Report card
Albania

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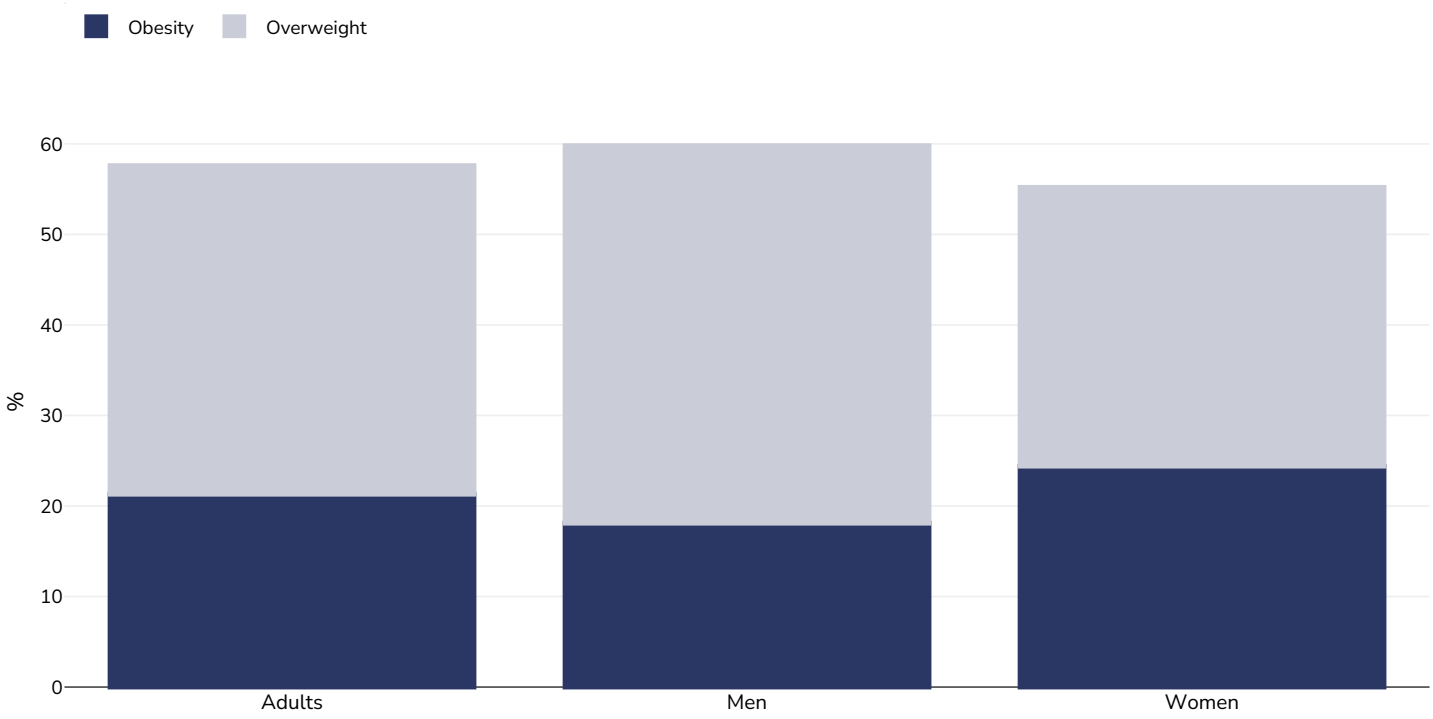
Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2017-2018



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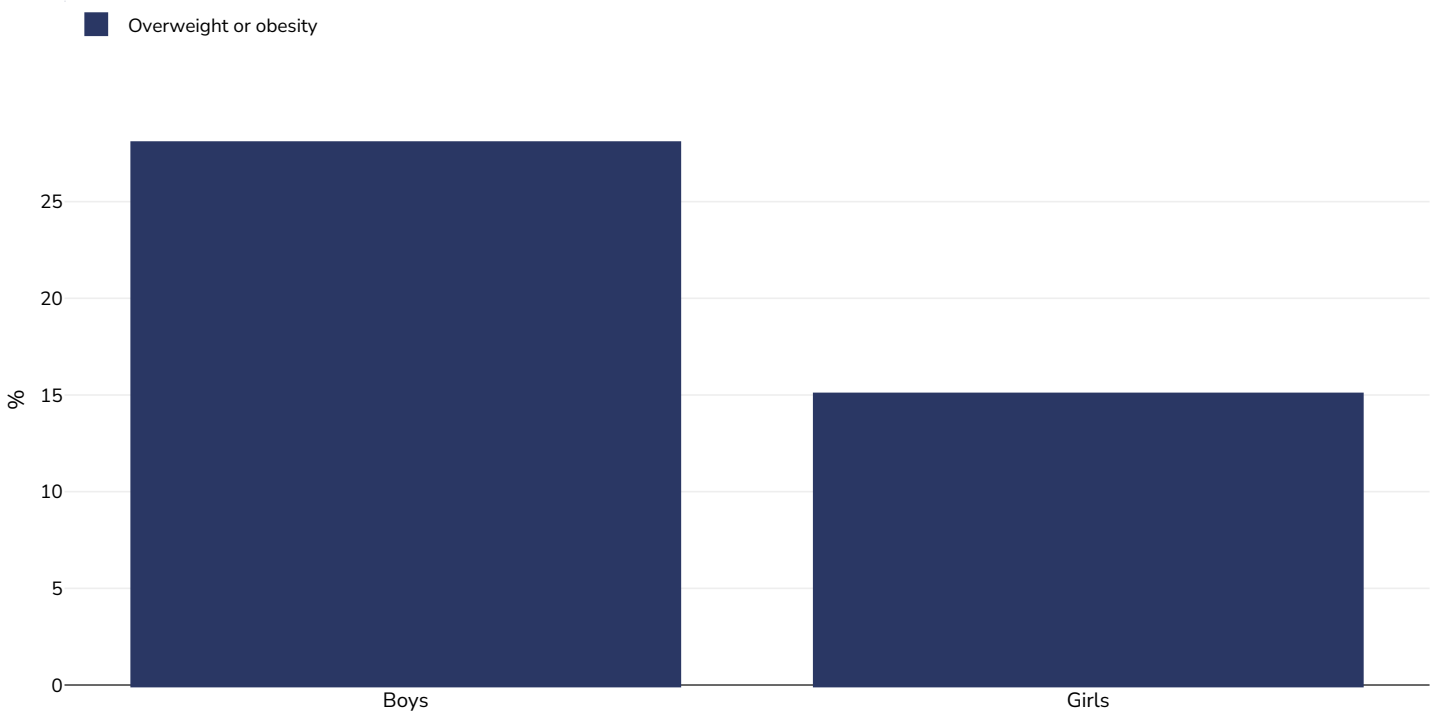
Children, 2021-2022



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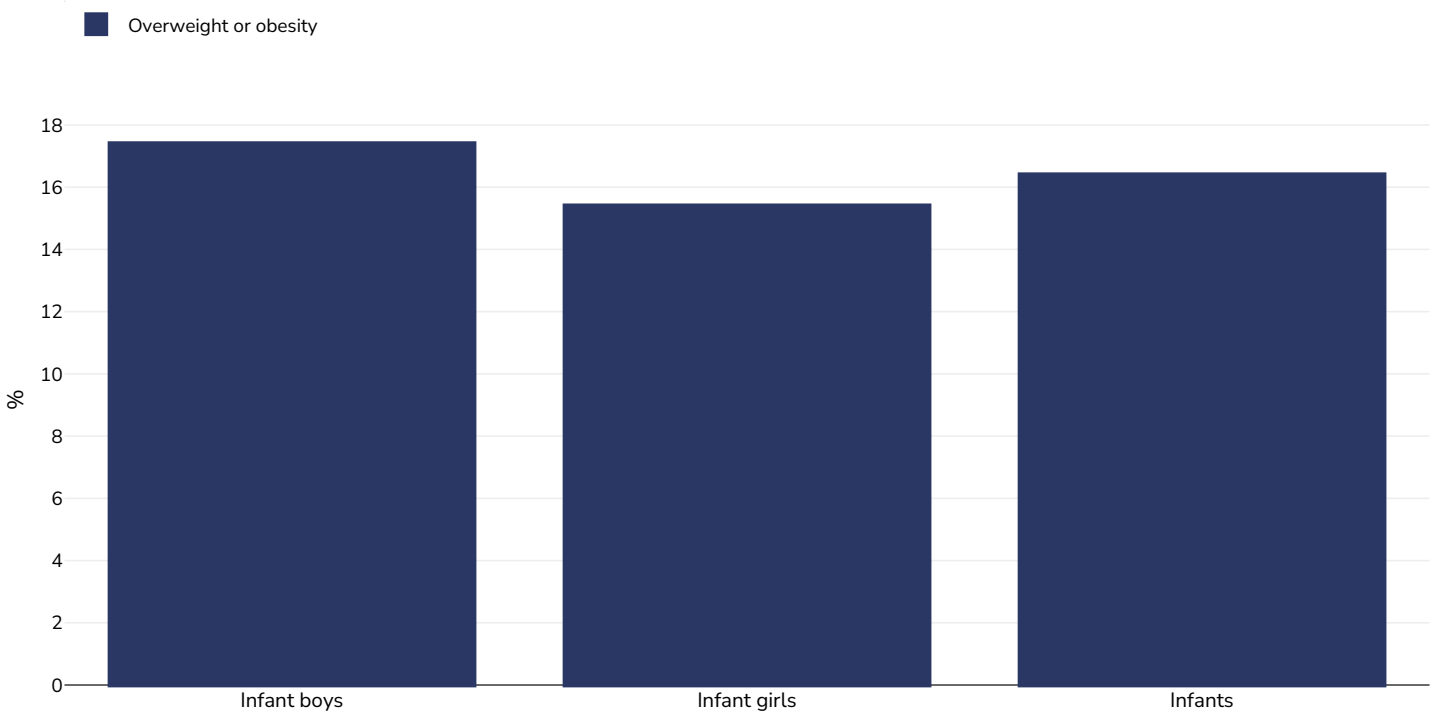
Infants, 2017-2018



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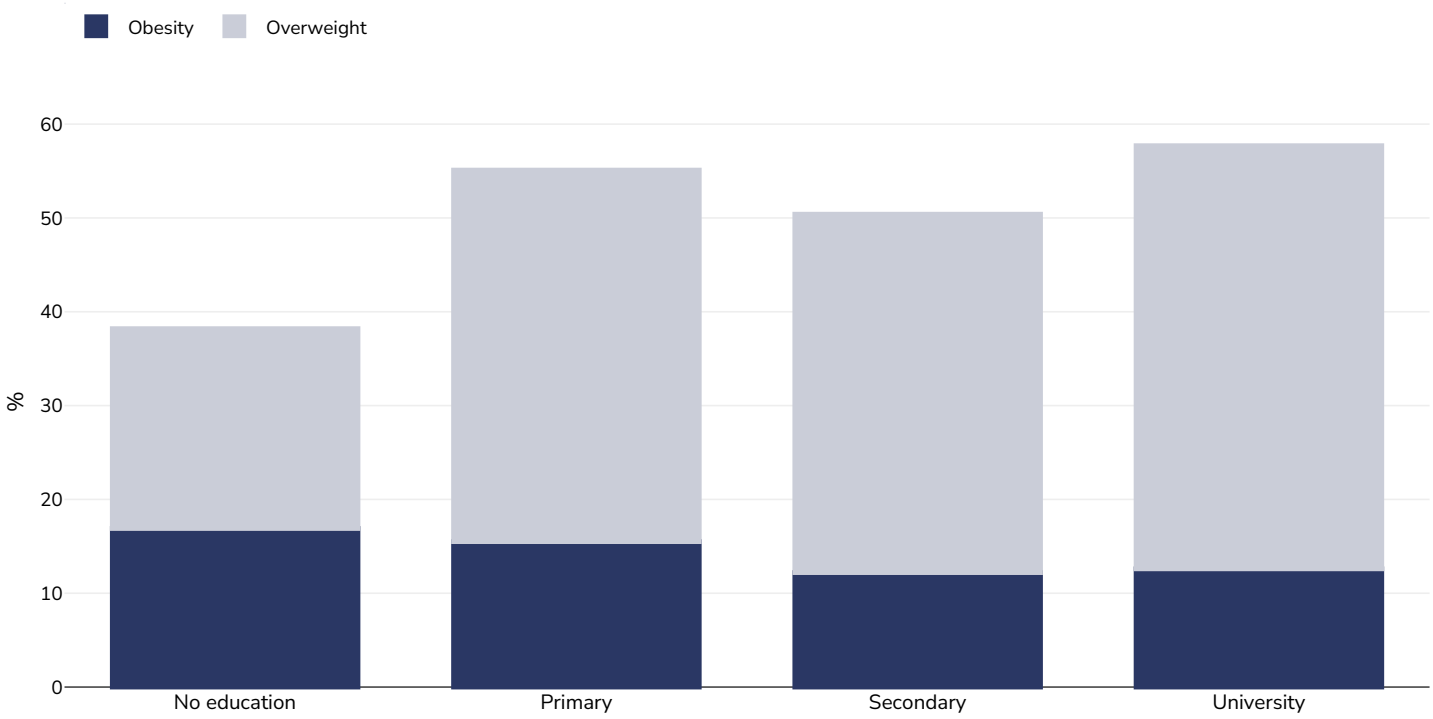
Overweight/obesity by education

Men, 2017-2018



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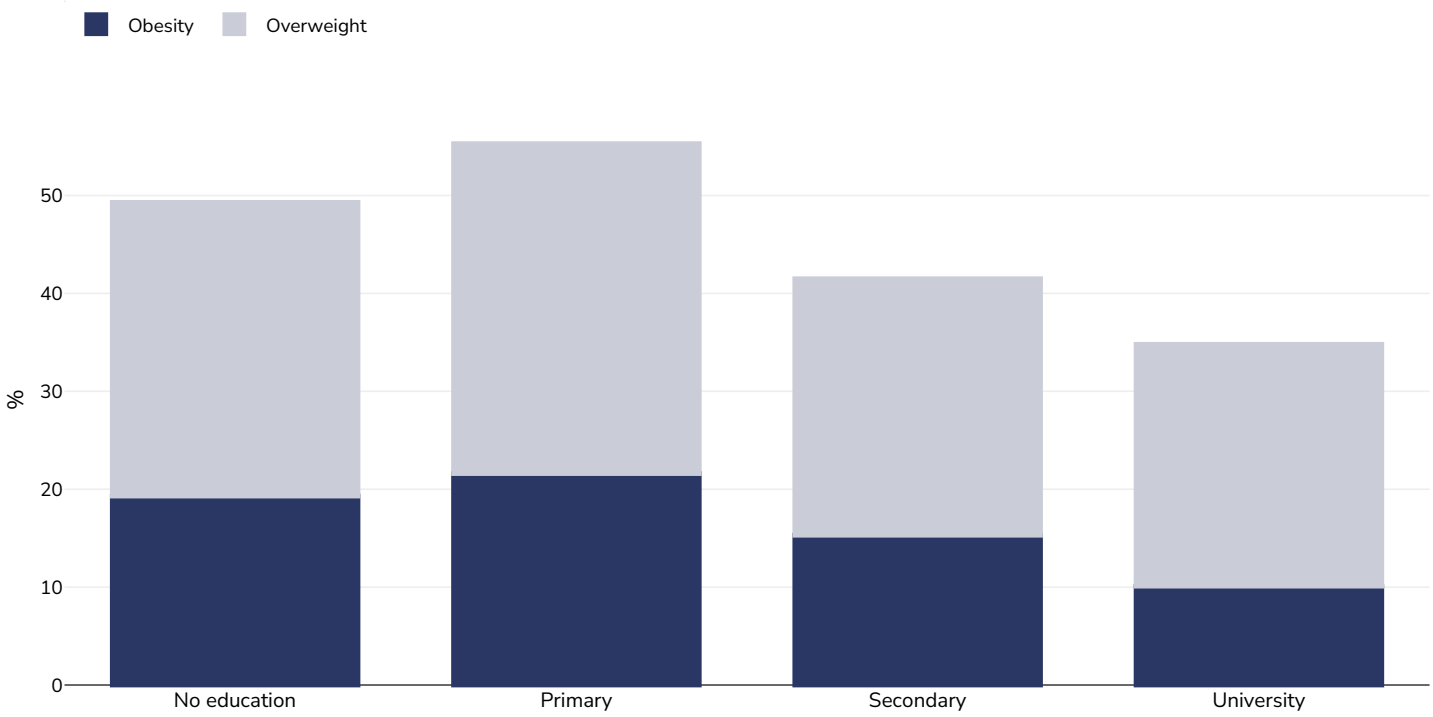
Women, 2017-2018



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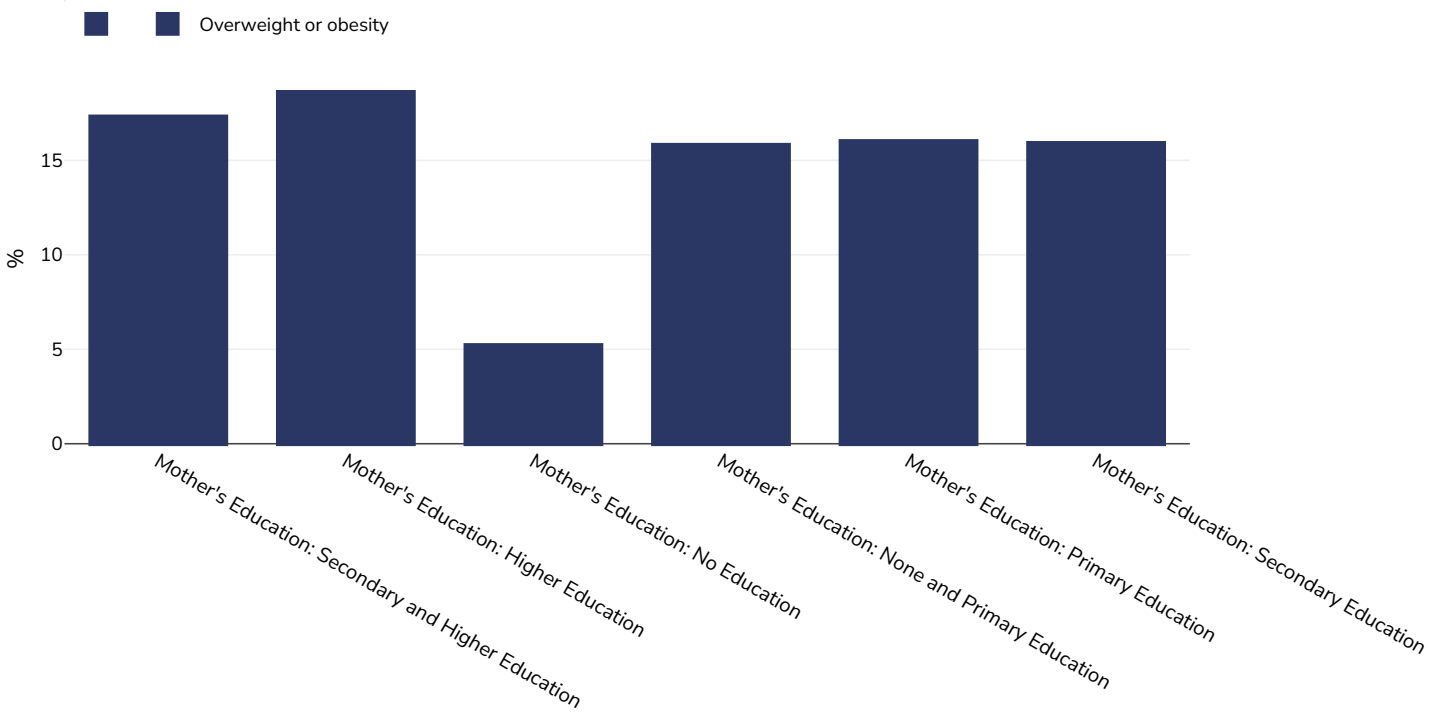

