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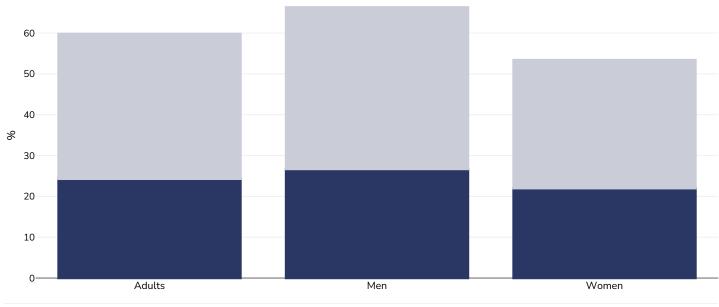
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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2019





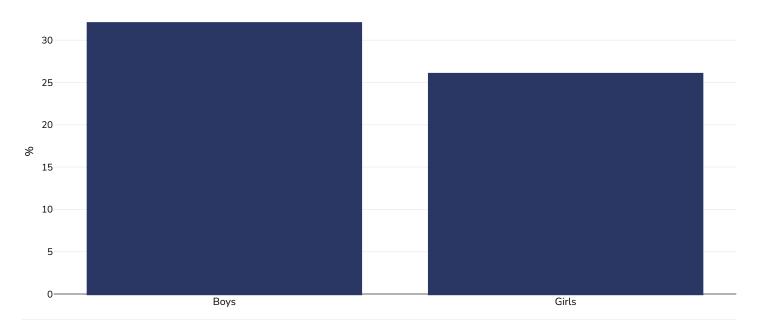
Survey type:	Measured
Age:	18-79
Sample size:	5797
Area covered:	National
References:	Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) 2019. Available from: https://doi.org/10.25318/1310037301-eng [Accessed 25 May 2023].
Notes:	Sample size includes adults and children
Cutoffs:	WHO

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Children, 2021-2022

Overweight or obesity



Survey Self-reported type:

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'

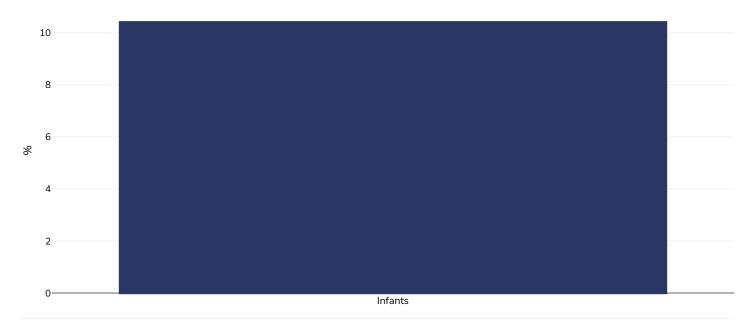
Notes: HBSC aims to survey approximately 1500 pupils per age group in each country or region (totaling around 4500)

Cutoffs: +2SD



Infants, 2004

Overweight or obesity



Age: 0-5

References: Other: Canada Community Health Survey, Cycle 2.2, Nutrition 2004-2005. Ottawa, Canada: Statistics Canada

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

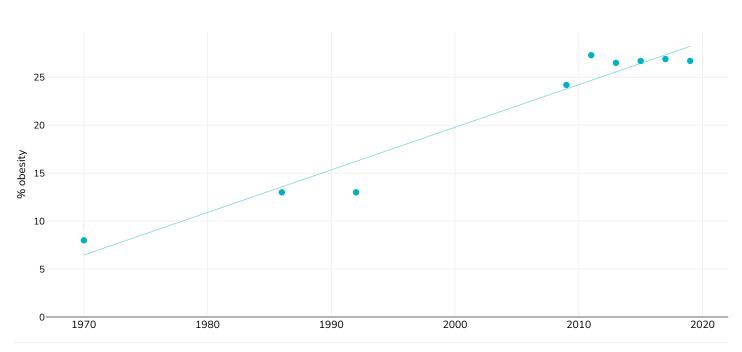


% Adults living with obesity in Canada 1970-2017



Men





Survey Measured

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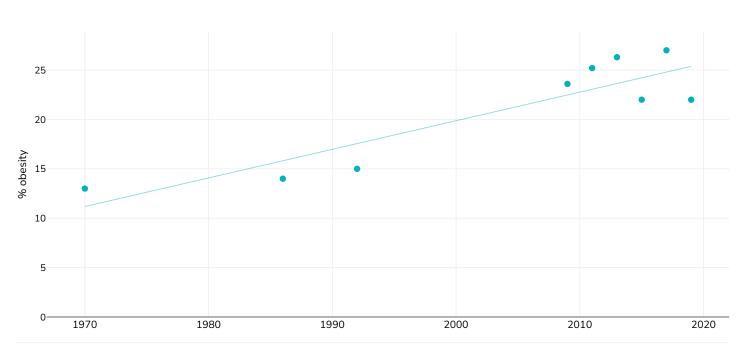
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Women





Survey Measured

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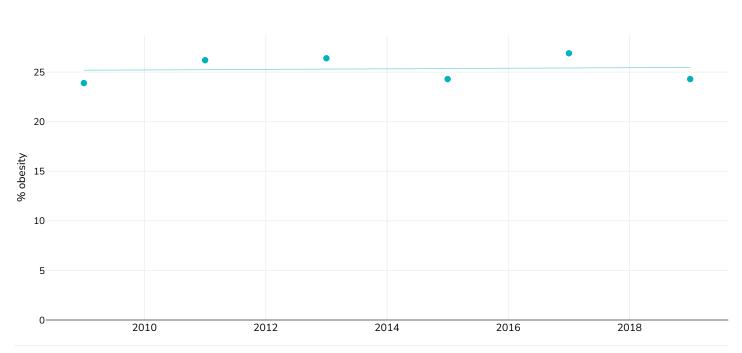
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Men and women





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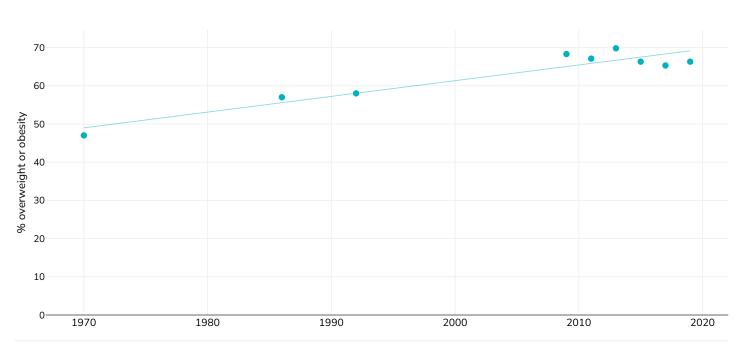


