

Report card Afghanistan



Low income

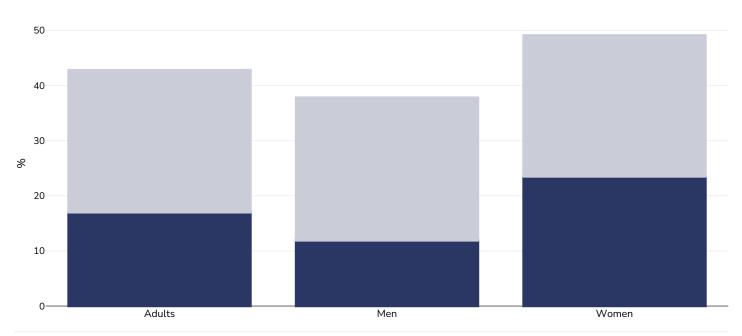
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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2018



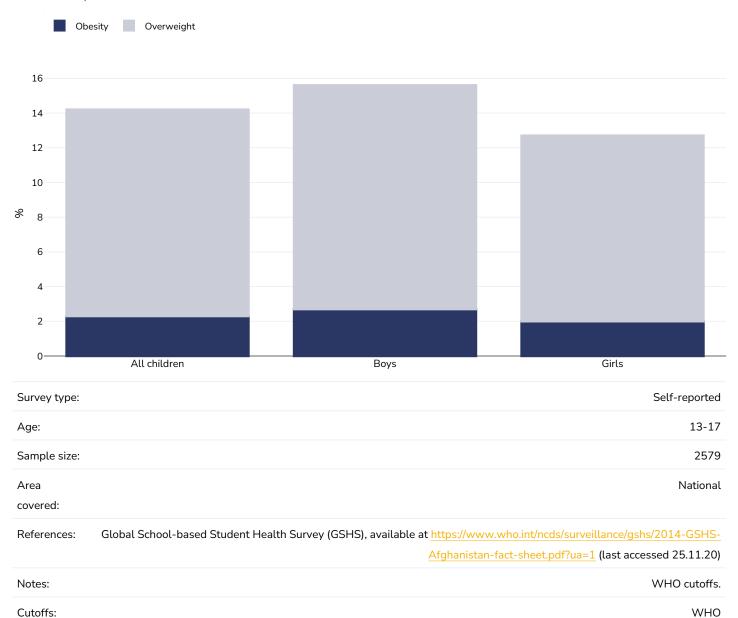


Survey type:	Measured
Age:	18-69
Sample size:	3666
Area covered:	National
References:	Afghanistan STEPS Survey 2018 https://extranet.who.int/ncdsmicrodata/index.php/catalog/782 (Last Accessed 03.11.2020)

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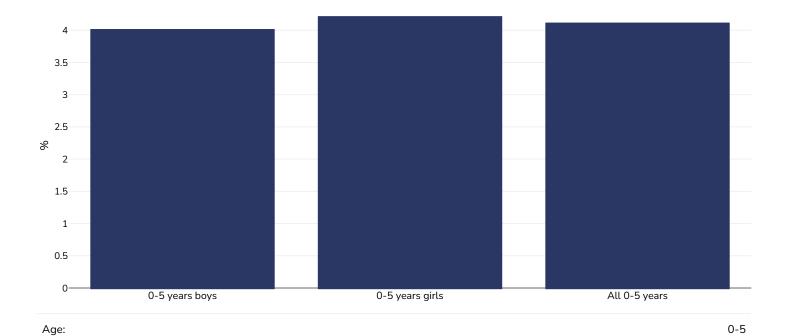
Children, 2014





0-5 years, 2018

Overweight or obesity



Sample 19692 size:

References: Other: Afghanistan Health Survey 2018

Notes: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight (Survey Estimates), May 2023, New York. For more information about the methodology, please consult https://data.unicef.org/resources/jme-2023-country-consultations/ Percentage of children under 5 years of age falling above 2 standard deviations (moderate and severe) from the median weight-for-height of the reference population.

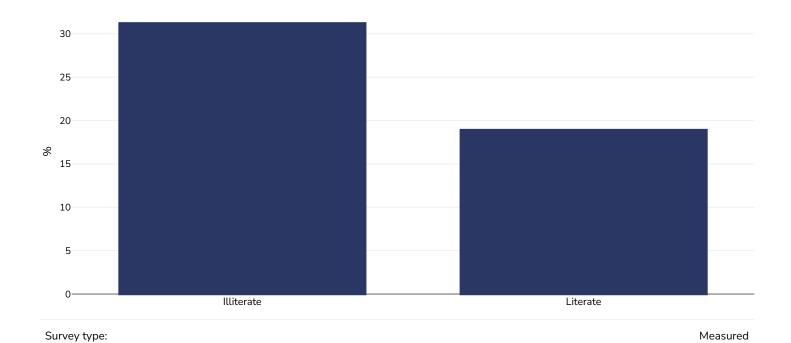
Definitions: =>+2SD



Overweight/obesity by education

Adults, 2013



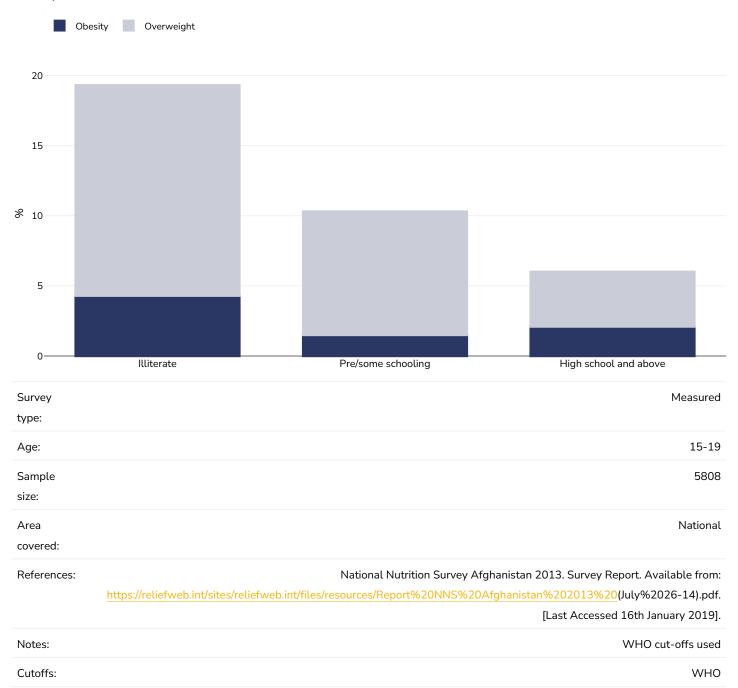


Age:	25+
Sample size:	1200
Area covered:	Jalalabad City
References:	Saeed KMI. Prevalence and associated risk factors for Obesity in Jalabad city - Afghanistan. Alexandria Journal of Medicine (2015) 51, 347–352

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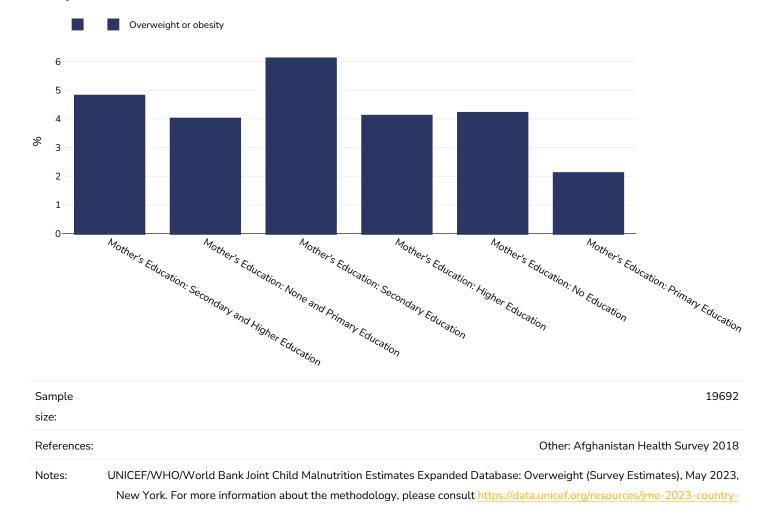