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Overweight/obesity by age

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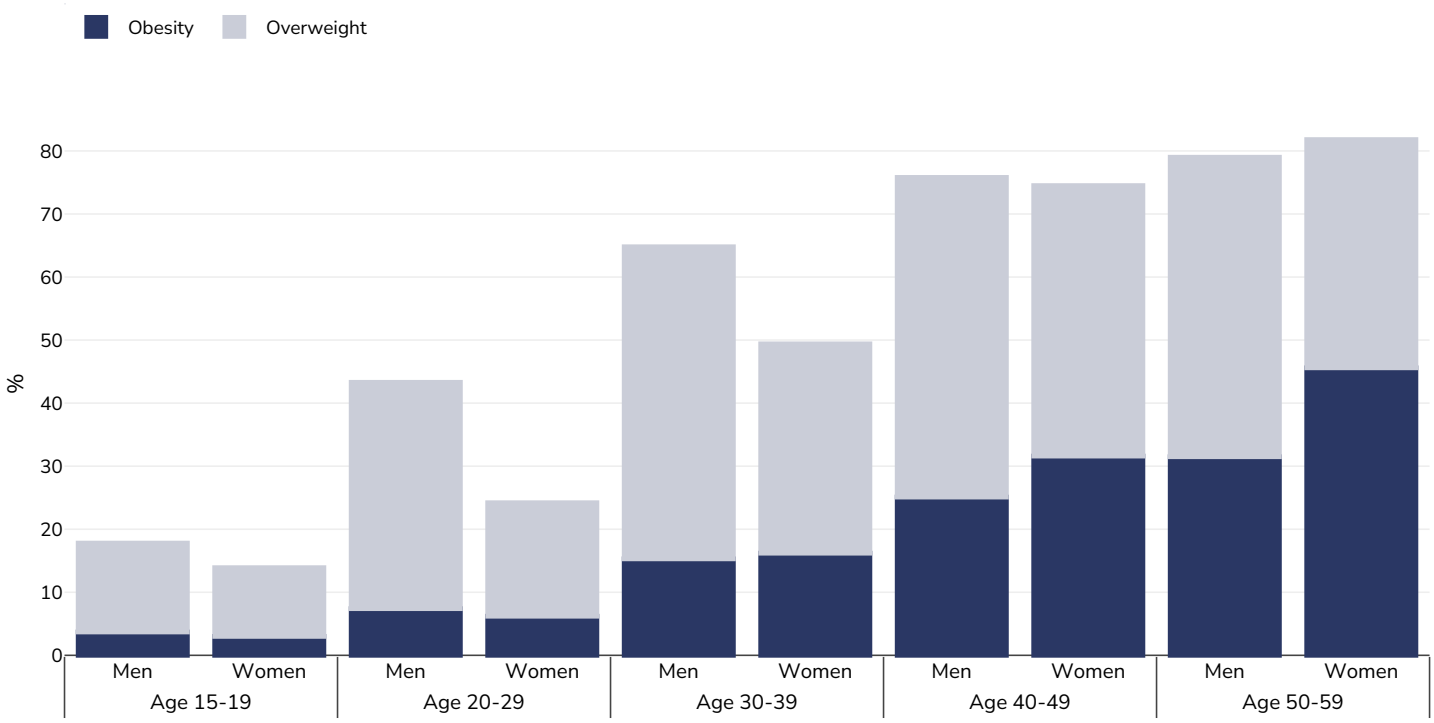

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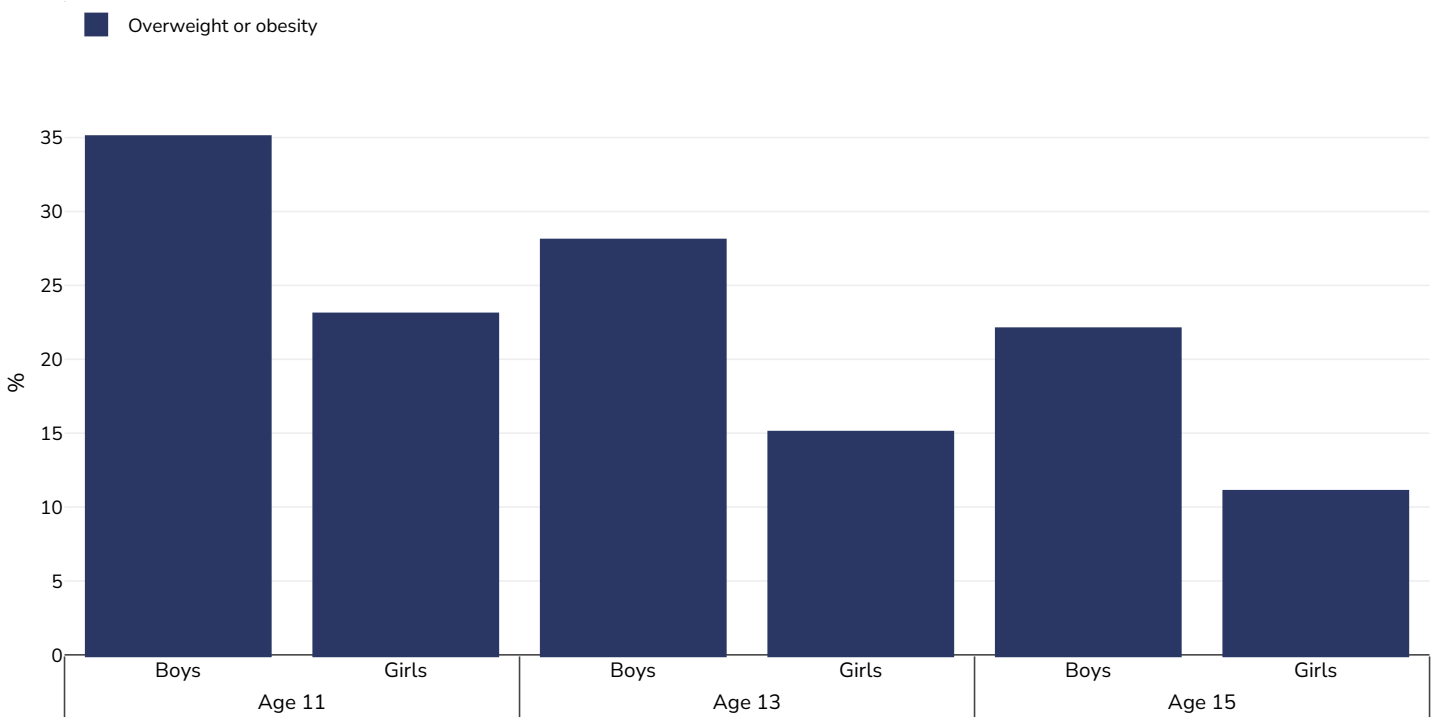

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Overweight/obesity by region

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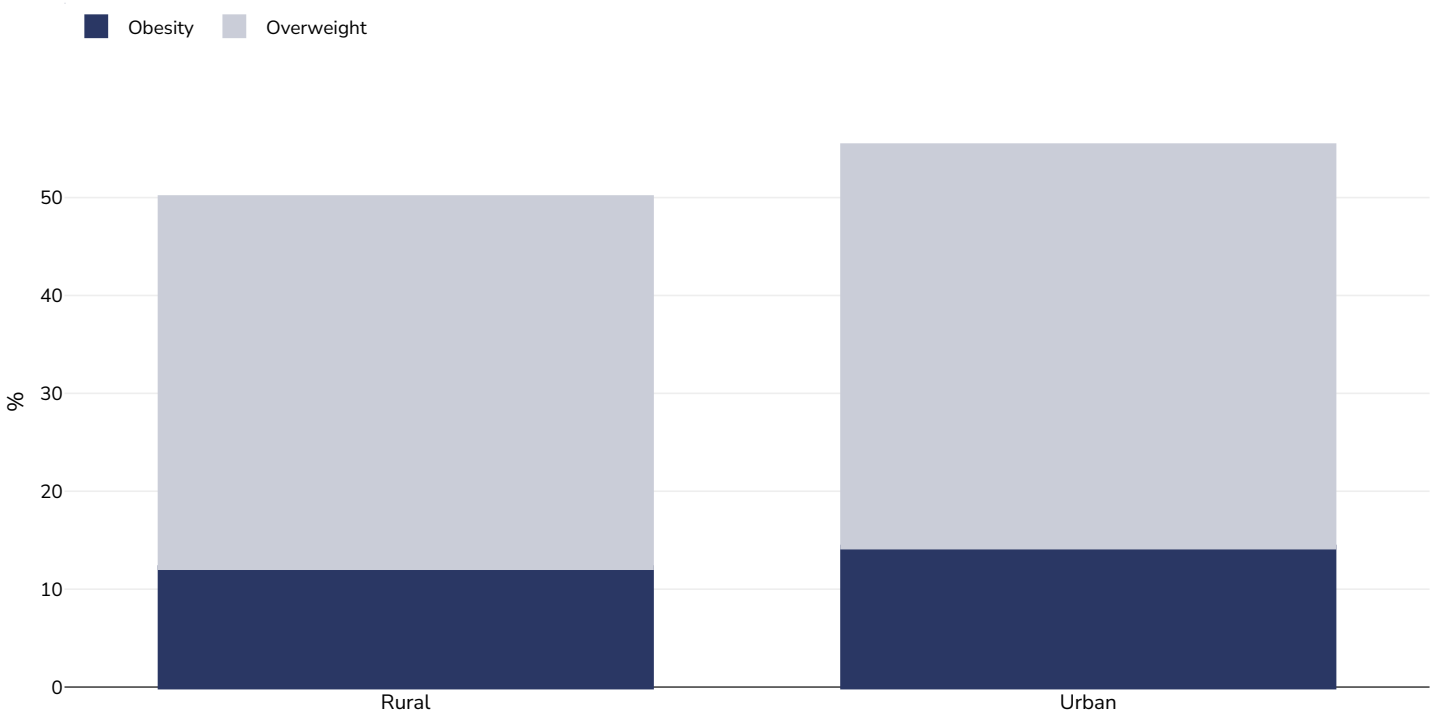

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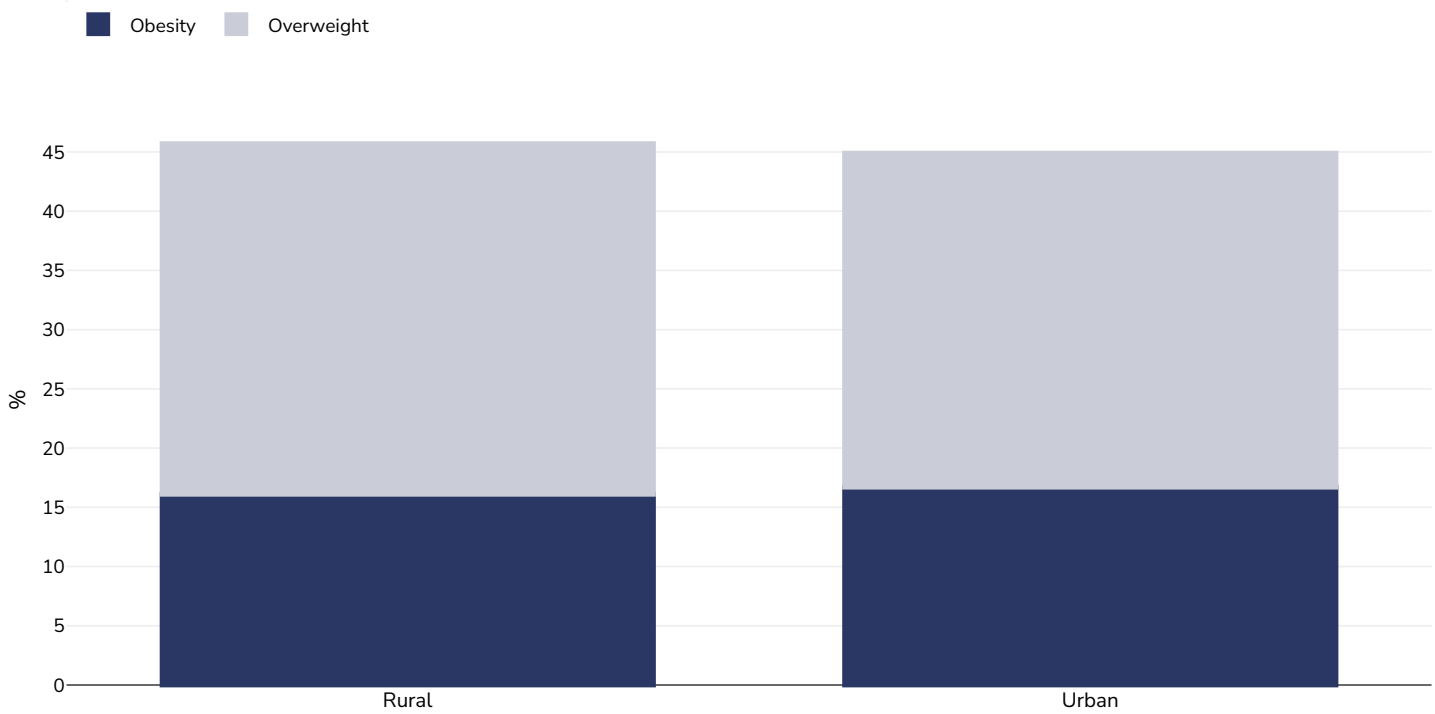

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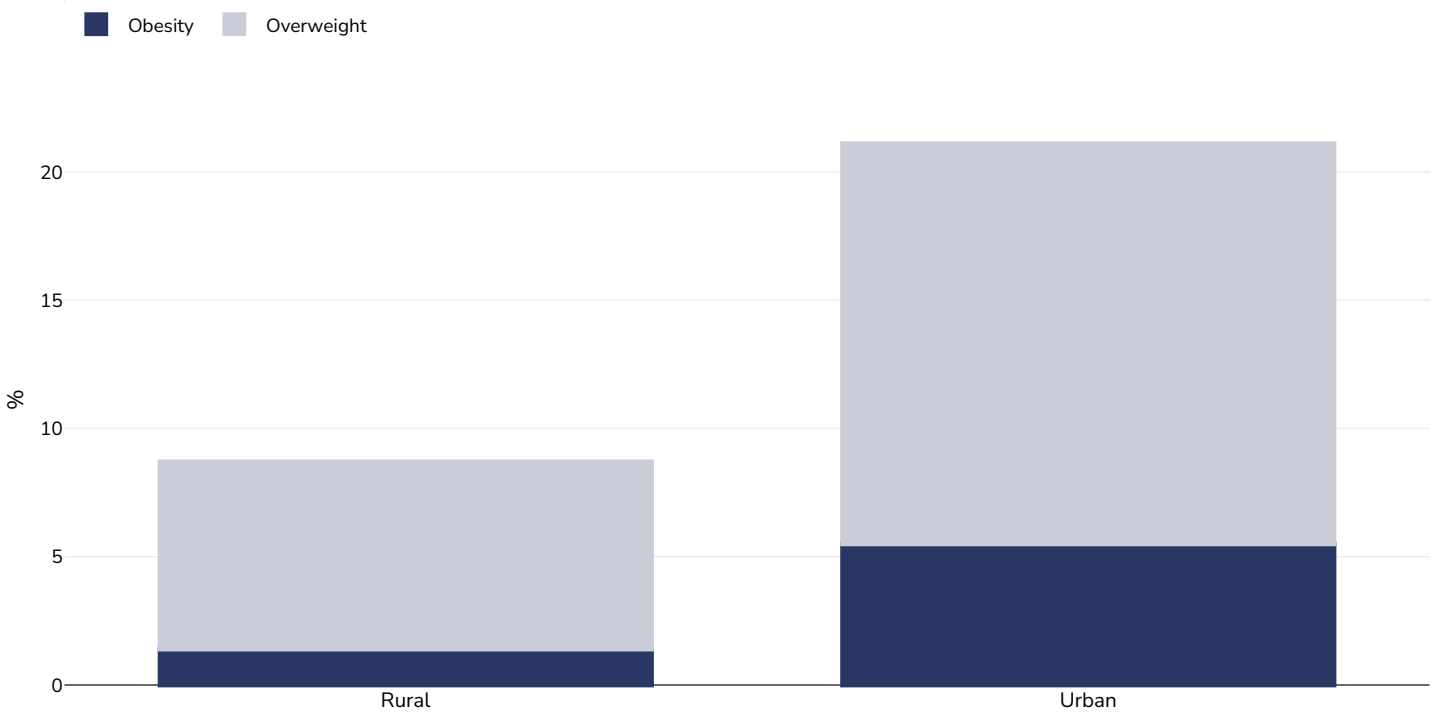
Children, 2013



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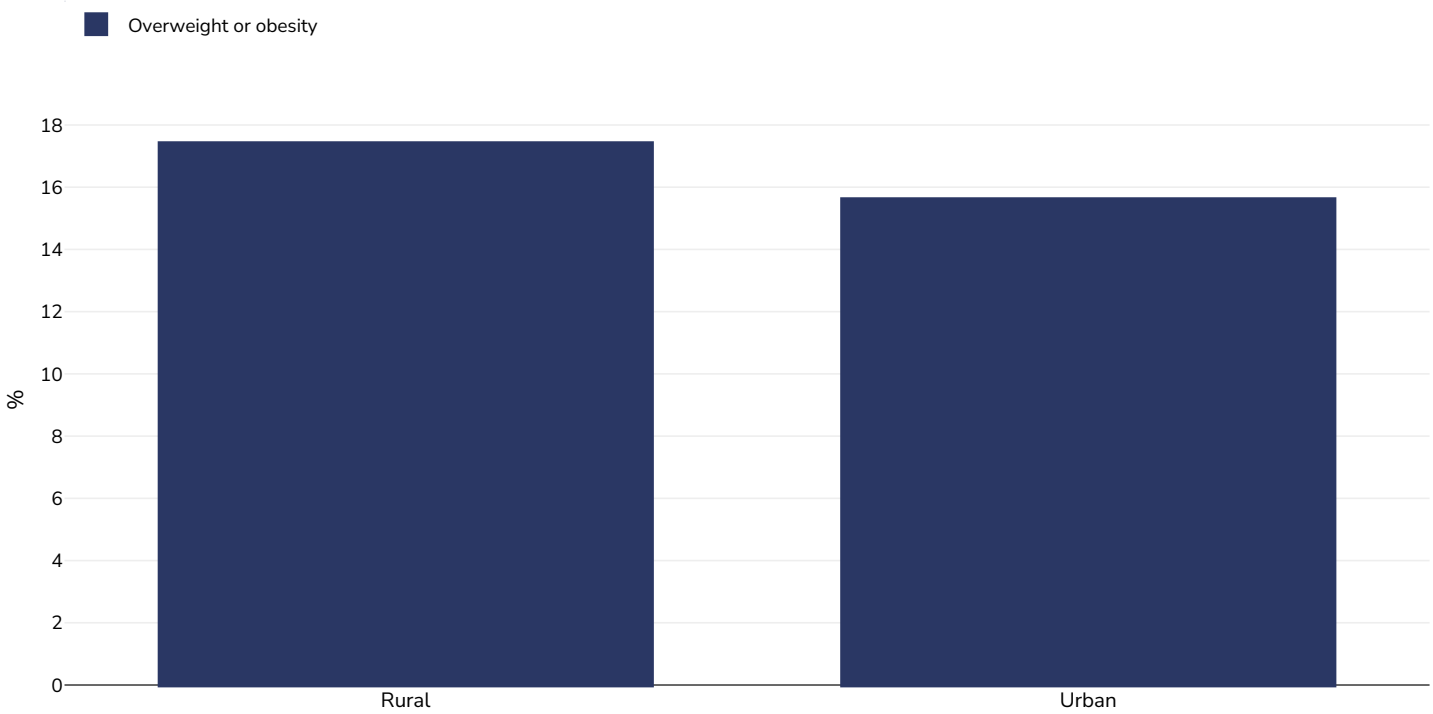
Infants, 2017-2018



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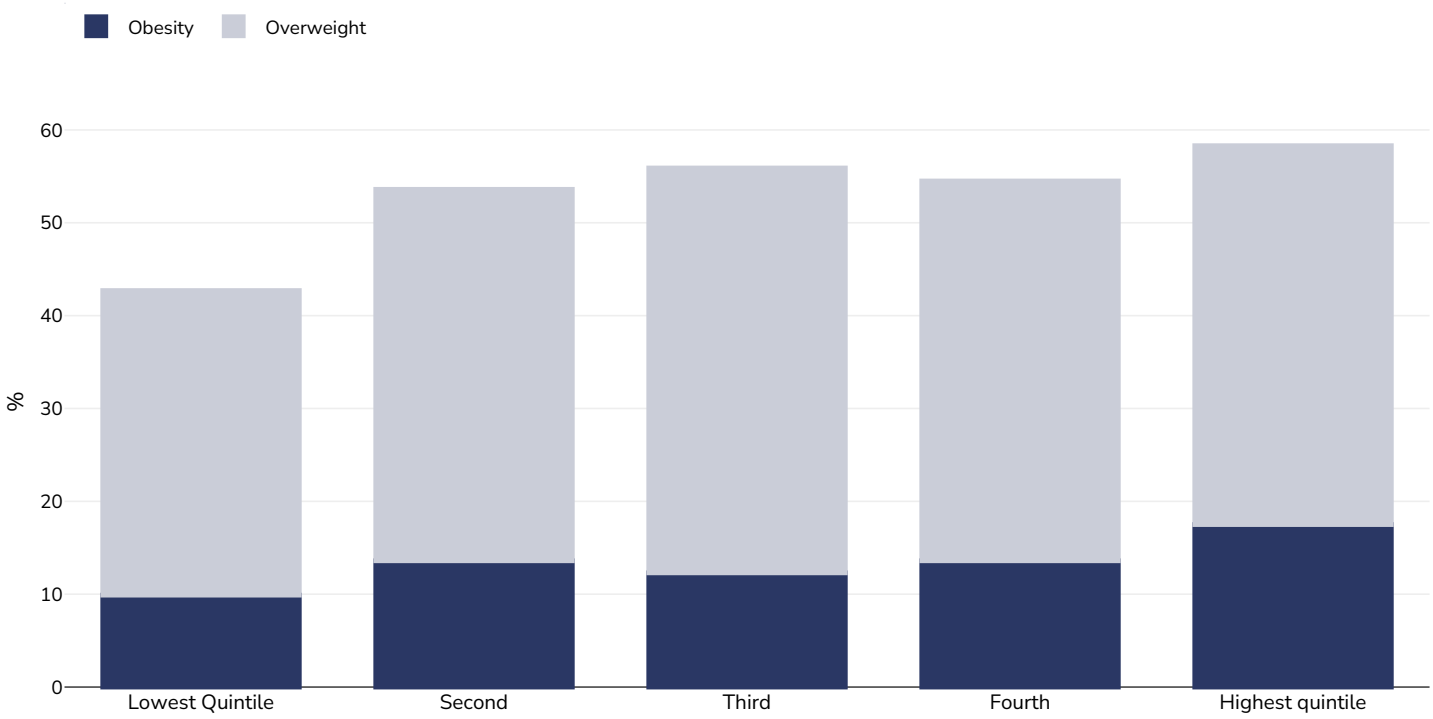
Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Men, 2017-2018



