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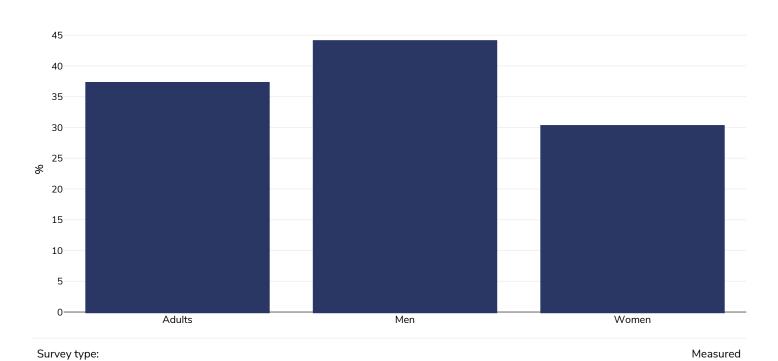
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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2015-2017

Overweight or obesity



7 71	
Age:	20+
Sample size:	72824
Area covered:	National
References:	Li, Y., Teng, D., Shi, X., Teng, X., Teng, W., Shan, Z., Lai, Y. and China National Diabetes and Metabolic Disorders Study Group, 2021. Changes in the prevalence of obesity and hypertension and demographic risk factor profiles in China over 10 years: two national cross-sectional surveys. The Lancet Regional Health-Western Pacific, 15, p.100227.
Definitions:	According to the Asian-specific cut-off points, overweight was defined as a BMI from 23 kg/m2 to less than 25 kg/m2, and general obesity was defined as a BMI of 25 kg/m2 or greater for both men and women. Data by age and by region using Asian-specific cut-off points are also available in the paper.

Cutoffs: WHO Asia

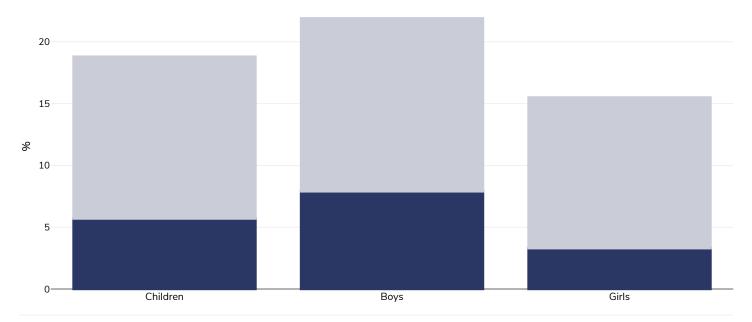
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Children, 2015

Definitions:





Survey type:	Measured	
Age:	7-18	
Sample size:	1617	
Area covered:	National	
References:	Zhang J, Wang H, Wang Z, Du W, Su C, Zhang J, Jiang H, Jia X, Huang F, Ouyang Y, Wang Y, Zhang B.Prevalence and	

stabilizing trends in overweight and obesity among children and adolescents in China, 2011-2015. BMC Public Health. 2018 May 2;18(1):571. doi: 10.1186/s12889-018-5483-9.

Cutoffs: IOTF

IOTF International Cut off. WHO & WGOC also available in paper.



% Adults living with obesity, 2002-2009



% Adults living with obesity, 1993-2009



Survey type: Measured

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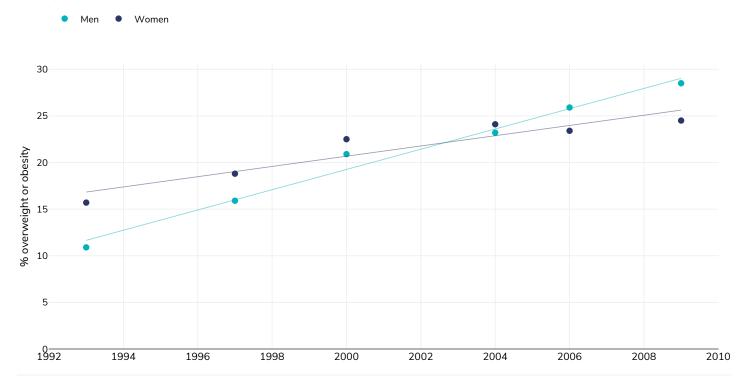
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% Adults living with obesity, 1993-2009



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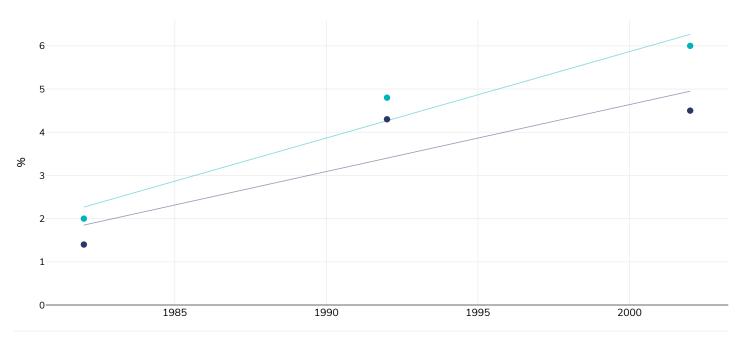
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% Children living with overweight or obesity, 1982-2002





Survey type: Measured

References:

1982: Li Y,, Schouten EG, Hu X et al. Obesity prevalence and time trend among youngsters in China, 1982-2002.

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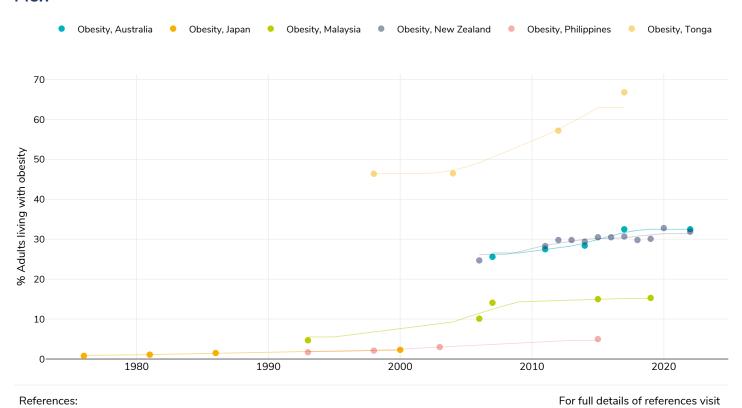
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% Adults living with obesity, selected countries, 1976-2023

Men

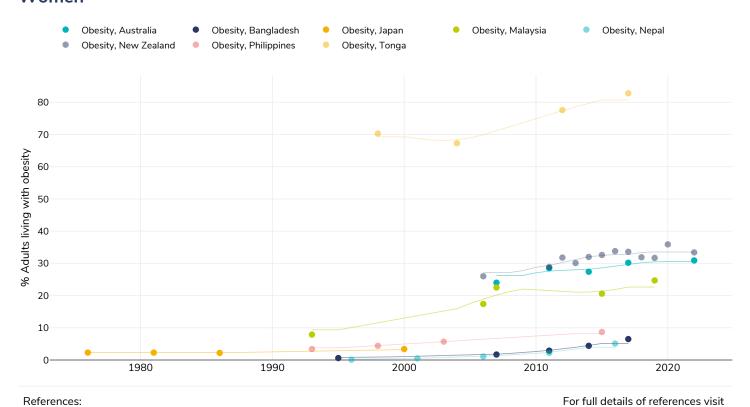


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https://data.worldobesity.org/



