

Report card

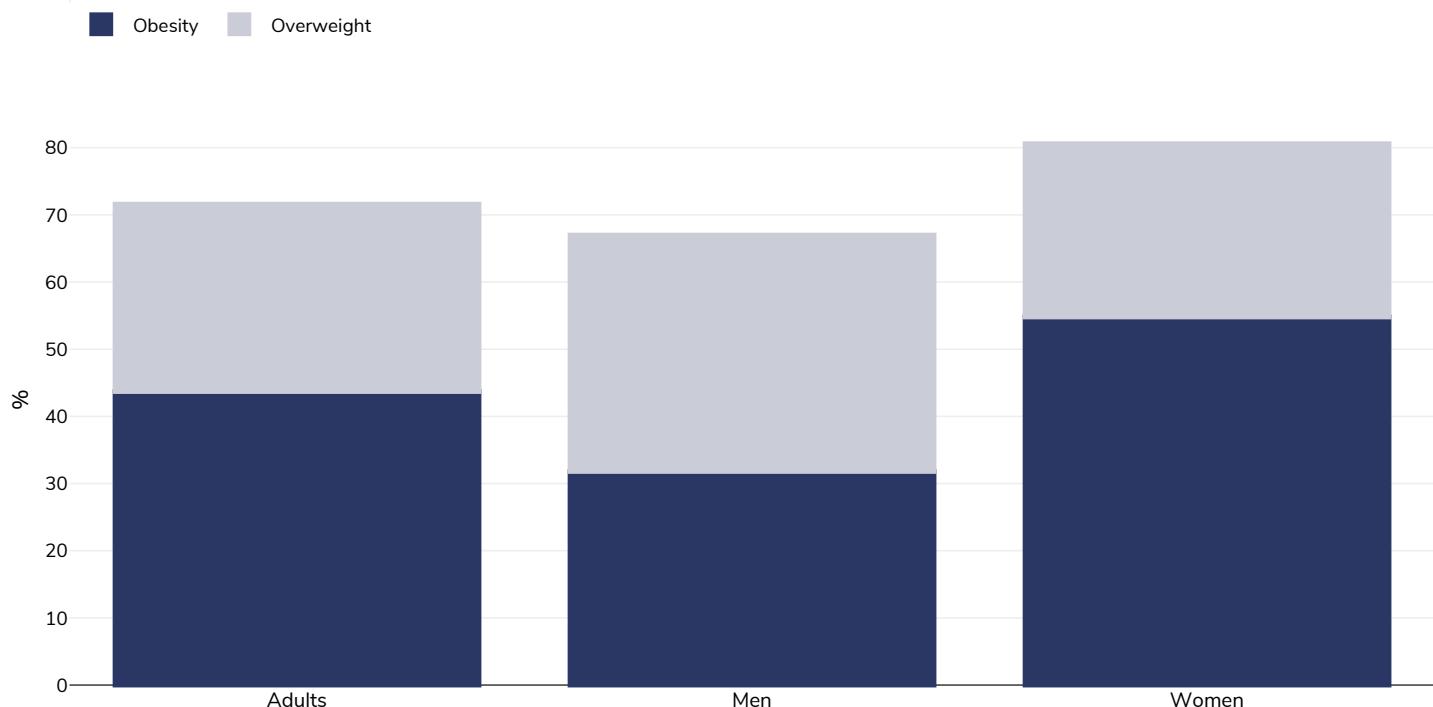
Bahamas



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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2019

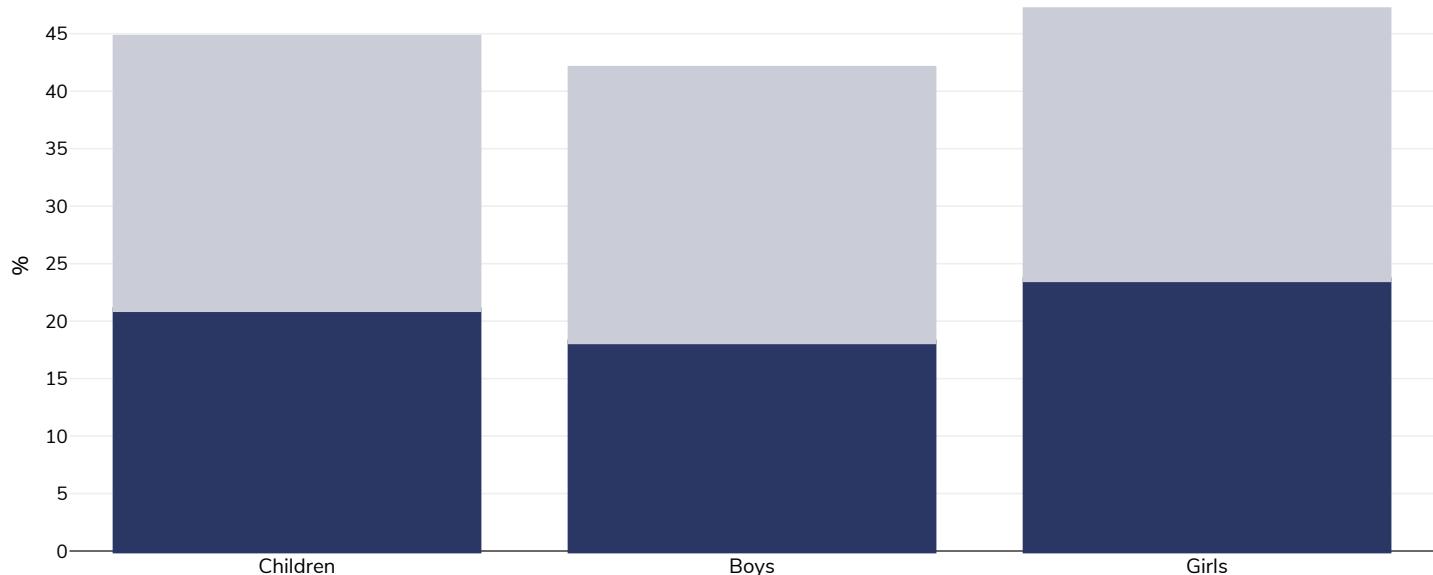


Survey type:	Measured
Age:	18-69
Sample size:	3840
Area covered:	National
References:	Bahamas STEPS Survey (Preliminary results) https://www.bahamas.gov.bs/wps/wcm/connect/891fac39-ad7d-4aa8-ac54-39912a1afcea/Preliminary+Factsheet+v7+%28med+resl%27n%29.pdf?MOD=AJPERES (Accessed 03.11.2020)

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Children, 2013

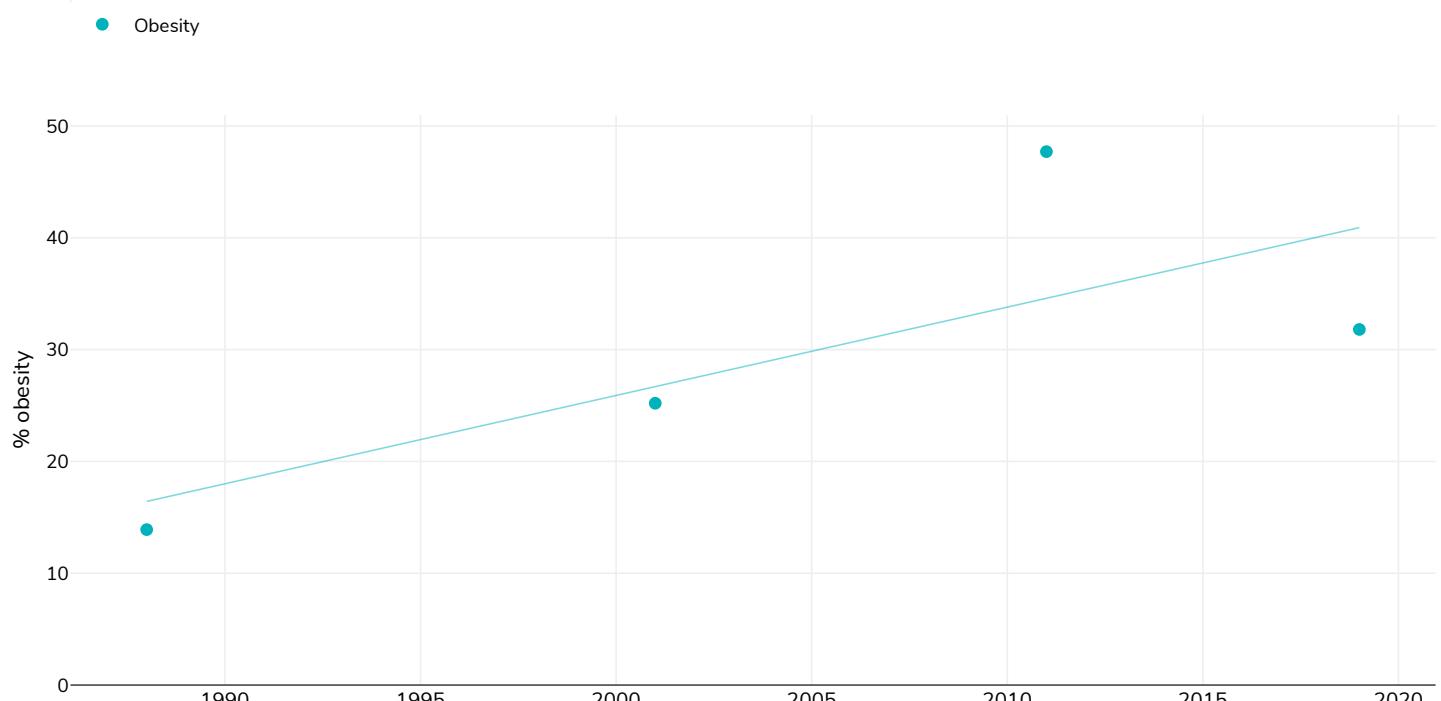
█ Obesity █ Overweight



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	13-15
Sample size:	1357
Area covered:	National
References:	Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS), available at https://www.who.int/ncds/surveillance/gshs/2013_Bahamas_Fact_Sheet.pdf?ua=1 (last accessed 28.04.20)
Cutoffs:	WHO

% Adults living with obesity, 1988-2019

Men



Survey type:

Measured

References:

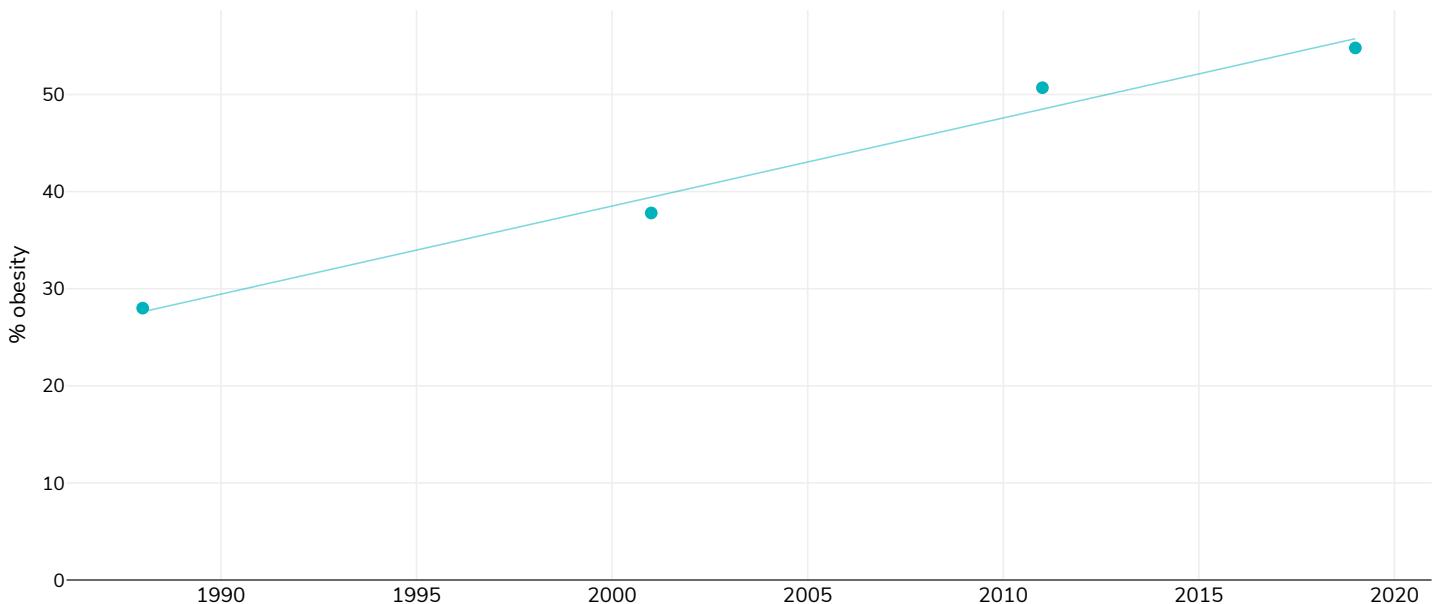
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Women

● Obesity



Survey type:

Measured

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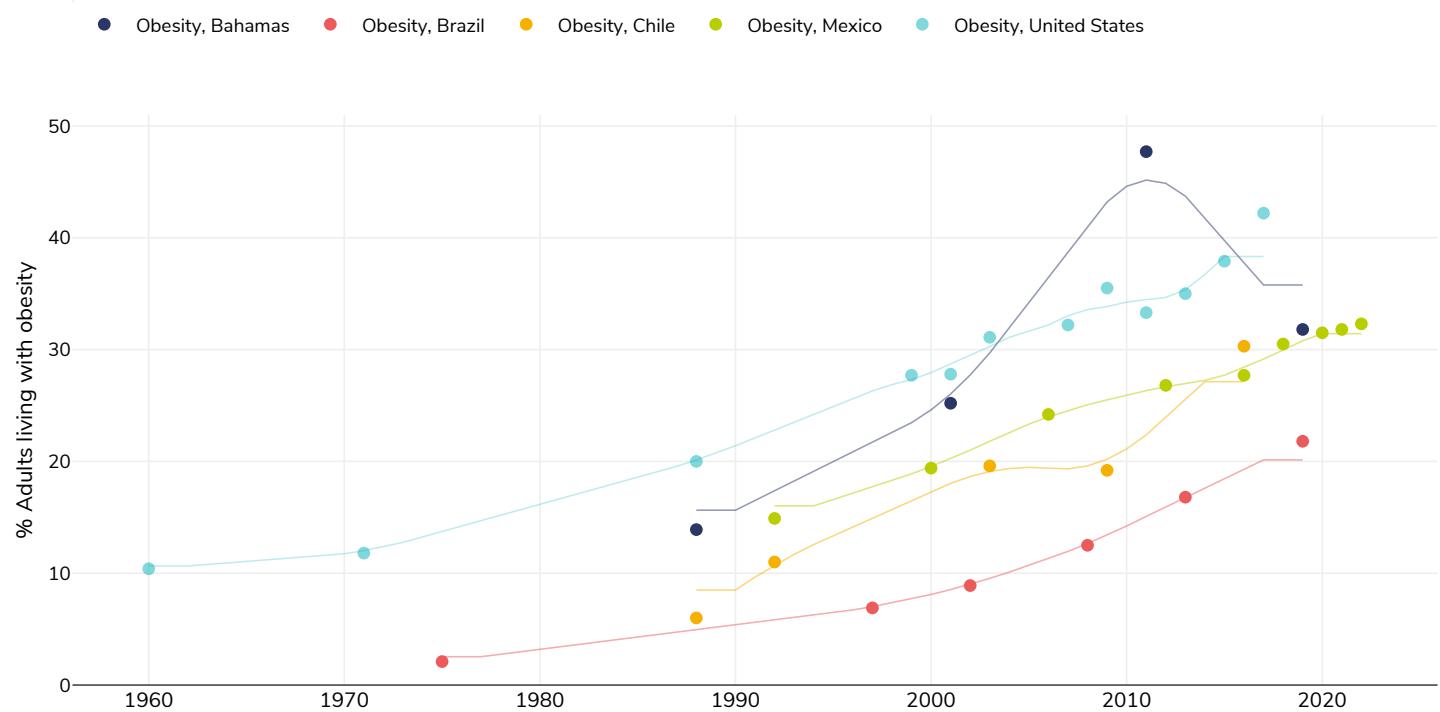
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% Adults living with obesity, selected countries, 1960-2022

Men

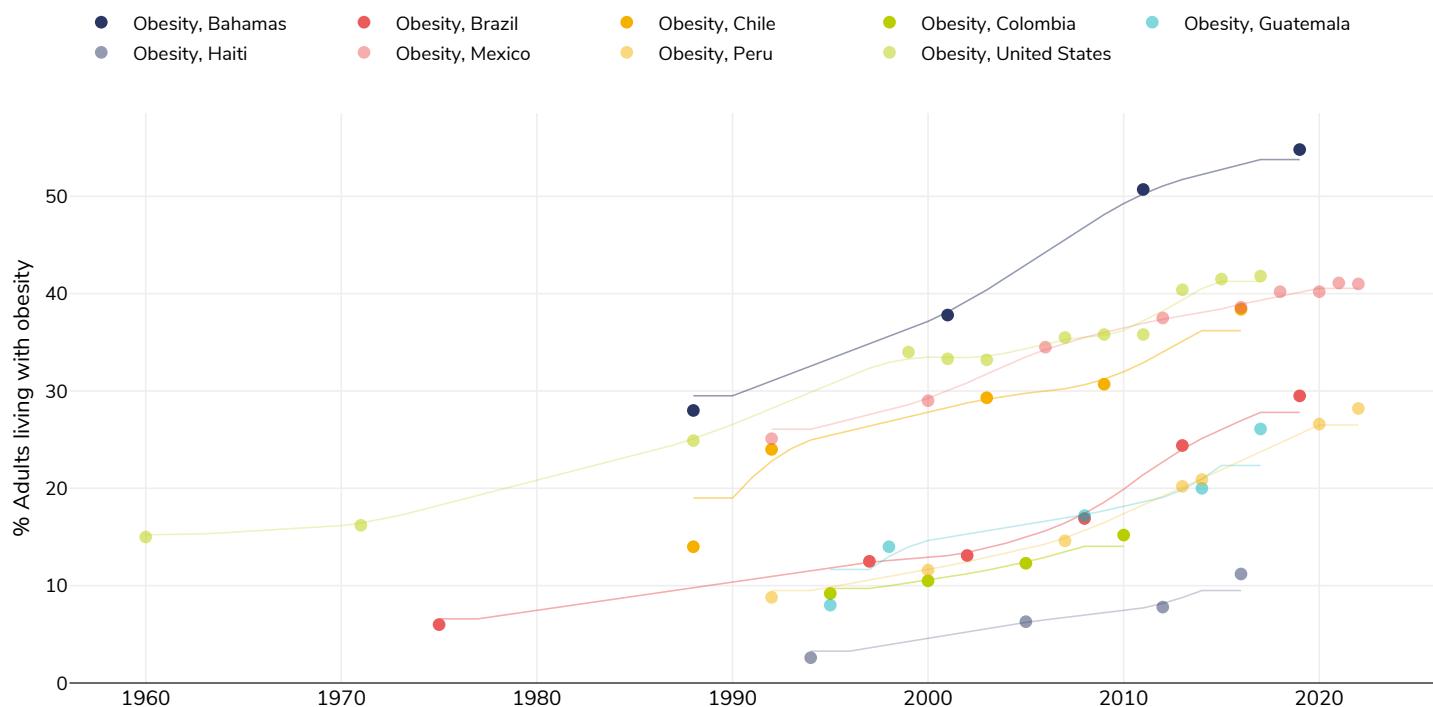


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Women



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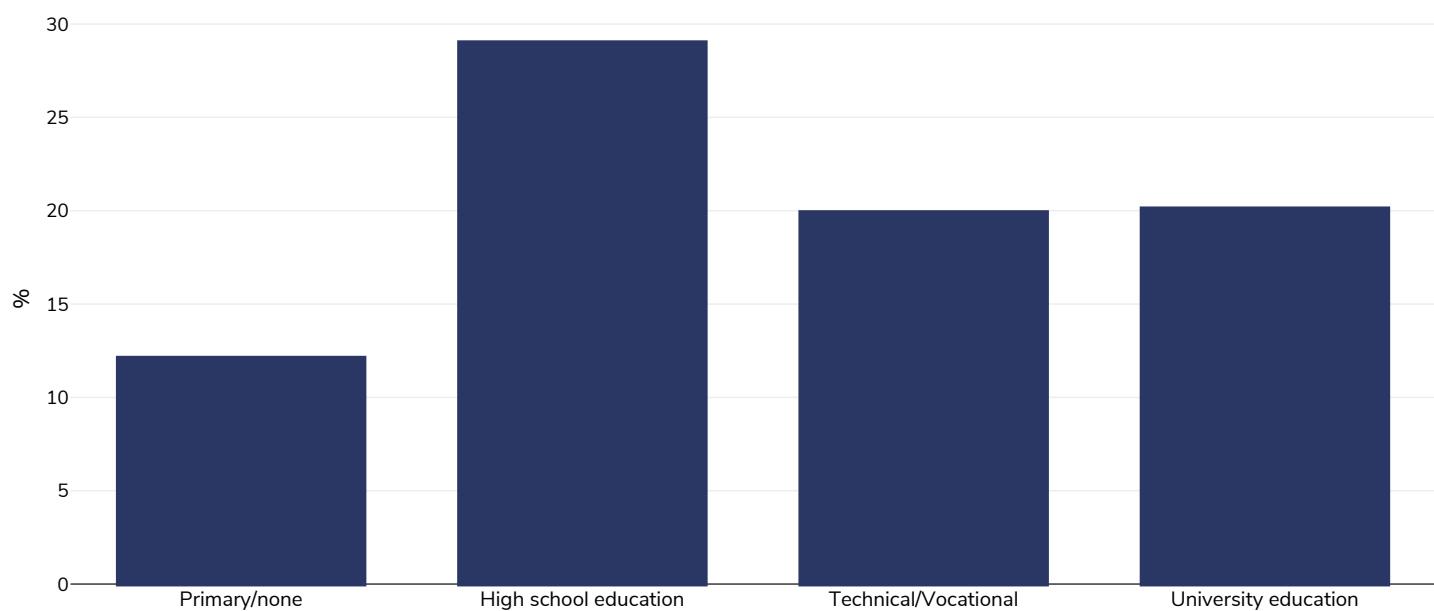
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Overweight/obesity by education