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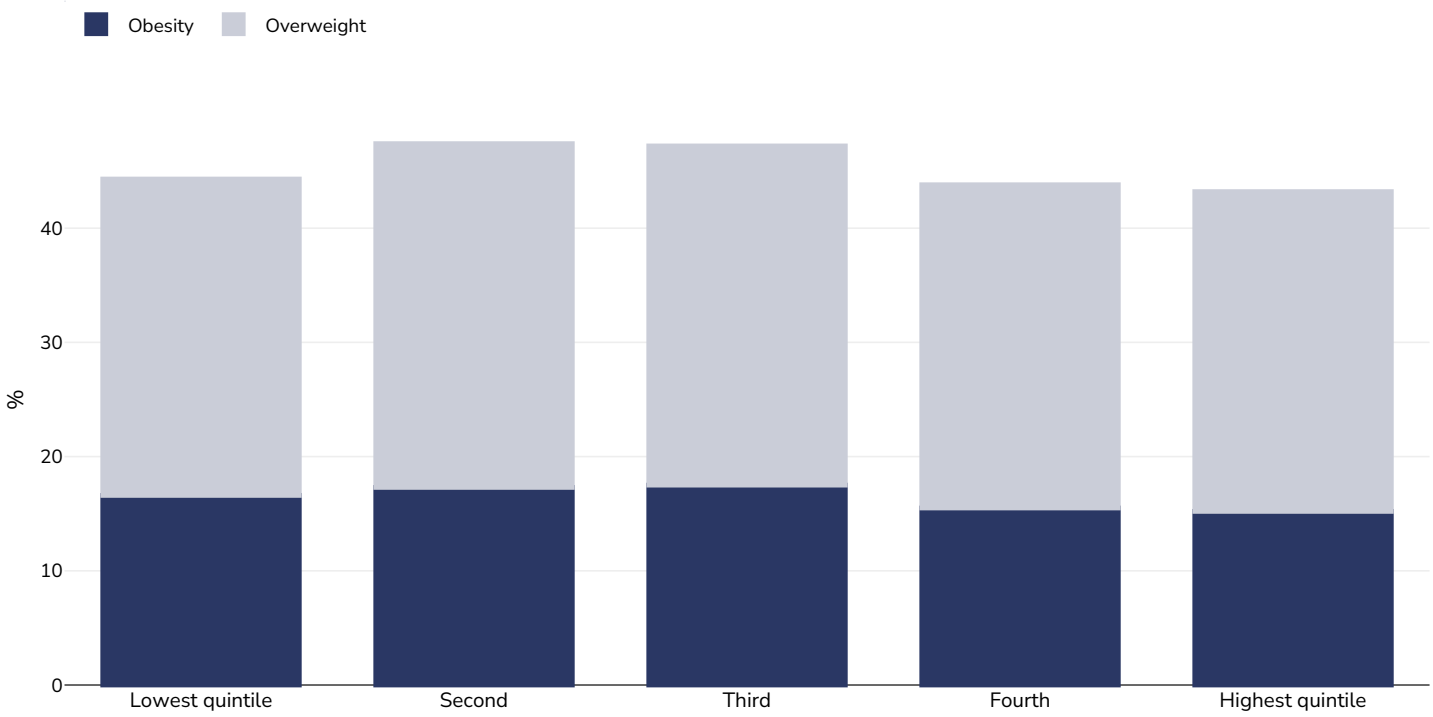

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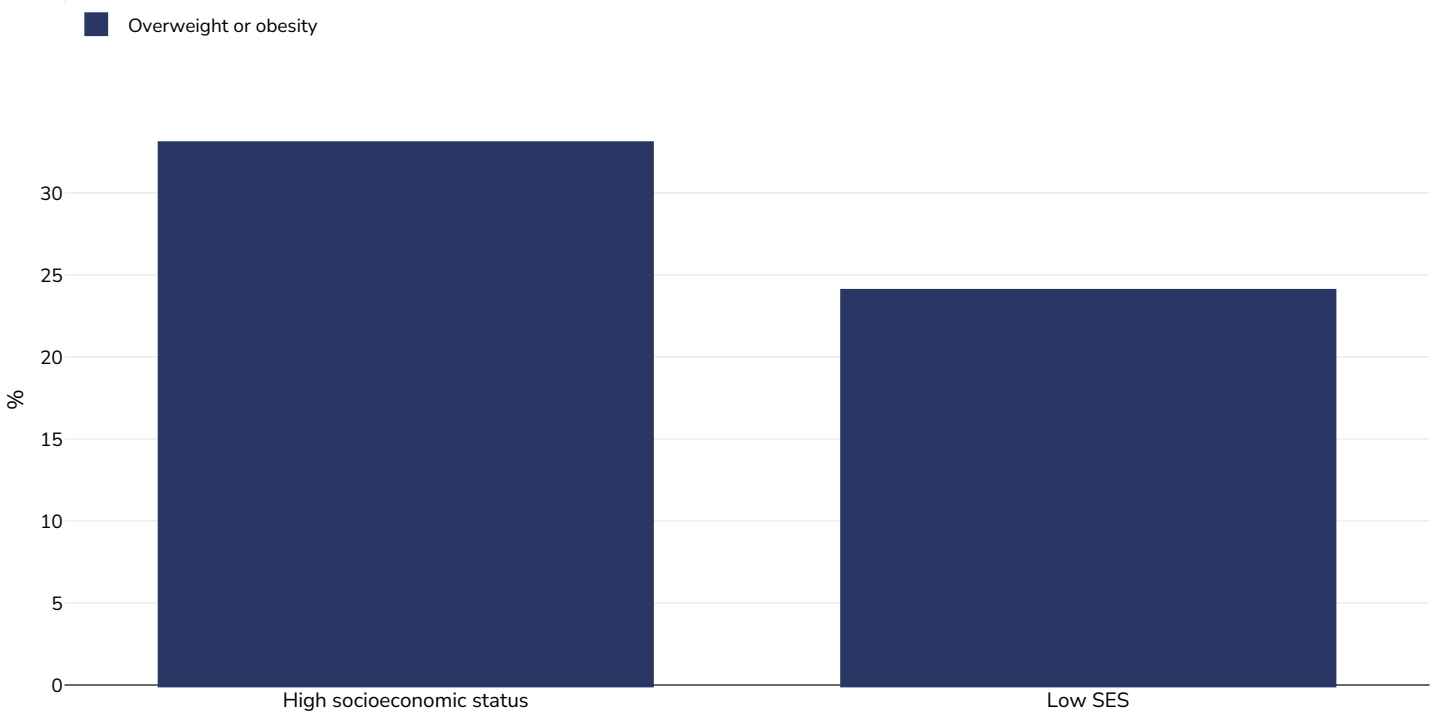
Boys, 2021-2022



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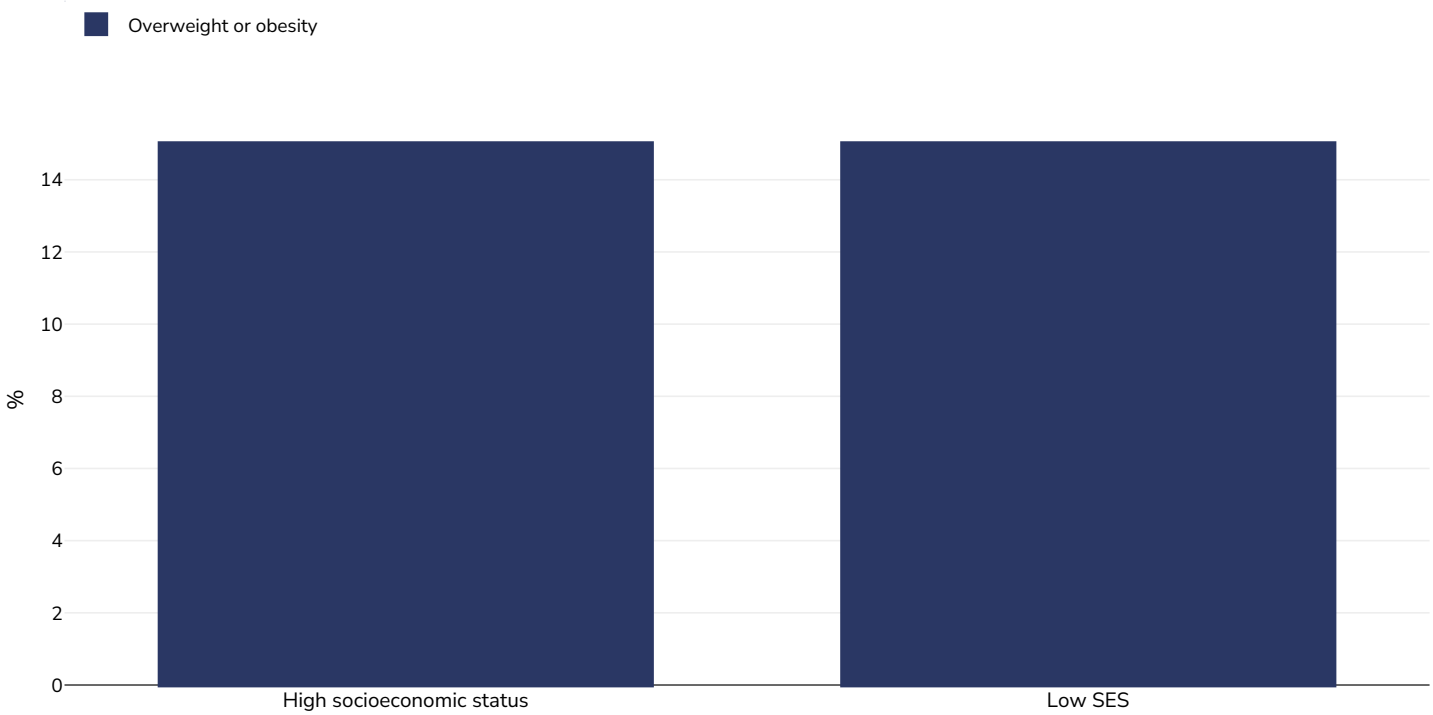
Girls, 2021-2022



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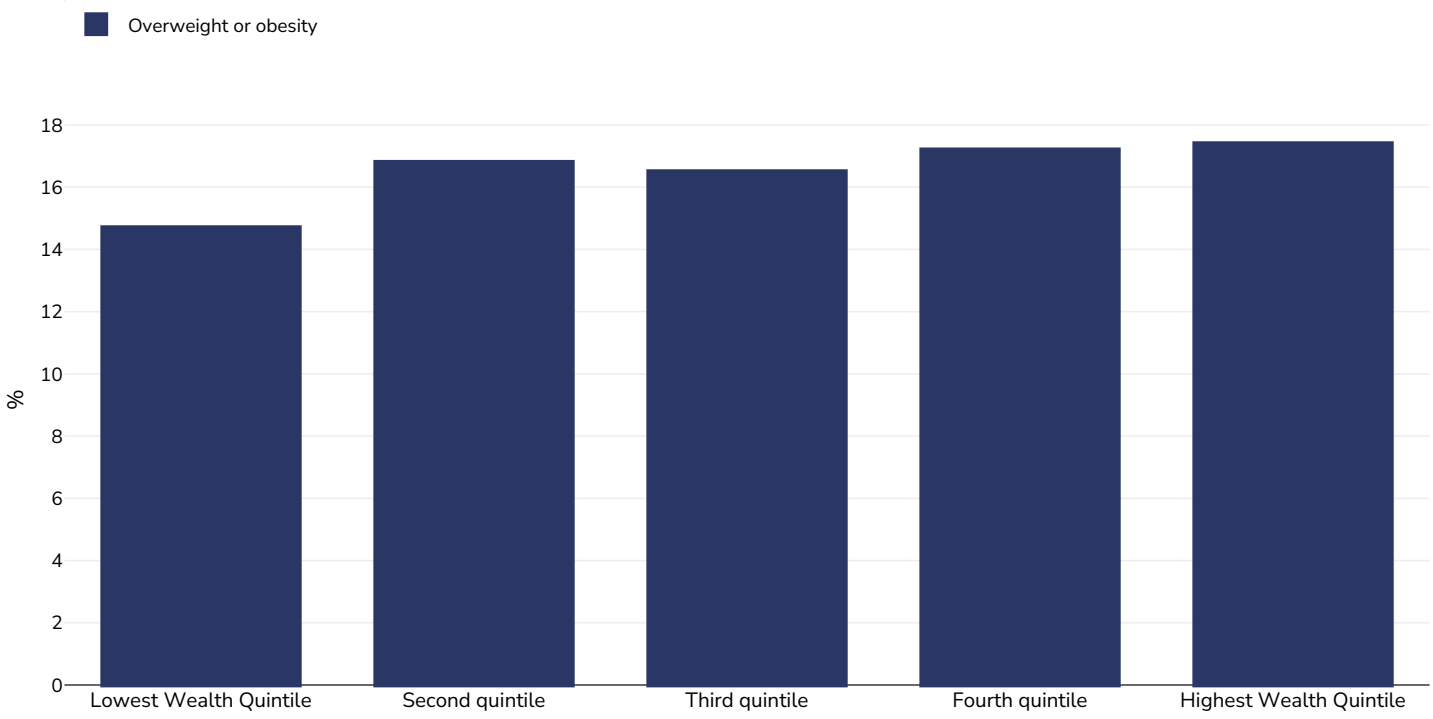

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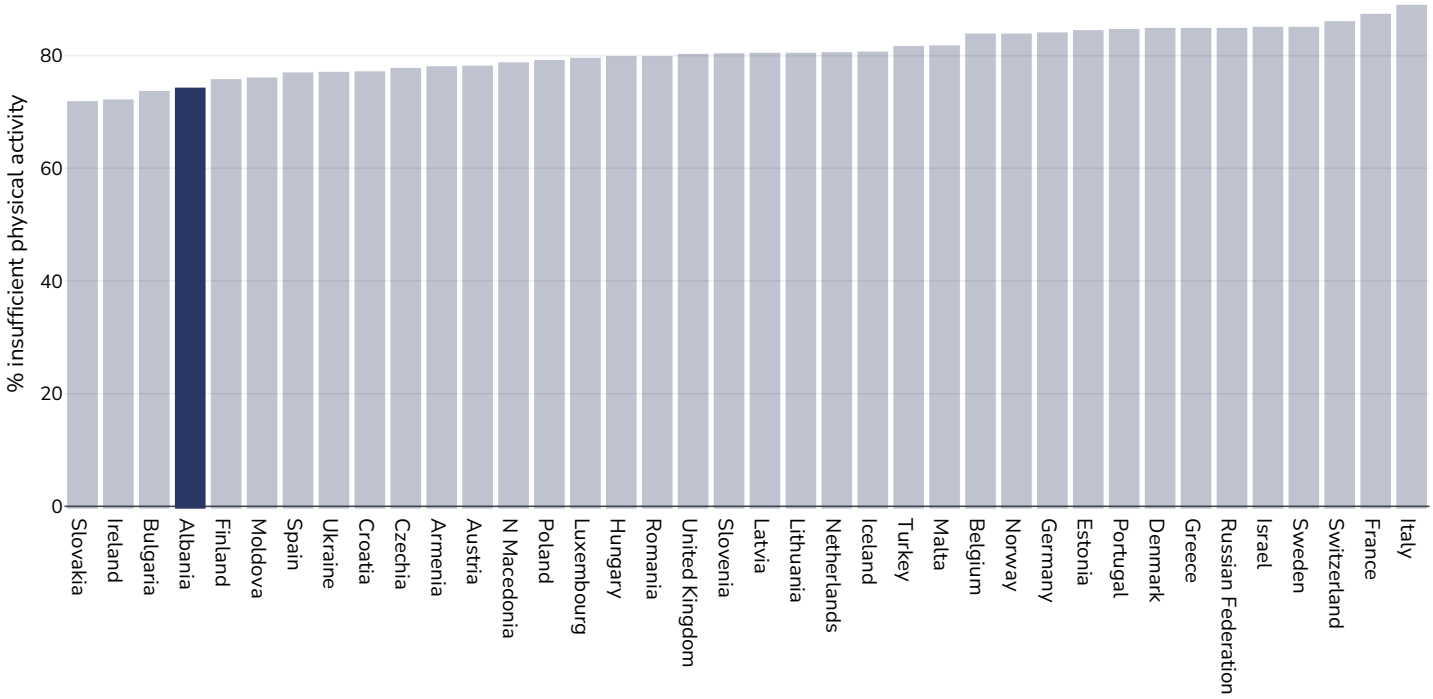
Insufficient physical activity

Children, 2016



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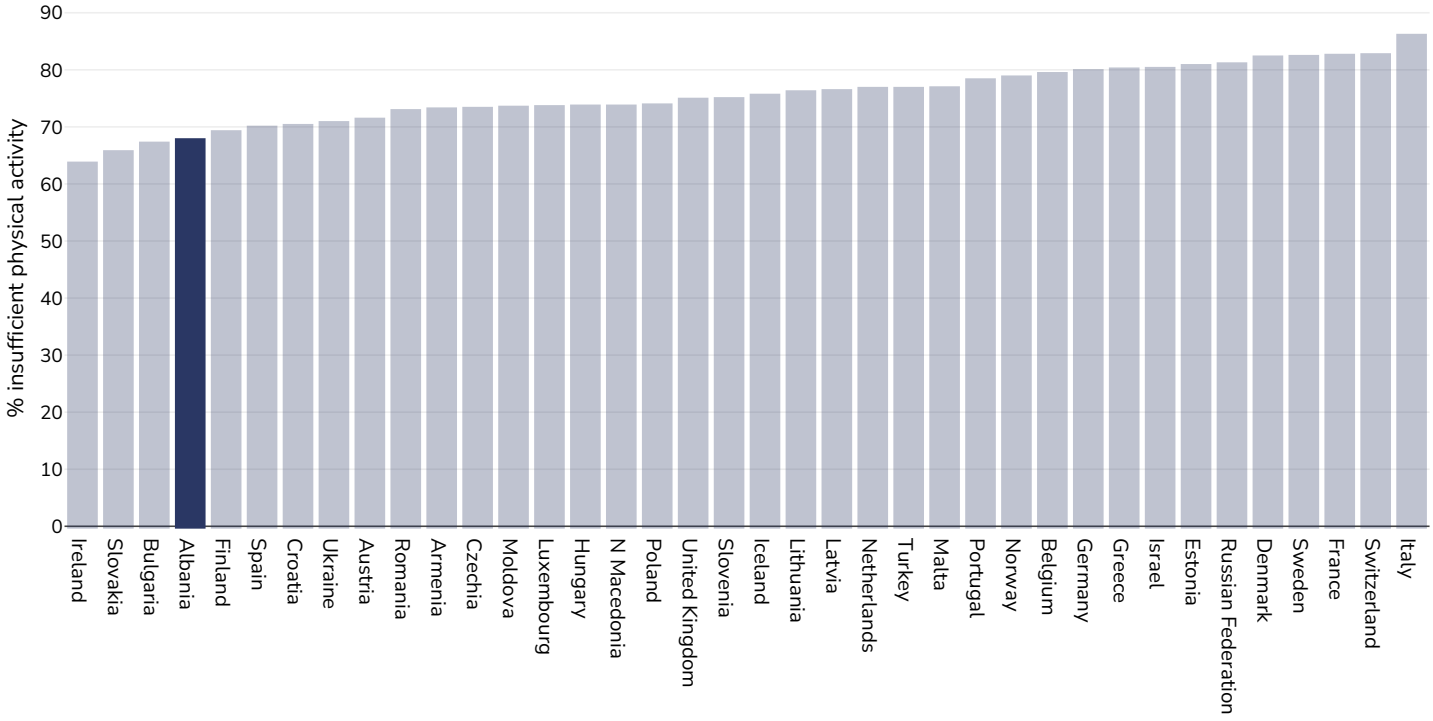
Definitions:	% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

