

# Belgium



Country report card

This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.



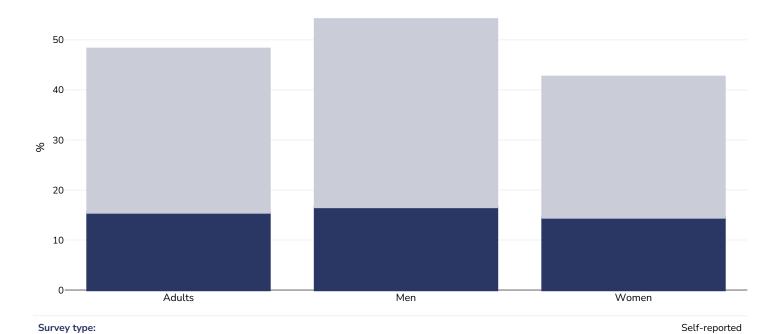
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# **Obesity prevalence**

### Adults, 2022





Age:

Area covered:

References:

Eurostat 2022 Data. Available at <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/ilc\_hch10/default/table?lang=en">https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/ilc\_hch10/default/table?lang=en</a> (last accessed 19.03.25)

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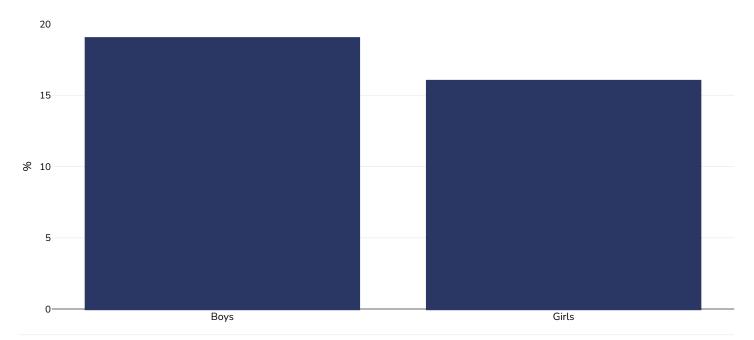
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### Children, 2021-2022

Overweight or obesity



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 13

References:

Rakic JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. 'Any translation was not created by the World Health Organization (WHO). WHO is not responsible for the content or accuracy of this translation. The original English edition shall be the binding and authentic edition'

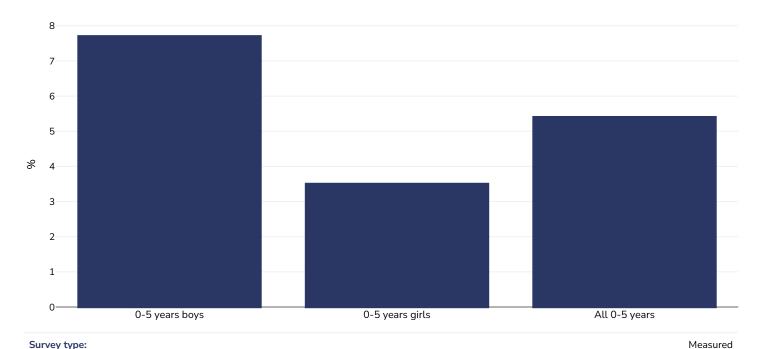
Notes: FrenchHBSC aims to survey approximately 1500 pupils per age group in each country or region (totaling around 4500)

Cutoffs: +2SD



### 0-5 years, 2023

Overweight or obesity



Survey type.	Medaled	
Age:	3-5	
Sample size:	720	
Area covered:	National	
References:	Belgian Food Consumption Survey 2022-2023	
Notes:	UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight estimates: National and Disaggregated,	

UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight estimates: National and Disaggregated,
July 2025, New York. Weighted sample size. For more information, please consult <a href="https://data.unicef.org/resources/jme/">https://data.unicef.org/resources/jme/</a>. NB. Age interval
36-59 months

Definitions: 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.

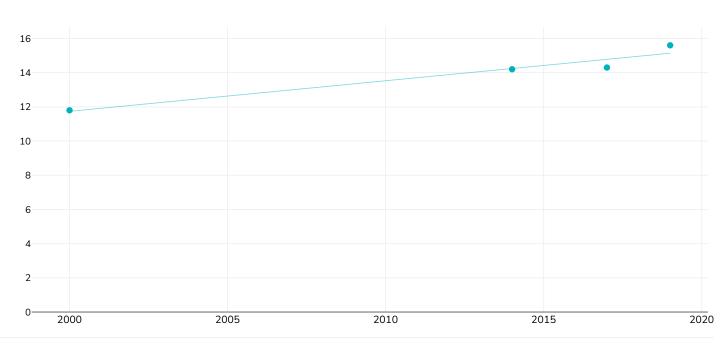
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# Trend adult obesity 2000 2019

#### Women

Obesity



Survey type: Self-reported

References:

2000: Eurostat Yearbook 2006/07. A goldmine of statistical information. Available at

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2014: Database: <a href="http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=hlth\_ehis\_bm1e&lang=en">http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=hlth\_ehis\_bm1e&lang=en</a> (last accessed 25.08.20)

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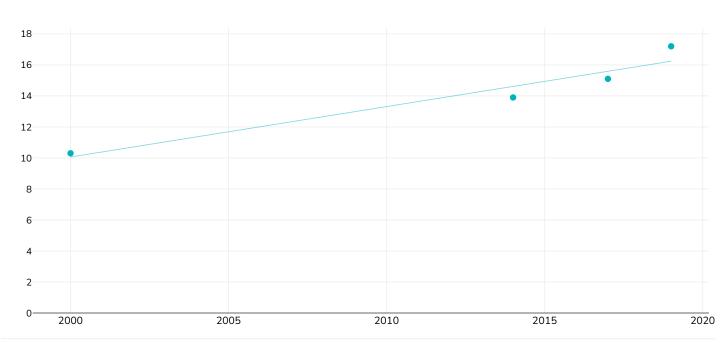
2019: Eurostat 2019. Data available at <a href="https://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=hlth\_ehis\_bm1i&lang=en">https://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=hlth\_ehis\_bm1i&lang=en</a> (last

accessed 09.08.21)



#### Men





Survey type: Self-reported

References:

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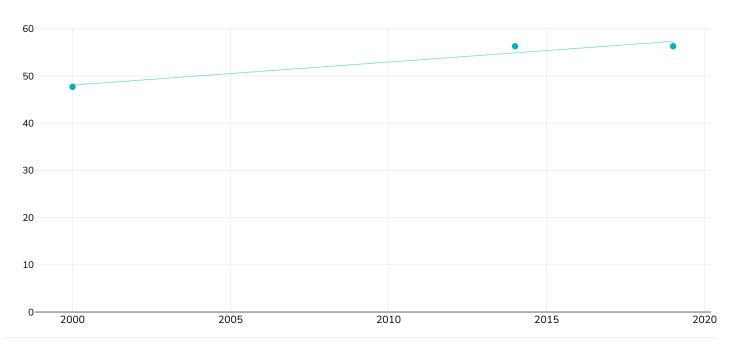
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# Trend adult overweight obesity 2000 2019

#### Men

Overweight or obesity



Survey type: Self-reported

References:

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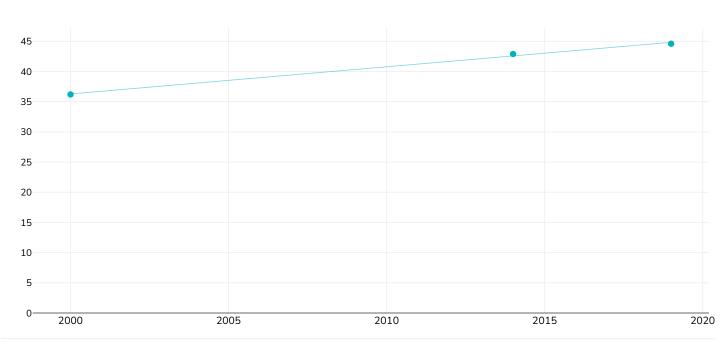
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#### Women

Overweight or obesity



Survey type: Self-reported

References:

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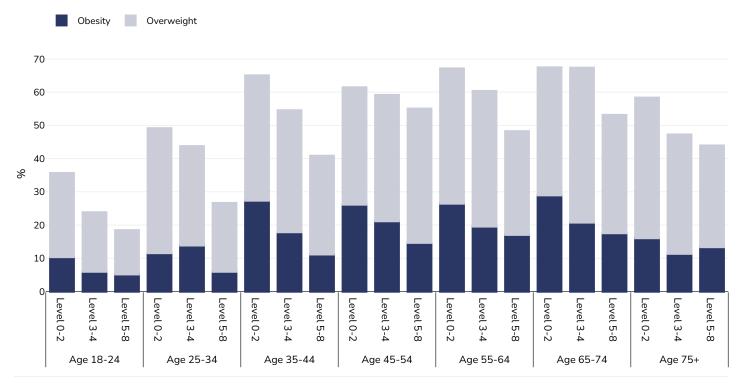
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# Overweight/obesity by age and education

#### Adults, 2019



Survey type: Self-reported

Area covered: National

References: Eurostat 2019. Available at

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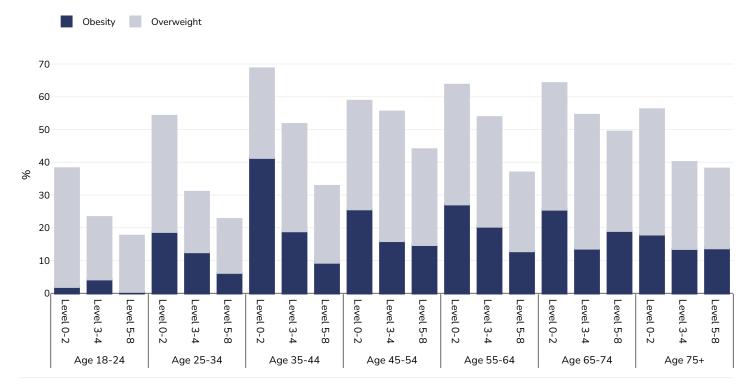
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Notes: Males age 18-24 insufficient data to display by educational status

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### Women, 2019



Survey type: Self-reported

Area covered: National

References:

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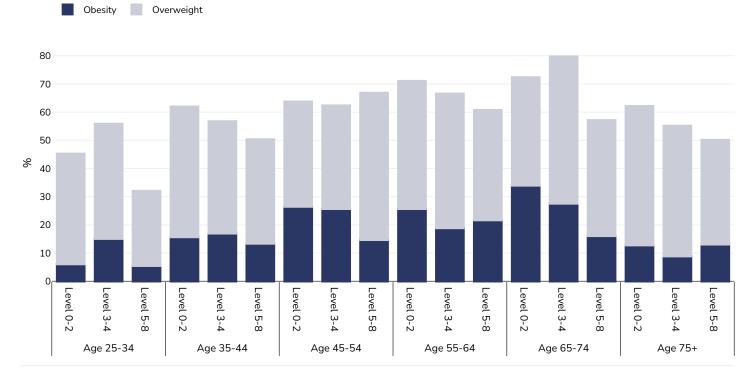
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### Men, 2019



Survey type: Self-reported

Area covered: National

References: Eurostat 2019. Available at

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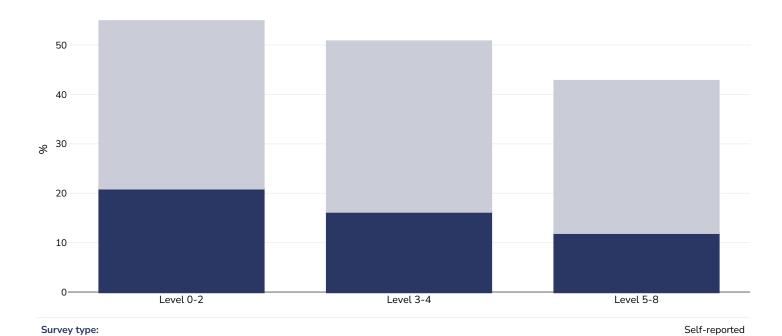
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# Overweight/obesity by education

### Adults, 2022





Age:

Area covered:

References:

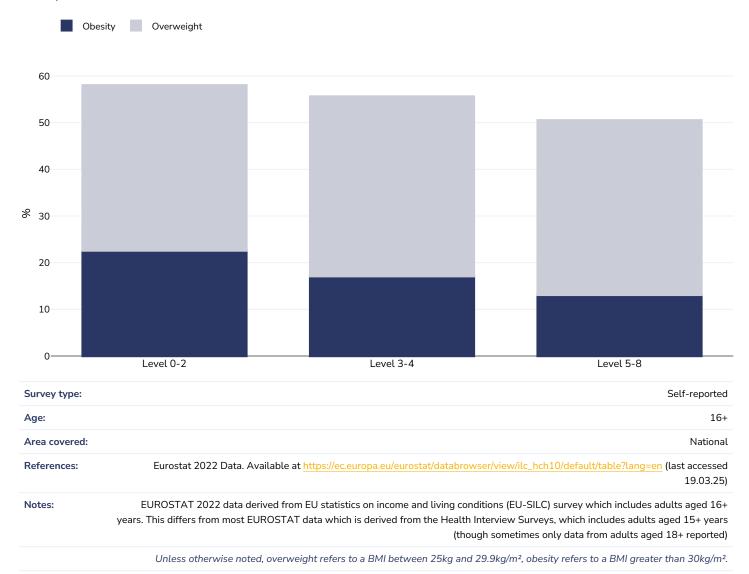
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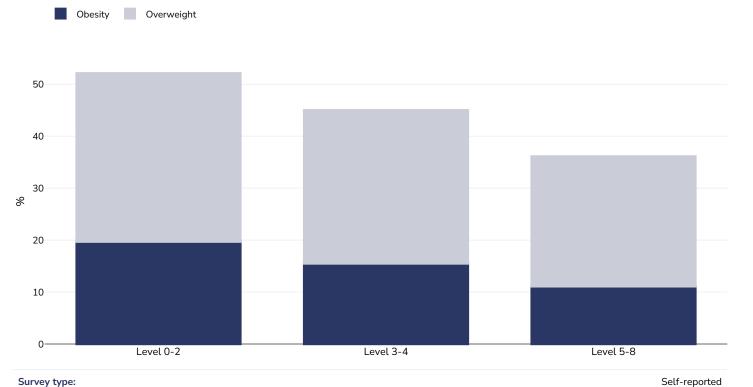


### Men, 2022





#### Women, 2022



Age:

Area covered:

References:

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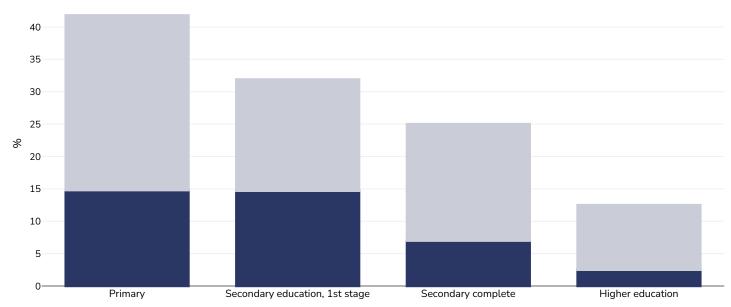
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# Children, 2018

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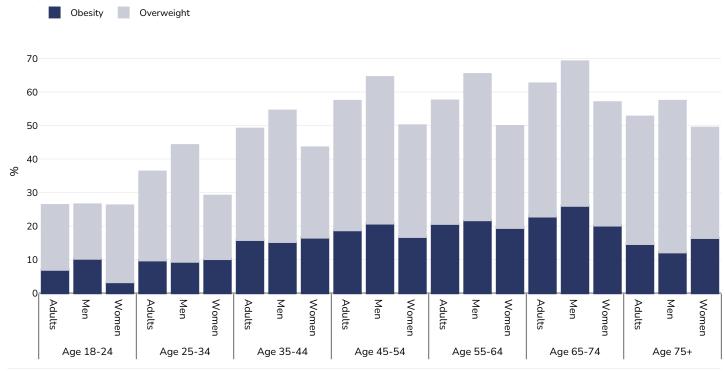


Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	2-17
Sample size:	1881
Area covered:	National
References:	S. Drieskens, R. Charafeddine, L. Gisle : Enquête de santé 2018 : Etat nutritionnel. Bruxelles, Belgique : Sciensano ; Numéro de rapport : D/2019/14.440/62. Disponible en ligne : www.enquetesante.be
Notes:	IOTF International Cut Off



# Overweight/obesity by age

# Adults, 2019



Survey type:

Area covered:

References:

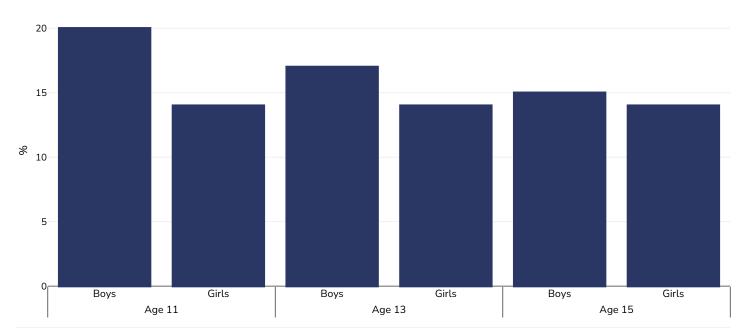
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#### Children, 2021-2022

Overweight or obesity



Survey type: Self-reported

Area covered: See Report

References:

RakiÃ?â?¡ JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. 'Any translation was not created by the World Health Organization (WHO). WHO is not responsible for the content or accuracy of this translation. The original English edition shall be the binding and authentic edition'

Notes: FlemishHBSC aims to survey approximately 1500 pupils per age group in each country or region (totaling around 4500)

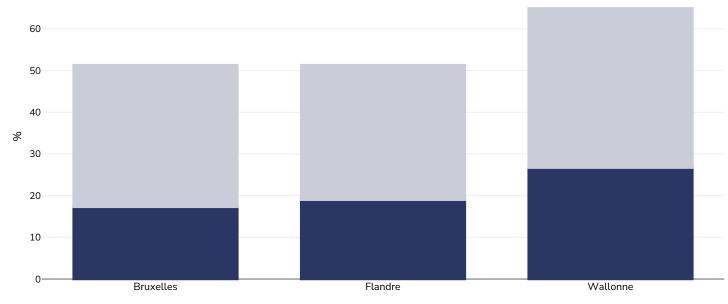
Cutoffs: +2SD



# Overweight/obesity by region

### Adults, 2018





Survey type:	Measured	
Age:	18+	
Sample size:	1152	
Area covered:	National	
References:	Belgium Health Examination Survey 2018. J. Van der Heyden, D. Nguyen, F. Renard, A. Scohy, S. Demarest, S. Drieskens, L. Gisle. Enquête de santé par examen belge. Bruxelles, Belgique : Sciensano ; Numéro de rapport : D/2019/14.440/90. Disponible en ligne : www.enquetesante.be	
Notes:	Larger self report data also available	

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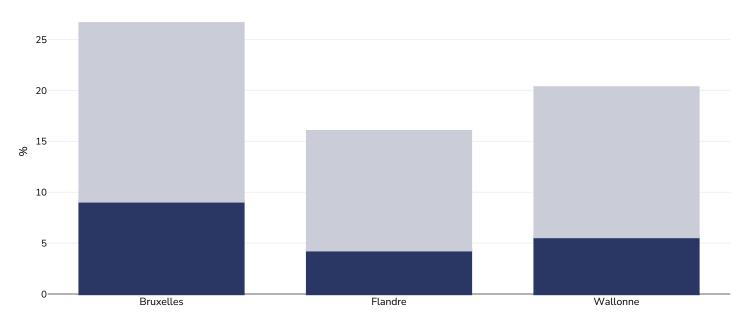
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# Children, 2018

**Cutoffs:** 



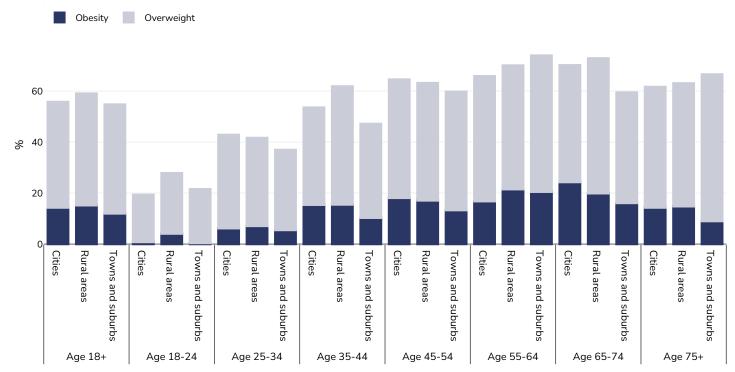


Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	2-17
Sample size:	1881
Area covered:	National
References:	S. Drieskens, R. Charafeddine, L. Gisle : Enquête de santé 2018 : Etat nutritionnel. Bruxelles, Belgique : Sciensano ; Numéro de rapport : D/2019/14.440/62. Disponible en ligne : www.enquetesante.be
Notes:	IOTF International Cut Off



# Overweight/obesity by age and region

### Men, 2014



Survey type:

Area covered:

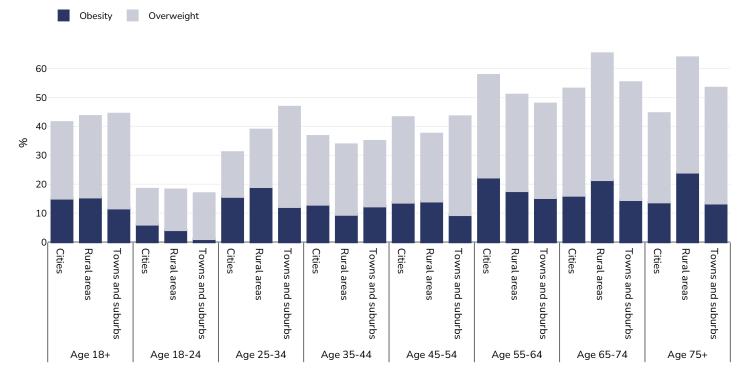
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### Women, 2014



Survey type:

Area covered:

References:

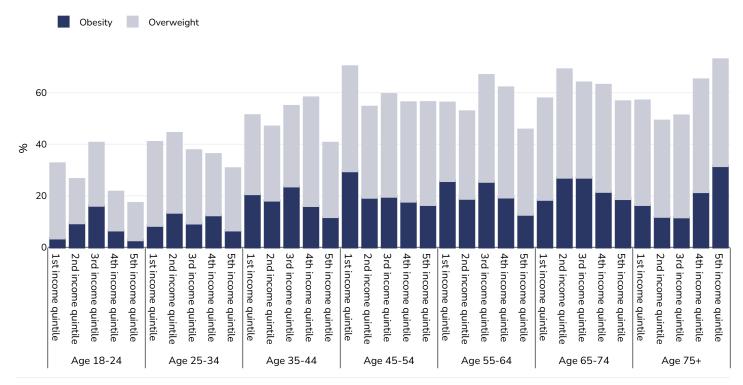
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### Overweight/obesity by age and socio-economic group

#### Adults, 2019



Survey type:

Area covered:

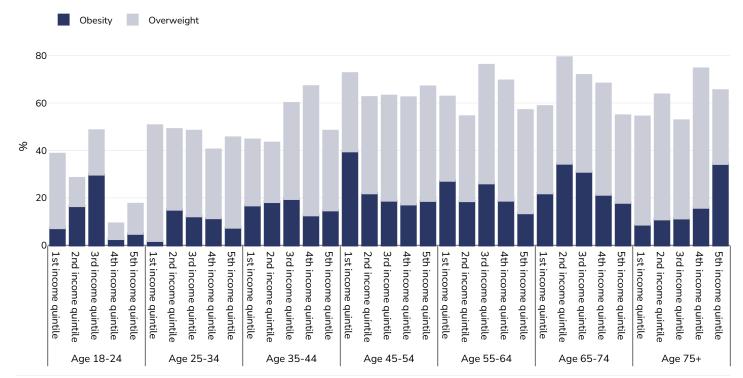
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#### Men, 2019



Survey type: Self-reported

Area covered: National

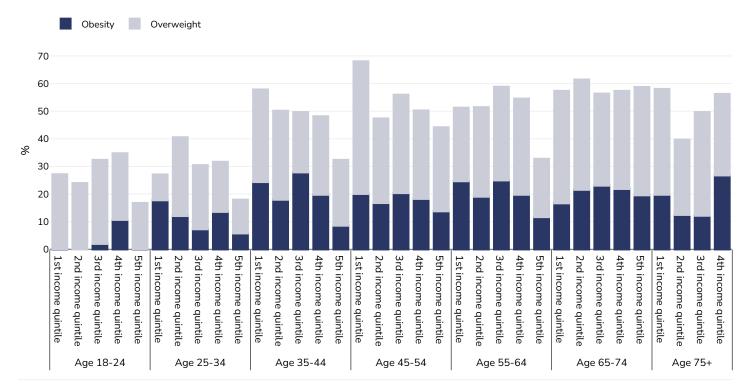
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#### Women, 2019



