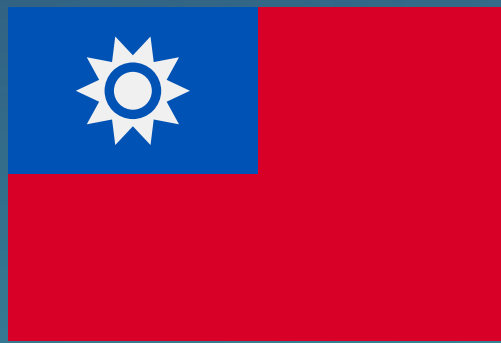




Chinese Taipei



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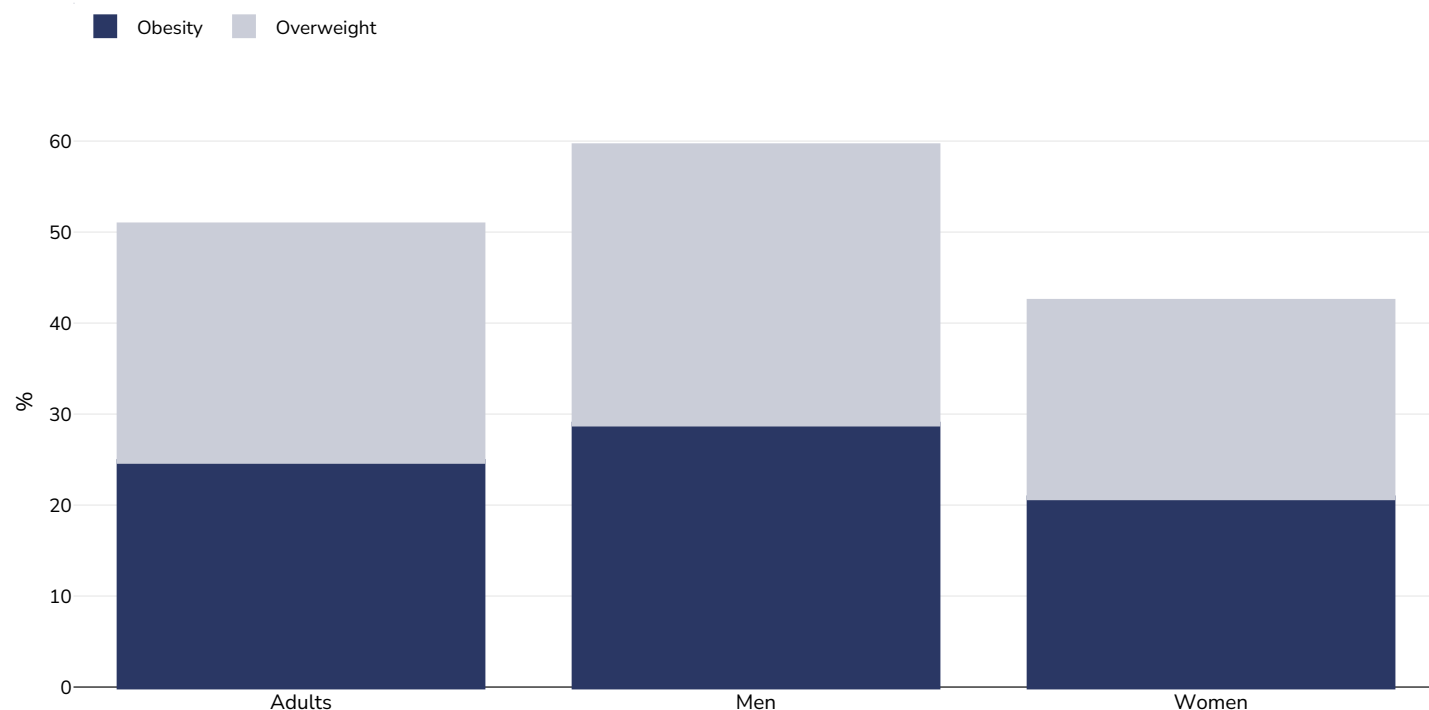
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity . Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/chinese-taipei-211/>.

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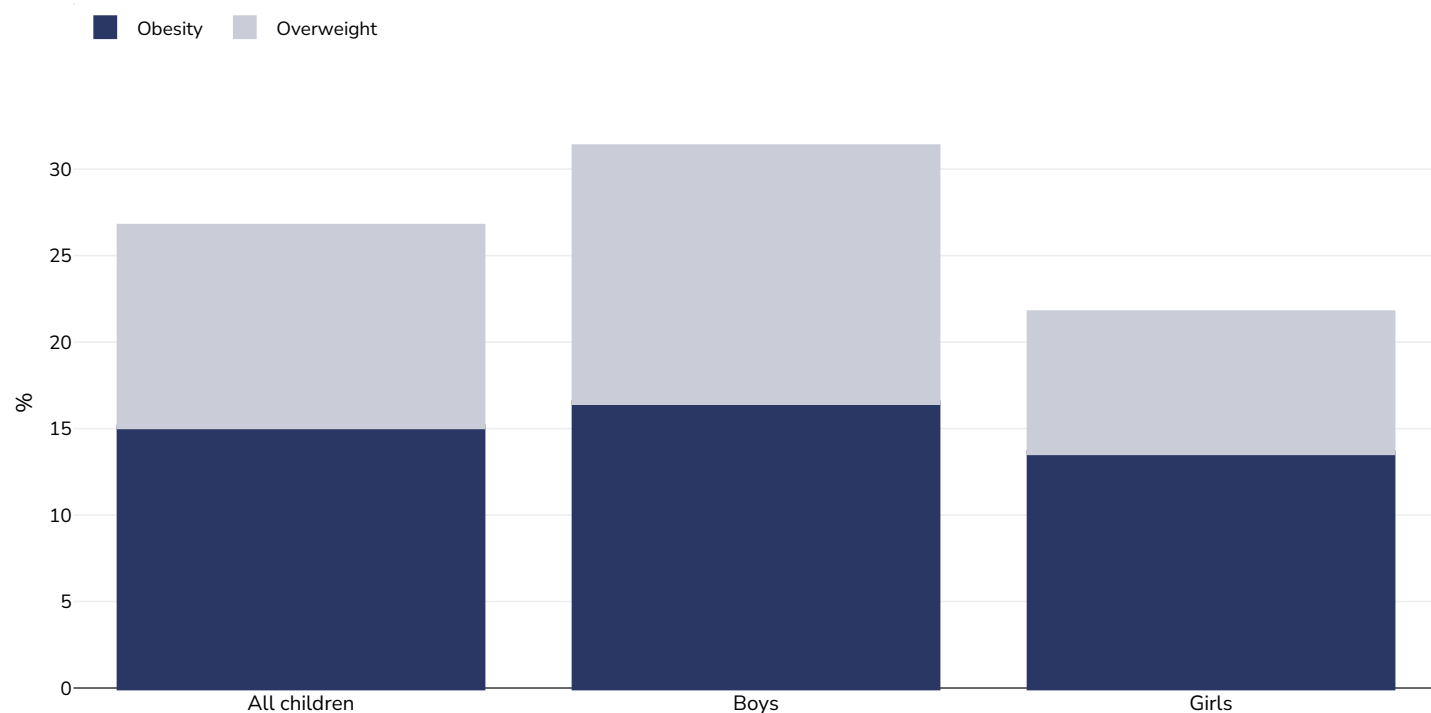
Adults, 2018-2022



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Age:	18+
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Area covered:	National
References:	Statistics of Health Promotion 2022. Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C (TAIWAN), 2024. https://www.hpa.gov.tw/EngPages/Detail.aspx?nodeid=3850&pid=18598 [Accessed 01.08.25]
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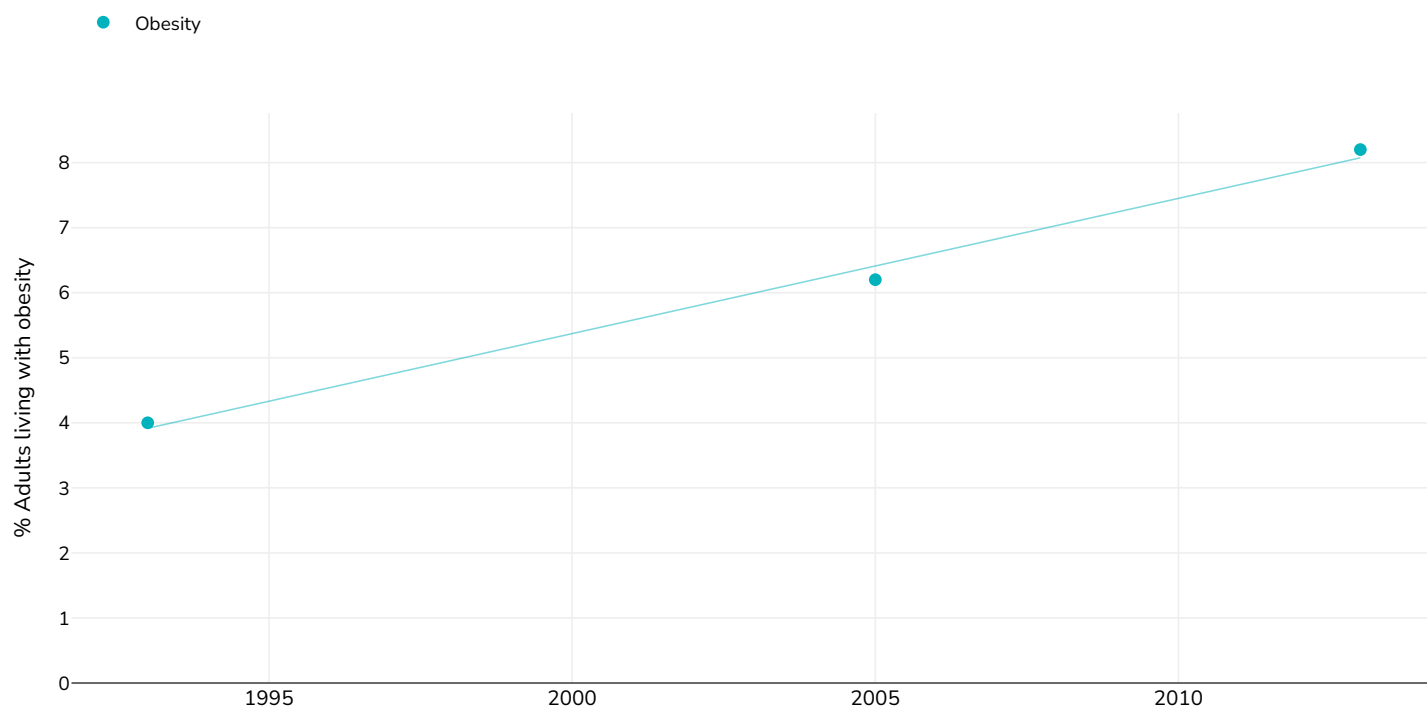
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Children, 2017-2020