Boys, 2016



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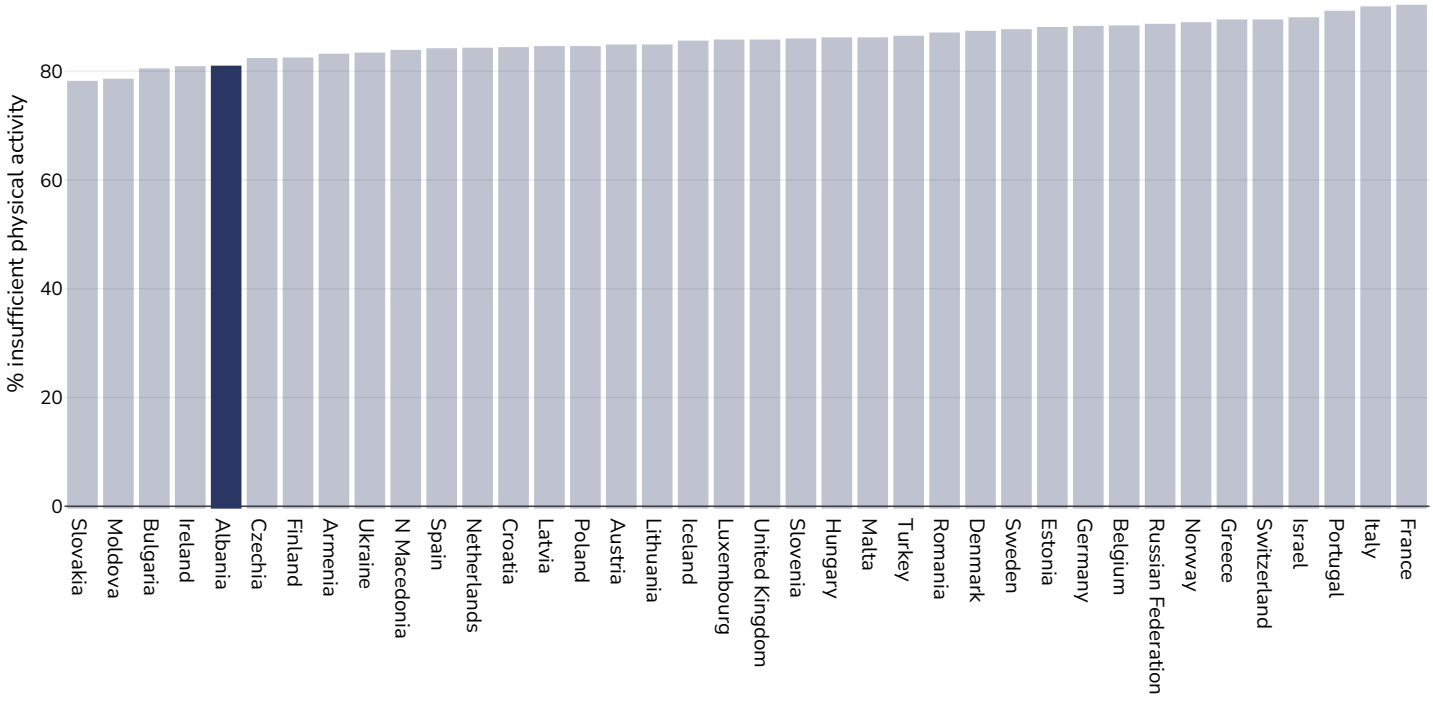

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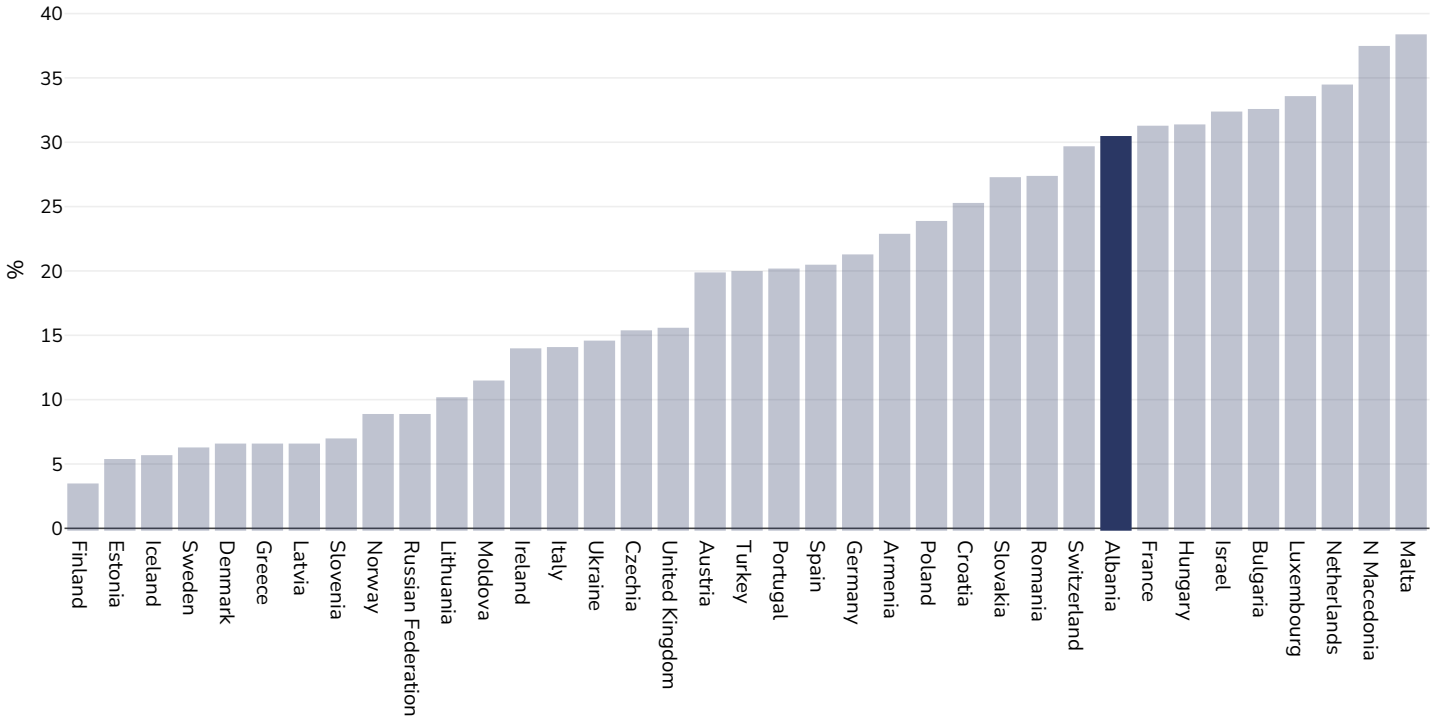
Prevalence of at least daily carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2010-2014



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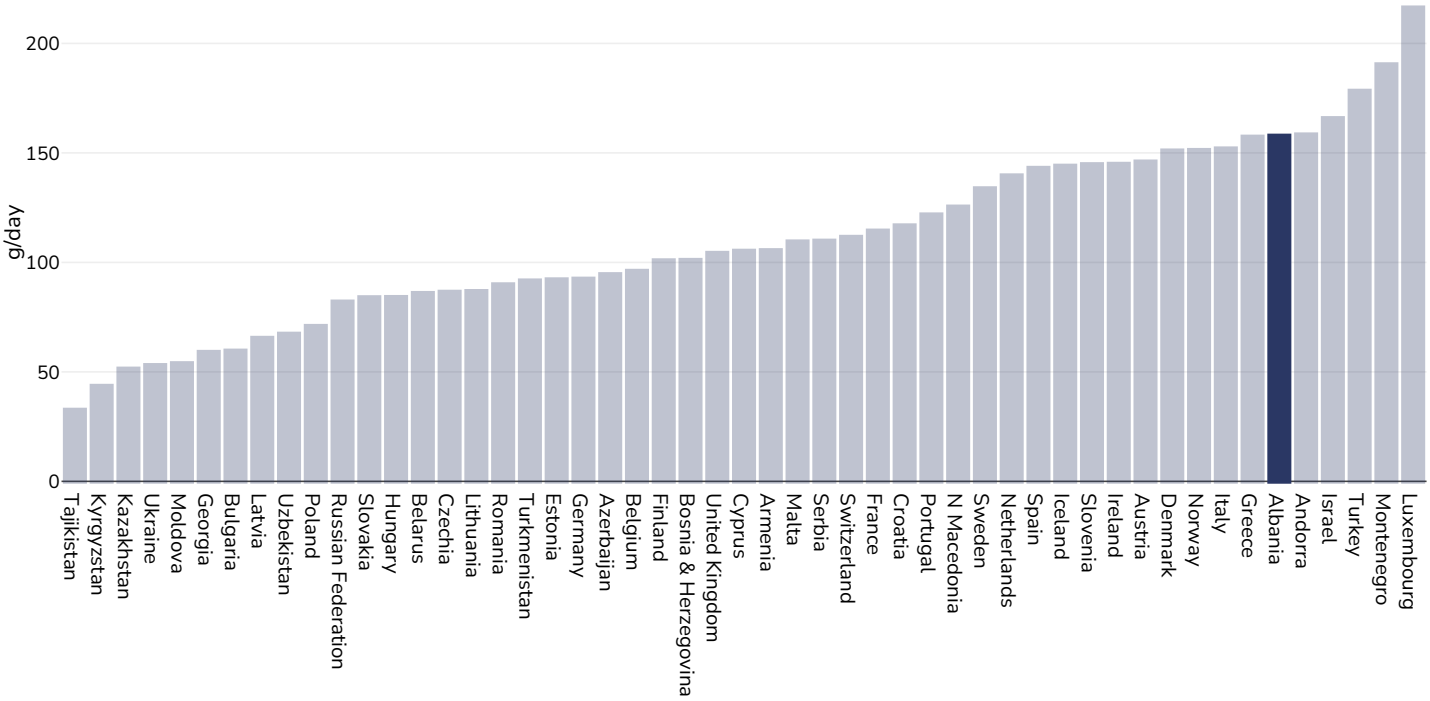
Notes:	15-year-old adolescents
Definitions:	Prevalence of at least daily carbonated soft drink consumption (% of at least daily carbonated soft drink consumption)

Estimated per capita fruit intake

Adults, 2017



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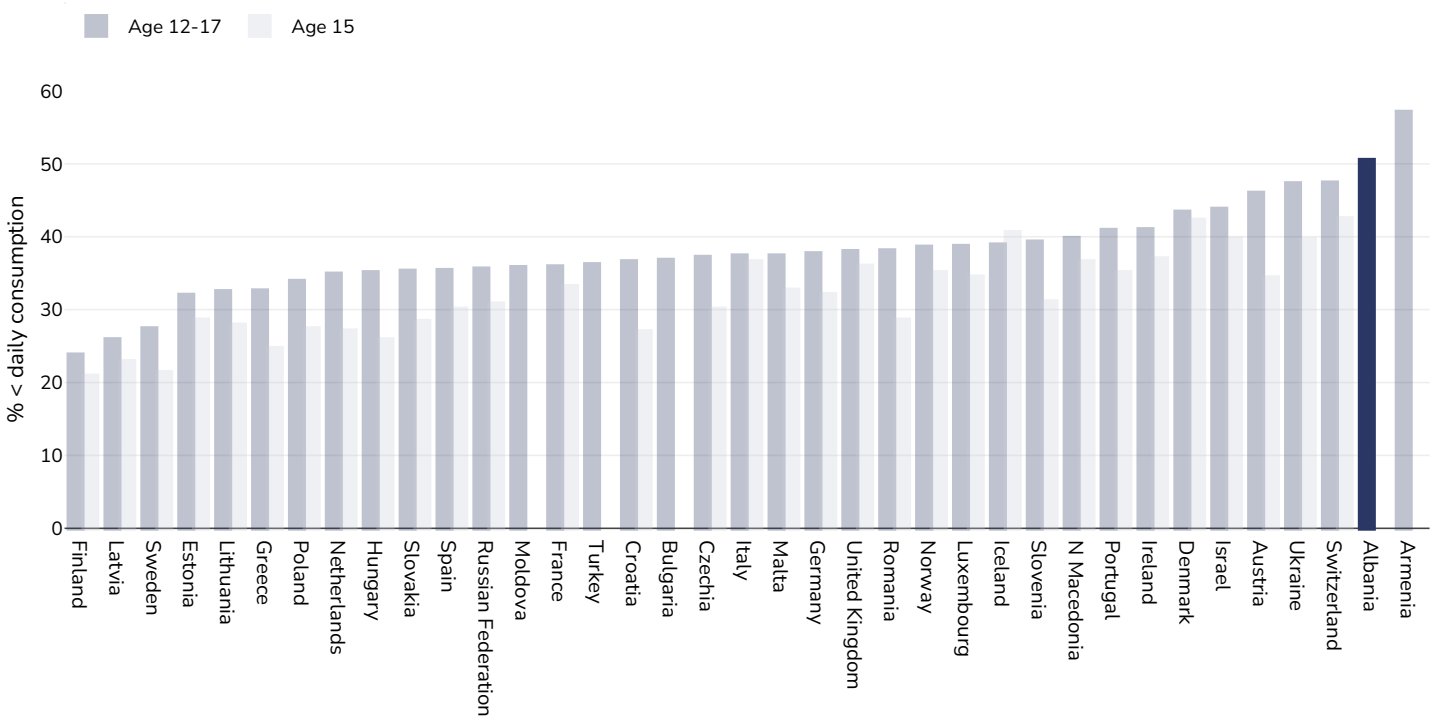
Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2010-2014



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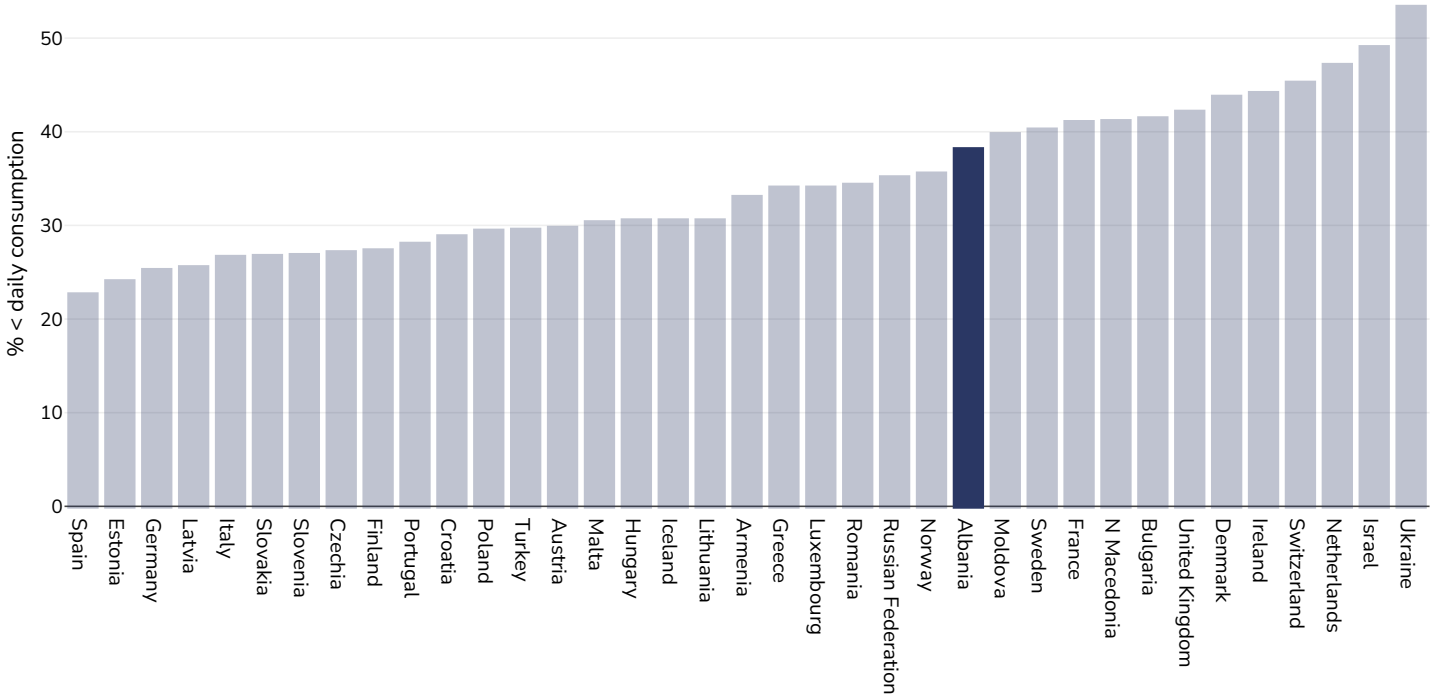
Definitions:	Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption (% less-than-daily fruit consumption)

Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2010-2014



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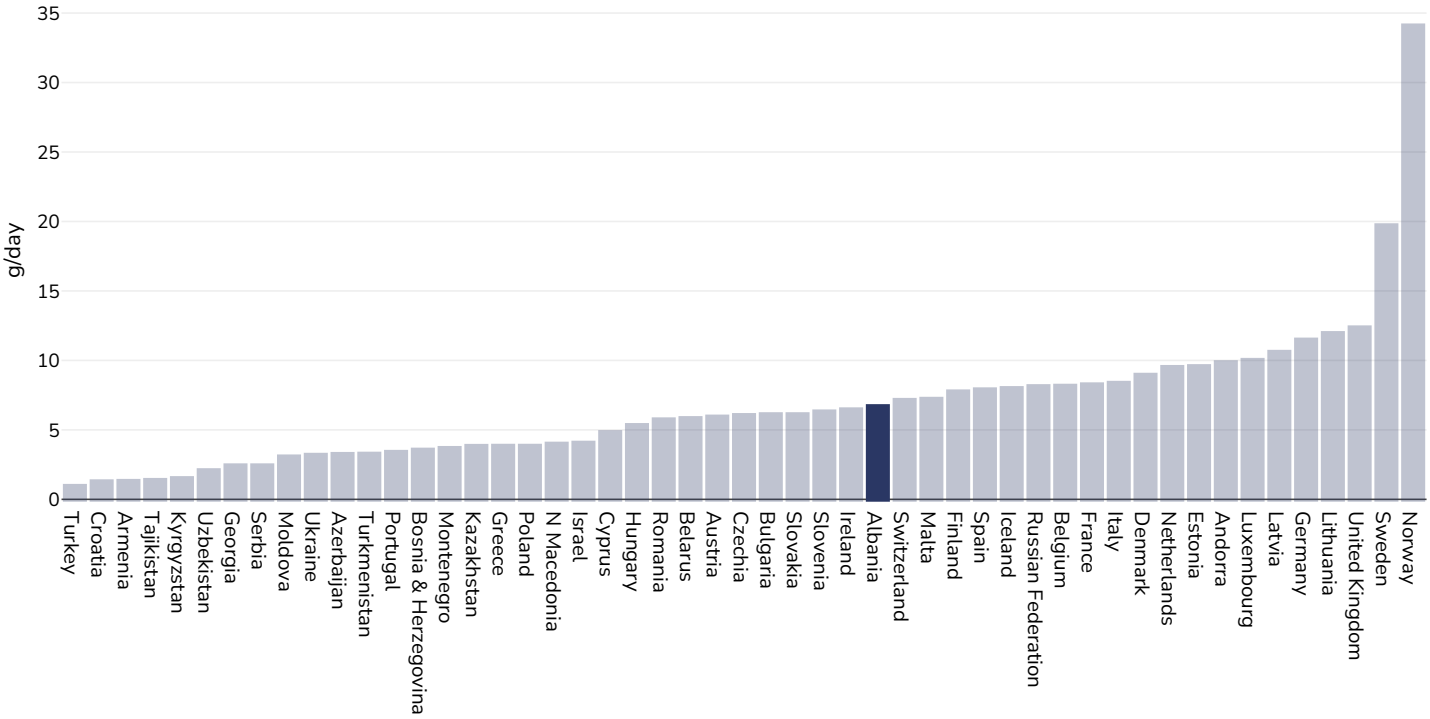
Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