Men, 2001

■ Obesity

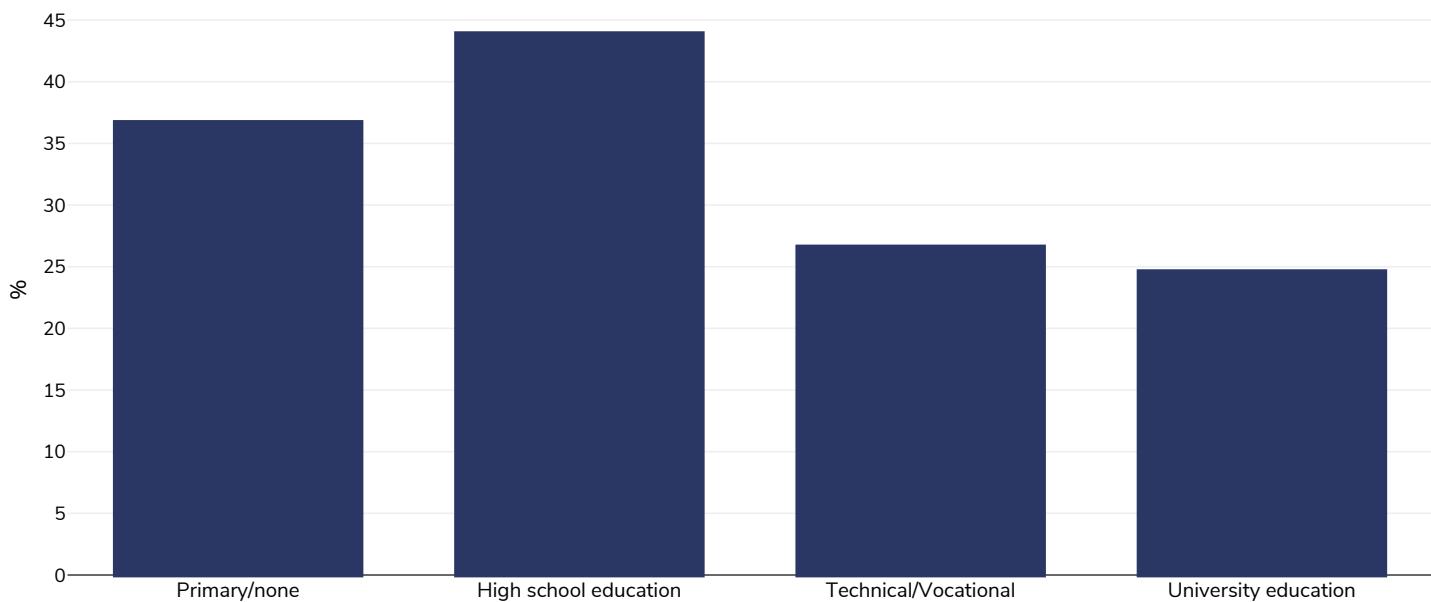


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Age:	21-60
Sample size:	1238
Area covered:	National
References:	N Brathwaite, A Brathwaite, M Taylor. The Socio-economic Determinants of Obesity in Adults in the Bahamas. West Indian Med J 2011; 60 (4): 434

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Women, 2001

█ Obesity



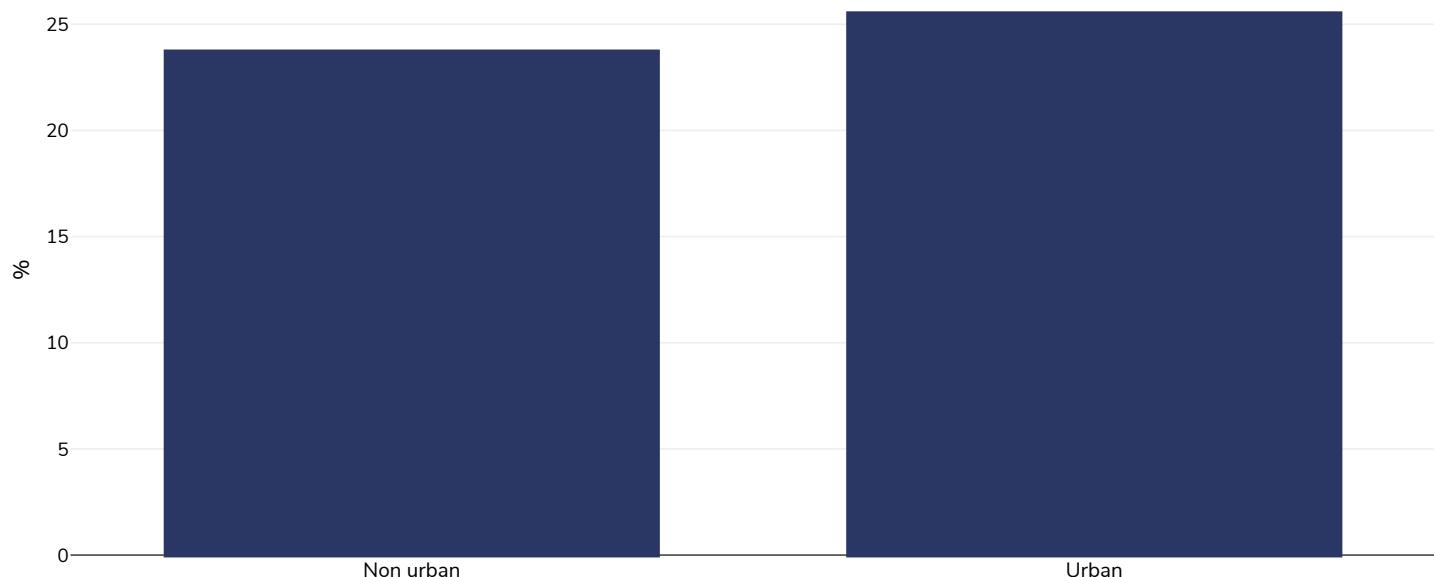
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Overweight/obesity by region

Men, 2001

■ Obesity

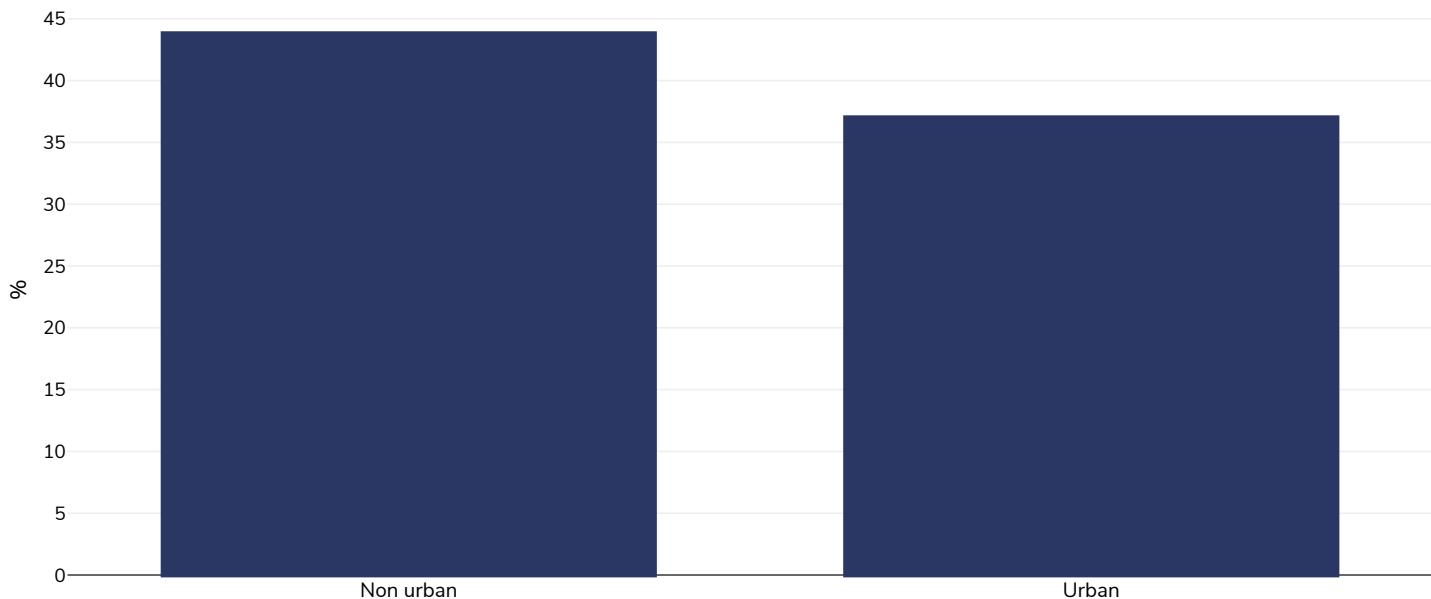


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Area covered:	National
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Women, 2001

■ Obesity



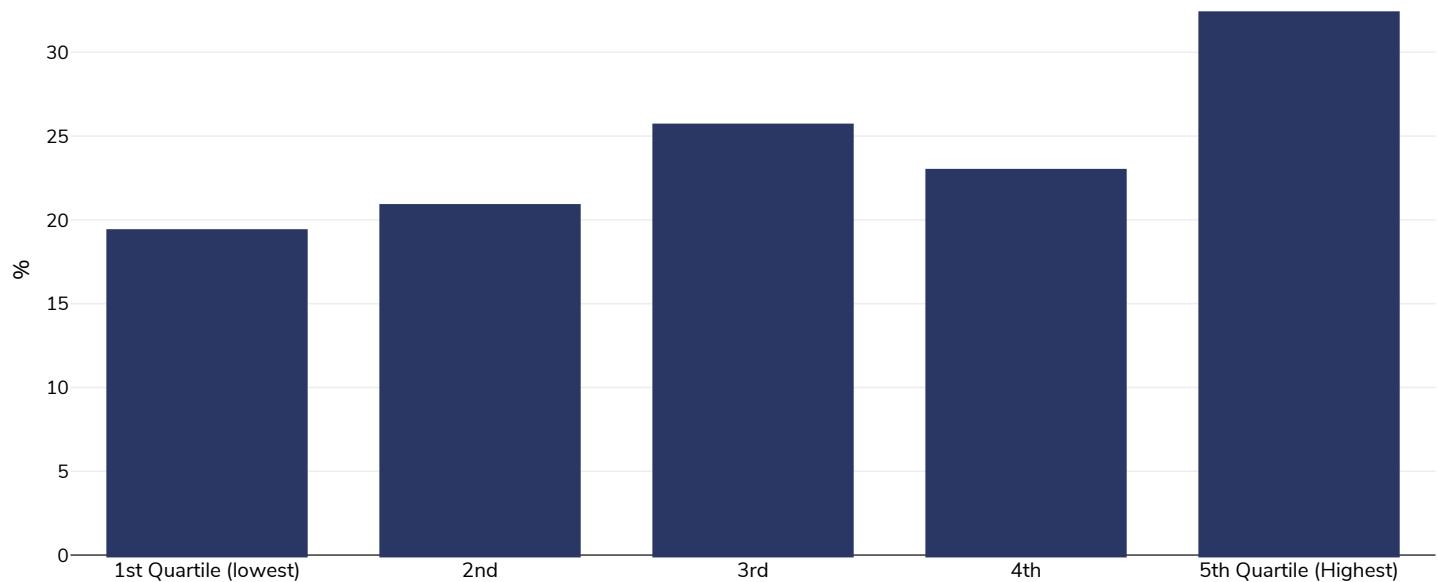
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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Men, 2001

■ Obesity

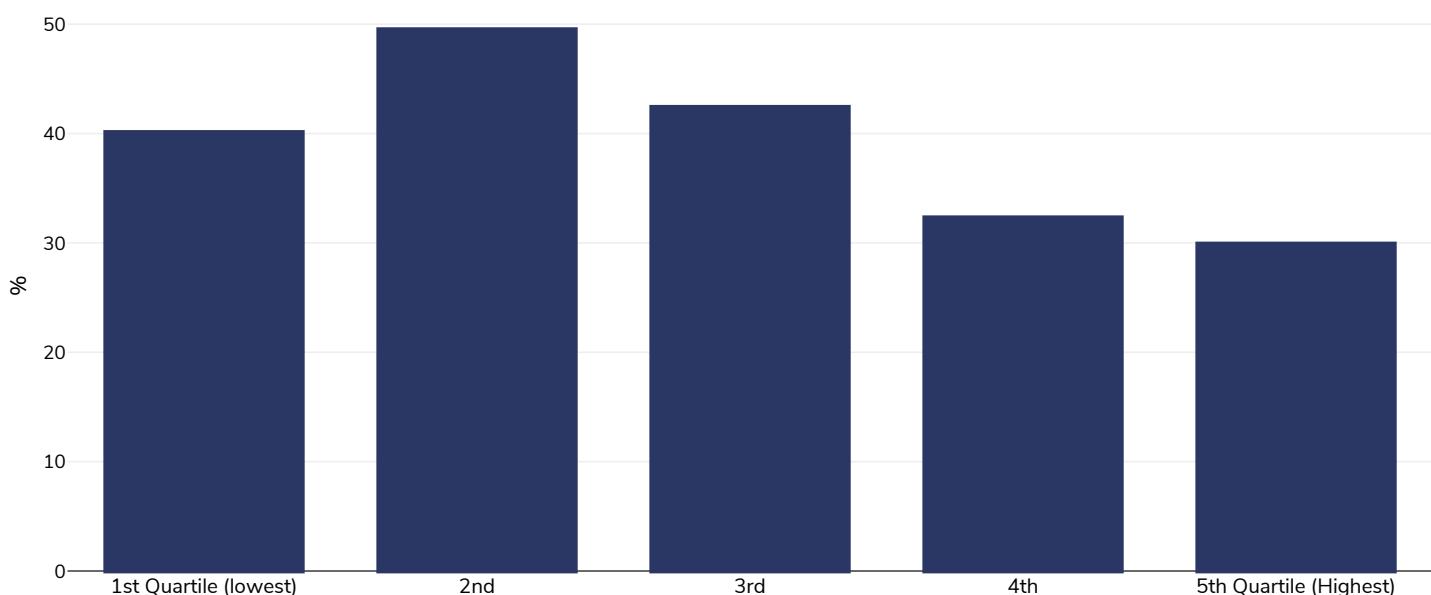


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Women, 2001

■ Obesity

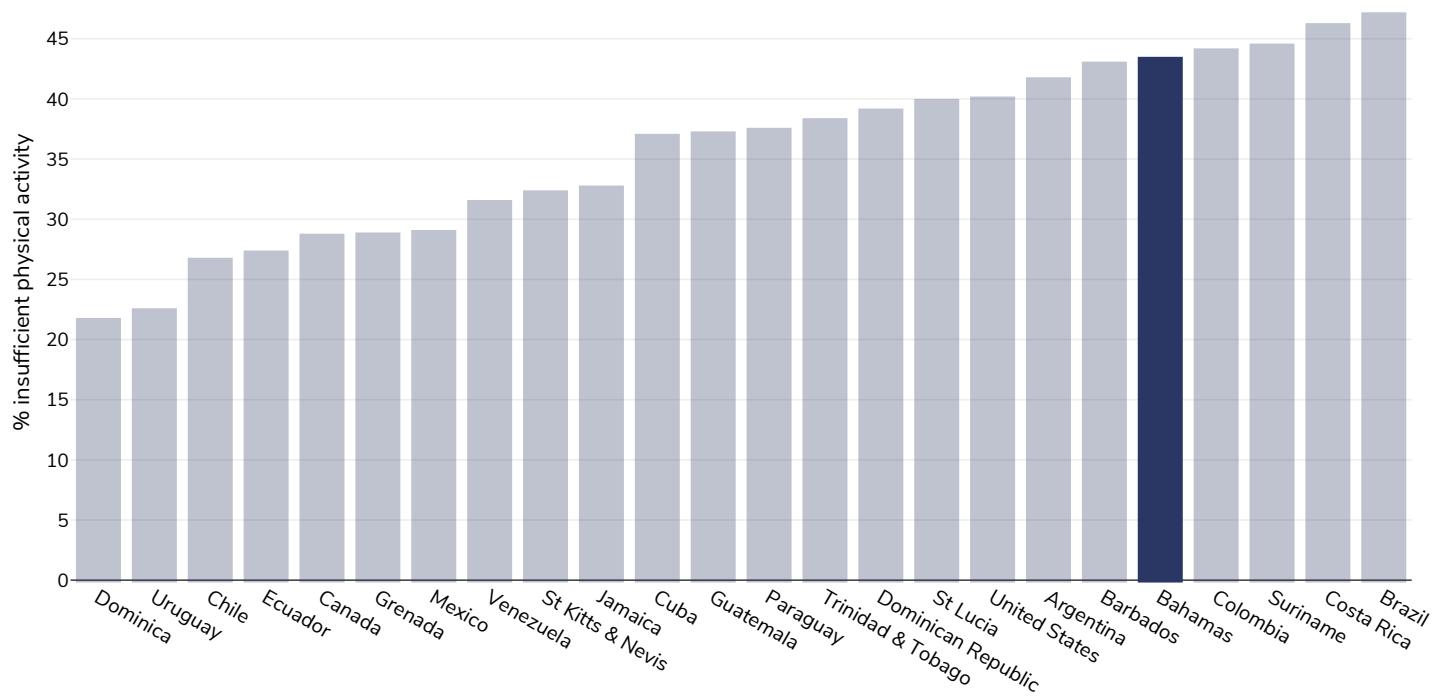


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Insufficient physical activity