Survey type: Self-reported

Area covered: National

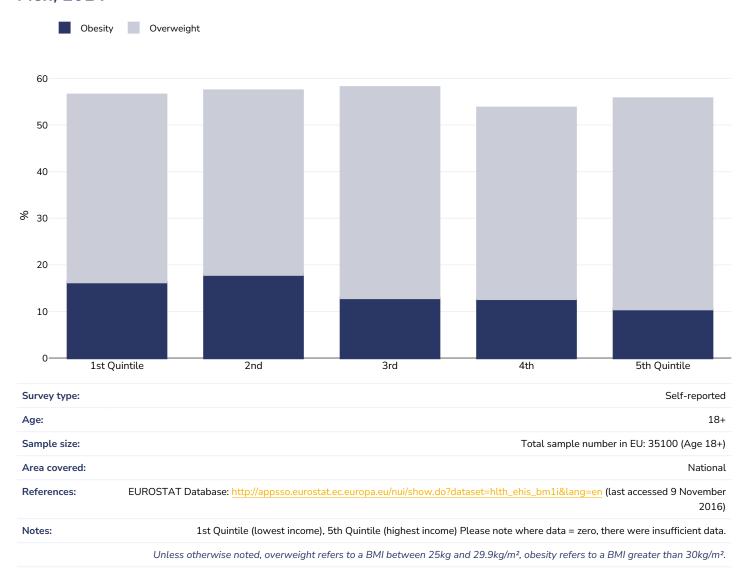
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# Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

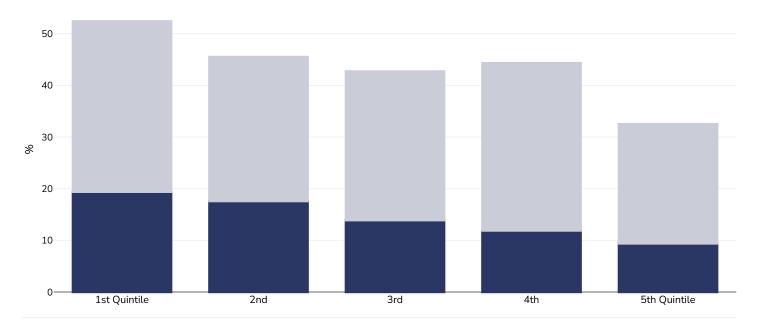
### Men, 2014





# Women, 2014





Survey type:

Age:

Sample size:

Total sample number in EU: 35100 (Age 18+)

Area covered:

National

References:

EUROSTAT Database: <a href="http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=hlth\_ehis\_bm1i&lang=en">http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=hlth\_ehis\_bm1i&lang=en</a> (last accessed 9 November

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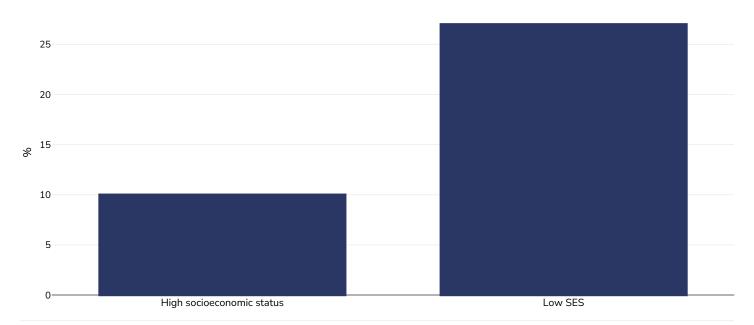
Notes: 1st Quintile (lowest income), 5th Quintile (highest income) Please note where data = zero, there were insufficient data.

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#### Boys, 2021-2022

Overweight or obesity



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-15

References:

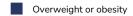
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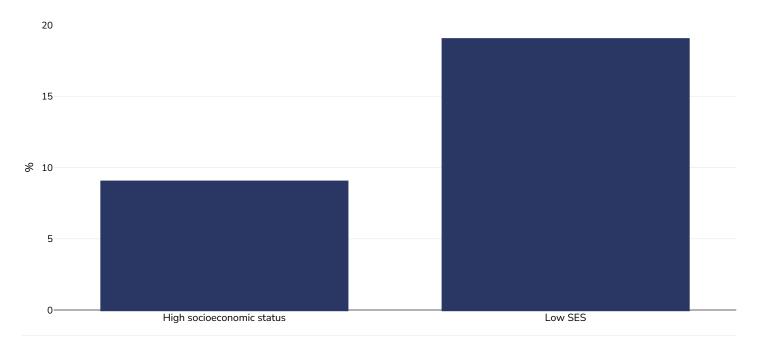
Notes: FlemishFamily affluence scaleHBSC aims to survey approximately 1500 pupils per age group in each country or region (totaling around 4500)

Cutoffs: +2SD



#### Girls, 2021-2022





Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-15

References:

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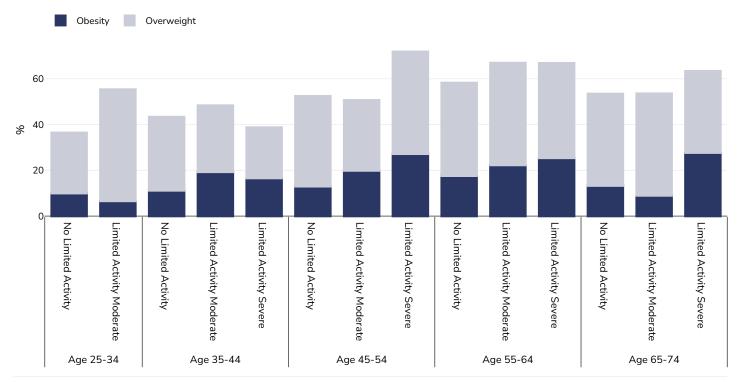
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# Overweight/obesity by age and limited activity

#### Adults, 2014



Survey type: Self-reported

Area covered: National

References:

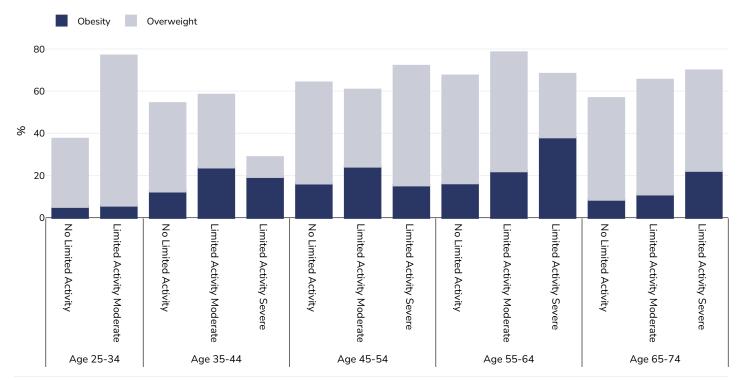
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### Men, 2014

References:

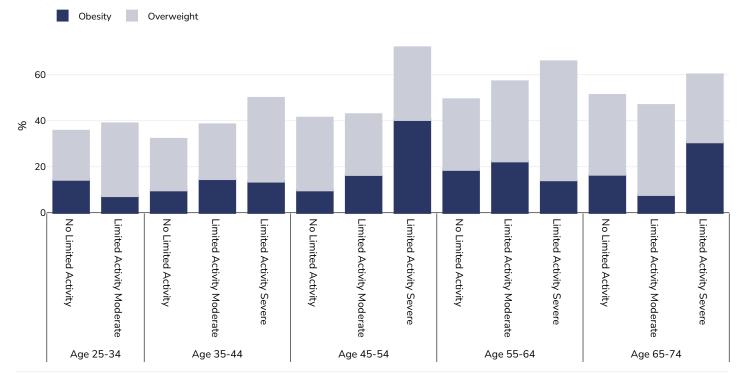


Survey type: Self-reported National Area covered:  $Eurostat\ 2014\ available\ at\ \underline{https://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/submitViewTableAction.do}\ (last\ accessed\ 06.10.21)$ 

Unless otherwise noted, overweight refers to a BMI between 25kg and 29.9kg/m², obesity refers to a BMI greater than 30kg/m².



### Women, 2014



Survey type:

Area covered:

References:

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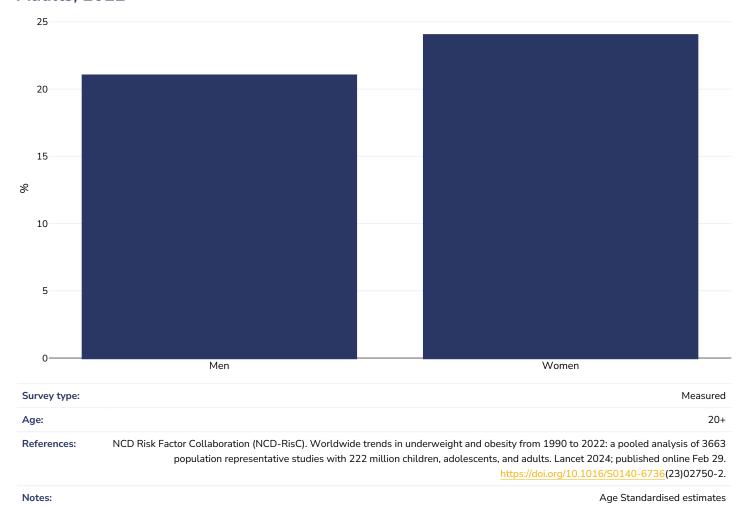
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# Double burden of underweight & overweight

#### Adults, 2022

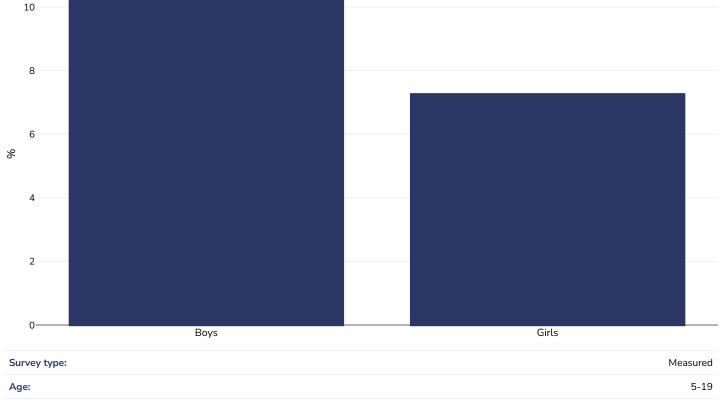
**Definitions:** 



Combined prevalence of BMI<18.5 kg/m $^2$  and BMI>=30 kg/m $^2$  (double burden of underweight and obesity)



### Children, 2022



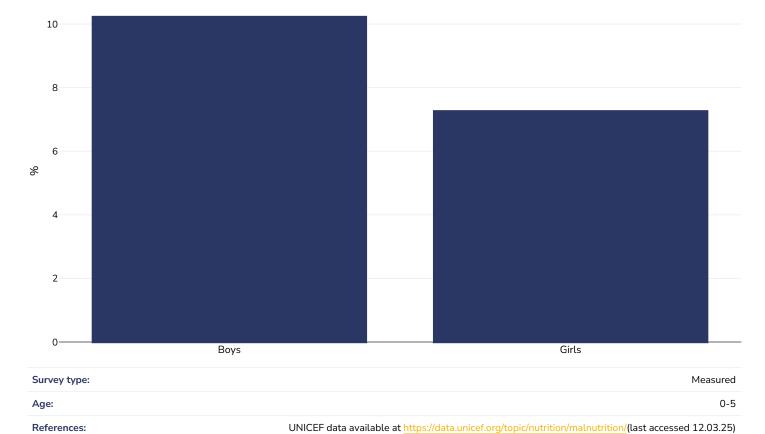
References: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Worldwide trends in underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 3663 population representative studies with 222 million children, adolescents, and adults. Lancet 2024; published online Feb 29. https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2.

Notes:	Age standardised estimates
Definitions:	Combined prevalence of BMI $<$ -2SD and BMI $>$ 2SD (double burden of thinness and obesity)

Cutoffs: BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD



### 0-5 years, 2014-2015



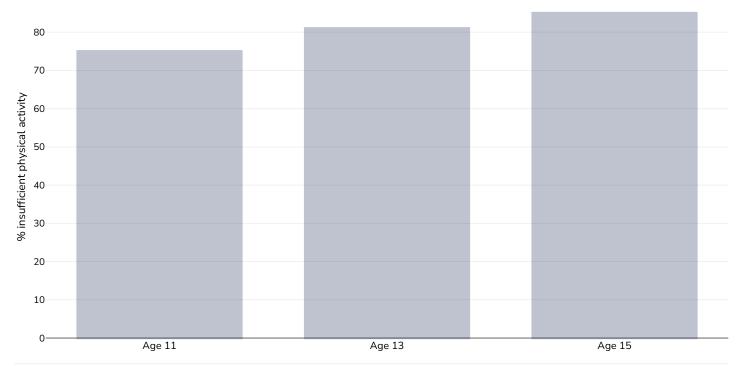
Notes: Children under 5 falling below -2 standard deviations from the median height for age and falling at or above +2 standard deviations

from the median weight-for-height of the reference population



### Insufficient physical activity

#### **Boys**



Area covered: French speaking

References:

RakiÄ? JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): <a href="https://data-browser.hbsc.org">https://data-browser.hbsc.org</a>.