Women



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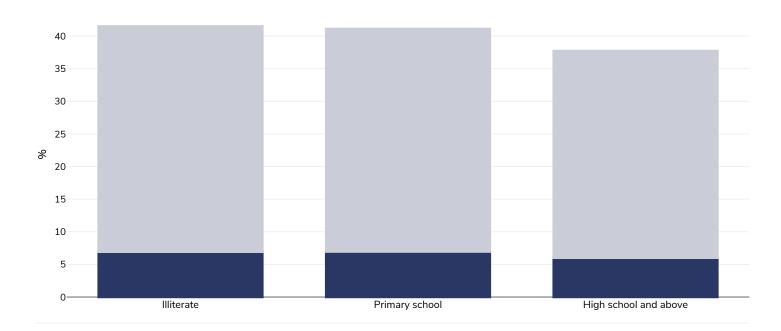
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Overweight/obesity by education

Adults, 2015





Survey type:	Measured	
Age:	18-59	
Sample size:	6602	
Area covered:	National	
References:	Huang, Q., Wang, L., Jiang, H., Wang, H., Zhang, B., Zhang, J., Jia, X. and Wang, Z., 2020. Intra-Individual Double	

Huang, Q., Wang, L., Jiang, H., Wang, H., Zhang, B., Zhang, J., Jia, X. and Wang, Z., 2020. Intra-Individual Double Burden of Malnutrition among Adults in China: Evidence from the China Health and Nutrition Survey 2015. Nutrients, 12(9), p.2811.

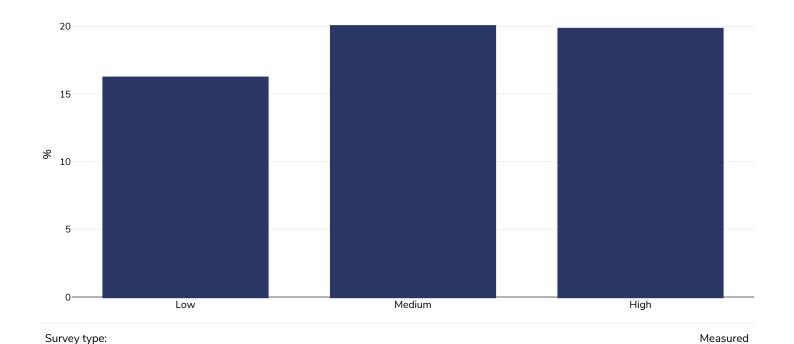
3699 men and 2903 women Notes:

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Children, 2014





Sample size:	9917	
Area covered:	Regional - Guangzhou (urban setting)	
References:	Liu W, Liu W, Lin R, et al. Socioeconomic determinants of childhood obesity among primary school children in Guangzhou,	
	China. BMC Public Health. 2016;16:482. doi:10.1186/s12889-016-3171-1.	

Notes:

Age:

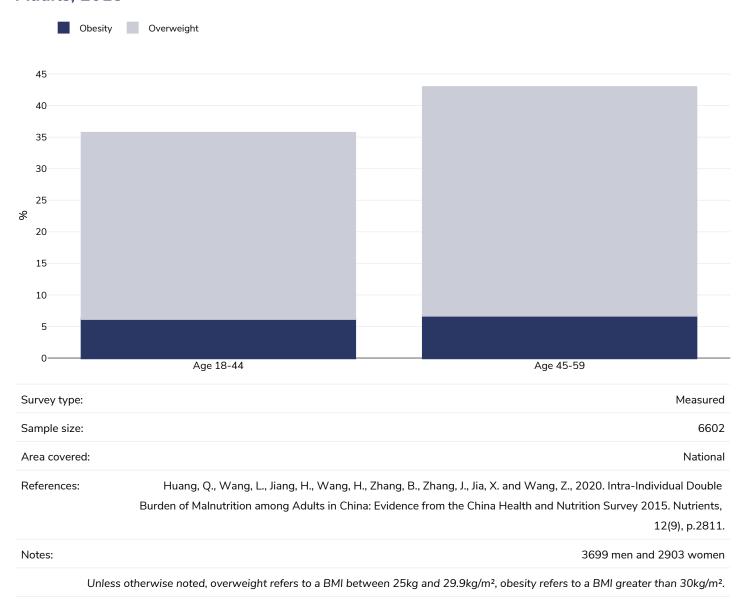
BMI standard deviation scores (BMI z-score) were derived using the age (calculated by subtracting the date of birth from the date of examination) and sex specific WHO growth reference for school-aged children, which were further classified as non-overweight (≤1SD), overweight (>1SD) and obese (>2SD). Overweight and obesity prevalence by Father's education. Education was categorised into low (primary and junior high school level), medium (senior high and vocational school level) or high (university level or higher).