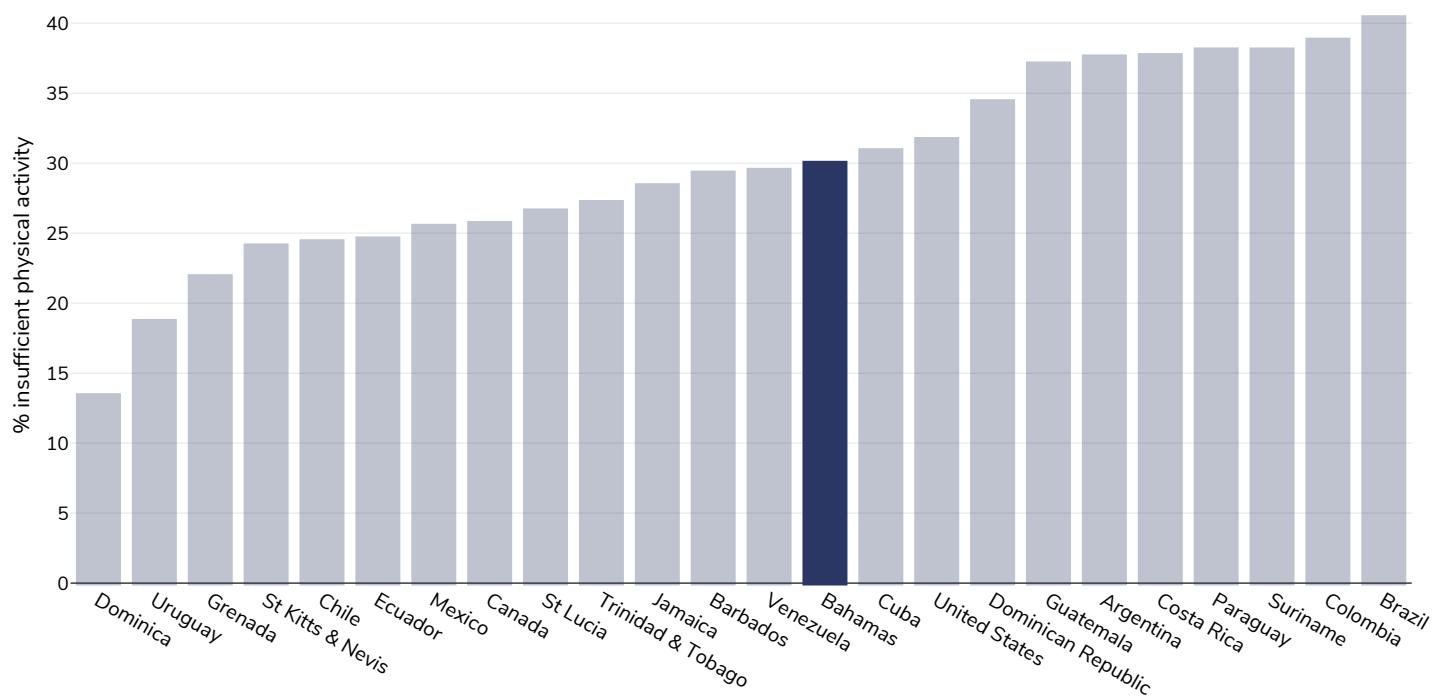
Adults, 2016



References:

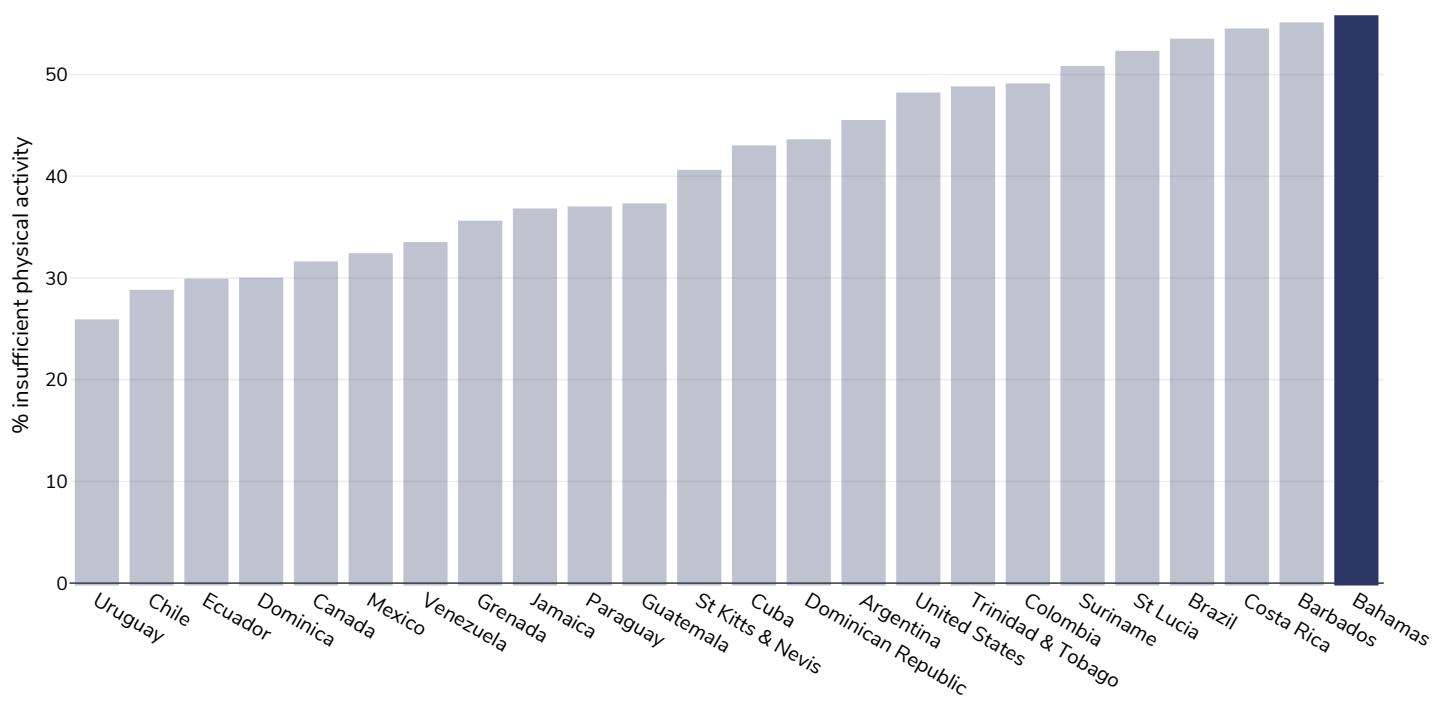
Guthold R, Stevens GA, Riley LM, Bull FC. Worldwide trends in insufficient physical activity from 2001 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 358 population-based surveys with 1.9 million participants. Lancet 2018 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X\(18\)30357-7](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(18)30357-7)

Men, 2016



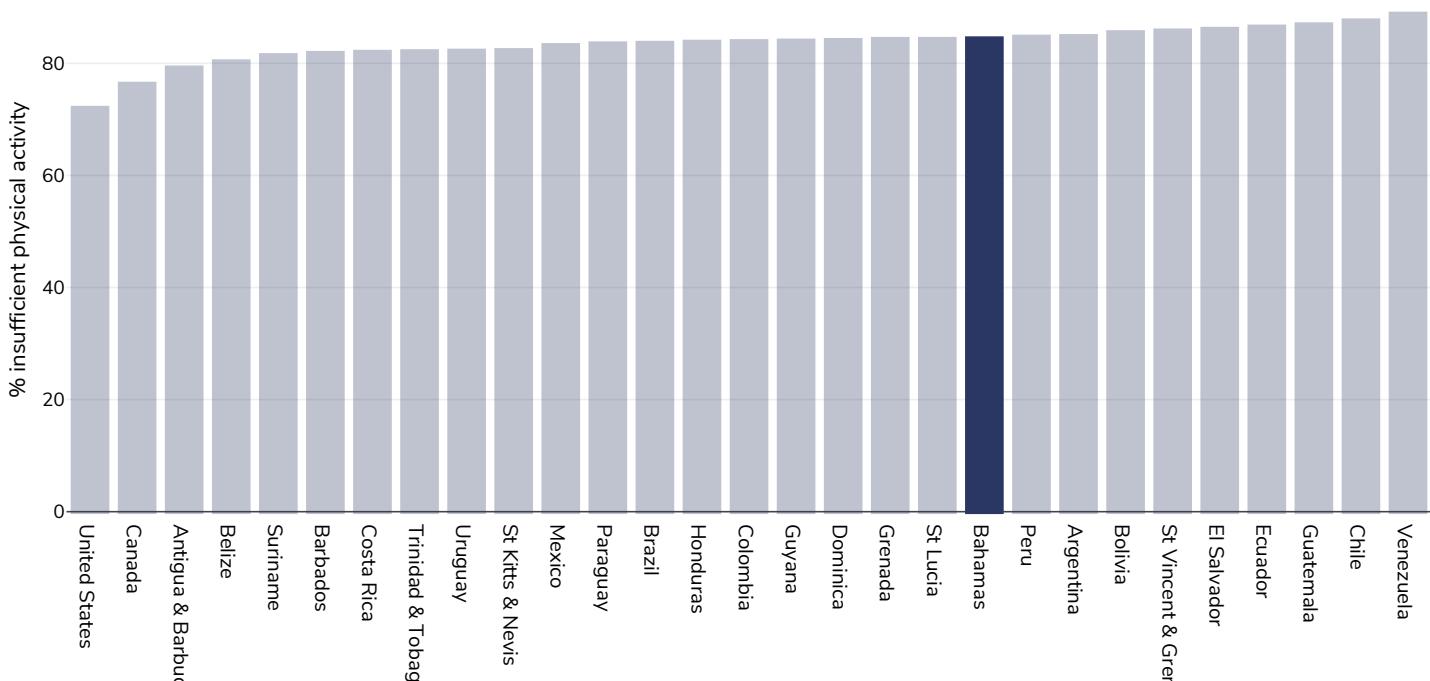
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Women, 2016



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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)

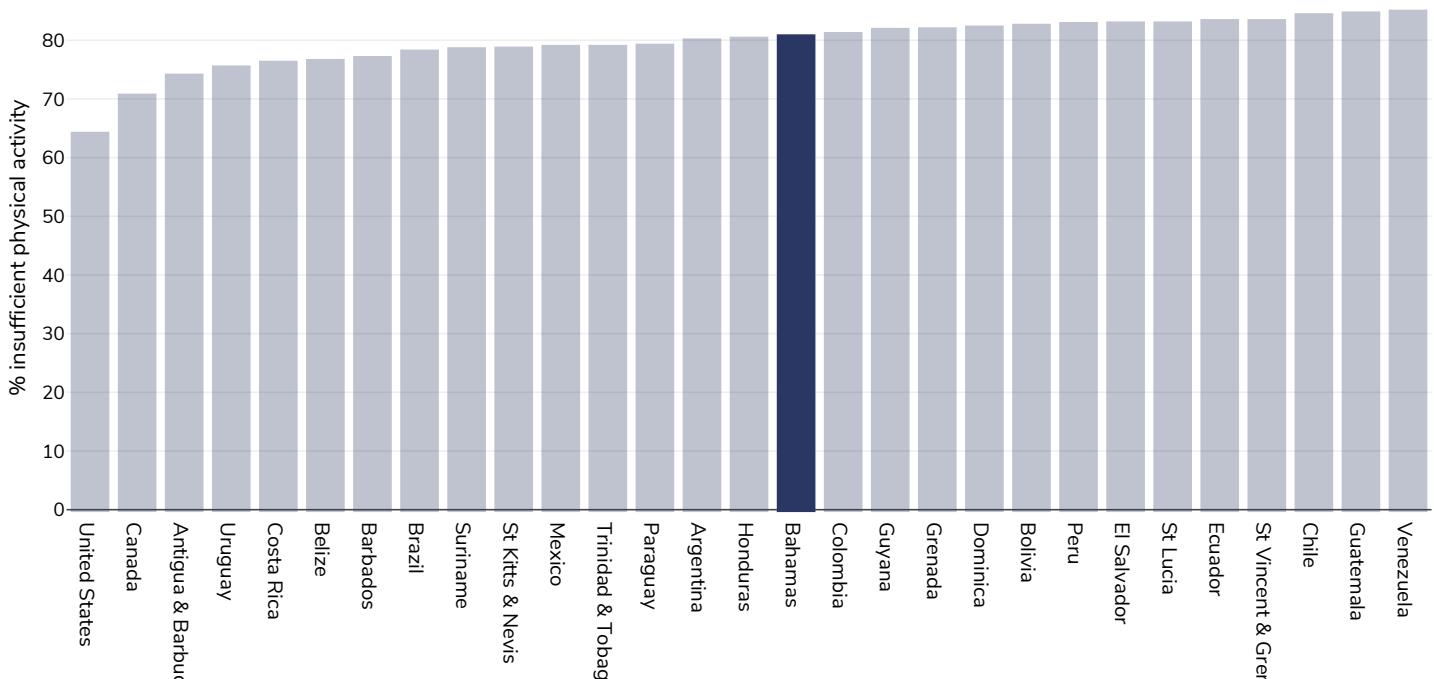
Notes:

% 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



Survey type:

Self-reported

Age:

11-17

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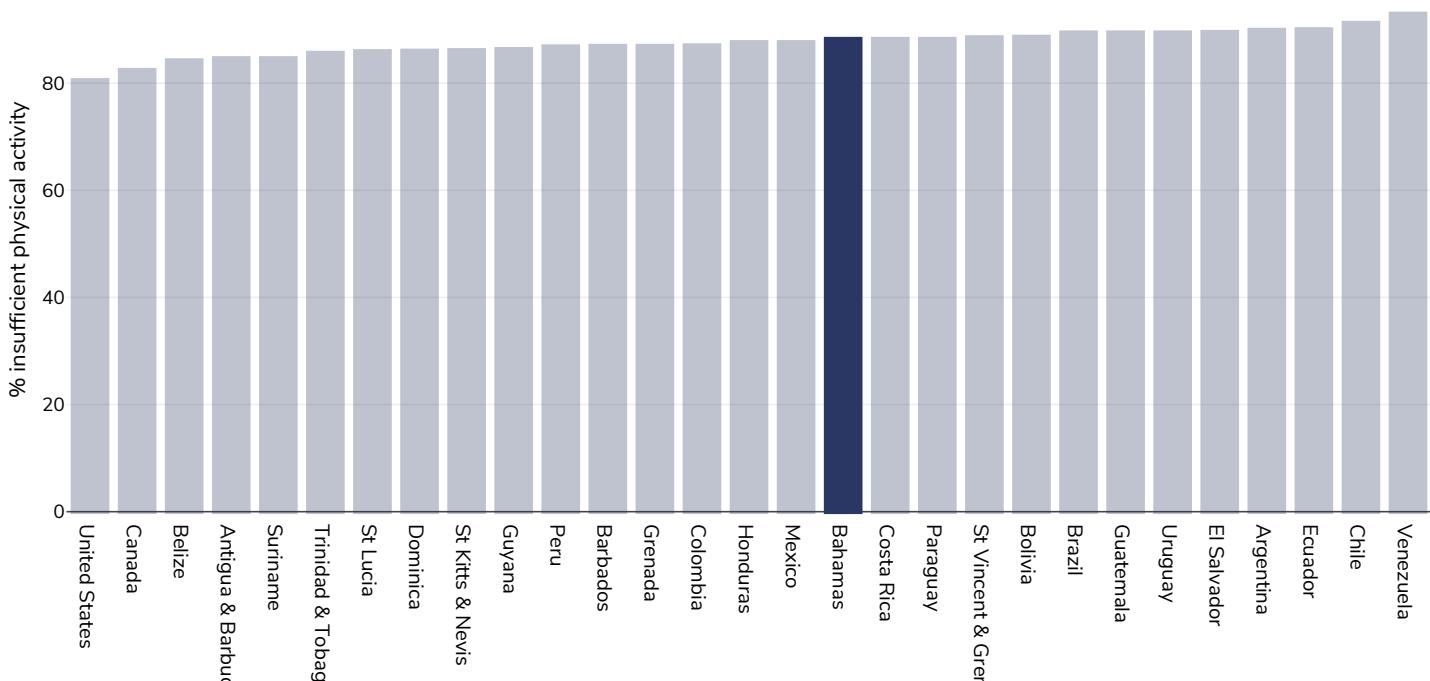
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Notes: % of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

Definitions:

% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

Girls, 2016



Survey type:

Self-reported

Age:

11-17

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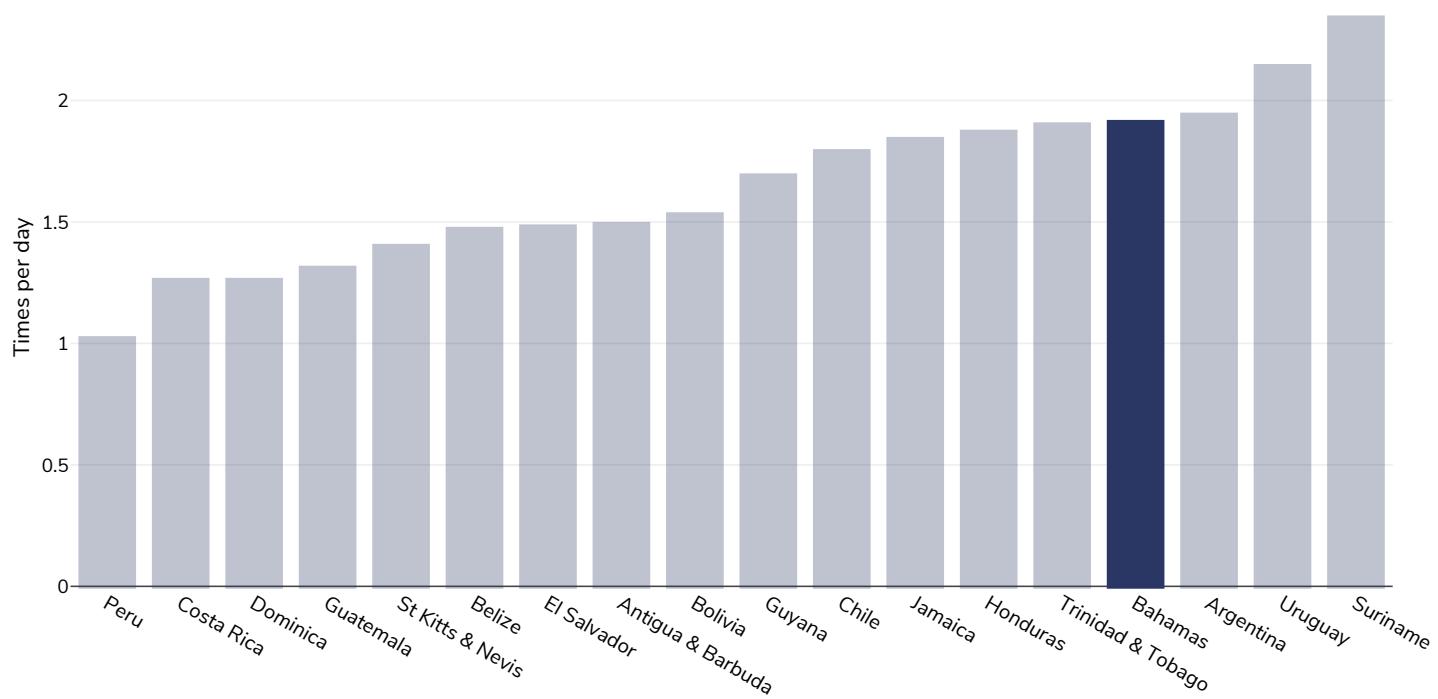
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Definitions:

% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

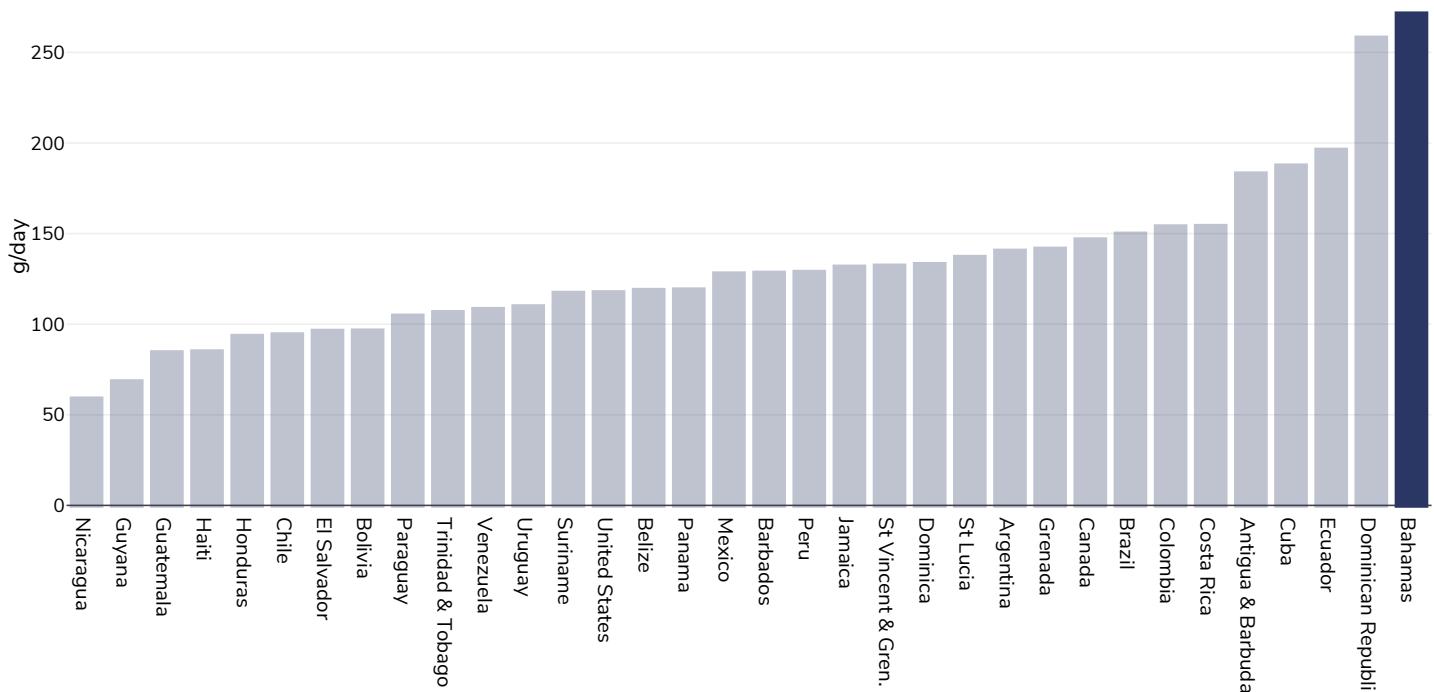
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References:

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Estimated per capita fruit intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

References:

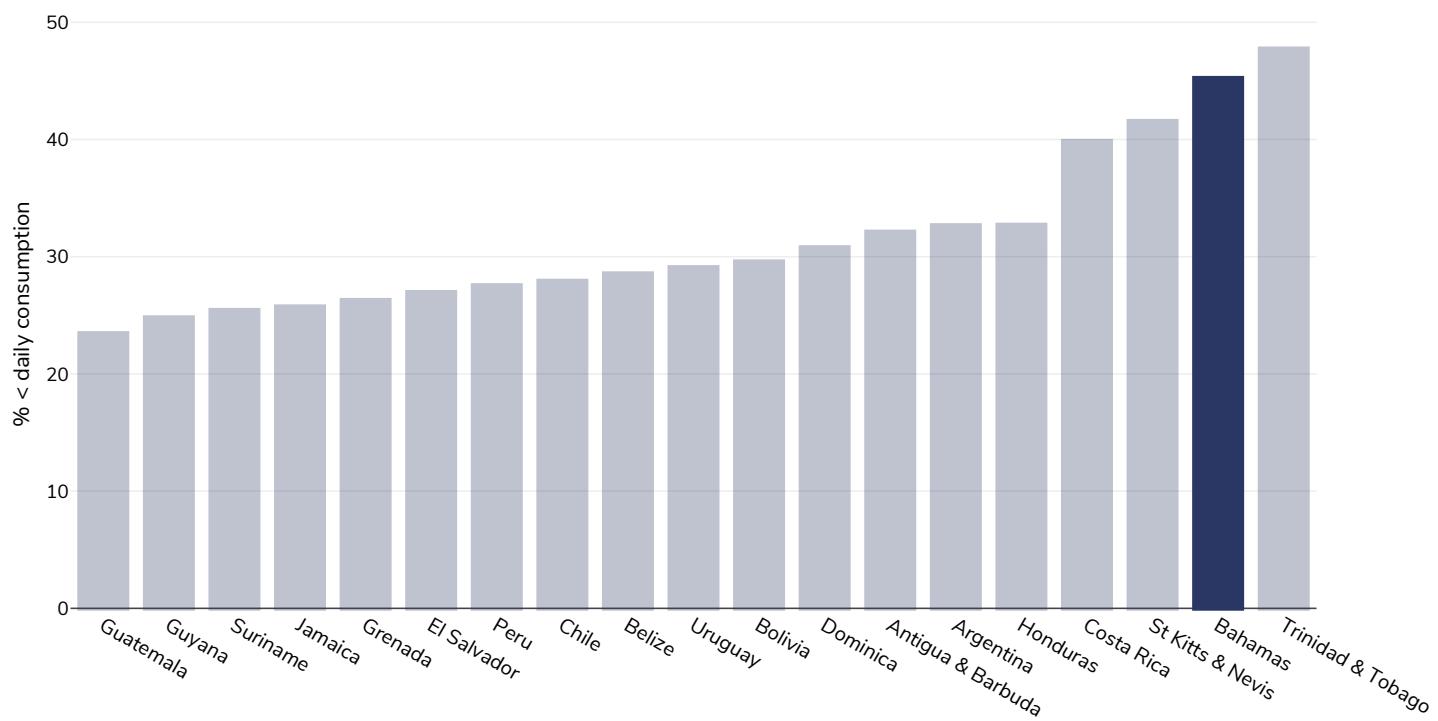
Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation <http://ghdx.healthdata.org/>

Definitions:

Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)

Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

12-17

References:

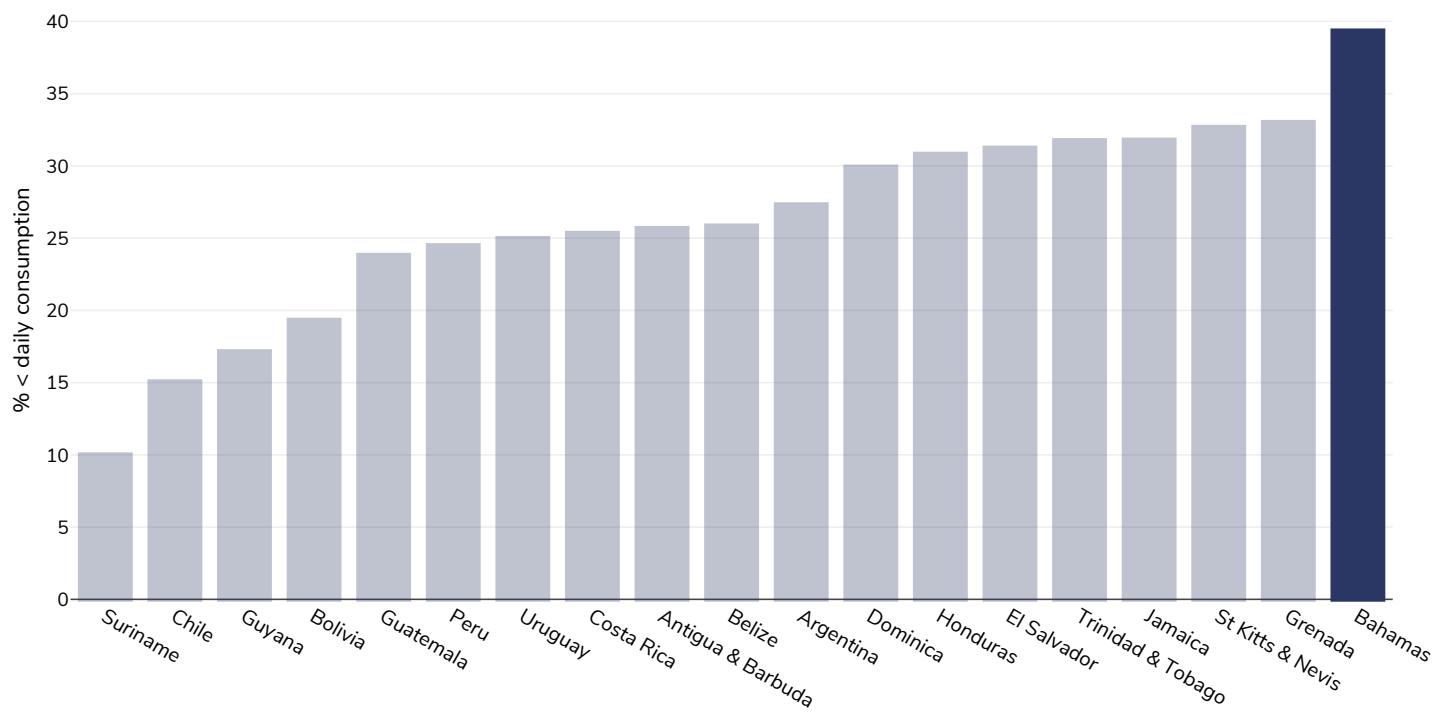
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Definitions:

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

Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

12-17

References:

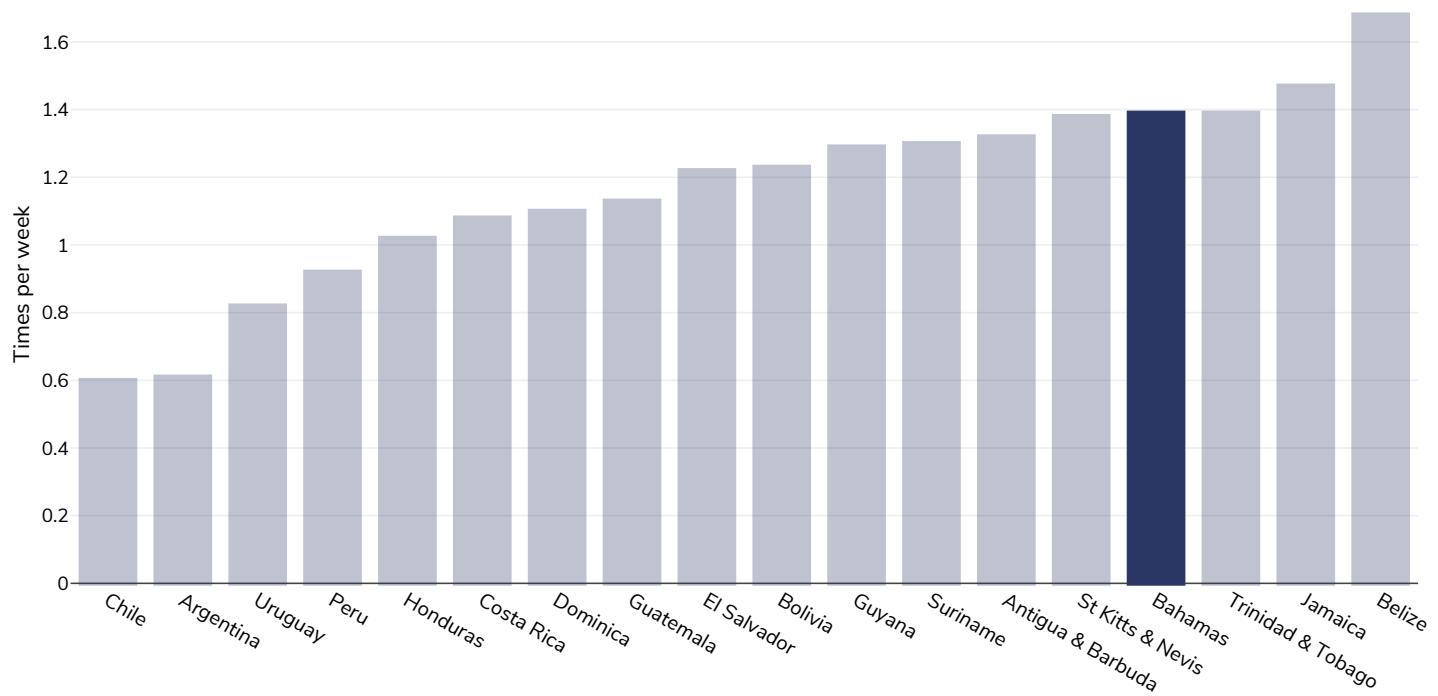
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Definitions:

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:

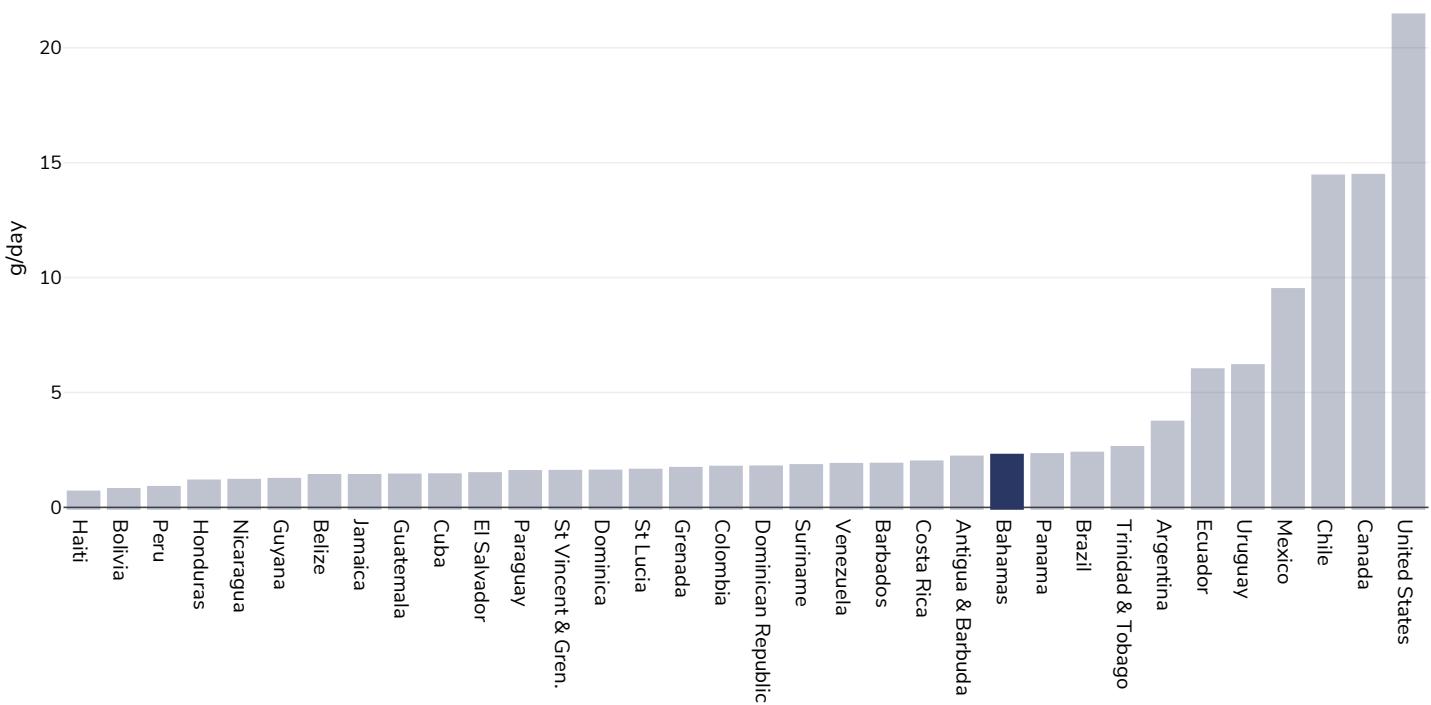
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Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

References:

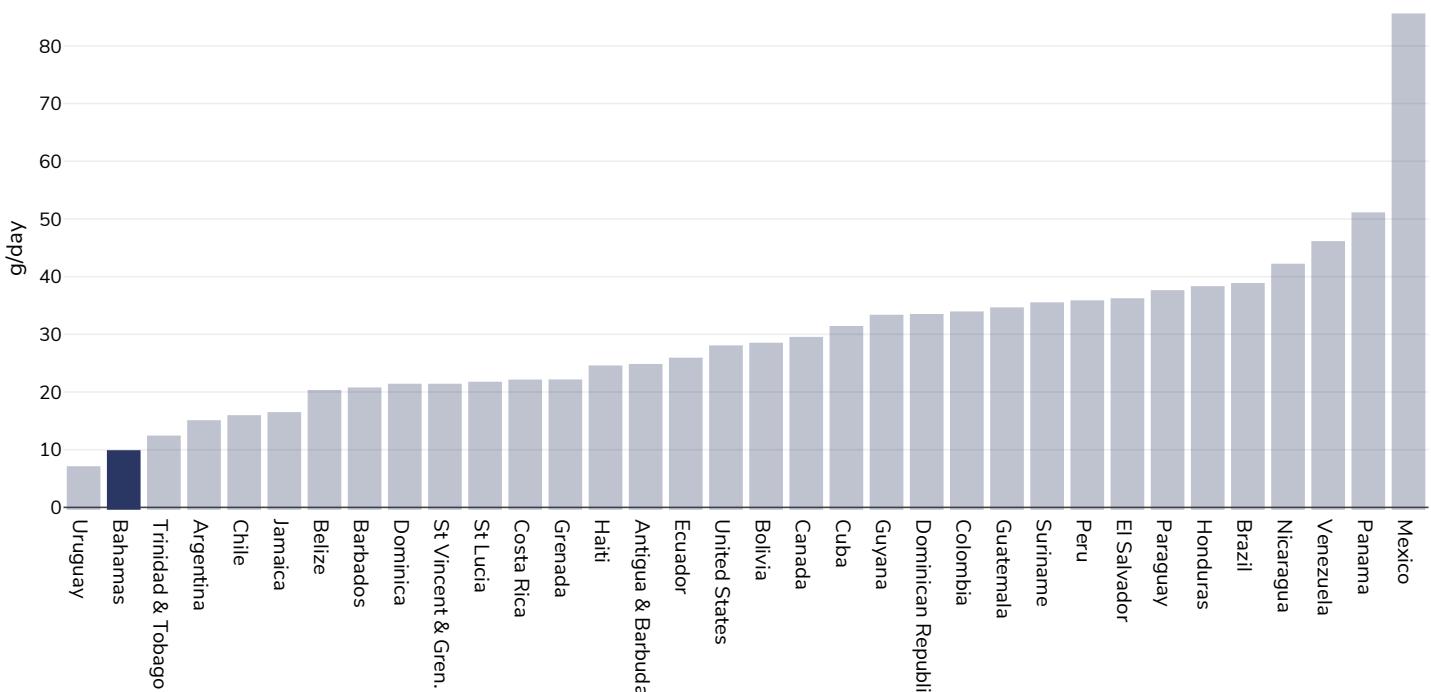
Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation <http://ghdx.healthdata.org/>