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

Estimated per capita whole grains intake

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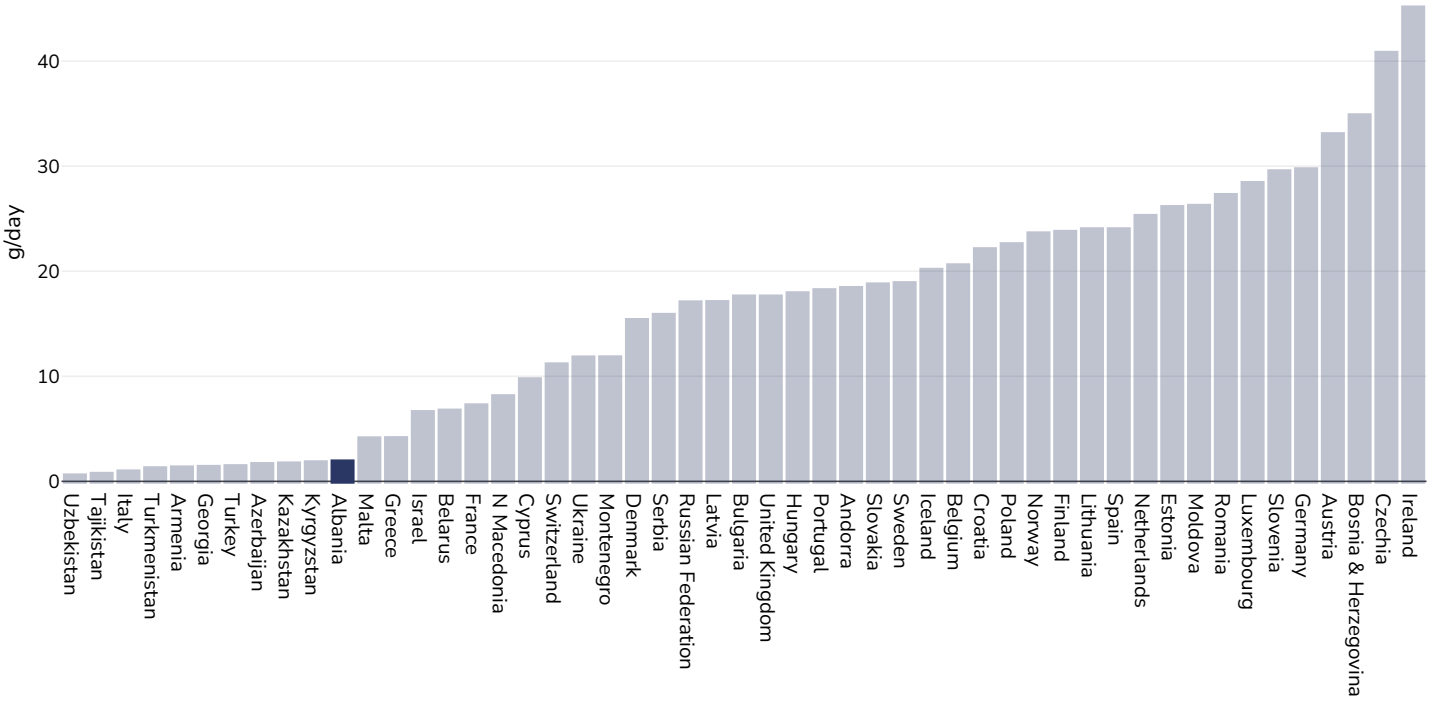

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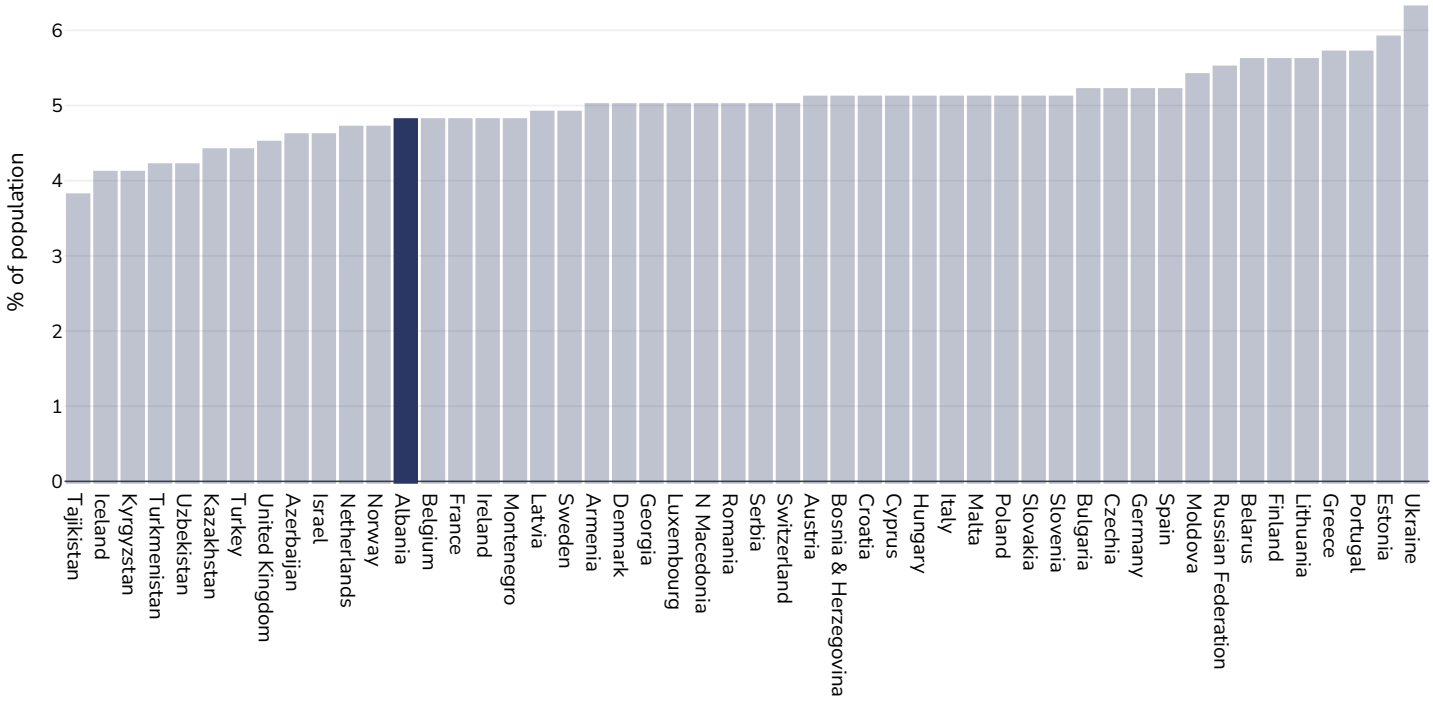
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita whole grains intake (g/day)

Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2015



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Definitions:	% of population with depression disorders

Mental health - anxiety disorders

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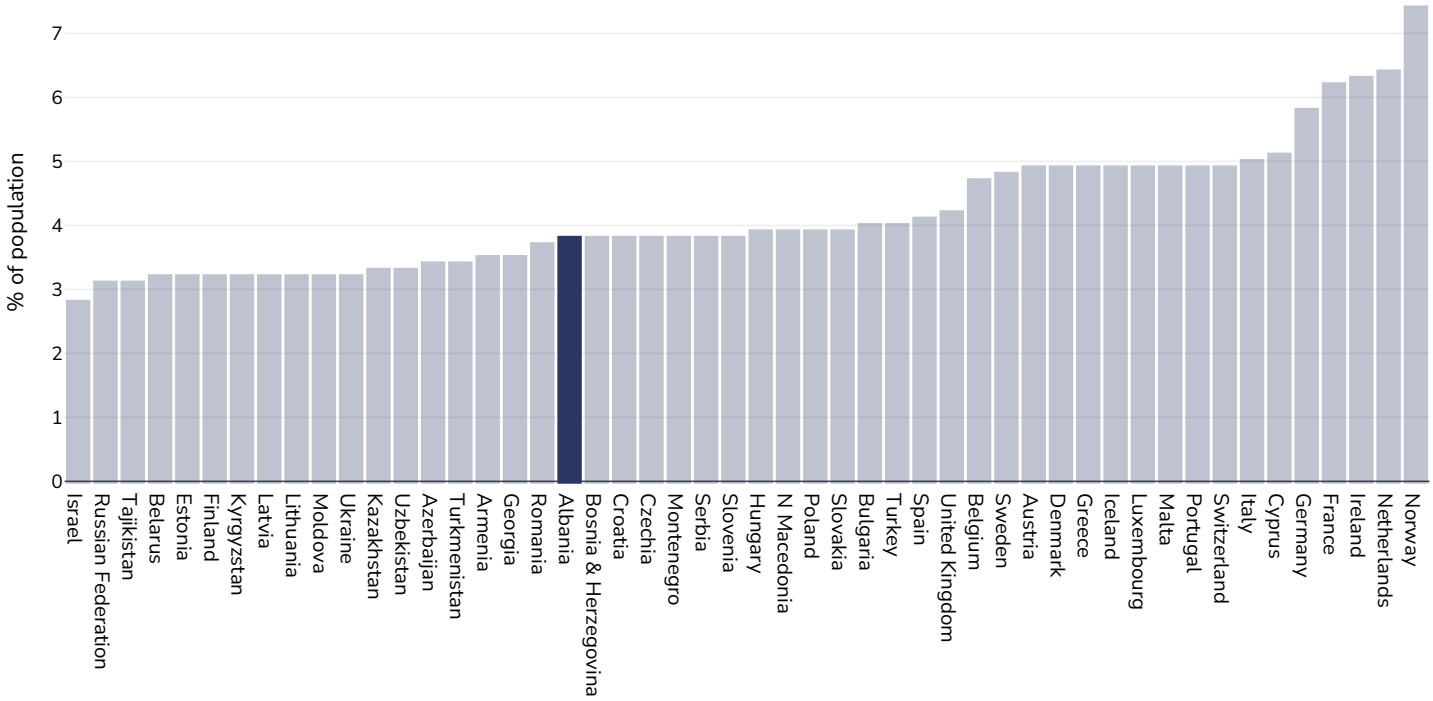

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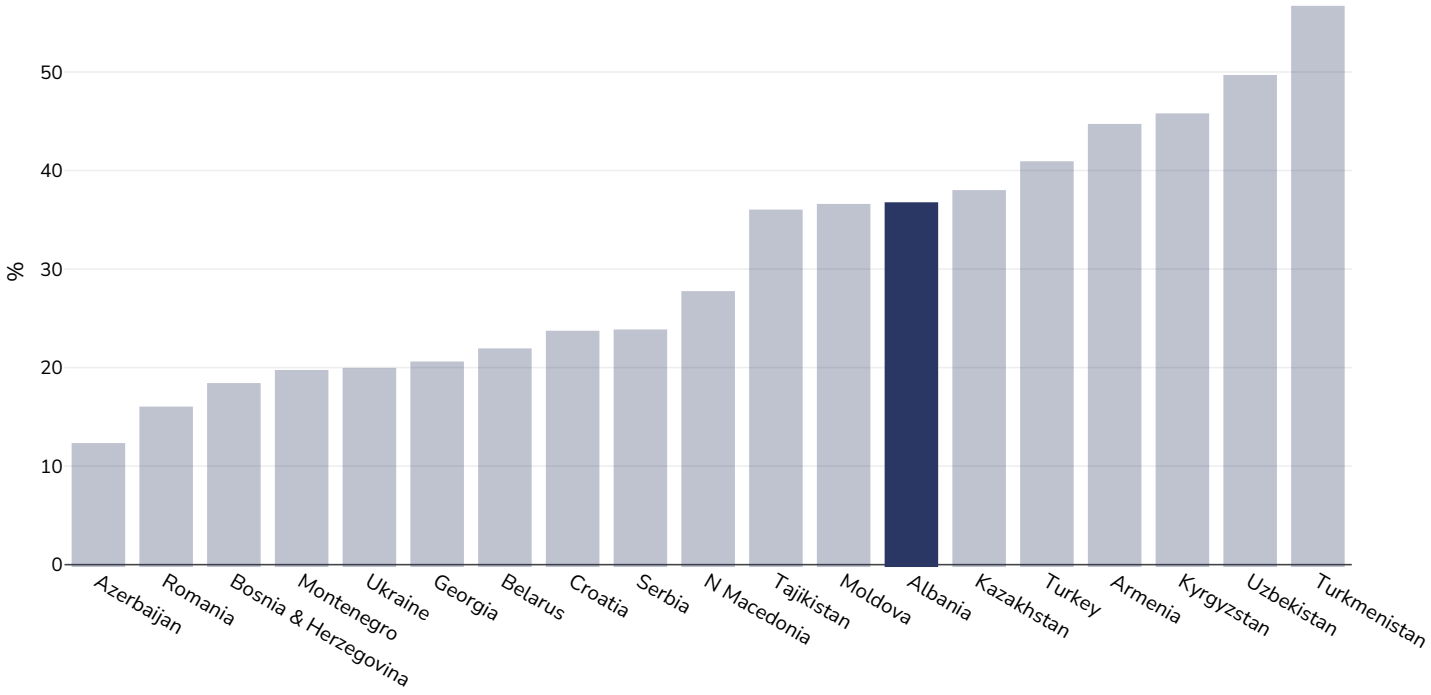
Definitions:	% of population with anxiety disorders

% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

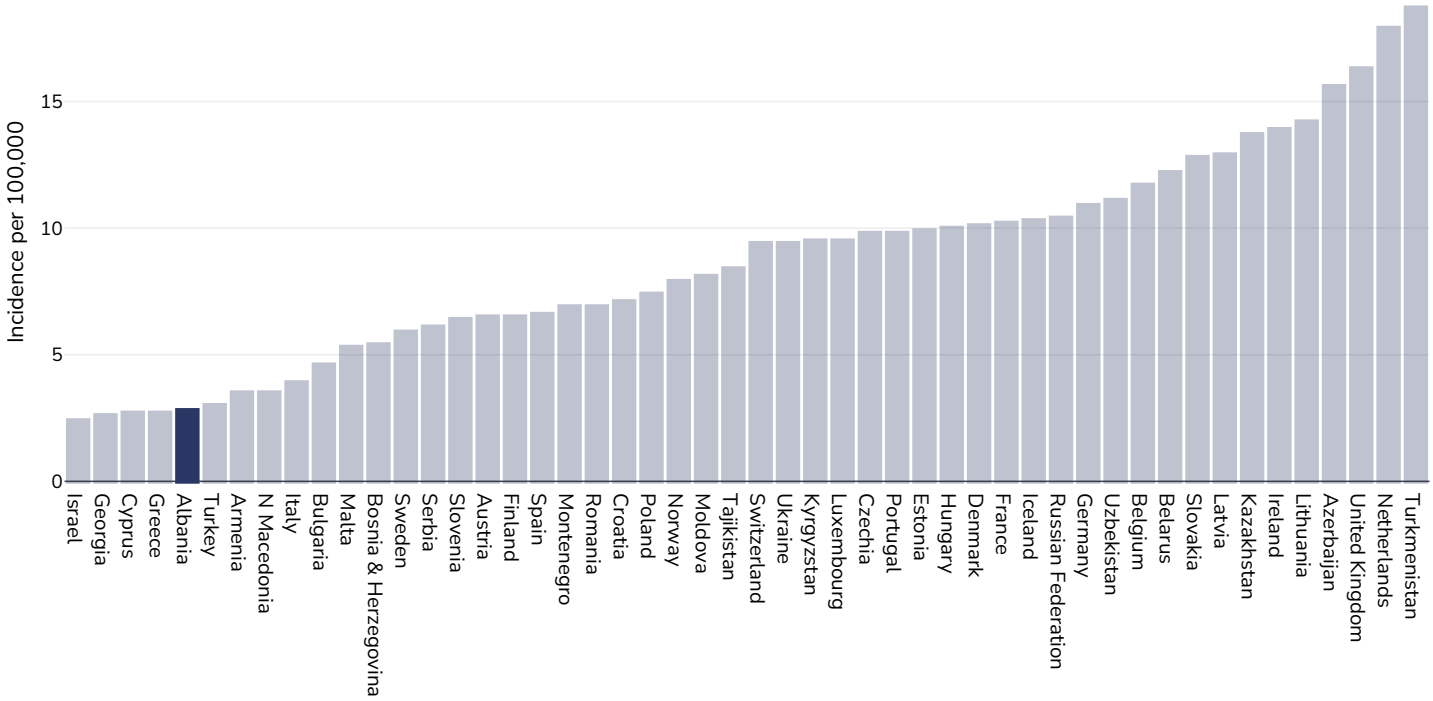
Children, 1996-2019



Area covered:	National
References:	Albania Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18. Tirana, Albania: Institute of Statistics, Institute of Public Health, and ICF
Notes:	See UNICEF website for further survey information. Available at : https://data.unicef.org/resources/dataset/infant-young-child-feeding/ (last accessed 28.9.21) Citation: United Nations Children's Fund, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2021). Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, New York, September 2021.
Definitions:	% exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2020



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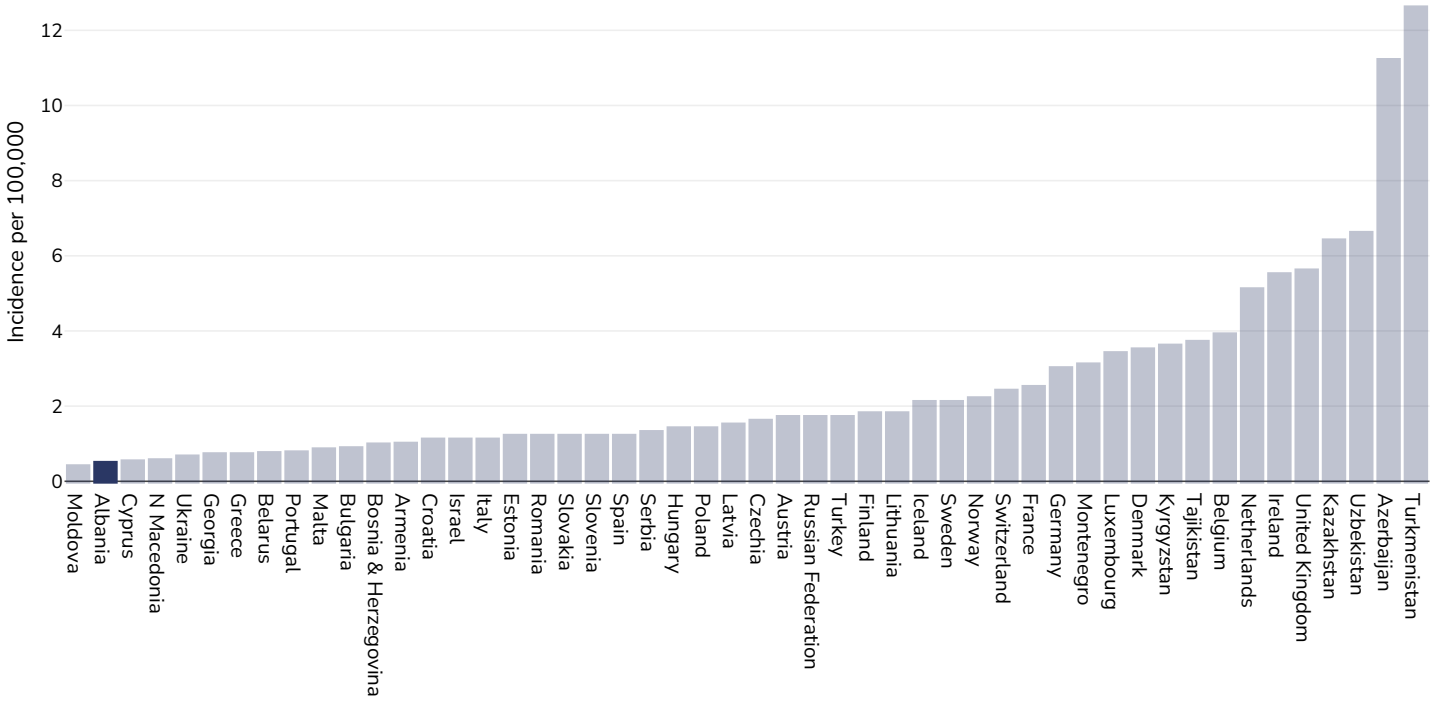
Definitions:	Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