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	7-12
Sample size:	1198
Area covered:	National
References:	Nutrition and Health Survey in Taiwan (NAHSIT) 2017-2020: Results Report, https://www.hpa.gov.tw/EngPages/Detail.aspx?nodeid=1077&pid=6201 [Accessed 01.08.25]
Definitions:	Child overweight and obesity assessed using the Ministry of Health and Welfare's "Recommended Body Mass Index (BMI) for Children and Adolescents", based on 1997 data from students in Taiwan and Fujian. Overweight: BMI-for-age >85th percentile, Obese: BMI-for-age >95th percentile. https://www.hpa.gov.tw/Pages/Detail.aspx?nodeid=542&pid=9547
Cutoffs:	Taiwan Ministry of Health and Welfare

% Adults living with obesity in Taiwan 1993-2013



Survey type: Measured

References: Chang HC, Yang HC, Chang HY, et al. Morbid obesity in Taiwan: Prevalence, trends, associated social demographics, and lifestyle factors. PLoS One. 2017;12(2):e0169577. Published 2017 Feb 2. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0169577

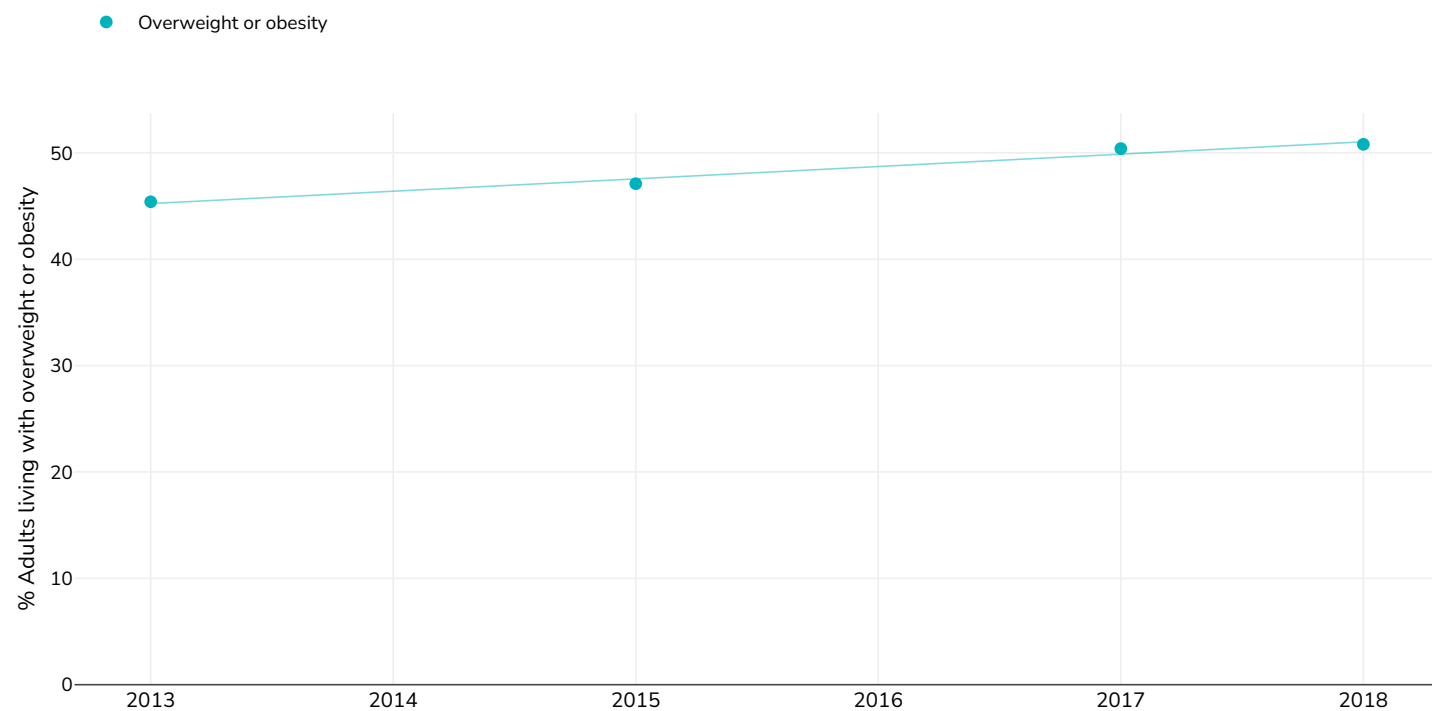
Definitions: Other Cut offs available

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% Adults living with overweight or obesity in Taiwan, 2013-2022 (Taiwanese cutoffs)

Men and women



Survey type: Measured

References: Statistics of Health Promotion 2022. Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C (TAIWAN), 2024. <https://www.hpa.gov.tw/EngPages/Detail.aspx?nodeid=3850&pid=18598> [Accessed 01.08.25]

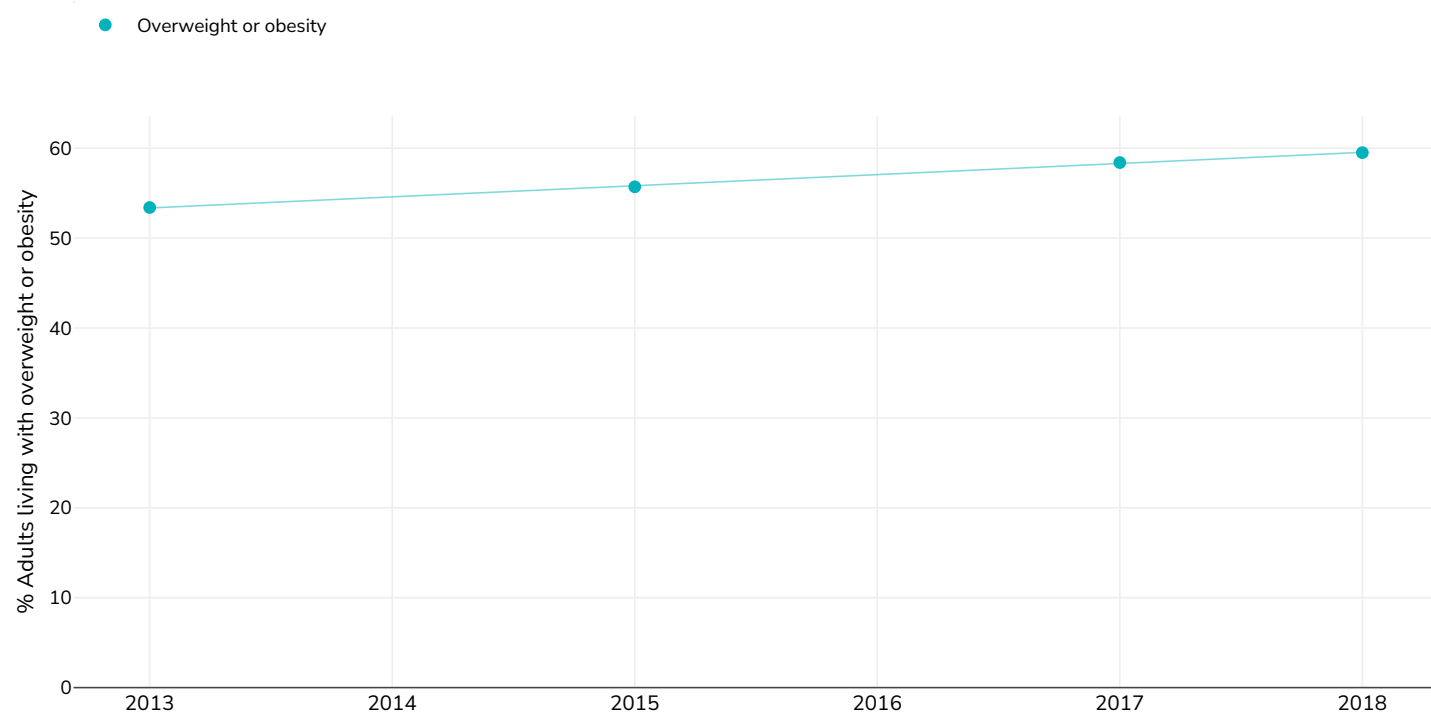
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Survey type: Measured