Definitions:

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

Estimated per capita whole grains intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

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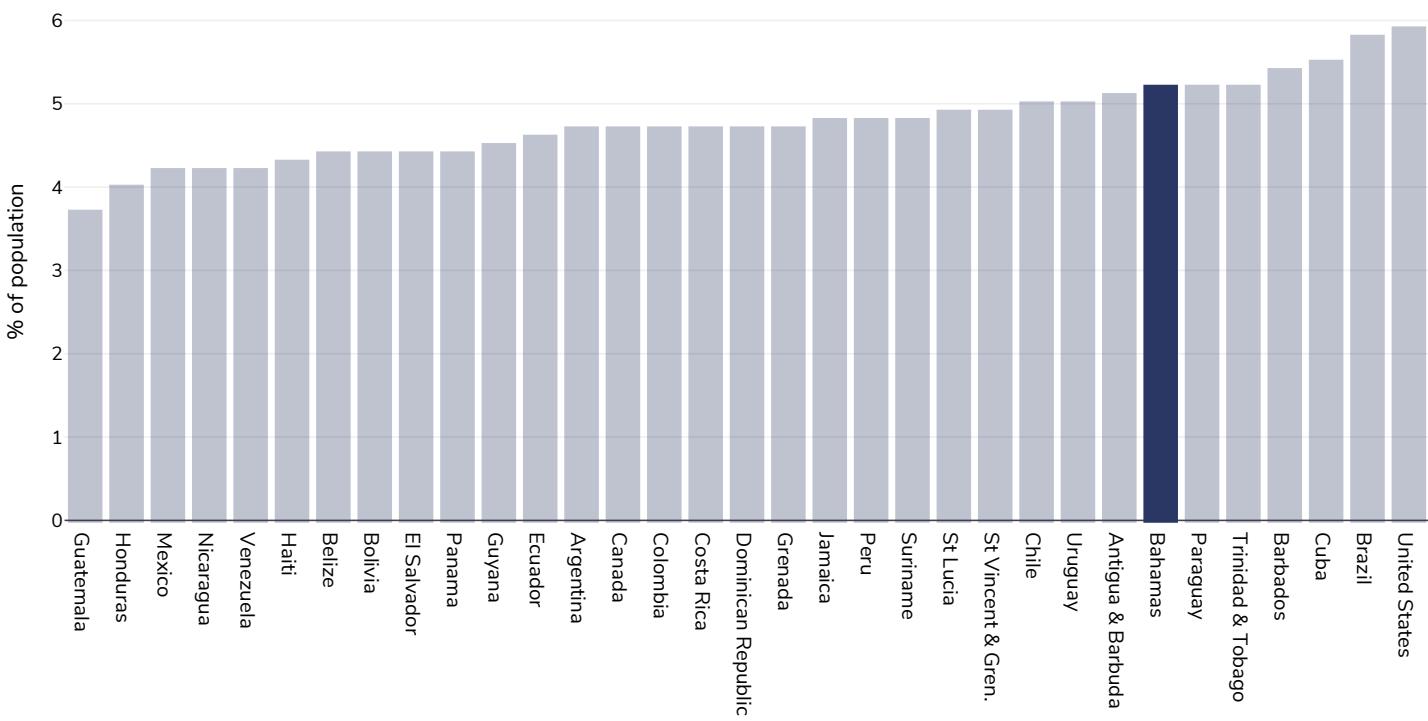
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Definitions:

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

Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2015



References:

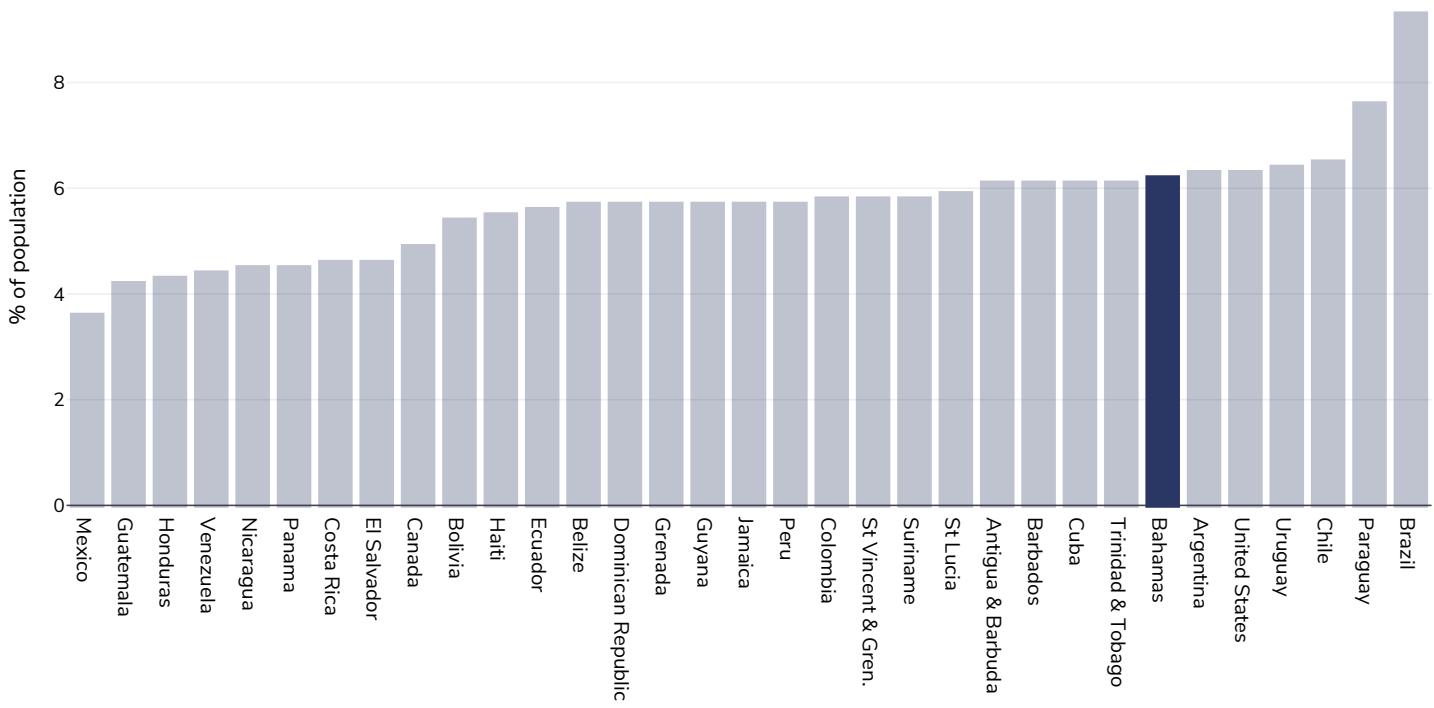
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Definitions:

% of population with depression disorders

Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015



References:

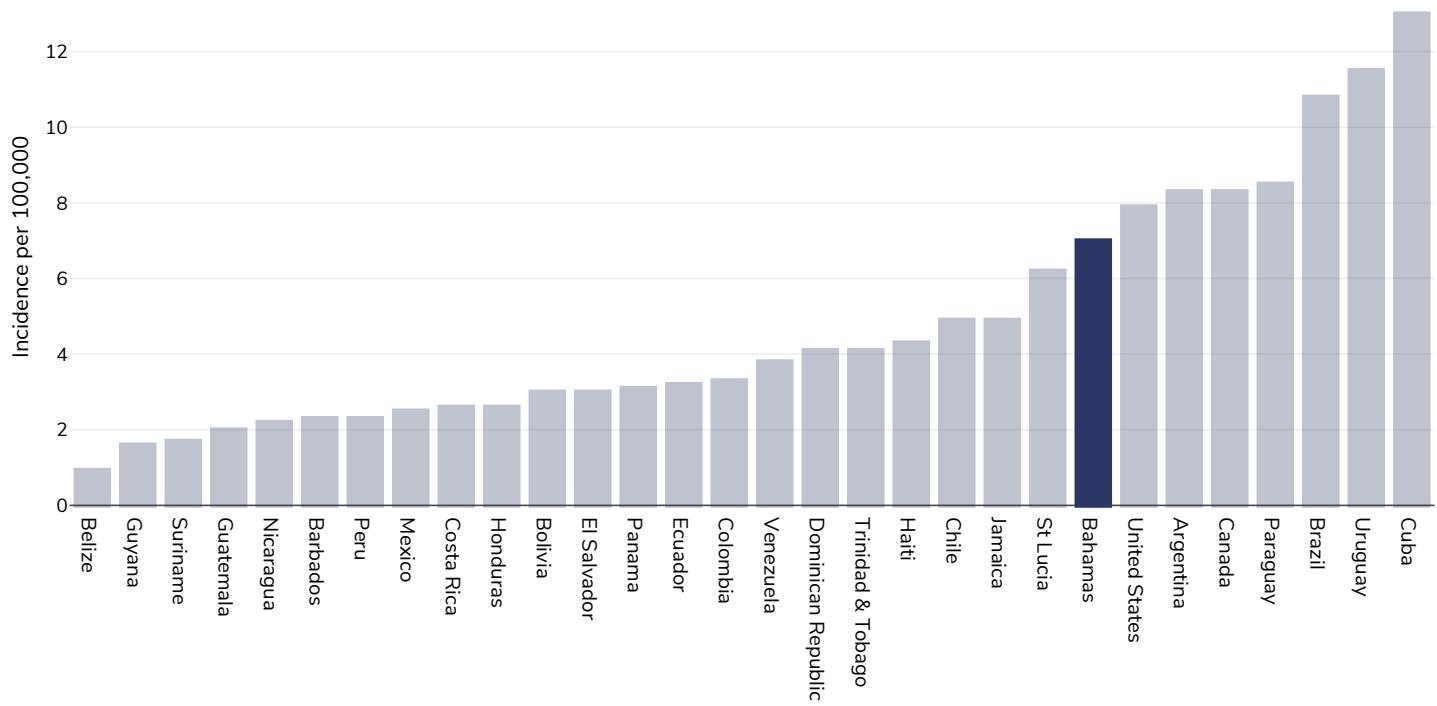
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Definitions:

% of population with anxiety disorders

Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

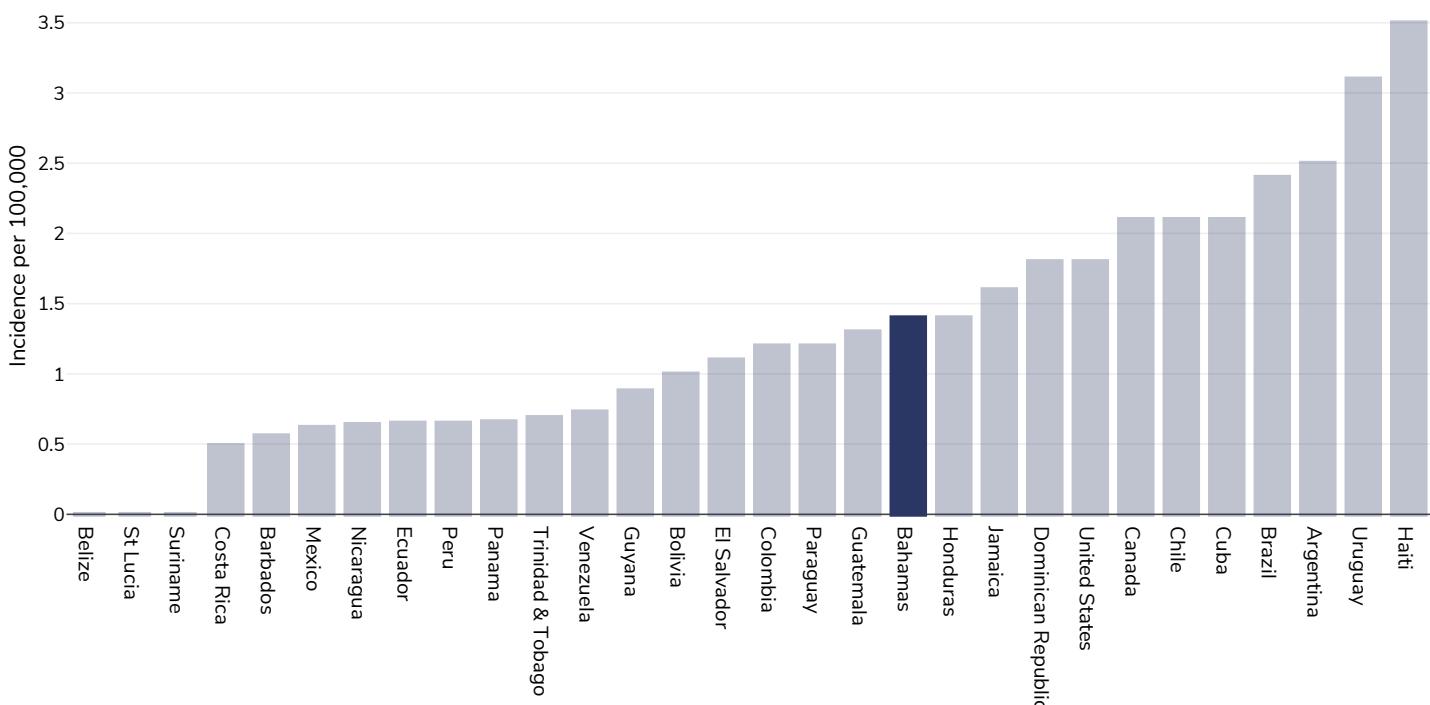
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<https://gco.iarc.fr/today>, accessed 10.01.2041

Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

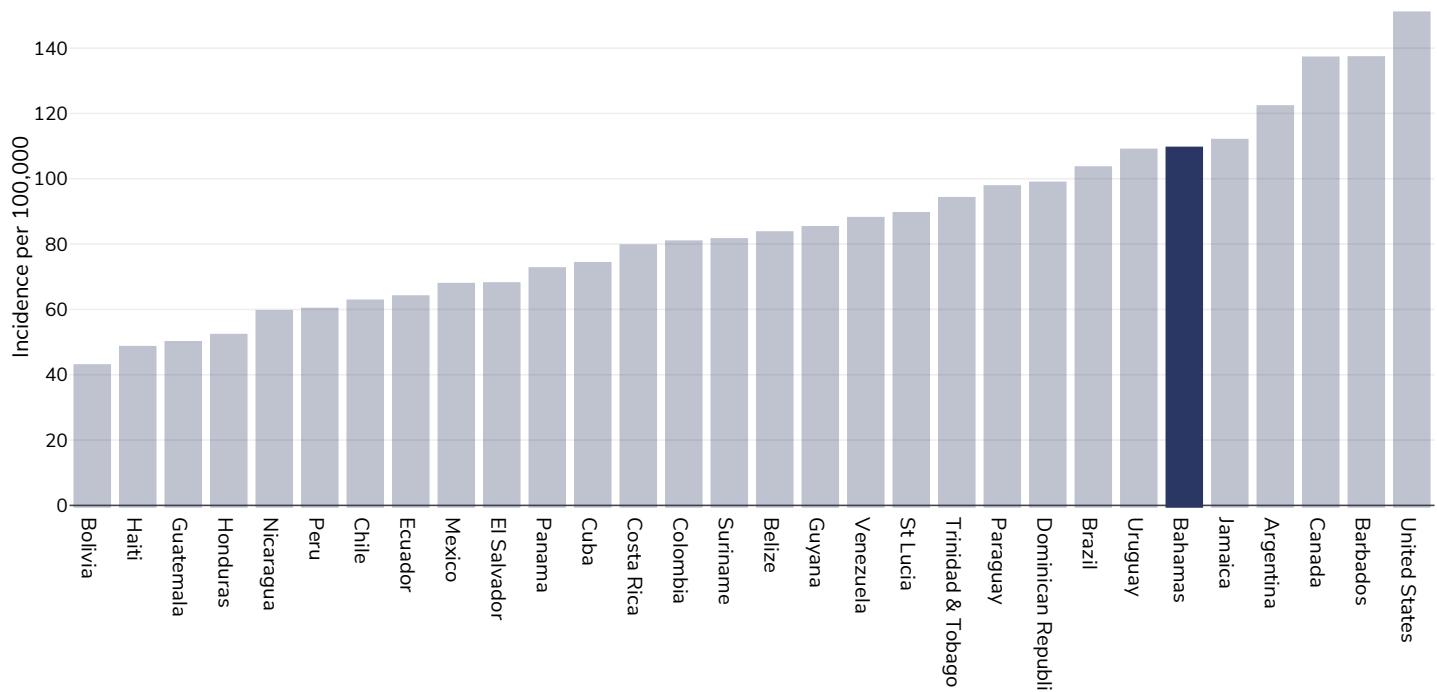
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Breast cancer

Women, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

Ferlay J, Ervik M, Lam F, Colombet M, Mery L, Piñeros M, Znaor A, Soerjomataram I, Bray F (2020). Global Cancer Observatory: Cancer Today. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Available from:

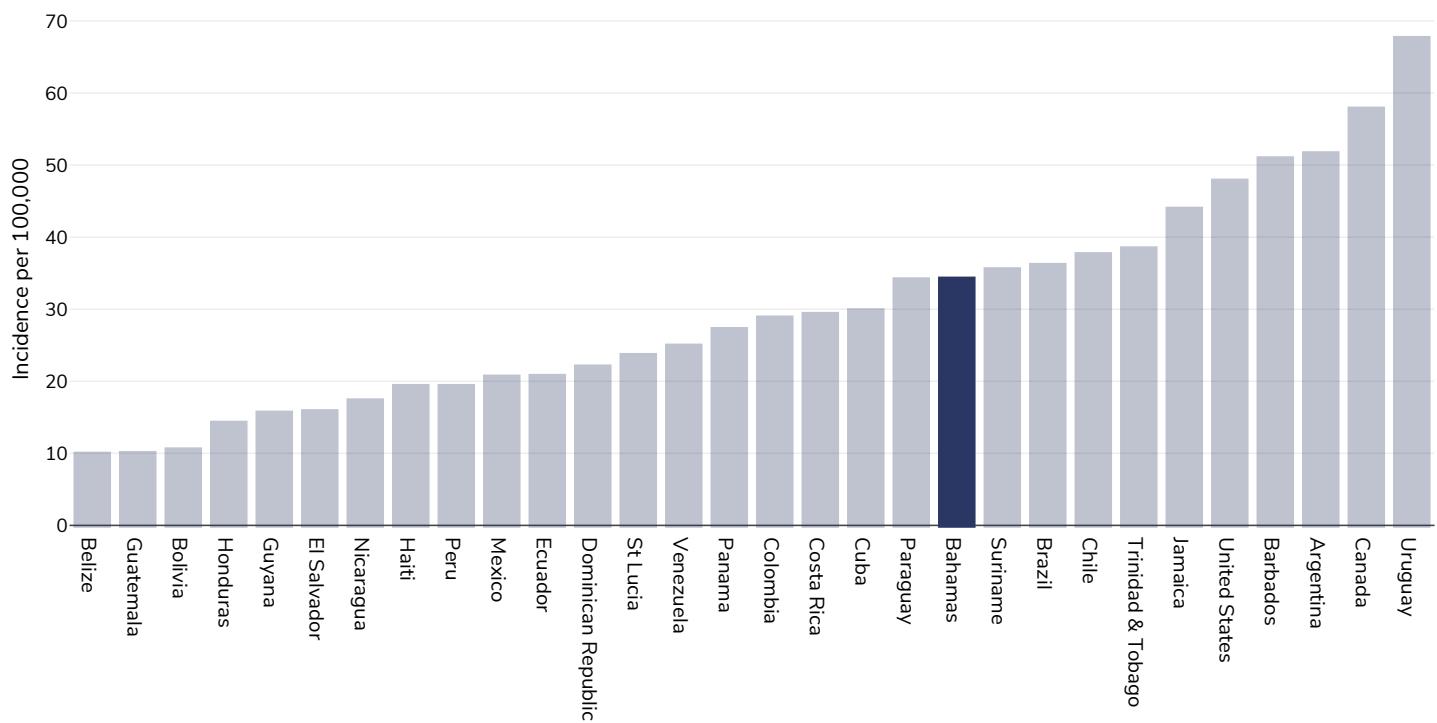
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Colorectal cancer