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Breast cancer

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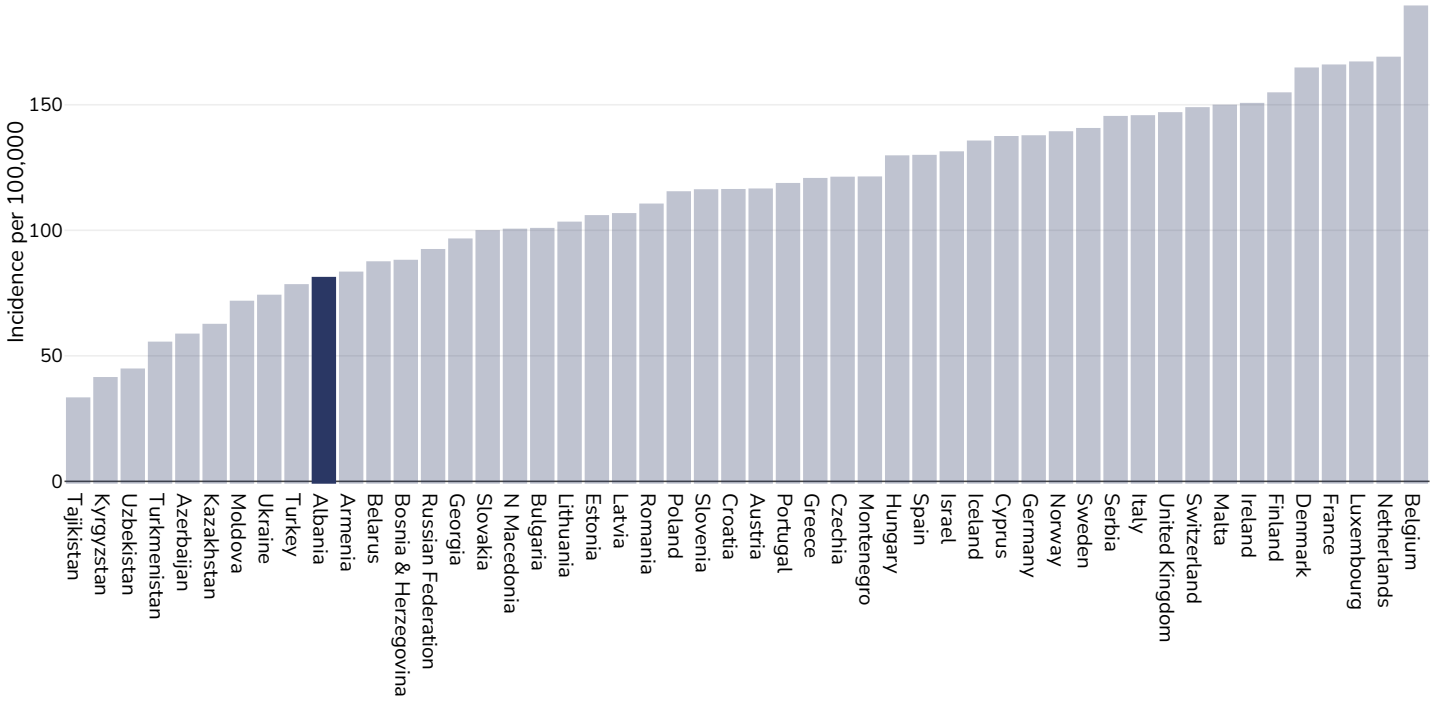

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Colorectal cancer

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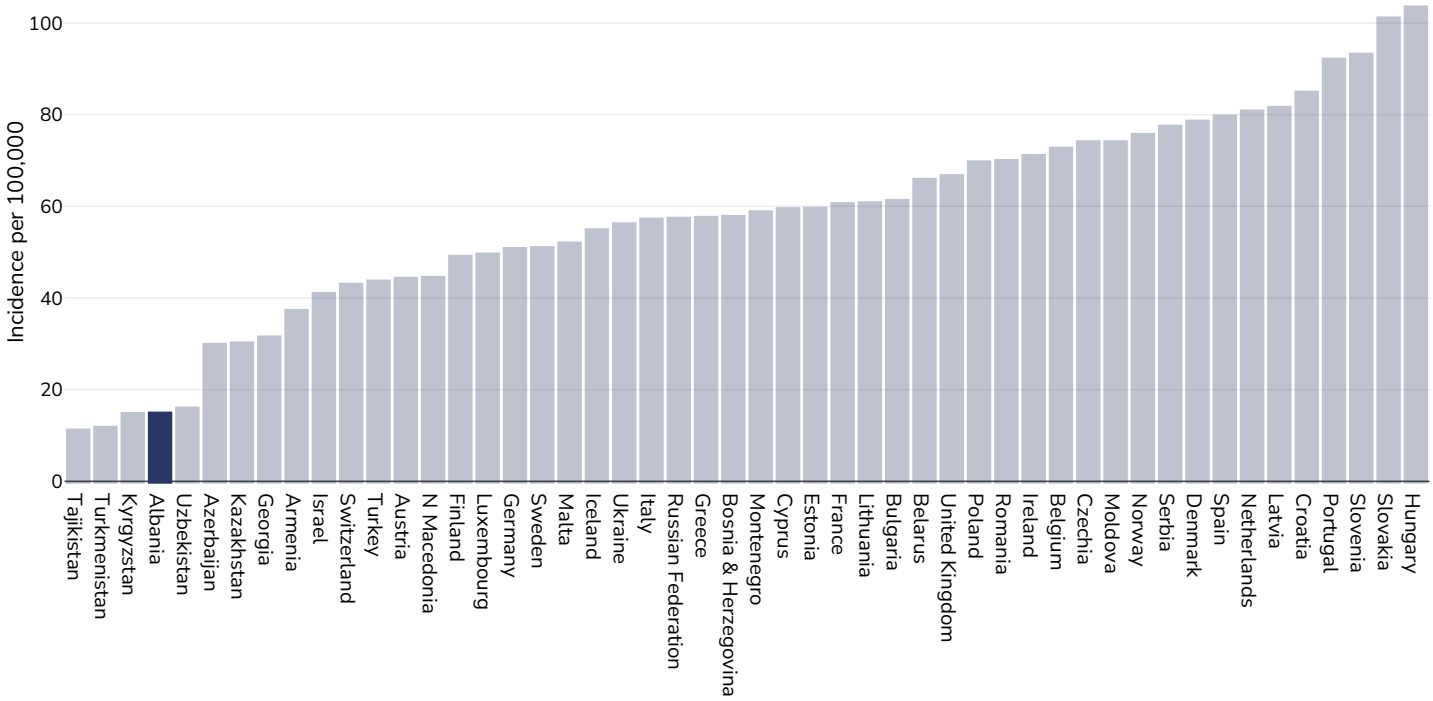

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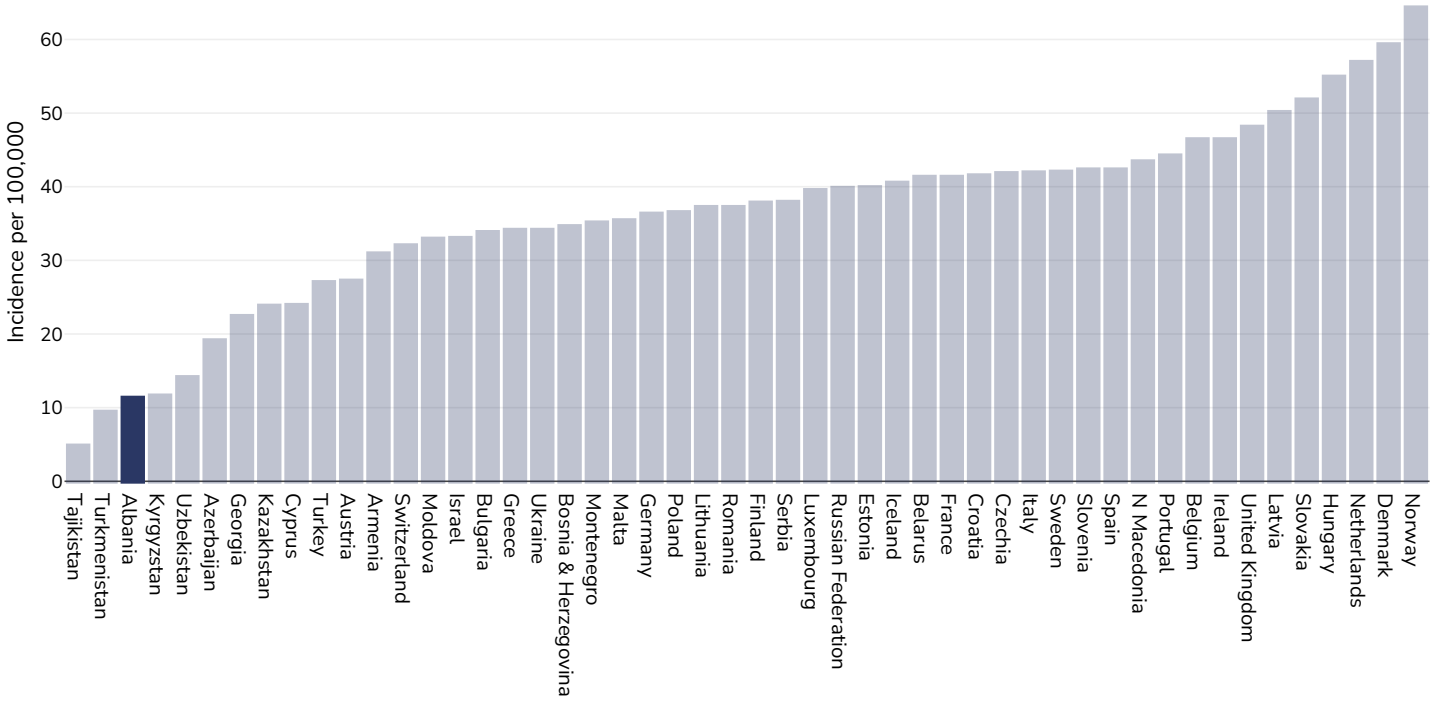
Women, 2020



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Pancreatic cancer

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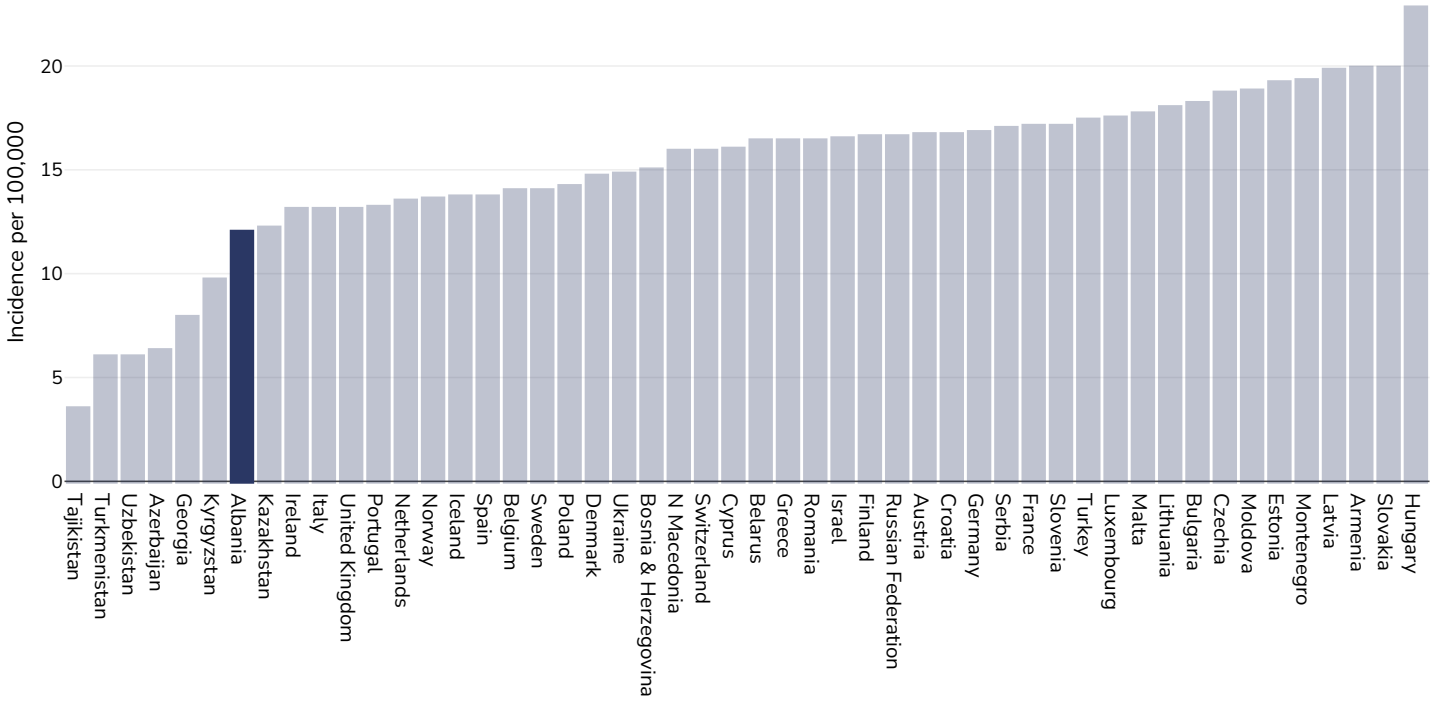

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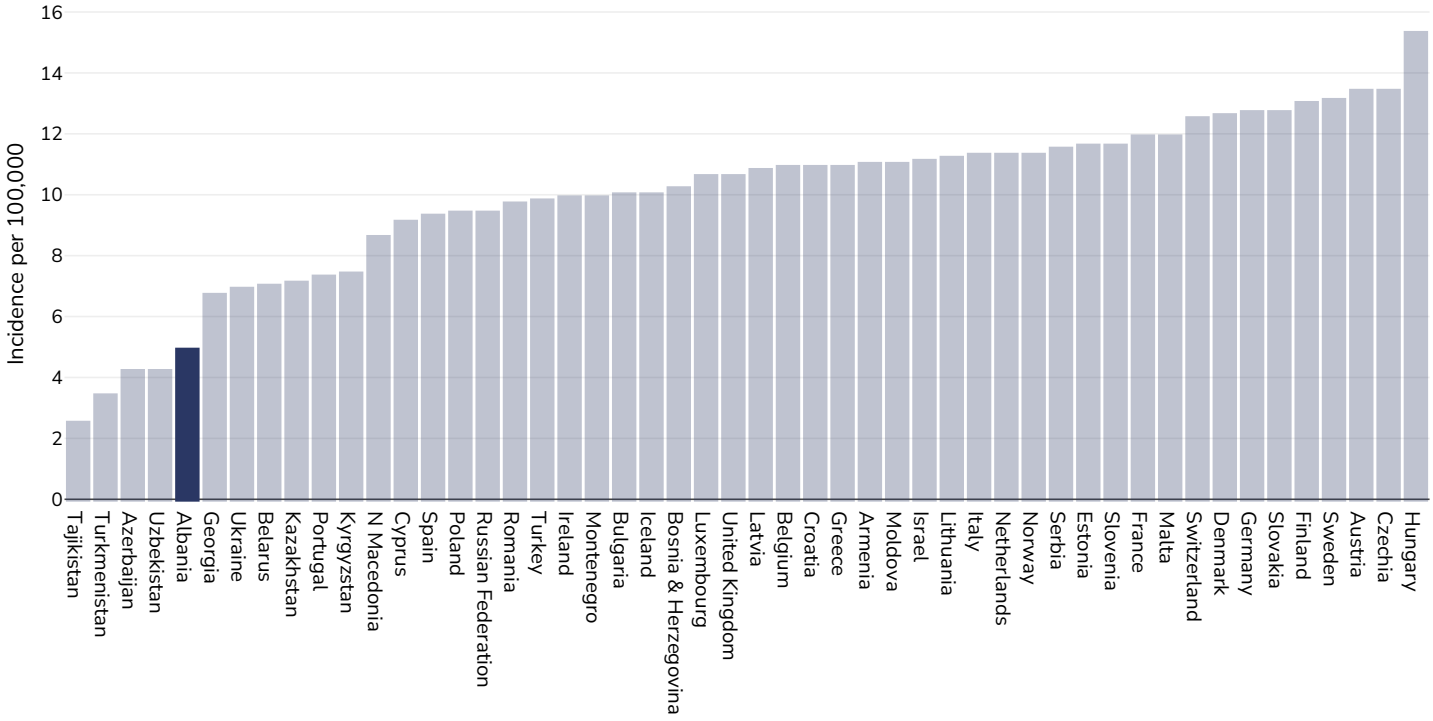
Women, 2020



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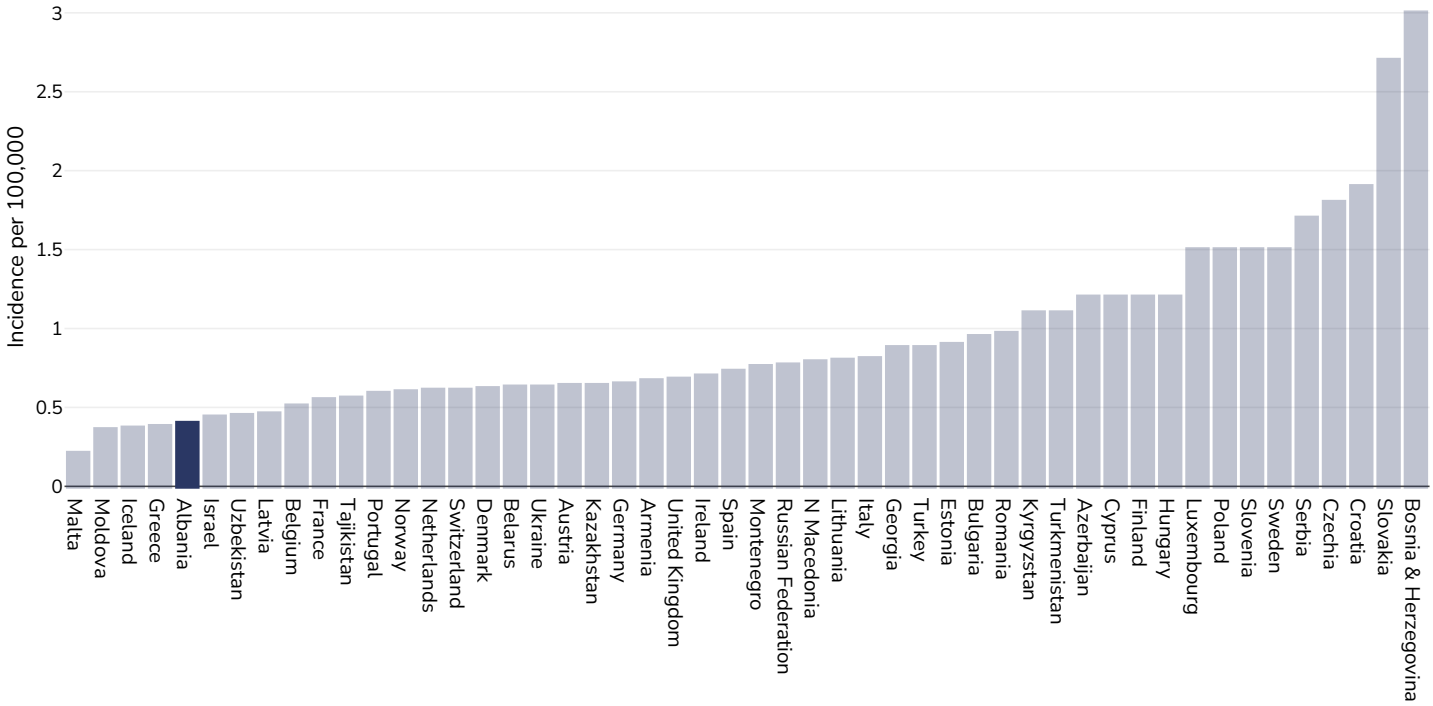
Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2020



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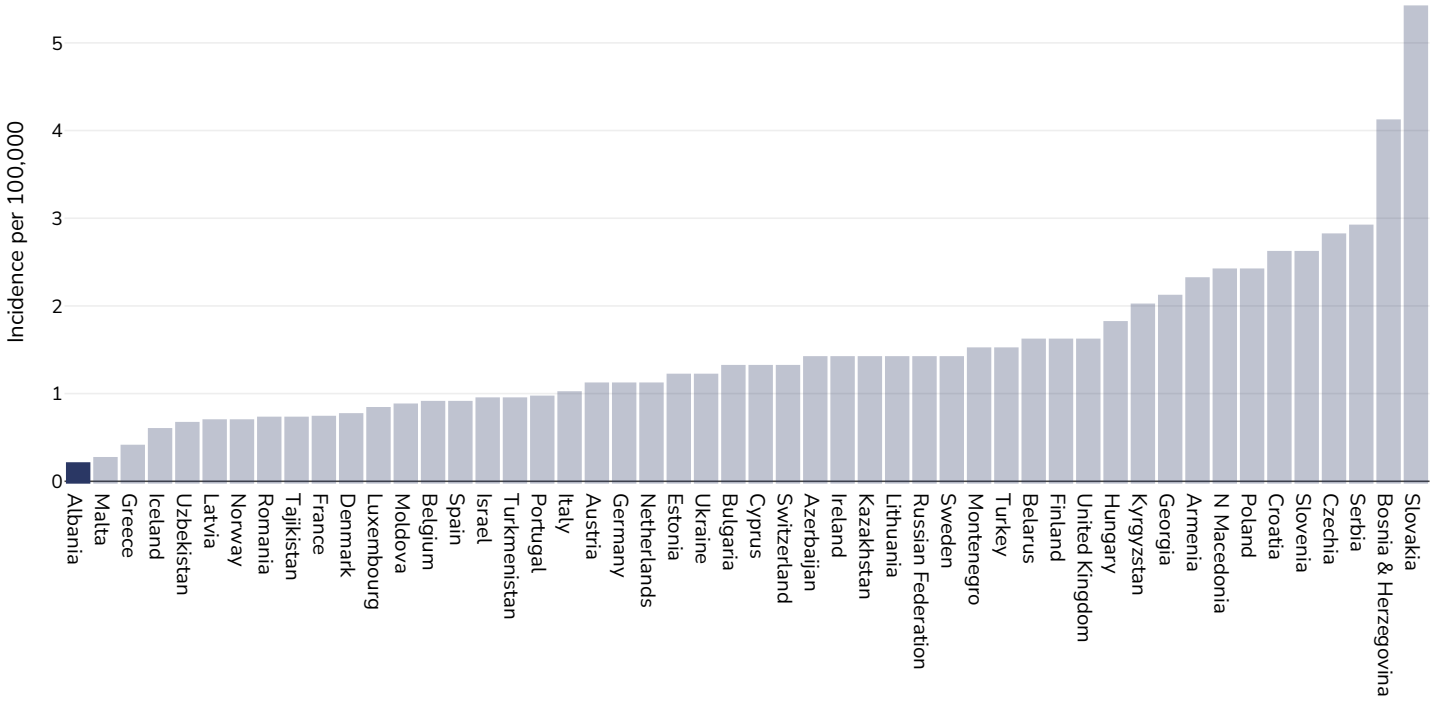
Women, 2020