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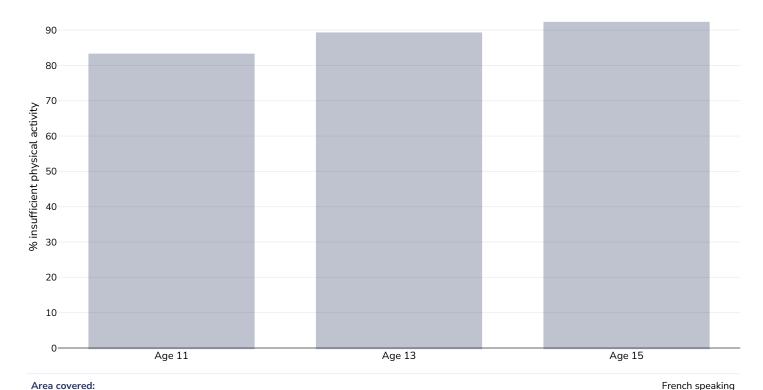
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Definitions:

% reporting less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily



## **Girls**



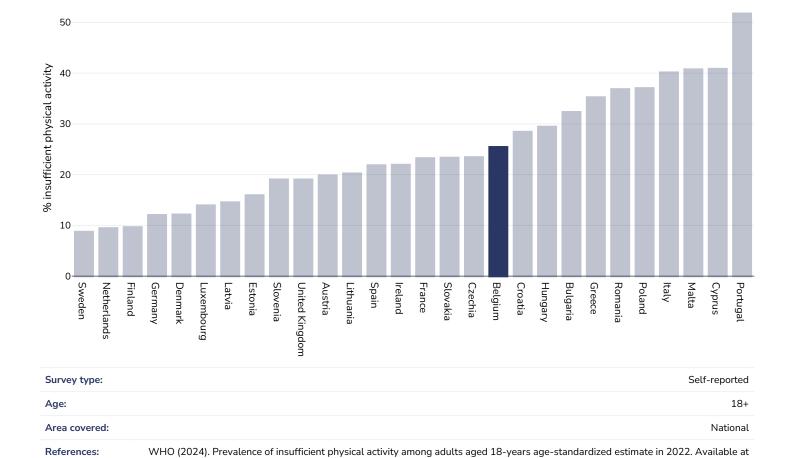
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#### Adults, 2022



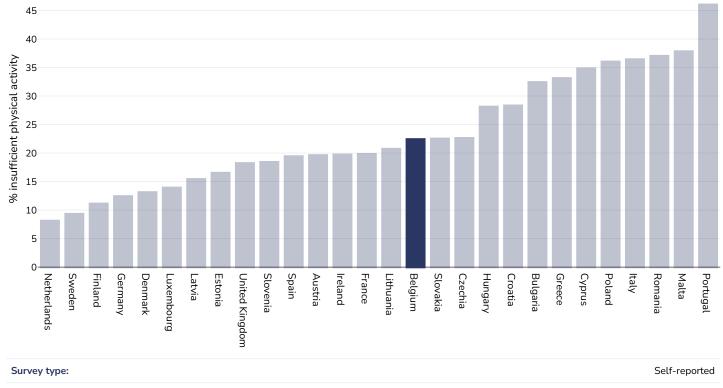
18-years-(age-standardized-estimate)-(-)

https://www.who.int/data/qho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/prevalence-of-insufficient-physical-activity-among-adults-aged-

**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.



#### Men, 2022



Age: 18+

Area covered: National

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

 $\underline{\text{https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/prevalence-of-insufficient-physical-activity-among-adults-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-among-adults-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-physical-activity-aged-phys$ 

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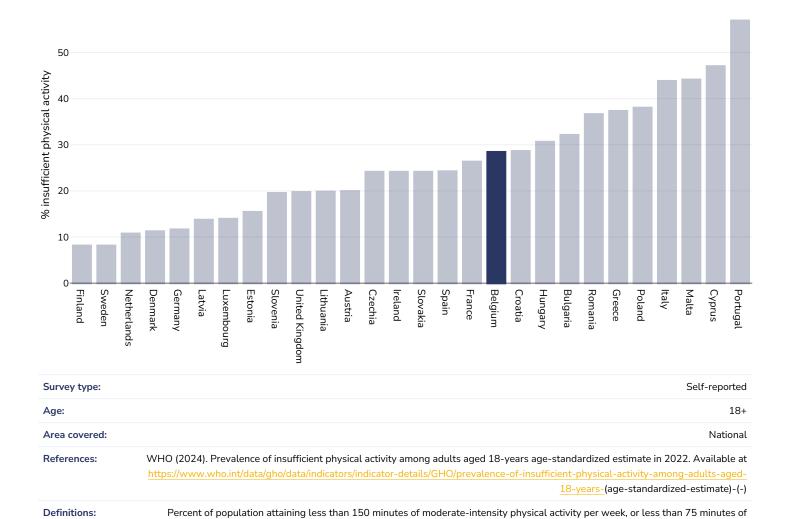
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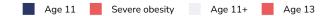


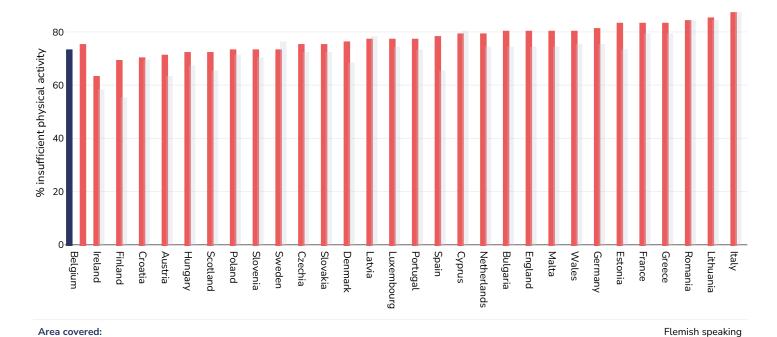
#### Women, 2022





#### Boys, 2022





References:

RakiÄ? JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): <a href="https://data-browser.hbsc.org">https://data-browser.hbsc.org</a>.

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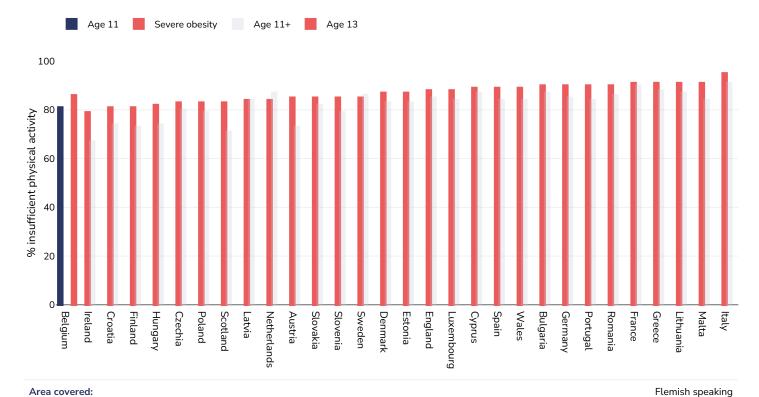
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**Definitions:** % reporting less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily



## Girls, 2022



References:	RakiÄ? JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): <a href="https://data-browser.hbsc.org">https://data-browser.hbsc.org</a> .
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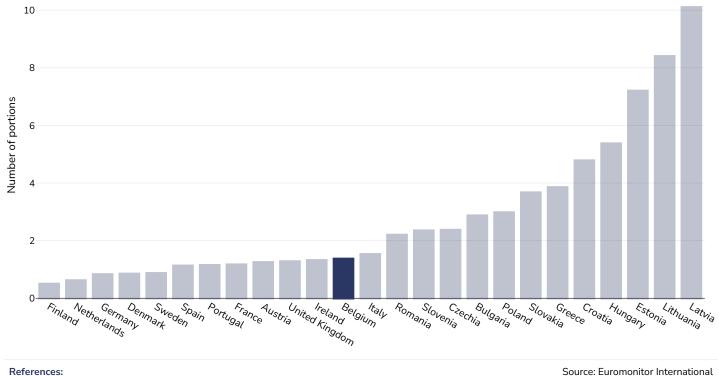
% reporting less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily

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# Sugar consumption

# Adults, 2016

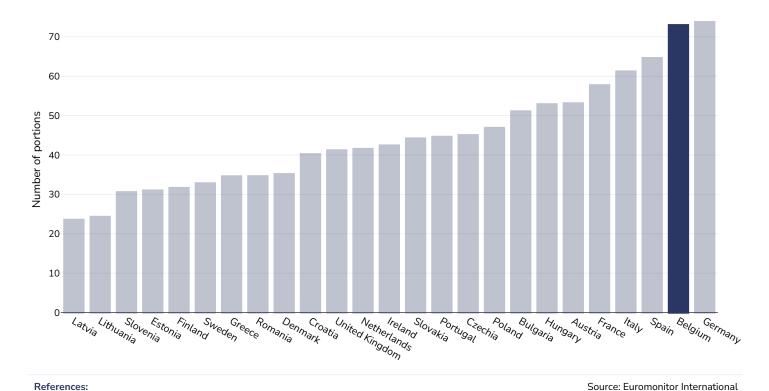


References:

Definitions: Sugar consumption (Number of 500g sugar portions/person/month)



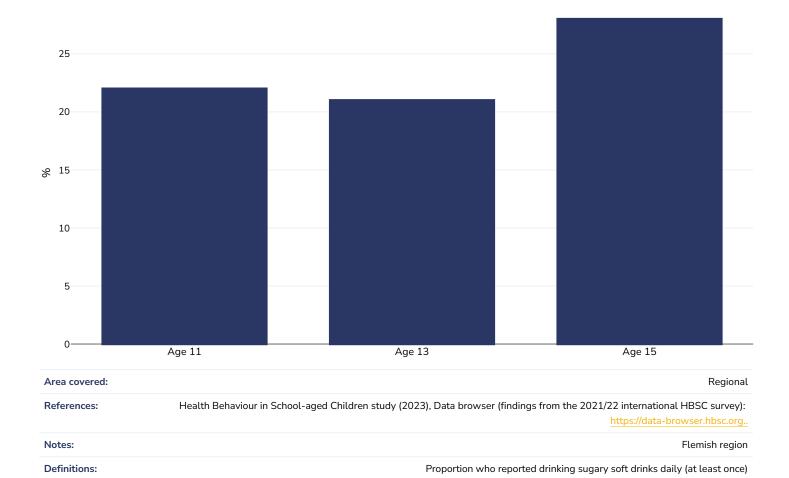
# Estimated per capita sugar sweetened beverages intake





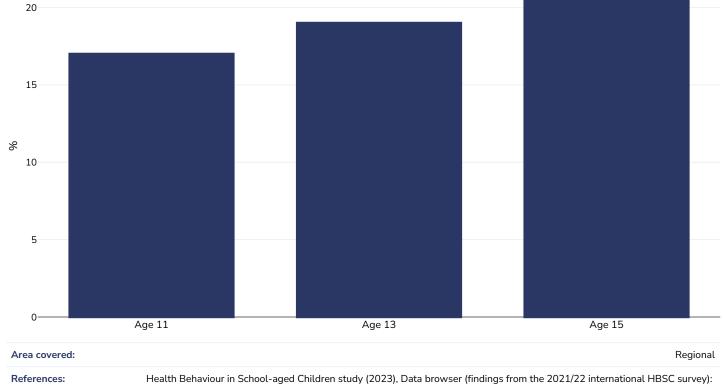
# Prevalence of at least daily carbonated soft drink consumption

## Boys, 2021-2022





## Girls, 2021-2022



Area covered:

Regional

References: Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): https://data-browser.hbsc.org.