5-12

Cutoffs: WHO

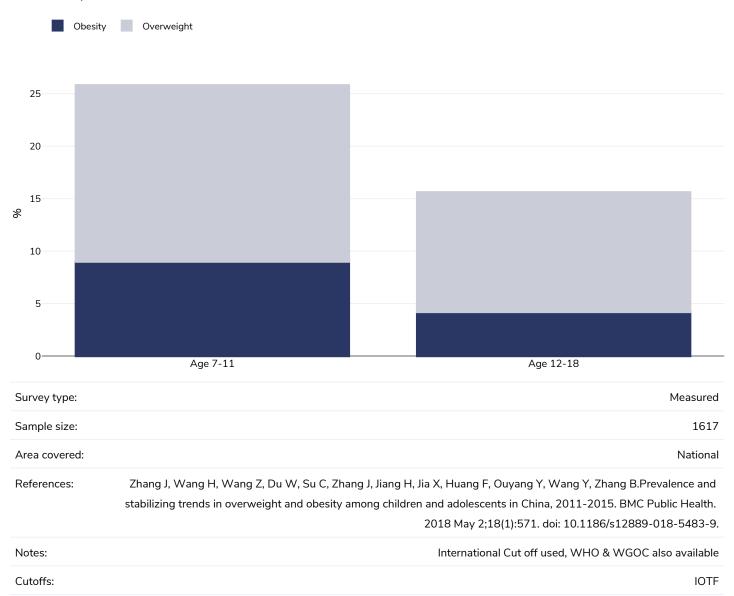


Overweight/obesity by age





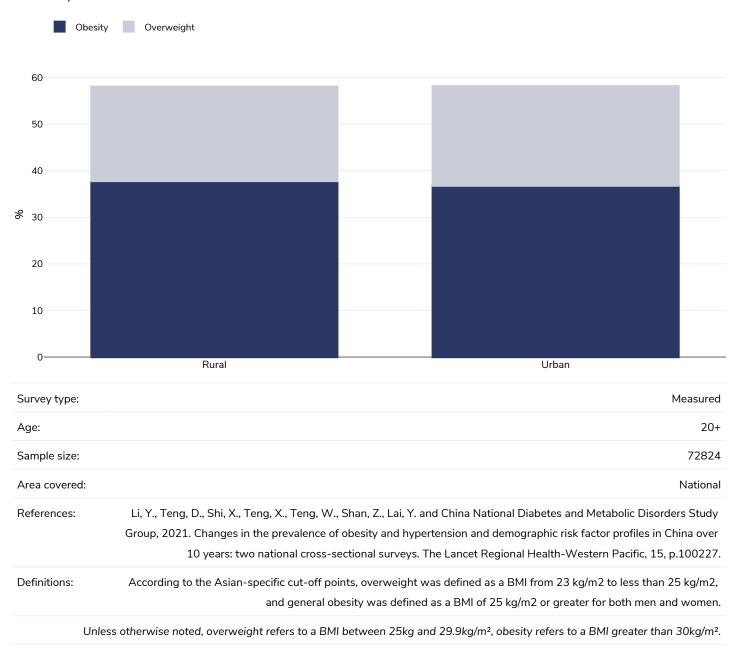
Children, 2015





Overweight/obesity by region

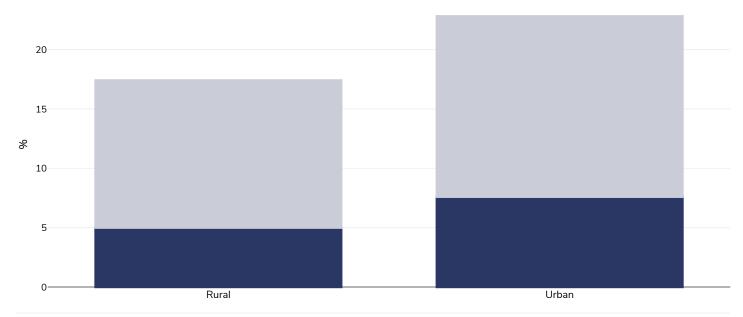
Adults, 2015-2017





Children, 2015





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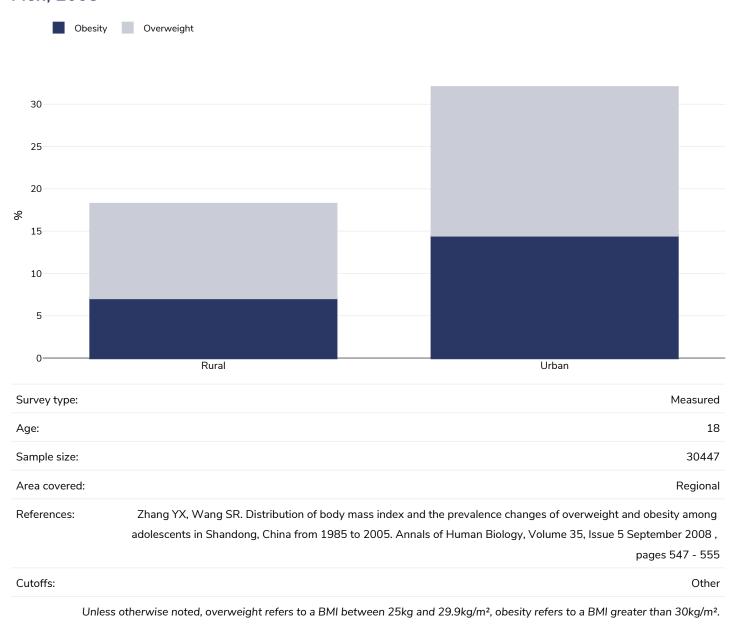
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Cutoffs: IOTF



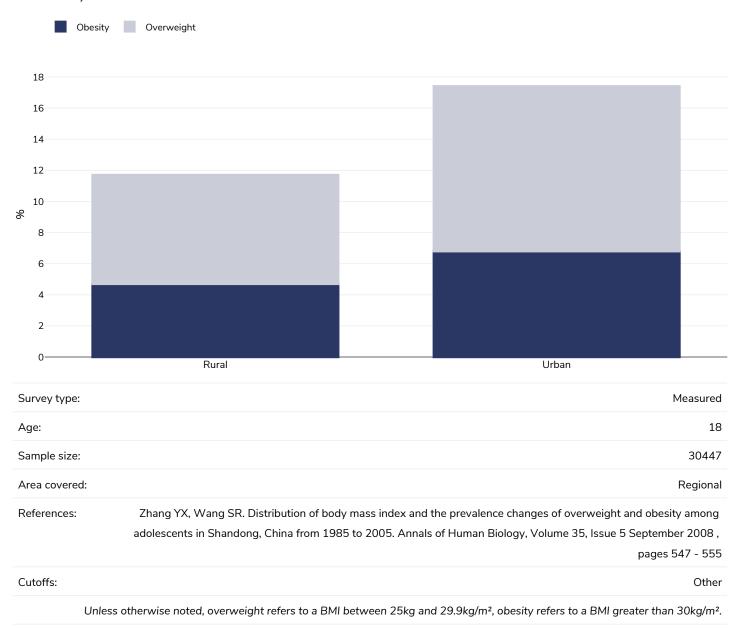
Overweight/obesity by age and region

Men, 2005





Women, 2005

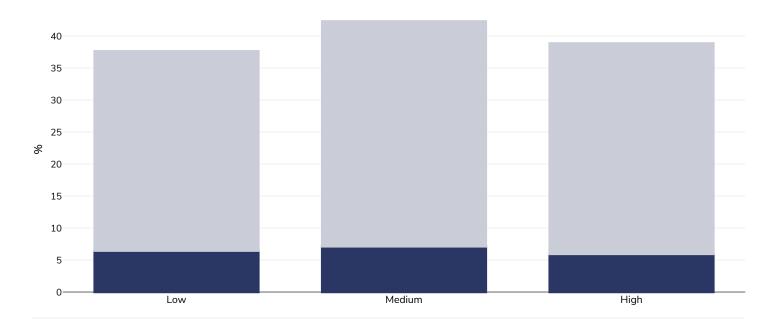




Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Adults, 2015





Age:	18-59
Sample size:	6602

Area covered: National

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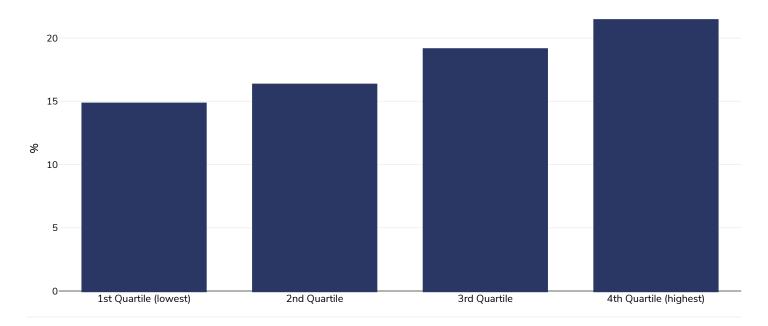
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Children, 2014





Survey type:	Measured
Age:	5-12
Sample size:	9917

Area covered:

Regional - Guangzhou (urban setting)

References:

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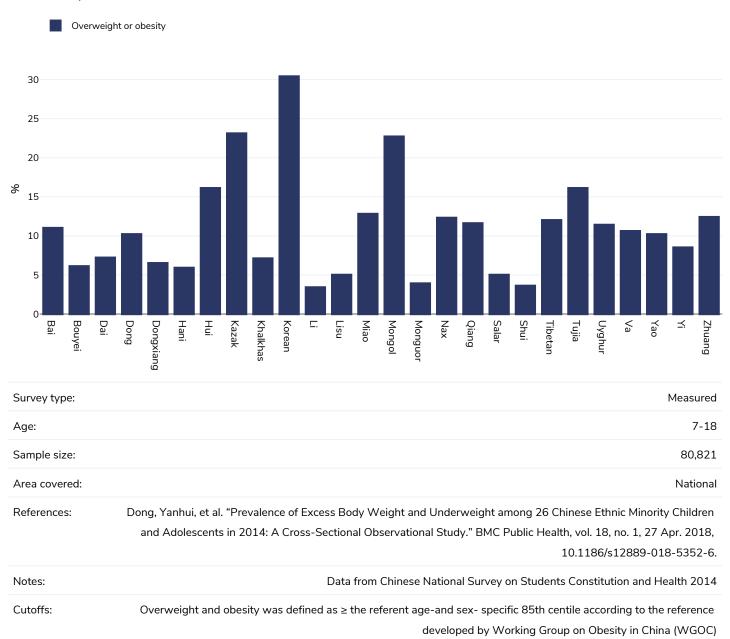
Cutoffs: WHO



Overweight/obesity by ethnicity

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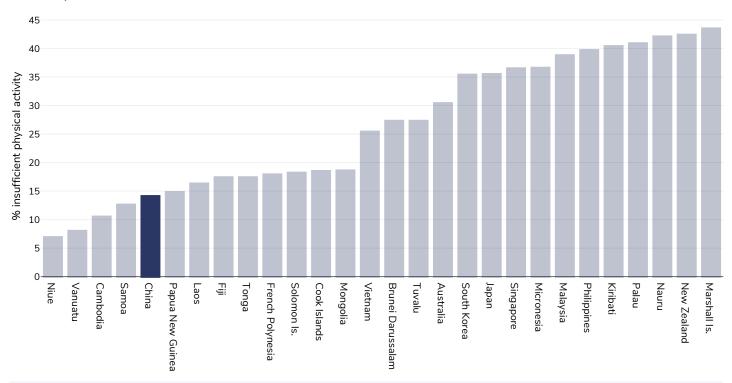
Children, 2014





Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2016



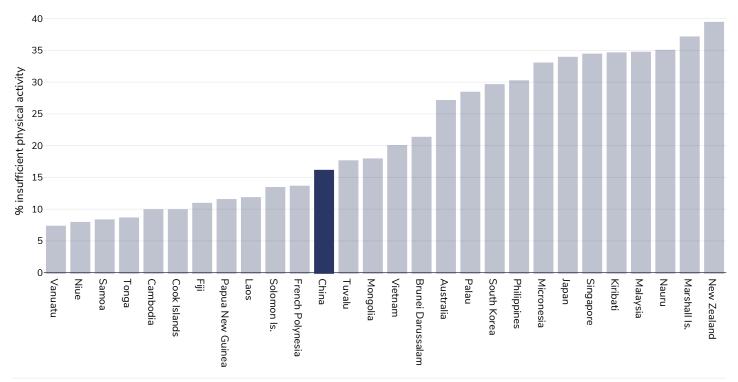
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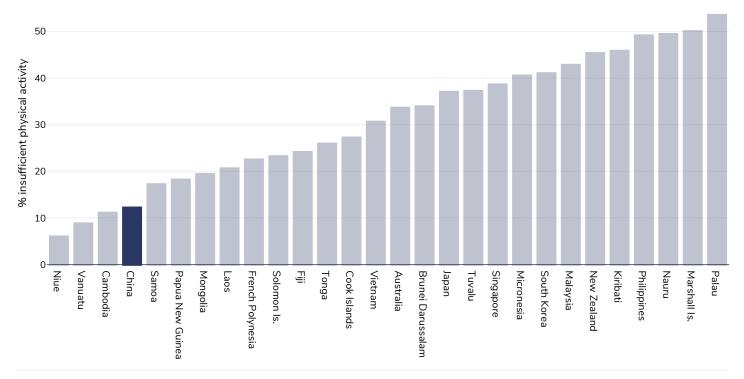
Men, 2016



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



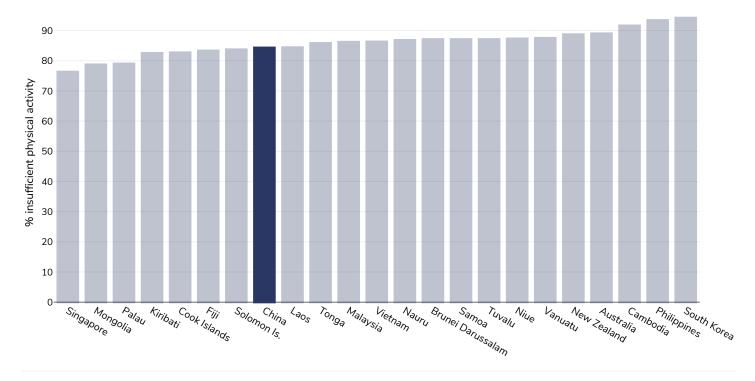
Women, 2016



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Children, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-17

References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

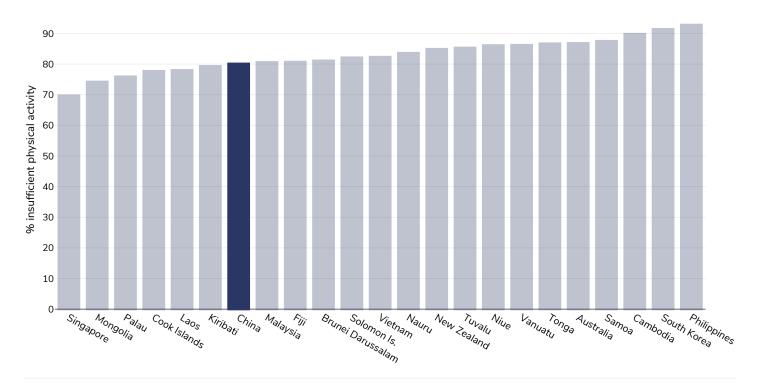
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Notes: % of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)



Boys, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-17

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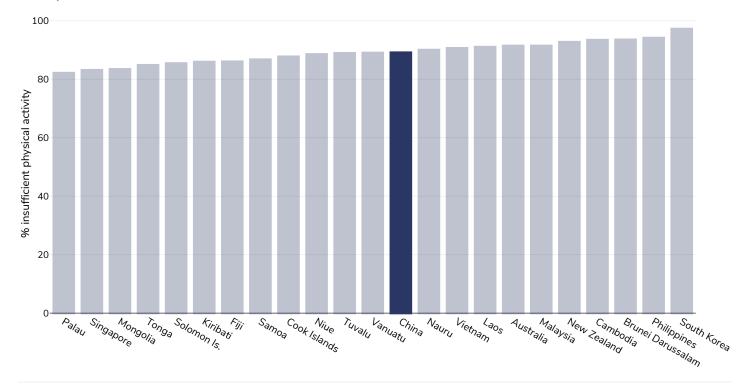
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Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)