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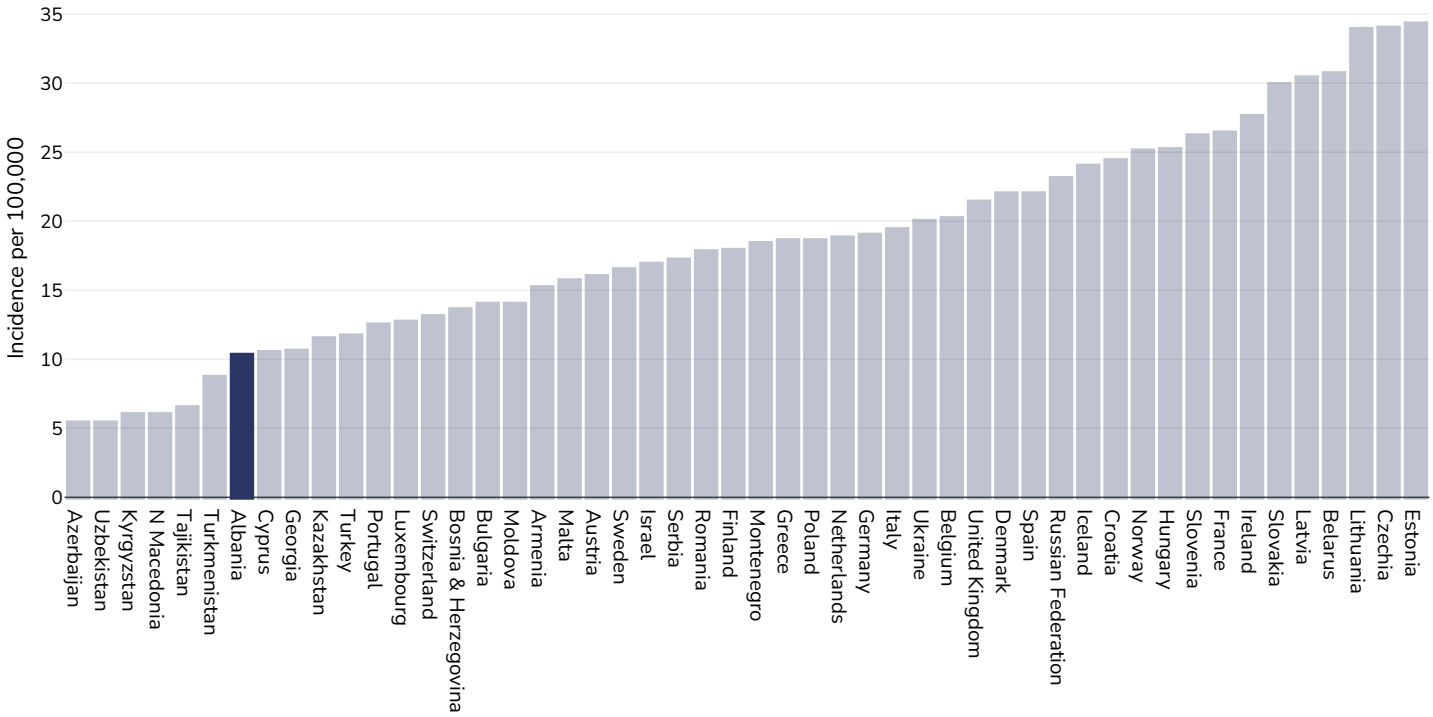
Kidney cancer

Men, 2020



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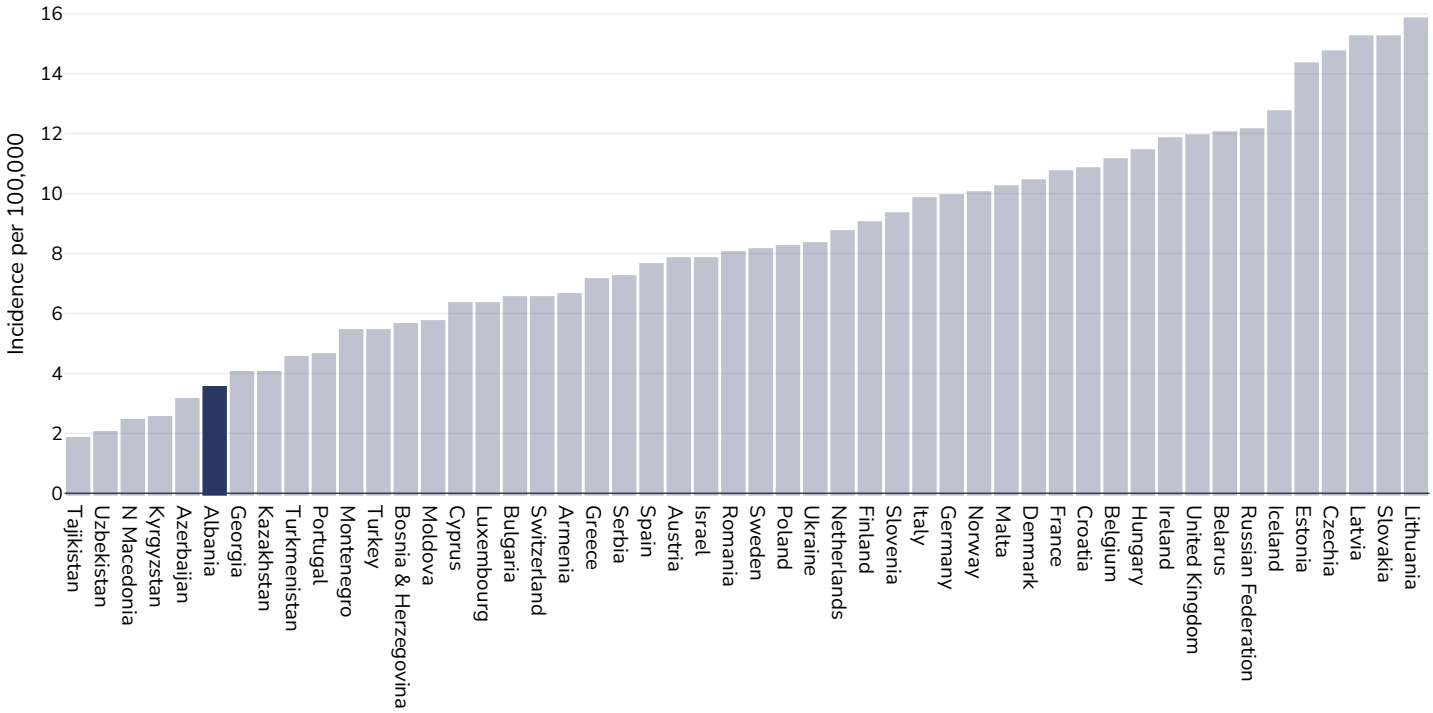

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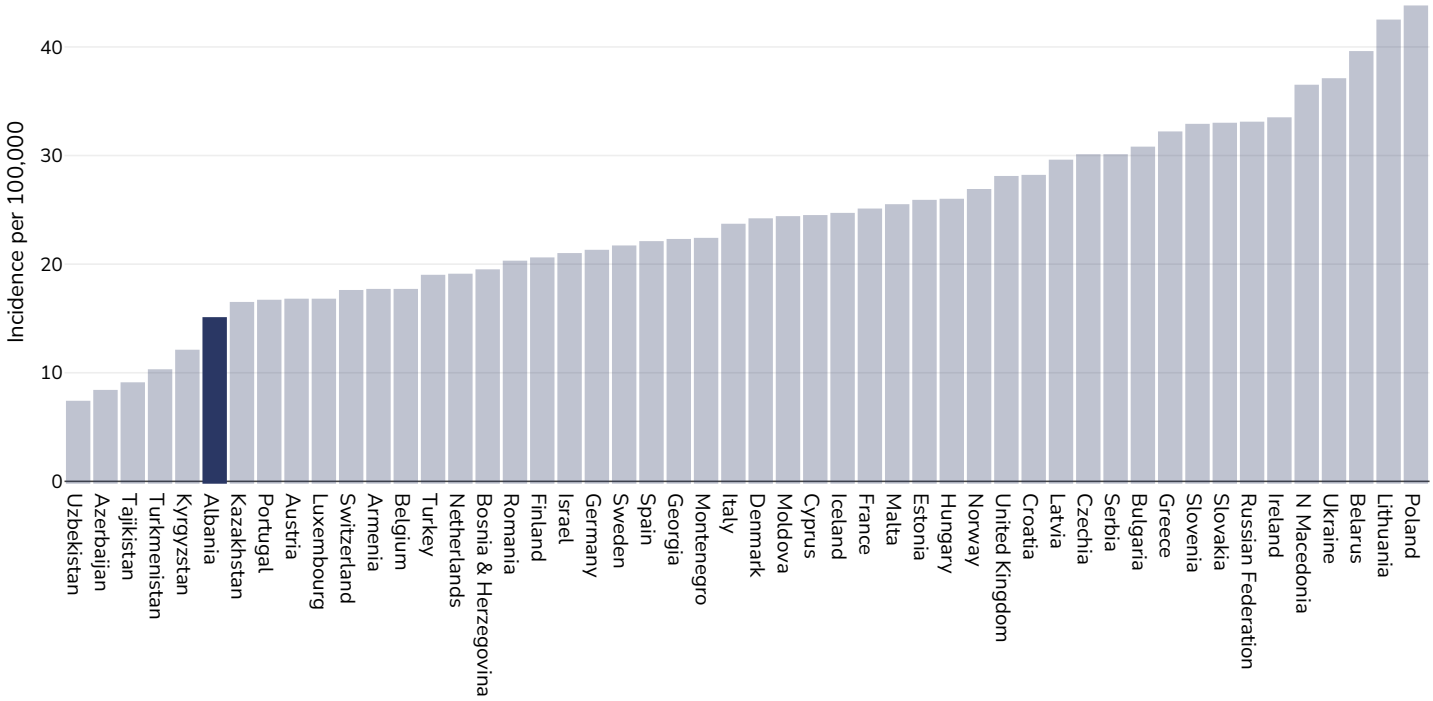
Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2020



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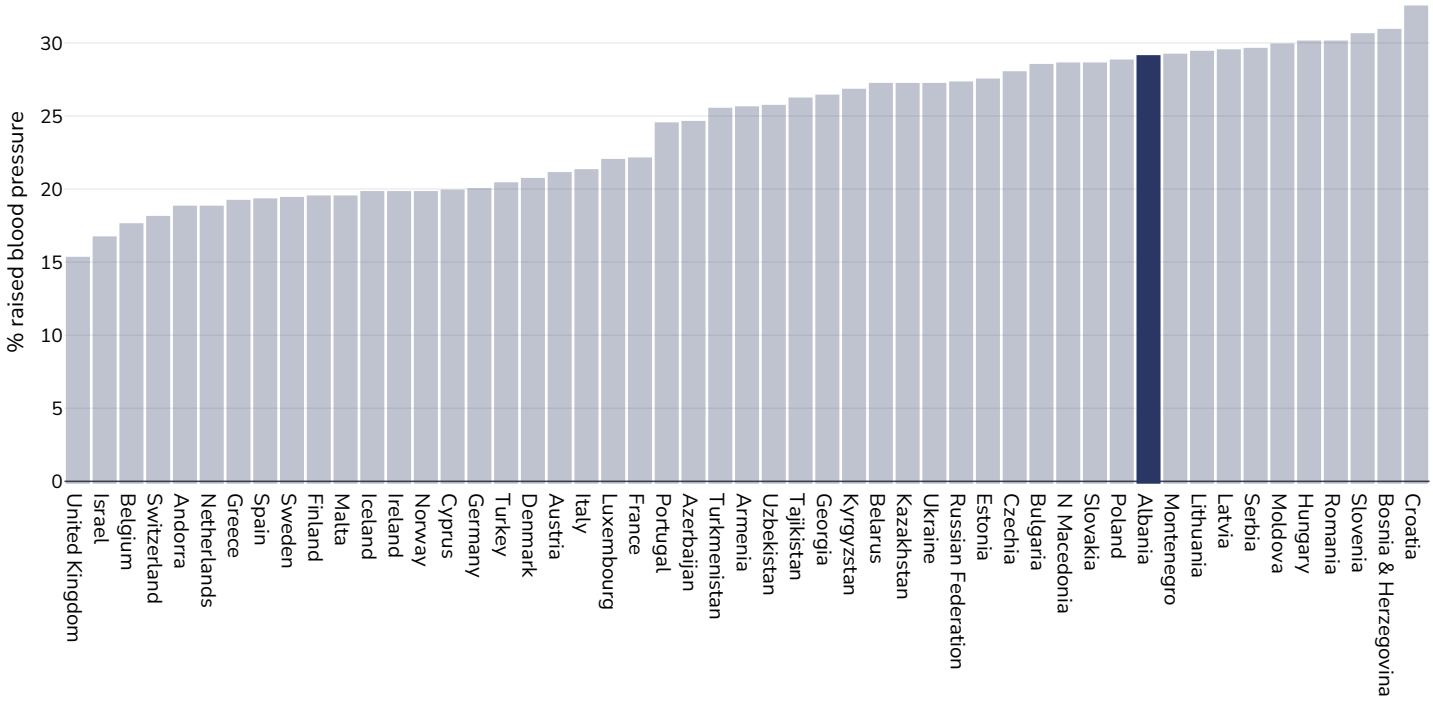
Raised blood pressure

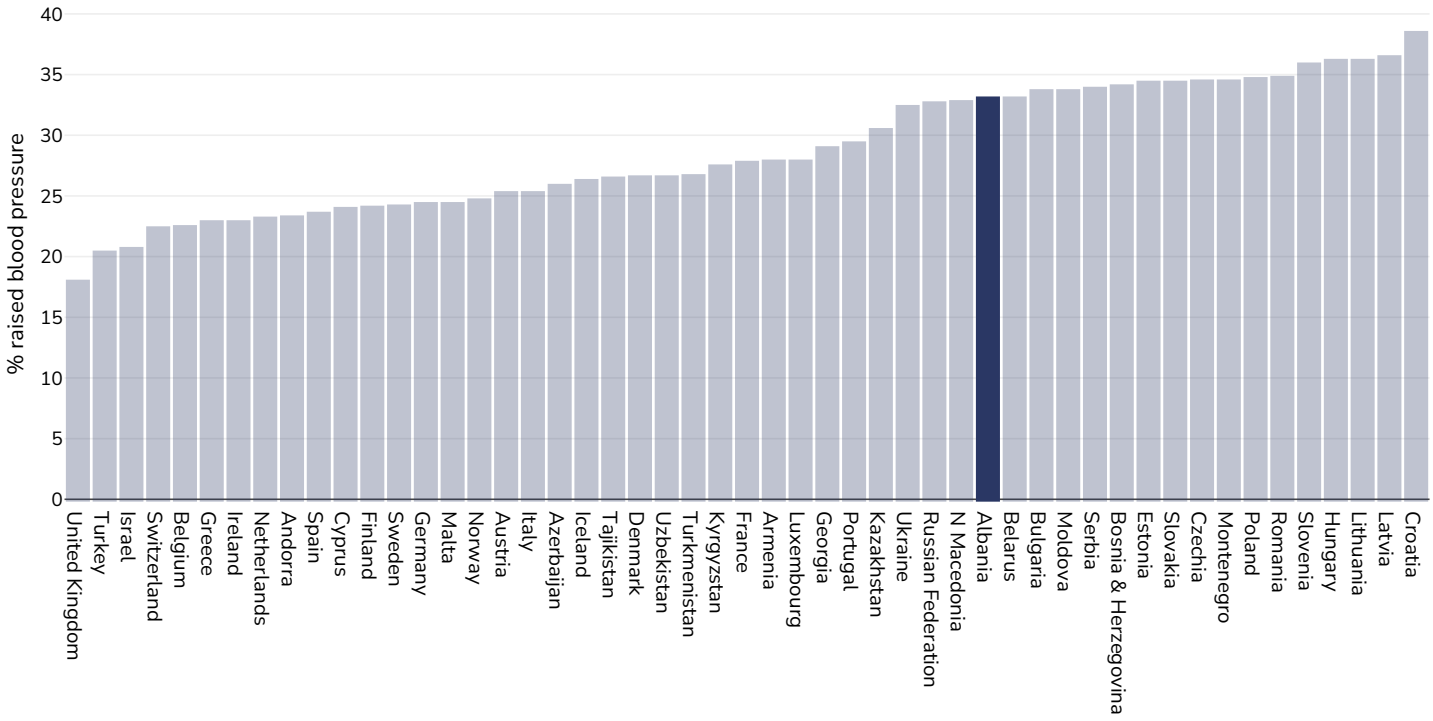
Adults, 2015



References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A875?lang=en

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

Men, 2015



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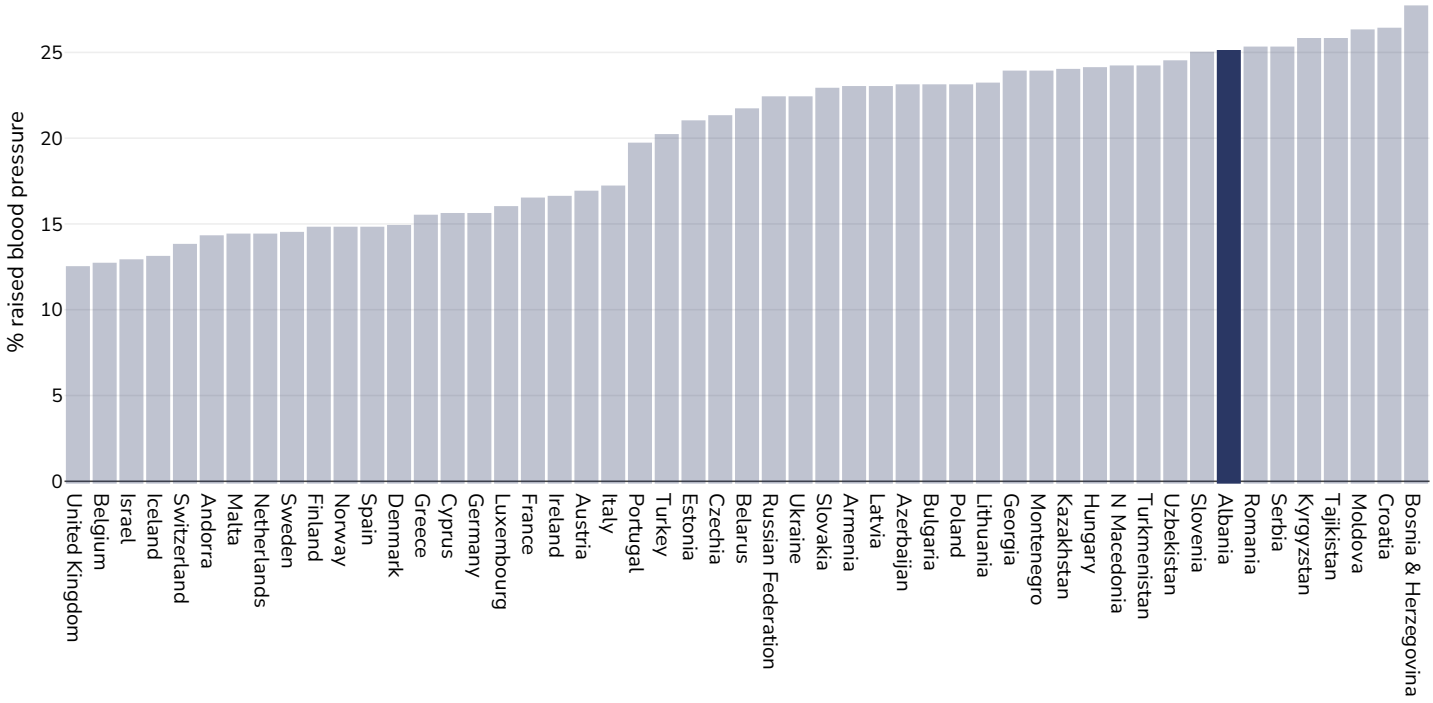
Women, 2015



