
## The Road to 200 Million

Facebook began as a private network for colleges and universities, but has grown into an international social networking site with almost 200 million members. Lee Byron, a member of Facebook's data team, created maps and network diagrams that show the site's expansion and use.

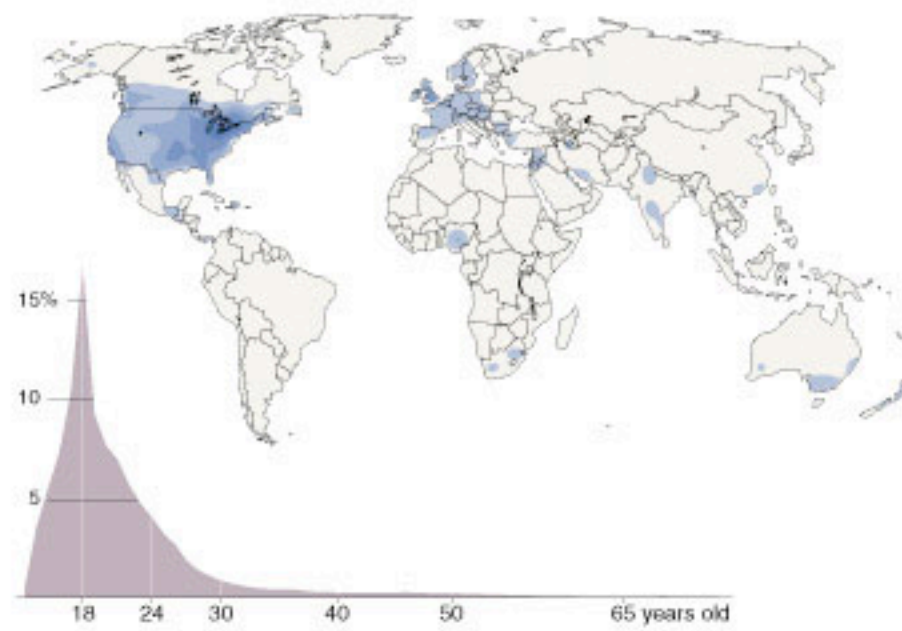
**February 2004 to January 2005** Facebook begins at Harvard, and expands to a few universities at a time.



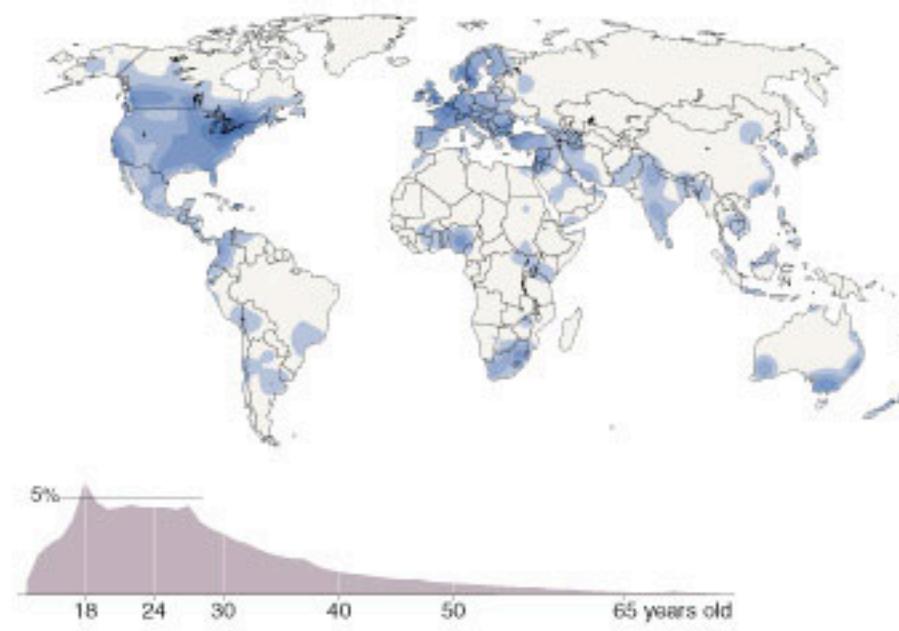
**February 2005 to January 2006** Facebook expands to include most American colleges and high schools.