Girls, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-17

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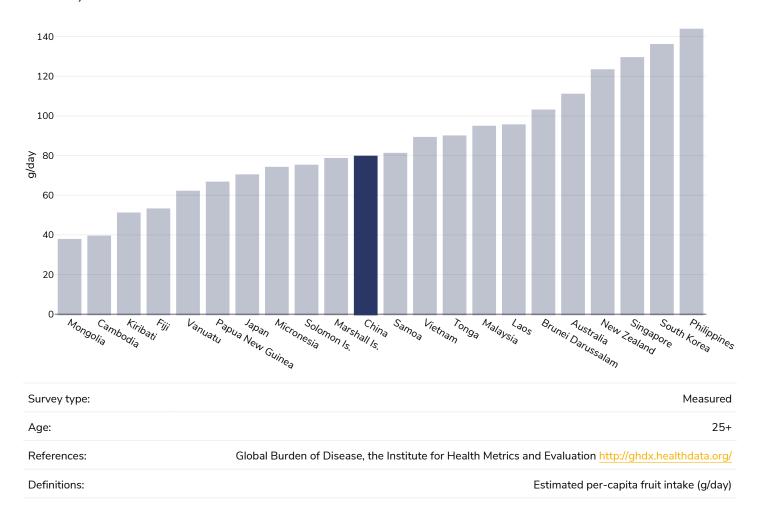
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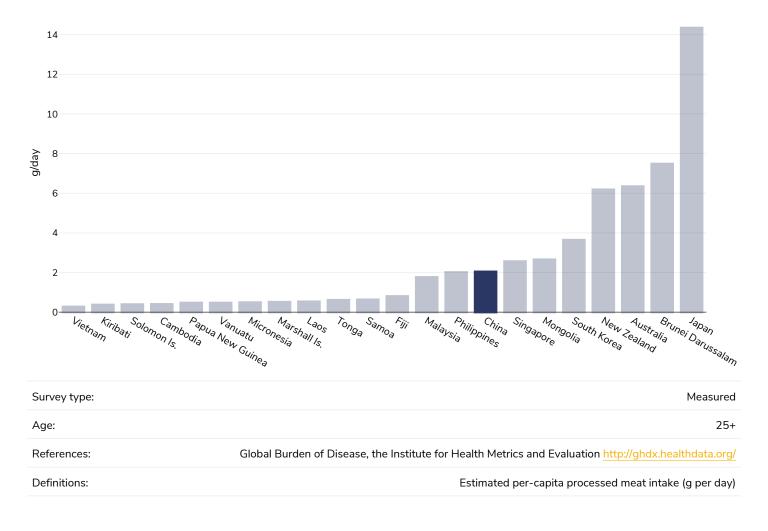


Estimated per capita fruit intake



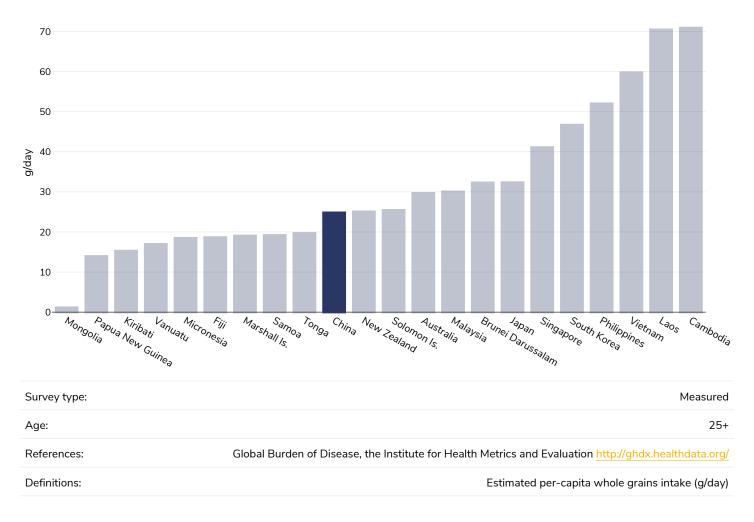


Estimated per-capita processed meat intake





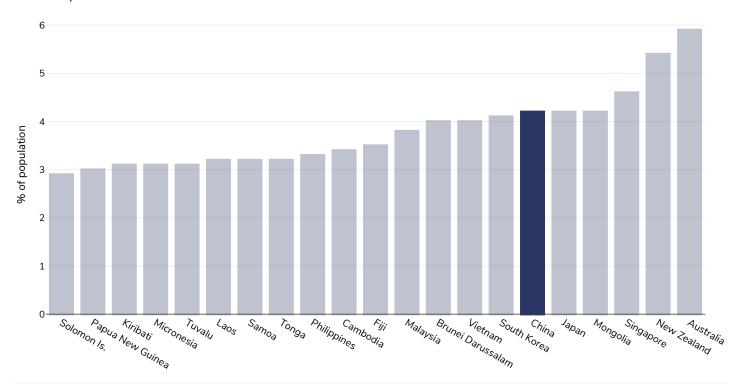
Estimated per capita whole grains intake





Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2015



References:

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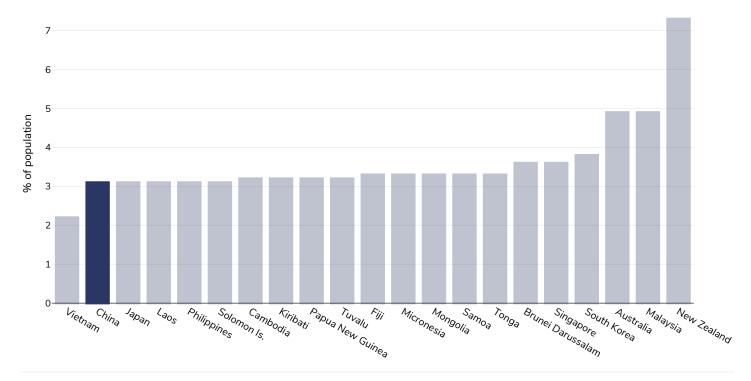
Definitions:

% of population with depression disorders



Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015



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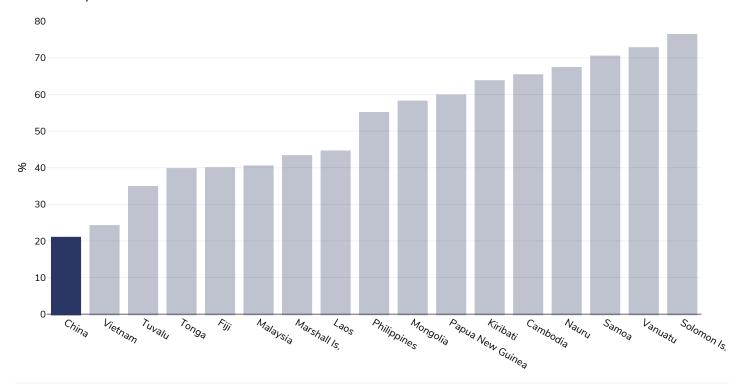
Definitions:

% of population with anxiety disorders



% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Children, 2004-2020



Area covered: National

References:

China National Nutrition and Health Survey, 2013

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.