Men, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

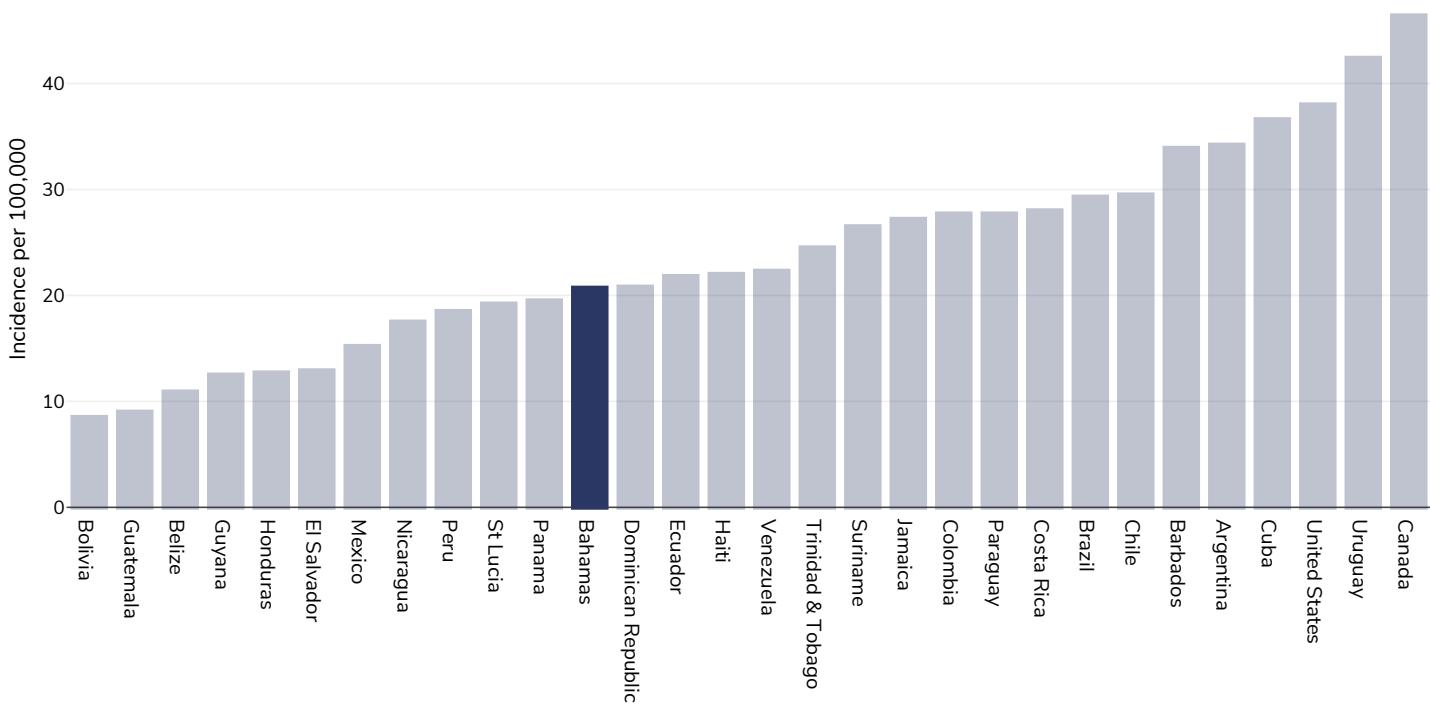
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

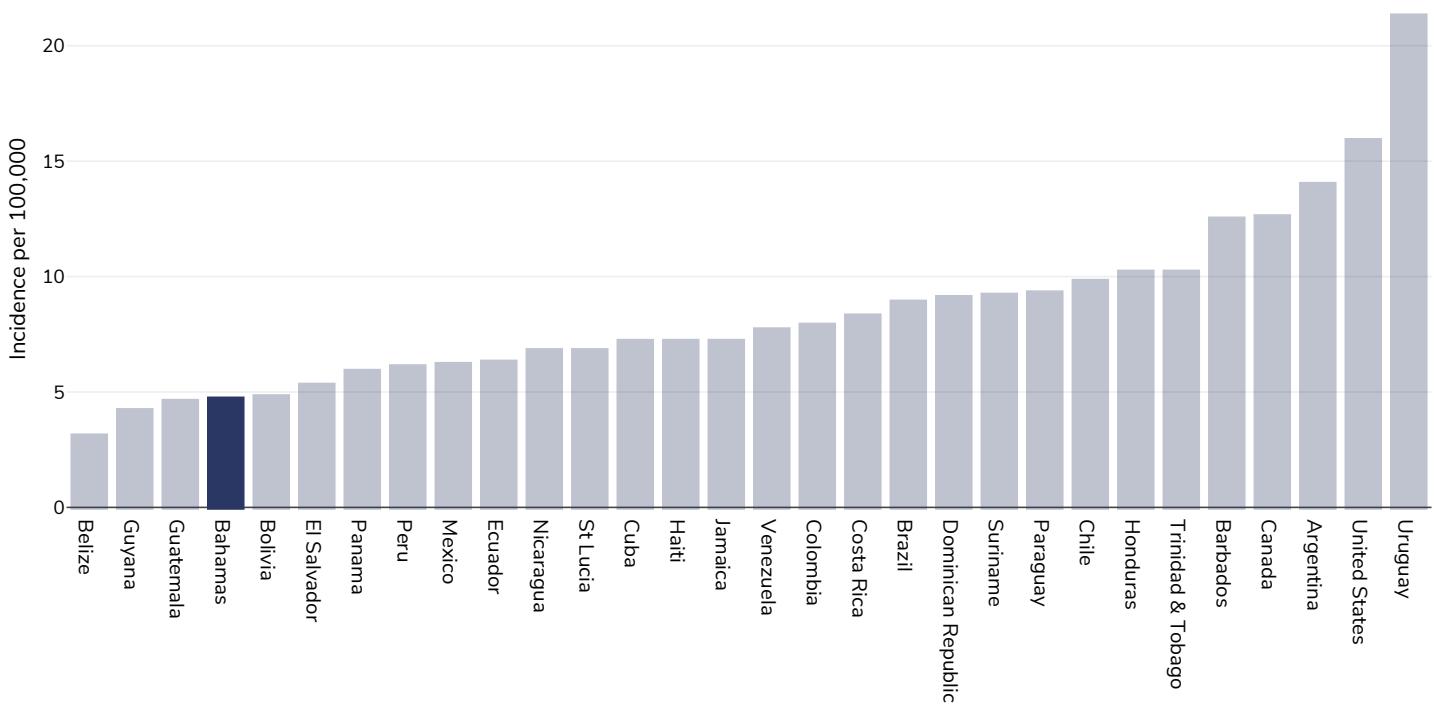
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

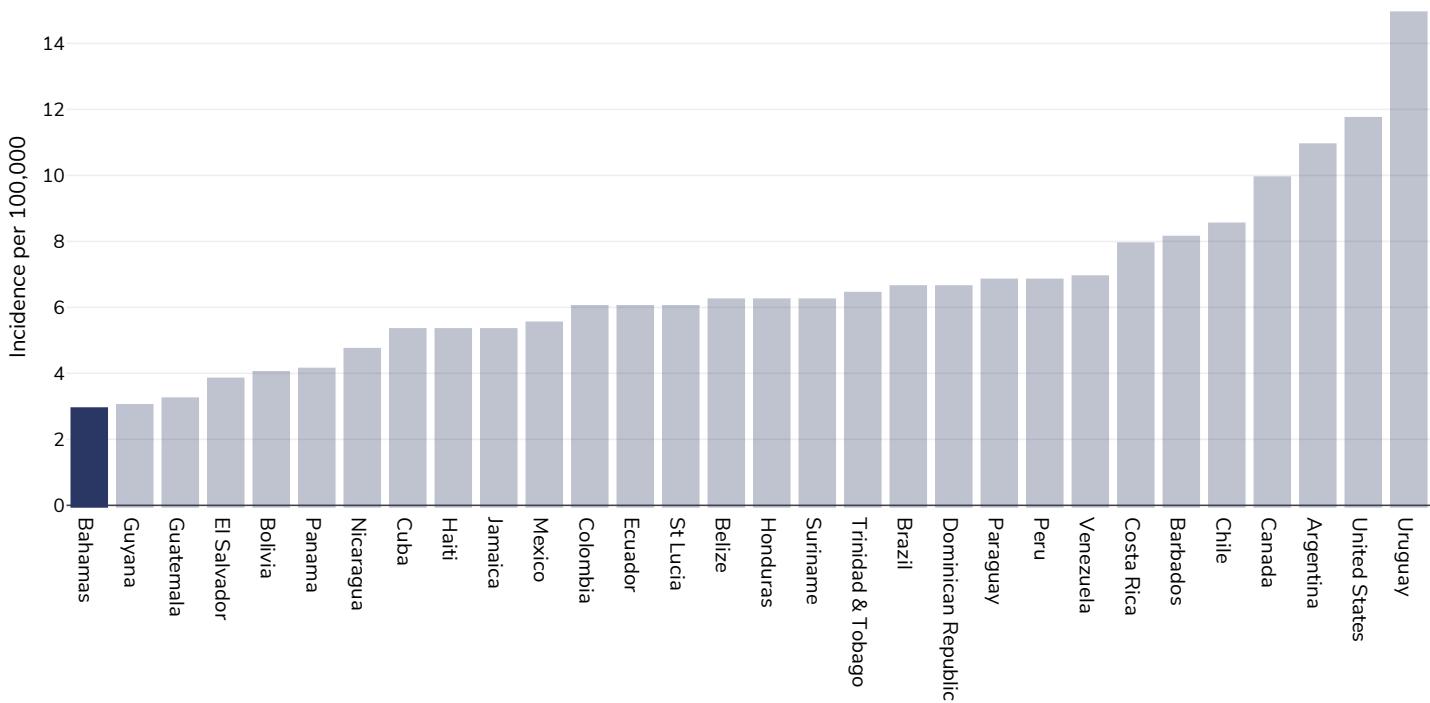
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

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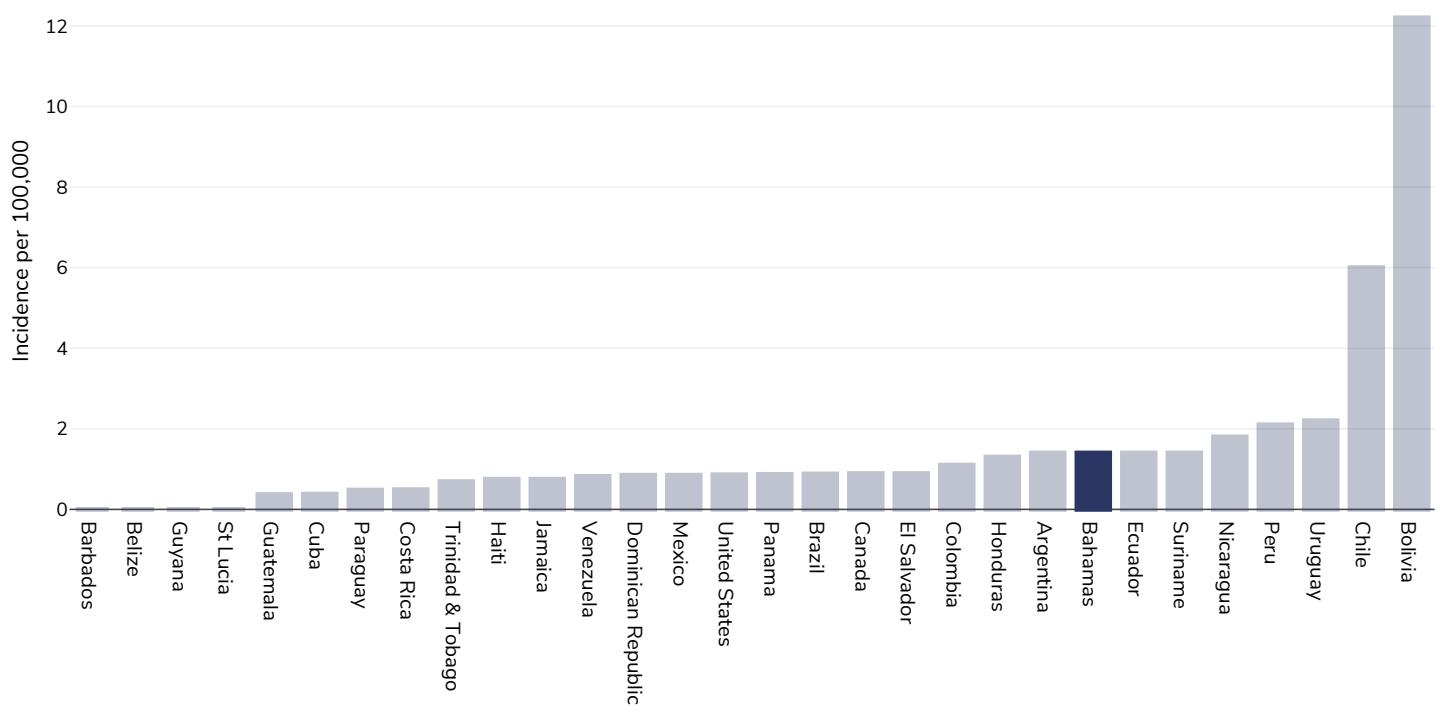
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

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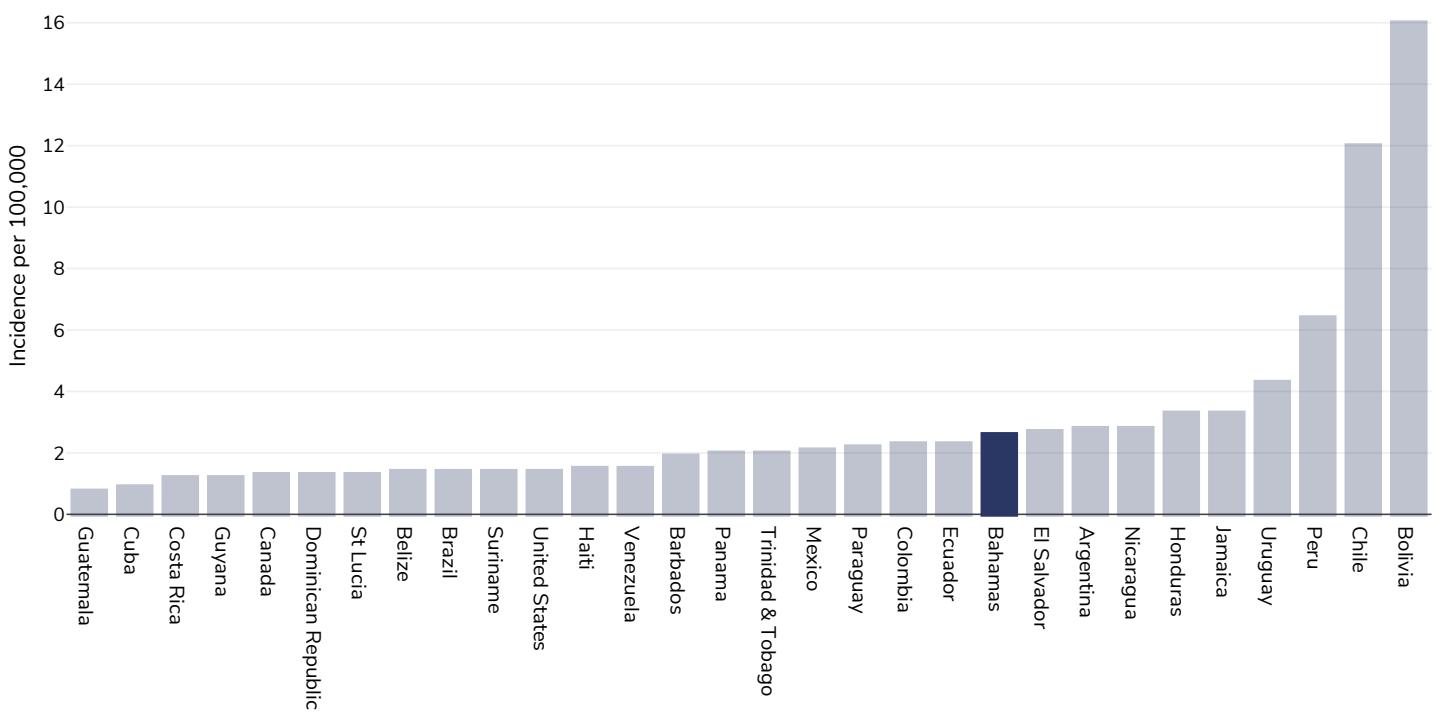
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Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