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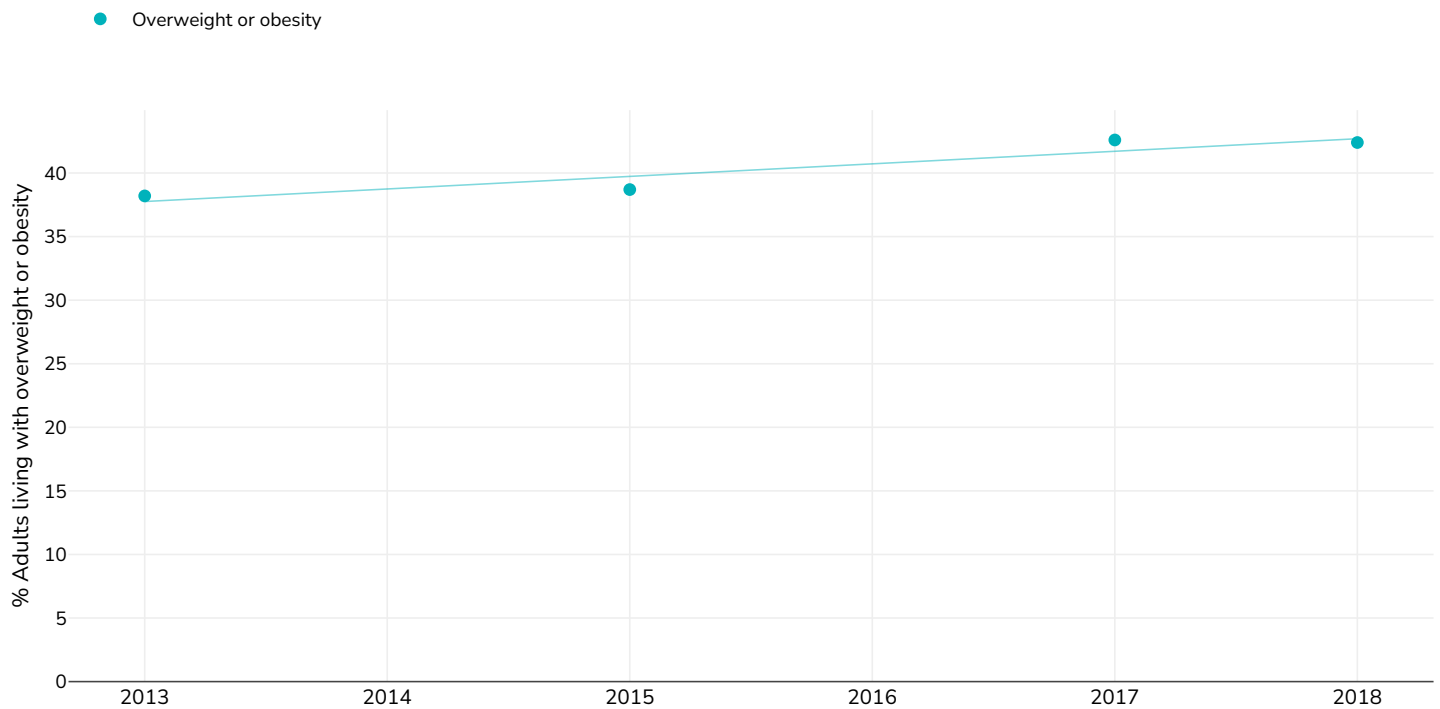
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Women



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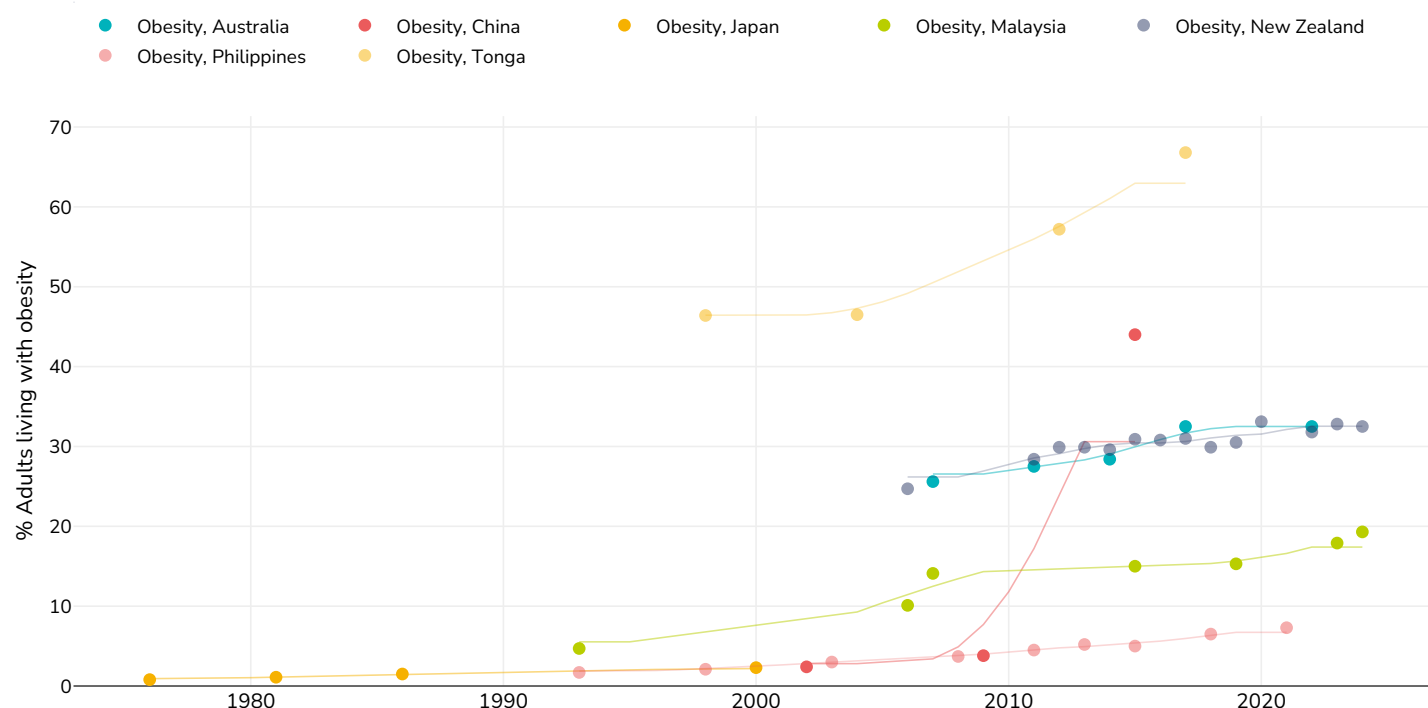
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**% Adults living with obesity in selected countries in the Asia/Oceania
Region 1975-2019, selected countries**

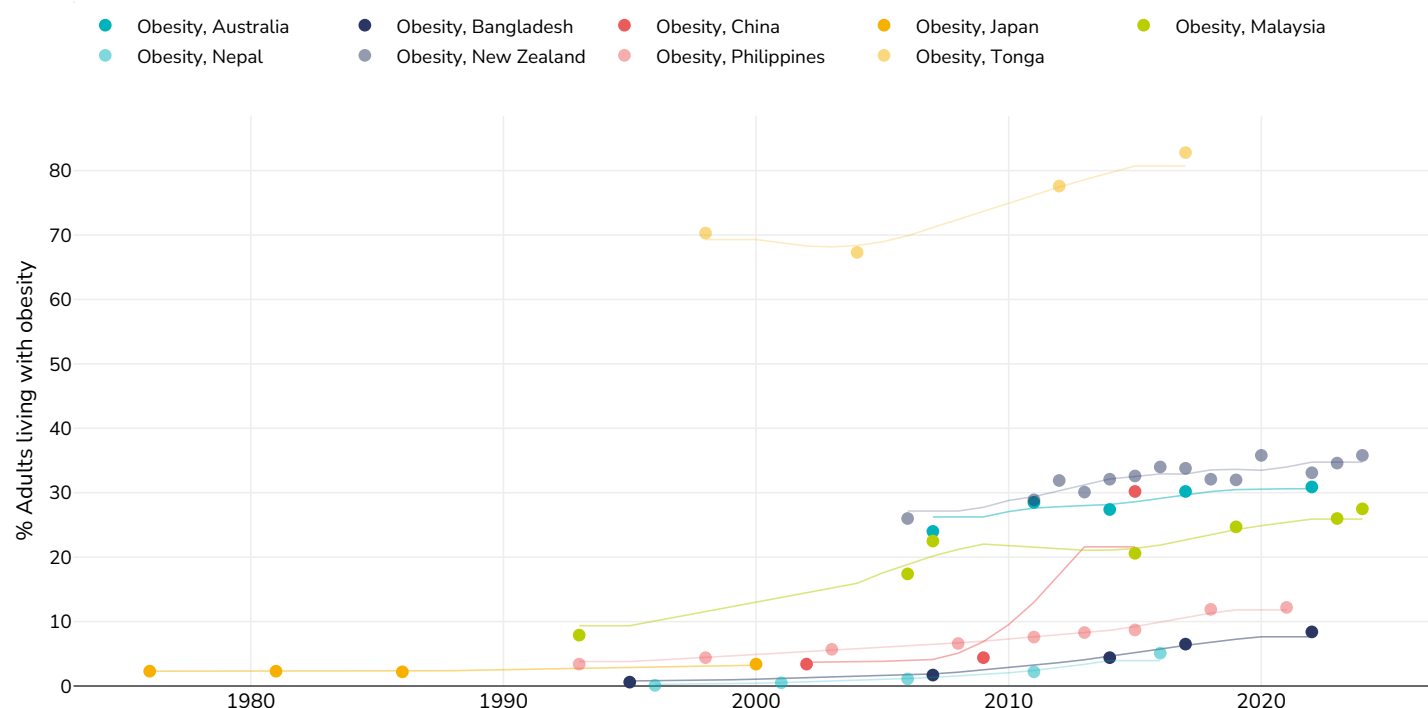
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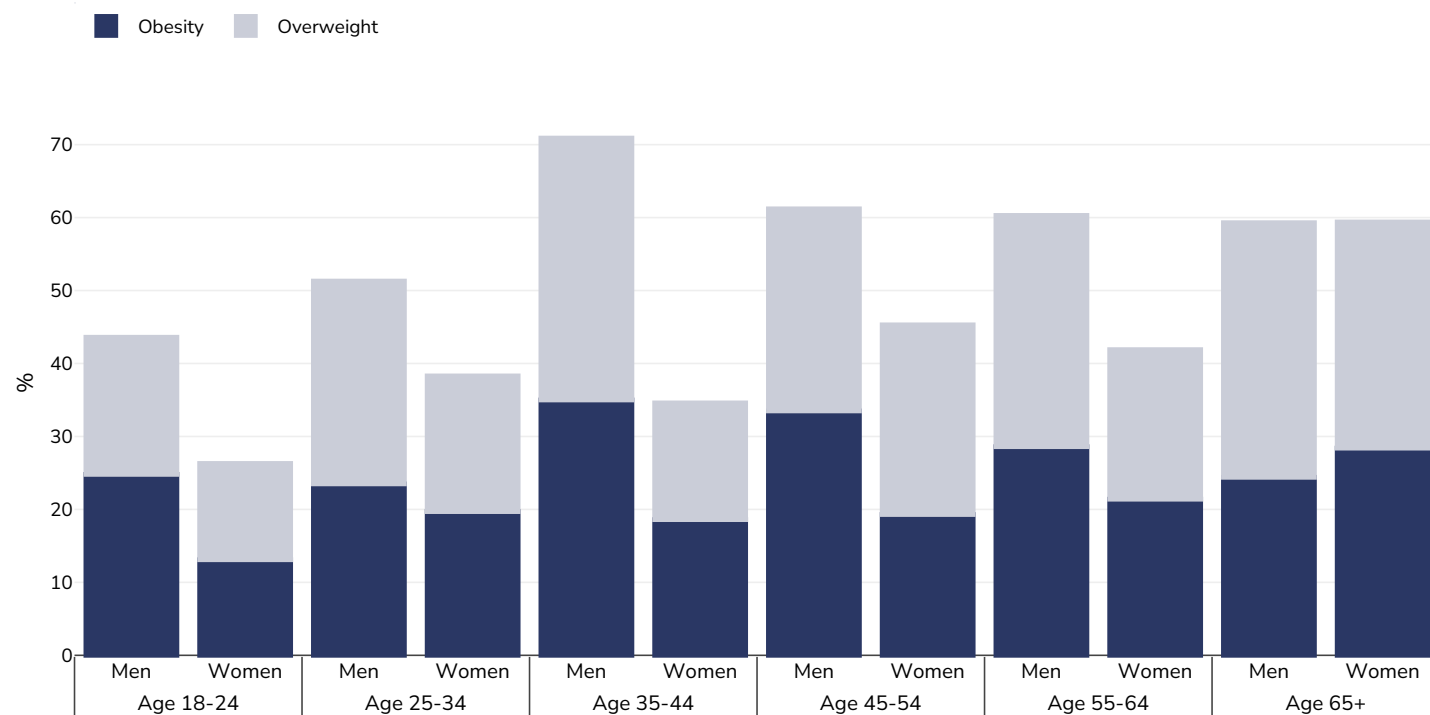
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Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2018-2022



Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 4856

Area covered: National

References: Statistics of Health Promotion 2022. Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C (TAIWAN), 2024. <https://www.hpa.gov.tw/EngPages/Detail.aspx?nodeid=3850&pid=18598> [Accessed 01.08.25]

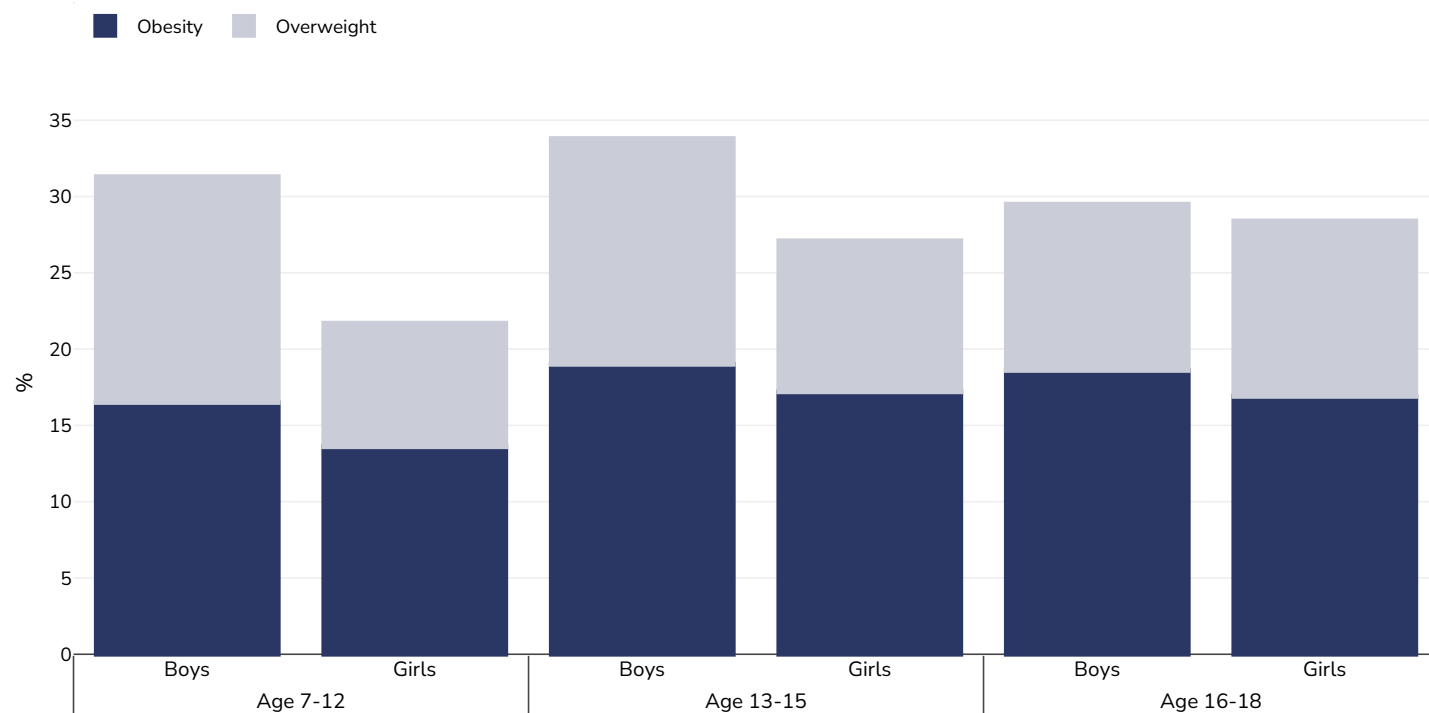
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Cutoffs: Taiwanese cutoffs