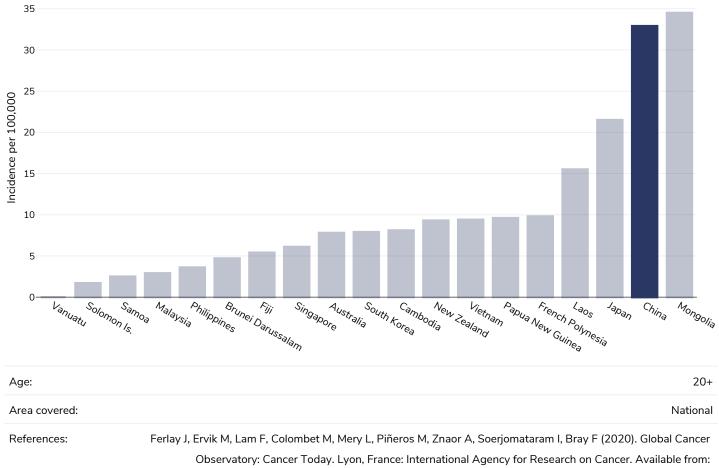
Definitions:

% exclusively breastfed 0-5 months



Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2020

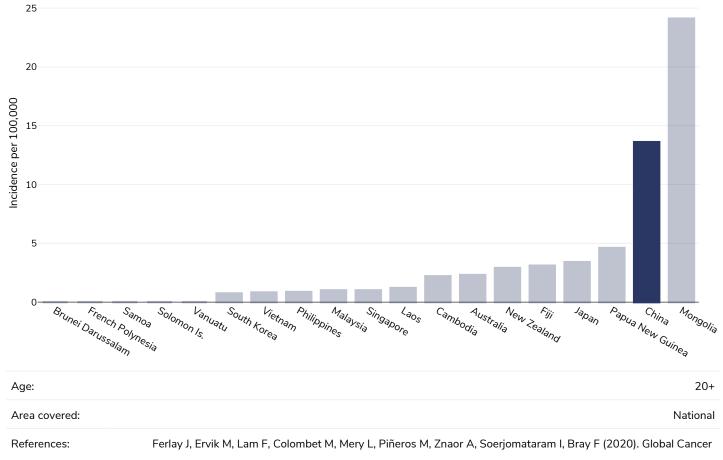


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Definitions: Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000



Women, 2020



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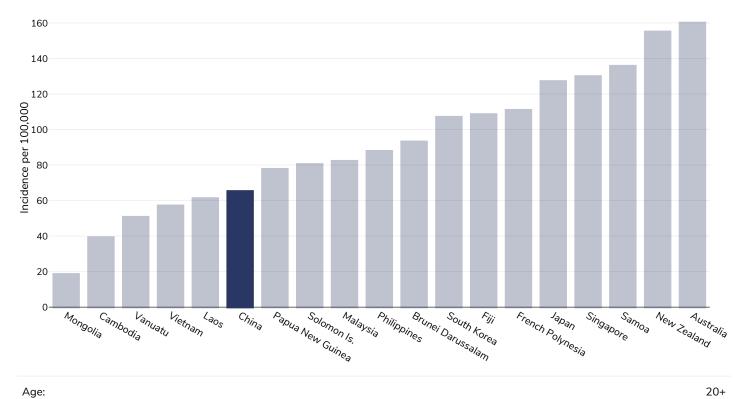
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Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000



Breast cancer

Women, 2020



References:

Area covered:

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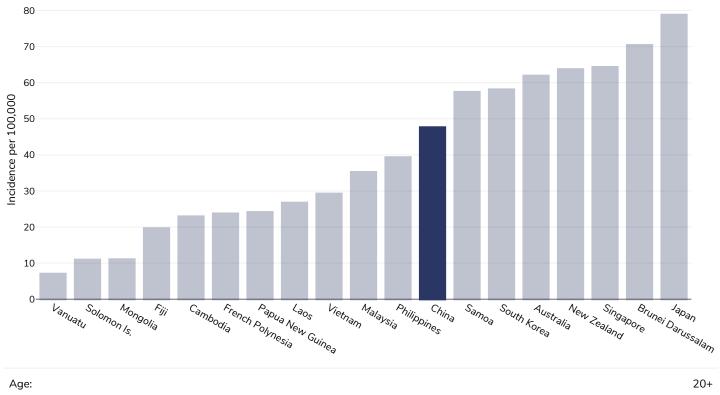
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Definitions: Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000



Colorectal cancer

Men, 2020



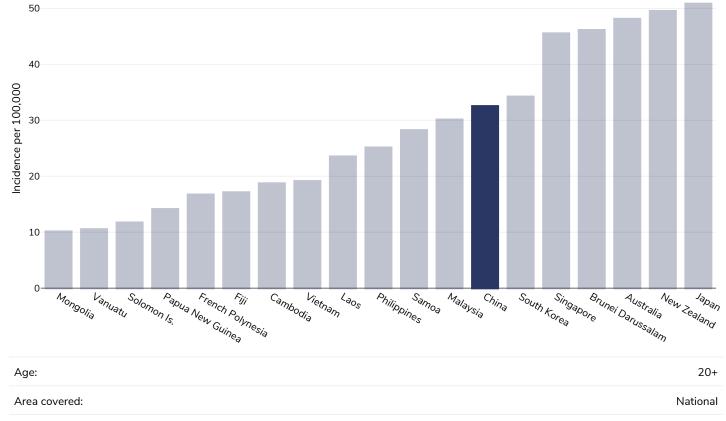
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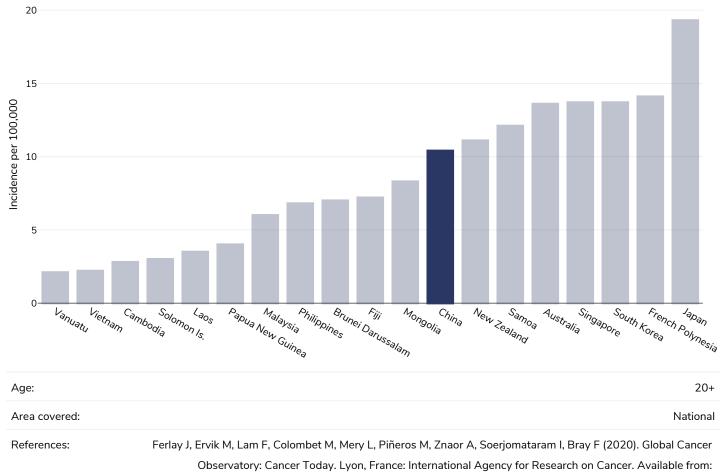
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Definitions: Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000



Pancreatic cancer

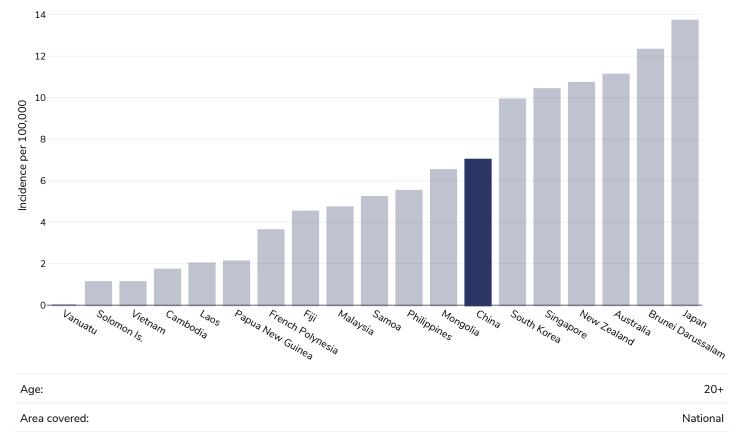
Men, 2020



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Definitions: Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000