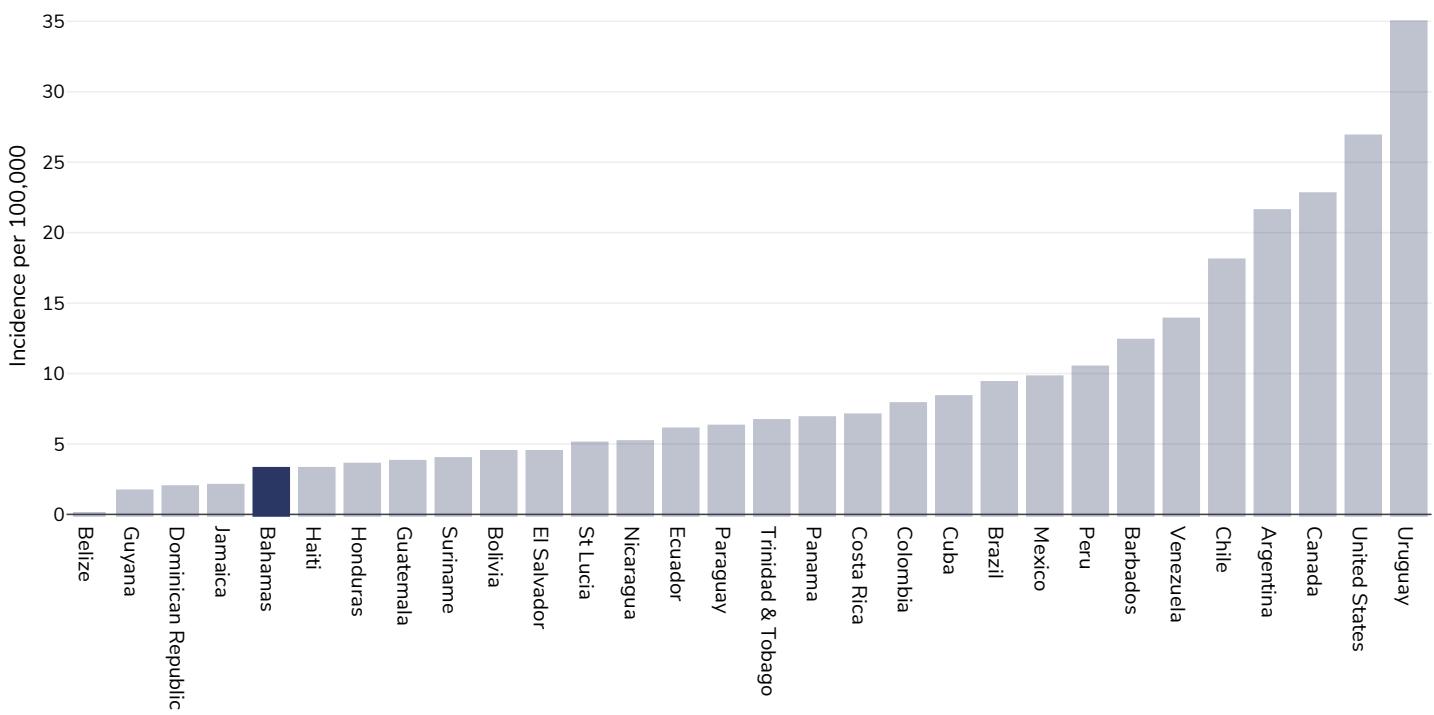
Area covered: National

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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Kidney cancer

Men, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

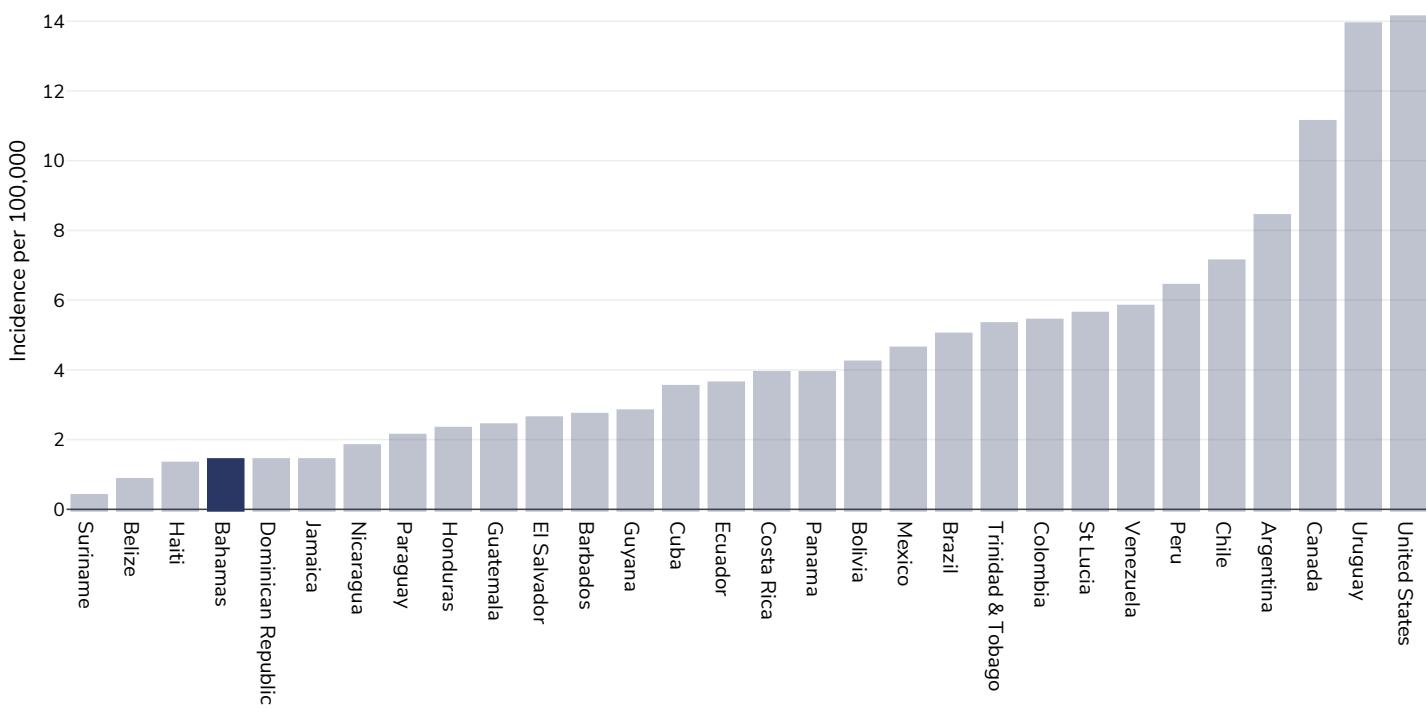
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

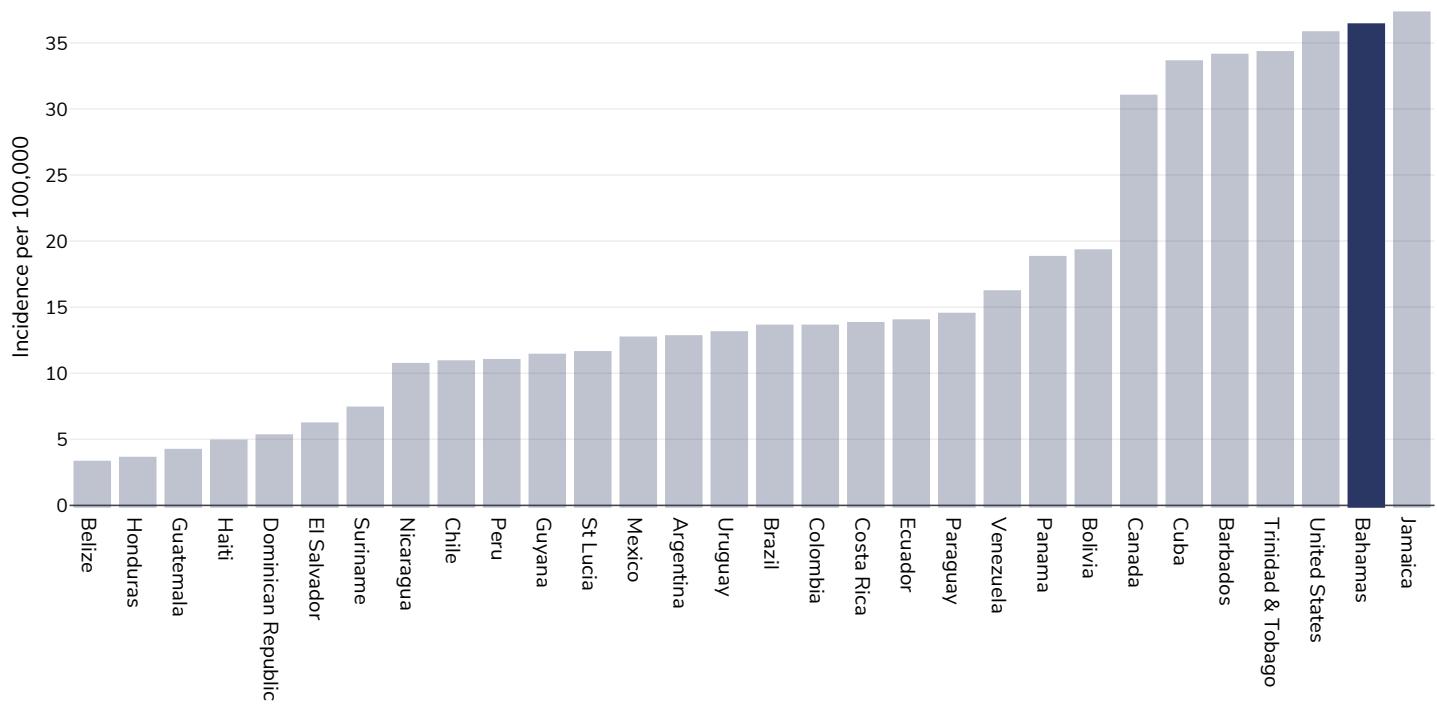
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2020



Age:

20+

Area covered:

National

References:

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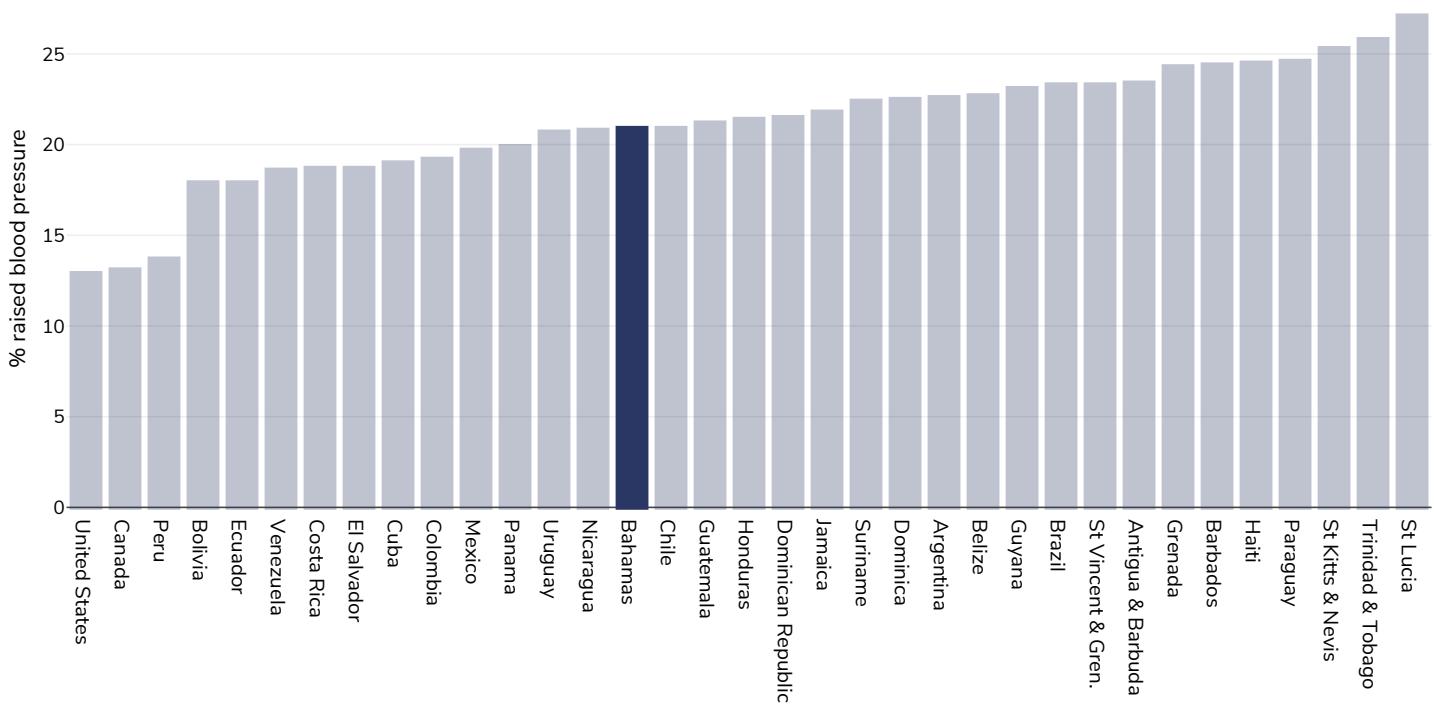
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Definitions:

Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



References:

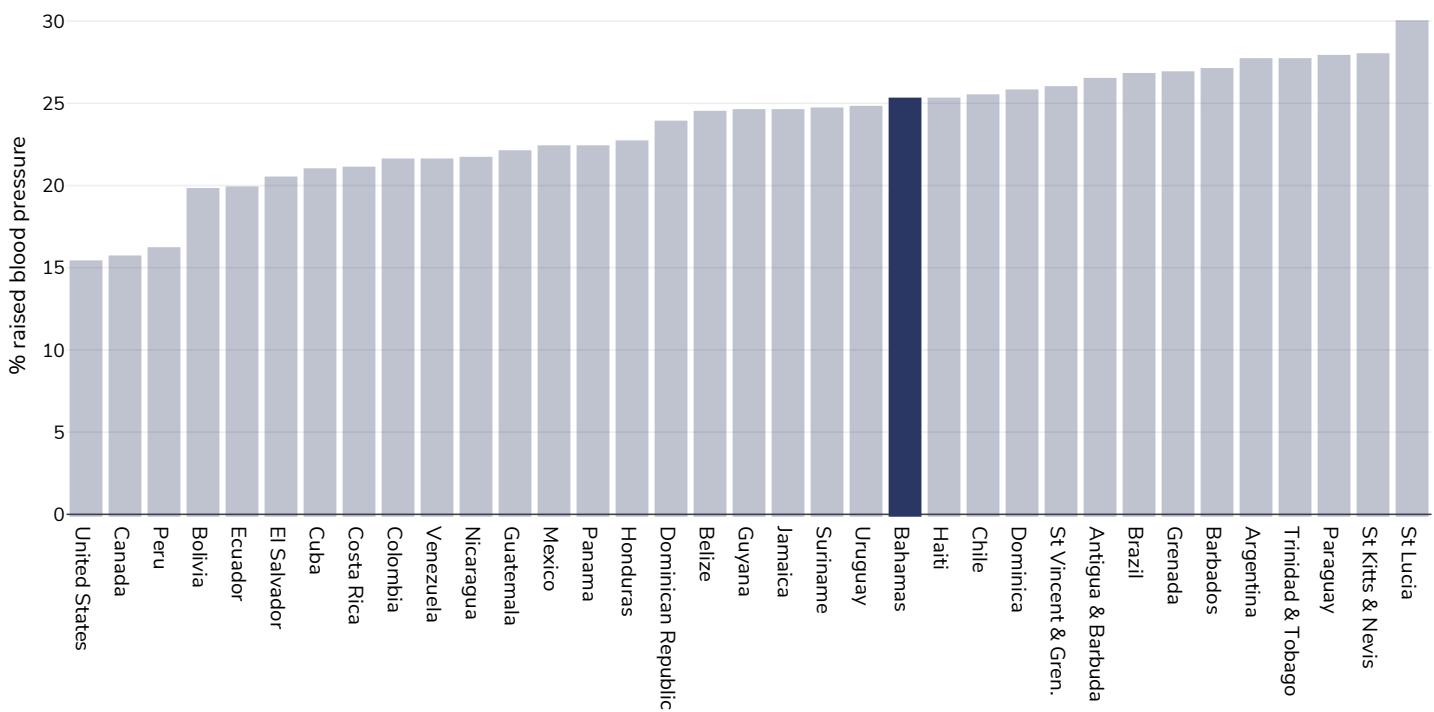
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Definitions:

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

Men, 2015



References:

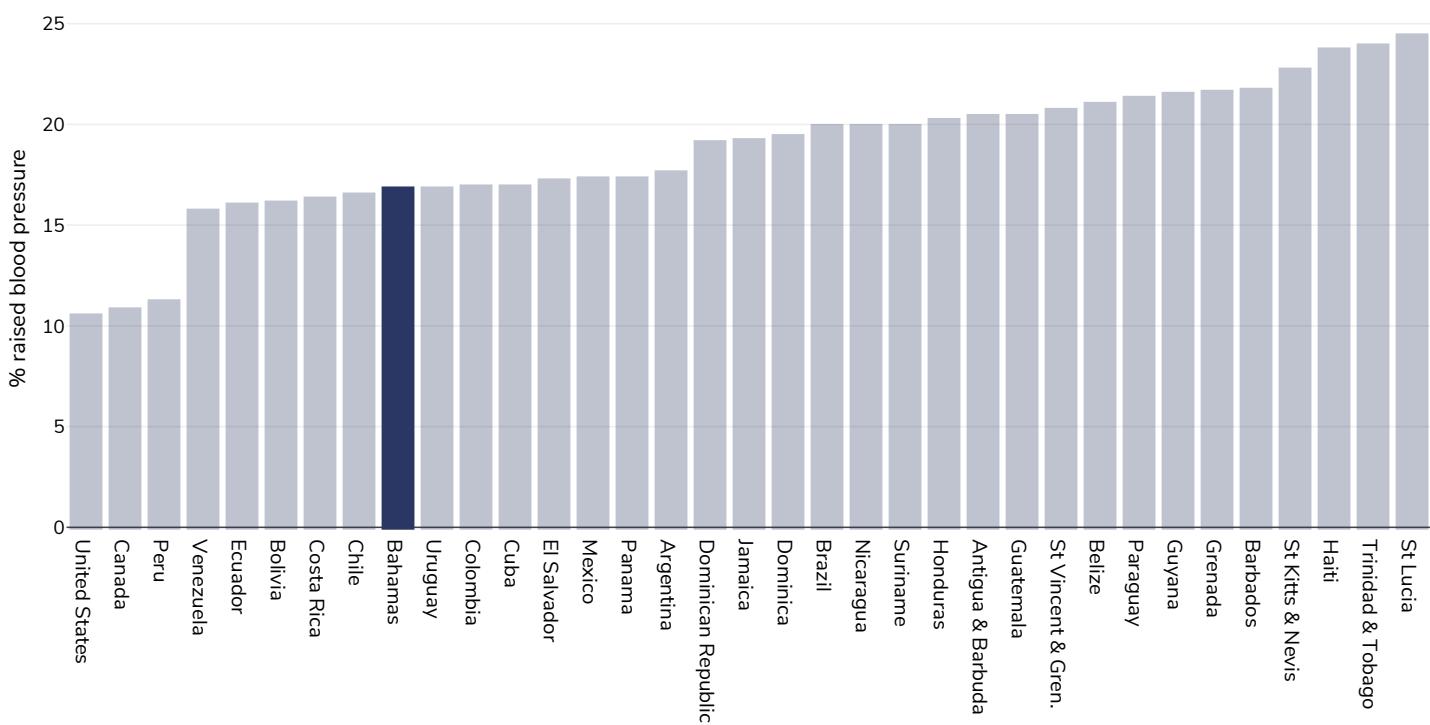
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Women, 2015