Girls, 2013





0-5 years, 2018



Definitions: =>+2SD

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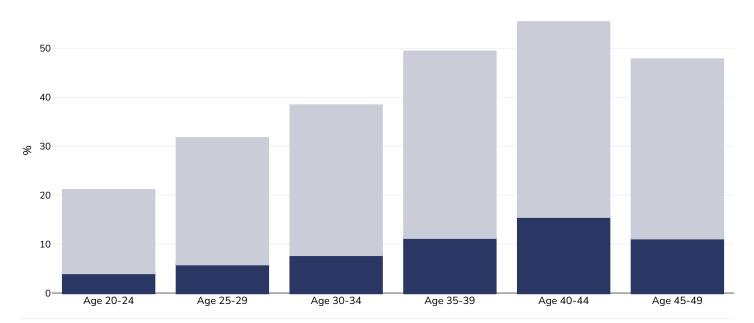
median weight-for-height of the reference population.



Overweight/obesity by age

Women, 2013





Survey	Measured
type:	
Sample size:	11124
Area	National

References:

covered:

National Nutrition Survey Afghanistan 2013. Survey Report. Available from:

https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Report%20NNS%20Afghanistan%202013%20(July%2026-14).pdf.

[Last Accessed 16th January 2019].

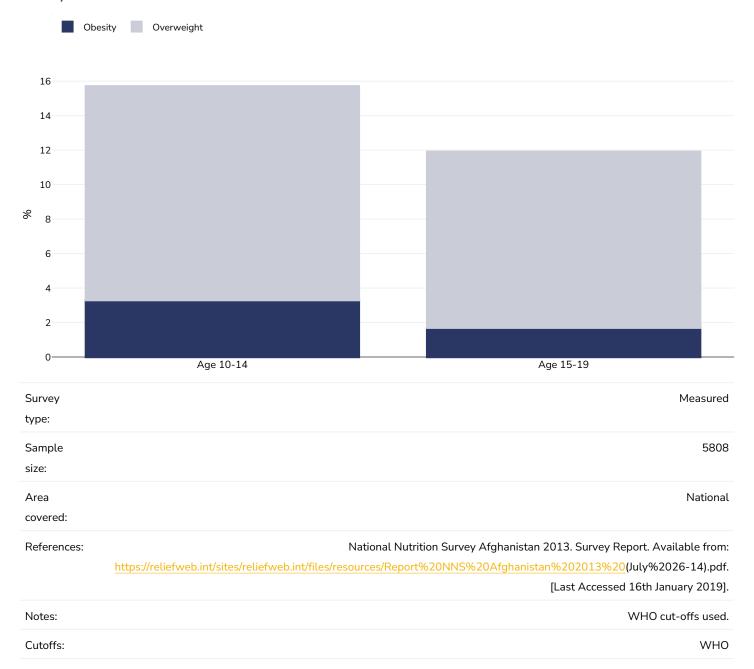
Notes:

Demographic Health Survey data includes ever married women aged 15-49 years only and may include males aged 15-59.

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Girls, 2013

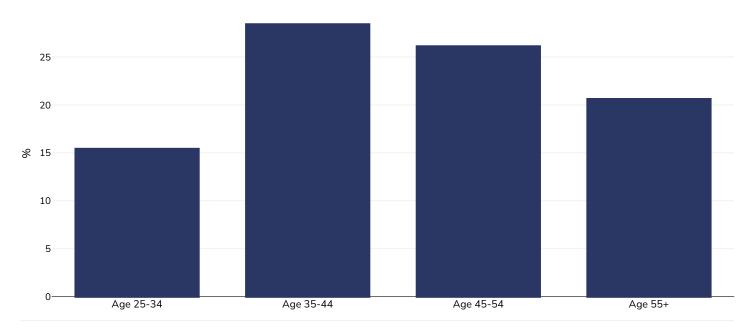




Overweight/obesity by region

Adults, 2015

Obesity



Survey type: Measured
Sample size: 1172

Area Regional - Kabul covered:

References:

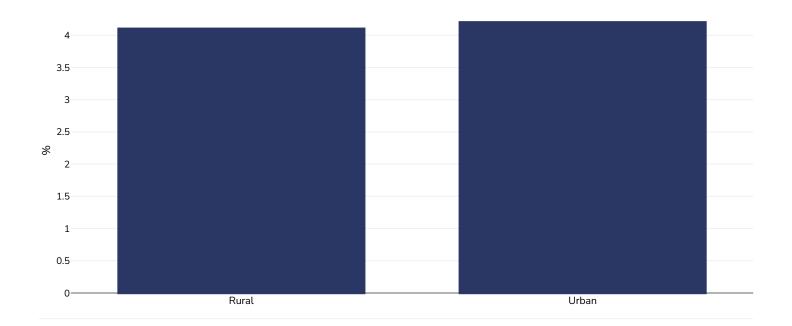
Profile of risk factors for noncommunicable diseases in major cities of Afghanistan: WHO STEPwise approach. https://applications.emro.who.int/emhj/v26/04/10203397-2020-2604-388-399.pdf (last accessed 19.05.2022)

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0-5 years, 2018

Overweight or obesity



size:

References:

Other: Afghanistan Health Survey 2018

19692

Notes:

Sample

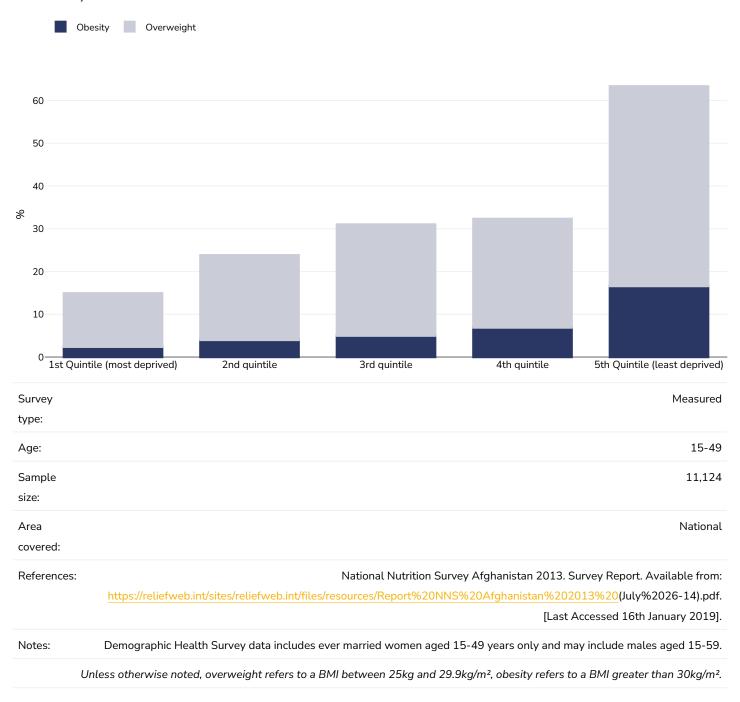
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Definitions: =>+2SD



Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

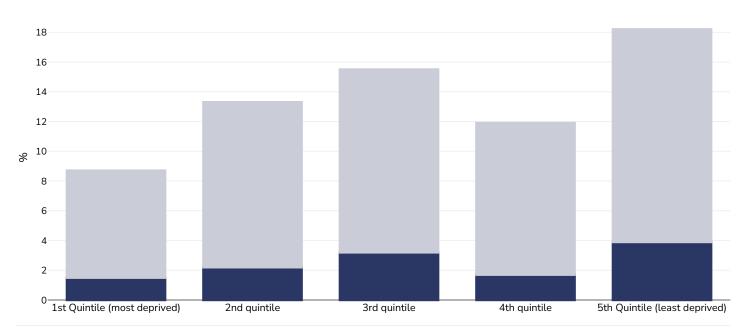
Women, 2013





Girls, 2013





Survey	Measured
type:	
Age:	15-19
Sample size:	5808
Area covered:	National

References: National Nutrition Survey Afghanistar

National Nutrition Survey Afghanistan 2013. Survey Report. Available from:

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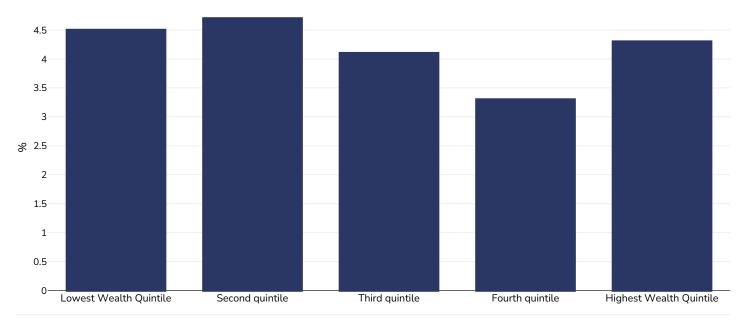
Notes: WHO cut-offs used.

Cutoffs: WHO



0-5 years, 2018

Overweight or obesity



Sample 19692

size:

References: Other: Afghanistan Health Survey 2018

Notes:

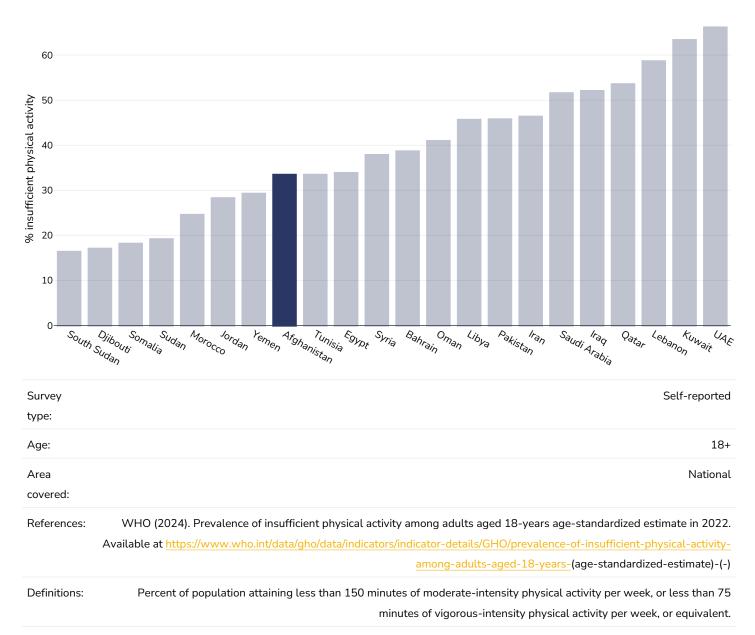
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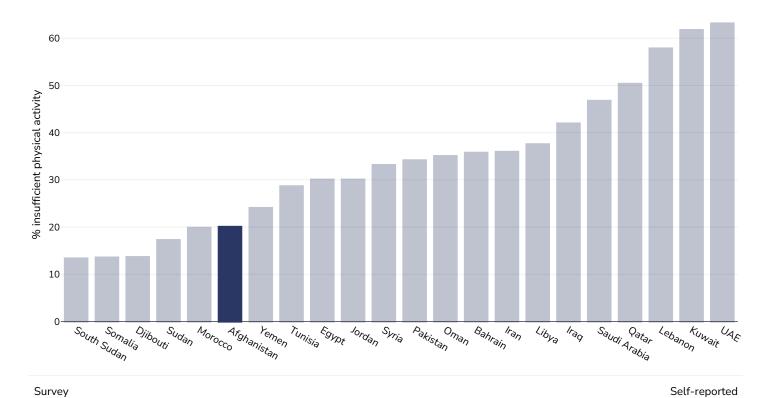
Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2022





Men, 2022



type:	
Age:	18+
Area	National
covered:	

References: WHO (2024). Prevalence of insufficient physical activity among adults aged 18-years age-standardized estimate in 2022.

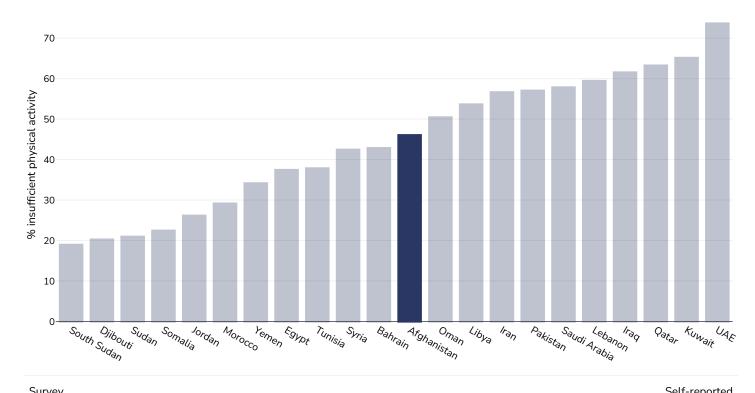
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Definitions: Percent of population attaining less than 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week, or less than 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week, or equivalent.



Women, 2022



Survey	Seti-reported
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Age:	18+
Area	National
covered:	

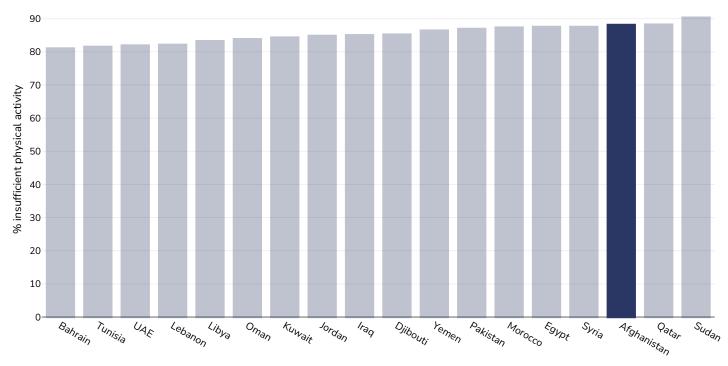
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Children, 2016

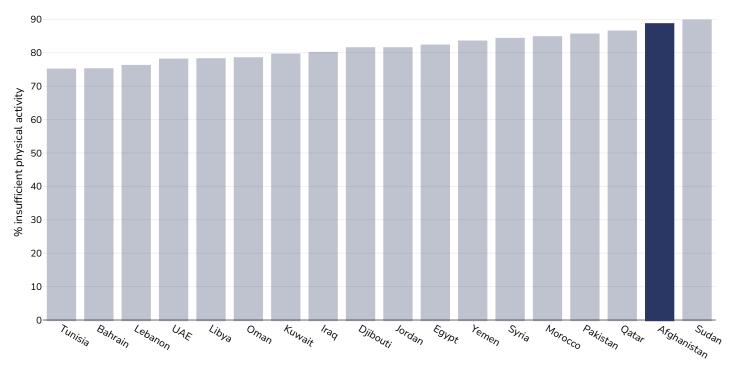


Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	11-17
References:	Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en (last accessed 16.03.21)
Notes:	% of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)