% Adults living with overweight or obesity in Canada 1970-2017



Men

Overweight or obesity



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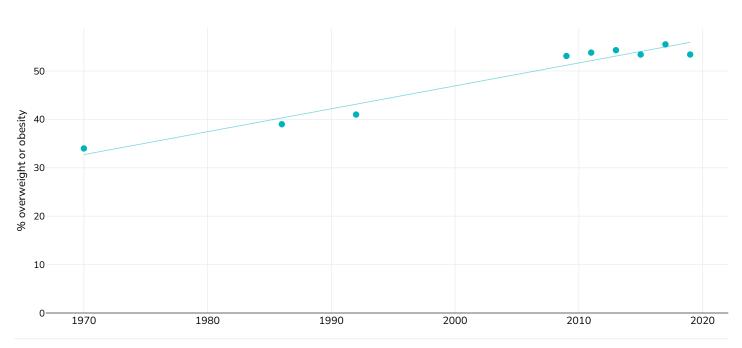
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Women

Overweight or obesity



Survey Measured

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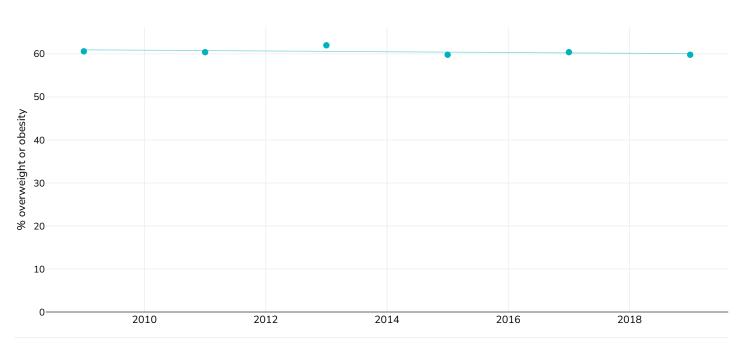
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Men and women

Overweight or obesity



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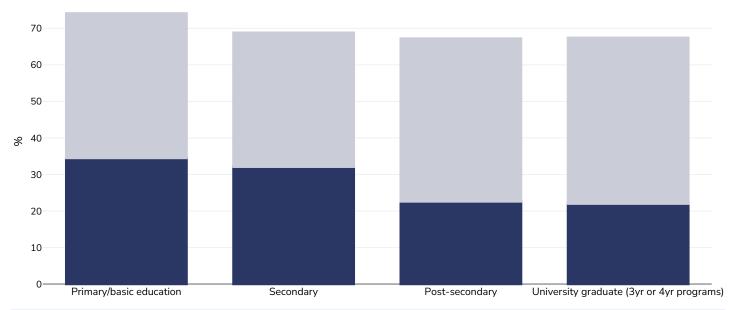
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Overweight/obesity by education

Adults, 2004



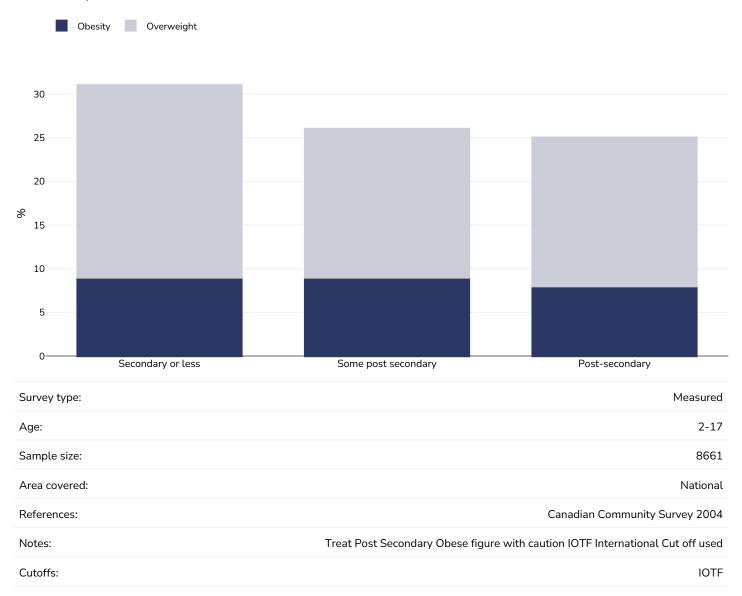


Survey type:	Measured
Age:	25-64
Sample size:	8383
Area covered:	National
References:	Canadian Community Survey 2004
Notes:	Treat Post Secondary obesity figure with caution

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Children, 2004

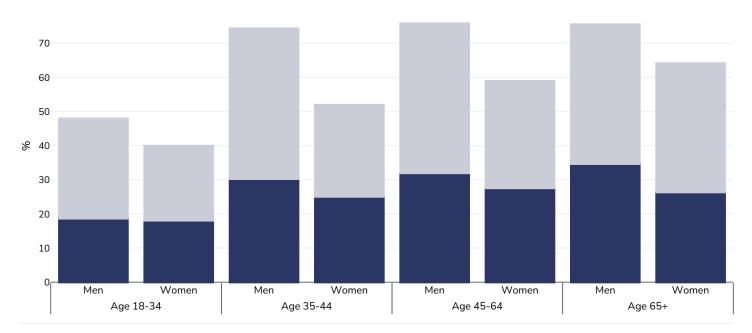




Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2015





Survey type: Measured

Area National

covered:

References: Statistics Canada. Table 13-10-0794-01 Measured adult body mass index (BMI) (World Health Organization classification), by age group and sex, Canada and provinces, Canadian Community Health Survey - Nutrition DOI:

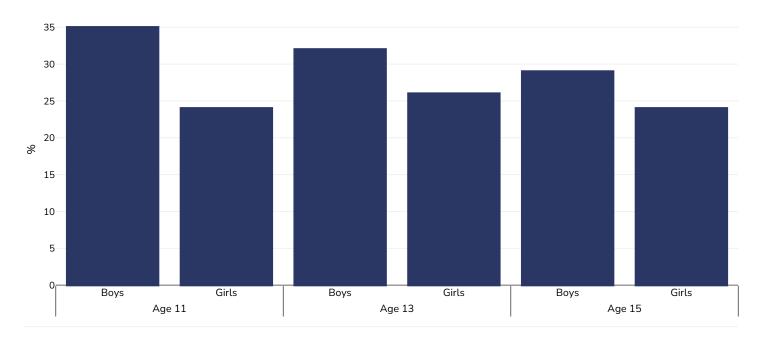
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Children, 2021-2022

Overweight or obesity



Survey Self-reported type:

covered:

References:

Area

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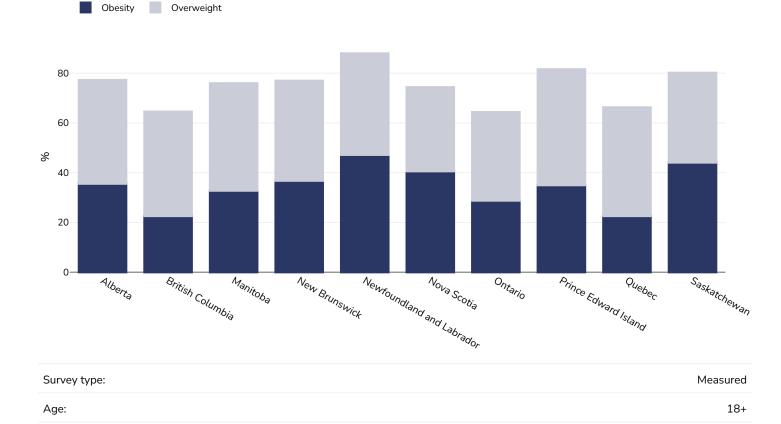
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Cutoffs: +2SD