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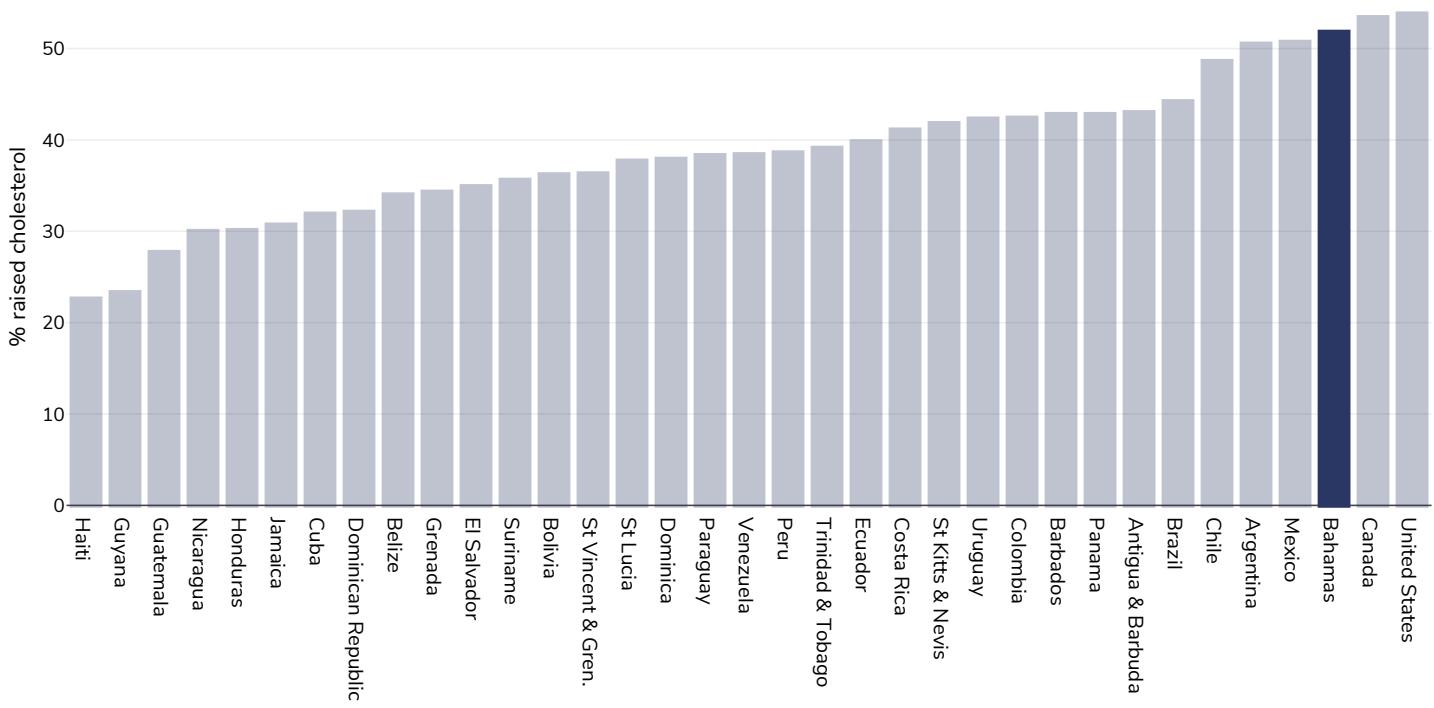
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Definitions:

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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



References:

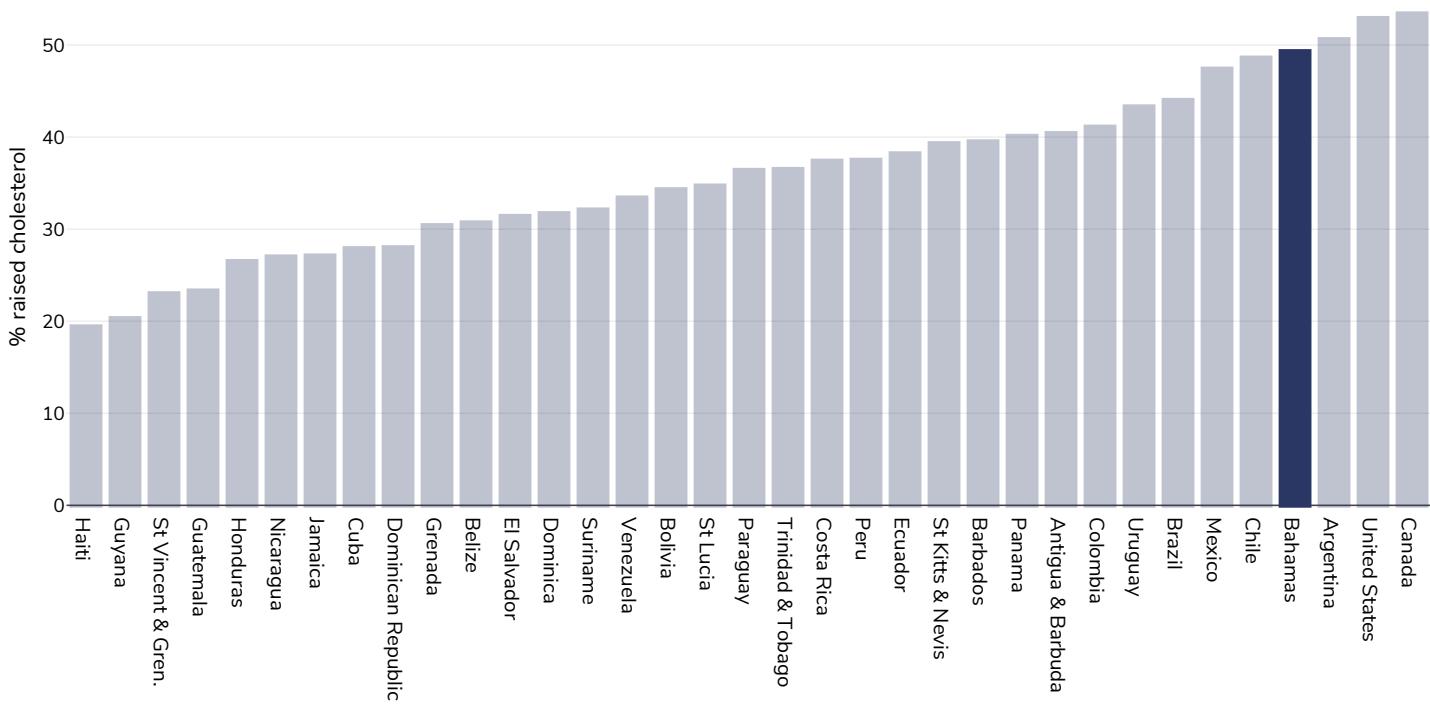
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Definitions:

% Raised total cholesterol ($\geq 5.0 \text{ mmol/L}$) (age-standardized estimate).

Men, 2008



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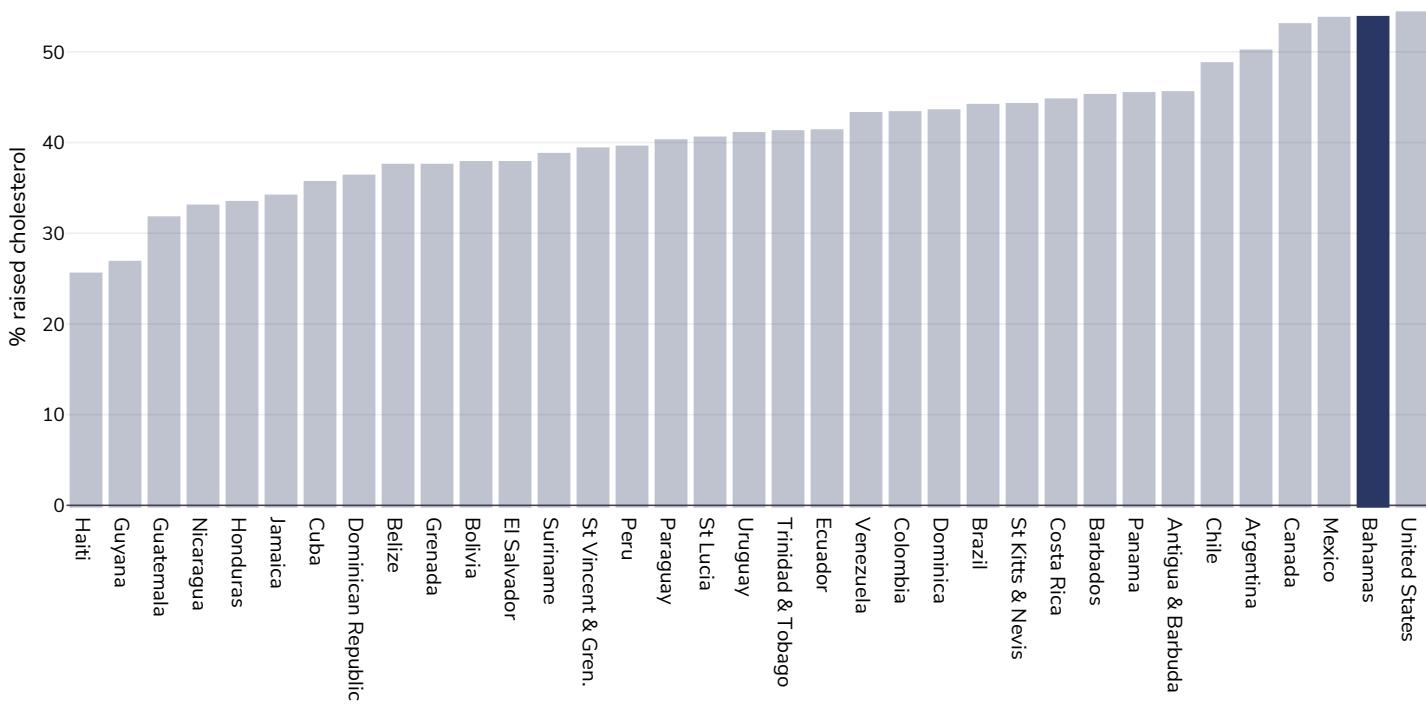
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Women, 2008



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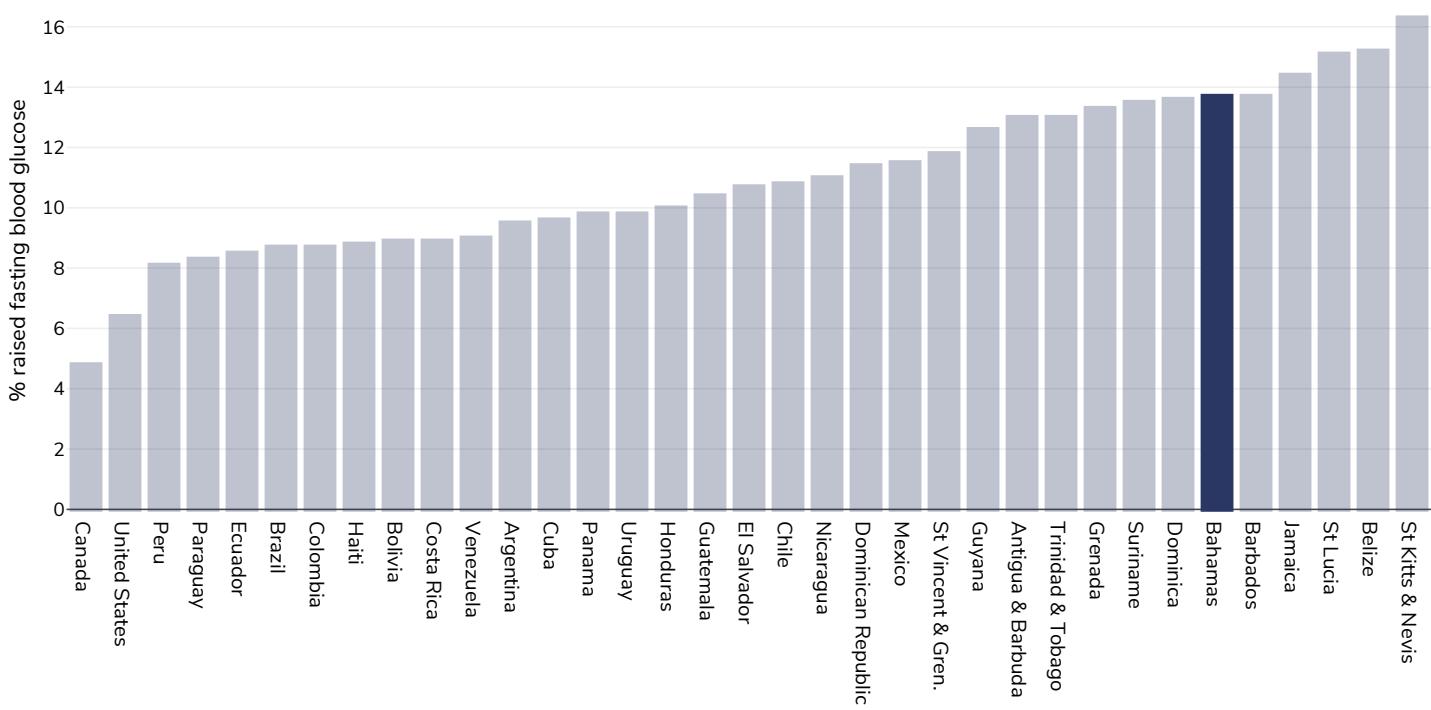
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Definitions:

% Raised total cholesterol ($\geq 5.0 \text{ mmol/L}$) (age-standardized estimate).

Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



References:

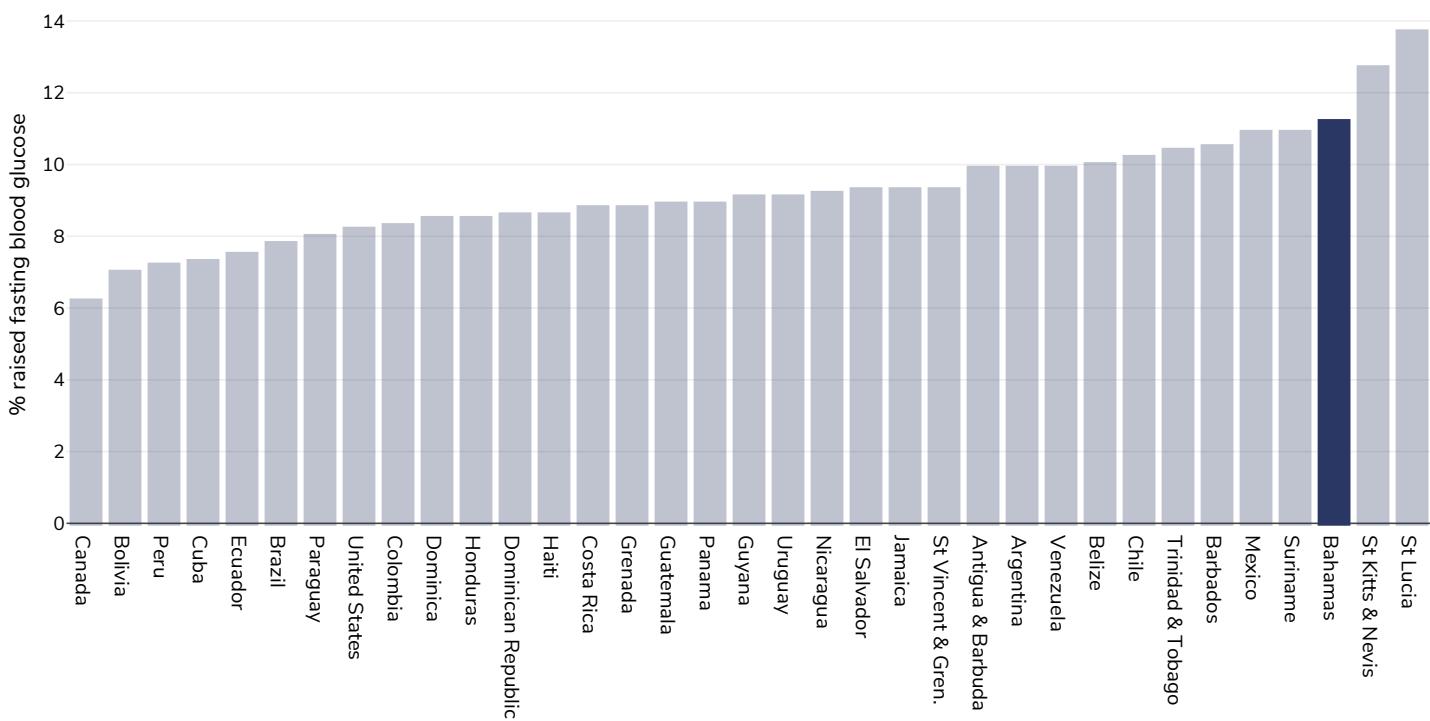
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

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Definitions:

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

Women, 2014



References:

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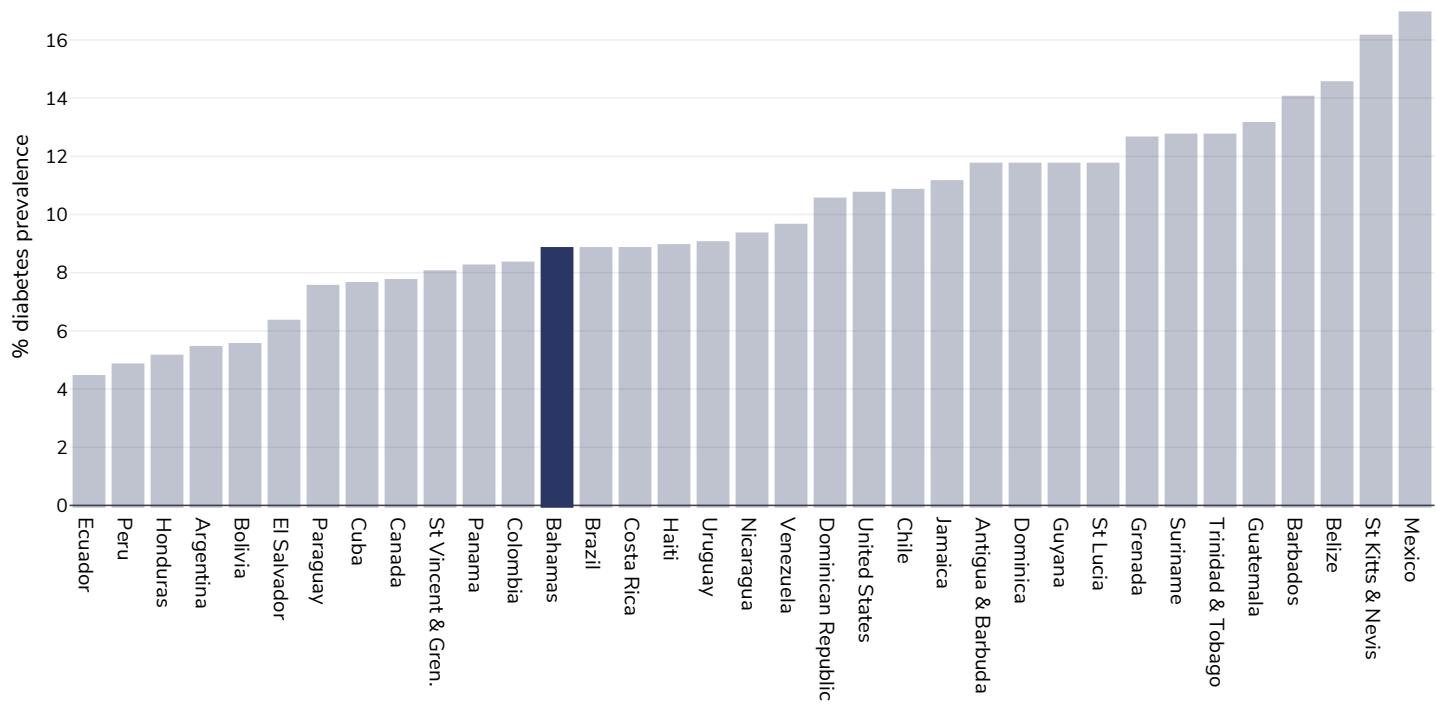
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Definitions:

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?	X
National obesity strategy?	X
National childhood obesity strategy?	X
Comprehensive nutrition strategy?	X
Comprehensive physical activity strategy?	X
Evidence-based dietary guidelines and/or RDAs?	✓
National target(s) on reducing obesity?	X
Guidelines/policy on obesity treatment?	X
Promotion of breastfeeding?	X



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)?	X
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Key

✓ Present	✓v Present (voluntary)	✓ Incoming	X Absent	? Unknown
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