Boys, 2016



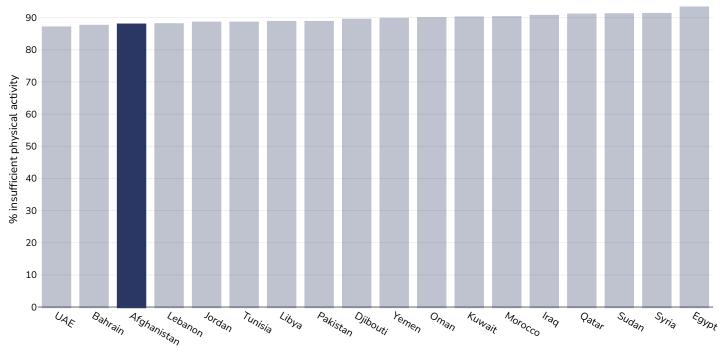
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Notes:	% of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

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Girls, 2016

Definitions:



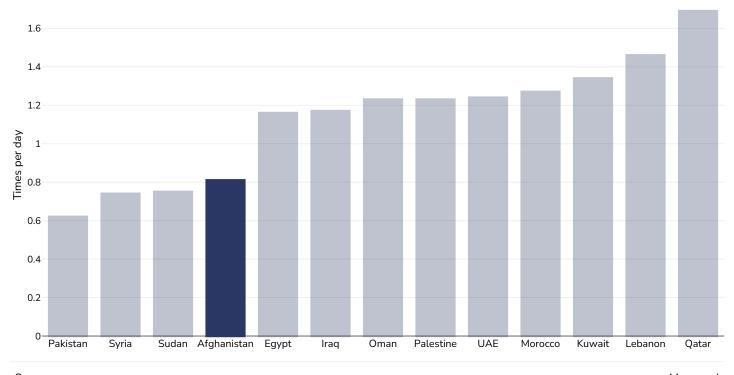
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Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey Measured type:

Age: 12-17

References:

Beal et al. (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin.

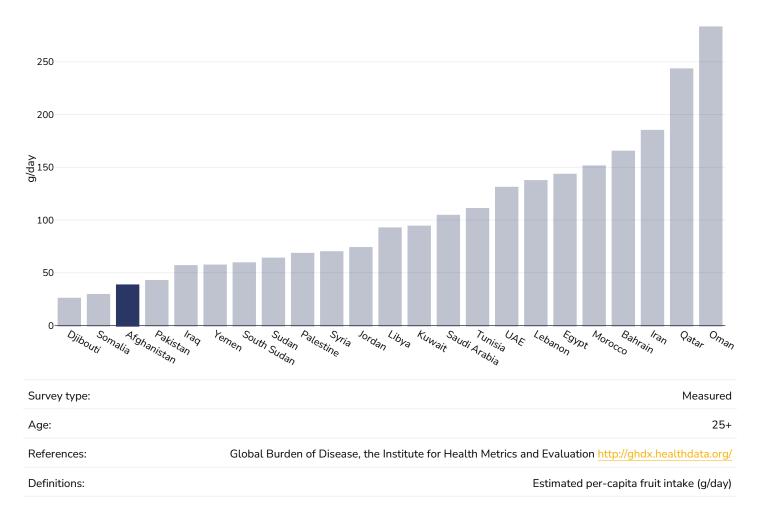
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Estimated per capita fruit intake

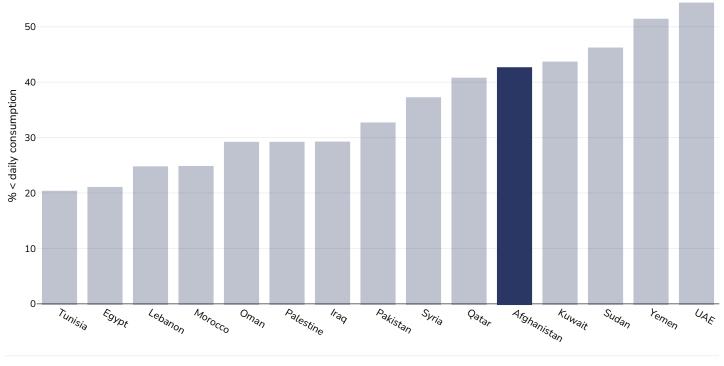
Adults, 2017





Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2008-2015



Survey Measured

type:

Age: 12-17

References:

Global School-based Student Health Surveys. Beal et al (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287. Sourced from Food Systems Dashboard

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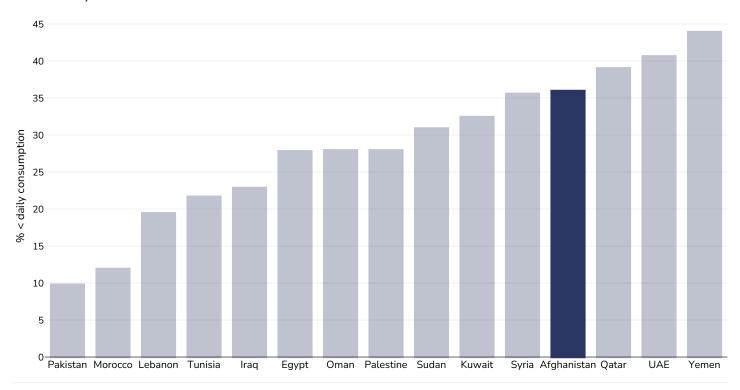
Definitions:

Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption (% less-than-daily fruit consumption)



Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2008-2015



Survey Measured

type:

Age: 12-17

References:

Beal et al. (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin.

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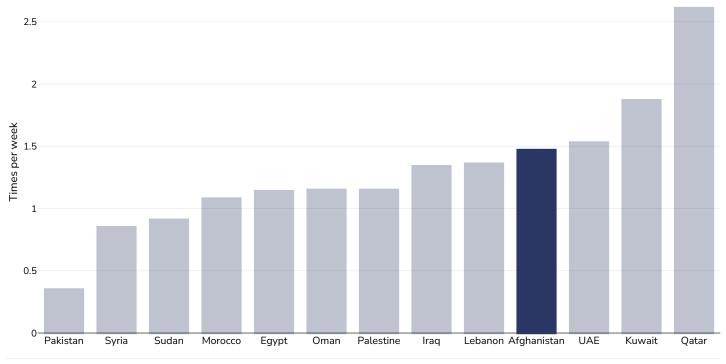
Definitions:

Prevalence of less-than-daily vegetable consumption (% less-than-daily vegetable consumption)



Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Age: 12-17

References:

Beal et al. (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin.

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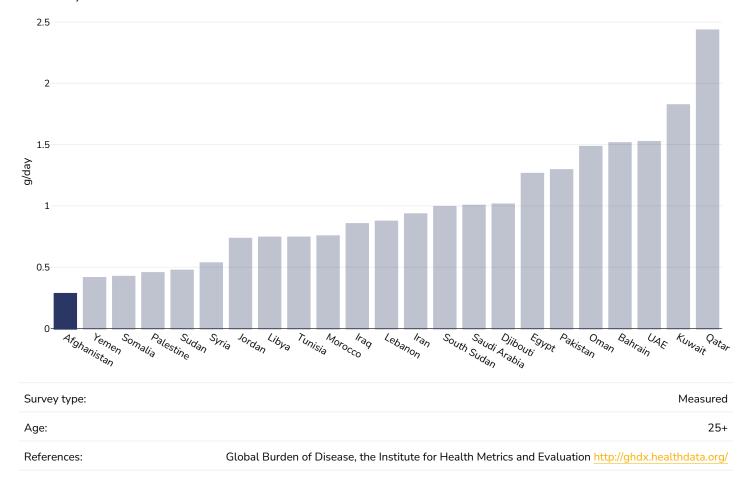
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Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017