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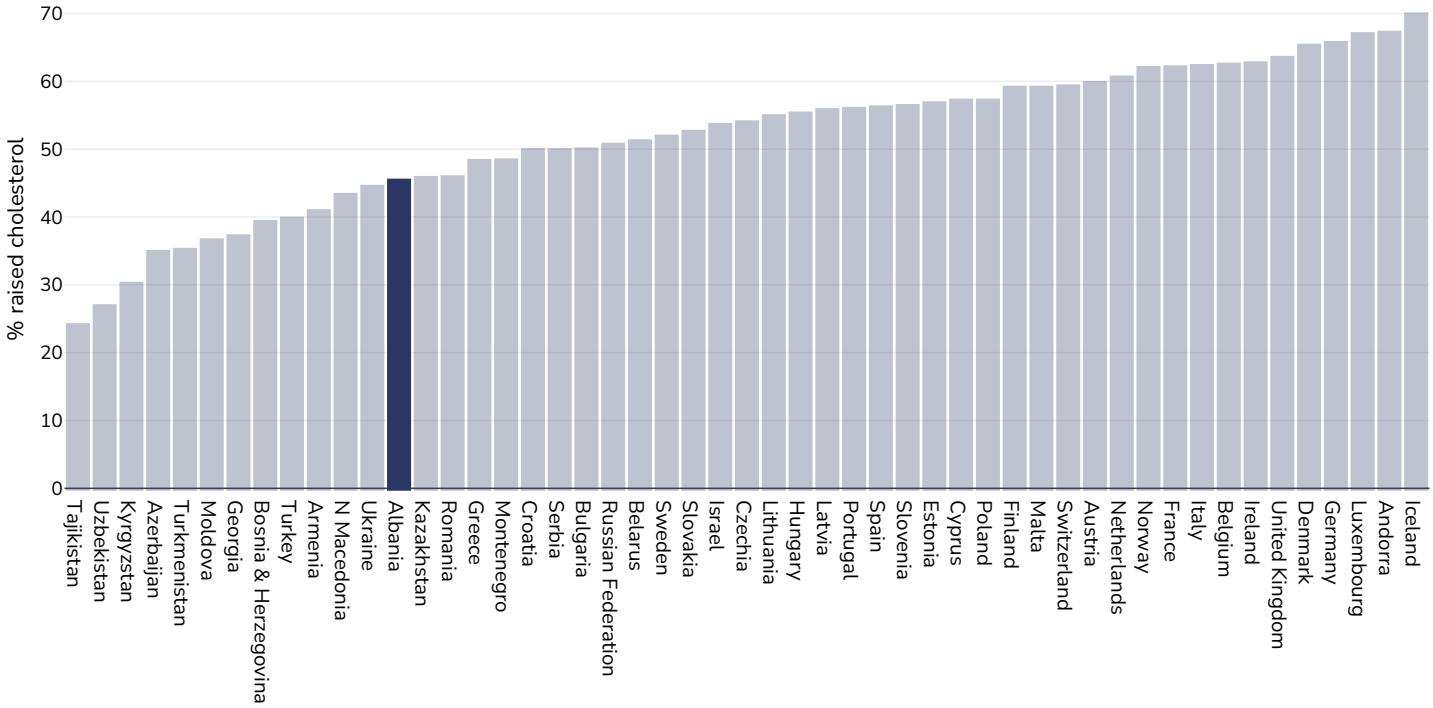
Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



References:	Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A885
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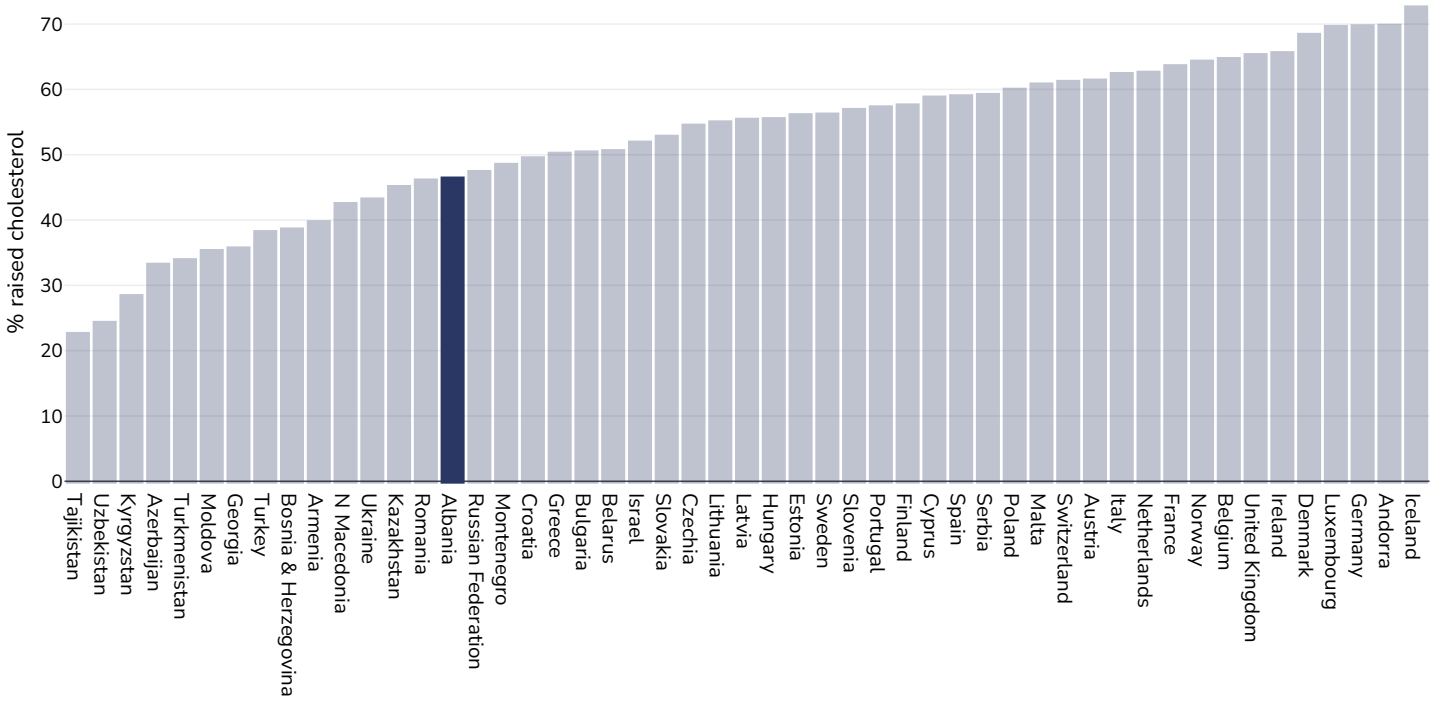
Men, 2008



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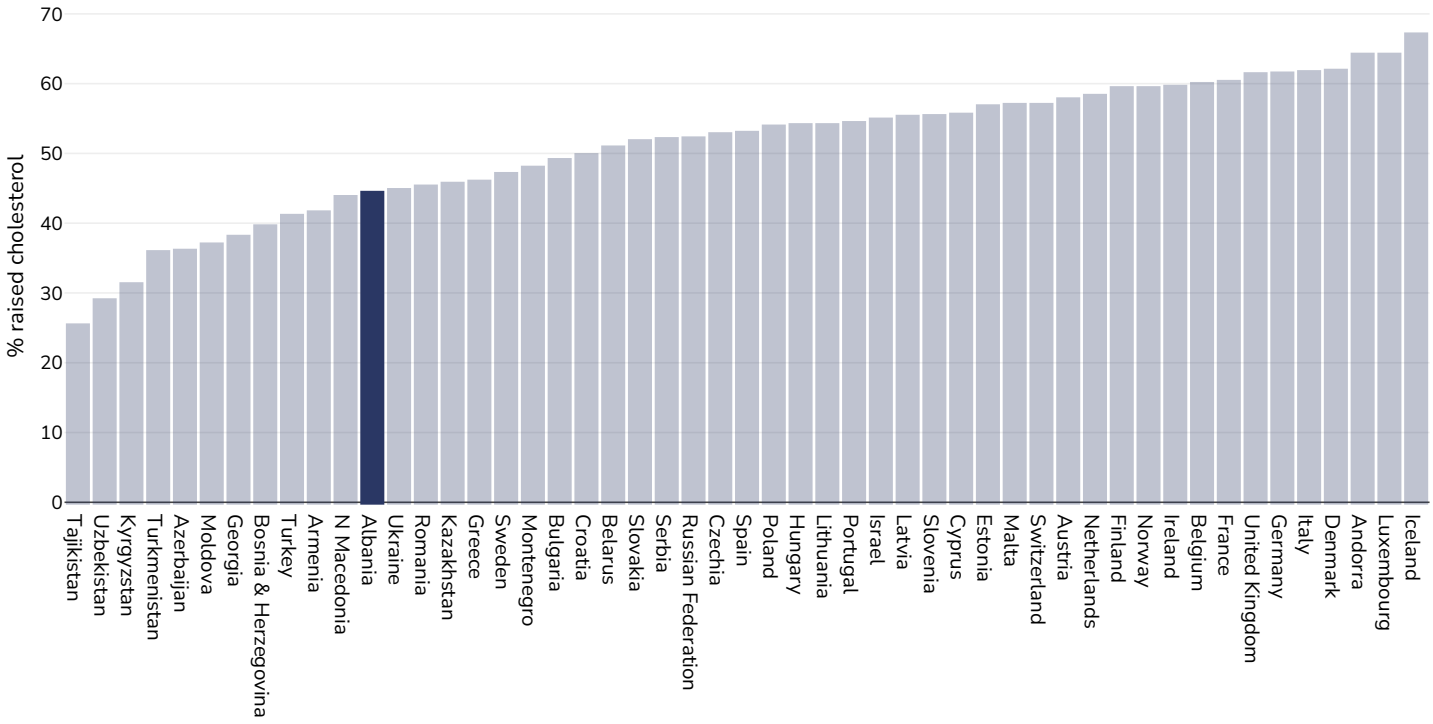
Women, 2008



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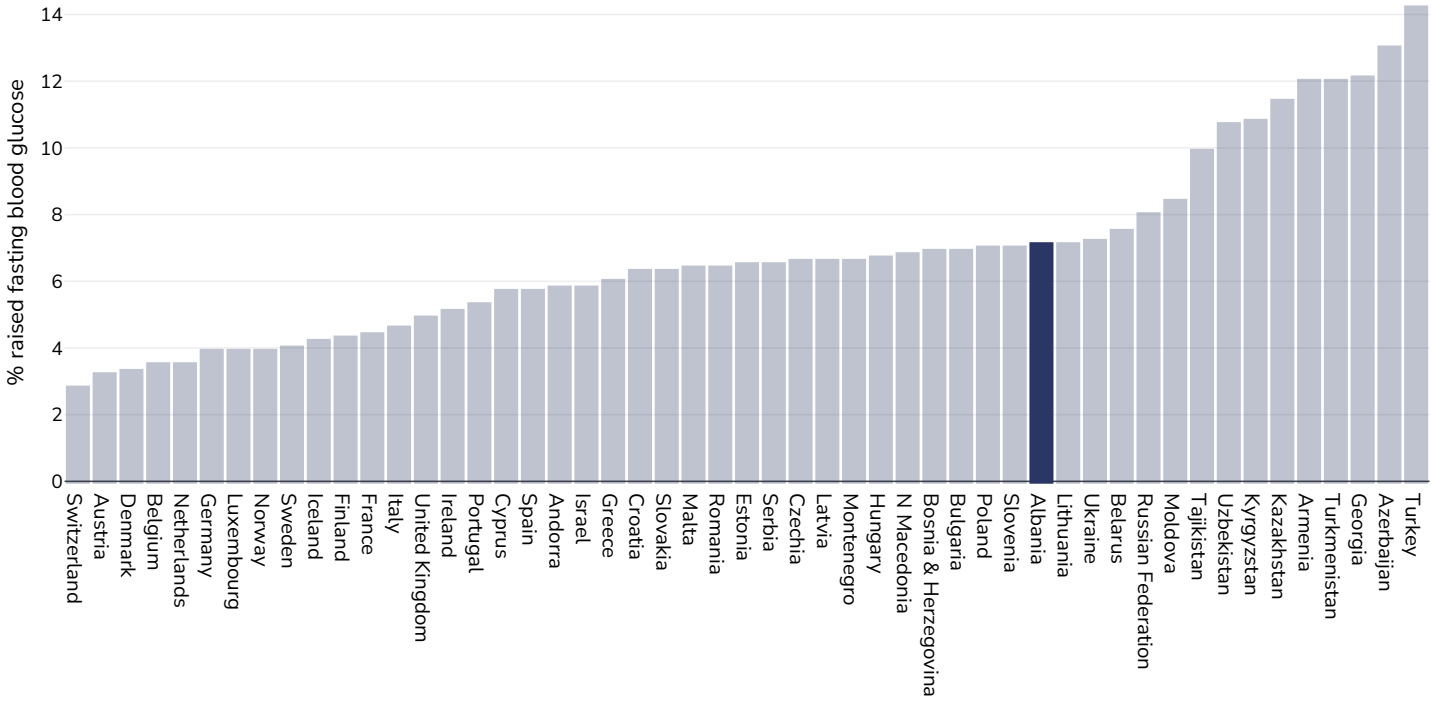
Raised fasting blood glucose

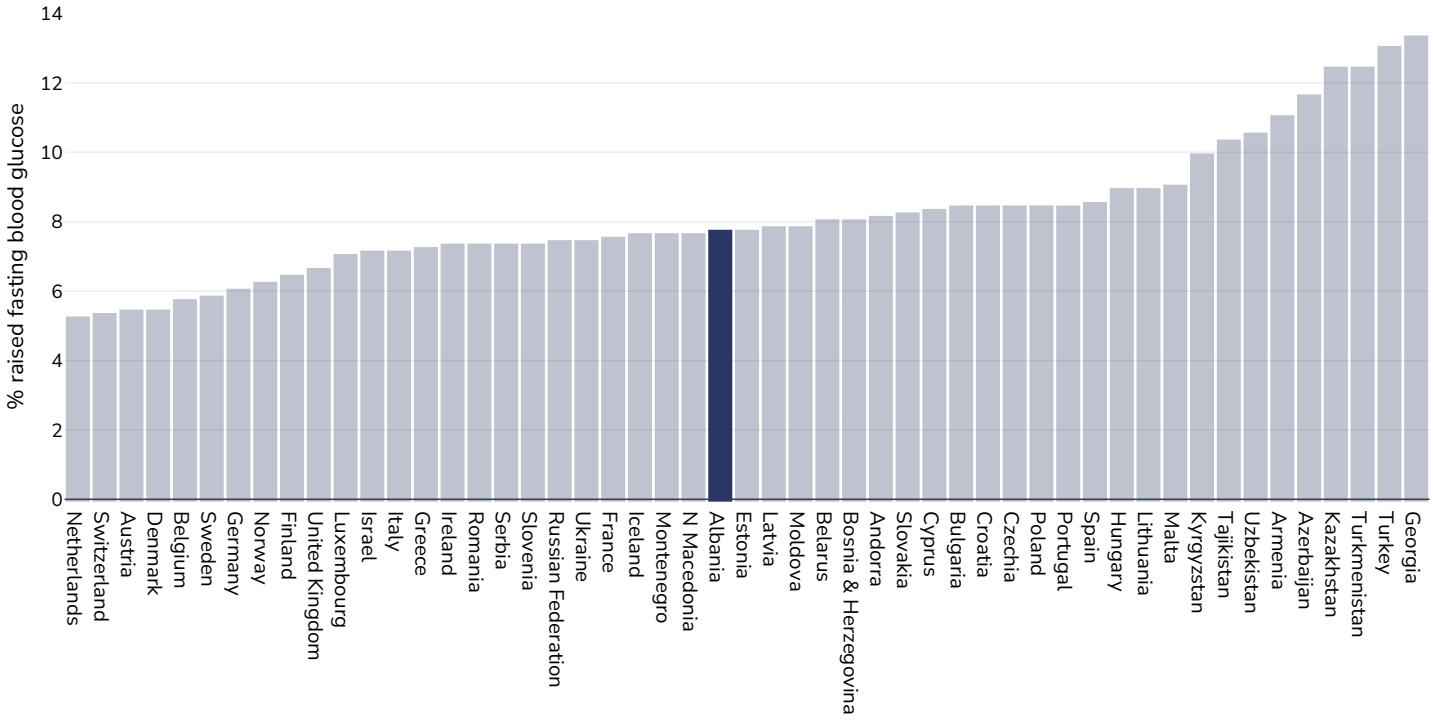
Men, 2014



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).

Women, 2014



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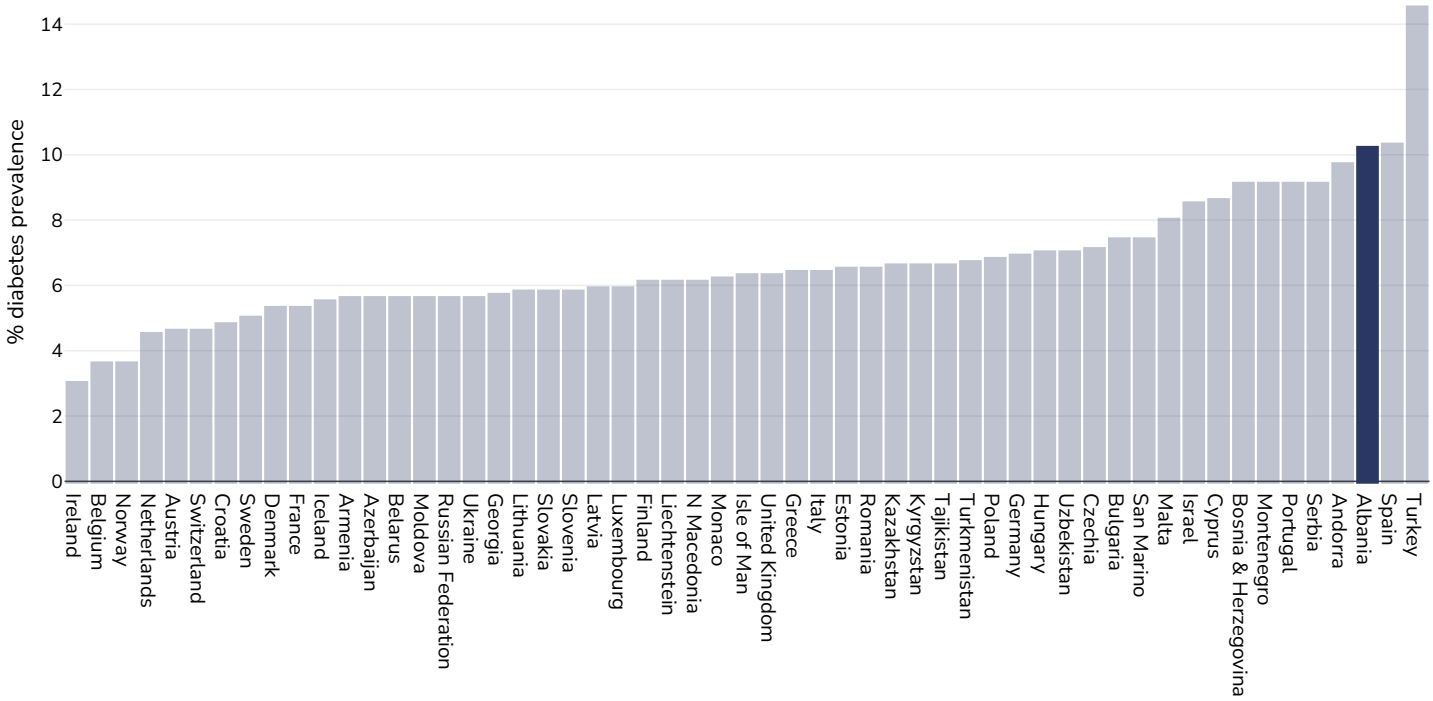
Definitions: Age Standardised % raised fasting blood glucose (>= 7.0 mmol/L or on medication).

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2021



Age:	20-79
Area covered:	National
References:	Reproduced with kind permission International Diabetes Federation. IDF Diabetes Atlas, 10th edn. Brussels, Belgium:International Diabetes Federation, 2021. http://www.diabetesatlas.org
Definitions:	Age-adjusted comparative prevalence of diabetes, %

Contextual factors

Disclaimer: These contextual factors should be interpreted with care. Results are updated as regularly as possible and use very specific criteria. The criteria used and full definitions are available for download at the bottom of this page.

Labelling

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

Regulation and marketing

Are there fiscal policies on unhealthy products?	✓
Tax on unhealthy foods?	✗
Tax on unhealthy drinks?	✓
Are there fiscal policies on healthy products?	✗
Subsidy on fruits?	✗
Subsidy on vegetables?	✗
Subsidy on other healthy products?	✗
Mandatory limit or ban of trans fat (all settings)?	✗
Mandatory limit of trans fats in place (all settings)?	✗
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?	✗
Mandatory restriction on broadcast media?	✗
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?	✗
Are there any mandatory nutrient limits in any manufactured food products?	✗
Nutrition standards for public sector procurement?	✗

Political will and support

National obesity strategy or nutrition and physical activity national strategy?	✓
National obesity strategy?	✓
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

✓v Present (voluntary)

✓ Incoming

✗ Absent

? Unknown

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