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Children, 2017-2020



Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 2214

Area covered: National

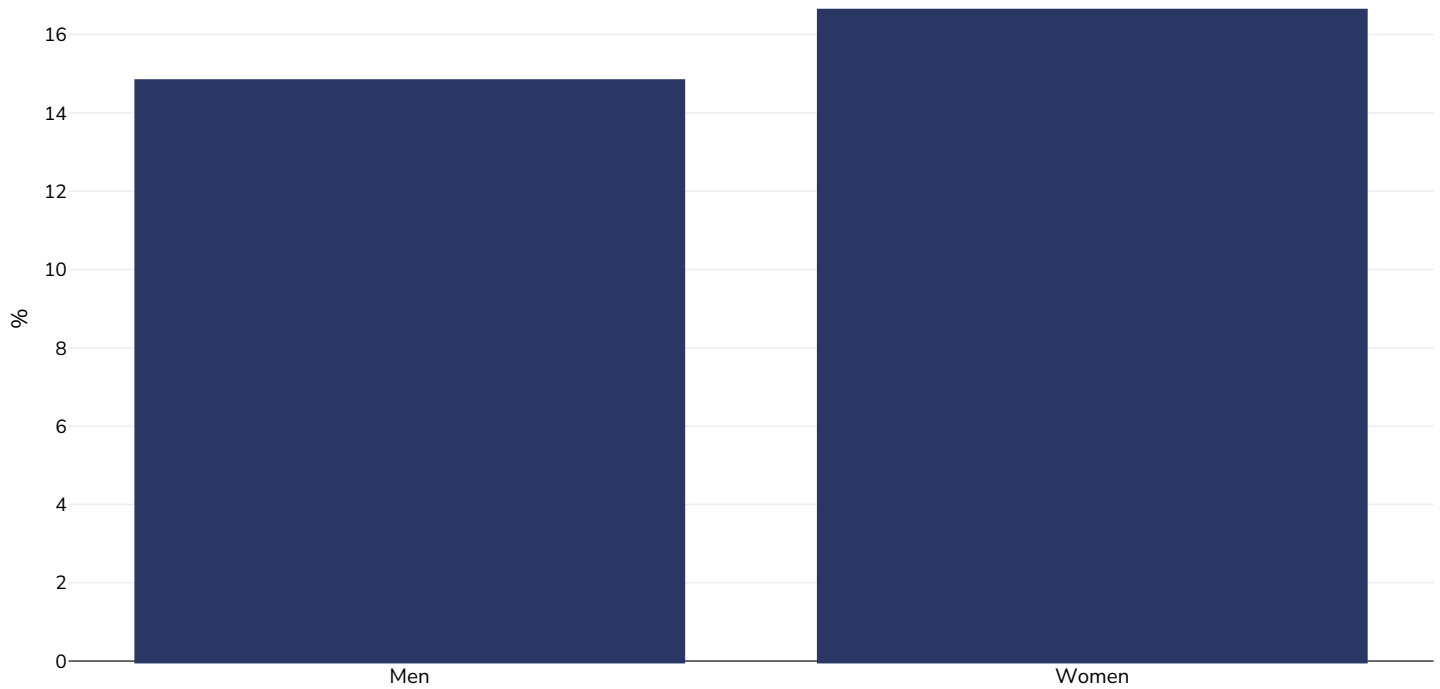
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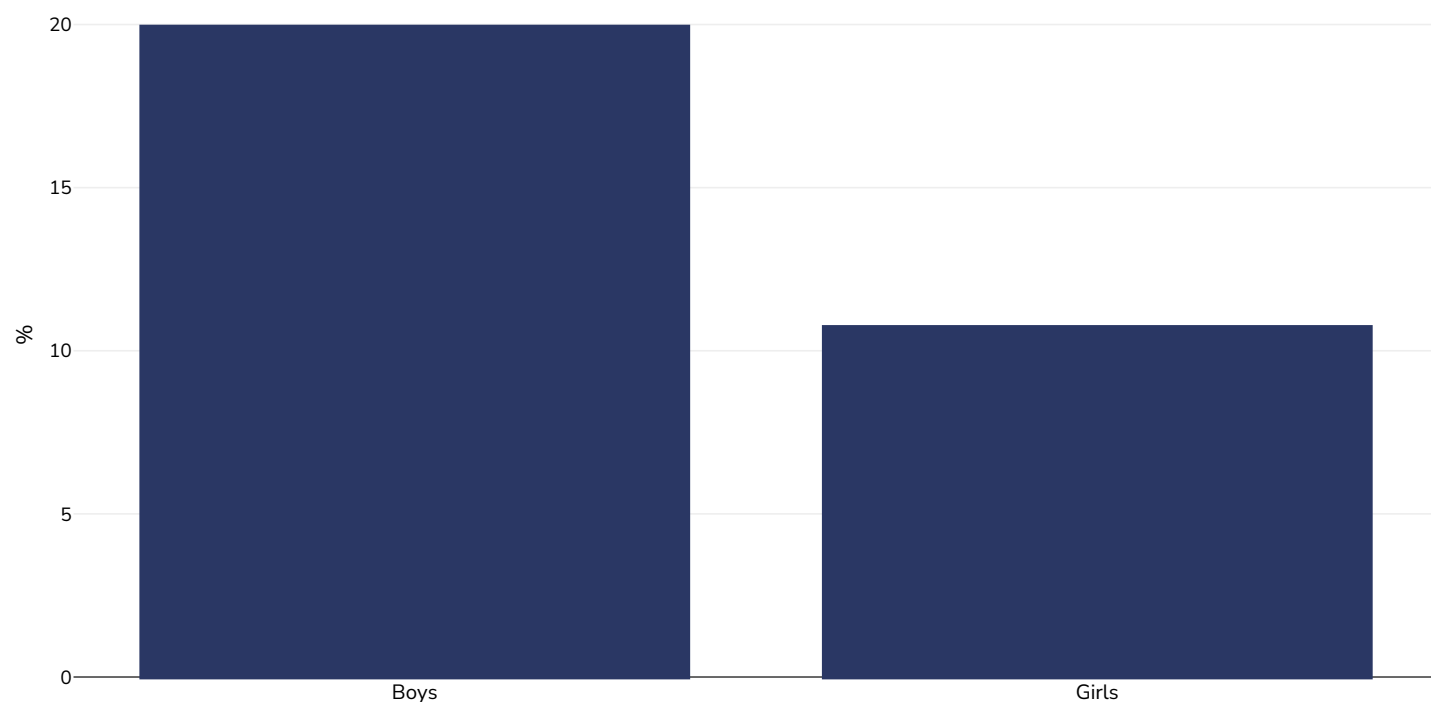
Double burden of underweight & overweight

Adults, 2022



Survey type:	Measured
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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 .
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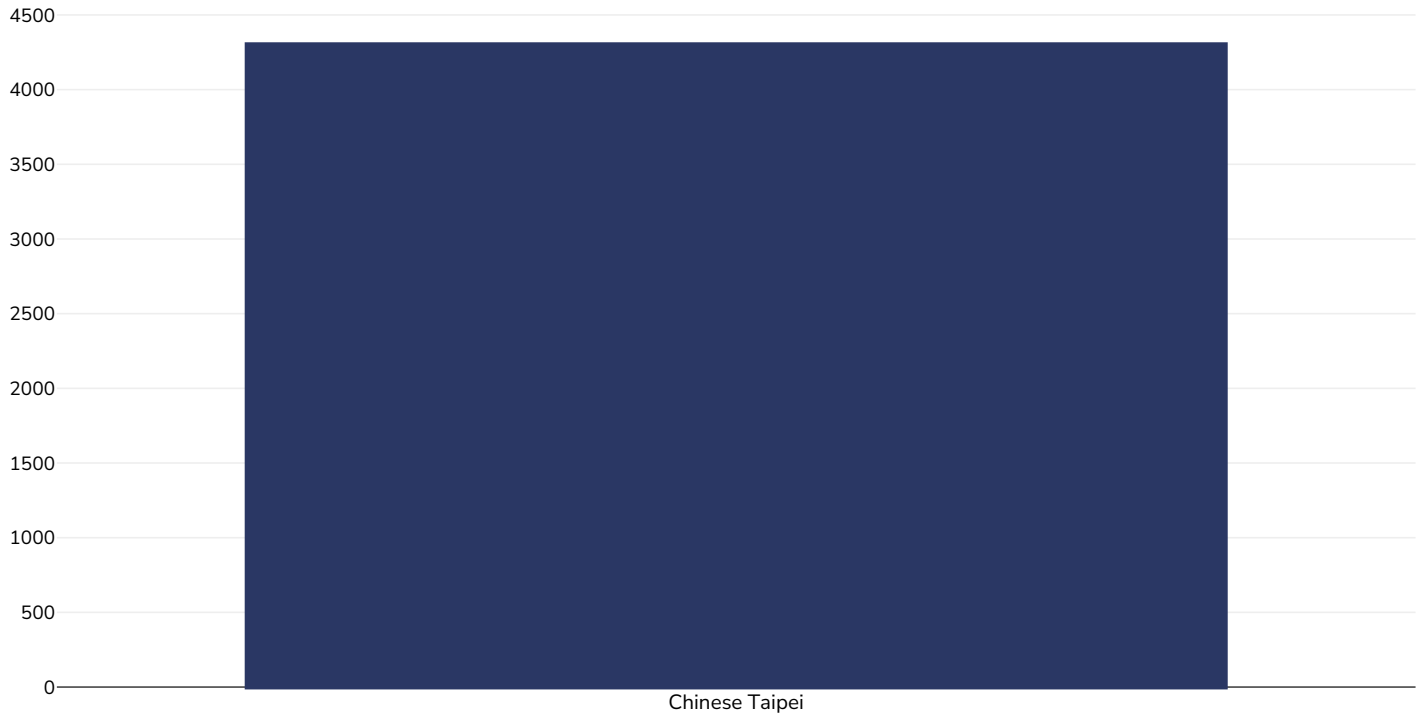
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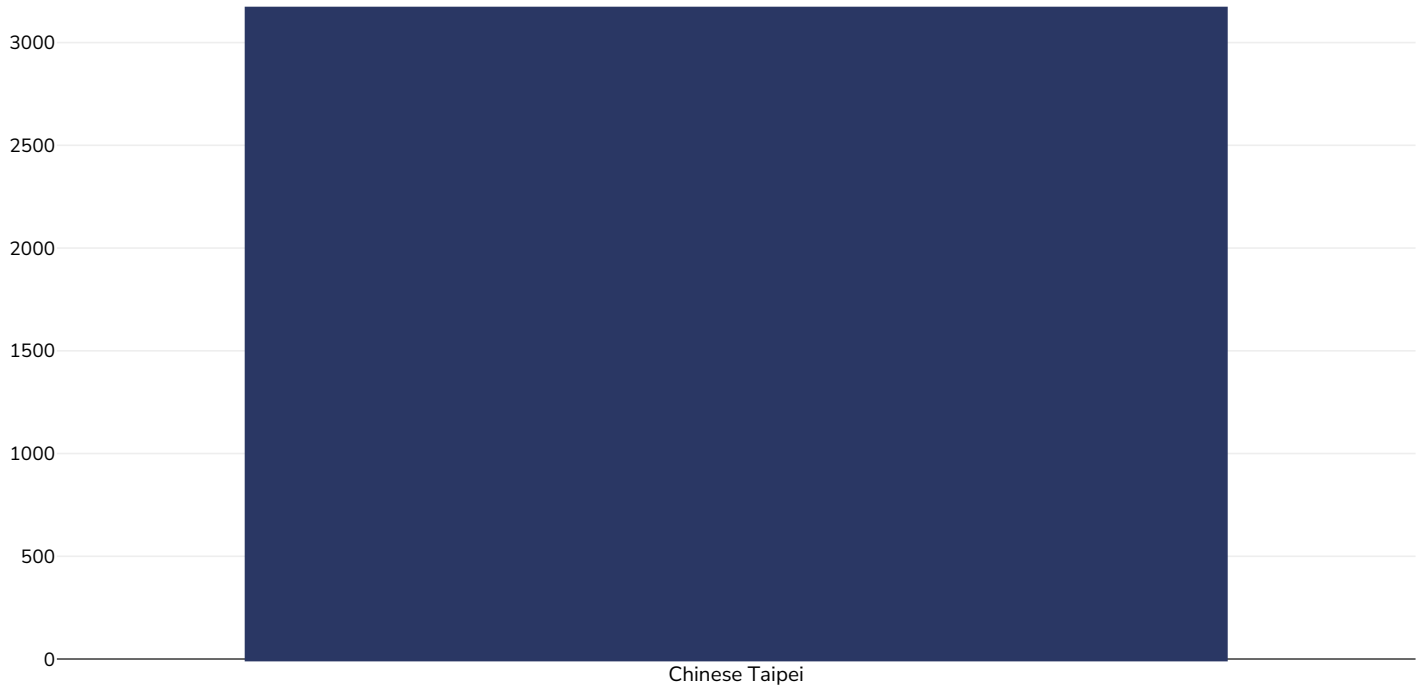
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2021