Notes: Flemish region

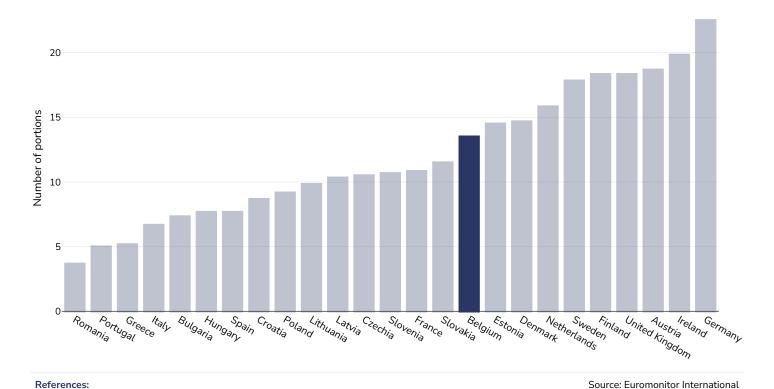
Definitions: Proportion who reported drinking sugary soft drinks daily (at least once)



# Prevalence of confectionery consumption

## Adults, 2016

**Definitions:** 



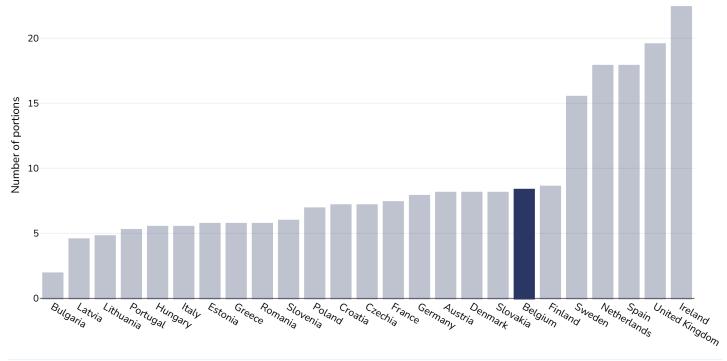
Prevalence of confectionery consumption (Number of 50g confectionery portions/person/month)

47



# Prevalence of sweet/savoury snack consumption

## Adults, 2016



References:

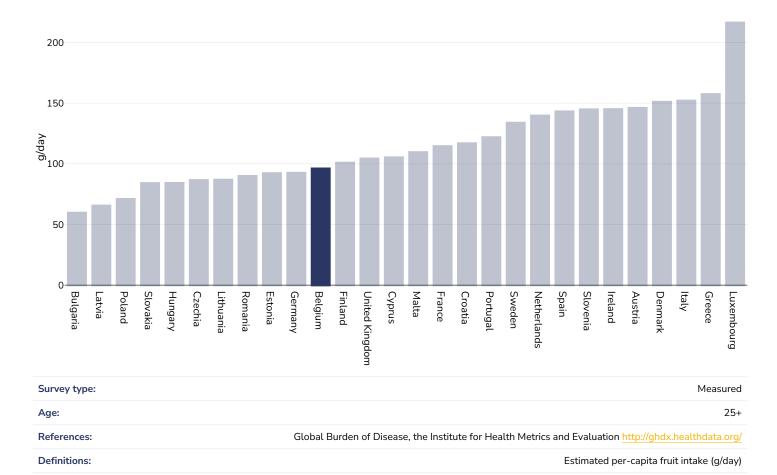
Source: Euromonitor International

Definitions:

Prevalence of sweet/savoury snack consumption (Number of 35g sweet/savoury snack portions/person/month)

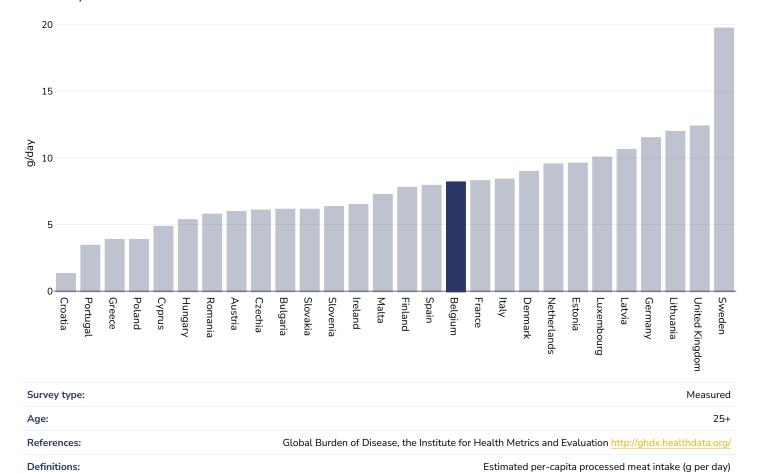


# Estimated per capita fruit intake



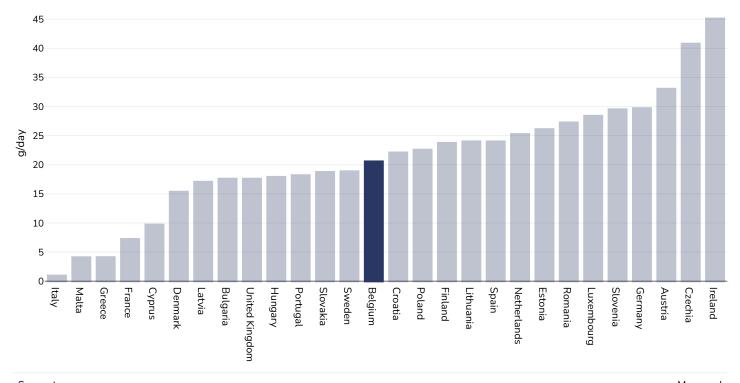


# Estimated per-capita processed meat intake





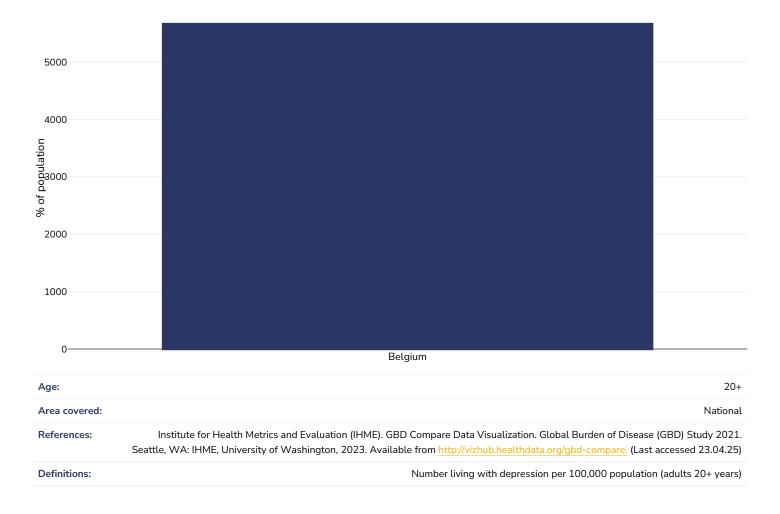
# Estimated per capita whole grains intake



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	25+
References:	Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation <a href="http://ghdx.healthdata.org/">http://ghdx.healthdata.org/</a>
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita whole grains intake (g/day)



# Mental health - depression disorders



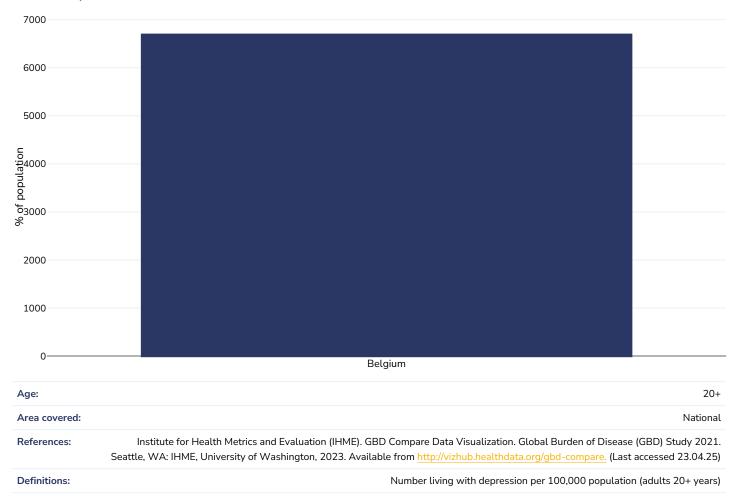


## Men, 2021



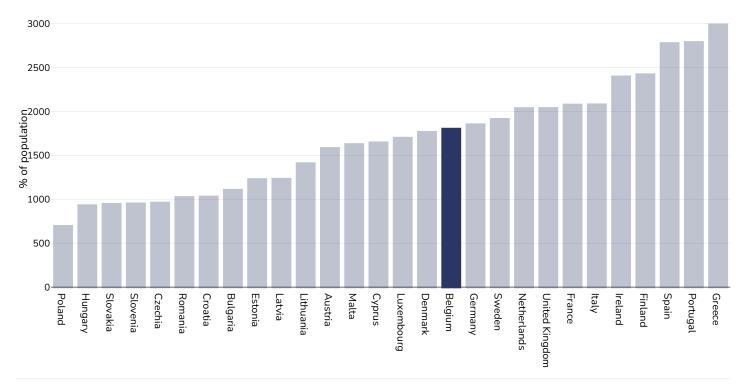


# Women, 2021





## Children, 2021



Area covered: National

References:

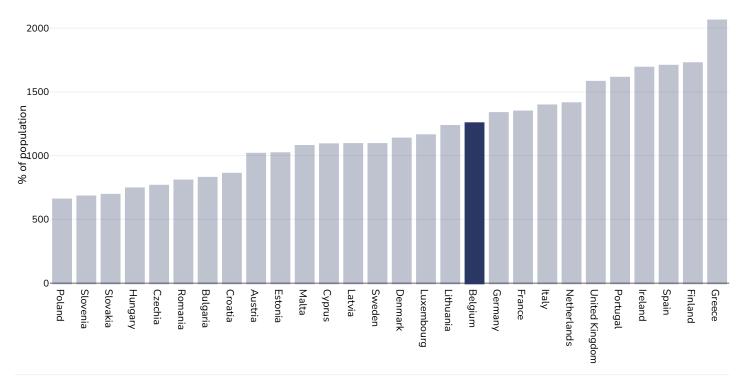
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**Definitions:** 

Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)  $\,$ 



## Boys, 2021



Area covered: National

References:

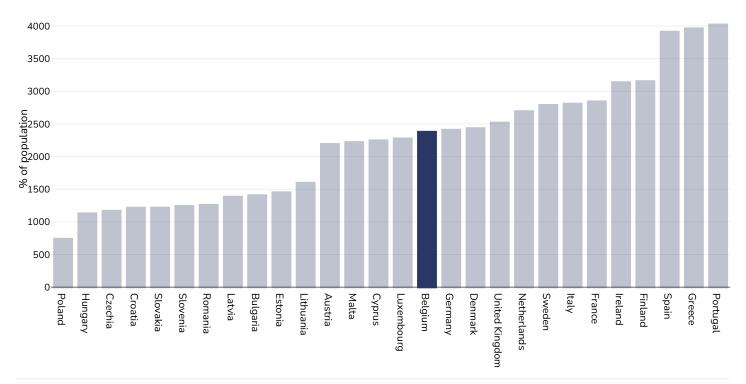
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**Definitions:** 

Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)  $\,$ 



#### Girls, 2021



Area covered: National

References:

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Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)



# Mental health - anxiety disorders

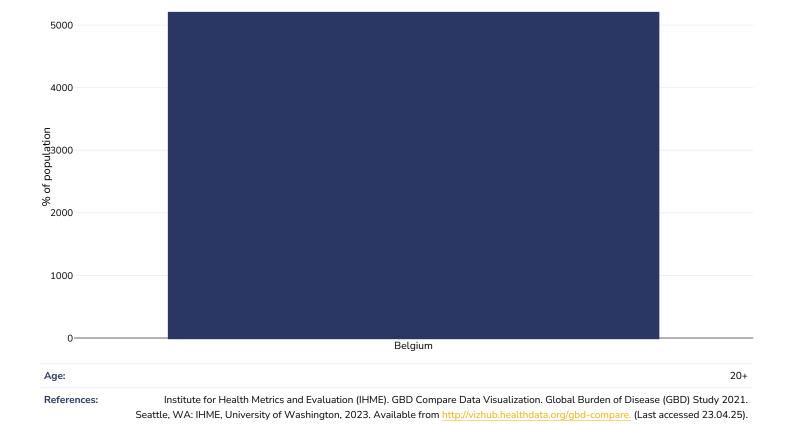


Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population



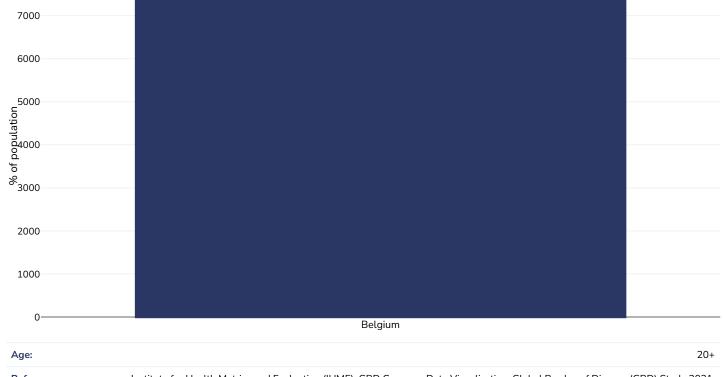
# Men, 2021

Definitions:





# Women, 2021



References:

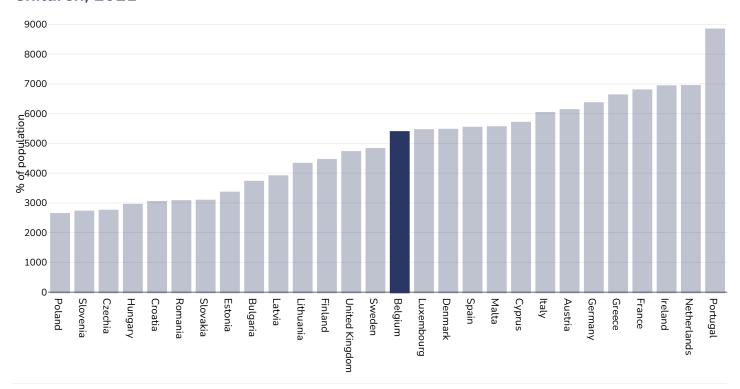
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Definitions:

Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population



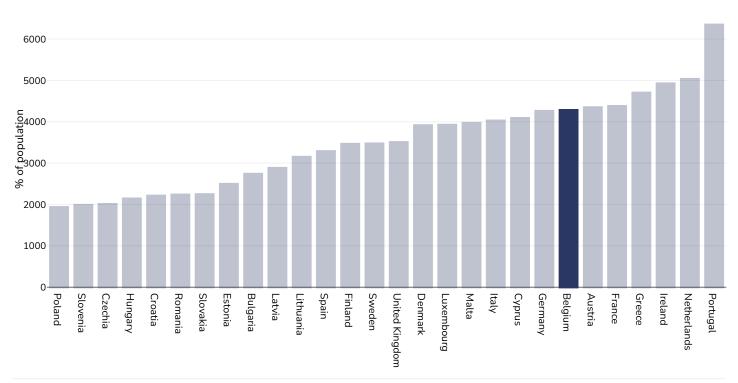
#### Children, 2021



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#### Boys, 2021

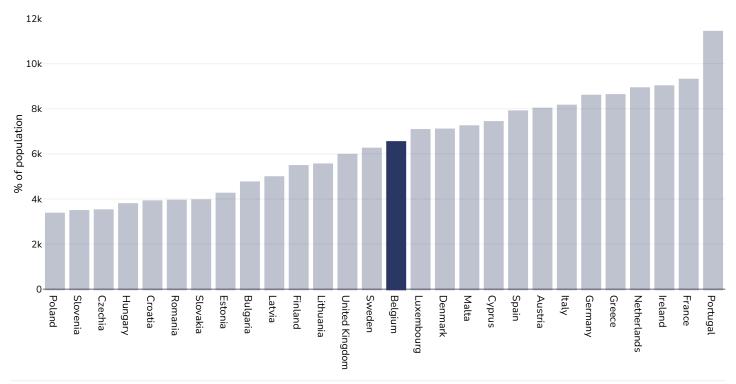


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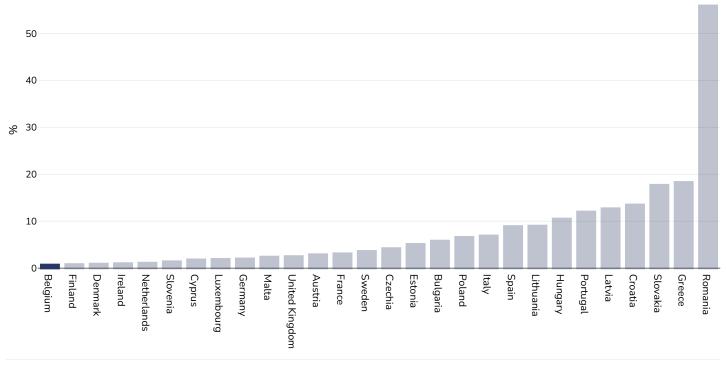
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# Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

#### Adults, 2022



Area covered: National

References:

The Food Systems Dashboard. The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), The Columbia Climate School, and Cornell University

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. 2024. Geneva, Switzerland. <a href="https://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org">https://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org</a>. DOI:

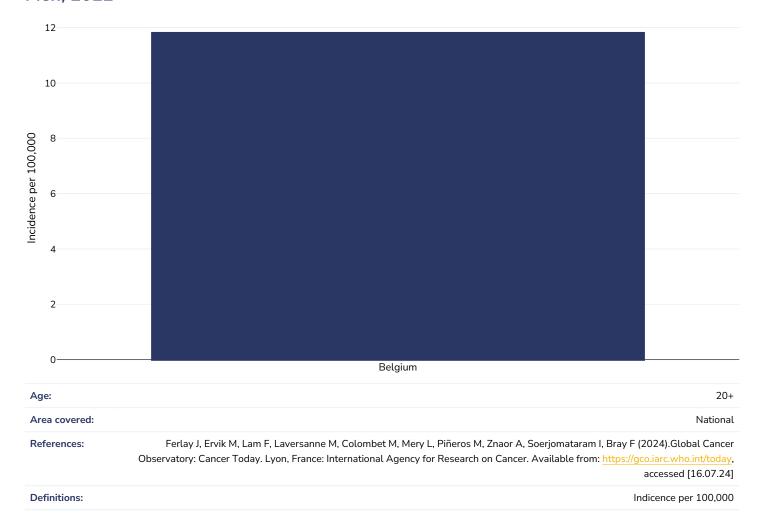
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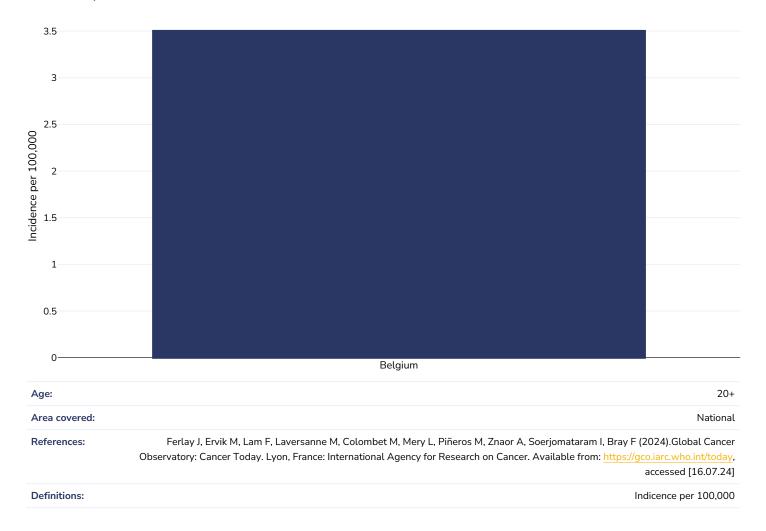
# Oesophageal cancer

## Men, 2022





# Women, 2022

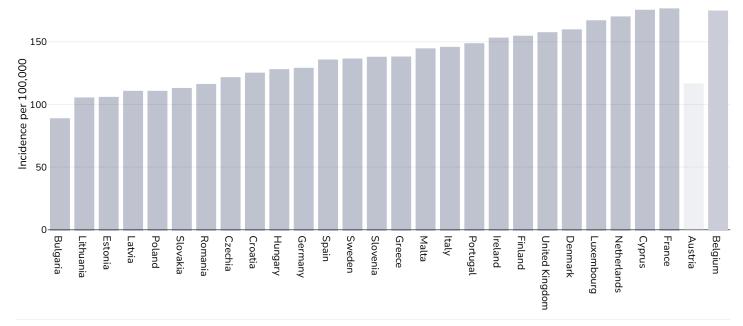




#### **Breast cancer**

#### Women, 2022





Area covered: National

References:

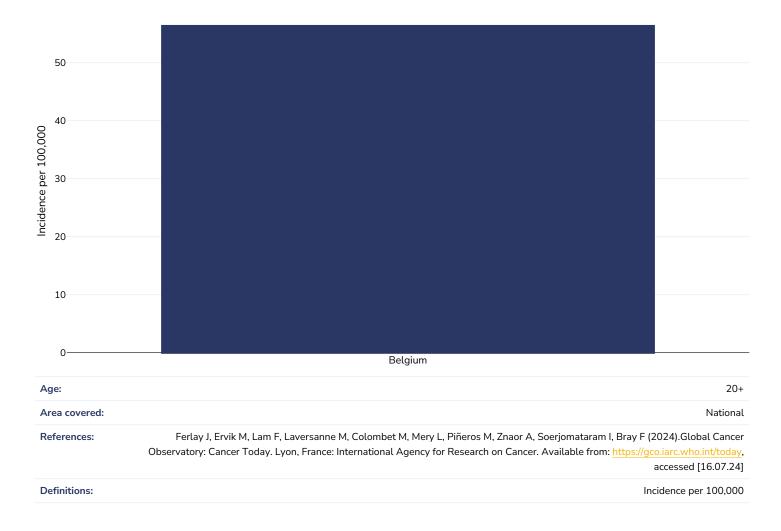
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