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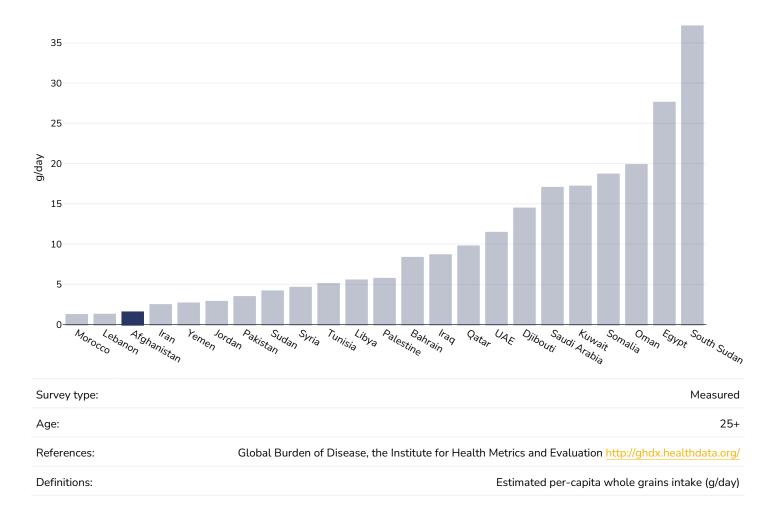


Estimated per-capita processed meat intake (g per day)



Estimated per capita whole grains intake

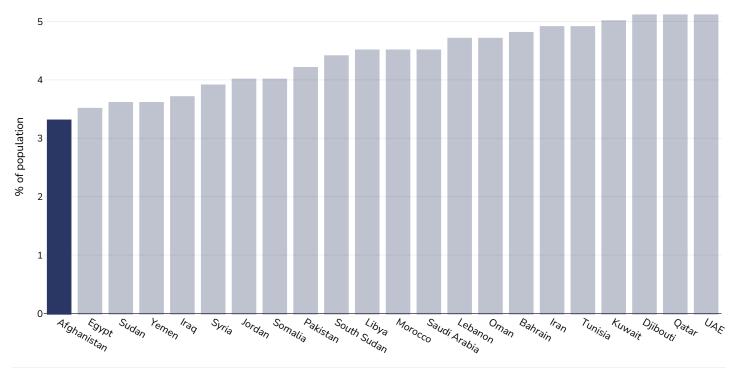
Adults, 2017





Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2015



References: Prevalence data from Global Burden of Disease study 2015 (http://ghdx.healthdata.org) published in: Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders: Global Health Estimates. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2017. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

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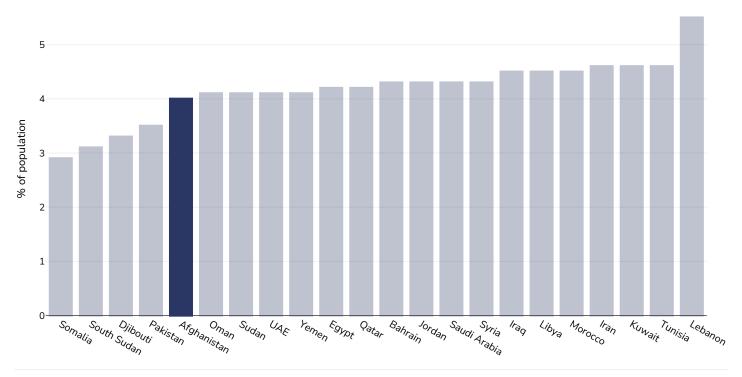
% of population with depression disorders

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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015



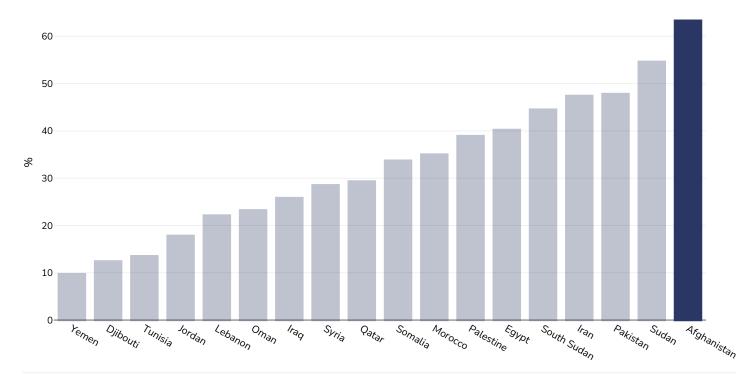
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Definitions: % of population with anxiety disorders



% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

0-5 years, 2010-2023



References:

Afghanistan Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2022-23, Summary Findings Report

Notes:

Full details are available. Original citation United Nations Children's Fund, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2023). Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, New York, October 2023.



Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022

Definitions:



Indicence per 100,000



Women, 2022

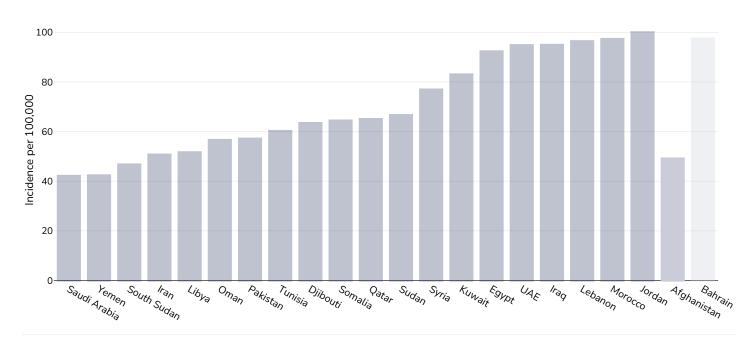




Breast cancer

Women, 2022





Area National covered:

References:

Ferlay J, Ervik M, Lam F, Laversanne M, Colombet M, Mery L, Piñeros M, Znaor A, Soerjomataram I, Bray F (2024). Global Cancer Observatory: Cancer Today. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Available from:

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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