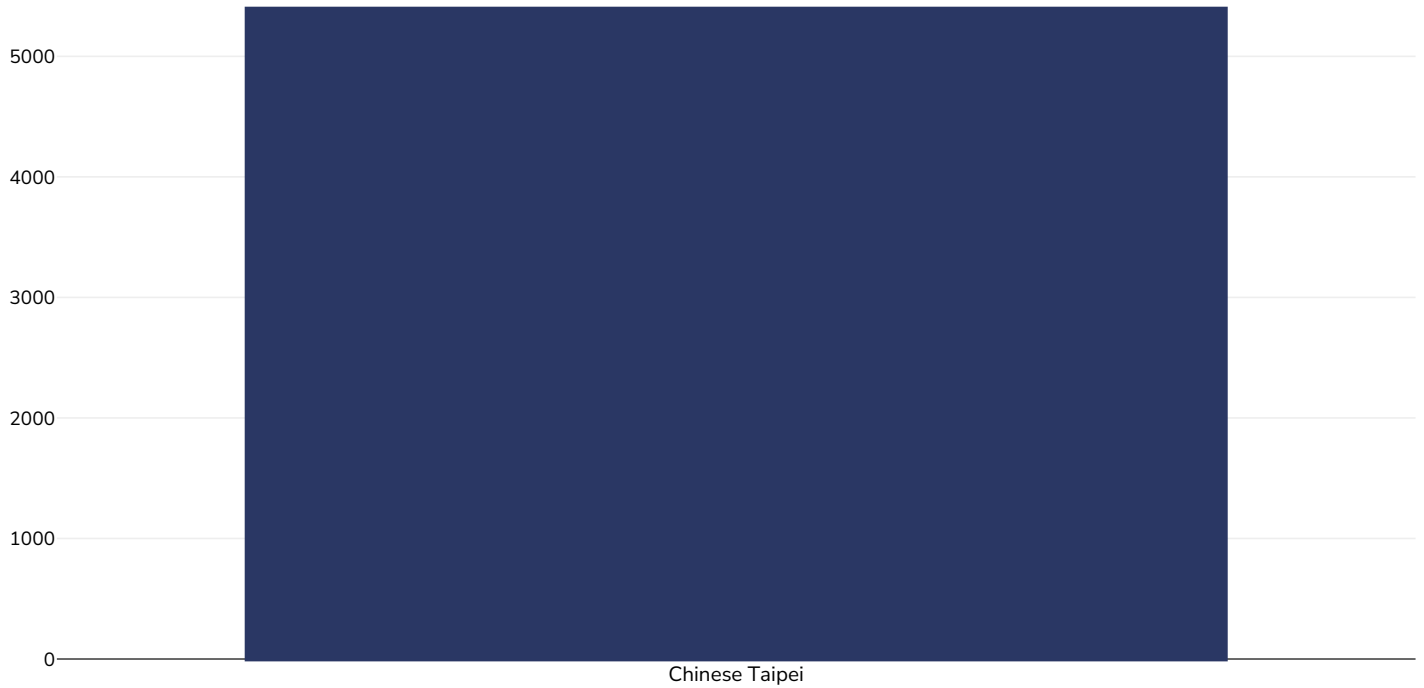
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Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Men, 2021



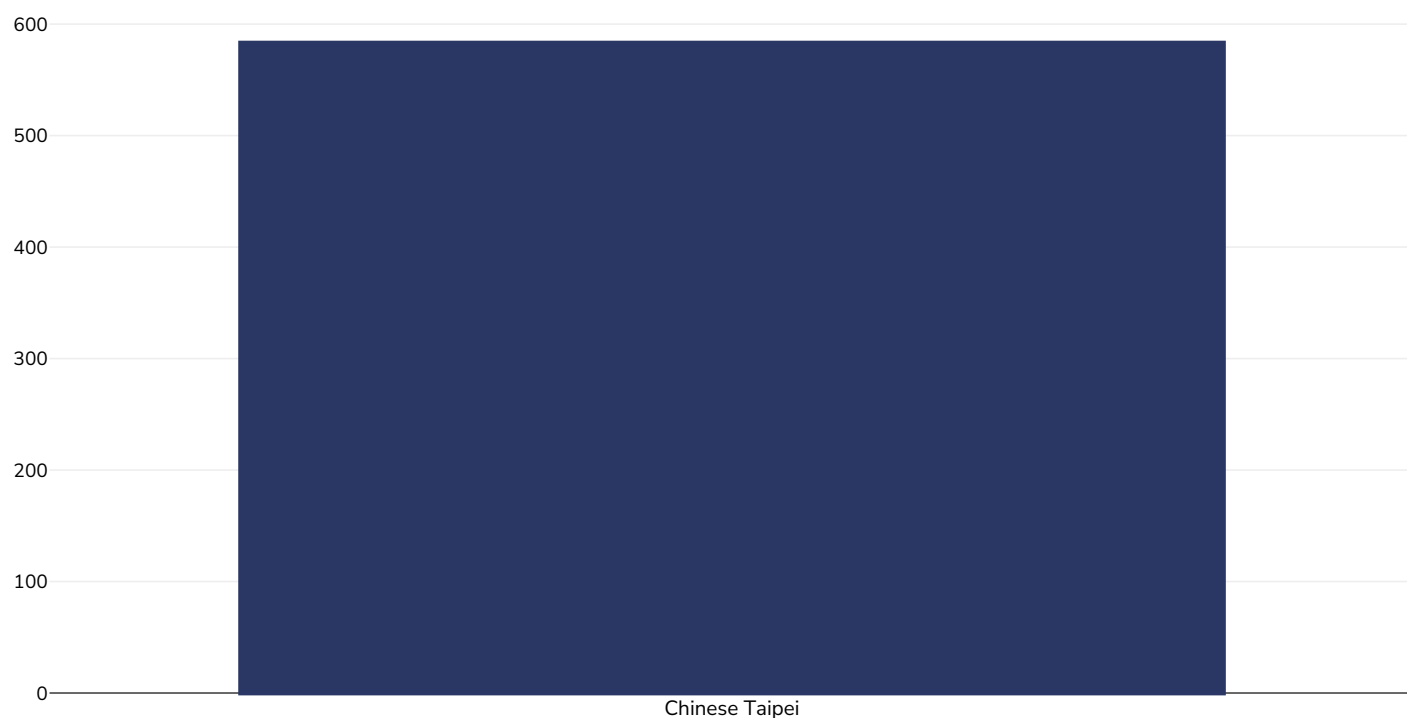
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Women, 2021



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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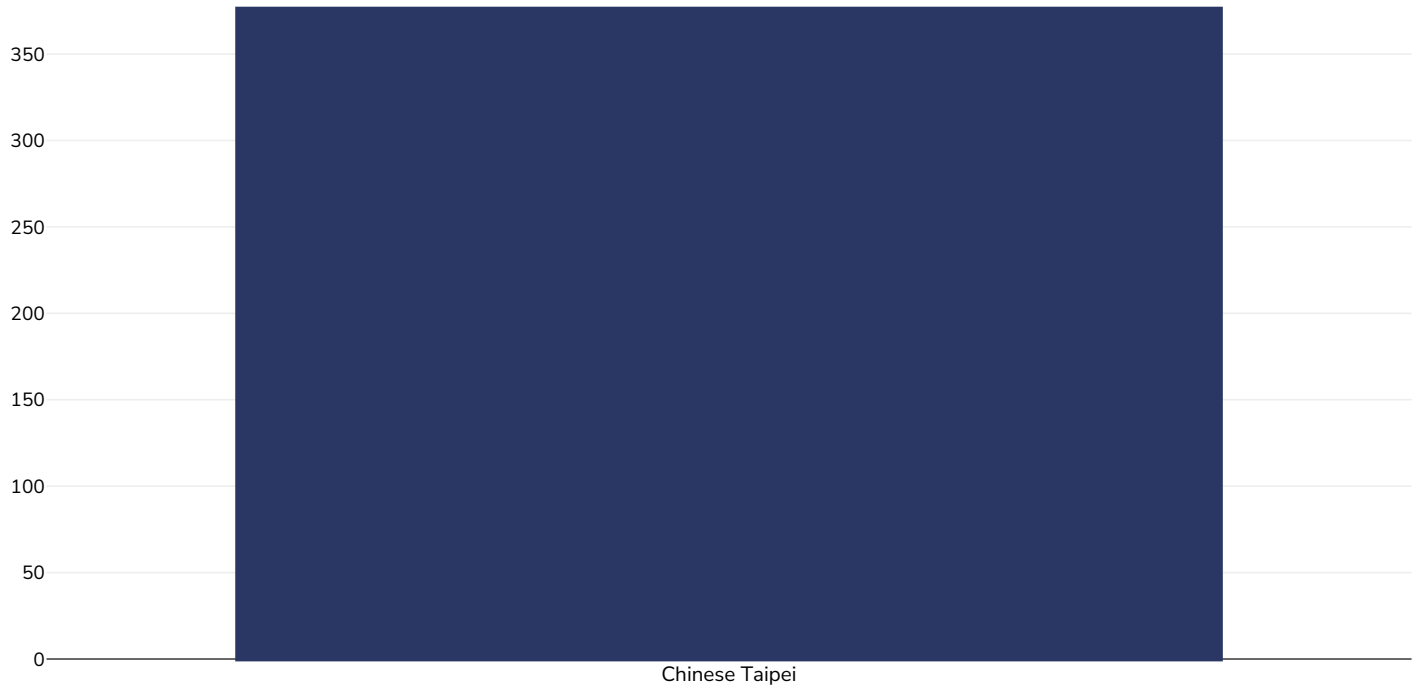