Overweight/obesity by region

Men, 2015



References:

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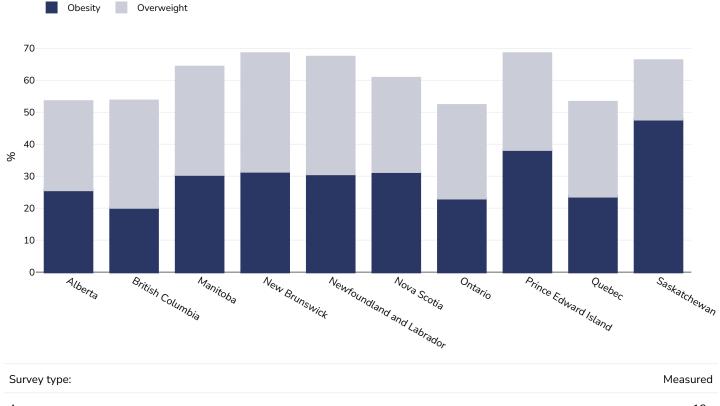
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Women, 2015



Age:
Area

National covered:

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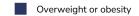
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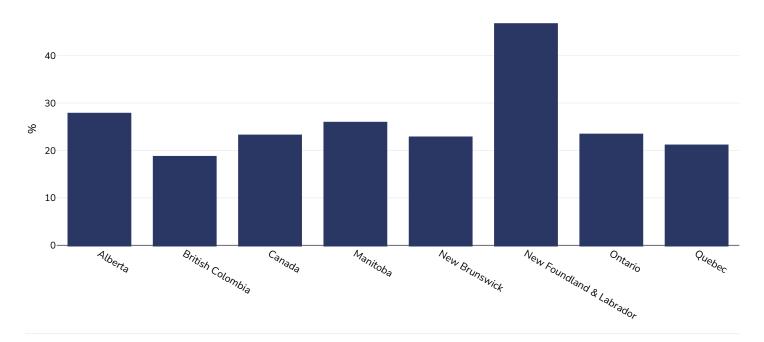
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Children, 2014





Survey type:	Self-reported Self-reported
Age:	12-17
Area covered:	National Survey
References:	Canadian Community Health Survey 2014, Statistics Canada http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/health84b-eng.htm (accessed 27th Feb 2018)

Notes: IOTF International Cut Off's Applied Some regions supplied % but results considered unreliable as sample too small

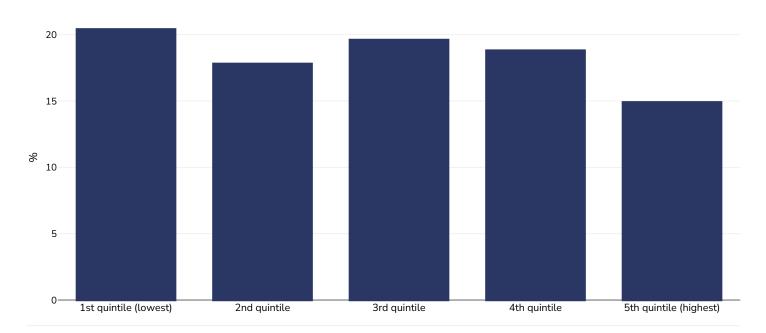
Cutoffs: IOTF



Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Men, 2002-2003

Obesity



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
Sample size:	2221
Area covered:	National

References: Siddiqi A, Brown R, Nguyen QC, Loopstra R, Kawachi I. Cross-national comparison of socioeconomic inequalities in obesity in the United States and Canada. International Journal for Equity in Health. 2015;14:116. doi:10.1186/s12939-015-0251-2.

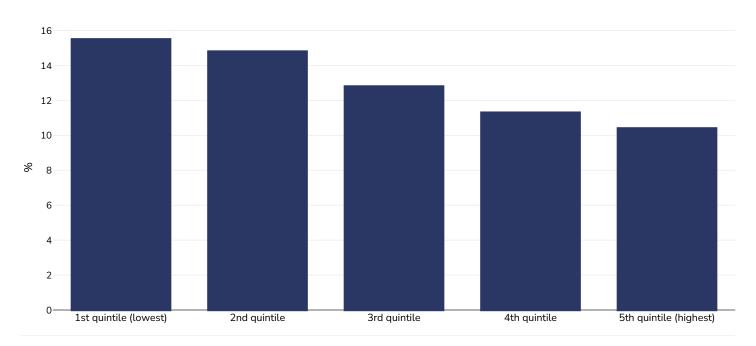
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Women, 2002-2003





Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
Sample size:	2221
Area covered:	National

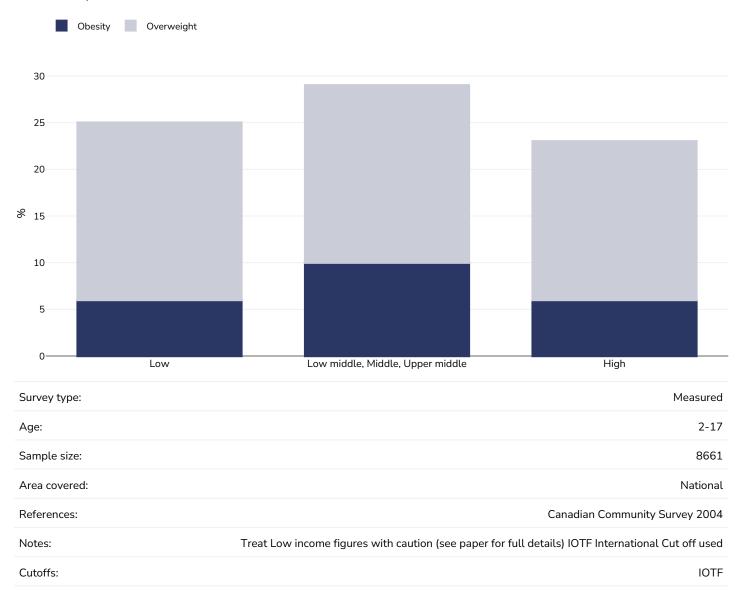
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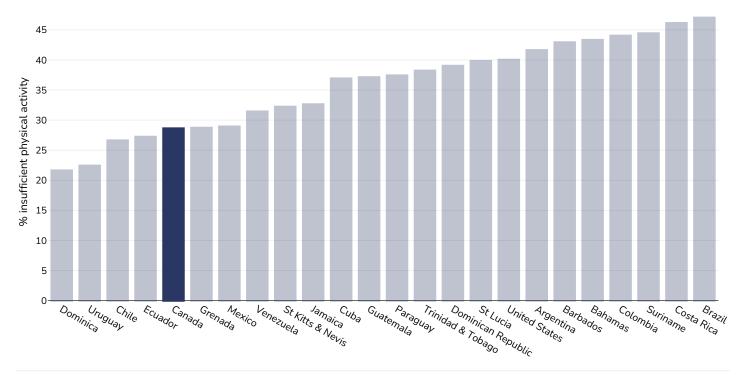
Children, 2004