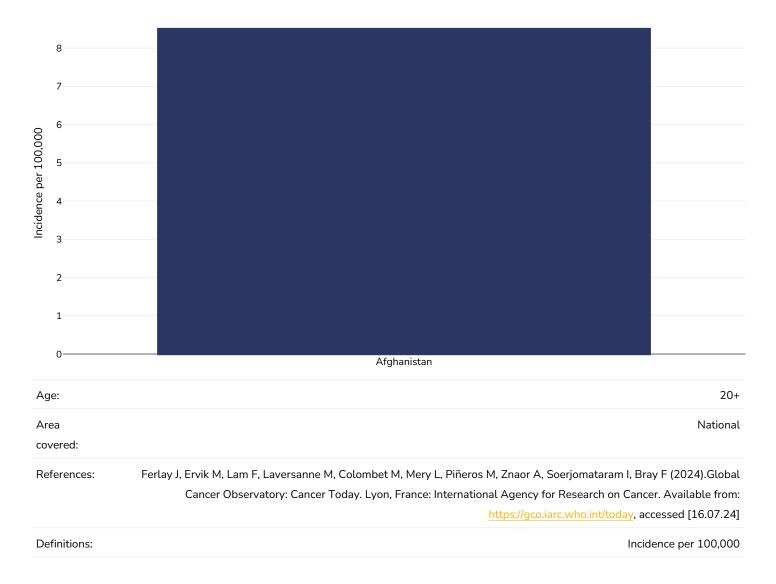
Colorectal cancer

Men, 2022





Women, 2022



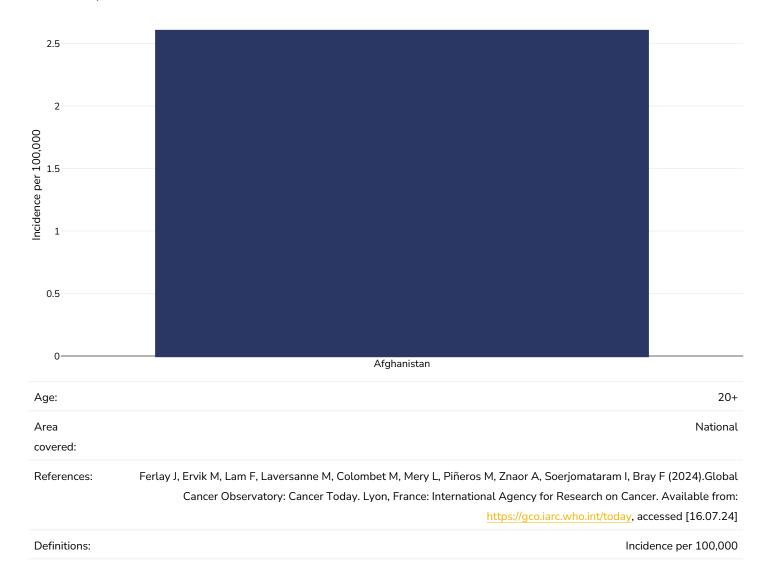


Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022









Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2022









Kidney cancer

Men, 2022









Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2022



Age: 20+

References:

Ferlay J, Ervik M, Lam F, Laversanne M, Colombet M, Mery L, Piñeros M, Znaor A, Soerjomataram I, Bray F (2024). Global Cancer Observatory: Cancer Today. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Available from:

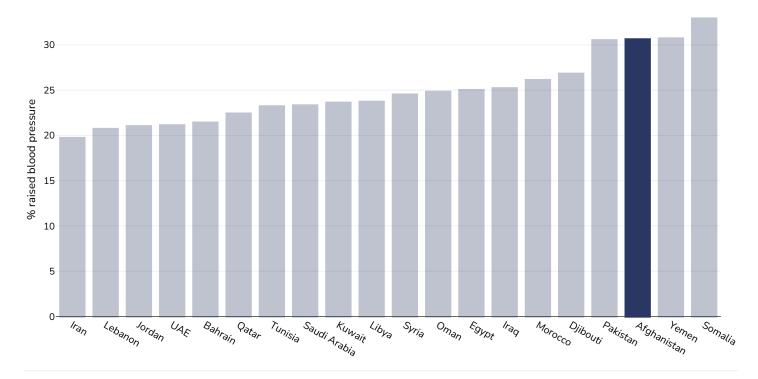
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



References:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

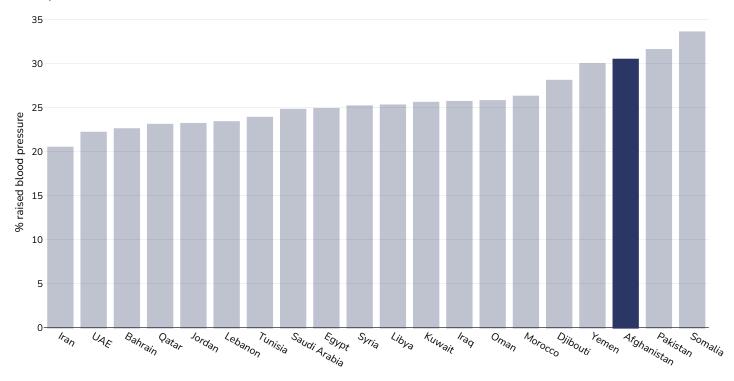
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Definitions:

Age Standardised estimated % Raised blood pressure 2015 (SBP>=140 OR DBP>=90).



Men, 2015



References:

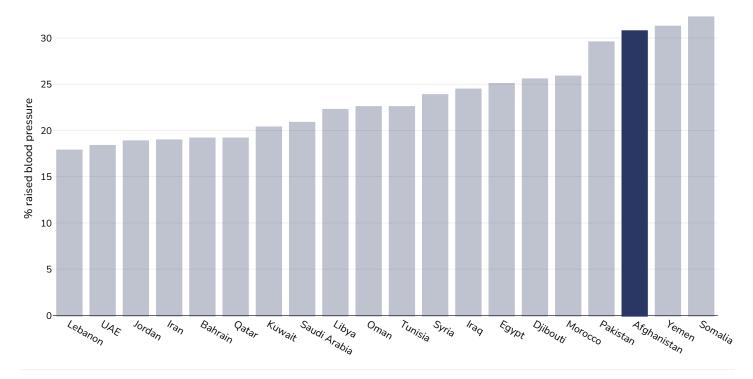
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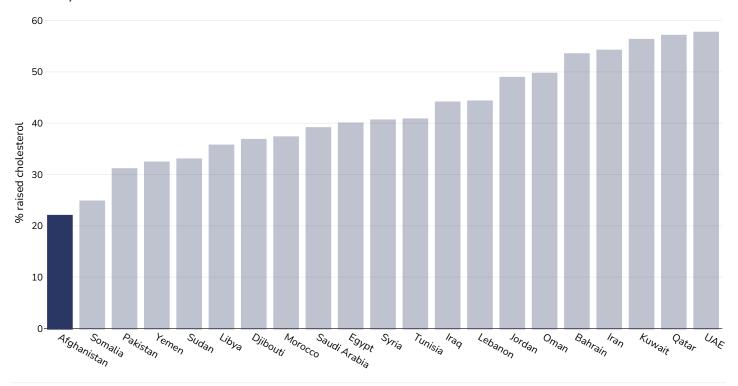
Definitions:

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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



References:

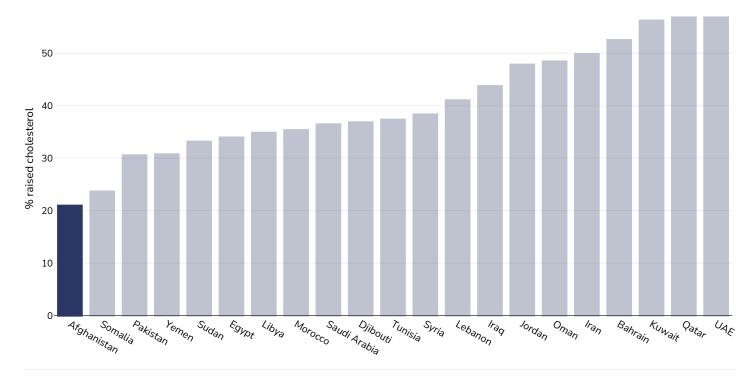
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A885

Definitions:

% Raised total cholesterol (>= 5.0 mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).