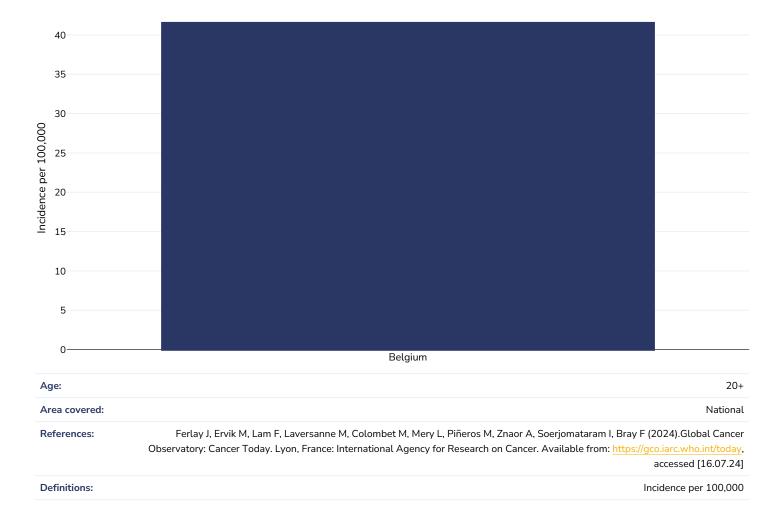
## **Colorectal cancer**

## Men, 2022





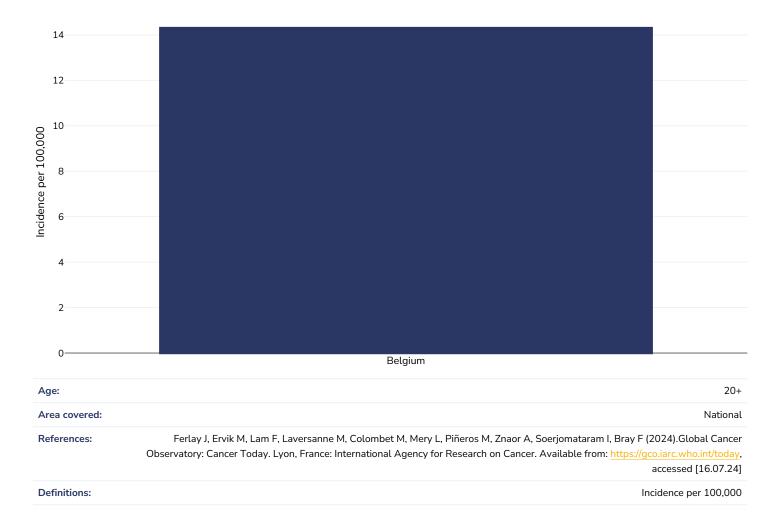
# Women, 2022





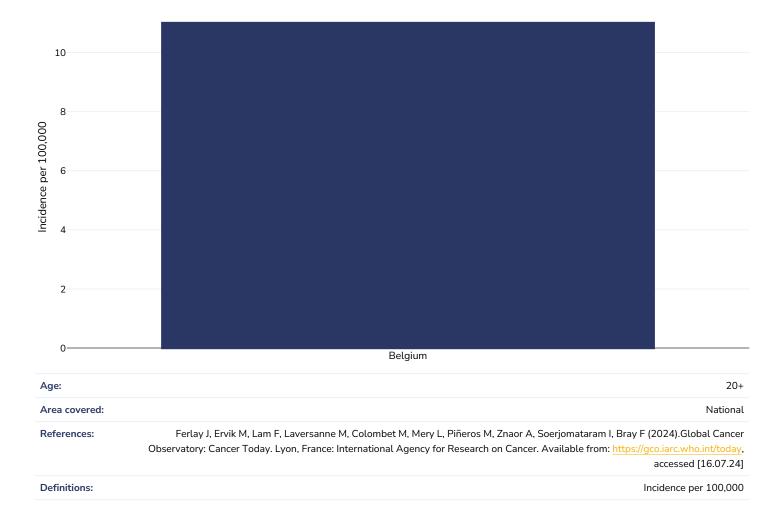
# Pancreatic cancer

## Men, 2022





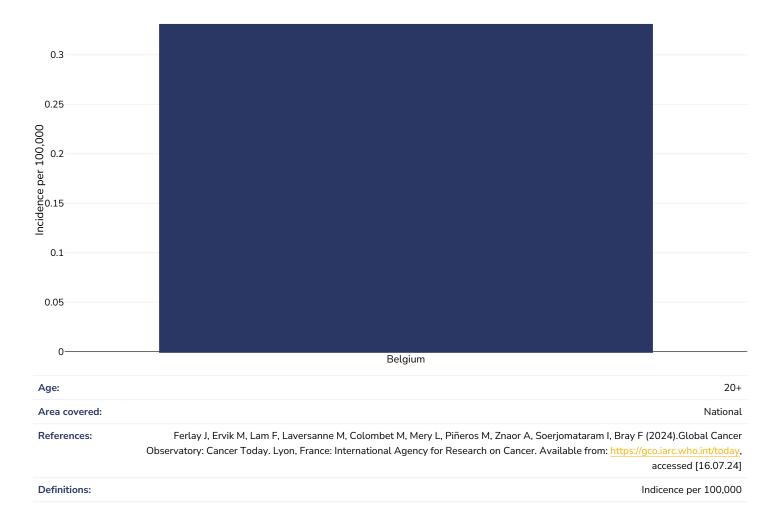
# Women, 2022





## Gallbladder cancer

## Men, 2022





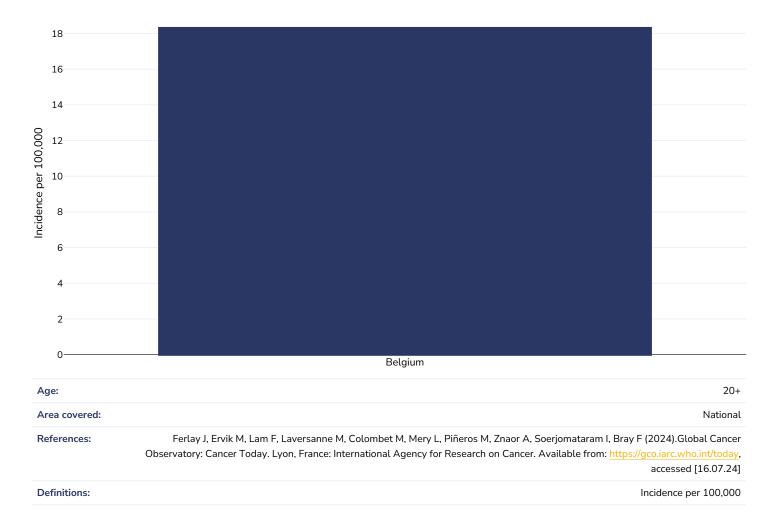
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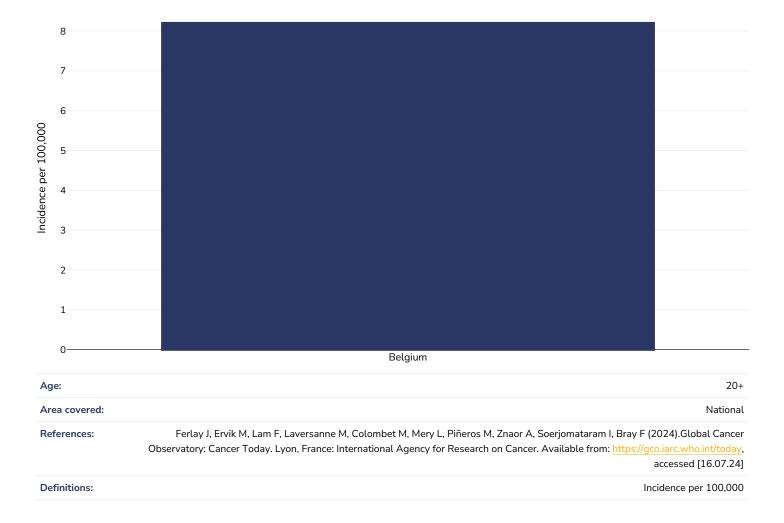


## Kidney cancer

## Men, 2022



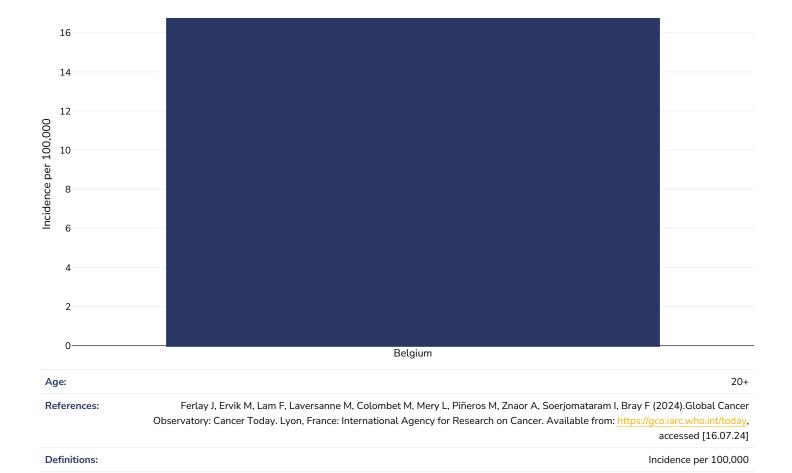






## Cancer of the uterus

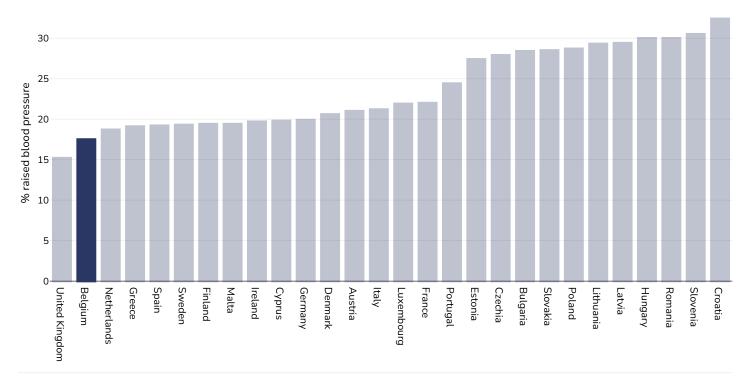
## Women, 2022





# Raised blood pressure

## Adults, 2015



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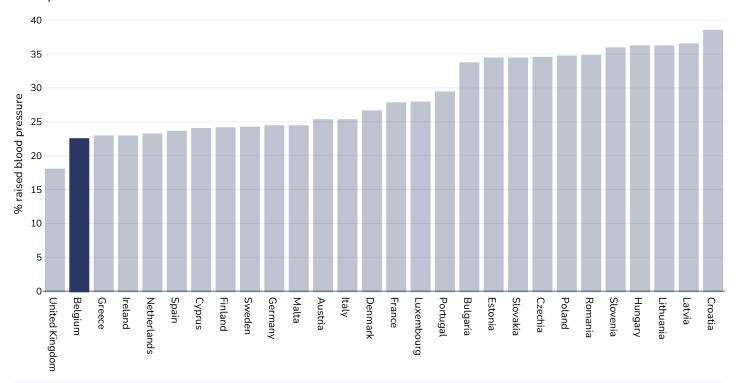
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A875?lang=en

Definitions:

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## Men, 2015



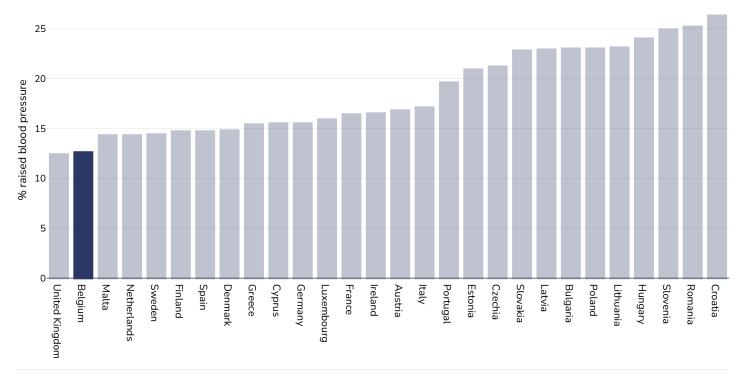
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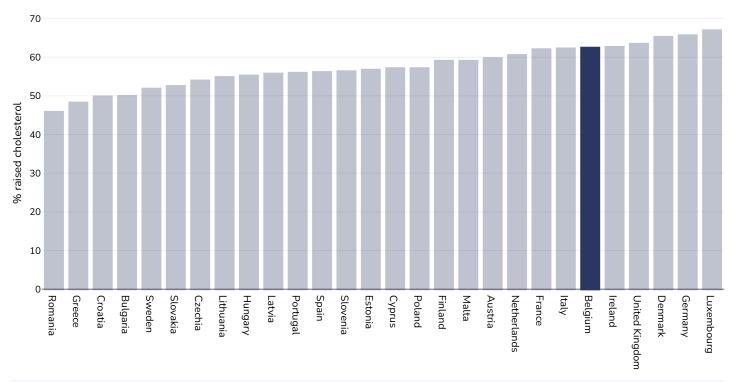
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## Raised cholesterol

## Adults, 2008



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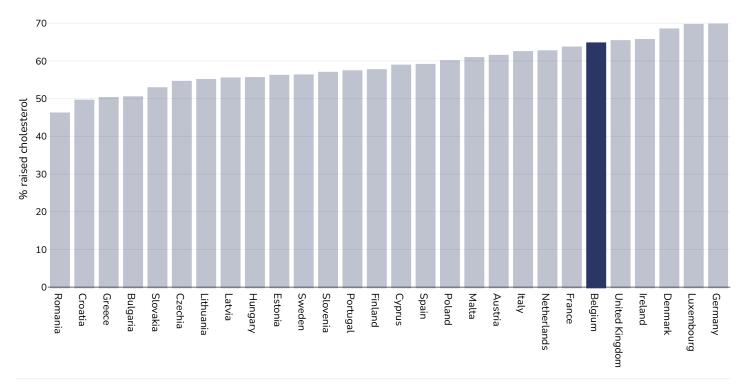
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Definitions:

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



## Men, 2008



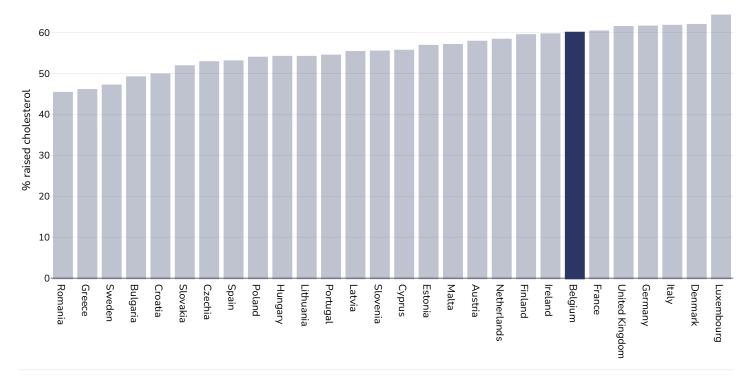
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Definitions:

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





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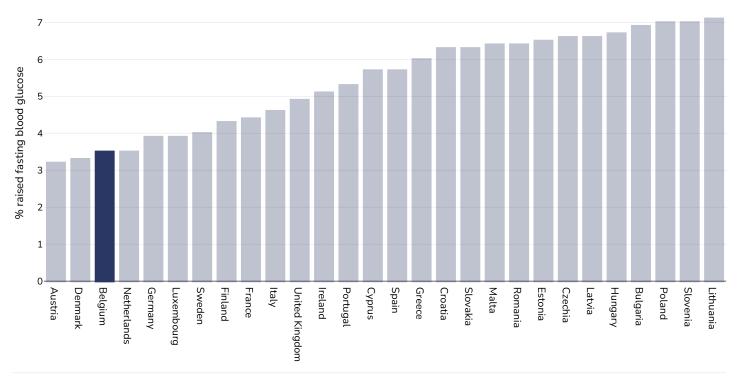
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# Raised fasting blood glucose

## Men, 2014



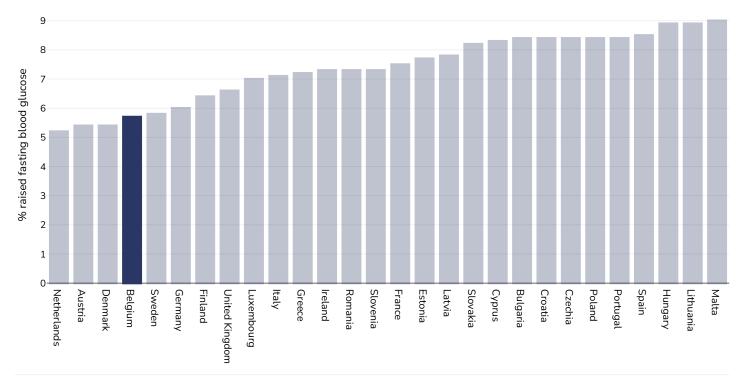
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Definitions:

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





References:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A869?lang=en

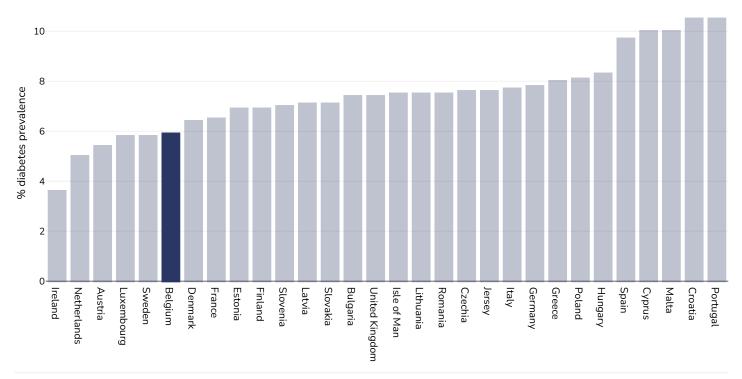
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# Diabetes prevalence

## Adults, 2024



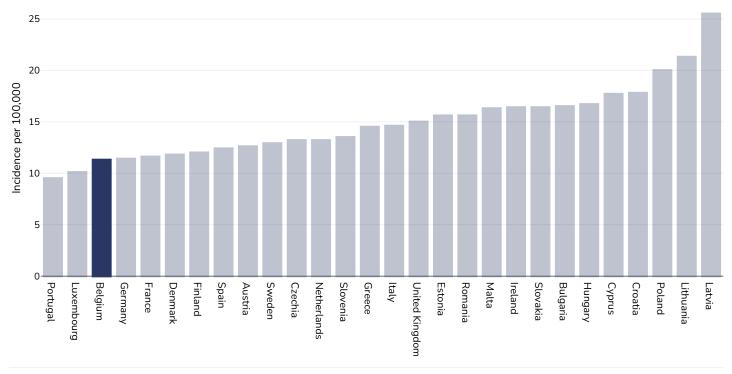
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## **Ovarian Cancer**

#### Women, 2022



Age: 20+

References:

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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



# Leukemia

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Area covered:							National				
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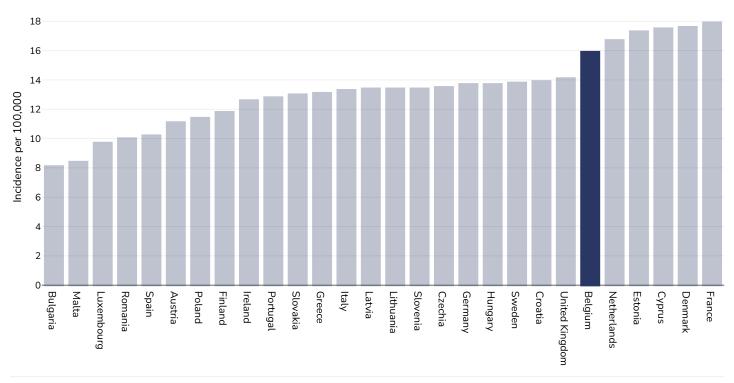


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## Leukemia

#### Men, 2022



Age: 20+

Area covered: National

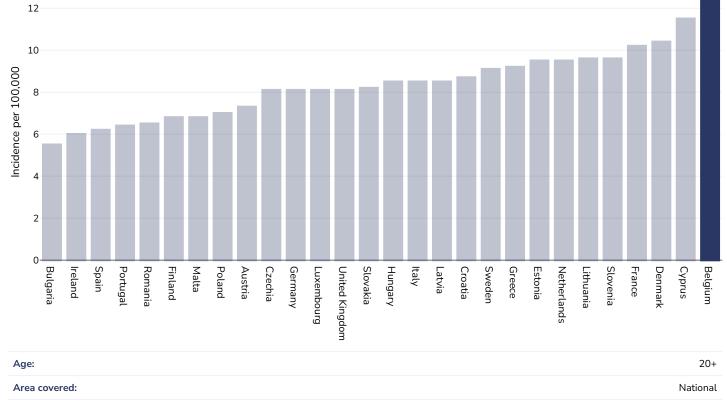
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000

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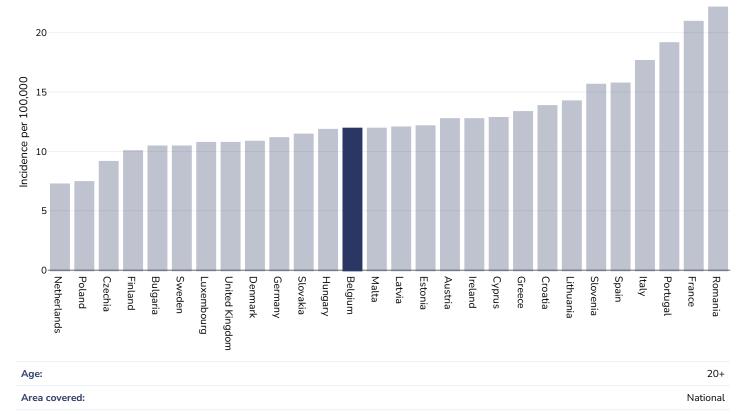
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# Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

## Men, 2022



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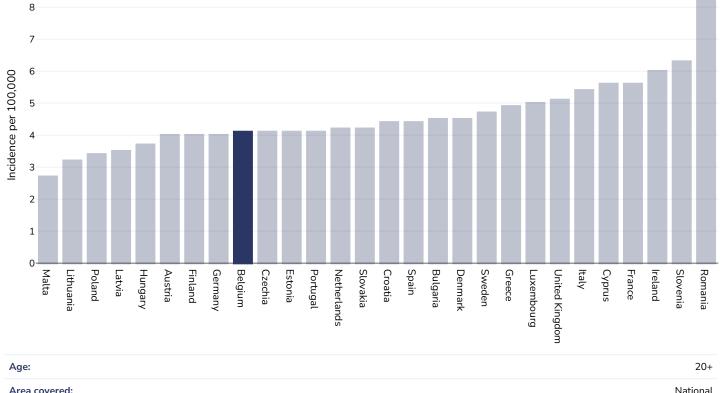
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## Women, 2022



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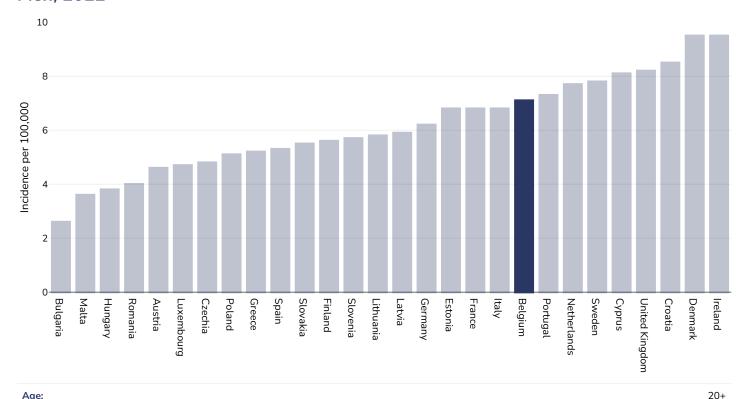
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**Definitions:** Incidence per 100,000



## Multiple Myeloma

## Men, 2022



Age:

Area covered: National

References:

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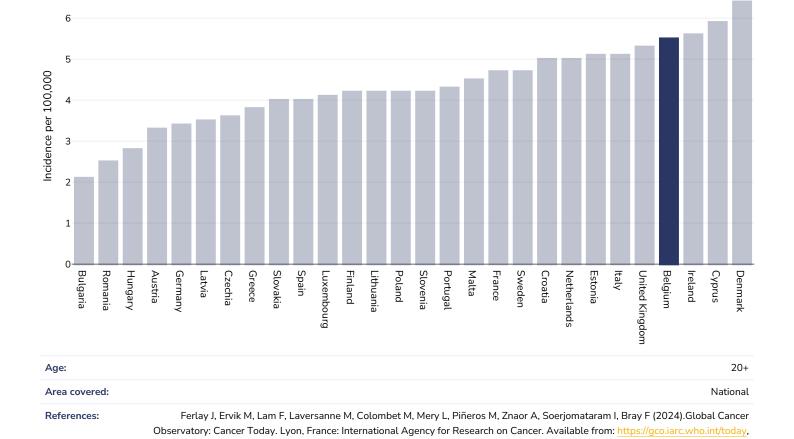
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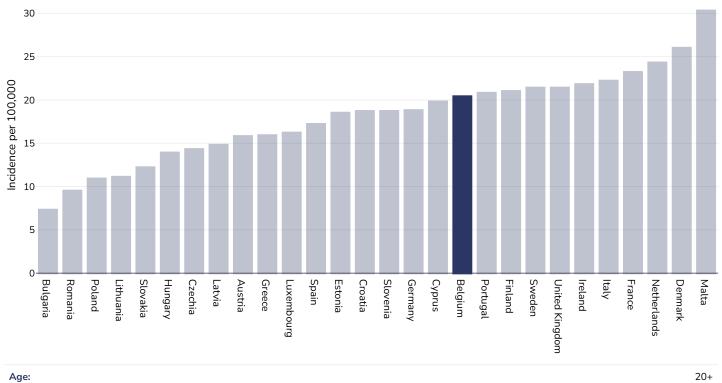
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## Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

## Men, 2022



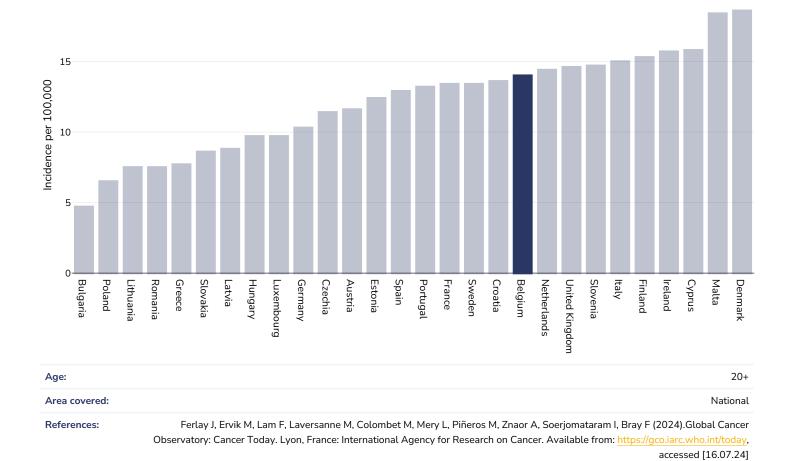
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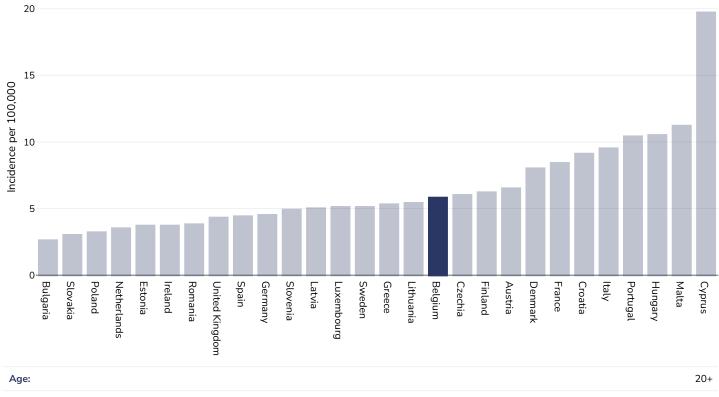
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## **Thyroid Cancer**

## Men, 2022



Area covered: National

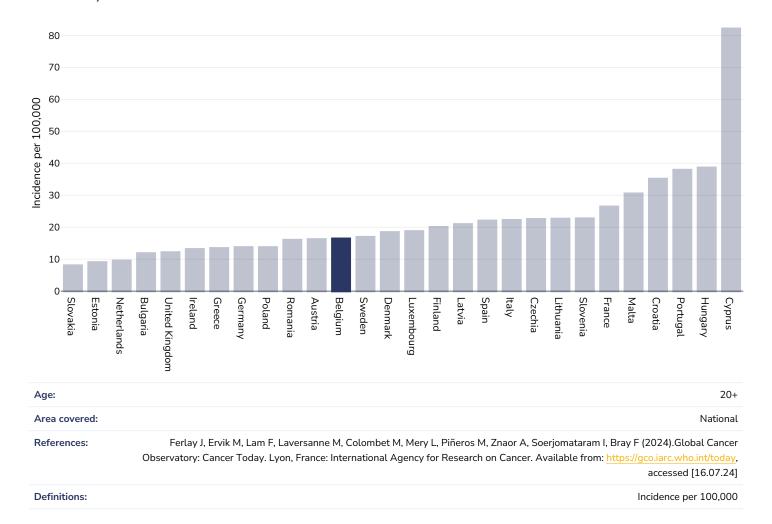
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Incidence per 100,000

Definitions:





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