Insufficient physical activity

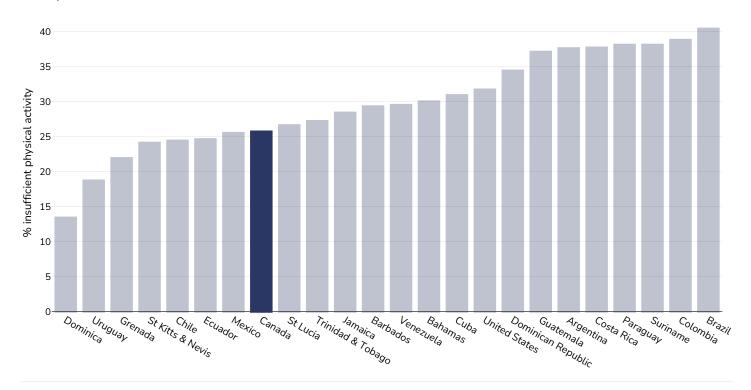
Adults, 2016



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
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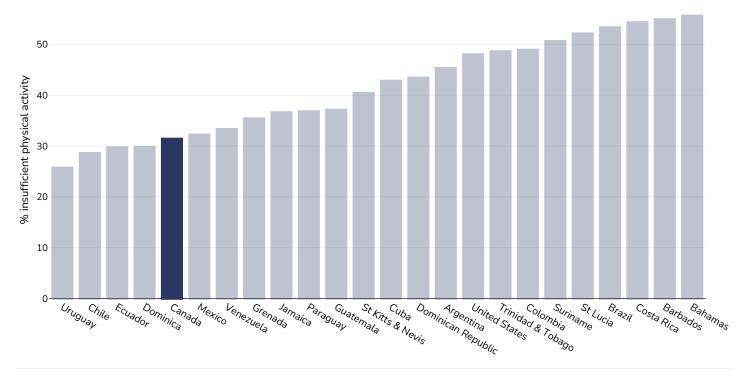
Men, 2016



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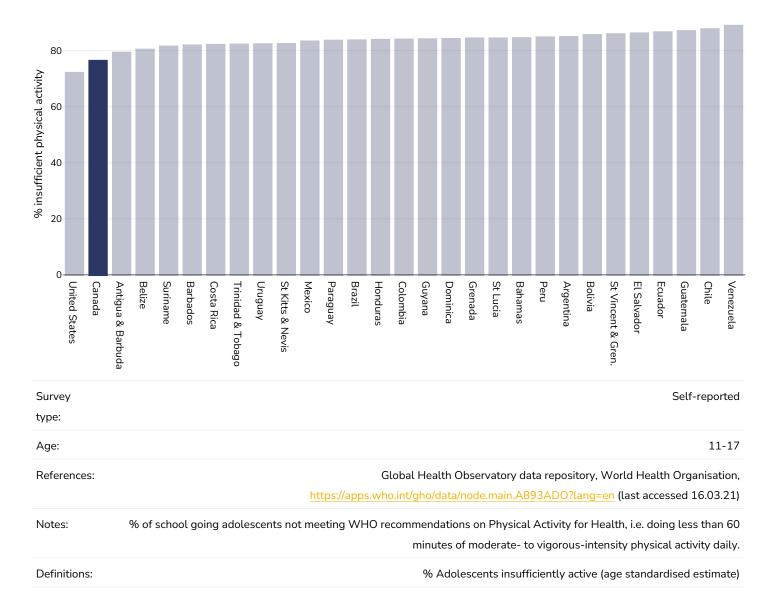
Women, 2016



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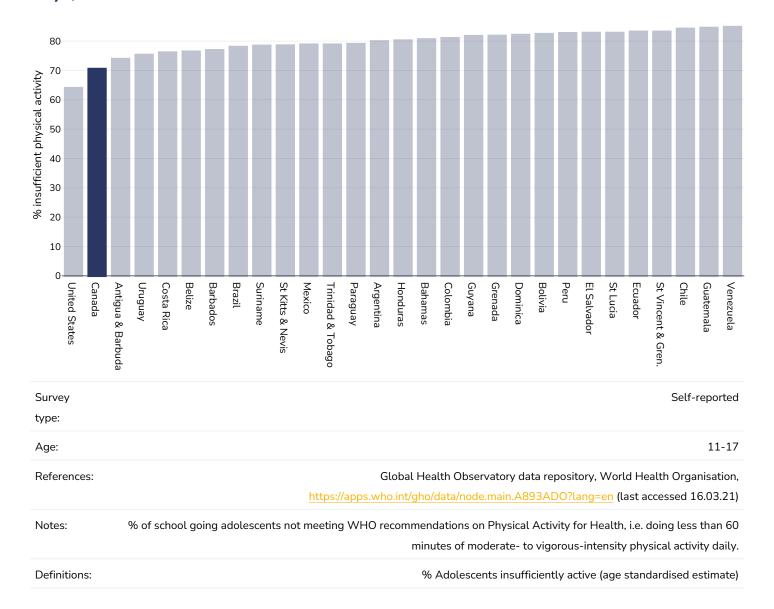


Children, 2016





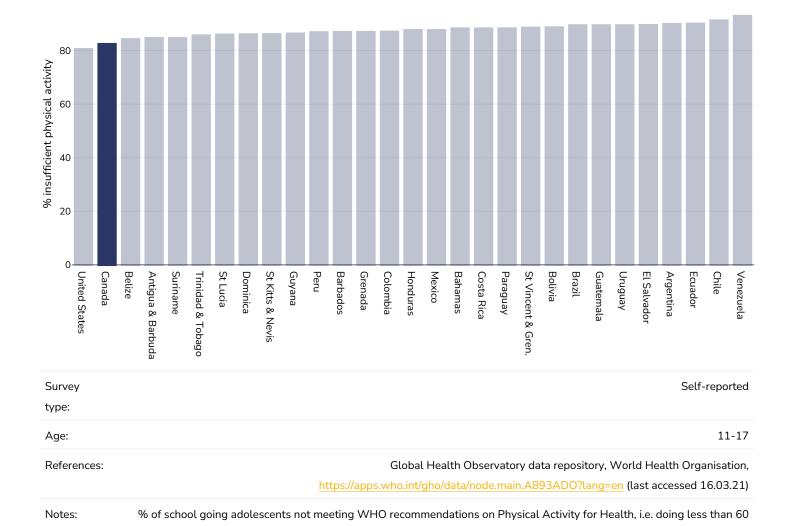
Boys, 2016





Girls, 2016

Definitions:



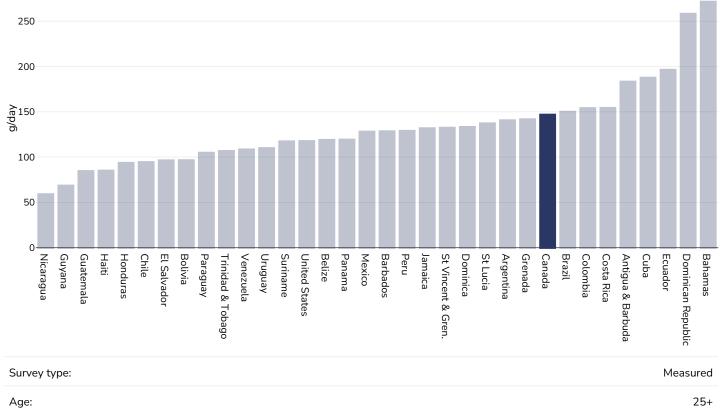
minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)



Estimated per capita fruit intake

Adults, 2017



References:

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

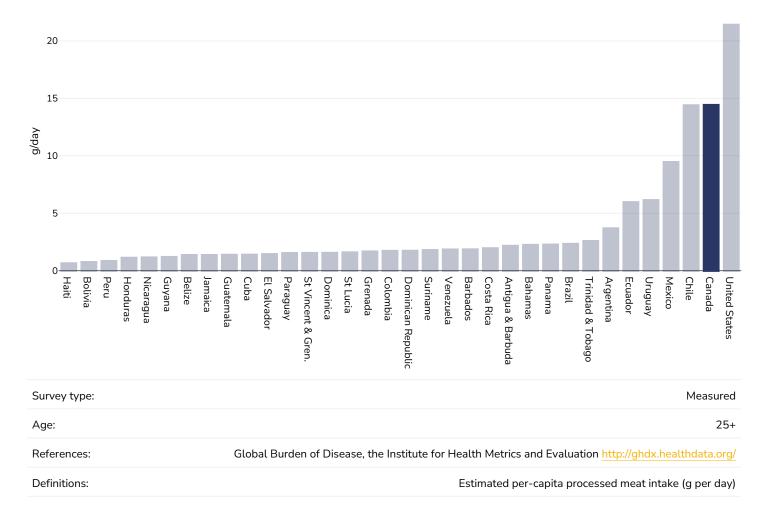
Definitions:

Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)



Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

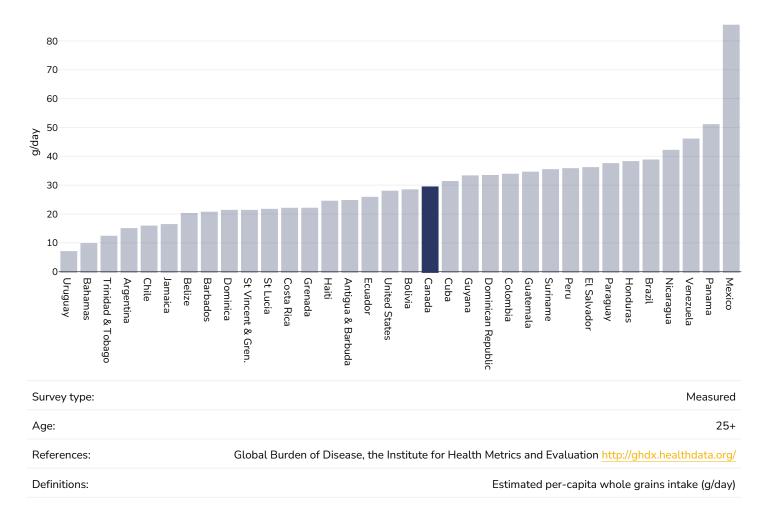
Adults, 2017





Estimated per capita whole grains intake

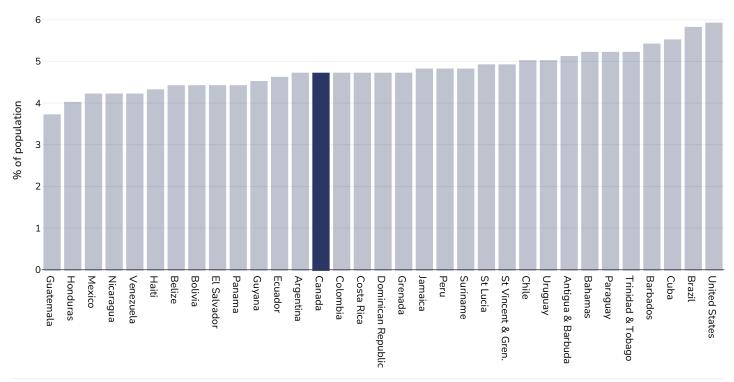
Adults, 2017





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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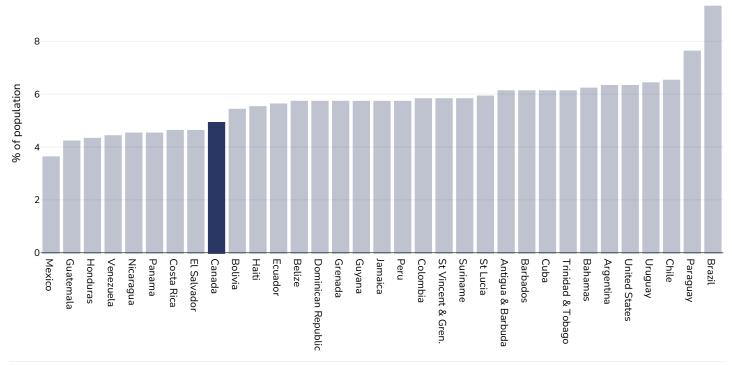
% of population with depression disorders

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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015



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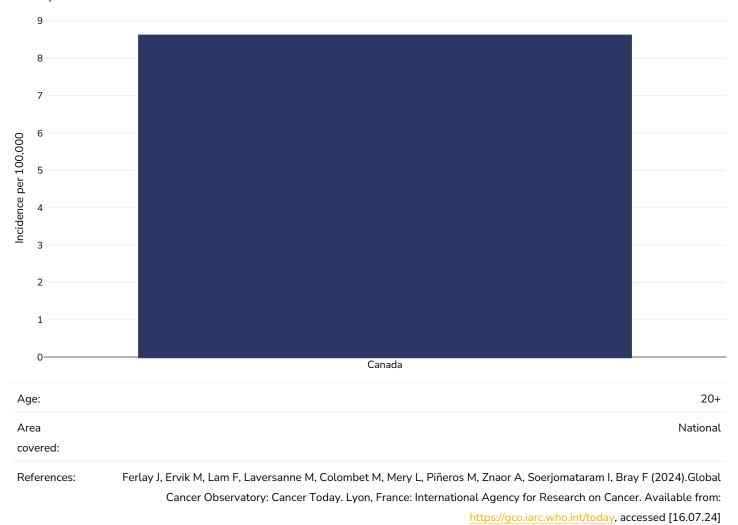
Definitions: % of population with anxiety disorders



Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022

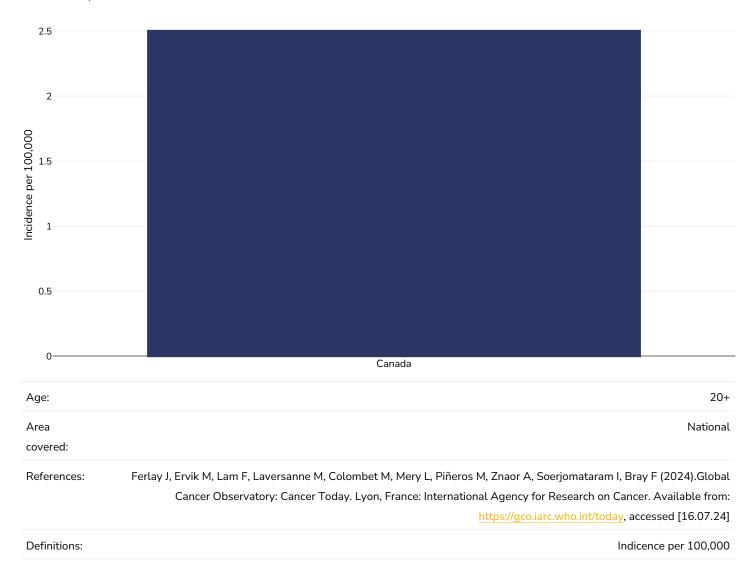
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Indicence per 100,000