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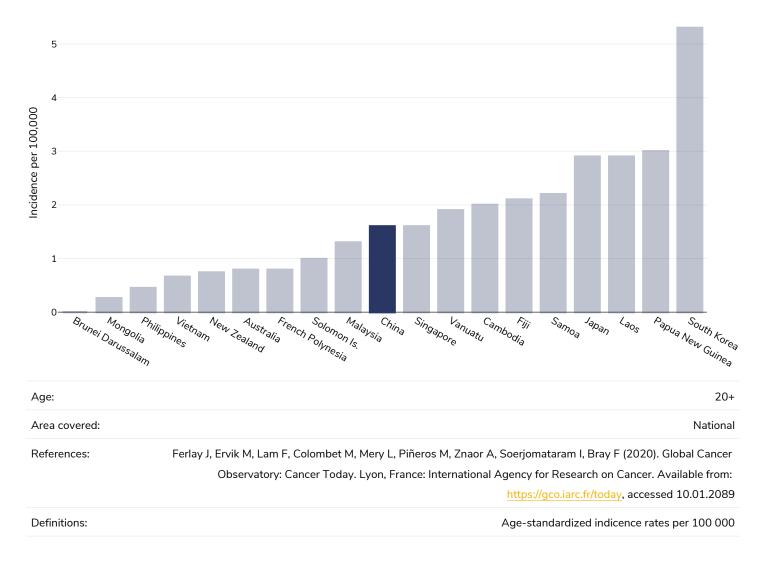
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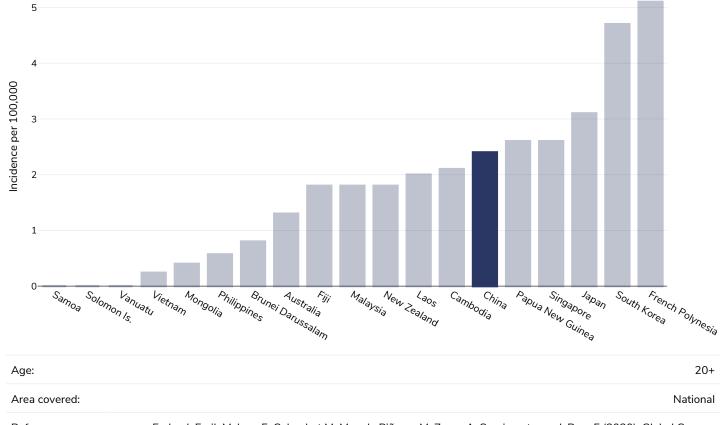


Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2020







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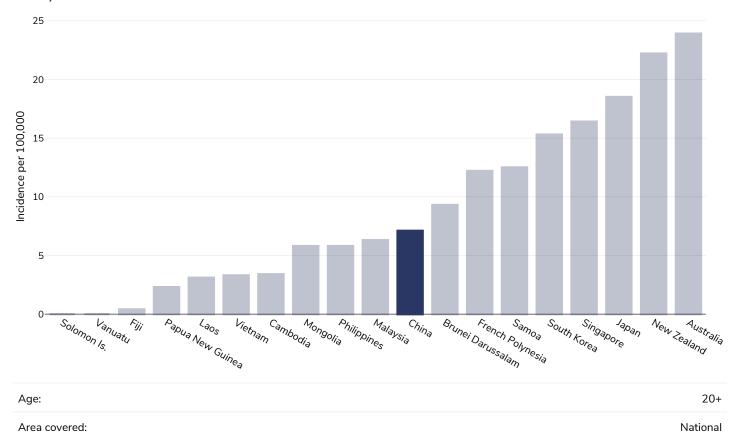
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Definitions:



Kidney cancer

Men, 2020



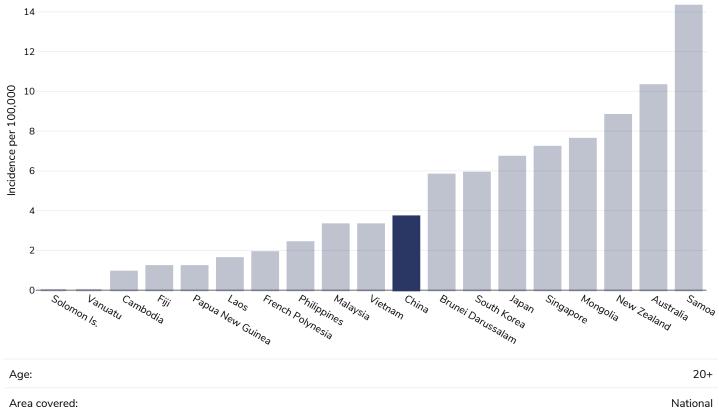
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Definitions:





Area covered:

References:

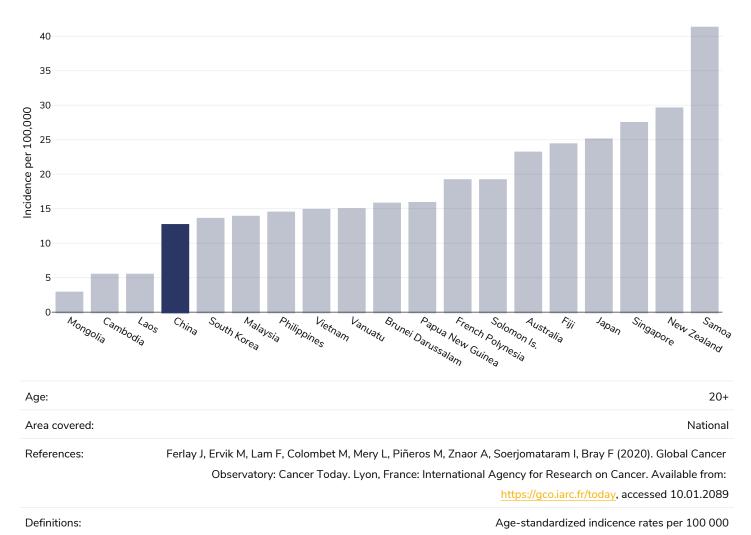
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Definitions:



Cancer of the uterus

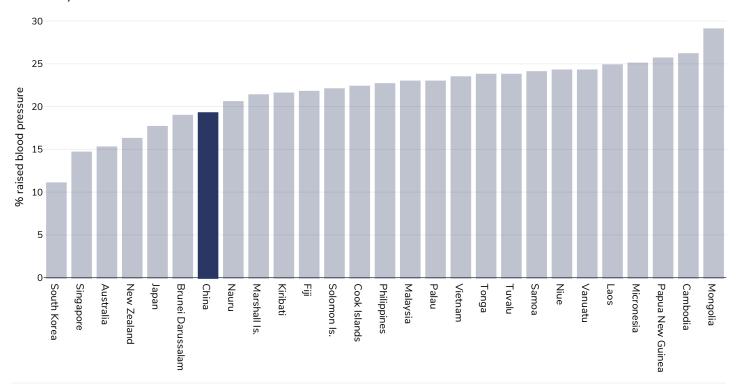
Women, 2020





Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



References:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

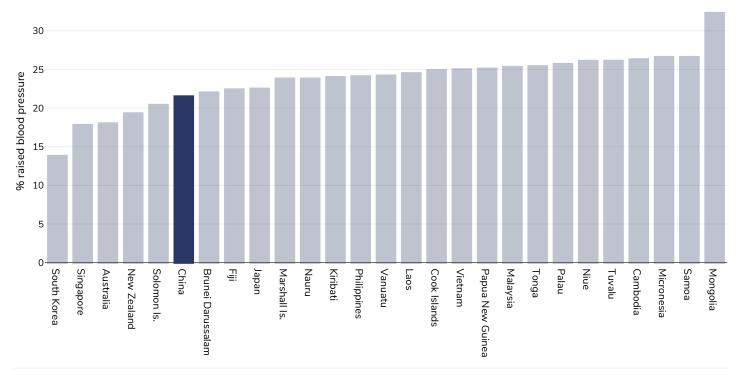
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2015