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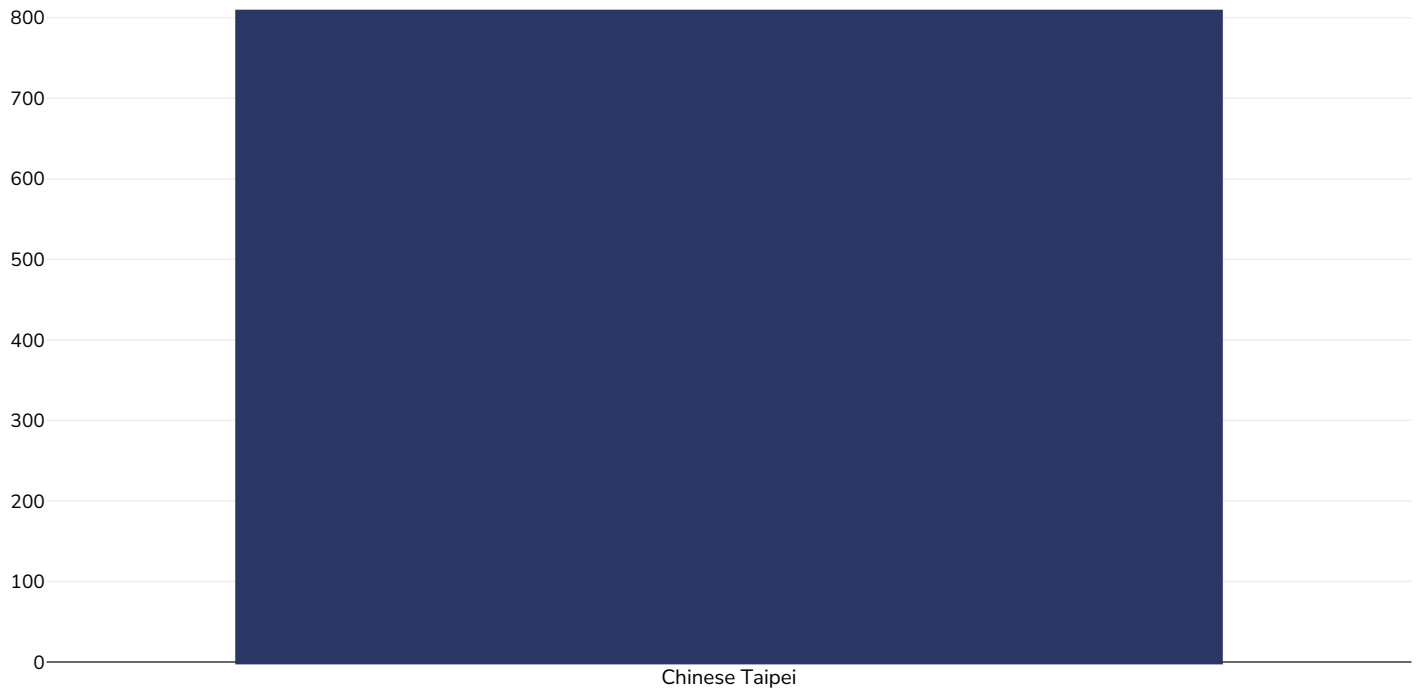
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Boys, 2021



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Girls, 2021



Area covered:

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References:

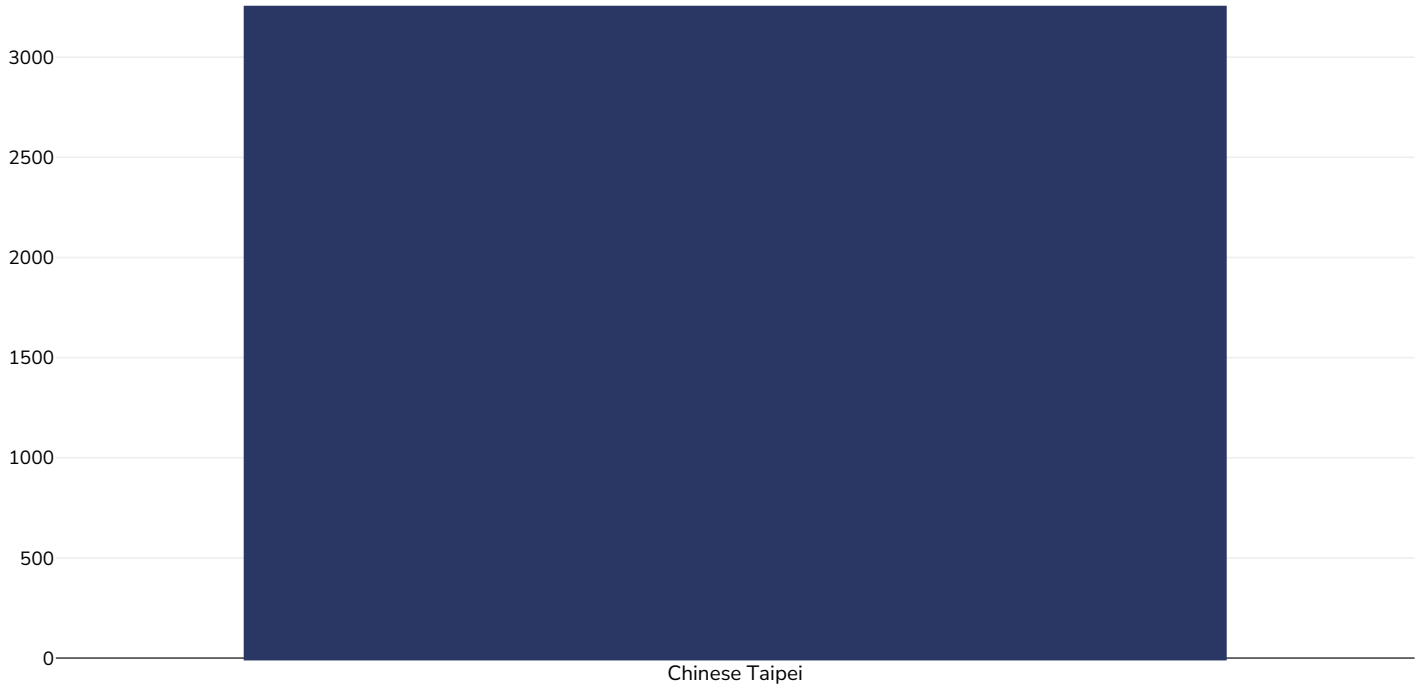
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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2023