Women, 2022

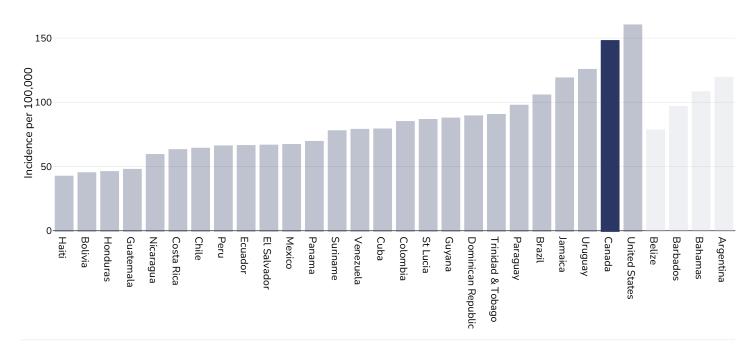




Breast cancer

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

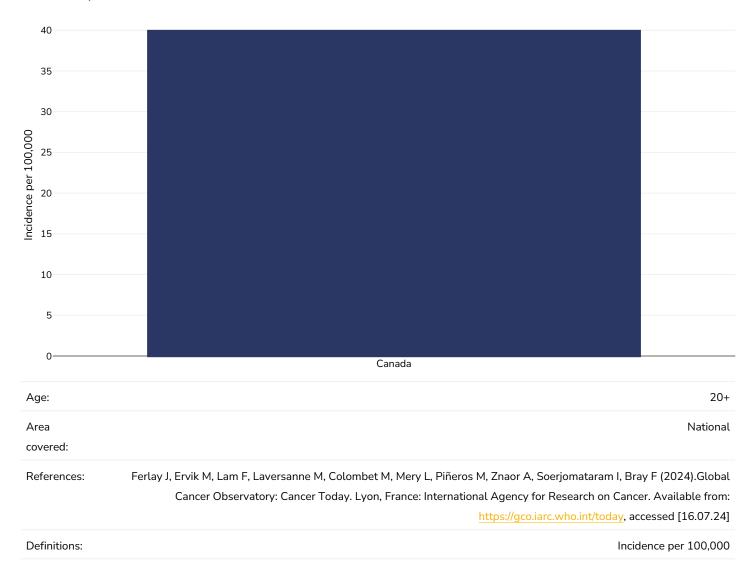


Colorectal cancer

Men, 2022







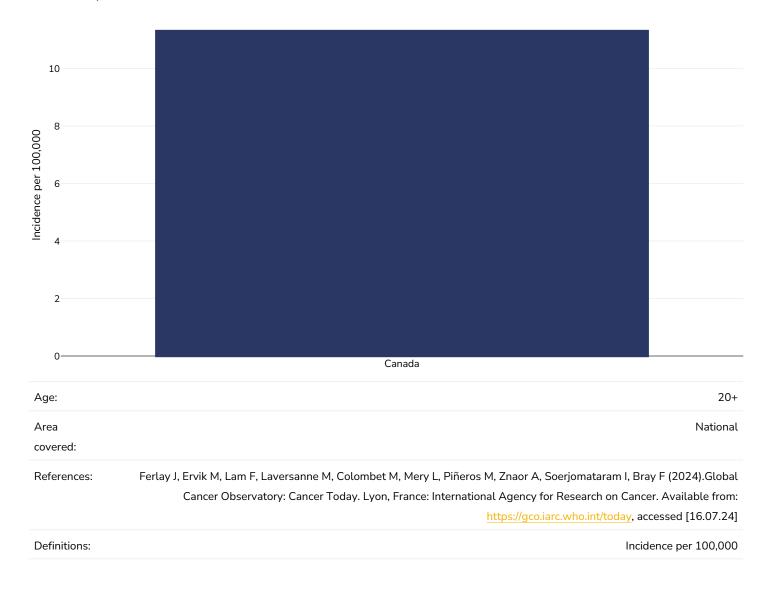


Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022



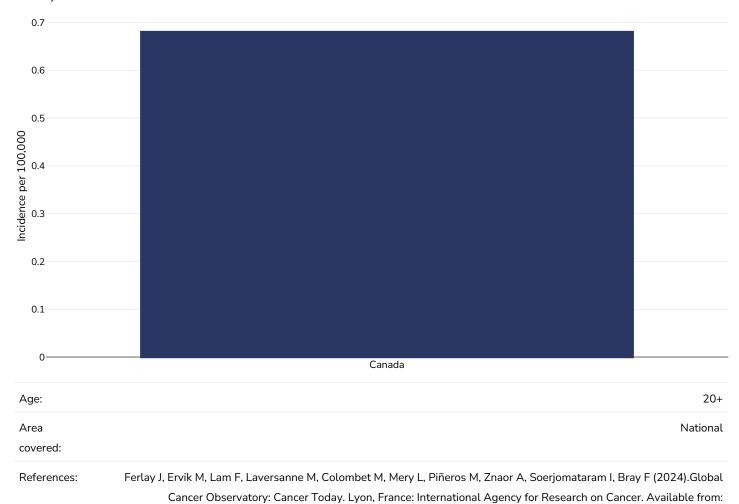






Gallbladder cancer

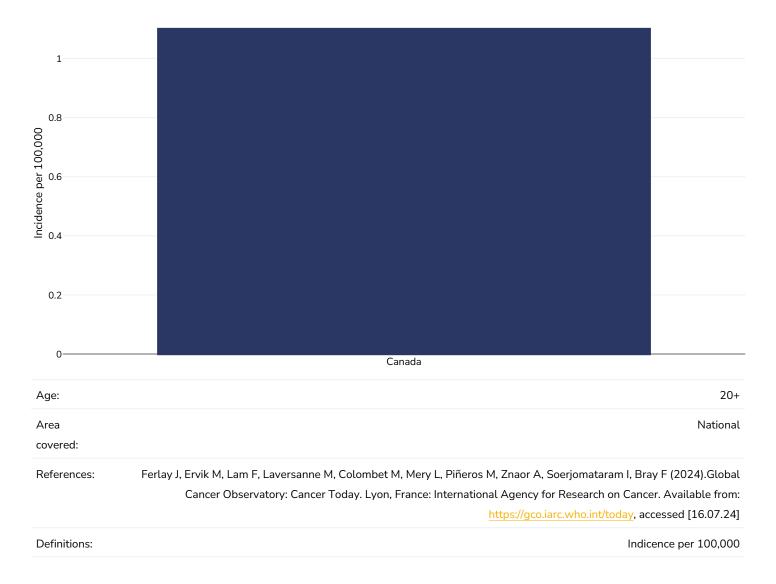
Men, 2022



Definitions: Indicence per 100,000

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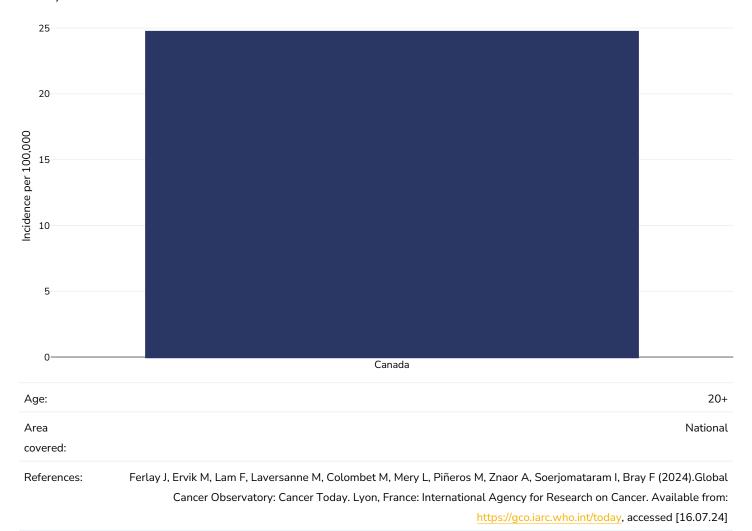






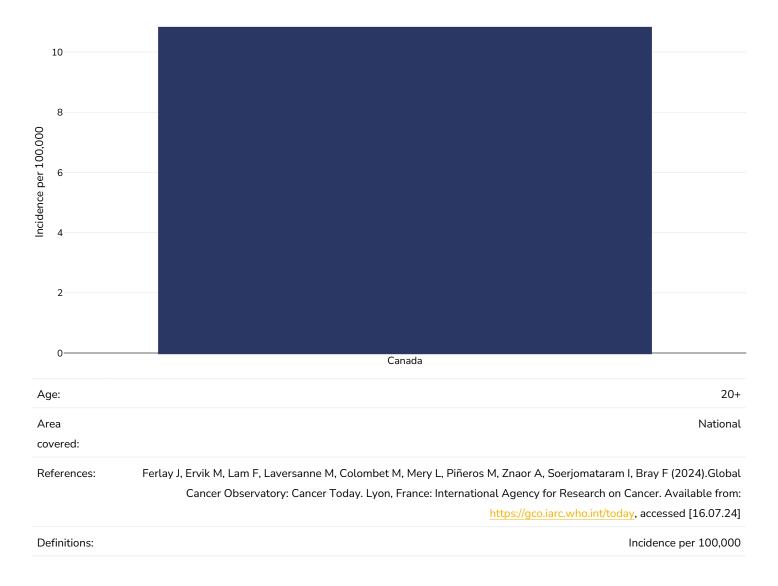
Kidney cancer

Men, 2022



Definitions: Incidence per 100,000

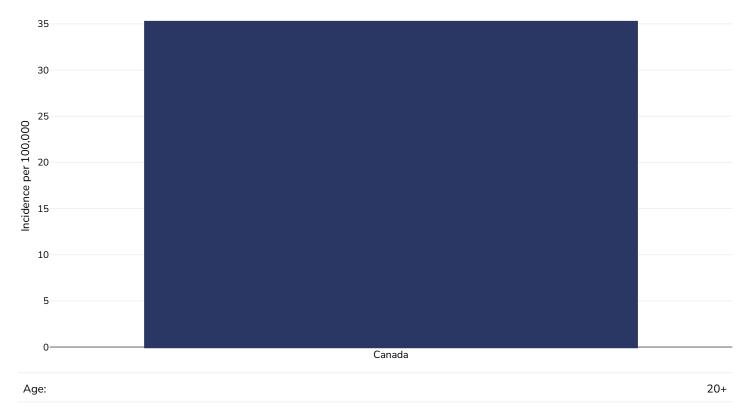






Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2022



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:

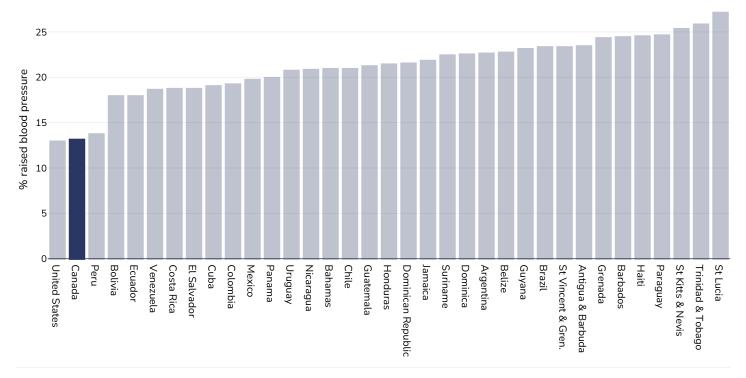
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



References:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

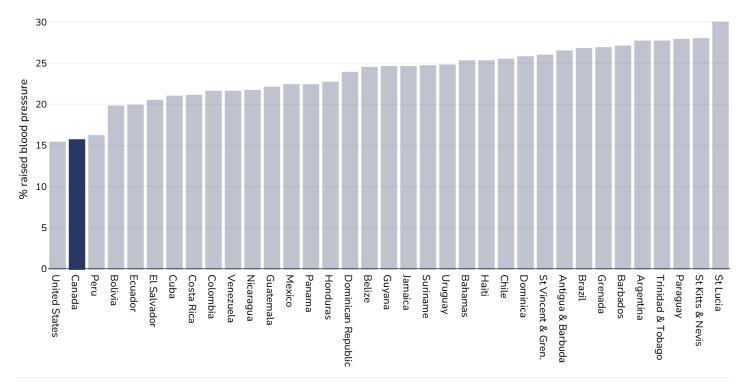
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2015



References:

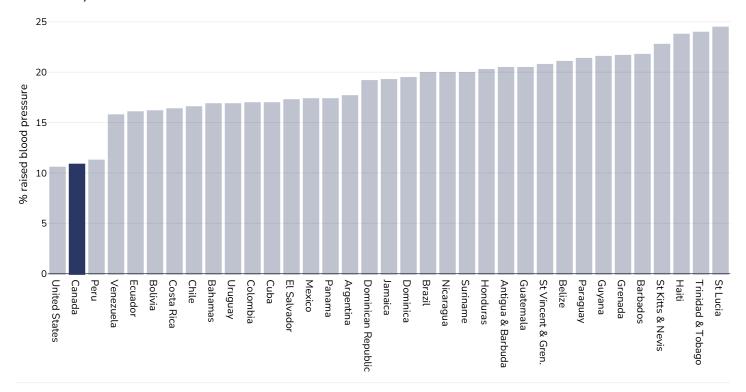
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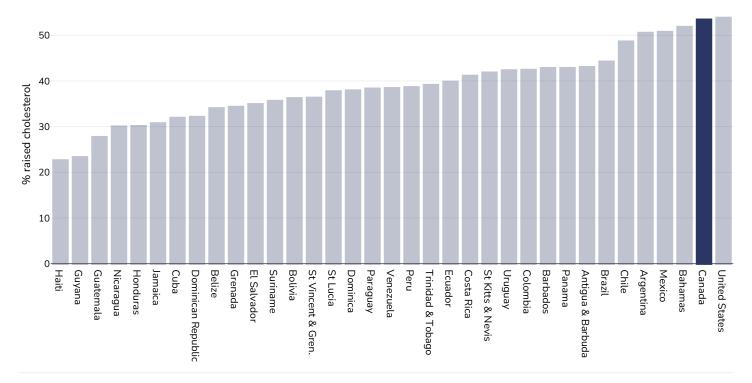
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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



References:

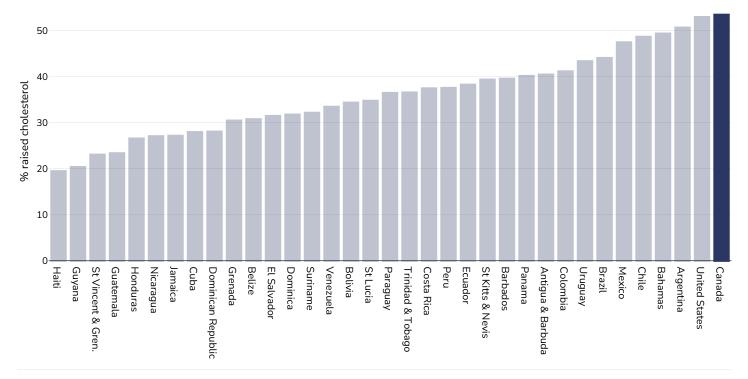
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A885

Definitions:

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



Men, 2008



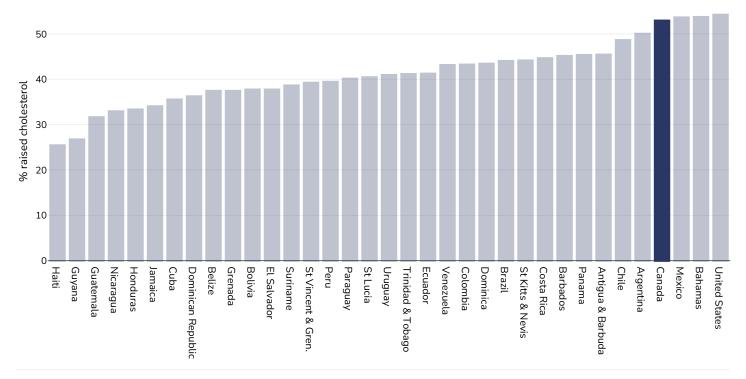
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Definitions:

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References:

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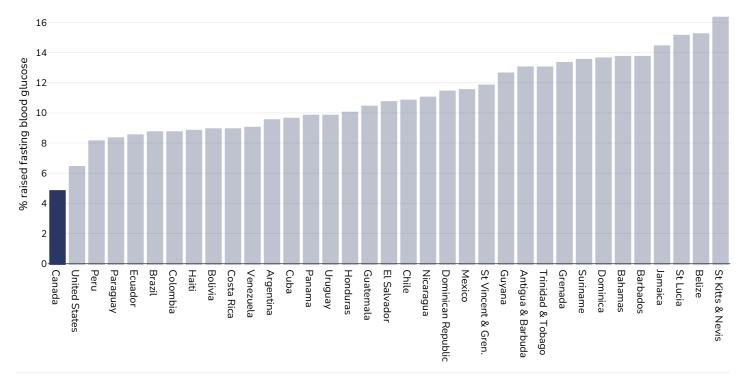
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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



References:

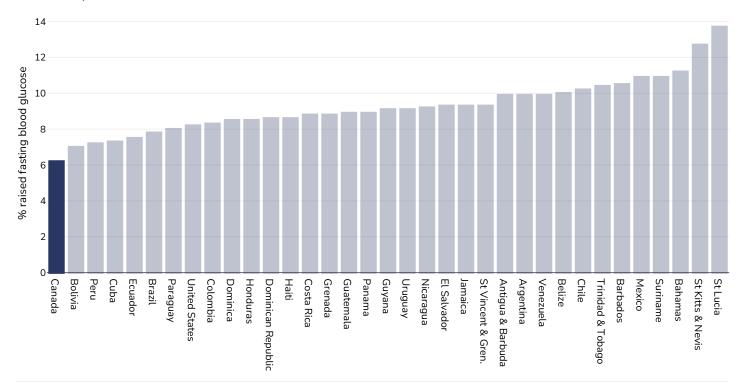
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

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,

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

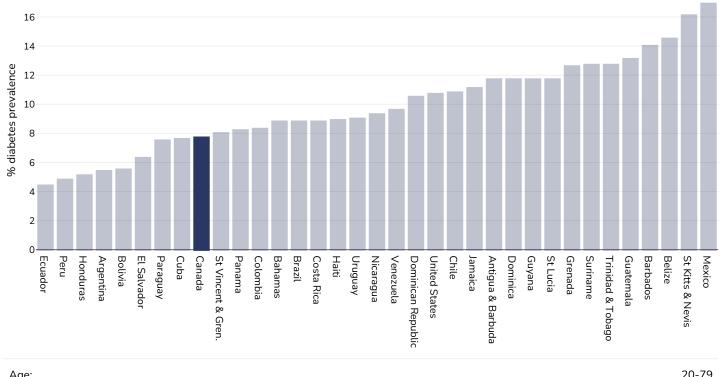
Definitions:

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



Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2021



20-79 Age:

Area National

covered:

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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?	X
Tax on unhealthy foods?	X
Tax on unhealthy drinks?	X
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)?	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?	~
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?	X
Are there any mandatory nutrient limits in any manufactured food products?	×
Nutrition standards for public sector procurement?	X





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)?	X
Key	
Present Present Incoming Absent 7 Unknown	
(voluntary)	

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