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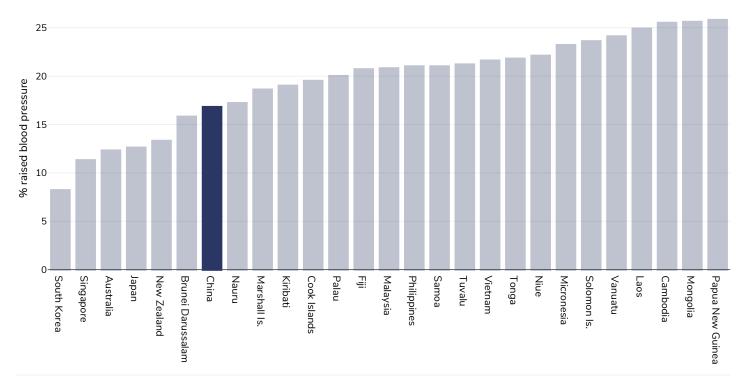
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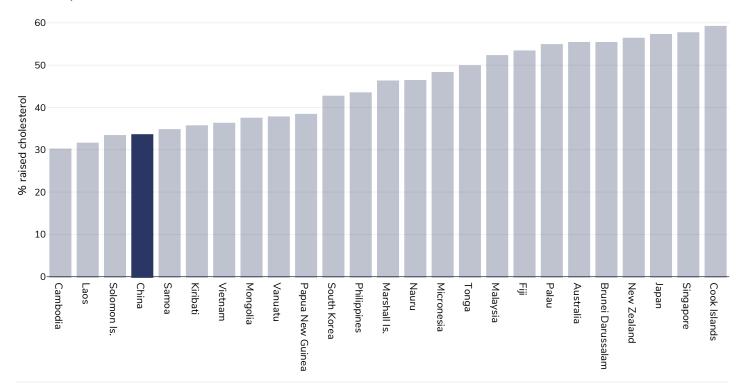
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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



References:

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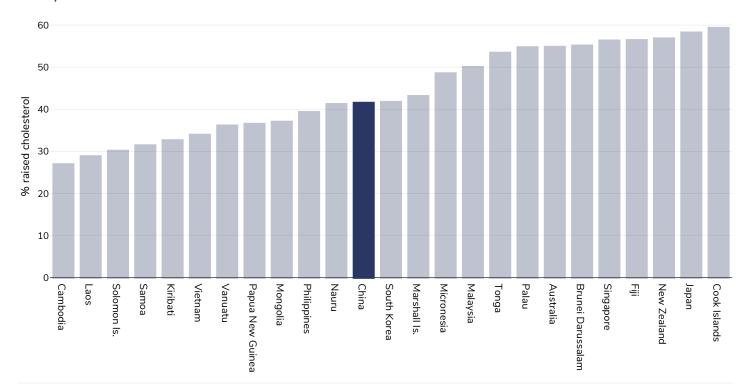
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2008



References:

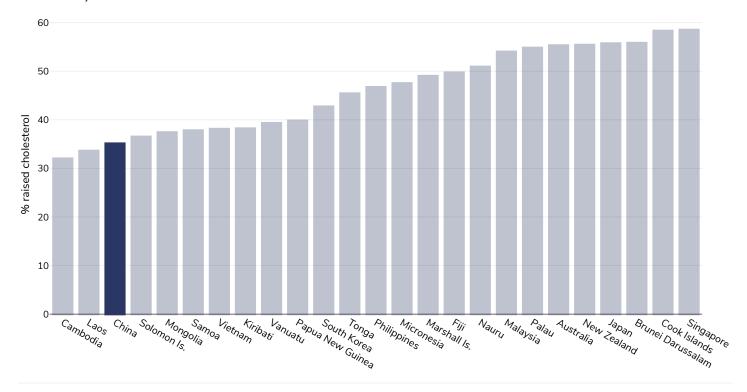
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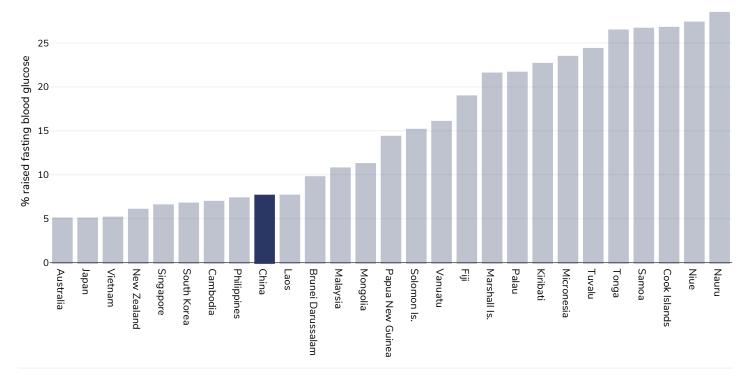
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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



References:

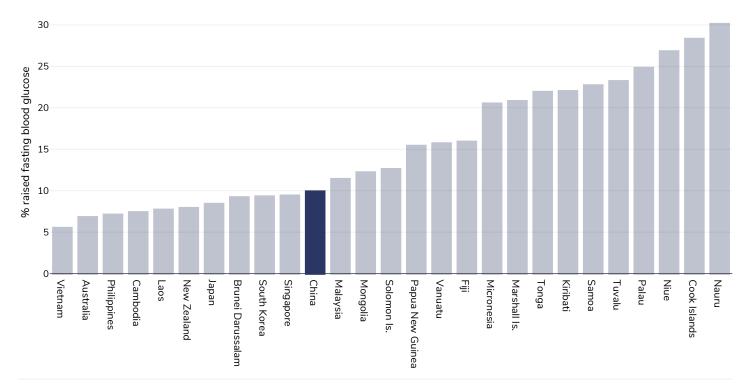
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http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A869?lang=en

Definitions:

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





References:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

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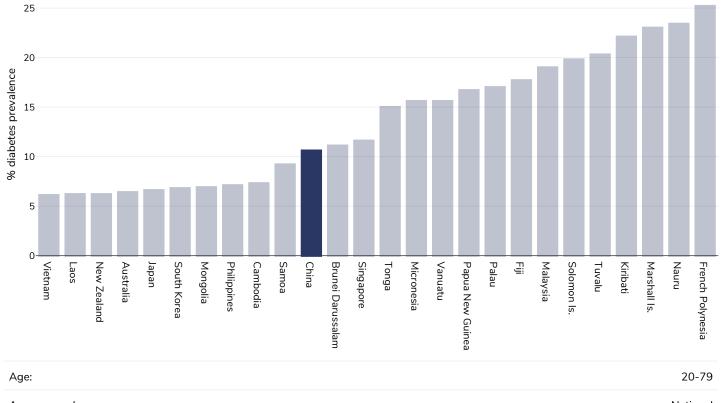
Definitions:

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



Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2021



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





Political will and support

National obesity strategy or nutrition and physical activity national strategy?	/
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 Present (voluntary) Incoming X Absent 2 Unknown	l

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