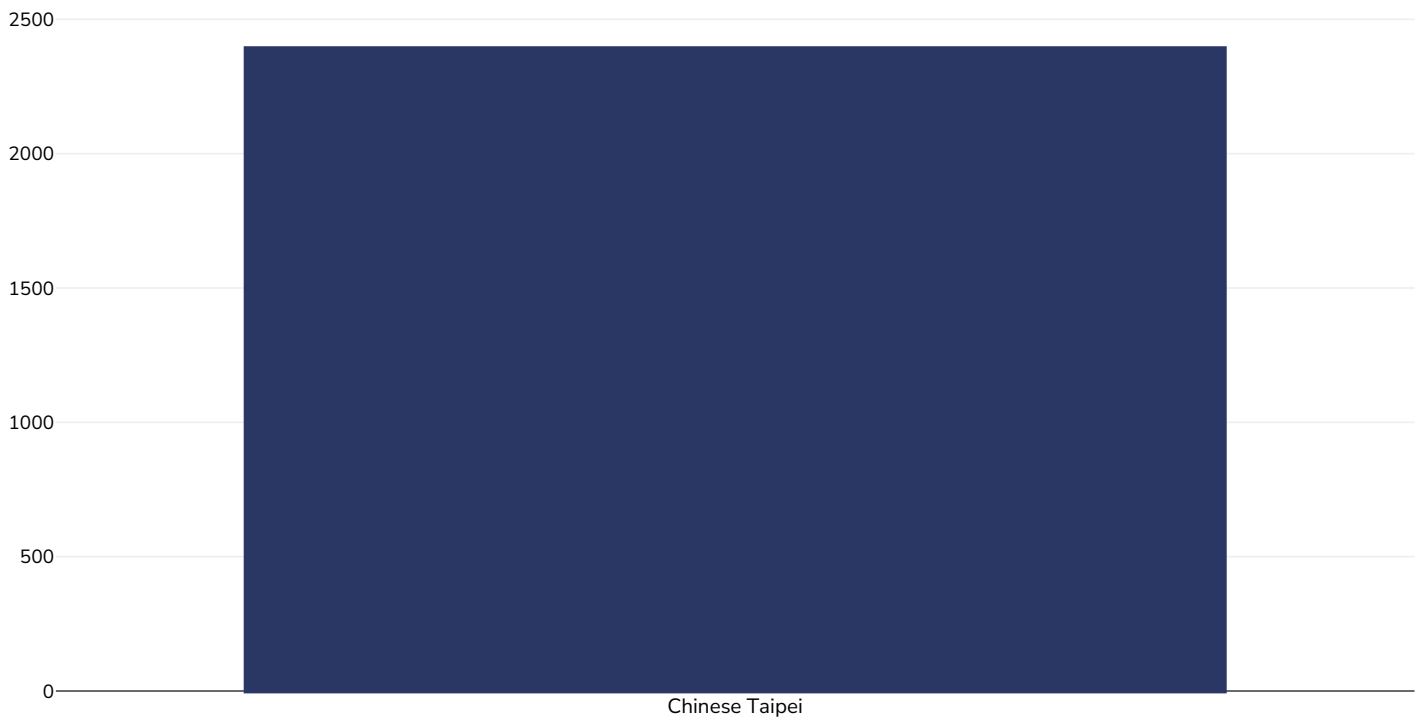


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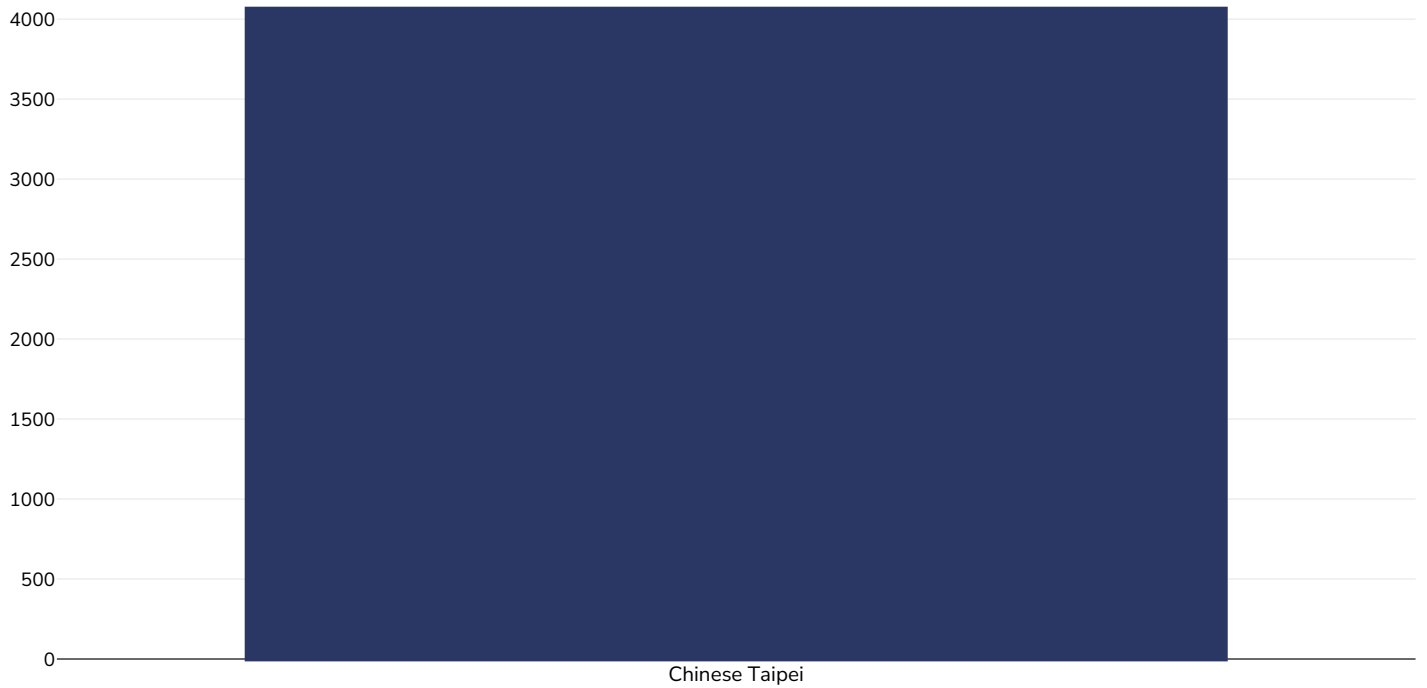
Definitions: Number living with anxiety disorders per 100,000 population

Men, 2023



Age:	20+
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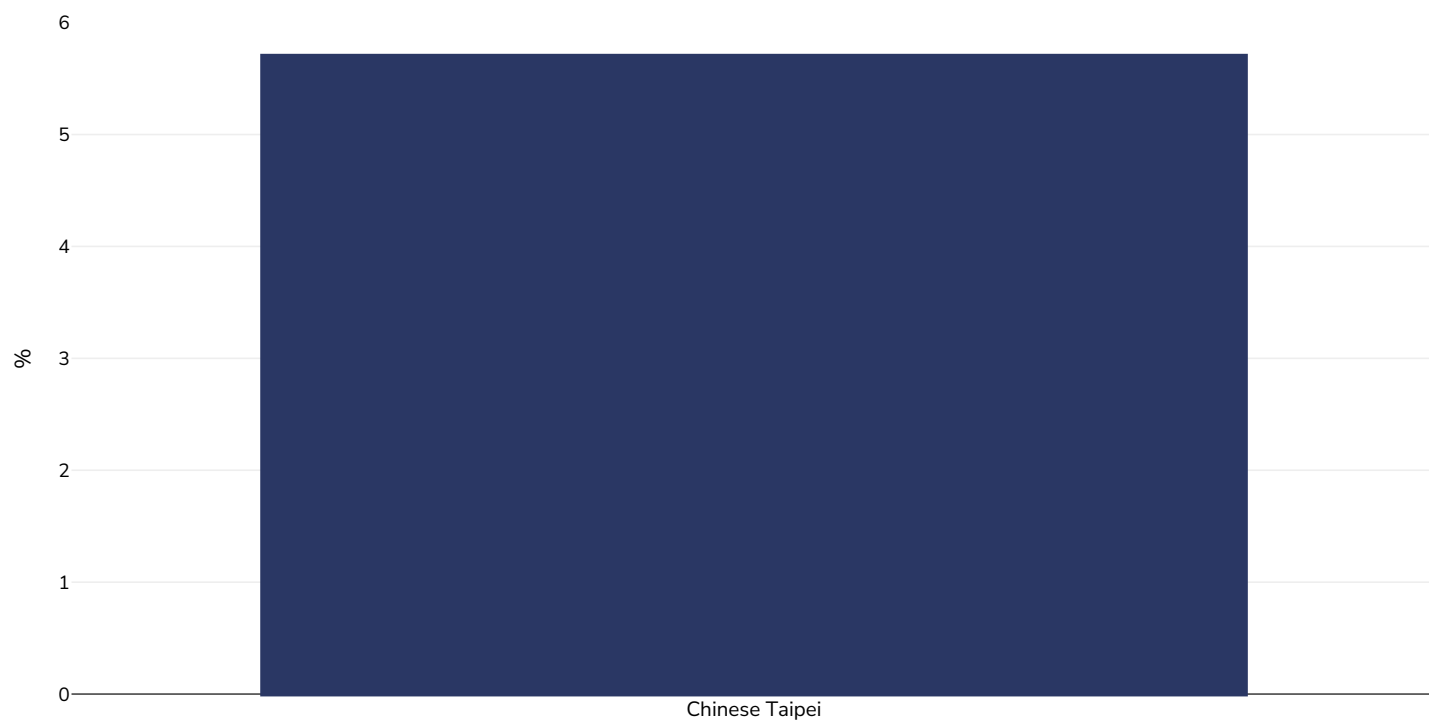
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Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

Adults, 2024-2024



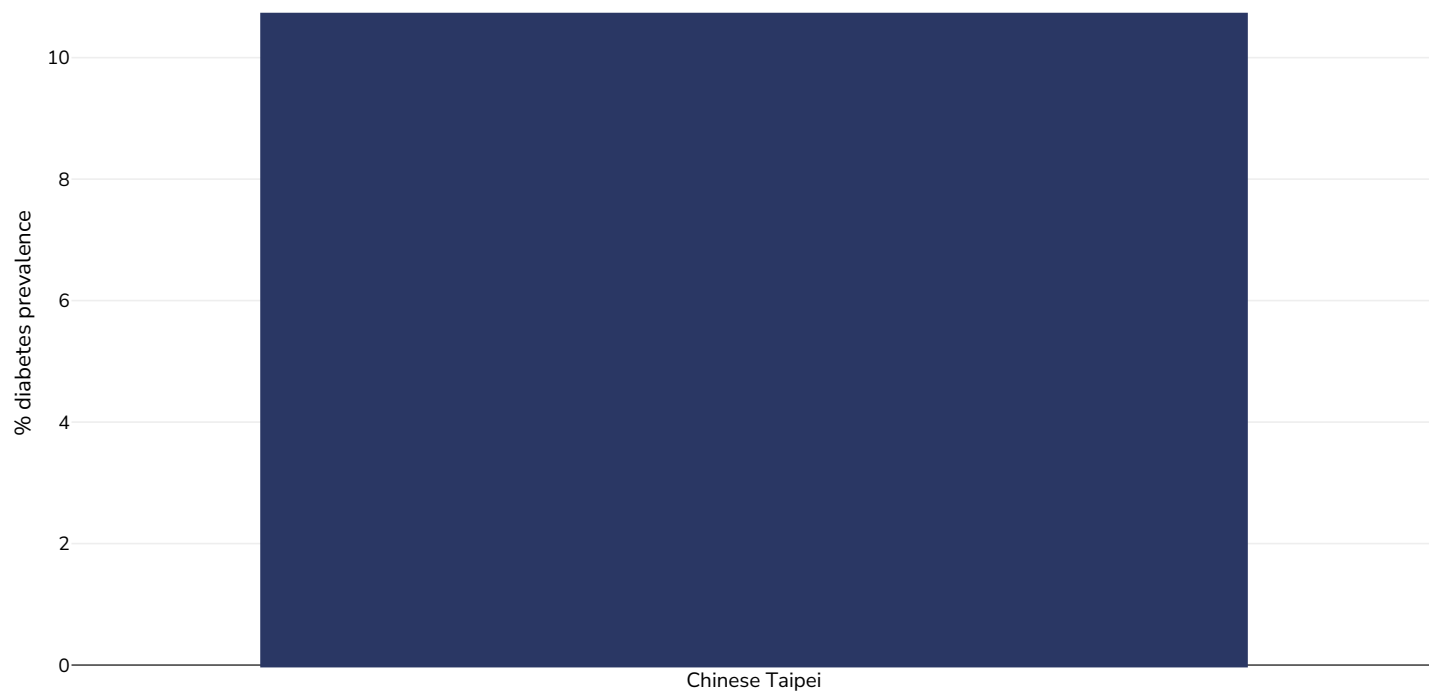
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Notes: The percent of the population whose food budget is below the cost of a healthy diet.

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



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