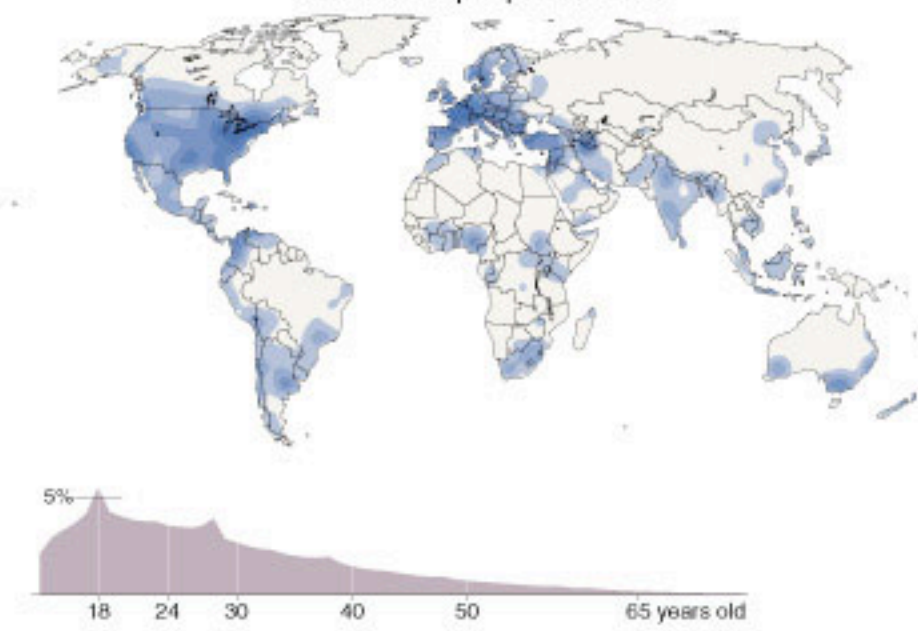
**February 2006 to January 2007** Facebook opens registration to allow anyone to join, which brings in older members.



**February 2007 to January 2008** Facebook reaches 50 million users, with Canada and Britain growing fastest.

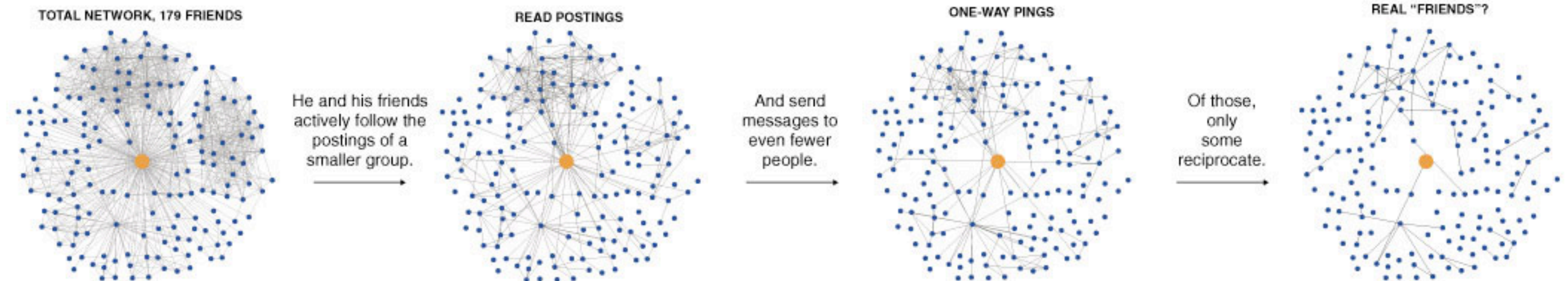


**February 2008 to January 2009** Facebook is translated into more than 40 languages. The fastest-growing group of members is people over 35.



## Depends How You Define 'Friend'

Although most people have a large network of Facebook friends, members maintain real relationships with a much smaller collection of those friends by reading profiles, sending messages and "wall posts." Here is an example of the way one Facebook employee interacts with his network during one month.



Source: Facebook.com