Men, 2008



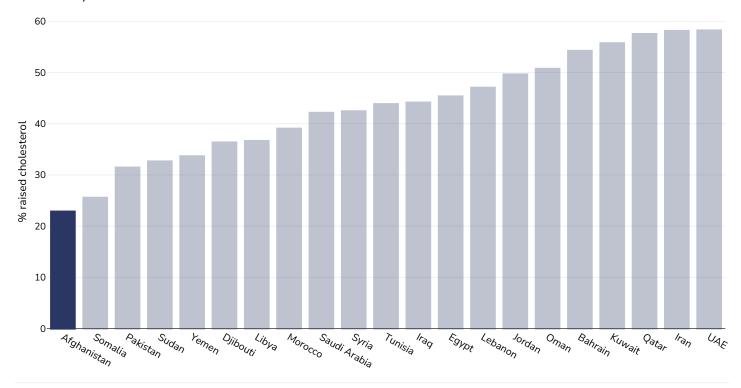
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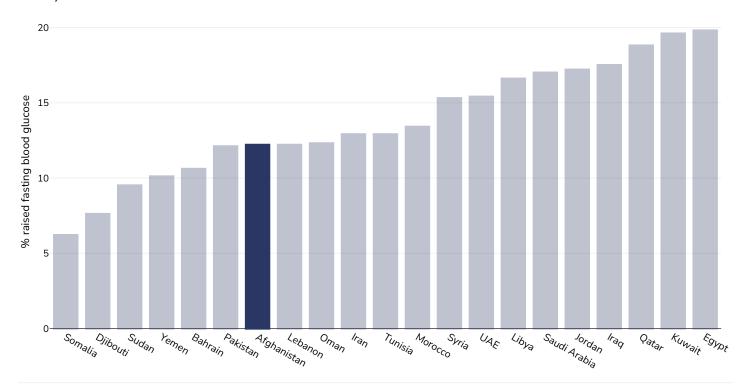
Definitions:

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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



References:

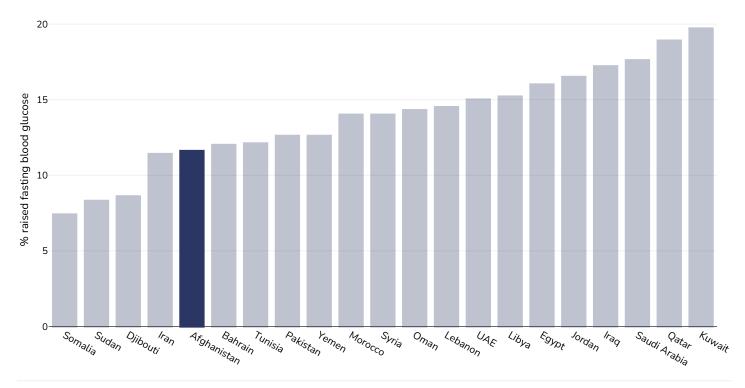
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A869?lang=en

Definitions:

Age Standardised % raised fasting blood glucose (>= 7.0 mmol/L or on medication).





References:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

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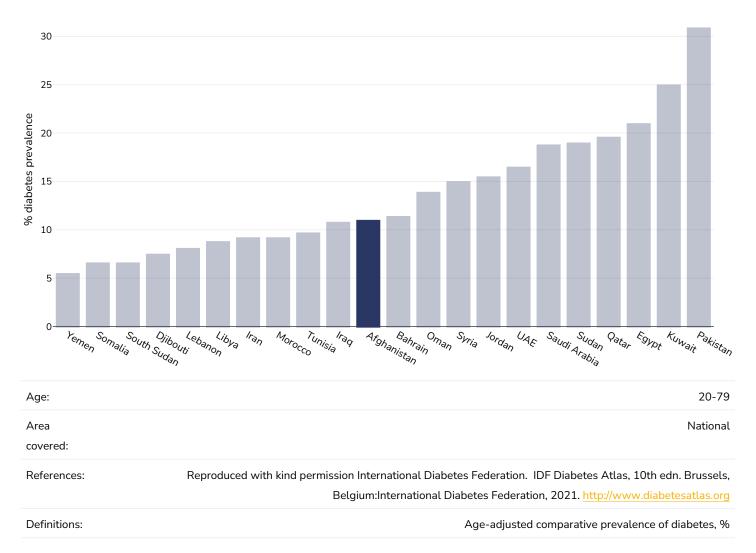
Definitions:

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Diabetes prevalence

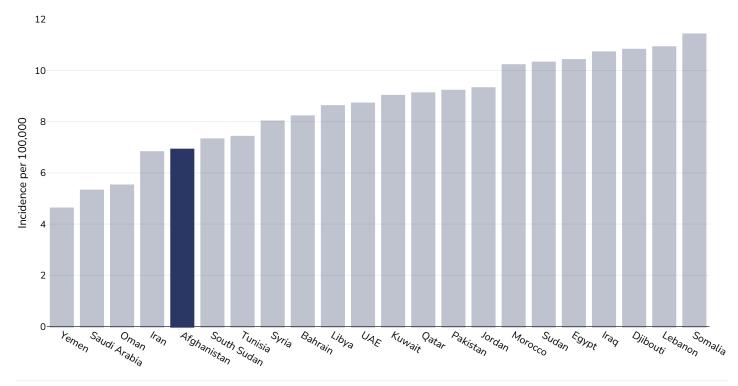
Adults, 2021





Ovarian Cancer

Women, 2022



Age: 20+

References:

Ferlay J, Ervik M, Lam F, Laversanne M, Colombet M, Mery L, Piñeros M, Znaor A, Soerjomataram I, Bray F (2024). Global Cancer Observatory: Cancer Today. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Available from:

https://gco.iarc.who.int/today, accessed [16.07.24]

Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Leukemia

Men, 2022	<u>.</u>						
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Age:							20+
Area covered:							National
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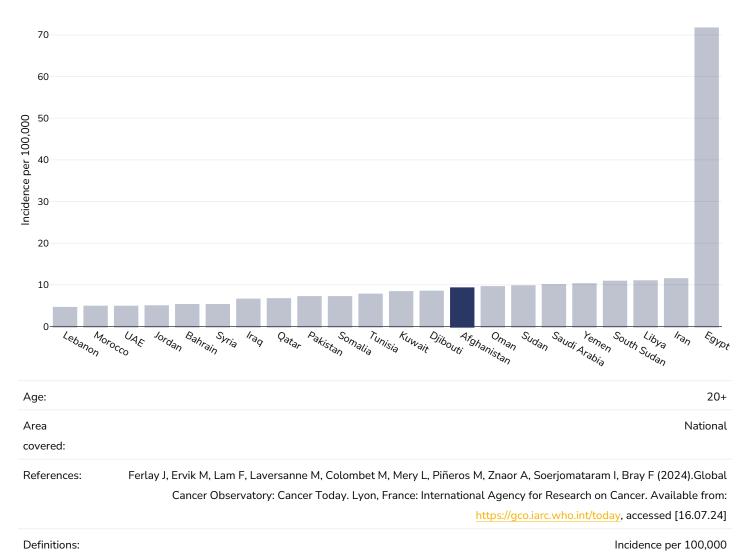


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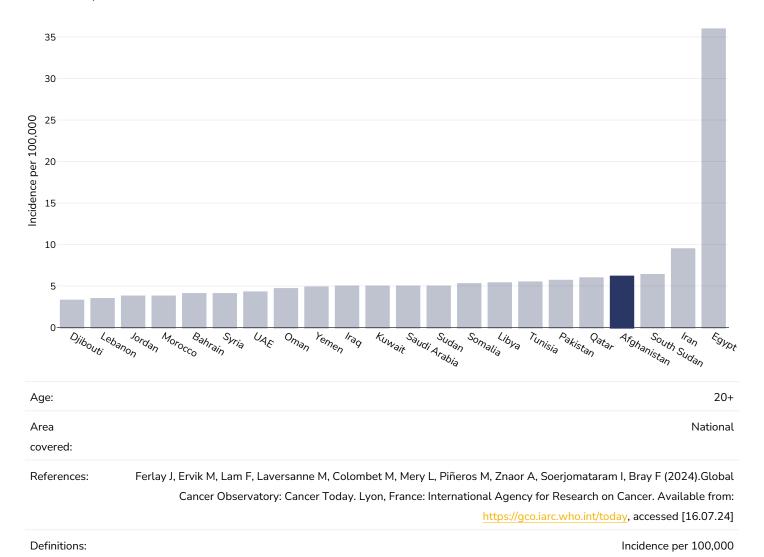


Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

Men, 2022



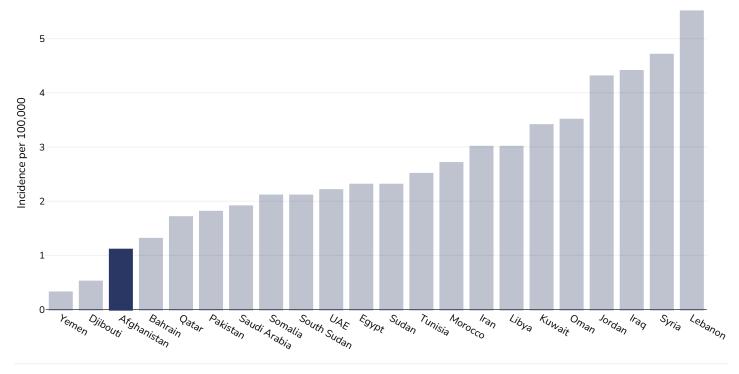






Multiple Myeloma

Men, 2022



Age: 20+

Area National covered:

References:

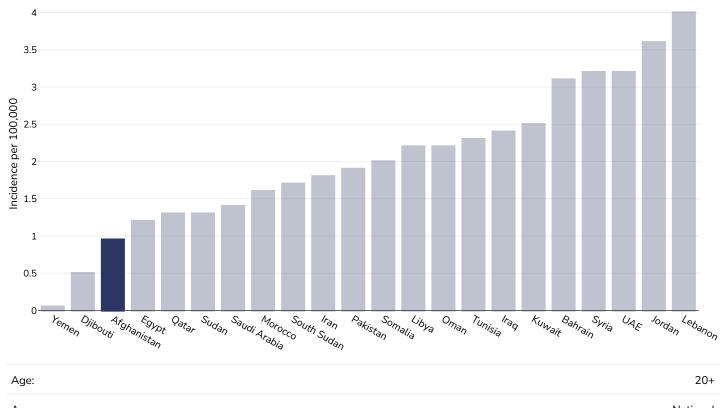
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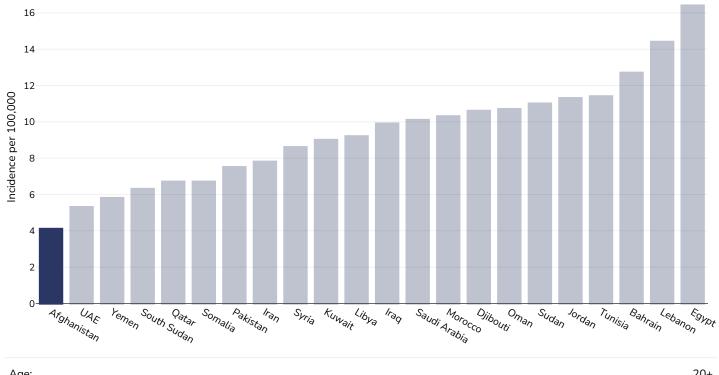
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Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

Men, 2022



20+ Age:

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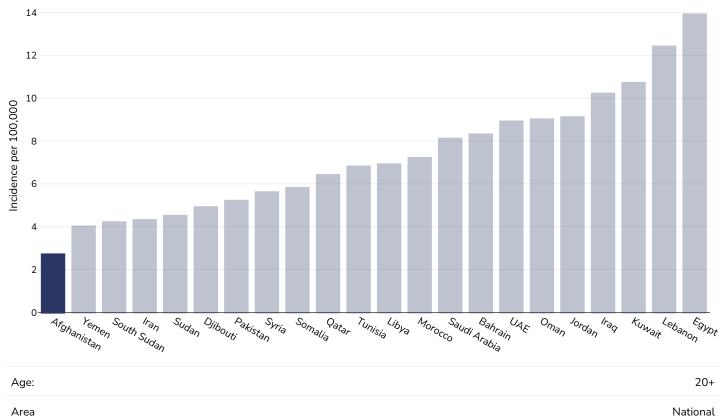
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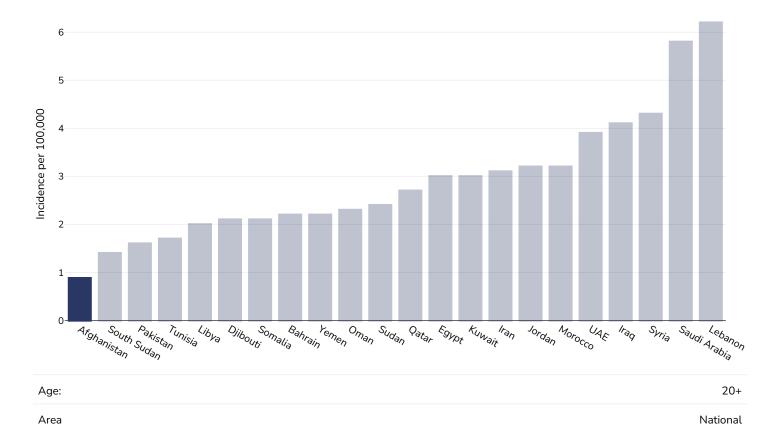
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Thyroid Cancer

Men, 2022



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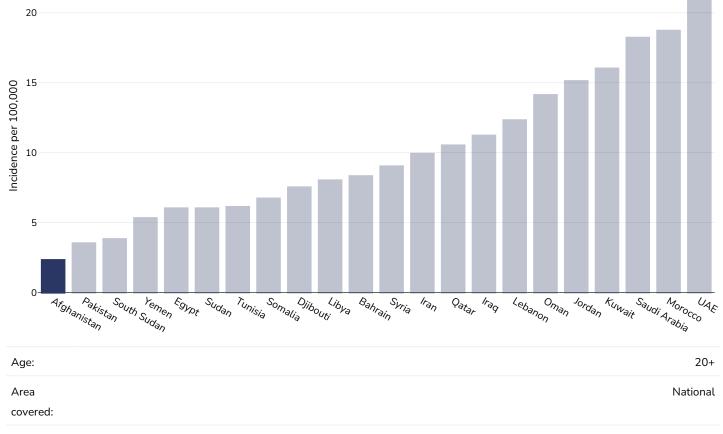
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Contextual factors

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Labelling

Is there mandatory nutrition labelling?	X
Front-of-package labelling?	×
Back-of-pack nutrition declaration?	×
Color coding?	×
Warning label?	×





Regulation and marketing

Are there fiscal policies on unhealthy products?	X
Tax on unhealthy foods?	×
Tax on unhealthy drinks?	×
Are there fiscal policies on healthy products?	X
Subsidy on fruits?	×
Subsidy on vegetables?	×
Subsidy on other healthy products?	X
Mandatory limit or ban of trans fat (all settings)?	X
Mandatory limit of trans fats in place (all settings)?	X
Ban on trans-fats or phos in place (all settings)?	×
Are there any mandatory policies/marketing restrictions on the promotion of unhealthy food/drinks to children?	X
Mandatory restriction on broadcast media?	X
Mandatory restriction on non-broadcast media?	×
Voluntary policies/marketing restrictions on the promotion of unhealthy food/drinks to children?	×
Are there mandatory standards for food in schools?	X
Are there any mandatory nutrient limits in any manufactured food products?	X
Nutrition standards for public sector procurement?	X





Political will and support

National obesity strategy or nutrition and physical activity national strategy?	X
National obesity strategy?	X
National childhood obesity strategy?	×
Comprehensive nutrition strategy?	~
Comprehensive physical activity strategy?	×
Evidence-based dietary guidelines and/or RDAs?	~
National target(s) on reducing obesity?	~
Guidelines/policy on obesity treatment?	×
Promotion of breastfeeding?	~
Monitoring and surveillance	
Monitoring of the prevalence and incidence for the main obesity-related NCDs and risk factors?	~
Within 5 years?	~
Governance and resource	
Multi-sectoral national co-ordination mechanism for obesity or nutrition (including obesity)?	~
Key	
Present Present Incoming Absent 7 Unkn	nown
(voluntary)	

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